

**MINUTES OF THE 131ST CONVENTION OF
THE DIOCESE OF WEST MISSOURI
NOVEMBER 7, 2020
HELD ONLINE**

Secretary's Note: Due to the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic this meeting was held virtually. At a Special Convention held on October 3, 2020, Special Rules of Order for Virtual Conventions were adopted to allow diocesan Conventions to be held via electronic means.

The 131st Convention of The Diocese of West Missouri convened with Morning Prayer at 10:00 a.m. led by Mr. Siras Keyse (Youth Delegate, Northwest-Metro Deanery), Ms. Asha Tharakan (Youth Delegate, Southern Deanery), and Mr. Joshawa Trader (Assistant to the Bishop for Youth Ministry Development).

AGENDA ITEM I: ORGANIZING FOR BUSINESS

After Morning Prayer, The Rt. Rev. Martin S. Field, 8th Bishop of the Diocese, took the chair.

ITEM I-1: PROCEDURAL INSTRUCTIONS—MR. CURTIS HAMILTON, SECRETARY OF THE DIOCESE

Bp. Field called on Mr. Hamilton to explain the process for changing delegates and for submitting amendments to resolutions.

ITEM I-2: REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE—MS. GLENDA DAY-THOMS, CHAIR

Ms. Thoms (St. Peter's, Harrisonville) sent the following to the Secretary as a written report from the Credentials Committee.

The Credentials Committee would like to report that all congregations in the diocese are current with their assessments and are due all voting privileges.

Mr. Hamilton read the report to the Convention.

ITEM 1-3: 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 10:00 a.m. 61 of 134 clergy eligible to vote and 96 lay delegates representing 38 of 47 Parishes and Congregations entitled to representation had registered their attendance via the registration form provided for that purpose. He certified that a quorum was present for the transaction of business.

ITEM 1-4: APPOINTMENT OF A PARLIMENTARIAN—BP. FIELD

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

ITEM I-5: APPOINTMENT OF PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE—BP. FIELD

Bp. Field announced that, if he were to lose his connection to the meeting, he appointed Mr. David Powell to serve as President *Pro Tempore* until Bp. Field was able to connect to the meeting again.

ITEM I-6: PARLIAMENTARIAN’S REMARKS—MR. DAVID POWELL

Bp. Field called on Mr. Powell to make remarks regarding the Virtual Rules of Order and other procedural matters.

ITEM I-7: 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 130th Convention of The Diocese of West Missouri and the Special Convention of The Diocese of West Missouri held October 3, 2020, as posted to the Virtual Packet on the Convention webpage are a true and correct record of the proceedings of those Conventions.

ITEM I-8: ELECTION OF DIOCESAN OFFICERS

Item I-8a: Election of the Secretary

Bp. Field called on The Rev. Cn. Steven Rottgers (Canon to the Ordinary). 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-8b: 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-8c: 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 129th Diocesan Convention. His term expires at the close of the 2021 convention so there is no election needed for this office.

Item I-9—Announcements—Mr. Curtis Hamilton, Secretary

Mr. Hamilton announced that the Diocesan Council had designated the Convention Offering to Episcopal Relief and Development for hurricane relief.

He also read greetings from the Rt. Rev. Barry Howe (7th Bishop of the Diocese of West Missouri).

Item I-10—Report of the Committee on the Dispatch of Business—Mr. Curtis Hamilton, Chair

Mr. Hamilton reported on behalf of the committee that four resolutions had been received by the deadline laid out in the Rules of Order for the Convention (i.e. four weeks before the opening of the Convention) and that no resolutions had been received after that deadline. He then introduced the resolutions by title.

- 2020 Resolution #1—Counting Attendance in 2020
- 2020 Resolution #2—Response to Public Emergencies
- 2020 Resolution #3—Standard Rules of Order for the Convention
- 2020 Resolution #4—Membership of the Standing Committee (second reading of an amendment to the *Constitution of The Diocese of West Missouri*)

Mr. Hamilton noted that all resolutions had been translated into Spanish.

