

Minutes of
The 124th Annual Council of
The Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia
February 5-6, 2016
Williamsburg Lodge and Convention Center
Williamsburg, Virginia

Friday, February 5, 2016

Opening:

At 9:30 a.m., Bishop Herman "Holly" Hollerith called the first plenary session to order and welcomed the delegates, alternates and visitors gathered for the 124th Annual Council of the Diocese.

Opening worship was led by members of the Diocesan Liturgical Commission.

The Rev. Mark Wilkinson, Chairperson of the Committee on Credentials, certified that a quorum was present, noting that currently 78 clergy and 77 parishes were present.

Bishop Hollerith announced the following appointments:

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, Chair
The 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
Mr. Tim Coyle, St. Andrew's, Norfolk
Ms. Gwen Eddleman, Johns Memorial, Farmville

RESOLUTIONS AND MEMORIALS

The Very Rev. Charles Robinson, Bruton Parish, Williamsburg
The Very Rev. Dr. Stanley Sawyer, All Saints', Virginia Beach
Mrs. Janet Estes, Bruton Parish, Williamsburg
Ms. Alice Webley, All Saints', Virginia Beach

PARLIAMENTARIAN

Mr. Samuel Webster, Ascension, 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

HEAD TELLER

The Rev. Robert Gay, Chair

On due motion and second, the Order of Business of Council was adopted unanimously.

The Rev. Michael Stone, Chair of the Committee on the Dispatch of Business, made some necessary announcements.

The Rev. Charles Smith gave the following report of the Committee on the Status of Parishes and Missions.

Parishes:	85
Missions	20
Ecumenical Communities	1
Total Congregations	106
Chapels	4
Shrines	8

The complete report of the Committee on the Status of Parishes and Missions can be found following the minutes of Council.

Bishop Hollerith noted that the minutes of the 123rd Annual Council had been certified and published by the Committee on Certifying the Minutes of Council. On due motion and second, the minutes of the 123rd Annual Council were approved unanimously.

Bishop Hollerith directed Council's attention to the Rules of Order for this 124th Annual Council. On due motion and second, the Rules of Order were adopted unanimously.

Bishop Hollerith recognized the following official visitors to the Council:

The Rev. Rene Castillo, Roman Catholic Chaplain, Holy Apostles, Virginia Beach

Deacon Gary Harmeyer, Senior Pastoral Assoc., Holy Apostles, Virginia Beach

The Rev Sandye Wilson, Rector, St Andrew and Holy Communion, S. Orange, N.J.

On motion and due second, the following were granted Seat and Voice at the 124th Annual Council:

POSTULANTS AND CANDIDATES FOR HOLY ORDERS

Mr. Charlie Bauer – Bruton Parish, Williamsburg – General Theological Seminary

Ms. Jan Brown – Bruton Parish, Williamsburg – Diaconal School

Mr. Nicholas Caccese – Galilee, Virginia Beach

Mrs. Marie Clunan – Galilee, Virginia Beach

Mr. John Hogg – St. Aidan's, Virginia Beach

Mr. Keith Josey – St. Stephen's, Norfolk

Ms. Genevieve Nelson – Ascension, Norfolk – Diaconal School

Ms. Linda Ricker – St. Luke's, Powhatan – Diaconal School

Mr. Josh Stephens – St. Andrew's, Norfolk – Sewanee School of Theology

PAROCHIAL CLERGY & RETIRED CLERGY (NON-CANONICALLY RESIDENT)

The Rev. Drew Baker, SWVA

The Rev. Stephan Beatty, VA

The Rev. Rebecca Crites, SWVA

The Rev. Anne Dale, EC

The Rev. Ted Edwards, SWFL

The Rev. Connie Gilman, SWVA

The Rev. Robert Gilman, SWVA

The Rev. Bruce Gray, VA

The Rev. Travis Greenman, FL

The Rev. Jim Henry, SWVA

The Rev. John Kerr, Church of England

The Rev. Mimi Lacy, EC

The Rev. Tom Martin, AT

The Rev. Alan Mead, CP

The Rev. Chuck Mullaly, VA

The Rev. Harry Nevels, O

The Rev. Susan Norris, NJ
The Rev. David Perkins, LEX
The Rev. Kathleen Price, DC
The Rev. Edith Raby, CFLA
The Rev. Marni Schneider, LA
The Rev. Linda Scholer, NJ
The Rev. Grant Stokes, WNC
The Rev. Jess Stribling, VA
The Rev. Ashley Urquidi, MD
The Rev. John Willard, MD
The Rev. Halley Willcox, AT

COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVES

Emily Lettau, Longwood University
Mary Salmon, Longwood University
Austin Gregory, Hampden-Sydney College
Samuel Johnson, Hampden-Sydney College
Ilsa Loeser, Campus Minister, Johns Memorial, Farmville

YOUTH PRESENCE AT COUNCIL

Nicholas Carpenter, Church of the Advent, Norfolk
Audre'ana Ellis, St. Andrew's, Newport News
Clare Harbin, St. John's, Portsmouth
Cheyenne Hayes, St. Augustine's, Newport News
Jonathan Koch, St. David's, Chesterfield
Zaria Maldonado, St. Augustine's, Newport News
Charlie Marks, EYC Board President, St. Aidan's, Virginia Beach
Christina Mason, St. David's, Chesterfield
Courtney Mason, St. David's, Chesterfield
Rick Mason, Lay Advisor, St. David's, Chesterfield
Barb McLaughlin, Lay Advisor, St. Christopher's, Portsmouth
Stephen Peabody, Emmanuel, Hampton

OTHER

The Very Rev. Mike Kinman, Dean, Christ Church Cathedral, St. Louis, MO
The Rev. Canon Dr. Sandye Wilson, Rector, St. Andrew & Holy Communion, South Orange, NJ
The Rev. Shannon Kelly, The Episcopal Church
Canon Caroline Black, Canon for Christian Formation
Ms. Ashley Scruggs, Youth Missioner
Ms. Ann Turner, Communications Officer
Ms. Nancy James, Comptroller
Mrs. Angelica Randle, Missioner for Latino Ministries
Mr. Gareth Kalfas, Executive Director, Chanco on the James

The Rev. Charles Robinson, Chair of the Resolutions and Memorials Committee, and Mr. Sam Webster, Chair of the Committee on Constitution and Canons, reported that three Memorial Resolutions and two Canonical Resolutions have been submitted for consideration by the Council.

Bishop Hollerith reported his appointment of the following Deans of Convocations:

Convocation I – The Very Rev. Berkley Ford
Convocation II – The Very Rev. Stanley Sawyer
Convocation III – The Very Rev. John Rohrs
Convocation IV – The Very Rev. Keith Emerson
Convocation V – The Very Rev. Charles Robinson
Convocation VI – The Very Rev. David Teschner
Convocation VII – The Very Rev. Dale Custer
Convocation VIII – The Very Rev. Nancy Meck
Convocation IX – The Very Rev. Susan Grimm

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

CHANCELLOR (Article XIII)

Mr. Sam Webster, Ascension, Norfolk

VICE-CHANCELLOR (Article XIII)

Mr. Tim Coyle, St. Andrew's, Norfolk

HISTORIOGRAPHER (Article XIV)

The Rev. William Taylor, St. John's, Hopewell

COMMISSION ON MINISTRY (Canon XII)

The Rev. Dale Custer, St. John's, Chester (Chair)

The Rev. Becki Dean, St. Michael's, Bon Air

Ms. Lynn Farlin, Ascension, Norfolk

The Rev. Carleton Bakkum, Grace, Yorktown

The Rev. Andrea Rohrs, St. Andrew's, Norfolk

Mr. Chris O'Brien, Ascension, Norfolk

Ms. Alice Webley, All Saints, Virginia Beach

The Rev. Scott Hennessey, St. Paul's, Norfolk

COMMISSION ON STATUS OF PARISHES AND MISSIONS (Canon XIII)

The Rev. Charles Smith, Trinity, Portsmouth

The Rev. Canon Jeunee Godsey, St. Michael's, Bon Air

Ms. Clifford King, St. John's, Portsmouth

Mr. Raymond Gallagher, Christ Church, Amelia

Ms. Margaret Seitz, Emmanuel, Hampton

COMMISSION ON CHURCH ARCHITECTURE (Canon XXVIII)

Mr. Scott Spence, Bruton Parish, Williamsburg, Chair

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 the nominees were elected unanimously by acclamation.

