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MILLER, Edwin L. (Rita Crockett) 3300 N. Vermont, Oklahoma City 73112, 405-946-7278 (h)	Retired Priest
MILLER, Joe Ted (Estelle) 2732 Walnut Road, Norman 73069, 405-360-8080 (h)	Retired Priest
MOLLISON, Suzanne Deacon-in-Charge, St. Paul's, 721 North Thomas, Altus 73521 580-482-2102 (o) 308 Sierra Vista Ct, Altus 73522, 580-482-7239 (h)	Deacon
MOODY, Robert Manning (Lance B.) 4001 Oxford Way, Norman 73072, 405-321-7258 (h)	Bishop, Resigned
MOON, Anthony (Marian) Deacon, St. Augustine's, Oklahoma City 2401 Westminster, PO Box 480, Arcadia 73007, 405-396-2271 (h)	Deacon
NESBITT, Dr. Margot 125 N.W. 6th, Oklahoma City, 73102, 405-525-5535 (h)	Retired Priest
NORVELL, John (Susan) Rector, St. Luke's, Ada, P.O. Box B, Ada 74820, 580-332-6429 (o) 530 Northcrest Dr., Ada 74820, 580-332-8127 (h)	Priest

<p>ORSBURN, Kenneth Ray Jr. Curate, St. John's Tulsa 4200 S. Atlanta Pl., Tulsa 74105 405-592-9633 (c)</p>	<p>Priest</p>
<p>ORWIG, Dana M. (Steve) Deacon, St. John's, 5201 N. Brookline Ave., Oklahoma City 73112, 405-943-8548 (o) 2710 N.W. 17th St., Oklahoma City 73107, 405-949-0716(h)</p>	<p>Deacon</p>
<p>OSTRANDER, Paul C. (Patsy) 2321 N.W. 48th, Oklahoma City 73112, 405-842-5945 (h)</p>	<p>Retired Priest</p>
<p>PAPINI, Herbert Rector, St. Peter's, 9100 E. 21st St, Tulsa 74129, 918-627-2713 (o) 3903 Riverside Dr. Apt. 27, Tulsa 74105, 918-378-3694 (c)</p>	<p>Priest</p>
<p>PAUL, Linda (Art) Deacon, Christ Church, Tulsa 2993 E. 78th St., Tulsa 74136, 918-629-7259 (c)</p>	<p>Deacon</p>
<p>PETLEY, Dale Associate Rector, All Souls', 6400 N. Pennsylvania, Oklahoma City 73116, 405-842-1461 (o) 1813 Westminster Pl, Oklahoma City 73120, 405-840-1564 (h)</p>	<p>Priest</p>
<p>POWELL, William 124 E. Randolph Ct., Stillwater 74075, 405-372-5141 (h)</p>	<p>Retired Priest</p>
<p>POWERS, John C. "Jack" Supply Priest, St. Bede's, Route 2, Box 4A, Cleveland 74020 2431 Terwilleger, Tulsa 74114, 918-743-2686 (h)</p>	<p>Retired Priest</p>
<p>RAHHAL, Mickey (Bill) St. Philip's, Ardmore 721 Franklin Rd., Ardmore 73401, 580-223-2064 (h)</p>	<p>Retired Deacon</p>
<p>RAY, Mauldin A. (Janet) 1763 E. 56th St., Tulsa 74105, 918-747-1763 (h)</p>	<p>Retired Priest</p>
<p>RITTER, Cindy (Gordon) Deacon, St. Patrick's Broken Arrow 1604 S. Fir Ave., Broken Arrow 74012, 918-258-0019 (h)</p>	<p>Deacon</p>
<p>ROBERTSON, Marilyn Deacon, St. Paul's Cathedral, Oklahoma City 9729 Village Drive, Oklahoma City 73120, 405-755-2582 (h)</p>	<p>Deacon</p>
<p>RULE, John (Paula) Interim Rector, Holy Cross, Owasso 1122 E. 20th, Tulsa 74120, 918-585-1155 (h)</p>	<p>Priest</p>

RYAN, John 3300 N.W. 61 st St., Oklahoma City 73112, 405-840-9356 (h)	Retired Priest
SAUNKEAH, Bobby (Peggy) Deacon, St. Luke's, Ada 539 W. Parkway, Ada 74820, 580-399-5890 (c)	Deacon
SCHNABL, Emily (The Rev. David Stock) Rector, St. Christopher's, Midwest City; PO Box 10722, Midwest City 73140, 405-732-4802(o); 5416 N. Dewey, Oklahoma City 73118; 405-879-4204 (h)	Priest
SCOTT, Shelby (Becky) Rector, St. Patrick's, 4250 W. Houston, Broken Arrow 74012, 918-294-9444 (o) 9119 S. 89 East Avenue, Tulsa 74133, 918-294-9444 (h)	Priest
SCRUTCHINS, Arthur Paul (Ramona) Chaplain, Holland Hall School, 5666 East 81 st Street, Tulsa 74137, 918-481-1111 (o) P.O. Box 3141 Shawnee 74802, Shawnee 74801, 405-273-2006 (h)	Priest
SERVAIS, Neal (Svetlana) Priest, St. Peter's, P.O. Box 165, Coalgate 74538, 580-927-3760 (o) RR #4, Box 510, Coalgate 74538, 405-627-6299 (h)	Priest
SHACKELFORD, Clark (Shelby) 404 Washington Avenue, Sand Springs 74063-7921, 405-863-6459 (h)	Retired Priest
SHIRLEY, Sylvia Vicar, Christ Memorial, 500 S. Barker, El Reno 73036, 405-262-1710 (o) 2601 Claridge Court, Oklahoma City, 73118, 405-848-8280 (h)	Priest
SINCLAIR, Greg (Mary Margaret) 402 W. Maple Street, Ft. Gibson, OK 74434, 918-478-6315 (h)	Retired Deacon
SLOVAK, Anita (Johnny) Rector, All Saints', 809 West Cedar St., Duncan 73533, 580-255-6165 (o) 2913 Springdale Ln, Duncan 73533, 580-606-6607 (h)	Priest
SNYDER, Paul (Mary) Deacon, St. Christopher's, Midwest City 19622 SE 15 th , Harrah 73045, 405-391-2833 (h)	Deacon
SPURGIN, Joyce Deacon, St. Philip's Ardmore 818 Creekside West, Ardmore 73401, 580-465-2127 (cell)	Deacon
STARR, Therese (Morris) Deacon, Trinity, Eufaula 35 N. Spinnaker Run, Stigler 74462, 918-452-2094 (h)	Deacon

STEPHENS, Dr. T. Lee (Lynda) Rector, St. Luke's, 210 S.E. Ninth St., Bartlesville 74003-4961, 918-336-1212 (o) 1560 Pecan Place, Bartlesville 74003, 918-336-1778 (h)	Priest
STEPHENSON, Michael Canon Missioner, 924 N. Robinson, Oklahoma City 73102, 405-232-4820 3621 24 th Avenue SE, Apt 3, Norman 73071, 312-213-0577 (c)	Priest
STOCK, David (The Rev. Emily Schnabl) Rector, St. John's, 5201 N Brookline, Oklahoma City 73112, 405-943-8548 (o); 5416 N. Dewey, Oklahoma City 73118, 405-879-4204 (h)	Priest
STORY, Dr. Mark (Susan) Rector, St. Mary's, 325 East First St., Edmond 73034, 405-341-3855 (o) 1701 Mission Road, Edmond 73034, 405-285-6866 (h)	Priest
SWINNEA, Stephanie (Sam) Rector, All Saints', PO Box 534, McAlester 74502, 918-423-1915 (o) 510 S. 15 th St., McAlester 74501, 918-766-4441 (c)	Priest
TEMPLETON, Gary L. (Ellen) Deacon, All Saint's, Duncan 903 Primrose, Duncan 73533, 580-255-5154 (o); 580-255-7521 (h)	Deacon
TRACHMAN, Michael (Linda) 2213 Galaxy Dr., Altus, OK 73521, 580-649-9275 (c)	Retired Deacon
TRAMMELL, Robby (Linda) Deacon, St. Augustine's, Oklahoma City 724 Redvine Road, Edmond 73034, 405-509-2139 (h)	Deacon
UNDERWOOD, Deborah (Michael) Deacon, Trinity, Tulsa 9303 N. 95 th E. Pl, Owasso, OK 74055, 918-272-2859 (h)	Deacon
UPCHURCH, Stanley R. (Carol) 617 Leaning Elm, Norman 73071, 405-329-0431 (h)	Retired Deacon
WADDLE, Helen Deacon, Grace Church, Yukon 3249 N.W. 42 nd St., Oklahoma City 73112, 405-946-0239 (h)	Deacon
WAKELY, Nancy (Tom) Deacon, St. Michael's, Norman 1805 72 nd Ave NW, Norman 73072, 405-360-9676 (h)	Deacon
WALKER, Mary Lu (Tom) 620 E. Logan Ave., Guthrie 73044, 405-282-5514 (h)	Retired Priest

WALTERS, Gloria Priest: St. Luke's, Idabel; St. Mark's, Hugo; St. James', Antlers 703 N. Third Avenue, Durant 74701, 580-924-7972 (h), 214-577-5452 (c)	Priest
WATKINS, Lauri Deacon, St. Luke's, Bartlesville 1118 S. Dewey Avenue, Bartlesville 74003, 918-336-1430 (h)	Deacon
WICKIZER, Bob (Joan) Rector, Grace, 218 North 6 th St., Muskogee 74401, 918-687-5416 (o) 8510 W. Fern Mountain Road, Muskogee, 74401, 918-913-2605 (c)	Priest
WILCOX, Jack (Gail) 101 Great Oaks Dr., Norman, 73071, 405-701-3406 (h)	Retired Priest
WILLIAMS, Gary Wayne (Debbie) 3924 Coventry Lane, Norman 73072, 405-214-7733 (h)	Retired Deacon
WOLTZ, Charles M. (Kathryn) 2909 Tropicana, Norman 73071, 405-573-7415 (h)	Retired Deacon
WOODS, Joshua Blake (Laura) Chaplain, OU Canterbury 1922 Vanessa Dr, Norman 73071, 405-615-1523 (c)	Priest
WOODWARD, Lynn 4604 E. 54 th St. Apt. 203, Tulsa, OK 74435	Retired Deacon
WOOLIVER, Tammy Supply Chaplain, VA, Oklahoma City 4708 Grand Avenue, Noble 73068, 405-708-3229 (c)	Priest
WRIGHT, Jo Anne 821 N. Foreman, #222, Vinita 74301, 918-256-1975 (h)	Retired Priest
YOUMANS, Tim Sean (Karen) Chaplain, St. Edward Chapel, Casady School, P.O. Box 21594, Oklahoma City 73156 Assisting, St. Paul's Cathedral, OKC 3221 Winter Drive, Oklahoma City 73112, 405-788-9565 (c)	Priest
YOUNG, James (Virginia) Deacon, St. Philip's, Ardmore 2207 Ridgeway, Ardmore 73401, 580-226-2870 (h)	Deacon

