

**Diocese of New Jersey
230th Annual Diocesan Convention
Friday, February 28, 2014**

Call to Order:

At 1:00 p.m., the Rev. Neil C. Turton, Convention Chaplain, offered opening prayer.

Bishop Stokes welcomed the Clergy, Lay Deputies, Visitors, and Press to the 230th Annual Diocesan Convention of the Diocese of New Jersey.

Bishop Stokes introduced those seated at the dais: The Secretary of Convention, Ms. Cheryl Browne; Canon to the Ordinary, the Rev. Canon John Sosnowski; the Chancellor, Parliamentarian, and Chair of the Committee on Rules of Order, Canon Paul Ambos, Esq.; and the Bishop's Executive Assistant, Ms. Mary Ann Rhoads. At the tables in front of the Bishop: Mrs. Susan A. Stokes; Director of Youth Ministry, the Rev. Canon Debra Clarke, Dcn.; Canon for Transition Ministry and Clergy Development, Canon Cecilia Alvarez; Director of Communications, Mr. Jonathan Elliott, Treasurer of the Diocese, Mr. James Bathurst; and Chief Financial Officer, Canon Phyllis Jones.

Bishop Stokes noted that the announcements for Convention can be found on page 4 of the Convention Program booklet. In addition, Bishop Stokes noted that members of the clergy serving in congregations in the Diocese of New Jersey but not canonically resident in the Diocese are entitled to seat and voice at this Convention.

Ms. Cheryl Browne, 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 Stokes called the 230th Annual Convention of the Diocese of New Jersey to order.

Credentials of Lay Deputies:

The Rev. Canon John Sosnowski, reported on behalf of the Committee on the Credentials of Lay Deputies that all parochial reports have been submitted as required by canon and all credentials of lay deputies were in order except for Trinity Church, Delran, St. Mark's Church, Hammonton, and St. Wilfrid's Church, Camden.

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 of the Committee on the Classification of Congregations, reported that no churches have changed their classification status since the close of the 229th Convention.

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

Bishop's Appointments:

Bishop Stokes noted that the Bishop's Appointments to committees and commissions effective at the close of this Convention were posted on the Diocesan website, Document 43, the reading of which was waived on consent.

A motion to accept the report by title was made, seconded, and passed.

Rules of Order and Agenda:

Canon Paul Ambos, Esq. stated that the Rules of Order for Convention 2014, Document 2 are to be utilized. A copy of the Rules of Order (in English and Spanish) has been provided to the clergy and lay deputies in their second Convention Program Book – Reports Requiring Action, beginning on page 4. There are no changes from the rules as in effect at last year's Convention. On behalf of the Committee

on Rules of Order, Canon Ambos moved the adoption of the Rules of Order for the 230th Annual Convention of the Diocese of New Jersey. The motion was passed.

Canon Ambos announced that a copy of the proposed Agenda, Document 1, had been included in all clergy and lay deputies' second Convention Program Book – Reports Requiring Action, pages 2-3. On behalf of the Committee, Canon Ambos moved the adoption of the proposed Agenda of the 230th Annual Convention of the Diocese of New Jersey. The motion was passed.

Nominations:

The Rev. Jeffrey Roy, Chair of the Nominating Committee, instructed the deputies not to mark their ballots until they have received instructions from the Rev. John W. Hain, Dcn. Fr. Roy directed deputies to page 13 in the Program Book where the nominees are listed in order of office. He reported the following nominations on behalf of the Committee, noting that the names with an asterisk were placed in nomination by the Nominating Committee and were received by January 1, 2014. Names without an asterisk were received by the Secretary of Convention between January 2 and 15, 2014. Names received after the January 15, 2014 deadline, or any additional names, must be nominated from the floor using the prescribed form to be obtained at the dais from the Secretary of Convention or the Chancellor:

Office A. Standing Committee (Vote by Orders)

1 Clergy Member, 4-year term

1 Clergy Member, 1-year unexpired term

*The Rev. Ronald N. Pollock

*The Rev. Frank B. Crumbaugh, III

*The Rev. Canon Andy J. Moore

*The Rev. Dr. Francis A. Hubbard

*The Ven. Gideon A. Uzomechina

*The Rev. Brian K. Burgess

*The Rev. Terry L. Martin

There were no nominations from the floor.

The Ven. Gideon A. Uzomechina withdrew his name from nomination. A motion to close the nominations was made, seconded, and passed.

Office B. Standing Committee (Vote by Orders)

1 Lay Member, 4-year term

*Robert Horton Bryant

*Deborah Kirk

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

Office C. Alternates to General Convention (Vote by Orders)

4 Clergy Members, 3-year terms

*The Rev. Karin R. Mitchell

*The Ven. W. Keith McCoy, Dcn.

*The Rev. Margaret R. Hodgkins

*The Rev. Mark H. Chattin

*The Rev. Kuruvilla K. (Sunil) Chandy

*The Rev. Amy S. Cornell

*The Rev. Dr. Hugh E. Brown, III, D.Min.

*The Ven. Gideon A. Uzomechina

*The Rev. Dr. Francis A. Hubbard

*The Rev. Joseph R. Parrish, Jr.

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

Office D. Alternates to General Convention (Vote by Orders)

4 Lay Members, 3-year terms

*Marcus A. Gales

*Donna Devlin

*Thomas Szczerba

*Edgar Kim Byham

*Paul Wolfgang

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

Office E. Diocesan Council

3 Clergy Members, 3-year terms

*The Rev. J. Matthew Tucker

*The Rev. Dr. Kent Walley

*The Ven. Gideon A. Uzomechina

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

Office F. Diocesan Council

3 Lay Members, 3-year terms

1 Lay Member, 1-year unexpired term

*Melinda W. Burrows

*Michelle Graham-Lyons

*Paul Wolfgang

*Sharon M. Cypress

*Kathleen O'Hagan

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

Office G. Cathedral Chapter

1 Clergy Member, 3-year term

1 Clergy Member, 1-year unexpired term

*The Rev. Jeffrey Roy

The Rev. Joanna P. Hollis was nominated from the floor. A motion to close the nominations was made, seconded, and passed.

Office H. Cathedral Chapter

1 Lay Member, 3-year term

1 Lay Member, 1-year unexpired term

*Donna Devlin

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

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

*The Rev. Margaret Sterchi
*The Rev. Jacquelyn G. Rowe

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

Office J. Standing Commission on Clerical Compensation
2 Lay Members, 3-year terms
2 Lay Members, 1-year unexpired term

Robert McGonigle
Louise Hyland

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

Office K. Standing Committee on Constitution and Canons
2 Members, 3-year term – at least one must be Clergy

*Donna Freidel
*The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey M. Kirk
The Rev. Terence G. Blackburn

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

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

*Thomas Diemar

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

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

*The Rev. Kathleen Murray
*The Rev. Theodore E. Moore, Dcn.
*The Rev. Martha M. McKee

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

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

The Rev. Joseph R. Parrish, Jr.
Chuck Knill

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

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

*Carole A. Forsythe
*The Honorable Robert W. Scott

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

Office P. Disciplinary Board
4 Clergy Members, 3-year terms
Serve 1 year as a member, 2 years as alternate

*The Rev. Edmund W. Zelle
*The Rev. J. Matthew Tucker
*The Rev. J. Connor Haynes
The Rev. Ophelia G. Laughlin

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

Office Q. Disciplinary Board
3 Lay Members, 3-year terms
Serve 1 year as a member, 2 years as alternate

*Michelle Leblanc
*Paul Wolfgang
*Elizabeth H. Papp
Dawn McDonald

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

Office R. Intake Officer
1 Member, Clergy or Lay, 1-year term

*The Rev. Canon Joan E. Fleming

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

Office S. Church Attorney
1 Clergy or Lay, 1-year term

*Steven J. Lewis, Esq.

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

Office T. Treasurer
1 Clergy or Lay, 1-year term

*James H. Bathurst

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

Office U. Secretary of Convention
1 Clergy or Lay, 3-year term

*Cheryl D. Browne

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

Father Roy stated that this concluded the Nominating Committee's Report. Bishop Stokes thanked Father Roy and the members of the Nominating Committee for their work.

Voting Instructions:

The Rev. John C. Hain, Dcn. 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. Diocesan Council
The Rev. J. Matthew Tucker
The Rev. Dr. Kent Walley
The Ven. Gideon A. Uzomechina

Office H. Cathedral Chapter
Donna Devlin

Office I. Standing Commission on Clerical Compensation
The Rev. Margaret Sterchi
The Rev. Jacquelyn G. Rowe

Office J. Standing Commission on Clerical Compensation
Robert McGonigle
Louise Hyland

Office L. Trustees of Diocesan Trust Funds
Thomas Diemar

Office M. Finance and Budget Committee
The Rev. Kathleen Murray
The Rev. Theodore E. Moore, Dcn.
The Rev. Martha M. McKee

Office O. Audit Committee
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Office P. Disciplinary Board - Clergy
The Rev. Edmund W. Zelle
The Rev. J. Matthew Tucker
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Office T. Treasurer
James H. Bathurst

Office U. Secretary of Convention
Cheryl D. Browne

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

First Ballot:

The first ballot was cast.

Acknowledgements:

Bishop Stokes acknowledged the Rt. Rev. G. P. Mellick Belshaw, resigned IX Bishop of New Jersey, the Rt. Rev. Joe Morris Doss, resigned X Bishop of New Jersey and the Rt. Rev. George E. Councill, resigned XI Bishop of New Jersey. He also acknowledged the Rt. Rev. Herbert A. Donovan, Jr., the Rt. Rev. David B. Joslin, and the Rt. Rev. Sylvestre D. Romero, who served as Assisting/Assistant Bishops.

A motion was made, seconded and passed for 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.

Bishop Stokes recognized the Rt. Rev. Victor Scantlebury, Acting Bishop of the Diocese of Ecuador Central, our Companion Diocese. Bishop Scantlebury will address Convention later in the agenda.

Bishop Stokes introduced Bishop M. Blair Couch from the Eastern District of the Northern Province of the Moravian Church. Bishop Couch noted that she is grateful that at the 76th General Convention in Anaheim, California, The Episcopal Church voted on the Full Communion agreement between The Episcopal Church and the Moravian Church. Then in 2010, the Moravian Church, Northern Province, ratified and agreed that they were thankful and wanted to be in full communion with The Episcopal Church. Bishop Couch extended greetings from the Northern Province of the Moravian Church and the Eastern District. There are Moravian congregations in Union, Egg Harbor, Cinnaminson, and Riverside. Bishop Couch concluded by sharing the motto on the Moravian Seal: OUR LAMB HAS CONQUERED; LET US FOLLOW HIM.

The Rev. Dr. Wayne Zschech, Ecumenical representative of the New Jersey Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, extended greetings on behalf of Bishop Tracie Bartholomew, who is attending a Conference of Bishops meeting in Chicago. Pastor Zschech noted that as he reviewed the Diocese of New Jersey vision and looked at the many good things and wonderful ministry that the Diocese is doing, he said that our brothers and sisters in Christ and full communion partners in ELCA in New Jersey Synod are right here with us. He asked that we not forget them when we do the work that we do – that we do it together as the Body of Christ. There will be a Hymn Festival and Holy Eucharist this Sunday at St. Mary's Church in Haddon Heights. Pastors of the Southwest Cluster of the New Jersey

Synod will be attending. The money raised will be going toward the typhoon victims in the Philippines. We do a lot of things together but as we are challenged, as Bishop Stokes brought forth in his Address today. There will be a lot of issues that not only the Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey, but also the Lutheran Church, the Moravian Church, and a number of the members of the Body of Christ will be challenged with. Pastor Zschech noted that he looked forward to hearing how our Convention went.