Bishop Hollerith welcomed the following newly elected members of the Executive Board: The Rev. Rhonda Wheeler, Emmanuel, Hampton; The Rev James Medley, Good Shepherd, Norfolk; Ms. Mary Dail, St. Aiden's, Virginia Beach; Ms Helen Sharpe-Williams, Grace, Norfolk; and Ms. Sharon Parker, Holy Trinity, Onancock.

The Bishop thanked the following retiring members for their service on the Executive Board: The Rev. Gwen Mudd, Ms. Shirley Wiley, Mr. Scott Norris, Mr. Robert Motley, Mr. Mike McGraw, and Mr. Spencer Coleman, who has served as the Chair of the Program Budget and Review Committee.

Bishop Hollerith welcomed the following clergy new to the Diocese since the last Annual Council:

The Rev. Mark Riley, assistant rector, St. John's, Hampton
The Rev. Tyler Montgomery, Chaplain – College of William & Mary, Bruton Parish, Williamsburg
The Rev. Stewart Tabb, rector, Ascension, Norfolk
The Rev. Mimi Lacy, rector, Emmanuel, Virginia Beach
The Rev. Ashley Urquidi, assistant rector, Old Donation, Virginia Beach
The Rev. Connie Gilman, priest in charge, Christ Church, Smithfield
The Rev. Bob Gilman, assisting priest, St. John's, Portsmouth
The Rev. John Willard, rector, Good Shepherd, McKenney
The Rev. Kathie Price, interim rector, St. Martin's, Williamsburg
The Rev. Chuck Mulally, interim assistant rector, St. Martin's, Williamsburg

Report of the Nominating Committee and First Ballot:

Mr. Mike McGraw, member of the Diocesan Nominating Committee, gave the following report of the Committee:

Nominees for election to the Standing Committee:

Lay Nominees:

Mr. John Hadfield, All Saints, Virginia Beach
Mr. Scott Norris, Emmanuel, Jenkins Bridge

Clergy Nominees:

The Rev. Conor Alexander, St. Francis', Virginia Beach
The Rev. Chris Epperson, Bruton Parish, Williamsburg

Nominees for election to the Disciplinary Board:

Lay Nominees:

Mr. Matthew White, St. David's, Chesterfield

Clergy Nominees:

The Very Rev. Dale Custer, St. John's, Chester
The Very Rev. Susan Grimm, St. Timothy's, Clarksville

Nominees for election to Provincial Synod:

Lay Nominees:

Ms. Andrea Morgan, Trinity, Portsmouth

Mr. Scott Norris, Emmanuel, Jenkins Bridge

Clergy Nominees:

The Rev. Frederick Walker, St. Mark's, Suffolk and St. James', Portsmouth

There being no nominations from the floor, on due motion and second, Council voted unanimously to close the nominations.

On due motion and second, those on the ballot running unopposed were elected by unanimous acclamation as follows:

Disciplinary Board (clergy)

The Rev. Dale Custer and The Rev. Susan Grimm

Disciplinary Board (lay)

Mr. Matthew White

Provincial Synod (clergy)

The Rev. Canon Frederick Walker

The Rev. Bob Gay, Chair of the Tellers, explained the voting procedures and Council proceeded to take the first ballot.

Bishop's Presentation:

Bishop Hollerith made his Presentation to Council.

At 10:45 a.m. Council recessed to prepare for the 11:00 a.m. Council Eucharist. Bishop Hollerith was the Celebrant, and The Rev. Sandye Wilson was the Preacher.

Lunch Recess:

Council recessed for lunch at 12:30 p.m. and reconvened at 2:30 p.m.

