EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE 158TH CONVENTION
OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN MINNESOTA

SEPTEMBER 18-19, 2015
RIVER’S EDGE CONVENTION CENTER
ST. CLOUD, MINNESOTA

ELECTIONS

Standing Committee
Lay
Robert Laird
Amanda Norman
Rich Simons

Clergy
John Dwyer
Georgia Hecock

Commission on Ministry
Lay
Laurel Steibler

Clergy
Georgia Steele (three-year term)
Harlan Strong (two-year term)

Trustees
John Bahnemann
Morris Goodwin
David Holmberg

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF MISSION (formerly known as the Budget)
ADOPTED

CANONICAL CHANGES
Amendment of Property Canons (800-805)
PASSED

RESOLUTION
Support for U.S. Commission on Indian Boarding Schools and Intergenerational Trauma

Resolved, the Episcopal Church in Minnesota joins the Minnesota Council on Indian Work in support of the National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition’s call on Congress to conduct hearings and to commission an investigation and report on the traumatic effects sustained by indigenous persons, families, and communities, as a result of the forcible removal of Native American children and their subsequent physical, psychological, and emotional abuse, pursuant to a Boarding School Policy of cultural assimilation, adopted and implemented with the help of the Christian churches, including the Episcopal Church, during the 19th and 20th centuries.
PASSED
RESOLUTION

Preventing Gun Violence

Resolved, that the Episcopal Church in Minnesota, through its network of faith communities, commits to
- Work, pray, and act to prevent gun violence in our communities.
- Engage with people of other faith traditions in civil conversations to discern a common understanding of gun violence prevention.
- Work with local and national gun violence prevention groups.
- Advocate for the passage of common-sense gun violence prevention legislation both locally and nationally.

PASSED

CONSENT AGENDA

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. Dr. Douglas Sparks

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 2018 Convention

Council (Canon 219.2.a)
Vice Chair – Mr. Brian Ostenso

Commission on Ministry (Canon 113.5.a)
Chair – The Rev. Ramona Scarpace

Trustees (Trustees Bylaws, Article IV. Section 4.02)
Vice Chair – David Olson

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 2015

ADOPTED
TRANSITIONS, CLERGY CHANGES, MILESTONES

- Faith Communities who have called new leadership this past year: Rector or Priest in Charge:
  St. Edward’s, Wayzata – Jason Lucas
  St. Stephen’s, Edina – Tom Cook
  St. Clement’s, St. Paul – Joy Caires
  Trinity, Anoka – Mary Phelps
  St. Andrew’s by the Lake, Duluth – Marta Maddy
  Gethsemane, Minneapolis – Phil Boelter
  Nativity, Burnsville – Dana Strande
  Cathedral of Our Merciful Saviour, Faribault – Justin Chapman

- Clergy received into the Episcopal Church in Minnesota by letters dimissory
  Tom Gehlsen
  Tom Cook

- Ordained as Priests
  Reed Carlson
  Debbie Dehler
  Tom Garrison
  Randy Johnson
  David Mowers
  Shannon Preston
  Daniel Shoemake
  Connie Sowah
  Dana Strande
  Jennifer Walding

- Ordained as Deacons
  Caren Bedard Nor
  Cassandra Cook-Quarry
  Kathleen Edwards
  Dawnlynn Greeney
  Eunice Koch
  Annie Lor
  Lynn Sprick
  Betty Strong
  May Thao
  Darcy Valentine

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

- Ordained 30 years in the Episcopal Church: (ordained in 1985)
  Bruce Henne
  Susan Kruger
  Laurie Skau
  Doyle Turner

- Deceased Clergy
  Cliff Crook
  Ed Eilertsen
  Harry Kirkham
  Norval Curry (he was no longer Canonically Resident here, but served here long ago)
  Judy Conn
  Mary Frances Jones
  Lee Doucette

PRESENTATION OF WHIPPLE CROSS:
- Ms. Karen Olson
REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

- Trustees
- Pooled Investment Fund
- School for Formation
- Episcopal Youth Camps
- General Convention 2015
- Mission Area Gatherings
- Community Circles Initiative
- Missional Assessment Process
- Missional Incubator trip
- Mission Opportunity 2015 Wrap-up
- Mission Opportunity 2016 Introduction
- Missional Innovative Partnership Grants

CONVENTION EUCHARIST

Presider: The Rt. Rev. Brian N. Prior, IX Bishop, Episcopal Church in Minnesota
Preacher: The Rev. Canon Sally Bingham, President and Founder, Interfaith Power & Light
Musicians: Jeff Kidder, Paul Johnson, Will Schulz, Mike Ferdinand, Peg Ferdinand
Offering designated for Interfaith Power & Light and split between national and Minnesota

MISSION OPPORTUNITY 2016: Engaging God’s Mission Through Engaging All God’s Creation
Information and resources at http://episcopalmn.org/mission-opportunity-2016/

ECMN CONVENTION 2016
The 159th Convention of the Episcopal Church in Minnesota will be held September 16-17, 2016, at Shattuck-St. Mary’s, Faribault.

Karen Olson, Secretary of Convention
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