MINUTES OF THE 132ND CONVENTION OF THE DIOCESE OF WEST MISSOURI

NOVEMBER 6, 2021 GRACE AND HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL, KANSAS CITY

The 132nd Convention of the Diocese of West Missouri convened with Holy Eucharist and Ordination. The Rt. Rev. Martin S. Field, 8th Bishop of the Diocese of West Missouri (resigned), officiated and preached. During the service, Ms. Rita Jo Carson Kendagor was ordained to the Sacred Order of Deacons.

AGENDA ITEM I: ORGANIZING FOR BUSINESS

After the Eucharist, the Business Session of the Convention opened with The Rev. Jonathan Frazier (St. Peter & All Saints, Kansas City), President of the Standing Committee, taking the chair.

ITEM I-1: ELECTION OF PRESIDENT PRO-TEMPORE—FR. FRAZIER

Fr. Frazier noted that per Article VII, Section 5 of the *Constitution of the Diocese of West Missouri* (hereafter referred to as "the Constitution"):

In the event of the absence or inability to act of the Bishop, the Bishop Coadjutor, if there be one, and the Suffragan Bishop, if there be one, the President of the Standing Committee shall call the Convention to order and it shall immediately proceed to the election of a President, pro tempore.

Fr. Frazier called on The Rev. John Spicer (St. Andrew's, Kansas City), who nominated The Rev. Jonathan Frazier as President Pro-Tempore of the Convention. Several seconds were heard.

Fr. Frazier called on Mr. Curtis Hamilton (Secretary of the Convention), who moved that nominations cease, and Fr. Frazier be elected by acclamation. Several seconds were heard.

Fr. Frazier called for a vote on the motion.

The Convention elected Fr. Frazier as President Pro Tempore of the Convention.

ITEM I-2: PROCEDURAL INSTRUCTIONS—MR. CURTIS HAMILTON, SECRETARY OF THE CONVENTION

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

ITEM I-3: REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE—MS. GLENDA DAY-THOMS, CHAIR

Ms. Day-Thoms (St. Peter's, Harrisonville) reported that all congregations in the diocese were current with their assessments and therefore all lay delegates duly elected were entitled to seat, voice and vote in the Convention.

ITEM I-4: CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM—CONVENTION SECRETARY

Mr. Hamilton noted the following requirements for a quorum per Article X, Section I of the Constitution:

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.

Mr. Hamilton reported that as of 10:00 am, 59 of 132 clergy and 80 lay delegates representing 26 of 48 congregations entitled to vote were either present or had registered their attendance online. He certified that there was a quorum for the conduct of the business of the Convention. He also noted since more persons may have registered after the time indicated that there may be more votes in elections that these numbers indicate.

ITEM I-5: SEATING OF LICENSED CLERGY—CONVENTION SECRETARY

Mr. Hamilton asked that members of the clergy who are not canonically resident, but who are licensed and actively serving in ministries of the diocese be permitted to have seat and voice at this convention. Fr. Frazier ruled that, without objection, these clergy be given seat and voice.

ITEM I-6: APPOINTMENT OF THE PARLIAMENTARIAN—CONVENTION PRESIDENT

Fr. Frazier appointed Mr. David Powell (St. Paul's, Kansas City), Diocesan Chancellor, as Parliamentarian. Fr. Frazier asked Mr. Powell to make remarks concerning the Rules of Order and other procedural matters.

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

Mr. Hamilton reported that the Committee on Minutes had met prior to the Convention and certified that the minutes of the 131st 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 those Conventions.

ITEM I-8: ELECTION OF DIOCESAN OFFICERS

Item I-8a: Election of the Secretary of the Diocese

Fr. Frazier called on Ms. Amanda Perschall (Trinity, Lebanon), who nominated Mr. Curtis Hamilton (Grace & Holy Trinity Cathedral, Kansas City) to serve as Secretary of the Diocese. Several seconds were heard.

