

Minutes of the 148th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Central New York

Friday, November 11, 2016

Business Session: First Day

Pre-Convention Activities: The 148th Convention of the Diocese of Central New York, with the theme "Working Together," took place at the Holiday Inn Convention Center in Liverpool, New York. Registration began at 2:00 p.m. in the Convention Center foyer. The Exhibit Hall, with over twenty exhibitors, was open in the Grand Ballroom throughout Convention.

Convention Session: Convention opened with a tribute to Veteran's Day, led by Lt. Col. Todd Bajakian and his children Hannah and Nathaniel, who are members of Trinity Church in Watertown. Prayers for the Armed Forces from the **Episcopal Church's Prayer Book for the Armed Services** were read.

Call to Order: The Rev. Christin Day, Chair of the Standing Committee of the Central New York Diocese and Chair of Convention, called the 148th Convention to order at 4:10 p.m.

Quorum: Chairwoman Day recognized Judy Fried, Secretary of Convention, for the Certification of a Quorum. The Secretary of Convention reported, "pursuant to Canon II, Section 5, on the basis of registrations filed with me, I report that a quorum is in attendance. That is, at least 20 clerical members entitled to vote at Convention, and delegations from at least 20 parishes are present. The Convention Secretary reported that 51 clerical members entitled to vote in the convention and delegations from 50 parishes were present at the opening of Convention.

The Secretary of Convention then read the names of members of Convention who were present and who served in the Armed Forces:

The Rev. David Hanselman	Served in the U.S. Army
The Rev. Heather Benson	Served in the U.S. Navy
The Rev. Terry Sheldon	Served in the U.S. Army Reserves
Mr. Bill Brower	Served in the U.S. Army Reserves
Mr. Jay Campbell	Served in the U.S. Navy
Mr. Ron Cole	Served in the U.S. Air Force & Army
Mr. Bob Conway	Served in the U.S. Air Force
Mr. John Freeman	Served in the U.S. Army
Mr. Brian Johnson	Served in the U.S. Army
Mr. Thomas Johnson	Served in the U.S. Air Force
Mr. Timothy Orcutt	Served in the U.S. Marine Corps
Mr. Ed Plato	Served in the U.S. Navy
Mr. Harmon TenWolde	Served in the U.S. Navy
Mr. William Thompson	Served in the U.S. Army
Ms. Rebecca Topham	Served in the U.S. Army
Mr. Tom Widell	Served in the U.S. Air Force
Mr. Bradley Phillips	Served in the U.S. Army
Mr. Roger Locey	Served in the U.S. Navy
Col. Todd Bajakian	Serves in the U.S. Army
Mr. David Bates	Served in the U.S. Army
Mr. Leon Carapetyan	Served in the U.S. Army
Ms. Sue Cenci	Served in the U.S. Army Natl. Guard & Air Force

Mr. Earl Fontenot
Mr. Tom Williams
The Rev. C. James Jones
Mr. Tim Allen

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Chairwoman Day declared the Convention duly organized for business.

Chairwoman Day noted the difference in the name badge colors: blue name badges designate clergy delegates entitled to voice and vote; yellow name badges indicate lay delegates entitled to voice and vote; pink name badges are for those who have voice but no vote; and the clear name badges indicate that the individual has no voice, no vote.

Recognition and Special Privilege: Chairwoman Day recognized the Rev. Joell Szachara, member of the Standing Committee, who made a motion that Convention give voice to Bishop-elect DeDe Duncan-Probe and to Bishop David Alvarado, Bishop of El Salvador. The motion was seconded by the Rev. Georgina Hegney.

Chairwoman Day called for a vote

Motion carried

Bishop-elect and Bishop Alvarado given voice at Convention

Election of Convention Secretary: Chairwoman Day recognized the Rev. Georgina Hegney, member of the Standing Committee, who nominated Ms. Judy Fried to serve as the Secretary of Convention. The nomination was seconded by the Rev. Joell Szachara. Chairwoman Day asked for further nominations. No further nominations were made.

Chairwoman Day called for a vote

Motion carried

Ms. Fried elected Secretary of Convention

Credentials of Lay Delegates: Chairwoman Day recognized Mr. Charles Moore, Chair of the Committee on Credentials of Lay Delegates, to present the report on Credentials of Lay Delegates:

Charles Moore reported:

**REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS OF LAY DELEGATES
Presented at the 148th Convention – November 11, 2016**

Since the 145th convention, no parishes or chapels have closed. Therefore, the diocese consists of 81 parishes, 1 mission, 1 college chapel, and 3 chapels with congregations for a **total of 86 representative delegations**. There are also 2 chapels without congregations.

All parishes, except as shown below, have satisfied the three Canonical requirements for full voice and vote participation in our annual convention; specifically:

- ◆ Church Pension Funding per Canon XIX-4.
- ◆ Mandatory Diocesan Assessment payments per Canon XVIII-7.
- ◆ Completion of the Annual Parochial Report per Canon XXII-5.

St. John's, Whitesboro has not satisfied the mandatory portion of the Diocesan Mission Apportionment. Having no open action as set forth in Canon XVIII-7, this parish cannot be given voice or vote at this convention.

Please be mindful that the Annual Parochial Report is required by BOTH the National Church Canon, I-6-1; AND our Diocesan Canon, XXII-5, with a clearly stated filing deadline of MARCH FIRST in both

places. Confusion has arisen because of a May 1, deadline in the National Canon for the DIOCESE to forward the old hard-copy reports to the National Office. Since the establishment of electronic filing, that date is meaningless. The Annual Parochial Report filing deadline for ALL parishes and congregations is MARCH 1.

Across the diocese, we are progressing at meeting this requirement – over ¾ of all reports were complete by mid-March. Thank you for your continuing cooperation.

Per Canon II-1, delegate certification is to be received by the Secretary of Convention before May 31st. Last November we pleaded for honoring this deadline because of the Special Convention in early August. Your response was wonderful!!! 90% of certifications were in by the first week in June. On behalf of the Diocesan Staff ---- THANK YOU!!

Three eligible parishes, (**St. Paul's, Constableville; Trinity, Constantia; and Grace, Waverly**); plus **The Episcopal Chapel at Cornell**, chose to submit no delegate certification.

