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St. David's Church  
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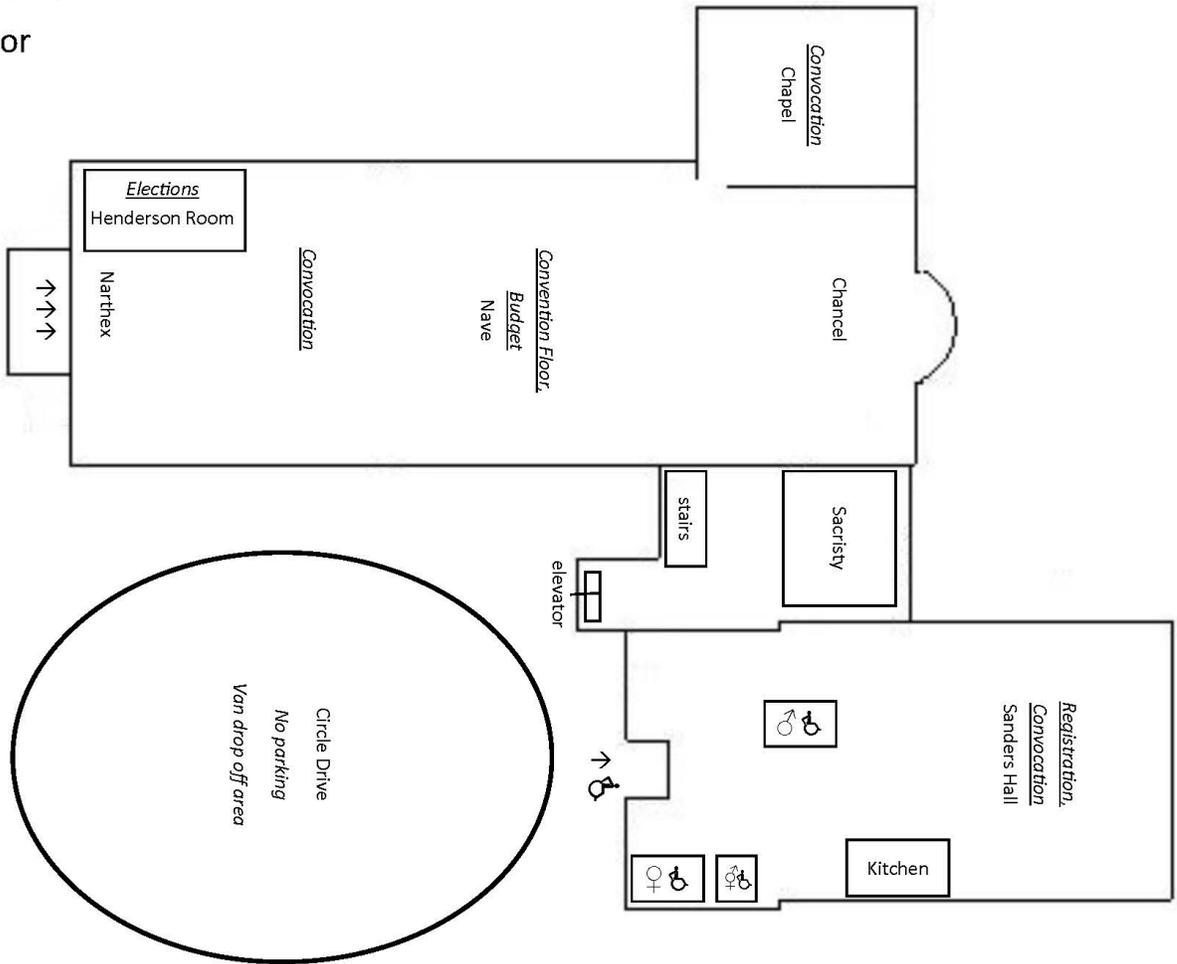
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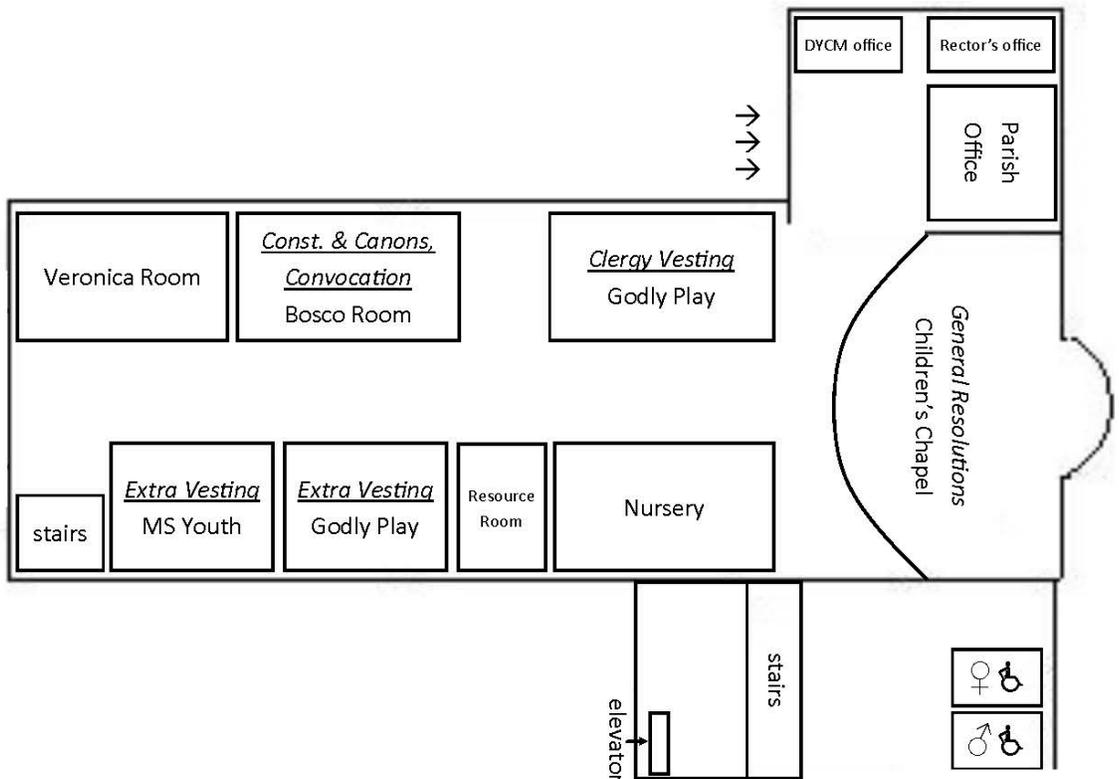
# MAPS & FACILITY INFORMATION

Saint David's Episcopal Church

## Main floor



## Undercroft





## CONVENTION SCHEDULE

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 20

10:00am - 3:00pm	Registration (Sanders Hall)
11:00am	General Resolution Hearings (Nave) Canonical Resolution Hearings (Bosco Room)
12:00pm	Lunch (Sanders Hall)
1:00pm	Holy Eucharist (Nave)
2:45pm	Organization of Convention (Nave)
3:30pm	Guest Speaker: The Right Reverend Brian Cole, Bishop of East Tennessee (Nave) Open Forum for Candidates (Nave)
4:20 - 4:30pm	BREAK
4:30pm	General Elections: First Ballot (Nave) Elections upon nomination by the Bishop (Nave) Presentation of the 2023 Diocesan Budget (Nave)
5:00pm	RECESS

### SANTURDAY, JANUARY 21

8:00am	Rehearsal for Holy Eucharist (Nave) Registration Continues (Sanders Hall)
9:00am	Call to Order (Nave) Report of the Elections Committee (Nave) Bishop's Address (Nave)
10:00 - 11:00am	General Resolutions Hearings (Children's Chapel) Canonical Resolutions Hearings (Bosco Room) Budget Hearings (Nave)
11:15am	The Holy Eucharist (Nave)
12:45pm	Lunch (Sanders Hall) Clergy Spouse Luncheon ( Mary Gilliam's Home, 1217 Davidson Road 37205)
1:45pm	Report of the Elections Committee (Nave) Action on the 2023 Diocesan Budget (Nave) Presentation & Action on Resolutions (Nave) Convocation Caucases (NWMC-Chapel ,NEMC-Nave, SEMC-Sanders Hall, SWMC-Bosco Room )
3:30pm	BREAK
3:45pm	Reconvene
5:00pm	Adjournment

# ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR THE 191<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 20

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| 10:00am - 3:00pm | Registration (Sanders Hall)  |
| 11:00am          | General Resolution Hearings (Nave)<br>Canonical Resolution Hearings (Bosco Room) |
| 12:00pm          | Lunch (Sanders Hall)   |
| 1:00pm           | The Holy Eucharist (Nave)  |
| 2:45pm           | The Organization of Convention (Nave)  |
1. The Call to Order and Prayer
  2. Report of the Credentials Committee
  3. Certification of a Quorum
  4. Election of Convention Officers
    - A. The Secretary
    - B. The Assistant Secretary
    - C. The Parliamentarian (Appointed)
  5. Adoption of the Order of Business and Rules of Order
  6. Welcome from the Host of Convention
  7. LTO Clergy to Be Given Seat and Voice
  8. Clergy New to the Diocese, Clergy in New Cures, Major Transitions
  9. Necrology
  10. Appointments by the Bishop
    - A. Convention Committees
      1. On Credentials
      2. On Elections
      3. On General Resolutions
      4. On the Budget
      5. On Memorials, Greetings, & Resolutions of Appreciation
      6. On the Time and Place of the 191st Annual Convention
    - B. Other Commissions, Committees and Boards
      1. Architectural Committee
      4. Christian Formation Committee
      5. Church Pension Fund, Standing Committee
      6. Commission on Stewardship
      7. Constitution and Canons, Standing Committee
      8. Continuing Work in the Diocese of Litoral
      9. Cursillo Commission
      10. Episcopal School of Nashville
      11. Evangelism and Congregational Development  
Commission/Small Church Alliance
      12. The Beloved Community: Commission on Racial  
Reconciliation
      13. Vocational Diaconate Committee
      14. Youth Steering Committee
    - C. Ecumenical Officer & Assistant Ecumenical Officer
    - D. Intake Officer for Title IV
    - E. Church Attorney for Title IV

- F. Chaplains to Retired Clergy
  - G. Chaplain to Clergy Spouses
  - H. Safe Church, Safe Community Coordinator
  - I. EfM Coordinator
11. Action on receiving late resolutions\*  
Announcement of late nominations\*\*
12. Resolutions of Invitation, Gratitude, Greeting, and Welcome
13. Special Order  
Guest Speaker: The Right Reverend Brian Cole  
*Fifth Bishop of East Tennessee*
- 3:30pm
14. Open Forum for Candidates
- 4:20 - 4:30pm  
4:30pm
- BREAK
15. Report of the Credentials Committee and General Elections: First Ballot
- A. The Bishop and Council
  - B. The Standing Committee
  - C. The Dandridge Trust Board
  - D. General Convention Deputies
16. Elections upon nomination by the Bishop
- A. The Treasurer of the Diocese
  - B. The Assistant Treasurer of the Diocese
  - C. The Chancellor of the Diocese
  - D. The Vice Chancellor of the Diocese
  - E. The Chancellors Emeriti
  - F. Commission on Ministry
  - G. Disciplinary Board
  - H. Episcopal Endowment Corporation
  - I. St. John's, Ashwood
  - J. St. Mary's, Sewanee Board
  - K. Trustees, University of the South
17. Presentation of the 2023 Diocesan Budget
18. Announcements from the Secretary
- 5:00pm
- RECESS

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\* Late resolutions (received after December 9, 2022) will be accepted no later than an hour and a half after the opening of the Convention upon simple majority vote of the delegates in order to be placed on the floor (see Rule of Order 1.2).

\*\* Elections may not begin prior to 9:30am on Friday, January 20, 2023 (Rule of Order 6.2).

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 21

- 8:00am Registration Continues (Sanders Hall)  
Rehearsal for the Holy Eucharist (Nave)
- 9:00am 19. Call to Order and Report of the Credentials Committee (Nave)  
20. Report of the Elections Committee and Second Ballot  
21. Bishop's Address
- 9:50am 22. Announcements from the Secretary
- 10:00am General Resolutions Hearings (Children's Chapel)  
Canonical Resolutions Hearings (Bosco Room)  
Budget Hearing (Nave)
- 11:15am The Holy Eucharist (Nave)
- 12:45pm Lunch (Sanders Hall)  
Clergy Spouse Luncheon (Mary Gilliam's Home, 1217 Davidson Road 37205)
- 1:45pm 23. Reconvene and Report of the Credentials Committee  
24. Report of the Elections Committee and Third Ballot  
25. Discussion and Action on the 2023 Diocesan Budget  
26. Presentation and Action on General Resolutions  
27. Presentation and Action on Canonical Resolutions  
28. Convocation Caucuses, Elections of Clergy Members of Bishop and Council  
    Northeastern Convocation (Nave)  
    Northwestern Convocation (Chapel)  
    Southeastern Convocation (Sanders Hall)  
    Southwestern Convocation (Bosco Room)
- 3:30pm BREAK
- 3:45pm Reconvene
29. Report of Elections Committee, Convocation Caucuses  
30. Ratification of 2022 Interim Actions of the Bishop and Council  
31. Canon 10 Resolution re: 2022 Real Estate Transactions  
32. Reports to Convention  
    The Beloved Community Commission on Racial Reconciliation  
    Diocesan Youth
33. Other Business  
34. Notice of Time and Place of the 192<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention  
35. Announcements from the floor and from the Secretary  
36. Closing Worship
- 5:00pm Adjournment

# THE RULES OF ORDER

## 1. RULES FOR RESOLUTIONS

- 1.1. Resolutions are submitted as the Canons may prescribe.
- 1.2.
  1. All resolutions shall be in writing and shall contain the name, parish, or mission, and the city of the proponent. Failing to meet the deadline as set forth in Canon 1, Section 9, the delegate or organization presenting a resolution may introduce such resolutions no later than an hour and a half after the opening of the Convention upon simple majority vote of the delegates. Except for resolutions contained in the reports of Convention Committees, no resolution offered after an hour and a half following the opening of convention (the deadline) shall be considered except upon the affirmative vote of three-fourths (3/4) of the delegates present and voting. The delegate or organization presenting a late resolution is responsible for having 250 copies of the resolution reproduced on blue paper for distribution to the Convention, and for sending an electronic copy (in docx or PDF format) to the secretary of convention.
- 1.3. The Presiding Officer shall refer all resolutions to appropriate Convention Committees for consideration, recommendation, and report to the Convention, provided, however, upon a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the delegates present a resolution may be considered immediately.
- 1.4. Where two or more resolutions deal basically with the same subject, they shall be referred to the same General Resolutions Committee. The Committee shall make every effort to consolidate them or otherwise assure their compatibility and should also make every effort to obtain the concurrence of the proponents concerned.
- 1.5. Each Convention Committee to which a resolution has been referred, after providing for a public hearing thereon, shall consider the form and substance of the resolution and in making its report shall recommend (a) for adoption, (b) for adoption with amendment, (c) for adoption of a substitute drafted by the Committee, (d) for rejection, or (e) for discharge from further consideration because the subject matter has been included in another resolution. The Committee's recommendation to the Convention shall be in the form of a motion to adopt the Committee's recommendation. If the Committee recommends rejection, the motion shall be on the adoption of the resolution, notwithstanding the recommendation of the Committee for rejection. After this motion has been seconded, the Committee Chairman or other representative shall state the reasons for the Committee's recommendation. Thereafter, the proponent of the original resolution which is the subject of the Committee's recommendation shall be recognized first if he/she so desires. Amendments may be offered, including an amendment to substitute the proponent's original resolution for the one recommended by the Committee.
- 1.6. Any resolution which would require financial resources for its implementation shall address, within the context of the proposed diocesan budget, the source of any financial resources required for its implementation.