The Episcopal Church:

Patricia Holley, the Senior Officer in the Human Resources Department of The Episcopal Church and the Diocese of New Jersey Diocesan Partnership Program liaison, brought greetings from Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori, Chief Operating Officer Bishop Stacy Sauls, and her other colleagues. Patricia presented the new Diocesan Partnership Program, an innovative vision that more strategically links the Presiding Bishop's staff with local dioceses through the Bishop's office, as we journey together as partners in mission. The program will provide appropriate links for support and collaboration and will direct the diocese to funding sources that invite proposals as you start new ministries, strengthen existing ones, and develop programs relating to the Five Marks of Mission. Patricia noted that the Diocese of New Jersey has strong programs, and through this partnership we can build a stronger community. There are administrative offerings as well: Human Resources consulting for hiring, compensation, and organizational restructuring, investment opportunities with the Finance Office, and demographic research. We can help you engage your ministry in refugee resettlement work, or in training for youth and adult missionaries. Patricia brought materials with her to share with deputies.

Neva Rae Fox, the Public Affairs Officer for The Episcopal Church, and member of our own Diocese — a parishioner of St. John's Church, Somerville — presented two short videos. The first one focused on the Young Adult Service Corps (YASC), members of which are called YASCers. The Diocese of New Jersey has sponsored YASCers in the past, including Ann Urinoski, who was in Cape Town, South Africa, and Carrie Diaz-Littauer, who was in Geneva, Switzerland. Charlie Nakash is currently a Missioner in the Dominican Republic. The second video carried on the theme that Bishop Stokes presented this morning. It's about us — all of us — the entire Episcopal Church. We are all missionaries. This video is a taste of the work of The Episcopal Church and of all of us who are missionaries. These videos, as well as others, are available to churches.

Archdeacons:

Bishop Stokes acknowledged retiring Archdeacons the Ven. Victoria Cuff, Dcn, the Ven. Dr. John H. Hanson, Dcn., and the Ven. W. Keith McCoy, Dcn. Bishop Stokes also acknowledged the new Archdeacons: The Ven. Denise B. Cavaliere, Dcn., the Ven. Peter S. Cornell, Dcn., the Ven. Lynn H. Johnson, Dcn., and the Ven. Carmen Viola, Dcn.

Merged Churches:

Mr. Jonathan Elliott presented a documentary on churches that have merged or are in the process of merging, "Better Together: Congregations in Collaboration Look Towards the Future," featuring St. Andrew's Church, Bridgeton and Trinity Church, Vineland; St. Francis' Church, Dunellen; and St. Elizabeth's Church, Elizabeth.

Vitality Task Force:

The Rev. Canon John Sosnowski, noted that at the 229th Convention a resolution was passed to enter into a Covenant of Abundant Life. That Covenant was based on the work of the Vitality Task Force and it said that we were going to utilize the viability and vitality characteristics provided by that Task Force to pursue life and health in our congregations and to develop relationships with one another. We committed ourselves to self-evaluation, to reduce isolation, and to work together in pursuing new life. We've made some significant strides over this past year, but there is still much to do. Bishop Stokes is committed to developing congregations and growing the mission of this Church. Early on, he has challenged us to get back to the basics, to live out our Baptismal call, to respond to Jesus' call to be his disciples, to grow together in our common life, and to pursue excellence. We invite everyone to participate in this movement of the spirit by joining this conversation. So, we hold out to you this Covenant of Abundant Life, which you committed to last year at Convention. It is still in effect and, even though we were a little side-tracked

in the transition, this Covenant will gain even more prominence in the initiatives that will be undertaken in the year ahead. Canon Sosnowski encouraged deputies to take a copy of the Covenant from the handout table and take it back to their church. We encourage you to join the conversation, to be bold and courageous, to discover together the way to new life and to grow our Church for Christ's sake.

Accountability and Fair Share Task Force:

The Rev. Paul A. Van Sant, Chair of the Accountability and Fair Share Task Force, noted that the Task Force was appointed in late February 2012. He introduced the 14 faithful and committed members. The Task Force was charged by Bishop Cancell to re-envision the existing formula for the Fair Share Asking and how it should be administered. Father Francis A. Hubbard, Chaplain for the Task Force, opened each session with prayer and Bible study. Much effort was expended by the Task Force prior to producing the new formula last year. The Task Force evaluated several relevant Eastern dioceses. They conducted a broad online survey to determine the prevailing attitudes of the congregations in this diocese, they debated, and they deliberated, refined their findings and produced an interim report, which was shared at the convocational level and at last year's Convention. There were two major elements to the first report – the new formula and the recommendations regarding our accountability. The new formula was recommended and approved at the 229th Convention. As they expected at the time, the new formula brought 55% of our congregations this year to a lower asking.

Although the new formula was well received and understood, the Task Force saw a need to continue their work for an additional year, focusing particularly on questions regarding accountability and to what degree, if any, they should be recommending any consequences for congregational commitments that fell short of the asking. Instead of creating a Board of Consultation, the Task Force became that group, and for the past year they engaged with congregations on a voluntary basis to discuss the issues in greater depth. Since that last Convention took place, Task Force members in groups of two met with leaders in eleven congregations that were selected to represent a wide variety of circumstances. These congregations welcomed the meetings openly, with considerable warmth and vigorous interactive conversation. On the question of accountability, there were no absolute agreements offered; however, there were a number of strongly felt opinions represented by most of the groups.

The Accountability and Fair Share Task Force has now been in session for two years and has had the benefit of some very constructive feedback resulting from numerous conversations among a wide variety of constituencies during that time period. Having deliberated this input and all of the data that has been assembled, the Task Force offers the following recommendations for consideration by the 230th Convention:

1. That 10% become the minimum acceptable standard of giving for our Diocese. Even though at this time there is no consequence for failure to pay the minimum standard, we believe that offering 10% annually to the life of our Diocese should be a covenant expectation for every congregation. As has always been the case, levels of congregational commitment to the Fair Share Asking will be reported at each annual Convention.
2. Now that a model for strengthening our relationships with our congregations has been developed through our intentional conversations as noted above, that a process to continue such conversation be instituted at the Diocesan level. We urge that this process include, as a minimum, a consultation with all churches failing to commit the 10% minimum standard of giving.
3. That the Diocesan office consider the development and implementation of a progressive process to challenge and invoke certain steps of compliance to those churches that fail to achieve a yet-to-be-determined threshold of commitment. The churches so challenged may include those churches that are at or above 10%, but have not yet achieved their full potential commitment.
4. That the Diocesan office, after a year or two of evolution, recommend to a subsequent Convention further steps of accountability for congregations that have not yet achieved certain minimum commitments.

5. Recommendations two, three and four above seem the natural domain of an Office of Congregational Development. We would suggest that those recommendations be referred to that office, if approved.

On behalf of the Accountability and Fair Share Task Force, Fr. Van Sant moved that the 230th Convention of the Diocese of New Jersey approve of this report. The motion was seconded and passed.

Disposition of Assets from Closed Churches Fund:

The Rev. Canon Phyllis Jones presented the report of the Finance and Budget Committee on the Disposition of Assets from Closed Churches Fund, contained in the Report of the Treasurer to the 230th Diocesan Convention, Document 35. Previous conventions had considered resolutions on accounting for sales of closed churches and on how to utilize those funds for the mission purposes of the Diocese, particularly for Hispanic outreach. The Report outlined a proposal for spending a portion of the current funds from this account and also a proposed process for dealing with the proceeds of future sales. Canon Jones presented a slideshow with documentation supporting the proposal and then moved the following implementing resolution:

Be it resolved; That \$44,234 from the fund currently known as the Disposition of Assets from Closed Churches Fund ("the Fund") be allocated towards the 2014 Budget for the Mission of the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of New Jersey and transferred to the Operating Account for that purpose; and be it

Further resolved, That \$45,500 from the Fund be allocated towards the Regional Hispanic Missioner initiative as outlined above and in Appendix B [to the Report], and transferred to the Operating Account for that purpose; and be it

Further resolved, That the process outlined in Steps 1 – 4 above be adopted for the disposition of assets from closed churches, and that the remaining balance in the Fund be subject to the guidelines outlined in Step 4 of that process; and be it

Further resolved, That the resolutions contained herein serve as substitutes for Resolution 2010-3; and be it

Further resolved, That the Standing Committee on Constitution & Canons is hereby directed to propose canonical changes to conform our canons to this process at the 231st Convention in 2015.

A discussion was held. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to call the question. The resolution was passed.

Results of the First Ballot:

Deacon Leslie G. Mazzacano reported the results of the first ballot:

Office A. Standing Committee (Vote by Orders)

1 Clergy Member, 4-year term

1 Clergy Member, 1-year unexpired term

Total Ballots Cast:	470	
Clergy Ballots Cast:	152	Clergy majority: 77
Lay Ballots Cast:	318	Lay majority: 160

	Clergy	Lay
*The Rev. Ronald N. Pollock	98	170
*The Rev. Frank B. Crumbaugh, III	57	101
*The Rev. Canon Andy J. Moore	49	88

*The Rev. Dr. Francis A. Hubbard	43	107
*The Rev. Brian K. Burgess	31	97
*The Rev. Terry L. Martin	26	73

Bishop Stokes declared the Rev. Ronald N. Pollock elected for the 4-year term.

Office B. Standing Committee (Vote by Orders)

1 Lay Member, 4-year term

Total Ballots Cast:	497		
Clergy Ballots Cast:	155	Clergy majority:	78
Lay Ballots Cast:	342	Lay majority:	172

	Clergy	Lay
Robert Horton Bryant	60	140
Deborah Kirk	95	202

Bishop Stokes declared Deborah Kirk elected.

Office C. Alternates to General Convention - Clergy (Vote by Orders)

4 Clergy Members, 3-year terms

Total Ballots Cast:	479		
Clergy Ballots Cast:	156	Clergy majority:	79
Lay Ballots Cast:	323	Lay majority:	162

	Clergy Ballots	Lay Ballots
The Rev. Karin R. Mitchell	97	203
The Ven. W. Keith McCoy, Dcn.	78	117
The Rev. Margaret R. Hodgkins	95	159
The Rev. Mark H. Chattin	52	137
The Rev. Kuruvilla K. (Sunil) Chandy	91	150
The Rev. Amy S. Cornell	40	95
The Rev. Dr. Hugh E. Brown, III, D.Min.	39	111
The Ven. Gideon A. Uzomechina	50	106
The Rev. Dr. Francis A. Hubbard	54	125
The Rev. Joseph R. Parrish, Jr.	28	89

Bishop Stokes declared the Rev. Karin R. Mitchell elected as the First Alternate.

Office D. Alternates to General Convention - Lay (Vote by Orders)

4 Lay Members, 3-year terms

Total Ballots Cast:	478		
Clergy Ballots Cast:	155	Clergy majority:	78
Lay Ballots Cast:	323	Lay majority:	162

	Clergy Ballots	Lay Ballots	Clergy Percentage	Lay Percentage	Combined Percentage
Marcus A. Gales	136	273	87.742	84.520	172.262
Donna Devlin	137	287	88.387	88.854	177.242
Thomas Szczerba	133	275	85.806	85.139	170.946
Edgar Kim Byham	117	234	75.484	72.446	147.930
Paul Wolfgang	97	223	62.581	69.040	131.621

Bishop Stokes declared elections as follows:

First Alternate: Donna Devlin

Second Alternate: Marcus A. Gales

Third Alternate: Thomas Szczerba

Fourth Alternate: Edgar Kim Byham

Office F. Diocesan Council - Lay

3 Lay Members, 3-year terms

1 Lay Member, 1-year unexpired term

Total Ballots Cast: 1820

Votes Necessary to Elect: 228

Votes Tallied

Melinda Whiting Burrows

389

Michelle Graham-Lyons

413

Paul Wolfgang

264

Sharon M. Cypress

385

Kathleen O'Hagan

369

Bishop Stokes declared Michelle Graham-Lyons, Melinda Whiting Burrows, and Sharon M. Cypress elected for the 3-year terms and Kathleen O'Hagan elected for the 1-year unexpired term.

Office G. Cathedral Chapter - Clergy

1 Clergy Member, 3-year term

1 Clergy Member, 1-year unexpired term

Total Ballots Cast: 461

Votes Necessary to Elect: 231

Votes Tallied

The Rev. Jeffrey Roy

308

The Rev. Joanna P. Hollis

153

Bishop Stokes declared the Rev. Jeffrey Roy elected for the 3-year term and the Rev. Joanna P. Hollis elected for the 1-year unexpired term.

