

**Diocese of New Jersey
225th Annual Diocesan Convention
Friday, February 27, 2009**

Call to Order:

At 1:05 p.m., the Rev. Gretchen Zimmerman, Convention Chaplain, offered opening prayer.

Bishop Councill welcomed the Clergy, Lay Deputies, Visitors, and Press.

Bishop Councill introduced those seated at the dais: The Secretary of Convention, Mrs. Emma Warren; Canon for Ministry Development and Deployment, the Rev. Canon Elizabeth R. Geitz; Canon to the Ordinary, the Rev. Canon Lee Powers; the Chancellor, Parliamentarian, and Chair of the Committee on Rules of Order, John Wood Goldsack, Esq.; Bishop's Executive Assistant, Mrs. Mary Ann Rhoads; and Assistant Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Sylvestre D. Romero. At the tables in front of the Bishop: Treasurer of the Diocese, Mr. Reginald Whitman; Chief Financial Officer, Canon Wanda Greene; Historiographer, the Rev. Canon Laurence D. Fish; Director of Communications, Canon Cynthia McFarland; Director of Youth Ministry, Canon Kep Short and the Recorder of Information, Paul Ambos, Esq.

The Rev. Canon Lee Powers made opening announcements and offered thanks to those who were responsible for the preparations of this Convention.

Mrs. Emma Warren, Secretary of Convention, reported that one-fifth of the canonically resident clergy and one-fourth of the congregations of the diocese were represented, and she declared that there was a quorum. Bishop Councill called the 225th Annual Convention of the Diocese of New Jersey to order.

Credentials of Lay Deputies:

The Rev. Charles Sasso-Crandall, Chair of the Committee on the Credentials of Lay Deputies, reported that all parochial reports have been submitted as required by canon and all credentials of lay deputies were in order except for: Christ Church, Bordentown, St. Wilfrid's, Camden, St. Mary's, Keyport, and Christ Church, South Vineland.

A motion to accept the report of the Committee on the Credentials of Lay Deputies was made, seconded, and passed.

Classification of Congregations:

The Rev. John V. Zamboni, Chair, and Ms. Carolyn Belvin, member of the Committee on the Classification of Congregations, reported that the following churches have changed their classification status since the close of the 224th Convention:

As a result of historical research which uncovered a past Certificate of Incorporation, St. Stephen's Church, Mullica Hill, has been reclassified from an Unincorporated Mission to an Incorporated Mission.

The Collegiate Chapel, St. Michael's Chapel, Piscataway, has been renamed The Episcopal Campus Ministry at Rutgers, New Brunswick.

St. Peter's IGBO Church, Trenton, has been recognized by Bishop Councill as an Organized Mission of the Diocese of New Jersey.

No action is required on these three changes.

The following Resolution was presented regarding Christ the King Episcopal Church, Willingboro:

RESOLVED, that the 225th Convention of the Diocese of New Jersey, meeting in Wildwood, New Jersey, in accordance with the provisions of Canon 53, Section 8, does hereby reclassify the Incorporated Mission known as Christ the King Episcopal Church, Willingboro, New Jersey, as an Independent Parish.

The Vicar, Wardens, Vestry and Parishioners of Christ the King Episcopal Church, Willingboro, New Jersey, by the Grace of God, dedicated hard work, and Christian Stewardship, have been able to restore the parish to be an Independent Parish and have satisfied all the requirements set forth in Canon 53, Section 8. With the endorsement of the Rt. Rev. George E. Councill, XI Bishop of New Jersey, Christ the King Episcopal Church, Willingboro, should now be classified as an Independent Parish.

Father Zamboni moved the resolution. The resolution to reclassify Christ the King Episcopal Church, Willingboro, New Jersey, as an Independent Parish was passed.

A motion to accept the report of the Committee on the Classification of Congregations was made, seconded, and passed.

The Rev. James Leroy Saunders and members of Christ the King Episcopal Church, Willingboro, were congratulated with a standing ovation and came forward to be recognized. Father Saunders and members of Christ the King offered their thanks to Convention for approval of their status as an Independent Parish coinciding with the fiftieth anniversary of the congregation's organization.

The Rev. Linus Amonu and members of St. Peter's IGBO Church, Trenton, were congratulated with a standing ovation and came forward to be recognized. Father Amonu offered thanks to Bishop Councill for recognizing St. Peter's IGBO Church, Trenton, as an Organized Mission of the Diocese of New Jersey.

Rules of Order and Agenda:

John Wood Goldsack, Esq. stated that the proposed Rules of Order for Convention 2009 were to be used, with no proposed changes since last year. A copy of the Rules of Order was provided to the clergy and lay deputies in their Convention packets. On behalf of the Committee on Rules of Order, Mr. Goldsack moved the adoption of the Rules of Order for the 225th Annual Convention of the Diocese of New Jersey. The motion was passed.

Mr. Goldsack announced that a copy of the proposed Agenda had been included in all clergy and lay deputies' Convention packets. On behalf of the Committee, Mr. Goldsack moved the adoption of the proposed Agenda of the 225th Annual Convention of the Diocese of New Jersey. The motion was passed.

Bishop's Appointments:

Bishop Councill noted that the Bishop's Appointments to committees and commissions effective at the close of this Convention were included in deputies' Convention packet, Document 37, the reading of which was waived on consent.

Nominations:

The Rev. Petrina Pyatt, Chair of the Nominating Committee, reported the following nominations on behalf of the Committee:

Office A. Standing Committee (Vote by Orders)
1 Clergy Member, 4-year term

The Rev. Joanna D. Graham
The Rev. Frank B. Crumbaugh, III

There were no nominations from the floor. A motion to close the nominations was made, seconded, and passed.

Office B. Standing Committee (Vote by Orders)
1 Lay Member, 4-year term
1 Lay Member, 1-year unexpired term

Deborah Kirk
Sylvia Temmer

There were no nominations from the floor. A motion to close the nominations was made, seconded, and passed.

Office C. Diocesan Council
3 Clergy Members, 3-year terms

The Rev. Joanna E. George, Dcn.
The Rev. Paul A. Van Sant
The Rev. Dr. Patrick R. Close
The Rev. Brian K. Burgess
The Rev. Valerie L. Balling

There were no nominations from the floor. A motion to close the nominations was made, seconded, and passed.

Office D. Diocesan Council
3 Lay Members, 3-year terms

Morris Anderson
Cheryl D. Browne
Noreen Duncan
John B. Ackerman, Jr

There were no nominations from the floor. A motion to close the nominations was made, seconded, and passed.

Office E. Cathedral Chapter
1 Clergy Member, 3-year term

The Rev. Peter A. Molnar, D.D.

There were no nominations from the floor. A motion to close the nominations was made, seconded, and passed.

Office F. Cathedral Chapter
2 Lay Member, 3-year terms
1 Lay Member, 1-year unexpired term

Dorothy Spolarich
Naomi M. Cressman
Nancy H. Miller

There were no nominations from the floor. A motion to close the nominations was made, seconded, and passed.

Office G. Standing Commission on Clerical Compensation
2 Clergy Members, 3-year terms

The Rev. Valerie L. Balling
The Rev. Philip H. Kasey

There were no nominations from the floor. A motion to close the nominations was made, seconded, and passed.

Office H. Standing Commission on Clerical Compensation
2 Lay Members, 3-year terms

Sr. Cass Lavin-Spouse
Mary Lou Steed

There were no nominations from the floor. A motion to close the nominations was made, seconded, and passed.

Office I. Standing Committee on Constitution and Canons
1 Lay Member, 3-year term

Paul DeSarno

There were no nominations from the floor. A motion to close the nominations was made, seconded, and passed.

Office J. Trustees of Diocesan Trust Funds
1 Lay Trustee, 5-year term

Lynne M. Davis

There were no nominations from the floor. A motion to close the nominations was made, seconded, and passed.

Office K. Finance and Budget Committee
3 Members, Clergy or Lay, 3-year terms

Stephan P. Sroka
Anthony Fusco
Charles H. Perfater

There were no nominations from the floor. A motion to close the nominations was made, seconded, and passed.

Office L. Diocesan Investment Trust
1 Member, Clergy or Lay, 4-year term

Bruce Brand
Katherine F. Lowry
Kenneth L. MacRitchie

There were no nominations from the floor. A motion to close the nominations was made, seconded, and passed.

Office M. Audit Committee
2 Members, Clergy or Lay, 3-year terms

John H. Scherer
Herbert C. Geiss

There were no nominations from the floor. A motion to close the nominations was made, seconded, and passed.

Office N. Diocesan Review Committee

2 Clergy Members, 3-year terms

The Rev. Margaret Sterchi
The Rev. Anne McRae Wrede

There were no nominations from the floor. A motion to close the nominations was made, seconded, and passed.

Office O. Diocesan Review Committee

1 Lay Member, 3-year term

Mother Pyatt noted that this opening is for one lay member, not three as listed in the Nominating Committee Report

Elizabeth H. Papp
Stephen P. DeBaun
Thomas J. Scott

There were no nominations from the floor. A motion to close the nominations was made, seconded, and passed.

Office P. Trial Court

4 Clergy Members, 3-year terms

1 year as a member, 2 years as alternate

The Rev. John C. Belmont
The Rev. Kenneth A. Gluckow
The Rev. J. Connor Haynes
The Rev. Dr. Wayne L. Smith
The Rev. Sheelagh A. Clarke

There were no nominations from the floor. A motion to close the nominations was made, seconded, and passed.

Office Q. Trial Court

3 Lay Members, 3-year terms

1 year as a member, 2 years as alternate

Virgil M. Johnson, Ed.D.
Richard Peirce, Esq.
Robert Vogel

There were no nominations from the floor. A motion to close the nominations was made, seconded, and passed.

