

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE 160<sup>TH</sup> CONVENTION  
OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN MINNESOTA

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SEPTEMBER 15-16, 2017  
DULUTH ENTERTAINMENT CONVENTION CENTER  
DULUTH, MINNESOTA

**ELECTIONS**

**Standing Committee**

**Lay**

Chris Commers (3-year term)

Sue Grove (3-year term)

Alexis Roy (2-year term)

Judy Shoulak (1-year term)

**Clergy**

Debbie Brown (3-year term)

Ramona Scarpace (3-year term)

Tom Cook (1-year term)

**Commission on Ministry**

**Lay**

Paul Ehling

**Clergy**

Lee Domenick

**Trustees**

Tristan English

Bill McNally

Michael Reymann

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Canonical Elections, Appointments, and Confirmations**

**Secretary of Convention** (Canon 209.1)

Ms. Karen Olson

**Historiographer** (Canon 307.2)

Mr. Arthur Finnell

**Treasurer** (Canon 309.1)

The Rev. John Dwyer

**Chancellors** (Canon 306.1)

**Bishop's Chancellor** – Mr. Doug Franzen

**Vice Chancellors** – Mr. Todd Andrews, Ms. Sarah Armstrong, Ms. Rebecca Bernhard ,

Mr. Robert Butterbrodt, Mr. Christopher Bowman, Mr. Walt Graff, Ms. Laura McKnight,

Mr. Robert Straughn

**Disciplinary Board** (Canon 405(d))

*For a three-year term ending at 2020 Convention*

Mr. James Delamater, The Rev. John Dwyer, Ms. Angie Paulson, Ms. Denise Stahura,

The Rev. Georgia Steele

**Commission on Ministry** (Canon 113.5.a)

*Chair* – The Rev. Anna Doherty

**Provincial Convention** (Canon 217.1)

*Clergy Delegate, per Province VI* – The Rev. Michael Pipkin

**ADOPTED**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF MISSION**  
**ADOPTED**

**CANONICAL CHANGES**

**Amendment of Canon 803.2, regarding Cathedral and Parish Congregation Property**  
**PASSED**

**TRANSITIONS, CLERGY CHANGES, MILESTONES**

- **Faith Communities who have called new leadership this past year:**
  - Calvary, Rochester – Beth Royalty
  - St. Paul’s, Minneapolis – Marcus Halley
  - St. George’s, St. Louis Park – Tom Gehlsen
  - St. Martin’s, Fairmont – Marilla Whitney
  - St. Luke’s Rochester – Justin Chapman
  - Messiah, St. Paul – Matthew McCormick
  - House of Prayer, Colledgeville & Minneapolis – Matthew Cobb, Executive Director
- **Clergy received into the Episcopal Church in Minnesota by letters dimissory**
  - Beth Royalty
  - Marcus Halley
  - Matthew McCormick
- **Ordained as Priests**
  - Stephen Gheen
  - Craig Lemming
- **Ordained as Transitional Deacons**
  - Jennifer Allred
  - Tim Kingsley
  - Julie Luna
  - Jon Spinillo-Grzywa
- **Ordained 30 years as deacons or priests in the Episcopal Church: (ordained in 1987)**

Barbara Butler	Edith Patterson
Marlene Ceynar	John Peters
Joan Dehzad	Brian Prior
Priscilla Gray	Carolyn Schmidt
Helen Hanten	Thomas Sinning
Frances Larson	Marilla Whitney
Johnson Loud	Jim Zotalis
- **Deceased Clergy**

Karl Edwin Bell	Anne Scheible
Richard Bormes	Charles Vogt
Wesley Crowle	Jim Zosel
Douglas Fontaine	

**PRESENTATION OF WHIPPLE CROSS:**

- Mr. Douglas Franzen: Bishop’s Chancellor, Episcopal Church in Minnesota

## REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS/ACTIVITIES

- Trustees
- Pooled Investment Fund
- Management Development
- Ministry Development
- School for Formation
- Young Adult/Campus Ministry
- ECMN Camping - witness from Luisa Van Oss
- Indian Work and Multicultural Ministry
- Mission Development
- Table Discussions on Engaging the Beloved Community

## CONVENTION EUCHARIST

**Presider:** The Rt. Rev. Brian N. Prior, IX Bishop, The Episcopal Church in Minnesota

**Preacher:** Heidi Kim, Staff Officer for Racial Reconciliation with the Episcopal Church

**Musicians:** Fran McKendree, River Guerguerian, Chad Smith

**Offering** \$3,297.21 designated between:

1. Episcopal Relief & Development (ERD) for hurricane relief
2. Churches United in Ministry (CHUM) - an interfaith coalition of 40 faith communities in the Duluth area offering emergency food, shelter, advocacy, support and outreach throughout the area.
3. EMERGE in North Minneapolis (soon to be neighbors of the Bishop and Team of Missioners)

## ECMN CONVENTION 2018

The 161<sup>st</sup> Convention of the Episcopal Church in Minnesota will be held September 14-15, 2018, in Mankato.

Karen Olson, Secretary of Convention  
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