Hearing no further nominations, Fr. Frazier called for a vote to elect Mr. Hamilton.

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

(Secretary's Note: Per Article VII, Section 6, of the Constitution, the Secretary of the Diocese serves as the Secretary of the Convention.)

Item I-8b: Election of the Treasurer

Fr. Frazier called on Mr. Randolph Oliver (St. Andrew's, Kansas City), who nominated Mr. Thomas (Tom) Kokjer (St. Andrew's, Kansas City) to serve as Treasurer of the Diocese. Several seconds were heard.

Hearing no further nominations, Fr. Frazier called for a vote to elect Mr. Kokjer.

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

Item I-8c: Election of the Chancellor

Fr. Frazier noted that the term of the current Chancellor, Mr. David Powell (St. Paul's, Kansas City) concludes at the end of this Convention. Per Article IV, Section 6 of the Constitution the Ecclesiastical Authority nominates a Chancellor to the Convention. On behalf of the Standing Committee, in its capacity as the Ecclesiastical Authority, Fr. Frazier nominated Mr. Mark Galus (Grace & Holy Trinity Cathedral, Kansas City) to serve as Chancellor of the Diocese for a three-year term.

Hearing no further nominations, Fr. Frazier called for vote to elect Mr. Galus.

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

Item I-8d: Election of the Associate Chancellor

Fr. Frazier noted that per Article IV, Section 6 of the Constitution the Chancellor may be assisted by an elected Associate Chancellor, who after election serves a three-year term. On behalf of the Standing Committee, in its capacity as the Ecclesiastical Authority, Fr. Frazier nominated Mr. David Powell to serve as Associate Chancellor for a three-year term.

Hearing no further nominations, Fr. Frazier called for vote to elect Mr. Powell.

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

ITEM I-9: ANNOUNCEMENTS—CONVENTION SECRETARY

Mr. Hamilton announced that the Diocesan Council had designated the Convention offering to be split evenly between the discretionary fund for the ordinand at the Convention Eucharist (the Rev. Dcn. Rita Jo Carson Kendagor) and migration ministry programs through Episcopal Migration Ministries.

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

ITEM I-10: REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISPATCH OF BUSINESS—MR. CURTIS HAMILTON, CHAIR

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

2021 Resolution #1—Election of Bishop Provisional 2021 Resolution #2—Renaming Associate Chancellor to Vice Chancellor

2021 Resolution #3—Diocesan Council Membership – Chancellor and Vice Chancellor

Mr. Hamilton noted that all of the resolutions have been translated into Spanish and are available on the Convention webpage. (The resolutions as submitted to the Convention can be found in the Journal of the Convention at Appendix .)

Fr. Frazier stated that 2021 Resolution #1 had been referred to the Committee on Resolutions and that 2021 Resolutions #2 and #3 had been referred to the Committee on Constitution and Canons. He noted that those committees would report on those resolutions later in the Convention.

AGENDA ITEM II: NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

ITEM II-1: REPORT OF THE NOMINATION COMMITTEE—MS. AMANDA PERSCHALL, CHAIR

Ms. Perschall 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. Alexandra Connors St. Paul's, Kansas City Mr. Eric Rhodes St. Anne's, Lee's Summit

STANDING COMMITTEE—CLERGY ORDER (Elect two to two-year terms)

The Rev. Charles Everson St. Mary's, Kansas City

The Rev. Robin James Grace Church, Liberty

The Rev. Anne Meredith Kyle Calvary, Sedalia The Rev. John Spicer St. Andrew's, Kansas City

DIOCESAN COUNCIL—LAY ORDER (Elect four to two-year terms)

Ms. Regina Berens

Mr. Chris Morrison

St. Mary Magdalene, Belton

Grace & Holy Trinity Cathedral, Kansas City

Ms. Sally Scheid Christ Church, Springfield Mr. David Schlomer Calvary, Sedalia

DIOCESAN COUNCIL—CLERGY ORDER (Elect two to two-year terms)

The Rev. Isaac Petty
St. Luke's, Excelsior Springs and
Church of the Redeemer,

The Rev. Joe Pierjok Grace Church, Carthage The Rev. Susan Roberts St. Luke's Health System

Kansas City

Ms. Perschall thanked the members of the committee for their work.