Office K. Standing Committee on Constitution and Canons

2 Members, 3-year term – at least one must be Clergy

Total Ballots Cast: 936

Votes Necessary to Elect: 235

Votes Tallied

Donna Freidel

351

The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey M. Kirk

342

The Rev. Terence G. Blackburn

243

Bishop Stokes declared Donna Freidel and the Rev. Dr. Jeffrey M. Kirk elected.

Office N. Diocesan Investment Trust

1 Member, Clergy or Lay, 4-year term

Total Ballots Cast: 474

Votes Necessary to Elect: 238

	Votes Tallied
The Rev. Joseph R. Parrish, Jr.	227
Chuck Knill	247

Bishop Stokes declared Chuck Knill elected.

Office Q. Disciplinary Board - Lay
3 Lay Members, 3-year terms
Serve 1 year as a member, 2 years as alternate

Total Ballots Cast: 1377 Votes Necessary to Elect: 230

	Votes Tallied
Michelle Leblanc	424
Paul Wolfgang	296
Elizabeth H. Papp	318
Dawn McDonald	339

Bishop Stokes declared Michelle Leblanc, Dawn McDonald, and Elizabeth H. Papp elected.

Prior to the second ballot, Bishop Stokes asked if any nominees wished to withdraw their names for any office. The Rev. Terry L. Martin withdrew his name from Office A. Standing Committee - Clergy.

Second Ballot:

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

Bishop Stokes called for a 15-minute break.

Finance and Budget Committee Report:

Mr. James Bathurst, Treasurer, referred deputies to Document #35 on page 13 and the Finance and Budget Report Exhibit I on page 25 in the Convention Reports Requiring Action Book. He noted that the Budget was distributed and discussed at the four Pre-Convention meetings and available on the Diocesan website, giving deputies the opportunity to review the Budget prior to Convention.

Mr. Bathurst gave a brief overview of the Budget explaining what the Finance and Budget Committee had to do to get to this point in time. The Committee reviewed requests for budget allocation for almost every budget line in the budget. The line items were reviewed with regard to their 2013 spending in contrast to the 2014 request. The Committee met with Bishop Stokes to review his priorities for our diocese that needed to be considered for inclusion into the budget.

Fair Share pledges came in at about 66.5% of the Asking, which is just slightly up over 2013. This is what makes up Line 1b under Revenues. Mr. Bathurst stressed that it takes 74% of the Fair Share Asking to properly fund our budget.

Mr. Bathurst also pointed out Lines 3 (Available Surplus) and 4 (Other Income). To balance the budget in 2014 we will need to use up to \$95,188 from the Diocesan Council Reserve Fund. Line 4 shows a significant increase over the previous year and this includes the \$44,234 from the Disposition of Assets from Closed Churches Fund that was just approved, \$10,000 from the Episcopal Relief and Development Grant, and \$16,200 from our Safety Program Income.

To present a balanced budget, significant considerations had to be addressed in the 2014 Proposed Preliminary Budget approved at Convention last year. The budget as proposed provides for the many outstanding programs of the diocese. All programs will be continued, but some will be funded at levels more in line with need and some at levels less than the requested amounts. The Finance and Budget

Committee during its deliberations had the extreme privilege to review and celebrate the many good-news stories of our diocese.

Mr. Bathurst acknowledged the support from our parishes and missions during these still-challenging times. He thanked the 52 congregations who have pledged 100% of their Fair Share Asking, those congregations who have pledged at least at the 10% level of giving or higher, all congregations who have increased their pledge amount and their percentage of income pledged, and all of the congregations who continue to be committed to the diocese and are looking for ways to improve their financial support of the diocese.

On behalf of the Finance and Budget Committee, Diocesan Council and the Finance Office of the Diocese, Mr. Bathurst moved the adoption of the Revised Preliminary Diocesan Budget for 2014 as the Affirmed Diocesan Budget for 2014. The Affirmed Diocesan Budget for 2014 was passed.

Mr. Bathurst noted that based upon the work that went into the 2014 budget and the need to maintain the integrity of diocesan programs and responsibilities, the Finance and Budget Committee and Diocesan Council are recommending that the 2015 Proposed Preliminary Diocesan Budget maintain many line items at the same level of funding as 2014. Some line items have been adjusted to reflect requests for funding that are being supported at this time, and that the revenues are estimates based upon present economic conditions. It is the hope of Finance and Budget and Diocesan Council that the new funding formula and an improved economy will produce an even better revenue stream in 2015. If we are able to continue the financial momentum that has been exhibited in the diocese during 2013, it is the hope that all our important ministries can be funded at the level necessary to meet the demands of our diocese and that we may be able to replace some of the reserves consumed in the 2012, 2013, and 2014 budgets.

On behalf of the Finance and Budget Committee, Diocesan Council and the Finance Office of the Diocese, Mr. Bathurst moved the adoption of the Proposed Preliminary Diocesan Budget for 2015. The Proposed Preliminary Diocesan Budget for 2015 was passed.

Keynote Speaker:

Bishop Stokes introduced the Rev. Dr. Dwight Zscheile, an Episcopal priest and assistant professor of Congregational Mission and Leadership at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota. He also served part-time as associate priest at St. Matthew's Church in St. Paul. Dr. Zscheile is the author of *People of the Way: Renewing Episcopal Identity* (Morehouse, 2012); *The Missional Church in Perspective: Mapping Trends and Shaping the Conversation* (with Craig Van Gelder, Baker Academic, 2011); and editor of *Cultivating Sent Communities: Missional Spiritual Formation* (Eerdmans, 2012).

Dr. Zscheile took us on a journey of his faith formation. He incorporated our convention theme into his address. The new life that God wants to bring forth sometimes happens because we are pushed out of our buildings, pushed out of our comfort zones, pushed out into neighborhoods where God is up to something — bringing forth new life, inviting us to participate, gifting us, calling us to be part of what God is doing. Dr. Zscheile's prayer is that we might recognize the God that we know in Jesus, the God whose spirit is present here even now, has gifted and blessed each of us so that we might be a blessing. He invited us like Abraham and Sarah to get up and go even if we don't quite know what the destination is, even if it's going to take us a long time to get there, even if the path is going to be difficult like the path through the wilderness or the path of those who were pushed into exile and had to relearn what it meant to sing God's songs by the rivers of Babylon in a foreign culture. We are being invited into that journey that is God's mission, God's life and love for the world, God's restoration of community, God's creation of new community with our neighbors. May we have the courage, the faith, and the trust to say "yes" to God's invitation.

Dr. Zscheile's Address can be seen here in full: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sZSkxcWggus>

Dr. Zscheile will conduct a workshop entitled: "Innovating into a Faithful Future" tomorrow in Ballroom B at 9:40 a.m. Copies of *People of the Way: Renewing Episcopal Identity* are available for sale at the Trinity Cathedral Guild Shop booth in the exhibit area.

Communications Presentation:

Mr. Jonathan Elliott, Director of Communications, gave a preview of the new Diocesan website, which has a scroller and full color images. We want to show a sense of the vibrant life and ministry of the 150 congregations in the diocese. It will showcase what is happening in the diocese from a meaningful, positive, vibrant perspective. The website is built in a program called WordPress. It empowers people to be content editors on the internet in a way that is aggressive, attractive, and keeping with modern standards. This website will allow all of us to collaborate in creating meaningful new content. There is a robust new event engine on the website. There will be a video featured on the home page. Events have room for images, video, and any content you would like; you will be able to enter events through a very simple editor on the front of the website. It will send Mr. Elliott an e-mail when you enter an event, he will approve it, and it will appear on the website in a calendar that is easy to read, easy to see. The website comes with its own Google maps, and it can sync up with any form of calendar on your smartphone or personal calendar.

Mr. Elliott will conduct a workshop tomorrow in Ballroom C at 9:40 a.m. entitled Communications in Your Congregations 101.

Introductions:

The Rev. Canon John C. Belmont, Co-Chair of the Committee on the Priesthood, acknowledged members of the Committee on Priesthood who are retiring from the Committee and thanked them for their ministry. Canon Belmont asked those present who have been shepherded through the process of ordination to the priesthood over the past 16 years under Canon White's guidance to please stand. Canon Connie White, Co-Chair of the Committee on the Priesthood, introduced the people in the process:

Postulants for Ordination to the Priesthood

Benjamin Maddison	Grace Church, Haddonfield
Terrence O'Connor	St. Mark & All Saints, Galloway
Peter Secor	St. John's, Somerville
Sharon Sutton	St. Stephen's, Riverside
Casey Woodruff	St. Paul's, Westfield
Ann Urinoski	Holy Cross, North Plainfield
Ali VanKuiken	Christ Church, New Brunswick

Candidates for Ordination to the Priesthood

Donna Donohue	St. John's, Salem
Nancy Hagner	Trinity Church, Princeton

Transitional Deacons to be ordained to the Priesthood

Alice Hodgkins Courtright	St. Andrew's, New Providence
Katlin McCallister	Holy Trinity, South River
Anthony Puca	St. George's by-the-River, Rumson
Megan Thomas	All Saints', Princeton

On behalf of the Rev. Canon Linda Moeller, the Ven. Lynn Johnson introduced the members of the School for Deacons:

Class of 2015

Magdalena Aders	Christ Church, Shrewsbury
William "Bill" Balmer	Christ Church, Shrewsbury

Carolyn Bradley	Trinity Church, Asbury Park
Paul Chalakani	St. James', Eatontown
Eve Chamberlain	St. George's-by-the-River, Rumson
Naomi Cressman	St. Mary's, Haddon Heights
Dorothea "Dot" Hospador	Trinity Church, Matawan
Chizoba Nwankwo	Christ Church, New Brunswick
Jorge Martinez	St. Andrew's, Camden
Karen Reeman	Christ Church, Shrewsbury
Trisha Thorme	Trinity Church, Princeton

Results of the Second Ballot:

Deacon Hain reported the results of the second ballot:

Office A. Standing Committee - Clergy (Vote by Orders)

1 Clergy Member, 1-year unexpired term

Total Ballots Cast:	478	
Clergy Ballots Cast:	145	Clergy majority: 73
Lay Ballots Cast:	333	Lay majority: 167

	Clergy	Lay
The Rev. Frank B. Crumbaugh, III	59	118
The Rev. Canon Andy J. Moore	31	66
The Rev. Dr. Francis A. Hubbard	31	90
The Rev. Brian K. Burgess	24	59

Bishop Stokes declared there was no election.

Office C. Alternates to General Convention - Clergy (Vote by Orders)

3 Clergy Members, 3-year terms

Total Ballots Cast:	473	
Clergy Ballots Cast:	146	Clergy majority: 74
Lay Ballots Cast:	327	Lay majority: 164

	Clergy Ballots	Lay Ballots	Clergy Percentage	Lay Percentage	Combined Percentage
The Ven. W. Keith McCoy, Dcn.	71	122	48.630	37.309	85.939
The Rev. Margaret R. Hodgkins	89	208	60.959	63.609	124.567
The Rev. Mark H. Chattin	40	105	27.397	32.110	59.507
The Rev. Kuruvilla K. (Sunil) Chandy	85	188	58.219	57.492	115.712
The Rev. Amy S. Cornell	30	64	20.548	19.572	40.120
The Rev. Dr. Hugh E. Brown, III, D.Min.	28	64	19.178	19.572	38.750
The Ven. Gideon A. Uzomechina	36	78	24.658	23.853	48.511
The Rev. Dr. Francis A. Hubbard	39	106	26.712	32.416	59.128
The Rev. Joseph R. Parrish, Jr.	20	46	13.699	14.067	27.766

Bishop Stokes declared the Rev. Margaret R. Hodgkins elected as the second alternate and the Rev. Kuruvilla K. (Sunil) Chandy elected as the third alternate.

Prior to the third ballot, Bishop Stokes asked if any nominees wished to withdraw their names. The Rev. Dr. Hugh E. Brown, III, D.Min., the Rev. Amy S. Cornell, and the Ven. Gideon A. Uzomechina withdrew their names from Office C. Alternates to General Convention - Clergy.

