

Minutes
The 125th Annual Council of
The Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia
February 10-11, 2017
Williamsburg Lodge and Conference Center
Williamsburg, Virginia

Friday, February 10, 2017

Opening:

At 9:30 a.m., Bishop Hollerith called the first plenary session to order, and welcomed the delegates, alternates, and visitors to the 125th Council of the Diocese.

Members of the Diocesan Liturgical Commission led the Council in opening worship.

The Rev. Mark Wilkinson, Chairperson of the Committee on Credentials, certified that a quorum was present, noting that currently 83 clergy and 83 parishes were present.

Bishop Hollerith announced his appointment 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, Chair
The Rev. Cleon Ross

CONSTITUTION AND CANONS

Mr. Samuel Webster, Ascension, Norfolk, Chair
The Rev. Ralph Haines
The Rev. Dr. Constance Jones, Grace, Yorktown
The Rev. Edmund Pickup, Emmanuel, Franklin
Mr. Tim Coyle, St. Andrew's, Norfolk
Ms. Gwen Eddleman, Johns Memorial, Farmville

RESOLUTIONS AND MEMORIALS

The Very Rev. Keith Emerson, St. John'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 of Council was adopted unanimously.

The Rev. Michael Stone, Dispatch of Business, made some necessary announcements.

The Rev. Jeunee Godsey gave the report of the Committee on the Status of Parishes and Missions as follows:

PARISHES

Accomac, St. James
Amelia, Christ
Appomattox, St. Anne's
Blackstone, St. Luke's
Bon Air, St. Michael's
Bridgetown, Hungars Parish
Burrowsville, Brandon (Disputanta)
Cartersville, St. James'
Chase City, St. John's

Chatham, Emmanuel
Chesapeake, St. Bride's
Chesapeake, St. Thomas'
Chester, St. John's
Chesterfield County (Richmond) St. David's
Chesterfield County, St. Matthew's
Clarkesville, St. Timothy's
Colonial Heights, St. Michael's
Danville, Christ
Danville, Epiphany
Eastville, Christ
Farmville, Johns Memorial
Franklin, Emmanuel
Halifax, St. John's
Hampton, Emmanuel
Hampton, St. Cyprian's
Hampton, St. John's
Hampton, St. Mark's
Hopewell, St. John's
Jenkins Bridge, Emmanuel (Oak Hall)
Kenbridge, St. Paul's and St. Andrew's
Lawrenceville, St. Andrew's
McKenney, Good Shepherd
Midlothian, Manakin
Midlothian, Redeemer
Midlothian, St. Matthias (Bon Air)
Newport News, St. Andrew's
Newport News, St. Augustine's
Newport News, St. George's
Newport News, St. Paul's
Newport News, St. Stephen's
Norfolk, Advent
Norfolk, Ascension
Norfolk, Christ and St. Luke's
Norfolk, Epiphany
Norfolk, Good Shepherd
Norfolk, Grace
Norfolk, St. Andrew's
Norfolk, St. Paul's
Norfolk, St. Peter's
Norfolk, St. Stephen's
Onancock, Holy Trinity
Petersburg, Christ and Grace
Petersburg, St. Paul's
Petersburg, St. Stephen's
Portsmouth, St. Christopher's
Portsmouth, St. James'
Portsmouth, St. John's

Portsmouth, Trinity
Powhatan, St. Luke's
Prince George, Merchants Hope (Hopewell)
Pungoteague, St. George's
Richmond, Good Shepherd
Richmond, St. Barnabas
Smithfield, Christ
South Boston, Trinity
South Hill, All Saints'
South Hill, Trinity
Suffolk, Glebe
Suffolk, St. John's
Suffolk, St. Mark's
Suffolk, St. Paul's
Tabb, Christ the King
Toano, Hickory Neck
Virginia Beach, All Saints'
Virginia Beach, Eastern Shore Chapel
Virginia Beach, Emmanuel
Virginia Beach, Galilee
Virginia Beach, Good Samaritan
Virginia Beach, Old Donation
Virginia Beach, St. Aidan's
Virginia Beach, St. Francis'
Waverly, Christ Church
Williamsburg, Bruton Parish
Williamsburg, St. Martin's
Yorktown, Grace

MISSIONS

Baskerville, St. Andrew's
Bracey, St. Mark's
Courtland, St. Luke's
Cape Charles, Emmanuel
Emporia, St. James
Freeman, St. Thomas
Glenmore, Emmanuel (Buckingham)
Gretna, Trinity
Halifax, Christ
Halifax, Emmanuel (Mission of St. John's, Halifax)
Kenbridge, St. Luke's
Mount Airy, St. John's
Lawrenceville, St. Paul's Memorial Chapel
Petersburg, St. John's
Peytonsburg, St. John's
Powhatan, Emmanuel
Surry, St. Paul's
Virginia Beach, St. Simon's by the Sea

Warfield, St. James

ECUMENICAL COMMUNITIES

Virginia Beach, Holy Apostles

CHAPELS

Chatham: Chatham Hall, St. Mary's Chapel

Covington: Boys Home, All Saints Chapel

Jarratt: Jackson-Feild, All Saints Chapel

Virginia Beach: Beacon Shores, St. Stephen's Chapel

SHRINES

Callaville, Emmanuel

Claremont, Ritchie Memorial

Ca Ira, Grace

Grub Hill, St. John's

McKenney, Sapony

Smithfield, Historic St. Luke's

DIOCESAN PROPERTIES

Route 17, in Isle of Wight County, 14.66 acres

Chesterfield County: Route 360 West of Otterdale Road, 10 acres

300 Meade Street (Crewe, VA 23920)

Grace, Newport News

Messiah, Chesapeake

Grace, Purdy

Calvary, Dinwiddie

St. James, Boydton

Drakes Branch, Grace

SUMMARY

Parishes – 85

Missions – 19

Ecumenical Communities – 1

Total Congregations – 105

Chapels – 4

Shrines - 6

Bishop Hollerith noted that the minutes of the 124th Annual Council had been certified and published by the Committee to Certify the Minutes of Council. On due motion and second, the minutes of the 124th Annual Council were approved unanimously.

Bishop Hollerith directed Council's attention to the Rules of Order for the 125th Council. On due motion and second, the Rules of Order were adopted unanimously.

Bishop Hollerith recognized Council ecumenical guest, The Rev. Rene Castillo, Roman Catholic Chaplain at Holy Apostles, Virginia Beach.