Office R. Church Attorney

Clergy or Lay, 1-year term

Steven Lewis, Esq.

There were no nominations from the floor. A motion to close the nominations was made, seconded, and passed.

Office S. Treasurer

Clergy or Lay, 1-year term

Reginald Whitman

There were no nominations from the floor. A motion to close the nominations was made, seconded, and passed.

Mother Pyatt stated that this concluded the Nominating Committee's Report. Bishop Councill thanked Mother Pyatt and the members of the Nominating Committee for their work.

Voting Instructions:

Deacon Hain gave voting directions and reminded deputies that a sheet of voting instructions was included in their Convention packet.

Deacon Hain asked that the candidates for offices in which there are no contests be declared elected by acclamation. They are:

Office E. Cathedral Chapter

The Rev. Peter A. Molnar, D.D.

Office G. Standing Commission on Clerical Compensation

The Rev. Valerie L. Balling

The Rev. Philip H. Kasey

Office H. Standing Commission on Clerical Compensation

Sr. Cass Lavin-Spouse

Mary Lou Steed

Office I. Standing Committee on Constitution and Canons

Paul DeSarno

Office J. Trustees of Diocesan Trust Funds

Lynne M. Davis

Office K. Finance and Budget Committee

Stephan P. Sroka

Anthony Fusco

Charles H. Perfater

Office M. Audit Committee

John H. Scherer

Herbert C. Geiss

Office N. Diocesan Review Committee

The Rev. Margaret Sterchi

The Rev. Anne McRae Wrede

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Richard Peirce, Esq.

Robert Vogel

Office R. Church Attorney

Steven Lewis, Esq.

Office S. Treasurer

Reginald Whitman

Bishop Councill asked if there were any objections. Hearing none, the bishop declared these persons elected by acclamation.

Standing Committee on Constitution and Canons:

Paul Ambos, Esq. presented Part I of the Constitution and Canons Committee Report, Document 7. Last year's Convention had passed a first reading to amend the Constitution of the Diocese to allow for voting participation in our Convention for clergy of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and of other denominations that are in communion with The Episcopal Church who are serving Episcopal congregations in the Diocese of New Jersey, as follows:

Resolved, That Section 2 of Article II of the Constitution of the Diocese of New Jersey be amended, pursuant to Article XIII, Section 1 of the Constitution, to insert a new fourth paragraph to read as follows:

Members of the clergy ordained by bishops of churches in communion with The Episcopal Church who are serving in the Diocese but who are not canonically resident in the Diocese shall have seat and vote to the extent provided by canon.

Amendments to the diocesan Constitution under Article XIII, Section 1 of the Constitution require passage at two consecutive meetings of the Diocesan Convention, with a ballot vote by orders at the second one. If this proposed constitutional amendment is approved at this meeting, the Standing Committee on Constitution and Canons will propose the canonical amendment in Part II of its Report in order to implement the change in voting rights.

He noted that the Rev'd Elmer L. Sullivan had submitted to the Committee a proposal to amend the Diocesan Constitution as regarding voting rights of ELCA clergy (but not of clergy of other churches in communion with TEC) who may be serving Episcopal congregations in the diocese, which proposal is included in Part X of the Report. Whether or not the implementing resolution of this Part I is passed, Fr. Sullivan's proposal can be considered independently thereafter.

He then moved the following resolution on behalf of the Committee:

Resolved, That the new fourth paragraph of Section 2 of Article II of the Constitution of the Diocese of New Jersey as authorized by the 224th Convention of the Diocese be approved by this 225th Convention.

Deacon Hain explained the voting process for this resolution for the first ballot.

First Ballot:

The first ballot was cast.

Acknowledgements:

Bishop Councill acknowledged bishops unable to be with us: The Rt. Rev. G. P. Mellick Belshaw, Retired IX Bishop of New Jersey; the Rt. Rev. Joe Morris Doss, Retired X Bishop of New Jersey, and the Rt. Rev. Herbert A. Donovan, Jr., and the Rt. Rev. David B. Joslin, former Assisting Bishops in the diocese.

Mrs. Emma Warren, Secretary of Convention, moved that greetings be sent to retired bishops, assisting bishops who served in the Diocese of New Jersey, and members of the clergy who were unable to be present due to illness. The motion was seconded and passed.

Keynote Speaker:

Bishop Councill introduced the Rt. Rev. Michael B. Curry, Bishop of North Carolina.

Bishop Curry's Keynote Address is available in its entirety in audio version on CD and in video version on DVD upon request to the Diocese.

Companion Diocese:

The Rev. Canon Servio Moscoso, Chair of the Companion Diocese Committee, offered greetings from the Diocese of Ecuador Central and called on Deacon Emily Holman, Secretary of the Companion Diocese Committee, to present the following Resolution:

The Companion Diocese Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey proposes the following Resolution on the entering into a companion relationship with the Diocese of Ecuador Central and a prayer relationship with the Diocese of Ecuador Litoral

Whereas, at the request of Bishop Councill the Committee set about the investigation of a companion relationship between the Diocese of New Jersey and the Diocese of Ecuador Central; and

Whereas, in furtherance of that request the following members of the Committee traveled to Ecuador from April 7 to April 14, 2008: Rev. Servio Moscoso (Chair); Rev. Pedro Guzman; Vincent Tortorello and John Ackerman; and

Whereas, those Committee members met with The Right Reverend Wilfrido Ramos, Bishop of the Diocese of Ecuador Central and with members of the Companion Diocese Committee of the Diocese of Ecuador Central and had a full discussion of matters spiritual and temporal regarding a companion diocese relationship between the two Dioceses; and

Whereas, the aforesaid Committee members also visited parishes and schools throughout the Diocese of Ecuador Central and were warmly received throughout said Diocese; and

Whereas, the Committee, after due deliberation, has reached the conclusion to support the companion relationship between the Diocese of New Jersey and the Diocese of Ecuador Central as beneficial to both Dioceses; and

Whereas, during the Committee's visit to Ecuador, discussions were had between Rev. Moscoso and Mr. Tortorello and The Right Reverend Alfredo Morante of the Diocese of Ecuador Litoral, regarding a prayer relationship between the two Dioceses, which discussions were also fruitful and collegial;

Be It Therefore

Resolved

That the Committee hereby recommends that a Companion Relationship between the Diocese of New Jersey and the Diocese of Ecuador Central be entered into for a period of three years; and

That the Committee further recommends that a three year prayer relationship be entered into between the Diocese of New Jersey and the Diocese of Ecuador Litoral at the same time; and

That the Committee requests that this resolution be presented to the appropriate entities of the Diocese of New Jersey for their action and approval; and

That the Committee expresses its thanks to Bishop Councill for his assistance and encouragement throughout this process.

The Resolution was passed. Canon Moscoso presented Bishop Councill with the flag of Ecuador Central.

Special Resolution:

The Rev. Canon Laurence D. Fish presented the following Special Resolution:

Whereas, St. Paul's, Bound Brook, and St. Stephen's, Florence, celebrate the Sesquicentennial of their organization in 1859; and Christ Church, Palmyra celebrates the 125th anniversary of its organization in 1884; and

Whereas, The Rev. Canon James E. Purdy celebrates the 70th anniversary of his canonical residence; the Rev. Walter J. Moreau celebrates his 50th anniversary of canonical residence; and the Rev. Canon Bruce A. Weatherly celebrates the 50th anniversary of canonical residence;

Be it therefore resolved that the 225th Annual Convention of the Diocese of New Jersey, assembled in Wildwood, tenders congratulations to the clergy and congregation of the churches in Bound Brook, Florence, and Palmyra, and to the clergy celebrating anniversaries, wishing them heartfelt good wishes of this assembly and God's blessing in the years ahead.

Canon Fish moved the resolution. It was seconded and passed.

The Resolutions Committee Report:

Paul Ambos, Esq., Chair of the Committee on Resolutions, presented the Resolutions Committee Report, Document 38. The Statements in Support by the proposers are omitted here but can be found in the Final Report of the Committee, Document 38. Mr. Ambos on behalf of the Committee moved Resolution 2009-1 on the subject of 2009 General Convention Support of Seminarians:

Be It Resolved, That the Convention of the Diocese of New Jersey join with its Deputies to General Convention in submitting the following resolution for consideration at the 76th General Convention of the Episcopal Church to be held in Anaheim, California, in July 2009:

TITLE: Financial Support for Seminarians

Resolved, the House of _____ concurring, That the 76th General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance provide funding for the next triennium to underwrite the mounting costs of theological education by providing needs-based scholarships for Episcopal Seminarians; and be it further

Resolved, That said funds be administered and distributed to needy seminarians through the existing Scholarship Program of the Society for the Increase of the Ministry (SIM), said Society having an established record of 151 years of experience in administering scholarship grants to Episcopal seminarians; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention direct SIM to report annually to the Executive Council on this work and its effectiveness in meeting the needs of the future ordained leaders of this Church and that the Executive Council, in turn, provide a full report to the 77th General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation in the amounts of \$100,000 in year one, \$150,000 in year two and \$200,000 in year three for the implementation of this resolution.