CLERGY CANONICALLY BUT NOT ACTUALLY RESIDENT

ANDERSON, Otto 5901 Canterbury #1, Culver City, CA 90230	Retired Priest
BLANCO-MONTERROSO, Leonel 1ra Calle Casa #34, Residenciales Santa Ana 11-50, Zona 8 Mixco, Guatamala	Retired Priest
CLARK, Carole (Bill) Box 4990, Arizona City, AZ 85123 918-470-9544 (c)	Retired Deacon
CLEM, Stewart (Molly) 902 Cottage Grove Ave., South Bend, IN 46616, 405-255-1003	Priest
DAHARSH, Floyd (Edwina) 112 West 9 th St., Hugoton, KS 67951, 620-544-2428 (h)	Retired Priest
DILLON, Karla (John) 3101 Old Pecos Trail #900 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505 580-470-5736 (c)	Deacon
EPPLE, Jogues Fred 1830 University Ave. W. Apt 201, Saint Paul, MN 55104-3580	Retired Priest
FOX, David (Lynn) 2455 Sulphur Creek Street, Cody, WY 82414	Retired Priest
GLENN, Michael Eugene 3145 ACR 448, Palestine, TX 75803	Priest
GRANGER, Charles Irving 924 Christie Ct., Lawrence, KS 66049-4147	Retired Priest
JONES, S. Ross (Gwin) 385 Racquet Club Rd, Asheville, NC 28803	Retired Priest
JORIS, Stanny APTDO: 0819-05097, El Dorado, Panama, Rep. de Panama	Retired Priest
KENNEY, Christine (Joe) 4700 W. Guadalupe, Unit 310, Austin, TX 78751	Retired Priest
KINNEY, Robert Sturgis 5231 Wedgfield Road, Granbury, TX 76049-4166	Retired Priest
LABARRE, Barbara L. Root 1952 E. Wintergreen Drive, Green Valley, AZ 85614 520-867-8307 (h)	Retired Deacon
LIERLE, Deane Kae 5037 E. Via Montoya Dr, Phoenix, AZ 85054-7134	Retired Priest

MADDON, Ernie (Paula) 1411 The Lakes Ct., Keller, TX 76248, 580-504-4247 (c)	Retired Priest
MCKENNA, Cynthia PO Box 187, Boerne, Texas 78006, 210-557-1715	Retired Priest
METIVIER, Cathy 1100 Bending Oak Drive #2124, Fort Worth, TX 76108, 405-921-7899 (c)	Priest
MULLIN, Mark Hill 2091 Brownstone Lane, Charlottesville, VA 22901-6210	Retired Priest
MURRAY, Kathleen 17 Sun Valley Lane, Glenville, WV 26351, 304-224-5994	Priest
NORRIS, John (Linda) 2849 Shore Shadow Lane, Frisco, Texas 75034, 918-852-1014 (h)	Retired Priest
ROCKABRAND, Walter Ralph 7928 Roundrock Road, Dallas, TX 75248-5342	Retired Priest
ROSENBAUM, Richard Lemoine 9804 Cisler Lane, Manassas, VA 20111-2547	Retired Priest
SMITH, Twila 44 N. 15 th Street, #2B, Allentown, PA 18102	Priest
SPANGLER, Robert 7 Strathmore Dr., Arden, NC 28704	Retired Priest
SUTHERLAND, Alan P.O. Box 1501, Versailles, KY 40383	Retired Priest
THOMSON, James Vestal 41a South Street, St. Andrews Fife, Sc KY169QR (Scotland)	Retired Priest
TLUCEK, Laddie (Andrea) 5866 S Graphite Way, Meridian, ID 83642-9067	Retired Priest
URMSON-TAYLOR, Ralph No known address (Italy and England)	Retired Priest
WILSON, Howard L. (Ruth) 2621 Sheridan St. Unit 118, Laramie, WY 82070, 307-460-3754 (h)	Retired Priest

CLERGY – ACTIVE RESIDENT BUT NOT CANONICALLY RESIDENT

JOHNSON, Douglas (Suzanne) Interim Rector, St. Matthew's Enid 3 Pecan Pl, Ponca City 74604, 580-762-1138 (h)	Priest
LEE, Scott (Ashley) Assistant Priest, St. Mary's Edmond 2905 Brookhaven Dr, Edmond 73034, 806-681-1419 (h)	Priest
KHOO, Oon-Chor (Pearl) Supply Priest, Tulsa Area 6870 E. 56 th St., Tulsa 74145	Retired Priest
KING, Tommy (Judy Gibson) Interim Rector, St. Michael's Norman 2725 S.E. 39 th Street, Moore, OK 73160, 405-703-0574 (h)	Priest
MENJIVAR, Natividad (Ana) Vicar, Santa Maria Virgen, 5500 S. Western Ave., 73109 405-631-6747 (o) 7212 N.W. 21 st , Bethany 73008	Priest
OLIVER, Aaron Captain, Chaplain, Ft. Sill 3501 E. Gore Blvd., Apt. 1023, Lawton, OK 73501, 702-823-8077 (c)	Priest
STEWART, Mac Curate, All Souls' OKC 11901 Maple Hollow Court, Oklahoma City, OK 73120, 919-749-5101 (c)	Deacon

LUTHERAN CLERGY ACTIVE IN THE DIOCESE OF OKLAHOMA

BROCK, Nancy (Marty Hartmann) Prison Missioner, 924 North Robinson, Oklahoma City 73102, 405-830-3181; 4100 Kings Court, Edmond 73121, 405-359-9914	Pastor
PRATT, Jenny (Horace) Supply Pastor 1704 W. Montpelier, Broken Arrow 74012, 918-806-6232 (h)	Pastor
ROBINSON, Janai E. Supply Pastor 1918 E. 74 th Place, Tulsa, OK 74136, 918-335-0560 (o), 918-440-7642 (c)	Pastor

OFFICIAL LIST OF CLERGY
LIST OF CLERGY CANONICALLY AND ACTUALLY
RESIDENT IN THE DIOCESE OF OKLAHOMA
(R=Received) (O=Ordained) (Res=Restored)

BISHOPS

The Right Reverend Dr. Edward J. Konieczny, Diocesan
September 15, 2007

The Right Reverend Steven Charleston
Visiting Professor of Native American Ministries
St. Paul School of Theology at Oklahoma City University
Bishop, Resigned
October 19, 2010 (R)

The Right Reverend Robert Manning Moody
June 21, 1966
Diocesan Bishop, Resigned

PRIESTS

DATE ORDAINED OR RECEIVED IN THIS DIOCESE

December 15, 1953	(O)	Howard Lee Wilson
April 25, 1955	(O)	Otto Harold Anderson
October 25, 1957	(O)	John Ryan
September 27, 1958	(O)	William Vincent Powell
November 30, 1959	(O)	Hillyer Barnett Jackson, Jr
May 1, 1962	(O)	Charles Homer Brown
December 1, 1962	(O)	Robert Sturgis Kinney
December 20, 1962	(O)	John Carter Powers
December 21, 1962	(O)	James Hunkins
December 21, 1964	(O)	H. Daniel Edwards
May 1, 1966	(O)	Sidney Ross Jones
December 1, 1966	(O)	Paul Michael Gilmore
March 4, 1967	(O)	David Coblentz Fox
May 1, 1967	(O)	John Henry Marlin
December 23, 1967	(O)	George Henry Back
October 17, 1968	(O)	Paul Copeland Ostrander
December 21, 1968	(O)	Robert Joseph Spangler
January 1, 1969	(O)	Haynes Webster Dugan II
March 1, 1969	(O)	Mark Hill Mullin
May 1, 1969	(O)	Edwin Lee Miller, Jr

December 1, 1969	(O)	David Allen Egbert
December 1, 1970	(O)	Walter Ralph Rockabrand
December 1, 1970	(O)	Richard Elliott Brewer
December 20, 1970	(O)	Robert Hayden Fellows
December 19, 1971	(O)	Noel James Doherty
December 28, 1971	(O)	Laddie Raymond Tlucek
March 1, 1972	(O)	Arlen Lowery Fowler
May 19, 1972	(O)	Charles Irving Granger
March 1, 1973	(O)	Clyde Calvin Glandon
July 1, 1973	(O)	Joe Ted Miller
November 1, 1974	(O)	Mauldin Ray
November 1, 1975	(O)	Leonel Blanco-monterroso
December 18, 1977	(O)	John Roy Norris
January 1, 1978	(O)	Hal Greenwood
April 1, 1979	(O)	Thomas Leo Haifley
May 29, 1979	(O)	Robert J. Gates, Jr.
June 1, 1979	(O)	John Edward Borrego
June 1, 1980	(O)	James Raymond Blagg
May 24, 1981	(O)	Patrick Edmund Bright
February 19, 1983	(O)	Stephen Lee McKee
June 1, 1983	(O)	Dale Alfred Petley
December 11, 1983	(O)	Mark Story
May 19, 1984	(O)	William David Holly
December 19, 1987	(O)	Richard Ralph Burris
December 21, 1987	(O)	Joanne Steinheimer Wright
April 22, 1988	(O)	Dwight Neil Helt
June 4, 1988	(O)	Deane Kae Lierle
November 9, 1988	(O)	Michael Thomas McEwen
March 17, 1989	(O)	John David Norvell
December 10, 1989	(R)	James Bonham Cook
December 16, 1989	(O)	Mary Esther Hileman
December 23, 1990	(O)	Shelby Hudson Scott
July 1, 1991	(R)	Morgan Ibe
November 30, 1991	(O)	Floyd Arthur Daharsh
January 25, 1992	(O)	Susan Colley Joplin
June 13, 1992	(O)	Kathleen Fontaine Murray
September 23, 1992	(O)	Jack Franklyn Wilcox
December 12, 1992	(O)	Lynn G. Borrego
February 2, 1993	(O)	T. Lee Stephens
March 6, 1993	(O)	Mary Alice Davis
June 18, 1994	(O)	Margot Lord Nesbitt
December 17, 1994	(O)	Ernest Clinton Maddon
December 23, 1994	(O)	Lynn Clark Shackelford
November 25, 1996	(O)	Mary Lu Walker
December 21, 1996	(O)	William B. Carlin, II
December 19, 1999	(O)	Carol McDonald Hampton
May 1, 2001	(O)	Kathleen Andrea Jones
March 2, 1997	(O)	Cynthia Ann McKenna

May 1, 2001	(O)	Kathleen Andrea Jones
June 23, 2001	(O)	Richard Lemoine Rosenbaum
July 20, 2002	(O)	Philip Archer Lawrence
February 8, 2003	(O)	Christine Swarts Kenney
June 30, 2005	(R)	Emily J. Schnabl
June 30, 2005	(R)	David Robert Stock
August 1, 2005	(R)	Jack Franklyn Wilcox Jr
December 21, 2005	(O)	Jeffrey Clayton Huston
December 21, 2005	(O)	Catherine A. Metivier
December 31, 2005	(R)	Michael Jasper
January 7, 2006	(O)	John Henry Rule II
January 7, 2006	(O)	Stephanie Swinnea
July 30, 2006	(R)	Susan Connell
October 15, 2006	(R)	Irving Taylor Cutter IV
January 24, 2007	(R)	Kristina Ann Maulden
July 14, 2007	(O)	Charles Blizzard
July 21, 2007	(O)	Susanne B. Methven
January 19, 2008	(O)	Susan Shea Lindley
January 26, 2008	(O)	Michael Stephenson
May 7, 2008	(R)	José A. McLoughlin
July 24, 2009	(O)	Everett C. Lees
April 8, 2010	(R)	Charles Robert Wickizer
June 15, 2010	(R)	Debora Jennings
July 24, 2010	(O)	Joseph Wade Farber
August 5, 2010	(R)	Georges Jallouf
August 17, 2010	(R)	Stephen R. Billsbury
January 15, 2011	(R)	Joseph Caldwell Alsay
January 24, 2011	(R)	Alan Sutherland
February 7, 2011	(R)	William V. Martin
May 14, 2011	(O)	Edmund Ludwig James
June 28, 2011	(O)	Sylvia Kirkland Shirley
July 23, 2011	(O)	Timothy Christopher Baer
July 23, 2011	(O)	Kirsten Herndon Baer
July 30, 2011	(O)	Joshua Blake Woods
September 14, 2011	(R)	Anita Slovak
October 19, 2011	(R)	Tammy Wooliver
February 1, 2012	(R)	Heber Papini
April 10, 2012	(R)	William Carroll, III
April 23, 2012	(R)	Shelley A. Forrester
September 4, 2012	(R)	Tracey Carroll
September 22, 2012	(O)	Tim Sean Youmans
January 2, 2013	(R)	Justin Alan Lindstrom
July 6, 2013	(O)	Laura Eileen Beck
July 6, 2013	(O)	Justin Price Fletcher
July 6, 2013	(O)	Kenneth Ray Orsburn
August 13, 2013	(R)	James B. Cook
September 3, 2013	(R)	MaryAnn Hill
October 16, 2013	(R)	Dee Wellington Bright, Sr.

