

**Minutes**  
**The 126<sup>th</sup> Annual Council of**  
**The Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia**  
**February 16 – 17, 2018**  
**Williamsburg Lodge and Conference Center**  
**Williamsburg, Virginia**

**Friday, February 16**

**Opening:**

At 9:30 a.m. the Rt. Rev Herman Hollerith IV called the 126<sup>th</sup> Annual Council of the Diocese of Southern Virginia to order and welcomed the delegates, alternates and visitors to the opening session.

Opening worship was conducted by members of the Diocesan Youth Community.

The Rev. Mark Wilkinson, Chairperson of the Credentials Committee, reported 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. Rusty Bishop, St. Timothy's, Clarksville

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

CONSTITUTION AND CANONS

Mr. Samuel Webster, Ascension, Norfolk, Chair

The Rev. Ralph Haines

The Rev. Dr. Constance Jones, Grace, Yorktown

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

Ms. Gwen Eddleman, Johns Memorial, Farmville

RESOLUTIONS AND MEMORIALS

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

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

On due motion and second, the Order of Business for the 126<sup>th</sup> Annual Council was adopted unanimously.

The Rev. Michael Stone, Dispatch of Business, made announcements concerning procedures for doing business at this council.

The Rev. Eve Butler-Gee, Chairperson of the Committee on the Status of Parishes and Missions, gave the report of her committee as follows:

85 Parishes; 18 Missions; 1 Ecumenical Community; 104 total congregations; 4 chapels; 6 shrines.

On due motion and second, the minutes of the 125<sup>th</sup> Annual Council were approved as published.

On due motion and second, the Rules of Order for the 126<sup>th</sup> Annual Council were adopted unanimously.

Bishop Hollerith introduced the following Ecumenical Guests to the Council:

The Rev. Jonathan Barton – Virginia Council of Churches

Pastor Eric Moehring – Representative, Lutheran Church, Virginia Synod

On due motion and second, the following were granted seat and voice at the 126<sup>th</sup> Annual Council:

POSTULANTS AND CANDIDATES FOR HOLY ORDERS

Mr. Nicholas Caccese – Galilee, Virginia Beach

Mr. Timothy Fulop – Epiphany, Danville

Ms. Donna Hines – Grace, Yorktown

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

Ms. Grace Martien – Bruton Parish, Williamsburg

Ms. Linda Rogers – Hungars, Bridgetown

Mr. Carter Sinclair – Eastern Shore Chapel, Virginia Beach

Dr. Charles Zimbrick-Rogers – Christ & St. Luke's, Norfolk

Ms. Emily Zimbrick-Rogers – Christ & St. Luke's, Norfolk

PAROCHIAL CLERGY & RETIRED CLERGY (NON-CANONICALLY RESIDENT)

The Rev. Cathy Boyd, TX

The Rev. David Boyd, TX

The Rev. Patrick Bush, CT

The Rev. Carol Chamberlain, PA

The Rev. Katherine Dunagan, SWVA

The Rev. Ted Edwards, SWFL

The Rev. Zachary Fleetwood, Conv. Europe

The Rev. Patricia Geerdes, WVA

The Rev. Morgan Gardner, WNC

The Rev. Robert Gilman, SWVA

The Rev. Bruce Gray, VA

The Rev. Lisa Green, WMASS

The Rev. Travis Greenman, FL

The Rev. Jim Henry, SWVA

The Rev. Warren Hicks, WMASS

The Rev. Marjorie Holm, NC

The Rev. John Kerr, Church of England

The Rev. Jennifer Kimball, VA

The Rev. Robert Marshall, RI

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. Kathleen Price, DC

The Rev. William Queen, VA

The Rev. Edith Raby, CFLA

The Rev. Sue Reid, OLY

The Rev. Marni Schneider, LA

The Rev. Linda Scholer, NJ

The Rev. Jacqueline Soltys, CHI

The Rev. Peter Stimpson, NJ

The Rev. Jess Stribling, VA

The Rev. Elaine Tola, NC

The Rev. Pamela Webb, VA

The Rev. Halley Willcox, AT

The Rev. Lorna Williams, MI

### COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVES

Zachary Berry – Hampden-Sydney College

Ben Christenson – The College of William & Mary

Nick Clark – Christopher Newport University

Annika Cline – Longwood University

Tommy Dixon – Longwood University

Savannah Dunlap – Old Dominion University

Austin Gregory – Hampden-Sydney College

Sam Leigh – Christopher Newport University

Emily Lettau – Longwood University

Luke Longest – Old Dominion University

Franklin Lowe – The College of William & Mary

Nikki Manning – Christopher Newport University

Courtney Mason – Radford University

Nathan McVey – Hampden-Sydney College

Virginia Tilley – The College of William & Mary

Ilsa Loeser – Chaplain to Longwood University and Hampden-Sydney College

### YOUTH PRESENCE AT COUNCIL

Anthony Alfano – St. Christopher's, Portsmouth

Liam Blume – St. David's, Chesterfield

Maxwell Burroughs – Old Donation, Virginia Beach

Bryce Foy – St. Augustine's, Newport News

Sierra Gotshall – St. David's, Chesterfield

Clarissa Harbin – St. John's, Portsmouth

Cheyenne Hayes – St. Augustine's, Newport News

Francesca Johnson – Grace, Norfolk

K'Aryee Johnson – Grace, Norfolk

Taylor Murphy – Emmanuel, Hampton

Emily Newsom – St. Matthias, Midlothian

Alexandra Sears – St. Matthias, Midlothian

Vanessa Smock – St. Andrew’s, Newport News

Sabrina Waide – Old Donation, Virginia Beach

Rick Mason – St. David’s, Chesterfield, Adult Advisor

Barb McLaughlin – St. Christopher’s, Portsmouth, Adult Advisor

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Dr. Scott Bader-Saye

Canon Caroline Black, Canon for Christian Formation

Ms. Ashley Scruggs, Youth Missioner

Ms. Ann Turner, Communications Officer

Ms. Angelica Garcia-Randle, Missioner for Latino Ministries

Mr. Gareth Kalfas, Executive Director, Chanco on the James

Ms. Judy Dobson, Comptroller

Mr. Sam Webster, Chairperson of the Constitution and Canons Committee, reported that this Council will consider Resolution C-1 which, if adopted, will alter the procedure for electing Deputies and Alternates to General Convention.

The Rev. Keith Emerson, Chairperson of the Resolutions and Memorials Committee, reported that the Council will be considering four resolutions and eleven memorial resolutions.

In accordance with the Rules of Order, Bishop Hollerith called for the submission of any new resolutions. There were no new resolutions.