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

- Committee on Resolutions: 2020 Resolutions #1 and #2
- Committee on Constitution and Canons: 2020 Resolutions #3 and #4

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

AGENDA ITEM II: NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

ITEM II-1: 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)

Ms. Shirley Bolden St. Augustine's, Kansas City	Mr. Walt George Church of the Redeemer, Kansas City	Ms. Marsha Patterson Christ Church, Springfield
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CLERGY ORDER (ELECT TWO TO TWO-YEAR TERMS)

The Rev. Larry Ehren St. Mary Magdalene, Belton	The Rev. Ted Estes Non-parochial
The Rev. Jonathan Frazier St. Peter & All Saints, Kansas City	The Rev. Robin James Grace Church, Liberty

DIOCESAN COUNCIL

LAY ORDER (ELECT FOUR TO TWO-YEAR TERMS)

Mr. Gary Gee Church of the Good Shepherd, Kansas City	Ms. Cosette Hardwick Christ Church, St. Joseph	Mr. Spencer J. T. Orr Grace Church, Carthage
Ms. Amanda Perschall Trinity Church, Lebanon	Ms. Beverly Roggenkamp Christ Church, Lexington	Mr. Ric Sweeting Grace & Holy Trinity Cathedral, Kansas City
Ms. Elisa White Grace Church, Carthage		

CLERGY ORDER (ELECT TWO TO TWO-YEAR TERMS AND ONE TO FILL AN UNEXPIRED ONE-YEAR TERM)

The Rev. Joe Pierjok Grace Church, Carthage	The Rev. Dcn. Brock Slabach St. Mary Magdalene, Belton	The Rev. Galen Snodgrass Church of the Good Shepherd, Kansas City
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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

A motion was made that nominations be closed. Several seconds were heard. Hearing no discussion, Bp. Field called for a vote on the motion.

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

STANDING COMMITTEE, CLERGY ORDER

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

DIOCESAN COUNCIL, LAY ORDER

A motion was made that nominations be closed. Several seconds were heard. Hearing no discussion, Bp. Field called for a vote on the motion.

The motion carried; nominations for Diocesan Council, Lay Order were closed.

DIOCESAN COUNCIL, CLERGY ORDER

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The motion carried; nominations for Diocesan Council, 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 Diocesan Council. 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 draft 2021 Plan for Ministry.

Bp. Field then called on Mr. Kokjer. On behalf of the Diocesan Council, Mr. Kokjer moved to adopt the 2021 Plan for Ministry—Convention Draft as posted in the Virtual Packet on the Convention webpage. (A copy of the 2021 Plan for Ministry—Convention Edition is attached to and made a part of these minutes as Appendix B.)

After Mr. Kokjer's presentation, Bp. Field called for discussion of the 2021 Plan for Ministry. When no more persons wished to speak, Bp. Field called for a vote.

**The motion carried;
the Convention adopted the 2021 Plan for Ministry.**

Mr. Kokjer noted that the discussion for the Plan for Ministry also served as the report of the Treasurer to the Convention.

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 133rd Annual Convention in 2022, except as indicated. Persons removed from the next ballot under the Rules of Order are in *italics*.)

STANDING COMMITTEE			DIOCESAN COUNCIL	
	<u>Clergy</u>	<u>Lay</u>		
Ballots cast	59	92	Ballots cast	151
Invalid ballots	0	0	Invalid ballots	0
Valid ballots	59	92	Valid ballots	151
Needed to elect	30	47	Needed to elect	76
<u>Lay Order</u>		<u>Lay/Clergy</u>	<u>Lay Order</u>	<u>Total votes</u>
Ms. Shirley Bolden		45/65	Mr. Gary Gee	58
Mr. Walt George		33/45	Ms. Cossette Hardwick	80
Ms. Marsha Patterson		27/48	Mr. Spencer J. T. Orr	96
			Ms. Amanda Perschall	111
			Mr. Beverly J. Roggenkamp	59
			<i>Mr. Ric Sweeting</i>	36
			Ms. Elisa White	64
<u>Clergy Order</u>			<u>Clergy Order</u>	
The Rev. Larry Ehren		29/40	The Rev. Joe Pierjok	80
The Rev. Ted Estes		26/63	The Rev. Dcn. Brock Slabach	96
The Rev. Jonathan Frazier		36/58	The Rev. Galen Snodgrass	113
The Rev. Robin James		18/24		

