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MOODY, Robert Manning (Lance B.) Resigned Bishop
4001 Oxford Way, Norman 73072, 405-321-7258 (h)

MOON, Anthony (Marian) Deacon
Deacon, St. Augustine's, Oklahoma City
2401 Westminster, PO Box 480, Arcadia 73007, 405-396-2271 (h)

NESBITT, Dr. Margot Retired Priest
c/o Carolyn Gresham-Fiegel (daughter)
514 N.W. 164th St., Edmond, 73013, 405-359-8487 (h)

NORVELL, John (Susan) Priest
Rector, St. Luke's, Ada, P.O. Box B, Ada 74820, 580-332-6429 (o)
530 Northcrest Dr., Ada 74820, 580-320-2473 (c)

ORWIG, Dana M. (Dr. Steve) Deacon
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)

OSTRANDER, Paul C. (Patsy) Retired Priest
2321 N.W. 48th, Oklahoma City 73112, 405-842-5945 (h)

PAUL, Linda (Art) Deacon
Deacon, Christ Church, Tulsa
2993 E. 78th St., Tulsa 74136, 918-629-7259 (c)

PETLEY, Dale Priest
Associate Rector, All Souls', 6400 N. Pennsylvania, Oklahoma City 73116, 405-842-1461 (o)
1813 Westminster Pl, Oklahoma City 73120, 405-840-1564 (h)

POWELL, William 124 E. Randolph Ct., Stillwater 74075, 405-372-5141 (h)	Retired Priest
POWERS, John C. "Jack" Vicar, St. Bede's, Route 2, Box 4A, Cleveland 74020 2431 Terwilleger, Tulsa 74114, 918-743-2686 (h)	Retired Priest
RAHHAL, Mickey (Bill) St. Philip's, Ardmore 721 Franklin Rd., Ardmore 73401, 580-223-2064 (h)	Retired Deacon
RAY, Mauldin A. (Janet) 1763 E. 56 th St., Tulsa 74105, 918-747-1763 (h)	Retired Priest
RITTER, Cindy (Gordon) Deacon, St. Patrick's Broken Arrow 612 N. Sweet Gum Avenue, Broken Arrow 74012, 918-258-0019 (h)	Deacon
ROBERTSON, Marilyn Deacon, St. Paul's Cathedral, Oklahoma City 9729 Village Drive, Oklahoma City 73120, 405-755-2582 (h)	Deacon
ROGERS, Larry (Susan) Vicar, St. Paul's, 1310 N. Sioux, Claremore, 74017, 918-341-0168 (o) 6314 E. 81 st Street N., Fort Gibson 74434, 918-687-3783 (h)	Priest
RULE, John (Paula) Supply Priest 1122 E. 20 th , Tulsa, 74120, 918-585-1155 (h)	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, 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, 918-520-8902 (c)	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, 405-388-7647 (c)	Priest

SERVAIS, Neal (Svetlana) Priest, St. Peter's, P.O. Box 165, Coalgate 74538, 580-927-3760 (o & c) 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) 503 N. 24 th Street, Muskogee, OK 74401, 918-457-7351 (h)	Retired Deacon
SNYDER, Paul (Mary) Deacon, St. Christopher's, Midwest City 19622 S.E. 15 th , Harrah 73045, 405-391-2833 (h)	Deacon
SPURGIN, Joyce Deacon, St. Philip's Ardmore 818 Creekside West, Ardmore 73401, 580-465-2127 (c)	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 S.E., Apt 3, Norman 73071, 312-213-0577 (c)	Priest
STERN, Lin Priest in charge, St. Luke's Chickasha 710 N. Jones Avenue, Norman 73069, 580-504-6884 (c)	Priest
STOCK, David (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, 580-255-7521 (h)	Deacon
TOLES, John Rector, St. Matthew's, 518 West Randolph, Enid, 73701, 580-237-4737 (o) P.O. Box 1752, Enid, 73702, 580-370-1472 (c)	Priest
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
WALTERS, Gloria Vicar: 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 (Rev. Mike Watkins) Deacon, St. Luke's, Bartlesville 1118 S. Dewey Avenue, Bartlesville 74003, 918-336-1430 (h)	Deacon
WATKINS, Mike (Rev. Lauri Watkins) Deacon, St. Luke's, Bartlesville 1118 S. Dewey Avenue, Bartlesville, 74003, 918-336-1430 (h)	Deacon

WELCH, Jim (Cindy) Deacon, St. Patrick's, Broken Arrow 1809 N. 15 th Street, Broken Arrow 74012, 918-355-4212 (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 St. Anselm Canterbury 1922 Vanessa Dr, Norman 73071, 405-615-1523 (c)	Priest
WOODWARD, Lynn 4604 E. 54 th St. Apt. 203, Tulsa, OK 74135	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 40024 Harveston Drive #318, Temecula, CA 92591, 951-401-2884 (h) 310-876-0375 (c)	Retired Priest
BLANCO-MONTERROSO, Leonel 1ra Calle Casa #34, Residenciales Santa Ana 11-50, Zona 8 Mixco, Guatamala	Retired Priest
CASTILLO, Sandra 4730 W. 82 nd Place, Chicago, IL 60652, 580-651-1480 (c)	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
GREENWOOD, Hal (Marcia) 1713 Hoover Drive, Normal, IL 61761, 405-833-8632 (c)	Retired Priest
HARRIS, Melissa 290 Kimball Lane, Christiansburg, VA 24073, 918-786-3574 (c)	Retired Deacon
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 Wedgefield 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 7550 N. 16 th #6218, Phoenix, AZ 85020	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
METHVEN, Susanne Mailing address: 3328 S. Marion Avenue, Tulsa 74135, 918-574-4932 (c)	Priest
METIVIER, Cathy 6200 Pershing Ave. #117, Fort Worth, TX 76116-2603, 405-921-7899 (c)	Priest
MULLIN, Mark Hill 2091 Brownstone Lane, Charlottesville, VA 22901-6210	Retired Priest
MURRAY, Kathleen 203 Providence Hill Drive #28, Ashland, KY 41101, 304-224-5994	Priest
NORRIS, John (Linda) 2849 Shore Shadow Lane, Frisco, Texas 75034, 918-852-1014 (h)	Retired Priest
ORSBURN, Kenneth Ray Jr. (Soha) 1603 Manzana Way, San Diego, CA 92139, 405-592-9633	Priest
PAPINI, Herbert 918-378-3695 (c)	Retired Priest
ROBERTS, Caleb (Julie) 3106 Harris Park Avenue, Austin, TX 78705, 405-921-8142 (h)	Deacon

ROCKABRAND, Walter Ralph 7928 Roundrock Road, Dallas, TX 75248-5342	Retired Priest
ROSENBAUM, Richard Lemoine 9804 Cisler Lane, Manassas, VA 20111-2547	Retired Priest
SCOTT, Andrew 3737 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA 22304, 918-260-2429 (h)	Deacon
SPANGLER, Robert 7 Strathmore Dr., Arden, NC 28704	Retired Priest
SUTHERLAND, Alan 106 Hemlock, Winchester, KY 40391	Retired Priest
THOMPSON, David 3103 Pine Street, Texarkana, TX 75503	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

HADDOX, Jason (Shannon) Rector, St. Michael's, Norman 1512 Vine Street, Norman 73072, 405-561-7341 (h)	Priest
KHOO, Oon-Chor (Pearl) Supply Priest, Tulsa Area 6870 E. 56 th St., Tulsa 74145	Retired Priest
LEE, Scott (Ashley) Assistant Priest, St. Mary's Edmond 2905 Brookhaven Dr, Edmond 73034, 806-681-1419 (h)	Priest
OLIVER, Aaron Captain, Chaplain, Ft. Sill 3501 E. Gore Blvd., Apt. 1023, Lawton, OK 73501, 702-823-8077 (c)	Priest
PAPANЕК, Nicolette Interim Rector, Church of the Resurrection OKC 4700 Hemlock Drive, OKC 73162, 405-788-0787 (c)	Priest
STEWART, Mac Curate, All Souls' OKC 1915 N. Ross Avenue, Oklahoma City, OK 73107, 919-749-5101 (c)	Priest

LUTHERAN CLERGY ACTIVE IN THE DIOCESE OF OKLAHOMA

BROCK, Nancy (Marty Hartmann) Prison Missioner, 924 North Robinson, Oklahoma City 73102, 405-232-4820 417 Sunnyside Place, Edmond 73003-5135, 405-359-9914	Pastor
LLOYD, Arlen Supply Pastor at St. Stephen's Guymon 8607 County Road F, Gruver, TX 79040	Pastor
PRATT, Jenny (Horace) Supply Pastor 1704 W. Montpelier, Broken Arrow 74012, 918-629-4401 (c)	Pastor
ROBINSON, Janai E. Supply Pastor 1918 E. 74 th Place, Tulsa, OK 74136, 918-335-0560 (o), 918-440-7642 (c)	Pastor

UNITED METHODIST MINISTER IN THE DIOCESE OF OKLAHOMA

VENABLE, Amy E. Holland Hall Middle School, 5666 East 81 st Street, Tulsa, OK 74137, 918-481-1111 (o) P.O. Box 4226, Tulsa 74159, 405-921-7517 (c)	Chaplain
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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 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
September 27, 1958	(O)	William Vincent Powell
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
March 4, 1967	(O)	David Coblenz 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
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
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
June 23, 1999	(R)	Jo Anne Wright
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
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
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 Beck
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.
November 22, 2013	(O)	Stewart Clem
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
October 1, 2014	(R)	Morgan Ibe
January 10, 2015	(O)	Elizabeth Hill Davis

