

**MINUTES OF THE 130TH CONVENTION OF
THE DIOCESE OF WEST MISSOURI
OCTOBER 26, 2019
GRACE & HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL, KANSAS CITY, MO**

The 130th Convention of The Diocese of West Missouri convened with Holy Eucharist at 9:00 am. The Rt. Rev. Martin S. Field, 8th Bishop of the Diocese, presided. During the Eucharist, Bp. Field gave his address to the Convention. (A copy of the address is attached to and made a part of these minutes as Appendix A.)

After the Eucharist, Mr. Joshawa Trader (Bishop's Assistant for Youth Ministry Development) and members of the Diocesan Youth Ministry Commission presented the commission's report.

AGENDA ITEM I: ORGANIZING FOR BUSINESS

Bp. Field called on Mr. Curtis Hamilton (Secretary of the Diocese) to explain the process for changing members of a congregation's lay deputation during the business session.

ITEM I-1: REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE—MS. GLENDA DAY-THOMS, CHAIR

Ms. Thoms (St. Peter's, Harrisonville) reported that the Credentials Committee had met. It received a report from Mr. Tom Kokjer (Treasurer of the Diocese) that St. Luke's, Excelsior Springs, is in arrearage in their Diocesan Assessment.

On behalf of the committee, Ms. Thoms moved that the lay delegates from St. Luke's, Excelsior Springs be seated at this convention with full voice and vote. (Bp. Field noted that motions from committees do not require a second.)

The motion carried; the lay deputies were seated.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS #1

Bp. Field called on the Rev. Cn. Steven Rottgers (Canon to the Ordinary). Cn. Rottgers moved to permit clergy who are not canonically resident, but who are licensed to serve or actively serving ministries in this diocese, to have seat and voice at this Convention. Several seconds were heard. Hearing no discussion, Bp. Field called for a vote on Cn. Rottgers' motion.

The motion carried; the licensed clergy were given seat and voice.

AGENDA ITEM I: ORGANIZING FOR BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

ITEM I-2: CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM—MR. CURTIS HAMILTON, SECRETARY

Bp. Field called on Mr. Hamilton, who reported that per Article X, Section 1 of the *Canons of The Diocese of West Missouri*, one-fourth of the Clergy and Lay Delegates from one-fourth of the Parishes and Congregations entitled to representation in the Convention, when fully assembled, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. He noted that as of 9:00 am 55 of 137 clergy eligible to vote and 99 lay delegates representing 40 of 48 Parishes and Congregations entitled to representation were present. He certified that a quorum was present for the transaction of business.

ITEM I-3: APPOINTMENT OF A PARLIAMENTARIAN

Bp. Field appointed Mr. David Powell (Chancellor of the Diocese) as Parliamentarian for the Convention.

ITEM I-4: REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MINUTES—MR. CURTIS HAMILTON, CHAIR

Bp. Field called on Mr. Hamilton, who reported that the Committee on Minutes had met prior to the Convention and certified that the minutes of the 129th Convention of The Diocese of West Missouri as posted to the Virtual Packet on the Convention webpage are a true and correct record of the proceedings of that Convention.

ITEM I-5: ELECTION OF DIOCESAN OFFICERS

Item I-5a: Election of the Secretary of the Diocese

Cn. Rottgers nominated Mr. Curtis Hamilton (Grace & Holy Trinity Cathedral, Kansas City) to serve as Secretary of the Diocese. Several seconds were heard. Bp. Field noted that the Secretary of the Diocese also serves as Secretary of the Convention.

Bp. Field called for further nominations. Hearing none, he called for a vote to elect Mr. Hamilton as Secretary of the Convention.

***The Convention elected Mr. Hamilton
as Secretary of the Diocese.***

Item I-5b: Election of the Treasurer

Cn. Rottgers nominated Mr. Tom Kokjer (St. Andrew's, Kansas City) to serve as Treasurer of the Diocese. Several seconds were heard.

Bp. Field called for further nominations. Hearing none, he called for a vote to elect Mr. Kokjer as Treasurer.

***The Convention elected Mr. Kokjer
as Treasurer of the Diocese.***

Item I-5c: Note on the Term of the Chancellor

Bp. Field noted that per the *Canons of the Diocese of West Missouri*, Mr. David Powell (St. Paul's, Kansas City) was elected to a three-year term at the last Diocesan Convention. His term expires at the close of the 2021 convention so there is no election needed for this office.

ITEM I-6: GREETINGS TO THE CONVENTION

Bp. Field called on Mr. Hamilton, who read greetings from the Rt. Rev. Barry Howe (7th Bishop of The Diocese of West Missouri).

ITEM I-7: REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF DISPATCH OF BUSINESS—MR. CURTIS HAMILTON, CHAIR

Mr. Hamilton reported on behalf of the committee that seven resolutions had been received by the deadline laid out in the Rules of Order for the Convention, which is four weeks before the opening of the Convention. He then introduced the resolutions by title.

- 2019 Resolution #1—Publication of the Diocesan Convention Agenda
- 2019 Resolution #2—Fighting Climate Change Using “Paris Groves”
- 2019 Resolution #3—Creation of Episcopal Veteran’s Fellowship in Diocese of West Missouri
- 2019 Resolution #4—Membership of the Standing Committee (first reading of an amendment to the *Constitution of The Diocese of West Missouri*)
- 2019 Resolution #5—Number of Terms for the Diocesan Council (an amendment to the *Canons of The Diocese of West Missouri*)
- 2019 Resolution #6—Coordination of Diocesan Council & Standing Committee Meetings (an amendment to the *Canons of The Diocese of West Missouri*)
- 2019 Resolution #7—Definition of a Parish (an amendment to the *Canons of The Diocese of West Missouri*)

In addition, there was one resolution received after the deadline in the Rules of Order. It has been provisionally identified as 2019 Resolution #8. Mr. Hamilton introduced the resolution by title.

- 2019 Resolution #8—Dissolution of the Congregation of St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, Maryville, MO

Bp. Field noted, per the Rules of Order of the Convention, that Resolution #8 cannot be considered unless the Convention votes by a two-thirds majority to receive the resolution for action. Bp. Field ruled that since the resolution had been available for over two weeks in the Virtual Packet on the diocesan website that the required copies of the resolution had been provided to the Convention.

Mr. Hamilton moved that the Convention consider 2019 Resolution #8. Several seconds were heard. After an opportunity for discussion, Bp. Field called for a vote on Mr. Hamilton's motion.

The motion carried; 2019 Resolution #8 will be considered by the Convention.

Bp. Field stated that prior to the Convention he had referred the resolutions as follows:

- Committee on Constitution and Canons: 2019 Resolutions #1, #4, #5, #6, and #7
- Committee on Resolutions: 2019 Resolutions #2, #3
- 2019 Resolution #8 was provisionally referred to the Committee on Resolutions. That committee will report on this resolution.

(Copies of these resolutions are attached as Appendix B and made a part of these minutes.)

AGENDA ITEM II: NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

ITEM II-2: REPORT OF THE NOMINATION COMMITTEE—MS. AMANDA PERSCHALL, CHAIR

Bp. Field called on Ms. Perschall (Trinity, Lebanon), who reported that the committee had met prior to the Convention. On behalf of the committee, Ms. Perschall nominated the following persons as indicated.

