

**The 121<sup>st</sup> Annual Council**  
**The Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia**  
**February 15-16, 2013**  
**Williamsburg, Virginia**

Friday, February 15

At 9:00 a.m., The Rt. Rev. Herman Hollerith IV, Bishop of Southern Virginia, called the 121<sup>st</sup> Annual Council to order and greeted the delegates, alternates, and visitors in attendance.

Members of Convocation V, led Council in opening worship.

The Rev. Mark Wilkinson, Chairperson of the Committee on Credentials, gave preliminary attendance figures and certified that a quorum was present.

Bishop Hollerith announced his appointments to Council Committees, as follows:

CREDENTIALS

The Rev. Mark Wilkinson, St. Aidan's, Virginia Beach  
Mr. Tom Metz, St. Aidan's, Virginia Beach

AGENDA FOR ANNUAL COUNCIL

The Rt. Rev. Herman Hollerith IV  
Secretary of the Diocese  
Chair for Dispatch of Business  
Diocesan Staff Personnel  
Chancellor  
Chair of Formation  
Chair of Mission  
Chair of Constitution and Canons  
Chair of Resolutions and Memorials  
Chair of Liturgical Commission

DISPATCH OF BUSINESS

The Rev. Michael Stone, Manakin, Midlothian, Chair  
The Very Rev. Cleon Ross

CONSTITUTION AND CANONS

Mr. Samuel Webster, Ascension, Norfolk, Chair  
The Rev. Ralph Haines  
The Rev. Dr. Constance Jones, Grace, Yorktown  
The Rev. Edmund Pickup, Emmanuel, Franklin  
The Hon. Gordon Tayloe, Good Shepherd, Norfolk

## RESOLUTIONS AND MEMORIALS

The Rev. Charles Robinson, Bruton Parish, Williamsburg  
The Very Rev. Dr. Stanley Sawyer, All Saints', Virginia Beach

### PARLIAMENTARIAN

The Hon. Gordon Tayloe, Good Shepherd, Norfolk

### JOURNAL OF COUNCIL

The Rev. Ralph Haines  
The Rev. Canon Ed Tracy

### COMMITTEE TO CERTIFY THE MINUTES OF COUNCIL

The Rev. Ralph Haines  
The Rev. Elizabeth Felicetti, St. David's, Chesterfield County  
Ms. Gay Forloine, Hickory Neck, Toano

### HEAD TELLERS

The Rev. Robert Gay, Bruton Parish, Williamsburg, Chair  
The Rev. Gini DiStanislao, St. Paul's & St. Andrew's, Kenbridge

On due motion and second, the Agenda and Order of Business were adopted unanimously.

The Rev. John Eidam, Chairperson, gave the report of the Committee on the Status of Parishes and Missions as follows:

## **STATUS OF PARISHES AND MISSIONS**

Revised January, 2013

### **Parishes**

Amelia, Christ	Hampton, Emmanuel
Appomattox, St. Anne's	Hampton, St. Cyprian's
Blackstone, St. Luke's	Hampton, St. John's
Bon Air, St. Michael's	Hampton, St. Mark's
Cartersville, St. James'	Hampton, St. Mark's
Chase City, St. John's	Hopewell, St. John's
Chesapeake, St. Bride's	Kenbridge, St. Paul's and St. Andrew's
Chesapeake, St. Thomas'	Lawrenceville, St. Andrew's
Chester, St. John's	Midlothian, Manakin
Chesterfield County (Richmond) St. David's	Midlothian, Our Saviour
Chesterfield County, St. Matthew's	Midlothian, Redeemer
Clarksville, St. Timothy's	Midlothian, St. Matthias (Bon Air)
Colonial Heights, St. Michael's	Newport News, St. Andrew's
Danville, Christ	Newport News, St. Augustine's
Danville, Epiphany	Newport News, St. George's
Farmville, Johns Memorial	Newport News, St. Paul's
Franklin, Emmanuel	Newport News, St. Stephen's
Halifax, St. John's	Norfolk, Advent
	Norfolk, Ascension

Norfolk, Christ and St. Luke's  
Norfolk, Epiphany  
Norfolk, Good Shepherd  
Norfolk, Grace  
Norfolk, St. Andrew's  
Norfolk, St. Paul's  
Norfolk, St. Peter's  
Norfolk, St. Stephen's  
Onancock, Holy Trinity  
Petersburg, Christ and Grace  
Petersburg, St. John's  
Petersburg, St. Paul's  
Petersburg, St. Stephen's  
Portsmouth, St. Christopher's  
Portsmouth, St. James'  
Portsmouth, St. John's  
Portsmouth, Trinity  
Powhatan, St. Luke's  
Richmond, Good Shepherd  
Richmond, St. Barnabas  
Smithfield, Christ

South Boston, Trinity  
South Hill, All Saints'  
South Hill, Trinity  
Suffolk, Glebe  
Suffolk, St. John's  
Suffolk, St. Mark's  
Suffolk, St. Paul's  
Tabb, Christ the King  
Toano, Hickory Neck  
Virginia Beach, All Saints'  
Virginia Beach, Eastern Shore Chapel  
Virginia Beach, Emmanuel  
Virginia Beach, Galilee  
Virginia Beach, Good Samaritan  
Virginia Beach, Old Donation  
Virginia Beach, St. Aidan's  
Virginia Beach, St. Francis'  
Williamsburg, Bruton Parish  
Williamsburg, St. Martin's  
Yorktown, Grace