February 7, 2015	(O)	Suzanne Mollison
June 13, 2015	(R)	Natividad Menjivar
August 1, 2015	(O)	Thomas Andrew Dahlman
August 1, 2015	(O)	Sean Armington Ekberg
August 8, 2015	(R)	John Toles
March 2, 2016	(O)	Bryan Beard
March 2, 2016	(O)	Larry Rogers
July 2, 2016	(O)	David Thompson
October 29, 2016	(O)	Lin Stern
November 22, 2016	(R)	David Bridges

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
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
January 10, 2015	(O)	Thomas Andrew Dahlman
January 10, 2015	(O)	Sean Armington Ekberg
August 1, 2015	(O)	Bryan Beard
August 1, 2015	(O)	Larry Rogers
August 1, 2015	(O)	Laura Blazek
August 1, 2015	(O)	Michael Mack Watkins
January 2, 2016	(O)	David Thompson
February 1, 2016	(O)	Lin Stern
December 17, 2016	(O)	Caleb Roberts
December 17, 2016	(O)	Andrew Scott

Minutes of 79th Annual Meeting of the Diocese of Oklahoma

The Seventy-ninth Annual Meeting of the Convention of the Diocese of Oklahoma was held November 4th and 5th, 2016 and hosted by the Episcopal Diocese of Oklahoma. Business meetings were held at the Sheraton Hotel and the Reed Conference Center, Midwest City, Oklahoma.

The business meeting was called to order by the Right Reverend Dr. Edward Konieczny, Diocesan Bishop, at 9:04 AM, Friday, November 4th, 2016

We entered into a service of Morning Prayer, led by the Rev. Tim Bear of Grace, Yukon. Participating in the service were: first reader, Valerie Austin; second reader, Jaron Hill; and musician, Kyle Gossett.

During the service a meditation was provided by the Rt. Rev. Robert C. Wright, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta.

The service concluded with the installation of Delegates for the Convention.

The Rt. Rev. Edward Konieczny, warmly welcomed the delegation to the 79th Convention of the Diocese of Oklahoma.

Ms. Kate Huston, Assistant Secretary of Convention, certified the presence of a quorum and the credentials of lay and clergy delegates.

Ms. Huston, Assistant 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. Nancy Brock - Diocesan Prison Missioner
- The Rev. Amy Venable - Holland. Hall
- The Rev. Scott Lee - Assisting Priest, Saint Mary's, Edmond
- The Rev. Arlen Lloyd – Supply Pastor, St. Stephen's, Guymon
- The Rev. Nicolette Papanek - Interim Rector, Resurrection, Oklahoma City
- The Rev. Mac Stewart - Curate, All Souls', Oklahoma City

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

The Bishop Konieczny offered a prayer of commissioning of delegates, lay and clergy.

Mr. Robert Yadon, Acting 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 missions: those congregations whose parochial reports have not been filed, congregations whose audits have not been received and congregations in arrears on Diocesan assessments.

Mr. Baer reported that the following congregations had not filed a parochial report for 2015:

Church of the Redeemer, Okmulgee

The following congregations had not filed an audit report for 2015:

Saint Philip's, Ardmore

Saint Alban's, Cushing

Christ Memorial, El Reno

Saint Matthew's, Enid

Trinity, Eufaula

Saint Stephen's, Guymon

Saint Paul's, Holdenville

Saint Michael and All Angels, Lindsay

Church of the Resurrection, Oklahoma City

Saint David's, Oklahoma City

Church of the Redeemer, Okmulgee

Church of the Holy Cross, Owasso

Church of the Ascension, Pawnee

Saint Mark's, Perry

Saint Martin of Tours, Pryor

Saint James', Wagoner

The following congregations had not paid their Mutual Ministry assessments through September 30, 2016:

Saint Michael and All Angels, Lindsay

Church of the Ascension, Pawnee

Saint Martin of Tours, Pryor

Saint Peter's, Tulsa

Bishop Konieczny reminded the Convention that they 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 aforementioned congregations. The motion was seconded and was carried by a voice vote.

Ms. Kate Huston, Assistant 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 79th Convention will be conducted.

Ms. Kate Huston, Assistant Secretary of Convention, moved the Schedule of Convention, as published in the Delegate Packet, be the Agenda for the conduct of business of this convention. Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

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 79th Convention.

Bishop Konieczny announced appointments to fill the Committees of Convention:

Assistant Secretary of Convention

Ms. Kate Huston

Dispatch of Business

Mr. Jack Wise

Constitutions and Canons

Mr. Gary Derrick

Nominations

Mr. Robert Yadon

Resolutions

Mrs. Kris Bonner

Committee to Approve Minutes of the 79th Diocesan Convention

Ms. Ann Bonsteel and the Rev. Therese Starr

Committee on Conduct of Elections

Head Teller: Cathy Roberts and her committee: Glen Fields, Dana Billingsley, Fay Freeman, Mary Andrews, Robert Dennis, Caroline Dennis, Joann Speers, and. Brian Speers to the Committee on the Conduct of Elections under the supervision of the Dispatch of Business, Mr. Jack Wise.

80th Diocesan Convention Planning Committee

Chair, Secretary of Convention, Ms. Melanie Wignall

80th Diocesan Convention Liturgical Committee

The Rev. Joseph Alsay, Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Oklahoma City

Having made the requisite appointments and adopted the agenda, Bishop Konieczny declared the 79th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Oklahoma to be organized for business.

Ms. Kate Huston, Assistant Secretary of Convention, reported that the minutes from the 78th Convention of the Diocese of 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 78th Diocesan Convention. The Assistant Secretary moved acceptance of the minutes as certified and published. Bishop Konieczny asked for any additions or corrections to the minutes. Hearing none, it was so ordered.

Mr. Jack Wise, Dispatch of Business, moved the Adoption of the Advance Report, provided prior to Convention, listing Program Divisions and all committees of the Diocese. Bishop Konieczny asked for the adoption of the Advance Report. The motion carried.

Bishop Konieczny introduced our special guest, The Rt. Rev. Robert C. Wright, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta.

Bishop Konieczny introduced the clergy new to the Diocese:

The Rev. Dr. David Bridges, Priest - Vicar, Saint Andrew's, Grove

The Rev. Dr. Jason Haddox, Priest - Rector, Saint Michael's, Norman

Bishop Konieczny introduced those clergy ordained since the 78th Convention:

Ordained to the Priesthood:

The Rev. Bryan Beard (Bi-Vocational) - Church of the Holy Cross, Owasso

The Rev. Larry Rogers (Bi-Vocational) - Saint Paul's, Claremore

The Rev. Lin Stern - Saint Luke's, Chickasha

The Rev. David James Thompson - Saint James', Texarkana, Texas

Ordained to the Transitional Diaconate:

The Rev. Lin Stern - Saint Philip's, Ardmore

The Rev. David James Thompson - All Soul's, Oklahoma City

The new clergy were welcomed with applause.

Bishop Konieczny reported the clergy who have passed away since the last convention. A moment of silence followed the reading of the names.

The Rev. Hillier Barnard Jackson

The Rev. Merrill Broach

The Rev. William V. Haugh

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

IONA Year 1

James Frederick Gorton, Deacon, Saint John's, Woodward
Nathan L. Johnson, Deacon, Emmanuel, Shawnee
Gary Lee Kirby, Deacon, Emmanuel, Shawnee
Willard Boardman Smith, Deacon, Saint John's, Tulsa
Pamela Kay Vetovitz, Deacon, Saint David's, Oklahoma City
Therese Starr, Bi-Vocational Priest, Trinity Eufaula

IONA Year 2

Beth Ann Hill Bell, Bi-Vocational Priest, Resurrection, Oklahoma City
Michael Clements, Deacon, Saint John's, Durant
Mary Ann Coffman, Deacon, Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Oklahoma City
Stephen Miller, Bi-Vocational Priest, Saint Andrew's, Stillwater
Tony Moon, Bi-vocational Priest, Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Oklahoma City
Ann Murray, Deacon, Saint Paul's Cathedral, Oklahoma City

IONA Year 3

Dion Crider, Deacon, Saint Mary's, Edmond
Jose "Cuco" Escalera, Bi-Vocational Priest, Santa Maria, Oklahoma City
Keith Fallis, Bi-Vocational Priest, Christ Church, Tulsa
Bob Scott, Bi-Vocational Priest, Trinity, Tulsa
Shawna Turner, Deacon, Emmanuel, Shawnee
James Tyree, Deacon, Saint John's, Norman
Rocio Lopez Zamudio, Deacon, Santa Maria Virgen, Oklahoma City

Seminarians: Priests

Jeromy Michael Matkin, ETSS, Year 1, All Saints', McAlester
Spencer Brown, ETSS, Year 2, Trinity, Tulsa
Caleb Robert, ETSS, Year 3, All Souls', Oklahoma City
Andrew Scott, VTS, Year 3, Saint Patrick's, Broken Arrow

Bishop Konieczny noted we have over 30 people at different points in the process, a sign of the vitality in the Diocese.

