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The Rev. Anita Schell (P) 2014  Mr. William Plumb
The Rev. Michael Coburn 2015  Mr. Dennis Stark
The Rev. James Bocchino 2016  Mr. Leon Sibielski
The Rev. Kevin Lloyd 2017  Ms. Lora MacFall

DIOCESAN COUNCIL: Canon VI

The Rt. Rev. Nicholas Knisely, President

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

The Rev. Patrick Greene 2014  Ms. Susan Hurn
The Rev. John Higginbotham 2014  ******************
The Rev. David Dobbins 2015  Mr. Michael Brito
  2015  Ms. Ellen Vadney
The Rev. Bettine Besier 2016  Mr. Michael Cunningham
The Rev. Joan Testin 2016

DIOCESAN COUNCIL - APPOINTED BY BISHOP
(3 Clerical, 3 Lay, staggered 3-year terms)

The Rev. Edwin Hallenbeck 2014  Mr. James Rezendes (VP)
The Rev. Nathan Humphrey 2016  Mr. Robert Larder Esq.

Ex officio
The Bishop
The Chancellor
The Treasurer
Commission on Finance, Mr. Robert Bergstrand
President, Standing Committee, The Rev. Anita Schell
Secretary of Council, Ms. Elizabeth Crawley

Executive Committee of Council
The Bishop, President
Mr. James Rezendes (VP)
The Rev. Patrick Greene
The Rev. Edwin Hallenbeck
Ms. Susan Hurn
The Treasurer

Staff
The Canon for Program
The Canon to the Ordinary
COMMISSION ON FINANCE Canon VII.1

**Elected** (1 Clerical, 2 Lay)                      **Appointed** (1 Clerical, 2 Lay)

Mr. Michael Lofaro, Chair                             Mr. Stephan Sloan
Mr. Robert Bergstrand                                    Mr. Dennis Burton
The Rev. Joyce Throne                                      The Rev. Edwin Hallenbeck  *secretary*

**Ex officio**                       **Staff**
The Bishop                                      The Controller
The Treasurer                                    The Asst. Treasurer

Disciplinary Board  Canon XVI.3

(5 Clerical, 3 Lay, nominated by Bishop, confirmed by Convention, 4 year terms)

The Rev. J. Gregory Prior                             Ms. Frances Gammell-Roach
The Rev. Paul Twelves                                          2014
The Rev. Pamela Rannenberg                                 Mr. Leon Sibielski
The Rev. W. David Dobbins, Chair                        The Rev. James Bocchino
Mr. Sidney Clifford                                                      2015

COMMISSION ON CONGREGATIONAL DEVELOPMENT  Canon VII.2

**Elected by Convention**

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

The Rev. Dennis Bucco                                          Ms. Catherine Thenault
The Rev. Pamela Gregory                                      2015  Ms. Jane Jellison

**Appointed**

Nominated by Bishop, Confirmed by Convention

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

The Rev. Mercedes Julian                             Mr. James Burgess
The Rev. Casey Shobe                                        2014  Mr. Charles Cowen
Mr. Joel Gardner                                               2015  Ms. Ann Hamm
The Rev. Erik Larsen                                        2016

**Ex Officio**
The Canon for Program (Bishop’s Designee)
COMMISSION ON MINISTRY  Canon VII.3  
(6 Clerical, 6 Lay; nominated by Bishop, confirmed by Convention. Staggered 3-year terms)

The Rev. John Alexander  2014  Ms. Carol Anne Bennett (C)
                           2014  Ms. Harriet DiCicco
The Rev. Sandra Haines-Murdocco  2015  Vacant
The Rev. Susan Wrathall  2015  Dr. Elizabeth Wheeler
The Rev. Patrick Campbell  2015  Vacant
The Venerable Jan Grinnell  2016  Mr. F. Leon Sibielski

Staff
The Canon for Program

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

The Rev. Gregory Prior  2014  Ms. Frances Gammell-Roach
                          2014  Mr. Jeffrey Belden
The Rt. Rev. David Joslin  2015  Mr. J. Geddes Parsons (C)
                           2015  Ms. Mary Daly
The Rev. David Lucey  2016  Mr. Steve Bucci
Mr. Austin Smith  2016

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-year terms)

Currently vacant

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

The Rev. Jo-Ann Drake (Chair)  2015  Ms. Bernice Belt

Staff
The Assistant Treasurer
Committee on Admissions Canon II.3
(1 Clerical, 2 Lay, staggered 3-year terms)

Currently vacant

Committee on Canons Canon II.4
(3 Clerical, 3 Lay, staggered 3-year terms)

The Chancellor (ex-officio)
The Rt. Rev. David B. Joslin 2014  Mr. Benjamin P. Harris III, Esq. (C)
Vacant 2015 Vacant

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

The Bishop
The Chancellor
The Secretary of Convention

Committee on Resolutions Canon II.6
(3 Clerical, 3 Lay, staggered 3-year terms)

The Rev. Evangeline Anderson 2014  Mr. Joel Gardiner
Mrs. Ann DiRobbio 2015  Ms. Carol Anne Bennett

Committee on Elections Canon II.7
(3 Clerical, 3 Lay, staggered 3-year terms)

The Rev. Patrick Campbell 2014  Mr. Leon Sibielski
Vacant 2015  Ms. Ellen Vadney

The Convention Manager (Ex-Officio)
The Secretary (Ex-Officio)
## Convention Roll of Clergy

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The two-hundred-twenty-fourth meeting of the Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island began with a service of Evensong at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, November 7th, 2014 at Saint John's Church in Barrington, Rhode Island. Evensong was followed by a reception in the parish hall of Saint John's.

Convention reconvened at Saint Mary's, Portsmouth on Saturday, November 8th, beginning with Holy Eucharist at 9:00 a.m. The business portion of Convention was called to order by Bishop W. Nicholas Knisely at 10:45 a.m.

Bishop Knisely recognized The Rev. Kevin Lloyd, Secretary of 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 were registered and present, thus constituting a quorum.

The Bishop recognized Ms. Kathy Hall, Convention Parliamentarian, to review the membership and rules of order for Convention, which she did as follows:

- Convention is governed by the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese of Rhode Island, and by the Standing Rules of Order of the Diocese of Rhode Island. We have two special rules of order for elections that will be presented at the time of elections.
- All clerical and lay delegates are entitled to voice and vote, and 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.
- Only members of Convention are entitled to offer a resolution and to vote. Registered delegates and clergy who are canonically resident no later than August 1, 2014 are members. If anyone has a question about their status, they should approach the Secretary.
- Convention is open to all persons unless otherwise ordered by Convention.

Those who speak from the floor during Convention should identify themselves by name and congregational affiliation, or office from which their membership is derived. She further asked that any “late resolutions” be handed in writing to Ms. Carol Anne Bennett, Chair of the Committee on Resolutions. Late resolutions must be approved by the Committee on Resolutions before they can come to the floor of Convention.

The Bishop asked that Convention grant a seat and voice, but not vote, to the following:

- The lay members of Diocesan Council and the Standing Committee
- Waylon Whitley, the Minister in Charge, and Susan Murphy, chair of the Steering Committee of Church Beyond the Walls
• The clergy in charge of congregations who are not canonically resident in the diocese, including Alvin Marcetti, serving at Saint Mary's, East Providence; Marilyn Mason, serving at Saint James, North Providence and Saint Paul's Portsmouth; Sunil Chandy, serving at Christ Church, Westerly; and Elizabeth Habecker, serving at Christ Church, Lincoln.

• Postulants for Holy Orders: Charles Cowen, Dante Tavolaro, James Kelliher, Edward Dean, and Grace Swinski

The Bishop called on the Secretary for a motion. The Secretary moved that seat and voice be granted to the aforementioned individuals. The motion carried unanimously.

The Bishop recognized the Secretary for presentation of the Convention agenda. The Secretary asked members of Convention to pull the printed agenda from their packets and look it over. The Secretary then moved the adoption of the agenda as presented.

The motion to adopt the agenda was seconded and carried unanimously by voice vote.

The Bishop called on Mr. Leon Sibielski, Chair of the Elections Committee to present the Report of the Committee on Elections.

Mr. Sibielski began by recommending the adoption of special rules of order for the election of General Convention Deputies, as had been used previously by this Convention. Since canon 17.1 requires the concurrent election of each deputy in the lay and clergy order, to expedite the election process, the Elections Committee recommended the following resolution:

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

1. The selection and seniority of alternates to deputies for General Convention shall be determined by those achieving the highest number of concurrent clerical and lay votes on the first and second ballots.
2. If there is no clear election after two ballots, the selection and seniority of alternates to deputies for General Convention shall be determined by those achieving the highest number of combined clerical and lay votes.

The Bishop called on the Secretary to make the motion. The Secretary moved the adoption of the special rules of order governing the election of Alternates to General Convention as recommended by the Elections Committee.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously by voice vote.

The Bishop then called on Mr. Sibielski to present the nominations for election.
Mr. Sibielski presented the nominations for election as follows, and the Bishop invited additional nominations from the floor:

Standing Committee, clergy order (four-year term) - vote for one:

The Rev. Patrick Greene, Saints Matthew & Mark, Barrington

There was an additional nomination from the floor: The Rev. Sandra Haines-Murdacco, retired

Standing Committee, lay order (four-year term) - vote for one:

Mr. Henry Dziadosz, Saint Thomas, Greenville
Mr. John L.J. Gelati, Emmanuel, Cumberland

There were no additional nominations from the floor.

Diocesan Council, clergy order (three-year term) - vote for two:

The Rev. W. David Dobbins, Saint Augustine's Episcopal Center at URI
The Rev. Mary Ann Mello, Saint Stephen's, Providence

There were no additional nominations from the floor.

Diocesan Council, clergy order (two-year term) - vote for one:


There were no additional nominations from the floor.

Diocesan Council, clergy order (one-year term) - vote for one:

The Rev. Edwin Hallenbeck, Saint Luke's, East Greenwich

There were no additional nominations from the floor.

Diocesan Council, lay order (three-year term) - vote for one:

Mr. George Borgia, Saint Luke's, East Greenwich
Mr. William Plumb, Trinity, Cranston

Diocesan Council, lay order (one-year term) - vote for one:

Ms. Susan Ursillo, Transfiguration, Cranston

There were no additional nominations from the floor.

Commission on Finance, lay (three-year term) - vote for one:
Mr. Stephan Sloan, Trinity, Cranston

*There were no additional nominations from the floor.*

Commission on Congregational Development, clergy (three-year term) - vote for one:

- The Rev. Elizabeth Habecker, Christ Church, Lincoln
- The Rev. Jennifer West, retired

*There were no additional nominations from the floor.*

Commission on Congregational Development, lay (three-year term) - vote for one:

- Ms. Joanie Collins, Saint James, North Providence.

*There were no additional nominations from the floor.*

General Convention Alternates, clergy order (three-year term) - vote for four:

- The Rev. Greta Getlein
- The Rev. Can. Linda Grenz
- The Rev. William Locke

*There were no additional nominations from the floor.*

General Convention Deputies, lay order (three-year term) - vote for four:

- Ms. Lora MacFall
- Ms. Grace Malaby
- Mr. George Nathanson

*There were no additional nominations from the floor.*

Commission on Investments, clergy order (three-year term) - vote for one:

- The Rev. Dennis Bucco, Saint Luke's Pawtucket

*There were no additional nominations from the floor.*

Commission on Investments, lay order (three-year term) - vote for two:

- Mr. Jeffrey Belden, Saint Mary's Portsmouth

*There were no additional nominations from the floor.*
Secretary Convention (one-year term):

The Rev. Kevin Lloyd, Saint Matthews Jamestown

There were no additional nominations from the floor.