SUMMARY —	Potential voting members	-----	83
	In-eligible by canons	-----	1
	Unrepresented by choice	-----	4

	Voting Congregations constituting 148th convention:		78

--- Respectfully Submitted,
Charles M. Moore, Chairman of Convention Committee on Credentials of Lay Delegates

The acceptance of the report was moved by Charles Moore.
Acceptance of the report was seconded by the Rev. Dr. Richard Laribee.
Chairwoman Day asked if there was any discussion.
There was no Discussion.
Chairwoman Day called for a vote.
Motioned carried
Report accepted by Convention

Schedule and Agenda of Convention: Chairwoman Day announced that the schedule and agenda of Convention could be found in Delegate Folders on a paper titled “Convention Agenda”.

Announcements: Chairwoman Day recognized Judy Fried, Secretary of Convention, who made announcements. In addition to announcements, the Secretary acknowledged special thanks to the following:

- The Lacona Post of the VFW who donated poppies to Convention.
- Cub Pack 100 of Johnson City who made and donated center pieces on the tables.
- The Rev. Beverly Messenger-Harris and the Gethsemane parish in Sherrill, along with support from Mr. John Crossley of the St. Margaret’s House Board, who provided place mats for the dining room tables that had a map of all of the parishes in the Diocese.

Honored Guests: Chairwoman Day recognized and introduced guests of Convention:

Bishop Juan David Alvarado – Bishop of the Anglican-Episcopal Church of El Salvador and our Companion Diocese;

Ms. Melissa Spicer, Co-Founder & Chief Executive Officer of Clear Path for Veterans, who is a member of Christ Church in Manlius;

Mr. Earl Fontenot, Director of Programs & Services for Clear Path for Veterans;

Mr. Thomas Williams, of the Ft. Drum Chapter of the National Association of the 10th Mountain Division and member of Trinity Church in Watertown;

Lt. Col. Todd Bajakian and his wife Michelle and their children Hannah and Nathaniel, members of Trinity Church in Watertown;

Mr. Jason Comet, Convention organist.

Mr. Kip Coerper, Choir Director.

From the Diocese of Albany, from our **Delegated Episcopal Pastoral Oversight (DEPO) parish: Mr. Dennis Wisnom** from St. Andrew's in Albany.

Chairwoman Day introduced those seated at the head table: Martha Berry, Esq., Diocesan Vice-Chancellor; and Ms. Judy Fried, Secretary of Convention.

Additional Introductions: Chairwoman Day introduced the interpreters for the deaf, Ms. Audrey Lunson and Ms. Joanne Jakowski. Chairwoman Day reminded Convention attendees to speak clearly in order to facilitate the duties of the interpreters.

Convention Photographer: Chairwoman Day introduced Ms. Sue Cenci, member of Trinity Church in Fayetteville, who served as Convention photographer.

Chairwoman Day introduced Clergy new to Diocese and present at Convention:

The Rev. Philip Major – Rector, St. Paul's in Syracuse
The Rev. Brooks Cato – Rector, St. Thomas' in Hamilton

Chairwoman Day introduced Clergy new to the Diocese who are Licensed to Officiate:

The Rev. Amour Garang – Diocese of Boar in the South Sudan, serving a congregation at St. Paul's in Syracuse;

The Rev. Bryan Bedell – Diocese of Rochester, serving as Parish Priest at the United Ministry of Aurora;

The Rev. Jacqueline Dowling – Diocese of Albany.

The Rev. Jeffrey Kane – Upstate New York Synod of the Lutheran Church;

The Rev. Ana Rivera-Georgescu – Diocese of Albany.

The Rev. Robert Witt – Diocese of Albany.

Nominations: Chairwoman Day recognized the Secretary of Convention to submit the nominations by title.

Report of Nominations: Secretary of Convention reported the following nominations, which were received in canonical form (Canon XVI), and were printed and distributed to delegates prior to Convention.

Nominated for the Standing Committee – *two vacancies for 4-year terms -- one in the Clerical Order and one in the Lay Order.*

In the Clerical Order: The Rev. Adrian Amaya
 The Rev. Georgina Hegney

In the Lay Order: Ms. Felicity Hallanan

Nominated for Diocesan Board – *one vacancy for a 3-year term in the Clerical Order and one vacancy for a three-year term in the Lay Order.*

In the Clerical Order: The Rev. Dr. Rebecca Drebert
 The Rev. Wanda Copeland

In the Lay Order: Ms. Karen Anderson
 Ms. Terri Weir

Nominated for Disciplinary Board – *two vacancies for a 3-year term in the Clerical Order and two vacancies for a 3-year term in the Lay Order.*

In the Clerical Order: The Rev. Dr. Richard Larabee
 The Rev. Joell Szachara

In the Lay Order: Dr. Bambi Carkey
 Ms. Lynda Helmer

Nominated for Deputies to General Convention (to be held July 5 – 13, 2018 in Austin, Texas) –*There are 4 vacancies in the Clerical Order for Deputy and 4 vacancies for Alternate Deputies:*

In the Clerical Order: The Rev. Adrian Amaya
 The Rev. Dcn. Shelly Banner
 The Rev. Dena Cleaver-Bartholomew
 The Rev. Georgina Hegney
 The Rev. Dr. Richard Larabee
 The Rev. Carrie Schofield-Broadbent
 The Rev. Dcn. Charles Stewart
 The Rev. Joell Szachara

There are 4 vacancies in the Lay Order for Deputy and 4 vacancies for Alternate-Deputy:

In the Lay Order: Ms. Karen Anderson
 Ms. Penny Dugas

Ms. Carol Forrester
Ms. Felicity Hallanan
Dr. Sandra Michael
Ms. Ernestine Patterson

For the Triennial Meeting of the Women of the Church Delegates (meets at the same time as General Convention). *There are 3 vacancies for delegates, Clergy or Lay, and there are 2 vacancies for alternate delegates.*

In the Clergy Order: The Rev. Jennifer Kenna

Chairwoman Day then told Convention that in approximately 10 minutes nominations would be accepted from the floor. The Chair instructed that nominations must be submitted on the required form. To nominate someone, a delegate must go to a microphone to nominate their candidate. The nomination form must be submitted to the Secretary of Convention after the nomination and the form must include the signature of the nominee. The Chair reminded Convention that if a nomination form was needed, it could be obtained from a member of the Diocesan staff.

Appoint the Sergeants-at Arms for the 148TH Diocesan Convention:

Chairwoman Day appointed the Rev. Joell Szachara as Sergeant-at-Arms.