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

Mrs. Erin Morgan - Comptroller
The Rev. Canon Michael P. Stephenson - Canon Missioner
Mr. Bill Cathcart - Chancellor
Ms. Nicole Baxley - Communications Director
Mrs. Sabrina Evans - Director of Christian Formation
The Rev. Nancy Brock - Prison Missioner
The Rev. Tony Moon - Congregational Consultant
Mrs. Marcia Crawford - Executive Assistant to the Bishop
Ms. Diane Ellsworth - Administrative Assistant to the Canon to the Ordinary

Mrs. Martha Smith - Payroll and Benefits Administrator
Mr. James Price - Accountant
Ms. Gabby LaFerr - Accounts Payable Clerk
Mrs. Miranda Rowe - Administrative Assistant
Mrs. Anne Kueteman - Disaster Recovery Coordinator

Mr. Robert Yadon, 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. Dr. David Bridges - Saint Andrew's, Grove
The Rev. Mary Ann Hill - Saint Dunstan's, Tulsa
The Rev. Shelby Scott - Saint Patrick's, Broken Arrow
The Rev. Dr. John Toles - Saint Matthew's, Enid

Bishop Konieczny called for any nominations from the floor in the clergy order. Hearing no nominations from the floor, Bishop Konieczny declared the nominations for in the clergy order closed.

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

Mr. Robert Yadon - Saint Patrick's, Broken Arrow

Bishop Konieczny called for any nominations from the floor in the lay order. Hearing no nominations from the floor, Bishop Konieczny declared the nominations for in the lay order closed.

Mr. Yadon reminded the Convention that the election would take place later in the day.

Mr. Yadon, Chair of Nominations to General Convention.

Nominees for General Convention in the Clergy Order: (Electing 4)

The Rev. Kay Boman-Harvey - All Saints', Miami
The Rev. Dr. Bill Carroll - Emmanuel, Shawnee
The Rev. Irv Cutter - Saint John's, Tulsa
The Rev. Dwight Helt - Saint John's, Norman
The Rev. Everett Lees - Christ Church, Tulsa
The Rev. David Stock - Saint John's, Oklahoma City

Bishop Konieczny called for any nominations from the floor for General Convention nominees in the Clergy Order. Hearing none, Bishop Konieczny called for nominations to General Convention in the Clergy Order be closed.

Nominees for General Convention in the Lay Order: (Electing 4)

Mr. Gary Derrick - Saint Paul's Cathedral, Oklahoma City
Mr. Wayne Hanaway - All Saints', McAlester
Ms. Julia Harris - Saint John's, Norman
Ms. Kate Huston - Saint Paul's Cathedral, Oklahoma City

Bishop Konieczny called for any nominations from the floor for General Convention nominees in the Lay Order.

The Rev. Mary Ann Hill, Saint Dunstan's, Tulsa, placed the name of Mr. Matt Livingood, Saint Dunstan's, Tulsa, into nomination.

The Rev. David Stock, Saint John's, Oklahoma City, placed the name of Mr. Henry Baer, Grace Church, Yukon and Saint John's, Oklahoma City.

The Rev. Tim Baer, Grace Church, Yukon, placed the name of Mr. Jaron Hill into nomination, Grace Church, Yukon.

All nominees from the floor had met the requirements for nominees from the floor as stated in Canon 2.12.3, as required by Canon 2.12.5.

Hearing no other nominations, Bishop Konieczny, closed nominations for General Convention Lay Order.

Mr. Yadon, reminded the Convention we would be voting in the afternoon.

Mr. Yadon reported on nominations for the Disciplinary Board, made in accordance with our Diocesan Canons:

Nominees for Disciplinary Board Clergy: (electing 2 Clergy)

The Rev. Dr. David Bridges - Saint Andrew's, Grove

Bishop Konieczny called for nominations from the floor. Hearing no nominations for Disciplinary Board, Clergy Order, from the floor, Bishop Konieczny declared nominations closed.

Nominees for Disciplinary Board Lay: (electing 2 Lay)

No nominees submitted.

Bishop Konieczny called for nominations from the floor. Hearing no nominations for Disciplinary Board, Lay Order, from the floor, Bishop Konieczny declared nominations closed.

Bishop Konieczny called for any nominations from the floor for the clergy order. Hearing none, nominations were closed. Bishop Konieczny asked the Chancellor, Mr. Bill Cathcart to explain the process of filling the Disciplinary Board when no nominees are approved by Convention. Mr. Cathcart stated when no nominees are approved by Convention, Bishop Konieczny may appoint persons to fill the seats. Bishop Konieczny remarked the seats would be filled following the conclusion of Convention.

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

Mr. Bill Cathcart, Chancellor

Mr. Gary Derrick and Mr. Tom Williams, Vice Chancellors

Mr. Henry Baer, Treasurer

Mrs. 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 - Grace Church, Yukon (Requires approval of Diocesan Council)

Finance Committee Members:

Mr. Glenn Bonner - Saint Luke's, Bartlesville

Mr. Bill Cathcart - All Souls', Oklahoma City

Mr. Richard Clements - All Souls', Oklahoma City

The Rev. James Cook - Saint Andrew's, Stillwater

Mrs. Virginia Y. "Ginny" Murphy - Saint Paul's Cathedral, Oklahoma City

Chair of the Commission on Ministry:

The Rev. Irv Cutter - Saint John's, Tulsa

Mr. Field Griffen - Saint Patrick's, Broken Arrow

The Rev. Kristi Maulden - Trinity, Tulsa

The Rev. Tony Moon - Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Oklahoma City

Dr. Steve Orwig - Saint John's, Oklahoma City

The Rev. Emily Schnabl - Saint Christopher's, Midwest City

The Rev. Clark Shackelford - Saint Matthew's, Sand Springs

The Rev. John Toles - Saint Matthew's, Enid

Board of Examining Chaplains:

The Rev. Clark Shackelford, Chair - Saint Matthew's, Sand Springs

The Rev. Dr. Bill Carroll - Emmanuel, Shawnee

The Rev. Emily Schnabl - Saint Christopher's, Midwest City

Dr. Steve Orwig - Saint John's, Oklahoma City

The Rev. John Toles - Saint Matthew's, Enid

Chair of the Commission on Episcopal Schools:

The Rev. Art Scrutchins - Holland Hall

Dean of the IONA School of Formation:

Dr. Steve Orwig - Saint John's, Oklahoma City

Bishop Konieczny called for recognition of those nominated and their work.

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)

Oklahoma City Region: The Rev. David Stock - Saint John's, Oklahoma City
Northeast Region: The Rev. Mary Koppel - All Saints', Miami

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

Oklahoma City Region: Dr. Tim Bridges - Saint Mary's, Edmond
The Rev. Blake Woods - Saint Anselm's, Norman
Northeast Region: Mrs. Becky Liehr - Saint Luke's, Bartlesville
The Rev. Kay Boman-Harvey - All Saints', Miami

Bishop Konieczny called upon Mr. Henry Baer, Treasurer of the Diocese and Chair, Finance Committee, to present the 2017 Budget.

Mr. Baer reported that it has been a busy year in the Controller's Office culminating in receiving the 2012-2013 audit report and in short order the 2014 audit report. We received a surplus in 2016 and the Finance Committee decided to commit the surplus funds to a new endowment account to support future maintenance needs at Saint Crispin's. In 2017, the committee decided to reduce the draw on the endowment to 3.9% and will be leaving the Mutual Ministry Support at 17% with the hope of reducing it to 15% in the future. Mr. Baer also discussed some of the increased expenditures, particularly to OU Chaplaincy which are intended to fund a reconstruction project following recent storm damage.

Mr. Baer asked for any questions from the Convention.

Hearing no questions, Mr. Baer ended his report.

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

Chancellor Cathcart moved 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 2016-2017 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 \$50,000."

A second was received from the Convention.

The motion was passed by a voice vote.

Bishop Konieczny addressed the Convention. He shared that the Diocese of Oklahoma is healthy, vibrant, and growing and that we are one of four Dioceses that grew over the last triennium. He shared his reflections on the current state of the Diocese, current political and world events, and his own experiences of reconciliation from his trips to Africa, specifically to Ghana over this last year.

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

Mr. Wise announced we were suspending the first round of breakout sessions due to the time, the location of the Clergy Spouse Lunch, lunches for the delegates and that we would reconvene promptly at 1:00 PM:

Bishop Konieczny recessed the Business Meeting at 11:56 AM.

Bishop Konieczny reconvened the Business Meeting at 1:15 PM and gave some announcements regarding evening worship.

Bishop Konieczny invited Dr. Gil Haas to present on the National Cursillo Conference that is taking place in Oklahoma City in 2017. Dr. Haas showed a video and encouraged members of the Convention to talk to their congregations about getting involved.

Bishop Konieczny invited Joanne and Mike Roberts, Executive Directors of Saint Crispin's, and Daniel Chapman, Summer Camp Director. Daniel discussed the success of the tiered price structure, the hiring of international counsellors, and the importance of getting kids to camp.

Joanne and Mike Roberts reported on the on-going construction at Saint Crispin's Camp and Conference Center. They invited the Rev. Sean Ekberg to talk about the Bishop's Cup Golf Tournament. Father Ekberg reported that our golf tournament raised over \$24,000 in 2016 and our 2017 tournament information recently went live online at the Diocesan website.

Over 1000 people visited the trails, and we hosted three races including the State Championship race for the State Mountain Bike organization. Joanne reflected on the peace and spiritual life of Saint Crispin's. They concluded their presentation with a video updating the progress on the construction of the new dining hall, pavilion, and cabins.

Bishop Konieczny called upon Mr. Gary Derrick, Chair, Constitution and Canons Committee, to report on Constitution and Canons.