STANDING COMMITTEE

LAY ORDER (elect two to two-year terms and one to fill an unexpired term (one year))

Ms. Mary Christiano Christ Church, Springfield	Ms. Alexandra Connors Grace & Holy Trinity Cathedral, Kansas City	Mr. Mark Galus Grace & Holy Trinity Cathedral, Kansas City
Mr. Walter George Church of the Redeemer, Kansas City	Ms. Marsha Patterson Christ Church, Springfield	Mr. Boomer Savidge Grace Church, Liberty

CLERGY ORDER (elect two to two-year terms)

The Rev. George Cleaves, Jr. Christ Church, St. Joseph	The Rev. John A. Coil Retired	The Rev. Charles Everson St. Mary's, Kansas City
The Rev. David Kendrick St. John's, Springfield	The Rev. Anne Meredith Kyle Calvary, Sedalia	The Rev. John Spicer St. Andrew's, Kansas City
The Rev. Ron Verhaeghe Christ Church, Warrensburg and St. Luke's Health System		

DIOCESAN COUNCIL

LAY ORDER (elect four to two-year terms)

Ms. Kathleen Merrill Jackson St. James, Springfield	Ms. Jillian Merrill Trinity, Independence
Mr. Chris Morrison Grace & Holy Trinity Cathedral, Kansas City	Ms. Sally Scheid Christ Church, Springfield

CLERGY ORDER (elect two to two-year terms)

The Rev. Laura Hughes St. George's, Camdenton	The Rev. Jeffrey Stevenson St. Andrew's, Kansas City
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GENERAL CONVENTION DEPUTATION

LAY ORDER (elect four deputies and four alternates)

Ms. Alexandra Connors Grace & Holy Trinity Cathedral, Kansas City	Ms. Julie Gillogly St. James', Springfield	Mr. Curtis Hamilton Grace & Holy Trinity Cathedral, Kansas City
Mr. Channing Horner, St. Paul's, Maryville	Ms. Christine Morrison Grace & Holy Trinity Cathedral, Kansas City	Mr. Spencer Orr Grace Church, Carthage
	Ms. Amanda Perschall Trinity, Lebanon	

CLERGY ORDER (elect four deputies and four alternates)

The Rev. George Cleaves, Jr. Christ Church, St. Joseph	The Rev. Tim Coppinger Regional Minister, Episcopal Churches of the Ozarks (ECHO)	The Rev. Lawrence Ehren St. Mary Magdalene, Belton
The Rev. Jonathan Frazier St. Peter & All Saints, Kansas City	The Very Rev. Charles (Chas) Marks St. Augustine's, Kansas City	The Rev. Meg Rhodes St. Anne's, Lee's Summit
The Rev. John Spicer St. Andrew's, Kansas City	The Rev. Jeffrey Stevenson St. Andrew's, Kansas City	The Very Rev. Jos Tharakan St. James', Springfield

ITEM II-2: NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

Bp. Field then called for nominations from the floor for each elected body and each order of ministry in succession.

Standing Committee, Lay Order

The Rev. Steve Wilson (Grace Church, Carthage) moved that nominations be closed. Several seconds were heard. Hearing no discussion, Bp. Field called for a vote on Fr. Wilson's motion.

***The motion carried; nominations for
Standing Committee, Lay Order were closed.***

Standing Committee, Clergy Order

Fr. Wilson moved that nominations be closed. Several seconds were heard. Hearing no discussion, Bp. Field called for a vote on Fr. Wilson's motion.

***The motion carried; nominations for
Standing Committee, Clergy Order were closed.***

Diocesan Council, Lay Order

Fr. Wilson moved that nominations be closed, and those persons placed in nomination be elected. Several seconds were heard. Hearing no discussion, Bp. Field called for a vote on Fr. Wilson's motion.

***The motion carried;
Ms. Jackson, Ms. Merrill, Mr. Morrison, and Ms. Scheid were elected.***

Diocesan Council, Clergy Order

Fr. Wilson moved that nominations be closed, and those persons placed in nomination be elected. Several seconds were heard. Hearing no discussion, Bp. Field called for a vote on Fr. Wilson's motion.

***The motion carried;
Mtr. Hughes and Fr. Stevenson were elected.***

General Convention Deputation, Lay Order

The Rev. Chandler Jackson (St. Matthew's, Ozark) moved that nominations be closed. Several seconds were heard. Hearing no discussion, Bp. Field called for a vote on Fr. Jackson's motion.

***The motion carried; nominations for
General Convention Deputation, Lay Order were closed.***

General Convention Deputation, Clergy Order

Fr. Jackson moved that nominations be closed. Several seconds were heard. Hearing no discussion, Bp. Field called for a vote on Fr. Jackson's motion.

***The motion carried; nominations for
General Convention Deputation, Clergy Order were closed.***

Bp. Field called the Convention to prayer for the nominees and the members of the Convention as they voted.

ITEM II-3: FIRST BALLOT—THE REV. DCN. BROCK SLABACH, ELECTIONS COMMITTEE CHAIR

Bp. Field called on Dcn. Slabach (St. Mary Magdalene, Belton), who gave instructions to the Convention regarding voting for Standing Committee and General Convention Deputation. The first ballot for these elections was taken.

(Note: Agenda Item II-3 will reappear as the results of ballots are reported by the Elections Committee.)

AGENDA ITEM III—PLAN FOR MINISTRY—MR. TOM KOKJER, TREASURER

Bp. Field noted that the Rules of Order call for action on the Plan for Ministry as early as possible in the business of the Convention. He also noted that any resolutions with budgetary implications would be acted upon before the Plan for Ministry. If any such resolutions were adopted, then the Plan for Ministry would be presented (displayed) to the Convention for adoption with changes from resolutions for Convention action.

Bp. Field ruled that none of the resolutions before the Convention this year had any effect on the 2020 Plan for Ministry.

Bp. Field then called on Mr. Kokjer. On behalf of the Diocesan Council, Mr. Kokjer moved to adopt the 2020 Plan for Ministry—Convention Draft as posted in the Virtual Packet of the Convention webpage. (A copy of the 2020 Plan for Ministry—Convention Edition is included in the Journal of the Convention in the Section entitled “Financial Plan for The Diocese”. It is hereby made a part of these minutes as Appendix C.)

After Mr. Kokjer’s presentation, Bp. Field called for discussion of the 2019 Plan for Ministry.

Mr. Craig Diggs (Grace Church, Carthage) moved Amendment PM-A to the 2020 Plan for Ministry. Several seconds were heard.

Amendment PM-A

Amend the travel allocation for the Bishop to include all House of Bishops meetings (including spouse when meetings are in the US), \$7,545, and add an additional \$7,500 for all of other travel and conferences, to be allocated as the Bishop sees fit for his own costs only.

(Secretary’s note—The line item for this expenditure is on page 22, item A.4.a. This would call for a \$8,344.00 reduction in this line item.)

Bp. Field called for discussion of the amendment.

Mr. Powell moved to divide the question on the amendment to consider (1) the policy of allowing the Bishop to determine how this line item is expended and (2) the change of the amount of the line item. Several seconds were heard.

After discussion Bp. Field called for a vote on Mr. Powell’s amendment.

***The motion carried;
the question on Amendment PM-A was divided.***

Bp. Field then called for discussion item PM-A(2), the change in the line item amount. When discussion ended, Bp. Field called for a vote. The vote using cards was inconclusive, so Bp. Field

called for tellers to count votes. Mr. Hamilton reported that there were 69 yes votes and 106 no votes.

Amendment PM-A(2) was defeated.

Bp. Field then called for discussion of item PM-A(1), the change in policy regarding the Bishop Travel line item. A motion was made by Fr. Wilson to refer this issue to the Diocesan Council. Several seconds were heard. Bp. Field called for a vote on Fr. Wilson's motion.

***The motion carried,
Amendment PM-A(1) was referred to the Diocesan Council.***

Debate returned to the 2020 Plan for Ministry. When no more persons wished to speak, Bp. Field called for a vote.

***The motion carried;
the Convention adopted the 2019 Plan for Ministry.***

Remaining action on this agenda item was deferred until after the report of the Elections Committee on the first ballot.

AGENDA ITEM II: NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS (CONTINUED)

ITEM II-3: RESULTS OF THE FIRST BALLOT—THE REV. DCN. BROCK SLABACH

Dcn. Slabach delivered the report of the Elections Committee on the first ballot. NOTE: Those elected are shown in **bold** type. For the Standing Committee a concurrent election by both orders on the same ballot is required to elect. The terms of all elected will end at the close of the 131st Annual Convention in 2021, except as indicated. For the General Convention Deputation, the order of election will determine the rank [Lay Deputy 1 through 4 and Lay Alternate Deputy 1-4, Clergy Deputy 1-4 and Clergy Alternate Deputy 1-4, as appropriate].