January 12, 2014	(O)	Neal Servais
May 19, 2014	(O)	Arthur Paul Scrutchins
June 20, 2014	(O)	Nathan Daniel Carr
June 20, 2014	(O)	Gloria Walters
August 2, 2014	(O)	Twila Smith
October 1, 2014	(R)	Morgan Ibe

DEACONS

DATE ORDAINED OR RECEIVED IN THIS DIOCESE

June 17, 1966	(O)	Gary Wayne Williams
July 14, 1968	(O)	James Hamilton Easter
June 26, 1977	(O)	Lois Harvey Gatchell
June 20, 1984	(O)	Gayle Bridges
June 28, 1984	(O)	Barbara L. Root Labarre
August 31, 1985	(O)	Charles Morris Woltz
June 27, 1987	(O)	Robert Lee Bibens
August 24, 1987	(O)	Gary Lynn Templeton
June 19, 1988	(O)	James Paul Holley
November 6, 1988	(O)	Greg Sinclair
July 1, 1989	(O)	Kay Greenshields
July 1, 1989	(O)	Norman Wesley Kiker
July 1, 1989	(O)	Norman Wesley Kiker
June 13, 1990	(O)	Charles Eldwyn Bradley
June 30, 1990	(O)	Stanley Ray Upchurch
June 29, 1991	(O)	Lynn Woodward
June 27, 1992	(O)	Dana Orwig
February 2, 1993	(O)	Michael Eugene Glenn
June 26, 1993	(O)	William Arthur Hesse
June 24, 1995	(O)	Judith Gann
June 24, 1995	(O)	Thomas Anthony Harrington
June 22, 1996	(O)	Kay Boman-Harvey
June 22, 1996	(O)	Steven Michael Mallory
June 21, 1997	(O)	Anthony Moon
May 30, 1998	(O)	Carole Sue Clark
June 19, 1999	(O)	Beth Ann Bell
June 19, 1999	(O)	Helen Waddle
June 24, 2000	(O)	Michele Duff Rahhal
June 16, 2001	(O)	Nancy Kilbourn Bridges
June 16, 2001	(O)	James Oliver Young
June 22, 2002	(O)	Gerald Alfred Butcher
June 21, 2003	(O)	Alan Lester Barrow
June 21, 2003	(O)	Karen Sue Hansen
June 19, 2004	(O)	Patricia Payne Kardaleff
June 19, 2004	(O)	Stephen Charles Lewis
June 19, 2004	(O)	Carol Suzanne Mollison

June 19, 2004	(O)	Michael David Trachman
June 18, 2005	(O)	John Belzer
June 18, 2005	(O)	Cynthia Anne Ritter
June 24, 2006	(O)	Douglas Freebern
June 16, 2007	(O)	Karla Lewis Dillon
June 16, 2007	(O)	Katherine Dutcher
June 16, 2007	(O)	Melissa Anderson Harris
June 16, 2007	(O)	Linda Joy Paul
June 16, 2007	(O)	Robert William Trammell
June 16, 2007	(O)	Nancy Kay Wakely
June 21, 2008	(O)	Marilyn Sue Robertson
June 21, 2008	(O)	Deborah Ann Underwood
June 20, 2009	(O)	Doyal Davis
June 12, 2010	(O)	Bobby Reed Saunkeah
June 19, 2010	(O)	Paul Leech Snyder
June 18, 2011	(O)	Therese Ann Starr
May 12, 2012	(O)	Lisa Marie Chronister
June 15, 2013	(O)	Cyntha Ann Gilks
June 15, 2013	(O)	Laurie Watkins
May 1, 2014	(Res)	Nancy Nabb Brown
June 20, 2014	(O)	Elizabeth Hill Davis
June 20, 2014	(O)	Pat Gonzales
June 20, 2014	(O)	Joyce Spurgin

Convention 2014 - Minutes of the 77th Annual Meeting of the Diocese of Oklahoma

The Seventy-seventh Annual Meeting of the Convention of the Diocese of Oklahoma was held November 7th and 8th, 2014 and hosted by Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Oklahoma City. Business meetings were held at the Sheridan Reed Center, Midwest City, Oklahoma.

The business meeting was called to order by the Right Reverend Dr. Edward Konieczny, Diocesan Bishop, at 9:05 a.m., Friday November 7th, 2014. A service of Morning Prayer was held, led by Mr. Darren Herndon with organist Ms. Elaine Chard. Readers included Ms. Marcie Taber, Ms. Jan Tipton, and Mr. John Tipword; all of Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Oklahoma City. The service concluded with the installation of Delegates for the Convention.

The meditation was provided by the Bishop of Diocese of Oklahoma, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Edward Konieczny.

Ms. Melanie Wignall, Secretary of Convention, certified the presence of a quorum and the credentials of lay and clergy delegates. Bishop Konieczny offered a prayer of commissioning of delegates, lay and clergy.

The Rev. Joseph Alsay, Vicar, Saint Augustine of Canterbury, welcomed the delegation to the 77th Convention of the Diocese of Oklahoma. He presented Bishop Konieczny with a red apron as a symbol of servant leadership.

Ms. Wignall, Secretary of Convention moved that the following clergy, not canonically resident in the Diocese of Oklahoma, but who are licensed and/or serving on the staff of a congregation or the Diocese, be given seat and voice (not vote) at this Convention:

The Rev. Ally Perry, Interim, All Saints, Miami
The Rev. Doug Johnson, Interim, Saint Matthew's, Enid
The Rev. Capt. Aaron Oliver, Ft. Sill, Lawton, Oklahoma
The Rev. Natividad Menjivar, Vicar, Santa Maria Virgen, Oklahoma city
The Rev. Mac Stewart, Curate, All Souls', Oklahoma City

Hearing no objection, seat and voice were extended by Bishop Konieczny.

Mr. Robert Yadon, Chair of the Nominating Committee, nominated Ms. Melanie Wignall for Secretary of Convention. Bishop Konieczny asked for nominations from the floor. Hearing none, Bishop Konieczny moved Ms. Melanie Wignall be elected by voice acclamation. The motion carried.

Mr. Henry Baer, Treasurer of the Diocese, reported on parishes and mission: those congregations whose parochial reports have not been filed, congregations whose audits have not been received and congregations in arrears on Diocesan assessments.

The following congregations had not filed a parochial report for 2013:

Saint Barnabas, Poteau

The following congregations had not filed an audit report for 2013:

Saint Philip's, Ardmore
Saint Peter's, Coalgate
Saint Andrew's, Grove

Saint Stephen's, Guymon
Saint Michael's and All Angels, Lindsay
Saint James', Oklahoma City
Saint Paul's Cathedral, Oklahoma City
Redeemer, Okmulgee
Saint Timothy's, Paul's Valley
Ascension, Pawnee
Saint Barnabas, Poteau
Saint Martin of Tours, Pryor
Saint James', Wagoner

The following congregations had not paid their Mutual Ministry assessments through September 30, 2014:

Grace, Muskogee
Saint Christopher's, Midwest City
Saint Barnabas, Poteau
Ascension, Pawnee
Saint Michael and All Angels, Lindsey
Saint Paul's, Holdenville
Redeemer, Okmulgee
Saint Peter's, Coalgate
Resurrection, Oklahoma City
Good Shepherd, Sapulpa
Saint Martin, Pryor

Bishop Konieczny reminded the assembled delegation Convention must waive the prohibition for Lay Delegates of these congregations in order for them to have seat, voice and vote at this convention. The referenced Canons include:

Canon 6.2.4 which states: A Parish or Mission failing to timely submit its audit report and financial statements is not entitled to Lay representation in Convention, unless the Convention specifically waives this prohibition.

Canon 6.6.2 states: A Parish or Mission that has not paid its assessments through September of the current year is not entitled to Lay representation in Convention until all accrued assessments are paid, unless the Convention specifically waives this prohibition.

Canon 6.8.2 states: The Parish or Mission submits its Annual Parochial Report to the Bishop of the Diocese, or, where there is no Bishop, to the Secretary of the Diocese by March 1. A Parish or Mission failing to timely submit its Annual Parochial report is not entitled to Lay representation in Convention, unless the Convention specifically waives this prohibition.

Bishop Konieczny asked if a motion existed on the floor. The Rev. Steve McKee, Trinity, Tulsa moved to waive the prohibition and to give seat, voice and vote to Lay Delegates for the above mentioned congregations. The motion was seconded and carried by voice acclamation.

Ms. Melanie Wignall, Secretary of Convention, moved the Rules of Convention, as published in the Advance Report, be the rules by which the business of Convention will be conducted.

Bishop Konieczny asked for questions or clarifications needed. Hearing none, he ordered the Rules of Convention as published in the Advance Report, be the rules by which the business of 77th Convention will be conducted.

Ms. Melanie Wignall, Secretary of Convention, moved the Schedule of Convention, as published in the Delegates Packets, be the Agenda for the conduct of business of this convention.

Bishop Konieczny asked for changes or additions to the agenda. Hearing none, he ordered the Schedule as published in the Delegates Packet be the agenda for the conduct of business of the 77th Convention.

Bishop Konieczny announced appointments to fill the Committees of Convention:

Assistant Secretary of Convention

Kate Huston

Dispatch of Business

Mr. Jack Wise

Constitutions and Canons

Mr. Gary Derrick

Nominations

Mr. Robert Yadon

Resolutions

Mrs. Kris Bonner

Liturgical Committee

The Rev. Steve McKee, Chair of the Liturgical Committee for the 2015 Diocesan Convention

Committee to Approve Minutes

The Rev. Joseph Alsay and Ms. Crystal Plummer, Committee to Approve the minutes of the 77th Diocesan Convention

Committee on Conduct of Elections

Head Teller, Angela Davis and committee members: Renee Bauer, Bruce Plummer, Paige Dillard, Pete Mather, Margaret Kahn, Marsha Tygret, Bill Holleman, Tyler Davis, Jack Coffey, Jennifer Robbins are appointed as Tellers to the Committee on Conduct of Elections under the supervision of the Dispatch of Business Mr. Jack Wise.

78th Diocesan Convention Local Planning Committee Chair

Hannah Middlebrook and Barbara Woltz have been appointed as the Local Planning Committee Co-Chairs – Trinity Church, Tulsa

Bishop Konieczny asked for any other appointments. Hearing none, he declared the 77th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Oklahoma to be organized for business.

Ms. Melanie Wignall, Secretary of Convention, reported that the minutes from the 76th Convention of the Diocese of the Oklahoma have been prepared and incorporated into the Diocesan Journal and that the Committee to Approve the Minutes has certified that they are a true and accurate account of the events and business of the 76th Diocesan Convention. He moved the acceptance of the minutes as certified and published.

Bishop Konieczny, hearing no objections, ordered the minutes be approved. Hearing none, it was so ordered.

Mr. Jack Wise, Dispatch of Business, moved the Adoption of the Advance Reports, which had been provided prior to Convention, listing Program Divisions and all committees of the Diocese. A motion from committee does not require a second. The motion carried.

Bishop Konieczny reminded the body that only delegates and clergy are to be seated on the floor of convention. All visitors, alternates, guests, spouses may be seated in the Visitors Section located behind the convention floor.

Bishop Konieczny introduced the clergy new to the Diocese:

The Rev. Natividad Menjivar, Vicar – Santa Maria Virgen, Oklahoma City
The Rev. Mac Stewart, Curate – All Souls’, Oklahoma City

The delegation welcomed the new clergy with applause.