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

Convocation 1 – The Very Rev. Berkley Ford

Convocation 2 – The Very Rev. Stan Sawyer

Convocation 3 – The Very Rev. John Rohrs

Convocation 4 – The Very Rev. Keith Emerson

Convocation 5 – The Very Rev. Ron Ramsey

Convocation 6 – The Very Rev. Charles Moore

Convocation 7 – The Very Rev. Dale Custer

Convocation 8 – The Very Rev. Nancy Meck

Convocation 9 – The Very Rev. Susan Grimm

Bishop Hollerith made the following nominations for Diocesan Officers, Committees, and Commissions:

CHANCELLOR (Article XIII)

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

VICE-CHANCELLOR (Article XIII)

Mr. Sam Webster, Ascension, 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)

Ms. Lynn Farlin, Ascension, Norfolk

The Rev. Carleton Bakkum, Grace, Yorktown

Ms. Alice Webley, All Saints, Virginia Beach

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

Ms. Gay Forloine, Hickory Neck, Toano

The Rev. Andy Buchanan, Galilee, Virginia Beach

The Rev. Brenda Overfield, St. Matthias, Midlothian

COMMISSION ON STATUS OF PARISHES AND MISSIONS (Canon XIII)

The Rev. Eve Butler-Gee, Martin's Brandon, Disputanta

Ms. Clifford King Harbin, 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, Good Shepherd, Norfolk

Mr. John Meek, Good Shepherd, Norfolk

The nominations were duly seconded and all were elected unanimously.

Bishop Hollerith announced the results of Convocation elections to the Executive Board as follows:

Convocation 1 - The Rev. Daniel Crockett

Convocation 4 – Mr. Philip Ford

Convocation V – The Rev. Bruce Cheney

The Bishop thanked retiring members of the Executive Board: Ms. Andrea Archer, the Rev. Rhonda Wheeler, Mr. Reggie Tabor, the Rev. Cameron Randle, and the Rev. Ross Wright.

Bishop Hollerith introduced the following clergy new to the diocese since the last meeting of Council:



The Rev. Cathy Boyd (Diocese of Texas), rector at St. Martin's, Williamsburg  
The Rev. David Boyd (Diocese of Texas), Supply  
The Rev. Patrick Bush (Diocese of Connecticut), associate rector, Galilee, Virginia Beach  
The Rev. Katherine Dunagan (Diocese of SW VA), interim rector, Epiphany, Danville  
The Rev. Morgan Gardner (Diocese of Western NC), Supply  
The Rev. Lisa Green (Diocese of Western MA), assoc rector, St. Martin's, Williamsburg  
The Rev. Warren Hicks (Diocese of Western MA), PIC, St. Mark's, Hampton  
The Rev. Marjorie Holm (Diocese of NC), interim rector, Emmanuel, Franklin  
The Rev. Robert Marshall (Diocese of RI), rector, Redeemer, Midlothian  
The Rev. Sue Reid (Diocese of VA), chaplain, The Deacons' School  
The Rev. Jacqueline Soltys (Diocese of Chicago), supply  
The Rev. Peter Stimpson (Diocese of NJ), supply and consultant  
The Rev. Robin Teasley (Diocese of VA), rector, Christ & Grace, Petersburg  
The Rev. Lorna Williams (Diocese of MI), assoc rector, St. Andrew's, Newport News

The new clergy came forward and were welcomed with a round of applause.

### **Resolutions & Memorials:**

The Rev. Keith Emerson read and moved adoption of Resolution M-1 as follows:

#### **MEMORIAL RESOLUTION THE REVEREND DOUGLAS GRAY BURGoyNE**

- WHEREAS,** it has pleased God to call Douglas Gray Burgoyne to his heavenly home on February 5, 2017; and,
- WHEREAS,** he was born in Orange, New Jersey on July 24, 1932 to Robert and Marion Burgoyne; and,
- WHEREAS,** Doug spent his childhood summers at a family home on Long Island, where he developed a lifelong passion for sailing, becoming an accomplished competitive sailor and winning many "Comet-class" regattas; and,

**WHEREAS,** Doug earned a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy degree from Williams College in 1952; and,

**WHEREAS,** while at Williams College he was instantly smitten with Joanna Cutter Turner and married her on December 27, 1952; and,

**WHEREAS,** from their marriage six children, Douglas, Robert, William, David, Marion, and Cathy (who died in infancy), were brought into this world; and,

**WHEREAS,** after working in the insurance industry and the United States Coast Guard, Doug answered God's call and enrolled at Episcopal Divinity School, graduating with a Master of Divinity degree in 1958; and

**WHEREAS,** he was ordained a Deacon in the Episcopal Church by the Rt. Rev. William A. Lawrence on May 31, 1958 and as a Priest by The Rt. Rev. Lane W. Barton on December 1 that same year; and,

**WHEREAS,** he served six years as the Rector of St. Matthew's Church in Ontario, Oregon and twelve years as Rector of St. John's Church in Williamstown, Massachusetts prior to accepting a call to serve as Rector of St. Andrew's Church in Newport News; and,

**WHEREAS,** after sixteen years of service to St. Andrew's, Doug accepted a call to serve as Rector of All Saints' Church in Richmond; and,

**WHEREAS,** he retired as a full-time priest in 2000 only to accept calls to serve as the Interim Rector at St. Martin's Church in Richmond and St. James the Less Church in Ashland and then served as an Associate Priest for five years at St. James' Church in Richmond before finally retiring on August 31, 2014 at the age of 84; and

**WHEREAS,** Doug's many contributions in ministry included being the Director of the Board which envisioned, developed, and built Westminster Canterbury in Virginia Beach; and,

**WHEREAS,** after the abduction and murder of his daughter Marion in 1987, Doug became a profound Christian witness to the strength of a "reasonable and holy hope, in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those we love"; and

**WHEREAS,** those who knew Doug describe him with words such as courageous, kind, gracious, thoughtful, gentle, humble, wise, prayerful, caring, dignified, and possessing great integrity; and,

**WHEREAS,** these words only begin to scratch the surface of who Doug was and how he lived as a person, partner, parent, and priest; and,

**WHEREAS,** Doug is survived by his wife of 64 years, his children Doug, Bob, and Bill, their spouses as well as David's spouse, ten grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that this 126<sup>th</sup> Annual Council of the Diocese of Southern Virginia gives thanks for the lifetime of dedicated service, including fifty-six years in the ordained ministry, offered to God's glory by The Reverend Douglas G. Burgoyne; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that this Council extend its heartfelt sympathy to his wife, Joanna, and his children; 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 Joanna Burgoyne and to Doug's children.

Resolution M-1 passed unanimously.