On due motion and second, the following were granted seat and voice at this 125th Annual Council:

POSTULANTS AND CANDIDATES FOR HOLY ORDERS

Mr. Nicholas Caccese – Galilee, Virginia Beach
Mrs. Marie Clunan – Galilee, Virginia Beach
Mr. Timothy Fulop – Epiphany, Danville
Ms. Donna Hines – Grace, Yorktown
Mr. John Hogg – St. Aidan’s, Virginia Beach
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

PAROCHIAL CLERGY & RETIRED CLERGY (NON-CANONICALLY RESIDENT)

The Rev. Jennifer Andrews-Weckerly, LI
The Rev. Drew Baker, SWVA
The Rev. Thomas Bauer, MD
The Rev. Stephan Beatty, VA
The Rev. Carol Chamberlain, PA
The Rev. Regina Christianson, VT
The Rev. Rebecca Crites, SWVA
The Rev. Ted Edwards, SWFL
The Rev. Zachary Fleetwood, Conv. Europe
The Rev. Patricia Geerdes, WVA
The Rev. Robert Gilman, SWVA
The Rev. Bruce Gray, VA
The Rev. Travis Greenman, FL
The Rev. Jim Henry, SWVA
The Rev. John Kerr, Church of England
The Rev. Jennifer Kimball, VA
The Rev. Cuthbert Mandell, EA
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. Jess Stribling, VA
The Rev. Elaine Tola, NC
The Rev. Ashley Urquidi, MD
The Rev. Pamela Webb, VA

The Rev. Halley Willcox, AT

COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVES

Phillip Beatty, Hampden-Sydney College
Zachary Berry, Hampden-Sydney College
Tommy Dixon – Longwood University
Emily Lettau – Longwood University
Mary Salmon – Longwood University
Ashley Coles – Norfolk State University
Jazminn Hazelwood – Norfolk State University
Whitney King – Norfolk State University
Savannah Dunlap – Old Dominion University
Carter Little – Old Dominion University
Chris Ochillo – Old Dominion University
Matthew Outten – Old Dominion University
Forester Randlet – Old Dominion University
Madeline Williams – Old Dominion University
Aaron Cole – The College of William & Mary
Emily Kate Earls – The College of William & Mary
Geoff Ringlee – The College of William & Mary
Emily Steele – The College of William & Mary
Ilsa Loeser – Campus Minister to Longwood University & Hampden-Sydney College

YOUTH PRESENCE AT COUNCIL

Trafton Addison – St. Andrew's, Norfolk
Anthony Alfano – St. Christopher's, Portsmouth
Liam Blume – St. David's, Chesterfield
Mikayla Bowers – Emmanuel, Hampton
Bryce Foy – St. Augustine's, Newport News
Sierra Gotshall – St. David's, Chesterfield
Clare Harbin – St. John's, Portsmouth
Cheyenne Hayes – St. Augustine's, Newport News
Francesca Johnson – Grace, Norfolk
Courtney Mason – St. David's, Chesterfield, EYC Board President
Jimmy Murphy – Emmanuel, Hampton
Taylor Murphy – Emmanuel, Hampton
Stephen Peabody – Emmanuel, Hampton
K'Aryee Johnson – Grace, Norfolk
Rick Mason – St. David's, Chesterfield, Adult Advisor
Barb McLaughlin – St. Christopher's, Portsmouth, Adult Advisor

OTHER

The Rev. Canon Timothy Dombek
Canon Caroline Black, Canon for Christian Formation
Ms. Ashley Scruggs, Youth Missioner
Ms. Ann Turner, Communications Officer
Mrs. Angelica Garcia-Randle, Missioner for Latino Ministries
Mr. Gareth Kalfas, Executive Director, Chanco on the James

The Rev. Keith Emerson, Chairperson of the Resolutions and Memorials Committee reported that this council would be considering nine memorial resolutions and one courtesy resolution. He also noted that the previously submitted resolution R-1 had been withdrawn.

Mr. Sam Webster, Chairperson of the Committee on Constitution and Canons reported that the council would be considering one canonical resolution (C-1) as well as receiving resolutions referred to dioceses from the 78th General Convention.

There were no newly occasioned resolutions offered for consideration.

Bishop Hollerith announced his appointment of Convocation Deans as follows:

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 nominated the following Diocesan Officers, Committees and Commissions:

CHANCELLOR (Article XIII)

Mr. Sam Webster, Ascension, Norfolk

VICE-CHANCELLOR (Article XIII)

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

HISTORIOGRAPHER (Article XIV)

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

COMMISSION ON MINISTRY (Canon XII)

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

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

Ms. Lynn Farlin, Ascension, Norfolk

The Rev. Carleton Bakkum, Grace, Yorktown

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

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. Canon Jeunee Godsey, St. Michael's, Bon Air
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, Eastern Shore Chapel, Virginia Beach
Mr. John Meek, Good Shepherd, Norfolk

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

Bishop Hollerith announced the results of elections to the Executive Board at Convocation Pre-Council meetings. He welcomed new members, the Rev. Eve Butler-Gee from Convocation VI and the Rev. Derek Harbin from Convocation IV. He also thanked outgoing member, the Rev. Rick Greenwood for his service.

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| Convocation I | The Rev. Cameron Randle | 2020 |
| | Ms. Sharon Parker | 2019 |
| Convocation II | The Rev. Julia Messer | 2018 |
| | Ms. Mary Dail | 2019 |
| Convocation III | The Rev. James Medley | 2020 |
| | Ms. Helen Sharpe-Williams | 2019 |
| Convocation IV | The Rev. Derek Harbin | 2020 |
| | Ms. Andrea Morgan | 2018 |

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| Convocation V | The Rev. Rhonda Wheeler | 2018 |
| | Ms. Bettyrene Pope | 2020 |
| Convocation VI | The Rev. Eve Butler-Gee | 2020 |
| | Mr. Reginald Tabor | 2018 |
| Convocation VII | The Rev. Ross Wright | 2018 |
| | Mr. Thomas Ager | 2019 |
| Convocation VIII | The Rev. Virginia DiStanislao | 2020 |
| | TBD | 2019 |
| Convocation IX | Vacant | 2019 |
| | Mr. Rusty Bishop | 2020 |

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

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| Jan Brown | Newly ordained | Deacon, Bruton Parish Williamsburg |
| Genevieve Nelson | Newly ordained | Deacon, Good Shepherd, Norfolk |
| Linda Ricker | Newly ordained | Deacon, St. John's, Chester |
| Charlie Bauer | Newly ordained | Associate rector, Hickory Neck, Toano |
| Josh Stephens | Newly ordained | Associate rector, Bruton Parish, Williamsburg |
| Tom Bauer | Maryland | Interim rector, Manakin, Midlothian |
| Bruce Cheney | Mississippi | Rector, St. Paul's, Newport News |
| Regina Christianson | Vermont | Rector, Emmanuel, Chatham |
| Jen Kimball | Virginia | Christian Formation, St. Andrew's, Newport News |
| Elaine Tola | North Carolina | Deacon, Johns Memorial, Farmville |