Chairwoman Day then appointed the following members of Convention to serve as tellers:

Mr. Robert Cooley, Co-Chair	St. Stephen's, New Hartford
Mr. Charles Moore, Co-Chair	Trinity, Fayetteville
Ms. Cindy DeMarmels	Zion, Windsor
Ms. Ione Hodge	St. Paul's, Brownville
Mr. Andy Pierce	St. Mark's, Chenango Bridge
Ms. Cheryl TenWolde	St. Matthew's, S. New Berlin
Mr. Harmon TenWolde	St. Matthew's, S. New Berlin
The Rev. Geoff Doolittle	St. Paul's, Owego
The Rev. Holly Evans	Grace, Copenhagen
The Rev. Perry Mouncey	St. Matthew's, Moravia
The Rev. Dcn. Barbara Groves	Retired
The Rev. Dcn. Dorothy Pierce	St. Mark's, Chenango Bridge
The Rev. Anne Wichelns	Church of the Resurrection, Oswego and St. Andrew's, Evans Mills

Chairwoman Day referred Convention delegates to their folder for the complete list of **Clergy Announcements**. Chairwoman Day noted she would not read the entire list but wanted to recognize the following:

Ordained Deacon since last Convention:

The Rev. Dcn. Charles Steward on June 25, 2016 at St. James' in Skaneateles.

Persons in Process in the Diocese of CNY:

Postulant: Ms. Patricia Kinney (November 2015)
 Mr. John Rohde (April 1, 2016)

Call for Additional Nominations: Chairwoman Day called for nominations from the floor. **There were no other nominations.**

Resolutions: Chairwoman Day called on the Rev. Georgina Hegney, Member of the Resolutions Committee, to introduce by title the pre-filed resolutions.

The Rev. Hegney read the titles of the Resolutions that had been pre-filed.

The Rev. Hegney issued the final call for resolutions and said additional resolutions would be accepted in written form and submitted to the Secretary of Convention as soon as possible.

The Rev. Kate Day, of the Anti-Racism Committee, asked if she would have time to submit a resolution later during Convention as she had not yet had time to discuss her resolution with the whole Committee. The Vice-Chancellor ruled the resolution who have to be submitted at this time or it could not be discussed during Convention. The Rev. Kate Day submitted the resolution to the Secretary of Convention.

No other new resolutions were received.

Chairwoman Day recognized the Rev. Dcn. Dorothy Pierce and Ms. Pat Kinney of the Global Mission Committee. The Rev. Dcn. Pierce and Ms. Kinney invited interested members of Convention to join the Global Mission group for lunch on Saturday to discuss global missions and to hear the stories of God at work in the lives of individuals from around the Diocese.

Chairwoman Day recognized the Rev. Richard Schall and Ms. Carol Forrester, Co-Chairs of the Transition Committee, who reported on the work of the Transition Committee since the election of the next Bishop of the Diocese and the upcoming consecration.

Chairwoman Day introduced the Rev. Mark Giroux who led Convention in a brief “stretch break”.

Chairwoman Day recognized the Rev. Perry Mouncey, the Diocesan representative to the Episcopal Relief and Development Fund (ER&D), for a presentation. Rev. Mouncey introduced a short film developed which told about the current work of ER&D and how the Episcopal Church helps with relief and development around the world.

Chairwoman Day introduced Ms. Melissa Spicer and Mr. Earl Fontenot, of Clear Path for Veterans, and invited them to tell Convention about the work they do at Clear Path. Ms. Spicer, who is a member at Christ Church in Manlius and the step-daughter of the late Rev. Fritz Mills, co-founded Clear Path for Veterans. Melissa, an experienced dog-trainer, used her skills of developing the benefits of positive reinforcement training to develop a service dog model using this as a method of therapy with veterans struggling with PTSD. Mr. Fontenot, a retired member of the U.S. Army, works with Clear Path as the Director of Programs and Services. Their presentation was followed by a video of the work that Clear Path does with Veterans.

Chairwoman Day introduced Mr. Thomas Williams of the Ft. Drum Chapter of the National Association of the 10th Mountain Division Association, who talked about the work of the National Association. Mr. Williams is a retired infantry first sergeant who re-enlisted and continues to work with Homeland Security protecting Chemicals of Interest. Mr. Williams is a member of Trinity Church in Watertown. The National Association of the 10th Mountain Division Association provides scholarship funds to children of Ft. Drum soldiers.

Financial Report: Chairwoman Day recognized **Ms. Deb Smith, Treasurer of the Diocese**, who gave the Financial Report of the Diocese. After her report, Ms. Smith invited questions regarding the Financial Report. The Treasurer said that copies of the 2015 Audited Financial Reports and the 2016 YTD Financial Reports were available at Convention for anyone who wanted a copy of them. The Treasurer's Report is included at the end of these minutes.

Budget Presentation: Chairwoman Day recognized **The Rev. Wanda Copeland of the Diocesan Board** who presented the 2017 budget as distributed in a mailing prior to Convention and was discussed at the pre-Convention Budget Hearings. The Rev. Copeland told Convention that the budget was prepared by the Budget Committee of the Board and is categorized based on the Episcopal Church's "Five Marks of Mission".

The Rev. Wanda Copeland, moved the adoption of the 2017 Budget.

The Rev. Dr. Richard Laribee seconded the motion.

Chairwoman Day called for discussion on the budget.

There was no discussion of the budget. Chairwoman Day called for a vote to accept the 2017 Budget.

Vote passed.

2017 Budget adopted.

Chairwoman Day called on the Bishop-elect, to come to the dais to make an announcement. As Bishop-elect DeDe Duncan-Probe came forward, she was greeted by Convention with a standing ovation and welcome. Bishop-elect DeDe thanked the members of Convention for the warm welcome she received. Bishop-elect DeDe told Convention that the budget that was just passed contained funding for a Youth Coordinator Team. The Bishop-elect announced to Convention that Mr. Tory Blum and his wife Kristen would be the people filling the Youth Coordinator Team.

The Rev. Dena Cleaver-Bartholomew asked to be recognized by the Chair to make a brief announcement. Chairwoman Day recognized her. The Rev. Cleaver-Bartholomew, Chair of the Anti-Racism Committee, announced two dates for training events for 2017: April 29th at Zion Church in Rome and May 20th at Trinity Church in Watertown.

Chairwoman Day recognized the Co-Chairs of the Election Committee to give the voting procedure to Convention and to indicate which ballot station members should go to cast their ballot. Mr. Bob Cooley and Mr. Charles Moore gave instructions to Convention. After the instructions were given, a member of Convention, the Rev. Georgina Hegney, addressed the Secretary of Convention to ask if the ballots, as presented, were correct. Upon review, it was determined that the Rev. Jennifer Kenna's name appeared on both ballot # 7 (Triennial Meeting) AND ballot #8 (General Convention Deputy) on both the Clergy and Lay Ballots. The Secretary of Convention confirmed that this was an error and that Rev. Kenna's name should ONLY be on ballot #7 – Triennial Meeting of the Women of the Church. Secretary Fried instructed all members of Convention to pull out their ballots and turn to page 8 and to strike out the name of The Rev. Jennifer Kenna.