The Rev Keith Emerson read and moved adoption of Resolution M-2 as follows:

**MEMORIAL RESOLUTION  
SPENCER ALBERT COLEMAN**

**WHEREAS,** it has pleased God to call Spencer Albert Coleman to his heavenly home on October 6, 2017; and,

**WHEREAS,** he was born in Stevens Point, Wisconsin on February 9, 1933, one of four children born to Horae and Jeanette Coleman; and,

**WHEREAS,** he was raised and reared in the very un-Virginia high church tradition one associates with the Episcopal Church in that part of the country; and,

**WHEREAS,** Spencer served in the United States Navy during the Korean Conflict; and,

**WHEREAS,** he was the father of three sons, Spencer, Jr., Lawrence, and W. Randolph; and,

**WHEREAS,** Spencer began a career in banking at the Bank of Commerce in Norfolk, working his way from the bookkeeping department to Executive Officer before retiring in 1995 after forty years of service; and,

**WHEREAS,** while working at the bank he met Jane Chalkley and married her on October 18, 1975 at a ceremony at the Eastern Shore Chapel in Virginia Beach; and,

**WHEREAS,** after his retirement Spencer and Jane moved to Appomattox County; and

**WHEREAS,** he enjoyed being a part of several civic organizations and served a term as the President of the Appomattox Chamber of Commerce; and

**WHEREAS,** the couple fell in love with St. Anne’s Church in Appomattox after attending the church’s 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration; and,

**WHEREAS,** Spencer accepted the call to a leadership role at St. Anne’s, serving on the Vestry and as the parish’s Senior Warden; and,

**WHEREAS,** he was elected to be Convocation VIII’s Lay Representative on the Executive Board of the Diocese of Southern Virginia, eventually serving as its Vice President; and,

**WHEREAS,** Spencer served for numerous years as the Chair of the Program, Budget, and Review Committee of the diocese, where is warm smile, easy going style, willingness to compromise, and ability to build consensus and unity provided just the right touch at that time in our diocese’s life; and,

**WHEREAS,** Spencer is survived by his wife of 41 years, his three children, their spouses, five grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and many nephews and nieces;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that this 126<sup>th</sup> Annual Council of the Diocese of Southern Virginia gives thanks for the lifetime of dedicated service, offered to God’s glory by Spencer Andrew Coleman; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that this Council extend its heartfelt sympathy to his wife, Jane, and his children; 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 Jane Coleman.

Resolution M-2 passed unanimously.

The Rev. Keith Emerson read and moved adoption of Resolution M-3 as follows:

**MEMORIAL RESOLUTION  
THE REVEREND HAROLD ALFRED EMERY, JR.**

**WHEREAS**, it has pleased God to call Harold Alfred Emery, Jr. to his heavenly home on December 9, 2017; and,

**WHEREAS**, he was born in Scranton, Pennsylvania on March 13, 1932 to Harold and Ellen Emery; and,

**WHEREAS**, Harold earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Union College in Barboursville, Kentucky in 1953; and,

**WHEREAS**, he graduated from Philadelphia Divinity School with a Master of Divinity degree in 1960; and

**WHEREAS**, he was ordained a Deacon in the Episcopal Church by the Rt. Rev. Frederick Warnecke on June 16, 1960 and as a Priest by Bishop Warnecke on December 22 of that same year; and,

**WHEREAS**, as a priest he served in numerous congregations, including the Central Mecklenburg Cure churches of St. Timothy's Church in Clarksville, St. John's Church in Chase City, and Grace Church in Drakes Branch, from 1992 to 1997; and,

**WHEREAS**, Harold married Karen Anne Emery on January 13, 2007; and

**WHEREAS**, he is survived by his wife of 10 years, his children Peter, Paul, and RaeAnn, two step-daughters, grandchild and a sister,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that this 126<sup>th</sup> Annual Council of the Diocese of Southern Virginia gives thanks for the lifetime of dedicated service, including fifty-seven years in the ordained ministry, offered to God's glory by The Reverend Harold Alfred Emery, Jr.; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Council extend its heartfelt sympathy to his wife, Karen, and to his 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 Karen Emery.

Resolution M-3 passed unanimously.

Council observed a moment of silence.

**Diocesan Nominating Committee:**

The Rev. Ross Wright, member of the Diocesan Nominating Committee nominated the following list of candidates:

Standing Committee: John Rector, St. Paul's, Suffolk; The Very Rev. Stan Sawyer, All Saints, Virginia Beach.

Disciplinary Board: Russell Bishop, St. Timothy's, Clarksville; Monica Flynn, St. Aidan's, Virginia Beach; Tina Wright, Epiphany, Norfolk; The Rev. Robert J. Randall, Old Donation, Virginia Beach.

General Convention, Young Adult Deputy: Clare Harbin, St. John's, Portsmouth

Bishop Hollerith called for additional nominations from the floor. There being none, on due motion and second, the nominations were closed.

**First Ballot:**

In accordance with Rule 3, Section 3 of the Rules of Order, the Rev. Bob Gay, Chairperson of Tellers, moved that Mr. John Rector and the Rev. Stan Sawyer (Standing Committee); Ms. Clare Harbin (Young Adult Alternate, General Convention); and The Rev. Robert Randall (Disciplinary Board) be elected by acclamation and that the Secretary cast the unanimous ballot of the Council for these nominees.

Council proceeded to cast the first ballot for the remaining contested election for lay members of the Disciplinary Board.

**Bishop's Presentation:**

Bishop Hollerith gave his presentation to the 126<sup>th</sup> Annual Council, a copy of which is printed in the Diocesan Journal.

**Council Eucharist:**

The Holy Eucharist was celebrated at 11:00 a.m. with Bishop Hollerith as Celebrant and Bishop Magness as preacher. The offering in the amount of \$2637.17 was given to the Community Action Network at St. Paul's, Newport News.

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

**Election Result:**

Upon reconvening, it was announced that Mr. Russell Bishop and Ms. Monica Flynn had been elected as lay members of the Disciplinary Board.

**Report of the Episcopal Church Women:**

Ms. Helen Sharpe-Williams gave the annual report of the Episcopal Church Women.

**Report of Camp Chanco:**

Mr. Gareth Kalfus gave the report of Chanco on the James.