Mr. Derrick presented the Proposed Changes to the Canons of the Episcopal Diocese of Oklahoma regarding the appointment of heads of affiliated institutions. This proposed change makes our Canons in concert with accepted practice.

Bishop Konieczny called upon Ms. Kris Bonner, Chair, Resolutions Committee, for a report on Resolutions. Ms. Bonner reported on the resolution, submitted in accordance with our Canons from the Constitution and Canons Committee entitled, "Proposed Amendments to the Canons of the Diocese of Oklahoma."

Ms. Bonner asked for any more resolutions from the floor. Hearing none, Ms. Bonner concluded her report.

Bishop Konieczny called upon Mr. Henry Baer, Treasurer and Chair of the Finance Committee, and moved the adoption of the 2017 Budget as submitted and presented.

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

Mr. Henry Baer moved the adoption of the Mutual Ministry Support rate of 17% for 2017. Bishop Konieczny called for any questions or amendments regarding the Mutual Ministry Support rate, hearing none, he called the question. The motion was adopted by a voice vote.

Bishop Konieczny called on Mr. Yadon for a report on nominations.

Mr. Yadon reported to the nominations from the floor have been submitted in accordance with our canons and the pages have distributed the documents to voting delegates.

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

Mr. Jack Wise reminded the Convention, according to Canon 2, all elections are subject to a plurality vote (highest number of votes cast).

Bishop Konieczny called upon the Rev. Kristi Maulden to award the Fresh Start certificates for clergy newly ordained or new to the Diocese. Graduates of Fresh Start include the Rev. Nathan Carr, the Rev. Elizabeth Davis, and the Rev. Gloria Walters.

Bishop Konieczny noted we were ahead of time and opened the floor for a general question time. Following the question time, Bishop Konieczny called upon Mr. Jack Wise to make announcements.

Mr. Jack Wise, Dispatch of Business, gave the announcements regarding vendors, breakout sessions, Eucharist, and dinner.

Breakout sessions were announced:

Last Minute Stewardship Tips (Theater Room) - Mike Stephenson

Teaching Our Children - And Ourselves to Prayer - Sabrina Evans

Divine Design - the Rev. Kristi Maulden and the Rev. Tom Dahlman

The Reconciliation of a Penitent: Setting Us Free to Love and Serve the Lord - the Rev. Bill Carroll and the Rev. Emily Schnabl

At 2:06 PM Bishop Konieczny recessed until the following morning at 9:00 AM.

For the remainder of the day, delegates attended breakout sessions, Convention Eucharist, and an evening of dinner with fellowship.

Bishop Konieczny reconvened the meeting at 9:01 AM, November 5th, 2016.

The Youth of the Diocese presented and led service of Morning Prayer including a meditation by the Rt. Rev. Robert C. Wright, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta.

Bishop Konieczny called upon the Dispatch of Business, Mr. Jack Wise for the final announcements of the convention. Mr. Wise instructed delegates to leave their name badges and voting paddles on the table. He also announced the 2017 Men's Retreat at Saint Crispin's Conference Center May 4th - 6th and the Brotherhood of Saint Andrew Golf Tournament on Saturday May 13th in Broken Arrow.

Bishop Konieczny called upon Mr. Nathan Sheldon, Headmaster of Casady School who gave a presentation regarding Casady School and its fine arts programs. Presentations were made by a second grade choir, a string quartet, the sixth grade choir, and a soloist on the marimba. Mr. Sheldon showed a clip from the ISAS Arts Festival that will be hosted at Casady School and their online partnership with Stanford University for providing advanced classes for upper division students.

Bishop Konieczny next called upon Miss Jenna Elmer, youth representative to the Episcopal Youth Event (E.Y.E.) Planning Committee to talk about the national youth event coming to Oklahoma City in July of 2017. Miss Elmer showed a video to the convention and encouraged the members of convention to get involved as volunteers.

Bishop Konieczny called upon the Diocesan Communications Director, Ms. Nicole Baxley to discuss the results of the Diocesan Communications Survey and some of the changes coming to our Diocesan communications including the development of an app. Ms. Baxley presented the Diocesan Strategic Communications Plan and some of the other developments including a new app for the Diocese which will be premiered in January of 2017.

Bishop Konieczny called upon the Rev. Tony Moon for a report on the Restructuring of Diocesan Convention. The Rev. Moon discussed the findings from the committee including a change in the time (noon Friday to noon Saturday) with noon Friday until 5:30 focused on networking, education and development with a variety of poster sessions, focus groups, and break-out presentations; Friday evening would include the dinner and the Bishop's Address; Saturday morning would be reserved for the business session including approval of the budget, elections, and appointments. The conclusion is that the streamlining of the process allows for broader participation because of presentations and a reduction in the time spent at convention and a related cost savings. In 2017 our convention will remain largely unchanged and then in 2018 we will shift to the new organization of convention.

Bishop Konieczny recognized two retiring members of our clergy who will finish their current ministries at the end of the year.

Bishop Konieczny reminded the convention of the history of the Bishop's Cross. This year the Bishop's Cross is being given to Mr. John Koons who received the award for his long-time service and dedication to ministries in the Diocese.

Bishop Konieczny called upon Ms. Kris Bonner, Chair, Resolutions Committee for a report on resolutions.

Ms. Kris Bonner, presented Resolution 1 from the Constitution and Canons Committee.

Bishop Konieczny asked for discussion on Resolution 1. Hearing none, he moved the adoption on Resolution 1. The Resolution was adopted by a voice vote. (For text of Resolution 1, see Appendix V).

Bishop Konieczny called upon Ms. Kate Huston, Assistant Secretary of Convention, to report on election results.

For the election to Standing Committee, one clergy:

The Rev. Shelby Scott - Saint Patrick's, Brown Arrow

For the election to General Convention in the Clergy Order:

The Rev. Everett Lees - Christ Church, Tulsa

The Rev. Kay Boman-Harvey - All Saints', Miami

The Rev. Bill Carrol - Emmanuel, Shawnee

The Rev. David Stock - Saint John's, Oklahoma City

and First Alternate the Rev. Irv Cutter - Saint John's, Tulsa

For the election to General Convention in the Lay Order:

Ms. Kate Huston - Saint Paul's Cathedral, Oklahoma City

Mr. Gary Derrick - Saint Paul's Cathedral, Oklahoma City

Ms. Julia Harris - Saint John's, Norman

Mr. Henry Baer - Grace, Yukon and Saint John's, Oklahoma City

and First Alternate Mr. Jaron Hill - Grace, Yukon

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).

Resolution 1: Submitted by the Resolutions Committee; in Appreciation of the Host Committee, Planning Committee Chair, the work of all churches in the Oklahoma City region of the Diocese, the musicians for both our entertainment on Thursday evening and Friday evening and the music at worship, and the youth of the Diocese. In addition, we recognize the staff of the Sheraton Reed Center, Midwest City, and the work of Diocesan Office and Staff in planning the 79th Convention of the Diocese of Oklahoma.

Resolution 2: Submitted by the Resolutions Committee; in Appreciation for the devotion and inspiration of our Convention guest speaker, the Rt. Rev. Robert C. Wright, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta.

Resolution 3: Submitted by the Resolutions Committee; in Appreciation and Recognition of the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Rev and Rt. Hon Justin Welby.

Resolution 4: Submitted by the Resolutions Committee; to celebrate the beginning of ministry, and our support for our 25th Presiding Bishop Michael Bruce Curry

Resolution 5: Submitted by the Resolutions Committee; for the Episcopal Church in Uruguay. We express our common concern for the spread of the word and our mutual companion relationship over the last five years of ministry and for its continuation with the Diocese of Uruguay.

Resolution 6: Submitted by the Resolution Committee; in Appreciation for the Ministry and Leadership to the Rt. Rev. Jose McLoughlin and Congratulations in his new ministry as the Bishop of the Diocese of Northwest Carolina.

Resolution 7: Submitted by the Resolutions Committee; in Appreciation for the Ministry and Leadership of Bishop Edward Konieczny and Debbie Konieczny.

Bishop Konieczny thanked the staff of the Sheraton Reed Center and the groups that helped make convention a success. Bishop also thanked the Diocesan staff for dealing not only with the work of convention but also during the transition; the Chancellor of the Diocese, Bill Cathcart; for the support over the last few weeks of Deacon Tony Moon; for the work of the Planning Chair and Committee; the musicians from both Thursday and Friday; his deepest gratitude to the Rt. Rev. Robert C. Wright, Bishop of the Diocese of Atlanta; he also thanked the members of the convention for the work that we have done and the relationships that we have; and finally for his wife, Debbie.

Finally the Bishop invited the members of convention to our 80th Diocesan Convention that will be held on November 3rd and 4th, 2017 at the Renaissance Hotel in Tulsa, Oklahoma with our keynote speaker the Most Rev. Michael Curry.

Bishop Konieczny adjourned the 79th Convention of the Diocese of Oklahoma at 11:32.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ms. Kate Huston
Assistant Secretary of Convention

I hereby certify that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Diocesan Convention, 2016, as recorded in Journal Part Two, are an accurate representation of the business conducted at Convention.