STANDING COMMITTEE

	<u>Lay</u>	<u>Clergy</u>
Ballots cast	118	65
Invalid ballots	1	1
Valid ballots	117	64
Needed to elect	59	33

GENERAL CONVENTION DEPUTATION

Ballots cast	183
Invalid ballots	2
Valid ballots	181
Needed to elect	91

LAY ORDER

	<u>Lay/Clergy</u>
Ms. Mary Christiano	20/11
Ms. Alexandra Connors	40/13
Mr. Mark Galus	8/5
Mr. Walter George	21/14
Ms. Marsha Patterson	18/11
Mr. Boomer Savidge	8/12

LAY ORDER

	<u>Total votes</u>
Ms. Alexandra Connors	66
Ms. Julie Gillogly	38
Mr. Curtis Hamilton	57
Mr. Channing Horner	51
Ms. Christine Morrison	37
Mr. Spencer Orr (L2)	104
Ms. Amanda Perschall (L1)	126

CLERGY ORDER

The Rev. George L Cleaves, Jr.	4/5
The Rev. John A Coil	12/6
The Rev. Charles Everson	17/9
The Rev. David Kendrick	25/13
The Rev. Anne Meredith Kyle	29/23
The Rev. John Spicer	43/27
The Rev. Ron Verhaeghe	17/7

CLERGY ORDER

The Rev. George L. Cleaves, Jr.	23
The Rev. Tim Coppinger	80
The Rev. Lawrence Ehren	41
The Rev. Jonathan Frazier	89
The Rev. Anne Meredith Kyle	80
The Very Rev. Charles (Chas) Marks	74
The Rev. Meg Rhodes	35
The Rev. Elisabeth Sinclair	38
The Rev. John Spicer	46
The Rev. Jeffrey Stevenson	5
The Rev. Jos Tharakan	46

Bp. Field then called for the second ballot to be taken.

AGENDA ITEM III—PLAN FOR MINISTRY (CONTINUED)

Bp. Field called on Mr. Kokjer, who introduced Amy Amision (Christ Church, Springfield) who spoke about planned giving. She works with the endowment office of Drury University and is willing to assist congregations.

NOONDAY PRAYER, LUNCH, AND BISHOP SHIELD AWARDS

Bp. Field then called upon The Rev. Canon Christy Dorn (Grace & Holy Trinity Cathedral, Kansas City) to lead Noonday Prayer, during which the Diocesan Necrology was read. The Convention then adjourned for Lunch.

After lunch, Bp. Field awarded Bishop Shield Awards to the following persons.

- Ms. Judy Turner (St. Philip's, Joplin)
- Ms. Joy Bower (St. Andrew's, Kansas City)
- Dr. Sally Kemp (St. George's, Camdenton)

AGENDA ITEM IV—REPORTS OF ALL OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

(Secretary's note—The written reports are part of the Journal of this Convention.)

ITEM IV-1: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF THE DIOCESE—MR. CURTIS HAMILTON

Mr. Hamilton filed his report by title. He noted that the written report was included as part of the written report of the Diocesan Council.

ITEM IV-2: REPORT OF THE CHANCELLOR OF THE DIOCESE—MR. DAVID POWELL

Mr. Powell filed his report by title.

ITEM IV-3: REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE DIOCESE—MR. TOM KOKJER

Mr. Kokjer noted that his comments during the presentation of the 2020 Plan for Ministry comprised his report.

ITEM IV-4: DIOCESAN COUNCIL REPORT—MR. WALTER GEORGE, VICE PRESIDENT

Mr. Hamilton filed the written report by title. Mr. George added remarks.

ITEM IV-5: STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT—THE REV. JONATHAN FRAZIER, PRESIDENT

Fr. Frazier (St. Peter & All Saints, Kansas City) filed the report by title.

ITEM IV-6: RECEPTION BY TITLE OF THE REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Mr. Hamilton moved that the remaining reports be received by title. Several seconds were heard. Bp. Field called for a vote on Mr. Hamilton's motion.

*The motion carried;
the reports were received by title.*

AGENDA ITEM II: NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS (CONTINUED)

ITEM II-3: RESULTS OF THE SECOND BALLOT—THE REV. DCN. BROCK SLABACH

Prior to the report of the Elections Committee, Mr. Hamilton noted that per the Rules of Order that because there were more clergy candidates than positions to be filled, the clergy person who received the lowest number of votes for General Convention deputation should have been dropped. He then moved that the two persons who receive the lowest number of votes in that election on the second ballot be dropped from the third ballot. Several seconds were heard.

The motion carried.

Dcn. Slabach delivered the report of the Elections Committee on the second ballot.

STANDING COMMITTEE			GENERAL CONVENTION DEPUTATION	
	<u>Lay</u>	<u>Clergy</u>		
Ballots cast	111	61	Ballots cast	172
Invalid ballots	0	0	Invalid ballots	0
Valid ballots	111	61	Valid ballots	172
Needed to elect	56	31	Needed to elect	87
<u>LAY ORDER</u>	<u>Lay/Clergy</u>		<u>LAY ORDER</u>	<u>Total votes</u>
Ms. Mary Christiano	38/18		Ms. Alexandra Connors (L3)	105
Ms. Alexandra Connors	61/33		Ms. Julie Gillogly	23
Mr. Mark Galus	16/15		Mr. Curtis Hamilton (L4)	94
Mr. Walter George	45/29		Mr. Channing Horner	74
Ms. Marsha Patterson	20/14		Ms. Christine Morrison	26
Mr. Boomer Savidge	11/7		<i>Mr. Orr received 3 votes on this ballot</i>	
<u>CLERGY ORDER</u>	<u>Lay/Clergy</u>		<u>CLERGY ORDER</u>	
The Rev. George L Cleaves, Jr.	7/0		The Rev. George L. Cleaves, Jr.	17
The Rev. John A Coil	7/8		The Rev. Tim Coppinger (C3)	91
The Rev. Charles Everson	16/8		The Rev. Lawrence Ehren	25
The Rev. David Kendrick	27/16		The Rev. Jonathan Frazier (C2)	94
The Rev. Anne Meredith Kyle	57/33		The Rev. Anne Meredith Kyle (C1)	100
The Rev. John Spicer	67/37		The Very Rev. Charles (Chas) Marks	83
The Rev. Ron Verhaeghe	0/7		The Rev. Meg Rhodes	31
			The Rev. Elisabeth Sinclair	39
			The Rev. John Spicer	85
			The Rev. Jeffrey Stevenson	12
			The Rev. Jos Tharakan	42

The following names were dropped from the third ballot for the reasons noted below.

- Mr. Savidge withdrew his name from consideration for Standing Committee, Lay order.
- Mr. Galus informed the Secretary of the Convention that he wished to withdraw his name from consideration for Standing Committee, Lay order.
- Fr. Cleaves and Fr. Stevenson were dropped from the third ballot for General Convention Deputation, Clergy order per Mr. Hamilton's motion
- Mtr. Sinclair and Fr. Tharakan withdrew their names from consideration for General Convention Deputation, Clergy order.

Mr. Hamilton moved that on the third ballot that a vote for General Convention Deputy Lay Alternates be taken, dropping no one from the ballot, with each delegate voting for one person, and that a plurality of votes be used to rank those alternates. Several seconds were heard.

The motion carried.

Fr. Wilson moved that on the third ballot that a vote for the fourth General Convention Deputy—Clergy Order and all clergy alternates be taken, with each delegate voting for one person, and that a plurality of votes be used to determine the fourth General Convention Deputy—clergy order and to rank the alternates. Several seconds were heard.

The motion carried.

Bp. Field then called for the third ballot to be taken.

AGENDA ITEM V—COMMITTEE REPORTS ON RESOLUTIONS PREVIOUSLY REFERRED

ITEM V-1—REPORT OF THE CONSTITUTIONS AND CANONS COMMITTEE—MR. DAVID POWELL, CHAIR

Mr. Powell presented the report of the Committee on Resolution #1.

2019 Resolution #1—Publication of Diocesan Convention Agenda

The committee moved the consideration of 2019 Resolution #1 and recommended adoption.

After debate, Bp. Field called for a vote on 2019 Resolution #1.

2019 Resolution #1 was adopted by the Convention.

Mr. Powell presented the report of the Committee on Resolution #4.

2019 Resolution #4—Membership of Standing Committee

The committee moved the consideration of 2019 Resolution #4 and recommended adoption.