### **Congregations Formerly in Cures- Status Pending**

Accomac, St. James'  
Pungoteague, St. George's  
McKenney, Good Shepherd  
Chatham, Emmanuel  
Gretna, Trinity  
Mount Airy, St. John's  
Peytonsburg (Java), St. Paul's

Baskerville, St. Andrew's  
Bridgetown, Hungars Parish  
Eastville, Christ  
Burrowsville, Brandon (Disputanta)  
Waverly, Christ Church

### **Missions**

Bracey, St. Mark's  
Courtland, St. Luke's  
Cape Charles, Emmanuel  
Drakes Branch, Grace  
Emporia, St. James'  
Freeman, St. Thomas  
  
Glenmore, Emmanuel (Buckingham)  
Halifax, Christ  
Kenbridge, St. Luke's

Halifax, Emmanuel (Mission of St. John's, Halifax)  
Jenkins Bridge, Emmanuel  
    Lawrenceville, St. Paul's Memorial Chapel  
Portsmouth, Emmanuel  
Powhatan, Emmanuel  
Prince George, Merchants Hope (Hopewell)  
Surry, St. Paul's  
Virginia Beach, St. Simon's by the Sea  
Warfield, St. James'

### **Ecumenical Communities**

Virginia Beach, Holy Apostles

### **Chapels**

Chatham: Chatham Hall, St. Mary's Chapel  
Jarratt: Jackson Field, All Saints' Chapel  
Va. Beach, Beacon Shores: St. Stephen's Chapel  
Norfolk, Diocesan Office: Chapel of the Holy

Spirit  
Covington, Boys' Home: All Saints' Chapel

### **Shrines**

Callaville, Emmanuel  
Claremont, Ritchie Memorial  
Ca Ira, Grace

Genito, Grace Church (linked to Emmanuel, Powhatan)  
 Grub Hill, St. John's  
 McKenney, Sapony  
 Smithfield, Old St. Luke's  
 Victoria, St. Andrew's

**Diocesan Properties**

Route 17, in Isle of Wight County, 10 acres  
 Chesterfield County: Route 360 West of Otterdale Road, 10 acres  
 300 Meade Street (Crewe, VA 23920)  
 194 Connelly St. (Alberta, VA 23921)  
 Messiah, Chesapeake  
 Christ, Emporia  
 Grace, Purdy

**Summary**

Parishes.....	?
Missions.....	?
Ecumenical Communities.....	1
Total Congregations.....	108
Chapels.....	5
Shrines.....	8

On due motion and second, the pre-certified minutes of the 120<sup>th</sup> Annual Council were unanimously accepted as published.

The Rev. Bob Gay and Mr. Sam Webster explained certain changes in the proposed Rules of Order. Upon due motion and second, the Rules of Order were adopted unanimously as published.

Bishop Hollerith welcomed the following ecumenical guests:

The Rev. Jonathan Barton, General Minister, Virginia Council of Churches  
The Rev. Ray Barton, co-pastor Holy Apostles, Virginia Beach  
The Rev. Eric Moehring, Lutheran Ecumenical Officer

On due motion and second, seat and voice at the 121<sup>st</sup> Annual Council were granted to the following:

#### POSTULANTS AND CANDIDATES FOR HOLY ORDERS

Mr. Charlie Bauer – Bruton Parish, Williamsburg  
Mr. John Hogg, St. Aidan's, Virginia Beach – Virginia Theological Seminary  
Mr. Brandon Hudson – St. John's, Halifax  
Mr. Keith Josey, St. Stephen's, Norfolk  
Mr. Mark Riley, Galilee, Virginia Beach – Virginia Theological Seminary  
Mr. Josh Stephens – St. Andrew's, Norfolk

#### PAROCHIAL CLERGY & RETIRED CLERGY (NON-CANONICALLY RESIDENT)

The Rev. Stephan Beatty, VA, Emmanuel, Powhatan  
The Rev. Ted Edwards, SWFL  
The Rev. Jim Henry, SWVA  
The Rev. Chris Heying, SWVA, Emmanuel, Chatham  
The Rev. Diane Hill, AL, Trinity & All Saints', South Hill  
The Rev. John Kerr, Church of England, Bruton Parish, Williamsburg  
The Rev. Tom Martin, AT  
The Rev. Charles Moore, MASS, Merchants Hope, Prince George  
The Rev. Harry Nevels, O, St. Thomas', Freeman; St. James', Emporia; St. Paul's Memorial  
Chapel, Lawrenceville  
The Rev. Susan Norris, NJ  
The Rev. Edith Raby, CFLA, Christ Church, Smithfield  
The Rev. Marni Schneider, LA, St. Simon's, Sandbridge  
The Rev. Linda Scholer, NJ  
The Rev. Jess Stribling, VA  
The Rev. Ben Wallis, PA, Epiphany, Danville

## COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVES

Bob Zupanek – Hampden-Sydney College & Longwood University (Chaplain)  
Megan Wilson – Christopher Newport University  
Devonte Bradley – Hampden-Sydney College  
James Lilly – Hampden-Sydney College  
Amanda Stuckey – Longwood University  
Kortney Bodge – Old Dominion University  
Joe Cartwright – Old Dominion University  
Brian Collins – Old Dominion University  
Tyler Stewart – Old Dominion University  
Caitlyn Darnell – College of William & Mary