Announcements: Chairwoman Day recognized the Secretary of Convention who made announcements.

Chairwoman Day closed the session with prayer and a dinner blessing.

Chairwoman Day indicated the Polls to be Open for 30 minutes for Delegates to cast their ballots. At 6:40 p.m., **Convention was adjourned.**

Convention recessed at 6:10 p.m.

A reception followed in the Grand Ballroom and dinner was held in the Cotillion Room of the hotel.

Friends of Bill W, an active AA/Al-Anon Meeting, held a meeting in Board Room 4.

Youth were invited to participate, after dinner, in a social gathering sponsored by the Youth Council.

Compline was held at 8:30 p.m. in the Onondaga Room led by Ms. Meredith Sanderson.

Following Compline, a Resolution Hearing was held.

Saturday, November 12, 2016 Morning Business Second Day

Breakfast: A buffet breakfast was held in the Cotillion Ballroom, 7:00 - 8:30 a.m.

Convention Reconvened at 9 a.m. with Eucharist:

The Convention Eucharist Service was prepared by **the Rev. Joell Szachara**, with **the Rev. Christine Day** as the Celebrant and **the Rev. Carrie Schofield-Broadbent**, Preacher. **Mr. Jason Comet** was the organist and **Mr. Kip Coerper** was the choirmaster for a choir of volunteer singers who represented parishes throughout the Diocese.

The Convention offering was designated to **Clear Path for Veterans and to the Ft. Drum Chapter of the National Association of 10th Mountain Division**. The Convention Offering of \$2295 and was divided between the two groups.

Chairwoman Day reconvened the 148th Convention and called the session back to order after the Eucharist Service at 10:45 a.m.

Chairwoman Day recognized Bishop-elect DeDe Duncan-Probe and invited her to lead a conversation with members of Convention. Bishop-elect DeDe first introduced her husband, Christopher, and her children, Ryan and Grace, who were in attendance at Convention. Bishop-elect DeDe told Convention members that she had been answering questions from people of the Diocese for the past 4 months and now she wanted to hear from the people of the Diocese. Bishop-elect invited members of Convention to come to a microphone and tell her "what is the joy in your work and ministry"? Members of Convention spent the next hour telling the Bishop-elect about who they are and the ministry in their life that brings personal joy to them.

The Bishop-elect then thanked members of the Diocese for the work that they had done over the last year to be involved with the Diocese and to take part in the Search Committee Profile development, attend the Walk-Abouts to get to know the Bishop Candidates, and to attend the special Convention to elect a new bishop. The Bishop-elect then called upon the staff of the Diocese to come forward to be recognized for the extra effort and work of the staff over the last year and thanked them for their hard work.

Chairwoman Day recessed Convention for lunch until 1:00 p.m.

At 1:05 p.m., Chairwoman Day called the Convention back to order.

Chairwoman Day called on Ms. Helen O'Neill, of the Mission of Miracles to do a presentation. Ms. O'Neill, who is on the Planning Board of the Mission of Miracles, told Convention about the work of the Medical Mission to the Companion Diocese in El Salvador.

Chairwoman Day called on the Rev. Dcn. Chuck Stewart to do a presentation on the Companion Diocese of El Salvador. Deacon Stewart, welcomed Bishop Alvarado and initially addressed Convention in Spanish. Deacon Stewart continued on in English telling Convention about the on-going work between the Diocese of Central New York and the Diocese of El Salvador. Deacon Stewart reminded Convention that later in the afternoon Convention would be voting to extend the Companion relationship between the two Dioceses. Deacon Stewart then introduced the Bishop of El Salvador.

Chairwoman Day invited Bishop Juan David Alvarado to address Convention. Bishop Alvarado's address can be found at the end of these minutes. Bishop Alvarado invited all members of Convention to their Diocesan Convention on June 9 and 10, 2017. Bishop Alvarado told Convention that he sends his prayers to Bishop Skip and Bonnie Adams for their continued ministry.

Chairwoman Day recognized Ms. Meredith Sanderson, Communication Specialist in the Diocese, to report on the communications activities in the Diocese. Ms. Sanderson reported on the variety of ways used over the past year to communicate information during the Bishop Search and Election process.

Chairwoman Day invited the Rev. Mark Giroux to lead Convention in a stand-up break.

Memorials and Prayers for the Deceased:

Chairwoman Day referred members of Convention to their folders for the Memorial List of names of parish members and clergy who have been active in the Diocese and have died since the last Convention.

Clergy Memorials for 2016:

The Very Rev. Charles Taylor
The Rev. S. George Dirghalli
The Rev. Robert H. Bevrige
The Rev. Martha Forisha
The Rev. J. Edward Putnam

The Chairwoman then led Convention in prayers for the departed. The complete list of names and memorial tributes of the deceased clergy can be found in the Journal of Convention.

Chairwoman Day recognized the Secretary of Convention to read resolutions regarding Proposed Amendments to the Constitution of the Episcopal Church as required to read at each Diocesan Convention before the final vote at the 79th General Convention in 2018. The reading of these Amendments is required to be reported and certified with the Secretary of the General Convention. (The complete contents of each Resolution can be found at the end of these minutes.)

Resolution B011 – Amend Article II.7
Resolution D003 – Amend Article V
Resolution D008 – Amend Article I.1

Resolutions Committee: Chairwoman Day recognized the Rev. Georgina Hegney for the report of the Resolutions Committee. Chairwoman Day reminded Convention that persons entitled to the privilege of the floor may speak to a resolution twice, with a 5-minute limit each time. There will be a warning bell with two rings at 4 minutes and an ending bell at 5 minutes (*General Rules of Order IV.K*). Members were asked to abide by the bells. The Bishop also reminded delegates that in order to speak you must go to a microphone and state your name and the name of your parish. A delegate must also go to a microphone to second a motion or call the question.

The Rev. Hegney presented the following resolutions to Convention for consideration and action:

Resolution #1

Subject: Clergy Compensation Resolution for 2017

Submitted by: The Diocesan Board

The Resolutions Committee recommended adoption of this Resolution with the edit of changing 2015 to 2016, a typo in the original submission.