Bishop Konieczny introduced those clergy ordained since the 76th Convention:

Ordained to the Priesthood (and Transitional Diaconate):

The Rev. Neal Servais – Deacon / Priest – Saint Peter’s, Coalgate
The Rev. Arthur Scrutchins – Deacon / Priest – Holland Hall, Tulsa
The Rev. Nathan Daniel Carr – Deacon / Priest – All Souls’, Oklahoma City
The Rev. Gloria Louise Walters – Deacon / Priest – Antlers, Hugo, Idabel
The Rev. Twila Jean Smith – Deacon / Priest – Church Divinity School of the Pacific, Berkeley, California, now serving in the Diocese of Bethlehem

Ordained to the Transitional Diaconate:

The Rev. Elizabeth Davis - Deacon, Saint Mark’s, Seminole and Saint Paul’s, Holdenville

Ordained to the Vocational Diaconate:

The Rev. Pat Gonzales – Deacon, Whirlwind Mission, Watonga
The Rev. Joyce Spurgin – Deacon, Saint Philip’s, Ardmore

The new clergy was welcomed with applause.

Bishop Konieczny reported the clergy who have passed away since the last convention. Each was remembered with a moment of silence.

The Rev. Joseph Erle Osborne, III	January 4, 2014
The Rev. Andrew Jordan Haswell, Jr.	March 19, 2014
The Rev. Michael Bennett Jarvis	April 7, 2014
The Rt. Rev. Gerald Nicholas McAllister	June 10, 2014
The Rev. Carter Clay Towles	October 20, 2014

Bishop Konieczny welcomed current Postulants and Candidates for Holy Orders who were present at Convention:

IONA Year 1

Dion Crider, Deacon, IONA Year 1 Saint Mary’s, Edmond
Cuco Escalera, Priest, Santa Maria, Oklahoma City
Keith Fallis, Bi-vocational Priest, Christ Church, Tulsa
Robert Scott, Bi-vocational Priest, Trinity, Tulsa
Shawna Turner, Deacon, Emmanuel, Shawnee

James Tyree, Deacon, Saint John's, Norman
Rocio Lopez, Deacon, Santa Maria Virgen, Oklahoma City

IONA Year 3

Bryan Beard, Bi-vocational Priest, Saint Patrick's, Broken Arrow
Laura Blazek, Deacon, Saint Michael's, Norman
Glenda Ford-Lee, Bi-vocational Priest, Redeemer, Oklahoma City
Suzanne Mollison, Bi-vocational Priest, Saint Paul's, Altus
Larry Rogers, Bi-vocational Priest, Grace, Muskogee
Mike Watkins, Deacon, Saint Luke's, Bartlesville
Jim Welch, Deacon, Saint Patrick's, Broken Arrow

Anglican Studies: Iona, Texas

Lyn Stern, Bi-Vocational Priest, Saint Philip's, Ardmore

Seminarians: Priests

Justin Boyd, ETSS, Year 2
Thomas Dahlman, ETSS, Year 3
Sean Ekberg, ETSS, Year 3
Caleb Roberts, ETSS, Year 1
Andrew Scott, VTS, Year 1
David Thompson, Wycliffe, Year 2

Bishop Konieczny introduced the Diocesan staff and thanked the staff for their leadership.

The Rev. Canon José McLoughlin, Canon to the Ordinary
The Rev. Canon Michael Stevenson, Congregational Development Officer
Ms. Erin Morgan, Comptroller
Mr. Bill Cathcart, Chancellor
Ms. Sabrina Evans, Director of Christian Formation
The Rev. Nancy Brock, Missioner for Prison Ministries
Ms. Anne Kueteman, Disaster Recovery Coordinator
The Rev. Dr. Tony Moon, Congregational Consultant
Ms. Marcia Crawford, Executive Assistant to the Bishop
Ms. Diane Ellsworth, Administrative Assistant to the Canon of the Ordinary
Ms. Martha Smith, Assistant to the Comptroller and Payroll Administrator
Ms. Tonda Walker, Senior Accountant
Ms. Denise Phillips, Receptionist and Energy Royalties Administrator

Bishop Konieczny thanked especially, the Canon to the Ordinary and the Executive Assistant to the Bishop.

Mr. Robert Yadon, Acting Chair, Nominations Committee, reported on nominations.
The following nominations have been submitted in accordance with our Diocesan Canons:

Nominees for Standing Committee Clergy are: (electing 1 Clergy)

The Rev. Tim Baer – Grace, Yukon
The Rev. Bill Martin – Saint Martin of Tours, Pryor

Nominees for Standing Committee Lay are: (electing 1 Lay)

Ms. Nancy M. Steward – Saint John’s, OKC
Ms. Mary Susan Whaley – All Saints’, Miami

Bishop Konieczny reminded the Convention of Canon 2.12.5 which requires that nominees from the floor meet the requirements of Canon 2.12.3 as determined by the Nominations Committee. Bishop Konieczny called for any nominations from the floor in both orders. Hearing no nominations from the floor, Bishop Konieczny declared the nominations for Standing Committee closed.

Nominees for Disciplinary Board Clergy - Clergy are: (electing 2 Clergy)
The Rev. Paul Snyder – Saint Christopher’s, Midwest City

Nominees for Disciplinary Board Lay are: (electing 1 Lay)
There were no candidates.

Hearing no other nominations from the floor, nominations were closed.

Bishop Konieczny announced the following appointments, which require ratification by Convention and are for one year terms:

Mr. William Cathcart, Chancellor
Mr. Tom Williams and Mr. Gary Derrick, Vice Chancellors
Mr. Henry Baer, Treasurer
Ms. Marcia Crawford, Secretary of the Corporation and Registrar of the Diocese.

All appointments were confirmed by voice acclamation.

Bishop Konieczny announced the following appointments, which do not require ratification by Convention, and are for one year terms:

Chair, Finance Committee:

Mr. Henry Baer, Saint John’s, Oklahoma City
(Requires approval of Diocesan Council)

Finance Committee

Ms. Sharon Bell – Saint John’s, Tulsa; Mr. Richard Clements – All Souls’; Glenn Bonner – Saint Luke’s, Bartlesville; The Rev. James Cook, Saint Andrew’s, Stillwater.

Chair, Commission on Ministry

The Rev. Hal Greenwood, Saint James’, OKC

COM Members:

The Rev. John Belzer - Emmanuel, Shawnee
The Rev. Irv Cutter – Saint John’s, Tulsa
The Rev. Kristi Maulden – Trinity, Tulsa
The Rev. Tony Moon – Saint Augustine, Oklahoma City
Dr. Steve Orwig – Saint John’s, Oklahoma City
The Rev. Emily Schnabl – Saint Christopher’s, Midwest City
The Rev. Clark Shackelford - Retired
Mr. Field Griffen - Saint Patrick’s, Broken Arrow

Board of Examining Chaplains:

The Rev. Hal Greenwood - Saint James’, Oklahoma City
The Rev. Clark Shackelford - Retired

The Rev. Emily Schnabl - Saint Christopher's, Midwest City
The Rev. John Belzer - Emmanuel, Shawnee
Dr. Steve Orwig - Saint John's, Oklahoma City
The Rev. Dr. Bill Carroll - Emmanuel, Shawnee

Chair - Commission on Episcopal Schools – The Rev. Art Scrutchins
Dean – IONA School of formation – Dr. Steve Orwig

The following individuals were nominated or elected as Regional Representatives:

Regional Deans (nominated by the regions and appointed by the Bishop for three year terms)

SE Region: The Rev. Jim Blagg – Saint John's, Durant
NW Region: The Rev. Dee Bright – Grace, Ponca City
Tulsa Region: The Rev. Everett Lees – Christ Church, Tulsa

Regional Representatives (elected to Diocesan Council for three year terms)

NW Region: The Rev. Jim Cook - Saint Andrew's, Stillwater
Jackie Saylor, Grace - Ponca City
NE Region: The Rev. Steve Bilsbury - Saint Philip's, Ardmore
Peggy Saunkeah - Saint Luke's, Ada

Mr. Jack Wise, Dispatch of Business, gave the announcements. Breakout sessions were announced:

“Healthy, Vibrant, and Growing Churches”

The Reverend Everett Lees and The Rev. Dr. Tony Moon, Theater Room

“Advent is Coming”

Sabrina Evans, Cann Room

“Introduction to The General Convention”

Diocesan General Convention Deputation, Pung Room

“Treating Newcomers as Guests”

The Reverend Canon Mike Stephenson, Maynard Room

Bishop Konieczny recessed the Business Meeting at 10:25 a.m.

Bishop Konieczny reconvened the Business Meeting at 1:02 p.m.

Bishop Konieczny welcomed Nathan Sheldon, the new Headmaster of Casady School. Mr. Sheldon presented an update on the education, facilities and growth of Casady School in Oklahoma City.

Bishop Konieczny called upon Mr. Gary Derrick, Chair, Constitution and Canons Committee, to report on Constitution and Canons. Mr. Derrick reported that the Constitution and Canons Committee is proposing no amendments to the current Constitution and Canons. Mr. Derrick reported the committee has been continuing to work with a number of parishes in the re-writing by-laws at the parish level.

Bishop Konieczny called upon Ms. Kris Bonner, Chair, Resolutions Committee, for a report on Resolutions. Kris Bonner reported on the resolution submitted by the Deputies for General Convention from Oklahoma, “Commending the work of the task Force to Reimagine the Episcopal Church”. A vote on the resolution will occur on Saturday during the morning session.

Bishop Konieczny called for Resolutions from the floor, hearing none; the committee ended its report.

Bishop Konieczny called upon Mr. Henry Baer, Treasurer and Chair, Finance Committee, to present the budget for 2015.

Mr. Baer explained the financial objectives of the Budget Committee, which included reviewing and evaluating programs, reduction of administrative expenses, focus on mission including church growth.

Mr. Baer reported on the revenue for the Diocese including revenue from the Common Investment Fund, the Endowment, and Mutual Ministry Support. Mr. Baer reported the Finance Committee recommends maintaining the current Mutual Ministry Support payments at 17.5%. Mr. Baer reminded the delegation that the 2015 Budget assumes all congregations will be faithful to the Mutual Ministry Support, assuming stability in the financial markets and a reduction in the endowment spending rate of 4.5% compared to the current policy of 5%.

Mr. Baer reported on the outlays of the budget. Budget outlays are divided into three main sections: administration, development and outreach.

Mr. Baer asked for any questions from the Convention. Seeing none, Mr. Baer ended his report by stating approval of the budget would take place the following day.

Bishop Konieczny called upon the Chancellor of the Diocese, Mr. Bill Cathcart.

Chancellor Cathcart moved the following resolution:

“Rt. Rev. Sir, I offer the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that Bishop Konieczny be, and is hereby authorized to borrow from any bank approved by the Diocesan Council during 2014-2015 such amount of money as may be necessary for the administration of the program of the diocese, provided that such amount shall not at any time exceed fifty thousand dollars.”

A second was received from the Convention.

The motion was passed by a voice vote.

Bishop Konieczny called upon Mr. Robert Yadon, Chair, Nominations Committee, to provide a Supplementary Report on Nominations.

Mr. Yadon reported no additional nominations have been submitted.

Bishop Konieczny called upon Mr. Jack Wise, Dispatch of Business, to give voting instructions. Mr. Jack Wise called upon Head Teller, Angela Davis and the other tellers to distribute ballots to all lay and clergy delegates eligible to cast a vote.

Mr. Jack Wise reminded the Convention, provided for in Canon 2 of the Convention at 2.13, the highest number of votes cast determines all elections.

Bishop Konieczny invited the Native American Missioner for The Episcopal Church, Sarah Eagle Heart, to give a presentation and welcome related to her work with Oklahoma on Native American Ministry.

Mr. Jack Wise, Dispatch of Business, gave the announcements. Breakout sessions were announced:

“Healthy, Vibrant, and Growing Churches”

The Reverend Everett Lees and The Rev. Dr. Tony Moon, Theater Room

“Advent is Coming”

Sabrina Evans, Cann Room

“Introduction to The General Convention”

Diocesan General Convention Deputation, Pung Room

“Treating Newcomers as Guests”

The Reverend Canon Mike Stephenson, Maynard Room

At 1:51 p.m. Bishop Konieczny recessed until the Eucharist at 4:30 p.m.

For the remainder of the day, delegates attended breakout sessions, Convention Eucharist, and an evening of dinner with fellowship at the Sheridan Reed Center, Midwest City.