## YOUTH PRESENCE AT COUNCIL

James “Sandy” Brothers – St. Matthias, Midlothian  
Claire Davis – St. Christopher’s, Portsmouth  
Hannah Gosey – St. Christopher’s, Portsmouth  
Christopher “Chris” Gregg – St. John’s, Portsmouth  
Courtney Hardy – Emmanuel, Hampton  
Jeremiah Hoyt – St. David’s, Chesterfield  
Lauren Jones – St. Aidan’s, Virginia Beach  
Christina Mason – St. David’s, Chesterfield  
Carson Merritt – St. Andrew’s, Norfolk  
Clare Parkinson – St. Aidan’s, Virginia Beach  
Elizabeth Peabody – Emmanuel, Hampton  
Alexander “Alex” Shaddock – Emmanuel, Hampton  
Holly Waide – St. Aidan’s, Virginia Beach  
Torin Wright – Emmanuel, Virginia Beach

## OTHER

Ms. Ramona Frazier, Repairers of the Breach Task Force, St. Cyprian’s, Hampton  
Ms. Ann Willis, Repairers of the Breach Task Force, Bruton Parish, Williamsburg  
Ms. Veronica Fountain, Repairers of the Breach Task Force, St. Stephen’s, Petersburg  
Ms. Caroline Black, Canon for Christian Formation  
Ms. Ashley Scruggs, Youth Missioner  
Ms. Ann Turner, Communications Officer  
Ms. Nancy James, Comptroller  
Mr. Gareth Kalfas, Executive Director, Chanco on the James  
Members of Executive Board Sub-Committees

Bishop Hollerith gave his official address to the 121<sup>st</sup> Annual Council.

At 10:05 a.m. Council recessed and reconvened at 10:20 a.m.

The Rev. Charles Robinson, Chairperson of the Committee on Resolutions and Memorials reported that the Committee would be presenting one regular resolution and several courtesy and memorial resolutions.

Mr. Sam Webster, Chair of the Committee on Constitution and Canons, reported that the Committee would be proposing one Constitutional amendment and three Canonical amendments.

Bishop Hollerith welcomed the new Executive Director of Chanco on the James, newly ordained clergy, and clergy new to the Diocese since the last Annual Council as follows:

Newly Ordained Clergy

New Deacons:

Dana VanVliet-Pullin – St. Peter’s, Norfolk

New Priests:

Eve Butler-Gee – Brandon Church, Burrowsville

Terry Edwards – St. Augustine’s, Newport News

Henry McQueen – Hickory Neck, Toano

Ben Wallis – Epiphany, Danville

Wendy Wilkinson – Good Samaritan, Virginia Beach

Clergy new to the Diocese since the last Annual Council:

Stephan Beatty – from Diocese of Virginia, serving Emmanuel, Powhatan

Chris Heying – from Diocese of Southwest Virginia, serving Emmanuel, Chatham

Diane Hill – from Diocese of Alabama, serving All Saints’ & Trinity, South Hill

Fletcher Wells – from Diocese of Virginia, serving St. Thomas’, Chesapeake

New Executive Director of Chanco: Gareth Kalfas

Bishop Hollerith nominated the following Diocesan Officers, Committees, and Commissions:

CHANCELLOR (Article XIII)

Mr. Sam Webster, Ascension, Norfolk

VICE-CHANCELLOR (Article XIII)

The Hon. Gordon Tayloe, Good Shepherd, Norfolk

Mr. Tim Coyle, St. Andrew’s, Norfolk

COMMISSION ON MINISTRY – SEMINARY FORMATION (Canon XII)

The Rev. Samantha Vincent-Alexander, Ascension, Norfolk, Chair  
The Rev. Becki Dean, St. Michael's, Bon Air  
Ms. Lynn Farlin, Ascension, Norfolk  
The Very Rev. Keith Emerson, St. Paul's, Suffolk  
Ms. Carvel Valentine, Old Donation, Virginia Beach  
The Rev. Carleton Bakkum, Grace, Yorktown  
The Rev. Andrea Rohrs  
Ms. Susan Pember, Redeemer, Midlothian  
Mr. Chris O'Brien, Ascension, Norfolk  
The Rev. Segar Gravatt, All Saints', Virginia Beach  
The Rev. Dale Custer, St. John's, Chester

COMMISSION ON MINISTRY – MINISTRY OF THE BAPTIZED (Canon XII)

Ms. Kathy Wooten, St. Luke's, Blackstone  
Mr. Tony Robinson, St. Thomas', Chesapeake  
Ms. TJ Cardwell, Bruton, Williamsburg  
The Rev. Bob Gay, Bruton, Williamsburg  
The Rev. Scott Hennessy, St. Paul's, Norfolk  
Ms. Ann Meyer, St. Martin's, Williamsburg  
Mr. Scott Norris, Emmanuel, Jenkins Bridge  
Ms. Alice Webley, All Saints', Virginia Beach  
Ms. B. Anne Davis, St. John's, Portsmouth  
Canon Caroline Black, Diocesan Staff

COMMISSION ON STATUS OF PARISHES AND MISSIONS (Canon XIII)

The Rev. John Eidam, St. Peter's, Norfolk, Chair  
The Rev. Gary Barker  
The Rev. Patricia Kellam, Christ Church, Amelia  
Mr. Charlie Pfeifer, St. Peter's, Norfolk  
Mr. Bruce Comfort, St. Peter's, Norfolk

COMMISSION ON CHURCH ARCHITECTURE (Canon XXVIII)

Mr. Scott Spence, Bruton Parish, Williamsburg, Chair  
The Rev. Stephen Cowardin, Redeemer, Midlothian  
Mr. Delmar Dayton, St. Michael's, Bon Air  
Mr. Thomas Taliaferro, Emmanuel, Hampton



COMMISSION ON CHURCH INDEBTEDNESS (Canon XXVII)

Mr. Page Lea, Galilee, Virginia Beach  
Mr. John Meek, Good Shepherd, Norfolk

CHURCH PENSION COMMISSION (Canon XXIV)

The Rt. Rev. Herman Hollerith IV  
Mr. Edwin Kellam, Eastern Shore Chapel, Virginia Beach  
Mr. John Meek, Good Shepherd, Norfolk

The nominations were duly seconded and these persons were elected unanimously.