The Rev. Dcn. Shelly Banner seconded the resolution.

There was no discussion. Chair Day called for a vote.

The vote passed.

Resolution adopted.

RESOLVED, that each parish consider a minimum cost of living increase of 2.1% for each member of the clergy and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clergy Compensation and Benefits Policy and Handbook, previously ratified by Convention in 2015 be the resource and guide for the Wardens and Vestries of this Diocese when dealing with their clergy and compensation.

FINANCIAL IMPACT TO DIOCESAN BUDGET: Not applicable.

WHO WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR CARRYING OUT RESOLUTION?

Individual congregations of the Diocese.

Attached: Clergy Compensation and Benefits Policy and Handbook, which was ratified, by Convention 2015 and policies adopted by the Diocesan Board in regards to Sick Leave, Family Leave and Health Insurance. (NOTE: Clergy Compensation Benefits Policy and Handbook is posted on the Diocesan Website at www.cnyepiscopal.org .)

Resolution #2

Subject: Continuing Together with the Anglican Diocese of El Salvador

Submitted by: The Rev. Dcn. Charles N. Stewart

The Resolutions Committee recommended adoption of this resolution.

Ms. Ernestine Patterson, Grace Church in Syracuse, seconded the motion.

There was no discussion. Chair Day called for a vote.

After applause and thanksgiving, the vote passed.

Resolution adopted.

RESOLVED, that the 148th Convention of the Diocese of Central New York endorses the continuation of a Companion Relationship between this diocese and the Diocese of El Salvador beginning January 1, 2017 and continuing until December 31, 2019 or until terminated by mutual consent;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the bishop of this diocese be authorized to appoint a representative Companion Diocese Committee to implement this relationship, including the recruitment of persons and parishes in this diocese to participate in this ministry.

EXPLANATION:

A companion diocese relationship with the Diocese of El Salvador existed from 1992 to 1999 and was reinstated in 2003 at the 135th Convention of this diocese and the 35th Convention of the Diocese of El Salvador; and, this sister relationship has been a wonderful experience of deepening friendship, mutual learning and spiritual deepening among all who have committed themselves to the mutual ministry.

FINANCIAL IMPACT TO DIOCESAN BUDGET:

None. Although from time to time this convention has allocated funds for the support of this ministry, including the Mission of Miracles, this resolution does not seek nor require any financial support.

WHO WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR CARRYING OUT RESOLUTION?

The people and clergy of this diocese with the aid, assistance and support of the Companion Diocese Committee.

Resolution # 3

Subject: Thanks to Exhibit Hall Organizers, Exhibitors, Visual Technologies and the Holiday Inn, Liverpool, NY
Submitted by: The Resolution Committee

The Resolutions Committee recommends adoption of this resolution.

Mr. Matt Weber, St. James' in Clinton, seconded the motion.

There was no discussion. Chair Day called for a vote.

The vote passed.

Resolution adopted.

RESOLVED, that this 148th Diocesan Convention express its thanks to Ms. Terri Weir and Ms. Ruthie Koerts for planning, managing and staffing the Exhibit Hall.

RESOLVED, that this 148th Diocesan Convention express its thanks to all exhibitors and their workers for brightening this Convention and for providing an important means of communication about programs, activities, resources and services that are relevant to our ministries together and in our communities.

RESOLVED, that this 148th Diocesan Convention thank Audio Visual Technologies for providing the sights, sound and technology for the Convention, ensuring that all who may see and hear all of the Convention.

RESOLVED, that this 148th Diocesan Convention express its appreciation to the Holiday Inn, Liverpool, NY, for the hospitality extended to us which has both contributed to the efficient performance of our tasks and the comfort of our delegates.

Resolution # 4

Subject: Greetings to the Rt. Rev. Gladstone "Skip" Adams and Mrs. Bonnie Adams, the Rt. Rev. David Joslin, the Rt. Rev. Martín de Jesus Barahona and Mrs. Betty Barahona and to Bishop John S. Macholz, E.L.C.A.
Submitted by: Resolutions Committee

The Resolutions Committee recommended adoption of this resolution.

The Rev. Nick Smith seconded the motion.

There was no discussion. Chair Day called for a vote.

The vote passed.

Resolution adopted.

RESOLVED, that this 148th Diocesan Convention send greetings Bishop Skip and Bonnie Adams and Bishop Joslin with warm appreciation for their many years of faithful leadership and ministry among us and prayers for health, happiness and fulfilling pursuits in retirement;

RESOLVED, that this 148th Diocesan Convention send greetings to the Rt. Rev. Martín de Jesus Barahona and Mrs. Betty Barahona with affection and fond memories of our shared time together in the significant development of our relationship as companion dioceses and wishing them many years of contentment and health in retirement;

RESOLVED, that this 148th Diocesan Convention send greetings to the Rev. John S. Macholz of the Upstate New York Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, our partner in our Call for Common Mission, with heartfelt gratitude for his leadership, friendship and cooperation as we continue to work together as Christ's Body in the world.

Resolution # 5

Subject: The Very Rev. Charles G. Taylor

Submitted by: The Resolution Committee

The Resolutions Committee recommended adoption of this Resolution.

Mr. Harmon TenWolde, St. Matthew's, South New Berlin, seconded the motion.

There was no discussion. Chair Day called for a vote.

The vote passed.

Resolution adopted.

WHEREAS the Very Rev. Charles G. Taylor, belovedly known as Chuck, served as rector of St. Andrew's, New Berlin, and St. Matthew's, South New Berlin for thirty-one years and as parish priest of Emmanuel, Norwich, for the last seven of those years; and

WHEREAS "he never sat still"—"he was so good at visiting people at home or in the hospital," coaching Little League, repairing homes for the elderly, cleaning up the cemetery, taking kids to the Enchanted Forest, "pretty much running the food bank in New Berlin," driving the Christmas program to make sure "every kid got a gift"; and

WHEREAS his preaching kept his parishioners "awake" but his walks to the corner store took an hour "because he stopped to talk to everybody"—"he had such a way with people"; and

WHEREAS he worked closely with Bishop Adams, serving as Dean of the Chenango District, and also served as vice president of the Foundation of the Diocese; and was anticipating retiring last spring when unexpectedly he died:

BE IT RESOLVED that this 2016 Diocesan Convention give its prayers of thanksgiving for the dedicated ministry of the Very Rev. Charles G. Taylor and its love and prayers of consolation for his widow, Donna, and their family.