EXPLANATION:

The cost of three years of seminary can range from \$51,000 to over \$100,000, depending upon family circumstances and one's choice of seminaries. About half of our seminarians struggle under the burden of debt, most of which is educational debt. The Society for the Increase of the Ministry reported in autumn 2007 that some 42% of the graduating 2008 class will have incurred an estimated indebtedness of \$62,000, which will amount to about \$12,000 per year against a median postgraduation income of \$45,500. SIM also reports a declining enrollment of students in the Master of Divinity degree programs at Episcopal seminaries (a decrease of 25% over the last three academic years) reportedly related to the level of incurred student indebtedness. The high cost of seminary education and the threat of debilitating debt limits diversity among our seminary student bodies and limits the placement opportunities for ordinands to those congregations which pay better than others. This funding schedule is intended to bring the support from the General Convention budget to a level matching the annual grants committed by SIM (\$225,000 for the academic year 2008-09).

SUBMITTED BY: The Rev'd Joan M.P. Anders, Chair, on behalf of the Diocese of New Jersey Deputation to General Convention

Mr. Ambos moved Resolution 2009-1 and noted that the Resolutions Committee had made no recommendation as to this proposal. The Resolution was passed. On behalf of the Committee he moved Resolution 2009-2 on the subject of the Liturgical Creation Cycle of the Pentecost Season:

Be it Resolved, That the 225th Annual Convention of the Diocese of New Jersey commend to the diocese and congregations the optional celebration of a liturgical Creation Cycle of the Pentecost Season from St. Francis' Day to Advent, for the purpose of affirming the sacredness of God's creation, of spreading hope about God's reconciling work in creation, and of an understanding of environmental stewardship and ecological justice; and be it

Further Resolved, That the Liturgical Advisory Committee of the Diocese be encouraged to study materials on the Creation Season and make them available to congregations; and be it

Further Resolved, That the Diocesan Convention propose the following resolution to the General Convention of the Episcopal Church meeting in 2009:

TITLE: Creation Cycle of the Pentecost Season

Resolved, the House of _____ concurring, That the 76th General Convention establish a liturgical Creation Cycle of the Pentecost Season from St. Francis' Day to Advent, for the purpose of affirming the sacredness of God's creation, of spreading hope about God's reconciling work in creation and an understanding of environmental stewardship and ecological justice; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to develop prayers and other liturgical materials celebrating a Pentecost Season Creation Cycle for inclusion in the next edition of the Book of Occasional Services and that it report its work to the 77th General Convention.

EXPLANATION:

God the Creator has made the universe with all its marvelous order, its atoms, planets, galaxies, and the Earth with its infinite complexity of living creatures. Our Gracious God has filled all living creatures with plenteousness and generativity and has blessed human beings with the task of the stewardship of the creation upon Earth.

Traditional Anglicanism has observed the beauty of the Creation over the centuries by celebrating the octave of Rogation, and has commended this practice in its foundational documents and continuing liturgical traditions. Since 1991, many Episcopal Churches in the United States have celebrated a "Creation Cycle of the Pentecost Season" to honor God the Creator with worship, music and praise for these gifts of life. This practice has spread to churches and cathedrals in the Episcopal Church, and also to Australia where it has become a national religious observance.

In June of 2008, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams, joined ecumenical leaders in England in calling for the celebrating of a liturgical period annually in all churches of the United Kingdom to "be dedicated to prayer for the protection of Creation and the promotion of sustainable lifestyles that reverse our contribution to climate change."

In affirming the Creation Cycle of the Pentecost Season, the Episcopal Church would be taking leadership in the Anglican Communion in the promotion of this important liturgical innovation.

SUBMITTED BY: The Rev'd Dr. Franklin Vilas, Interim Rector, St. Mark's, Basking Ridge; the Rev'd Joan M.P. Anders, Rector, Christ Church, Toms River, individually and, as Chair, on behalf of the Diocese of New Jersey Deputation to General Convention; the Rev'd Sheelagh Clarke, Assistant, St. Paul's Church, Westfield; the Rev'd Margaret Hodgkins, Rector, St. Andrew's Church, New Providence; the Rev'd Jeffrey Kirk, Rector, Church of the Atonement, Laurel Springs; the Rev'd Lisa Mitchell, Rector, Christ Church, Shrewsbury; the Rev'd C. John Thompson-Quartey, Rector, St. Mary's-by-the-Sea, Point Pleasant Beach; the Rev'd Richard C. Wrede, Rector, Christ Church, Riverton; and the Rev'd Joseph R. Parrish, Jr. on behalf of the Environmental Commission of the Diocese of New Jersey

Mr. Ambos moved Resolution 2009-2 and noted that the Resolutions Committee had made no recommendation as to this proposal. The Rev. Arthur Powell moved to amend the resolution by deleting the first "further resolved" paragraph, which amendment was accepted as a friendly amendment by the Rev'd Dr. Franklion Vilas on behalf of the proposers. The resolution was then passed as so amended. Mr. Ambos noted that Resolution 2009-3 was withdrawn by the proposers, who have instead endorsed Resolution 2009-2. On behalf of the Committee Mr. Ambos then moved Resolution 2009-4 on the subject of The Merciful and Humane Treatment of God's Creatures:

Be It Resolved, That the 225th Annual Convention of the Diocese of New Jersey support the humane and merciful treatment of all of God's Creatures, with specific concern as to (a) actions that can lead to the extinction of species of animals in the wild and (b) housing and treatment of domestic animals that are grown for our food; and be it

Further Resolved, That the Diocese direct the Environmental Commission to provide information to

educate our parishes about decisions that would affect the lives and health of the most vulnerable of animal life; and be it

Further Resolved, That each congregation be encouraged to refer this resolution to their outreach committee or other such venue in order to educate and disseminate information to their members and encourage environmentally friendly actions.

SUBMITTED BY: The Rev'd Joseph R. Parrish, Jr. on behalf of the Environmental Commission of the Diocese of New Jersey

Mr. Ambos noted that the Resolutions Committee had made no recommendation as to this proposal. The resolution was passed. He then on behalf of the Committee moved Resolution 2009-5 on the subject of Environmental Justice:

Be It Resolved, That the 225th Annual Convention of the Diocese of New Jersey support an environmentally just treatment of all in God's Creation, especially children, indigenous peoples, and the economically marginalized; and be it

Further Resolved, That the Diocese direct the Environmental Commission to provide information to educate our parishes about decisions that would affect the lives and health of all of us and disproportionately the most vulnerable persons in our society; and be it

Further Resolved, That each congregation be encouraged to refer this resolution to their outreach committee or other such venue in order to educate and disseminate information to their members and encourage environmentally just actions.

SUBMITTED BY: The Rev'd Joseph R. Parrish, Jr., on behalf of the Environmental Commission of the Diocese of New Jersey

Mr. Ambos noted that the Resolutions Committee had made no recommendation as to this proposal. The Resolution was passed. Mr. Ambos then on behalf of the Committee moved Resolution 2009-6/7 on the subject of Financial Reports for Diocesan Trusts:

Be It Resolved, That the 225th Annual Convention of the Diocese of New Jersey direct the Trustees of the six trust funds of the Diocese named in Canon 13 to prepare forthwith full and complete financial reports for the years 2007 and 2008, covering both the capital accounts and the income accounts of each and every trust fund for which they have fiduciary responsibility; and be it

Further Resolved, That Convention direct the members of the Diocesan Council to prepare forthwith full and complete financial reports for the years 2007 and 2008, covering both the capital accounts and the income accounts of each and every trust fund for which they have fiduciary responsibility; and be it

Further Resolved, That those sections of the reports that show the disbursements from the income accounts of each fund provide sufficient detail to demonstrate that the funds were expended in a manner that is in accordance with the stated purposes and restrictions set forth in the trust documents by which the trusts were established; and be it

Further Resolved, That copies of these reports be distributed promptly to every member of the clergy canonically resident in the Diocese and to each congregation of the Diocese.

SUBMITTED BY: The Rev'd Elmer L. Sullivan

The Resolutions Committee Report was interrupted for the Results of the First Ballot.

Results of the First Ballot:

Deacon Hain reported the results of the first ballot:

Office A. Standing Committee (Vote by Orders)

1 Clergy Member, 4-year term

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| Total Ballots: | 516 | | |
| Clergy Votes Cast: | 170 | Clergy majority: | 86 |
| Lay Votes Cast: | 346 | Lay majority: | 174 |

| | Clergy | Lay |
|----------------------------------|--------|-----|
| The Rev. Joanna D. Graham | 85 | 199 |
| The Rev. Frank B. Crumbaugh, III | 85 | 147 |

Bishop Councill declared there was no election.

Office B. Standing Committee (Vote by Orders)

1 Lay Member, 4-year term

1 Lay Member, 1-year term

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| Total Ballots: | 480 | | |
| Clergy Votes Cast: | 157 | Clergy majority: | 79 |
| Lay Votes Cast: | 323 | Lay majority: | 162 |

| | Clergy | Lay |
|---------------|--------|-----|
| Deborah Kirk | 116 | 239 |
| Sylvia Temmer | 41 | 84 |

Bishop Councill declared Deborah Kirk elected for a 4-year term and Sylvia Temmer elected for a 1-year term.

Office C. Diocesan Council

3 Clergy Members, 3-year terms

Total Ballots: 1,509 Votes Necessary to Elect: 252

| | Votes |
|---------------------------------|-------|
| The Rev. Joanna E. George, Dcn. | 286 |
| The Rev. Paul A. Van Sant | 289 |
| The Rev. Dr. Patrick R. Close | 267 |
| The Rev. Brian K. Burgess | 306 |
| The Rev. Valerie L. Balling | 361 |

Bishop Councill declared the Rev. Valerie L. Balling, the Rev. Brian K. Burgess, and the Rev. Paul A. Van Sant elected.