Mr. Hamilton moved that Fr. Joe Pierjok be elected by acclamation to serve the remainder of an unexpired term on the Diocesan Council. Several seconds were heard. Bp. Field called for a vote.

The motion carried; Fr. Pierjok was elected to fill one year of an unexpired term on the Diocesan Council.

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

NOONDAY PRAYER AND LUNCH

Bp. Field led the Noonday Prayer during which the Diocesan Necrology was read. The Convention then recessed for lunch.

AGENDA ITEM II: NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS (CONTINUED)

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

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

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STANDING COMMITTEE			DIOCESAN COUNCIL	
	<u>Clergy</u>	<u>Lay</u>		
Ballots cast	58	95	Ballots cast	153
Invalid ballots	0	0	Invalid ballots	0
Valid ballots	58	95	Valid ballots	153
Needed to elect	29	48	Needed to elect	77
<u>Lay Order</u>		<u>Lay/Clergy</u>	<u>Lay Order</u>	<u>Total votes</u>
Mr. Walt George		30/36	<i>Mr. Gary Gee</i>	35
Ms. Marsha Patterson		27/59	Mr. Beverly J. Roggenkamp	61
			Ms. Elisa White	57
<u>Clergy Order</u>				
The Rev. Larry Ehren		23/27		
The Rev. Ted Estes		21/50		
The Rev. Robin James		13/16		

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

AGENDA ITEM IV—REPORTS OF ALL OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES *(Secretary's note—The written reports are part of the Journal of the Convention.)*

ITEM IV-1: REPORT OF THE BISHOP (BISHOP'S ADDRESS)—THE RT. REV. MARTIN S. FIELD

Bp. Field presented his report, which was pre-recorded. The text of the address is attached to and made a part of these minutes as Appendix C. The recorded address can be accessed at the following website: <https://office.diowestmo.org/annual-convention-2020-bishops-address/>

ITEM IV-2: 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-3: REPORT OF THE CHANCELLOR OF THE DIOCESE—MR. DAVID POWELL

Mr. Powell filed his report by title.

ITEM IV-4: REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE DIOCESE—MR. TOM KOKJER

Mr. Kokjer's verbal report was part of the presentation of the 2021 Plan for Ministry.

ITEM IV-5: DIOCESAN COUNCIL REPORT

Mr. Hamilton filed the report by title on behalf the Diocesan Council.

ITEM IV-6: STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT—THE REV. JONATHAN FRAZIER, PRESIDENT

Fr. Frazier filed the report by title and added verbal comments.

ITEM IV-7: RECEPTION BY TITLE OF OTHER REPORTS

Bp. Field noted that there were other reports received. He ordered that, without objection, the remaining reports be received by title.

**No objection was heard;
the reports were received by title.**

AGENDA ITEM V: COMMITTEE REPORTS ON RESOLUTIONS PREVIOUSLY REFERRED

ITEM V-1: REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS—THE REV. KEN CHUMBLEY, CHAIR

Fr. Chumbley (Christ Church, Springfield) presented the report of the committee.

2020 Resolution #1—Counting Attendance in 2020

The committee moved the consideration of 2020 Resolution #1 and made no recommendation.

After debate, Bp. Field called for a vote on 2020 Resolution #1.