**Resolutions and Memorials:**

The Rev. Harold Cobb read and moved adoption of Resolution M-4 as follows:

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

DAVID RAYMOND FLORES

WHEREAS, it pleased God to call David Raymond Flores to his heavenly home  
On May 25, 2017; and,

WHEREAS, this native of New York, New York, was born on July 11, 1937, obtained his High  
School Diploma from George Washington High School in  
1955; and,

WHEREAS, David Raymond Flores served his country faithfully in the United States Army from  
1961-1963, followed by service as an Assistant Buyer at Gimbels Department Stores in New  
York City; and,

WHEREAS, he served for 29 years, beginning in 1967 as an International  
Rate Specialist for United Airlines; and,

WHEREAS, he moved his family to Chesapeake, Virginia in retirement and  
became a very faithful and active member in Grace Episcopal Church, Norfolk, Virginia; involved  
in the Bernard Eure Food Pantry, The Men's Club of Grace Church, The Brotherhood of Saint  
Andrew where David always fixed a delicious breakfast on Saturday Mornings, for many years  
played the role of Santa Claus for the Children of Grace Christmas Breakfasts, and on numerous  
occasions served on the Vestry in various capacities; and,

WHEREAS, he was President of the James Solomon Russell Chapter of the  
Union of Black Episcopalians in the Diocese of Southern Virginia, and often  
Delegate to Diocesan Council; and,

WHEREAS, he loved to swim in the Atlantic Ocean and he was an avid professional baseball fan frequently traveling with Father Joe Green and Johnny Corbett to Washington National's baseball games; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this 126<sup>th</sup> Annual Council of the Diocese of Southern Virginia give thanks for the vibrant and faithful witness offered to the Glory of God by David Raymond Flores; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this council extend its heartfelt sympathy to the family of David Raymond Flores; 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 Valda.

Resolution M-4 passed unanimously.

The Rev. Stan Sawyer read and moved adoption of Resolution M-5 as follows:

#### Memorial Resolution

The Reverend William Charles Hoffman

WHEREAS, it has pleased God to call William Charles Hoffman, Priest, to his heavenly home on May 20, 2017; and,

WHEREAS, this native of Columbus, Ohio, born on November 11, 1923, a veteran of World War II, obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree from the College of William and Mary in 1948; and,

WHEREAS, William Charles Hoffman obtained his Bachelor of Divinity degree from the Virginia Theological Seminary in 1951; and,

WHEREAS, he was ordained Deacon in 1951, and Priest in 1952, by Bishop George Purnell Gunn; and,

WHEREAS, he served God as Priest-in-Charge at Pruden Parrish, Gretna, 1951-1954, and as Rector at St. Bride's, Chesapeake, 1954-1988; and,

WHEREAS, while at St. bride's he accomplished many things, among them the establishment of a new Mission, now St. Thomas, Chesapeake; and,

WHEREAS, he was a beloved member of the Cursillo Community, serving many times as a Spiritual Director; and,

WHEREAS, in retirement, he served God as Interim Rector at St. Stephen's, Norfolk, as well as other churches in southeastern Virginia and northeastern North Carolina; and,

WHEREAS, in his free time he enjoyed photography, canoeing, camping, wood working, and being a licensed amateur radio operator;



NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this 126<sup>th</sup> Annual Council of the Diocese of Southern Virginia give thanks for the vibrant and faithful witness offered to the Glory of God by William Charles Hoffman during 66 years of ordained ministry; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Council extend its heartfelt sympathy to the family of William Charles Hoffman; 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.

Resolution M-5 passed unanimously.

The Rev. Keith Emerson read and moved adoption of Resolution M-6 as follows:

**MEMORIAL RESOLUTION  
THE REVEREND LARRY DEAN JACKSON**

**WHEREAS,** it has pleased God to call Larry Dean Jackson to his heavenly home on December 16, 2017; and,

**WHEREAS,** he was born in Parkersburg, West Virginia on April 24, 1948, the son of Donald and Mildred Jackson; and,

**WHEREAS,** during his youth, Larry was an active member of the West Virginia 4-H program, receiving many awards, including the highest honor of being inducted into the West Virginia All-Stars; and

**WHEREAS,** Larry married Ruby Jean Keith on June 26, 1971; and

**WHEREAS,** from their marriage two children were born, Christopher and Becky; and,

**WHEREAS,** Larry earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Glenville State College in 1973; and,

**WHEREAS,** he was an elementary school teacher prior to answering the call to the ordained ministry; and,

**WHEREAS,** he graduated from Trinity Episcopal School for Ministry with a Master of Divinity degree in 1982; and

**WHEREAS,** Larry was ordained a Deacon in the Episcopal Church by the Rt. Rev. Robert Bruce Appleyard on June 5, 1982 and as a Priest by The Rt. Rev. Alden Monet Hathaway on May 17, 1983; and,

**WHEREAS,** as a priest he served in numerous congregations, including the Central Mecklenburg Cure churches of St. Timothy's Church in Clarksville, St. John's Church in Chase City, and Grace Church in Drakes Branch, from 1983 to 1990; and,

**WHEREAS,** in 1986 he was named the Chase City Citizen of the Year by the Chamber of Commerce; and,

**WHEREAS,** he is survived by his wife of 46 years, his children, two brothers, and numerous other family members,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that this 126<sup>th</sup> Annual Council of the Diocese of Southern Virginia gives thanks for the lifetime of dedicated service, including thirty-five years in the ordained ministry, offered to God's glory by The Reverend Larry Dean Jackson and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that this Council extend its heartfelt sympathy to his wife, Ruby, and to his 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 Ruby Jackson.

Resolution M-6 passed unanimously.

Council observed a moment of silence.

**Report of the Standing Committee:**

The Rev. Elizabeth Felicetti, President, gave the report of the Standing Committee.

Bishop Hollerith introduced the following Postulants for the Vocational Diaconate and for the Priesthood.

**Postulants for the Vocational Diaconate:**

Ms. Linda Rogers – Hungars Parish, Bridgetown

Mr. Carter Sinclair – Eastern Shore Chapel, Virginia Beach

**Postulants for the Priesthood**

Mr. Tim Fulop – Epiphany, Danville

Mrs. Donna Hines – Grace, Yorktown

Dr. Charles Zimbrick-Rogers – Christ & St. Luke’s, Norfolk

Mrs. Emily Zimbrick-Rogers – Christ & St. Luke’s, Norfolk

Mr. Nick Caccese – Galilee, Virginia Beach

Ms. Grace Martien – Bruton Parish, Williamsburg

The Postulants came forward and were recognized with a round of applause.

**Chanco Capital Campaign Presentation:**

Ms. Talley Banazek presented a video report on the Chanco Capital Campaign.

**Report on Mission Strategy:**

The Rev. Virginia DiStanislao and the Rev. Chris Epperson gave a presentation on the work of the Mission Strategy Task Force.

**Keynote Session One:**

At 3:40 p.m. Dr. Scott Bader-Saye gave his first keynote presentation.

