

**Minutes of
The 127th Annual Council of
The Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia
February 8-9, 2019
Williamsburg Lodge and Conference Center
Williamsburg, Virginia**

Friday, February 8

Opening:

At 9:30 a.m., the Rev. Conor Alexander, President of the Standing Committee, called the 127th 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 Liturgical Commission. The Rev. Mark Wilkinson, Chairperson of the Committee on Credentials, reported that a quorum was present.

President Alexander announced the 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. James B. Magness
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

The Rev. Michael Stone presented and moved adoption of the Order of Business of Council as follows:

Friday morning, Feb. 8, 2019 – 9:30 a.m.

1. Call to Order, 9:30 a.m.
2. Opening Worship
3. Report of the Committee on Credentials and Certification of Quorum
4. Appointment of Council Committees & Parliamentarian
5. Agenda / Order of Business / Announcements (Dispatch of Business)
6. Adoption of Rules of Order of Council
7. Affirmation of Bishop Pro Tempore
8. Report of Committee on Status of Parishes and Missions
9. Approval of Minutes of Previous Council
10. Recognition of Visitors

11. Seat and Voice to Non-Delegates
12. Receipt and Referral of Resolutions
13. Appointment of Deans
14. Election of Officers, Committees & Commissions Nominated by the Bishop
15. Announcement of Executive Board Elections
16. Welcome New Clergy
17. Memorial Resolutions
18. Report of Committee on Nominations
19. First Ballot
20. Bishop's Presentation
21. Holy Eucharist

Friday afternoon, Feb. 8, 2019 - 2:30 p.m.

22. Introduction of Postulants
23. Constitutional Resolution CON-1
24. Standing Committee Report
25. Search and Transition Committee
26. Memorial Resolutions
27. Courtesy Resolution CR-2, Chatham Hall
28. Mission Sharing Report & Resolution C-1
29. Resolution C-2
30. Resolution R-1, Boys Home
31. Addictions & Recovery Commission Report

32. Keynote Session #1
33. Courtesy Resolution CR-1, Bishop Hollerith
34. Worship
35. Council Recesses

Saturday morning, Feb. 9, 2019 – 9:30 a.m.

36. Opening Worship
37. Chanco on the James Report
38. ECW Report
39. Memorial Resolutions
40. Cursillo Report
41. Chanco Capital Campaign Report
42. Report from Missioner for Latino Ministries
43. Presentation of Proposed 2019 Budget
44. Keynote #2
45. Closing Worship / Council Adjourns

The motion, duly seconded, passed unanimously.

President Alexander presented the Rules of Order of Council as follows:

RULES OF ORDER FOR THE 127th ANNUAL COUNCIL, 2019

I—ORGANIZATION

Section 1. Council shall be opened each day at the time appointed with appropriate worship.

Section 2. Council shall be duly organized when the President shall have taken the chair and satisfactory evidence of a quorum been made.

Section 3. After the organization of Council, the President shall appoint the following Committees of Council:

- a. *Credentials*—A committee of two, one of each order.
- b. *Agenda*—A committee to expedite the Agenda of Council prior to Council and during it, if necessary.
- c. *Dispatch of Business*—One or more persons, the number to be determined by the President of Council, to expedite the business of council prior to and during the time of council.
- d. *Constitution and Canons*—A committee of six, three of each order, the duties of which are to consider proposed amendments to the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese both during and between Councils and to report to the Council with recommendations as to form or substance or both. Members of this committee take office at the conclusion of the Annual Council at which they are appointed. They serve continuously until their successors are appointed and take office. Interim appointments to fill vacancies may be made by the President of Council.
- e. *Resolutions and Memorials*—A committee of four, two of each order, to which shall be referred all proposed Resolutions and Memorials. This Committee is charged with editing, as appropriate or necessary, all material submitted as Resolutions or Memorials, reporting them, if deemed in order, to Council with or without recommendation(s). Excepted are those which under these Rules are properly referable to some other committee.
- f. *Journal of Council*—A committee of two, of which the Secretary of the Diocese shall be chairperson, charged with the preparation of the Journal of Council for publication.
- g. *Committee to Certify the Minutes of Council* -- a committee of three, one of whom shall be the Diocesan Secretary, who shall certify the Minutes of Council prior to publication of the Journal.

Section 4. The President may appoint a Parliamentarian for any meeting of Council.

Section 5. An Agenda and an Order of Business shall be early enacted. They shall allow for reports and addresses, elections, petitions, program and budget, and matters pertaining to the schedule of Council.

II—PROCEDURE FOR DEBATE AND ACTION

Section 1. The Rules of Order as last enacted shall remain in force until changed by a later Council.

Section 2. All resolutions, including those for the Rules of Order of Council, shall be submitted to the Secretary of the Diocese sixty days prior to Council's annual convening, which will allow for their dissemination to delegates prior to the annual meeting. Such resolutions shall automatically be deemed in possession of Council.

a. Resolutions, including those for the Rules of Order of Council, not previously submitted to the Secretary of the Diocese for this Council will be permitted from the floor upon a two-thirds vote only at the start of the first business session of Council and only when they carry a clear statement in writing of the circumstances that led to the request for their consideration. Such resolutions should be duplicated in advance.

b. No other substantive resolutions shall be later introduced unless two-thirds (2/3) of those present shall consent.

Section 3. Resolutions affecting the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese not submitted sixty days prior to the convening of Council may be introduced only if:

- a. They are designated as “emergency” by the President of Council; and
- b. They are accepted as an item of business by two-thirds (2/3) of delegates voting.

Section 4. All main motions and amendments shall be reduced to writing and read by the Secretary of the Council before they shall be debated; and none shall be debated until seconded.

Section 5. All motions affecting the Rules of Order of Council shall be submitted as an early order of business at Council, and opportunity shall be given for the offering of such motions. Motions affecting the Rules of Order not submitted sixty days in advance of council in accordance with Section 1 must receive a two-thirds majority in order to be enacted.

Section 6. No new motion or proposition shall be admitted under color of an amendment or substitute for the matter under consideration.

Section 7. If the question under debate contains several distinct propositions, the same shall be divided at the request of any member, and a vote taken separately, except that a motion to strike out and insert shall be indivisible.

Section 8. When a proposed amendment is under consideration, a motion to amend the same may be made, but no further amendment to such second amendment shall be in order; but a substitute to both amendments may be received, and if adopted, shall operate as an amendment to the original proposition.

Section 9. When a question is under consideration, no motion shall be received except to adjourn, to lay it upon the table, for the previous question, to postpone to a certain time, to postpone indefinitely, to commit it, to amend it or to substitute for amendments as in the last section, to limit or extend the limits of debate, to suspend rules, or to go into informal consideration of the matter at hand; and motions for any of these purposes shall have precedence in the order herein named. However, a motion to table, to move the previous question, to postpone or to commit a resolution shall not be in order unless opportunity to speak on the resolution has been afforded to at least two proponents and two opponents. If a motion to lay an amendment on the table is adopted, the matter before the Council shall be considered as if no such amendment had been offered.

Section 10. Motions to lay on the table or adjourn shall be decided without debate; and such motions shall always be in order, except while a member has the floor, or a vote on any question is being taken. Until decided, all debate, amendments, and other motions shall be out of order.

Section 11. Motions for the previous question, i.e., to close debate and proceed immediately to vote on the pending question, shall not be debatable and shall be decided by a majority vote.

Section 12. When a question has been decided by the Council or postponed indefinitely, a motion to reconsider can only be made by one member and seconded by another who voted with the majority. A motion to reconsider must be made the same day the vote is taken, or on the succeeding day.