Resolution # 6

Subject: The Rev. Deacon Barbara Groves
Submitted by: The Resolution Committee

The Resolutions Committee recommended adoption of this Resolution.

Dr. Bambi Carkey, St. Luke's in Camillus, seconded the resolution.

There was no discussion. Chair Day called for a vote.

The vote passed.

Resolution adopted.

WHEREAS the Rev. Deacon Barbara Groves has served as deacon at Grace Church, Utica since 2012 and in that position, she not only served liturgically at Sunday and mid-week services but also as a ministering presence in area hospitals and nursing homes; and

WHEREAS she developed a “wonderful ministry” with the Karen community at Grace Church, dedicating herself to bridging the language gap between that community and the rest of the parish, attending the services of the Karen community in their language and advocating for them with numerous agencies while working in other community efforts to serve the wider refugee population of Utica; and

WHEREAS she taught the “fabulously popular Bible class about women in the Bible” and was a “dynamic presence” on the vestry and in the parish at large, “cutting to the heart of issues” yet also serving as “the voice of calm in the storm”; and

WHEREAS she previously served as Dean of the Utica-Rome District, as steward of St. Margaret's House in Utica, as a member of the Global Missions Committee and the Medical Mission Committee of the Diocese, as alternate delegate to the 2015 General Convention and delegate to the 2015 Triennial Meeting of the Women of the Church; and

WHEREAS she has now retired from her position at Grace Church, Utica:

BE IT RESOLVED that this 2016 Diocesan Convention give its heartfelt thanks for the dedicated ministry of the Rev. Deacon Barbara Groves and its warmest wishes for her happiness and that of her husband, Tom, as she spends the next several months listening and discerning in what direction(s) to go next.

Resolution # 7

Subject: The Rev. Dr. Leon Mozeliak, Jr.
Submitted by: The Resolution Committee

The Resolutions Committee recommended adoption of this resolution.

Ms. Ernestine Patterson, Grace Church in Syracuse, seconded the resolution.

There was no discussion. Chair Day called for a vote.

The vote passed.

Resolution adopted.

WHEREAS the Rev. Dr. Leon Mozeliak, Jr., has served as rector of Grace Church, Utica, since October of 2011; and in that position he introduced the parish to new liturgical forms which were “very popular,” sang the Eucharist with “tremendous reverence” in a “good singing voice,” led various groups within the parish, and interacted person-to-person in a way that was both “gentle and thoughtful”; and

WHEREAS he served as a “principal force” in welcoming the Karen community to Utica and to Grace Church and in helping to raise funds for the building of Habitat for Humanity homes for that community; and

WHEREAS he serves on the Diocesan Board and is chair of its Stewardship Committee and is a member of its Budget Committee and served as an alternate delegate to the 2015 General Convention; and

WHEREAS he has now retired from his position at Grace Church, Utica:

BE IT RESOLVED that this 2016 Diocesan Convention give its heartfelt thanks for the dedicated ministry of the Rev. Dr. Leon Mozeliak, Jr., and its warmest wishes for his happiness and that of his wife, Lynn, in his undertaking of retirement.

Resolution # 8

Subject: The Rev. Dr. William C. Lutz
Submitted by: The Resolution Committee

The Resolutions Committee recommends adoption of this resolution.

Ms. Judy Sheasley, Trinity Church in Elmira, seconded the motion.

There was no discussion. Chair Day called for a vote.

The vote passed.

Resolution adopted.

WHEREAS the Rev. Dr. William C. Lutz has served as rector of Trinity Church, Elmira, since 1999 and as pastor of Emanuel Lutheran Church, Corning, since 2014 and he “put a lot of time and effort” into his sermons, basing them around topics that were current, but nonetheless kindly shared his pulpit at times with Brother Sebastian, relaying to the congregation what that Cabbage Patch doll whispered into his ear; and

WHEREAS he led Lenten studies and confirmation classes combined with those of the Lutheran parish, and was “very supportive of youth,” serving as spiritual director of Happening, and supportive also of older students, serving as chaplain of Elmira College; and

WHEREAS in his commitment to building partnerships he led the parishioners of Trinity Church into sharing their space with a United Baptist congregation and, in his commitment to mutual ministry, he “nudged” the people of Trinity into becoming a downtown ministry center offering space for a number of ministries—a family counselor, a multi-church feeding program, a program offering household goods to people transitioning from homelessness, Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous and the Episcopal Children’s Clothing Closet, a ministry shared with St. Matthew’s, Horseheads; and

WHEREAS he served as a former dean of the Chemung District, ecumenical officer for the Diocese, co-facilitator of Fresh Start, and alternate delegate to the 2012 General Convention; and

WHEREAS he has retired as rector of Trinity Church, Elmira, and Emanuel Lutheran Church, Corning;

BE IT RESOLVED that this 2016 Diocesan Convention give its heartfelt thanks for the dedicated ministry of the Rev. Dr. William C. Lutz and its warmest wishes for his happiness and that of his wife Heather in his undertaking of retirement.

Resolution # 9

Subject: Thank You to the Search Committee
Submitted by: The Standing Committee

The Resolutions Committee recommended adoption of this Resolution.

The Very Rev. Becky Coerper, seconded the resolution.

There was no discussion. Chair Day called for a vote.

After applause and thanksgiving, the vote passed.

Resolution adopted.

WHEREAS the Search Committee developed a profile of the Diocese of Central New York, involving many parishes and presenting a comprehensive overview of who we are and who we want to be, and following the announcement of the opening of the search for a new bishop, was responsible for reviewing applications and nominations through a process that included Skype interviews, and;

WHEREAS Search Committee members sponsored a retreat to become better acquainted with the gifts offered by potential candidates after which the Search Committee prayerfully discerned to further shorten the list, and;

WHEREAS the Search Committee, during each of these steps, informed the Diocese about what was happening through online videos and The Messenger:

BE IT RESOLVED that this 148th Diocesan Convention recognizes and deeply appreciates the members of the Search Committee—Ms. Cynthia Adamowsky, the Rev. Adrian Amaya, Ms. Kristen Blum, Dr. Bambi Carkey, the Rev. Wanda Copeland, Mr. David Cordone, the Rev. Dcn. Kay Drebert, the Very Rev. David Hanselman, the Very Rev. Jeanne Hansknecht, Mr. James Hughes, the Rev. Johanna Marcure, Mr. Doug Mouncey, Mr. Andy Pierce, the Rev. Judy Kessler, Chaplain and the Very Rev. Carrie Schofield-Broadbent, Chairperson—who served as volunteers, giving of their time and talents to ensure candidates received a broad overview of Central New York and our parish communities so that all would be able to make informed decisions about our future leadership.

