

**Minutes of  
The 123<sup>rd</sup> Annual Council of  
The Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia  
February 6 – 7, 2015  
Williamsburg Lodge and Convention Center  
Williamsburg, Virginia**

**Friday, February 6, 2015**

**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 to the 123<sup>rd</sup> Annual Council of the Diocese.

Members of the Diocesan Liturgical Commission led the Council in opening worship. The Rev. Mark Wilkinson, Chairperson of the Committee on Credentials, certified that a quorum was present, noting that currently 82 clergy and 78 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, Manakin, Midlothian, 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

RESOLUTIONS AND MEMORIALS

The Very Rev. Charles Robinson, Bruton Parish, Williamsburg  
The Very Rev. Dr. Stanley Sawyer, 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, Bruton Parish, Williamsburg, 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. Canon Jeunee Godsey gave the following report of the Committee on the Status of Parishes and Missions, noting that there were no changes in 2015:

Parishes

Accomac, St. James	Hopewell, St. John's
Amelia, Christ	Jenkins Bridge, Emmanuel (Oak Hall)
Appomattox, St. Anne's	Kenbridge, St. Paul's and St. Andrew's
Blackstone, St. Luke's	Lawrenceville, St. Andrew's
Bon Air, St. Michael's	McKenney, Good Shepherd
Bridgetown, Hungars Parish	Midlothian, Manakin
Burrowsville, Brandon (Disputanta)	Midlothian, Our Saviour
Cartersville, St. James'	Midlothian, Redeemer
Chase City, St. John's	Midlothian, St. Matthias (Bon Air)
Chatham, Emmanuel	Newport News, St. Andrew's
Chesapeake, St. Bride's	Newport News, St. Augustine's
Chesapeake, St. Thomas'	Newport News, St. George's
Chester, St. John's	Newport News, St. Paul's
Chesterfield County (Richmond) St. David's	Newport News, St. Stephen's
Chesterfield County, St. Matthew's	Norfolk, Advent
Clarksville, St. Timothy's	Norfolk, Ascension
Colonial Heights, St. Michael's	Norfolk, Christ and St. Luke's
Danville, Christ	Norfolk, Epiphany
Danville, Epiphany	Norfolk, Good Shepherd
Eastville, Christ	Norfolk, Grace
Farmville, Johns Memorial	Norfolk, St. Andrew's
Franklin, Emmanuel	Norfolk, St. Paul's
Halifax, St. John's	Norfolk, St. Peter's
Hampton, Emmanuel	Norfolk, St. Stephen's
Hampton, St. Cyprian's	Onancock, Holy Trinity
Hampton, St. John's	Petersburg, Christ and Grace
Hampton, St. Mark'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  
Prince George, Merchants Hope (Hopewell)  
Pungoteague, St. George'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'  
Waverly, Christ Church  
Williamsburg, Bruton Parish  
Williamsburg, St. Martin's  
Yorktown, Grace

### **Missions**

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

Halifax, Emmanuel (Mission of St. John's, Halifax)  
Kenbridge, St. Luke's  
Mount Airy, St. John's  
Lawrenceville, St. Paul's Memorial Chapel  
Petersburg, St. John's  
Peytonsburg (Java) St. Paul's  
Powhatan, Emmanuel  
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, 14.66 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  
Calvary, Dinwiddie  
St. James, Boydton  
St. Paul's, Union Level  
Emmanuel, Portsmouth  
Grace, Newport News

### **Summary**

Parishes - 86  
Missions - 20  
Ecumenical Communities - 1

Total Congregations - 107

Chapels - 5  
Shrines - 8

Bishop Hollerith, noted that the minutes of the 122<sup>nd</sup> 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 123<sup>rd</sup> Annual Council were approved unanimously.

Bishop Hollerith directed the Council's attention to the Rules of Order for this 123<sup>rd</sup> Council. On due motion and second, the Rules of Order were adopted unanimously.