Third Ballot:

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

Celebratory Greetings:

On behalf of and in memory of Historiographer Canon Cynthia McFarland, the Rev. Canon Lee Powers offers the following special resolutions:

Whereas, All Saints' Church, Bay Head, celebrates the 125th anniversary of its organization in 1889; and

Whereas, St. Mary's Church, Clementon, celebrates the 125th anniversary of its organization in 1889; and

Whereas, Trinity Church, Rocky Hill, celebrates the 150th anniversary of its organization in 1864;

Be it therefore resolved, That the 230th Annual Convention of the Diocese of New Jersey, assembled in Cherry Hill, tender congratulations to the clergy and congregations of these churches, wishing them God's blessing in the years ahead.

The resolution was carried by acclamation.

Whereas, the Rev. Nathaniel R. Elliott, Jr., celebrates the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination and canonical residency in this diocese; and

Whereas, the Rev. Joseph H. Gauvin celebrates the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination; and

Whereas, the Rev. Walter F. Hartt celebrates the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination; and

Whereas, the Rev. Canon Leroy A. Lyons celebrates the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination; and

Whereas, the Rev. Dr. Alan K. Salmon celebrates the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination and canonical residency in this diocese; and

Whereas, the Rev. John C. Stone celebrates the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination; and

Whereas, the Rev. Dr. A. Orley Swartzentruber celebrates the fifty-first anniversary of his ordination; and

Whereas, the Rev. E. Walton Zelley, Jr., celebrates the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination; and

Whereas, the Rev. Herbert G. Draesel, Jr., celebrates the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination; and

Whereas, the Rev. Canon Ronald G. Albury celebrates the sixtieth anniversary of his ordination and canonical residency in this diocese; and

Whereas, the Rt. Rev. G. P. Mellick Belshaw celebrates the sixtieth anniversary of his ordination;

Be it therefore resolved, That the 230th Annual Convention of the Diocese of New Jersey, assembled in Cherry Hill, offer heartfelt congratulations and warmest thanks for their dedicated ministry.

The resolution was carried by acclamation.

Bishop Stokes acknowledged those clergy present who are celebrating these milestones and asked them to stand and be recognized.

Anti-Racism Commission:

The Rev. Canon Joan E. Fleming, Co-Chair of the Anti-Racism Commission, thanked Bishop Stokes for his support of the Anti-Racism Commission and Team. The Rev. C. John Thompson-Quartey, Co-Chair of the Anti-Racism Commission, noted that the work of the Anti-Racism Commission is a wonderful ministry in our diocese. In 1996, the diocese voted to have a 20-year vision to have an anti-racist diocese. For many years, the diocese funded anti-racism training and participants attended at no cost. With the financial crunch in the last five years, Diocesan Council recommended a nominal \$50 fee for the 2½-day training. The cost per person for the training is actually \$450.

Canon Fleming drew attention to the stoles that many are wearing. These stoles designate the fact that you have attended a 2½-day intensive anti-racism training session, a powerful experience as many will testify. Every time we meet in Convention, the number of these stoles has proliferated, which is a wonderful thing to see and we are encouraging even more.

Parishes in transition are required to have a two-hour workshop with one of the Anti-Racism Commission members. Congregations are voluntarily inviting us to come and do the workshop to expose their leadership to the work of the Commission. Two of our congregations are doing an outstanding job:

Christ Church, Toms River, held a 2½-day Crossroad training session, which led to the formation of the Racial Justice Ministry in that congregation. They have created a Resolution stating that all current vestry members and future vestry members will be required to participate in the 2½-day training. Copies of the Resolution are available at the Anti-Racism table in the exhibit area.

St. Barnabas, Monmouth Junction, has a ministry for racial diversity that has been in existence for a while, and they continue to invite us to come and re-energize the work that they are doing.

There is still time to register for the next 2½-day training event to be held April 3–5, 2014.

Millennium Development Goals Task Force:

The Rev. Lisa Caton, Chair of the Diocesan Millennium Development Goals Task Force, thanked Bishop Stokes for his support. The purpose of the Task Force is to educate the diocese about the underlying causes of global poverty using the Millennium Development Goals established by the United Nations in 2000 as the basis for our goals and to encourage the diocese to take action. What we hope to do through our work is to create a sense of compassion and identification with all human beings regardless of where they live, but particularly developing a sense of identification and passion for those who are most vulnerable. Everything the Task Force has done is totally dependent on the congregations. It's not us; it's you. And the way we do this is identifying conduits who can be the leaders in your community to open up the hearts of your people. We call these conduits "reps." We need reps from every church. We hope to get two because we believe, like Jesus did, that it's best to work in pairs. We educate those reps at an all-day training workshop in July. What we are going to be focusing the training on this year is Episcopal Relief and Development. We are all very proud of our accomplishments last year: We raised over \$120,000 for Nets for Life. But, the reality is, since then, ERD has probably spent two or three times that amount in Hurricane Sandy relief. This is a mutual relationship. It's really important, and ERD is coming up to its 75th Anniversary next year, so we are looking for church reps to begin to train them to get ready for this anniversary celebration. It's an opportunity for us to now return the favor and to expand our awareness. The other thing that we look for reps to do is to promote partnerships in different parts of the world through the MDG Matching Grant Program. This year we are raising our maximum grant amount to congregations to \$750 to support their partnerships. We are encouraging our reps to continue these conversations. Many of you have heard about the resolution that was passed last year and have actually been following up about talking about the reality of poverty at all congregational meetings. These are stories about people in the diocese, and there is a handbook that many of you have seen that the Task Force has available at their exhibit table.

Capt. Lou Cavaliere spoke about human trafficking. Human trafficking is modern-day slavery. Capt. Cavaliere noted that this is a problem that affects over 300,000 people in the United States, and the average age of those being trafficked is between 12 and 13 years old. We can't have this. The Church recognizes this, and The Episcopal Church is mobilizing. What we are doing in the Diocese of New Jersey through the MDG Task Force is to mobilize all of our congregations to study this problem. We are doing things to make people aware. There are products at the Task Force exhibit table from Thistle Farms. These are products made by women and children who were trafficked and have been rehabilitated. Human trafficking is the manifestation of a world that is deeply broken. We are here to fix that problem, and we can do it. We busted two major rings of human trafficking at the Super Bowl in North Jersey/New York area. Capt. Cavaliere asked for continued prayers and support.

Announcements:

After closing announcements, Bishop Stokes declared that the Convention would be in recess until 11:00 a.m. tomorrow morning, following the morning workshops.

The Rev. Neil C. Turton, Convention Chaplain, closed the session with prayer.

Saturday – March 1, 2014

Convention resumes, morning session:

The Rev. Neil C. Turton, Convention Chaplain, opened the session with prayer at 11:05 a.m.

Results of the Third Ballot.

Deacon Hain reported the results of the third ballot:

Office A. Standing Committee - Clergy (Vote by Orders)

1 Clergy Member, 1-year unexpired term

Total Ballots Cast:	422	
Clergy Ballots Cast:	126	Clergy majority: 64
Lay Ballots Cast:	296	Lay majority: 149

	Clergy	Lay
The Rev. Frank B. Crumbaugh, III	58	147
The Rev. Canon Andy J. Moore	25	56
The Rev. Dr. Francis A. Hubbard	26	63
The Rev. Brian K. Burgess	17	30

Bishop Stokes declared there was no election.

Office C. Alternates to General Convention - Clergy (Vote by Orders)

3 Clergy Members, 3-year terms

Total Ballots Cast:	412	
Clergy Ballots Cast:	124	Clergy majority: 63
Lay Ballots Cast:	288	Lay majority: 145

	Clergy Ballots	Lay Ballots	Clergy Percentage	Lay Percentage	Combined Percentage
The Ven. W. Keith McCoy, Dcn.	77	130	62.097	45.139	107.236
The Rev. Mark H. Chatten	16	79	12.903	27.431	40.334
The Rev. Dr. Francis A. Hubbard	23	57	18.548	19.792	38.340
The Rev. Joseph R. Parrish, Jr.	8	22	6.452	7.639	14.091

Bishop Stokes declared there was no election

Bishop Stokes asked if there were any further withdrawals. The Rev. Dr. Francis Hubbard withdrew from Office C. Alternates to General Convention - Clergy.

Fourth Ballot:

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

Jubilee Ministries Report:

Ms. Clara Gregory, Jubilee Ministry Officer, reported that by Resolution A082 at the 1982 General Convention, Jubilee Ministries was created to be "a ministry of joint discipleship in Christ with poor and oppressed people, wherever they are found, to meet basic human needs and to build a just society." In order to facilitate this ministry, the 1985 General Convention resolution A106 charged each diocese to appoint a Jubilee Officer who will "become informed on all facets of Jubilee Ministry, serve as a liaison to the Jubilee Ministry Commission, be available as a resource to bishops and congregations and otherwise bring support to further Jubilee Ministries."

The Diocesan Jubilee Office and many of our 21 Jubilee Ministry Centers continue to respond to the Gospel's call to "feed the hungry" by eradicating food insecurity and food deserts in various communities in New Jersey. As reported by the Legal Services of New Jersey, "Food insecurity reached another all-time high in 2011. A sizeable portion of New Jersey Households did not have enough food for all their members in 2011. Data from a three-year period (2009–11) show that 12.3 percent of New Jersey households were food insecure at some point during that period and 4.5 percent had very low food security meaning that the food intake of one or more household members was reduced or their eating pattern disrupted due to lack of resources. This represents a record high for the fifth consecutive year."

The following grant awards from The Episcopal Church Center were in response to our call to "feed the hungry," and the alarming domestic poverty statistics nationwide:

- Christ Church – New Brunswick – Health and Nutrition - \$750.00 – *purchase of nutritional and healthier foods for distribution by parish food pantry*
- Church of St. Andrew, Apostle and Martyr – Camden – Health and Nutrition - \$750.00 – *annual community health forum and fair*
- St. Peter's Church – Perth Amboy – Health and Nutrition - \$750.00 – *gardening equipment and supplies*
- St. Peter's Church – Spotswood – Health and Nutrition - \$750.00 – *gardening equipment and supplies*
- Trinity Cathedral – Trenton – Health and Nutrition - \$750.00 – *refrigeration for food pantry*
- Diocesan Initiative - \$1,000.00 - *to support Jubilee Ministry development plans of the local bishop and the appointed diocesan jubilee officer – gardening workshop and brochures*

Our Diocesan Jubilee Officer is a member of the following advocacy groups:

- Fighting Poverty with Faith
- Multi Faith Social Justice Roundtable
- Anti-Poverty Network

Work continued in 2013 around the following issues: Building Opportunity through Affordable Housing for All, Stopping Gun Violence, The Affordable Care Act, and many more.

Designation of two new Jubilee Ministry Centers

- Trinity Church – Asbury Park, NJ
- St. Augustine's Church – Asbury Park, NJ

Moving Forward in 2014

- Continue to shepherd, when needed, charity and justice ministries through the application, designation and affirmation process.

- Convene regularly scheduled meetings for the purposes of networking, training and sharing best practices with Jubilee Ministries.
- Convene regularly scheduled telephone conversations regarding legislation that impacts the poor and oppressed with Jubilee Ministries.
- Continue to communicate grant and fundraising opportunities to Jubilee Ministries when available.

Ms. Gregory was introduced to Mr. Chuck Inman by Canon Phyllis Jones during the summer of 2013. They met and discussed the idea of forming a partnership with the Diocesan Jubilee Office and The Battle Against Hunger Bike Tour. Mr. Inman (the BAH founder) and Ms. Gregory talked about their missions and personal beliefs that "no one in a place as plentiful as New Jersey should ever have to be hungry, especially the children of this state." They both agreed that this partnership would offer volunteers of Jubilee Centers the opportunity to raise funds, raise awareness, and build relationships to help fight hunger and its causes in their community. A similar meeting was held ten years earlier with Chuck Inman and Bishop Cuncell. Ms. Gregory stated that she will be forever grateful to Bishop Cuncell for planting the seed.

Flyers are at the Jubilee Ministries table for any parish that would be interested (Jubilee or non-Jubilee sites) in joining this new partnership.