Fr. Frazier thanked the following persons who were completing terms on these elected bodies.

- Standing Committee—Ms. Alexandra Connors, Ms. Mary Christiano (Christ Church, Springfield), the Rev. Anne Meredith Kyle, and the Rev. John Spicer
- Diocesan Council—Ms. Regina Berens, Ms. Kathleen Merrill Jackson (St. James'. Springfield), Ms. Jillian Merrill (Trinity, Independence). Mr. Chris Morrison, the Rev. Laura Hughes (St. George's, Camdenton), and the Rev. Joe Pierjok

ITEM II-2: NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

Fr. Frazier called for additional nominations for each of these offices. Hearing none and without objection, Fr. Frazier declared nominations closed. Fr. Frazier 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

Dcn. Slabach (St. Mary Magdalene, Belton) gave instructions 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

Fr. Frazier 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.

Fr. Frazier ruled that none of the resolutions before the Convention this year had any substantive effect on the draft 2021 Plan for Ministry.

Fr. Frazier then called on Mr. Kokjer. On behalf of the Diocesan Council, Mr. Kokjer moved to adopt the 2022 Plan for Ministry—Convention Draft as posted in the Virtual Packet on the Convention webpage. (A copy of the 2022 Plan for Ministry—Convention Edition is attached to and made a part of these minutes as Appendix .)

After Mr. Kokjer's presentation, Fr. Frazier called for discussion of the 2022 Plan for Ministry. When no more persons wished to speak, Fr. Frazier called for a vote.

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

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS-INTRODUCTION OF NEW CLERGY

Fr. Frazier introduced new clergy to the diocese since the last convention.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS—NOONDAY PRAYER AND NECROLOGY

The Rev. Dcn. Rita Kendagor led Noonday Prayer, during which the Diocesan Necrology was read. (The Necrology is included in the Journal of the Convention at Appendix ___.) The Convention then recessed for lunch.

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 134th Annual Convention in 2023, except as indicated. Persons removed from the next ballot under the Rules of Order are in *italics*.)

STANDING COMMITTEE			DIOCESAN COUNCIL	
	Clergy	<u>Lay</u>		
Ballots cast	60	93	Ballots cast	147
Invalid ballots	0	0	Invalid ballots	0
Valid ballots	60	93	Valid ballots	147
Needed to elect	31	47	Needed to elect	73
LAY ORDER	<u>Lay/Clergy</u>		LAY ORDER	Total votes
Ms. Alexandra Connors	3	60/93	Ms. Regina Berens	147
Mr. Eric Rhodes		60/93	Mr. Chris Morrison	147
			Ms. Sally Scheid	147
			Mr. David Schlomer	147
CLERGY ORDER			CLERGY ORDER	
The Rev. Charles Everson 2		21/35	The Rev. Isaac Petty	88
The Rev. Robin James 12/19		12/19	The Rev. Joe Pierjok	108
The Rev. Anne Meredith Kyle 45/62		45/62	The Rev. Susan Roberts	92
The Rev. John Spicer		42/69		

ITEM IV: REPORT OF ALL OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

(Note: The written reports are part of the Journal of the Convention.)

ITEM IV-1: REPORT OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL AUTHORITY—FR. JONATHAN FRAZIER, PRESIDENT ON THE STANDING COMMITTEE

On behalf of the Standing Committee, Fr. Frazier gave the report of the Ecclesiastical Authority.

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—MR. TOM KOKJER

Mr. Kokjer filed his report by title.