Diocesan Treasurer (one-year term):

Mr. Bob Batchelor, Saint Luke's, East Greenwich

There were no additional nominations from the floor.

There being no additional nominations from the floor for any of these elections, the Bishop declared the nominations closed.

The Bishop asked Mr. Sibielski to introduce the nominees. Mr. Sibielski read the names of the nominees, and those who were present stood.

The Rev. Joanne Drake, retired, asked about the number of alternates being voted on for General Convention. Mr. Sibielski said instructions were forthcoming.

The Bishop asked Mr. Sibielski to provide voting instructions, which he proceeded to do, and the balloting began.

The Rev. Linda Strahan asked about writing in for the person nominated from the floor for the Standing Committee.

The Bishop directed the Secretary to file a single ballot electing The Rev. Greta Getlein, The Rev. Canon Linda Grenz, and The Rev. William Locke as Clergy Alternate Deputies to General Convention.

Mr. Sibielski indicated that delegates should now vote for one of those individuals, so that we can have a rank order.

Once that ballots had been collected, the Bishop thanked all those who had offered themselves for election to these important leadership positions. The Bishop also thanked Mr. Sibielski and the other members of the Elections Committee: Patrick Campbell, Ellen Vadney, Sue Hurn, Susan Stiles, Betsy Lesieur, Patrick Greene.

The Bishop called on Ms. Missy Bennett, chair, to present the Report from the Committee on Resolutions.

Ms. Bennett reported that the Committee on Resolutions received two resolutions, one regarding the cathedral and one regarding canonical changes. Both were sent to delegates in pre-convention materials. Ms. Bennett said that the Committee had
considered the resolution regarding the cathedral and recommended its approval. The second resolution was referred to the Committee on Canons.

The Committee received no late resolutions.

The Bishop called on the Ms. Adrienne Southgate to present the Report of the Committee on Canons.

Ms. Southgate reported that the Committee on Canons received and reviewed the recommended changes to the canons from the 2015 Task Force (see report from 2014 Task Force). They found them to be proper as to form and substance. Therefore, they recommended that Convention adopt these canonical revisions. For purpose of process, there were four separate motions presented:

**Ms. Southgate moved Amendments to Canons VI and VIII as presented for adoption.**

The Rev. Peter Tierney said that the amendments were to reconcile inconsistencies. In Canon VI, members of Diocesan Council are said to be elected by Convention and appointed by the bishop, while in Canon VIII on Deaneries, it says that the Deaneries are to elect representatives to Diocesan Council. The amendments are designed to reconcile this inconsistency by empowering the Bishop to appoint members to Council after consultation with the Deaneries. The amendments also standardize the terms of office and term limits for both elected and appointed members, thus simplifying our system for filling the Diocesan Council.

The amendment to 8.1 is intended to align Canon VIII with Canon VI for the purpose of selecting members of Diocesan Council. The amendment in 8.3 removes the requirement for two deans. Since the only stated task for a dean in the canons is to convene the meeting of the deanery, it seems redundant to require two people for this task. Also, since deaneries are permitted to elect officers and make rules that do not conflict with the canons, the 2015 Task Force is recommending that each deanery be permitted to organize itself as it pleases, including removing the term limits for deans.

The Rev. William Locke, Saint Peter's by the Sea, Narragansett, stood to offer an amendment to Canon 8.3. He would like to amend it to say "Each deanery shall have at least one dean", in recognition that some deaneries opt to have more than one dean (i.e. clergy dean and lay dean).

The Rev. David Dobbins, Saint Augustine's, pointed out that subsequent language will have to be changed to reflect the change.

Ms. Southgate said that she and The Rev. Tierney consulted and feel that the amendment is unnecessary.
The Rev. David Ames, All Saints, also thinks the amendment is unnecessary, seeing that the last sentence allows Deaneries to appoint other officers as needed.

The Rev. Locke reiterated the reason for proposing the amendment (i.e. allowing for two deans).

The amendment carried by voice vote.

The Rev. Richard Morgan, Retired, suggested an amendment to the language of the second sentence.

The Bishop asked if Convention will allow "us" to clean up the language, so that we don't spend so much time "word-smithing".

The Rev. Morgan withdrew his proposed amendment.

The Rev. Linda Strahan asked about the word "registered". The Rev. Tierney offered explanation that this refers to the fact that clergy need to be canonically resident, and lay need to be affiliated with a congregation of the diocese.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Ms. Southgate moved Amendments to Canon VII as presented for adoption.

The Rev. Tierney offered the following explanation: the amendments pertaining to the Commission on Congregational Development make it clear that CCD reports to Diocesan Council, that Council has the final authority to make grants to congregations from Diocesan accounts and funds, and they focus the mission of the CCD on supporting and strengthening existing congregations, which is in line with how the CCD currently conducts its business. The 2015 Task Force also recommends that the Commission on Church Architecture, which is essentially defunct, be removed from the Canons. Should such a commission become necessary in the future, Diocesan Convention or Council have the authority to create such a body without it being a canonical mandate.

There was no further discussion, and the motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Ms. Southgate moved Amendments to Canons X and XI as presented for adoption.

The Rev. Tierney offered explanation: these amendments are purely editorial, to clean up the language of the canons. There are references in both canons to the Commission on Financial Assistance and Missions, a body which no longer exists. The amendments also standardize the language regarding the distances between
congregations within which existing congregations must be consulted when establishing a new parish to a ten mile radius.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Ms. Southgate moved Amendments to Canon XIII as presented for adoption.

The Rev. Tierney offered the following explanation: these amendments are intended to make it easier to have affiliated organizations or ecumenical partnerships recognized as Diocesan Institutions by removing the requirement that a substantial portion of board members be Episcopalians, and to permit the Bishop and/or Convention flexibility in establishing formal relationships with charitable or educational organizations that wish to be affiliated with the Episcopal Church in Rhode Island.

The Bishop gave his annual address to Convention.

The Bishop announced Ron Turnbull as the recipient of the annual Anchor of Hope Award.

The Bishop announced Franklyn T. Cook as the recipient of Episcopal Charities’ Bishop Higgins Award. Mr. Cook spoke, expressing his sincere gratitude and encouraging all present to support Episcopal Charities.

Noonday Prayer was led by The Rev. Gillian Barr and the Necrology was read.

Lunch Recess

Convention reconvened at 1:00pm.

The Bishop called on Ms. Bennett, who presented the following resolution about the Cathedral, indicating that the Committee on Resolutions recommended adoption of the resolution:

Resolved, that the 224th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island affirms the vision that has emerged from the diocesan dialogues and outlined in the Bishop’s address and encourages the Cathedral Corporation to develop and implement a plan by which the Cathedral can be dedicated to the service of racial equality and justice in the following ways:

1. As a sacred space for multiracial worship that embodies the mission of reconciliation;
2. As a center for Reconciliation that will serve as a home for academic and public engagement with the history of slavery and racism in Rhode Island and that will equip individuals and groups to become agents of reconciliation;
3. As a museum and performance space that provides opportunities for people to explore the intersection of faith, especially as practiced by the Episcopal Church in Rhode Island, and the institution of slavery.

Ms. Adrienne Southgate, Grace Church Providence, spoke to the resolution. She has been the Chancellor of the Cathedral of Saint John since 2008 and thereby part of the
Cathedral Chapter. It was "on her watch" that the Cathedral made the difficult decision to suspend services in April 2012. Members of the congregation have dispersed to other parishes in the diocese, and the cathedral building has languished. At Bishop Knisely's request, The Rev. Bob Brooks convened a Cathedral Task Force to begin envisioning what might be done with the cathedral. Over the course of several months, Saint John's members were able to meet together and tell their stories, some of which outlined the mistreatment of our African American brothers and sisters in the not-so-distant past. Also during this time, The Rev. Jan Grinnell met with Katrina Brown about "The Cathedral Project" (Katrina Brown produced the documentary "Traces of the Trade"). This eventually led to a subsequent meeting with The Rev. Canon Linda Grenz, at which they discussed the possibility of housing a museum about Rhode Island's role in the slave trade in the basement of the cathedral, along with a Center for Reconciliation. The Cathedral Task Force shared this idea with members of the diocese and it was eagerly embraced. The exact shape of this vision will be entrusted with the Cathedral Corporation, but it’s important that there be a clear sense the diocese as a whole is invested in the vision, thus the resolution that has been presented. Ms. Southgate ended by encouraging the Convention to support the resolution.

The Rev. Jan Grinnell spoke to the resolution, recounting her interaction with Katrina Brown at a conference for Deacons, where Ms. Brown was speaking about her film "Traces of the Trade" and about racial reconciliation. The Rev. Grinnell also reminded members of Convention that General Convention had passed nine resolutions at its last three gatherings, all of which committed the Episcopal Church to racial reconciliation and "repairing the breach". She also reminded delegates that our own Diocesan Convention had passed resolutions in support of the General Convention resolutions. The Rev. Grinnell strongly encouraged adoption of the resolution.

Ms. Laura Clarke, Saint Matthew's Jamestown asked two questions. Are the families of the disenfranchised part of the process moving forward? Will it be interfaith?

The Rev. David Ames, All Saints' Memorial Providence, spoke in support of the resolution. All Saints' serves a multicultural community that includes 15,000 Liberian citizens, some of whom attend All Saints'. They also have members from Nigeria and other diverse, international backgrounds. We give lip service to integration, but continue to live in segregated communities and neighborhoods. How do we "respect the dignity of every human being" without really knowing someone very different from ourselves? This is clearly an opportunity for us to exercise our ethical responsibility as Christians and as Episcopalians.

Ms. Eileen Walker, Saint Martins' Providence, spoke in support of the resolution. As an African American and former member of Saint John's Cathedral, she affirmed the resolution and encouraged delegates to support it.

The Bishop spoke to Ms. Clarke's questions, saying that they have reached out to members of those families and are being included in the process.
The Rev. Linda Grenz, spoke to Ms. Clarke's question about interfaith. We can’t answer that question at this point, other than to say that the Bishop has expressed his commitment that there be an Episcopal worshiping congregation at Saint John's, but there's certainly the possibility that other groups will use the space.

The Rev. Gardiner Shattuck, spoke in support of the resolution. He's author of a book about The Episcopal Church and Race, and serves on the African American Historical Collection at Virginia Theological Seminary. Slavery and the slave trade was very important in Rhode Island. Also, we should remember that after the Civil War, Episcopal Bishops reached an agreement, allowing the Confederate bishops and dioceses back into the Episcopal Church and promising not to condemn slavery or slaveholders as being evil.

The Rev. Dn. Ricky Brightman, former warden of Saint John's spoke in favor of the resolution. "It's time". First step to reconciliation is to say "I know" and to say we are sorry for what happened.

**The resolution passed with voice vote.**

The Bishop called on Mr. Leon Sibleiski to announce election results.