Memorial Resolutions:

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

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION
THE REVEREND MICHAEL B. "MIKE" FERGUSON

- WHEREAS, it has pleased God to call Mike Ferguson to his heavenly home on June 11, 2016; and,
- WHEREAS, he was born in Baker City, Oregon on April 8, 1939, the first of Harold and Vivian Ferguson's two sons; and,
- WHEREAS, he married Carolyn Rose Muller on The Feast of St. John, Apostle and Evangelist in 1959; and,
- WHEREAS, Mike earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Eastern Oregon in 1960; and,
- WHEREAS, he was entered Aviation Officer Candidate School in Newport, Rhode Island and went to Flight School in Pensacola, Florida prior to determining sailing to be safer than flying; and,
- WHEREAS, Mike served in the Navy as a logistics specialist in the war in Vietnam, completed three tours of duty in the Pentagon, commanded the Naval Station at Pearl Harbor, and served onboard six different ships including commanding the USS Cook; and,
- WHEREAS, he retired in 1990 as a Captain after thirty years of Naval service; and,
- WHEREAS, after retirement Mike answered God's call and entered the Virginia Theological Seminary where he graduated with a Master of Divinity degree in 1993,
- WHEREAS, Mike was ordained a Deacon in the Episcopal Church by The Rt. Rev. Peter James Lee on June 12, 1993 and as a Priest on December 18 of that same year by the Rt. Rev. Donald Purple Hart; and,
- WHEREAS, he served two years as Rector of St. Anne's Church in Mililani, Hawaii and twelve years as Rector of St. Anne's Church in Appomattox, before accepting a call in 2008 to serve as co-Pastor at the Church of the Holy Apostles Episcopal/Roman Catholic Parish in Virginia Beach; and,

WHEREAS, Mike devoted himself to diocesan life, especially the renewal ministry of Cursillo; and,

WHEREAS, he used the God-given gift of his voice to sing in a number of Barbershop quartets, choruses, and other quartets; and

WHEREAS, he demonstrated his care for every human being through the regular donation of blood and platelets and later in life by giving his time to local volunteer rescue squads, eventually becoming an EMT (Basic) certified squad member; and,

WHEREAS, Mike opened his heart to every aspect of life and radiated the joy of the Christian life; and,

WHEREAS, Mike is survived by his wife of fifty-seven years, his children, Michael and Monica Ferguson, the Rev. Les Ferguson and his wife Kathy, Lanai Ferguson and Aaron Bea, three grandchildren, and countless cousins and nephews;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this 125th Annual Council of the Diocese of Southern Virginia gives thanks for the dedicated service, including twenty-three years in the ordained ministry, offered to God's glory by The Reverend Michael B. "Mike" Ferguson; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Council extend its heartfelt sympathy to his children and to Carolyn, his wife; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be spread across the minutes and books of Council and that a copy be sent to Carolyn Ferguson and to the Rev. Les Ferguson.

The motion to adopt the resolution passed unanimously and Council observed a moment of silence.

The Rev. Stan Sawyer presented and moved adoption of the following memorial resolution

Memorial Resolution

The Reverend James Harold Hall

WHEREAS, it has pleased God to call James Harold Hall, Priest, to his heavenly home on February 14, 2016; and,

WHEREAS, this native of Brunswick, Georgia, born in 1928, obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree from Saint Augustine's College in 1950; and,

WHEREAS, James Harold Hall obtained his Masters in Divinity degree from the Nashotah House Seminary in 1953, and obtained his Master of Arts degree from the University of Montana in 1971; and,

WHEREAS, he was ordained Deacon in 1953, and Priest in 1953, by Bishop Martin J. Bram; and,

WHEREAS, he served God as Vicar at St. Matthew's Church, Delray Beach, Florida, 1953-1958; Vicar at St. Mary's Church, Deerfield Beach, Florida, 1953-1958; Vicar at St. Cuthbert's Church, Boynton Beach, Florida, 1953-1958; Vicar at St. John's Church, Lake Worth, Florida, 1953-1958; and,

WHEREAS, he served God as Vicar at St. Philip's Church, Pompano Beach, Florida, 1954-1958; Vicar at St. Andrew's Church, Hollywood, Florida, 1954-1958; Vicar at St. Christopher's Church, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, 1954-1958; and as Vicar at St. Timothy's Church, Daytona Beach, Florida, 1958-1963; and,

WHEREAS, he served God in Montana as Assistant Rector at the Church of the Holy Spirit, Missoula, 1963-1964; Vicar at Trinity Church, Thompson Falls, 1964-1974; Vicar at St. Andrew's, Polson, 1964-1974; and,

WHEREAS, he returned to Florida at served God as Vicar at St. Michael and All Angels Church, Tallahassee, 1974-1979; and,

WHEREAS, he served God as Rector at the Church of the Holy Trinity, Nashville, Tennessee, 1982-1987; and,

WHEREAS, he served God in Southern Virginia as Rector at St. Cyprian's Church, Hampton, from 1987 until his retirement in 1996; and,

WHEREAS, throughout his ordained ministry he encouraged the formation of groups and Bible study, and served as pastor and counselor to many;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this 125th Annual Council of the Diocese of Southern Virginia give thanks for the faithful witness offered to the Glory of God by James Harold Hall during 63 years of ordained ministry; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Council extend its heartfelt sympathy to the family of James Harold Hall; 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 Pauline.

The motion to adopt the resolution passed unanimously and Council observed a moment of silence.