Election Results:

The Rev Bob Gay reported the following final election results:

Standing Committee (clergy)

The Rev. Connor Alexander

Standing Committee (lay)

Mr. Scott Norris

Provincial Synod (lay)

Ms. Andrea Morgan

Report of the Episcopal Church Women:

Mrs. Nancy Sands, ECW President, gave the report of the Episcopal Church Women

Memorial Resolutions:

The Rev. Charles Robinson, Chair of the Committee on Resolutions and Memorials, moved adoption of the following Memorial Resolutions:

**MEMORIAL RESOLUTION
THE REVEREND ROBERT GREIDER "BOB" PARTLOW**

WHEREAS, it has pleased God to call Bob Partlow to his heavenly home on May 9, 2015; and,

WHEREAS, he was born in Rochester, New York on September 12, 1938, the second of four sons, to Margaret Ellen Greider and James Ross Partlow; and,

WHEREAS, Bob's family moved frequently in his early years, settling in Winter Park, Florida. Bob graduated from Winter Park High School, following which he enlisted in the United States Navy to obtain eligibility to take a competitive examination to be admitted to the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis; and,

WHEREAS, he was admitted to and graduated from the Naval Academy with the Class of 1961; and,

WHEREAS, he resolved to be admitted to the Naval Nuclear Power Program under the direct supervision of Admiral Hyman G. Rickover, and through persistence and determination was admitted and embarked upon a 23 year long career in Nuclear Submarines rising to multiple command positions, retiring in 1984; and,

WHEREAS, following his retirement from the Navy, Bob and his beloved wife, Ruth entered Seabury-Western Theological Seminary together, both receiving Master of Divinity degrees in 1989 and both being ordained priests in the Episcopal Church; and,

WHEREAS, he served as rector of Messiah, Murphy, North Carolina; and with Ruth, co-rector of Christ Church, Springfield, Ohio, Saint Luke's, Powhatan, Virginia, Johns Memorial, Farmville, Virginia, and The Fork Church, Doswell, Virginia; and,

WHEREAS, in 2013, Bob was named as the Richmond Times-Dispatch Correspondent of the Year;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this 124th Annual Council of the Diocese of Southern Virginia gives thanks for the dedicated service offered to God's glory by The Reverend Robert Greider Partlow, "Bob"; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Council extend its heartfelt sympathy to his children and to Ruth, his wife; 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 The Reverend Ruth Partlow.

**MEMORIAL RESOLUTION
THE REVEREND DOCTOR GEORGE JOHNSON TOMPKINS, III**

WHEREAS, it has pleased God to call George Tompkins to his heavenly home on November 17, 2015; and,

WHEREAS, he was born in Lexington, Virginia on July 17, 1951, the son of George Johnson Tompkins, Jr. and Jeanne Willann Tompkins; and,

WHEREAS, he took his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Virginia in 1973, where he was an Echols Scholar and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa; and,

WHEREAS, he earned the Master of Arts at Yale Divinity School in 1975 and the Master of Divinity from General Theological Seminary in 1976, as well as the Doctor of Ministry from Sewanee in 1990; and,

WHEREAS, upon completion of his seminary education he was called as Curate to Saint James Episcopal Church in New London, Connecticut where he was ordained Deacon in 1976 and Priest in 1977; and,

WHEREAS, he returned to Virginia in 1978 to serve a Curacy at Bruton Parish Church in Williamsburg; and,

WHEREAS, he accepted a call in 1981 as rector of Saint Thomas Episcopal Church in Windsor, North Carolina, and subsequently as rector of Old Saint Andrews in Charleston, South Carolina where he served for nineteen years; and,

WHEREAS, in retirement he enjoyed reading history and was an active member of both the Rockbridge and Lexington Historical Societies;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this 124th Annual Council of the Diocese of Southern Virginia gives thanks for the dedicated service offered to God's glory by The Reverend Doctor George Johnson Tompkins, III; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Council extend its heartfelt sympathy to his children and his sister; 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 family.

The resolutions passed unanimously, and Council observed a moment of silence.