Bishop Konieczny reconvened the meeting at 9:01 a.m., Saturday, November 8th, 2014.

The Youth of the Diocese presented and led a lively service of Morning Prayer including a meditation by Bishop Konieczny.

Sabrina Evans, Diocesan Director of Christian Formation, introduced the youth participating in the second Episcopal Youth Leadership Class, a program for developing young leaders in the Episcopal Church in Oklahoma.

Members of the 2014-2015 Episcopal Youth Leadership Class:

Steve Bilsbury, Saint Philip’s, Ardmore

Zeke Brown, Saint John’s, Norman

Kyrie Holder, Grace, Muskogee

Emma Cain, Saint John’s, Tulsa

Lauren Cain, Saint John’s, Tulsa

Susanna LeMasters, Saint Paul’s Cathedral, Oklahoma City

Covell Lindstrom, Saint Paul’s Cathedral, Oklahoma City

Lauren Pack, All Souls, Oklahoma City

Rachel Webb, Saint Mary’s, Edmond

Brenna Madden, Saint Christopher’s, Midwest City

Adults who assisted the Episcopal Youth Leadership Class:

The Rev. Tim Sean Youmans, Casady School and Saint Paul’s Cathedral

Ms. Kathryn Gage, Saint Mary’s, Edmond

Mr. Jim Menzer, Saint John’s, Norman

Mr. Aaron Mooney, Saint John’s, Oklahoma City

Mr. Mike Roberts, Saint Crispin’s Camp and Conference Center

Ashley Haggard, Saint Patrick’s, Broken Arrow

Nancy Scott, Grace, Muskogee

Ben Whaley, All Saints, Miami

Bishop Konieczny called upon Lindsay Fry-Geier, Executive Director of the New Hope Program. Ms. Fry-Geier shared a moving video showcasing the work of the New Hope. She discussed the growing number of programs New Hope offers to children of incarcerated parents. Today New Hope serves over 400 children in the Tulsa area in the after school program and is expanding this year to the Oklahoma City metro area.

Bishop Konieczny called upon Sammy Jo Seeley, Interim Executive Director at Ardmore Village in Ardmore, Oklahoma. Ardmore Village currently serves 185 disabled and elderly individuals through residential program. They also have a community outreach program which serves the broader community of older adults and also a number of low-income seniors. Ms. Seeley reported Ardmore Village is currently going through a transition and search process for a new Executive Director.

Bishop Konieczny called upon Richard Hart, Assistant Head of School, Holland Hall School in Tulsa. Mr. Hart discussed a number of changes including facilities, faculty, the ordination of the Rev. Art Scrutchins to the Priesthood, and the accomplishments of the Holland Hall students. Mr. Hart introduced a video of the 50th Anniversary of the Annual Lessons and Carols Service.

Bishop Konieczny presented the petition from Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Oklahoma City, to be recognized by the 77th Convention of the Diocese of Oklahoma as achieving parish status. The Petition, the first of its kind in over 10 years, was passed by loud and joyous acclamation.

Bishop Konieczny invited Father Joseph Alsay to address the convention in thanksgiving.

Bishop Konieczny called for a 10 minute recess following the celebration of Saint Augustine's of Canterbury.

Bishop Konieczny introduced Carolyn Blair, Executive Director of the Saint Simeon's Foundation. She discussed changes at Saint Simeon's including the beginning of Medi-Care acceptance, renovations such as Bishop's Plaza, and special gifts to the community from private donors and the Episcopal Diocese of Oklahoma to further the work Saint Simeon's does in the community. Saint Simeon's currently serves over 180 senior citizens in the Tulsa community. Saint Simeon's offers 8 distinct levels of care from independent living to memory care to skilled nursing.

Bishop Konieczny invited Mr. Ken Willy, Head of School, to talk about Oak Hall Episcopal School in Ardmore, Oklahoma. Mr. Ken Willy discussed the role of the Baptismal Covenant, worship and diverse faith traditions at Oak Hall have continued to help Oak Hall grow and fulfill its mission as an Episcopal School.

Bishop Konieczny invited Saint Crispin's Executive Directors, Mr. Mike and Ms. Joanne Roberts, and Mr. Daniel Chapman, the new Program Director and Summer Camp Director (with the Rev. Tim Sean Youmans) for Saint Crispin's. Mr. Daniel Chapman reported on the acquisitions and donations to Saint Crispin's and the Summer Camp Program including a kiln and a bus. Mr. Mike Roberts reported on the Saint Crispin's Day Massacre, a new annual mountain bike race on the trails and the addition of two new water wells. They presented a video about the work of hospitality, nourishment and growth at Saint Crispin's over the last year.

Bishop Konieczny paused to recognize the anniversary of the Rev. Bill Ellington, who is celebrating his 50 year anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. Father Ellington is currently assisting at Trinity, Eufaula.

Bishop Konieczny reminded the delegation of the history of the Bishop's Cross. This year the Bishop's Cross was awarded to our long-time Diocesan Chancellor, Bill Cathcart. Mr. Cathcart received a standing ovation and enthusiastic applause.

Bishop Konieczny called upon Ms. Kris Bonner, Chair, Resolutions Committee to present Resolution 1.

Bishop Konieczny moved the adoption on Resolution 1. The Resolution was adopted by a voice vote. (For Text of Resolution 1, see Appendix A)

Bishop Konieczny called upon Mr. Henry Baer, Treasurer and Chair of the Finance Committee, and moved the adoption of the 2015 Budget as submitted.

Bishop Konieczny asked for questions.

The Rev. Dwight Helt rose to comment on the budget numbers associated for Saint Crispin's Summer Camp.

Bishop called the question on the Budget. The Budget was passed by a voice vote.

Mr. Henry Baer moved the adoption of the Mutual Ministry Support rate of 17.5% for the 2013-2014 year. The motion was adopted by a voice vote.

Bishop Konieczny called upon Ms. Melanie Wignall, Secretary of Convention, to report on election results.

For the election to Standing Committee, one clergy - The Rev. Tim Baer, Grace Church, Yukon
For the election to Standing Committee, one lay - Ms. Mary Susan Whaley, All Saints', Miami

Bishop Konieczny asked for all newly appointed and elected to positions or representation of the Diocese to please stand. The newly appointed/elected were commissioned to faithfully and reverently execute the duties of their ministry to the honor of God, and the benefit of the members of the diocese.

Bishop Konieczny called upon Ms. Kris Bonner, Chair, Resolutions Committee, and moved the adoption of the Courtesy Resolutions. (For Text of all Courtesy Resolutions, see Appendix B).

Courtesy Resolution 1: Submitted by the Resolutions Committee; in Appreciation of the Host Community, the staff of the Sheridan Reed Center, and the work of Diocesan Office and Staff in planning the 77th Convention of the Diocese of Oklahoma.

Motion was adopted by voice vote.

Courtesy Resolution 2: Submitted by the Resolutions Committee; in Appreciation for the Continuing Relationship of the Episcopal Diocese of Oklahoma and the Episcopal Diocese of Uruguay.

Motion was adopted by voice vote.

Courtesy Resolution 3: Submitted by the Resolutions Committee; in Appreciation for the Ministry and Leadership of Bishop Edward Konieczny and Debbie Konieczny.

Motion was adopted by voice vote.

Bishop Konieczny expressed his thanks to all those involved in helping to put on the 77th Convention. He also expressed thanks to all of the Diocesan staff for the work they do. He thanked all of the delegates and the Episcopal community for the support. Finally, he thanked Debbie for her tireless support.

Bishop Konieczny called upon the Rev. Kristi Mauldin who presented an invitation to the 78th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Oklahoma hosted by Trinity Church, Tulsa.

Bishop Konieczny called upon Mr. Jack Wise, Dispatch of Business, for final announcements.

Bishop Konieczny adjourned the 77th Convention of the Diocese of Oklahoma at 11:46 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kate Huston
Assistant Secretary of Convention

Appendix A
Resolution 1
77th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Oklahoma
November 7 - 8, 2014

77th CONVENTION OF THE DIOCESE OF OKLAHOMA November 7-8, 2014

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 1

SUBMITTED BY: Members of the Oklahoma Deputation to the 2015 General Convention:

SUBJECT: Commending the Work of the Task Force to Reimagine the Episcopal Church

The Rev. Kay Boman-Harvey, The Rev. Irving Cutter, Chair; The Very Rev. Justin Lindstrom, The Rev. Shelby Scott, The Rev. David Stock, Henry Baer, Bill Cathcart, Kate Huston, Jose “Cuco” Escalara Matthew Livingood,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 77th Annual Meeting of the Convention of the Diocese of Oklahoma, commends the work of the Task Force to Reimagine the Episcopal Church.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we urge the Bishops and Deputies to make a meaningful response, including appropriate amendments, to these recommendations that

1. Clarifies and focuses the work of the General Convention as an outwardly focused missionary convocation of all orders of ministry and fosters enhanced cooperation between the houses of that body for the sake of the mission we share through Holy Baptism, to "restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ." BCP 855.
2. Empowers the Presiding Bishop and the Executive Council to take bold and decisive action in support of the direction discerned by the Church, whether in General Convention, in our dioceses and congregations, and in formal and informal missional networks.
3. Reaffirms the vision of the Prayer Book that the authority and responsibility for our mission rests with those who carry it out, all the baptized in communion with our clergy and bishops.
4. Streamlines and eliminates redundant and wasteful structures, with measurable results for how the human and financial resources of the Church support and respond to the mission of its members.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Bishops of the Episcopal Church, to the chairs of diocesan deputations, and to the provincial synods, in anticipation of the 2015 General Convention.

Background Material

The 2012 General Convention has committed us to meaningful restructuring of the Episcopal Church in response to the missionary mandate of our Lord Jesus Christ;

We in the Diocese of Oklahoma are encouraged by this movement of the Holy Spirit and wish to see the fruit of renewed witness to Jesus in word and deed throughout and beyond the Episcopal Church.

We are called to be an apostolic Church, in communion with our bishops, in which all orders of ministry share in leading and carrying out the work of the Gospel.

The time to act is now and the call to action is the Great Commission of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Appendix B
Courtesy Resolutions
77th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Oklahoma
November 7 - 8, 2014

RESOLUTION NO: 1
SUBMITTED BY: The Resolutions Committee
SUBJECT: In Appreciation of Host Committee

WHEREAS, as representatives of the faithful in our diocese going forth from this place back to our respective churches leading the cause to LOVE GOD. LOVE OTHERS. SERVE THE WORLD;

AND WHEREAS, we recognize the amount of time and effort that went into planning and preparing for this diocesan convention;

BE IT RESOLVED, that this 77th Annual Meeting of the Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Oklahoma express its resounding thanks to the Convention Host Committee of St. Augustine of Canterbury. We particularly wish to acknowledge the diligence of the Planning Committee Chairs, Mr. Rick Inselman and Ms Crystal Plummer and the many volunteers of St. Augustine of Canterbury who have made this a truly memorable celebration. We also extend our thanks to the clergy and staff of St. Augustine of Canterbury, in particular, The Reverend Joseph Alsay, for their help and guidance during the planning process.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Convention express its praise and gratitude to the youth of the Diocese for making our Morning Prayer services very special.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Convention extend our heartfelt appreciation to the management of the The Reed Conference Center and Sheraton Hotel for their courteous hospitality during our stay with them.

FINALLY, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Convention gratefully acknowledge the continued leadership and guidance of Ms Melanie Wignall and The Reverend Canon Jose McLoughlin, Ms Marcia Crawford, and Ms Denise Phillips in the planning of this convention.

RESOLUTION NO.: 2
SUBMITTED BY: The Resolutions Committee
SUBJECT: The Episcopal Diocese of Uruguay

WHEREAS, The Diocese of Oklahoma and The Diocese of Uruguay have enjoyed a mutual companion relationship for three years based on prayer and support;

BE IT RESOLVED, that this 77th Meeting of the Episcopal Diocese of Oklahoma express our continued desire in maintaining this common concern for the growth of The Word through our various ministries and parishes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Diocese continue to hold up in prayer and support the bishop of Uruguay, The Right Reverend Michele Pollesel, and the people in his care.