Office D. Diocesan Council

3 Lay Members, 3-year terms

Total Ballots: 1,509 Votes Necessary to Elect: 252

Votes

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|-----------------------|-----|
| Morris Anderson | 388 |
| Cheryl D. Browne | 376 |
| Noreen Duncan | 393 |
| John B. Ackerman, Jr. | 352 |

Bishop Councill declared Noreen Duncan, Morris Anderson, and Cheryl D. Browne elected.

Office F. Cathedral Chapter
2 Lay Members, 3-year terms
1 Lay Member, 1-year term

Total Ballots: 948 Votes Necessary to Elect: 238

| | Votes |
|-------------------|-------|
| Dorothy Spolarich | 348 |
| Naomi M. Cressman | 288 |
| Nancy H. Miller | 312 |

Bishop Councill declared Dorothy Spolarich and Nancy H. Miller elected for 3-year terms, and Naomi M. Cressman elected for a 1-year term.

Office L. Diocesan Investment Trust
1 Member, Clergy or Lay, 4-year term

Total Ballots: 493 Votes Necessary to Elect: 247

| | Votes |
|-----------------------|-------|
| Bruce Brand | 144 |
| Katherine F. Lowry | 215 |
| Kenneth L. MacRitchie | 134 |

Bishop Councill declared there was no election.

Office O. Diocesan Review Committee
1 Lay Member, 3-year term

Total Ballots: 480 Votes Necessary to Elect: 241

| | Votes |
|-------------------|-------|
| Elizabeth H. Papp | 167 |
| Stephen P. DeBaun | 106 |
| Thomas J. Scott | 207 |

Bishop Councill declared there was no election.

Office P. Trial Court - 4 Clergy Members, 3-year terms
1 year as a member, 2 years as alternate

Total Ballots: 1,952 Votes Necessary to Elect: 245

| | Votes |
|-----------------------------|-------|
| The Rev. John C. Belmont | 455 |
| The Rev. Kenneth A. Gluckow | 376 |
| The Rev. J. Connor Haynes | 310 |
| The Rev. Dr. Wayne L. Smith | 432 |

The Rev. Sheelagh A. Clarke 379

Bishop Councill declared the Rev. John C. Belmont, the Rev. Dr. Wayne L. Smith, the Rev. Sheelagh A. Clarke, and the Rev. Kenneth A. Gluckow elected.

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Total Ballots: 478 Votes Necessary: 240

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| Yes | 438 |
| No | 40 |

Bishop Councill declared Implementing Resolution I of the Constitution and Canons Committee Report passed.

Second Ballot:

Deacon Hain gave the balloting instructions for the second ballot. The second ballot was cast.

The Resolutions Committee Report (continued):

Mr. Ambos stated that Resolution 2009-6 and 2007 as contained in the Preliminary Report of the Committee were combined and are presented in the Final Report as Resolution 2009-6/7. Mr. Ambos noted that the Resolutions Committee had made no recommendation as to this proposal.

Bishop Councill read Rule XIII of the Rules of Order XIII on Referrals"

Subject matter coming before Convention may be referred at any time prior to a vote to an appropriate Board, Committee, Commission, or Agency at the discretion of the President, with a direction to report either at the same session of the Convention or a future meeting.

As President of Convention, Bishop Councill referred Resolution 2009-6/7 to the Finance and Budget Committee for consideration to report back to the 226th Annual Convention. Mr. Ambos then on behalf of the Committee on Resolutions moved Resolution 2009-9 on the subject of 2009 General Convention Affirmation of Canonical Process:

Be It Resolved, That the 225th Annual Convention of the Diocese of New Jersey submit the following resolution for consideration at the 76th General Convention of the Episcopal Church to be held in Anaheim, California, in July 2009:

TITLE: Affirming the Canonical Process

Resolved, the House of _____ concurring, That the 76th General Convention affirm the canonical commitment to full access by members of this Church to the discernment process for any ministry, lay or ordained (Canon III. 1.2–3), and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention affirm the existing canonical process for the election, consents, and ordination of a bishop in this Church, in which the Christ-centered manner of life of candidates and, later, bishops-elect is tested by the theological, moral, and psychological concerns of this Church, under-standing that determination of the appropriateness of such election and subsequent consents and ordination includes concerns for the challenges such election may present to members of this church or of other churches in the Anglican Communion, and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention continue its pledge to engage in a process of healing and reconciliation with member churches of the Anglican Communion who have declared themselves in a state of impaired communion with this Church, and be it further

Resolved, That the content of this resolution supersede the content of Resolution B033 of the 75th General Convention.

EXPLANATION:

The existing canons of The Episcopal Church are intended to be comprehensive and contain all processes and provisions that are to be used for the discernment of vocation for the episcopate. The canons have no restrictions on non-celibate gay and lesbian persons and specifically prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation. Therefore B033 contradicts these canons by imposing an extra-canonical restraint (*cf.* Title III, Canon 11 and Title III, Canon 1, Section 2). Resolutions such as B033 and its extra-canonical restraints are non-binding; resolutions are strong recommendations. A recommendation that is in conflict with a canon does not require compliance and needs to be rescinded in order that it does not offer opportunity and justification for those seeking to act outside canon law.

SUBMITTED BY: The Oasis Taskforce of the Diocese of New Jersey: The Rev'd Teresa Suruda, the Rev'd Cipher Deavours, the Rev'd Robert Counselman, Ms. Kathy Foley, the Rev'd Kristen Foley, Mr. Theodore Foley, Ms. Lyn Headley-Deavours, and the Rev'd Susan Norris

Mr. Ambos noted that Resolution 2009-8 had been submitted after the January 15 deadline, for the reasons set forth in the Final Report, and thus would require a two-thirds vote of Convention to come before Convention. The President of Convention called for a vote, and the resolution received the required 2/3 vote of Convention. Mr. Ambos noted that the Resolutions Committee had made no recommendation as to this proposal. Discussion was held. A motion was made, seconded and passed to call the question. The resolution was passed. Mr. Ambos thanked the members of the Committee on Resolutions for their work.

Results of the Second Ballot:

Deacon Hain reported the results of the second ballot:

Office A. Standing Committee (Vote by Orders)

1 Clergy Member, 4-year term

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| Total Ballots: | 500 | | |
| Clergy Votes Cast: | 153 | Clergy majority: | 77 |
| Lay Votes Cast: | 347 | Lay majority: | 174 |

| | Clergy | Lay |
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| The Rev. Joanna D. Graham | 82 | 217 |
| The Rev. Frank B. Crumbaugh, III | 71 | 130 |

Bishop Cancell declared the Rev. Joanna Graham elected.

Office L. Diocesan Investment Trust

1 Member, Clergy or Lay, 4-year term

Total Ballots: 503 Votes Necessary to Elect: 252

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| Bruce Brand | 125 |
| Katherine F. Lowry | 283 |

Bishop Councill declared Katherine Lowry elected.

**Office O. Diocesan Review Committee
1 Lay Member, 3-year term**

Total Ballots: 504 Votes Necessary to Elect: 253

| | Votes |
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| Elizabeth H. Papp | 125 |
| Stephen P. DeBaun | 78 |
| Thomas J. Scott | 301 |

Bishop Councill declared Thomas J. Scott elected. This concluded the balloting.

Clerical Compensation Report:

Mr. Martin Nelson, Chair of the Standing Commission on Clerical Compensation, reported that the objective of the commission, consisting of 12 members; 6 clergy and 6 lay members elected by the Diocesan Convention, is to assure that all clergy are adequately and correctly compensated. They monitor compliance of salary, social security offset, continuing education, professional expenses allowance, health and life insurance and housing allowance including housing equity contributions. The Commission makes recommendations to the Convention on compensation matters, but the Convention has the ultimate approval.

Mr. Nelson presented the following resolutions:

(1) *Resolved:* The salary grid in effect for the year 2009 shall remain unchanged for the year starting January 1, 2010.

Mr. Nelson moved the resolution on behalf of the Commission. The resolution was passed.

(2) *Resolved:* That all other compensation components for 2010 remain at the 2009 levels.

Mr. Nelson moved the resolution on behalf of the Commission. The resolution was passed.

Mr. Nelson continued that at last year's Convention, Bishop Councill asked the Commission to study, develop, and make a sabbatical policy recommendation to the Standing Committee for full-time clergy residing in the Diocese. At first the lay members were skeptical since sabbaticals are virtually unknown in the private sector of the economy; they are mostly a benefit in the education sector. The clergy members put forth strong arguments that a sabbatical would renew and refresh the clergy physically, emotionally, and spiritually, and when they returned to their congregations, they would bring new energy and ideas back with them. The Commission did vote as to whether or not to develop a sabbatical policy, and though the vote was not unanimous, the majority agreed to follow the Bishop's request.

The Commission looked at sabbatical policies from other Episcopal dioceses and from the Lutheran Church, and it developed a Draft Sabbatical Leave Policy for information and discussion, which is contained in the Commission's written Report. Document 10, that they felt is fair both to the clergy and to congregations. While this is possibly the worst year to present a new clergy benefit, the Commission believes that the economy will improve in the next several years so that clergy can avail themselves of a sabbatical leave. We ask that those churches that do not have an agreement with their clergy regarding a sabbatical study our proposed policy and open a dialog with their clergy for a sabbatical sometime in the future.

As this is Mr. Nelson's last year on the commission, he thanked all of the current members for their hard work this past year. He has had the pleasure of serving with wonderful dedicated people, both lay and

clergy, during his many years on the Commission. He has enjoyed coming to this convention to see many old friends from the past. He asked that you keep individuals serving on the commission in your prayers because their work is vitally important to the well-being of the diocese.

Budget:

Mr. Reginald Whitman, Treasurer of the Diocese, referred deputies to Financials Exhibit I, The Revised Preliminary Budget for 2009 and Proposed Preliminary Budget for 2010.