The Rev. James Medley, member of the Nominating Committee, made the following nominations:

STANDING COMMITTEE

Lay Nominees (one to be elected)

Lynn Farlin, Ascension, Norfolk
Margaret Seitz, Emmanuel, Hampton

Clergy Nominees (one to be elected)

The Very Rev. Susan Grimm, St. Timothy's Clarksville and Trinity South Boston
The Rev. Frederick Walker, St. James Portsmouth and St. Mark's Suffolk

DISCIPLINARY BOARD

Lay Nominees (one to be elected)

Carolyn Kelly, St. James, Portsmouth
John Rector, St. Paul's, Suffolk

Clergy Nominees (two to be elected)

The Very Rev. Dr. Ronald E. Ramsey, St Cyprian's, Hampton
The Rev. Stewart Tabb, Ascension, Norfolk

PROVINCIAL SYNOD

Lay Nominees (one to be elected)

Gay Forloine, Hickory Neck, Toano

GENERAL CONVENTION

Lay Nominees (eight to be elected)

Isabel Burch, Bruton Parish, Williamsburg
Toni Hogg, St. John's, Hampton
Cara Kinsey, Emmanuel, Chatham
Alice Webley, All Saints, Virginia Beach
Samuel Webster, Ascension, Norfolk
Matthew White, St. David's, Chesterfield

Clergy Nominees (eight to be elected)

The Rev. Jennifer Andrews-Weckerly, Hickory Neck, Toano
The Very Rev. Dale Custer, St. John's, Chester
The Rev. Willis Foster, St. Stephen's, Petersburg
The Rev. Derek Harbin, St. John's, Portsmouth
The Rev. Julia Messer, Eastern Shore Chapel, Virginia Beach

The Very Rev. Dr. Ronald Ramsey, St. Cyprian's, Hampton
The Rev. Cameron Randle, St. James Accomac and St. George's Pungoteague
The Rev. Samantha Vincent-Alexander, St. John's, Hampton
The Rev. Frederick Walker, St. James Portsmouth and St. Mark's Suffolk
The Rev. Mark Wilkinson, St. Aidan's, Virginia Beach

There were no nominations from the floor.

First Ballot:

The Rev. Bob Gay, Chairperson of Tellers, explained the voting procedures.

Noting that with two clergy to be elected to the Disciplinary Board, and there being only two nominees, the Rev. Bob Gay moved that the Rev. Ron Ramsey and the Rev. Stewart Tabb be elected by acclamation. The motion, duly seconded, passed unanimously.

Council then proceeded to take the first ballot.

Courtesy Resolution: The Very Rev. John Rohrs presented and moved adoption of the following courtesy resolution:

**Courtesy Resolution on the Occasion of the
40th Anniversary of the Ordination of Women**

WHEREAS, the General Convention of the Episcopal Church in September of 1976 officially endorsed the ordination of women as priests and bishops; and,

WHEREAS, the same Convention accepted the "irregular" priestly ordinations of fifteen women in 1974 and 1975, and also reaffirmed the ordination of women to the diaconate, first approved in 1970; and,

WHEREAS, one hundred women were regularly ordained to the priesthood in the Episcopal Church in 1977, making this year the 40th anniversary of that pivotal and holy turning point in the life of the Church and the mission of God; and,

WHEREAS, The Rev. Carol Chamberlain, The Rev. Mary Belfry Hansley, and The Rev. Sue Reid, all currently resident in the Diocese of Southern Virginia, were among those pioneering women ordained in 1977; and,

WHEREAS, the Rev. Iris Ruth Slocombe was the first women ordained to the priesthood in this Diocese in 1984; and,

WHEREAS, approximately 80 women serve as deacons and priests in our Diocese today, preaching the gospel, celebrating the Eucharist, and ministering to the church and to the world;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this 125th Annual Council of the
Diocese of Southern Virginia acknowledges and celebrates this 40th
Anniversary, and gives thanks for all of the women who faithfully serve in our
Diocese; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be spread across the
Minutes and books of Council, and that copies be shared with the
four women noted above.

The motion to adopt the resolution passed unanimously.

Bishops Presentation:

Bishop Hollerith gave his annual presentation to Council.

Council Eucharist:

At 10:50 a.m. Council recessed.

The Council Eucharist was celebrated at 11:00 a.m. The offering during the eucharist, in the amount of \$2895.15, was designated for the Diocese de Nord-Kivu in Democratic Republic of Congo, in memory of the Rt. Rev. C. Charles Vache', for the purpose of replacing the cathedral roof.

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

Report of the ECW:

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

Second Ballot:

The Rev. Bob Gay reported the results of the first ballot as follows:

Standing Committee (Lay) - elected: Lynn Farlin

Standing Committee (Clergy) - elected: The Rev. Susan Grimm

Disciplinary Board (Lay) - elected: John Rector

General Convention (Lay) - elected:

Sam Webster, Alice Webley, Toni Hogg, Isabel Burch

Mathew White, First Alternate

Cara Kinsey, Second Alternate

General Convention (Clergy) - elected

The Rev. Julia Messer, The Rev. Willis Foster, The Rev. Samantha Vincent-Alexander
(The Rev. Derek Harbin - eliminated on subsequent ballots)

Council proceeded to take the second Ballot.

Memorial Resolutions:

The Rev. Keith Emerson presented and moved adoption of the following memorial resolution:

Memorial Resolution

The Reverend Sidney J. Hall

WHEREAS, it has pleased God to call Sidney J. Hall, Priest, to his heavenly home on June 5, 2016; and,

WHEREAS, this native of Hartsville, South Carolina, born on October 15, 1930, served his country in the United States Navy during the Korean War; and,

WHEREAS, Sidney J. Hall obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree from Baylor University in 1955, and his Master in Divinity degree from the Southwest Baptist Theological Seminary in 1959, after which he served God as an ordained Baptist Minister until 1987; and,

WHEREAS, having discerned a call to serve God in the Episcopal Church, he attended the Virginia Theological Seminary; and,

WHEREAS, Sidney J. Hall was ordained Deacon in 1988, and Priest in 1989, by Bishop C. Charles Vache'; and,

WHEREAS, he served God as Assistant Rector at St. Luke's Church, Powhatan, and Manakin Church, Midlothian, 1989-1990; and

WHEREAS, he served God as Rector at St. James' Church, Cartersville, Emmanuel Church, Powhatan, and Christ Church, Amelia, 1990-1996; and,

WHEREAS, he was passionate about the arts, and was recognized for his photography; and

WHEREAS, his love for the beauty of creation included a passion about flying, which he lived into as a licensed general aviation pilot;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this 125th Annual Council of the Diocese of Southern Virginia give thanks for the faithful witness offered to the Glory of God by Sidney J. Hall, during 57 years of ordained ministry; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Council extend its heartfelt sympathy to the family of Sidney J. Hall; and,

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

The motion to adopt the resolution passed unanimously and Council observed a moment of silence.