## 2. MOTIONS IN ORDER OF PRECEDENCE

- 2.1. The following motions shall have priority in the order listed. The mover cannot interrupt a member who has the floor, must be recognized, and the motion must be seconded. They are subject to the following rules:
  - 2.1.a. To adjourn or to recess
    - (1). not debatable, if unqualified
    - (2). not amendable

- (3). cannot be laid on the table
  - (4). majority vote
  - (5). The motion to adjourn shall always be in order, except that it shall not be offered when another member has the floor
- 2.1.b. To adjourn to Time Certain
- (1). debatable as to the time
  - (2). amendable as to the time
  - (3). cannot be laid on the table
  - (4). majority vote
- 2.1.c. To Lay on Table or To Table
- (1). not debatable
  - (2). not amendable
  - (3). cannot be laid on the table
  - (4). majority vote
- 2.1.d. To Vote Immediately or at Time Certain, or to Extend Debate
- (1). not debatable
  - (2). amendable, as to time, if a time specified
  - (3). cannot be laid on the table
  - (4). two-thirds majority vote
- 2.1.e. To Postpone to a Time Certain
- (1). debatable
  - (2). amendable as to time
  - (3). may be laid on the table
  - (4). majority vote
- 2.1.f. To Commit or recommit to any Committee
- (1). debatable, except as to a Convention Committee
  - (2). amendable as to the Committee to which to be sent
  - (3). may be laid on the table
  - (4). majority vote
- 2.1.g. To Amend or To Substitute
- (1). Amendments and Substitutes are debatable only when Main Question is debatable.
  - (2). One Amendment may be made to each independent; or separate portion of a Resolution; and the right to amend extends only to one Amendment of that Amendment and to a Substitute and one Amendment thereto.
  - (3). A Substitute and its Amendment may be laid on the table, but cannot be otherwise voted on until the original matter is perfected.
  - (4). majority vote
  - (5). Neither the Substitute nor its Amendment shall be voted on (except to lay on the table) until the original matter is perfected.

### 3. MOTIONS WITHOUT ORDER OR PRECEDENCE

- 3.1. The following motions have no order or priority, but are subject to the following rules:
- 3.1.a. Appeal from Decisions of Chair
    - (1). debatable
    - (2). not amendable
    - (3). may be laid on the table
    - (4). majority vote. A tie vote sustains the Chair.
    - (5). must be made immediately after decision
  - 3.1.b. To take from Table
    - (1). not debatable
    - (2). not amendable
    - (3). cannot be laid on the table
    - (4). majority vote
  - 3.1.c. To Recall from Committee
    - (1). debatable
    - (2). amendable
    - (3). may be laid on the table
    - (4). two-thirds majority
  - 3.1.d. To Create Special Order of Day for a Particular Time
    - (1). debatable
    - (2). amendable as to time
    - (3). cannot be laid on the table
    - (4). two-thirds majority vote
  - 3.1.e. Call for Order of the Day
    - (1). Mover may interrupt a member who has the floor and is not required to be recognized or to have a second
    - (2). not debatable
    - (3). not amendable
    - (4). cannot be laid on the table
    - (5). No vote required, but two-thirds majority vote is necessary to suspend general or special order
  - 3.1.f. To Suspend the Rules or Take Up Business Out of Order
    - (1). debatable
    - (2). not amendable
    - (3). cannot be laid on the table
    - (4). two-thirds majority vote
  - 3.1.g. To Divide the Question
    - (1). not debatable
    - (2). can be amended
    - (3). cannot be laid on the table

- (4). majority vote, if vote required
- (5). may be made without being recognized and even though another member has the floor
- (6). If the Question under debate contains several distinct propositions which are independent of each other, at the request of any members the same shall be divided and a separate vote shall be taken, but the motion to strike out and to insert shall be indivisible.
- (7). If the propositions relate to the same subject, and yet each part can stand alone they may be divided only on a regular motion and vote.

#### **4. RECONSIDERATION**

- 4.1. Neither a Question once determined, nor one of like import, shall again be brought before Convention, except on motion to reconsider made by one who voted in the majority, and seconded by another who voted in the majority.
- 4.2. Motions to reconsider are subject to the following further rules:
  - (1). debatable when motion to be reconsidered is debatable
  - (2). not amendable
  - (3). may be tabled
  - (4). two-thirds majority vote
  - (5). no question can be twice considered unless it was materially amended after its first reconsideration

#### **5. DECORUM AND DEBATE**

- 5.1. No member shall be absent from Convention, unless given permission or be unable to attend.
- 5.2. No member shall address the Convention or make any motion until after recognition by the Bishop, except to make a parliamentary inquiry, a point of order, or a motion not requiring recognition.
- 5.3. When any Delegate is about to speak, the Delegate shall address the Bishop, state name, parish or mission, and be confined strictly to the point of debate.
- 5.4. Except by leave of the Convention, no Delegate shall speak more than twice in the same debate nor longer than five minutes at one time.

#### **6. VOTING**

- 6.1. Nominations for Deputies to General Convention, Standing Committee, members of the Bishop and Council, members of the Dandridge Trust Board, which are in writing and contain the nominee's name, parish or mission, and city and not more than one hundred words of biographical information including past and present service of the nominee to the Church at all levels and received in the office of the Secretary fifteen days prior to the opening of convention shall be included in the Convention brochure, except for nominations to the Bishop and Council to be received at the caucus of convocations pursuant to the Order of Business.

Additional written nominations for these offices may be made in like manner by filing with the Secretary of Convention before noon of the day prior to the opening of the convention. All such nominations shall contain the name, parish or mission, and city of the nominator who shall obtain the nominee's consent and willingness to serve prior to submitting the nomination.

Nominations may be made only by the Bishops of this Diocese, the Clerical and Lay Delegates, and any other person authorized by Canon.

- 6.2. Balloting for the offices set forth in 7.01 shall commence not earlier than 9:30 AM on the Friday of the Convention.
- 6.3. In elections of Deputies to the General Convention, members of the Bishop and Council, and members of the Dandridge Trust Board, elected members of the Cathedral Chapter, a majority of the votes cast shall be necessary for election. In all other elections, including that of Alternate Deputies to General Convention, a plurality shall suffice. If the Convention shall take up other business while ballots are being counted, such business may be interrupted for the report of tellers and additional ballots.
- 6.4. Unless otherwise expressly provided, any rule requiring a specified majority shall be construed to mean the affirmative vote of the specified majority of the Delegates present and voting.
- 6.5. Ballots with more or fewer votes than there are positions to be filled shall be declared invalid.
- 6.6. A vote by orders shall mean a specific vote by lay and clergy delegates and shall require passage in each order. [See Article VI of the Constitution]
- 6.7. In the event that there are two nominees from the same parish or mission for the Standing Committee, or the Bishop and Council, the two candidates, regardless of order, may stand for election. The candidate receiving a majority and/or the highest number of votes shall be elected and the other candidates shall be declared ineligible for the office due to canonical restriction.
- 6.8. In the event that nominations might lead to the election of more than one (1) retired clergy person to the Bishop and Council -- as would be prohibited by the provisions of Canon 6, Section 7(b) -- the following Rule shall apply: (1) if a retired clergy person has been elected for the coming year, any further nominations of a retired clergy person will be ineligible for election to office due to canonical restriction; (2) if two or more retired clergy members receive a majority vote in a ballot, the candidate receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected; (3) the elections by the Annual Convention shall be concluded, and announced, before the missionary convocation elections are held; (4) if no retired clergy person has been elected at large, and if two (2) or more retired clergy persons are elected contemporaneously at missionary convocation elections, the Annual Convention will hold a run-off ballot between those so elected in order to elect a single retired clergy member of Bishop and Council and in their run-off ballot, a simple plurality shall suffice to elect, the provisions of general Rule 8.03 notwithstanding, and the missionary convocation or convocations then having no completed clergy election will reconvene and elect a clergy person to Bishop and Council before the adjournment of the Annual Convention; and (5) for clarity a "retired clergy person" shall be defined as a clergy member who is receiving pension payments from the Church Pension Group or a clergy person who is seventy-two (72) years of age.

## **7. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

- 7.1. Whenever so ordered by a vote of the majority of members present the Convention may go Into Committee of the Whole for the consideration of any matter.

## **8. UNANIMOUS CONSENT**

- 8.1. By unanimous consent, any action may be taken that is not in contravention of any provision of the Constitution or the Canons.

## **9. GENERAL REGULATIONS**

- 9.1. Except with the express permission of the Bishop or when otherwise ordered by majority vote of the Convention, no books, pamphlets, or other printed matter may be distributed within the Convention Hall, or be placed on the seats or desks of the Delegates; but this prohibition shall not apply to Resolutions, reports, and other documents prepared or distributed by the Secretary of the Convention or to ballots for elections.