Resolution: # 10

Subject: Thank You to the Transition Committee
Submitted by: The Standing Committee

The Resolutions Committee recommended adoption of this resolution.

Ms. Cindy Adamowsky, St. Matthew’s Church in Liverpool, seconded the motion.

There being no discussion, Chair Day called for a vote on the resolution.

With applause and thanksgiving, the vote passed.

Resolution adopted.

WHEREAS the Transition Committee set up and escorted the final five candidates through four days of Diocesan-wide “Walkabouts,” made the arrangements for the August 6th Special Election Convention, which included the first electronic voting used in the Diocese; and

WHEREAS the Committee shepherded the gala farewell for Bishop Skip and Bonnie Adams, an event which was attended by more than 300 people; and

WHEREAS the Committee continues to develop the detailed plans for the Consecration service to be held the third of December to officially install the Very Rev. Dr. DeDe Duncan-Probe as the 11th Bishop of the Diocese of Central New York, plans which include community and interfaith dignitaries from across CNY, members of the Bishop-elect's family and friends and numerous levels of Church hierarchy:

BE IT RESOLVED that this 148th Diocesan Convention lauds the members of the Transition Committee—the Rev. Dcn. Shelly Banner, the Rev. Dr. Gerry Beritela, the Very Rev. John Crosswaite, Mr. Arthur Durando, the Rev. Dcn. Barbara Groves, Ms. Lynda Helmer, the Rev. Steven Moore, Ms. Ernestine Patterson, Mr. Andy Pierce, Mr. Kyle Ramey, Ms. Meredith Sanderson, Ms. Deborah Shigley, the Rev. Nick Smith, Ms. Susan Wilson, the Rev. Judy Kessler, Chaplain and the Rev. Richard Schaal and Ms. Carol Forrester, Co-chairs—who have shared their talents, experience and many hours of volunteer time working with parishes, diocesan committees and other organizations throughout the Diocese to arrange these events. Convention recognizes that their work continues through the end of the Consecration reception and commends them for their ongoing dedication.

Resolution # 11

Subject: Thank You to the Standing Committee
Submitted by: Resolution Committee

The Resolutions Committee recommended adoption of the resolution.

The Very Rev. Carrie Schofield-Broadbent seconded the motion.

The Rev. Georgina Hegney asked to make a “friendly amendment” to the resolution to add a special thank you for the leadership of the Rev. Christine Day as the President of the Standing Committee. Amendment accepted.

There being no discussion, Chair Day called for a vote on the resolution.

With applause and thanksgiving, the vote passed.

Resolution adopted.

WHEREAS, the Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Central New York is an elected body which normally meets only four times a year to conduct their necessary canonical business; and

WHEREAS, since the announcement of our bishop transition has been working steadfastly, conscientiously, and faithfully through many, many, *many* hours to lead us well through this episcopal transition in the midst of their regular canonical duties,

BE IT RESOLVED, that this 2016 Convention express our utmost and deepest gratitude to—Ms. Stacey Balduf, Ms. Maria Dawson, Ms. Felicity Hallanan, Ms. Beth Hallinan, the Rev. Georgina Hegney, the Rev. Jennifer Kenna, the Rev. Joell Szachara and the Rev. Christine Day, President—for their faithful leadership and service in this time of transition. We will never know all of the details in the famed "bishop search binder", but we do know that our diocese has been in sure and steady hands as we move from the episcopacy of the Rt. Rev. Gladstone "Skip" Adams, into our time in between bishops where the Standing Committee functions as the ecclesiastical authority for our diocese, and into the upcoming episcopacy of the Very Rev. Dr. DeDe Duncan-Probe.

Resolution # 12

Subject: Support of the Very Rev. Dr. DeDe Duncan-Probe *and the Probe Family*
Submitted by: Resolution Committee

The Resolutions Committee recommended adoption of this resolution.

The Rev. Dcn. Shelly Banner seconded the motion.

The Rev. Richard Schaal asked to make a friendly amendment to the original resolution to include the family of the Bishop-elect.

The Rev. Dcn. Shelly Banner seconded this amendment.

Chair Day called for a vote on the amendment.

Vote passed.

There being no further discussion, Chair Day called for a vote.

With a standing ovation and loud applause, the vote passed.

Resolution adopted.

WHEREAS the Very Rev. Dr. DeDe Duncan-Probe was courageous enough to stand for election to the episcopate in the Diocese of CNY *with the encouragement and full support of her husband, Christopher Probe and their three children, Chasen, Ryan and Grace*; and

WHEREAS as, out of a slate of five candidates, all of whom were impressive in their experience and commitment to sharing their varied ministries, she was elected—and on the second ballot!; and

WHEREAS she *and her family are moving* to Central New York—from Virginia!— despite the approach of winter and having heard stories of treacherous driving through the ‘snow belt’ of CNY; and

WHEREAS she has survived four clergy gatherings and pre-Convention Regional Meetings with good grace and humor,

BE IT RESOLVED that this 2016 Convention of the Diocese of Central New York recognizes the significant sacrifice the Probe family has made in sharing their wife and mother with the entire Diocese and offers them our sincere appreciation and the promise to honor their ‘family time,’ and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this 2016 Convention of the Diocese of Central New York express our deep-felt thanks to *Bishop-elect DeDe Duncan-Probe* for her commitment to us and pledge her our support as she develops her vision and ministry among us as the 11th Bishop of the Diocese of Central New York.

Resolution # 13

Subject: Ms. Judy Fried
Submitted by: The Resolution Committee

The Resolutions Committee recommended adoption of this resolution.

The Rev. Kate Day seconded the motion.

There was no discussion. Chair Day called for a vote.

With applause and standing ovation, the vote passed.

Resolution adopted.

WHEREAS Ms. Judy Fried has served as deployment officer of the Diocese of Central New York since June of 2003 and has been instrumental in assisting dozens of parishes in transition with, in the words of

Bishop Adams, “a steady, unwavering commitment to do the best for the parish,” always trying “to see the big picture” while maintaining “a wonderful non-anxious presence”; and

WHEREAS parishes have commented “over and over how responsive she was,” going out to the parishes “to do early education,” answering questions by phone, consolidating trips of rector candidates to save on costs. Clergy also have commented on her helpfulness, graciousness and concern to find them a position that would “fit”; and

WHEREAS in this work Judy is well respected in the Episcopal Church Transition community and she also has served as the staff liaison for the Ministry Support Committee, the Dayspring program and the Transition Consultants; and

WHEREAS she has also served as secretary of Convention since 2005; and

WHEREAS she has announced her retirement as of December 31st of this year:

BE IT RESOLVED that this 2016 Diocesan Convention give its heartfelt thanks for the dedicated ministry of Ms. Judy Fried and its warmest wishes for her happiness and that of her husband, Glenn, in her undertaking of retirement.