Mr. Leon Sibleiski announced the following election results:

**Standing Committee - Clergy Order**

The Rev. Patrick Greene was elected

**Standing Committee - Lay Order**

Mr. John Gelati was elected

**Diocesan Council - Clergy Order (three-year term)**

The Rev. David Dobbins and The Rev. Mary Ann Mello were elected

**Diocesan Council - Clergy Order (two-year term)**

The Rev. Noel Bailey was elected

**Diocesan Council - Clergy Order (one-year term)**

The Rev. Edwin Hallenbeck was elected

**Diocesan Council - Lay Order (three-year term)**

Mr. William Plumb was elected
Diocesan Council - Lay Order (one-year term)

Ms. Susan Ursillo was elected

Commission on Finance - Lay Order (three-year term)

Mr. Stephan Sloan was elected

Commission on Congregational Development - Clergy Order (three-year term)

The Rev. Elizabeth Habecker was elected

Commission on Congregational Development - Lay Order (three-year term)

Ms. Joanie Collins was elected

General Convention Deputy Alternates - Clergy Order (three-year term)

The Rev. Canon Linda Grenz - second alternate
The Rev. William Locke - third alternate
The Rev. Greta Getlein - fourth alternate

General Convention Deputy Alternates - Lay Order (three-year term)

Ms. Lora MacFall - third alternate
Ms. Grace Malaby - fourth alternate

Commission on Investments - Clergy Order (three-year term)

The Rev. Dennis Bucco was elected

Commission on Investments - Lay Order (three-year term)

Ms. Francis Gammell-Roach and Mr. Jeffrey Belden were elected

Secretary of Convention (one-year term)

The Rev. Kevin Lloyd was elected

Diocesan Treasurer (one-year term)

Mr. Bob Batchelor was elected

The Bishop called on Mr. Robert Batchelor for the Report of the Treasurer (copies of charts and graphs are included in the Convention Journal).
Mr. Batchelor reminded Convention that the annual Treasurers’ report is required by diocesan canons and it includes financial information prepared by diocesan staff or abstracted from the annual audit reports. The audit report for 2013 will be included in the 2014 Journal of Convention, which will be posted to the diocesan website. Monthly financial statements, and details of the Diocesan Investment Trust can also be found on the diocesan website. The Finance Office regularly produces reports for the staff, diocesan committees, the Commission on Finance, and Diocesan Council for their review and approval. Mr. Batchelor invited anyone with questions to contact him or members of the Finance Office at any time.

Mr. Batchelor reported that Diocesan House has started using the new financial software.

Mr. Batchelor presented the statement of financial position as of December 31, 2013 (see Convention Journal), which indicates that the diocese has assets of over 30 million dollars in several categories: cash and equivalents of about $2.4 million, diocesan owned endowment funds of $23.6 million, and depreciated real estate and equipment of nearly $3.3 million.

The Diocesan Investment Trust, a separate entity of the diocese dating to 1958, is administered by a volunteer board of trustees who meet quarterly to monitor performance. The U.S. Trust Company engages and monitors professional money managers who invest the fund’s assets. Seventy-five percent (75%) of the $31.4 million is invested in funds owned by the diocese, and twenty-five percent (25%) is invested in funds owned by our congregations. Income payout is historically stable at a little over five percent (5%) after fees, which remain at the very low rate of two-thirds of one percent of market value. Any church of the diocese can invest their savings in the Diocesan Investment Trust Fund. If your church’s investments aren’t getting a good return or if you are paying high fees, Mr. Batchelor will be glad to help you do a comparison to see if moving to the DIT will benefit your congregation.

The diocese has $16.7 million in restricted funds and $9.9 million in unrestricted funds. The diocese continues to operate with no debt on its books, other than current accounts payable.

All of our parishes and missions pay apportionments that fund our diocesan programs here and throughout the wider church. The annual apportionment amount is established by the budget adopted by this Convention. Apportionment pays for about half of our expenses. The other half comes mostly from restricted endowment funds and a small amount from program fees and other miscellaneous sources.

As of October 31, the 2014 budget is virtually break-even. The very good news is that the budget for 2014 is a balanced budget.

Mr. Batchelor then called attention to graphs as shown on the PowerPoint slides with regards to history of apportionment, membership, worship attendance, and plate & pledge offerings.
Mr. Batchelor concluded his report with an expression of gratitude for the Diocese's continued trust in him.

The Bishop called on the Secretary for a motion.

The Secretary made the following motion:

*That the Treasurer's Report on the financial operations of the Diocese for the preceding fiscal year (2013) and its financial condition at the close of said year, be accepted as presented.*

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

The Bishop expressed his gratitude to Mr. Batchelor for all that he does for the Diocese and for Convention.

The Bishop called on The Rev. Canon David Lucey to present the Committee on Program and Budget Report:

Canon Lucey rose to present the 2015 budget as adopted by Diocesan Council at its last meeting. The Program and Budget Committee seeks to present a budget that equips our congregations with the tools they need to be God's people in the world. The diocese equips congregations through our personnel - the bishop is clear that our Bishop's staff is here to serve congregations and that's evident in the way they respond to requests for assistance and in the offerings from the diocese.

The second way the diocese uses this budget to equip congregations is through programs - everything from the Learn & Lead Conference to the new School for Ministry to the church start-ups, restarts, and rebuilds that have been occurring around the diocese.

And finally, this budget supports the participation of clergy and lay leaders in the various activities of the diocese and their work on decision-making bodies and program groups.

The budget also enables us to participate in the life of the larger Church. We have deputies to General Convention next summer, delegates to our Province I Synod, and we participate in training events, conferences, and committees on the regional and national level. We also are members of the Rhode Island Council of Churches and participate in a variety of collaborative ministries. We especially value our relationship with our Lutheran brothers and sisters and are finding new ways to work together with them.

We have a new budget format. Some of you may remember the 30-plus page budget we used to have that told us where the money came from for each item, but didn't make it clear where our money was being spent. We decided it was too much information, focused too much on where our money came from and it made it difficult to see the big picture. Our new format is designed to show us where our money is going. And our new database makes it easy for us to move from big picture down to minute details so
that groups that need to see and monitor the details can do that and those of us who need to see and understand the big picture, can do that.

We have six major budget categories and a tiny one called "other" for whatever doesn’t fit elsewhere:

1. Congregational Development
2. Youth & Family
3. Outreach & Advocacy
   These first three are the program areas where money goes to congregations; an institution, like ECC; a specific program, like the School of Ministry; or a committee.
4. The Office of the Bishop
   This includes the salaries of all the staff who provide support and programs to congregations. About a third of this section funds programs that are directly carried out by or overseen by a staff member, so it includes both personnel and programs.
5. Administration & Finance - what we traditionally think of as overhead.
6. Governance
   This includes our share of what it means to be part of the Episcopal Church, nationally, the Province, the Rhode Island Council of Churches, and what we spend on things like Diocesan Convention.

**Congregational Development ($554,703):**

This category emphasizes our focus on developing and supporting healthy congregations in the diocese. We spend about half a million dollars on congregational development. This is mostly grants that are given directly to parishes and missions. This sector also supports our ministry with young adults through two college ministry programs and provides training for congregational leaders. $48,000 in grants were made for re-starts and re-building efforts in the diocese:

- Saint John's, Newport got a full-time vicar last year
- Saint James, North Providence has installed internet access so they can make themselves more visible, rent out their parish hall to community and business groups and thus help underwrite the costs of their building; and
- Saint Mary's, East Providence have installed a new computer with appropriate software, internet access, and are working on a new website.

Another source of money we have in the Congregational Development sector is the Resource Fund. This fund was set up to receive the money from the properties we sold when churches were closed. The fund was established in hopes that someday
these monies would be used to start new congregations and ministries. That "someday" has arrived, and we've started one new ministry and two new churches this year:

- **Church of the Advent** - what was formerly Saint Matthias in Coventry is now being used for a Rhythms of Grace service for those with autism. The Rev. Dennis Bucco, rector of Saint Luke's in Pawtucket is heading this up.
- **Church of the Beloved** - what was formerly Calvary Church, Pascoag has become Church of the Beloved, as a place of worship and fellowship for those whose lives were touched by the Episcopal Conference Center, but have not found a church home.
- **Hispanic Congregation at Church of the Transfiguration, Cranston**

An example of an expanded ministry supported by this part of the budget is the work of Saint Augustine's in Kingston, which sees its ministry focus as the campus ministry at the University of Rhode Island. Saint Augustine's "Feed a Friend" program provides a home-cooked meal once-a-month to any and all students willing to come. They have started the Rhody Outpost Emergency Food Pantry, which offers food to those students experiencing food insecurity, especially during school breaks. They have a monthly Taize service for URI students.

We've increased the training budget this year to enable us to launch the School for Ministry. So far the School for Ministry has started an Alzheimer's training program, and will be expanding the training opportunities for parish leaders and employees (e.g. wardens, treasurers, property committees, worship leaders, etc.)

**Youth & Family Ministry ($604,277):**

This is one of the priorities of our bishop and our diocese. This category includes Summer Camps, Happening, and resources for Christian Formation. ECC and its companion program, City Camp, is obviously the largest expenditure in this area, and it reaches the largest number of our children and youth. Camp registrations are going up every year, which is good news, but that also means costs are going up. The actual net cost to the diocese is only slightly over $100,000 a year.

We introduced a new concept this year: The Bridge Camp. Modeled after a similar camp in the Diocese of North Carolina that has operated for 20 years, Bridge Camp brings together young people with diverse abilities to build bridges to understanding. This magical camp is transformative for all involved, and relationships are formed that have a lasting impact on our campers and staff. At Bridge Camp, high school students are invited to come and be helper campers for campers with special needs (Bridge Campers) for the duration of the camp. Bridge Campers will have a variety of needs - some will simply need a friend to have fun with and to help encourage participation. Others will need help with bathing, feeding, or dressing. Helper campers arrive at camp a day early for extensive training, and they are supported by our counseling staff, our nurses, and our experienced adult staff. This year's shorter
weekend format was a huge success, and we're planning to extend Bridge Camp to be one of our regular camping weeks.

The success of the Happening Weekends for teenagers has led us to add another weekend, so we can serve more youth and reach out to those who haven't attended before. In a diocese with few parish youth groups, the Happening Weekends are inspirational and build relationships among youth from many parishes.

Another goal of the coming year is to develop a Christian Formation Team, who will provide education opportunities through the School for Ministry and expand our trainings for leaders of children and youth ministries in our congregations. We are seeking new team members now! We've given this new team a bit of seed money to try some new ventures in the coming year.

**Outreach & Advocacy ($578,850):**

A major part of this ministry area is Episcopal Charities, which went over its goal last year and needs everyone's help to do better this year. About $400,000 is given in grants to diocesan ministries and to agencies serving those in need around our state. This expense is largely offset by the income from those of you who so generously contribute to the Episcopal Charities campaign and the endowment pays for the expenses. We are proud to be one of the few dioceses that is able to have this extensive outreach effort. The work of the Episcopal Charities enables us to serve the neediest in our communities. They also represent the Episcopal Church in many organizations and agencies throughout the state. We are pleased that this year, Episcopal Charities were recognized by the Rhode Island Council of Churches as a Partner in Faith, and in a few weeks they will be recognized by Saint Mary's Home for Children as a Partner in Philanthropy at the National Philanthropy Day celebration.

The Millennium Development Goals grew out of a United Nations conference in 2000, which challenged the world's richest countries to commit .07% of their budgets to make a substantial difference in the lives of the world's poorest peoples and nations. While not all nations have kept that commitment, many churches adopted that goal. So we give .07% of our budget, or about $14,500, to organizations that serve the poor outside of the United States.

