

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, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the 132nd Convention of The Diocese of West Missouri instruct the Secretary of Convention to send greetings to

Mrs Peggy Buchanan, wife of VI Bishop of West Missouri, and
The Rt. Rev. Barry R. Howe, VII Bishop of West Missouri and his wife, Mary, and
The Rt. Rev. Martin S Field, VIII Bishop of West Missouri and his wife, Donna.

For the BISHOP'S STAFF

WHEREAS, the Bishop's staff have shouldered enormous challenges over the past two years of relentless change, not the least being to include all who participate in this Convention, whether in person or at distance, all whilst juggling plates and answering the burning question of the moment eighteen times in a row, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that this 132nd 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.

For OUR RECENT RETIREES

WHEREAS, Mr. David Powell, has served his Lord in numerous and faithful ways through the years, most especially for his erudite, amusing and incisive exercise of the legal knowledge he has imparted to us all through his years as Diocesan Chancellor, keeping one and all adhering to the straight and narrow path as we seek transparently and faithfully to exercise our joint and mutual ministries in troubling and complex times.

WHEREAS, the Rev. Ken Chumley has served his Lord in numerous and faithful ways through the years, most signally as rector of Christ Church, Springfield, having served the congregation, community and diocese in that capacity for more years than there are in the current millennium, and

WHEREAS, the Rev. Canon Dr. Steven Rottgers has served God and the Church faithfully and well through the years, most recently in his capacity as canon to the ordinary, in which position he has worked with parishes and clergy throughout our diocese to expedite transition processes, helped to reinvigorated our diocesan Cursillo ministry, and on occasion even enlightened diocesan soirees with bluegrass performances, and

WHEREAS, the Rev. Paula Lively has served her Lord in numerous and faithful ways through the years, most significantly as the vicar of St Stephen's Monett, in which capacity she shepherded and cared for her flock even through her own serious health issues, and

WHEREAS, the Rev. Ross Stuckey has served his Lord in numerous and faithful ways through the years, most recently priest in charge of Shepherd of the Hills Church, Branson, where important work was undertaken to renovate the facility and expand ministry into that growing community, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that this 132nd 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.

For GRACE and HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL

WHEREAS, the Cathedral Church of this Diocese has so splendidly offered its hospitality to all assembled at this 132nd 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.

For CHRIST CHURCH, BOONVILLE

WHEREAS, the nave of Christ Church Boonville was consecrated 175 years ago this past September (records varying as whether on the 24th or 26th of 1846), and is thus the oldest Episcopal church building still in use in the state of Missouri, and

WHEREAS, Christ Church is the oldest parish in our diocese, founded by the legendary missionary bishop the Rt. Rev. Jackson Kemper in 1836, and

WHEREAS, such moments of celebration ought not be limited merely to local observance but should invigorate us all to plant goodly heritages in the mission fields which our parishes have been given, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that this 132nd Convention of The Diocese of West Missouri applaud and recognize the continuing ministry of Christ Church, a model of the vitality of small town churches as they face and transform the challenges of three centuries from “ashes into garlands.”

For Our ANGLICAN and ECUMENICAL 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, and stands in full communion also with the Northern Province of the Moravian Church, although there are at present no congregations of that denomination in our diocese, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the 132nd Convention of The Diocese of West Missouri, assembled at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral in Kansas City, Nov 6, 2021, 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 Bishops of Province VII of The Episcopal Church,
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, and
The Bishops of the Moravian Church in the Northern Province

For BISHOP MARTIN S. FIELD, Bishop Resigned of WEST MISSOURI

WHEREAS, the Rt. Rev. Martin S. Field, hearing the call of the flock, has momentarily laid down the heavy burdens and commitments of retirement, grandfatherhood and catching up on his reading in order to provide this Convention with liturgical leadership and his prayers and presence with us, therefore be it

RESOLVED that this 132nd Convention of The Diocese of West Missouri express our gratitude for his gracious participation in this portentous Convention, and stand to express that gratitude a moment of applause.

For The REV. STEVEN C. WILSON

WHEREAS, the Rev. Steven Wilson has served our diocese ably this year, and previous years, as Chair of the Courtesy Resolutions Committee, while also serving as Rector of Grace Episcopal Church in Carthage, Missouri, and

WHEREAS, the Rev. Steven Wilson has done so this year while maintaining a rigorous schedule of treatment for cancer, and

WHEREAS, the Rev. Steven Wilson has prepared all our courtesy resolutions in advance this year (save this one) knowing that his treatment regimen might prevent his participation in Diocesan Convention this weekend, which sadly has come to pass, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that this 132nd Convention of The Diocese of West Missouri thank the Rev. Steven Wilson for his tireless efforts on our behalf and extend to him our prayers and best wishes during this time of treatment and our fervent hope for a full recovery.