The Reverend Therese Starr



Ann Bonsteel

APPENDIX I

The 79th Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Oklahoma November 4-5, 2016

Rules of Convention

1. The Convention shall convene at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, November 4, 2016.
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

79th ANNUAL MEETING

CONVENTION of the DIOCESE OF OKLAHOMA

First be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift”

Matthew 5:24

November 4-5, 2016

The Reed Center – Midwest City, Oklahoma

2016 Diocesan Convention Bishop's Address

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Edward J. Konieczny

November 4, 2016

Full transcript below

I've always personally felt, and maybe you all feel this way as well, that the Bishop's convention address is kind of disjointed. We go through this process of getting everything organized and making appointments and doing all this stuff to start convention and then, for those of you who do any public speaking, maybe Bishop Wright can relate to this, know that it is tough to shift from being in administrative mode in 10 to 15 seconds into a mode where you're trying to present something. This always has its challenges. So, I hope you'll bear with me.

I also want to comment because I think most of you are aware, but if you're not and you see me walking around with this thing (a walker), I had a hip replacement just a couple weeks ago. Things are going well, and I'm moving forward in that recovery but I wasn't a very good patient. About a week after my surgery, I was feeling really good and went for my post-op visit with my doctor. He told me that I have "no restrictions", but he also said to "listen to your body and let it be your guide as to how much activity you take on." After I heard "no restrictions" I immediately was making a tee time to play golf, not really! I came back just a little bit too soon into the office at 100%; and unfortunately, inflamed the bone and the prosthesis moved that was put into my leg. That forced me to immobilize myself for a while. Debbie would just as soon that I go immobilize myself somewhere else now because I'm not the most patient, patient.

Having said that, they gave me some really interesting medication. I can tell you that some of that stuff really works well. My presentation this morning may be a little bit disjointed. I apologize for that if it is. If it's good, then I will accept credit for that. If it's bad I'm blaming it on the drugs, but anyways, going forward with that, please, I hope that you'll bear with me.

I, once again, stand before you, now, beginning my tenth year as your Bishop. It seems like it was seriously just yesterday that I stood before you for the very first time in 2007. It has been an incredible journey and one awesome ride, and I cannot even begin to think of where I would rather be or who I would rather be serving in God's kingdom with then all of you here in Oklahoma. You are an incredible group of people whose faith and depth of spirituality wow's me on a daily basis, and I'm honored to be here as your Bishop.

I want to thank all of those who, over the last couple of weeks, have called, sent cards, and emailed humorous things. I'm grateful for your support and prayers as I go through this time of recovering and transition. The words of encouragement have meant a great deal and have sustained me in those difficult days when things were not going always as I hoped that they would. Before I get into my address I once again want to welcome and thank Bishop Wright for being here. I can tell you I believe that Rob is a prophetic voice in our church and in our world. He is a man of great character and has been a voice for children, the less fortunate, and the disenfranchised in our world and society. You heard him allude to the fact that he jumped out of helicopters. He's a veteran with five years in the Navy and talks about literally jumping out of helicopters not only in the middle of the ocean to do those things that need to be done there, but also in the deepest, darkest most horrific places in our world to serve our country and allow us to have the freedoms that we have here. I am honored that he's here with us today and I'm proud not only to call him a colleague and a fellow Bishop, but a brother for whom I have a great deal of love, affection and respect. So brother, thank you.

I want to thank all of those who offered themselves locally here in our diocese and from beyond during my search for the new canon to the ordinary. I had about 35 applicants from across our diocese and across The Episcopal Church (TEC). I even had a couple of folks internationally. I asked them, "Now you know this is Oklahoma, right? It's not London. It's not, you know, Paris; it is Oklahoma." We, especially in this Diocese, are gifted with some incredible people. It took me a lot of time to work through that process and to discern where we were going, but I think that Bill is going to lead us in great ways. I'm thankful that he has accepted this position. I look forward to moving forward with him as we begin to restructure some things and continue the good work of this Diocese. So Bill, once again, thank you for your willingness to serve with me in this place, and I look forward to our years ahead as we go through this. Thank you.

And to the good people of Emmanuel Church, I owe you big time. I will say that openly, and I know that you will come collecting. I am ready for that.

I want to, this morning, do a couple of things. I want to fulfill my canonical responsibilities of giving you the sort of "State of the Diocese" address as is required, and I want to reflect just a little bit on the past 9+ years as we enter into this tenth year of my Episcopacy and our shared ministry in this place together. Then I want to, if my emotions hold up, share some personal reflections on our convention theme and some recent experiences that I've had that might hopefully give at least some insight as to where we are and where we're headed, and the challenges before us. I told Rob last evening that I'm going to let him do the heavy lifting over the next day or so, but I do want to offer a couple of things.

The state of the diocese is that we are in excellent shape. As you heard from Henry, we are financially sound and viable. We are blessed with gifts from people who've gone before us who have sustained us and allowed us to be able to do a lot of things that many dioceses are not able to do. Our budget as a diocese is right at a million dollars a year just to support the congregations and ministries in various places here. That's an important part of who we are. We are diverse. We have a couple of populous areas in our state but the majority of our state is pretty rural. Our expectations for smaller congregations in those rural areas of growing to a position or a place where they can be self-sustaining is probably not realistic. But, we are also very aware that the people who live in those places and who minister in those places are doing incredible work to reach out to the world around them, and to bring the face of Christ and the words of Christ and the love of Christ to others. That's one of the things that I've said from early on when I arrived here and when I started first making visitations. A lot of our smaller churches said things to me like, "Okay Bishop, when are you going to shut us down?" It is not my intention to close churches. That's not what we're about. We will do everything we can as long as we're being faithful to the Gospel, as long as we're growing spiritually and, more importantly, as long as we are looking outward from ourselves into the world and proclaiming the Good News of Christ, we will find a way as a diocese to continue supporting those various congregations.

We are a growing diocese. In the last six years we have grown about 5% accumulatively. In the last report at General Convention, I believe there were only four or five dioceses in TEC that showed church growth. A couple of those were dioceses in what we refer to as Province IX which includes Central and South America, or Latin America. It is something to be said that in the midst of the challenges and the struggles that are being faced in places, we are still reaching people, and we're not stealing "sheep" from folks. There are plenty of folks who are lost and hurt and wandering out there that are seeking and looking for something to give purpose and meaning to their lives. We're doing a good job of reaching out to them.

Can we do better? We could absolutely, and that's one of the things that we are doing with our intentional work around church growth and development. We're looking for different ways to open up those doors for people to come and experience Jesus Christ. We're doing a good job about that. I think we continue to grow spiritually in our

diocese. As I travel throughout the diocese and make visitations, I'm amazed and aware of the many opportunities that you are creating in your own congregations to gather together as community in small groups and other things to continue to not only address your own personal relationship with Christ with one another, your spiritual journeys, but also creating doors and opportunities for others to come in and to know those things as well. I think that's the real basis of church growth. It's not about numbers and people in the pews. If all we're doing is looking at trying to put more numbers on the board, we're doing the wrong thing. I think the growth that we have seen in our church is directly related to the spiritual growth and the faithfulness that you all have shown in the life and the ministry of your congregations and that you are truly about the Gospel. You are about proclaiming the Good News of Christ. You are about being the hands and the feet and the love of Jesus in the world. That resonates with people. That gives people hope. That brings people in. They come and they search and they find a place with whatever it is they're dealing with in their lives, wherever they're at, whatever it is that is challenging them. They come and they find a place where they can feel safe and they can figure things out, and they can be supported and nourished; and that's how you grow churches: Be relevant in people's lives. I commend you for that work that you're doing.

The diocese of Oklahoma has certainly elevated its presence on the larger stage if you want to call it that. We have been blessed recently here in the last few weeks with the presence of our Presiding Bishop who was here for our annual Oakerhater Honor Dance and Celebration. Then the following day he made a visitation at St. Augustine of Canterbury in Oklahoma City on Sunday morning. And, thank you Joseph, for not having the elephants and the camels in the room on that day. I will tell you that at the House of Bishops the following week the Presiding Bishop made comment about his visit to Oklahoma and how much he enjoyed being here and being part of the Honor Dance and participating at the worship at St. Augustine of Canterbury. Sharon Jones, who is the Presiding Bishop's Executive Assistant, following the service that Sunday morning came back into the sacristy with Joseph and I with tears in her eyes and said, "I have been the Executive Assistant for the Presiding Bishop's office for more than ten years, and I've traveled all over the world with them. I have to tell you that was one of the most inspirational and uplifting worship services that I have ever been a party to." She has shared that openly with others. Again, I think that goes to the nature of who we are. We will be blessed again with the presence of our Presiding Bishop twice this year. I got a lot of comments from a lot of bishops in the House of Bishops wanting to know how I was able to get the Presiding Bishop in my diocese three times in one year.

Well, having been the Chair of the Nominating Committee and then on the Presiding Bishop's Transition Committee, I had a little bit of access to his calendar, and I kind of penciled things in ahead of time before others. The Most Reverend Michael B. Curry will be here next year as the diocese of Oklahoma hosts Episcopal Youth Event, which is the tri-annual gathering of the youth from across TEC. We will hear later in this convention a report from one of our youth about that gathering and the meaning of that. Again, the diocese of Oklahoma hosting a national event like that is another sign of

the health and vitality of this place. And then, notwithstanding the presence of our guest this year, the Presiding Bishop will be our guest preacher next year at our 80th Diocesan Convention. So things are good in the life of the diocese.