Section 13. When a member desires to speak or present any matter to the Council, the member shall rise and respectfully address the President, and shall confine all remarks to the question under debate, avoiding all personalities. On debatable matters under consideration, speakers may address Council for up to three minutes, except that upon request, a majority vote may extend this time to a length specified; and no speaker shall be heard more

than once upon the same motion or amendment until all others desiring to speak have had opportunity.

Section 14. If any member trespasses the Rules of Order of Council, the President shall, or any other members may, call that person to order, in which case the member so called to order shall immediately be seated, unless permitted to explain, until the question of the order is decided by the President.

Section 15. All questions of order shall be decided by the President without debate, but any member may appeal such decision, and on such appeal no member shall speak more than once without the permission of the Council.

Section 16. The names of the movers of all resolutions shall appear upon the Minutes of Council. In order to be considered by Council, all resolutions must be moved by:

- a. A member of Council as defined in Article IV of the Constitution of the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Southern Virginia; or,
- b. A majority vote of a duly called meeting of the vestry of a parish or organized mission which is entitled to one or more lay delegates at Council as defined in Article IV of the Constitution of the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Southern Virginia; or,
- c. A majority vote of a duly called meeting of the Executive Board, any Department or Committee of the Executive Board, Commission of the Diocese, Committee of the Diocese, Committee of Council or Corporation of the Diocese of Southern Virginia.

Section 17. When two or more members rise at once, the President shall say who is entitled to the floor, and from such decision there shall be no appeal.

Section 18. The vote on any question shall be taken by ayes and noes, unless five members demand a vote by orders, as required by the Constitution.

Section 19. Every member who may be in the house when the question is put shall vote, unless the Council, for special reasons, shall excuse a member from voting.

Section 20. No member shall vote upon a question in the decision of which that member is immediately and personally interested.

Section 21. Upon a division and count no member shall be counted who is not within the limits assigned as seats of members.

Section 22. The reports of all committees shall be in writing, and all reports recommending or requiring any action or expression of opinion by the Council, shall be accompanied by the proper resolutions expressing the same for the consideration of the Council.

Section 23. Motions affecting the Constitution or Canons of the Diocese which have passed a first reading in the previously appropriate Council shall be called up for action before consideration is given to any new or revised alternatives dealing with substantially the same substance.

Section 24. Except when in conflict with church Constitution or Canons, or any Rule of Order herein contained, the latest edition of *Robert's Rules of Order* shall govern the interpretation of these Rules and the procedure to be followed in Council.

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.

IV—GENERAL REGULATIONS

Section 1. Members of Council shall attend all sessions unless by urgent cause prevented.

Section 2. The President shall, at his discretion, designate seats outside the limits of those allotted to the use of members for the seating of visitors to Council.

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

President Alexander made the following statement: “When a vacancy occurs in the office of diocesan bishop, the Standing Committee is authorized to invite another bishop to temporarily hold the office. With Bishop Hollerith’s retirement, the Standing Committee has invited and signed a letter of agreement with the Rt. Rev. James B. Magness to exercise the office of Bishop Diocesan Pro Tempore, in shared ministry with the standing Committee, until the consecration of a new bishop a year from now. Having done so, the Standing Committee would ask this Council to affirm by acclamation that agreement and welcome Bishop Magness as our new interim diocesan bishop. All in favor say aye.”

The vote to approve Bishop Magness as Diocesan Bishop Pro Tempore was unanimous, and Council greeted Bishop Magness with a standing ovation.

Bishop Magness assumed the chair.

The following report of the Committee on the Status of Parishes and Missions was given by the Rev. Eve Butler-Gee, Chairperson:

Parishes – 85
Missions – 16
Ecumenical Communities – 1
Total Congregations – 102

Chapels – 4
Shrines – 6

On due motion and second, the certified minutes of the 126th Annual Council were approved unanimously.

The Rev. Michael Stone, Dispatch of Business, made some necessary announcements. Bishop Magness introduced the following ecumenical guests to Council.

The Rev. Mary Anne Glover, Virginia Council of Churches
The Rev. Rene Castillo, Church of the Holy Apostles, Virginia Beach
Deacon Gary Harmeyer, Church of the Holy Apostles, Virginia Beach

Bishop Magness presented the following list of persons to receive seat and voice at this council:

POSTULANTS AND CANDIDATES FOR HOLY ORDERS

Ms. Donna Hines – Grace, Yorktown
Ms. Darlene Jackson – St. Cyprian's, Hampton
Ms. Grace Martien – Bruton Parish, Williamsburg
Ms. Jean Vinson – Galilee, 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. Jon Anderson, ETN
The Rev. Martin Bagay, AT
The Rev. David Boyd, TX
The Rev. Patrick Bush, CT
The Rev. Carol Chamberlain, PA
The Rev. Morgan Gardner, WNC
The Rev. Robert Gilman, SWVA
The Rev. Travis Greenman, FL
The Rev. John Kerr, Church of England
The Rev. Alan Mead, CP
The Rev. Chuck Mullaly, VA
The Rev. Susan Norris, NJ
The Rev. Kathleen Price, DC
The Rev. Edith Raby, CFLA
The Rev. Sue Reid, OLY
The Rev. Paul Rowles, VA
The Rev. Jacqueline Soltys, CHI
The Rev. Peter Stimpson, NJ

The Rev. Jim Young, SWVA

COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVES

Carolyn Brandt – The College of William & Mary
Hannah Call – The College of William & Mary
Elizabeth Maneval – The College of William & Mary
Potter McKinney – The College of William & Mary
Nathan Troutman – The College of William & Mary

YOUTH PRESENCE AT COUNCIL

Sierra Gotshall – St. David’s, North Chesterfield
Clarissa Harbin – St. John’s, Portsmouth
Franchesca Johnson – Grace, Norfolk
K’Aryee Johnson – Grace, Norfolk
Susan Sale – St. Andrew’s, Newport News
Caroline Sears – St. Matthias’, Midlothian
Vanessa Smock – St. Andrew’s, Newport News
Melodie Walter – St. Paul’s, Norfolk
Megan Dern – Good Shepherd, Norfolk, Adult Advisor
Nathan Hoyt – Chanco on the James, Adult Advisor

OTHER

Mr. Gannon Sims, Keynote Speaker
The Rev. Bobbe Fitzhugh, Keynote Speaker
Canon Lynn Farlin, Canon for Christian Formation
Ms. Ann Turner, Communications Officer
Ms. Angélica Garcia-Randle, Missioner for Latino Ministries
Mr. Gareth Kalfas, Executive Director, Chanco on the James
Ms. Judy Dobson, Comptroller

On due motion and second, these persons were granted seat and voice.

Mr. Sam Webster, Chair of the Committee on Constitution and Canons, noted that his committee would be presenting one proposed amendment to the Constitution (Con-1) and two proposed amendments to the Canons (C-1 & C-2). He noted that resolution C-3 had been withdrawn.

The Rev. Keith Emerson, Chair of the Committee on Resolutions noted that his committee would present one resolution, nine memorial resolutions, and one courtesy resolution.

Bishop Magness asked if there were any newly occasioned resolutions that they be presented at this time. There were none.

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

CHANCELLOR (Article XIII)

Mr. Sam Webster, Ascension, Norfolk

VICE-CHANCELLOR (Article XIII)

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

HISTORIOGRAPHER (Article XIV)

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

COMMISSION ON MINISTRY (Canon XII)

- The Rev. Dale Custer, St. John's, Chester (Chair)
- The Rev. 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
- Mr. James Clements, Martin's Brandon, Disputanta
- Ms. Kathy Clements, Martin's Brandon, Disputanta
- The Rev. Elizabeth Green, St. Martin's, Williamsburg
- Ms. Lucy Jones Rothnie, Hickory Neck, Toano

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. Charles Marks III, St. Aidan's, Virginia Beach

CHURCH PENSION COMMISSION (Canon XXIV)

The Rt. Rev. James B. Magness
Mr. Edwin Kellam, Good Shepherd, Norfolk
Mr. Charles Marks III, St. Aidan's, Virginia Beach

The nominations were duly seconded, and the nominees were elected unanimously.