On behalf of the Finance and Budget Committee, Diocesan Council, and the Financial Office of the Diocese, Mr. Whitman moved the adoption of the Revised Preliminary Budget for 2009. The motion was passed.

On behalf of the Finance and Budget Committee, Diocesan Council, and the Financial Office of the Diocese, Mr. Whitman moved the Proposed Preliminary Budget for 2010. The motion was passed.

Fair Share Partners:

The Rev. Philip Kasey, Chair of the Fair Share Committee, noted that one investment where the results have been consistently strong is the investment we've all made in our church. Our church is alive and well, the Body of Christ fully functioning, faithfully using all the gifts we can gather. Our parents invested in it and our children will be able to invest in it. Our grandparents invested in it, and it will still be here for our grandchildren to invest in it. It's been here and it will be here.

Somehow the Body of Christ never finds a way to stop growing. Father Kasey asked deputies to consider investing heavily today and every day. In these times of economic calamity, he asked everyone to go back to their vestries and encourage them to join by investing in our diocese.

The budget we just passed, the one with the huge deficit in it? What could be better than to surprise Bishop Councill by shrinking that deficit? By investing more money than we think is reasonable in our diocese. Let's free up some of those bad investments and back a sure thing for a change. It's really the only reasonable way to deal with times of great trial. To put our faith in what has brought us through every other trial we've ever been through: Our church.

Bishop Councill wants to create some jobs, but since they're non-paying jobs that are going to take people away from the ministry they're already doing, I want to put those men and women out of work before they even get started. These people are the yet-to-be named members of what I'm going to call the Triage Task Force — a "brain trust" to be given the task of finding out how to cut at least half a million dollars out of the 2010 budget.

Do you really want less help with filling vacancies in your parishes and missions when your priest retires or answers another call? Do you really want to cut back on administrative and Episcopal assistance available to Bishop Councill? Is that what we want him to have returned from sabbatical for? Less help? Maybe you'd rather even less communication than we can afford now, or to take a swipe at the budget of our amazing Youth Ministry? If so, then let this group convene. Let whoever these people are going to be leave their productive ministries aside for a few months so they can come together in Trenton to go to work with scissors and sharp pencils.

Father Kasey noted that he would rather invest in our church than work on diminishing it. It's the one investment opportunity where past performance really does serve as a reliable predictor of future results. Because, rather than the wild fluctuations of the financial markets your investment in our church fluctuates in a very predictable way: Life, Death, Resurrection. No, it's not win-win, but that loss in the middle is fully redeemable.

So let's surprise Bishop Councill and keep him smiling, and invest as heavily as we possibly can, more even, ask for even more than you already have. As Paul says to the Galatians: "Use your freedom to serve one another in love — that's how freedom grows."

Not by fearfully embracing apparent scarcity and anxiety; but by foolishly, faithfully, investing in Resurrection. Rather than mourning our losses, now is the chance for us, brothers and sisters, fellow fools in Christ, to shore up the very foundation we stand on and invest in following the footsteps of our Lord who, in his mercy, makes New Jersey new. Right onward, revive us again.

Anti-Racism Commission:

The Rev. Terrence Rosheuvel, Chair, reported that the Anti-Racism Commission continues to be guided by the vision adopted in 2001. The Commission oversaw development and activities of the Anti-Racism Team (ART) and organized anti-racism training events, introductory parish and search committee training within the diocese, as well as offering training to Diocesan executive staff, officials elected to leading commissions and committees in the diocese, and candidates in the School for Deacons.

Father Rosheuvel encouraged everyone to make a personal commitment to end the sin of racism in our diocese. He invited deputies to visit the Commission's booth in the exhibit area. He thanked Bishop Councill for his support of the Commission.

Property Matters:

John Wood Goldsack, Esq., Chancellor, reported on issues surrounding church property. The Constitution and Canons, as well as New Jersey Statutes, specify certain actions regarding property. For example, mortgaging, selling, or leasing property for more than one year requires the consent of the Bishop and Standing Committee. He warned of litigation in cases where this consent was not given. Standing Committee meets monthly, except July and August, so vestries contemplating such transactions should plan accordingly.

Two documents are on the Diocesan website regarding leasing property and disposing of property: www.newjersey.anglican.org/Diocese/Committees/StandComm/index.html

Darfur Committee:

The Rev. Hugh Brown, III, Chair, offered a prayer. He noted that the Committee submitted a written report to Convention. Their charge was set forth at Convention 2008 and the members are very much looking forward to working together.

Ministry to the Imprisoned:

Deacon Johnine Byrer, Chair of the Ministry to the Imprisoned, reported that this newly appointed group has met and are very excited about their ideas to bring the love and hope of Christ into the men and women in the jails and prisons. There are 14 prisons in New Jersey, 13 of them are in the Diocese of New Jersey. Adding our Ministry to the Imprisoned on the Diocesan website is an easy and favorable way to educate those in the parishes who want to get involved.

Bishop Councill added that this ministry is absolutely essential. He has had the privilege of visiting the prisoners with Deacon Byrer and will continue to do so in the future.

Introductions:

Ms. Constance White reported on the work of the Committee on the Priesthood. She noted that several years ago after we introduced that year's group of postulants and candidates that Father Belmont asked you to observe that while there was diversity of gender, there was no diversity in ethnic background and asked for your help in bringing about change. In just a few moments, you will see that what you saw that day and during every Diocesan Convention since, there has been no change. We ask you again to help bring diverse ethnic backgrounds to the priests we raise up from our congregations.

The Rev. Jack Belmont acknowledged the people in the ordination process:

Postulants for Ordination to the Priesthood

Amy Cornell

Trinity Church, Cranford

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| Edwin Chinery | St. Luke's, Metuchen |
| Robert Fitzpatrick | St. George's-by-the-River, Rumson |
| Lisa Hoffman | St. Peter's, Freehold |
| Susan Ironside | St. John-on-the-Mountain, Bernardsville |
| Kevin Olds | St. John's, Somerville |
| The Rev. Toribio Rodriguez | Church of the Good Shepherd, Rahway |
| Maria Sanzo | St. Raphael's, Brick |

Candidate for Ordination to the Priesthood

Stephanie Shockley St. Mary's, Haddon Heights

The Rev. Linda Moeller introduced the members of the School for Deacons:

Class of 2009

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| Rose Broderick | St. Mark's, Keansburg |
| Christopher Cox | Grace St. Paul's, Mercerville |
| Susan Cushinotto | Holy Trinity, Ocean City |
| Judith Krom | Christ Church, Toms River |
| David Lawson-Beck | Trinity Church, Princeton |
| Joseph Sweeney | St. Andrew's, Mount Holly |
| Carmen Viola | Atonement, Laurel Springs |

The Rev. Canon Ronald G. Albury acknowledged clergy who have retired since the 224th Convention.

RETIRING CLERGY IN 2008

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| The Rev. James C. McReynolds | April 1, 2008 |
| The Rev. Richard A. D. Benedict | April 1, 2008 |
| The Rev. Janet Hill Johnson | April 1, 2008 |
| The Rev. Susan B. P. Norris | August 1, 2008 |
| The Rev. Harroldean Ashton | September 1, 2008 |
| The Rev. G. Richard Civalier | September 1, 2008 |
| The Rev. John Charles Powell | September 1, 2008 |
| The Rev. Barbara A. D. Jensen, Dcn. | September 7, 2008 |
| The Rev. Charles N. Lochner | October 11, 2008 |
| The Rev. John Rodney Croes | October 31, 2008 |

RETIRING CLERGY IN 2009

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| The Rev. Denise P. Mantell | January 1, 2009 |
| The Rev. Molly Dale Smith | January 1, 2009 |

After closing announcements, Bishop Council declared that the Convention would be in recess until 11:30 a.m. tomorrow morning, following the morning workshops.

The Rev. Gretchen Zimmerman, Convention Chaplain, closed the session with prayer.

**Saturday, February 28, 2009:
Convention resumes, morning session:**

The Rev. Gretchen Zimmerman, Convention Chaplain, opened the session with prayer at 11:30 a.m.

Right Onward Visioning Committee:

"A video presentation of the *Vision initiative: welcoming through inclusion* was shown. The Video portrayed successful examples of welcoming and inclusion activities in our diocese. As the Convention deputies viewed these examples they were encouraged to use these ideas to help with welcoming and inclusion in their own ministry settings. The Convention deputies were also encouraged to send in ideas that promoted ministry growth to the visioning committee so that ideas could be part of a resource for other congregations.

Province II Report:

Mr. Charles Perfater, Province II Coordinator, brought greetings from our Province II family. Prince Singh is now the Bishop of Rochester. The electing Convention for a Bishop Coadjutor for the Diocese of Long Island is scheduled for March 21, 2009. Lambeth Reflections was held last fall at Trinity Cathedral. Eleven bishops were present and shared their experience at Lambeth. This event was very well received. The Diocese of Haiti is receiving support from dioceses in Province II. Most current attention is being centered on the 76th General Convention to be held July 8-17, 2009, in Anaheim, California and the Provincial Synod which is being held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Albany, May 7-8, 2009. Next year's Convocation will be held May 6-7, 2010 in Syracuse.

Board of Missions:

The Rt. Rev. Sylvestre Romero, Chair of the Board of Missions, introduced the members of the Board of Missions. Bishop Romero reviewed the deployment activities in the mission congregations. Bilingual and multi-lingual worship resources have been and continue to be developed to assist in expanding Hispanic and other cultural ministries. In 2007, Diocesan Council and the Board of Missions agreed on three priorities for mission assistance in the future:

1. Truly missionary work in developing new congregations or reaching out to new constituencies
2. Assisting a formerly vibrant church recover from some recent trauma
3. Assisting two or more churches in developing plans for yoking, regional ministry or merger.