## **10. ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER**

- 10.1. Except when in conflict with the Constitution and Canons, or any Rules herein contained, the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the interpretation of these Rules and procedures to be followed.

## **11. AMENDMENTS**

- 11.1. These rules may be amended at any time by a two-thirds majority vote of the members present.

## THE OFFICERS OF CONVENTION

President:	The Rt. Rev'd John Crawford Bauerschmidt
Secretary:	The Rev'd Dr. Kristine Blaess
Assistant Secretary:	The Rev'd Canon Joseph B. (Jody) Howard
Chancellor:	Jim Weatherly
Vice-Chancellor:	Wendy Longmire
Chancellors Emeriti:	David Herbert and Gareth Aden
Parliamentarian:	Jim Weatherly

### *Ex Officio* Members of Convention

(Canon I, Section 6; entitled to seat and voice, but not vote, unless otherwise qualified to vote.)

The Secretary of the Diocese  
The Treasurer of the Diocese  
The Chancellor of the Diocese  
The Vice-Chancellor of the Diocese  
The Chancellors Emeriti of the Diocese  
The Registrar of the Diocese  
Lay Members of the Bishop and Council  
Lay Members of the Standing Committee  
The President of the Episcopal Endowment Corporation  
The Vice-Chancellor of the University of the South  
The Dean of the School of Theology, University of the South  
The Headmaster of St. Andrew's - Sewanee School

## SECRETARY'S CERTIFIED LIST OF DELEGATES (2023)

Delegates Registered for the 191st Annual Convention

These Delegates were officially registered as of January 17, 2023. This is the Secretary's Certified list according to Canon I.

CONGREGATIONS & CLERGY	DELEGATES	ALTERNATES
<b>Antioch, St. Mark's Church</b> The Rev'd Battle Beasley	Robert Keifer Jennifer Pilat Gilbert Russ	
<b>Brentwood, Church of the Good Shepherd</b> The Rev'd Natalie Van Kirk The Rev'd Canon Dr. Frederick Schmidt	Liz Johnson John Morss Anne Ridens Perry Happell	Jim Kreth
<b>Clarksville, Grace Chapel</b>	Kay Jay	
<b>Clarksville, Trinity Church</b> The Rev'd Dorothy Hartzog	Brian Schafer Anne Finley Jan Hodgson	Allison Graham Christie Crawford
<b>Columbia, St. Peter's Church</b> The Rev'd Christopher Bowhay The Rev'd Dn. Bonnie Lloyd-Downs	Peter Moon John Finney Chip Wallace Ben Wrather	Anne Ciccoline Janet Shadoin
<b>Cookeville, St. Michael's</b> The Rev'd Dr. Antoinette (T.J.) Azar	Joe Mabrey Clarissa Miller Melinda Richards	Patricia Phillips
<b>Cowan, St. Agnes' Church</b>	Christie James Grissett L. Jarod Pearson	Brian P. Judd
<b>Cumberland Furnace, Calvary Church</b>		
<b>Dickson, St. James' Church</b>		

**CONGREGATIONS & CLERGY****DELEGATES****ALTERNATES****Fayetteville, St. Mary Magdalene**

The Rev'd Patrick Soule

Blair Glenn  
Jo GoldasichDonnie Turpin  
Shirley Turpin**Franklin, Church of the Resurrection**The Rev'd Canon Chad Jones  
The Rev'd Dn. Suzanne JohnstonCharles Brush  
Scott Johnson  
Frank Field**Franklin, St. Paul's**The Rev'd Rusty McCown  
The Rev'd Monna MayhallGeorge Bishop  
Ann Denson  
Chris Oberholtzer  
Sarah KarpeNic Parmer  
Donna Stokes-Rogers**Gallatin, Church of Our Saviour**

The Rev'd Jacob Bottom

Carolyn Amer  
Derek Williams**Hendersonville, St. Joseph of Arimathea**

The Rev'd Robert Osborne

Shelley Sircy  
Debra Maggart  
Frank EhrhardtRobert Lindsey  
Judith Burt  
Shannnon Holt**Lebanon, Church of the Epiphany**

The Rev'd Cynthia Seifert

Jason Pau  
Jeannie Tuschl

Pace Pope

**Madison, Church of St. James the Less**

The Rev'd Bradley Johnson\*

Jim Vaughn  
Erin Bell  
Lawson Patten

LaDonna Graves

**Manchester, St. Bede's**Margaret Smith  
Becky Combs

Lewie Combs

**McMinnville, St. Matthew's**

The Rev'd Charlie McClain

Gloria Tindall  
Robert Smith

Noah Stefanick

**Murfreesboro, Church of the Holy Cross**

The Rev'd Anthony David Ferguson\*

Richard Patterson  
Patti Noriega

Avril Fischer

**CONGREGATIONS & CLERGY****DELEGATES****ALTERNATES****Murfreesboro, St. Paul's**

The Rev'd Dr. Kristine Blaess  
 The Rev'd Michael Whitnah

Ed Arning  
 Don Clayton  
 Sharon Dieringer  
 Louis Kyriakoudes  
 Steve Sachs

Joyce Adkins

**Nashville, Christ Church Cathedral**

The Very Rev'd Timothy Kimbrough  
 The Rev'd Anna Russell Friedman\*  
 The Rev'd Madeleine Rebouche\*  
 The Ven. Roger Saterstrom  
 The Rev'd Lissa Smith  
 The Rev'd Richard Wineland\*

Tyler Yarbro  
 Karmine Quiggle  
 John Whitaker  
 Pete Stringer  
 Roger Moore  
 Donald McKenzie

Christina Callaway  
 Brad Daugherty  
 Mary McCarthy  
 Thor Urness  
 David Anderson  
 Charlie Cook III

**Nashville, Church of the Advent**

The Rev'd James Brian McVey

Candida Bannister  
 Gregg Conroy  
 John Womack

**Nashville, Church of the Holy Spirit**

The Rev'd Nicholas Cho\*

**Nashville, Church of the Holy Trinity**

The Rev'd William Dennler

Sara Ferrall  
 Cathy Link  
 Rebecca Markert

**Nashville, St. Ann's**

Lee Ann Lambdin  
 M.L. Sandoz  
 Roger Gray

Cory Dryden  
 Leigh Singleton  
 Ken Loves

**Nashville, St. Anselm's Church**

*Tabitha Ssonko (Lay Vicar)*

Anita Strange-Rebecchi  
 Pam Jordan

**Nashville, St. Augustine's**

The Rev'd Becca Stevens  
 The Rev'd Scott Owings\*  
 The Rev'd Richard Wineland\*

Robbie Hutchins

**CONGREGATIONS & CLERGY****DELEGATES****ALTERNATES****Nashville, St. Bartholomew's**

The Rev'd Serena Sides

Thorunn McCoy  
Langley Granbery  
Mavis Harrop  
Josh Franklin

Sarah Suiter

**Nashville, St. David's**The Rev'd Carolyn Coleman  
The Rev'd Dn. Burns RogersBritt Cox  
Kathi Fortenberry  
Nat HowryJoe Brown  
Anette Pilcher  
Susan Huggins**Nashville, St. George's**The Rev'd J. Malone Gilliam  
The Rev'd Colin Ambrose  
The Rev'd Dr. David Barr  
The Rev'd Margery Kennelly  
The Rev'd Dr. Chris Jones\*  
The Rev'd Sarah Puryear  
The Rev'd Richard Kew  
The Ven. Dr. Martin Odidi\*  
The Rev'd Tim TaylorDavid Moroney  
Suann Davis  
Robert Van Cleave  
Kelly Worman  
Jan Callen  
Emily WalkerStephanie Gillmor  
Amy Harwell  
Graham Meadors  
Kate Meriwether  
Jonathan Morphett  
David Silvester**Nashville, St. Philip's**

The Rev'd Caroline Osborne

Scott Kammerer  
Pat Rowlett  
Pam FosterLinda Grace  
Ricky Rooker  
Jan Brown**New Johnsonville, St. Andrew's****Pulaski, Church of the Messiah**Catherine Dunnavant  
Marquenda Forrester

Tabitha Lavacot

**Sewanee, The Parish of St. Mark & St. Paul**The Rev'd Robert C. Lamborn  
The Rev'd Dn. Eliazabeth K. CarpenterAlex Bruce  
Beth Wiley