The Rev. Keith Emerson presented and moved adoption of the following memorial resolution:

**MEMORIAL RESOLUTION
THE REVEREND WILLIAM RODERICK HARPER, JR.**

WHEREAS, it has pleased God to call William Harper, Jr. to his heavenly home on July 22, 2016; and,

WHEREAS, he was born in Birmingham, Alabama on April 19, 1931 to William Roderick and Sara Frances White Harper, who also had a daughter, Patricia; and,

WHEREAS, William was married to Kathleen Lacky on June 16, 1952; and,

WHEREAS, from their marriage five children were born: William, Franklin, Elizabeth, Kathleen, and Maurice; and,

WHEREAS, he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts from Birmingham-Southern College in 1958; and,

WHEREAS, William answered God's call to the ordained ministry and enrolled at Trinity Episcopal School for Ministry, graduating in 1981 with a Masters of Divinity degree; and

WHEREAS, he was ordained a Deacon in the Episcopal Church by the Rt. Rev. Furman Charles Stough on December 27, 1981 and as a Priest by The Rt. Rev. George Edward Haynsworth on June 29, 1982; and,

WHEREAS, during his early years in the ordained ministry William served in various capacities with various churches in South Carolina and Western Pennsylvania prior to relocating to Virginia; and

WHEREAS, William faithfully served at Christ Church in Waverly, Brandon Parish in Burrowsville, and Church of the Ascension in Richmond; and,

WHEREAS, he is preceded in death by his wife, Kathleen, his sister, Patricia, and his sons William and Franklin; and,

WHEREAS, William is survived by his daughters, Elizabeth Harper Zimmerman and her husband, Rick, and Kathleen Frances Harper, and by his son, Maurice Harper and his wife Ann, as well as four grandchildren and many nephews and nieces;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this 125th 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 William R. Harper, Jr.; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Council extend its heartfelt sympathy to 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 members of William's family.

The motion to adopt the resolution passed unanimously and council observed a moment of silence.

Report of the Standing Committee:

The Very Rev. John Rohrs, President, gave the report of the Standing Committee.

Bishop Hollerith introduced new Postulants and Candidates for Holy Orders as follows:

New Postulants for the Vocational Diaconate:

Ms. Linda Rogers – Hungars Parish, Bridgetown

Mr. Carter Sinclair – Eastern Shore Chapel, Virginia Beach

New Postulants for the Priesthood

Mrs. Marie Clunan – Galilee, Virginia Beach

Mr. Tim Fulop – Epiphany, Danville

Mrs. Donna Hines – Grace, Yorktown

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

Mr. Nick Caccese – Galilee, Virginia Beach

Ms. Grace Martien – Bruton Parish, Williamsburg

Report of Chanco on the James:

Mr. Gareth Kalfas, Chanco Executive Director, gave a report in the form of a video presentation.

Canonical Resolution:

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

2017 CANONICAL RESOLUTION C-1

**Submitted by the Executive Board
and the Standing Committee of the Diocese**

RESOLVED that the 2017 Annual Council enact a new Canon XXXII, as follows:

Canon XXXII
of Parishes At Risk

SECTION 1. Parish at Risk

A parish at risk is the exceptional case of a parish whose continued viability as a self-sustaining entity appears to be in jeopardy such that a degree of Diocesan intervention or oversight is needed as a means to restore health to the parish.

SECTION 2. Conditions Leading to Designation of a Parish at Risk

No parish may be declared at risk unless it is determined that one or more of the following conditions exists, following an inquiry as described below in Section 3:

1. The failure of a parish for two years or more to be financially self-supporting, so that it has reached insolvency or has invaded endowment principle by more than 5% without substantial justification. A decision about the long-term financial viability of the parish will be made by the Bishop and the Standing Committee in accordance with the policies and procedures of the Episcopal Church. Receiving funding from the Diocese shall not constitute a failure to be financially self-supporting, so long as the parish is self-supporting with such funding.
2. The failure for two years or more to elect a vestry or to search diligently for and elect a rector, priest-in-charge, or rector time certain or to accept the Bishop's appointment of a priest or, in the case of a recognized Area and Cooperative Ministry, to diligently implement a cooperative plan.
3. The persistent failure for two years or more a) to provide adequate clergy compensation; b) to provide such compensation from funds other than those provided by the Diocese for assistance; c) to make timely payments for premiums

under the Church Pension Fund system; d) to make timely payments of the premiums for any other obligatory insurance for parish employees.

4. The refusal or willful failure for two years to arrange for representation of the parish at the Annual Council of the Diocese.
5. The failure or neglect for two years to make the following reports required by diocesan canons: Canon VII (Of Finances), Section 3 (Pledge to the Diocese); Section 4 (Audit); Canon XIV (Of Parishes), Section 1(j) (Parochial Reports).
6. The persistent failure or neglect to conform to the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church and of the Diocese with respect to the following business methods: bonding of treasurers or other custodians of funds, proper record keeping, proper maintenance of books of account, an annual audit, and the maintenance of adequate insurance.
7. The purchase, use, or conveyance of parish property, or the incurring of debt, other than in conformity with the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church and of the Diocese, except where such non-conformity was inadvertent and resulted in no substantial prejudice to the property or the temporal interests of the parish.
8. The failure to cooperate in an inquiry under this Canon or with any other canonical inquiry by the Ecclesiastical Authority or its designee, including the failure or refusal to provide full and accurate information on the state of the parish and its affairs.
9. The failure to make a good faith effort to implement any plan or arrangement agreed to by the parish under this Canon.
10. The use of the parish property in such a way that would jeopardize the parish's non-profit tax status.
11. In addition to the foregoing, the deliberate and manifest breach of any canonical obligation of the parish, if the following conditions are met:
 - (a) The Bishop, with the advice and consent of the Standing Committee, shall have transmitted to the parish a written warning summarizing the conduct or failure to act by the parish which constitutes a deliberate and manifest breach under this section. The warning shall indicate the reasons why such conduct or failure to act constitutes such a breach and shall explicitly direct the parish to cease and desist from the conduct which constitutes the breach or to conform to canonical obligations; act affirmatively as canonical obligations require; and

- (b) Within 30 days following transmittal of the warning and direction, the parish shall have failed or refused to conform to the directive so provided, or shall have failed or refused to provide to the Bishop and the Standing Committee a written plan and agreement satisfactory to them to bring its conduct into prompt conformity with its canonical obligation.