Report of the Standing Committee:

The Rev. Bob Randall, President, gave the report of the Standing Committee as follows:

Report of the President of the Standing Committee of
the Diocese of Southern Virginia February 5, 2016

Bishop Hollerith, Deacons, Priests, and Delegates of the Diocese of Southern Virginia:

I am grateful to have been a member of the Standing Committee for the past three years and privileged to have served as President for this last year. The opportunity to participate in important Diocesan decisions with the Bishop, the Executive Board, and the Chancellor, as well as to provide a Council of Advice for the Bishop has truly been a distinct honor.

The National Canons mandate a Standing Committee for each Diocese in the Episcopal Church. In addition to providing advice and counsel to the Bishop, the committees must examine and consent to a number of actions across the wider church and within their particular Diocese.

Included in these actions are:

Consent to the calling, election, and consecration of all bishops in the Episcopal Church. Approval of all prospective priests and deacons within the diocese for ordination.

Approval of all parish actions that alienate or encumber property. Approval of actions of receipt or disposal of property.

Approval of loans taken out that affect the church income, endowments or Deeds of Trust.

This past year has been a busy one for the Diocese and therefore, for the Standing Committee. Among our actions have been to approve and consent to:

- the election and/or consecration of Bishops for the Dioceses of Southeast Florida, Central Gulf Coast, Central Pennsylvania, Dallas, and the Dominican Republic.
- property and/or financial transactions for Ascension-Norfolk, St. John's-Halifax, and consulted on various other issues with Trinity-Portsmouth and Epiphany-Danville.
- the candidacy for ordination to the priesthood of Josh Stevens and Charlie Bauer.
- the candidacy for ordination to the diaconate of Jan Brown, Genevieve Nelson, and Linda Ricker.
- the ordinations of Tyler Montgomery and Mark Riley.
- necessary actions in response to the sale of the Talbot Hall Property.

We interviewed a number of individuals who are at various stages in their discernment for ordained ministry.

We also held very interesting conversations with members of the Diocese of Easton (MD) about the future of smaller dioceses and possible areas of cooperation in ministry.

We responded to a letter from members of the Diocese of Dallas, concerned that their diocese might not comply with recent actions of the General Convention regarding liturgies for marriage.

We acted as "Council of Advice" for Bishop Hollerith on various issues and matters in the Diocese.

The Standing Committee will meet during this Council on Saturday. We will welcome the newly elected Standing Committee members and The Reverend John Rohrs will assume the presidency for the coming year.

I offer my personal thanks to the members I have worked with in this year. To The Reverends Elizabeth Felicetti and John Rohrs; to lay members Isabel Burch, Cleo Shields, and to Angela Parker who retires with me - Thank you for your willingness to serve this Diocese and the larger Church so faithfully.

Faithfully,

The Rev. Robert J. Randall, Jr.

President of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Southern Virginia

Postulants, and Candidates for Holy Orders:

Bishop Hollerith introduced the following Candidates for the Vocational Diaconate:

Ms. Jan Brown, Bruton Parish, Williamsburg

Ms. Genevieve Nelson, Ascension, Norfolk

Ms. Linda Royster, St. Luke's Powhatan

Ms. Keith Josey, Mission of the Holy Spirit, Norfolk

Bishop Hollerith introduced the following Postulants for the Priesthood:

Mr. Nick Caccese, Galilee, Virginia Beach

Mrs. Marie Clunan, Galilee, Virginia Beach

Though they were not present, Bishop Hollerith read the names of the following Candidates for the Priesthood:

Mr. Charlie Bauer, Bruton parish, Williamsburg

Mr. John Hogg, St. Aidan's, Virginia Beach

Mr. Josh Stephens, St Andrew's, Norfolk

Addiction and Recovery Ministry:

The Rev. Lauren McDonald reported on the Diocesan Addiction and Recovery Ministry. During the course of her presentation, she presented of Bishop Hollerith the Russell Horton Award in recognition of

the good work begun in the Diocese supporting the goals of making a difference in the Episcopal Community in the field of recovery. The award was received in October at a gathering of Recovery Ministries in the Episcopal Church

Report of Camp Chanco:

Ms. Ashley Scruggs gave the Report of the Chanco Camp and Conference Center.