Kathryn Bruce

**Sewanee, St. James Church**

The Rev'd David Goodpaster

Faye Ricketts  
George Horton**Shelbyville, Church of the Redeemer**

The Rev'd Michael Blaess

Garrett Gordon  
Renee Gordon

Babs Chicoine

**CONGREGATIONS & CLERGY**

**DELEGATES**

**ALTERNATES**

**Sherwood, Church of the Epiphany**  
The Rev'd Dr. Amy Bently Lamborn

Bryan Wells

Katherine Pack

**Smyrna, All Saints Church**  
The Rev'd Robert Rhea

**Spring Hill, Grace Church**  
The Rev'd Joseph Norman Davis

Charles Warnick  
Carol Martinez

Lynn Rieger

**Springfield, St. Luke's Church**

Lisa Jones  
Briley Price

Rachael Paul

**Tracy City, Christ Church**  
The Rev'd Dr. Amy Bently Lamborn  
The Rev'd David Goodpaster

Sue Chase  
Jackie Lawley

Marvin Lawley

**Tullahoma, St. Barnabas' Church**  
The Rev'd Michael J. Murphy

Tisha Fritz  
Ed LeBlanc  
Linda Love

**Winchester, Trinity Church**  
The Rev'd Dr. Amy Bentley Lamborn

Bahley Minor  
Janice Butner

Elle Goodrich

**Non-Parochial Canonically Resident Clergy  
(Voting)**

The Rt. Rev'd John C. Bauerschmidt, *Bishop*  
The Rev'd Canon Joseph B. (Jody) Howard,  
*Canon to the Ordinary*  
The Rev'd David Nichols  
Molly M. Short, *Chaplain,*  
*St. Andrew's-Sewanee School*  
The Rev'd Jason Terhune

**Non-Canonically Resident Clergy (Non-Voting)\*\***

The Rev'd Ted Edwards  
The Rev'd Anthony Ferguson,  
*Holy Cross, Murfreesboro*  
The Rev'd Anna Russell Friedman,  
*Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville*  
The Rev'd Canon Sandy Herrmann  
The Rev'd Bradley Johnson,  
*St. James the Less, Madison*  
The Rev'd Dr. Chris Jones,  
*St. George's, Nashville*  
The Rev'd Dn. Cynthia Long  
The Ven. Dr. Martin Odidi,  
*St. George's, Nashville*  
The Rev'd Scott Owings,  
*St. Augustine's Chapel, Nashville*  
The Rev'd Madeleine Rebouche,  
*Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville*  
The Rev'd Roger Senechal,  
*Chaplain to Retired Clergy*  
The Rev'd Richard Wineland,  
*St. Augustine's Chapel, Nashville &*  
*Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville*

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\*\*\* Non-Canonically Resident clergy (Licensed to Officiate) have no voice, no vote; may attend as guests unless given seat and voice by personal privilege of the President of Convention.

**THE CLERGY OF THE DIOCESE OF TENNESSEE**  
*Entitled to Seats in the Convention (in order of canonical residence)*

The Bishop of Tennessee  
 John Crawford Bauerschmidt  
 Consecrated January 27, 2007

<i>Priests</i>	<i>Received</i>	<i>Cure/Residence</i>
Edward L. Landers, Jr. (ret)	10/31/75	Nashville, Tennessee
Larry E. Carden (ret)	2/21/77	Sewanee, Tennessee
Stuart J. Phillips (ret)	7/25/79	Nashville, Tennessee
Thomas Reid Ward, Jr. (ret)	7/28/81	Sewanee, Tennessee
Larry R. Hester (ret)	6/28/81	Nashville, Tennessee
William Wade (ret)	7/1/81	East Kingston, New Hampshire
Christopher Bryan (ret)	11/1/83	Sewanee, Tennessee
Edwin Cabanis Coleman (ret)	1/15/85	Nashville, Tennessee
William Anthony Dalglish (ret)	6/30/85	Lebanon, Tennessee
C. Gordon Peerman III (ret)	2/7/86	Nashville, Tennessee
Donna Jeanne Scott (ret)	10/15/86	Nashville, Tennessee
Thomas Stuart Wilson (ret)	2/15/88	Columbia, Tennessee
C. Randall Dunnivant (ret)	6/25/88	Nolensville, Tennessee
Eric S. Greenwood (ret)	7/1/88	Nashville, Tennessee
Anne Broad Stevenson (ret)	3/1/89	Nashville, Tennessee
Thomas E. Macfie, Jr. (ret)	12/16/89	Sewanee, Tennessee
Catharine Regen (ret)	6/9/91	Dickson, Tennessee
Rebecca Stevens-Hummon	6/9/91	St. Augustine's Chapel, Vanderbilt University, Nashville
Joel Thompson Keys (ret)	7/1/91	St. Simon's Island, South Carolina
Rodney Morse Kochtitzky (ret)	7/1/91	Nashville, Tennessee
Kathryn McMillan Young (ret)	7/26/91	Austin, Texas
Eugene Field Wise, Jr. (ret)	11/19/91	Murfreesboro, Tennessee
David Warren Yancey	9/15/92	St. James, Dickson
Reynold Hobson Richaud (ret)	7/1/94	Townsend, Tennessee
Battle Alexander Beasley	7/1/94	St. Mark's, Antioch
William Robert Abstein (ret)	9/1/94	Nashville, Tennessee
Timus Gayle Taylor, Jr. (ret)	1/1/95	St. George's, Nashville
Morris K. Wilson (ret)	12/20/95	Nashville, Tennessee
W. Richard Kew (ret)	12/2/95	St. George's, Nashville
Margaret Adams	6/24/98	Chillicothe, Missouri
Ann Van Dervoort (ret)	7/15/98	Nashville, Tennessee
James Tubbs (ret)	12/10/98	Nashville, Tennessee
Gene Bentley Manning (ret)	6/23/01	Nashville, Tennessee

<i>Priests</i>	<i>Received</i>	<i>Cure/Residence</i>
Ann B. Walling (ret)	7/13/01	Franklin, Tennessee
Michael John Murphy	11/06/02	St. Barnabas', Tullahoma
Joseph Edward Weatherly (ret)	2/28/03	Cookeville, Tennessee
Vicki Tucker Burgess (ret)	6/22/03	Nashville, Tennessee
Dorothy Chatham Hartzog (ret)	1/5/04	Clarksville, Tennessee
Cynthia Seeliger Seifert	6/5/05	Church of the Epiphany, Lebanon
Mary Hassell (ret)	2/26/06	St. Bede's, Manchester
Randy Hoover-Dempsey (ret)	6/10/06	Madison, Tennessee
Clayton Ingalls	6/10/06	Lilburn, Georgia
Joseph B. (Jody) Howard	6/10/06	Canon to the Ordinary
Monna Simpson Mayhall	8/2/07	St. Paul's, Franklin
Pamela Porter Snare (ret)	8/8/07	Nashville, Tennessee
Joseph Norman Davis	9/10/07	Grace Church, Spring Hill
John Charles Bender (ret)	2/23/08	Merritt Island, Florida
Nadine Fishbeck	6/23/08	Lisbon, New York
Joseph H. Ballard (ret)	9/26/08	Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Richard C. Britton (ret)	12/29/08	Nashville, Tennessee
James K. Polk Van Zandt (ret)	1/12/09	Monteagle, Tennessee
Richard Joseph Zalesak	3/5/09	Houston, Texas
Colin Moore Ambrose	5/29/09	St. George's, Nashville
William David Dennler	6/6/09	Church of the Holy Trinity, Nashville
Timothy Edward Kimbrough	12/9/09	Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville
Sarah Kerr Puryear	6/2/10	Nashville, Tennessee
Joseph J. Marek	8/30/10	Nashville, Tennessee
Julie Anna Johnson	1/19/11	Tracy City, Tennessee
Carolyn Anne Coleman	10/19/11	St. David's, Nashville
Carolyn Keck (ret)	10/9/12	Maquoketa, Iowa
Christopher Bowhay	11/27/12	St. Peter's, Columbia
Carola von Wrangel	11/29/12	Edmonds, Washington
Paul Shinkyu Mun	5/28/13	Virginia
John Ander Runkle	1/2/14	Sewanee, Tennessee
Kira Manette Austin-Young	6/24/14	St. Mary the Virgin, San Francisco, California
Robert Eugene Rhea	6/6/15	All Saints', Smyrna
Jason Scott Terhune	6/6/15	Nashotah, Wisconsin
Robert Cole Lamborn	9/2/15	St. Mark & St. Paul on the Mountain, Sewanee
Amy Bentley Lamborn	1/18/16	STEM, Alto, Monteagle, Sherwood, Winchester, Tracy City
Kristine Amend Blaess	1/20/16	St. Paul's, Murfreesboro
Michael Alexander Blaess	1/20/16	Church of the Redeemer, Shelbyville
Stephen Chad Jones	1/27/16	Church of the Resurrection, Franklin