ITEM IV-5: REPORT OF THE DIOCESAN COUNCIL

On behalf of the Diocesan Council, Mr. Hamilton filed the report by title. He noted an error in the report that was on the Convention webpage. At its October 2021 meeting the Diocesan Council passed a motion that the 2022 Diocesan Convention be held at Grace & Holy Trinity Cathedral. He noted that the error was his and apologized to the Convention and to the Council.

ITEM IV-6: REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE—MS. SHIRLEY BOLDEN, VICE PRESIDENT

Ms. Bolden (St. Augustine's, Kansas City) presented the report of the Standing Committee. She also provided a written copy of the report.

ITEM IV-7: REPORT OF THE YOUTH COMMISSION—MR. JOSHAWA TRADER, BISHOP'S ASSISTANT FOR YOUTH MINISTRY

Mr. Trader made a verbal report to the Convention.

ITEM IV-8: RECEPTION BY TITLE OF OTHER REPORTS

Without objection, Fr. Frazier ruled that all other reports would be received by title.

ITEM V: COMMITTEE REPORTS ON RESOLUTIONS PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED

ITEM V-1: REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE—THE REV. ROBIN JAMES, CHAIR

Mtr. James reported that the committee met to consider the resolution that was referred.

2021 Resolution #1-- Election of Bishop Provisional

On behalf of the committee, Mtr. James moved the consideration of Committee Substitute 2021 Resolution #1. (A copy of the substitute resolution is in the Journal of the Convention at Appendix ___.) The committee recommended adoption of the substitute resolution.

Fr. Frazier ruled that this vote would be a vote by orders. No objections were heard.

After allowing for debate and when no one wished to speak further to the resolution, Fr. Frazier called for a vote first in the clergy order and then in the lay order. He noted that a majority of persons voting in each order voted to adopt the resolution.

Committee Substitute 2021 Resolution #1 was adopted by the Convention.

Fr. Frazier called Bp. Diane M. Jardine Bruce, who addressed the Convention.

Fr. Frazier thanked the members of the committee for their work.

ITEM V-2: REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND CANONS—MR. DAVID POWELL, CHAIR

Mr. Powell reported that the committee met to consider the resolutions that were referred.

2021 Resolution #2—Renaming Associate Chancellor to Vice Chancellor

On behalf of the Committee, Mr. Powell moved the consideration of 2021 Resolution #2. The committee recommended adoption of the resolution.

After allowing for debate and when no one wished to speak further to the resolution, Fr. Frazier called for a vote on the resolution.

2021 Resolution #2 was adopted by the Convention.

<u>2021 Resolution #3—Diocesan Council Membership – Chancellor and Vice</u> Chancellor

On behalf of the Committee, Mr. Powell moved the consideration of Substitute 2021 Resolution #3. (A copy of the substitute resolution is in the Journal of the Convention at Appendix ___.) The committee recommended adoption of the substitute resolution.

After allowing for debate and when no one wished to speak further to the resolution, Fr. Frazier called for a vote on the resolution.

2021 Substitute Resolution #3 was not adopted by the Convention.

Mr. Powell thanked the members of the committee for their work.

AGENDA ITEM VI: ELECTIONS AND OTHER APPOINTMENTS

On behalf of the Standing Committee in its capacity as the Ecclesiastical Authority, Fr. Frazier made the following nominations.

ITEM VI-1: BOARD OF EXAMINING CHAPLAINS

The following persons were nominated to serve on the Board of Examining Chaplains for three-year terms which will end at the close of the 135th Annual Convention in 2024.

- The Rev. Ron Verhaeghe (Christ Church, Warrensburg and St. Luke's Health System)
- Mr. Channing Horner (St. Oswald's, Fairfax)
- Dr. Victor Matthews (St. John's, Springfield)

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

ITEM VI-2: DISCIPLINARY BOARD

The following persons were nominated to serve on the Disciplinary Board for three-year terms which will end at the close of the 135th Annual Convention in 2024.

- The Rev. Christy Dorn (non-parochial)
- Mr. Richard Wagstaff (St. Paul's, Kansas City)

The Convention elected the nominees to the Disciplinary Board.

