

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE 159TH CONVENTION
OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN MINNESOTA

SEPTEMBER 16-17, 2016
SHATTUCK ST. MARY'S SCHOOL
FARIBAULT, MINNESOTA

ELECTIONS

Standing Committee

Lay

Laura Bathke
Scott Smith

Clergy

Justin Chapman (*3-year term*)
Siri Hauge Hustad (*3-year term*)
Eileen Harvala (*2-year term*)
Thomas Cook (*1-year term*)

Commission on Ministry

Lay

Kate Maxwell

Clergy

Jim Young

Trustees

Tom Schaefer
Barbara Swan
Bill Van Oss

General Convention Deputies

Lay

Minnie Steele
Sally Johnson
Sue Grove
Matthew Corrough Brown

Clergy

Devon Anderson
Michael Pipkin
Rena Turnham
Justin Chapman

General Convention Alternates

Lay

Dean Hatleveg
David Holmberg
Sue Triebenbach

Clergy

James Wilson
John Dwyer
Dana Emery
Richard Swenson

CONSENT AGENDA/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 2019 Convention

Ms. Erika Friesen, Ms. Katrina Gadwa, The Rev. Larry Green, The Rev. Christopher Haack,
The Rev. Richard Swenson

Council (Canon 219.2.a)

Vice Chair – Mr. Brian Ostenso

Commission on Ministry (Canon 113.5.a)

Chair – The Rev. Ramona Scarpace

Provincial Convention (Canon 217.1)

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

St. Mark's Cathedral Chapter (Constitution of the Cathedral, Article XIII, Amended & Restated 12/19/13)

No Elections or Appointments required in 2016

ADOPTED

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF MISSION

ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 1: Dissolution of the Central Mission Area

WHEREAS, each Mission Area of the Episcopal Church in Minnesota is responsible for planning, development, administration and evaluation of the Church's work in the Mission Area; and,
WHEREAS, because of shifting demographics, and the closure of faith communities in the Central Mission Area, the members of the Central Mission Area Board, in consultation with the Bishop and Council of the Episcopal Church in Minnesota, recommend the dissolution of the Central Mission Area; therefore be it **RESOLVED**, the Council of the Episcopal Church in Minnesota hereby consents to the dissolution of the Central Mission Area, and requests that the Missioner for Mission work with each faith community of the former Central Mission Area to identify which of the neighboring mission areas they will identify with; and be it further

RESOLVED, in accordance with Canon 223.1 requests ratification of this dissolution by the Annual Convention of the Episcopal Church in Minnesota.

PASSED

RESOLUTION 2: Circle of the Beloved

WHEREAS, the Episcopal Church in Minnesota is deeply concerned about the pervasive extent of systemic racism and continued polarization in our country, particularly with regard to the race-based opportunity and achievement gaps in Minnesota, which are among the worst in the country; and

WHEREAS, Christians are called by God to be ministers of reconciliation at every level, including racial reconciliation, according to the Holy Scriptures, and according to the concerns to which our Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and our Bishop Brian Prior have drawn attention in the past year; and

WHEREAS, we believe that the Matthew 25 Jesus of the Twin Cities lives, among other places, on the Northside in Minneapolis; and

WHEREAS, the Circle of the Beloved, a new Minnesota chapter of the national Episcopal Service Corps, has recently opened on the Northside of Minneapolis with the express mission of addressing racial reconciliation, not through charity or benefactor paradigms, but through humility, solidarity, and kinship across lines of difference; and

WHEREAS, this mission is in profound compatibility with the mission of the Episcopal Church in Minnesota and with the vows in our baptismal covenant; and

WHEREAS, Circle of the Beloved has applied for and has received the recommendation of the Bishop and Standing Committee to become an institution of the Episcopal Church in Minnesota; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Convention of the Episcopal Church in Minnesota does hereby recognize Circle of the Beloved as an institution of the Episcopal Church in Minnesota in accordance with Canon 108, and hereby offers our prayers and continued support for its mission.

PASSED

CANONICAL CHANGES

Amendment of Canon 207 to reflect dissolution of Central Mission Area

PASSED

FIRST READING OF PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS FROM THE 78TH GENERAL CONVENTION OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

No action is required of Convention. The Secretary will certify this reading to the Secretary of General Convention.