2020 Resolution #1 was not adopted by the Convention.

2020 Resolution #2—Response to Public Emergencies

The committee moved the adoption of Committee Substitute 2020 Resolution #2 and recommended adoption of the substitute. (A copy of the substitute motion is attached to and made a part of these minutes as Appendix D1.)

Mtr. Laura Hughes (St. George's, Camdenton) proposed the following amendment to the resolution. Several seconds were heard.

Amendment 2A

Amend the first paragraph of the resolved clause as follows. (Inserted words are in *italics*, removed words are ~~struck through~~.)

Resolved: that should any civil authority declare limitations on assembly or access to buildings for reasons of public health or safety, the Rector *or Priest-in-Charge or, in the absence of a Rector or Priest-in-Charge, the lay leadership of a the parish or congregation* lying within the jurisdiction of that authority shall immediately consult with parish *or congregation* leadership and the Ecclesiastical Authority to:

Bp. Field called for debate on the amendment. After debate ended, he called for a vote on Amendment 2A.

Amendment 2A was adopted.

After further debate and when no one wished to speak further, Bp. Field called for a vote on the Committee Substitute 2020 Resolution #2 as amended.

Committee Substitute 2020 Resolution #2 was adopted by the Convention.

Bp. Field thanked Fr. Chumbley and the committee for their work.

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

Mr. Powell presented the report of the committee.

2020 Resolution #3—Standard Rules of Order for Convention

The committee moved Committee Substitute 2020 Resolution #3 and recommended adoption of the substitute. (A copy of the substitute motion is attached to and made a part of these minutes as Appendix D2.)

Bp. Field called for debate. When no one wished to speak further, Bp. Field called for a vote on Committee Substitute 2020 Resolution #3.

Committee Substitute 2020 Resolution #3 was adopted by the Convention.

2020 Resolution #4—Membership of the Standing Committee

The committee moved 2020 Resolution #4 and recommended adoption. Mr. Powell noted that this was the second reading of a proposed amendment to the *Constitution of The Diocese of West Missouri* and therefore must be passed on a vote by orders.

(NOTE: The proposed amendment to the *Constitution of the Diocese of West Missouri* was passed as 2019 Resolution #4 at last year's Diocesan Convention.)

Bp. Field called for debate. When no one wished to speak further, Bp. Field called for a vote on 2020 Resolution #4. On separate votes, both the Clergy order and the Lay order voted to adopt the resolution.

2020 Resolution #4 was adopted by the Convention.

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

(NOTE: Copies of the resolutions as adopted are attached to and made a part of these minutes as Appendix E.)

AGENDA ITEM II: NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS (CONTINUED)

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

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

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STANDING COMMITTEE			DIOCESAN COUNCIL	
	<u>Clergy</u>	<u>Lay</u>		
Ballots cast	57	91	Ballots cast	150
Invalid ballots	0	0	Invalid ballots	0
Valid ballots	57	91	Valid ballots	150
Needed to elect	29	46	Needed to elect	76
<u>Lay Order</u>		<u>Lay/Clergy</u>	<u>Lay Order</u>	<u>Total votes</u>
Mr. Walt George		27/39	Mr. Beverly J. Roggenkamp	79
Ms. Marsha Patterson		30/52	Ms. Elisa White	71
<u>Clergy Order</u>				
The Rev. Larry Ehren		23/29		
The Rev. Ted Estes		22/51		
The Rev. Robin James		12/9		

Mtr. James withdrew from the Standing Committee, Clergy Order ballot.

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

AGENDA ITEM VI: Elections and other appointments

(NOTE: Persons being nominated for re-election to 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 134th Annual Convention in 2023.

- The Rev. Peter DeVeau (retired)*
- The Rev. Dr. Sean Kim (St. Mary's, Kansas City and NERM)
- Dr. William Stancil (Church of the Redeemer, Kansas City)*

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 134th Annual Convention in 2023.