SECTION 3. Inquiry for Purposes of Restoration of Parish Health

- A. An inquiry by the Ecclesiastical Authority leading to a declaration of a parish at risk under this Canon may be initiated by one of the following ways:
 1. The Bishop, believing that one or more of the conditions in Section 2 of this Canon may exist, with the advice and consent of the Standing Committee, may initiate such inquiry;
 2. The Standing Committee, believing that one or more of the conditions in Section 2 of this Canon may exist, may petition the Bishop to initiate such inquiry; or if the Standing Committee is the Ecclesiastical Authority, it may initiate such inquiry by majority vote;
 3. The Rector, Priest-in-Charge, or Rector Time Certain serving, or both Wardens, or a majority of the Vestry, believing that one or more of the conditions in Section 2 of this Canon may exist, may petition the Ecclesiastical Authority to initiate such inquiry.
- B. Upon proper initiation as provided in A. above, the Ecclesiastical Authority shall itself, or acting through persons it may designate, conduct such inquiry into the condition of the parish. Such inquiry shall include conversations with persons in the parish, and may also include written or oral questions to the parish and examination of any parish books and records. The rector, priest-in-charge, or rector time certain and vestry of the parish which is the subject of such inquiry shall cooperate in any inquiry under the Canon, including providing full and accurate information on the state of the parish and its affairs. Failure to reasonably cooperate shall be sufficient to permit a declaration that the parish is at risk.
- C. Upon the determination by the Bishop and a majority of the Standing Committee that the parish is at risk, one or more of the following measures may be taken to attempt to restore the health of the parish, at the discretion of the Ecclesiastical Authority:
 1. Provision for pastoral discussions to be held between the Bishop and/or the Bishop's representatives and the rector, priest-in-charge, or rector time certain and vestry of the parish to seek amelioration of the conditions that inhibit the health, mission, and ministry of the parish.

2. Development of a plan for the parish to address the conditions which led to the declaration of a parish at risk, to be agreed to by the parish within 30 days and implemented thereafter in accordance with its terms.
3. In the event that the activities set forth in paragraphs 1 and 2, above, are ineffective, the Ecclesiastical Authority may take any of following steps:
 - (a) Appointment by the Bishop, with the advice and consent of the Standing Committee, of three or more adult communicants in good standing to take charge of the property of the parish and to exercise the rights and functions of a Vestry, while these conditions are pending. Said persons may or may not be from the parish.
 - (b) Designation by the Bishop of a priest-in-charge during the pendency of these conditions; said Priest may or may not be the incumbent.
 - (c) Conveyance of title of all real property to the Trustees of the Diocese, who shall hold the same in trust during the pendency of these conditions.
 - (d) Other measures as the Bishop shall determine with the advice and consent of the Standing Committee (or as the Standing Committee shall determine if it is the Ecclesiastical Authority) during the pendency of these conditions.
4. When any parish shall continue to fail to elect a Vestry, the Bishop, with the advice and consent of a majority of the Standing Committee as provided for in Canon XIII and Canon XV, may appoint three adult communicants in good standing to take charge of the property of the parish and to exercise the rights and functions of a Vestry, until the parish shall have elected a Vestry under the provisions of this Canon.

RATIONALE: The Episcopal Church and the Diocese, through their Constitution and Canons, and various rubrics, place certain expectations upon parishes and the priests who lead them. This proposed canon provides accountability for meeting those expectations. In the past, the Diocese has encountered difficulty in dealing with parishes that, for any number of reasons, have reached a point of significant crisis. The Diocese was only able to deal with those parishes on an *“ad hoc”* basis, without the benefit of any standard protocols and guidelines. The proposed Canon creates the aforesaid accountability and establishes a more formal process to enable the Diocese to deal effectively, compassionately and pastorally with at-risk parishes. The proposed Canon is based almost entirely from parish-at-risk canons from many other Dioceses.

Following a brief discussion, the motion to adopt the resolution passed.

Mr. Webster referred Council to the resolutions presented to dioceses from the General Convention, and moved that the resolutions be considered read. The motion, duly seconded, passed unanimously.

Report of the Stewardship Commission:

Mr. Bob Motley and Mr. Mike McGraw gave the report of the Stewardship Commission.

First Keynote Address:

The Rev. Canon Timothy Dombek gave his first keynote address to Council.

Report of the EYC:

Courtney Mason, President of the Episcopal Youth Community, gave the report of the EYC.

Memorial Resolutions:

The Rev. Keith Emerson presented and moved adoption of the following memorial resolution:

Memorial Resolution

The Reverend Charles Glenn Kettlewell

WHEREAS, it has pleased God to call Charles Glenn Kettlewell, Priest, to his heavenly home on August 29, 2016; and,

WHEREAS, this native of New Concord, Ohio, born on June 25, 1939, obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree from Muskingum College in 1961; and,

WHEREAS, in his many years of service to humanity, he served as a social worker, policeman, homeless shelter director; and,

WHEREAS, Charles Glenn Kettlewell obtained his Master in Divinity from the Virginia Theological Seminary in 1970; and,

WHEREAS, he was ordained Deacon in 1970, and Priest in 1971, by Bishop David S. Rose; and,

WHEREAS, he served God in Southern Virginia as Vicar at Emmanuel Church, Portsmouth, 1970-1983, and also as Vicar at St. Mark's Church, Suffolk, 1978-1980, and as Vicar at St. James', Portsmouth, 1981-1983; and,

WHEREAS, his sense of humor was demonstrated at an Annual Council of the Diocese of Southern Virginia, when, during a prolonged and cantankerous debate over a particular resolution, he stepped to the microphone and began to speak; and,

WHEREAS, after a period of time, when Bishop Rose asked him, "Father Kettlewell, are you speaking for the resolution or against it," he replied, "Neither Bishop, I'm just pondering the mystery;" and,

WHEREAS, he served God as Rector at St. John's Church, Camden, Arkansas, 1983-1990, and as Priest-in-Charge at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Bluemont, Virginia, 1991-1998; and,

WHEREAS, he served God in Interim Ministry at parishes in Michigan, Florida, Maryland, and North Carolina, 1998-2007; and,

WHEREAS, Father Kettlewell served God as Priest-in-Charge at Meade Memorial Church, White Post, Virginia, from 2008 until his retirement in 2014;

NOT THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this 125th Annual Council of the Diocese of Southern Virginia give thanks for the faithful witness offered to the Glory of God by Charles Glenn Kettlewell, during over 46 years of ordained ministry; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Council extend its heartfelt sympathy to the family of Charles Glenn Kettlewell; 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 Gail.

The motion to adopt the resolution passed unanimously and Council observed a moment of silence.