As I look back over the last ten years, one of the things that happened was Canon José's departure. I want you to know that José sent his greetings to us last evening and commented on his sadness for not being here. He said that he feels like he needs to be here. He sends his greetings and his love to all of you and his thanks to you for the support that you gave him in the way that you nurtured him as a new canon to the ordinary here 9 ½ years ago. I've heard him say on more than one occasion to the people in the diocese of Western North Carolina that it was this diocese, that it was you, who brought him to the place to where he could be a bishop in the church today. It was through your nurturing and working with him and supporting him that allowed him to grow into that place to be there. So, he sends his love to all of you and then he said, "And next week I have to fly solo, by myself, because it's my first diocesan convention. So how do you get through that? What do you do?" But, he is doing great, and I just ask that you continue to keep José and Laurel and Alison and Alex in your thoughts and prayers. Alex is actually still here in Oklahoma. He's attending OSU and so they'll be back and forth a little bit, but please continue to keep them in your prayers.

But what I was going to say was that having that departure and José moving on really opened up an opportunity for me to kind of get back into things at a deeper level. You can imagine that I mean José did a great job and my staff does an incredible job of handling things on a day-to-day basis, and often times you know I kind of get caught up here at that 50,000 foot view I see things but I'm not really in the weeds. This was an opportunity for me to kind of re-engage things in a deeper way which was not only reinvigorating and energizing but opened up my eyes to some things that I think we can be doing maybe a little bit different. We'll be working on that as we go forward after the first of the year, putting some new structures in place around some things that I think became too office-centric and really needs to be drawing upon the skills, the talents and the passion of people in our diocese and so forth.

I hope that as we begin that process after the first of the year, if called upon or if you are moved, that you will step up and join with the various kinds of teams that we want and hope to put together as we continue to be about the work that has been given to us. It also gave me an opportunity to kind of reflect upon the last 9 ½ years and some of the things that we've done, because it's been incredible.

We, I think all of us, have become very intentional about our church growth and development. And again I go back to saying it's not just about the numbers. We've become very intentional about making our ministries and the presence of Christ relevant in people's everyday lives, and we as a diocese have tried to bring along resources that we can use to help us in that process.

We're working with the Natural Church Development process. Tony Moon is heading it up and working with many of you on this. Some of you are doing really great. You're into that and you're pumping away, and good stuff is happening. Some of you have kind of done a little bit, and some of you have put the binder on the shelf and it's away in the corner. I'd encourage you to take a look at those things. We've engaged Renewal Works. Everett Lees has brought that to us. Other congregations are doing that too. They talk about the individual and congregational spirituality of things and so forth. We've been intentional about looking at places where we could take congregations that may have had some difficulties or been through some challenges and transitions, and to do some church restarts.

Christ Church in Tulsa, where Everett Lees is serving, is where we're about five or six years into that program, and they just keep pumping along and doing great things along there. The restart that we've done with Grace Church in Yukon with Tim and Kirsten Bear is just taking off and doing great stuff. One of the things that we did as a Council a couple of years ago was to recognize the need to be thinking in a futuristic way, recognizing what was happening in Yukon and looking at the demographics and things. We knew that we were going to be at a place pretty quickly where that church could not contain itself in a lot of ways. That's kind of a neat way to think about that. They just can't contain themselves. But, we purchased a plot of land a few miles down the road from them a couple of years ago anticipating this would happen, and we are now beginning the work with that congregation to move toward hopefully in the next couple of years breaking ground and building a facility that will accommodate the incredible ministry that's going to take place in that place.

The Council has made a conscious decision to do what we call land banking. We are in the process of trying to develop places throughout the state where we can buy land now in preparation for planting new churches. I want you to think about this. When I arrived here 9 1/2 years ago as I mentioned earlier, the question from a lot of churches was, "When are you going to close us?" The conversation today in this diocese is where are we going to plant the next church? That's exciting! We've kind of stepped back a little bit from actually purchasing land. You've heard from the treasurer that the proceeds that allow us to do that is our royalties from oil and gas. These proceeds have tapered off just a little bit; so, while we probably could continue to purchase land, we want to be cautious in making those decisions and not extending ourselves too far. We're hoping and looking forward to getting back to that place. So we have in the last few years, gone from this place of just existing to looking in the future and planning how we're going to bring more people to a relationship with Christ.

Our Holy Order process has been incredible. You may remember after I arrived that we suspended the process for about 18 months to two years and reevaluated some things. We wanted to make sure that we not only were raising up folks that can go to seminary, but we wanted to find a way to train people on a local level and to raise up good leadership in our diocese. As I mentioned earlier we have ordained nearly 50 persons in this diocese in the last nine years. I've talked to bishops and some dioceses that have

not ordained clergy for several years and don't have anybody in the pipeline. To imagine that we have not only ordained 50 but we have 30 people in the process in some form or another, whether that's in the first year of the Aspirancy process or preparing to graduate from seminary and to be ordained. Imagine that, little old Oklahoma. There are thirty folks in our School of IONA under the leadership of Dean Steve Orwig, which is incredible. We've had a couple of classes this semester. Our bi-vocational clergy are doing great work in congregations that cannot afford to have a full time clergy person, but there's incredible potential there. Again, this is just something else that we've brought alongside to be able to advance the work that we're given to do here.

I wish I could stand up here and say to you that the Saint Crispin's project is almost done. It's almost done. Almost is, you know, we can all interpret that. What I will say to you is; I mean, we have certainly had some challenges. Anytime you have a construction project of this size in a rural part of the state or any place that's rural, there's always those difficulties of getting subcontractors out there on a consistent basis. I will tell you that the work that's being done is quality work, and we're holding firm to make sure that we don't cut corners. We're doing something that is going to sustain us and advance the program of Saint Crispin's. When we get the new dining hall, the cabins, the pavilion and everything else completed, it is going to change our programming opportunities out there. It will be a way that we can continue to reach out not just to the young in our diocese and throughout the state, but to all, young and old alike. This will give us some great opportunities.

So, we're hopeful; and we anticipate that we will be in those cabins and working forward with this year's summer camp program. The dining hall is looking great. We ran into a couple of small little infrastructure type issues, the things that nobody really likes to talk about. But you have to have pipes that makes stuff go away, and we've been working on those things as well.

As I mentioned earlier, we're going to be hearing a report later, I think, tomorrow morning. One of the things I asked last year was to put together a small committee to look at the restructuring improving this gathering at our Diocesan Convention, and you'll be hearing a report from the chair of that committee, Tony Moon, about ways that we want to make the convention not just about a bunch of business. We would really like to find a way where we can do the business and work that we have to do as a diocese and open this gathering up to the larger diocese to where we can actually use it as an opportunity to gather together not only in fellowship but to create programming, to bring the resources alongside, for people to attend conferences or seminars or forums that give them tools that they can take back to their local communities, and advance the work that we have to do. So you'll hear more about that later in this Convention.

You will also hear a report about our continuing efforts to improve our diocesan communications from Nicole Baxley, our Communications Director. You may remember we had a survey that a lot of you participated in. We had a great response to

that. I thank you for responding to that survey, but I'm going to steal some of Nicole's thunder here and she's going to get mad at me for doing that, but for those of you out there who are techies you'll like this; in January of next year the Diocese of Oklahoma is going to have their own app. When she told me that, I said, "What are we applying for?" We've been working with an organization for over a year now trying to put something together and Nicole has been leading the charge on that and just doing a great job. She'll be able to show you some of that graphically what it's going to look like. But, for those of us who are not real techie-oriented in that stuff you know it may be a little bit of a challenge. But for most everybody else, it'll be a way for us to communicate in real time with a lot of things and really enhance what's going on in our diocese and so forth.

I think over the last 10 years we have just moved in so many positive directions. Have we had little hiccups along the way? Yeah. Have we stubbed our toes? Yeah, but that didn't deter us and you all are doing incredible work, and again I want to thank all of you here and please take it back to your communities of faith, that it's a joy for me to talk about you whether it's at the House of Bishops or other places, because we truly are about the work of Jesus Christ in this place, and we're transforming lives and we're making a difference for other people. So please keep up that work.

I want to shift it a little bit now and talk a little bit about our theme. As you heard Bishop Wright say, we are probably in one of the most divisive times in our country. We are on the eve of electing a national leader and find ourselves in a place where the majority of all Americans are completely unsatisfied with either of our candidates, and this is not a political statement. It's not about who is better or who is worse or anything. But we can do better, and we have to do better. I think that it's up to people of faith to lead the way for that. Our Presiding Bishop offers a salutation on most times now as he's moving forward to what he refers to as the Jesus Movement of loving, liberating and life-giving God. And if you have not heard those words and that salutation before, you're going to hear more of it. You're going to hear more of it from me, and you're going to hear more of it from our Presiding Bishop. If you're not paying attention I would encourage you to do that because he's all over the Internet and everything he does is being published. There are videos out there. Just listen to what he has to say. We recognize that we are living in a time in our history where we are dividing ourselves in unhealthy ways, where we are making judgments about people based on arbitrary markers whatever that may be, whether it's the color of their skin, or their sexual orientation, whether they have tattoos or piercings, or whether they have a particular station in life, their welfare and other kinds of things. And it is destroying us. It is taking us to a place where people don't think that it's wrong anymore to lash out with demeaning and derogatory language with the names that we call one another. We find ourselves in a place in society where people feel it's okay or that it's within their rights, or whatever and however you want to say it, that they can act out violently against others. Just a couple of nights ago again, two police officers who were sitting in their police units doing their work, writing a report, and someone walks up and shoots and kills them. Attacks them for no purpose.