**The Office of the Bishop ($975,180):**

This budget category includes the Senior Staff members and the programs and work they do, or directly oversee. About 2/3 of this sector is salaries and benefits for our staff. Most of the bishop's salary is offset by income from endowments; other staff salaries come out of apportionment. The diocese, like any non-profit, delivers most of its programmatic through its personnel.
One of the major expenses in this area is Communications. The costs for RISEN, our website, digital giving, and the equipment needed to do all of this falls into this area. We now have two conference rooms in the Diocesan House that are equipped to enable us to offer webinars, or to have people attend meetings remotely. This part of our effort to engage younger people who may be able to attend a meeting from their desks by logging in remotely, but can't get time off of work to attend physically. These room are also used for School for Ministry courses and by churches to do Skype interviews with candidates or vestry retreats. Our new website is up and running. It's still in development, but we now have one of the few diocesan websites that is designed to be viewed correctly on all mobile devices. We've also set up digital giving for the diocese, so that contributions can be made directly on your computer, iPhone, iPad, or other mobile device. Congregations who would like to set up digital giving themselves may contact Communications Director, Ben Sibielski.

An example of a program that is carried out by a member of the bishop's staff is the Jonathan Daniels House. After a year of study and a couple years of hard effort on the part of many people, we are pleased to announce the Jonathan Daniels House is officially open. Gillian Barr is the Director of the JDH program, which is part of the Episcopal Service Corps program. It's intended for people age 22-32 who want to give a year of their lives to follow Jesus in intentional communities of service, justice, and prayer. Episcopal Service Corps members work as full-time volunteers in local social service and justice organizations. They live together in a house following a rule of life committing them to prayer, hospitality, and mutual community. They gather weekly to consider their work and life from a spiritual perspective and explore issues of leadership, vocation, and justice. This is our first year. The members receive rent-free housing and stipends to cover food, transportation, and basic living expenses, and are offered medical insurance if they do not have it. This year their placement fees have been funded by a very generous grant from Episcopal Charities, with additional support from the diocesan budget. Jennifer Robinson is serving at New Urban Arts, a free, year-round out-of-school program that promotes sustained mentoring relationships between urban high school students and trained artist mentors. Jayleigh Lewis serves at McAuley Ministries, sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy, providing the basic needs of food, clothing, shelter, health services, emotional support, and guidance to the most vulnerable in our community. It offers a meal site, transitional housing program for homeless single parents and children, a child care center, and assistance to men, women, and families. JDH is beginning to look for additional funding and parish partners for next year. Interested parties should contact Gillian Barr.

The Bishop of Rhode Island is blessed to have several endowments that have been given by donors who have restricted those funds for the bishop’s use - some with specific directions for how they are to be used. These funds enable the bishop to assist clergy and their families facing a variety of challenges, provide scholarships for our seminarians, and support continuing education for clergy. The bishop can also respond to requests for assistance from a broad range of organizations or causes, and
to respond to emergency needs that demand an immediate response and can't wait for the Episcopal Charities grant cycle.

**Administration & Finance ($610,896):**

This budget category includes the building and grounds costs, equipment and office expenses (paper, copiers, phones, etc.). Our Finance Office staff not only processes all of the funds collected, spent, or invested by the Diocese, but also help our congregations with everything from how to fill out your Parochial Report to how to register a new employee for pension or health insurance benefits. They can be called for assistance with almost anything related to finances. If they don't know the answer, they'll find it for you. Our Diocesan Administrator, Ruth Moulton, is the person to call if you have questions about purchasing or building contractors. She is maintaining the list of contractors being gathered by our new Diocesan Property Committee, and she has information about where you can buy more for less.

We're saving about $15,000 a year by converting from oil furnace to gas. We also rented the Annex building to Hallworth House, our nursing home in Providence, for use as a rehabilitation facility, and transferred utility costs to them. So our utility costs are down and we are generating income that can be used for capital improvements to Diocesan House and Annex. The Annex now houses some of the most up-to-date and sophisticated rehab equipment in the city.

**Governance ($447,181):**

This budget category includes the costs of our governing bodies and diocesan convention, as well as our share of the costs of the Province One Synod and the Episcopal Church, and our contribution to the Rhode Island Council of Churches.

We're saving over $18,000 by moving our Diocesan Convention to churches instead of renting commercial facilities.

We're also saving money by reducing the amount we're putting into reserve for General Convention, both because we have a significant reserve accumulated from prior years, and we plan to cut our expenditures at General Convention next summer.

**Other ($48,968):**

This is where we put contingencies and everything that we can't fit in elsewhere, including some of the funds we administer on behalf of other entities (i.e. care of cemeteries and Old Narragansett Church).
Budget bottom-line: a $3.82 million balanced budget, about half of which is from endowment income and half from apportionment.

Canon Lucey moved:

That the budget of the Diocese of Rhode Island, with an apportionment percentage of 17% for calendar 2015 is hereby approved and adopted as presented; and that for purposes of apportionment for fiscal year 2015, income of each parish, organize 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.

A delegate from Christ Church Westerly (name inaudible), asked for clarification on the amount of the Bishop's discretionary funds, which was provided.

The budget as presented was approved unanimously by voice vote.

The bishop expressed his thanks to the Treasurer, Bob Batchelor, to The Rev. David Lucey and members of the Committee on Program and Budget, The Rev. Deacon Edwin Hallenbeck, Ms. Ann Rheault, The Rev. Peter Tierney, Mr. Gregory DeGroot, Mr. Jim Rezendes, The Finance Committee and Diocesan Council members, the bishop's staff, and all who helped craft the budget...and to all the congregations who so faithfully support the life and ministry of the diocese with their resources.

The bishop called on The Rev. Peter Tierney for a report of the 2015 Task Force.

The Rev. Tierney reported that much of the work of the Task Force was seen in the Program & Budget report, as the Task Force spent much of the last year working collaboratively with the Committee on Program & Budget. Also, the Task Force was responsible for the canonical amendments that were presented and voted on earlier in today's proceedings.

In addition to these two things, the Task Force, thanks largely to the work of Deacon Ted Hallenbeck, has done a comprehensive review of diocesan policies and procedures. A new handbook will be produced from this work and made available to members of the diocese.

Finally, the Task Force has been working with congregations on implementing Renewal Works, and spiritual vitality survey and assessment. They have also been working with Betsy Fornal and the Congregational Development Commission to help publicize Renewal Works.

In the final year of its five-year mandate, the 2015 Task Force plans to present a robust report relating how the organizational structure of the diocese is supporting the Spirit-led mission of the diocese. The Task Force recommendations will hopefully maintain a
balance between effective structure and flexibility to adapt and respond to the leading of the Holy Spirit.

The bishop introduced new clergy and announced some changes to diocesan and congregational leadership over the past year:

Jacquelyn Kirby was ordained to the transitional diaconate

Charles Cowen and Dante Tavolaro were admitted to postulancy for the priesthood.

Benjamin Sibielski was appointed as Director of Communications following the resignation of Ruth Meteer.

The following new clergy in the diocese:

Sunil Chandy - Rector, Christ Church, Westerly

Mark Sutherland - Rector, St. Martin's, Providence

Greta Getlein - Vicar, St. Paul's, Pawtucket

Gillian Barr - Priest-in-charge, Good Shepherd, Pawtucket and on Bishop's staff as the Director of Jonathan Daniels House

William Ogburn - Assistant to the Rector, St. Paul's, Wickford

Alvin Marcetti - Vicar, Saint Mary's, East Providence

Clergy with new appointments in the diocese:

Jennifer Pedrick - Rector, St. Mary's, Portsmouth

Patrick Greene - Priest-in-Charge, Sts. Matthew and Mark, Barrington

Marilyn Mason - Vicar, St. James, North Providence and St. Paul's, Portsmouth

Judith Mitchell - Associate, St. James, North Providence.

Elizabeth Habecker, Priest-in-Charge, Christ Church, Lincoln

Michelle Matott - Church of the Transfiguration, Cranston

Jennifer West - Priest Associate, Grace, Providence

Richard Shippee - Interim Assistant to the Rector, Emmanuel, Cumberland

Bill Locke - completed interim position at St. Martin's, Providence, and started a new interim position at St. Peter's by-the-Sea, Narragansett.
Retirements and Resignations:

Wayne Runner - retired as Rector, Ascension, Wakefield

Jennifer Pedrick - resigned as Rector and Edmund Harris resigned as Assistant to the Rector of Church of the Epiphany, Rumford. (Maryalice Sullivan is now serving as the Interim Priest there.)

Christine Purcell - resigned as Rector, Christ Church, Westerly

Casey Shobe - resigned as Rector of St. Peter’s by-the-Sea, Narragansett to assume new responsibilities as Rector of Church of the Transfiguration, Dallas, Texas and

Melody Shobe - resigned as Assistant to the Rector, Emmanuel, Cumberland; she continues as a curriculum developer for Forward Movement

Judith Mitchell - resigned as PIC at St. John the Divine, Saunderstown

Changes among permanent deacons:

Joyce Thorne - has been assigned to St. Mark's, Warwick and serves in the Finance Office at the diocese.

Judy Collins - retired from St. Mary's, East Providence

Dorothy (Ricky) Brightman - has been assigned to Church Beyond the Walls

The bishop made the following appointments:

Resolved, that The Rev. David Ames, The Rev. Anita Schell, and Ms. Frances Gammell-Roach are confirmed as members of the Disciplinary Board for a term of three years; and Ms. Murry Edwards for a term of one year.

Resolved, that The Rev. Jennifer West and Mr. James Burgess are confirmed as members of the Commission on Congregational Development, each for a term of three years; and The Rev. Susan Carpenter and Ms. Catherine Thenault for a term of one year.

Resolved, that The Rev. David Lacey from East Bay Deanery, and Ms. Susan Hurn from the West Bay Deanery are confirmed as members of the Diocesan Council, each for a term of three years.

Resolved, that Mr. Richard Sayer is confirmed as the Bishop’s Chancellor, and Ms. Ruth Moulton as the Diocesan Registrar, each for a term of one year.

Resolved, that The Rt. Rev. David Joslin, The Rev. Anita Louise Schell, The Rev. John Higginbotham, The Rev. Dennis Bucco, The Rev. David Dobbins, Ms. Adrienne Southgate, Ms. Leab Nastasi, Mr. Al Potter, and Mr. Alfred Martin are confirmed as members of the Cathedral Corporation. [Note: The full board is 12 members - additional members may be added in the coming year with confirmation by the Diocesan Council].
These motions were passed unanimously by voice vote.

The bishop appointed The Rt. Rev. Nicholas Knisely, Canon Linda L. Grenz, and The Rev. Anita Louise Schell to the Committee to Audit the Minutes (does not require action of Convention).

The bishop then called on Mrs. Bennett, Chair of the Resolutions Committee.