- The Rev. Stan Runnels (retired)*
- Ms. Clare Shaw (Grace & Holy Trinity Cathedral, Kansas City)

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

Bp. Field called on Fr. Douglas Johnson (retired), a member of the Board, to convene an organizational meeting at which the Board shall elect a President and other officers it deems 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 133rd Annual Convention in 2022.

- The Rev. William Fasel (retired)*
- Mr. Grafton Cook (St. Mary's, Fayette)*

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

AGENDA ITEM II: NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS (CONTINUED)

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

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

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STANDING COMMITTEE

	<u>Clergy</u>	<u>Lay</u>
Ballots cast	57	92
Invalid ballots	0	0
Valid ballots	57	92
Needed to elect	29	47

Clergy Order

The Rev. Larry Ehren	33/32
The Rev. Ted Estes	24/60

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

AGENDA ITEM VI: Elections and other appointments (CONTINUED)

ITEM VI-4: COMMISSION ON MINISTRY

Bp. Field nominated the following persons to serve on the Commission on Ministry for three-year terms which will end at the close of the 134th Annual Convention in 2023.

- The Rev. Dcn. Rebecca Schubert (non-parochial)*
- The Rev. John Coil (retired)*
- Ms. Cosette Hardwick (Christ Church, St. Joseph)*
- Ms. Kathy Alexander (Christ Church, Springfield)*

**The Convention elected the nominees to
the Commission on Ministry.**

Bp. Field appointed the persons to the Commission on the Ministry for the terms indicated.

- The Rev. Galen Snodgrass (Church of the Good Shepherd, Kansas City)*—three-year term ending at the close of the 134th Annual Convention in 2023.
- The Rev. Dcn. Brock Slabach (St. Mary Magdalene, Belton)—fill an unexpired term with two years remaining, ending at the close of the 133rd Annual Convention in 2022.

Bp. Field noted that he had an additional appointment to make in the lay order. He stated that he would consult with the Commission before making this appointment.

ITEM VI-5: ASSOCIATE CHANCELLOR

Bp. Field noted that per Article IV, Section 6 of the *Constitution of The Diocese of West Missouri* the Chancellor of the Diocese may be assisted by an elected Associate Chancellor nominated by the Ecclesiastical Authority, who after election serves a three-year term.

Bp. Field then nominated Mr. Mark Galus (Grace & Holy Trinity Cathedral, Kansas City) for a three-year term as Associate Chancellor, which would expire at the close of the 134th Annual Convention in 2023.

The Convention elected Mr. Galus as Associate Chancellor of the Diocese.

AGENDA ITEM VI-6: 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 (Grace Church, Carthage) 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 and Officers of the Diocese
- For the Buchanan Family
- For the Vogel Family
- For Our Provincial, International, and Ecumenical Partners

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. Emily Davenport, Ms. Jamillah Duckett, and Mr. Gary Allman (who carry the biggest loads, especially Mr. Allman's work on the technology used to hold this Convention), 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).
- Fr. Galen Snodgrass (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).
- 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.
- The Diocesan Council's Finance Committee, which works year-round to watch over and strategize our stewardship of the resources God places into the hands of this Diocese.
- "And, as always, to Donna, my dear wife."

ITEM VII-3: 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 (non-parochial), and Ms. Emily Davenport (Diocesan Staff) to the Committee on the Minutes.

AGENDA ITEM II: NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS (CONTINUED)

ITEM II-3: RESULTS OF THE FIFTH AND SIXTH BALLOTS—THE REV. DCN. BROCK SLABACH

Dcn. Slabach delivered the report of the Elections Committee on the fifth ballot. (The results are in the table below) There was no election, and Bp. Field called for a sixth ballot.

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	STANDING COMMITTEE			
	<i>Fifth Ballot</i>		<i>Sixth Ballot</i>	
	<u>Clergy</u>	<u>Lay</u>	<u>Clergy</u>	<u>Lay</u>
Ballots cast	57	92	50	89
Invalid ballots	0	0	0	0
Valid ballots	57	92	50	89
Needed to elect	29	47	26	45
 <u>Clergy Order</u>				
The Rev. Larry Ehren		33/32		27/30
The Rev. Ted Estes		24/60		23/59

After the sixth ballot, Fr. Ehren withdrew his name from the Standing Committee, Clergy Order ballot.