The Board of Missions is considering further restrictions on distributing assistance grants, as an overall strategy for supporting the mission of the church is developed. The Board is increasingly seeing its role as supporting those churches that are bringing the Good News of Christ to their communities and less as one of supporting social service programs offered by churches.

Assistance in the amount of \$318,523 was granted to mission churches in 2008. The list is available in the Board of Missions Report to Convention, Document #17.

Standing Committee on Constitution and Canons:

Paul Ambos, Esq., Chair of the Standing Committee on Constitution and Canons, presented Part II of the report. With the passage on second reading of the Constitutional amendment allowing for voting rights for certain clergy of other denominations "to the extent provided by canon," an appropriate amendment to the canons is called for. Canon 2, Section 1 governs clergy voting rights in diocesan conventions. It currently provides:

SECTION 1. The Ecclesiastical Authority, one week before the date set for any meeting of the Convention, shall certify to the Secretary the names of all clergy canonically resident in the Diocese, annexing the names of their respective cures or stations or engagements, specifying those who have been ordained, or received in the Diocese, within the year immediately preceding, with the dates of their ordination or reception; from which list the Secretary shall prepare, in conformity with the constitution, a roll of all the clergy entitled to votes or seats in the Convention.

Should any dispute arise as to the status of any member of the clergy, it shall be referred to a special committee appointed by the President, which shall report on each case immediately, and the action of the Convention thereon shall not be called in question during the same session.

He explained that for priests ordained in TEC, as reflected in the first paragraph of Diocesan Canon 2 Section 1, the right to vote in Diocesan Convention is keyed to canonical residence. Clergy canonically resident outside the Diocese of New Jersey are permitted to serve here as interims, assistant priests, or temporary priests-in-charge without transferring residence to the diocese and thus gaining the right to vote here. The Committee's position is that non-TEC priests should not be given greater voting rights than TEC priests. Accordingly, he moved the following Implementing Resolution II on behalf of the Committee:

Resolved, That Section 1 of Canon 2 of the Diocese of New Jersey be amended to insert a new second paragraph to read as follows:

The Ecclesiastical Authority shall at the same time also certify the names of all members of the clergy ordained by bishops of churches in communion with The Episcopal Church who are serving as vicars within the Diocese under certificate issued pursuant to Episcopal Church Canon III.10.2(a)(i), who shall also be entitled to have seat and vote at the Convention, annexing the names of their respective congregations and the date of their certification to serve in the Diocese.

The resolution passed. Mr. Ambos presented Part III of the report. Dr. Jim Sullivan has proposed the lifting of a restriction on reelection to the Standing Committee by those members elected to fill a partial term. Article VII, Section 1 of the Constitution provides in pertinent part:

. . . the successors of those whose terms expire as aforesaid shall be elected for a term of four years. No members elected by the Convention shall be eligible to succeed themselves.

Section 3 of the same Article provides:

The Standing Committee shall have power to fill vacancies which may occur in their own body or in any body elected or appointed by Convention until the next annual meeting of Convention, unless otherwise provided for by articles of this Constitution, Canons adopted thereunder, or special acts taken by Convention.

When a vacancy occurs, the Standing Committee can fill the vacancy until the next Convention, at which time the Convention elects a member to fill the unexpired portion of the four-year term. Under Section 1, such persons are not eligible to be elected to a full term upon the expiration of the partial term. Dr. Sullivan's proposal is to change this section to allow such persons to run.

The Committee recommends against such a change, for the reasons set forth in our Report. On behalf of Dr. Sullivan Mr. Ambos moved Implementing Resolution III, noting that the Committee recommended that it be defeated:

Resolved, That the fifth sentence of Section 1 of Article VII of the Constitution of the Diocese of New Jersey be amended to read as follows (added language underlined): "No members elected by the Convention for a full term shall be eligible to succeed themselves."

The resolution was defeated. Mr. Ambos presented Part IV of the report, seeking to amend diocesan canons to refer to The Episcopal Church and its canons by removing the term "national," which has been pointed out by Chancellor John Wood Goldsack as inappropriate, On behalf of the Committee he moved the following Implementing Resolution IV:

Resolved, That the following Canons of the Diocese of New Jersey be amended as follows (deletions shown by strikethrough, insertions by underline):

Canon 14, Section 1, second sentence: "The purpose of the Budget is to enable the Diocese to carry on ministries, provide support to the Diocesan Congregations, meet its obligation to ~~the national~~ The Episcopal Church, and finance its administration."

Canon 16, Section 1(a): "A tithe, which shall be ten percent of each Diocesan Congregation's Income Base, shall be requested to support the basic obligations of the Diocese, which shall include the cost of supporting the Bishop, the diocesan staff and facilities, legal and insurance requirements, direct support payments to mission congregations, funding for social and ethnic ministries, gatherings in the Diocese and of the church, and an amount equal to a tithe of total Fair Share Pledges to the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society (~~"the National~~ The Episcopal Church".) Each Diocesan Congregation shall pay its tithe unless for good cause prevented."

Canon 16, Section 1(b), second sentence: "Such mission and ministry shall include all programmatic activities and ministries that are not included in Section 1(a), support for the development of clergy, the amount by which the asking from ~~the national church~~ The Episcopal Church exceeds the amount allocated in Section 1(a), and such other initiatives as are approved by the Bishop and the Diocesan Council or by the Convention."

Canon 16, Section 2, first sentence: "By March 1 of each year, each Diocesan Congregation shall submit an annual Parochial Report for the prior year to the Diocese, as required by ~~national canons~~ Canons of The Episcopal Church."

Canon 67, Section 1, first sentence: "There shall be a Diocesan Review Committee for the Diocese consisting of four lay persons and five clergy persons each to be elected for staggered three-year terms by the Convention of the Diocese, to have such responsibilities as may be provided for by canon, including the responsibilities set forth in ~~National~~ Canon IV.3 of The Episcopal Church."

Canon 67, Section 1, last sentence: "Any vacancy caused by reason of death, incapacity, resignation, or any disqualification under ~~National~~ Canon IV.14.13 of The Episcopal Church must be promptly filled by the Standing Committee of the Diocese from a qualified person of the same order, to serve until the next meeting of the Convention, at which time an election will take place to fill the balance of any unexpired term together with the election of full-term members."

Canon 73, Section 2(a): "Every Minister in charge of a Congregation, or, if there be no such Minister, a Warden thereof, shall prepare annually for the year ending December 31st preceding, a report of the Congregation, upon the form as provided by ~~National~~ Canon I.6.1 of The Episcopal Church, and shall send the said report, not later than March 1st, to the Bishop."

Canon 74, Section 2: "In accordance with the provisions of ~~National~~ Canon I.7.1(j) of The Episcopal Church, all churches in the Diocese shall set the compensation for all clergy employees according to a fiscal year that begins on January 1."

Canon 75, Section 4: "Following each meeting of the General Convention, the Standing Committee on Constitution and Canons must (a) review any changes to ~~National~~ Canons of The Episcopal Church approved by such meeting and (b) propose to the next diocesan Convention amendments to Diocesan Canons so as to conform them to such changes in ~~National~~ Canons of The Episcopal Church."

The resolution passed. Mr. Ambos presented Part V of the report, filling a request by Canon Kep Short, Director of Youth Ministry for the Diocese, to correct terminology in the canon governing the Diocesan Youth Council (formerly the Diocesan Youth Commission). He moved Implementing Resolution V:

Resolved, That Diocese of New Jersey Canon 10 be amended as follows (deletions shown by strikethrough, insertions by underline):

CANON 10

Diocesan Youth ~~Commission~~ Council

The Diocesan Youth ~~Commission~~ Council shall be entitled to seat, voice and vote at Diocesan Convention. The Youth ~~Commission~~ Council shall elect three persons, who are at least 16 years of age and who are communicants in good standing of a parish within the Diocese, to serve as deputies to Diocesan Convention. The ~~President and Secretary of the Youth Commission~~ Co-Chairs of the Youth Council or the Director of Youth Ministry shall certify the election of the deputies to the Secretary of Diocesan Convention.

The resolution passed. Mr. Ambos presented Part VI of the report. Diocesan Office Manager Ann Notte had brought to the Committee's attention a discrepancy between some congregations' election practices and the provisions of Section 3 of Canon 49, which governs the election of parish officers, including Deputies and Alternates to Diocesan Convention. The canon requires election of officers to serve for a year following the annual meeting, but some congregations have been electing Deputies and Alternates to serve for the second following Diocesan Convention. The Committee drafted an amendment to legitimize such a procedure, but recommended against its adoption because it is unnecessary: If a congregation feels that its annual meeting is too close to the next Diocesan Convention it can change the date of its meeting. Accordingly, Mr. Ambos moved Implementing Resolution VI:

Resolved, That Diocese of New Jersey Canon 49, Section 3 be amended by adding the following sentence:

Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding sentence, a congregation whose annual meeting is held between the First Sunday in Advent and the opening of the annual meeting of the Diocesan Convention may provide by bylaw for the election at its meeting of Deputies and alternate Deputies to the second following Diocesan Convention rather than the immediately following Diocesan Convention.