Bishop Hollerith recognized the following official visitors to the 123<sup>rd</sup> Council:

The Rev. Jon Barton, Virginia Council of Churches  
The Rev, Tim Kuhneman, Holy Spirit Catholic Parish, Virginia Beach  
The Rev. Eric Moehring, Christ Lutheran Church, Richmond  
The Rev. Gary Harmeyer, Holy Apostles, Virginia Beach

On due motion and second, the following were granted Seat and Voice at the 123<sup>rd</sup> 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. John Hogg – St. Aidan’s, Virginia Beach  
Mr. Keith Josey – St. Stephen’s, Norfolk  
Mr. Tyler Montgomery – St. Andrew’s, Norfolk – Berkeley Divinity School at Yale  
Ms. Genevieve Nelson – Ascension, Norfolk – Diaconal School  
Ms. Linda Ricker – St. Luke’s, Powhatan – Diaconal School  
Mr. Mark Riley – Galilee, Virginia Beach – Virginia Theological Seminary  
Mr. Josh Stephens – St. Andrew’s, Norfolk – Sewanee School of Theology

PAROCHIAL CLERGY & RETIRED CLERGY (NON-CANONICALLY RESIDENT)

The Rev. Drew Baker, SWVA, Epiphany, Danville  
The Rev. Stephan Beatty, VA, Emmanuel, Powhatan  
The Rev. Mignon (Sarah) Brockenbrough, GA, Bruton Parish, Williamsburg  
The Rev. Rebecca Crites, SWVA, Epiphany, Danville  
The Rev. Anne Dale, EC, Advent, Norfolk  
The Rev. Ted Edwards, SWFL  
The Rev. Doug Gray, SC, Westminster-Canterbury, Virginia Beach  
The Rev. Travis Greenman, FL  
The Rev. Jim Henry, SWVA  
The Rev. John Kerr, Church of England  
The Rev. Tom Martin, AT  
The Rev. Alan Mead, CP, Ascension, Norfolk  
The Rev. Nigel Mumford, ALB, Galilee, Virginia Beach  
The Rev. Harry Nevels, O, St. Thomas’, Freeman  
The Rev. Susan Norris, NJ  
The Rev. David Perkins, LEX, St. Andrew’s, Newport News  
The Rev. Cherian Pulimootil, VA, Good Shepherd, McKenney  
The Rev. Edith Raby, CFLA, Christ Church, Smithfield  
The Rev. Ronald Ramsay, MASS, St. Cyprian’s, Hampton  
The Rev. Marni Schneider, LA, St. Simon’s, Sandbridge  
The Rev. Linda Scholer, NJ  
The Rev. Grant Stokes, WNC, Christ & St. Luke’s, Norfolk  
The Rev. Jess Stribling, VA  
The Rev. Halley Willcox, AT, Emmanuel, Glenmore

### COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVES

Mary Salmon – Longwood University  
Amanda Stuckey – Longwood University  
Sam Johnson – Hampden-Sydney College  
Christian Ochillo – Old Dominion University  
Kortney Bodge – Old Dominion University  
Megan Wilson – Christopher Newport University  
Abigail Jenkins – Christopher Newport University  
Samantha Leigh – Christopher Newport University

### YOUTH PRESENCE AT COUNCIL

Regan Blume – St. David's, Chesterfield  
Mikayla Bowers – Emmanuel, Hampton  
Lily Burroughs – Old Donation, Virginia Beach  
Nikki Gay – St. Michael's, Colonial Heights  
Spencer Harrell – St. Andrew's, Newport News  
Morgan Incorminias – St. Augustine's, Newport News  
Zaria Maldonado – St. Augustine's, Newport News  
Charlie Marks – St. Aidan's, Virginia Beach  
Jimmy Murphy – Emmanuel, Hampton  
Lizzy Peabody – Emmanuel, Hampton  
Stephen Peabody – Emmanuel, Hampton

### OTHER

Dr. Diana Butler-Bass, Keynote Speaker  
Canon 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  
Ms. Karen Witherspoon, President, Chanco Board  
Members of Executive Board Sub-Committees

The Rev. Charles Robinson, Chairperson of the Committee on Resolutions, and Mr. Sam Webster, Chancellor and Chairperson of the Committee on Constitution and Canons, announced that no new resolutions have been received.

