

*Committee on Memorials, Greetings,  
and Resolutions of Appreciation  
January 20-21, 2017*

**Committee Resolution #1: Resolution of Invitation**

BE IT RESOLVED that the 185th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Tennessee acknowledge and greet in the name of Jesus Christ all seminarians, all religious, the dean and faculty of the School of Theology of the University of the South, the headmaster and faculty of St. Andrew's-Sewanee school, seminarians and candidates for Holy Orders of this diocese, all retired clergy, and all lay delegates unable to attend this convention, and acknowledges their ministry and service in the Diocese of Tennessee; and, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all ordained ministers of this church canonically resident in this diocese, officiating under license and in charge of congregations, designated representatives of university chapels and mission stations, and of the Episcopal youth of the diocese be given seat and voice in the deliberations of this convention; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ministers of other communions resident in Middle Tennessee and present at this convention be cordially welcomed by this convention.

**Committee resolution #2: A Resolution of Gratitude**

BE IT RESOLVED that the 185th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Tennessee express its heartfelt thanks to the Dean, staff, and people of Christ Church Cathedral for hosting this convention and for their gracious hospitality to the clergy, lay delegates, and guests of the convention. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the convention expresses its gratitude to the officers and various members of delegations and convention committees for their diligent work in the preparation of this convention.

**Committee resolution #3: A Resolution of Greeting and Welcome**

BE IT RESOLVED that the 185th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Tennessee send its greetings to the Right Reverend William Sanders, VIII Bishop of Tennessee, and to his wife and partner in ministry, Marlin. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 185th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Tennessee welcome and greet The Right Reverend Jo Bailey

Wells, fifth Bishop of Dorking, The Diocese of Guildford, in the Church of England.

**Committee resolution #4: A Resolution of Appreciation**

WHEREAS, on October 16, 2016, St. Paul's Episcopal Church entered its 125th year of ministry to the people of Murfreesboro and Rutherford County, and

WHEREAS, God has sustained and blessed the congregation's growth in grace and labor throughout its history, and

WHEREAS, the people of St. Paul's have consistently offered their gifts, particularly of hospitality, evangelism, Christian formation, and music, to the community, the region, and the Diocese, and

WHEREAS, throughout these years St. Paul's has raised up and nurtured lay and ordained leaders in the Diocese of Tennessee and nationally;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 185th Convention of the Diocese of Tennessee expresses gratitude and appreciation for the ministry of St. Paul's Murfreesboro, its clergy, and people. This convention praises God for raising up this parish, and commissioning its people for service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 185th Convention of the Diocese of Tennessee congratulates and commends the clergy and congregation for its faithfulness and commitment to the work of God's Kingdom, praying that God may continue to sustain it to God's honor and glory.