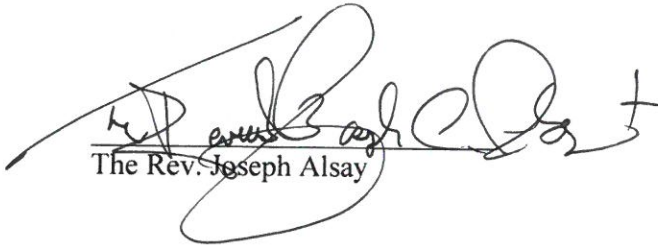
RESOLUTION NO: 3
SUBMITTED BY: The Resolutions Committee
SUBJECT: The Ministry of our Bishop

WHEREAS, we recognize the efforts made by our bishop and his wife to serve and further the Church in Oklahoma and be representatives of Christ's love here at home and away;

BE IT RESOLVED, that this 77th Meeting of the Episcopal Diocese of Oklahoma acknowledge and earnestly express our gratitude to our Bishop, The Right Reverend Dr. Edward Konieczny and his wife, Debbie, for their devoted ministry in the eighth year of his Episcopate in the Diocese of Oklahoma.

AND FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED, that this body of the faithful in Christ hold up in prayer throughout the coming year the particular ministries of Bishop Konieczny and Debbie.

I hereby certify that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Diocesan Convention, 2014, as recorded in Journal Part Two, are an accurate representation of the business conducted at Convention.



The Rev. Joseph Alsay



Ms. Crystal Plummer

APPENDIX I

77rd ANNUAL MEETING

CONVENTION of the DIOCESE OF OKLAHOMA

Love God. Love Others. Serve the World!

November 7th and 8th, 2014

Rules of Convention

1. The Convention shall convene at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, November 7, 2014.
2. Presence on the floor of convention is limited to deacons, priests, and bishops who are canonically resident in the Diocese; licensed clergy in charge of congregations granted seat, voice, or vote; Lay Delegates elected to represent parishes, missions, affiliated congregations; or diocesan institutions; and nonvoting visitors who have been granted seat and voice. Any alternate desiring to substitute for an absent Lay Delegate must notify the Secretary of Convention of the change before taking seat.
3. Delegates desiring to address the Convention must do so from one of the microphones provided on the Convention floor. To use the motion to "move the previous question", delegates must approach a microphone and be recognized in order.
4. When recognized by the Chair, the delegate shall identify himself or herself by name, Congregation, and city. Any person addressing the chair while Convention is in session shall address the chair as "Right Reverend Sir" if the Bishop is in the chair. If some other person is in the chair, the address shall be "Mr. / Madam President". (As President of the Convention, the Bishop may call to the chair any qualified person to relieve him temporarily.)
5. No motion shall be debated, or shall be considered as before the Convention, unless seconded and, when required by the Chair, submitted to the Secretary in writing.
6. To expedite the business of convention, discussion on any question shall be limited to five (5) minutes by the proposer and two (2) minutes by additional speakers, alternating sides. No person shall speak more than once on the pending matter until all other persons who so desire have had an opportunity to be heard, and unless given specific permission by the Chair.

Any amendment on any question shall be limited to three (3) minutes by the proposer and two (2) minutes by additional speakers. The time for discussion shall be divided as equally as practical between the proponents and opponents of the pending matter. The Chair has discretion to allow additional time for discussion.
7. The Chair, without debate, shall decide all questions of order, but any delegate may appeal such decision. A two-thirds (2/3) vote is required to reverse the Chair's decision.
8. When a count is called for, the Chair may designate the use of red and green cards for counting purposes. Red and green cards are to remain in the possession of the voting delegate for the duration of the convention.

9. Voting by written ballot, voice, the use of red/green cards or otherwise, is limited to deacons, priests, and bishops canonically resident in the diocese; licensed clergy in charge of congregations granted seat, voice, and vote; Lay Delegates elected to represent parishes, missions, affiliated congregations; or diocesan institutions.

10. The Dispatch of Business must approve distribution of any printed material not included in the Convention packet. Leafleting and other distributions to delegates' seats on the Convention floor are specifically prohibited.

All submissions must meet the following criteria:

- a. 400 hard copies for distribution
- b. A PDF (Portable Data Format) file of the above for inclusion in the electronic record of Convention and for distribution to those who need that form.
- c. Large Print (minimum 18pt) form in hard copy or acceptable electronic format.

11. Nominations from the floor of Convention are received according to Canon 2.12.5 - "The Convention may nominate persons from the floor, if the Nominations Receiving Committee determines that their nomination meets the requirements of Section 2.12.3 and the nominee is canonically eligible." and 2.12.3. – "A nomination sets forth the nominee's name and congregational affiliation, the office or position for which nominated, and a biographical sketch, not exceeding 500 words in length, setting forth: (i) the attainments that make the nominee a suitable candidate, (ii) whether the nominee is currently an incumbent of that office, (iii) the nominee's willingness to serve if elected, and (iv) any statements the nominee may wish to make concerning issues and needs facing the Church in this Diocese." Each nominee from the floor must be prepared with 400 copies of the biographical sketch for distribution to Convention.

12. Candidates for uncontested seats may be elected by voice vote.

13. In contested elections, voting shall be by written ballot.

14. A plurality of valid ballots cast [in each Order, when required] shall be sufficient for election.

15. When procedure is not otherwise covered by the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention or of the Diocese of Oklahoma, or these Rules of Convention, *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised* shall prevail.

16. A proposal to table will not be voted on until one person on each side of the main issue is given the opportunity to speak.

17. The Chair of Convention may call for prayer at any time during deliberations.

18. Any of the above rules may be suspended by concurrence of two-thirds (2/3) of the members present and voting.

APPENDIX II

77rd ANNUAL MEETING

CONVENTION of the DIOCESE OF OKLAHOMA

Love God. Love Others. Serve the World!

November 7th and 8th, 2014

Bishop's Morning Reflection November 7, 2014

For those who pay attention to such details you may have noticed there is no Bishop's Address listed in the agenda this year. At the risk of breaking a long standing tradition; which in The Episcopal Church means we've done it twice; and maybe being labeled a heretic; with some encouragement, I want to this year offer three reflections at our three Worship gatherings at this convention. My hope for these reflections is that we might consider how we live in community; how we invite others into that community, and how our Baptism informs our lives in relationship with one another and Jesus Christ.

For many in our diocese, clergy and laity, the last couple of weeks have been difficult. It is an emotional time when someone we love and care for passes from this life. That emotion is amplified even more when we are challenged to understand why the things that happened, happened. We are left wondering, questioning, second guessing... and thinking about that proverbial "What if..." As we search for answers and try to figure things out we find our comfort in the midst of those around us, those whom we share in community.

For me personally, my already raw emotions were compounded this past week by the death of my fellow Bishop Tom Shaw in Massachusetts. It was at the beginning of my sabbatical last year while I was spending time in community with the brothers at the Monastery of St. John the Evangelist in Cambridge, Massachusetts, that Tom was diagnosed with his brain cancer and underwent surgery. Needless to say, the news of Tom's illness was impactful to all of us. The brothers living in community with Tom found themselves struggling to understand. In the 18 months that followed it was Tom's community that nurtured, and comforted, and cared for him. And it was his community that was by his side praying when he died.

At his funeral this past Saturday, Brother Geoffrey, the Superior for the order in which Tom belonged shared that in Tom's few remaining days he shared his excitement and anticipation of being in the nearer presence of our Lord. Tom found comfort in his faith and in those who surrounded him. I know for me and others Tom was not only a friend and mentor, but someone whose depth of faith and spirituality was an inspiration.

As I rode the rollercoaster of my emotion these past couple of weeks, the one thing that became very clear to me was the significance and importance of community. That place where we can go to find comfort and strength. That place where we can be nurtured and healed and renewed and restored. That place where we are profoundly aware of the presence and love of Jesus Christ.

The theme of our convention this year is “Love God, Love Others, Serve the World.” It’s an idea that we all are called into community and into relationship with not only those within our churches and congregations but with the world outside ourselves as well. Our readings this morning and for the other worship that we will share embrace this theme. They speak to Love, not just love as an emotion, but Love as Action. They speak to respect and to reconciliation, to honor and repentance; to hope and to relationship; and to hospitality and inclusion, and acceptance.

They point us toward the Great Commission: Go and make Disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son, and the Holy Spirit;

They set forth the Mission of the Church to restore people to unity with God and each other in Christ;

They remind us of our Baptismal Covenant to continue in the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers; to persevere in resisting evil, and whenever we fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord; to proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ; to seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbors as ourselves; and to strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being.

In essence they challenge us to reflect upon who we claim to be as Christians, and how we put that into action as Disciples of Jesus Christ.

Being in community is foundational to our understanding of the Christian Faith and the expression of that faith is what we call the Church.

In our reading from Romans this morning, Paul is speaking to the new community of believers in Rome. He is instructing them in what a Community committed to the teachings of Jesus Christ would look like. He is describing the attributes of what it means to be in relationship. Let love be genuine. Hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with mutual affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in the spirit, serve the Lord, rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer, contribute to the needs of the saints. Extend hospitality to strangers.

Paul understood that he was asking those who heard him to act contrary to the norms of the day. To engage the world from a place of radical hospitality and charity in the face of a culture that said cling to whatever you can get for yourself. Paul understood that while he was calling people out of the world, he was preparing them for a very distinct mission in the world.

We too live in a culture that promotes individuality to get as much as you can get for yourself.

As a Christian people we find ourselves standing in the tension between being of the world and being in the world. We are called to act many times in opposition and contrary to what and how society would have us act.

It would be tempting, even easy just to conform to the world around us. To be blown in whatever direction the societal winds seem to be heading. But then where would we find community; because we would be nothing but a bunch of individuals. How would we find the kind of relationship Paul is trying to describe to us because we would only be caring about ourselves.

In my recent reading an author suggested as the Church we have to offer an invitation to a community that nurtures believers to live differently; and to live out their calling both within the faith community and the wider society. The Church needs a way of being that cares not only for her members, but also for the stranger.

That is a form of hospitality that incorporates the whole community, the part of the community that is inside and the larger part of the community that is outside.

They went on to say but Hospitality does not mean simply welcoming newcomers into the congregation and doing charitable acts. It means moving beyond hospitality as charity; to hospitality as an act of justice. Hospitality as charity offers crumbs from our table; Hospitality as justice offers a place at the table. For Paul this type of hospitality is grounded in love; An energetic and optimistic love that has the power to transform our world.

For the past year, the Diocesan Council and I have been reflecting on how we as a diocese can move more intentionally toward this idea of Radical Hospitality. We have tried to discuss things from a strategic perspective; from a visioning perspective; from a practical perspective; from a theological and ecclesial perspective. Our conversations and reflections have led us to understand that as the Episcopal Church in Oklahoma, we need to be more intentional in our efforts.

That is not to say that it's already not happening in our diocese and in the state. Any of you who were at St. Augustine's last evening have experienced what I am talking about.

During this convention there will be two workshops that we are offering that speak to hospitality and community and relationship. The first one by Canon Mike Stephenson is "Treating Newcomers as Guests". An opportunity to understand how do we receive those who are lost and maybe hurt and searching , who come to us in an effort of hoping, seeking some sense of purpose and value to their lives.

The other workshop, "Healthy, Vibrant, and Growing Churches," led by the Rev. Everett Lees and the Rev. Tony Moon. We will be looking at two programs, two models for renewal, refreshment and engagement in our congregations. The next part explores organizationally to look at how we as an institution of the church transform our organizations as a starting point for our intentional work as a diocese. Both these models will be offered by the Diocese after the first of the year. I hope part of your delegations will attend one of the two sessions scheduled today.