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

The Rev. David Perkins, Transition Rector, St. Andrew's, Newport News  
The Rev. Brenda Overfield, Rector Time Certain, St. Matthias', Midlothian  
The Rev. Daniel Crockett, Rector, Hungars Cure Parish

The Rev. Becky Crites, Rector Time Certain, Epiphany, Danville  
The Rev. Charles Smith, Rector Time Certain, Trinity, Portsmouth  
The Rev. Sarah Brockenbrough, Associate for Family Ministries, Bruton Parish, Williamsburg  
The Rev. Fred Poteet, Associate Rector, Old Donation, Virginia Beach  
The Rev. Ronald Ramsey, Rector, St. Cyprian's, Hampton

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 Very Rev. Keith Emerson, St. Paul's, Suffolk (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

Ms. Susan Pember, Redeemer, Midlothian

Mr. Chris O'Brien, Ascension, Norfolk

The Rev. Dale Custer, St. John's, Chester

Ms. Alice Webley, All Saints, Virginia Beach

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

COMMISSION ON STATUS OF PARISHES AND MISSIONS (Canon XIII)

Mr. Charlie Pfeifer, St. Peter's, Norfolk

Mr. Bruce Comfort, St. Peter's, Norfolk

Mr. Stephen Moore, St. Luke's, Powhatan

Mr. Ray Gallagher, Christ Church, Amelia

Ms. Margaret Seitz, Emmanuel, Hampton

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

The Rev. Raymond Nelson, St. Barnabas, Richmond

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 second and the nominees were elected unanimously by acclamation.

Bishop Hollerith welcomed the following newly elected members of the Executive Board: Ms. Andrea Morgan (Trinity, Portsmouth), The Rev. Julia Messer (Emmanuel, Virginia Beach), Mr. Reginald Tabor (St. Stephen's, Petersburg), The Rev. Ross Wright (Good Shepherd, Richmond), The Rev. Chris Heying (Emmanuel, Chatham), and The Rev. Clay Riley, (St. Martin's, Williamsburg).

The Bishop thanked the following retiring members for their service on the Executive Board: The Rev. Mark Wilkinson, Ms. Theresa Barnes, The Rev. Chris Epperson, Mr. Buzzy Winn, and The Rev. Michael Stone.

Bishop Hollerith appointed 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

**Report of the Committee on Nominations and First Ballot:**

The Rev. Mark Wilkinson, Chairperson of the Committee on Nominations, gave the report of the Committee by making the following nominations:

**Standing Committee:**

Lay Nominees:

Mr. John Hadfield, All Saints', Virginia Beach

Mr. Tom Metz, St. Aidan's, Virginia Beach

Ms. Cleo Shield, Johns Memorial, Farmville

Clergy Nominees:

The Rev. Terry Edwards, St. Augustine's, Newport News

The Rev. Chris Epperson, Bruton Parish, Williamsburg

The Rev. Elizabeth Felicetti, St. David's, Chesterfield



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

**Disciplinary Board:**

Lay Nominees:

Mr. Edward J. Burchianti, Bruton Parish, Williamsburg

Mr. Larry D. Clark, Trinity, South Boston

Mr. Albert H. Poole, St. Aidan's, Virginia Beach

Clergy Nominees:

The Rev. Sandra B. Kerner, St. Luke's, Powhatan

**General Convention:**

Young Adult Alternate Nominees:

Ms. Lily Burroughs, Old Donation, Virginia Beach

There being no nominations from the floor, on due motion and second the nominations were closed.

The Rev. Bob Gay, Head Teller, moved that The Rev. Sandra Kerner be elected by acclamation to be the Clergy member of the Disciplinary Board. The motion, duly seconded, passed unanimously. He then moved that Ms. Lily Burroughs be elected by acclamation as the Youth Alternate Deputy to the General Convention. The motion, duly seconded passed unanimously.

The voting procedures were explained, and Council proceeded to cast the First Ballot.

**Report of the Standing Committee:**

The Rev. Charles Robinson, President of the Standing Committee, gave the Committee's report.

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 Dominican Republic, West Texas, Maryland, Mississippi, East Carolina, and Massachusetts.
- property and/or financial transactions for Epiphany Church, Danville, Christ and Grace Church, Petersburg, and St. Peter's Church, Norfolk.
- A request for Notice of Release and Removal from the Ordained Ministry of the Episcopal Church.
- The candidacy for ordination of Mark Riley and Tyler Montgomery.
- necessary actions in response to the sale of the Talbot Hall Property.