<i>Priests</i>	<i>Received</i>	<i>Cure/Residence</i>
Meghan Carey Ryan	2/1/16	Trinity Parish, Clarksville
James Brian McVey	12/5/16	Church of the Advent, Nashville
Matthew William Lewis	1/18/17	Nashville, Tennessee
William Russell McCown	8/14/17	St. Paul's, Franklin
Melissa Martin Smith	11/2/17	Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville
Jacob Alan Bottom	12/5/17	Church of Our Saviour, Gallatin
Samuel Lee Wood	12/7/17	St. Mary the Virgin, New York City, New York
Jess Reeves	8/13/18	Trinity, Pine Bluff, Arkansas
Charles Hall	6/1/19	Chaplain, United States Navy
Margery Kennelly	7/16/19	St. George's, Nashville
Natalie Van Kirk	10/20/19	Good Shepherd, Brentwood
David Barr	11/25/19	St. George's, Nashville
Michael Whitnah	3/10/20	St. Paul's, Murfreesboro
Frederick Schmidt	9/13/20	Good Shepherd, Brentwood
Caroline Joy Osborne	12/9/20	St. Philip's, Nashville
Robert Allen Osborne	12/9/20	St. Joseph of Arimathea, Hendersonville
Molly McGee Short	5/26/21	St. Andrew's-Sewanee School, Sewanee
Serena Wille Sides	1/14/22	St. Bartholomew's, Nashville
Patrick Ross Soule	3/21/22	St. Mary Magdalene, Fayetteville
Charles McClain	6/4/22	St. Matthew's, McMinnville
David Nichols	6/4/22	St. Michael's, Raleigh, North Carolina
Antoinette J. Azar	7/18/22	St. Michael's, Cookeville
David Thomas Goodpaster	9/22/22	St. James, Sewanee & STEM
J. Malone Gilliam	1/5/23	St. George's, Nashville
<i>Deacons</i>	<i>Received</i>	<i>Cure/Residence</i>
Charles A. Burdeshaw (ret)	10/28/89	Nashville, Tennessee
Elizabeth Kinkaid Carpenter	1/25/2014	St. Mark & St. Paul and All Saints' Chapel, Sewanee
Charles Gus Grimes (ret)	1/25/2014	Franklin, Tennessee
Bonnie Jean Lloyd-Downs	1/25/2014	St. Peter's, Columbia
William Burns Rogers	1/25/2014	St. David's, Nashville
Donna Floyd	6/4/2016	Nashville, Tennessee
Roger Saterstrom	6/4/2016	Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville, Archdeacon Diocese of Tennessee
Suzanne Johnston	1/12/2017	Church of the Resurrection, Franklin

**ORDAINED TO THE DIACONATE: 2022**

Charles McClain (6/4/22)  
David Nichols (6/4/22)  
Rebecca Terhune (10/22/22)  
*in the Diocese of Milwaukee*

**ORDAINED TO THE PRIESTHOOD: 2022**

Charles McClain (12/5/22)  
David Nichols (12/13/22)

**LETTERS DIMISSORY ACCEPTED: 2022**

Patrick Ross Soule (3/21/22)  
Antoinette J (T.J.) Azar (7/18/22)  
David Thomas Goodpaster (9/22/22)

**LETTERS DIMISSORY SENT: 2022**

Wesley Allen Hill (1/1/22)  
Benjamin Randall (1/19/22)  
Meghan Ryan (10/9/22)  
Wesley Arning (12/21/22)

**CANDIDATES FOR HOLY ORDERS TRANSFERRED: 2022**

Rebecca Terhune (to the Diocese of Milwaukee)

**RELEASE AND REMOVAL: 2022**

Peter Bahjat Batarseh (4/4/22)

**CLERGY LICENSED TO OFFICIATE**

George Amimo, Diocese of Southern Nyanza, Kenya  
Thomas Bu Christ, Diocese of Hpa-an, Province of Myanmar, All Saints', Smyrna  
Nicholas Cho, Diocese of Busan, South Korea  
Ian Cron, Diocese of Connecticut  
Robert A. Dedmon, Diocese of Chicago  
Theodore Edwards, Diocese of Southwest Florida  
Anthony Ferguson, Diocese of Florida  
Anna Russell Friedman, Diocese of Alabama  
Julia M. Gatta, Diocese of Connecticut  
Guilianna Gray, Diocese of Mississippi  
Sandy Herrmann, Diocese of Dallas  
Jacoba Hurst, Diocese of Georgia, Vicar, St. Luke's, Springfield  
Bradley Johnson, Diocese of Huron, Anglican Church of Canada, St. James the Less, Madison  
Kelli D. Joyce, Diocese of Arizona  
Peter Keese, Diocese of East Tennessee  
Scott Lee, Diocese of Connecticut  
Cynthia Long, Diocese of Northern California  
Bruce McMillan, Diocese of Mississippi  
Roderic Murray III, Diocese of Alabama  
Annwn H. Myers, Diocese of Mississippi  
Martin Odidi, Diocese of Kaduna, Nigeria  
Scott Owings, Diocese of Botswana, Associate Chaplain, St. Augustine's, Nashville  
James Pappas, Diocese of Atlanta  
Caroline Smith Parkinson, Diocese of Virginia  
Felicity Lenton Clark Peck, Diocese of East Tennessee, St. Mark's, Antioch  
Madeleine Rebouche, Diocese of Western Louisiana  
Roger Senechal, Diocese of Western Massachusetts, St. George's, Nashville  
John Smith, Diocese of Arizona  
Molly Dale Smith, Diocese of New Jersey  
Linda St. Claire, Diocese of New Westminster, British Columbia  
Warren Swenson, Diocese of West Missouri

Rebecca Weiner Tompkins, Diocese of New York

James Turrell, Diocese of Bethlehem

David Wilson, Diocese of Central Florida, Pastoral Assistant, St. Bartholomew's, Nashville

Richard Wineland, Diocese of Northern Indiana, St. Augustine's Chapel, Christ Church Cathedral, Episcopal School of Nashville.

**POSTULANTS FOR THE VOCATIONAL DIACONATE: 2022**

Laura Lowndes

Kathy Pack

**POSTULANTS FOR THE PRIESTHOOD: 2022**

Zach Berry

Brad Daugherty

Heather Daugherty

Greg Voiles

Funmi Odidi

**CANDIDATES FOR THE VOCATIONAL DIACONATE: 2022**

Mark Hunter

Mary McCarthy

Brooks Smith

**CANDIDATES FOR THE PRIESTHOOD: 2022**

Charles McClain

David Nichols

Justin Taliaferro

**CLERGY NEW TO THE DIOCESE & CLERGY IN NEW CURES: 2022**

The Rev'd Antoinette J (T.J.) Azar, St. Michael's, Cookeville

The Rev'd Michael Blaess, Redeemer, Shelbyville

The Rev'd David Goodpaster, St. James, Sewanee & STEM

The Rev'd Malone Gilliam, St. George's, Nashville

The Rev'd Bradley Johnson, St. James the Less, Madison

The Rev'd Caroline Osborne, St. Philip's, Nashville

Tabitha Ssonko, St. Anselm's, Nashville\*

*\*Tabitha Ssonko comes to us from the African Methodist Episcopal Church and is moving toward ordination in The Episcopal Church.*

**NECROLOGY**

*A list of those Clergy and Lay Delegates Deceased since last Convention*

**CLERGY DEATHS**

Linda Arzelia Hutton

John Robert Kuenneth

Alithea Dolores Nicholson

Thomas S. Wilson

**CONVENTION DELEGATES DECEASED**

Maclin Paschall Davis, Sr., St. George's, Nashville

Jim Rutledge, St. Mary Magdalene, Fayetteville

Steve Sachs, St. Paul's, Murfreesboro

## MEMBERSHIP OF CONVOCATIONS

### **Northwestern Convocation**

St. George's Church, Nashville  
St. David's Church, Nashville  
St. Augustine's Chapel  
St. Anselm's Church, Nashville  
St. Luke's Church, Springfield  
Trinity Church, Clarksville  
Grace Chapel, Clarksville  
St. James' Church, Dickson  
St. Andrew's, New Johnsonville