**Resolution C-1:**

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

**2018 Canonical Resolution No. C-1**

Submitted by the Executive Board of the Diocese

**RESOLVED:**

That Canon XI, Section 1, shall be deleted in its entirety, and the following canon substituted in its place:

**CANON XI**

**OF DEPUTIES TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION**

SECTION 1. The Council shall elect by secret ballot the full number of Clerical and Lay Deputies and Alternates to the General Convention to which the Diocese is entitled under the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church as more fully set forth below, subject to the provisions of Section 1(c)(iii).

- (a) Deputies and Alternates to General Convention shall be elected in accordance with Article VI of the Constitution of the Diocese of Southern Virginia, using the method prescribed in part III, Section 8, of the Rules of Order, as follows:

- (i) DEPUTIES – At the Annual Council held in the second calendar year before the meeting of General Convention, the Annual Council shall elect by secret ballot the full number of Clerical and Lay Deputies to which this Diocese is entitled under the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church.
  - (ii) ALTERNATES – At the Annual Council in the calendar year prior to the meeting of General Convention, the Annual Council shall elect by secret ballot the full number of Clerical and Lay Alternates to which this Diocese is entitled under the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church.
  - (iii) YOUTH DELEGATE – At least one of the lay deputies or alternates to General Convention shall be a youth or young adult who is 16 years of age or older at the time of election and 26 years of age or younger on the opening day of the General Convention to which he/she has been elected. If no person in this age group is elected as a deputy or as a 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> alternate, a separate election for 4<sup>th</sup> alternate shall take place at the next Diocesan Council, with at least 2 youth or young adult candidates for this position. Should a youth or young adult be elected as a lay deputy or 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> alternate, the 4<sup>th</sup> lay alternate shall be the next leading vote receiver. The youth's or young adult's expenses shall be paid by the Diocese no matter what position to which they are elected.
- (b) In such election, each delegate to Council shall vote for no more than the full number of clerical and lay deputies to be elected. The results shall determine the deputies in each order.
  - (c) The deputy receiving the highest number of votes, whether clerical or lay, shall be designated chairperson of the deputation, whose duties shall include: (1) Communicating to the other deputies any matters coming to the attention of the chairperson before, during or after the Convention; (2) Assuring proper voting procedures by the deputation on all matters requiring votes by ballot; (3) Holding such meetings of the deputation, together with the Bishop, as may be necessary or desirable during Convention; (4) Such additional duties as the Bishop may assign to enhance the deputation's effectiveness.

RATIONALE: The Diocese continues to experience prolonged balloting which consumes an inordinate amount of the day-and-a-half Annual Council. Part of the prolonged balloting results from electing both Deputies and Alternates for General Convention at the same Council. After sampling other Dioceses' processes, we have developed a process that elects Deputies two years before GC and Alternates one year before GC.

Resolution C-1 passed.

**Resolution R-1 and R-2:**

The Rev. Keith Emerson presented Resolution R-1, reported that the Resolutions Committee found the resolution to be in order, and moved its adoption as follows:

**2018 Resolution R1: Annual Council Rules of Order Voting Procedures for the Election of General Convention Deputies and Alternates**

**RESOLVED:**

That Part III, Section 11 of the Annual Council Rules of Order be deleted in its entirety and Section 8c be added, as follows:

**III—ELECTIONS**

**Section 1.** Thirty days, or more, before the meeting of Council, the Bishop shall appoint a Chairperson of Tellers for the ensuing meeting.

**Section 2.** The duties of the Chairperson of Tellers shall be as follows:

- a. With the advice and consent of the Bishop, to appoint eight or more people to serve as Tellers.
- b. To supervise the recording of nominations; to be responsible for the preparation of ballots; to supervise the distribution and collection of ballots at the time of voting; to supervise the tabulation of votes; and, as directed by the Bishop, to make report to the Council the results of the balloting.
- c. To see that suitable receptacles are provided for the receiving of ballots; and that quarters, tally sheets, and other necessary supplies are available for the work of the tellers.

**Section 3.** All elections shall be by secret ballot, except in cases where the number of nominees equals the number of offices to be filled. Then the election may be by unanimous consent, the Secretary of the Council casting the unanimous ballot of the Council for the nominee or nominees.

**Section 4.** All nominations shall be made as an early item of business (in Council). After the nominations for each office have been closed by vote of Council, no further nominations may be made. However, “write-ins” at the time of balloting will be valid.

**Section 5.** Ballots shall be in printed form. The names of the nominees and any other information concerning the number to be elected for each office and from each category, the requirements for election or such other information as may be needed will be printed on the ballots.

**Section 6.** The Committee on Credentials shall furnish the Chairperson of the Tellers before the time of voting one list of the clerical delegates eligible to vote and one list of the lay delegates eligible to vote. These lists shall be in alphabetical order.

**Section 7.** Elections shall be an order of business as early as possible and shall continue until completed. The Council may proceed with other business while votes are being tabulated, but reports of the Tellers and re-balloting, if necessary, shall take precedence over all other business.

**Section 8.** The procedure of voting shall be as follows:

a. Secret ballots from both clerical and lay delegates shall be received by the Tellers.

b. If voting on the first ballot does not produce the majority needed to elect persons for all the offices to be filled by a majority vote, the number of candidates on the next ballot will be reduced by a number equal to one-half (1/2) of the number of candidates in excess of those needed to be elected. The number of candidates in excess of those needed to be elected is defined as the number of remaining unelected candidates minus the number of offices remaining to be filled (rounding off to the larger rather than the smaller number of candidates for the next ballot). This procedure shall be used on subsequent ballots until such time as each and every person to be elected has received a majority vote.

c. In case of electing Deputies and Alternates to General Convention, the following procedure shall be used:

1. Balloting for Deputies shall continue according to Rule of Order III, Section 8.b until the total number of persons elected by majority vote equals the total number of Deputies required to be elected. The persons elected shall be ranked first by the ballot on which they were elected (the earlier ballot having higher rank) and second, within that ballot by the total votes cast for each candidate (the candidate with the higher number of votes having the higher rank).

2. Balloting for Alternates shall continue according to Rule of Order III, Section 8.b until the total number of persons elected by majority vote equals the total number of Alternates required to be elected. The persons elected shall be ranked first by the ballot on which they were elected (the earlier ballot having higher rank) and second, within that ballot by the total votes cast for each candidate (the candidate with the higher number of votes having the higher rank).

**Section 9.** When the balloting has been concluded, the tellers shall retire and tabulate the votes, reporting the result as outlined above.

**Section 10.** When any re-balloting has been concluded, the tellers shall retire and tabulate the votes, reporting the result as outlined above.