The resolution was defeated. Mr. Ambos presented Part VII of the report, concerning matters carried over from prior years as to which no action was necessary. He presented Part VIII of the report, a proposal to amend the first paragraph of Constitution Article II, Section 2 to return the provisions governing the vote of bishops from the Canons to the Diocesan Constitution. The Rev'd Elmer L. Sullivan has proposed the following amendment to the first paragraph of Article II, Section 2 of Constitution of the Diocese (deletions shown by strikethrough, insertions by underline):

The Bishop of the Diocese; the Bishop Coadjutor, if there be one; and Suffragan Bishops, if there be any, ~~and all other bishops to the extent provided by canon~~ shall each have a seat and vote.

Prior to 1996 this sentence had read: "The Bishop, the Bishop Coadjutor and the Suffragan Bishop shall each have a seat and vote." It was changed in that year to provide for the adoption of new Canon 11, titled "Retired Bishops in Convention", which provides: "A Bishop who shall have retired as a bishop of the Diocese of New Jersey and who is canonically residing within the Diocese shall be entitled to a voice, seat and vote at the Convention." The Diocese had no Suffragan Bishop since 1991 and no Bishop Coadjutor since 1994; the only person to whom the change had been applied was retired Suffragan Bishop Vincent Pettit. Fr. Sullivan's proposal is contained in Document 7A.

Rather than amending the Constitution, the Committee recommends instead expanding the current Canon 11 to cover active bishops other than the Diocesan, and at the same time suggests conforming the language for retired bishops to the usual canonical language for granting seat, voice, and vote in Convention. Mr. Ambos noted that Assisting Bishops such as Bishop Sylvestre Romero are qualified to vote by virtue of Episcopal Church Canon III.12.8(j) along with other clergy, so no special provision for

such bishops is needed in diocesan canons. Accordingly, on behalf of the Committee he moved Implementing Resolution VIII:

Resolved, That Diocese of New Jersey Canon 11 be amended as follows (deletions shown by strikethrough, insertions by underline):

CANON 11

Retired Voting Rights of Bishops Other than Diocesan Bishops in Convention

Any Bishops Suffragan or Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese shall have seat, voice, and vote at the Convention. A Bishop who shall have retired as a bishop of the Diocese of New Jersey and who is canonically residing within the Diocese shall be entitled to a ~~voice,~~ seat, voice, and vote at the Convention.

The resolution passed. Mr. Ambos noted that Part IX, another proposal by Fr. Sullivan, was withdrawn and does not require action by Convention. Mr. Ambos presented Part X of the report. Fr. Sullivan had voiced procedural and substantive objections to the amendment to the Constitution that was confirmed on the first ballot today. He proposes that that amended fourth paragraph of Constitution Art. II, § 2 be replaced by the following language:

The Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese may, at the Ecclesiastical Authority's discretion, direct that a member of the clergy of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America who serves a congregation of the Diocese of New Jersey be included in the roll of clergy entitled to seats and votes in the Convention; *Provided, however*, that clergy so listed shall not be deemed qualified to serve as members of the Standing Committee of the Diocese.

Fr. Sullivan's rationale for this proposal is set forth also in Document 7A. The Committee has reviewed this proposal and recommends against its adoption, because (a) it applies only to ELCA clergy only and not to clergy of any of the other churches with which The Episcopal Church is in communion, (b) it makes eligibility to vote dependent upon the sufferance of the Bishop at the time, (c) it would adopt into the Constitution a procedure (certification of the roll of clergy having votes or seats in Diocesan Convention) that is set forth only in Canon (and also changing "seats or votes" to "seats and votes"), and (d) it includes a blanket disqualification of these clergypersons from serving on the Standing Committee of the Diocese in the voting-qualification Article of the Constitution rather than in the Article specifying qualifications for office for Standing Committee. The Committee questions whether this last disqualification is even necessary or desirable other than to create a "second class citizenship" among otherwise "interchangeable" clergy. Accordingly, the Committee has proposed Implementing Resolution X to enact Fr. Sullivan's proposal, which Mr. Ambos moved on behalf of the Committee, noting the Committees recommendation that it be defeated:

Resolved, That a fourth paragraph of Section 2 of Article II of the Constitution of the Diocese of New Jersey be added [or if the proposal in Part I of the Report is adopted, then that the existing fourth paragraph be deleted and replaced with a new fourth paragraph] to read as follows:

The Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese may, at the Ecclesiastical Authority's discretion, direct that a member of the clergy of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America who serves a congregation of the Diocese of New Jersey be included in the roll of clergy entitled to seats and votes in the Convention; *provided, however*, that clergy so listed shall not be deemed qualified to serve as members of the Standing Committee of the Diocese.

The resolution was defeated. Mr. Ambos noted that in addition to other matters contained in the Committee's main Report for 2009, Document 7, there were timely submitted by Fr. Elmer L. Sullivan some additional proposals that he had asked the Committee to defer reporting on until he had had an opportunity to confer with the Diocesan Council and with Bishop Councill after his return from sabbatical.

Since Document 7 had been printed when Fr. Sullivan had asked that these proposals be reported out, they are contained in the Committee's Supplementary Report, Document 7B, as Parts XI and XII of the Committee's report. Part XI deals with limiting the amount and purposes permitted for loans made from the Capital and Revolving Fund under Canon 21, § 2, and Part XII would add a new Canon 21, § 5 to address defaults in loans made by any of the several diocesan loan funds covered by that Canon.

At this point, Bishop Councill as President of Convention referred Parts XI and XII of the Supplementary Report back to the Standing Committee on Constitution and Canons for further consideration, to report back to the 226th Annual Convention

Mr. Ambos noted that this concludes the Committee's report for this year and thanked the members of the Committee for their work.

Trinity Cathedral:

The Very Rev. René Rory John, Dean, has had the privilege for the past two years to work with his brothers and sisters in the Diocese of New Jersey as Dean of Trinity Cathedral. A handicap ramp was installed, thanks to the Oysters and Pearls Committee. On Ash Wednesday, a member was able to access the chancel using her walker and maintaining a sense of independence. Mrs. Ruth Councill, Chair of the New Jersey chapter of The Episcopal Church and Visual Arts, Inc., has organized the exhibits at the Cathedral. Dean John expressed his appreciation to the diocese for support for the Altar Guild Shop. He thanked his wife, Andrea John, Florine Hunt, Regina Zilinski, Georgia Koenig, Howard Ebersole and other volunteers for staffing the Altar Guild Shop. New chairs have been purchased for Synod Hall. The Fifth Annual Golf Outing is scheduled for October 12, 2009.

Bishop Councill presented the Bishop's Cup to Michael Smidley of St. George's Church-by-the-River, Rumson, winners of the Bishop's Cup last fall.

At the Cathedral Chapter meeting on February 17, 2009, Bishop Councill nominated the following clergy and laity to be named as Honorary Canons of Trinity Cathedral. The Chapter approved. Bishop Councill introduced the Canons:

The Rev. Harroldean Ashton, recently retired as Vicar of St. Alban's, New Brunswick, where she served since 1990.

The Rev. Joan E. Fleming, Associate, St. Luke's, Ewing. Rector of Christ Church, New Brunswick, 1993 – 2004.

The Rev. Elizabeth R. Geitz, Canon for Ministry Development, Diocese of New Jersey, 2000 – present.

The Rev. Dr. Virginia M. Sheay, Associate at St. Matthew's, Pennington and at Trinity, Solebury (PA). Rector of St. Luke's, Ewing, 1983—2001.

Deborah Ford, Cathedral Choir Director.

John Wood Goldsack, Esq., Chancellor of the Diocese.

Charles Perfater, Treasurer of Trinity Cathedral and Executive Coordinator of Province II of The Episcopal Church.

A round of applause was extended and the Canons came forward to be recognized. Bishop Councill presented the new Canons with a Diocesan paper weight.

Property Matters:

John Wood Goldsack, Esq. presented the following Resolution:

Resolved, that pursuant to N.J.S.A. § 16:12–16, the Diocese of New Jersey, meeting in Convention at Wildwood, New Jersey, declares the parish known as St. George's Church, Helmetta, New Jersey to be extinct.

Chancellor Goldsack read the relevant text of § 16:12–16 of New Jersey Statutes: "If and when the convention of said church which has ecclesiastical jurisdiction over a parish shall determine that regular church services are no longer maintained by such parish, or that the parish no longer elects wardens and a vestry in accordance with its certificate of incorporation, said convention may declare such parish extinct, and thereupon the corporation having title to the property of said parish shall be thereby dissolved and the property of said parish and all rights and interest of said parish pertaining to property shall vest in the corporation organized to hold in trust property under the control of said convention".

On November 1, 2007, the Rector and Wardens of St. George's Church, Helmetta, New Jersey advised Bishop Councill that they had voted to withdraw from the Diocese of New Jersey and The Episcopal Church. On November 19, 2007, Bishop Councill went to St. George's and met with the Rector, Wardens, Vestrymen and parishioners and found that no one from the parish desired to continue a relationship with the Diocese or The Episcopal Church. Since that time, no services have been held nor officers elected in accordance with the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese of New Jersey.

The former parish of St. George's acknowledges that the parish property was held in trust for the benefit of the Diocese and The Episcopal Church. Bishop Councill and the Standing Committee of the Diocese continue in conversation to determine how best all issues can be resolved pastorally, recognizing and respecting the faith and rights of all concerned.

Mr. Goldsack's Resolution was seconded and passed. Bishop Councill asked the members of Convention to keep our brothers and sisters of St. George's, Helmetta, in their prayers.