First Keynote Address:

The Very Rev. Mike Kinman gave his first keynote address to Council.

Special Presentation:

Bishop Hollerith called the Rev. Michael Spear-Jones forward, and on the occasion of his approaching retirement in April as Canon for Transition, presented him with a gift from the Diocesan family. The presentation was followed by a standing ovation in recognition of his many years of service to the Diocese.

Episcopal Youth Event Video:

A video was shown of the 2014 Episcopal Youth Event held in Washington D.C.

Report of the Episcopal Youth Community:

Charlie Marks, President, gave the report of the Episcopal Youth Community.

Report of the Committee on Constitution and Canons:

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

2016 CANONICAL RESOLUTION C-1
Submitted by the Executive Board of the Diocese

CANON VI
OF NOMINATIONS

SECTION 1. A Diocesan Nominating Committee shall be ~~elected~~**appointed** annually by the Executive Board, and be composed of ~~one member of the clergy and one member of the laity from each of the convocations~~**those members of the Executive Board whose terms are ending in the Councilar year, and such other persons as the Executive Board may from time to time appoint.**

SECTION 2. The Committee **in consultation with the Convocation Deans,** shall meet and draft a slate of nominations at least sixty days preceding Council.—~~Each member of the Committee shall solicit and report all recommendations for nominations received from the Convocation.~~ The Committee may nominate any person without prior recommendation. No nominations shall be made for any position for which specific provision is made in the Constitution or Canons.

SECTION 3. The Nominating Committee shall submit a slate of persons to include nominees for ~~deputies~~**Deputies** to the General Convention. In formulating a slate of nominees for the General Convention, the Nominating Committee shall:

(a) Seek out actively a slate which is representative in terms of sex, race, age, geography, and size of congregation.

(b) Ensure that at least half the nominees in each order have not served previously as elected deputies.

(c) As a precondition of nomination, require of each prospective nominee a commitment, if elected, to:

(1) Prepare adequately for full participation in the legislative process of the House of Deputies;

(2) Attend all sessions of the House unless replaced by a duly certified alternate, or unless prevented for serious cause.

~~(d) Present a slate of at least twice as many in each order as necessary to fill deputy and alternate positions.~~

SECTION 4. The report of the Committee shall include brief biographical information for each person nominated for distribution to council members prior to the council. The report shall not preclude nominations from the floor

RATIONALE: The nomination process had become cumbersome, unwieldy, and an 18 member Nomination Committee was unmanageable. The proposed amendment to Section 1 streamlines the process of establishing Nominating Committee membership. The proposed amendment to Section 2 streamlines the nominating process.

The proposed amendment to Section 3 eliminates the requirement for election of General Convention deputies to have twice as many candidates in each order as positions for election. This change recognizes the on-going difficulty of finding 8 clergy and 8 lay candidates for 4 clergy and 4 lay deputy positions.

The resolution passed unanimously.

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

2016 CANONICAL RESOLUTION C-2
Submitted by the Executive Board of the Diocese

CANON XXX
OF AMENDMENTS TO THE CANONS

RESOLVE, to amend Canon XXX(b) as follows:

These Canons shall be amended as follows:

- (b) The proposed amendment shall be referred to, and reported upon by, a committee ~~of at least 2 members of the clergy~~**consisting of six persons, three clergy and three lay, to be appointed by the President of Council.**

RATIONALE: The proposed amendment makes the canon consistent with Council's Rules of Order, under which the Committee on Constitution and Canons has been operating for years.

The resolution passed unanimously.

Report of Latino Ministries:

Ms. Angelica Garcia-Randale, Missioner for Latino Ministries, gave the report for Latino Ministries which included a video on her work.

Evening Worship:

Evening Worship was conducted by members of the Liturgical Commission

Council recessed for the evening at 5:05 p.m.

The Council Reception followed in the Colony Room.

Saturday, February 6, 2016

Call to Order & Morning Worship:

Bishop Hollerith called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Members of the Liturgical Commission conducted opening worship.