Fr. Frazier called on The Rev. 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 Fr. Frazier as soon as possible.

Item VI-3: Bishop Kemper School For Ministry (BKSM) Board of Directors

The following persons were nominated to serve on the BKSM Board of Directors for two-year terms which will end at the close of the 134th Annual Convention in 2023.

- The Rev. Dcn. Donna Stanford (St. Peter & All Saints, Kansas City)
- The Rev. Dcn. Alisa Carmichael (St. Peter & All Saints, Kansas City)

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

ITEM VI-4: COMMISSION ON MINISTRY

The following persons were nominated to serve on the Commission on Ministry for three-year terms which will end at the close of the 135th Annual Convention in 2024.

- The Rev. Mark Ohlemeier (Christ Church, Springfield)
- The Very Rev. Jos Tharakan (St. James', Springfield)
- Ms. Shirley McCarty (Trinity, Independence)
- Ms. Paula Shepherd (St. Alban's, Bolivar)

The Convention elected the nominees to the Commission on Ministry.

The Standing Committee in its capacity as the Ecclesiastical Authority appointed the following persons to the Commission on Ministry for the terms indicated.

- The Ven. Bruce Bower (St. Andrew's, Kansas City) for a three-year term which will end at the close of the 135th Annual Convention in 2024
- Mr. Robert Maynard (St. Peter & All Saints, Kansas City) for a three-year term which will end at the close of the 135th Annual Convention in 2024
- Ms. Ann Rainey (St. Andrew's, Kansas City) to fill a vacancy ending at the close of the 124th Annual Convention in 2023.

AGENDA ITEM VI-5: SELECTION OF YOUTH DELEGATES

Fr. Frazier 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." The Standing Committee in its capacity as the Ecclesiastical Authority 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. WILLIAM FASEL, MEMBER

Fr. Fasel (??? at the time of the Convention) presented Courtesy Resolutions with the following titles. (The Courtesy Resolutions are attached to and made a part of these minutes as Appendix ____).

For Our Bishops Resigned
For The Bishop's Staff
For Our Recent Retirees
For Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral
For Christ Church, Boonville
For Our Anglican and Ecumenical Partners

For Bishop Martin S Field. Bishop Resigned of West Missouri For The Rev. Steven C. Wilson

Fr. Frazier ruled that, without exception, the Courtesy Resolutions would be combined in one motion. He then called for a vote on the Courtesy Resolutions.

The Convention adopted the Courtesy Resolutions.

ITEM VII-2: THANK YOUS

Fr. Frazier 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), Fr. Joe Pierjok (at-large member of the Executive Committee), and the other members of the Diocesan Council.
- The 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 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.

ITEM VII-3: APPOINTMENT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE MINUTES

Fr. Frazier appointed Mr. Curtis Hamilton (Chair), The Rev. Dcn. Donna Stanford (St. Peter & All Saints, Kansas City), Ms. Marsha Patterson (Christ, Springfield), and the Rev. Ted Estes (non-parochial) to the Committee on the Minutes, supported by Ms. Emily Davenport (Diocesan Staff).

ITEM VII-4: NEXT CONVENTION

Fr. Frazier took a poll to ask the members of the Convention about their preference for a two-day versus a one-day convention for next year. The results of the poll indicated that the preference was for a one-day convention.

Fr. Frazier then called on Mtr. Robin James for a point of personal privilege. She thanked Fr. Frazier for his service as chair of the Convention. The Convention showed its appreciation via a standing ovation.

ITEM VII-5: CLOSING PRAYERS AND ADJOURNMENT

Fr. Frazier led a Litany of Thanksgiving and Dcn. Donna Stanford gave a dismissal.

Fr. Frazier called for a motion to adjourn. Several "so moved" and "seconds" were heard. Fr. Frazier called for a vote.

The motion carried.

The Convention adjourned at 2:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