On the other side of the coin, we hear stories every single day, and this is one that kind of hits it home for me being a former law enforcement officer, where we actually see the video evidence of police officers acting out in inappropriate ways and overstepping their bounds and their use of authority in ways that are inappropriate. We're at a point in time where I don't want to accept what the pundits and commentators on TV are saying, which is that this is the new norm. This is the way that we're going to have to live our lives going forward, that we're going to have to just get used to the fact that people are going to be mean, and people are going to act out violently, and it's okay to call people names, and it's okay to say you're good and you're bad, and you're in and you're out, and that nobody is deserving unless I decide that you're deserving in our own judgmental ways.

But as Bishop Wright said to us, if we're going to do anything to change the rhetoric, if we're going to do anything to change the trajectory of where we're headed in this country or in our own communities and our own environments, it has to start with us. It has to start with each one of us, individually.

This past year, I had two opportunities to travel to Ghana in Africa. My first trip was in January with Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD). I was invited by Rob Radke, the president of ERD to go and visit and see the work that ERD is trying to do throughout the world raising people up and helping them create lives of sustainability and of independence where they can achieve all they're intended to be.

We visited some incredible places in Ghana, and you know, sometimes I think we get kind of locked in our ideas that we have to have some dramatic program. We have to put millions of dollars into something and come up with some massive thing that's going to change the world. We lose sight of what we really need to change. Change starts with individuals, one at a time, and some of the things that we went to see were up in the Northern part of Ghana where we are working with various groups of folks and villages. In one particular village we visited there were probably 50 women sitting underneath an outdoor kind of pavilion, and they were all weaving baskets. When we arrived they all got up. The hospitality of the African people is incredible. It's just awesome. They all got up, and as we were coming into their village, they welcomed us with song and dance, literally dancing around us. Welcoming us to come and be with them, and then we sat and we talked to them.

What ERD was doing was what they call micro-financing. The women needed to find something to make it possible for them to purchase food or barter for food or those things they need. They needed a product with which to barter. They were making baskets, but they didn't have the money to buy the supplies to create the baskets. And so what ERD did is they went in with each one of these women and they gave them a \$1,000 loan over a three-year period so that they could purchase what they needed in order to make these baskets that they could then take to the market and either barter or ship or sell and so forth.

It sounds like a small thing you know, but it gave these women independence. It gave them pride and self-worth that they were creating something that helped them provide for their families. As we talked, you could just see the passion in their faces about how their lives had been transformed in that one small gesture. We were talking to Rob and we were asking, "Did the women pay the money back?" And he said, you know most of the time. Some of the women have little difficulty. I asked, what do you do if someone doesn't pay it back? He said that we don't do anything, but the other women of the village hold them accountable. Talk about pressure, huh? It's not about the lender coming in and saying okay you're past due or we'll charge you more interest or whatever. But the women of that village hold them accountable to respect the gift that has been given to them, and to live in the promises that they made. With some, it took a little bit longer, but 100% of the time, every single woman paid back that \$1,000. That's not about ERD getting their money back. It's about ERD getting that money back so that the money can be used to help someone in another village.

In another village, they provided the women with a donkey and a cart. Interesting, but it allowed the women to be able to cultivate their fields. First of all, we're talking about a part of Africa that is the most rural of rural. That's about the only way I can describe it. If you can imagine the pictures in National Geographic that we used to look at of rural Africa. There is no electricity. There's no running water. There are wells in the ground. Firewood is their fuel. I mean they literally they collect wood and the wood is taken to somebody else who turns it into charcoal. I didn't know you took wood and burned it to make it charcoal. I didn't know you burnt something in order to burn it but it was really cool.

These people, they have literally nothing. They live in mud and grass huts with thatched roofs, and they build compounds. But the women were not able to cultivate the fields because they're not strong enough to handle the oxen that are used to till the ground and so, by giving them a donkey, they were able to till the ground to plant their seeds. Then they had the cart so that they could come along when the season was over and they could harvest their product and they could take the cart and they could take it to the market to barter it. And then in the off-season when they weren't growing they used that cart and the donkey to go out into the rural area to collect firewood that could be used as their fuel and sold to the guy who turns it into charcoal.

We took a simple thing that many of us would say, well you know, we could think of other things and maybe how to fix it, but we took a simple thing, listened to what they needed, and gave them something that made them productive. It allowed them to sustain their lives, and transform their lives. One of the women in our group was asking the women what this has done for them as a person. The women talked about the dignity that they felt by being productive. They talked about the fact that they could barter and get clothes for their children to wear to go to school or that they could even send their children to school. Most of the schools there are private and there's some level of tuition, or the fact that the kids could actually wear shoes, and then one of the

women said do you ever take anything for yourselves? What do you do? And one of the women, you could see it in her face, the tears, and she said this has let me be a woman again. She went on to say, "I've been able to buy a dress and I've been able to purchase make-up and I get to be a wife to my husband." Imagine that. In that small gesture from ERD that woman found dignity and self-worth and was able to give herself in a loving way to her husband. Guys, we probably don't get that. Ladies, I think you can figure out what I'm saying. To be able to be a woman to your family, to your spouse... incredible. A simple gesture... The way that the women paid this back was the women mated their donkeys. The first foal went back to ERD, and then the rest of them, they get to sell.

I could go on, and I can tell you that they've done the same kind of thing with giving them goats where they can make cheese and get goat milk, or they gave them a grinder so they could take rice and turn it into flour, but what I'm saying is that it was an opportunity to see people's lives transformed in the simplest of ways, because we weren't locked up in judging them, or discerning their worth, or who they were, or where they came from, or what they had, or anything else, it was purely about being in relationship, and our ultimate concern is how can we make life better for each other?

As part of that visit we went to the places that were used as the roots for the slave trades. They took us to a place in the middle of nowhere. They explained to us that it was a gathering point where those who have been stolen, tricked, bought, or by whatever means found to be brought into this trade as a gathering point in the heart of Ghana. They chose this place because of the large trees and the rock formations, and they were able to gather hundreds at a time, thousands at a time, of those who were being forced into this slave trade. And it worked because they could chain them up to the trees. They could chain them up to the rocks so they could control them. And if those captured didn't have something in which to put the slave's daily allotment of what I would say was just porridge, that's the best way I can describe it, then the slaves didn't get to eat because their captors would throw it on the ground in front of them. And so the slaves who have been chained to these huge kind of dome rocks would take rocks and they would grind into the rock to make a bowl, literally, in the rock. So when the captors came along with the porridge, it would at least get thrown into that bowl in the rock so they could at least be able to eat something. There was a little spring there in the middle of the rock where they would get their water. But in order to get their water they had to, one by one, pass it to one another. So they had to create cups. So they got rocks, and they honed the rocks and made cups out of rocks to be able to get water out of the hole in the ground and pass it to the others that were around there.

And they would be kept in this place anywhere from a couple of weeks to maybe a month on end, until there were enough slaves to fill a ship. Then they would be force-marched down the coast to what was referred to as castles. These were forts that have been built along the coast where the slaves were sold and traded. They were then marched out onto the beach and put into ships and brought to the West. But in the middle of this place where they kept them as well as at the castles, they had a thing

called Discipline Rock. This was a rock that had been honed in such a way that they could lay the human body over it stomach face down and the ankles and the hands could be chained underneath it so that they couldn't move or get up. Anytime you acted out or you disobeyed or you didn't do what you were told, you were chained to this rock, and depending on what the offense was, you were either left there to bake in the sun, or you were whipped, or you were beaten, but most times you were stripped naked in front of everyone and made an example of. It was their way of controlling others by putting fear into them. And for those who didn't survive Discipline Rock they literally would have the other slaves dig a hole right next to it and push their bodies into it. And all over this particular area were all these graves of thousands of slaves who were tortured, and who were murdered and were buried.

As I stood there and I listened to the stories being told to us about the reality of what happened in that particular time, the first thing that came to my mind was that when I was a student, when I was growing up, when I was in school, I was lied to. We were all lied to. Because all of the rhetoric that said that we were bringing people to this country for a better life, and we were doing it for them, and all of the other stuff you want to put out there, was total garbage. And as Bishop Rob has said, nobody is clean in this. It took all of us to literally decide by whatever means we did, to choose some particular person out of the world and society and say you are the lowest of lowest, you were below even the dirtiest animal on the face of the Earth, and we're going to treat you that way. And I imagined someone being laid across that rock and their captors with their whip in front of all of the others to see, slapping it across their backs, calling them names, telling them that they were worthless, breaking them. And if they didn't survive, no big deal, just toss them in a hole and cover them up. And we got to the castles along the shore and went in them, and they took us in to what they referred to as the dungeons. So it's the holding cells if you want to call it that for slaves, as they were brought in and being prepared to be sold. These dungeons had maybe one small little window up in a corner. There was no ventilation, they're underground. There's no sunlight coming in. They're in the dark, and they would pack hundreds of them into these small spaces that were maybe 25, 30 feet wide by maybe 60 or 70 feet long, and they were forced to live there and to stay there for weeks and months on end living in their own human waste and vomit and bodily fluids and everything else you could think of. They were not allowed out for any purpose. And once a day the slave traders would come in and they would throw some food into this room where all of the excrement was all over the ground, and the slaves would be forced to eat. And to this day if you go back, all of that human waste is caked feet deep on the grounds of these dungeons in which these people were forced to live. And they kept them in there until they were broken, and they were weak, and they couldn't rebel, and they would weed out the weakest because they would die, and the strong, they would get them to a point where they could control them, so that they could transport them across the Atlantic.