A motion was made by Fr. Frazier. Several seconds were heard.

Amendment 4A

Strike the words “or Member of the Commission on Ministry” from lines 15-16.

After debate, Bp. Field called for a vote on Amendment 6A.

Amendment 4A was defeated.

After further debate, Bp. Field called for a vote on 2019 Resolution #4.

2019 Resolution #4 was passed at first reading by the Convention.

Mr. Powell presented the report of the Committee on Resolution #5.

2019 Resolution #5—Number of Terms for the Diocesan Council

The committee moved the consideration of 2019 Resolution #5 and recommended adoption.

After debate, Bp. Field called for a vote on 2019 Resolution #5.

2019 Resolution #5 was adopted by the Convention.

(Secretary’s Note—After the Convention, Bp. Field notified the Secretary of the Convention of his consent to this change in the *Canons* of The Diocese of West Missouri.)

Mr. Powell presented the report of the Committee on Resolution #6.

2019 Resolution #6—Coordination of Diocesan Council & Standing Committee Meetings

The committee moved Substitute Resolution #6. A copy of the substitute resolution is attached to and made a part of these minutes as found in Appendix D.

A motion was made by The Rev. Warren Swenson (canonically resident clergy). Several seconds were heard.

Amendment 6A

On lines 18-19, replace the words “Bishop, Bishop Coadjutor, or Suffragan Bishop” with the words “Bishop with jurisdiction”.

After debate, Bp. Field called for a vote on Amendment 6A.

***The motion carried;
the resolution was amended.***

After debate, Bp. Field called for a vote on 2019 Substitute Resolution #6.

***2019 Substitute Resolution #6 was
adopted by the Convention.***

Mr. Powell presented the report of the Committee on Resolution #7

2019 Resolution #7—Definition of a Parish

The committee moved Substitute Resolution #7. A copy of the substitute resolution is attached to and made a part of these minutes as found in Appendix D.

After a period of debate on the substitute motion, a motion was made by Mr. Walker Adams (St. Paul's, Kansas City) to refer 2019 Substitute Resolution #7 to the Diocesan Council for further study. Several seconds were heard

After debate, Bp. Field called for a vote on Mr. Adam's motion. The vote using cards was inconclusive, so Bp. Field called for tellers to count votes. Mr. Hamilton reported that there were 84 yes votes and 76 no votes.

***The motion carried; 2019 Substitute Resolution #7
was referred to the Diocesan Council.***

Bp. Field thanked Mr. Powell and the committee for their work.

ITEM V-2—REPORT OF THE CONSTITUTIONS AND CANONS COMMITTEE—DR. LINDA ROBERTSON, CHAIR

Dr. Robertson (St. John's, Springfield) presented the report of the Committee on Resolution #2.

2019 Resolution #2—Fighting Climate Change using "Paris Groves"

The committee moved the consideration of 2019 Resolution #2 and recommended adoption.

After debate, Bp. Field called for a vote on 2019 Resolution #2.

***2019 Resolution #2 was
adopted by the Convention.***

Dr. Robertson presented the report of the Committee on Resolution #3.

2019 Resolution #3—Creation of Episcopal Veteran’s Fellowship in the Diocese of West Missouri

The committee moved the consideration of 2019 Resolution #3 and recommended adoption.

After debate, Bp. Field called for a vote on 2019 Resolution #3.

2019 Resolution #3 was adopted by the Convention.

Dr. Robertson presented the report of the Committee on Resolution #8.

2019 Resolution #8—Dissolution of the Congregation of St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, Maryville, MO

The committee moved the consideration of 2019 Resolution #8 and recommended adoption, with regret.

After debate, Bp. Field called for a vote on 2019 Resolution #8.

2019 Resolution #8 was adopted by the Convention.

Bp. Field thanked Dr. Robertson and the committee for their work.

(Secretary’s Note—All resolutions as adopted are attached to and made a part of these minutes as Appendix D.)

AGENDA ITEM VI: ELECTIONS AND OTHER APPOINTMENTS

(NOTE: Persons being nominated for re-election to the boards and commissions below are indicated with an asterisk.)

ITEM VI-1: BOARD OF EXAMINING CHAPLAINS

Bp. Field nominated the following persons to serve on the Board of Examining Chaplains for three-year terms which will end at the close of the 133rd Annual Convention in 2022.

- The Rev. John Coil (retired) *
- Dr. Linda Robertson (St. John’s, Springfield) *

The Convention elected the nominees to the Board of Examining Chaplains.

ITEM VI-2: DISCIPLINARY BOARD

Bp. Field nominated the following persons to serve on the Disciplinary Board for three-year terms which will end at the close of the 133rd Annual Convention in 2022.

- The Rev. Doug Johnson (retired) *
- The Rev. Dcn. Linda Yeager (retired) *
- Mr. John Forest (Church of the Redeemer, Kansas City) *

The Convention elected the nominees to the Disciplinary Board.

Bp. Field called the board's President, Mr. Mark Galus (Grace & Holy Trinity Cathedral, Kansas City) to convene an organizational meeting at which the Board shall elect a President and other officers as it shall determine necessary and report the results of the election to Bp. Field as soon as possible.

ITEM VI-3: BISHOP KEMPER SCHOOL FOR MINISTRY (BKSM) BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Bp. Field nominated the following persons to serve on the BKSM Board of Directors for two-year terms which will end at the close of the 132nd Annual Convention in 2022.

- The Rev. Jonathan Frazier (St. Peter & All Saints, Kansas City) *
- Ms. Pam Davis (Shepherd of the Hills, Branson) *

The Convention elected the nominees to the BKSM Board of Directors.

ITEM VI-4: COMMISSION ON MINISTRY (COM)

Bp. Field nominated the following persons to serve on the COM for three-year terms which will end at the close of the 133rd Annual Convention in 2022.

- The Rev. Terry Deokaran (All Saints, West Plains)
- The Rev. Elizabeth Sinclair (Church of the Redeemer, Kansas City)
- Ms. Ruth Beamer (Christ Church, Lexington)
- Mr. Vern Barnet (Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral, Kansas City)

The Convention elected the nominees to the COM.

Bp. Field then appointed the following persons to three-year terms on the COM which will end at the close of the 132nd Annual Convention in 2021.

- The Rev. Dcn. Gerald Shaon (St. Mary's, Kansas City)
- Mr. Clay Anderson (Grace Church, Liberty)

Bp. Field extended his thanks and that of the diocese to those whose service on the COM was ending at the close of this Convention.

- Mr. Paul Lamson (St. Paul's, Lee's Summit)
- Mr. Jim Swaney (St. Michael's, Independence)
- The Very Rev. David Lynch (Church of the Resurrection, Blue Springs)
- The Rev. David Kendrick (St. John's, Springfield)

AGENDA ITEM VI-5: SELECTION OF YOUTH DELEGATES

Bp. Field noted that the Constitution and Canons of the diocese enable the election of Youth Delegates to this convention and call upon the Ecclesiastical Authority to appoint "a person or persons to oversee the process in the Youth Ministries Program for choosing Youth Delegates and Alternates." He then appointed the Youth Ministry Commission and its advisors to oversee the process for choosing Youth Delegates and Alternates to the next Convention.

AGENDA ITEM VII: CLOSING ITEMS AND ADJOURNMENT

ITEM VII-1: REPORT OF THE COURTESY RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE—THE REV. STEVEN WILSON, CHAIR

Fr. Wilson presented Courtesy Resolutions with the following titles. (The Courtesy Resolutions are attached to and made a part of these minutes as Appendix F.

- For Our Bishops Resigned
- For the Bishop's Staff
- For Our Recent Retirees (The Rev. Sid Breese, The Rev. John Coil, The Rev. Evelyn Hornaday, The Rev. Stan Runnels, and The Rev. Marshall Scott)
- For Angela Crawford
- For Grace & Holy Trinity Cathedral
- For Our Anglican and Lutheran Partners
- For Our Neighboring Diocese as They Elect Bishops
- For the Occasion of Impending Holidays of Cultural and Religious Significance

Bp. Field called for a vote on the Courtesy Resolutions.

The Convention adopted the Courtesy Resolutions.