Bishop Hollerith welcomed the newly elected members of the Executive Board as follows:

Convocation 1: Mr. Scott Norris  
Convocation 3: Mr. Robert Motley  
Convocation 7: Ms. Shirley Wiley

The members of the Executive Board representing convocations are as follows:

Convocation I:	The Rev. Cameron Randle	2014
	Mr. Scott Norris	2016
Convocation II:	The Rev. Mark Wilkinson	2015
	Mr. Michael McGraw	2016
Convocation III:	The Rev. Samantha Vincent Alexander	2014
	Mr. Robert Motley	2016
Convocation IV:	The Rev. Eileen Walsh	2014
	Ms. Theresa Barnes	2015
Convocation V:	The Rev. Chris Epperson	2015
	Ms. Bettyrene Pope	2014
Convocation VI:	The Rev. Rick Greenwood	2014
	Mr. Gonjoe "Buzzy" Winn	2015
Convocation VII:	The Rev. Michael Stone	2015
	Ms. Shirley Wiley	2016
Convocation VIII:	The Rev Virginia DiStanislao	2014
	Mr. Spencer Coleman	2016
Convocation IX:	TBD	2016
	Ms. Tracy Martin	2014

Bishop Hollerith announced his appointment of the following Convocation Deans:

Convocation I: The Very Rev. Claire Hunkins  
Convocation II: The Very Rev. Stan Sawyer  
Convocation III: The Very Rev. John Rohrs  
Convocation IV: The Very Rev. Rev. Keith Emerson  
Convocation V: The Very Rev. Charles Robinson  
Convocation VI: The Very Rev. David Teschner  
Convocation VII: The Very Rev. Nancy Meck  
Convocation VIII: The Rev. Chris Cunningham  
Convocation IX: The Rev. Susan Grimm

The Rev. Susan Grimm, President, gave the report of the Standing Committee as follows:

I'd like to open by introducing the other members of the Standing Committee who have served this past year, and ask them to stand if they are in the room. John Meek joins me in rotating off the Standing committee. Ed Pickup and George Little will enter their third year of service, and Charles Robinson and Gay Forloine will enter the second year of their term. Thanks to each of you for your service.

Standing Committees are interesting bodies in the life of the Episcopal Church, and in the Anglican Communion. When there is no Diocesan Bishop, they may have enormous responsibilities. We have been blessed by the presence of our Diocesan Bishop, so our duties have been blessedly "normal."

First and foremost of the way of normal duties is to serve as counsel to the Bishop. We hear reports, give advice, and generally act as eyes and ears for him and for each other for the wide diversity that is this Diocese.

We also act in concert with the Commission on Ministry in the ordination process, especially as folks get closer to the day of ordination. We've been blessed to meet and encourage a number of new clergy in our Diocese.

The approval of the various Standing Committees of Dioceses is also required whenever any diocese elects a bishop. This past conciliar year, because of General Convention and the now defunct requirement that certain elections before the date of GC be approved there, we have had few elections to approve, certainly fewer than in past years. We have approved every election which came before us.

This past year, most so than any year I've served on the Standing Committee, we have had occasion to be a part of several property and indebtedness issues. As a result, I would like to remind everyone here, clergy and lay, of the responsibility of parish leadership to seek guidance at diocesan levels for certain issues in a parish. If you need to sell property, grant an easement or do anything else related to your real property, call the Diocese. You need Episcopal and Standing Committee approval to do so. If you plan to incur any kind of debt, whether for the roof, a building, or a line of credit for your

regular operating expenses, you need Episcopal and Standing Committee approval to do so. Please don't forget that. I think the folks we have worked with this year can attest to our prompt response in their needs. And friends, it's a lot easier to take care of these things ahead of time than try to figure out how to make them right afterwards!

One of the processes which we have really entered into this year has been electronic votes. That has led to our prompt responses to parishes which need our approval for one reason or another. That has also afforded us an opportunity to be good stewards of our meeting time and road time.

I think I speak for all of us on the Standing Committee when I thank you for your trust and confidence in us. We have been privileged to serve the Diocese, each of you, and The Lord.

Bishop Hollerith introduced the following Postulants and Candidates for Holy Orders:

New Postulants as of January:

Mr. Charlie Bauer, Bruton Parish, Williamsburg  
Mr. Brandon Hudson, St. John's, Halifax  
Mr. Josh Stephens, St. Andrew's, Norfolk

Postulants presently attending Virginia Theological Seminary:

Mr. John Hogg, St. Aidan's, Virginia Beach  
Mr. Mark Riley, Galilee, Virginia Beach

The Rev. Conner Alexander and Mr. Gareth Kalfas gave the report of Chanco on the James.