More intentionally after the first of the year we as a diocese we will be moving to this. The world wants to tell us that our faith, our belief and commitment in Jesus Christ, is irrelevant; and that if we choose such a belief and commitment we should keep it to ourselves.

I look upon our world, our society, our cities, towns and communities, and I see a world distressed, conflicted, and searching for some sign of hope. We as the Church have the ability to bring some sense of hope and light to those searching.

As we spend this time gathered in this convention as community, let us recommit ourselves to bringing the love of the risen Christ to this hurt and broken world.

Amen

Bishop's Reflection Friday Evening Service

Let us pray.

Be present O Lord in the midst of this community.
Strengthen the bonds of our relationships that we might know your sustaining love.
Amen

Please be seated.

Tomorrow's first workshop will be taught by Joseph, and we are all going to learn how to sing in a new language. You've got to love it!

Somebody was telling me earlier this evening that it is either too many vestments, too many animals or too many, what was the other thing, bells, bells, that's right! So, I noticed, there're no bells...

When I was preparing this week for reflections that I wanted to offer you, as I thought about this time gathered this evening at our Eucharist, I began by what I would call digging into the weeds. I started talking to myself and thinking well, what I will do is talk about what has been going on in the church the last 40 years and the decline and that we as congregations need to become more welcoming, we need to look at new ways to invite new people in and become more inclusive and all of that kind of stuff and I said to myself, ED STOP. WE KNOW ALL THAT. We know that numbers have declined. We know that the institutional church as we know it is not like it was 40 years ago. We know that we have issues and challenges before us but we also know that there has never been another time in the history of our world where people are searching for the spiritual in their lives. Where they are hungering... hungering to be fed. And it's up to us to be able to do that in new and innovative ways. Not throwing out our traditions or that which we hold dear to ourselves or the foundations of our faith or our doctrines or our creeds or our prayers but for each of us to claim that which we were given at our baptisms. That we are the disciples of Jesus Christ and it's to us that we take it into the world to others.

What I want to do this evening is.. I want to share a little bit of my personal experience. Somebody asked me recently, Bishop, why are you so gung ho about this welcoming community, hospitality stuff? It's all you ever talk about! Actually, they said why are you so, something, retentive about it... I don't know..

And I guess that comes from part of my story of what I have experienced and what has shaped me in my spiritual journey and my Christian walk. And what I want to share with you is not from my experience as a priest or a bishop or a deacon in the church from a clergy perspective, I want to share with you from my experience as a lay person, from what happened in my life as I was discerning who I was and how I was going to live out my life in a relationship with Jesus Christ.

For all practical purposes I am a cradle Episcopalian, and have I to say for all practical purposes because during the Korean War when I was born and my dad was stationed on a military base there, there were only Roman Catholic priests. So that is how I got baptized. Of course as soon as we got off the military base, we went different directions.

But my experience of church community when I was growing up was not a community that I became part of once a week on a Sunday morning or maybe in the middle of the week on a Monday evening or Wednesday whenever we might have our religious education time. My entire social sphere, everyone who was part of my life in any particularly meaningful way, was part of my faith community. They were there in the times of celebration in our lives. They were there in the times of challenge. They were there in the times of transitions. They were there in the times when they told my mom and dad that I did something wrong. It takes a village to raise a child. That happened a lot. But there were some very specific things that happened that brought home the understanding for me that being in community was not just about association. It truly was experiencing the love of Jesus Christ.

My mom had a lot of medical issues. Most of her life was spent in one way or another dealing with some particular physical ailment. Everything from internal ulcers and things to cancer on two occasions which she finally succumbed to, but there was a vast array of things that seemed to plague her life. In the neighborhood in which I lived...I was, I guess in many ways I was fortunate because the church was a neighborhood church and in the neighborhood in which I lived, many other people in that neighborhood were also a part of that faith community. So, it wasn't just you went somewhere on Sunday and saw people, we saw each other every single day. And it's why they were always telling my Mom I was in trouble, they saw it every day... But on more than one occasion my sister and I would be awakened in the middle of the night to the sounds of adult's voices, to flashing red lights, to the sounds of mechanical devices, to the whispering of oxygen coming through a mouthpiece, and we would be ushered out of our bedrooms and out of the house to a neighbor. We knew what was going on. There had been another crises in my mom's physical condition. But we were nurtured and we were cared for, and my father was nurtured and cared for and my mother was nurtured and cared for by a community that went out of their way to make sure that we knew that we were loved. That's the kind of church community I grew up in. And that it didn't matter who I was or what I did or what happened or what happened in our families. They were always there. Through everything. And the one thing that you knew was their love was genuine. Remember what Paul said this morning: Let your love be genuine. That was the experience that I came out of growing up. My faith community was my social life, it was the thing that sustained me. It was the place, believe it or not, where my energy and interest in law enforcement came. In Church. We had a man by the name of Marty Yingling who was an Orange County deputy sheriff. Every Sunday morning Marty worked patrol and he came and he would park his police car out in front of the church, and he would take his lunch break and come in and worship with us. As a young boy I was fascinated. I began talking to him and spending time with him, and talking and getting all enthralled with things and that was the seed that got me moving in a direction which led me into my first vocation as a police officer. Some people find that interesting. You became a cop in church. But it is true.

Well, I was your typical Episcopalian. I got confirmed and left the church. It was at about a time when I was, I got confirmed in 6th or 7th grade. I hung around a little bit longer. And as I got a little bit older, you know, you became the rebellious teenager with your parents and so forth, and Mom and Dad would say you got to go, you got to go and that kind of thing, back and forth. And I did, and then I left High School and went to college. That was about the time of the revisions of the prayer book. That was a great excuse not to go back to church. You changed the words to the Lord's Prayer, I'm gone, I'm out of here! And as time went on and I became a police officer and I was working, I wasn't even a good C&E, you know what that is right? Christmas and Easter... I found out that if I could swap shifts with the guys who had families

and I had to work, I could tell Mom and Dad, I've got scheduled, I've got to work; I won't be there... So I was one of those people that kind of shifted and wandered for a while. Not really realizing what was missing in my life. I knew there was a void, that there was an absence of things. I knew there was that part of me that had been lost someplace, and I was trying to find it, but I was looking at other places.

And then I met someone. I won't tell you that story because she'll get mad at me.

We got married in the church. We went back to the church to get married, back to the church where I grew up. We had two sons and went back to church for the baptisms. But I never really fully began to engage my faith again. And then Debbie and I began to recognize that there was a void in our lives. There was something was missing. We both were looking and wondering what that was. The real truth was that Debbie began to recognize that there was a void in our lives. And, we became seekers. Debbie was very intent on finding a faith community not only for herself and for me but for our children where we could be nurtured and we could find that spiritual foundation in our lives.

So we began looking. We lived in a place called East Anaheim California. And, we drove past this church every single day. And, in fact the church had a school, a day school and we had enrolled our boys in this day school we kind of said, why don't we go there? It was a Lutheran Church. As a young boy growing up in the Episcopal Church we use to have Lutheran pulpit swaps... the Lutheran Pastor would come over to our church and our Priest... That was in the days when we still did Morning Prayer so we didn't have to worry about the whole celebrating the Eucharist thing. I said, well, Lutheran – Episcopalian??

So we started attending, I remember our very first Sunday we pulled in and we parked we went in to the church. An usher handed us a bulletin. That was about it. The church routine was in my mind, so we went and we sat down, and when the service was over the pastor said hello to us but there wasn't really much interaction. Today I would say that they were not a very welcoming community. But we were kind of persistent. We came back, and came back again. The pastor was talking to us. A couple of other people started to say hello to us. They found out that Debbie had sung. They invited her and she joined the choir, and I got in the men's group and I was going to work parties on Saturday mornings. We were actively participating in this community. And one of things that stood out for us though and it really bothered me at the time was that we were not allowed to receive communion. We hadn't been yet received in their church. So we were taking the membership classes; we were about half way through, and, we had gone to church on one Sunday and worshipped, came home, and at about 2:00 o'clock that afternoon our phone rang. A member of the church called to tell us that we might be happier somewhere else, and they said, oh by the way, don't worry about bringing your kids back to school tomorrow. I had never been kicked out of a church before. But this was a community of faith that didn't think we measured up... Didn't fit in... We weren't like them... Whatever.

It was a couple of weeks later we got a call from the pastor because Deb and I had not gone back to the membership classes. And he said "We haven't seen you. What's wrong? And I told him what had happened. There was silence on the phone.

Several months later that congregation had a big blow up and a split. Half the church went to what we now know as the ELCA. The other half stayed with the Missouri Synod.

Needless to say, I was pretty devastated, Debbie was pretty devastated. Our children didn't understand why they could no longer go to school. We had to find another place to put them. But Debbie was going to persevere. I was all for going back to my position of, "Well, they've revised the prayer book. I'm not going back."

We saw an ad one day for a new plant, a new Episcopal Church. It was right across the highway from where we lived. I remembered that my mother and father were founding members of St. Joseph's Church in Buena Park where I grew up, where they are both now with my brother interred in the columbarium. And so we decided to give it a try again. They were meeting in an elementary school. We showed up, walked in, Debbie and I and our two boys. And within about 33 seconds Debbie and I were now the Sunday School teachers and the nursery, and I was doing security, and I mean, it was just like, Oh my God!.... And it turned out to be their Annual Meeting Sunday, and they announced "our church has just doubled in size!" They are going to do this and this and this. We're looking at each other... We went home. They followed us home.... knocked on the door.... could you sign a pledge card?... We were a number... we were a body... We were funding... It was all about the things that had nothing to do with why they were to gather.

At that point I was completely convinced that the revision of the prayer book was wrong. But Debbie persevered. She came home one day and she said "There is this church in Orange. I think we should go." Nah, Yeah, I think we should go. Nah. Well I'm going. I said OK, but here are the rules: We're going at 8am. We are going to sit in the parking lot until the priest processes in. We're sitting in the back, and we're leaving at the post communion prayer. And we did. For several weeks we went. And we actually sat in the parking lot until the priest went through the door. Snuck in the back, sat in the back next to the door where I could run and bolt real quick, and as we took communion, I said - take your purse... we took communion and right out the back door we went. And about the 3rd week, as we came out the back door the priest was standing there and he said, "Gotcha!"

What we discovered in that place, when we gave them a chance, was it didn't matter who we were...or what we were, or what we brought, they wanted us there...in whatever condition we were in; where ever our spiritual lives lay, no matter what baggage we brought, no matter if our children were running around and making a mess, or doing whatever, it didn't matter to them because they rejoiced and they celebrated in the fact that another person came to learn about Jesus. And by golly they were going to share his love with you. And they did. It was a place where we were nourished, and we grew as a family, our spiritual lives, we were fed, and it was the congregation that ultimately raised me up and sent me off to be a priest of the church.

I share these things with you because we sometimes can get in our own way. We can sometimes get so wrapped up, and I know we talk about this a lot, and I talk about it a lot, about church growth and development, about numbers in the pews about being a sustaining congregation, all of those kinds of things, but if we let those things get in the way of the most important thing that we're supposed to be about, which is Jesus, then we are doing it for the wrong reasons. Our communities of faith should be places where it doesn't matter who you are or what you are or what you look like or what your life style is, or whether you have or you don't have, that when you walk through the door what we see is the face of Jesus Christ. That when you walk through the door you know, you know without anything else that you are welcome, that this is a place where you can be nurtured and you can be fed. And regardless of where your life is messed up, or lost or perfect or anything else you are going to be surrounded by saints of love.

Imagine what it would be like if anytime anyone crossed the thresholds of our churches, they were received as if it was Jesus himself. Do you think they would come back? Do you think they may say to themselves I finally have found a place where I can come and I can find whatever it is I am looking for? Do you think they might once in their lives at that point be filled with some sense of hope?