### **Southwestern Convocation**

St. Bartholomew's Church, Nashville  
Church of the Resurrection, Franklin  
St. Paul's Church, Franklin  
Grace Church, Spring Hill  
St. Peter's Church, Columbia  
Christ Church, Tracy City  
St. Mark's Church, Antioch  
Church of the Messiah, Pulaski  
Church of the Good Shepherd, Brentwood  
Church of the Holy Spirit, Nashville

### **Northeastern Convocation**

Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville  
St. Ann's Church, Nashville  
Church of St. James the Less, Madison  
St. Philip's Church, Nashville  
Church of the Holy Trinity, Nashville  
Church of the Epiphany, Lebanon  
St. Michael's Church, Cookeville  
Church of St. Joseph of Arimathea, Hendersonville  
Church of Our Saviour, Gallatin

### **Southeastern Convocation**

Church of the Advent, Nashville  
St. Paul's Church, Murfreesboro  
Church of the Redeemer, Shelbyville  
St. Bede's Church, Manchester  
St. Barnabas Church, Tullahoma  
St. Matthew's Church, McMinnville  
St. James' Church, Sewanee  
St. Mary Magdalene Church, Fayetteville  
Trinity Church, Winchester  
St. Mark & St. Paul on the Mountain, Sewanee  
St. Agnes' Church, Cowan  
Church of the Epiphany, Sherwood  
All Saints Church, Smyrna  
Church of the Holy Cross, Murfreesboro

## **BISHOP'S APPOINTMENTS**

### **Convention Committees**

January 2023

#### **Committee on Credentials**

The Rev'd Robert Osborne, St. Joseph of Arimathea, Hendersonville (chair)  
The Rev'd TJ Azar, St. Michael's, Cookeville

#### **Committee on Elections**

The Rev'd Canon Chad Jones, Church of the Resurrection, Franklin (chair)  
Bahley Minor, Trinity, Winchester  
Briley Price, St. Luke's, Springfield  
The Rev'd Michael Whitnah, St. Paul's, Murfreesboro  
Jarod Pearson, St. Agnes, Cowan  
Shelley Sircy, St. Joseph of Arimathea, Hendersonville  
Ann Denson, St. Paul's, Franklin  
Derek Williams, Our Saviour, Gallatin

#### **Committee on General Resolutions**

The Very Rev'd Timothy Kimbrough, Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville (chair)  
The Rev'd Michael Blaess, Redeemer, Shelbyville  
The Rev'd Margery Kennelly, St. George's, Nashville  
The Rev'd Rusty McCown, St. Paul's, Franklin  
Don Clayton, St. Paul's, Murfreesboro  
Carol Martinez, Grace Church, Spring Hill  
Anne Finley, Trinity, Clarksville  
Sara Ferrall, Holy Trinity, Nashville  
Bob Van Cleave, St. George's, Nashville

#### **Committee on the Budget**

Pete Stringer, Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville (chair)  
The Rev'd Jacob Bottom, Our Saviour, Gallatin  
Scott Kammerer, St. Philip's, Nashville  
The Rev'd Robert Rhea, All Saints', Smyrna

#### **Committee on Memorials, Greetings, and Resolutions of Appreciation**

The Rev'd Caroline Osborne, St. George's, Nashville (chair)s  
The Rev'd Charlie McClain, St. Matthew's, McMinnville

#### **Committee on the Time and Place of the 192<sup>nd</sup> Convention**

The Rev'd Dr. Kristine Blaess

## **Other Commissions, Committees, & Boards**

*\*signifies a new appointment or reappointment*

### **Architectural Committee**

\*Fletch Coke, Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville (2025)

\*The Rev'd John Runkle, chair, Sewanee (2025)

### **Board of Examining Chaplains**

The Rev'd Vicki Burgess, Nashville (2024)

The Rev'd Canon Jody Howard, Diocese of Tennessee, Nashville (2024)

The Very Rev'd Timothy Kimbrough, Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville (2024)

### **Christian Formation Committee**

The Rev'd Dr. Kristine Blaess, St. Paul's, Murfreesboro (2024)

\*The Rev'd Jacob Bottom, Church of Our Saviour, Gallatin (2025)

### **Church Pension Fund, Standing Committee**

L. Jarod Pearson, St. Agnes', Cowan (2024)

Ken Vickers, Church of the Messiah, Pulaski (2024)

\*The Rev'd Bob Abstein, Nashville (2025)

\*The Rev'd Vicki Burgess, Nashville (2025)

### **Commission on Stewardship**

The Rev'd Rob Lamborn, chair, St. Mark & St. Paul, Sewanee (2024)

\*The Rev'd Vicki Burgess, Nashville (2024)

The Rev'd Michael Whitnah, St. Paul's, Murfreesboro (2024)

\*Catherine Beemer, St. George's, Nashville (2025)

\*Seawell Brandau, St. George's, Nashville (2025)

\*The Rev'd Robert Osborne, St. Joseph of Arimathea, Hendersonville (2025)

\*Mike Wesson, St. Paul's, Franklin (2025)

### **Constitution and Canons, Standing Committee**

The Rev'd Michael Blaess, Redeemer, Shelbyville (2024)

\*The Rev'd TJ Azar, St. Michael's, Cookeville (2024)

Joe Brown, chair, St. David's, Nashville (2025)

Anthony McFarland, St. James the Less, Madison (2025)

\*Thor Urness, Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville (2025)

\*The Rev'd Colin Ambrose, St. George's, Nashville (2026)

\*The Rev'd Brian McVey, Church of the Advent, Nashville (2026)

Gareth Aden, Ex-Officio, St. David's Church, Nashville

David Herbert, Ex-Officio, St. George's Church, Nashville

Wendy Longmire, Ex-Officio, St. George's Church, Nashville

Jim Weatherly, Ex-Officio, Good Shepherd, Brentwood

### **Continuing Work in the Diocese of Litoral**

George Kurz, St. Philip's Church, Nashville (2024)

\*Paul Whooley, Good Shepherd, Brentwood (2024)

### **Cursillo Commission**

Pat Woolard, Messiah, Pulaski (2024)

Jo Goldasich, St. Mary Magdalene, Fayetteville (2024)

The Rev'd Jo Ann Barker, (2025)

The Rev'd Dn. Betty Carpenter, St. Mark and St. Paul, Sewanee (2025)

The Rev'd Bill Dennler, Holy Trinity, Nashville (2025)

\*Don Clayton, Treasurer & Registrar, St. Paul's, Murfreesboro (2025)

Kris McCucker, St. Paul's, Murfreesboro (2025)

\*Anne Ridens, Good Shepherd, Brentwood (2025)

\*Mary-Clyde Sparks, Palanca Coordinator, Advent, Nashville (2025)

\*Lisa Walsh, St. Paul's, Murfreesboro (2025)

Michael Magnant, Communications, St. James the Less, Madison

David Rowe, Emeritus, St. Paul's, Murfreesboro

### **DuBose Conference Center Diocesan Representative**

Caroline Rossini, Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville (2024)

Libby Sullivan, St. Paul's, Franklin (2025)

### **Episcopal School of Nashville**

\*The Rev'd Canon Joseph B. (Jody) Howard, Diocese of Tennessee, Nashville (2024)

### **Evangelism and Congregational Development Commission/Small Church Alliance**

Jarod Pearson, St. Agnes', Cowan (2024)

Susan Shuster, Resurrection, Franklin (2024)

The Rev'd Jacob Bottom, Our Savior, Gallatin (2025)

The Rev'd Robert Osborne, St. Joseph of Arimathea (2025)

\*The Rev'd Cynthia Seifert, Epiphany, Lebanon (2025)

\*The Rev'd Canon Chad Jones, chair, Resurrection, Franklin (2026)

### **Finance and Property Committee**

Pete Stringer, chair, Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville (2024)

Gareth S. Aden, St. David's, Nashville (2024)

The Rev'd Carolyn Coleman, St. David's, Nashville (2024)