Mr. Rick Cole, Chairperson of the Diocesan Nominating Committee, placed the following in nomination:

Standing Committee – Lay, Elect One

Angela Parker  
Victor Rice  
Alice Webley

Standing Committee – Clergy, Elect One

Robert Randall  
Stephen Cowardin

Disciplinary Board – Lay, Elect One

Tracy Martin  
Buford Parsons

Disciplinary Board – Clergy, Elect Two

Conor Alexander  
Anne Kirchmier  
Sue Crommelin-Dell

Provincial Synod – Lay, Elect One

K. Scott Norris

Provincial Synod – Clergy, Elect One

John Boucher

The nominations were duly seconded.

The Rev. Bob Gay, Chairperson of Tellers, explained the voting procedure. There being only the number of nominees for Deputies to the Provincial Synod as needed for election, on due motion and second, Mr. Scott Norris (Lay) and The Rev. John Boucher (clergy) were elected by unanimous consent. Council then proceeded to take the first ballot.

Bishop Hollerith recognized Mr. Gordon Tayloe for his many years of service as Diocesan Chancellor and presented him with a gift. Mr. Tayloe expressed his gratitude for the recognition and for the privilege of serving the Diocese.

The Rev. Charles Robinson, Chairperson of the Committee on Resolutions and Memorials presented and moved adoption of the following courtesy resolution:

COURTESY RESOLUTION

DR. JULIAN HUDSON

WHEREAS, Dr. Julian Hudson was appointed as the Historiographer for The Diocese of Southern Virginia in 2008; and,

WHEREAS, he has served diligently and faithfully in that position for the last five years; and,

WHEREAS, in that capacity he has taken inventory of and organized the historical artifacts, items, and documents of The Diocese of Southern Virginia maintained in the diocesan vault; and,

WHEREAS, he established detailed policies and procedures for the receipt, cataloguing, and safekeeping of historical and sacred artifacts, items and documents received from parishes that are closing; and,

WHEREAS, he has announced his retirement from the position of Historiographer;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this 121<sup>st</sup> Annual Council of the Diocese of Southern Virginia express its heartfelt thanks for the dedicated service offered to God's glory by Dr. Julian Hudson; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be spread across the minutes and books of Council and that a copy be sent Dr. Julian Hudson.

On due second the resolution was adopted unanimously.

The Rev. Charles Robinson presented and moved adoption of the following memorial resolution;

#### MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

#### OLIVIA VENABLE OSEI-SARFO

WHEREAS, it has pleased God to call Olivia Venable Osei-Sarfo to her heavenly home on April 19, 2012; and,

WHEREAS, she was born in Norfolk, Virginia on September 10, 1949; and,

WHEREAS, she graduated from Booker T. Washington High School in 1967; and,

WHEREAS, she graduated from Norfolk State University in 1972; and,

WHEREAS, she graduated from The University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign in 1975; and,

WHEREAS, she pursued a career in Library Science retiring as Library Branch Manager for the City of Norfolk and serving as Library Manager for the City of Chesapeake; and,

WHEREAS, she was a faithful and active member of Grace Episcopal Church, Norfolk, Virginia, serving the parish in numerous capacities. She served on the Financial, Personnel, and Outreach Committees, both as member and chair; She served as the Director of Christian Education, The Episcopal Youth Community Advisor and numerous other committees of the parish; and,

WHEREAS, she served three terms on the Vestry of Grace Episcopal Church, serving as both Junior and Senior Warden; and,

WHEREAS, she faithfully served the Diocese of Southern Virginia as an Alternate Deputy to General Convention in 2006 and 2009, as a member of the Executive Board for two consecutive terms, serving as President in 2008, as a member of the Commission on Ministry-Seminary Formation, and as a member of the Anti-Racism Committee, as well as numerous other committee and board positions throughout the diocese ; and,

WHEREAS, she served the wider church as a member of the Commission on Stewardship and Development and of the Deputies of Color Convention; and,

WHEREAS, her life's work across the church was recognized at the 77<sup>th</sup> General Convention of the Episcopal Church in 2012;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this 121st Annual Council of the Diocese of Southern Virginia gives thanks for the dedicated service offered to God's glory by Olivia Osei-Sarfo; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Council extends its heartfelt sympathy to her family; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be spread across the minutes and books of Council and that a copy be sent to her family.

Following a moment of silence, on due second, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

The Rev. Charles Robinson presented and moved adoption of the following memorial resolution:

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION  
THE REVEREND WILLIAM H. WAGNER, JR.

WHEREAS, it has pleased God to call William H. Wagner, Jr., Priest, to his heavenly home on September 24, 2012; and,

WHEREAS, this native of Iowa was born on May 30, 1921 and was a graduate of Drury College of the University of Chicago and Seabury Western Theological Seminary, following service in the military during World War II; and,

WHEREAS, he was ordained Deacon in May 1950 and Priest in December 1950, by Bishop Robert E. Conkling; and,

WHEREAS, he served God at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Paris; St. Bartholomew's, New York City; St. Mark's Church, Islip, New York; and Trinity Church, now Trinity

Cathedral, in Portland, Oregon, where he remained as Rector for 16 years before retiring in 1991; and,

WHEREAS, he served faithfully as Interim Rector of St. Paul's Within the Walls, Rome, Italy during 1992; and,

WHEREAS, following his sojourn in Rome, he and his beloved wife, Dee Dee Ruffin Wagner, retired to Norfolk, Virginia, where he lived for the rest of his life; and

WHEREAS, in Norfolk he continued to serve the Lord faithfully as a revered Assisting Priest at Christ and St. Luke's Church, where he was especially beloved by the congregation at the 7:00 a.m. Eucharist which he celebrated every Thursday; and,

WHEREAS, "Fr. Bill" loved the beauty of the Liturgy and the beauty of holiness, and remained solidly committed to the Episcopal Church over more than sixty years of ordained ministry, during which the Church navigated many changes: and

WHEREAS, he was loved deeply and assisted faithfully by his dear wife, Dee Dee Ruffin Wagner during many years of marriage;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this 121st. Annual Council of the Diocese of Southern Virginia give thanks for the vibrant and faithful witness offered to the Glory of God by William H. Wagner, Jr. during his 62 years of ordained ministry; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Council extend its heartfelt sympathy to the family of William H. Wagner, Jr.; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be spread across the minutes and books of Council, and that a copy be sent to his beloved wife Dee Dee Ruffin Wagner.