Memorial Resolution:

The Rev. Charles Robinson, Chair of the Committee on Resolutions and Memorials, moved adoption of the following Memorial Resolution:

**MEMORIAL RESOLUTION
GORDON B. TAYLOE, JR.**

WHEREAS, it has pleased God to call Gordon B. Tayloe, Jr. to his heavenly home on October 12, 2015; and,

WHEREAS, he was born on July 17, 1936, the son of Admiral Gordon B. Tayloe and Vivian W. Tayloe; and

WHEREAS, he moved frequently in his youth due to his father's military career, living in Guam, Rochester, Minnesota, Philadelphia, Washington, D.C., and Oahu, Hawaii, attending high school in both Portsmouth, Virginia and Bethesda Maryland, where he graduated from Chevy Chase High School; and,

WHEREAS, Gordon earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Wake Forest in 1958, where he was joined the Sigma Chi Fraternity, and went on to earn his law degree at Wake Forest Law School in 1961; and,

WHEREAS, he served in the United States Marine Corps Judge Advocate General and after his discharge served Assistant City Attorney of Norfolk, Virginia from 1964 through 1974; and,

WHEREAS, Gordon was appointed City Attorney of Portsmouth, Virginia in 1975, where he served until 1980; and,

WHEREAS, he left public service in 1980 to practice law with the firm of Cooper, Spong and Davis, and during this time, was an adjunct professor at the College of William and Mary Law School; and,

WHEREAS, he joined the firm of Kellam, Pickrell, Cox, and Tayloe, PC in 1987, practicing there for more than 25 years until his retirement, also serving during this time on the Board of Zoning Appeals, as a substitute judge, and as Commissioner of the Chancery; and,

WHEREAS, Gordon's extensive and faithful service to the Episcopal Church has included service on vestry and as Senior Warden at two parishes, Trinity and Church of the Good Shepherd. Notably, he was President of the Standing Committee in the Diocese of Southern Virginia and Chancellor to both Bishop Buchanan and Bishop Hollerith, bringing his steady and faithful hand to bear during a difficult and complex transitional time, helping to bring renewed vitality and health to this Diocese;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this 124th Annual Council of the Diocese of Southern Virginia give thanks for the many years of dedicated service for God's glory offered by Gordon B. Tayloe, Jr.; and,

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

The resolution passed unanimously and Council observed a moment of silence.

Prison Ministry:

Mr. Randy Myers gave a report on the GraceInside Prison Ministry.

United Thank Offering:

After Bishop Hollerith reminded the delegates that the blue UTO boxes placed on each table were not for decoration, Council viewed a video on the work of the United Thank Offering.

College Ministries:

The Rev. Tyler Montgomery gave the report on College Ministries.

Second Keynote Address:

The Very Rev. Mike Kinman gave his second keynote address to Council.

Noonday Prayers & Lunch:

Following Noonday Prayers led by members of the Liturgical Commission, Council recessed for lunch at 12:05 p.m. and reconvened at 2:00 p.m.

2016 Operating Budget:

Mrs. Nancy James, Comptroller, The Rev. Anne Kirchmier, Chair of Program Budget & Review, and Mr. John Meek, Treasurer, presented the proposed 2016 Operating Budget.

After their presentations, The Rev. Anne Kirchmier moved adoption of the 2016 Operating Budget.

Ms. Beverly Ludford, St. Aidan's, Virginia Beach, moved to amend by restoring \$7500 to the Christopher Newport University Chaplaincy program,

The motion was duly seconded and discussed. On a vote by show of hands the motion passed.

The motion to pass the budget as amended passed unanimously.

Introduction of Diocesan Staff:

Bishop Hollerith introduced members of the Diocesan Staff. Council responded with a round of applause.

Closing Worship and Adjournment:

Members of the Liturgical Commission conducted closing worship. There being no further business, on due motion, second, and unanimous vote, Bishop Hollerith declared the 124th Annual Council adjourned, Sine Die.

Respectfully submitted,

The Rev. Ralph E. Haines, III

Diocesan Secretary