A motion was made by Mr. Hamilton to elect Fr. Estes by acclamation. Several seconds were heard.

Bp. Field called for a vote on the motion. The Clergy Order voted to adopt the motion. The Lay order voted to adopt the motion.

**The Convention elected Fr. Estes
to the Standing Committee.**

AGENDA ITEM VII—CLOSING ITEMS AND ADJOURNMENT

ITEM VII-4: NEXT CONVENTION

Bp. Field announced that the next convention of The Diocese of West Missouri is scheduled for November 5 and 6, 2021, in Springfield. As plans unfold, the diocese will be kept informed.

ITEM VII-5: 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,

/s/ Curtis D. Hamilton
Secretary of the Convention

Appendices (items with hyperlinks will be printed in the Journal)

Appendix A—Resolutions as presented

- 2020 Resolution #1 <https://office.diowestmo.org/c2020-resolution-1/>
- 2020 Resolution #2 <https://office.diowestmo.org/c2020-resolution-2-response-to-public-emergencies/>
- 2020 Resolution #3 <https://office.diowestmo.org/c2020-resolution-3-standard-rules-of-order-for-conventions/>
- 2020 Resolution #4 <https://office.diowestmo.org/c2020-resolution-4-membership-of-the-standing-committee/>

Appendix B—2021 Plan for Ministry as presented and adopted (no amendments were made during debate) <https://office.diowestmo.org/draft-2021-plan-for-ministry/>

Appendix C—Bishop’s Address <https://office.diowestmo.org/annual-convention-2020-bishops-address/>

Appendix D—Committee Substitute Resolutions (see below)

Appendix E—Resolutions as adopted (see below)

- 2020 Resolution #2
<https://www.dropbox.com/s/5om1wuus4ribbt/C2020%20Resolution%202%20-%20Public%20Emergencies%20-%20Adopted.pdf?dl=0>
- 2020 Resolution #3
<https://www.dropbox.com/s/5bffa05iwoskjq/C2020%20Resolution%203%20-%20Standard%20Rules%20of%20Order%20for%20Conventions-Adopted.pdf?dl=0>
- 2020 Resolution #4
<https://www.dropbox.com/s/v5x8nn75m4g75n1/C2020%20Resolution%204%20-%20Membership%20of%20the%20Standing%20Committee%20-%20Adopted.pdf?dl=0>

Appendix F—Courtesy Resolutions as presented and adopted

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/7kuv554a1bu33hl/C2020%20Courtesy%20Resolutions%20-%20Adopted.pdf?dl=0>

APPENDIX D—COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTIONS

APPENDIX D1—COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION #2

Title: Response to Public Emergencies

Proposer: The Rev. Steven Wilson, Rector, Grace Church (Carthage)

Resolved: that should any civil authority declare limitations on assembly or access to buildings for reasons of public health or safety, the Rector of a parish lying within the jurisdiction of that authority shall immediately consult with parish leadership to:

- a. ensure that the Parish buildings, records and property are secured and that the Parish is in compliance with all lawful declarations of the civil authority; and
- b. inform the Ecclesiastical Authority in writing of the steps taken, including the location of any properties or records which may have been removed from the building, and
- c. inform the Ecclesiastical Authority in writing of additional steps the parish intends to take in the interest of public health or safety, giving explanation for each individual decision, and
- d. receive and consider additional advice and counsel which may be deemed relevant by the Ecclesiastical Authority.