**Section 11.** ~~In any case where delegates and alternates are to be chosen, the following procedure will be used: Balloting will continue according to Rule of Order III Section 8.b until the total number of persons elected by majority vote equals the total number of delegates and alternates required to be elected. The persons elected shall be ranked first by the ballot on which they were elected (the earlier ballot having higher rank) and second, within that ballot by the total votes cast for each candidate (the candidate with the higher number of votes having the higher rank). Delegates shall be those receiving the higher rankings and alternates shall be those receiving the lower rankings. The head of the delegation shall be the person receiving the highest rank.~~

Submitted by the Executive Board

Resolution R-1 passed unanimously.

The Rev. Keith Emerson presented Resolution R-2, reported that the Resolutions Committee found the resolution to be in order, and moved its adoption as follows:

**2018 Resolution R2: Support for Developing a Plan for the Future Financial Health of our Diocese**

**Resolved**, that the 126th Council supports the work of The Giving Task Force and requests for consideration at the 127th Council a Resolution setting forth a plan that will lead the Diocese of Southern Virginia to a future of financial health for the mission and ministry of the Diocese.

Submitted by the Executive Board

Resolution R-2 passed unanimously.

**Report of the Episcopal Youth Community:**

At 5:05 p.m. Mr. Anthony Alfano, President, gave the report of the EYC.

**Evening Worship:**

Evening Worship was conducted by the Rev. Connor Alexander.

**Recess:**

Council recessed for the evening at 5:20 p.m.

Note: Immediately following, heavy hors d'oeuvres with a carving station and cash bar were served in the Colony Room.

## **Saturday, February 17**

At 9:30 a.m., Bishop Hollerith called the council to order.

### **Morning Worship:**

Morning worship was conducted by members of the Liturgical Commission.

### **Report of Latino Ministries:**

Ms. Angelica Garcia-Randle reported on the many activities undertaken by Latino Ministries.

### **Resolution and Memorials:**

The Rev. Stan Sawyer read and moved adoption of Resolution M-7 as follows:

#### Memorial Resolution

The Reverend Marguerite Shirley Kenney

WHEREAS, it has pleased God to call Marguerite Shirley Kenney, Priest, to her heavenly home on May 13, 2017; and,

WHEREAS, this native of Cincinnati, Ohio, born in 1924, graduated Phi Beta Kappa with a Bachelor of Arts degree *cum laude* from the University of Cincinnati in 1946; and,

WHEREAS, Marguerite Shirley Kenney obtained her Master in Divinity degree *cum laude* from the Virginia Theological Seminary in 1977; and,

WHEREAS, she was ordained Deacon in 1977, by Bishop William Foreman Creighton, and Priest in 1978, by Bishop John Thomas Walker, making her one of the first 100 women regularly ordained in the Episcopal Church; and,

WHEREAS, the Marguerite Shirley Kenney Papers, available at the State Historical Society of Missouri, serve as a witness to God's sustaining love and work in the quest for full inclusion of women in the ordained ministry of the Episcopal Church; and,

WHEREAS, she served God as Assistant at St. John's Broad Creek, Fort Washington, Maryland, 1977-1980, at St. Margaret's, Woodbridge, Virginia, 1980-1981, and at Christ, Chaptico, Maryland, 1982; and,

WHEREAS, in 1983, she became the first female Priest to lead a congregation in Southern Virginia, serving faithfully as Vicar at Good Samaritan, Virginia Beach, 1983-1988; and,

WHEREAS, her love of life and creation was seen through her sense of adventure, lively sermons, mastery of crossword puzzles, wicked sense of humor, and her habit of planting a garden, including several trees, at each home she lived in, knowing that those who came after would truly benefit;



NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this 126<sup>th</sup> Annual Council of the Diocese of Southern Virginia give thanks for the vibrant and faithful witness offered to the Glory of God by Marguerite Shirley Kenney, during 40 years of ordained ministry; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Council extend its heartfelt sympathy to the family of Marguerite Shirley Kenney; 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.

Resolution M-7 passed unanimously.

The Rev. Keith Emerson read and moved adoption of Resolution M-8 as follows:

**MEMORIAL RESOLUTION  
THE REVEREND CHARLES BERNARD MILLER**

**WHEREAS,** it has pleased God to call Charles Bernard Miller to his heavenly home on April 8, 2017; and,

**WHEREAS,** he was born in Winston-Salem, North Carolina on September 8, 1947 to the Rev. Roy Oscar Miller, Sr. and Mary Gywn Miller, one of their three sons; and

**WHEREAS,** Charles received diplomas from two Winston-Salem high schools in 1965; and,

**WHEREAS,** he studied at Forsyth Technical Institute and Winston-Salem State University before having his education interrupted by service in the United States Air Force; and,

**WHEREAS,** after being honorably discharged with a medical disability in 1968, he enrolled at Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte, North Carolina and then North Carolina Central University Law School in Durham, from which he earned his Juris Doctorate in 1977; and,

**WHEREAS,** during his legal career, Charles worked for the Internal Revenue Service, and the Department of Justice (where he served as Assistant United States Attorney) prior to becoming a private litigator in the state of Indiana and in the Commonwealth of Virginia; and

**WHEREAS,** after retiring as Assistant City Attorney of Virginia Beach in 2000 he answered God's call to the ordained ministry and enrolled at Virginia Theological Seminary, from which he earned a Master of Divinity degree in 2002; and,

**WHEREAS,** Charles was ordained a Deacon in the Episcopal Church by the Rt. Rev. David Conner Bane, Jr. on June 15, 2002 and as a Priest by Bishop Bane on January 28, 2003; and,

**WHEREAS,** he served as a supply priest first in the Diocese of Southern Virginia and later in the Diocese of North Carolina; and,

**WHEREAS,** after returning to his hometown of Winston-Salem, Charles became a member of St. Anne's Church where he remained faithful until his death; and,

**WHEREAS,** he is survived by his brother Joseph C. Miller, an aunt, numerous cousins, nephews, nieces, and a host of other relatives,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that this 126<sup>th</sup> Annual Council of the Diocese of Southern Virginia gives thanks for the lifetime of dedicated service, including fourteen years in the ordained ministry, offered to God's glory by The Reverend Charles Bernard Miller and,

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

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that copies of this resolution be spread across the minutes and books of Council.

Resolution M-8 passed unanimously.