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

- Convocation 2 – Ms. Jeanne Hoerr
- Convocation 3 – Ms. Michelle McCoy
- Convocation 6 – Ms. Robin Magee
- Convocation 7 – Mr. Roy McLeod
- Convocation 8 – The Rev. Martha Jenkins

Bishop Magness thanked those members going off the Executive Board: Ms. Mary Dail, Ms. Helen Sharpe-Williams, and Mr. Tom Ager.

Convocation I	The Rev. Daniel Crockett	2020
	Ms. Sharon Parker	2022
Convocation II	The Rev. Julia Messer	2021
	Ms. Jeanne Hoerr	2022
Convocation III	The Rev. James Medley	2020
	Ms. Michelle McCoy	2022
Convocation IV	The Rev. Derek Harbin	2020
	Mr. Philip Ford	2021
Convocation V	The Rev. Bruce Cheney	2021
	Ms. Bettyrene Pope	2020
Convocation VI	The Rev. Eve Butler-Gee	2020
	Ms. Robin Magee	2021
Convocation VII	The Rev. Gini DiStanislao	2021
	Mr. Roy McLeod	2022
Convocation VIII	The Rev. Martha Jenkins	2020
	Ms. Lauraetta Yates	2022
Convocation IX	Vacant	2022
	Mr. Rusty Bishop	2020

Bishop Magness welcomed the following clergy new to the Diocese since the last Annual Council as well as Clergy in new positions:

Clergy new to the diocese:

<u>Name</u>	<u>From Diocese of</u>	<u>Serving</u>
Jon Anderson	East Tennessee	Rector – Epiphany, Danville
Martin Bagay	Atlanta	Interim – St. George’s, Pungoteague & St. James’, Accomac
Tim Fulop	Southern VA	Assoc. – St. Timothy’s, Clarksville and Trinity, South Boston
Dan McClain	Maryland	Assoc. – Bruton Parish, Williamsburg
Churchill Pinder	Central PA	Chaplain, College of William & Mary
Linda Rogers	Southern VA	Supply – Emmanuel, Cape Charles
Paul Rowles	Virginia	Deacon – Holy Trinity, Onancock
Carter Sinclair	Southern VA	Interim – St. John’s, Halifax
Robin Teasley	Southern VA	Deacon – Emmanuel, VB
James Young	Southwestern VA	Rector – Christ & Grace, Petersburg
		Priest-in-Charge – St. Thomas, Chesapeake

Clergy in new positions in the diocese:

Dick Budd	Southern VA	Priest-in-Charge – St. Stephen’s, Newport News
Lottie Cochran	Southern VA	Priest-in-Charge – St. Stephen’s, Norfolk
Becky Crites	Southern VA	Priest-in-Charge – Emmanuel, Chatham and Asst. Chaplain, Chatham Hall
Bob Gay	Southern VA	Deacon – Hickory Neck, Toano
Dale Hirst	Southern VA	Priest-in-Charge – St. Simon’s, VB
Grant Stokes	Southern VA	Priest-in-Charge – Trinity, Portsmouth

Council greeted the new clergy with a round of applause

Memorial Resolutions:

The Rev. Keith Emerson, Chairperson of the Committee on Resolutions and Memorials, presented and individually moved adoption of the following Memorial Resolutions:

**MEMORIAL RESOLUTION
THE REVEREND JOHN HARMON SMITH**

- WHEREAS,** it has pleased God to call John Harmon Smith to his heavenly home on February 6, 2018; and,
- WHEREAS,** this native of Newport News was born 1924 and raised in Hilton Village by his parents Charlie and Susie Smith; and,
- WHEREAS,** Harmon served in the United States Army during World War II prior to earning a mechanical engineering degree from Virginia Tech in 1946; and,
- WHEREAS,** he earned a Master of Divinity degree from Episcopal Theological Seminary in Kentucky in 1960; and,
- WHEREAS,** The Rt. Rev. William R. Moody ordained him a Deacon in the Episcopal Church on June 8, 1960 and a Priest on December 17 of that same year; and,
- WHEREAS,** along the way he married Jackie and together they had two daughters, Judy and Betty; and
- WHEREAS,** the Smith family's shared passion for mission led them to move first to Tela, Honduras and then to Managua, Nicaragua, allowing Harmon to serve in both places as a parish priest as well as the head of primary and secondary schools; and,
- WHEREAS,** he served numerous parishes in Kentucky, Florida, West Virginia, and Virginia, including Hickory Neck, Toano and St. Anne's, Appomattox; and
- WHEREAS,** during his retirement years in Salem, Virginia, Harmon enjoyed his passions of auto mechanics, tennis, and playing the harmonica and guitar while continuing to function as a priest at St. Paul's Church, Salem as well as leading a weekly worship service at the Virginia Veteran's Care Center in Roanoke; and,
- WHEREAS,** Harmon was preceded in death by his beloved wife Jackie and brother Charles; and,
- WHEREAS,** he is survived by his dear friend Mildred Slater, brother Richard, daughters Judy Riffle and Betty Coleman, three grandchildren, twelve great-grandchildren, and Belle, his beagle;
- NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that this 127th Annual Council of the Diocese of Southern Virginia gives thanks for the lifetime of dedicated service, including forty-eight years in the ordained ministry, offered to God's glory by The Reverend John Harmon Smith; 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 and that a copies be sent to his daughters, Judy and Betty.

**MEMORIAL RESOLUTION
THE REVEREND JOHN DAINGERFIELD ALFRIEND**

- WHEREAS,** it has pleased God to call John Daingerfield Alfriend to his heavenly home on May 22, 2018; and,

WHEREAS, this Mountaineer was born in 1927 in Weston, WV and raised by his parents John and Eliza Alfriend in Charles Town, WV; and,

WHEREAS, following his 1945 high school graduation he enlisted in the United States Navy prior to earning a Bachelor of Arts degree from Hampden Sydney College in 1950; and,

WHEREAS, upon entering the Virginia Theological Seminary in 1956 John was appointed Lay Minister of St. James' Church, Boydton, Christ Church, Boydton, and St. Timothy's Church, Clarksville, serving these congregations faithfully while earning a Master of Divinity degree in 1959; and,

WHEREAS, The Rt. Rev. David S. Rose ordained John a Deacon in the Episcopal Church on December 16, 1959 and The Rt. Rev. George P. Gunn ordained him a Priest on December 17 of the following year; and,

WHEREAS, after ordination he continued to serve the congregations in Boydton and Clarksville until 1964 when he accepted a call to serve as Rector of Grace Church, Yorktown, where, among other things, he focused his ministry on children and youth by serving as the principal of the parish's kindergarten, revitalizing the youth group, and founding the Grace Church Boys' Choir; and,

WHEREAS, he married Nancy deNeufville on February 16, 1974, combining their families of six children, Emily, Robert, Margaret, Nanette, Lucy, and Sarah; and,

WHEREAS, in 1984 he accepted a call to serve as the Rector of The Church of the Epiphany, Norfolk, a position he held until 1988 when he returned to his hometown in West Virginia to shepherd a parish once led by his grandfather; and

WHEREAS, John's ministry in our diocese was diverse and broad-reaching, marked notably by being a part of the leadership team for the creation of Chanco-on-the-James in Surry County, sitting on the Board of Directors of the National Council on Aging, and playing an instrumental role in founding the Norfolk Interfaith Coalition for the Elderly; and,

WHEREAS, he served numerous congregations in West Virginia and Maryland up to and after his retirement 2010; and,

WHEREAS, John is remembered as "a man of unwavering faith", as a person whose "door was always open," as an "eternal optimist," and as a person with a "quick wit, bright spirit and sage counsel"; and,

WHEREAS, he is survived by his beloved wife Nancy, their six children and their spouses, eleven grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, two sisters, Genevieve "Jenny" Bryan and Gertrude "Lyn" Kimbrough, and numerous nieces and nephews;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this 127th Annual Council of the Diocese of Southern Virginia gives thanks for the lifetime of dedicated service, including forty-eight years in the ordained ministry, offered to God's glory by The Reverend John Daingerfield Alfriend; 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 and that a copy be sent to his wife, Nancy.