After a moment of silence, on due second, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

At 11:35 a.m. Noonday Prayers were led by Delegates of Convocation I.

At 11:40 a.m. Council recessed for lunch and reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

The Rev. Bob Gay announced the following first ballot election results:

Elected to Standing Committee (Clergy) – The Rev. Robert Randall

Elected to Disciplinary Board (Lay) – Ms. Tracy Martin

Elected to Disciplinary Board (Clergy) - The Rev. Conor Alexander and The Rev Anne Kirchmier.

Following some further instructions, Council proceeded to take the second ballot.

At 1:40 p.m. Bishop Hollerith introduced Council Keynote Speaker, The Rev. Dr. Lisa Kimball, who gave her first address to Council.

At 2:10p.m. Council recessed for a break and reconvened at 2:20 p.m.

Bishop Hollerith announced the following results of the second ballot:  
Elected to the Standing Committee (Lay) – Dr. Angela Parker

The Very Rev. Keith Emerson gave the report of the Leading a Holy Life Task Force.

Mr. Bud Schoolar gave the report of the Talbot Hall Property Committee.

The Rev. Jeunee Godsey gave the report of the Mission Network.

Mr. Sam Webster, Chairperson of the Committee on Constitution and Canons, presented proposed amendment CON-1, reported that the Committee found the amendment to be in order, and moved its adoption as follows:

**2012 Constitutional Resolution Con-1 – Second Reading – 2013  
Conforming Resolution**

Resolved, Constitution Article V, § 2, shall be amended as follows:

ARTICLE V, § 2. In the determination of a quorum each ~~Cure~~ Parish and each Mission shall be considered as a single unit regardless of the number of ~~congregations~~ worship locations located within each ~~Cure~~ Parish or Mission.

Rationale: This resolution conforms the Constitution to be consistent with the Canons as they were amended by 2012 Canonical Resolution C-1, which re-worked, simplified, and clarified Canon XIII, of Status of Parishes and Missions.

Amendment CON-1 passed unanimously.

Mr. Sam Webster presented proposed amendment C-1, reported that the Committee found the amendment to be in order, and moved its adoption as follows:



2013 CANONICAL RESOLUTION C-1  
Submitted by the Commission on Ministry

RESOLVED: That Canon XII shall be amended as follows:

CANON XII  
OF THE COMMISSION ON MINISTRY

SECTION 1. There shall be a Commission on Ministry, consisting of Priests, Deacons, and Lay Persons, constituted as follows:

- (a) — ~~The Diocesan Bishop or such Bishop as may be designated by the ecclesiastical authority.~~
- (b) — ~~Four committees of no more than twelve (12), members each, constituted as follows:~~
- 1) — ~~Commission on Ministry — Committee on Formation for the Ministry of the Baptized.~~
  - 2) — ~~Commission on Ministry — Committee on Diocesan Formation for Ordination.~~
  - 3) — ~~Commission on Ministry — Committee on Seminary and Diaconal Formation for Ordination.~~
  - 4) — ~~Commission on Ministry — Committee on Priests and Deacons.~~
- (a) ~~(e) Persons nominated by the Bishop and elected by Council including representatives from the Standing Committee. No persons approved by Council, sufficient to fill the Committees of the Commission. No person shall serve more than ~~four~~two (42) consecutive yearsthree years later~~ on June 30 following.30.
- (b) The Commission on Ministry shall consist of two committees, each having no more than twelve (12) members, constituted as follows:
- 1) Committee on Formation for the Ministry of the Baptized.
  - 2) Committee for Ordained Ministry.
- (c) ~~(d) The Bishop shall appoint the Chairperson of the Commission shall be appointed by the Bishop and the Chairs of each Committee.~~
- (d) ~~(e) The Chair of the Standing Committee may designate a member of the Standing Committee to serve as a liaison between the Commission on~~

*Ministry shall appoint chairpersons of each committee and the Standing Committee and attend meetings of the Committee for Ordained Ministry.*

SECTION 2. The Commission on Ministry shall perform those functions specified in the National Canons of The Episcopal Church and may organize such additional committees as it deems necessary to implement its work. The Commission shall report annually to the Diocesan Council.

RATIONALE: Due to the changing needs of the Church, the Commission on Ministry (COM) is making adjustments to its structure and methods, as well as conforming to Canon III.2 of the Canons of the Episcopal Church. Currently, the COM consisted of four committees:

1. Formation for the Ministry of the Baptized
2. Diocesan Formation for Ordination
3. Seminary and Diaconal Formation for Ordination
- 4.....Priests and Deacons

The Committee for Priests and Deacons was never actually formed. The Committee for Diocesan Formation for Ordination came to include those going through the process to be ordained as deacons. The Committee on Seminary and Diaconal Formation for Ordination then became limited to the Committee for Seminary Formation, dealing primarily with the formation of priests, because another committee already handled the formation of deacons. Since the committees were established, the school that was conducting local formation for the priesthood and diaconate has closed. It is the intent of the Bishop and COM that those who are ordained to the priesthood will have attended seminary, and thus fall under the committee that handles seminary formation. Therefore, a need no longer exists for a committee to handle local formation for the priesthood.