Sudan Committee:

The Rev. Dr. Hugh E. Brown, III, Chair of the Sudan Committee, reported that the Diocese of New Jersey and the Rt. Rev. George E. Cuncell convened what initially was called "The Darfur Committee" in the fall of 2008 to implement Resolution 2008-1 that the 2008 Diocesan Convention charged, "The Episcopal Church in the Diocese of New Jersey to join with the government of the United States, the United Nations, and a host of other countries, organizations and individuals around the world to call and work for an end to the violence in Darfur." This resolution called the Diocese of New Jersey to establish a committee to "study the situation in Darfur and provide information to members parishes and others about the crimes against humanity taking place there along with the recommendations of actions that can be taken by parishes and individuals to bring these violations and actions to and end at the earliest possible opportunity and to provide support for Darfur refugees and other displaced persons."

This Committee, now The Sudan Committee of the Diocese of New Jersey, has been meeting for approximately five years. The following persons re-appointed by Bishop Stokes for 2014 are: The Rev. Dr. Hugh E. Brown, III (Chair), the Rev. Canon Dr. Martin Oguike, the Rev. Sharon Sutton, the Rev. Jane Brady, Ms. Alicia Graham-Hicks, the Rev. Nancy Hite Speck, the Rev. Deborah Piggins, and Mr. Marcus Gales.

In February of 2010, Bishop Cuncell approved the expansion of the Committee's advocacy and work to include the whole of Sudan. This deepened and enhanced mission has enabled the Sudan Committee to provide a visible witness for justice and peace in Sudan around issues such as the January, 2011 Referendum for Southern Sudanese independence and the campaign of The Episcopal Church, USA on behalf of Sudan entitled, "A Season of Peace for Sudan." The Committee's charge has indeed now become that described by our Presiding Bishop, Katharine Jefferts Schori, "to create projects of peace, study, prayer and action on behalf of the people of Sudan."

The people of Sudan, including the Darfur region of Sudan, the largest country in Africa, have experienced decades of slaughter, poverty and utter instability. This is true even with the implementation of the Comprehensive Peace agreement of 2005 and, in keeping with this agreement, the birth of the new nation of South Sudan in July of 2011.

Civil war has erupted in the new nation of South Sudan, threatening more intense violence, renewed sectarian warfare, and the beginnings of genocide anew in yet another chapter of Sudan's painful history.

We have established a partnership relationship with St. John's Theological College in the Diocese of Wau in South Sudan and the Rt. Rev. Moses Deng Bol. We just completed the full funding of three students for a full three-year scholarship with St. John's Theological College for \$13,500 at \$4,500 per student. Our goal is to support three additional students for three-year scholarships and raise \$13,500 more over the next two years! Fr. Brown called on Convention to support this Scholarship Fund and our new partnership with St. John's Theological College and the Diocese of Wau in South Sudan.

Following the Sudan Committee report, Bishop Stokes asked that a resolution of support from Diocesan Convention for 2014 be sent to Bishop Moses Deng Bol, the Diocese of Wau in South and St. John's Theological College. The resolution was passed.

Trinity Cathedral:

The Very Rev. René R. John, Dean of Trinity Cathedral, reported that the Vestry at Trinity Cathedral was able to adopt a balanced budget for 2013. They finished the year 2013 with excess revenues of \$762.00. For 2014, due to a newly instituted stewardship program "Consecration Sunday" they were able to increase pledges and revenues to continue to have a balanced budget for 2014.

On the expense side of the ledger, the new furnaces and a mild winter cut property and heating costs \$13,000. All other expenses are tightly controlled to maintain the programs that parishioners expect from their worship at the Cathedral. We employ only one paid priest, the Dean, one administrative assistant, two maintenance people, and two part-time musical staff. As a shrinking inner-city congregation, the Cathedral faces new and exciting challenges and embraces them with vigor and enthusiasm. Stewardship for 2014 is the best ever with an average pledge of \$55.72 per week and reaching the goal of \$255,000. Special fundraising efforts are critical to support outreach programs that are now being maintained and implemented. The Cathedral is eternally grateful for the widespread support for Trinity Cathedral Community Day – the golf event. It is hoped that the upgraded kitchen will provide additional income for building use, community events and additional outreach programs.

Outreach services to our community include a farmers' market in the summer, a soup kitchen every Thursday evening with the help of the Trenton area soup kitchen, an Urban Promise program of an after-school program for children whose parents have been incarcerated, and the food pantry on the second and fourth Saturdays of every month for an increasing number of recipients in need.

Dean John hopes that everyone in the diocese continues to view the Cathedral as their second church and can find the means to support the Cathedral in some manner in 2014. He thanked everyone for their continued support.

Dean John noted that Bishop Stokes will lead a retreat on April 12 and that Cathedral Day is June first.

Bishop's Cup:

Dean John recognized St. Peter's Church, Perth Amboy, the winners of the Bishop's Cup. Bishop Stokes presented the Bishop's Cup to the Rev. Dr. Anne-Marie Jeffrey, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Perth Amboy.

Province II Report:

Canon Chuck Perfater reported that he has been the Executive Coordinator of Province II for over ten years. He was to have retired two years ago; but, due to changing conditions he is still in the saddle through 2015. It has been his custom to offer a few comments about what is happening in our Province at our Diocesan Convention.

The most significant happening in Province II, and in the larger church, is TREC (The Reimagining of The Episcopal Church). General Convention 2015 will be focused on these results, and their implication for TEC. Meanwhile, Province II is operating to some degree in a state of suspended animation awaiting the outcome of General Convention 2015. As Canon Perfater had previously reported, we have reordered

our internal processes somewhat and we continue to function as a responsible entity of TEC, along with the other eight provinces.

The big event in the immediate future is the Province II Stewardship Webinar to be held on Saturday, April 5. This Province-wide webcast will be presented to over fifteen sites within the Province. It will feature three of the most outstanding personalities in stewardship, citing some critical dos and don'ts. Every church should try to have one or more representatives attend this wonderful program. It is a first in TEC. Think of it: Several hundred people gathered together at 15 locations to participate in this interactive program. The Diocese of New Jersey will have five sites: New Providence, Pennington, Toms River, Haddonfield, and Ocean City. Nobody has to drive too far. It's an all-day event, lasting from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided. A registration process will be in place in the next week or so. In the meanwhile, the flyers that are out on the tables will allow you to register. There is a \$10 fee to cover lunch. Jonathan Elliott is hopeful that he can stimulate a more user-friendly registration process to assist in getting all of the congregations represented. The presenters are:

- Mary McGregor, Director of Development in the Diocese of Texas, and she will speak to us from Houston;
- The Rev. Timothy Dombek, Canon for Stewardship and Development in the Diocese of Arizona, and he will speak to us from Phoenix; and
- The Rev. Gerry Keucher, a priest in the Diocese of Long Island who has done some consulting with some of our churches in the past, will be speaking to us from his home office in Staten Island.

This is a new technology for Province II, where we can have people at remote locations presenting an outstanding webinar with some interactivity by having an opportunity to ask questions and get answers on a wide scale. It's an inaugural event for us, but in this day and age of technology, we have to start moving in this direction. We will probably reach between 300–500 people at a minimal expense. We are used to having to attend conferences where you have to pay for travel, lodging, and meals for each individual. When multiplied by 40–50 attendees, it is quite an expense. With the webinar, we expect 300–500 to "attend" at approximately \$10 per person. We hope you will participate in this event.

Talking about stewardship, this diocese can do better, but we should be proud of our recent accomplishments. And here is why: The Diocese of New Jersey's stewardship results in the last seven years has improved 24% (statistics through 2013). Only six of the 109 dioceses in the Church have done better. However, Province II still lingers as last among the eight stateside Provinces in TEC. Every other Province has a higher average per year pledge than does Province II. Fortunately, New Jersey and Newark are on the top of the dioceses in Province II, but we can do better.

Provincial Synod is held every three years about a month or so before General Convention. All of the deputies and most of the alternates and all of the bishops from Province II will meet in Albany, a central site, on April 16–17, 2015. We will have the opportunity to apprise the bishops, deputies, and alternates with some of the key activities which will face the Church in 2015 and beyond. TREC will be #1 on the list of activities that will be discussed. General Convention will be an electronic Convention. Voting will be done electronically and examination of the legislative material will be done electronically. Everyone there will have to have the ability to be involved electronically.

Province II is alive and well. Please try to attend the webinar at one of the five locations.

Results of the Fourth Ballot.

Deacon Hain reported the results of the fourth ballot:

Office A. Standing Committee - Clergy (Vote by Orders)

1 Clergy Member, 1-year unexpired term

Total Ballots Cast:	387		
Clergy Ballots Cast:	114	Clergy majority:	58
Lay Ballots Cast:	273	Lay majority:	137

	Clergy	Lay
The Rev. Frank B. Crumbaugh, III	65	184
The Rev. Canon Andy J. Moore	18	27
The Rev. Dr. Francis A. Hubbard	22	38
The Rev. Brian K. Burgess	9	24

Bishop Stokes declared the Rev. Frank B. Crumbaugh, III elected to fill the one-year unexpired term.

Office C. Alternates to General Convention - Clergy (Vote by Orders)

3 Clergy Members, 3-year terms

Total Ballots Cast:	378		
Clergy Ballots Cast:	114	Clergy majority:	58
Lay Ballots Cast:	264	Lay majority:	133

	Clergy Ballots	Lay Ballots
The Ven. W. Keith McCoy, Dcn.	82	183
The Rev. Mark H. Chattin	27	51
The Rev. Joseph R. Parrish, Jr.	5	30

Bishop Stokes declared the Ven. W. Keith McCoy, Dcn. elected as the fourth alternate.

Bishop Stokes expressed his appreciation for all of those who offered themselves for elected positions and thanked all those involved in the balloting process.

Companion Diocese Committee:

The Rev. Canon Pedro Guzman, Co-Chair of the Companion Diocese Committee, for a Report. The Rev. Emily Holman, Dcn., Secretary, reported that beginning this year the Companion Diocese Committee has established companion relationships with the Dioceses of Ecuador Central and Ecuador Litoral. A major issue in both dioceses is the scarcity of adequately trained priests. At the request of Bishop Scantlebury, our committee is supporting a young deacon's seminary studies in the Dominican Republic for a year by contributing \$7,600 toward his tuition, travel, and a large portion of his living expenses as he prepares for the priesthood. Last February, four committee members attended Ecuador Central's Diocesan Convention in Quito and visited churches in outlying areas. At the convention, the Rev. Sal Ros, a new member of the committee, presented a workshop on stewardship and financial management – conspicuous weak spots there. The relationship between the Bishop and clergy in Ecuador Central has been strained for several years. In November, the Rev. Canon Pedro Guzman and the Rev. Servio Moscoso attended the Ecuador Litoral's annual convention. Through a series of one-on-one and group meetings they believe that they have achieved a genuine breakthrough in the healing process in which the two sides agreed on several issues that had long been in contention. We see this as a truly significant accomplishment. Much needs to be done in Ecuador Litoral, a vibrant but financially strained diocese. The Revs. Debi Clark and Mark Van Sant led a youth group from our diocese there this past summer, both to get acquainted and to work alongside local youth groups. We have donated funds to establish a Tilapia breeding project in Ecuador Litoral that is expected to provide food and an income stream for a local parish. We have also funded the much-needed renovation and building of cabins in a diocesan camp. We have committed to purchase land upon which Holy Trinity Church will erect its first church building. They have been meeting in a parishioner's home. We expect Ecuador Litoral to be the primary focus of our committee work in the coming year. Both Bishop Scantlebury and Bishop Morante attended Bishop Stokes' Consecration in November. Our committee arranged their accommodations while here and gave them a thorough briefing on our own diocesan operations. We believe this will help build mutual understanding and further strengthen our relationship with our companion dioceses. We look forward to a busy and productive year ahead. We would like to note that, although the CDC's budget has not increased since last year, our committee is now serving two dioceses rather than one. While this may tax

our ingenuity, we believe we will continue to make significant contributions to both in support of God's important work in Ecuador.

Bishop Scantlebury extended greetings from the clergy and people of the Diocese of Ecuador Central and on behalf of Bishop Morante and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Ecuador Litoral. Due to a prior commitment, Bishop Morante was not able to be with us. He expressed appreciation to the Diocese of New Jersey for the companion relationship with both Dioceses in Ecuador. Bishop Scantlebury is in conversation with Fr. Moscoso and Fr. Guzman about the possibility of them coming to do a workshop in Central. So, our work together is ongoing. Members of the committee refurbished a house in Quito, and people who have family in the hospital are able to stay there. Our relationship and assistance is invaluable.