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION
THE REVEREND DOCTOR ROBERT STODDARD HAYDEN

- WHEREAS,** it has pleased God to call Robert Stoddard Hayden to his heavenly home on May 29, 2018; and,
- WHEREAS,** he was born in the beautiful seaside town of Camden, ME in 1928, the son of Ralph and Ethel Hayden; and,
- WHEREAS,** he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Bishops University in Quebec in 1951 and a Master of Divinity degree from General Theological Seminary in 1954; and,
- WHEREAS,** on June 26, 1954, he married Jean McLachlan, his college sweetheart, who became his soulmate, lifelong partner, and eventual mother of their two children, Carol and Andrew; and
- WHEREAS,** The Rt. Rev. Oliver L. Loring ordained Robert a Deacon in the Episcopal Church on April 22, 1954 and a Priest on November 27 of that whirlwind year in his life; and,
- WHEREAS,** he served parishes in New York, Maine, Missouri, Tennessee, and North Carolina; and
- WHEREAS,** Robert left the full-time ordained ministry in 1973 and enrolled in the University of North Carolina to pursue a Master of Arts degree in Earth Science, which paved the way for a doctoral degree in this field of study from the University of Georgia in 1979; and,
- WHEREAS,** he accepted a professorship at Longwood University in 1987; and,
- WHEREAS,** during this time he returned to parish ministry, serving either as interim or supply priest at Gibson Memorial Church, Crewe, St. Paul's and St. Andrew's, Kenbridge, Manakin Church, Midlothian, St. James' Church, Boydton, and St. Andrew's Church, Baskerville; and,
- WHEREAS,** he is remembered fondly as a brilliant scholar and preacher who bequeathed his grandfather's communion kit and numerous stoles to John's Memorial Church, Farmville; and,
- WHEREAS,** Robert is preceded in death by his beloved Jean and is survived by his children, Carol Hayden Oliver and Andrew Hayden and their spouses;
- NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that this 127th Annual Council of the Diocese of Southern Virginia gives thanks for the lifetime of dedicated service, including forty-four years in the ordained ministry, offered to God's glory by The Reverend Doctor Robert Stoddard Hayden; 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 and that a copies be sent to his children.

All three resolutions passed unanimously, and after each vote Council observed a moment of silence.

Mr. Tom Ager, gave the report of the Diocesan Nominating as follows:

Lay Nominees for Standing Committee:
Vicky Koch – St. Paul’s, Norfolk
Helen Sharpe-Williams – Grace, Norfolk

Clergy Nominees for Standing Committee:
The Rev. Cameron Randle – Eastern Shore Chapel, Virginia Beach
The Rev. Frederick Walker – St. James, Portsmouth

Lay Nominees for Disciplinary Board:
Robert S. Motley – Ascension, Norfolk

Clergy Nominees for Disciplinary Board:
The Rev. Charles Bauer – Hickory Neck, Toano
The Rev. Lauren McDonald – Bruton Parish, Williamsburg
The Rev. Mark D. Riley – St. John’s, Hampton

Lay Nominees for Provincial Synod:
Alice Webley – All Saints, Virginia Beach
Sue Davis – St. David’s, North Chesterfield

Clergy Nominees for Provincial Synod:
The Rev. Leslie Ferguson – St. John’s, Suffolk
The Rev. Grant Stokes – Trinity, Portsmouth

Bishop Magness called for nominations from the floor.

The Rev. Brenda Overfield, Rector, St. Matthias, Midlothian, nominated Mr. Mike Vandeweghe as a lay member of the Disciplinary Board. The nomination was duly seconded.

On due motion and second, the nominations were closed.

First Ballot:

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

Bishop’s Address:

Bishop Magness gave his annual address to Council.

Council Eucharist:

At 11:20 a.m., Council celebrated the Holy Eucharist. Bishop Magness was both celebrant and preacher.

Following the Eucharist, Council recessed for lunch, and reconvened at 2:30 p.m.

Election Results:

Bishop Magness announced the following election results:

Standing Committee	Lay – Helen Sharpe-Williams Clergy – The Rev. Cameron Randle
Provincial Synod	Lay – Alice Webley Clergy – The Rev. Grant Stokes
Disciplinary Board	Lay – Robert Motley Clergy – The Rev. Lauren McDonald

Bishop Magness introduced the following Postulants for the Vocational Diaconate and for the Priesthood:

Postulants for the Vocational Diaconate:

Mrs. Darlene Jackson – St. Cyprian’s, Hampton

Postulants for the Priesthood

Mrs. Donna Hines – Grace, Yorktown - VTS

Ms. Grace Martien – Bruton Parish, Williamsburg - Yale

Mrs. Jean Vinson – Galilee, Virginia Beach – will be at VTS in fall

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

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

The postulants came forward and Council greeted them with a round of applause.

Resolution CON-1:

Mr. Sam Webster presented Resolution CON – 1 as follows:

First Reading

Submitted by: The Rev. Charlie Bauer, Hickory Neck, Toano; The Rev. Bruce Cheney, St. Paul’s, Newport News; The Rev. Lisa Green, St. Martin’s, Williamsburg; The Rev. Samantha Vincent-Alexander, St. John’s, Hampton

RESOLVED, That the 127th Council of the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia amend Articles IV and VIII of the Constitution to read in the form and language as herein proposed:

ARTICLE IV: COMPOSITION OF COUNCIL

The Council shall be composed as follows:

4. A representative from each Christian body with which the Episcopal Church has official dialogue or Covenant Relationship, as determined by the Council of the Diocese of Southern Virginia and based on the work of the Standing Commission on Ecumenical Relations of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America. ~~Each representative is to be appointed by, and his or her status as laity or clergy determined by, the appropriate judicatory leader or body.~~ The appropriate judicatory leader of the Christian body, or the Christian body, shall appoint each representative, and shall determine the status of each, as laity or clergy.

ARTICLE VIII: PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

The Bishop shall be the President of the Council. It shall be ~~his~~ the duty of the President to give the Council annually a report of ~~his~~ the President's official acts and a general view of the state of the Church. ~~He~~ The President may declare ~~his~~ views on any subject after it has been discussed, and before a vote thereon. The Bishop Coadjutor, if there be one, and if there be none, the Suffragan Bishop if there be one, and if there be none the Assistant Bishop if there be one, shall preside in the absence of the Bishop.

RATIONALE: The Episcopal Church affirms in I.17.5 of the Canons of the Episcopal Church that “no one shall be denied rights, status or access to an equal place in the life, worship, and governance of this Church because of race, color, ethnic origin, national origin, marital status, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, disabilities or age, except as otherwise specified by Canons.” Similar rights are reflected for clergy in the Canons for discernment (III.1.2) and licensing to officiate in a diocese (III.9.7(a)).

As we prepare to elect the XI Bishop of the Diocese of Southern Virginia, the Search/Nominating Committee has been charged to consider all candidates in accordance with the above cited canonical rights. Our Constitution should reflect the same openness and diversity in language about both our bishop and ecumenical representatives to Council, as is proposed in these amendments.

Mr. Webster noted that the Committee on Constitution and Canons found the resolution to be in order and moved its adoption on a vote by orders. The motion passed on first reading in both orders as follows: Lay – 177 for, 8 against; clergy – 84 for, 3 against.