Crisis Ministry:

Bishop Councill introduced the Rev. W. Jarrett Kerbel, Executive Director of Crisis Ministry, who grew up in New Jersey, in Christ Church, New Brunswick. His mother is Deacon Carol Kerbel. He followed his mother's footsteps into ordained ministry and also followed her into the position at Crisis Ministry. Crisis Ministry is a ministry of Trinity Church, Princeton, and the Nassau Presbyterian Church in Princeton, as well as 59 other congregations in Mercer County. For almost 30 years, Crisis Ministry has been serving the most vulnerable in the community. They are now the largest food pantry and largest homeless prevention agency in Mercer County. In October 2008, the food pantry assisted 1,450 families. In 2008, they helped 748 families with homelessness prevention. This is a tragic success. A crisis that has lasted 30 years is no longer a crisis. It is the world as it is.

Charity is a failed strategy. The Gospel is lived in solidarity with the poor or it is not lived at all. The job of the church is to lead the world from where it is to where it should be. The Church has not done its job. Father Kerbel, who spends most of his time in Trenton, could give a tour of all the empty buildings of the mainline denominations in Trenton. These abandoned buildings represent the systematic disinvestment of the church in urban areas. We have walked away from the urban world. We fled, and then we called those days our glory years. The suburban parishes with the big program wing - that is white flight. There is a contradiction, because when we moved out, and billions of dollars left Trenton and other urban areas, we sent back thousands. To the problem of disinvestment we responded with charity. Charity does not work. Charity maintains poverty as it is the sharing of our extra. Justice is sharing what is essential. Justice provokes massive resistance; charity does not.

Father Kerbel challenges the church because he believes in the church, he believes in the Gospel. We have everything we need to make a difference. We have faith, and we have the courage, vision and imagination of faith that should be making us leaders on these issues.

We, the Church, need to choose to be powerful, to build our power and use our power for and with the most vulnerable in our state. That is the choice we must make—that is the beginning of change, not

maintenance. We need to move past proclamation. Think about developing coalitions and working with others across boundaries. When we build relationships, we build faith; the faith that is the confidence to take risks and trust in Jesus' name.

The roots of this change will be a renewed spirituality, because there is not real change in racist, sexist, elitist relationships until we change spiritually, until we become more committed to the vision Jesus Christ gave us, and live into it with real risk and real hope that is manifest in the risks we take.

Introductions:

The Rev. Canon Elizabeth Geitz recognized Ms. Cecilia Alvarez, Assistant Deployment Officer, and introduced the following clergy:

Newly Ordained Priests:

The Rev. James Brent Bates
The Rev. Justin Falciani
The Rev. Matthew Tucker
The Rev. Charlotte Wells

Priests in New Cures:

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| The Rev. Mantelle Bradley | Rector, Church of St. Mark and All Saints, Galloway |
| The Rev. Hugh Brown | Rector, All Saints', Princeton |
| The Rev. Lisa Caton | Part-Time Chaplain, The College of New Jersey |
| The Rev. Idalia Craig | Rector, St. Thomas', Glassboro |
| The Rev. Justin Falciani | Priest-in-Charge, St. Mark's-at-the-Crossing, Williamstown |
| The Rev. Matthew C. Fenlon | Curate, St. Luke's, Gladstone |
| The Rev. William Feus | Rector, St. Bernard's, Bernardsville |
| The Rev. Peter French | Chaplain, Princeton University |
| The Rev. John F. Hartman, Dcn. | Director of Church Relations, Seamen's Church Institute, New York, NY |
| The Rev. Paul Jeanes, III | Rector, Trinity Church, Princeton |
| The Rev. C. Thomas Meyers | Part-Time Priest-in-Charge, St. Simeon's, North Wildwood |
| The Rev. Dr. John Mitchell | Rector, Church of the Advent, Cape May |
| The Rev. Andy Moore | Rector, St. Elizabeth's, Elizabeth |
| The Rev. Ellen C. Rutherford | Priest-in-Charge, St. Andrew's, Bridgeton and Trinity Church, Vineland |
| The Rev. Jim Strader | Curate, St. George's-by-the-River, Rumson |
| The Rev. J. Matthew Tucker | Priest-in-Charge, Christ Church, Bordentown |
| The Rev. Gina Walsh-Minor | Priest-in-Charge, Trinity Church, Cranford |
| The Rev. Paul Westman | Part-Time Priest-in-Charge, St. George's, Pennsville |
| The Rev. Jack Zamboni | Part-Time Vicar, St. Francis', Dunellen |

Interim Clergy in New Cures:

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| The Rev. Joanna Graham | Interim Rector, St. Peter's, Perth Amboy |
| The Rev. Dr. Jill L. McNish | Interim Rector, St. Stephen's, Waretown |
| The Rev. Reginald Nuamah | Part-Time Interim Rector, St. Paul's, Bound Brook |
| The Rev. Deborah Piggins | Interim Rector, Ascension, Gloucester |
| The Rev. Douglas Reans | Interim Rector, St. Peter's, Spotswood |
| The Rev. Lois Schembs | Interim Rector, Grace-St. Paul's, Mercerville |
| The Rev. Marshall Shelly | Interim Rector, Trinity Church, Matawan |
| The Rev. Nancy Speck | Part-Time Interim Vicar, Holy Communion, Fair Haven |
| The Rev. Franklin "Skip" Vilas | Interim Rector, St. Mark's, Basking Ridge |
| The Rev. Derrick Wedderburn | Interim Rector, St. Mary's, Pleasantville |

Deacons:

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| Dcn. Catherine Brunson | Resigned from St. Alban's, New Brunswick |
| Dcn. Robert Turner | Assigned to St. Luke's, Metuchen |
| Dcn. Debi Clarke | Resigned from Christ Church, Shrewsbury, now serving at St. Thomas', Alexandria |

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| Dcn. Lou DeSheplo | Resigned from St. Mark's-at-the-Crossing, Williamstown, now serving at St. Thomas', Glassboro |
| Dcn. Barbara Ann Jensen | Retired from St. Barnabas', Monmouth Junction |
| Dcn. Donald McEwan | Deceased. Licensed in the Diocese of New Jersey and served in St. Stephen's, Whiting |

Bishop Councill thanked the Convention volunteers. He acknowledged the Diocesan House Staff: The Rev. Canon Lee Powers, The Rev. Canon Elizabeth R. Geitz, The Rev. Canon Laurence D. Fish, Canon Wanda V. Greene, Canon Kep Short, Canon Cynthia McFarland, The Rev. Debi Clarke, Dcn., Ms. Ann Notte, Mrs. Mary Ann Rhoads, Ms. Sarah Paige, Mr. Michael Wilkes, Ms. Cecilia Alvarez, Ms. Debbie Crall, Mr. Ronald Gritz, Mr. Emanuel Strauss, and Mr. Curtis Wilson.

Annual Reports by Title:

Bishop Councill requested that the following Annual Reports be received by title. Deputies have received these reports by mail or in their Convention packet, or they have been made available at the information table.

- Document 5 – Companion Diocese
- Document 6 – Diocesan Altar Guild
- Document 8 – Youth Report
- Document 9 – Audit Committee
- Document 10 – Commission on Ministry
- Document 10A – Committee on Priesthood
- Document 10B – Committee on the Diaconate and School for Deacons
- Document 10C – Committee on Lifelong Christian Formation
- Document 10D – Ministry Institute
- Document 11 – Trinity Cathedral
- Document 13 – Insurance Committee
- Document 14 – Planned Giving
- Document 15 – Commission on Ministry with the Disabled
- Document 16 – Diocesan Council
- Document 17 – Parochial Visitations
- Document 18 – 2007 Bishop's Journal
- Document 19 – Standing Committee
- Document 20 – Episcopal Church Women
- Document 21 – Reflections on One Year as Dean
- Document 22 – Anti-Racism Commission
- Document 23 – Report of the Historiographer
- Document 24 – Restorative Justice Taskforce – Summary
- Document 24A – Restorative Justice Taskforce – Documented History
- Document 25 - Canonical Clergy, Diocese of New Jersey
- Document 26 - Canonical Churches, Diocese of New Jersey
- Document 27 – Bishop's Appointments

- Statistics I – Necrology
- Statistics II – Transfers In/Out
- Statistics III – Official Acts

A motion to accept these Annual Reports as filed was made, seconded, and passed.

Necrology:

The Rev. Canon Ronald G. Albury read the Necrology Report for the year 2008:

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| The Rev. Dolores A. Steele, Dcn. | April 5, 2008 |
| The Rev. Frederic F. Guyott, III | June 13, 2008 |

Announcements:

Bishop Councill announced that the Standing Committee will meet immediately after the close of Convention.

Deacon Catherine Brunson, Chair of the Recovery Ministries Committee, announced that winning numbers were drawn for the two baskets displayed at their exhibit table. The committee hopes that deputies enjoyed the bottled water donated by Dr Pepper Snapple Group and their Canada Dry Bottler (who even increase the size of each bottle) in Egg Harbor.

Adjournment:

Bishop Councill announced that the 226th Annual Convention of the Diocese of New Jersey is scheduled to take place on March 5–6, 2010, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Cherry Hill. The Presiding Bishop will be the keynote speaker and speaker at the WC/ECW breakfast.

Motion to adjourn was made, seconded and passed.

Bishop Councill and members of Convention offered thanks to our Convention Chaplain, the Rev. Gretchen Zimmerman. Mother Zimmerman offered thanks to the Rev. Frank Crumbaugh, the Rev. Jack Zamboni, and the Rev. Francis Hebert for their assistance.

The Rev. Gretchen Zimmerman closed with prayer and the singing of Hymn 259 from Hymnal 1940, *Fling out the banner!*, whose words were written by George Washington Doane, Second Bishop of New Jersey and creator of our motto, "Right Onward." Bishop Councill gave a blessing. The Convention stood adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ann Rhoads
Assistant Secretary