The Rev. Stan Sawyer read and moved adoption of Resolution M-9 as follows:

#### Memorial Resolution

The Reverend Roy Stephen Powers

WHEREAS, it has pleased God to call Roy Stephen Powers, Priest, to his heavenly home on August 22, 2017; and,

WHEREAS, this native of Koahsiung, Taiwan, born on August 14, 1953, obtained his Bachelor of arts degree from Anaheim Christian College in 1979; and,

WHEREAS, Roy Stephen Powers obtained his Master in Divinity degree from the General Theological Seminary in 1982; and,

WHEREAS, he was ordained Deacon in 1982, by Bishop Robert Munro Wolterstorff, and Priest in 1982, by Bishop Charles Brinkley Morton; and,

WHEREAS, he served God as Curate at All Saints', Vista, California, 1982-1985, and as Curate at the West Central Episcopal Mission, Spokane, Washington, 1985-1987; and,

WHEREAS, he served God as a Chaplain in the United States Navy, 1987-2004, ministering faithfully to all service men and women under his care on land and sea; and,

WHEREAS, following his service in the Chaplains' Corps in the United States Navy, he served God in Southern Virginia as Rector at St. Bride's, Chesapeake, 2004-2015, at which time he retired for reasons of health; and,

WHEREAS, the disease of Cancer, which diminished his physical strength, could never diminish his love for his Lord, his family, and his friends.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this 126<sup>th</sup> Annual Council of the Diocese of Southern Virginia give thanks to God for the 35 years of ordained ministry on land and sea offered to the Glory of God by Roy Stephen Powers; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Council extend its heartfelt sympathy to the family of Roy Stephen Powers; 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.

Resolution M-9 passed unanimously.

Council observed a moment of silence.

#### **Cursillo Presentation:**

Ms. Laura Frank Sale gave a presentation on the activities of Cursillo in the diocese.

#### **Report of College Ministries:**

Ms. Harper Lewis Bathel gave the report of the College Ministries Commission.

At 10:25 a.m. council recessed for a break and reconvened at 10:30 a.m.

#### **Resolutions R-3 and R-4:**

The Rev. Keith Emerson presented Resolution R-3, reported that the Resolutions Committee found it to be in order, and moved its adoption as follows:

#### **2018 Resolution R3: Using Environmentally Friendly Food and Beverage Serving Products**

**Resolved**, that whenever members of our diocesan family gather together around food or drink, we strive to purchase and/or use only reusable, recyclable, and/or biodegradable containers and/or utensils, and

**Be it further resolved**, that this council encourages our individual congregations and ministries to do the same.

#### **Rationale:**

It is written in the Book of Genesis that the human race is to have dominion over God's creation. We have only one planet on which to live; and the awareness of our environment

and how we relate to it is of vital importance to the survival of Earth. We pray that “God give us all a reverence for the Earth as God’s own creation, that we might use its resources rightly in the service of others and to God’s Honor and Glory,” (BCP: Prayer of the People, Form IV, p. 388)

We pray “for the Good Earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and the will to preserve it”, (BCP, Prayers of the People Form I, p. 384), and we pray further for the “wisdom and reverence so to use the resources of nature, that no one may suffer from our abuse of them, and that generations yet to come may continue to praise you for your bounty”, (BCP, Prayer for the Conservation of Natural Resources, p. 827).

“Eco-justice ministries seek to heal, defend, and work toward justice for all God's creation and to respect the kinship and connection of all that God created through education, advocacy, and action. In order to create capacity in the church for environmental stewardship initiatives, and in response to Resolution A030 of the 78th General Convention, [of the Episcopal Church, USA], the Advisory Council for the Stewardship of Creation was appointed in 2016” (<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/stewardship-creation>).

The use of disposable products for coffee hours, parish dinners, and other church related events are used primarily for convenience. When such products are non-recyclable and or non-compostable, we are damaging that which God has entrusted to our stewardship.

The Episcopal Youth Community of our diocese has already led the way in this direction by presenting a resolution concerning the use of non-recyclable/non-compostable disposable products in our churches which was passed unanimously by the 98<sup>th</sup> Annual Council (R-2, p.64 of The 98<sup>th</sup> Council of the Diocese of Southern Virginia), and

the Rector and Vestry of St. Martin’s, Williamsburg reiterated the importance of the 1990 resolution with a follow-up resolution which was passed unanimously by the 99<sup>th</sup> Annual Council (R-10, of the 99<sup>th</sup> Council of the Diocese of Southern Virginia.)

We, the Episcopal Churches of the Diocese of Southern Virginia, have the opportunity to demonstrate by example what it means to care for “this fragile Earth our island home”, (BCP, Eucharistic Prayer C, p. 370).

Submitted by the Parish Life and Creation Care Commissions of All Saints’ Episcopal Church, Virginia Beach

During the ensuing discussion it was noted that while the resolution is not substantially different from a resolution already passed by a previous council, the use of non-recyclable products is still practiced by many congregations.

Following discussion, Resolution R-3 passed.

The Rev Keith Emerson presented Resolution R-4, reported that the Resolutions Committee found it to be in order, and moved its adoption as follows:

## **2018 Resolution R4: Resolution on the Implementation of Title III, CANON 1**

**Resolved**, that this 126th Annual Council of the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia approves the following resolution for submission to the 2018 [or 79th] General Convention of the Episcopal Church:

**Be it further resolved**, that the House of \_\_\_\_\_ concurring, that the 79th General Convention, in recognition of the Jesus Movement and the calling of all the baptized in their daily life and work, appoint a task force to study the implementation of

Title III, CANON 1: Of the Ministry of All Baptized Persons which reads: Sec. 1. Each Diocese shall make provision for the affirmation and development of the ministry of all baptized persons, including: (a) Assistance in understanding that all baptized persons are called to minister in Christ's name, to identify their gifts with the help of the Church and to serve Christ's mission at all times and in all places. (b) Assistance in understanding that all baptized persons are called to sustain their ministries through commitment to life-long Christian formation.

**And be it further resolved** that such task force be appointed by the Presiding Officers jointly and that a report be given to the 80th General Convention with its recommendations for the implementation of Title III, CANON 1 in all parishes, dioceses, provinces, and the wider church, focusing on full engagement of all the Baptized in their ministries beyond Sunday in their daily life, work, and leisure.

### **Rationale:**

Title III Canon 1 has been underutilized. For example, few dioceses have a Commission on Lay Ministry or its equivalent that focuses on empowering all the Baptized in their daily life. This resolution seeks to provide a remedy. The Canon calls on The Episcopal Church to “equip the saints for ministry” (Ephesians 4). Adopted in 2003, it provides the skeleton that now needs to be enfolded. In the Catechism under The Ministry (BCP 855) the first order of ministry is lay persons. They represent the 99 % of The Episcopal Church. The Baptismal Covenant (BCP 304-5) is the “job description” for all the baptized in their respective orders. This is further affirmed in both the Ordination Services of Bishop and Priest respectively: to “encourage and support all baptized people in their gifts and ministries”; and, “laboring together with (all whom called to serve) and fellow ministers to build the family of God.” This task force’s work is to recommend processes so that the church can affirm the calling of all the baptized, especially its lay persons, and empower them in all the areas of their ministry in work, home, community, and wider world as well as in the Church.