ITEM VII-2: THANK YOUS

Bp. Field thanked the following persons and groups.

- The members of the Diocesan Staff for their hard work and meticulous preparations for this Convention, especially Ms. Angela Crawford, Ms. Emily Davenport, and Mr. Gary Allman (who carry the biggest loads), in addition to Mr. Ron Weil and Ms. Elaine Gilligan.
- The officers of the Diocese: Mr. Curtis Hamilton (Secretary), Mr. Tom Kokjer (Treasurer), and Mr. David Powell (Chancellor).
- Mr. Walt George (Vice President) and the other members of the Diocesan Council.
- Fr. Jonathan Frazier (President) and members of the Standing Committee.
- The councils and deans of the deaneries, Dean David Lynch (Central), Dean Chas Marks (Northwest-Metro), and Dean Jos Tharakan (Southern).
- The volunteers who staffed the registration tables.
- The clergy, musicians (especially Dr. Paul Meier), the people of Grace & Holy Trinity Cathedral, the Deans, Dcn. Sherrill Russell, Archdeacon Bruce Bower, and the many other who helped plan and conduct the Opening Eucharist.
- Those who chaired and served on the Convention's Committees.
- The Daughters of the King who have been in prayer for our gathering for the entire time.
- "And always, to Donna, my dear wife."

ITEM VII-3: CONVENTION OFFERING COMMITTEE—THE REV. KATHY HALL, CHAIR

Mtr. Hall (Bishop Spencer Place, Kansas City) reported that \$1,579.00 had been received in the Convention Offering. Bp. Field noted that per action by the Diocesan Council the offering would go to Episcopal Relief and Development for hurricane recovery and relief in the Bahamas.

AGENDA ITEM II: NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS (CONTINUED)

ITEM II-3: RESULTS OF THE THIRD BALLOT—THE REV. DCN. BROCK SLABACH

Dcn. Slabach reported on the results of the third ballot.

STANDING COMMITTEE			GENERAL CONVENTION DEPUTATION	
	<u>Lay</u>	<u>Clergy</u>		
Ballots cast	107	56	Ballots cast	172
Invalid ballots	0	0	Invalid ballots	0
Valid ballots	107	56	Valid ballots	172
Needed to elect	54	27	Needed to elect	87
<u>LAY ORDER</u>	<u>Lay/Clergy</u>		<u>LAY ORDER</u>	<u>Total votes</u>
Ms. Mary Christiano	86/41		Ms. Julie Gillogly (LA3)	31
Mr. Walter George ^	70/39		Mr. Channing Horner (LA1)	88
Ms. Marsha Patterson	48/27		Ms. Christine Morrison (LA2)	38
<i>Persons previously elected or withdrawn</i>	<i>3/2</i>		<i>Persons previously elected or withdrawn</i>	<i>7</i>
^elected to fill an unexpired 1-yr term			 	
			<u>CLERGY ORDER</u>	
			The Rev. Lawrence Ehren (CA2)	17
			The Very Rev. Charles (Chas) Marks (CA1)	58
			The Rev. Meg Rhodes (CA3)	16
			The Rev. John Spicer (C4)	70
			<i>Persons previously elected or withdrawn</i>	<i>3</i>

Bp. Field thanked Dcn. Slabach and the members of the committee.

ITEM VII-4: APPOINTMENT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE MINUTES

Bp. Field appointed Mr. Curtis Hamilton (Chair), The Rev. Dcn. Donna Stanford (St. Peter & All Saints, Kansas City), Ms. Marsha Patterson (Christ, Springfield), the Rev. Ted Estes (St. Paul's, Lee's Summit), and Ms. Emily Davenport (Diocesan Staff) and Ms. Angela Crawford to the Committee on the Minutes.

ITEM VII-5: NEXT CONVENTION

Bp. Field announced that the next convention of The Diocese of West Missouri would be held on November 6-7 at a location in the Southern Deanery to be determined.

ITEM VII-6: ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Convention adjourned *sine die* after Bp. Field led a Litany of Thanksgiving and blessed the members of the Convention.

Respectfully submitted,



Curtis D. Hamilton
Secretary of the Convention

Appendices that will be included in the Journal of the Convention

A—Bishop Field’s Address to the Convention

B—Resolutions as received—Can be found at <https://www.diowestmo.org/convention-2019/resolutions-received-2019.html>

C—2019 Plan for Ministry as presented, acted upon, and adopted (NOTE: no changes were approved from the floor of the Convention)—Can be found at <https://www.dropbox.com/s/9bw59mhcrjdo8lj/2020%20draft%20plan%20for%20ministry.pdf?dl=0>

D—Committee Substitutes—attached to these minutes

E—Resolutions with final disposition noted—attached to these minutes

F—Courtesy resolutions as received, acted upon, and adopted (NOTE: no changes were approved from the floor of the Convention)—attached to these minutes

APPENDIX D

Committee Substitute Resolution #6

TITLE: Coordination of Diocesan Council and Standing Committee Meetings

PROPOSER: Diocesan Council

*Resolved, That Canon IX, Section 9 of the *Canons of The Diocese of West Missouri* be amended as follows. (Added language is in *italicized* type, removed language is ~~struck through~~.)*

CANON IX – DIOCESAN COUNCIL

MEETINGS

Section 9. The Diocesan Council shall meet ~~an~~ *and* organize immediately following the annual meeting of the Convention and shall also hold meetings at such other times as may be provided by its by-laws. A special Meeting of the Diocesan Council may be called at any time by the Bishop, or any five members of the Diocesan Council, upon reasonable notice in writing to each member thereof. *Each year, the Diocesan Council and the Standing Committee shall coordinate meeting schedules and endeavor to meet in joint session during four (4) of the regular meetings of the Diocesan Council. If the Diocese has or is expected to have no Bishop, Bishop Coadjutor or Suffragan Bishop for a period of more than three (3) months, the Diocesan Council and the Standing Committee shall be required to meet in joint session, with a quorum of each body, at least one time during or a soon as practicable after each three month period.*

Explanation:

Greater coordination between the Diocesan Council and the Standing Committee will benefit the diocese. The intent of this amendment to the *Canons* is to encourage joint meetings of the Diocesan Council and the Standing Committee throughout the year and to required such a joint meeting during extended periods when the Diocese is without a Bishop and the Standing Committee serves as the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese.

Per Canon XXVI, amendments to the *Canons* require approval by the Convention by simple majority vote (Section 1), approval by the Bishop (Section 2), and become effective from and after date of the Bishop's approval.

The Constitutions and Canons Committee moves to amend Resolution 6 to correct a spelling error in Line 12 and to provide clarifying language in line 21 to make it clear that a quorum of each body is sufficient to qualify as a valid joint session.

Committee Substitute Resolution #7

TITLE: Definition of a Parish

PROPOSER: Diocesan Council

*Resolved, That Canon XII, Section 1 of the *Canons of The Diocese of West Missouri* be amended as follows. (Added language is in *italicized* type, removed language is ~~struck through~~.)*

CANON XII – PARISHES

SECTION 1. Adult Communicants in good standing and of legal age, residing in this Diocese, or in contiguous counties of adjacent Dioceses, desiring to organize a Parish within this Diocese, shall make written application to the Bishop and to the Standing Committee stating the name of the proposed Parish and giving evidence that, for the calendar year of application and the calendar year immediately prior to date of application, the Congregation they represent has use or possession of a suitable building, has been served by a priest *for at least 26 Sundays a year on a full-time basis, is or will be incorporated under the laws of the State of Missouri as set forth in Section 3 of this Canon*, and had paid in full all expenses for the calendar year of application. Said expense shall include, but not be limited to, 1) the diocesan assessment, 2) normal operating expenditures and 3) either the compensation (stipend and housing) and full benefits (including medical insurance, pension and auto reimbursement) paid for a full-time priest *or appropriate compensation and benefits paid for a bivocational, part-time, or priest-in-charge priest* according to the Diocesan Compensation Standard applicable to a priest serving the Congregation for the calendar year of application and the calendar year immediately prior to application or, at the discretion of the Bishop, with the approval of the Standing Committee, any of such expenses for the services of a non-stipendiary priest. Further, the Congregation shall give evidence that they are attached to the doctrine, discipline, and worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, and will submit and conform to the same, and also to the *Constitution and Canons* of the General Convention and of the Diocese, and will not erect, without consent of the Ecclesiastical Authority, a place at any point within one mile of the place of worship of any other Parish or Congregation of this Diocese, or of land acquired by any other Parish or Congregation of this Diocese for the erection of a place of worship, and that they are able and willing to meet all of the assessments that may be levied upon them for the support of the Church and of this Diocese.