The present canon states that no person should serve more than 4 consecutive years. The new canon allows for a smoother transition and continuity of history.

Based upon the foregoing realities, COM wants to streamline and reorganize its structure to two committees:

1. Committee on Formation for the Ministry of the Baptized
- 2.....Committee for Ordained Ministry

The Committee for Ordained Ministry will cover both priests and deacons. The Committee on Formation for the Ministry of the Baptized will remain as it was initially formed.

Amendment C-1 passed unanimously.

Mr. Sam Webster presented proposed amendment C-2, reported that the Committee found the amendment to be in order, and moved its adoption as follows:

**2013 CANONICAL RESOLUTION C-2**  
Submitted by the Committee on Constitutions and Canons

SECTION 2 Discipline Structure.

Resolved, that Canon XXII, Section 2(b), shall be amended as follows:

(b) Election. At the ~~winter~~ meeting of each Annual Diocesan Council, three persons shall be elected to serve on the Disciplinary Board for a term of three years. Persons elected shall be from each order as needed to maintain the required make-up of the ~~Court~~Board. The Board's term of office ("Term") shall run from July 1 of the conciliar year through June 30 of the following Councilar year. On July 1, 2011, those members of the Ecclesiastical Court under the predecessor Canon XXII shall continue as members of the Disciplinary Board with the same terms as when they were elected to the Ecclesiastical Court.

Resolved, that Canon XXII, Section 2(e), shall be amended as follows:

(e) President. ~~Within sixty (60) days following the~~ Sometime after Annual Council and prior to the beginning of each Term, the new Board (newly elected members and incumbents) shall ~~convene to elect a President to serve for the year until the next Annual Council~~ meet to elect a President, who shall serve for that Term. At that time, the Board shall also undertake training and education regarding Title IV of the Canons of The Episcopal Church and this Canon XXII.

Resolved, that Canon XXII, Section 2(m), (n), shall be enacted as follows:

(m) The composition of any Conference Panel or Hearing Panel shall always consist of one more clergy member than lay members.

(n) The President of the Disciplinary Board shall appoint Board members to Conference Panels and Hearing Panels as and when the need arises. The President of the Disciplinary Board shall be ineligible to serve on either a Conference Panel or a Hearing Panel.

Resolved, that Canon XXII, Section 2(o), shall be amended as follows:

(o) ~~(m)~~ No Chancellor or Vice-Chancellor shall serve in any of the enumerated positions involved in this Canon or Title IV of the Canons of The Episcopal Church.

Rationale: The several amendments proposed herein are largely clarifying and technical amendments. Section 2(b) clarifies what is the Disciplinary Board's term of office. Section 2(e) then clarifies which Disciplinary Board elects its President and the deadline for that election. Section 2(m, n) clarifies the make up and appointment of Conference Panels and Hearing Panels. Section 2(o) is a technical amendment.

Amendment C-2 passed unanimously.

Mr. Sam Webster presented amendment C-3, reported that the Committee found the amendment to be in order, and moved its adoption as follows:

**2013 CANONICAL RESOLUTION C-3**

Submitted by the Rector and Vestry  
Of St. Timothy's, Clarksville

RESOLVED, Canon XXII, Section 2, (Of Ecclesiastical Discipline) shall be amended as follows:

SECTION 2 Discipline Structure.

(a) Disciplinary Board. The Disciplinary Board (hereinafter "Board") shall consist of nine persons, five (5) of whom are members of the clergy and four (4) of whom are lay persons. The clergy members of the Board must be ~~both canonically and geographically~~ resident within the Diocese. The lay members of the Board shall be adult communicants in good standing ~~and geographically resident~~ in the Diocese. No Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor, Advisor, Conciliator, Church Attorney, Intake Officer, or Investigator, or any member of the Standing Committee shall be eligible for election to the Disciplinary Board. Except as otherwise provided in other subsections of this section, members of the Board may only be removed by a majority vote of a quorum of the Executive Board.

Rationale:

The 119<sup>th</sup> Annual Council of the Diocese (2011) enacted revisions to Canon XXII regarding clergy discipline to make Diocesan canons consistent with changes in national church canons. The provisions for geographic residence arose from a model canon. The amendment proposes to delete the geographical residency requirement.

No other canon regarding membership or service on the various Committees or Commissions, or as an Officer of the Diocese of Southern Virginia, requires geographic residence in the diocese (i.e., Standing Committee, Executive Board, Chancellor, Historiographer, etc.). A geographic residency requirement prevents faithful members of congregations which lie along the boundaries of the Diocese from serving in various diocesan positions.

In 2011, a member of St. Timothy's Church in Clarksville was required to withdraw as a candidate for service on the Disciplinary Board because she resided 400 feet into North Carolina. At the time of this writing, several clergy in Convocation IX and a number of adult communicants in good standing reside in North Carolina. Clergy and laity in other convocations may also reside in other Dioceses; i.e., individuals in Convocation VII may reside "across the river" in the Diocese of Virginia.

Amendment C-3 passed unanimously.