Fr. Guzman expressed his appreciation to all of the Companion Diocese committee members.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to convey our love and respect to Bishop Morante and the members of the Dioceses of Ecuador Litoral and Ecuador Central from the 230th Convention of the Diocese of New Jersey.

Disaster Recovery Report:

Mr. Keith Adams, Disaster Recovery Coordinator, reported that in the wake of Superstorm Sandy we are discerning ways to seek Christ, and we find that God is alive and working in our communities as we accompany those who continue to suffer and struggle to recover. A year ago, the Diocese of New Jersey had little experience with natural disasters. We do now! We have a lot of experience whether we wanted it or not. From the onset of Superstorm Sandy, our congregations opened our buildings and hearts to our neighbors, providing food, shelter, clothing, and spiritual support in unprecedented ways. We rediscovered the importance of community, and the very real presence of the church at its center. We witnessed first-hand the transformative power of becoming the hands and feet of Christ.

Now as we continue our long-term recovery, we are building upon the lessons learned. Like St. Paul, we are able to boast of our weakness; for out of that weakness is growing strength. Relationships have grown between our congregations, the diocese, and the community. Out of these relationships come real opportunities to serve our neighbors, not only in times of disaster but every day. We are recognizing that every day is a disaster for someone in our community . . . a lost job, sudden homelessness, sickness. As we have come together in response to Sandy, we are rediscovering the value of that community. Through the generosity of Episcopal Relief and Development we have received over \$400,000.00 for this effort this year. Partnering with many faith-based and nonprofit organizations, we work with fourteen Long Term Recovery Groups throughout the diocese from Cape May to Elizabeth, rebuilding homes and lives. This partnering ranges from providing facilities and personnel for disaster case management, fiscal agency, volunteer support and housing, to providing construction materials. A partnership is in the formative stages with the American Red Cross that will give us double the resources to help those who are recovering. Another great partnership that we have with *A Future with Hope*, which is our United Methodist partners in recover to rebuild homes and lives. As a part of the New Jersey state and national Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster and Church World Services, we assist Long Term Recovery Groups with expertise, training, and coordination. We are training in disaster preparedness and response to increase our capacity for future disasters. We have trained thirty-five clergy as Disaster Chaplains. Our congregations are preparing preparedness plans.

We have prepared thousands of hot meals, filled hundreds of bags in our food pantries, and clothed many, and we are doubling our efforts to make these programs sustainable as we go forward. We are actively advocating for the poor and the vulnerable at federal and state government levels. Our efforts as a diocese are making a difference. A previous convention keynoter once challenged us with the question, "If your church closed its doors, would anybody notice?" Many of you can now answer, "Yes, people would notice." Our efforts are making a difference and through these efforts we are seeing real transformation of our people, our church, and our communities. Seven congregations have recently received awards from our 2014 Strength and Weakness mini-grant program. With these grants, these

churches will increase the Episcopal Church outreach to their communities. They will build Church through mission. Over one year post-disaster, almost a quarter-million people that survived the storm in New Jersey have not fully recovered. Thousands await critical answers about rebuilding from insurance companies, state and federal programs, and local officials. Temporary housing assistance programs and rental assistance programs are expiring. Gentrification of our beloved Jersey Shore, already in progress before the storm, has intensified. Always a commodity in short supply, affordable housing opportunities are diminishing.

As in all disasters, those most vulnerable among us — the poor, the uneducated, the homeless — are hurt disproportionately. The people and congregations of the Diocese of New Jersey are challenged in the aftermath of Sandy to increase our efforts to serve as outspoken and effective advocates for the vulnerable; to comfort those suffering in body, mind and spirit; and to feed those hungry for physical and spiritual food. Emotions run from the hopelessness and despair of those still awaiting help, to the guilt of those who were untouched by the storm. Most importantly, we have learned the meaning of the word "with". It has been ventured that "with" is the most important in scripture. John's Gospel tells us, "The Word was with God". From the beginning, God was with us. In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus tells us "behold, I am with you always". To the end, God is with us. Not for us, like a stranger doing nice things or giving us random handouts. Not giving us everything we ever want, or protecting us from illness or hard times, but with us! When things go well and when they fall apart, in joy and in sadness, with us! In the aftermath of Sandy, we have learned what it is to be vulnerable. We have learned the very real difference between being there "for" our communities and being "with" our community. In the midst of a terrible storm or on a fine summer day on the Jersey Shore, God is with us, and we are with God.

Diocesan Missionary:

Mr. Charles Nakash, Diocesan Missionary from the Diocese of New Jersey in the Dominican Republic, reported how grateful he is to be able to address Convention. He expressed his appreciation to Bishop Councell for giving him this opportunity and to Bishop Stokes for his continued support. Over the past two years, Mr. Nakash has worked with over 25 mission teams each year. These teams come from 14 different Episcopal dioceses in the United States. Mr. Nakash helps to coordinate the construction projects with the Dominican priests and the U.S.A. mission team leaders. Together they have built six houses, two water purification systems, installed two wells, built pews for churches, painted many schools and churches, assisted in the construction of three churches, and much more. He works with mission teams plus runs two greenhouses with a small farm. One of his goals is to teach the people how to support themselves — not just handing them a fish but teaching them how to fish. The greenhouse work project is about teaching people new work skills and work ethics. There are over 6,000 plants including bell peppers, tomatoes, eggplants, bananas, and plantains. There are many new projects being worked on — one, for instance is in the northern part of the country where a small village has not had water for over a year. The plan is to install a new well and pump to supply the community. Mr. Nakash plans to travel the country working on new projects with mission teams. He could not do this alone. He thanked the Diocese and Christ Church, Toms River, for their assistance. Christ Church, Toms River, raises money throughout the year to support Mr. Nakash's ministry. The Diocesan budget line is \$12,000 per year, but the actual expenses are much higher, including truck maintenance and insurance, daily expenses, medical expenses, and 18% sales tax. Gas is \$6.00 per gallon. Forms are available for congregations to assist in supporting this ministry. Mr. Nakash has a blog, so everyone can follow what is happening in the Dominican Republic. He is grateful to be serving God and the Diocese of New Jersey to help meet the needs of the most impoverished in the Dominican Republic. The people that Mr. Nakash sees on the streets are in great need. We can make a difference by creating job opportunities and providing clean drinking water. We, together with God's help, can make a difference in people's lives.

Standing Commission on Clerical Compensation:

Mr. Arthur Pederson, Vice-Chair of the Standing Commission on Clerical Compensation, referred deputies to Document #11 in the Convention Reports Requiring Action Book, page 31. He noted that the Commission is directed by Canon 33 to ensure that clergy are adequately, equitably, and correctly compensated according to the Canons of our Diocese, in particular Canon 74.

Over the past several years, we have moved from a form that was a chart that had specific levels of parish and specific amounts to be paid. That form was reaching a point that it was no longer serving the purpose for which it was intended. A new form was created to reflect the needs of the church and those who serve by being more flexible (full-time or part-time, adjustments for pastoral considerations) and realistic (offering a clear total value of a compensation package).

Although the Commission is not directly involved with establishing the benefits provided to clergy, it is a significant part of clerical compensation. The Commission has been working with the Benefits Committee to help clergy and congregations to understand what is required by our Diocesan Canons and the Affordable Care Act. Our hope is that congregations took advantage of the Health Insurance Tax Credit while they were eligible. The increase to the benefit premiums is one of the factors taken into consideration for any COLA increase recommendation.

The Commission recommends a COLA increase of 1.5%. It is the same increase used by the Social Security Administration. The intention is that minimum cash stipends are increased by either one Credited Service year or the COLA. The dynamic Excel Charts use the greater value of those two metrics to calculate the other compensation components.

On behalf of the Standing Commission on Clerical Compensation, Mr. Pedersen moved the following resolution to the 230th Diocesan Convention for fiscal year 2014:

Be it resolved, That the 230th Diocesan Convention approve a 1.5% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) to parochial clergy current salaries.

The Resolution was passed.

Constitution and Canons:

The Rev. Dr. John Mitchell, Chair of the Standing Committee on Constitution and Canons, directed deputies to Document 10 on page 32 of the Reports Requiring Action Booklet. The Committee reviewed requests received from members of the diocese for possible changes in the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese. As provided in Canon 75, Section 1, as amended at last year's convention, proposals for amendments to the constitution or canons must be sent to the Committee by December 1 of the prior year for consideration and report. The following proposals were received prior to such deadline.

Fr. Mitchell referred Convention to Part I of the Report. On behalf of the Committee, Fr. Mitchell moved the following Implementing Resolution, noting that the Committee recommended its adoption:

Implementing Resolution I: *Resolved*, That Section 4 of Canon 21 of the Canons of the Diocese of New Jersey be amended as follows (insertion shown by double-underline):

SECTION 4. The balances on hand in the three loan funds shall be kept on deposit in one or more interest bearing bank accounts, fully insured by the federal government, or a direct obligation of the federal government, or the Diocesan Investment Trust, or in any recognized money market funds approved by the Finance and Budget Committee of the Diocese. The interest shall be distributed proportionately among the three loan funds in a manner directed by the trustees and shall be added to and become part of the principal of the several loan funds.

The resolution was passed.

Fr. Mitchell referred Convention to Part II of the Report. On behalf of the Committee, Fr. Mitchell moved the following Implementing Resolution, noting that the Committee recommended its adoption:

Implementing Resolution II: *Resolved*, That Canons 49 and 50 of the Canons of the Diocese of New Jersey be amended to read as follows (deletions shown by strikethrough, insertions by double-underline):

CANON 49
The Cathedral

SECTION 1. Trinity Cathedral of the Diocese of New Jersey, situated at Trenton in the Diocese of New Jersey, is designated as The Cathedral of the Diocese, with the rights, powers, and privileges conferred upon it by law and by the Joint Consolidation Agreement entered into on the May 4, 1949, between the corporation known as The Cathedral Church of the Diocese of New Jersey and the parish corporation known as Trinity Cathedral in the Diocese of New Jersey, and by the Constitution and Bylaws of the Cathedral adopted pursuant to such Agreement.

SECTION 2. The governing body of Trinity Cathedral shall be a Chapter. The Chapter shall consist of the Bishop, who shall be the presiding officer; the Bishop Coadjutor, if there be one, the Suffragan Bishops, if there be any; the Archdeacons of the Diocese, if there be any; the Dean of the Cathedral; four presbyters and four lay persons elected by the Diocesan Convention for three-year terms; three members appointed in writing by the Bishop for three-year terms; the following members elected by and from the Cathedral congregation, namely, a Senior Warden and a Junior Warden each elected for two-year terms, and nine other lay persons elected for three-year terms; and a Treasurer and a Clerk elected by the Chapter.

....

SECTION 6. There shall be an annual meeting of the Congregation of the Cathedral, at which the qualified voters shall elect by ballot, by a majority of the votes cast, to serve for the ensuing year, from among the voters of the Cathedral congregation, three Deputies and three alternate Deputies to the Diocesan Convention, who shall all be communicants in good standing, and who shall represent the Cathedral in the Conventions of the Diocese. The meeting shall also elect the Wardens and Chapter members provided for in Section 2 of this Canon, convocation representatives, and such other officers as may be provided for by the Constitution or Bylaws of the Cathedral.

CANON 50
Election of Church Officers in Parishes and Missions

SECTION 1. There shall be an annual meeting in every Parish for the election of officers, prayers having been said immediately before said meeting, and due notice having been given as required by law. Said meeting shall be held on a date which may be fixed at a regular or special meeting of the Congregation. There shall be an annual meeting for those Missions that elect officers, to be held also with opening prayers and upon like notice.

....

SECTION 3. At said annual meeting the qualified voters shall elect by ballot, by a majority of the votes cast, to serve for the ensuing year, from among the voters in the Parish or Mission, three Deputies and three alternate Deputies to the Diocesan Convention, who shall represent the Parish or Mission in the Conventions of the Diocese, and a Warden or Wardens, who shall all be communicants in good standing; and also such other Vestrymembers or Mission Committee members, and such other officers as may be provided for by the Parish or Mission charter or bylaws, and six Representatives

to the Convocation in which the Congregation is located, who shall all be communicants if such suitable for the office can be found.