Chairwoman Day thanked the Rev. Hegney and the Resolutions Committee for their work.

Election Committee Report: Chairwoman Day recognized Mr. Charles Moore, Co-Chair of the Election Committee to report on the elections. Mr. Moore announced the election results:

For the Standing Committee:

In the Clerical Order:

The Rev. Adrian Amaya – 4 year term

In the Lay Order:

Ms. Felicity Hallanan – 4 year term

For the Diocesan Board:

In the Clerical Order:

The Rev. Wanda Copeland – 3 year term

In the Lay Order:

Ms. Terri Weir - 3 year term

For the Disciplinary Board:

In the Clerical Order:

The Rev. Dr. Richard Larabee – 3 year term

The Rev. Joell Szachara -- 3 year term

In the Lay Order:

Dr. Bambi Carkey -- 3 year term

Ms. Lynda Helmer -- 3 year term

For General Convention Deputy:

In the Clerical Order:

The Rev. Carrie Schofield-Broadbent

The Rev. Adrian Amaya

The Rev. Joell Szachara

The Rev. Dena Cleaver-Bartholomew

In the Lay Order:

Ms. Carol Forrester

Ms. Karen Anderson

Ms. Ernestine Patterson

Ms. Felicity Hallanan

For GC Alternate Deputy:
 In the Clerical Order: The Rev. Dr. Richard Larabee
 The Rev. Georgina Hegney
 The Rev. Dcn. Chuck Stewart
 The Rev. Dcn. Shelly Banner

In the Lay Order: Dr. Sandra Michael
 Ms. Penny Dugas

Chairwoman Day thanked Mr. Moore and the Elections Committee and Tellers for their work.

Nominations and Appointments: Chairwoman Day announced that the nominations for the Diocesan Board, Commission on Ministry, Foundation of the Diocese, The Foundation of the Episcopal Church at Cornell, and the Treasurer were before the Convention.

1. **Commission on Ministry: Canon XV, Sec. 1** – “At each Annual Convention of the diocese, subject to confirmation by the vote of the Convention, the Bishop shall nominate a Commission on Ministry to consist of not less than six nor more than twenty persons, one half of whom shall be of the lay order and one half of whom shall be of the clerical order, who shall hold this office until their successors are nominated and confirmed.”

The Rev. Dena Clever-Bartholomew (Chair)	
The Rev. Clark West	The Rev. Deacon Shelly Banner
The Rev. Toppie Bates	The Rev. Georgina Hegney
Ms. Ruthie Koerts	The Rev. Kathy Corley

2. **Foundation of the Diocese of Central New York: Canon XX, Sec. 2.** – “The Foundation of the Diocese. The directors of the corporation shall be not less than seven nor more than twenty-five persons, as prescribed in the By-laws of the corporation, elected by Convention annually on nomination of the Bishop.”

Mr. Bill Sherman	(Class of 2017)		
Mr. Henry Wakefield	(Class of 2019)	Mr. Paul Odel	(Class of 2019)
Mr. Paul Regan	(Class of 2019)	The Rev. Cathy Carpenter	(Class of 2019)
The Rev. Holly Eden	(Class of 2019)	The Rev. Philip Major	(Class of 2019)

3. **The Foundation of the Episcopal Church at Cornell**

The Rev. Barb Schmitz	(Class of 2019)
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4. **Diocesan Board: Canon XIV, Sec. 2, (a) (v)** -- “Three persons, adult members of the Episcopal Church and residents of the Diocese of either the clerical or lay order, one elected by the Convention on nomination of the Bishop each year, to serve a term of three years beginning at the close of the Convention at which elected and until his or her successor is elected.”

Ms. Carol Forrester	(Class of 2019)
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5. **Disciplinary Board: Canon XXVII, Sec. 2 (c)** – “Vacancies on the Disciplinary Board shall be filled as follows: The Bishop Diocesan, with the advice and consent of the Standing Committee, shall appoint a replacement Board member who meets the same eligibility requirements as apply to elect Board members.”

The Rev. Jackie Schmitt (Class of 2017)

Chairwoman Day moved these nominations be accepted and asked for a second.

The Rev. Kate Day seconded the motion.

The Chair called for discussion.

The Chair called for a vote.

Motion Carried

Approved and passed.

Unfinished Business: The Chairwoman asked the Secretary of Convention if there was any unfinished business; no unfinished business was reported by the Secretary. The Chairwoman asked members of Convention if there was unfinished business.

The Rev. Kate Day noted that she had withdrawn the resolution that she presented the prior day. However, the Rev. Day said the Anti-Racism Committee will continue to refine the resolution for Presentation at a later time.

The Rev. Ginger Nagel said she was concerned about the paper in her folder from the 144th Convention regarding poverty. The Rev. Nagel said she thought a conversation of this topic should not be buried in the papers in Delegate folders. The Rev. Nagel’s comments prompted other delegates to comment on the resolution with Ms. Ernestine Patterson, delegate from Grace Church in Syracuse, said she believes the entire Convention dealt with “the effect of our meeting on poverty.” Several other delegates indicated the resolution should be “front and center” at the beginning of Convention.

Announcements: Chairwoman Day recognized the Secretary of Convention who made announcements.

Remarks of Appreciation: Chairwoman Day referred members to the list in Delegate folders with the names of people who helped with the arrangements for Convention. The Chairwoman noted that the list was too long and she regretted that she could not recognize each person individually. Chairwoman Day noted that without the time and assistance of each of these individuals, Convention would not be possible. Chairwoman Day apologized in advance for any names that might be missing and inadvertently omitted. It was noted that Ms. Ernestine Patterson’s name was omitted in error from the Resolution recognizing members of the Transition Committee.

Reminders: Chairwoman Day reminded members of Convention that 149th Convention will be held on November 10 & 11, 2017, at the Holiday Inn. Chairwoman Day also made note that the new bishop will preside as the Chair of that Convention!

Adjourn: Chairwoman Day adjourned Convention at 3:06 p.m. with a closing prayer and the Deacons (led by Dcn. Shelly Banner) led the blessing.