The Rev. Keith Emerson presented and moved adoption of the following memorial resolution:

**MEMORIAL RESOLUTION
THE REVEREND ROBERT H. "BOB" NEW**

WHEREAS, it has pleased God to call Robert H. "Bob" New to his heavenly home on November 20, 2016; and,

WHEREAS, he was born in Rochester, Minnesota on September 23, 1927, one of two brothers and two sisters born to Dr. Gordon and Ethel New; and,

WHEREAS, Bob was married to Marian Merchant of Minneapolis on July 7, 1951; and,

WHEREAS, from their marriage four children were born: Gordon, David, Lisa, and Stephen; and,

WHEREAS, he served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict, then worked seven years for Stouffer's Restaurants; and,

WHEREAS, Bob received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Minnesota in 1961; and,

WHEREAS, he answered God's call to the ordained ministry and enrolled at Bexley Hall Theological Seminary, graduating in 1964 with a Masters of Divinity degree; and

WHEREAS, he was ordained a Deacon in the Episcopal Church by the Rt. Rev. Nelson Marigold Burroughs on June 13, 1965 and as a Priest by Bishop Burroughs on February 2, 1962; and,

WHEREAS, Bob served as Assistant Rector in three parishes, Rector in three more, and held various positions in fourteen parishes in Ohio, Michigan, Missouri, North Carolina, and Southern Virginia, including Trinity Church in Portsmouth, St. Stephen's Church in Newport News, Emmanuel Church in Virginia Beach, St. Michael's Church in Richmond, and St. David's Church in Chesterfield; and,

WHEREAS, Bob ended his active ministry with a five-year term as Rector of St. James Church in Cartersville and retired at the age 87, after serving 50 years as a Priest; and,

WHEREAS, Bob is survived by his wife of sixty-five years, their four children, their children's spouses, nine grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this 125th Annual Council of the Diocese of Southern Virginia gives thanks for the lifetime of dedicated service, including fifty-two years in the ordained ministry, offered to God's glory by The Reverend Robert H. "Bob" New; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Council extend its heartfelt sympathy to his children and to Marian, his wife; and,

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

The motion to adopt the resolution passed unanimously and Council observed a moment of silence.

Report from Cursillo:

Kriston Feldpausch and Brittany White gave a report on the Cursillo Community which included a short video.

Report on Latino Ministries:

Ms. Angelica Garcia-Randle, Missioner for Latino Ministries gave a report on Latino Ministry on the Eastern Shore and throughout the Diocese.

Evening Worship:

Members of the Liturgical Commission conducted evening worship following which Council recessed for the day at 5:00 p.m.

Following adjournment there was a reception with heavy hors d'oeuvres in the Colony Room.

Saturday, February 11**Opening Worship:**

At 9:30 a.m. Council reconvened for opening worship which was conducted by members of the Liturgical Commission.

Third Ballot:

The Rev. Bob Gay reported that the second ballot ended with no election. For the third ballot The Rev. Frederick Walker will be eliminated and a vote will be taken on the remaining four nominees. Council proceeded to take a third ballot.

Video Presentation:

A video was presented on Armed Forces and Federal Ministries

Memorial Resolutions

The Rev. Stan Sawyer presented and moved adoption of the following memorial resolution:

Memorial Resolution**The Reverend John Samuel Ruef, Th.D.**

WHEREAS, it has pleased God to call John Samuel Ruef, Priest, to his heavenly home on October 31, 2016; and,

WHEREAS, This native of Chicago, Illinois, born on January 24, 1927, obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree for the University of Chicago; and,

WHEREAS, John Samuel Ruef obtained his Bachelor of Divinity degree from Seabury Western Theological Seminary in 1950, and his Master of Sacred Theology, 1955, and was subsequently awarded a Doctor of Divinity *honoris causa* in 1975; and,

WHEREAS, he was ordained Deacon in 1950 by Bishop Wallace E. Conkling, and Priest in 1951 by Bishop Charles L. Street; and,

WHEREAS, he served God in Illinois as Vicar at the Church of the Holy Family, Park Forest, 1950-1954; and as Assistant Instructor at the Bexley Seabury Federation, Chicago, 1954-1956; and,

WHEREAS, he served God in Massachusetts as Priest-In-Charge at Emmanuel Church, Somerville, 1957-1959; and as Assistant Rector at St. Anne's Church, Lowell, 1959-1960; and,

WHEREAS, John Samuel Ruef obtained his Doctor of Theology degree from Harvard University in 1960; and,

WHEREAS, he served God as Professor of New Testament at Berkeley Divinity School, New Haven, Connecticut, 1960-1971; and as Assistant Rector at St. Paul's Memorial Church, Charlottesville, Virginia, 1971-1972; and as Canon Theologian in the Diocese of Western New York, 1972-1974; and,

WHEREAS, he served God as Dean and President at Nashotah House Seminary, 1974-1985, during which time he prepared many seminarians for the ordained ministry; and,

WHEREAS, he served God in Southern Virginia as Chaplain and Head of the Religious Studies Department at Chatham Hall School, 1985-1993; and as Rector at Emmanuel Church, Chatham, and at Trinity Church, Gretna, 1999-2005; and,

WHEREAS, he authored numerous books; loved working with wood; avidly read theology, philosophy, and history; and was a friend to many;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this 125th Annual Council of the Diocese of Southern Virginia give thanks for the vibrant and faithful witness as Pastor and Teacher offered to the Glory of God by John Samuel Ruef during 66 years of ordained ministry; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Council extend its heartfelt sympathy to the family of John Samuel Ruef; 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 of 66 years Jane.

The motion to adopt the resolution passed unanimously and Council observed a moment of silence.

The Rev. Stan Sawyer presented and moved adoption of the following Memorial Resolution:

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION
THE REVEREND CLAUDE SYLVESTER TURNER, JR.

WHEREAS, it has pleased God to call Claude S. Turner, Jr. to his heavenly home on October 12, 2016; and,

WHEREAS, he was born in Martinsville, Virginia on December 13, 1932 to Claude and Amy Turner, and,

WHEREAS, he married Alice “Leelee” Tucker on Bastille Day in 1956; and,

WHEREAS, from their marriage two children, George and Lee, were brought into this world; and,

WHEREAS, Claude earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology in 1956; and,

WHEREAS, he served two years in the Navy as a Boiler Room Officer; and,

WHEREAS, Claude grew up in the Presbyterian Church while Leelee was an Episcopalian; and,

WHEREAS, having only one car, Claude would drive Leelee and the children to an Episcopal Church every Sunday morning before driving on to his Presbyterian Church, until he realized the family should worship together and he converted to the Episcopal Church,

WHEREAS, after attending a retreat Claude heard God’s call to the ordained ministry; and,

WHEREAS, he answered God’s call and enrolled at the Seminary of the South, graduating with a Master of Divinity degree in 1969,

WHEREAS, he was ordained a Deacon in the Episcopal Church by the Rt. Rev. George P. Gunn on June 24, 1969 and as a Priest by Bishop Gunn on June 29th the following year; and,

WHEREAS, he served two years as an Assistant at St. Michael’s Church in Bon Air, five years as the Rector of St. John’s Church in Petersburg (while also serving as an Associate at St. Paul’s Church in Petersburg two of those years), and as Rector for twelve years at Grace Church in Yorktown; and,

WHEREAS, Claude and Leelee served as a Presenting Couple at fifty Episcopal Marriage Encounter weekends from 1981-1992; and,