I know most of us probably believe that when visitors come to our churches these are perfect families with 2.4 kids who have perfect jobs, perfect lives and they just want to be there and write a check and put it in the plates on Sunday. The reality of it is, the people who come seeking in our churches, there is something going on. They may be hurt, they may be broken, they may be lost, they may be going through a transition, But what they're searching for is some sense of hope. They're searching for a place where they are accepted, that they are children of God, and that regardless of all the baggage and the chaos, they are loved... because that is what Jesus did. Jesus didn't care. It didn't matter to him. Whether it was one person at a time or 5000, what Jesus preached was in the Kingdom of God everyone is welcome. Everyone can be fed. Everyone can know the love of God. That's what we need to get in our congregations. The greatest gift of all is we've already been told how to do it. We don't have to have any gimmicks. We don't have to have any special programs. We don't have to do anything. Each and every one of us have already been given the gifts that we need, we've already been given the guidelines, we've already been given the path. We've already been given everything that we need to be the presence of Christ to others. It's called our baptism. We find the directions in our baptismal covenant. It's pretty simple. It starts off with us gathering together in community and relationship, to being nourished by the body and blood of Christ to being in the fellowship of the apostles. It calls us to love others as we would like to be loved. It's a great golden rule but how many of us can do it? How many of us wake up every day and in our prayers we say boy I hope Johnny gets everything he wants and more than I could ever get in my life. How many of us when we go to work hope that our fellow employees are so successful that they may someday become the president of the company? How many of us go out on the sports field and hope that our opponent wins? That is what loving your neighbor as yourself means. You want them to have everything that you ever dreamed of in your life. Everything that you have ever hoped for. We have been given an incredible gift in the death and resurrection of Jesus. When we mess it up, guess what, Jesus, sometimes he's going to go, "don't do that again" but he's going to love us. And if we are faithful and repentant, he's going to let us come back. He's going to receive us back into that community. We are asked just to live our lives in the word and example of Christ. You don't even have to do anything. If someone looks at you and they see you, are they going to see the face of Jesus? Are they going to see his love? We're asked to serve Christ in all persons. To strive for justice and peace in the world. And probably the hardest one of all, to respect the dignity of every human being regardless of who they are or what they are or what color they are or whether we agree with them or don't agree with them. And when we can get there, and then just maybe we'll begin to get a glimpse of the kingdom that God intended for us. We live in the midst of a hurt and a broken and a searching world, and we're told every day that God is irrelevant. We're told every day that if you want to believe that stuff, that's great. Go do it by yourself. But Look around at what's happening. Look around as our relationships deteriorate in society. How easy is it for us when we are not in a relationship with someone to lash out at them or to say something? How often do we watch TV or the news or even ourselves, see how easy it is for someone to sit miles away behind some computer screen in some anonymous place and fire off all the things that we say?

Technology is not only a blessing but it's a curse. It allows us to say and do things that we wouldn't if we took the time to understand one another.

Years and years ago if there was going to be a war between two countries, they knew it three or four years in advance. They would send a decree off to one of them and say you better do this or we're going to do this, and, the other would say this; and they would send notes back to each other and say, my army is about 20 miles away from you, we'll be there in about three days; and your army is about; so we'll meet here. But it gave people time to think and to talk and to calm down a little bit. We don't have that anymore because everything is instantaneous. Everything is immediate, and we use it in very negative ways to hurt one another.

It was just a few months ago that we had, in this very room, what we called the Reclaiming the Gospel of Peace. We talked about ways about how we can live together in a relationship, and I am convinced that we as a society and we as communities of faith have allowed the world to tell us to step back even more and more about proclaiming who we are. We have seen the elevation of hostilities and anger and acting out against one other in our society and our world. And If we're going to take it back, if we're going to have a place where our children and our grandchildren and our great grandchildren can grow up and be everything God intended them to be, we have to do things different. And that starts in our churches. It starts with us being the example. Of letting everyone in. Of loving everyone whether we agree or we don't. But we live in relationship, and we work through whatever our differences are.

There are those who would say that the church is dead. In fact I drive past that sign every day in Oklahoma City. It is on 10th Street. 10th and Robinson. Big red sign on the street light says "Church is Dead". I don't believe it.

There are those who are going to say that we can't change the way things are going. I don't believe it. There are those who are pessimistic and don't even know if we're going to be around another 10 or 15 years. I don't believe it. Because when I see the hunger of those who are searching and digging and reaching out and wanting to know Christ in their lives, then I think we have an opportunity. An opportunity to transform the world, and we can't change everything. We can't change things across this country. We can't change things in other parts of the world. But we can change things in our own homes, in our own churches, in our schools and our workplaces. If we can yet just restore one relationship... If we can bring just one person a sense of hope... If we can just let one person who may be lost and downtrodden and thinking there is nothing left in their lives realize that they are truly loved, then we have been the disciples of Jesus Christ.

In just a moment we are going to stand and we are going to, together, renew our baptismal covenant. When we do I invite us not just to read words on a piece of paper. I invite us to remember that these were words that we promised. And I would invite us to once again recommit ourselves to being the disciples that Jesus has called us to be and to doing all in our power to welcome all people into God's kingdom.

Amen

Would you please stand as you are able:

Brothers and Sisters in Christ we are joined together in Jesus name
to share in his sacraments in his ministry and in his mission to the world.
By water in the spirit we have inherited our share in God's kingdom.
To that end we remember our new life in Christ.

Bishop's Reflection **Saturday, November 8**

Thank you. You guys are awesome. (*Speaking to youth leading worship*)

I have to tell this story. I was reminded, please give me a little privilege here. There's a movie called Major League; how many of you have seen it? It's a great movie, even better is Major League II. Oh no, it's not Major League, I'm sorry... It's a good movie but, OK, what's the name of the one where the Grandfather dies and the Minnesota Twins belongs to the kid, Little League, that's what it's called, OK... So there's this young boy, he's 12 years old, 14 years old, something like that;. His grandfather dies and owns the Minnesota Twins and his grandfather gives him the Twins as his inheritance. And through a series of things, it is one of those times when Major League Baseball is in a decline and so forth, and they can't find anybody to manage this team, so the little boy, the 12-year-old is going to manage the team. Right? So, there was a scene in the locker room and the players are going back and forth about whether or not a baseball team can be managed by a 12 year old kid. And one of the players, a young guy 18 years old, just starting out in the league, he goes,, "you know, kids are smart these days... I was playing summer ball down in Venezuela and the kids down there speak Spanish! One of the long time players says, "They speak Spanish in Venezuela. And the younger player said, "YEAH! I KNOW! And THAT'S A HARD LANGUAGE!"

You all have showed us an incredible diversity. Thank you for sharing not only your time this morning, but the diversity of who you are.

I want to end our time together today in this reflection. I think I have said enough about what I think the challenges are before us in our church, and the need for our communities to become more welcoming and for us to be more intentional about who we are as the Disciples of Christ in our relationships with one another and the world.

I want to raise up for you a community that is part of who we are that I think exemplifies what it is that we are trying to accomplish and what it is we are trying to strive for in the world. When I first became your bishop one of the first things that I was introduced to in our diocese was St. Crispin's. And the programming that is out there and more specifically, our summer camp program and the youth that call that place their spiritual home. As I was being introduced to those things, the youth shared with me what it's like to be in that place. Not only the beauty and the spiritual nature of it, but it was a place where they could come and they knew it was safe. I don't mean safe from the dangers of the world or from being attacked, all of those other kinds of things. It was a place where they could be themselves no matter what that was. It was a place where they were recognized and they were honored and whatever unique quality they brought was respected and received by everyone else.

Over the years as I've gone and I've had opportunities to visit and I've participated and I've talked to youth and I've talked to some of you who grew up through that program, several of you who are now clergy in this diocese. You've shared with me how foundational that was to your formation not only as a person, but as a Christian.

This is a place where we can see the example of what it truly means to live in relationship and community with one another in the fullest evidence of Christ's love. I have seen young people

who struggle in society and in school or maybe they are victims of bullying or they're just not part of the click or the social club or whatever it is, and they get to St. Crispin's and they thrive. The joy, the happiness, the hope in their lives. And every time that they leave, they're already thinking about when is the next time I get to come back. I've had conversation with youth who say, "Can I just stay another week?" I've had conversation with youth who can't wait to get to that point where they are no longer campers, but now they're on staff and they get to go out there and nurture the young people who are coming up in that program. I would encourage every one of you, if you have never spent time at St. Crispin's during our summer camp program or our mission camp program, you go and if you want to see true Christian community you will see it right here with these people.

Years ago, and I can't remember, it was told to me once, and maybe Hal or Bill, or somebody can share with me, when was the rule of life formed at St. Crispin's? Anybody, Dwight? 1983-1985. This is the rule that the young people and those who have been out there working with them came up with how they're going to live in community with one another. Everybody buys into it. These are not just words. They live this out. I want to share it with you because this comes from these folks. This is their commitment to who they are and how they're going to live in community. They begin with "We are a community of daily worship and prayer." They ground themselves in the understanding of who they are and who they are really in relationship with their God through Christ. And they begin every single day and they end every single day in worship and prayer. "Out of our worship and communion with Christ we strive to respect the uniqueness of each individual. We do not put ourselves or each other down. We are willing to level in love, honoring each other with honesty and respect. We do everything out of love for God, self and one another. We are in life together. So, we are willing to give all we are to one another and with God's help to offer more. In everything we do we seek to be open to the Holy Spirit."

The commitment that these young people make is not only to give everything they are but to give even more than they are. And by receiving and accepting everyone else, each of them grows in their spiritual lives. They are transformed, and these are the folks that are prepared to go into the world to be the example of the love of Christ to others.

I asked Father Joseph last night if he would help me with... I didn't want us to end our time here today with just saying all this wonderful stuff or maybe what wasn't so wonderful as the case may be for you all, but just to leave and say well, that was sweet, that was nice, we talked about stuff and went about our separate ways; I asked Father Joe if he would visit with the youth and have them reflect on what our theme meant to them of Loving God, Loving Others and Serving the World. So he went back to the church last night and spent time with them and these young folks have given us their understanding of what it is we're called to be and then they've given us a challenge as well.

Loving God. As a community of faith that is drawn into the loving embrace of a gracious God we commit ourselves to prayer and worship both individually and corporately. To realize that we are all dependent upon the grace of God that is given to all without respect of person. Because of that indescribable love we will be socially active in our communities, strive for the day when true justice will prevail and dedicate ourselves to acts of random kindness.

Loving Others. As we seek to love others, we will build faith communities that foster the differences of others while celebrating a healthy love and respect of our own God given gifts and abilities. The love of others will be manifest in our dedication to the giving and sharing of our resources.

Serving the World. Empowered by the spirit to serve the world that God has made and died for, we dare to step out of our comfort zones trusting the path that God has set before us. As we see the loving face of Christ in others, we promise to find creative ways to be his hands and feet in the world.

These young people are asking us to live in that example and they are challenging us to join with them as we go and take the love of Christ to others.

I pray that as we depart from this convention this year that we truly embrace, receive and acknowledge the work before us. And through the power of the Holy Spirit we can be encouraged and guided to truly be the face of Christ to others and to be his transforming agents that all may come to know and love him as these young people have come to love and know him.

Amen

APPENDIX III

77rd ANNUAL MEETING

CONVENTION of the DIOCESE OF OKLAHOMA

Love God. Love Others. Serve the World!

November 7th and 8th, 2014

Commissioning of Persons Newly Elected and Appointed

Bishop: *You have been called to a special ministry in this diocese. Will you as long as you are engaged in this work, perform it with diligence?*

Members: *I will.*

Bishop: *Will you faithfully and reverently execute the duties of your ministry to the honor of God, and the benefit of the members of this diocese?*

Members: *I will.*

Bishop: *Regard, O Lord, our supplications, and conform with your heavenly benediction your servants whom we admit today into their variously elected or appointed offices; that with sincere devotion of mind and body they may offer you a service acceptable to your divine Majesty; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.***

In the name of God and of this diocese here duly assembled, I admit you to your elected or appointed office.

*Let us pray: O Lord, without whom our labor is lost: We beseech you to prosper all works in your church undertaken according to your holy will. Grant to your workers a pure intention, a patient faith, sufficient success on earth, and the blessedness of serving you in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.***