Mrs. Bennett and Mr. Joel Gardner presented the following courtesy resolutions:

Resolved, that the 224th Diocesan Convention expresses its gratitude to our bishop, The Rt. Rev. W. Nicholas Knisely, and his wife Karen, as he leads our diocese with enthusiasm and a smile, and be it further

Resolved, that this Convention sends its greetings of affection and prayers to our retired bishops and their spouses, The Rt. Rev. George Hunt and his wife Barbara, and The Rt. Rev. Geralyn Wolf and her husband Tom Bair, as they continue to serve the church in many ways, and be it further

Resolved, that this Convention extends its greetings and prayers to our Presiding Bishop, The Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori, and to the Archbishop of Canterbury, The Most Rev. and Rt. Hon. Justin Welby, and be it further

Resolved, that this Convention congratulates The Rev. John Evans on the 70th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood; The Rev. Paul Twelves on the 60th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood; The Rev. John Barrett on the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood; The Revs. Wayne Runner, John Chrisman, Sandra Haines-Murdoco, Noel Bailey, Mary Johnstone, and Bettine Besier on the 25th anniversary of their ordinations to the priesthood; and The Revs. Eloise Neilson, Gail Wheelock, and Betty Lou Wright on the 25th anniversary of their ordinations to the diaconate, and be it further

Resolved, that this Convention extends its congratulations to St. David’s on-the-Hill in Cranston on their 100th anniversary, and be it further

Resolved, that this Convention expresses its appreciation to all the dedicated Episcopalians within this state who work so diligently for our diocese on its various commissions, committees, and institutions, and be it further

Resolved, expresses its appreciation to The Rev. James Hazelwood, Lutheran Bishop of the New England Synod ELCA, our preacher this morning, and for the friendship and fellowship we share with our Lutheran brothers and sisters, and be it further

Resolved, that this Convention sends its warmest appreciation to the ECW, who provided welcomed hospitality for this Convention, and be it further

Resolved, that this Convention expresses its thanks to all those who have offered their ministry of administration and support for this Convention, especially to St. John’s Church in Barrington, our host for Evensong last night, and St. Mary’s Church in Portsmouth for Convention today, and be it further
Resolved, that this Convention expresses its appreciation to all the members of the Bishop's staff for their cheerful and dedicated ministry to all of us.

These resolutions passed unanimously by voice vote.

The bishop announced that the 225th Convention of the Diocese of Rhode Island will be held on November 6-7, 2015 at a place to be determined.

The bishop expressed his appreciation to the congregation of St. Mary's, Portsmouth for hosting this Convention and setting such a fine example of hospitality.

The bishop thanked the Music and Liturgy Committee, The Rev. Patrick Campbell, chair; Ms. Phoebe Pettingell; The Rev. Joan Testin; The Rev. Anita Louise Schell, and Ms. Priscilla Rigg for organizing our worship for the weekend.

The bishop thanked the ECW for providing breakfast and assisting with registration.

The bishop thanked his staff for all their work in coordinating Convention and ATR Treehouse for assisting with media production for Convention.

There being no further business, the bishop invited a motion to adjourn.

The motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

The Bishop offered a closing prayer.

Faithfully submitted,

The Rev. Kevin Lloyd
Secretary of Diocesan Convention.
This year there is so much for us to be thankful for and celebrate. At convention I shared a list of completed projects that I am extraordinarily proud to have had a small part in as I’ve worked beside one of the finest diocesan staffs in the Episcopal Church. I could go on for hours about each of these accomplishments. But there isn’t time. And I want us to look forward right now, not back.

I want to start by speaking about the mission of God in Rhode Island; how we are responding to the workings of the Holy Spirit in this place and what we want to do next in Providence for the whole region.

Let’s begin by highlighting new congregation starts this past year, particularly: Church Beyond the Walls, Advent, and Church of the Beloved.

**Church Beyond the Walls**

Church Beyond the Walls, which recently became a Specialized Mission of the Diocese, grew out of a pastoral response to the Occupy Movement’s protests. Clergy (led by Jennifer Pedrick, then the rector of Epiphany, and Edmund Harris, the assistant at the time) started to voluntarily take the sacrament to the people in Kennedy Plaza. As Occupy shut down, they recognized that there were people whose lives were centered around the public space of the plaza but who could not find an authentic community to support their spiritual lives.

Some of us, in sitting around reading the Canons, noticed that there was an underused canonical entity in our Diocesan Constitution and Canons called a “Specialized Mission”. Conversations started with the organizing committee and essentially a year later we have our first brand new congregation.

I have had the opportunity to worship with this congregation once at this point. I know that a number of our clergy have had the same opportunity or more. Even our Lutheran brothers and sisters have helped with that Ministry as well. I encourage all of you to join them on a Saturday and be inspired by the work they are doing. Perhaps you will discover new ways to bring a similar ministry to the streets of your community.
Advent Congregation

Dennis Bucco and Linda Grenz had a couple of conversations about Dennis starting something with the fire fighter families in Coventry, where he's the chaplain and does weddings, baptisms, etc for them. That made sense. But then the people he talked to about opening up the church ended up talking about autism.

At the same time Linda was chatting at coffee hour with a young woman at St. James, Woonsocket who lived in Coventry, worked in Boston with autistic children and wondered if we had ever thought of doing something with that population -- totally out of the blue. So after a few weeks of repeated encounters of that sort, the two of them decided the Holy Spirit was sending us a message!

The suggestion was to use the empty space of the former St. Matthias in Coventry to host a mid-week service. That process is underway now. They now have a number of families that are worshipping regularly. They are also exploring other ways they can offer their worship space to better serve the community.

Church of the Beloved

Meaghan Kelly Brower asked about the possibility of starting a new congregation in her kitchen. The desire is to connect with people whose lives had been changed by their participation in the ECC program, but who had not as yet found a regular church home.

Using the space of the former Calvary Church in Pascoag, she flung open the doors, and used the unheated space to hold a service in the style of ECC worship. Expecting maybe a dozen people for worship followed by a potluck supper, nearly 80 showed up of which something like 60% were under the age of 8.

After some hard work and some time renovating the building, Church of the Beloved was born. I expect that we'll be having conversations with Beloved about how to apply for traditional mission church status over the coming year, our first, brand new mission church in quite some time.

Amazing Grace Church

There are some other conversations happening as well. I was talking with The Rev. Joyce Penfield about ongoing work in prisons, specifically the baptisms that are happening and the need to register these baptisms. Any liturgical act by a clergy person must be registered.

There is a group of lay people and volunteer clergy that are beginning to lead services at the women's prisons, with little to no cost to the Diocese. I am very supportive of their dream and have used some discretionary funds to help them as they are getting started.

The working name for this forming congregation is “Amazing Grace Church” and it meets on Saturday afternoons in the prison system proper. This might be another place where the
Specialized Mission category might let us create a non-traditional Episcopal congregation in a way. This would let it function with the support of the rest of the Episcopalians in the state, but with enough freedom that it would be able to do ministry in a setting in which a traditional congregation would struggle.

Gloria Dei Hispanic School for Ministry

Bishop Hazelwood’s staff and my staff having been having conversations about how best to coordinate ministry and training within the Rhode Island Latino communities, and we are already well along in our efforts to create a joint Spanish-language Latino lay ministry academy.

We have talked also about how we might jointly plant another traditional congregation, perhaps in South Providence. Those conversations are ongoing. I think it is clear by Bishop Hazelwood’s presence at convention as our Preacher that shows our two denominations are growing closer together and regularly now looking for ways in which we can cooperate as much as possible.

As I mentioned before, some of the clergy participating in the Church Beyond the Walls mission work are Lutheran - just another example of what this cooperation looks like today.

All of this would be in addition to the new congregation that the folks from Ascension in Cranston have worked to plant at the Church of the Transfiguration this year.

That’s pretty impressive all by itself isn’t it!

Looking Back

When I step back and look at all of this new life I am struck by how they are a mix of traditional and non-traditional structures.

Actually they are mostly non-traditional.

In conversations with the clergy over the past year I have been asking them to think about how we can participate in the Mission of God here in Rhode Island in new ways. I’ve asked them to be willing to try new things, and to be willing to fail. Actually I’ve asked them specifically to be willing to fail early and often (and cheaply if possible) as we work to find new ways to respond to a culture that is both the same and rapidly changing at the same time within the state.

Building on a new way of looking at our divine missionary imperative, I’ve asked them to look outside their church communities to see where and how God is already at work in our villages, towns, cities and state. And if I’m asking them to do that, I ought to be doing that as well. As I’ve mentioned in the past, the single most common question I’ve been asked over the past two and a half years since my election as your bishop has been, “What is going to happen with St. John’s Cathedral in Providence?” As I told you in my first convention as
bishop, and reported on in my second, that discernment has been an ongoing process into which I have tried to invite as many people as possible. Today I want to tell you what we together have heard bubbling up from the grass roots.

**Reconciliation**

But first, I need to share with you something I am hearing both from you inside the Church and from others outside of it as have made my way around the state. Do you remember what the Book of Common Prayer tells us is the Mission of the Church?

“The mission of the Church is to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ.” - BCP p.855

That is our mission! Specifically, reconciliation means the restoration of “friendly relationships - or the recognition of the compatibility of beliefs.” It doesn’t mean agreement; it means good relationship in spite of disagreement. Reconciliation has been a touchstone of my own spiritual journey since I first pursued science and theology at the same time and it has been the work to which I have always returned no matter where ministry has taken me to serve.

In a sense, I have made this passage from St. Paul’s letter to the Corinthians my own ministry’s touchstone:

“So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.” (2 Cor. 5:17-19, NRSV)

Part of the reason I was so grateful that I have been asked to serve the rest of life here in Rhode Island was because I hear a common desire to pursue reconciliation as part of the constant culture of this place. You can hear it in the writings of Roger Williams from the very beginning of the state. It has been a theme woven throughout the history of this place.

I find it most notably present right now in Providence - in the visionary work of the WaterFire installations that have become an integral part of the life of this city and state. Think about it for a second. Water and Fire. They are opposites, one canceling the other and if they come into actual contact with each other, they both cease to be. But by allowing the two to exist in tension with one another, fire suspended just above the surface of water, incredible things happen. People come from all around the world to experience this physical manifestation of reconciliation. And it has led to some amazing moments that perhaps we don’t fully recognize for how amazing they are.

Did you know that Providence is the only place in the world where the Indian community and the Pakistani community have jointly celebrated their Independence Day? That’s a day
where they celebrate that they are independent of each other. It happened at WaterFire. Twice!

The WaterFire has spread around the world - even to the opposite end of the Earth where the Singapore government has used it, flying the volunteers from Rhode Island to Malaysia, to recast the conversation in that country toward reconciliation rather than the religious sectarianism that is threatening to overwhelm the other nations of South East Asia. All of which grows out of an art experience that is, in the most technical and strictest understanding of the word “liturgical”, a liturgical event that celebrates and creates reconciliation.

I have been asking the clergy to look hard at the neighborhoods around them to see what God is at work doing there - and then to go and participate in that work. And here, right in front of us, in Providence, God is doing something that the whole world has taken notice of, and in which we have yet begun to participate in in any significant way. Reconciliation is a common idea in theology, in theory at least I guess, if not in practice. There are some key common understandings that underlay the work of the Church in it.

Truth telling is a fundamental part of the process of reconciliation. Any of you have made use of the sacrament of reconciliation (in the Prayer Book - it’s what is commonly called “Confession”) know that the absolute sanctity of the confessional is there because it is a tool to get us to speak honestly about what we have done. The work of telling the truth is what makes the reconciliation with God possible.

Archbishop Tutu and others used this principle to heal the scars of Apartheid that threatened to tear apart the nation of South Africa as that institution came to an end. Telling the truth, learning to dare to speak the truth, is what makes reconciliation possible. I believe it is a tool that we can make use of here in Providence to be reconciled with our own past and with each other. And in so doing, we can become a model for many.