SECTION 4. For the purposes of this Canon, the term "communicant" shall be as defined by the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church.

SECTION 5. No provision of this Canon which may conflict with the Charter of any Parish shall have any force in such Parish.

The resolution was passed.

Fr. Mitchell referred Convention to Part III of the Report. On behalf of the Committee, Fr. Mitchell moved the following Implementing Resolution, noting that the Committee recommended its adoption:

Implementing Resolution II: *Resolved*, That Canon 9 of the Canons of the Diocese of New Jersey be amended to read as follows (deletions shown by strikethrough, insertions by double-underline):

CANON 9

Episcopal Elections

Composition of the Committee

SECTION 1. Composition of the Bishop Search and Nomination Committee. When a bishop is to be elected, there shall be ~~an Episcopal Election~~ a Bishop Search and Nomination Committee consisting of 16 Convocational Members and six Members-At-Large, elected in the following manner:

(a) One member of the clergy and one lay person shall be elected in each convocation of the Diocese in accordance with the provisions of Section 2 of this Canon.

(b) Six additional Members-At-Large, either clergy or lay, shall be elected by the Convocational Members. The election shall be by majority vote of all the Convocational Members. In electing the Members-At-Large, the Convocational Members shall be as inclusive as possible to insure that the Committee is representative of the entire Diocese.

(c) In addition to the elected members, a Chair shall be appointed by the Bishop with the advice and consent of the Standing Committee. If there is no Bishop, the appointment shall be made by the Standing Committee. The Committee, including all At-Large Members, shall elect a Vice-Chair from the members of the Committee. ~~The Chair shall vote only in order to break a tie vote of the Committee.~~

(d) Lay members of the Committee shall be confirmed adult communicants in good standing of a parish or mission within the Diocese. Clergy members shall be canonically resident in the Diocese.

(e) Vacancies among Convocational Members shall be filled by appointment of the Dean of the Convocation. Vacancies among the Members-At-Large shall be filled by the Committee.

Election of Committee Members by Convocation.

SECTION 2. Election of Bishop Search and Nomination Committee Members by Convocations. Convocational Members shall be elected in the following manner:

(a) When the Ecclesiastical Authority announces the call for the election of a bishop, the Ecclesiastical Authority shall appoint a specific Sunday for Special Meetings to be held in each parish and mission of the Diocese to elect special delegates to a special meeting in each convocation for the purpose of electing members of the ~~Episcopal Election~~ Bishop Search and Nomination Committee. On that Sunday, every parish and mission in the Diocese shall hold a special meeting of the Congregation, in accordance with the provisions of the Canons of the Diocese and the laws of the State of New Jersey, for the purpose of electing six special delegates to the special meeting of the Convocation. The Chair of the meeting shall forthwith certify to the Dean of the Convocation and to the Ecclesiastical Authority the names and addresses of the persons elected.

(b) On the fourth Sunday thereafter, the Dean of each convocation shall convene a Special Meeting to elect members of the ~~Episcopal Election~~ Bishop Search and Nomination Committee, due notice having been given to each church in the convocation. Those entitled to vote at the meeting shall be the six duly certified Special Delegates from each parish and mission in the Convocation and all members of the clergy, canonically resident in the Diocese, who exercise their ministry within the Convocation or who reside in the Convocation. The election shall be by ballot and a majority of the votes cast shall be necessary for election. It shall be the duty of each Dean to certify forthwith to the Ecclesiastical Authority the names, addresses and the telephone numbers of the persons elected.

Self-Study and Profiles

SECTION 3. Self-Study and Diocesan Profile. The Bishop Search and Nomination Committee shall be responsible for conducting a Diocesan Self-Study. Using information developed by a Diocesan Self-Study, the Committee shall develop a Diocesan Profile. The Committee may engage such professional assistance as it deems reasonable to complete its task.

Obtaining Candidates

SECTION 4. Obtaining Candidates.

(a) The Bishop Search and Nomination Committee shall take the steps necessary to encourage the recommendation of qualified candidates and shall circulate the Diocesan Profile and other pertinent information to all clergy, parishes, and missions of the Diocese, the ~~Clergy Deployment~~ Office of Transition Ministry of the Episcopal Church, the Presiding Bishop and all active Bishops of the Episcopal Church notifying them that recommendations are being received, and stating the process for nomination and election.

(b) ~~SECTION 5.~~ The Committee shall screen all candidates recommended and shall establish its own procedures for determining which candidates are best suited for nomination. It shall submit a list of no fewer than four nor more than ~~eight~~ six candidates to be placed in nomination at the Electing Convention.

(c) Not later than one year after it is constituted, the Committee shall report to the members of the Electing Convention and to the Diocese as a whole, the names of the persons to be nominated by it at the Electing Convention, together with a brief biography of each nominee. ~~Subject to the consent of the Ecclesiastical Authority, the committee shall fix the date, time and place of the Electing Convention, and include notice of the same the Electing Convention with its report.~~ The date of the electing Convention shall not be less than three months nor more than ~~seven~~ five months after the date the report is issued.

~~The Ecclesiastical Authority may for good cause adjourn the date of the Electing Convention and reschedule the same with the advice and consent of the committee.~~

Independent Nominations

SECTION 65. Independent Nominations. When the Bishop Search and Nomination Committee has announced its list of nominees, there shall be a period of 30 days after the date when its report is issued during which Independent Nominations to the electing Convention may be made. No independent nominations shall be received after that date. The Committee shall provide, upon request, a Nomination Petition Form on which the deadline for submitting independent nominations and the method of submitting them is clearly stated. The Nomination Petition shall require the signatures of at least two persons from at least five Convocations.

Final Report of Committee

SECTION 67. Final Report of the Bishop Search and Nomination Committee. After the period for receiving independent nominations has expired, the Bishop Search and Nomination Committee ~~committee~~ shall publish an Election Booklet containing the names, photographs, and biographical sketches of all nominees and such other material about the nominees as the ~~e~~Committee shall choose to include. The Election Booklet shall state which nominees were nominated by the ~~e~~Committee and which were nominated independently, but in every other respect all nominees shall be treated equally. The Election Booklet shall include a detailed statement of the election process including the Proposed Rules of Order and Agenda for the Electing Convention. The Election Booklet shall be distributed to each member of the Electing Convention not less than ~~45~~ 30 days before the electing Convention and also made available to the Diocese as a whole.

Introduction of Nominees to the Diocese

SECTION 87. Introduction of Nominees to the Diocese. After the Election Booklet has been distributed, the Bishop Search and Nomination Committee ~~committee~~ shall provide one or more opportunities for members of the Electing Convention to meet and confer with all nominees. Opportunity shall also be afforded all members of the Diocese to meet the nominees. The ~~e~~Committee shall be responsible for establishing the time, place, and format of any pre-Convention meeting of candidates. All such meetings shall be complete at least seven days prior to the Electing Convention.

Additional Duties of the Committee

SECTION 98. Composition and Duties of the Transition Committee. There shall be a Transition Committee consisting of between eight and twelve members. Lay members of the committee shall be confirmed adult communicants in good standing of a parish or mission within the Diocese. Clergy members shall be canonically resident in the Diocese. The composition of the committee and its duties shall be as follows:

(a) Following the organization of the Bishop Search and Nomination Committee by the appointment of its Chair and the election of its Members-At-Large, the Standing Committee shall appoint a Chair for the Transition Committee, and the Bishop Search and Nomination Committee shall choose one of its members to be a liaison member of the Transition Committee. The Chair and the liaison member shall then consult with the Standing Committee to assist it in appointing the remaining members of the Transition Committee. Members should be considered for their aptitude, experience, and expertise

in the tasks required of the committee. The committee members should organize themselves at least six months before the expected date of the Electing Convention.

(b) The Transition Committee shall be responsible for planning and overseeing the Electing Convention. Subject to the consent of the Ecclesiastical Authority, and in consultation with the Bishop Search and Nomination Committee, the Transition Committee shall fix the date, time, and place of the Electing Convention. Additional duties of the committee shall include the following:

a....The committee shall strive to ensure that the entire process of nominating and electing a Bishop is conducted in a pastoral manner.

b....The committee shall confer with the Committee on Rules of Order and Dispatch of Business ~~for the Electing Convention~~ to assist it in developing Rules of Order and an Agenda for the Electing Convention, to be included in the Election Booklet.

c....The committee, together with the Bishop Search and Nomination Committee, shall communicate regularly with members of the Electing Convention and with the Diocese at large to ensure an active awareness of the entire election process.

The Ecclesiastical Authority may for good cause adjourn the date of the Electing Convention and reschedule the same with the advice and consent of the Transition Committee.

(c) The Transition Committee shall provide pastoral and practical assistance to any present bishop, the bishop-elect, and their spouses and families throughout the transition process.

(d) The Transition Committee shall be responsible for planning and overseeing the leave-taking of an incumbent bishop, the relocation of the family of the bishop-elect, and the services of consecration or induction of the bishop-elect.

(e) The Transition Committee should coordinate its tasks as necessary with the Bishop Search and Nomination Committee, the Standing Committee, and diocesan staff.

Place in Nomination

SECTION 409. Placing in Nomination. At the Electing Convention, ~~the Episcopal Election Bishop Search and Nomination~~ Committee shall place in nomination all names listed in the Election Booklet. Nominations ~~may also be made from the floor of Convention~~ shall not be permitted. ~~by any member thereof in accordance with the Rules of Order. Each nomination from the floor shall be accompanied by a properly executed nomination form. Nominations shall not be seconded.~~ No nominating speeches or laudatory addresses shall be made on behalf of any nominee.

Financing

SECTION 410. Financing. The Convention shall make an appropriation to cover the expenses of the ~~committee~~ Bishop Search and Nomination Committee and the Transition Committee and to defray the cost of ~~its~~ their work.

The resolution was passed.

Fr. Mitchell referred Convention to Part IV of the Report. On behalf of the Committee, Fr. Mitchell moved the following Implementing Resolution, noting that the Committee recommended its adoption:

Implementing Resolution IV: *Resolved*, That Canon 32 of the Canons of the Diocese of New Jersey be amended to read as follows (deletions shown by strikethrough, insertions by double-underline):

CANON 32

Committee on Constitution and Canons

The Committee on Constitution and Canons shall be a standing committee of the Diocese. The Committee shall consist of five persons (not less than two of whom shall be clergy and not less than two of whom shall be lay persons) who shall, by reason of their membership, be entitled to a seat and voice in the Convention. The members of the committee shall be elected to serve for three-year terms each, or until their successors are chosen. For the Diocesan Convention to be held in 2015, and for every third year thereafter, the Convention shall elect one member, who may be clergy or lay, to a full three-year term. For the two annual Conventions following such one-member election, the Convention shall elect one clergy member and one lay member to full three-year terms. Any election to fill an unexpired term shall be of a person of the same order as the member whose term was left vacant. At the first election to be held after the adoption of this amendment the Convention shall elect one clerical and one lay member for a term of three years, one clerical and one lay member for a term of two years, and one member for a term of one year. Vacancies occurring during the recess of the Convention may be filled by the Ecclesiastical Authority until the next annual meeting of Convention.

The resolution was passed.

Fr. Mitchell noted that as a result of the amendment adopted last year, proposed changes to the Constitution or Canons to be considered at the 2015 Convention need to be submitted by December 1, 2014. He thanked the other members of the Committee for their work.

Board of Missions:

The Rev. Canon John Sosnowski thanked the members of the Board of Missions for their diligent work and to the leadership of Chair, the Rev. Gretchen Zimmerman, who has served as Chair for the past several years. In 2013, ten mission congregations received a total of \$299,000 from the Diocesan Budget to support their ministries and to sustain the vitality of their congregations. In accordance with the Canons, making recommendations to Diocesan Council about the allocation of mission funds is the primary responsibility of the Board of Missions.