Explanation:

The 2020 pandemic resulted in a welter of local regulations and restrictions as the medical situation in counties and cities changed dramatically and rapidly over the course of several months. The civil unrest over racial inequality that lasted throughout the summer led some jurisdictions to restrict public gatherings, including curfews. As our Bishop recognized in his letter to the clergy of late June (in which he required local leadership to inform the Diocesan Office of what plans would be followed regarding the re-opening of in-person worship, and that whatever plan was filed would be considered adequate), such highly localized situations render a centralized response difficult if not impossible.

The Presiding Bishop, in a letter of March 12 to the House of Bishops, stated: “Neither the rubrics of the Book of Common Prayer nor the Canons of the Episcopal Church address a public health emergency such as the one we are facing.” A centralized,

uniform response to problems such as we encountered in 2020 is not envisioned or required by our polity.

This resolution charges congregational leadership to respond to local conditions by following or exceeding the direction of local civil authority, while remaining in active communication with the Ecclesiastical Authority for both support and advice. The canons (below) vest authority regarding schedule of worship and access to building in the Rector/Priest-in-Charge, and therefore this resolution requires the communication of decisions to the Ecclesiastical Authority be made by the Rector/Priest-in-Charge.

Canons of the Diocese of West Missouri: XX.1 The spiritual affairs of the Parish are vested in the Rector thereof, subject of the Rubrics of the Book of Common Prayer, the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention and of this Diocese and the godly counsel, advice and direction of the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese, and the Rector shall have full and free discharge of all functions and duties pertaining thereto, and at all times be entitled to the use and control of all the buildings and grounds of the Parish and of all the furniture therein, and appurtenances thereto belonging.

Canons of The Episcopal Church: Title III.9.6.2(a)(1) The Rector or Priest-in-Charge shall have full authority and responsibility for the conduct of the worship and spiritual jurisdiction of the Parish, subject to the Rubrics of the Book of Common Prayer, the Constitution and Canons of this Church, and the pastoral direction of the Bishop.

APPENDIX D2—COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION #2

Title: STANDARD RULES OF ORDER FOR CONVENTIONS

Proposer: Curtis Hamilton, Secretary of The Diocese of West Missouri

RESOLVED: That The Diocese of West Missouri adopt the following Standard Rules of Order for Conventions held in person (see Attachment 1), and be it further,

RESOLVED: That these Standard Rules of Order be incorporated as an Appendix of the Constitution and Canons of The Diocese of West Missouri, and be it further,

RESOLVED: That these Standard Rules of Order replace in its entirety the section following Canon XXIII entitled “Rules of Order Governing the Conduct of Business at Meetings of the Convention of the Diocese of West Missouri”.

Explanation:

This resolution proposes:

1. to redesignate the Rules of Order as *Standard Rules of Order*, to more readily differentiate them from the *Special Rules of Order for Virtual Conventions* passed by a Special Convention of the diocese on October 3, 2020, and
2. to correct terminology and grammatical errors in the current Rules of Order.

In the text that follows, the current rules of order have been reproduced. Changes to the rules of order have be shown with deletions ~~struck through~~ and additions have been shown in *italics*.

Attachment 1

STANDARD RULES OF ORDER FOR THE CONVENTION OF THE DIOCESE OF WEST MISSOURI

Attendance to Business of Convention

1. When the President takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, unless to address the chair.
2. No member shall be absent from the session of the House unless he or she has leave or shall be unable to attend.
3. Except for the first business day of the Convention, when the President shall have taken the chair, the minutes of the preceding day shall be read.
4. The Secretary may employ pages to act as messengers during the sessions of the Convention.
5. The Ecclesiastical Authority shall appoint such committees as are, in his or her opinion, necessary, and the committee members shall be notified as early as possible before Convention opens.
6. All committees shall be appointed by the ~~President~~ *Ecclesiastical Authority*, unless otherwise ordered. The reports of all committees shall be in writing (including electronic submission in a manner approved by the President and Secretary), and shall be received without motion for acceptance, unless recommended by vote of the House. All reports recommending or requiring any action by the House shall be accompanied by a resolution for action or for an expression of opinion by the House.
7. The names of movers of resolutions shall appear upon the minutes of the convention.