As the grass roots conversations about the Cathedral and its future started in earnest this past year, a theme of reconciliation began to emerge. It wasn’t something I expected, it wasn’t something that I’d ever heard dreamed of, but as we shared it more and more widely, there was an increasing degree of support by the people of this state.

The Vision for the Cathedral of St. John

The idea that has emerged has been, up till now, primarily characterized as using the lower levels of St. John’s to serve as a museum to interpret the role of the Episcopal Church and Anglican Communion in the institution of slavery in the early United States; both our support of and profiting by it, and our later work to abolish it. That is in effect an outgrowth of the Traces of the Trade work that this diocese and the General Convention of the Episcopal Church committed themselves to in the past decade. But that part, an important and critical part of our own reconciliation with the truth of our past, is only part of the vision that has emerged. Let me be more explicit about the vision of reconciliation ministry —— by using language
from a grant that we are in the process of writing to ask for start-up funding for this undertaking:

“We plan to convert the parish hall into a museum that would explore the intersection of slavery and faith -- how the church has supported the institution of slavery and also how it helped abolish it. The ship building and shipping industry in RI were major players in the slave trade and much of RI's economy was built with the profits of that trade. Many (perhaps most) of those businesses were owned and operated by Episcopalians. So we feel we have both an obligation and an opportunity to speak the truth about the church's role in the slave trade. We anticipate that this museum would be an attraction to visitors as well as a valuable contribution to the city and state's history and self-awareness.

In addition to the museum, we plan to create a Center for Reconciliation that would provide programs to move people from viewing artifacts to being engaged in the process of reconciliation. So we envision a variety of programs offered in partnership with various institutions and groups. This would include performances in the sanctuary (music, dance, drama, lectures, etc.), small group seminars and educational events in the library and training programs in reconciliation and perhaps even certification for reconciliation interventionists - - people trained to help resolve conflicts in organizations, go into situations like Ferguson or, preferably, help cities prepare for and avoid situations like the one we all witnessed this summer.

We have secured the support of the key leaders in the diocese, the support of the Cathedral Corporation (the legal, decision-making body) and we received the affirmation of the diocese at our annual convention in November. In addition, we have initiated the "quiet phase" of soliciting potential partners and already have the Tracing Center (www.tracingcenter.org -- founded by DeWolf family members) and the Center for the Study of Slavery and Justice at Brown University working with us and have started conversations with others including the Providence Preservation Society which recently hosted a tour of the Cathedral as part of their “Ten Most Endangered Properties tour series.”

A Center for Reconciliation

In total there are really four parts now to what is being called the “Cathedral Project”. There is the creation of what I hope will become a national center for Reconciliation. There is the creation of museum to deal with our own participation in the institution of slavery and our own unconscious racism. There is the use of the upper floor of the Cathedral as a worship space and perhaps, God willing, the site for a new multicultural worshiping community (or perhaps urban abbey) that would be a living example of what we dream. Lastly, there is the possibility of a number of partnerships with institutions and foundations that might use parts of the building to support their own work in reconciliation.

I am delighted to tell you that this is not what I first imagined might come of our conversations. It isn't a plan that I had at all. It has truly come out of the community, up out
of the grassroots, and it has gathered more and more support than I ever imagined such a thing might. I am coming to believe that this idea is a gift to all of us, and I believe that if it is a gift, that God will help to support our efforts to make it real.

There have been a number of instances already where I could swear I could sense the Holy Spirit’s presence in this project as it has blossomed. And that has given me an extraordinary amount of hope.

This past Convention you voted on a resolution that will empower the Cathedral Corporation to begin to make real financial commitments, to raise money for and begin the work in earnest in what we are calling the “Cathedral Project”.

I don’t know that we’ll get it all done overnight. And I’m not sure what will come first - but I do hope that you will support the work and the vision that has come to us by the dedicated process of listening and truth-telling over the past year. There is much more to say about all of this, and I could happily take the rest of the day to go into details. We’ll need to have the Cathedral Corporation make decisions about the building to move to stabilize what we have as we think about the work of renovation in earnest. But I will leave this for another convention.
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Sr. Warden: Maggie Martin  
Administrator: Jordan Sleeper

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Sr. Warden: Walter (Terry) Chase

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Mail to: P.O. Box 1910, Newport RI 02840 .................................................. (Fax) 848-0420
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**Confirmations/ Receptions**

Confirmations: 93  
Receptions: 27  
Reaffirmations: 9

**Postulants:** 2

**Ordinations:**
The Rev. Jacquelyn Walsh Kirby, Transitional Diaconate

**Letters Dimissory In:** 5  
**Letters Dimissory Out:** 6  
Clergy Deaths: 7
Significant Actions of the Standing Committee  
Since the 2013 Diocesan Convention  

The members of The Standing Committee undertook the following actions between the months of September 2013 and October 2014:

- Approved Jackie Kirby for candidacy to the Transitional Diaconate

- Granted to consent to the elections of the creation of Coadjutor or Suffragan Bishops in nine dioceses

- Approved a loan request made of and approved by the Finance Committee through the Diocesan Revolving Loan Fund for the following congregations:
  - St. Martin’s Episcopal Church (Providence)
  - St. Thomas Episcopal Church (Greenville)
  - Church of the Epiphany (Rumford)
  - St. Columba’s Chapel (Middletown)
  - St. Paul’s Episcopal Church (Portsmouth)
  - St. James Episcopal Church (North Providence)
  - St. Mark’s Episcopal Church (Warwick)

- Gave approval to assign the status of transitional mission status, specialized mission, or mission to the following congregations:
  - St. Paul’s Episcopal Church (Pawtucket) – mission status
  - St. George’s Episcopal Church (Central Falls) – transitional mission status
  - St. Augustine’s Episcopal Center at URI (Kingston) – mission status
  - Church Beyond Walls (Providence) – specialized mission status

- Gave approval to the adoption of new By-laws for the following congregations:
  - St Thomas Episcopal Church (Greenville)
  - St. Andrews by-the-Sea (Little Compton)

- Approved the following lease agreements
  - of property owned by the Diocese to Hallworth Outpatient Rehabilitation Center
  - of the Advent Rectory (Coventry)

- Approved the transfer of ownership of Grace Church Cemetery from the Diocese to the Gateway Cemetery Co.

- Gave approval to the sale of 2 land parcels owned by the Diocese to the town of Charlestown

The Rev. Anita Louise Schell  
President
The mission of the Commission on Congregational Development is to strengthen our congregations in the work of proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ through the ministry of the baptized. Our goal is to empower the leadership of our churches to discern God’s call for their unique ministry as a congregation and to develop a clearly defined plan for development. CDC offers consultation, education and training and provides funding for new programs and redevelopment. We have two major annual activities: (1) running a one day congregational development conference for parish leaders, now in its fifth year, entitled Learn and Lead; and (2) providing congregational development grants to parishes and missions.


Keynote address from Bishop Knisely set out his vision for Christian leadership in the Diocese of Rhode Island. There were 289 leaders from around the diocese who gathered for this exciting day of discussion and presentations. The Rev. Jay Sidebotham was there from RenewalWorks and he introduced more congregations to these useful tools for profiling and leading congregations. Discussion at lunch was facilitated by a variety of “Birds of a Feather” small group discussions. Well over 80% of post-event survey respondents said they were very likely to attend this event again and most attendees came to the event learning of it from someone at their parish (word-of-mouth).

**Workshops:**

- Resources for Developing, Enabling, and Equipping Leaders
- Empowering and Fostering Spiritually Healthy Leaders
- Leading Planned and Sustainable Change
- Leading in the Face of Anxiety
- Engaging Young Leaders in Vital Ministry
- Assessing Spiritual Vitality with the RenewalWorks Tool

**Grants**

**New Grants beginning in 2014**

St. Augustine’s – support for URI campus ministry
Holy Cross – creation of a bell choir
Church of the Advent, Coventry – start-up Rhythms of Grace serving autistic community
St. James, North Providence – Restart – clergy support, program, technology
St. Mary’s, East Providence – Restart – clergy support, program, technology
Hispanic Ministry at St. George’s, Central Falls, Ascension, Cranston and new congregation at Transfiguration, Cranston administrative assistance
Holy Trinity, Tiverton – support for Christian Formation

**Continued Support for:**

Church Beyond the Walls – worshipping community in Burnside Park
Trinity, Newport – Community Choir
St. Thomas, Alton – After-school tutoring program
Holy Spirit, Charlestown – Youth Education at Community Gardens
St. John the Evangelist, Newport – Re-start clergy support

Grants are publicized to congregations and on the web site and are awarded in the late spring each year.

2014 members of the Commission on Congregational Development are:

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THE EPISCOPAL CHARITIES FUND OF RHODE ISLAND

2014 Annual Report to Diocesan Convention

The Board of Trustees, all Committees and Parish volunteers completed their work both in fundraising and outreach efforts.

Grant distributions for 2014 are as follows:

- $380,000 in funds was given to 69 social service agencies and programs throughout Rhode Island.

The Susan Hudson Memorial Fund awarded grants in the amount of $34,900.

- $29,400 was awarded to Johnathan Daniels House for two Episcopal Service Corps Fellows placed in local social service and advocacy organizations in the South Providence area for leadership training, spiritual formation and vocational discernment and to work with those at the margins of society for justice and reconciliation.

- $5,500 was awarded to the Feeding Ministries at St. Augustine’s Parish.

- $500 was awarded to Rhode Island State Council of Churches for sponsorship of the Conference on Poverty in May, 2014, held at Rhode Island College.

In total, the Episcopal Charities Fund of Rhode Island dispersed $415,400 to assist people in crisis and need for the year 2014.

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 fragile situations.

The volunteers and donors of Episcopal Charities deserve gratitude and recognition for their support and commitment to the mission of Episcopal Charities to help our neighbors throughout the state who are in fragile situations.

Special thanks are extended to Jane Peach and Jim Tracy who chaired the diocesan-wide parish campaign and to Nancy Dorsey and Nancy Kaull for their outstanding leadership as President and Vice President. Gratitude and appreciation is extended to all the members of the Board of Trustees for their dedication and commitment to the Mission of Episcopal Charities.

National Philanthropy Day was held in November, 2014. Non-profit organizations throughout Rhode Island had an opportunity to honor their valued volunteers and donors.
Amica Companies was honored as our "Partner in Philanthropy" for their outstanding service, dedication and support to the Mission of Episcopal Charities.

The Bishop Higgins Award for Distinguished and Meritorious Service was awarded at Diocesan Convention to Franklyn T. Cook for his many years of commitment and dedicated service to the Episcopal Charities Mission.

The Rhode Island State Council of Churches “Heroes of Faith” Breakfast was held in November, 2014. Episcopal Charities was given the George Dickson Kinney Stewardship Award for their investment in philanthropic endeavors over an extended period of time to the Rhode Island community. At this event, Episcopal Charities named Mobile Loaves & Fishes, a feeding ministry, as their “Partner in Faith” for their faithful service to the Rhode Island community.

Ms. Peggy Amatore  
Director, Episcopal Charities
The Commission on Ministry met 7 times between November 2013 and September 2014.

The Commission considered and recommended 2 persons for postulancy (priesthood) and 1 person for ordination to the transitional diaconate. Jacquelyn Kirby was ordained to the transitional diaconate.