BO11: Amend Article II.7

Resolved, That the Constitution of the General Convention (2012) Article II.7 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 7 The House of Bishops may elect a Bishop Suffragan who, under the direction of the Presiding Bishop, shall be in charge of the work of persons of this Church who serve as chaplains in the Armed Forces of the United States and such other agencies as may be specified by the Presiding Bishop. The Bishop Suffragan so elected shall be ordained and consecrated and hold office under such conditions and limitations other than those provided in this Article as may be provided by Canons of the General Convention.

D003: Amend Article V

Resolved, That Article V, Section 1 is amended to read as follows:

A new Diocese may be formed, with the consent of the General Convention under such conditions as the General Convention shall prescribe by General Canon or Canons, (1) by the division of an existing Diocese; (2) by the junction of two or more Dioceses or of parts of two or more Dioceses; or (3) by the erection into a Diocese of an unorganized area evangelized as provided in Article VI. The proceedings shall originate in a Convocation of the Clergy and Laity of the unorganized area called by the Ecclesiastical Authority for that purpose; or, with the approval of the Ecclesiastical Authority, in the Convention of the Diocese to be divided; or (when it is proposed to form a new Diocese by the junction of two or more existing Dioceses) by mutual agreement of the Conventions of the Dioceses concerned, with the approval of the Ecclesiastical Authority of

each Diocese. After consent of the General Convention, when a certified copy of the duly adopted Constitution of the new Diocese, including an unqualified accession to the Constitution and Canons of the Church, shall have been filled with the Secretary of the General Convention and approved by the Executive Council of this Church, such new Diocese shall thereupon be in union with the General Convention.

D008: Amend Article I.1

Resolved, That Article I, Section 1 of the Constitution is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1 There shall be a General Convention of this Church consisting of the House of Bishops and the House of Deputies, which Houses will sit, debate, and vote separately, unless otherwise provided for by this Constitution of the Canons. The Houses by majority vote of each House may call for the Houses to sit, debate, and vote, or any combination thereof, together. The General Convention may by Canon establish procedures for such sessions. In all deliberations freedom of debate shall be allowed. Either House may originate and propose legislation, and all acts of the Convention shall be adopted and be authenticated by both Houses.

TRANSITIONS, CLERGY CHANGES, MILESTONES

• **Faith Communities who have called new leadership this past year: Rector or Priest in Charge:**

Christ Church, Woodbury – Anna Doherty
Christ Church, Red Wing – Tristan English

• **Clergy received into the Episcopal Church in Minnesota by letters dimissory**

Tristan English
Anna Doherty
Christine Seaton

• **Ordained as Priests**

Cindi Brickson	Karen Polyard
Sherry Drysdale-Schruth	Mary Rowan
Craig Lemming	Joyce Rush
Cher Lor	Peter Thor
Barbara Mathias	Thomas Thao
Anna Ostenso Moore	Beth Wanamaker
Bao Moua	Lisa Wiens Heinsohn
Jennifer McNally	

• **Ordained as Deacons**

Diane Elliott
Georgianna Smith

• **Ordained as Transitional Deacon**

Stephen Gheen

• **Ordained 30 years in the Episcopal Church: (ordained in 1986)**

Joe Hopwood

• **Deceased Clergy**

Jean McKinney	David Sams
Jeff Nelson	Irma Wyman

PRESENTATION OF WHIPPLE CROSS:

- The Rev. Susan Moss

REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

- Strategic Initiatives for Management
- Trustees
- Pooled Investment Fund
- Strategic Initiatives for Ministry
- School for Formation
- ECMN Camping
- Strategic Initiatives for Mission
- Young Adult and Campus Ministry
- Mission Opportunity 2016 wrap-up
- Mission Opportunity 2017 introduction and table conversations

CONVENTION EUCHARIST

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

Preacher: The Rev. Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows

Musicians: Students from Shattuck St. Mary's

Offering The Convention Eucharist offering of \$4,265.88 will be distributed among the Standing Rock Citizens League, Internships for Students of Color at the Minnesota Capitol, and the Coalition to Increase Teachers of Color in Minnesota.

MISSION OPPORTUNITY 2017: Engaging God's Mission of Racial Reconciliation

Information and resources at <http://episcopalmn.org/mission-opportunity-2017/>

ECMN CONVENTION 2017

The 159th Convention of the Episcopal Church in Minnesota will be held September September 15-16, 2017, in Duluth.

Karen Olson, Secretary of Convention
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