Respectfully and Faithfully Submitted,

The Rev. Brenda S. Overfield Rector, St. Matthias Episcopal Church, Midlothian

The Rev. Julia Dorsey Loomis

Following discussion, Resolution R-4 passed.

### **Report of the Addictions and Recovery Commission:**

The Rev. Lauren McDonald gave the report of the Addictions and Recovery Commission.

**Presentation of the 2018 Diocesan Budget:**

Mr. John Meek, Treasurer, the Rev. Anne Kirchmier, Chairperson of the Program Budget and Review Committee, and Ms. Judy Dobson, Controller presented the proposed 2018 Diocesan Budget. Following the presentation, the Rev. Anne Kirchmier moved adoption of the budget as presented in the total amount of \$2,261,861.

There followed a discussion and a question and answer session, at the conclusion of which the 2018 Diocesan Budget passed.

**Keynote Session Two:**

At 11:20 a.m., Dr. Scott Bader Saye made his second keynote presentation.

**Resolutions and Memorials:**

At 12:30 p.m., the Rev Mimi Lacy read, and moved adoption of Resolution M-10 as follows:

**Memorial Resolution**

The Reverend Howard Byrd Purvis

WHEREAS, it has pleased God to call Howard Byrd Purvis, Priest, to his heavenly home on November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017; and,

WHEREAS, this native of Williamston, North Carolina, born on November 16<sup>th</sup>, 1932, served for many years as a Baptist minister at Queen Street Baptist Church in Norfolk, Virginia; and,

WHEREAS, Howard Byrd Purvis, out of love for his wife, Delores, joined the Episcopal Church, and then spent a year of formation at Virginia Theological Seminary, earning his Certificate of Work in May of 1999; and,

WHEREAS, he was ordained Deacon in 1999, and Priest in 2000, by Bishop David C. Bane; and,

WHEREAS, he served God as Rector at St. Mark's Church, Suffolk, and as Associate Rector at Emmanuel, Virginia Beach; and,

WHEREAS, he was supported by an enthusiastic "Amen Corner," and he served with compassion and love throughout his career; and,

WHEREAS, he was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and consummate gentleman;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this 126<sup>th</sup> Annual Council of the Diocese of Southern Virginia give thanks for the vibrant and faithful witness offered to the Glory of God by Howard Byrd Purvis during his many years of ordained ministry; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Council extend its heartfelt sympathy to the family of Howard Byrd Purvis, especially his beloved wife, Delores; 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.

Resolution M-10 passed unanimously.

The Rev. Bob Randall read, and moved adoption of Resolution M-11 as follows.

#### MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

#### **PATRICIA BLANCHARD WILSON**

**WHEREAS,** it has pleased God to call Patricia Blanchard Wilson to her heavenly home on May 2, 2017; and,

**WHEREAS,** this self-described “Navy Junior” was a daughter of a Navy Admiral and wife of a Navy pilot, Pat was born in Panama on January 14, 1935, and lived all over the the world, traveling to every corner where she had not lived; and,

**WHEREAS,** Pat and her mother became the first mother-daughter team to volunteer for the American Red Cross in Coronado, CA where she served as a nurse’s aid — setting a pattern for her life of generous service to others, whether it was organizing Class dinner parties for 300 people or feeding the homeless at JCOC or simply incorporating new faces into everything she did; and,

**WHEREAS,** Pat was a “*cradle Episcopalian*” whose mother brought her to church whenever the doors opened and introduced her to the Altar Guild as a Junior Member at age 12 at St. Paul’s, Alexandria, Virginia, beginning 70 years of service at God’s altar that didn’t end until God called her from her position as chair of the Altar Guild at Old Donation Church in Virginia Beach; and,

**WHEREAS,** Pat Wilson, who was also known widely for her work in Cursillo and the Order of St. Luke ministry of healing... served as Chairperson of the Diocesan Altar Guild and ran the “Bishop’s Closet” for many years, attending Council regularly, preparing for Council Eucharists and other liturgies, Diocesan ordinations and many varied offerings of worship; and,

**WHEREAS,** she had an enormous knowledge of Church tradition and practice, a wicked and oftentimes biting sense of humor, and coupled those with a love for God and

God's universal Church, Pat could strike fear in the hearts of new priests and deacons, robustly personifying church cliches about the Altar Guild running the parish; and,

**WHEREAS,** Pat's love for the people she served and her zest for living life fully right to her last breath, (which she used to admonish her rector to put new oil in his stock because she complained the old oil smelled bad during HER Last Rites), truly endeared her to so many who experienced her love and service; and,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that this 126<sup>th</sup> Annual Council of the Diocese of Southern Virginia give thanks for the vibrant and faithful witness offered to the Glory of God by Patricia Blanchard Wilson during over 70 years of ministry; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that this Council extend its heartfelt sympathy to the family of Patricia Blanchard Wilson; 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 beloved husband Vaughn.

Resolution M-11 passed unanimously.

Council observed a moment of silence.

**Report of the Community Action Network:**

The Rev. Bruce Cheney gave the report of the Community Action Network of St. Paul's, Newport News.

**Canterbury Report:**

The Rev. Tyler Montgomery gave a report on the various Canterbury Programs on college campuses in the diocese.

**Report on Holy Land Pilgrimage:**

The Rt. Rev. Jay Magness, Bishop Assisting, reported on the upcoming pilgrimage he will be leading to the Holy Land.

**Introduction of Diocesan Staff:**

Bishop Hollerith introduced members of the Diocesan Staff who came forward to be recognized:

The Rt. Rev. James Magness, Bishop Assisting



Ms. Susan Allen, Assistant for Formation and Transition

Canon Caroline Black, Canon for Christian Formation

Mrs. Judy Dobson, Controller

Mrs. Angelica Garcia-Randle, Missioner for Latino Ministries

The Rev. Charles Robinson, Canon for Transition Ministries and Clergy Development

Ms. Ashley Scruggs, Youth Missioner

Mrs. Leah Sicignano, Bishop's Executive Secretary

The Rev. Canon Ed Tracy, Canon for Administration

Ms. Ann Turner, Communications Officer

Council gave a round of applause in appreciation for the work done by the staff.

**Closing Worship:**

Members of the Liturgical Commission conducted closing worship

**Adjournment:**

At 1:05 p.m., there being no further business, Bishop Hollerith declared the 126<sup>th</sup> Annual Council adjourned, sine die.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Rev. Ralph E. Haines, III

Secretary