Explanation:

The modern state of the church would be better served if the status of “Parish” of the Diocese were accorded to any congregation which was capable of self-government, incorporated under the laws of the State of Missouri, and regularly served by a priest on at least 26 Sundays a year.

Per Canon XXVI, amendments to the *Canons* require approval by the Convention by simple majority vote (Section 1), approval by the Bishop (Section 2), and become effective from and after date of the Bishop's approval.

The Constitutions and Canons Committee moves to amend Resolution #7 to clarify that bivocational, part-time or priest-in-charge priests are to receive the compensation and benefits

APPENDIX E

Resolution #1 Final Action: ADOPTED

Title: Publication of Diocesan Convention Agenda

Proposer: Northwest-Metro Deanery

Resolved, That the Order of Business of the Rules of Order Governing the Conduct of Business at Meeting of the Convention of the Diocese of West Missouri be amended as follows. (Added language is in italicized type, removed language is struck through.)

ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Order of Business for the Diocesan Convention Business Session is to be distributed to Convention delegates in the same manner as other Convention materials, using the following format. Pre-submitted resolutions will be listed in item 6 by title and proposer, with resolutions related to financial matters listed first. The Bishop may add an address to the Convention, if desired.

BUSINESS SESSION AGENDA

1. *Welcome and Opening Prayer*
2. *Organizational Matters*
- ~~1.~~ *a. Report of the Credentials Committee as to the seating of delegations.*
- ~~2.~~ *b. Announcement by the Secretary as to whether a quorum is present.*
- ~~3.~~ *c. Appointment of a Parliamentarian.*
- ~~4.~~ *d. Adoption of Rules of Order.*
- ~~5.~~ 3. *Elections of Secretary of the Diocese, Treasurer of the Diocese, Assistant Treasurer of the Diocese (if any), and Chancellor of the Diocese.*
- ~~6.~~ 4. *Announcements.*
- ~~7.~~ 5. *Report of the Committee on Dispatch of Business.*
- ~~8.~~ 6. *Introduction of all resolutions for reference.*
- ~~9.~~ 7. *Nominations and first ballot for Diocesan Council, Standing Committee, and General Convention deputies. Additional ballots (if any) will be taken and related motions will be considered at times determined by the Chair.*
- ~~10.~~ 8. *Consideration of the ~~budget~~ Plan for Ministry and any resolutions related to financial matters.*
- ~~11.~~ 9. *Reports from all officers and committees.*

- ~~12.~~ 10. ~~Report of Consideration of all remaining resolutions previously referred.~~
 - ~~13.~~ 11. ~~Other elections, and other appointments, and nominations.~~
 - ~~14.~~ 12. Fixing time and place of next Convention.
 13. *Closing Prayer and Adjournment.*
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Explanation:

The Business Session is the main task of the Diocesan Convention. This is where the diocese's priorities for ministry, budgeting, and other matters are discussed and agreed on. It is essential that Convention delegates be able to understand and follow the structure of the meeting, but an agenda is not included in materials that are provided to delegates before the Convention. In past years, first-time delegates have complained that not having an agenda can make it hard to follow the flow of the meeting. The basic outline of the meeting is included in the Rules of Order, but this can be hard to find even for seasoned delegates. This resolution establishes that an agenda for the Business Session is to be provide to delegates in the same way as other Convention materials, whether on the Convention page of the diocesan website or in whatever way materials are distributed for future Conventions.

Resolution #2

Final Action: ADOPTED

Title: Fighting Climate Change using “Paris Groves”

Proposer: Vestry of Church of the Good Shepherd, Kansas City.

Resolved, That the Diocesan Convention encourages all congregations to plant numerous trees in their communities in cooperation with parks, departments, community gardens, schools, or other civil authorities to counter climate change; and be it further

Resolved, That the goal of at least five hundred trees be planted within the boundaries of The Diocese of West Missouri before the 2020 Diocesan Convention and be titled “Paris Groves Ministry”.

Explanation:

This resolution is an expansion of 2018 General Convention Resolution 2018-A010: The Planting of “Paris Groves.”

Trees provide beauty and biodiversity to the earth, shade for humans, homes for animals and birds, increase property values up to 20%, reduce crime rates, reduce storm-water runoff, filter air pollutants, and reduce pulmonary health cases such as asthma.

Swiss scientists say the most effective way to fight global warming is to plant lots of trees. A trillion of them around the world. Those same scientists say even with existing cities and farmland, there is enough space for new trees to cover 3.5 million square miles. That is roughly the size of the United States. Their study calculated that over the decades, those new trees could suck up nearly 830 billion tons of heat-trapping carbon dioxide from the atmosphere. That is approximately as much carbon pollution as humans have spewed in the past 25 years. Tomas Crowther, a climate change ecologist with the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich, says, “This is by far—by thousands—the cheapest climate change solution.”¹ Thomas Lovejoy, a George Mason University conservation biologist who was not part of the Swiss study, called it “a good news story” because planting trees would also help stem the loss of biodiversity.²

Jack Cobb, Director of the Office of Global Relations, works together with The Episcopal Church’s Representative at the United Nations, where they advocate on the international level

¹ *Kansas City Star*, July 5, 201.

² *Kansas City Star*, July 5, 2019

at the UN to address climate change. They participate in the United National Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) at the Conference of Parties (CoP), an annual intergovernmental meeting focused on global dialogue and action on climate issues. The Office of Government Relations supports Resolution A010.

The proposers believe that communities and civic groups would appreciate the donation and planting of trees in parks and other public spaces. The proposers are confident that each congregation has the expertise and community connections to carry out planting of “Paris Groves Ministry.”

The proposers can provide information listing several organizations with contact information, along with estimated cost for the Kansas City region. Regretfully, they do not have expertise or knowledge of contacts outside the Greater Kansas City area.

Resolution #3

Final Action: ADOPTED

Title: Creation of Episcopal Veterans Fellowship in the Diocese of West Missouri

Proposers: Vestry of St. Andrew's, Kansas City
Vestry of St. Augustine's, Kansas City

Resolved, That the Diocesan Convention direct and support the creation of a committee that will establish a diocesan veterans' program; and be it further

Resolved, That this committee will consist of 3 individuals from each deanery with at least one clergy person and one lay person from each deanery; and be it further

Resolved, That this committee will review the current resources in the Diocese of West Missouri for veterans at the Diocesan, Deanery, and parish levels, and will review current needs of the veteran community within the boundaries of the diocese; and be it further

Resolved, That before the 2020 Diocesan Convention the committee should prepare a report of resources, need, and proposed plan for the establishment of an Episcopal Veterans Fellowship.

Explanation:

This resolution is in keeping with General Convention Resolution 2009-C051: Support Care and Fellowship for Veterans.

Ethicists have spilled much ink on the theology and ethics of war, especially in regard to what is considered "just." There is a long history of interpretation of *jus ad bellum* (the justice of going to war) and *jus in bello* (justice during the war), but what about *jus post bellum* (justice after war)? War has moral ramifications that we, as a society and as a church, have a responsibility to address for and with those we send to war.

For many of the women and men who have served our country in military service, the return home is a difficult one, feeling a deep lack of connection and purpose. When a young person joins the military, we prepare them to go to war by asking them to give up of the old community and becoming a member of something new. In boot camp there is a systematic stripping away of a sense of individuality and an individual's place in their old community. Every individual is stripped of the individual's name: where once stood John or Jane Smith now stands a person who is catalogued by their Social Security number and called Private, Seaman, or Airman Smith. The recruit is no longer held responsible for his actions alone, but for the actions of everyone in his unit. When a recruit makes a mistake, the consequences of that mistake are

no longer theirs alone but are borne by all. There is a stripping away of that which is soft, because to be soft is to be weak, and to be weak will get friends killed. There is an intentional breaking down of the old person and building of an identity of a soldier, sailor, airman, or marine; the serviceman is now part of something bigger than themselves.