WHEREAS, from 1988-1992, Claude served as an Assistant at Christ & St. Luke's Church in Norfolk, at Emmanuel Church in Franklin, and as the Interim Rector at St. James Church in Portsmouth; and

WHEREAS, he served on the Visiting Committee of the Theological Seminary of the University of the South from 2007-2010; and,

WHEREAS, after Leelee was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease, she and Claude shared their experience with countless support groups; and,

WHEREAS, Claude lovingly cared for Leelee, keeping her at home and taking her to church every Sunday until she was no longer able to process what was happening; and,

WHEREAS, Claude continued to show his unfaltering love for and devotion to Leelee until the time of her death in 2004; and,

WHEREAS, as sign of God's promise of Resurrection and new life, Claude married Mary LaRoche Douglas on February 6, 2005,

WHEREAS, because the date of their marriage fell on Super Bowl Sunday as well as the Last Sunday after the Epiphany, Claude and Molly celebrated their anniversary each year on the 6th, during the Super Bowl, and on the final Sunday in the Epiphany season, thus amassing thirty-three anniversaries during eleven years of marriage; and,

WHEREAS, Claude is survived by his wife, Molly, his children, George Turner and Lee Richards (Russell), his sister, Mary Ann Dee, and several nephews and nieces;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this 125th Annual Council of the Diocese of Southern Virginia gives thanks for the lifetime of dedicated service, including forty-seven years in the ordained ministry, offered to God's glory by The Reverend Claude S. Turner, Jr.; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Council extend its heartfelt sympathy to his children and to Molly, his wife; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be spread across the minutes and books of Council and that a copy be sent to the Rev. Molly Turner and to Claude's children.

The motion to adopt the resolution passed unanimously and Council observed a moment of silence.

Report of College Ministries:

Ms. Ashley Scruggs, Diocesan Youth Commissioner, gave the report of College Ministries.

2017 Budget Presentation:

The Rev. Anne Kirchmier, Chairperson of the Program, Budget, and Review Committee, and Mr. John Meek, Diocesan Treasurer, presented, and moved adoption of the proposed 2017 operating budget. During the presentation, a special note of thanks was given to Comptroller, Nancy James. Following a brief discussion, the 2017 operating budget passed.

Election Results:

The Rev. Bob Gay announced that the Rev. Cameron Randle was elected as the fourth clergy deputy to General Convention. Clergy alternates will be the Rev. Dale Custer, the Rev. Ron Ramsey, the Rev. Jennifer Andrews-Weckerly, and the Rev. Mark Wilkins.

Episcopal Relief & Development:

Carter Sinclair gave a presentation on the Episcopal Asset Map which is a project of Episcopal Relief and Development.

Report of Addiction and Recovery Ministries:

The Rev. Lauren McDonald gave the report of Addiction and Recovery ministries in the Diocese.

Campus Ministries:

Ms. Ilsa Loeser gave a report on Campus Ministries.

Video Presentation:

A video presentation was shown on the Episcopal Young Adult Service Corps which featured Mr. Andy Russell, a member of Bruton Parish. The YASC are young adults (21-30 years old) who engage in mission and ministry in the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion.

Memorial Resolution:

The Rev. Keith Emerson presented and moved adoption of the following memorial resolution:

**MEMORIAL RESOLUTION
DR. VIVIAN N. WILLIAMSON**

WHEREAS, it has pleased God to call Dr. Vivian N. Williamson to her heavenly home on April 4, 2016; and,

WHEREAS, she was born in Durham, North Carolina on January 30, 1929; and,

WHEREAS, Vivian was a graduate of North Carolina College, Virginia State University, and Virginia Tech University; and,

WHEREAS, she was a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority for more than sixty-six years; and,

WHEREAS, Vivian utilized her training in education in various capacities, including teacher and counselor for Petersburg City Public Schools, Assistant Supervisor of Guidance and Coordinator of Career Education, the Virginia Department of Education, as a federal government employee, and as a Logistic Management Instructor for the Army Logistics Management College at Fort Lee, Virginia; and,

WHEREAS, she was a member of the Petersburg City School Board for ten years, the first Chairperson of the Appomattox Regional Governor's School Board of Directors, and a board member of John Tyler Community College; and,

WHEREAS, she offered her skills and leadership to many community projects, including two terms as president of Downtown Churches United, five years as the Acting Executive Director of the HOPE Center, ten years on the Board of Directors for Crater District Area Agency for Aging, the Petersburg Leadership Council, the Richmond-Petersburg United Way, the Southside Chapter of the American Red Cross Board of Directors, and the Board of Directors for Petersburg Legal Aid; and,

WHEREAS, Vivian was a faithful member of St. Stephen's Church in Petersburg, serving several terms on the Vestry, filling the offices of Senior and Junior Warden, being the Superintendent of the Sunday School, and serving as President of the E.E. Miller Guild; and,

WHEREAS, she served this diocese ably on numerous boards and commissions, including as a Trustee, member of the Executive Board, the Commission on Ministry, and the Bishop's Search Committee; and

WHEREAS, Vivian was recognized in many ways for her outstanding contributions, including being named the Fort Lee Woman of the Year, receiving special recognition for her service to Delta Sigma Theta and to St. Stephen's Church, being named the

2014 Hometown Hero by Allen and Allen law firm, and in 2014 having the renovated dining room of the HOPE Center named Williamson Hall in her honor; and,

WHEREAS, Vivian is survived by her nephews and nieces, including Ms. Deidre D. Barnes and Ms. Betty C, Mayes, and by a host of other relatives and friends;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this 125th Annual Council of the Diocese of Southern Virginia gives thanks for the lifetime of dedicated service offered to God's glory by Dr. Vivian N. Williamson; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Council extend its heartfelt sympathy to her relatives and friends; 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 members of Vivian's family.

The motion to adopt the resolution passed unanimously and Council observed a moment of silence.

Union of Black Episcopalians:

Mr. David Flores reported on the work of U.B.E. in the diocese.

Second Keynote Address:

The Rev. Canon Timothy Dombeck gave his second keynote address.

Introduction of the Executive Staff:

Bishop Hollerith introduced the members of the Diocesan Executive Staff:

Ms. Susan Allen – Assistant for Formation and Transition

Canon Caroline Black – Canon for Christian Formation

Ms. Angelica Garcia-Randle – Missioner for Latino Ministries

The Rev. Canon 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

Closing Worship:

Members of the Liturgical Commission conducted closing worship.

Adjournment:

At 12:20 p.m., there being no further business, Bishop Hollerith declared the 125th Annual Council of the Diocese of Southern Virginia adjourned, sine die.

Respectfully submitted,

The Rev. Ralph E Haines, III

Secretary