Report of the Standing Committee:

The Rev. Conor Alexander, President, gave the report of the Standing Committee.

Report of the Nominating/Search and Transition Committees:

Mrs. Pam Pringle, Chairperson of the Nominating/Search Committee, and the Rev. Chris Epperson, Chairperson of the Transition Committee reported to Council on their work to date, and how the committees planned to proceed in the coming year.

Memorial and Courtesy Resolutions:

The Rev. Chris Epperson presented and individually moved adoption of the following Memorial Resolutions:

Memorial Resolution

The Reverend Barbara Keller Blakemore

WHEREAS, it has pleased God to call Barbara Keller Blakemore, Priest, to her heavenly home on July 16, 2018; and,

WHEREAS, this native of Roanoke, Virginia, born on April 28, 1938, obtained her Bachelor of Arts degree with honors from Randolph-Macon Women's College in 1960, and did additional academic work at Boston College, Harvard University, and the University of North Carolina; and,

WHEREAS, Barbara Keller Blakemore faithfully discerned God's call to ordained ministry and lived faithfully within that call even when the Church at large was not yet willing to affirm the ordination of women; and,

WHEREAS, through her the ongoing witness to the transforming power of God's love in the life of God's people, and through work of the Holy Spirit in the life of our Church, a new day dawned and Barbara Keller Blakemore entered the Virginia Theological Seminary and obtained her Master in Divinity degree in 1990; and,

WHEREAS, she was ordained Deacon in 1990 by Bishop Claude Charles Vaché at Old Donation Episcopal Church where earlier in her life she had been elected the first female Senior Warden; and

WHEREAS, she was ordained Priest in 1991 by Bishop Frank Harris Vest, Jr., at the local Roman Catholic church in Great Bridge, VA, having offered itself as the venue for this groundbreaking ceremony with the hearty support of their bishop; and,

WHEREAS, she served God as Associate Rector at Saint Thomas' Church, Chesapeake, 1990-1996; and,

WHEREAS, she served God as Rector at Saint Paul's Church, Hanover, in the Diocese of Virginia, 1996-2003; and,

WHEREAS, when she got to Saint Paul's, she discovered that the historic building was termite-ridden and falling apart. And, in response to a statement, "we can't possibly raise that much money," she tore a sheet of paper into small pieces and passed it out to her Vestry, asking how much each of them would anonymously be willing to contribute. When the Treasurer reported the results, there was more than enough to cover the expenses, so the work would be done because the truth had been spoken by this Priest with the heart of a shepherd; and,

WHEREAS, she was petite, but never small; she was gracious, but always genuine; she was unassuming, but powerful and determined about things that mattered; she was unfailingly kind, and loved by everyone who knew her; she loved to laugh and to sing, and she found her true voice in the churches she shepherded, leaving a presence in the world that will remain;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this 127th Annual Council give thanks for the loving and faithful witness offered to the Glory of God by Barbara Keller Blakemore during over 28 years of ordained ministry; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Council extend its heartfelt sympathy to the family of Barbara Keller Blakemore; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be spread across the books and minutes of Council, and that a copy be sent to her beloved husband of 58 years, Bill.

Memorial Resolution

The Reverend Donald William Gross, D.Min.

WHEREAS, it has pleased God to Call Donald William Gross, Priest, to his heavenly home on July 25, 2018; and,

WHEREAS, this native of Takoma Park, Maryland, born on May 8, 1936, obtained his Bachelor of Science degree from Towson University in 1958; and,

WHEREAS, Donald William Gross obtained a Bachelor of Sacred Theology degree in 1963, and obtained a Doctor of Ministry degree from Saint Mary's Seminary and University in 1981; and,

WHEREAS, he was ordained Deacon by Bishop Noble C. Powell in 1963, and Priest by Bishop Harry L. Doll in 1964; and,

WHEREAS, he served God as Curate at the Church of our Savior, Baltimore, Maryland, 1963-1964, Rector at Grace Memorial, Darlington, 1964-1970, and Rector at Christ Church Columbia, 1970-1977; and,

WHEREAS, a conversation between Bishop David Shepherd Rose on the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia and Bishop Walter Sullivan of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Richmond in 1974 about the possibility of a "shared parish", led to the appointment of Bishop Charles Vache' and Roman Catholic Priest Father Thomas Quinlan to co-chair a committee of Episcopal and Roman Catholic Clergy and Laity, to develop guidelines for the establishment of this parish; and,

WHEREAS, on July 1, 1977, the committee published its "Summary Statement of the Joint Committee for A/RC (Anglican/Roman Catholic) Parish"; and,

WHEREAS, Father Donald William Gross and Father Raymond Barton (RC) were installed as Co-Pastors of what is now known as the Church of the Holy Apostles, on the Feast of All Saints, November 1, 1977; and,

WHEREAS, Donald William Gross served faithfully as Co-Pastor of Holy Apostles, 1977-1989, with true ecumenical spirit and commitment to John 17 in this parish, sharing with all its unique and profound witness to what is possible in the name of our Lord Jesus; and,

WHEREAS, he served as a Staff Priest at Old Donation Church, Virginia Beach, 1994-2000; and,

WHEREAS, he moved to the Diocese of Central Florida where he served God as a Staff Priest at Holy Trinity Church, Fruitland;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this 127th Annual Council of the Diocese of Sothern Virginia give thanks for the ecumenical spirit and faithful witness offered to the Glory of God by Donald William Gross during over 55 years of ordained ministry; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Council extend its heartfelt sympathy to the family of Donald William Gross; 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 sister, June Gardner.

Memorial Resolution

The Reverend Hill Carter Riddle, D.D.

WHEREAS, it has pleased God to call Hill Carter Riddle, Priest, to his heavenly home on July 29, 2018; and,

WHEREAS, this native of Danville, Virginia, born on June 29, 1936, obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Virginia in 1958, and then served 3 years as an officer in the United States Coast Guard; and,

WHEREAS, in response to God's call, Hill Carter Riddle obtained his Master in Divinity degree from the Virginia Theological Seminary in 1964, and was awarded a Doctor of Divinity degree *honoris causa* in 1991; and,

WHEREAS, he was ordained Deacon in 1964 by Bishop George Purnell Gunn, and Priest in 1965 by Bishop David Shepherd Rose; and,

WHEREAS, he served God as Assistant Rector at Saint John's Church, Hampton, 1964-1968; and,

WHEREAS, he served God in the Diocese of Virginia as Rector at Saint James the Less Church, Ashland, 1968-1974, and as a member of the Executive Board, 1971-1974; and,

WHEREAS, he served God in the Diocese of Southwestern Virginia as Rector at Christ Church, Roanoke, 1974-1984, and as a member of the Diocesan Executive Board, 1976-1978; and,

WHEREAS, he responded to God's call to serve in the Diocese of Louisiana as Rector at Trinity Church, New Orleans, from 1984 until his retirement in 2003; and,

WHEREAS, during this time, he served the wider Church in the Diocese of Louisiana as President of the Standing Committee twice, as a Deputy to several General Conventions, and as a leader in the area of race relations; and,

WHEREAS, he served as a member of the Board of Trustees at the Virginia Theological Seminary, the Board of the Episcopal Media Center, the Board of Governors of the Tulane Medical Center, and the New Orleans Opera; and,

WHEREAS, in retirement, served as Interim Rector at several parishes, his last call as Interim Rector at Saint Michael and All Angels Church, Dallas, Texas, 2006-2007;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this 127th Annual Council of the Diocese of Southern Virginia give thanks for the vibrant and faithful witness offered to the Glory of God by Hill Carter Riddle, during over 54 years of ordained ministry; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Council extend its heartfelt sympathy to the family of Hill Carter Riddle; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be spread across the books and minutes of Council, and that a copy be sent to his beloved wife of 56 years, Macon, and a copy to his brother, the Rev. Charles Riddle.