When they come home, when they become veteran, there is often a desire to reconnect with something that is greater than themselves. Suicide is a real and significant issue among veterans across all ages but particularly our younger veterans age 18-34. To try to say that there is a single cause for this would be an oversimplification of a very complex issue. However, many leave the service looking for the “thing” that is bigger than themselves, for that comradeship they knew while on active duty. The church can be that for many, it can be a community to help connect them to something beyond themselves.

The idea behind the Episcopal Veterans Fellowship (EVF) is that church can be that connection for veterans to the Divine Creator through community. The EVF was born in 2009 in a resolution from General Convention (Resolution 2009-C051) to “Encourage the establishment of an Episcopal Veterans Fellowship for each diocese.” The EVF is intended to equip Christians, both veterans and non-veterans, for ministry to veterans through prayer, hospitality, and reconciliation. In other dioceses EVF offers educational workshops, consulting, and coaching, finding new ways to show Divine love to the veterans who live in their community.

The end goal of this resolution is diocesan wide approach for the care of our veterans, one that creates a web of resources to support veterans in our pews and in our neighborhoods. The first step in creating that web is to understand the unique nature of this diocese, understand what we have and what we need. Therefore, this resolution proposed a committee/commission to be formed that will collect information on the resources and need for the diocese, with a goal of proposing a resolution and plan to create the Veterans Fellowship in The Diocese of West Missouri by the Diocesan Convention in 2020.

Resolution #4

Final Action: PASSED AT FIRST READING

TITLE: Membership of the Standing Committee

PROPOSER: Diocesan Council

Resolved, That Article XIV of the Constitution of the Diocese of West Missouri be amended as follows. (Added language is in italicized type, removed language is ~~struck through~~.)

ARTICLE XIV – THE STANDING COMMITTEE

SECTION 1. The Standing Committee shall consist of four Priests and four Laypersons who are eligible to seats in the Convention, and who shall be elected by concurrent vote of both orders to serve for terms of two years. At each annual Convention, two Priests and two Laypersons shall be elected to serve for terms of two years. No member of the Standing Committee may be elected to serve for more than three consecutive two-year terms. *No currently serving Dean/Deanery Council Chair of a Deanery or Member of the Commission on Ministry shall be eligible to serve on the Standing Committee.*

Explanation:

The *Constitution* currently permits a single individual to serve on the Standing Committee, serve as a Dean/Deanery Council Chair, and serve on the Commission on the Ministry. The Diocese should promote broad representation in its governing positions, and this would be promoted by prohibiting duplicate office holders in these three persons.

This is the first reading of a change in the *Constitution*. Per Article XIX of the *Constitution*, an amendment must be passed at approved at two consecutive Diocesan Conventions. The first vote does not have to be by orders. If approved at first reading by this Convention, this amendment to the Constitution will be submitted to the 2020 Diocesan Convention for a second reading. At that Convention, the resolution would have to be approved in a vote by orders and by the Bishop to be adopted.

Resolution #5

Final Action: ADOPTED

TITLE: Number of Terms for the Diocesan Council

PROPOSER: Diocesan Council

Resolved, That Canon IX, Section 1 of the *Canons of The Diocese of West Missouri* be amended as follows. (Added language is in *italicized* type, removed language is ~~struck through~~.)

CANON IX – DIOCESAN COUNCIL

Section 1. The Diocesan Council shall be composed of the following members: The Bishop of the Diocese, the Bishop Coadjutor, and the Suffragan Bishop, if there be such; the Secretary and the Treasurer and other officers of the Diocese; eight laypersons and four clergy elected by the Annual Convention, and four laypersons appointed by the Bishop of the Diocese. The Annual Convention shall elect four laypersons and two clergy to serve as members of Council for a two-year period, and the Bishop shall appoint two laypersons to serve for a two-year period. No member of the Diocesan Council may be elected to serve for more than ~~two~~ *three (3)* consecutive two-year terms.

Explanation:

Action by the 2018 Diocesan Convention changed the *Constitution of the Diocese of West Missouri* to allow members of the Standing Committee to serve three consecutive two-year terms. This amendment to the *Canons* provides parity in the length of service of members of the Diocesan Council.

Per Canon XXVI, amendments to the *Canons* require approval by the Convention by simple majority vote (Section 1), approval by the Bishop (Section 2), and become effective from and after date of the Bishop's approval.

Committee Substitute Resolution #6

Final Action: ADOPTED

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The Constitutions and Canons Committee moves to amend Resolution 6 to correct a spelling error in Line 12 and to provide clarifying language in line 21 to make it clear that a quorum of each body is sufficient to qualify as a valid joint session.

Committee Substitute Resolution #7

Final Action: REFERRED TO DIOCESAN COUNCIL

TITLE: Definition of a Parish

PROPOSER: Diocesan Council

Resolved, That Canon XII, Section 1 of the *Canons of The Diocese of West Missouri* be amended as follows. (Added language is in *italicized* type, removed language is ~~struck through~~.)

CANON XII – PARISHES

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Explanation:

The modern state of the church would be better served if the status of “Parish” of the Diocese were accorded to any congregation which was capable of self-government, incorporated under the laws of the State of Missouri, and regularly served by a priest on at least 26 Sundays a year.

Per Canon XXVI, amendments to the *Canons* require approval by the Convention by simple majority vote (Section 1), approval by the Bishop (Section 2), and become effective from and after date of the Bishop’s approval.

The Constitutions and Canons Committee moves to amend Resolution #7 to clarify that bivocational, part-time or priest-in-charge priests are to receive the compensation and benefits

Resolution #8

Final Action: ADOPTED

Title: Dissolution of the Congregation of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Maryville, MO

Proposer: The Rev. Canon Dr. Steven R. Rottgers

Resolved: That the mission congregation of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Maryville, Missouri, is hereby dissolved as of midnight on December 31, 2019, and be it further

Resolved: That, per West Missouri's Constitution and Canons, the congregation's property, already an asset of the diocese, is placed under the day-to-day care of the Bishop and Diocesan Council, and be it further

Resolved: That, per West Missouri's Constitution and Canons, all decisions about the long-term disposition of the property are entrusted jointly to the Standing Committee and Diocesan Council, and be it further

Resolved: That this convention expresses its thanks to the members of St. Paul's for their faithfulness and service to Christ and his Church to the end of their congregation's life.

Explanation:

St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Maryville, Missouri was founded in 1872, became a Parish in 1878, was closed due to decline in 1915, and was reborn in 1945. Since its rebirth, it has remained a missionary Congregation of the diocese. Due to a decline in membership numbers, the membership voted, at a duly called Congregational Meeting on June 2, 2019, to cease operations as a worshipping community at the close of the year 2019. Based on the imminent departure of their Priest-in-Charge, The Rev. Sydney Breese, a second Congregational Meeting was held on September 15, 2019. At this meeting, the membership decided that the congregation's last service of worship should be moved up to September 29, and so, on that date, the last service of St. Paul's Church was conducted. Since this decision is but recent, details about disposition of bank accounts, cash assets, sacred vessels, etc. are currently pending.

A Brief History of St. Paul's, Maryville

Provided by Channing Horner

Efforts to start an Episcopal congregation in Maryville date back to 1864. Eventually, St. Paul's Church was organized on August 19, 1872, as a missionary congregation of the Diocese of Missouri, gaining parish status on April 7, 1878, and meeting in a new building near Fourth and Vine to which Bishop Robertson made his first official visit on May 7, 1878. By 1911, the

declining membership was no longer able to sustain the parish and the building was sold in 1915. On May 11, 1945, the congregation was re-activated, with services held in rented quarters at Fifth and Market. New land was purchased at Ninth and North Main on May 11, 1958, and the present building was completed on June 1, 1959, with the first services held there on June 7. The building was dedicated by Bishop Welles on November 8 of that year. January 21, 1979, marked the dedication of a 12-stop 1904 Kilgen tracker-action pipe organ that had been moved from St. Vincent's Hospital chapel in St. Louis. A couple of years ago, the congregation's treasurer remarked that we were likely to run out of people before we ran out of money. His prediction has proved accurate. At a congregational meeting on June 2, 2019, it was unanimously agreed that we could be better stewards of our resources by closing the church at the end of the calendar year. With the impending move of Fr. Sid Breese to Kansas, a further meeting on September 15 agreed to plan a final service for September 29. The congregation feels blessed by the support of the Diocese through the years and by the fact that remaining funds have been dispersed to further the work of entities we have supported through special offerings and fund-raising events: the local Ministry Center (food pantry and clothes closet), the Children and Family Center of Northwest Missouri, Episcopal Relief and Development, United Thank Offering, scholarships for students at Northwest Missouri State University, etc.