And once again, right in the middle of these castles, was another Discipline Rock that they used to discipline those who wouldn't go along with the program. There were dungeons for the men and there were dungeons for the women. These castles were

built four or five stories high and naturally at the top would be the quarters for the captain or whoever was in charge of this thing. The captain of these particular castles would on a whim whenever he felt like it, order that all of the women slaves be brought out and lined up. He would come out to his balcony and look down into the courtyard, and then he would take his pick. They would go and clean them up and bring them to him for him to have his way with them however he wanted. And when he got done with them, they then became available for any of the other soldiers or officers at the camp. And if they resisted, if they refused, they were taken to the Discipline Rock and disciplined and then thrown into another dungeon, into a hot box as they called it.

In the middle of these castles, in the middle of their courtyard, there was a building, it was the captors' chapel built directly above the dungeons. They would gather there on a daily and a weekly basis. They would pray. They would give thanks to God. They would say the Lord's Prayer. They would Baptize and recite the Covenant. You need to remember something, the majority of these people were English, Brits, Church of England, Anglican Communion, and Episcopal Church. And with people living in their own human waste not 20 feet below them, they would recite the Baptismal Covenant of continuing in the fellowship of the Apostles, of loving their neighbor as themselves, of respecting the dignity of every human, without even flinching an eye, or giving the least amount of thought to those just below their feet.

That was a profound moment for me. That was a day, when my reality collided with the reality of the world, when it brought back the memories that I had in 1965 when I stood on a patio deck back in my backyard, and I watched the riots in Los Angeles as buildings were being burnt and the people were acting out in violent ways and being oppressed.

It reminded me of the first black students who came to school in an all-white school where I attended, and administrators from the school had to walk with them through the halls. It reminded me of the first black police officer who came on our police department, and the number of white officers who demanded that their lockers be moved away from him because they were not going to dress next to somebody like that. It was a day where I became very aware that I was a racist, that I was contributing to all of those things that were happening, whether it was overtly or intentionally or just by the mere fact that I let it happen, that I didn't stand up and I didn't say something, that I didn't act in a different way.

We cannot begin to do the work of reconciliation in this world until we accept and acknowledge our culpability in what's happened. The things that we do or don't do, the things that we have said, the way that we look at one another, the judgments that we make without any information whatsoever about who's in and who's out, who's good and who's bad. Until we stand up and accept that we are all part of this problem, we can never get to the point of talking about how we can begin to know the love of Christ in this world. And it's time that we *have* to do that. We can't wait anymore. We can't stand by and say, oh, it'll be okay. We can't let our political leaders stand up and bash

one another and call people names and say derogatory things about one another. We can't let injustice continue in the world. It can't be okay for us to walk across the street and walk around somebody who is lying incapacitated on the road because somehow they find themselves in a difficult place. We can no longer begin to be giving privilege to those who have been privileged on the backs of those who've been disenfranchised. And the only way that can happen is for each of us, you and me, individually to acknowledge who we are, the sinners that we are, seek repentance, and then ask for God's guidance and wisdom that His spirit might guide us in a new way of living and being together with one another.

Hopefully now, I'm a recovering racist, but I am committed to working with others and to being part of this thing, our Presiding Bishop calls, The Jesus Movement, to make a difference in the world. I am not willing any longer to let my brothers and sisters in Christ, to let my brothers and sisters who may worship a different deity, to let my brothers and sisters who may not worship any deity, be treated in those ways any longer. And I pray that the work that we do in this place, in this church, and in this diocese, will be to bring about a new way of living together that we might begin to get a glimpse of the kingdom of God that's been intended for each of us.

I hope that you will join me in this. I hope that you will hold me accountable to this, and I pray that the love of Christ will prevail, and that at least in this place, people will know that Jesus Christ is our way. He's our leader and our guide, and we will stand up as his disciples. Amen.

APPENDIX III

The 79th Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Oklahoma November 4-5, 2016

Commissioning of 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.***

APPENDIX IV

RESOLUTION NO. 1

SUBMITTED BY: Constitution and Canons Committee
SUBJECT: Proposed Amendments to the Canons of the Diocese of Oklahoma

WHEREAS, the Constitution and Canons Committee of the Diocese of Oklahoma has moved that the delegates of the 79th Diocesan Convention vote for the proposed amendments to the Diocesan Canons, in the attached form;

BE IT RESOLVED That the 79th Diocesan Convention approves by a majority vote of each Order the amendments to Section 7.20.1 of Canon 7.20 [*Institutions Affiliated with the Diocese*] of the Diocesan Canons requiring the Bishop's consent to the appointment of the chief executive officer of a Diocesan institution; and

FURTHER RESOLVED That, upon approval of the amendments by the Bishop, the Registrar shall record the amendments or repeals of these Canons by making the required changes on the Diocese's copy of the Canons and restating and certifying an amended and restated version of the then effective Canons.

Date Received: September 14, 2016

BACKGROUND MATERIAL:

See attached Report of the Constitution and Canons Committee – 2016; Synopsis of Proposed Amendment to the Canons of the Episcopal Diocese of Oklahoma and the changed Canon, which is marked to show changes.

RESOURCES:

The Constitution and Canons Committee

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APPENDIX V
COURTESY RESOLUTIONS
79th CONVENTION OF THE DIOCESE OF OKLAHOMA
November 4th- 5th 2016

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

WHEREAS, as delegates and visitors of the various churches in the Diocese of Oklahoma soon to be returning to our respective homes;

AND WHEREAS, we recognize as representatives of these churches we must, as St. Matthew instructed, *“First be Reconciled to your Brother or Sister and Then Come and Offer your Gift”*;

AND WHEREAS, we acknowledge that the planning and coordination of the 79th Convention of the Diocese of Oklahoma was an effort of all the churches in the Oklahoma City Region of the Diocese;

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that this 79th Annual Meeting of the Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Oklahoma express its resounding gratitude to the Churches of the Oklahoma City Region and the many volunteers who worked to make this convention such a success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, we wish to acknowledge the talent of special guest guitarist for Thursday evening’s reception, Mr. Scott Chard.

AND BE IT RESOLVED, we applaud the talents of the musicians that graced our Eucharist and entertained us at dinner Friday evening;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this convention extend our appreciation to the managements of The Sheridan Midwest City Hotel and The Reed Conference Center for their courteous hospitality during our stay with them;

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED, that this 79th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Oklahoma gratefully acknowledge the work of the Secretary of Convention, Melanie Wignall, and Assistant Secretaries of Convention, Jack Wise and Kate Huston, Liturgy Chair, the Reverend Tim Baer, and the staff of the Diocesan Center.

RESOLUTION NO.: 2

SUBMITTED BY: The Resolutions Committee

SUBJECT: Guest Speaker

BE IT RESOLVED, that this 79th Meeting of the Episcopal Diocese of Oklahoma extend our heartfelt appreciation to The Right Reverend Robert C. Wright, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta, for his devotion and inspiration as the Guest Preacher of this convention.

RESOLUTION NO.: 3

SUBMITTED BY: The Resolutions Committee

SUBJECT: Honoring the Archbishop of Canterbury

WHEREAS, we recognize the ongoing struggles, conflicts and violence that exist throughout the world between peoples of different cultures, backgrounds and faith traditions;

AND WHEREAS, we acknowledge on a local level we have little influence to address these situations on a world wide scale;

AND WHEREAS, we look to those whose position or ability allow them to represent the Gospel of Jesus Christ to others;

AND WHEREAS, it is our hope and desire that someday all people will know the love and peace proclaimed to us in the example of Jesus Christ;

BE IT RESOLVED, that this 79th Meeting of the Episcopal Diocese of Oklahoma extend our prayers, gratitude and support to the Archbishop of Canterbury, The Most Reverend and Right Honourable Justin Welby, for his continued work of reconciliation.

RESOLUTION NO.: 4

SUBMITTED BY: The Resolutions Committee

SUBJECT: Honoring our Presiding Bishop

BE IT RESOLVED, that this 79th Convention of The Episcopal Church of Oklahoma extend our best wishes and support to the Most Reverend Michael Curry as he concludes his first year as Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church.

RESOLUTION NO.: 5

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 five years based on prayer and support;

BE IT RESOLVED, that this 79th Meeting of the Episcopal Diocese of Oklahoma express our continued desire in maintaining this common concern for the spread of The Gospel through our various ministries and churches;

AND BE IT RESOLVED, that the parishes of the Diocese of Oklahoma pray faithfully for a successful mission trip in January, 2017 to the Diocese of Uruguay to provide two Vacation Bible Schools;

FINALLY, 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.: 6

SUBMITTED BY: The Resolutions Committee

SUBJECT: The Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Western North Carolina

WHEREAS, we enjoyed the ministry of Canon José McLoughlin for nine years in the Episcopal Diocese of Oklahoma;

AND WHEREAS, he was elected and consecrated as the Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Western North Carolina;

BE IT RESOLVED, that this 79th Meeting of the Episcopal Diocese of Oklahoma offer our gratitude and congratulations for The Right Reverend José McLoughlin and pledge our continued prayers for his ministry and family.

RESOLUTION NO.: 7

SUBMITTED BY: The Resolutions Committee

SUBJECT: The Ministry of our Bishop

WHEREAS, we acknowledge the continued work of our Bishop and his wife to guide, give hope and spread the Word of Our Lord to the people of this diocese, the nation and the world;

BE IT RESOLVED that this 79th Meeting of the Episcopal Diocese of Oklahoma earnestly express our gratitude to our Bishop, The Right Reverend Dr. Edward Konieczny, and his wife, Debbie, for their devoted ministry in the tenth year of his Episcopate in the Diocese of Oklahoma

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