As we look to 2014 and beyond and our Diocesan focus on our mission as the Diocese of New Jersey, Bishop Stokes has suggested that we re-task this Board to broaden its reach and to discover the ways that it can support the overall mission of the diocese. Effectively, we would like to transform this group into a Board of Mission responsible for overseeing how we can do mission together and discerning how we can best use our resources and partner with each other in support of that mission. In an ever-changing scene in which congregations struggle to discover new identities so that they might be more vital and vibrant witnesses of Christ in their communities, a mission-minded Board led by dynamic and insightful leaders is essential. To that end, Canon Sosnowski proposed the following implementing Resolution:

Be it resolved, That the 230th Convention of the Diocese of New Jersey authorizes the Board of Missions to engage in conversations with Congregational Development, the Vitality Task Force, and other bodies involved in mission in our Diocese to make recommendations to Constitution and Canons about appropriate changes to the Canons of the Diocese of New Jersey to broaden

the reach of the Board of Missions and to discover ways that it can support the overall mission of our Diocese thus transforming itself into a Board of Mission.

The resolution was passed.

Canon Sosnowski introduced the Rev. Bruce Montgomery and the Rev. Dr. Anne-Marie Jeffrey, Co-Chairs of the Board of Missions. We look forward to an exciting year ahead under their leadership.

Retired Clergy:

The Rev. Robert Legnani, Chaplain to Retired Clergy, noted that we have over 125 retired clergy who have served the Diocese, plus their spouses, widows, and widowers. Some have retired to other states. A luncheon is provided at Diocesan House quarterly. Part of Fr. Legnani's responsibility is to maintain contact with those retired clergy, spouses, widows, and widowers who are housebound, hospitalized, or sick, to let them know that they are a valuable part of the fellowship of the Diocese. Fr. Legnani acknowledged the clergy retired since Convention 2013:

The Rev. Canon John C. Belmont	June 30, 2013
The Rev. Joseph R. Parrish, Jr.	July 1, 2013
The Rev. Dr. Peter J. Bridge	August 1, 2013
The Rev. James Leroy Saunders	October 1, 2013
The Rev. David Laquintano	November 1, 2013
The Rev. Mark R. Van Sant	January 1, 2014
The Rev. William James Gerhart	January 1, 2014
The Rt. Rev. George E. Councell, D.D.	February 1, 2014

The Episcopal Church is very interested in carrying on a continuing ministry to the retired clergy and their families, as reflected in the title of a manual that Fr. Legnani received after he accepted the position of Chaplain to Retired Clergy: "Caring for the Retired Clergy, Our Treasures." These men who have retired since our last Convention — and all those who have served this diocese and are now retired — are indeed our treasures, and we appreciate their ministry.

Resolutions Committee:

The Rev. Terry Martin, Chair of the Resolutions Committee, noted that two proposed Resolutions were received by the January 15, 2014 deadline for submissions. Hearings were held on Saturday, February 15, 2014, at Diocesan House. As provided by the Rules of Order, any proposed Resolutions not timely submitted to the Committee and not required by Canon to be submitted to some other committee, may be brought to the floor of Convention for consideration only upon a two-thirds vote of Convention.

Fr. Martin referred Convention to Document 36 in the Convention Reports Requiring Action Booklet, page 42.

On behalf of the proposer, Fr. Martin moved Resolution 2014-1 and noted that the Resolutions Committee made no recommendation as to this proposal.

RESOLUTION 2014-1

Subject: Extension of Time for Canon 60(2)(d)(iv)

Be it resolved, That the date for incorporated Missions to comply with the requirement of Canon 60, Section 2, subsection (d)(iv) be extended from December 31, 2014 to December 31, 2015.

Resolution 2014-1 was passed.

On behalf of the proposer, Fr. Martin moved Resolution 2014-2 and noted that the Resolutions Committee made no recommendation as to this proposal.

RESOLUTION 2014-2

Subject: Establishment of a Diocesan HIV/AIDS Commission

Be it resolved, That the Two Hundred Thirtieth Annual Convention of the Diocese of New Jersey recognize the commitment and work of the Episcopal Church in the fight against HIV/AIDS; and be it *Further resolved*, That the Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey support this commitment and work through the establishment of a Diocesan HIV/AIDS Commission for the advocacy of these efforts on the Diocesan level and to individual parishes as examples of how congregation, community, and God may be served in the battle against the HIV/AIDS crisis.

Resolution 2014-2 was passed.

Introductions:

Canon Cecilia Alvarez introduced newly ordained clergy, new clergy in the diocese, clergy in new cures, and interim clergy.

Newly Ordained to the Priesthood:

The Rev. Paul Adler	Assistant, Grace Church, Madison, Diocese of Newark
The Rev. Kristen Foley	
The Rev. Peter Helman	Assistant, St. Mary's, Middlesboro, Diocese of Lexington

Priests in New Cures:

The Rev. Donald R. Caron	Rector, Christ Church, Middletown
The Rev. Jonathan Deacon	Part-time Priest-in-Charge, Good Shepherd, Berlin
The Rev. Meghan Farr	Assistant Rector, St. Luke's, Gladstone
The Rev. Timothy Holder	Part-time Assistant Rector, Christ Church, Toms River
The Rev. Joanna Hollis	Rector, Christ Church, New Brunswick
The Rev. John Lock	Rector, Trinity Church, Red Bank
The Rev. Kathleen Murray	Part-time Priest-in-Charge, St. Mark's, Keansburg
The Rev. William Noble	Part-time Priest-in-Charge, St. Mary's, Haddon Heights
The Rev. Kwabena Owusu-Afriye	Part-time Priest-in-Charge, Holy Cross, North Plainfield
The Rev. William Riker	Part-time Priest-in-Charge, Christ Church, South Amboy
The Rev. Jacquelyn Rowe	Rector, St. Thomas, Red Bank
The Rev. Frank St. Amour III	Priest-in-Charge, St. Stephen's, Mullica Hill and Trinity Church, Swedesboro
The Rev. Franklin "Skip" Vilas	Part-time Priest-in-Charge, St. Bernard's, Bernardsville
The Rev. Anne Wrede	Priest-in-Charge, St. Stephen's, Riverside and St. Stephen's, Beverly

Interim Clergy in New Cures:

The Rev. Terrence Highland	Interim Rector, St. John's, Little Silver
The Rev. Margaret R. Hodgkins	Interim Rector, St. Matthew's, Pennington
The Rev. Dr. Francis A. Hubbard	Interim Rector, St. Mark's, Plainfield
The Rev. John Negrotto	Part-time Interim Rector, Holy Trinity, South River
The Rev. Gretchen Zimmerman	Interim Rector, Holy Trinity, Ocean City

Changes:

Archdeacon Victoria Cuff	Christ Church, Shrewsbury
Dcn. Susan Cushinotto	From St. Mary's, Stone Harbor to St. Barnabas, Villas
Dcn. Catherine Esposito	Resigned from St. Peter's, Freehold
Dcn. Carmen Viola	From St. Stephen's, Mullica Hill to Grace Church, Haddonfield

Retired:

Dcn. Elizabeth Ohlson	From Holy Trinity, Ocean City
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Deceased:

Dcn. Veretta Hoston

Acknowledgements:

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Bishop Stokes thanked all of the volunteers, pages, and everyone who helped with the arrangements of Convention, especially our Convention Coordinator – Ann Notte!

Bishop Stokes acknowledged Diocesan House Staff: The Rev. Canon John W. Sosnowski, Canon Phyllis Jones, The Rev. Canon Debi Clarke, Dcn., Canon Cecilia Alvarez, Mr. Jonathan Elliott, Canon Connie White, Ms. Ann Notte, Mrs. Mary Ann Rhoads, Ms. Sarah Paige, Mr. Emanuel Strauss, Mr. Keith Adams and Mr. Ron Gritz. The Bishop also acknowledged our faithful volunteers throughout the year.

Annual Reports by Title:

Bishop Stokes requested that the following Annual Reports be received by title. It is our practice to receive by title those reports that have been distributed in preconvention meetings or the convention packets that have not been presented to the Convention orally. They are posted on the Diocesan website.

Document 4	Youth Council
Document 5	JOP Turner Fund
Document 6	Sudan Committee
Document 7	Disaster Recovery
Document 8	Recovery Ministries
Document 13	Committee on the Diaconate
Document 14	Anti-Racism Commission
Document 15	Education for Ministry
Document 16	Board of Missions
Document 17	Financial Status of Trinity Cathedral
Document 18	Stewardship Commission
Document 19	Report of the Dean of the Cathedral
Document 20	Ministry with Older Adults
Document 21	Companion Diocese Committee
Document 22	Loan and Grant Committee
Document 23	Commission on Ministry with the Disabled
Document 24	The Benefits Committee
Document 25	Millennium Development Goals (MDG) Task Force
Document 27	Diocesan Jubilee Office
Document 28	Committee on Priesthood
Document 29	Audit Committee
Document 30	Trustees of Diocesan Trust Funds
Document 32	Trustees of the Diocesan Investment Trust
Document 33	Joint Task Force on the Catalog of Funds
Document 34	Chief Financial Officer
Document 37	Standing Committee

Document 38	Migrant Ministry
Document 39	Diocesan Council
Document 41	Canonical Congregations
Document 42	Canonical Clergy
Document 44	Parochial Visitations
Document 45	Bishop's Journal
Document 46	Corporation for the Relief of Widows, Widowers and Children of Clergy
Financial reports	
Exhibit I-1	Venture In Mission Endowment: 2013 Budget vs Actual; 2014 & 2015 Budgets
Exhibit II	2014 & 2015 Fair Share – Alpha Sort
Exhibit II-1	2014 & 2015 Fair Share – Parochial Sort
Exhibit III	Trustees of Diocesan Trust Funds
Exhibit IV	2013 Fair Share – Alpha Sort
Exhibit IV-1	2013 Fair Share – Parochial Sort
Exhibit V	2009 DIT Audited Financial Statements
Exhibit V -1	2010 DIT Audited Financial Statements
Exhibit V -2	2011 DIT Audited Financial Statements
Exhibit V -3	2012 DIT Audited Financial Statements
Exhibit VI	Aged & Infirm Clergy Fund 2013
Exhibit VII	Widows, Widowers & Orphans Fund 2013
Exhibit VIII	2013 Capital & Revolving Loan Fund
Exhibit VIII-1	2013 R. Bowden Shepherd Loan Fund
Exhibit VIII-2	2013 Venture in Mission Loan Fund
Exhibit IX	Disposition of Assets from Closed Churches
Exhibit X	Corporation for the Relief of Widows, Widowers and Children of Clergy of the State of NJ
Exhibit XI	St. James Fund Report
Exhibit XII	Corporate and Fund Structure
Statistics	
Statistics I	Transfers In/Out
Statistics II	Official Acts
Statistics III	Necrology

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to receive these reports by title.

Necrology:

The Rev. Frank Crumbaugh read the Necrology Report for the year 2013:

The Rev. Canon James E. Purdy	1913 – 2013
The Rev. Dr. Diogenes Allen	1932 – 2013
The Rev. Veretta L. Hoston, Deacon	1932 – 2013
The Rev. Barbara L. Harris	1931 – 2013
The Rev. Mary Jean B. Metzger	1929 – 2013
The Rev. Joanna D. Graham	1941 – 2013
The Rev. Denise Pariseau Mantell	1946 – 2013

The Rev. Canon Harroldean Ashton	1936 – 2013
The Rev. Cynthia E. Carlson	1942 – 2013
The Rev. Joan R. Watson	1936 – 2013
The Rev. William K. Tibbett	1924 – 2013
The Rev. Richard E. Trask	1924 – 2013

Bishop Stokes also asked that Canon Cynthia McFarland, Historiographer and Archivist, and Paul Morgan, who assisted in the Archives, be remembered.

Adjournment:

Bishop Stokes announced that the 231st Annual Convention of the Diocese of New Jersey is scheduled to take place on Friday and Saturday, March 6–7, 2015 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Princeton.

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and passed.

Closing Prayer:

The Rev. Neil C. Turton, Convention Chaplain, closed with prayer, and Bishop Stokes gave a blessing.

The Convention stood adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ann Rhoads
Assistant Secretary

Please note: The 231st Annual Convention of the Diocese of New Jersey was rescheduled to Friday and Saturday, February 27–28, 2015.