All three resolutions passed unanimously and following each vote Council observed a moment of silence.

The Rev. Becky Crites moved adoption of Resolution CR-1 as follows:

2019 COURTESY RESOLUTION-2
IN APPRECIATION AND IN THANKSGIVING FOR CHATHAM HALL

WHEREAS, Chatham Hall, the only all-girls boarding school in the Diocese of Southern Virginia, has faithfully and creatively lived into its mission of education for 125 years; and

WHEREAS, as Chatham Hall received its charter from the General Assembly on Feb. 24th, 1894 as Chatham Female Episcopal Institute, later Chatham Episcopal Institute and, in 1927, Chatham Hall; and

WHEREAS, the people of Emmanuel Episcopal Church and the new Diocese of Southern Virginia embraced the Rev. C. Orlando Pruden's vision of educating young women; and

WHEREAS the vision of Episcopal schools today is more than to educate, but to demonstrate and proclaim the unique worth and beauty of all human beings as creations of a loving, empowering God; and

WHEREAS, Chatham Hall is about “the whole girl” – intellectual, moral, athletic and spiritual and is strengthened by an Episcopal identity that is distinctive in its inclusivity and intentional pluralism; and

WHEREAS, in being an Episcopal school, Chatham Hall sees its life through the prism of our Baptismal Covenant, especially in *striving for justice and peace among all people and respecting the dignity of every human being*; and

WHEREAS, the Honor Code is a vital tradition at Chatham Hall challenging every person to live each day with integrity;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this 127th Annual Council of the Diocese of Southern Virginia extend its grateful appreciation to the faculty and staff Chatham Hall for their dedication to “Empower girls to better the world”; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Council give thanks for all Episcopal Schools, especially honoring Chatham Hall in its 125th anniversary year; 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 Chatham Hall.

The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution C-1:

The Rev. Virginia DiStanislao and the Rev. Chris Epperson gave the report of the Mission Share Task Force. Following their report, the Rev. Virginia DiStanislao moved adoption of Resolution C-1 as follows:

Submitted by: Executive Board of the Diocese

RESOLVED: To enact new Canon XXXIII, Of Mission Share, as follows:

**CANON XXXIII
OF MISSION SHARE**

Section 3. Guiding Principles

- (a) The primary community in the Episcopal Church is the Diocese. The Diocese, second only to the individual baptized person, is the embodiment of the Church's entire theology and polity. The Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia is the Body of Christ in this region, made up of many members, called to do the kingdom-building work of Jesus.
- (b) Members of Jesus' Body must look toward the health of that Body, seeking health in many ways: ministering to the individuals who make up the Body of Christ in the Diocese, and extending the reach of God to those outside the church walls. Proclamation of the good news of Christ, mutual support and mission are all elements of Christian calling. This work requires not only minds, hands and feet, but also resources.
- (c) The Body of Christ in the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia must explore the investment of all that it has and all that it is to partner in Jesus' work and reach our calling. That exploration must include honesty and hope, so that all members of the Body are working equally toward the health and vitality of the Church.

Section 4. Mission Share

- a. The Body acknowledges its responsibility to support the Diocese and to provide for the mission of the Church. Ten percent (10%), a tithe, has long been the minimum standard for individual Christian pledging; we ask this of parishioners, and it makes sense considering the Body of Christ, acknowledging the important example the missions and parishes provide to their members by practicing the tithe. Therefore, the Diocese adopts ten percent as the minimum standard for Mission Share giving to the Diocese by parishes for the support of the Body's shared ministry. The 10% minimum pledge is calculated on the basis of a three (3) year rolling average of "plate offerings, pledge payments and regular support" as reported on the Annual Parochial Report.
- b. The Executive Board of the Diocese, through representatives of the Diocesan Stewardship Committee, is available to consult with mission and parish vestries and staff to assist with stewardship expectations, planning and encouragement. Their aim will be to help every mission and parish thrive and pursue its ministry, while working toward the goal of a minimum 10% Mission Share to the Diocese.
- c. Mission Share giving shall be implemented over a five (5) year period.

Section 5. Mission Share Accountability

- a. In the year immediately preceding the fourth (4th) year of implementation, the Executive Board of the Diocese shall appoint a Mission Share Panel as a standing committee of the Executive Board of the Diocese. Its members shall serve for

three (3) year terms to work with parishes not meeting the 10% minimum standard following the five (5) year implementation period. The Mission Share Panel shall consist of three (3) lay members and two (2) clergy members, initially appointed to staggered terms over the three year period. The Bishop Diocesan (or other designee from the Ecclesiastical Authority), the Treasurer of the Diocese, and the Chancellor shall be *ex officio* members of the Mission Share Panel.

- b. The Mission Share Panel will work with parishes to review their resource realities and seek a pastoral and reasonable resolution while working toward the minimum standard of 10% giving to the Diocese:
 - (i) Through conversations with the parish leadership, the Mission Share Panel will ascertain any challenges or barriers to giving present in the congregation, and will work collaboratively to address those issues.
 - (ii) The Mission Share Panel, after meeting with the parish leadership, shall have authority to grant a request for a reduction of the minimum goal of the 10% Mission Share requirement on a yearly basis. The Panel shall consider, among other factors, the congregation's current monthly financial report, the level of stewardship training and education in the mission or parish, the nature of the annual stewardship campaign, any extraordinary circumstances faced by the mission or parish, and other data as considered relevant by both the leadership and the Panel. The Mission Share Panel and parish shall endeavor to work toward an agreement on the extent of any reduction.
 - (iii) The Mission Share Panel shall have the authority to work in the same way with any parishes that at any time fall below the 10% minimum standard Mission Share after having first attained the goal.
 - (iv) As a final matter, in the event of willful noncompliance as evidenced by a lack of participation and engagement in this collaborative process, the Mission Share Panel may recommend to the Bishop and Standing Committee that Canon XXXII, Of Parishes At Risk, of these Canons be invoked.
- c. As with any pastoral relationship, the Bishop or her/his designee may always intervene pastorally with a parish to work on Mission Share.

RATIONALE: The rationale undergirding this resolution is to support the work of the Body of Christ as formed by the Diocese of Southern Virginia. This is an important moment in the life of our Diocese. It is a moment for mission and vision. As we chart the course of our life together in the years ahead, it is time to invest more deeply in the possibilities of God's Kingdom in our midst. Full participation in this plan for shared mission would result in additional resources that

we would use collectively, discerning together new ministry opportunities. It would protect us against volatility and would encourage the development of parish stewardship and vitality. It would ensure the sustainability of our mission and help us journey into a bright future.

We recognize that this will not be an easy transition for some missions or parishes. It will require hard work, flexibility, compromise, and understanding from all parties. That is why there is a spirit of grace in the lines of this text, and there is also accountability. In Christ, God offers all mercy and grace. May we accept that grace together as we have meaningful conversations about the health of our parishes and the challenges they face, while also working to fulfill the call of discipleship and the church's mission in Southern Virginia.

Discussion of the resolution ensued. The chair alternately recognized those in favor and those opposed to passage of the resolution. Speaking against the motion were: The Rev. Elizabeth Felicetti, Dana Blackman, the Rev. Brenda Overfield, the Rev. Andy Buchanan, Clare Harbin, the Rev. James Medley, the Rev. Conor Alexander, and the Rev. Dale Custer. Speaking in favor of the motion were: The Rev. Win Lewis, The Rev. Jeunée Godsey, Scott Norris, the Rev. Willis Foster, the Rev. Stewart M. Tabb, the Rev. Warren Hicks, the Rev. Martin Bagay. The Rev. John Rohrs moved to table the resolution for consideration at the 128th Annual Council. The motion to table the resolution passed.