Two diaconal aspirants have begun the three-year Diocesan Program for Diaconal Formation in the Diocese of Massachusetts. The three diaconal postulants are now in their second year of the Program. Two postulants for the priesthood began their studies at Berkeley Divinity School at Yale this fall.

The Commission with Bishop Knisely continue to discuss and refine the discernment process for ordination. Two documents have been prepared and approved and can be found on the diocesan website: A Guide for Discernment for the Diaconate and A Guide for Discernment for the Priesthood. A handbook for Diaconal Formation has also been prepared.

A Day of Discernment was held in May for about 30 people and 7 aspirants considering both the diaconate and priesthood. A timeline has also been established and published for those seeking ordination.

Leon Sibielski has prepared a PowerPoint presentation for discernment teams as they begin their work. Since April, he has met with 6 teams. The Commission has interviewed 2 of these aspirants.

We are honored to participate in the active recruitment and selection of persons for ministry in Rhode Island, both lay and ordained.

Carol Anne Bennett, Chair
Commission on Ministry
### Canonically Resident Clergy as of November 1, 2014

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## PLANT ASSETS – PROPERTY OWNED
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Total Estimated Value

$19,654,100.

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

The Reverend Kevin M. Lloyd, Secretary to Convention

AFFILIATED INSTITUTIONS

Hallworth House
Edwards Homes
St. Mary’s Home for Children

(**) Listed at Audit Value
(x) Under Sale Agreement

THE DIOCESE OF RHODE ISLAND
Providence, Rhode Island

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
December 31, 2014 with comparative totals for 2013

WITH
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
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To the Diocesan Council of the
Diocese of Rhode Island
Providence, Rhode Island

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR’S REPORT

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of The Diocese of Rhode Island (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statement of financial position as of December 31, 2014, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management’s Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor’s Responsibility

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 from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor’s judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity’s preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity’s internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.
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, 2014, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Report on Summarized Comparative Information

We have previously audited The Diocese of Rhode Island’s 2013 financial statements, and we expressed an unmodified audit opinion on those audited financial statements in our report dated June 24, 2014. In our opinion, the summarized comparative information presented herein as of and for the year ended December 31, 2013, is consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements from which it has been derived.

July 14, 2015
THE DIOCESE OF RHODE ISLAND  
Providence, Rhode Island  

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION  
December 31, 2014 with comparative totals for 2013

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<td>4,032,545</td>
<td>3,261,492</td>
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<tr>
<td>TOTAL ASSETS</td>
<td>$31,461,541</td>
<td>$30,198,223</td>
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| LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS |           |           |
| ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED EXPENSES | $ 185,501 | $ 193,468 |
| NET ASSETS: |           |           |
| Unrestricted: |           |           |
| Undesignated | $ 6,755,135 | $ 6,268,178 |
| Designated for specific purposes | 4,633,439 | 4,294,052 |
| Total unrestricted | $11,388,574 | $10,562,230 |
| Temporarily restricted | 15,929,746 | 15,442,091 |
| Permanently restricted | 3,957,720 | 4,000,434 |
| TOTAL NET ASSETS | $31,276,040 | $30,004,755 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS | $31,461,541 | $30,198,223 |

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## THE DIOCESE OF RHODE ISLAND
Providence, Rhode Island

### STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
For the year ended December 31, 2014 with comparative totals for 2013

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<tr>
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<th>Unrestricted</th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>OPERATING REVENUE AND OTHER SUPPORT:</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>Apportionment</td>
<td>$1,826,946</td>
<td>$0</td>
<td>$0</td>
<td>$1,826,946</td>
<td>$1,808,347</td>
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<td>Contributions</td>
<td>$0</td>
<td>$544,738</td>
<td>$55,150</td>
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<td>Program services revenue</td>
<td>$317,518</td>
<td>$0</td>
<td>$0</td>
<td>$317,518</td>
<td>$257,683</td>
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<tr>
<td>Interest income</td>
<td>$10,819</td>
<td>$0</td>
<td>$0</td>
<td>$10,819</td>
<td>$12,413</td>
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<tr>
<td>Investment returns designated for current operations</td>
<td>$239,299</td>
<td>$830,129</td>
<td>$0</td>
<td>$1,069,428</td>
<td>$1,027,629</td>
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<td>Other income</td>
<td>$236,343</td>
<td>$0</td>
<td>$0</td>
<td>$236,343</td>
<td>$112,522</td>
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<tr>
<td>Net assets released from restrictions</td>
<td>$1,181,815</td>
<td>$(1,181,815)</td>
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<td>$0</td>
<td>$0</td>
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Total operating revenue and other support

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<td>Total operating revenue and other support</td>
<td>$3,812,740</td>
<td>$4,060,942</td>
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<td>$193,052</td>
<td>$4,042,039</td>
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### OPERATING EXPENSES:

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<td>Program expenses</td>
<td>$2,900,431</td>
<td>$2,705,658</td>
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<tr>
<td>Administration and Finance</td>
<td>$602,722</td>
<td>$731,434</td>
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<td>Fundraising</td>
<td>$145,070</td>
<td>$139,038</td>
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Total operating expenses

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<tr>
<td>Total operating expenses</td>
<td>$3,648,223</td>
<td>$3,576,130</td>
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### CHANGES IN NET ASSETS FROM OPERATIONS

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<tr>
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<th>2013 Total</th>
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<tr>
<td>Changes in net assets from operations</td>
<td>$164,517</td>
<td>$465,909</td>
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THE DIOCESE OF RHODE ISLAND  
Providence, Rhode Island  

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
For the year ended December 31, 2014 with comparative totals for 2013

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<td>OTHER CHANGES</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Sale of church property</td>
<td>$</td>
<td>$-0</td>
<td>$-0</td>
<td>$-0</td>
<td>($93,728)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Transfer of church property</td>
<td>569,300</td>
<td>$-0</td>
<td>$-0</td>
<td>569,300</td>
<td>149,039</td>
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<tr>
<td>Investment returns (losses) not designated for current operations</td>
<td>92,527</td>
<td>295,827</td>
<td>$-0</td>
<td>388,354</td>
<td>2,865,088</td>
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<tr>
<td>Net gain (loss) on beneficial interest in perpetual trusts</td>
<td>-0</td>
<td>-0</td>
<td>2,136</td>
<td>2,136</td>
<td>23,578</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Endowment distributed to successor beneficiaries</td>
<td>-0</td>
<td>(1,224)</td>
<td>(100,000)</td>
<td>(101,224)</td>
<td>-0</td>
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<td>Total other changes</td>
<td>$661,827</td>
<td>$294,603</td>
<td>($97,864)</td>
<td>$858,566</td>
<td>$2,943,977</td>
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</table>

CHANGES IN NET ASSETS  

|                                |              |                        |                        |            |            |
| CHANGES IN NET ASSETS          | $826,344     | $487,655               | ($42,714)              | $1,271,285 | $3,409,886 |

NET ASSETS, January 1  

|                                |              |                        |                        |            |            |
| NET ASSETS, January 1          | 10,562,230   | 15,442,091             | 4,000,434              | 30,004,755 | 26,594,869 |

NET ASSETS, December 31  

|                                |              |                        |                        |            |            |
| NET ASSETS, December 31        | $11,388,574  | $15,929,746            | $3,957,720             | $31,276,040 | $30,004,755 |

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
For the year ended December 31, 2014 with comparative totals for 2013

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<th>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</th>
<th>2014</th>
<th>2013</th>
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<tr>
<td>Changes in net assets</td>
<td>$1,271,285</td>
<td>$3,409,886</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Adjustments to reconcile changes in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities:</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>Depreciation</td>
<td>98,935</td>
<td>93,358</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Gain on sale of property</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>99,986</td>
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<tr>
<td>Addition of Mission properties</td>
<td>(569,300)</td>
<td>0</td>
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<tr>
<td>Realized and unrealized (gains) losses - investments</td>
<td>(388,354)</td>
<td>(2,865,088)</td>
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<td>Realized and unrealized (gains) losses - beneficial interest in perpetual trusts</td>
<td>(2,136)</td>
<td>(23,578)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(Increase) decrease in receivables</td>
<td>(105,567)</td>
<td>(237,220)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and accrued expenses</td>
<td>(7,967)</td>
<td>81,508</td>
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<td>Net cash provided by operating activities</td>
<td>$ 296,896</td>
<td>$ 558,852</td>
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<tr>
<th>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</th>
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<th>2013</th>
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<tr>
<td>Purchase of property and equipment</td>
<td>($300,688)</td>
<td>($118,415)</td>
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<td>Proceeds from sale of property and equipment</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>166,743</td>
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<tr>
<td>Purchase of investments</td>
<td>(1,458,369)</td>
<td>(1,287,076)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Proceeds from sale of investments</td>
<td>384,330</td>
<td>200,818</td>
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<td>Net cash used by investing activities</td>
<td>($1,374,727)</td>
<td>($1,037,930)</td>
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<th>NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</th>
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<th>2014</th>
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<td>($1,077,831)</td>
<td>($479,078)</td>
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<th>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, January 1</th>
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<th>2014</th>
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<td>2,377,270</td>
<td>2,856,348</td>
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<th>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, December 31</th>
<th>2013</th>
<th>2014</th>
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<td>$1,299,439</td>
<td>$2,377,270</td>
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| SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURES OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION: |

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<th>CASH PAID FOR:</th>
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<tr>
<td>Interest</td>
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<tr>
<td>Taxes</td>
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<tr>
<th>NON CASH INVESTING ACTIVITIES:</th>
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<tr>
<td>Addition of Mission properties</td>
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Providence, Rhode Island

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
December 31, 2014

Note 1. NATURE OF ACTIVITIES

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

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

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

Note 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Presentation

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and follow the provisions of ASC 958-205, which provides guidance on the net asset classification of donor-restricted endowment funds for a non-profit organization that is subject to an enacted version of the Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act ("UPMIFA") and also requires disclosures about endowment funds, including donor-restricted endowment funds and board-designated endowment funds.

The Diocese is incorporated in and is subject to the laws of Rhode Island, which adopted legislation that incorporates the provisions of UPMIFA. Under UPMIFA, the assets of a donor-restricted endowment fund may be appropriated for expenditure in accordance with the standard of prudence prescribed by UPMIFA. As a result of this law and the adoption of ASC 958-205, the Diocese classifies its net assets as follows:

Unrestricted – includes net assets that are not subject to donor-imposed restrictions and may be expended for any purposes in performing the primary objectives of the Diocese.
Temporarily Restricted – includes net assets that are subject to donor-imposed restrictions that will be met either by actions of the Diocese or the passage of time.
Permanently Restricted – includes net assets that are subject to donor-imposed restrictions that they be maintained in perpetuity by the Diocese. Generally, the donors of these assets permit the Diocese to use all or part of the income and gains earned on related investments for general or specific purposes.

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

The financial statements include certain prior-year summarized comparative information in total but not by net asset class. Such information does not include sufficient detail to constitute a presentation in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Accordingly, such information should be read in conjunction with the organization's financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2013, from which the summarized information was derived.