Business before the Convention

1. No resolution shall be considered as before the House unless it has been submitted in writing (including electronic submission in a manner approved by the ~~Bishop~~ *Ecclesiastical Authority* and the Secretary) and been received by the ~~Bishop~~ *Ecclesiastical Authority* and Secretary four weeks before the opening of Convention to allow distribution to all ~~delegates~~ *members* and introduction by title at Convention.
2. Any resolution which has not been presented to the ~~Bishop~~ *Ecclesiastical Authority* and to the Secretary four weeks prior to the convention date will not be considered as before the House unless copies of such resolution are made available to every ~~delegate~~ *member* and, at Convention, two-thirds of said ~~delegates~~ *members* agree to consider such resolution.

Debate

1. When any member is about to speak, or deliver any matter to the House, the member shall state his or her name and the congregation he or she attends, and then, with due respect, address the President, confining his or her remarks strictly to the point in the debate.

2. A member, other than the chair of a committee whose report is under consideration, shall not speak more than twice in the same debate, nor longer than ten minutes at a time, without leave of the House.
3. When a question is under consideration, a motion shall not be received, except to lay on the table, previous question, limit/extend limits of debate, postpone definitely or to certain time, commit or refer, amend, division of a question, postpone indefinitely; motions for any of these purposes shall have precedence in the order herein named.
4. If a motion to lay an amendment on the table be carried, the matter before the House shall be proceeded with as if no such amendment had been offered.
5. Motions to lay on the table and to adjourn shall be decided without debate.
6. The motion to adjourn shall always be in order.
7. Debate shall not be allowed upon a ~~resolution~~ *motion* to refer any ~~motion~~ *resolution* to a committee, or a motion to recommit any subject which has been before a committee, but the member who offers such ~~resolution~~ or motion may speak for five minutes for the purpose of explaining its object.
8. All amendments shall be considered in the reverse order in which they are moved. When a proposed amendment is under consideration a motion to amend the same day may be made. An after amendment to such second amendment shall not be in order, but when an amendment to an amendment is under consideration, a substitute for the whole may be received. A proposition, different from the one under consideration, shall not be received under color of an amendment or substitute.
9. All questions of order shall be decided in the first instance by the President, without debate; an appeal, however, may be made from his or her decision to the Convention by any member of the same.

Voting Methods

1. Elections to diocesan offices shall be by ballot.
2. All other voting shall be by visual show of Voting Cards: a green card indicating an affirmative vote, a red card indicating a negative vote. When the President calls for the vote, voters will raise one colored card to indicate their respective votes.
3. All motions pertaining to voting shall remain available.
4. On a division of the assembly, every member who may be in the House when any question is put, shall be counted, unless he or she is excused by the convention.

5. After the first ballot has been announced, the nominee (clergy and/or lay) with the least number of votes shall be dropped from the list of nominees. This process shall continue after each balloting until there is one more nominee than the number of persons to be elected. This shall not apply to votes by orders.

Procedures following Decisions of Convention

1. When a question has once been determined, it shall stand as the judgment of the Convention, and shall not again be drawn into debate, except on motion for reconsideration, which must be made by a member who had previously voted in the majority.

Rules of Order in Force

1. In all matters of parliamentary procedure, Robert's Rules of Order shall be the standard book of reference, excepting that these Rules of Order for the Convention shall supersede in cases of disagreement.
2. The Rules of Order shall not be suspended except by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

BUSINESS SESSION AGENDA

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

10. Consideration of all remaining resolutions.
11. Other elections, appointments, and nominations.
12. Fixing the time and place of the next Convention.
13. Closing Prayer and Adjournment.

REGARDING RESOLUTIONS

Please see the Rules of Order section entitled “Business before the Convention” for information regarding proposing resolutions to the Convention, including deadlines for consideration without the leave of the Convention.

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