

COURTESY RESOLUTION
SAMUEL WEBSTER, CHANCELLOR

WHEREAS, Sam Webster began his service as Vice-Chancellor of the Diocese of Southern Virginia in 2004; and,

WHEREAS, he has moved back and forth multiple times between this role and Chancellor, never exceeding the term limits of the canons; and,

WHEREAS, he has provided expert guidance and sound council to each of the five bishops he advised, combining his expert knowledge of the canons with his deep understanding of our diocese; and,

WHEREAS, he has invested countless hours of work in the sale of the Talbot Hall property and in the legal effort to regain the property and assets of the Church of the Messiah in Chesapeake; and,

WHEREAS, he has been a tremendous asset in Title IV investigations; and,

WHEREAS, he has worked thoughtfully and sensibly to bring before Council updates and amendments to our diocesan constitution and canons; and,

WHEREAS, his deep love for the Episcopal Church and spiritual grounding have blessed his home parish of Church of the Ascension in Norfolk as well as the National Church through his service as a deputy to General Convention; and,

WHEREAS, as one person put it, “If Sam said it, you knew it was correct. If Sam did it, you knew it was morally and ethically right”; and,

WHEREAS, he has done all of this with a sense of humor and Christian devotion; and,

WHEREAS, Sam’s current tenure as Chancellor will conclude with his retirement at the end of this year’s Council; and,

WHEREAS, he was supported in this work by his faithful wife, Jane; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that this 130th Annual Council of the Diocese of Southern Virginia offer its deep thanks to Sam Webster for his dedication and service to our diocese; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be given to Sam as a gesture of appreciation for a job well done.

COURTESY RESOLUTION
TIMOTHY COYLE, VICE-CHANCELLOR

- WHEREAS,** Tim Coyle began his service as Vice-Chancellor of the Diocese of Southern Virginia in 2013; and,
- WHEREAS,** he served as Chancellor of the Diocese in 2018; and,
- WHEREAS,** he has brought to this ministry the tremendous gift of attention to detail and the ability to ask inquisitive, probing questions; and,
- WHEREAS,** he possesses a strong moral compass; and,
- WHEREAS,** he has invested countless hours of work in the sale of the Talbot Hall property and in the legal effort to regain the property and assets of the Church of the Messiah in Chesapeake; and,
- WHEREAS,** he has worked thoughtfully and sensibly to bring before Council updates and amendments to our diocesan constitution and canons; and,
- WHEREAS,** he has been a faithful member of St. Andrew's Church in Norfolk, serving as a warden, chairing a search committee, engaging in strategic planning, and being a member of the Altar Guild; and,
- WHEREAS,** he has a heart and passion for the Gospel's call to justice and equality; and,
- WHEREAS,** Tim's current tenure as Vice-Chancellor will conclude with his retirement at the end of this year's Council; and,
- WHEREAS,** he was supported in this work by his faithful wife, Betty Wade; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED,** that this 130th Annual Council of the Diocese of Southern Virginia offer its deep thanks to Tim Coyle for his dedication and service to our diocese; and be it further
- RESOLVED,** that a copy of this resolution be given to Tim as a gesture of appreciation for a job well done.

COURTESY RESOLUTION
THE REVEREND CANON ED TRACY

WHEREAS, Ed Tracy began his service as Canon for Administration of the Diocese of Southern Virginia on May 1, 2011; and,

WHEREAS, he has assisted clergy and lay employees with all matters related to health insurance and benefits, often providing pastoral care in these and other matters beyond the scope of his assigned duties; and,

WHEREAS, he has provided administrative oversight to the Executive Board, the Nominating Committee, and the Commission on Ministry; and,

WHEREAS, he has overseen diocesan properties and served as the Bishop's liaison to the Chanco Board; and,

WHEREAS, he has been responsible for planning and oversight of Annual Council, bringing to bear his organizational skills, deep understanding of our diocese, and ability to keep us focused on what truly matters; and,

WHEREAS, he has performed this ministry with great competency and attention to detail, always holding as central the well-being of the diocese and the primacy of "Sweet Baby Jesus" in our common life; and,

WHEREAS, Ed's service on our diocese staff will conclude with his retirement at the end of this year's Council; and,

WHEREAS, he was supported in this work by his faithful wife, Lee; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that this 130th Annual Council of the Diocese of Southern Virginia offer its deep thanks to Ed Tracy for his dedication and service to our diocese; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be given to Ed as a gesture of appreciation for a job well done.