The Standing Committee will meet during this Council on Saturday for lunch at Bruton Parish Church. We will welcome the newly elected Standing Committee members and The Reverend Bob Randall 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 Bob Randall and John Rohrs, Angela Parker, Isabel Burch, and Gay Forloine, who retires with me - Thank you for your willingness to serve the larger church so faithfully.

Faithfully,

Charles A. Robinson

### **Stewardship Reflection #1:**

Ms. Margaret Perkins, St. John's, Portsmouth gave the first stewardship reflection.

### **Introduction of Postulants and Candidates for Holy Orders:**

Bishop Hollerith introduced the following Postulants and Candidates for the Diaconate:

Ms. Jan Brown – Bruton Parish, Williamsburg

Ms. Genevieve Nelson – Ascension, Norfolk

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

Mr. Keith Josey – Mission of the Holy Spirit, Norfolk

Bishop Hollerith introduced the following Postulants & Candidates for the Priesthood:

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

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

Mr. Tyler Montgomery – St. Andrew’s, Norfolk - Berkeley Divinity School at Yale  
Mr. Mark Riley - Galilee, Virginia Beach – Virginia Theological Seminary  
Mr. Josh Stephens - St. Andrew’s, Norfolk - Sewanee

**Episcopal Relief & Development:**

The Rev. Keith Emerson gave the report on Episcopal Relief and Development

At 10:40 a.m. Council recessed to prepare for the Council Eucharist. The Eucharist was celebrated at 11:00 a.m. Bishop Hollerith was the Celebrant and Preacher.

**Lunch Recess:**

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

**Video # 1:**

Council viewed the video *We Are All Missionaries*.

**Stewardship Reflection # 2:**

Kim Hulin, St. Thomas, Chesapeake, gave the second stewardship reflection.

**Second Ballot:**

The Rev Bob Gay announced the result of the first ballot. Elected to the lay membership of the Disciplinary Board were Larry Clark and Albert Poole. Dropped from consideration as clergy member of the Standing committee was The Rev. Mark Wilkinson. Dropped from consideration from lay member of the Standing Committee was Tom Metz. After he gave instructions on the procedure, Council proceeded to cast the Second Ballot.

**Committee on Resolutions and Memorials:**

The Rev. Charles Robinson, presented the following Courtesy Resolution:

**THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF MARYLAND**

WHEREAS, The recent death of bicyclist, Thomas Palermo, was caused by the apparent actions of the Suffragan Bishop of Maryland, Heather Cook; and,

WHEREAS, our sisters and brothers throughout the Diocese of Maryland are now fully entrenched in the grief and agony of these terrible events;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this 123<sup>rd</sup> Annual Council of the Diocese of Southern Virginia express its heartfelt condolences and prayers for the family of Thomas Palermo in their deep grief; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, as events continue to develop we offer our sincere and ongoing prayers for the Diocesan Bishop and all clergy and people of the Diocese of Maryland, and for Heather Cook; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this 123<sup>rd</sup> Council calls all clergy and people across the Diocese to give prayerful and thoughtful contemplation to how substance abuse is negatively affecting our lives and to consider what actions we can take, individually and collectively, to raise our consciousness; 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 Right Reverend Eugene Sutton, Bishop of Maryland and to Ms. Sandra A. Criscimagna, President of the Standing Committee, Diocese of Maryland.

On a voice vote, the resolution passed unanimously.

He then presented the following Memorial Resolution:

**THE REVEREND BEVERLEY D. TUCKER, JR.**

WHEREAS, it has pleased God to call Beverley D. Tucker, Jr. to his heavenly home on June 13, 2014; and,

WHEREAS, he was born in Charlottesville, Virginia on November 18, 1918, the son of The Right Reverend Beverley D. Tucker and Eleanor Lile Tucker; and,

WHEREAS, he attended St. Christopher's School and graduated from Episcopal High School and the University of Virginia; and,

WHEREAS, he served three years as a Chaplain's Assistant with the United States Army 8<sup>th</sup> Evacuation Hospital during World War II, serving in Casablanca, Algiers and the Italian Theater; and,

WHEREAS, two days after his discharge from the Army, he enrolled at the Virginia Theological Seminary and after graduation was ordained to the priesthood by his father; and,

WHEREAS, he initially served a three church town and country parish in Scottsville, Virginia; and,

WHEREAS, he accepted a call as rector of Old Donation Church, Virginia Beach in 1953 and served there until his retirement in 1984; and,

WHEREAS, in retirement he served as Pastoral Associate at Christ and Saint Luke's, Norfolk, and worked alongside his wife, The Reverend Julia Moore Tucker at Mission of the Holy Spirit;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this 123<sup>rd</sup> Annual Council of the Diocese of Southern Virginia gives thanks for the dedicated service offered to God's glory by The Reverend Beverley D. Tucker, Jr.; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Council extend its heartfelt sympathy to his wife, Julia, his daughters and grandchildren; 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, Julia.