At 2:55 p.m. The Rev. Dr. Lisa Kimball gave her second address to Council.

At 3:40 p.m. evening worship was led by delegates from Convocation 9.

At 3:45 p.m. Council recessed for the evening.

Saturday, February 16

At 9:30 a.m. Bishop called Council to order.

Morning worship was led by delegates from Convocation III.

Ms. Ramona Frazer, Ms. Caroline Black, and The Rev. Cameron Randall gave the report of the Repairers of the Breach Task Force which included a video presentation.

The Very Rev. Charles Robinson, Chairperson of the Committee on Resolutions and Memorials, presented and moved adoption of resolution R-1 as follows:

**2013 Resolution R-1**  
**Submitted by the Repairers of the Breach Commission**

Be it resolved that the Convocations and Parishes of the Diocese of Southern Virginia use the materials created by the Repairers of the Breach Commission, i.e., the video, lectures and study guide, to initiate conversation, to share stories, both personal and institutional, that will help to transform relationships and to transcend the sin of racism.

Be it resolved that November 2, 2013 be designated as a Day of Repentance and Reconciliation and that a service will be held at Christ and St. Luke's Church, Norfolk, Virginia at 11 am on that day for the attendance and participation of the Diocese of Southern Virginia Family.

Be it further resolved that beginning on November 2, 2013, "All Souls Day" will be designated each year as the "Day of Repentance and Reconciliation" in the Diocese of Southern Virginia and parishes will observe this day.

**RATIONALE:**

1. Human slavery and racism is sin. Slavery on this continent flourished in Virginia and racism continues to infect the people and parishes of the Diocese of Southern Virginia.
  
2. The Diocese of Southern Virginia acknowledges complicity and involvement in the institution of slavery and its aftermath; its influence on the church and society; and its support of de jure and de facto segregation and discrimination for at least a century after the slavery was formally abolished in this country.

3. The Diocese of Southern Virginia has committed to (a) make a public declaration that human slavery is a sin and a fundamental betrayal of the humanity of all persons involved; (b) to publicly condemn human slavery in its past and present practices; and to (c) acknowledge, express regret, and apologize for any support, justification and participation in the racist, injurious, and discriminatory practices that still continue.
4. The R 1 Task Force, subsequently named the “Repairers of the Breach”, was established by Council Resolution R-1, 2010, to (a) develop a process for addressing the sin of racism and give recommendations on how the Diocesan convocations and parishes can be “Repairers of the Breach” both materially and relationally to achieve the ongoing spiritual healing and reconciliation that will lead to a new life in Christ and (b) to recommend a methodology and time for a “Day of Repentance” for the Diocesan family to gather together and hold a service of Repentance and Reconciliation.
5. In establishing a methodology, the Commission sought to develop a way to understand the past and present impact of slavery and racism on its own members. The process involved sharing individual members’ stories, emphasizing how and where individual views and beliefs concerning racism were forged, challenged and/or repudiated by family, friends and culture. This method proved invaluable in identifying and understanding how personal and institutional racism harmed each of us in the past and has served to maintain the breach.
6. The small group discussion process utilized by the Commission provided an excellent and effective method of establishing relationships of trust, understanding, sharing, and enlightenment. From this experience, a process for understanding the inhumanity of slavery and racism and its continuing impact on our lives today was created and a path to reconciliation was developed. The committee has developed a video featuring among other stories, the parallel lives of two members growing up at the same time in the same city, but belonging to different races. Also, included in the materials developed are lectures on the history and complicity of the church in perpetuating slavery and its aftermath, as well as a study guide.
7. The process is presented for use by the convocations and parishes of the Diocese of Southern Virginia, as well as the broader Episcopal Church.

The Rev. Derek Harbin, moved to an amendment to the resolution. The amendment was duly seconded and passed in the following form:

## **2013 Resolution R-1**

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The Rev. David Teschner moved to amend the resolution by changing "will" to "may" in the final paragraph. The motion was duly seconded and failed on a voice vote.

Resolution R-I, as amended, passed on a voice vote.

Archdeacon Bill Jones and Deacon Becki Dean gave a presentation on the Deaconate.

Ms. Kathy Wooten gave the report from the Commission on Ministry – Ministry of the Baptized.

The Rev. John Kerr, assisted by three Canterbury students, gave the report of College Ministries.

Dr. Lisa Kimball gave her third address to Council.

At 12:00 noon, delegates from Convocation VII conducted Noonday Prayers.

At 12:05 p.m. Council recessed for lunch and reconvened at 1:35 p.m.

Dr. Angela Parker and Ms. Barbara Taylor gave the report of the Episcopal Church Women.

Mr. Spencer Coleman and Ms. Nancy James presented the proposed 2013 Diocesan Operating Budget, noting the most significant changes from 2012. Mr. Coleman moved adoption of the 2013 Budget. The motion passed unanimously.

Members of the Bishop's staff, whose reports were filed by title, came forward to be recognized with a round of applause.

Bishop Hollerith appointed the Rev. Keith Emerson as Diocesan Representative to Episcopal Relief and Development.

Following a recess, Council celebrated the closing Eucharist, at the conclusion of which, there being no further business, Bishop Hollerith declared the 121<sup>st</sup> Annual Council adjourned, sine die.

Respectfully Submitted

Ralph E. Haines III  
Secretary

Certified by the Committee to Certify the Minutes of Council:

The Rev. Elizabeth Felicetti, Rector, St. David's Church, Chesterfield County  
Ms. Gay Forloine, Member, Hickory Neck Church, Toano