Resolution C-2:

Mr. Sam Webster withdrew Resolution C-2 from consideration.

Resolution R-1:

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

Resolution to Ratify Elections of the Board of Trustees of Boys' Home, Incorporated Submitted by Executive Board of the Diocese

WHEREAS, the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia has a long history of supporting the mission of Boys' Home, Incorporated; and

WHEREAS, Boys' Home, Incorporated is organized as a non-stock corporation under the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, in 1980, the Articles of Incorporation of Boys' Home, Incorporated were amended to provide that "[t]he members of the corporation shall consist of all regularly enrolled members of the churches of the Diocese of Southern Virginia, Southwestern Virginia," but further provided that "the entire voting power shall be vested in the Trustees" of Boys' Home, Incorporated; and

WHEREAS, that same amendment to the Articles of Incorporation provided for the Episcopal Diocese of Southwestern Virginia and the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia to nominate persons to stand for election as Trustees of Boys' Home, Incorporated; and

WHEREAS, the Episcopal Diocese of Southwestern Virginia and the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia failed, in certain years, to nominate persons to stand for election as Trustees of Boys' Home, Incorporated and/or failed to nominate the correct number of persons to stand for election as Trustees of Boys' Home, Incorporated; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Nonstock Corporation Act provides that, where no members having voting rights, the board of directors of a nonstock corporation may adopt amendments to the Articles of Incorporation so long as at least two-thirds of the directors in office approve such amendments; and

WHEREAS, the Trustees of Boys' Home, Incorporated adopted Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation on April 26, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation set out a different procedure for nominating and electing Trustees of Boys' Home, Incorporated, while still providing for no more than ten (10) "Diocesan Trustees," no more than five (5) of these "Diocesan Trustees" to be Episcopalians from the Diocese of Southwestern Virginia and no more than five (5) of these "Diocesan Trustees" to be Episcopalians from the Diocese of Southern Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the members of Boys' Home, Incorporated, having no voting rights in the corporation, were not required to approve the Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation; and

WHEREAS, the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia nonetheless desires to express its support for the actions of the Trustees of Boys' Home, Incorporated; and

WHEREAS, the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia having failed, in certain years, to nominate persons to stand for election as Trustees of Boys' Home, Incorporated and/or failed to nominate the correct number of persons to stand for election as Trustees of Boys' Home, Incorporated, wishes to make clear that it fully waives any rights it may have had to nominate other persons to stand for election as Trustees of Boys' Home, Incorporated; and wishes to make clear that it ratifies the election of the Trustees of Boys' Home, Incorporated even though such election may not, in certain years, have included nominees from the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia and/or may not have included the correct number of nominees from the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia as permitted under the Articles of Incorporation as in effect prior to April 26, 2018;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the 127th Annual Council of the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia that:

1. The Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia expressly and affirmatively waives any rights it may have had to nominate additional persons to stand for election as Trustees of Boys' Home, Incorporated in any years prior to the year 2018; and
2. To the extent it might, or arguably might, be required to do so, the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia approves and ratifies the elections of the Trustees of Boys' Home, Incorporated for all years prior to the year 2018, even if the nominees for election may have failed (or arguably may have failed) to include all of the nominees the Episcopal Diocese of Southwestern Virginia and the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia were to nominate persons to stand for election as Trustees.

EXPLANATION: In 2010, Boys' Home, Incorporated adopted amended bylaws which changed the method of electing Trustees (Directors) of the non-stock corporation. Around that same time, the Dioceses of Southern Virginia and Southwestern Virginia ceased nominating persons to stand for election as Trustees (Directors), which they had the right to do under the Articles of Incorporation or else failed to nominate the number of persons they were entitled to nominate under the Articles of Incorporation. Persons nominated by the Dioceses were not guaranteed to be elected, so this oversight may have no legal effect. Nonetheless, this resolution is being offered out of an abundance of caution to ensure that no technical objection to the election of Trustees (Directors) can be raised at a later time. The same resolution will be offered at the Annual Convention of the Diocese of Southwestern Virginia, except that the text will be revised as necessary to reflect the name of the Diocese adopting the resolution.

During discussion, Mr. Sam Webster explained the necessity for the resolution. Resolution R-1 passed unanimously.

Council recessed for a five minute break.

Report of the Addiction & Recovery Commission:

The Rev. Lauren McDonald gave the report of the Addiction & Recovery Committee.

Keynote session 1:

Bishop Magness introduced Mr. Gannon Sims, who gave the first keynote presentation to Council.

Special Presentation:

The Rt. Rev. Herman “Holly” Hollerith was honored with a special presentation commemorating his tenure as Diocesan Bishop. Tributes were given by Mr. Sam Webster, and the Rev. Charles Robinson. The Rev. Conor Alexander moved adoption of a proclamation in thanksgiving for Bishop Hollerith’s ministry in Southern Virginia, which was passed unanimously.

COURTESY RESOLUTION
THE RIGHT REVEREND HERMAN HOLLERITH IV

Submitted by the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Southern Virginia

- WHEREAS,** Herman “Holly” Hollerith IV was ordained a Deacon in the Episcopal Church on June 11, 1983 and a Priest on December 10th of that same year; and,
- WHEREAS,** he went on to serve churches in the Commonwealth of Virginia and one other “foreign” state (the sojourn in South Carolina being forgiven as it was the incomparable Lizzie’s home); and,
- WHEREAS,** he returned to Virginia to serve as the Rector of Bruton Parish Church in 1999, and while in that position served the Diocese of Southern Virginia in a number of capacities; and,
- WHEREAS,** Holly was elected 10th Bishop of the Diocese of Southern Virginia on September 27, 2008 and consecrated in Williamsburg on February 13, 2009; and,
- WHEREAS,** he made visitations around the diocese, taking great enjoyment in sampling the various offerings at every church dinner and potluck; and,
- WHEREAS,** he confounded waitresses with his pectoral cross (“la-di-da” said one); and,
- WHEREAS,** he helped move the diocese toward outwardly focused mission, greater engagement with the Episcopal Church, and stronger relationships among clergy, laity, and diocesan staff; and,
- WHEREAS,** The Rt. Rev. Herman “Holly” Hollerith IV has tendered his resignation as Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of Southern Virginia, effective December 31, 2018; and,
- WHEREAS,** this council can now look forward to the christening of the first vessel in the Hollerith steam navy; and,
- WHEREAS,** this body presents Holly with this bottle of champagne for the christening of said vessel;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this 127th Annual Council of the Diocese of Southern Virginia gives thanks for his dedicated service, including nearly ten years as Diocesan Bishop, offered to God's glory by The Rt. Rev. Herman "Holly" Hollerith IV; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this council extends all our good wishes and prayers to Holly, to Lizzie, and to Eloise their lab in the next part of their journey; and

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

Closing worship was conducted by members of the Liturgical Commission.

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

A reception in honor of Bishop Hollerith followed in the Colony Room.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9:

Bishop Magness called Council to order at 9:30 a.m. Opening worship was conducted by members of the Liturgical Commission.