APPENDIX F

Courtesy Resolutions Final Action: ADOPTED

Title: For OUR BISHOPS RESIGNED

WHEREAS, the pastoral presence of our Bishops resigned and of their wives continues to be witness powerfully to our common life in Christ which transcends distance and unites us in love, be it

RESOLVED, that the 130th Convention of the Diocese of West Missouri instruct the Secretary of Convention to send greetings to

Mrs. Katie Vogel, widow of the Rt. Rev. Arthur A. Vogel, V Bishop of West Missouri, and The Rt. Rev. John C. Buchanan, VI Bishop of West Missouri and his wife, Peggy, and The Rt. Rev. Barry R. Howe, VII Bishop of West Missouri and his wife, Mary

Title: For the BISHOP'S STAFF

WHEREAS, the Bishop's staff strive to be faithful servants of the Kingdom, specializing in unflustered calm whilst juggling plates and answering the burning question of the moment eighteen times in a row, be it

RESOLVED, that this 130th Convention of the Diocese of West Missouri express its appreciation to those faithful servants who make up the Bishop's Staff and for the ministries entrusted into their hands.

Title: For OUR RECENT RETIREES

WHEREAS, the Rev. Sid Breese has served his Lord in numerous and faithful ways through the years, most recently as Regional Ministry Developer for the churches of the Sacred Hills Regional Ministry, and as convener of certain important and unofficial commissions on doctrine and common life in our diocese, at which the following clergy have often been in attendance, and

WHEREAS, the Rev John Coil has served his Lord in numerous and faithful ways through the years, most recently as vicar of St Luke's in Excelsior Springs and a role model for ministerial

entrepreneurship, providing consulting expertise to congregations and affordable housing to the poor, and

WHEREAS, the Rev. Evelyn Hornaday has served her Lord in numerous and faithful ways through the years, most recently as interim dean of the Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral, shepherding that flagship parish through a season of transition, and

WHEREAS, the Rev Stan Runnels has served his Lord in numerous and faithful ways through the years, most recently as rector of St Paul's, Kansas City, a member of the General Church's Executive Council, and a voice for justice in our communities, and

WHEREAS, the Rev. Marshall Scott has served his Lord in numerous and faithful ways through the years, most recently as head of pastoral care Spiritual Wellness for the St Luke's Healthcare System, deputy to General Convention, and as devoted member of the ministry team of St Mary's Magdalene, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that this 130th Convention of the Diocese of West Missouri expresses its appreciation to them for these and all other ministries they have exercised in our midst and extend to them permanent ecclesiastical license to attend meetings of the West Missouri Martini Society and all other such important and unofficial commissions on doctrine and common life in our diocese to which they are inclined, that our fellowship may be strengthened and sustained by their continuing presence.

Title: For ANGELA CRAWFORD

WHEREAS, Angela Crawford has been the voice and calendar of this Diocese for many years, and

WHEREAS, Angela's unflagging good cheer and spirited engagement have lightened many yokes and eased many burdens, and

WHEREAS, Angela has received unwelcomed and challenging health news which necessitates great changes in her life, be it

RESOLVED that this 130th Convention of the Diocese of West Missouri stand in a moment's silent prayer for Angela and her family, and express to her our unceasing resolve to hold her in our prayers, corporate and private.

Title: For GRACE AND HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL

WHEREAS, the Cathedral Church of this Diocese has so splendidly offered its hospitality to all assembled at this 130th Convention of the Diocese of West Missouri, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that we clean up after ourselves, for behold, our mothers do not work for the Cathedral and tomorrow is a new day requiring tidy pews to welcome into the Kingdom those who may come through these doors. And, be it further

RESOLVED, that all present stand to express our gratitude to the cathedral See of plains and hills with a moment of heartfelt applause.

Title: For OUR ANGLICAN AND LUTHERAN PARTNERS

WHEREAS, the Diocese of West Missouri is a member of the worldwide Anglican Communion, and more particularly, of The Episcopal Church and of Province VII of this Church; and

WHEREAS, the Diocese of West Missouri is in full communion with the ELCA Lutheran Central States Synod, and has of late entered into a closer relationship through the sharing of office space and administrative staff, be it

RESOLVED, that the 130th Convention of the Diocese of West Missouri, assembled at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral in Kansas City, October 26, 2019, instruct the Secretary of the Convention to send greetings those bishops most closely tied to us by reason of geography or heritage:

The Most Rev. and Rt. Hon. Justin Welby, 105th Archbishop of Canterbury and Primate of All England,
The Rt. Rev. Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop and Primate of the Episcopal Church
The Rt. Rev. Larry Benfield, Bishop of Arkansas,
The Rt. Rev. Mark Cowell, Bishop of Western Kansas,
The Rev. Catherine Chittenden-Bascom, Bishop of Kansas,
The Rt. Rev. George Wayne Smith, Bishop of Missouri,
The Rt. Rev. Alan Scarfe, Bishop of Iowa,
The Rt. Rev. J. Scott Barker, Bishop of Nebraska,
The Rt. Rev. Edward J. Konieczny, Bishop of Oklahoma,
The Rt. Rev. James Scott Mayer, Bishop of Northwest Texas and Bishop Provisional of Fort Worth,
The Rt. Rev. David Reed, Bishop of West Texas,
The Rt. Rev. Jennifer Brooke-Davidson, Bishop Suffragan of West Texas,
The Rt. Rev. C. Andrew Doyle, Bishop of Texas,
The Rt. Rev. Kathryn Ryan, Bishop Suffragan of Texas,
The Rt. Rev. Jeff W. Fisher, Bishop Suffragan of Texas,
The Rt. Rev. Jacob W. Owensby, Bishop of Western Louisiana,
The Rt. Rev. George Sumner, Bishop of Dallas,
The Rt. Rev. Michael Hunn, Bishop of the Rio Grande,

And the Rt. Rev. Terry White, Bishop of Kentucky and sometime dean of this Cathedral Church, and
The Rev. Susan Candea, Bishop of the Central States Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church of America

Title: For NEIGHBORING DIOCESES AS THEY ELECT BISHOPS

WHEREAS the election and consecration of a Bishop is an important moment in the life and ministry of a Diocese, be it therefore

RESOLVED that the churches of our Diocese covenant to pray for the nominees and electors of our neighboring Dioceses of Missouri in the week of Nov 17, and of Oklahoma on Dec 8-14 of this year, as they respond to the Holy Spirit by selecting Bishops to lead them into the next decade of ministry and mission, and be it further

RESOLVED that the Secretary of this 130th Convention of the Diocese of West Missouri inform the Standing Committees of these Dioceses of this prayerful support for their process.

Title: For the OCCASION OF IMPENDING HOLIDAYS OF CULTURAL AND RELIGIOUS SIGNIFICANCE

WHEREAS many of our neighbors in this Diocese will celebrate Hallowe'en with great gusto while having no idea whatsoever of its relationship to the feast of All Saints and the joyous message that the darkness can never overcome the Light of the world, y

CONSIDERANDO QUE el Día de Muertos es una ocasión de gran festividad y significado religioso para nuestros vecinos hispanos, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the 130th Convention of the Diocese of West Missouri commend the observance of the Vigil for All Hallows' Eve as found in the Book of Occasional Services, y

RESUELTO que la 130ª Convención de la Diócesis de West Missouri encomendar a consideración la celebración pública del Día de Muertos se encuentra en el Libro de los Servicios Ocasiones, and

From ghosties and ghoulies and long-leggity beasties, and from all manner of things that go bump in the night, good Lord, deliver us.