On a voice vote, the resolution passed unanimously, and Council observed a moment of silence.

**Report of the Episcopal Church Women:**

Ms. Barbara Taylor gave the report of The Episcopal Church Women.

**Video # 2:**

Council viewed the video *Finding The Center*.

**Keynote Speaker Session #1:**

Council Keynote Speaker, Diana Butler Bass gave her first address to Council.

At 4:25 p.m Council took a brief break and reconvened at 4:29 p.m.

**Stewardship Reflection # 3:**

Ms. Kathy Zinskie, St. Georges, Newport News, gave the third stewardship reflection.

**Third ballot:**

The Rev. Bob Gay reported the second ballot results: Elected as lay member of the Standing Committee was Cleo Shield. Dropped from consideration as clergy member of the Standing Committee was The Rev. Chris Epperson.

Council proceeded to take a third ballot.

**Report of Chanco on the James:**

Mrs. Karen Witherspoon gave the report for Chanco on the James.

**Addiction and Recovery Ministry:**

The Rev. Lauren McDonald reported on Addiction and Recovery ministry in the Diocese.

**Report of the Episcopal Youth Community:**

Elizabeth Peabody, President, gave the report of the Episcopal Youth Community

**Video # 3:**

Council viewed the video *Laundry of Love*.

**Evening Worship and Recess:**

Following Evening Worship, and some announcements by The Rev. Canon Ed Tracy, Council recessed for the evening at 5:20 p.m. At 5:30 the Council Reception was held in the Colony Room.

**Saturday, February 7, 2015**

Council reconvened at 9:30 a.m. with Opening Worship, following which, Bishop Hollerith called the second plenary session to order.

**Election Results:**

The Rev. Bob Gay announced that the third ballot resulted in the election of The Rev. Elizabeth Felicitas as clergy member of the standing committee.

**Video # 4 & 5**

Council viewed the video *Street Ministry – Diocese of Southern Virginia*, followed by the video *Being Church, Creating Church*.

**Memorial Resolutions:**

The Rev. Charles Robinson moved adoption of the following Memorial Resolutions:

**W. PARK LEMMOND, JR.**

- WHEREAS, it has pleased God to call W. Park Lemmond, Jr. to his heavenly home on July 7, 2014; and,
- WHEREAS, W. Park Lemmond was a lifelong Episcopalian and served his country as a fighter pilot for nearly 23 years first in the Air Force and later in the Virginia Air National Guard and,
- WHEREAS, he served as an attorney and later a Circuit Court Judge, continuing to work with prisoners for many years after he retired from the bench through the KAIROS Prison Ministry; and,
- WHEREAS, his deep devotion to Christ led him to serve on vestries in Hopewell and Petersburg churches and as a delegate to Annual Council in Southern Virginia; and,
- WHEREAS, that commitment was deepened through his participation in Cursillo, propelling him to further exercise his gifts for ministry in our Diocese on the Camp Chanco Board, the Executive Board and the Boys' Home Board and as a Presiding Judge of the Ecclesiastical Court;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this 123rd Annual Council of the Diocese of Southern Virginia give high and hearty thanks for the many years of Christian service which W. Park Lemmond gladly gave to the churches, local communities and the Diocese in which he lived; 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 wife, Beryl.