Use of Estimates

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

Cash Equivalents

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

Receivables

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

Investments

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

Assets Held in Trust

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

Property and Equipment

Missions and other real property in the name of the Diocese at January 1, 1982 were recorded at appraised value. Subsequent acquisitions of property and equipment are carried at cost. Land and building of the Hallworth House is carried at cost. Donated property and equipment is recorded at appraised value at date of donation. Depreciation is calculated on the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets. All expenditures for property and equipment in excess of $3,000 are capitalized. Expenditures for maintenance and routine repairs are charged to expense as incurred; expenditures for improvements and major repairs that materially extend the useful lives of assets are capitalized.

Income Tax Status

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

Date of Management’s Review

Subsequent events were evaluated through July 14, 2015, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

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.

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<th>Amount</th>
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<td>Less allowance</td>
<td>$5,996</td>
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<tr>
<td>Net pledges</td>
<td>$11,135</td>
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Pledges receivable at December 31, 2014 have the following restrictions:

- Episcopal Charities $11,135
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. In 2014, the Diocese approved five (5) new loans totaling $273,500 and collected $216,226 from repayments of loan principal and interest. At December 31, 2014, twelve (12) loans were outstanding totaling $528,172. Interest is charged on the loan balances at an annual rate ranging from 1.50% to 2.75%. The loans mature at various dates until the year 2019.

Note 5. BENEFICIAL INTERESTS IN PERPETUAL TRUSTS

The Diocese is the beneficiary of certain trusts created by donors, the assets of which are in the possession of financial institutions and not the Diocese. The Diocese’s right to such assets, is the right to receive annual income. Net realized and unrealized gains (losses) related to the beneficial interests are reported as changes in permanently restricted net assets based on explicit donor stipulations. The fair values at December 31, 2014 of those beneficial interests are as follows:

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<th>Fund / Trust</th>
<th>Fair Value</th>
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<td>Arthur A. Gammell Fund</td>
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<td>James S. Dunning and</td>
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<tr>
<td>Beatrice Marion Dunning Fund</td>
<td>139,799</td>
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<tr>
<td>Edna H. Treat Trust</td>
<td>110,356</td>
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<td>$490,911</td>
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Note 6. INVESTMENTS

Investments at December 31, 2014 are as follows:

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<th>Investment Type</th>
<th>Cost</th>
<th>Fair Value</th>
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<td>Pooled investment funds –</td>
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<tr>
<td>Diocesan Investment Trust</td>
<td>$17,321,850</td>
<td>$25,028,431</td>
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Investment income (losses) from the Diocesan Investment Trust for the year ended December 31, 2014 is comprised of the following:

- Interest and dividend income: $1,069,428
- Realized gain: $49,483
- Unrealized gain: $338,871
- Total realized and unrealized gain: $388,354

Total investment income: $1,457,782
Note 7. **FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS**

**Fair Value Measurements**

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

- **Level 1** – Quoted prices for identical instruments in active markets.
- **Level 2** – Quoted prices for similar instruments in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar instruments in markets that are not active, and model-derived valuations in which all significant inputs are observable in active markets.
- **Level 3** – Valuations derived from valuation techniques in which one or more significant inputs are not observable.

Assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of December 31, 2014 are as follows:

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<th>Level 2</th>
<th>Level 3</th>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>Diocesan Investment Trust</td>
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<td>$25,028,431</td>
<td>$0</td>
<td>$25,028,431</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Assets held in Trust</td>
<td>$0</td>
<td>490,911</td>
<td>$0</td>
<td>490,911</td>
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<tr>
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<td>$0</td>
<td>$25,519,342</td>
<td>$0</td>
<td>$25,519,342</td>
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Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes to the methodologies used.

- **i** Pooled Investment Funds - Diocesan Investment Trust: Valued at the net asset value of shares on last day of the fiscal year, which is the basis for transactions at that date.

- **ii** Assets Held in Trust: Valued at the carrying value utilized by the trustee financial institutions.
Note 8. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Property and equipment consist of the following:

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<td>Land and buildings</td>
<td>$7,832,713</td>
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<td>Equipment</td>
<td>86,416</td>
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<tr>
<td>Motor vehicles</td>
<td>80,310</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Less accumulated depreciation</strong></td>
<td><strong>3,966,894</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Total</td>
<td><strong>$4,032,545</strong></td>
</tr>
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Depreciation expense for 2014 is $98,935.

Note 9. ENDOWMENT

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

Interpretation of Relevant Law

The Diocese has interpreted the Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act (UPMIFA) requiring the preservation of the original value of the original gift as of the gift date of the donor restricted endowment funds absent explicit donor stipulations to the contrary. As a result of this interpretation, the Diocese classifies as permanently restricted net assets (a) the original value of gifts donated to the permanent endowment, (b) the original gift value of subsequent gifts to the permanent endowment, and (c) accumulations to the permanent endowment made in accordance with the direction of the applicable donor gift instrument at the time the accumulation is added to the fund.

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

- The duration and preservation of the fund
- The purposes of the Diocese and the donor-restricted endowment fund
- General economic conditions
- The possible effect of inflation and deflation
- The expected total return from income and the appreciation of investments
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December 31, 2014

• Other resources of the Diocese
• The investment policies of the Diocese

Net assets comprising true endowment funds and funds designated by the Diocese to function as endowments include The Diocesan Investment Trust of $25,028,431 and beneficial interests in perpetual trusts of $490,911. The classification of net assets in endowment funds are as follows at December 31, 2014:

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<td>Donor-restricted endowment funds</td>
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<td>Functioning as endowment funds</td>
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Changes in endowment net assets for the year ended December 31, 2014 are as follows:

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Endowment net assets, beginning of the year</th>
<th>Unrestricted</th>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>$5,438,811</td>
<td>$14,927,733</td>
<td>$3,688,269</td>
<td>$24,054,813</td>
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Investment return:

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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Dividend and interest income</td>
<td>$ 239,299</td>
<td>$ 830,129</td>
<td>$ -0</td>
<td>$ 1,069,428</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Realized gains</td>
<td>41,426</td>
<td>8,057</td>
<td>-0</td>
<td>49,483</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Unrealized gains</td>
<td>51,099</td>
<td>287,772</td>
<td>-0</td>
<td>338,871</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Appreciation to beneficial interest in perpetual trusts</td>
<td>-0</td>
<td>-0</td>
<td>2,136</td>
<td>2,136</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Total investment return</td>
<td>$ 331,824</td>
<td>$ 1,125,958</td>
<td>$ 2,136</td>
<td>$ 1,459,918</td>
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Other changes:

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<tr>
<td>Contributions</td>
<td>$ -0</td>
<td>$ 25,150</td>
<td>$ 5,150</td>
<td>$ 30,300</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Transfers to create board designated endowment funds</td>
<td>1,092,560</td>
<td>151,877</td>
<td>-0</td>
<td>1,244,437</td>
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<tr>
<td>Appropriation of endowment assets for expenditure</td>
<td>( 354,432)</td>
<td>( 915,694)</td>
<td>-0</td>
<td>( 1,270,126)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Total other changes</td>
<td>$ 738,128</td>
<td>($ 738,667)</td>
<td>$ 5,150</td>
<td>$ 4,611</td>
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Endowment net assets, end of the year

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<td>$6,508,763</td>
<td>$15,315,024</td>
<td>$3,695,555</td>
<td>$25,519,342</td>
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Funds with Deficiencies

From time to time, the fair value of assets associated with an individual donor-restricted endowment fund may fall below the amount designated as permanently restricted net assets.
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Deficiencies of this nature, which are reported in unrestricted net assets, aggregated $64 as of December 31, 2014. These deficiencies resulted principally from investment losses and continued appropriation for certain programs that was deemed prudent by the Diocese. Subsequent gains that restore the fair value of the assets of these endowment funds to the required level will be classified as increases in unrestricted net assets.

Return Objectives and Risk Parameters

The Diocese has adopted investment and spending policies for endowment assets that attempt to provide a predictable stream of funding to programs supported by its endowment while seeking to maintain the purchasing power of the endowment assets, including both donor-restricted and designated funds. The long-term investment return objective is developed to maintain purchasing power after accounting for both inflation and spending. Actual returns in any given year or period of years may vary from this amount.

Strategies Employed for Achieving Objectives

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

Spending Policy and How the Investment Objectives Relate to Spending Policy

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

Note 10. EPISCOPAL CHARITIES

The Diocese, through its annual Episcopal Charities Appeal, raises funds to support social programs in the Rhode Island community. Selected financial information for the 2014 Charities program included in the statement of activities is as follows:

- Pledges from the annual campaign $372,576
- Investment return 275,046
- Current gifts designated for endowment 21,250
- Fundraising expense 145,070
- Grants to Diocesan programs 136,400
- Grants to non-Diocesan programs 278,247
Note 11. TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

Temporarily restricted net assets are available to support the following purposes at December 31, 2014:

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<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>Office of the Bishop</td>
<td>$ 4,477,463</td>
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<tr>
<td>Clergy development</td>
<td>888,448</td>
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<tr>
<td>Other leadership and pastoral support</td>
<td>39,327</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Episcopal Conference Center and City Camp</td>
<td>605,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ministry to higher education</td>
<td>269,059</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Other outreach</td>
<td>732,138</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Congregational development</td>
<td>3,105,349</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Support services</td>
<td>2,398,093</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Episcopal charities</td>
<td>3,414,869</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$15,929,746</strong></td>
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Note 12. 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, 2014:

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<td>Office of the Bishop</td>
<td>$ 1,611,137</td>
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<td>Episcopal Conference Center and City Camp</td>
<td>108,193</td>
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<tr>
<td>Other outreach</td>
<td>90,039</td>
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<tr>
<td>Congregational development</td>
<td>390,356</td>
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<tr>
<td>Support services</td>
<td>340,517</td>
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<tr>
<td>Episcopal charities</td>
<td>1,417,478</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$3,957,720</strong></td>
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Note 13. 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:  

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<th>Purpose</th>
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<td>$ 239,625</td>
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<tr>
<td>Clergy development</td>
<td>33,966</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Other leadership and pastoral support</td>
<td>262</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Episcopal Conference Center and City Camp</td>
<td>182,950</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ministry to higher education</td>
<td>11,877</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Other outreach</td>
<td>32,197</td>
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<tr>
<td>Congregational development</td>
<td>218,715</td>
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<tr>
<td>Support services</td>
<td>38,906</td>
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<tr>
<td>Episcopal charities</td>
<td>423,317</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$1,181,815</strong></td>
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Note 14. 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 also has a defined contribution plan sponsored by the Episcopal 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 $54,481 to this plan in 2014.  

The Diocese also contributed $87,872 to a plan sponsored by the Episcopal Church covering clergy employed by the Diocese.
Note 15. CHURCH PROPERTIES

In 2014, the Diocese received cash and property upon the closing of certain parishes. The financial effect to the Diocese from future mergers and closings cannot be estimated at this time.

Note 16. CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISK

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

Note 17. TRANSACTIONS WITH PARISHES AND RELATED PARTIES

In 2014, the Diocese collected approximately $2,164,901 from member parishes, missions and other related entities for their share of apportionment ($1,826,946), repayment of revolving loans ($216,256), expense reimbursements for salaries ($34,410) and rents ($87,289). At December 31, 2014 approximately $566,330 of total receivables represent amounts owed by member parishes and missions for these transactions.

In 2014, the Diocese paid $432,551 in assessment to its national organization, the Episcopal Church. Payments to the church pension fund sponsored by the Episcopal Church for lay employees and clergy employed by the Diocese amounted to $142,353 in 2014.

Certain of these transactions are separately disclosed in the financial statements and footnotes,