Report of Camp Chanco:

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

Report of the ECW:

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

Memorial Resolutions:

The Rev Keith Emerson presented and individually moved adoption of the following Memorial Resolutions:

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION THE REVEREND DOCTOR STEPHEN PAUL COWARDIN

WHEREAS, it has pleased God to call Stephen Paul Cowardin to his heavenly home on July 31, 2018; and,

WHEREAS, he was born in Richmond, Virginia in 1947, one of three children born to John and Maude Cowardin; and,

- WHEREAS,** one day this discerning man of God noticed an attractive woman jogging and figured the best way to meet her was to take up jogging himself; and
- WHEREAS,** eventually he ran fast enough and far enough to meet the woman who had caught his eye, Susan Malligo, and finished this leg of his life's race by marrying her on September 11, 1980; and
- WHEREAS,** from their union two children, Danielle and Stephen, were born; and
- WHEREAS,** Stephen started an auto parts supply company, during which time he developed a theology holding that if Jesus had owned a car it would have been a Porsche; and
- WHEREAS,** he earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Old Dominion University in 1987 prior to answering God's call and enrolling at Virginia Theological Seminary, from which he earned a Master of Divinity degree in 1992; and,
- WHEREAS,** The Rt. Rev. Frank Vest ordained Stephen a Deacon in the Episcopal Church on June 7, 1992 and a Priest on December 20 of that same year; and,
- WHEREAS,** he served as the Rector of the Church of the Redeemer, Midlothian from 1992 until his retirement in 2014; and
- WHEREAS,** he exemplified the virtue of life-long learning by earning a Doctor of Ministry degree from Virginia Theological Seminary in 2007; and,
- WHEREAS,** he is remembered fondly for making a delicious Tortellini and Spinach soup to serve at parish events, for crafting award winning dioramas of World War II scenes, and for telling witty jokes and stories which he served up daily to entertain the morning shift and regular customers at a local Cracker Barrel restaurant; and,
- WHEREAS,** Stephen is preceded in death by his father, John, and survived by Susan, his loving wife of 38 years, his daughter Danielle, his son Stephen and spouse Jessica, Maude, his mother, and siblings John and Paula and their spouses and children;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this 127th Annual Council of the Diocese of Southern Virginia gives thanks for the lifetime of dedicated service, including twenty-six years in the ordained ministry, offered to God's glory by The Reverend Doctor Stephen Paul Cowardin; 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 and that a copies be sent to his family and to the parish of The Church of the Redeemer, which he served so faithfully for twenty-two years.

**MEMORIAL RESOLUTION
THE REVEREND RONALD WESLEY SPANGENBERG**

- WHEREAS**, it has pleased God to call Ronald Wesley Spangenberg to his heavenly home on October 5, 2018; and,
- WHEREAS**, he was born in our nation’s capital in 1931 and raised with his two brothers in Takoma Park, MD by his parents Wesley and Jessie Spangenberg; and,
- WHEREAS**, he achieved the rank of Eagle Scout prior to enrolling in the University of Maryland, from which he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in 1954; and,
- WHEREAS**, he utilized his degree in the field of design engineering prior to answering God’s call to the ordained ministry, graduating in 1960 from The Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest with a Master of Divinity degree; and
- WHEREAS**, while enrolled in seminary he married his beloved Dorothy on May 30, 1958; and
- WHEREAS**, The Rt. Rev. Everett H. Jones ordained Ronald a Deacon in the Episcopal Church on July 7, 1960 and The Rt. Rev. Richard Earl Dicus ordained him a Priest on January 25th of the following year; and,
- WHEREAS**, after his ordination he served a parish in Texas and one in Arkansas prior to founding two congregations in the Little Rock area; and
- WHEREAS**, being a member of The Order of St. Luke he travelled the country throughout his ministry to preach, conduct healing services, and visit the sick; and,
- WHEREAS**, Ronald furthered his passion for learning by graduating from Indiana University in Pennsylvania in 1970 with a Doctor of Education degree; and,
- WHEREAS**, he worked as a researcher and Educational Specialist for the armed forces and wrote scholarly articles for education journals, several having to do his interest in study carrels and learning environments; and,
- WHEREAS**, beginning in 1977 Ronald served as a supply priest to many churches in the Diocese of Southern Virginia prior to accepting a call in 1997 to serve as Vicar of Christ the King Church, Tabb; and,

WHEREAS, during this period he also served as the Episcopal Chaplain at The Chapel of the Centurion at Ft. Monroe;

WHEREAS, Ronald was preceded in death by his brother David; and.

WHEREAS, he is survived by Dorothy, his loving wife of 60 years, Laura, his daughter, brothers James and Roger, five grandchildren and a host of other family and friends;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this 127th Annual Council of the Diocese of Southern Virginia gives thanks for the lifetime of dedicated service, including fifty-eight years in the ordained ministry, offered to God's glory by The Reverend Ronald Wesley Spangenberg; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Council extend its heartfelt sympathy to his wife, Dorothy B. Spangenberg, his daughter, Laurel J. Scheible, his brothers James Spangenberg and Roger Spangenberg, and to and his family; and,

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

Both resolutions passed unanimously and following each vote, Council observed a moment of silence.

The Rev. Dale Custer presented and moved adoption of Memorial Resolution R-9 as follows:

**MEMORIAL RESOLUTION
THE HONORABLE ERNEST P. GATES**

WHEREAS, it pleased God to call Ernest P. Gates to his heavenly home on June 18, 2018; and,

WHEREAS, this native of Chesterfield County, Virginia graduated from Chester High School and attended Hampden-Sydney College; and,

WHEREAS, Ernest P. Gates served his country faithfully in the United States Navy when only 11 months into a two-year tour he took shrapnel while fighting on Okinawa and spent the next nine months recuperating; and,

WHEREAS, returning to Virginia after his recovery, he earned a law degree from Washington and Lee University; and,

WHEREAS, while in law school he began to date Martinsville High School biology teacher Virginia “Gee Gee” Yonce; and,

WHEREAS, Ernest and Gee Gee were married on August 18, 1951 and enjoyed beach vacations in North Carolina and traveling the Intracoastal Waterway on their sailboat *Bright Hope* up until she died August 21, 2015, three days after they celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary; and,

WHEREAS, he served the people of Chesterfield County, Virginia more than 60 years as a public official, including 44 years as a circuit judge, being remembered as professional, dignified, and selfless in service; and,

WHEREAS, he was a lover of nature, and enthusiastic outdoorsman; and,

WHEREAS, he was known to hold court in duck boots, coming directly from the fields to the courtroom; and,

WHEREAS, he was a member of St. John’s, Chester, servicing on the Vestry, as Senior Warden, and Chair of the Rebuilding Committee after the fire of 1974; and,

WHEREAS, his generosity assisted in the founding of St. Matthew’s Church on Beach Road in Chesterfield County;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this 127th Annual Council of the Diocese of Southern Virginia give thanks for the vibrant and faithful witness offered to the Glory of God by Ernest P. Gates; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this council extend its heartfelt sympathy to the family of Ernest P. Gates; 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 6 children, 16 grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

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

Report of Cursillo:

Ms. Lydia Dyson gave the report of the Cursillo Community.

College Ministries:

The Rev. Daniel McClain and Ms. Carolyn Brandt gave the report on College Ministries.

Chanco Campaign Report:

Ms. Talley Banazek gave an update on the progress of the Chanco Capital Campaign.

2019 Budget:

The Rev. Anne Kirchmier, Chairperson of the Program Budget and review Committee, and Ms. Judy Dobson, Diocesan Comptroller, presented the proposed operating budget for 2019. During the discussion of the budget, the Rev. Conor Alexander moved that the line item 53310 be retitled "Development Officer" rather than "W&M Development Officer." The motion was duly seconded and discussed. The Rev. Derek Harbin spoke in opposition to the motion. The motion failed.

The Rev. Anne Kirchmier moved adoption of the 2019 operating budget. The motion to adopt the budget passed unanimously.

Latino Ministries:

Mrs. Angelica Garcia Randle gave the report of Latino Ministries in the Diocese, and introduced board members of Dos Santos.

Keynote Session 2:

Bishop Magness introduced the Rev. Bobbie Fitzhugh who gave the second keynote address to Council.

Closing:

Members of the liturgical commission conducted closing worship.

There being no further business, the Rev. Michael Stone moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed unanimously and Bishop Magness declared the 127th Annual Council of the Diocese of Southern Virginia adjourned, sine die.

Respectfully submitted,

The Rev. Ralph E. Haines, III,
Secretary