### **THE REVEREND DOCTOR JOEL HARVEY**

WHEREAS, it has pleased God to call Joel Harvey to his heavenly home on August 24, 2014; and,

WHEREAS, he received a PhD from Florida State University, a Certification in Theology and Religious Education from the George Mercer School of Theology and ordained priest in 1985; and,

WHEREAS, he received the Master of Arts degree in speech and dramatic arts from Adelphi University and was a member of the Actor's Equity; and,

WHEREAS, he was, at the time of his death, serving as a priest in the Diocese of Southern Virginia, most recently as a Pastoral Associate at St. Martin's Episcopal Church in Williamsburg; and,

WHEREAS, he formerly served as rector of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Norfolk, Virginia; and,

WHEREAS, he served many years as a priest in the Diocese of Long Island, serving as Vice-President – Pastoral Care for the Diocese, Clinical Pastoral Education Association, and in various Clinical Pastoral Education programs and parishes; and,

WHEREAS, he was a fellow of the College of Chaplains and served as a Clinical Pastoral Education Director and mentor to many individuals;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this 123<sup>rd</sup> Annual Council of the Diocese of Southern Virginia gives thanks for the dedicated service offered to God's glory by The Reverend Doctor Joel Harvey; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Council extend its heartfelt sympathy to his wife, Patricia, his son and daughter and grandchildren; 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, Patricia.

**THE REVEREND SAMUEL FOSTER GOULDTHORPE, JR.**

WHEREAS, it has pleased God to call Samuel Foster Gouldthorpe, Jr. to his heavenly home on November 13, 2014; and,

WHEREAS, he was born in Cassinova, Virginia in 1929, and raised in Midland, Virginia; and,

WHEREAS, he graduated from Warrenton High School in 1946, Christchurch School in 1947, and Bridgewater College in 1954; and,

WHEREAS, he pursued theological studies at the Virginia Theological Seminary, graduating in 1957; and,

WHEREAS, over the course of 38 years, he served numerous parish ministries including, St. Mary's, Colonial Beach, Virginia, St. George's, Accomack, Virginia, St. Mark's Groveton, Virginia, Christchurch, LaPlata, Maryland, Holy Trinity, Onancock, Virginia, and Bath Parish, Dinwiddie, Virginia, retiring to Dahlgren, Virginia in 1996; and,

WHEREAS, in retirement he served widely in the community as a Fire Department Chaplain, member of the Lions Clubs, Drug Abuse Commission, Human Relation Commission, Hospice Advisory Board, and American Cancer Society;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this 123<sup>rd</sup> Annual Council of the Diocese of Southern Virginia gives thanks for the dedicated service offered to God's glory by The Reverend Samuel Foster Gouldthorpe, Jr.; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Council extend its heartfelt sympathy to his wife, Alice, his sons and grandchildren; 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, Alice.

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

**Stewardship Reflection # 4:**

Reginald Tabor, St. Stephen's, Petersburg gave the fourth stewardship reflection.

**Westminster Canterbury Report:**

Mr. Ben Unkle, CEO, reported on behalf of Westminster/Canterbury of Hampton Roads.



**Talbot Hall Property Report:**

The Rev. Ed Pickup and The Rev. Virginia DiStanislao gave a moving, final report of the Talbot Hall Property Committee.

**Mission Network:**

The Rev. Bob Cunningham gave the report from the Mission Network.

**Keynote Speaker Session # 2:**

Dr, Diana Butler Bass made her second to Council.

**Stewardship Reflection # 5:**

Steve Moore, St. Luke's, Powhatan gave the fifth stewardship reflection.

**2016 Budget Presentation:**

Ms. Nancy James, Diocesan Comptroller, and The Rev. Anne Kirchmier, PBR Committee member, presented the 2016 proposed budget. Following the presentation The Rev. Anne Kirchmier moved that the budget as presented be adopted. The motion passed unanimously.

**Noonday Prayers and Lunch Recess:**

Following Noonday Prayers, Council recessed for Lunch at 11:30 a.m.

Council reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

**Stewardship Reflection # 6:**

Various members of Emmanuel, Cape Charles gave the sixth stewardship reflection.

**Keynote Speaker Session #3:**

Dr. Diana Butler Bass made her third and final presentation to Council.

**Introduction of Diocesan Executive Staff:**

Bishop Hollerith introduced, and called forward to be recognized, the members of the Diocesan Executive Staff. Council responded with a standing ovation.

**Closing Worship and Adjournment:**

Following Closing Worship, there being no further business, Bishop Hollerith declared the 123<sup>rd</sup> Annual Council of Southern Virginia adjourned, sine die.

Respectfully submitted,

The Rev. Ralph E. Haines, III  
Diocesan Secretary