Paul Eggers, Good Shepherd, Brentwood (2024)

David Herbert, St. George's, Nashville (2024)

Calvin Lewis, St. George's, Nashville (2024)

Wendy Longmire, St. George's, Nashville (2024)

James Ramsey, St. George's, Nashville (2024)

Jim Weatherly, Good Shepherd, Nashville (2024)

### **Health Care/Hospitalization Committee**

The Rev'd Rusty McCown, chair, St. Paul's, Franklin (2024)

Gregg Conroy, Advent, Nashville (2024)

Alice Essary, St. George's, Nashville (2024)

Steve Thompson, St. Paul's, Franklin (2024)

### **The Beloved Community: Commission on Racial Reconciliation**

Dr. Billy Ballard, Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville (2024)

Blair Glenn, St. Mary Magdalene, Fayetteville (2024)

Pam Bradley Smith, Holy Trinity, Nashville (2024)

\*The Rev'd Rick Britton, Clergy Advisor (2025)

Nancy Cason, St. Bartholomew's, Nashville (2025)

\*Sally Carlson-Bancroft, Resurrection, Franklin (2025)

Dr. Bill Gittens, chair, St. Anselm's, Nashville (2025)

Kate Keese, St. Paul's, Franklin (2025)

Jean Larson, St. Paul's, Franklin (2025)

\*The Rev'd Monna Mayhall, St. Paul's, Franklin (2025)

Harold Nevels, St. Anselm's, Nashville (2025)

Johniene Thomas, St. Anselm's, Nashville (2025)

\*The Rev'd Richard Wineland, Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville (2025)

**Vocational Diaconate Committee**

The Ven. Roger Saterstrom, Archdeacon, Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville (2024)

The Rev'd Canon Jody Howard, Bishop's Liaison, Diocese of Tennessee, Nashville (2024)

The Rev'd Jacob Bottom, Our Saviour, Gallatin (2024)

Mendy Richards, St. Michael's, Cookeville (2024)

Susan Standbrook, Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville (2024)

\*The Rev'd Dn. Betty Carpenter, St. Mark & St. Paul and All Saints Chapel, Sewanee (2025)

\*The Rev'd Bill Dennler, Holy Trinity, Nashville (2025)

\*The Rev'd Dn. Suzie Johnston, Resurrection, Franklin (2025)

**Youth Steering Committee**

The Rev'd Brian McVey, Advent, Nashville (2024)

The Rev'd Molly Short, St. Andrew's-Sewanee School (2024)

\*Jeannie Babb, St. Mark & St. Paul, Sewanee (2024)

\*George Baldwin, Resurrection, Franklin (2024)

\*Christy Beesley, St. Augustine's, Nashville (2024)

\*Alison Bocking, Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville (2024)

\*Suzanne DiPiazza, St. David's, Nashville (2024)

\*Jamie Dougherty, Good Shepherd, Brentwood (2024)

\*Daniel Huff, St. George's, Nashville (2024)

\*Alysha Moroni, St. Bartholomew's, Nashville (2024)

\*Nic Parmer, St. Paul's, Franklin (2024)

## **Other Appointments**

*\*signifies a new appointment or reappointment*

### **Ecumenical Officer**

\*The Rev'd Michael Whitnah, St. Paul's, Murfreesboro (2024)

### **Assistant Ecumenical Officer**

\*The Rev'd Sarah Puryear, St. George's, Nashville (2024)

### **Intake Officer for Title IV**

The Rev'd Dr. Kristine Blaess, St. Paul's, Murfreesboro (2024)

### **Church Attorney for Title IV**

\*Jason Callen, St. George's, Nashville (2025)

### **Chaplains To Retired Clergy**

\*The Rev'd Roger Senechal, St. George's, Nashville (2025)

\*Diana Senechal, St. George's, Nashville (2025)

\*The Rev'd Canon Sandy Herrmann (2025)

\*Ginger Herrmann (2025)

### **Chaplain To Clergy Spouses**

\*The Rev'd Gene Manning, Nashville (2025)

### **Safe Church, Safe Community**

\*The Ven. Roger Saterstrom, Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville (2025)

### **Education for Ministry**

\*Jean Larson, St. Paul's, Franklin (2025)

### **Episcopal Relief & Development**

Paul Deepan, St. Paul's Church, Franklin (2024)

## BISHOP'S NOMINATIONS

### **Officers of the Diocese**

Secretary:	*The Rev'd Dr. Kristine Blaess, St. Paul's Church, Murfreesboro
Assistant Secretary:	*The Rev'd Canon Joseph B (Jody) Howard, The Diocese of Tennessee
Treasurer:	*W.A. (Pete) Stringer, Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville
Assistant Treasurer:	*James Ramsey, St. George's, Nashville
Chancellor:	*Jim Weatherly, Good Shepherd, Brentwood
Vice-Chancellor:	*Wendy Longmire, St. George's, Nashville
Chancellors Emeriti:	*David Herbert, St. George's, Nashville and *Gareth Aden, St. David's, Nashville
Parliamentarian:	*Jim Weatherly, Good Shepherd, Brentwood

### **Commission on Ministry**

Ed Arning, chair, St. Paul's, Murfreesboro (2024)  
The Rev'd Jacob Bottom, Our Saviour, Gallatin (2024)  
Gayle Happell, Good Shepherd, Brentwood (2024)  
The Ven. Roger Saterstrom, Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville (2024)  
\*Mendy Richards, St. Michael's, Cookeville (2025)  
\*The Rev'd Cynthia Seifert, Epiphany, Lebanon (2025)  
\*Scott Johnson, Resurrection, Franklin (2025)  
Scott Kammerer, St. Phillip's, Nashville (2026)  
Shelley Sircy, St. Joseph of Arimathea, Hendersonville (2026)  
The Rev'd Margery Kennelly, St. George's, Nashville (2026)  
The Rev'd Vicki Burgess, Nashville (2026)

### **Disciplinary Board**

Robyn Smith, chair, St. Ann's, Nashville (2025)  
\*The Rev'd Colin Ambrose, St. George's, Nashville (2024)  
\*Paul Babb, Good Shepherd, Brentwood (2024)  
Sam Bessey, Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville (2024)  
\*The Rev'd Vicki Burgess, Nashville (2024)  
The Rev'd Canon Dr. Fred Schmidt, Good Shepherd, Brentwood (2024)  
Pat Smith, Resurrection, Franklin (2024)  
The Rev'd Joe Davis, Grace Church, Spring Hill (2025)  
The Rev'd Dr. Amy Bentley Lamborn, Southeastern Tennessee Ministries (2025)

### **Episcopal Endowment Corporation**

Frank Puryear, St. George's, Nashville (2024)  
Trey Talley, Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville (2024)  
Miles Kirkland, St. George's, Nashville (2026)  
Pete Stringer, Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville (2026)

### **St. John's, Ashwood Board**

\*John W. Finney, President, St. Peter's, Columbia (2024)  
\*Lucia Vining, Vice President, St. Peter's, Columbia (2024)  
\*W. Louis Davis, Corporate Secretary, St. Peter's, Columbia (2024)  
\*Ralph G. Maddux, Treasurer, St. Peter's, Columbia (2024)  
\*Brian D. Holmes, Cemetery Committee Chair, St. Peter's, Columbia (2024)  
\*Gary Michael Redding, Grounds Committee Chair, St. Peter's, Columbia (2024)  
\*The Rev'd Chris Bowhay, St. Peter's, Columbia (2024)

- \*Andrew D. Crichton, Jr., First Presbyterian Church of Columbia (2024)
- \*Wilks Halliday, St. Peter's, Columbia (2024)
- \*Samuel Delk Kennedy III, St. Peter's, Columbia (2024)
- \*Gale Courtney Moore, St. Peter's, Columbia (2024)
- \*John Runkle, All Saints Chapel, Sewanee (2024)
- \*Robert G. Thompson III, St. Peter's, Columbia (2024)
- \*Blair Wilson, St. Peter's, Columbia (2024)
- \*Henry Clay Yeatman III, St. Mark & St. Paul, Sewanee (2024)

**St. John's Ashwood Honorary Board Members:**

- \*Grady O'Neil Clark, St. Peter's, Columbia (2024)
- \*Andrew Donelson Crichton, First Presbyterian Church of Columbia (2024)
- \*The Very Rev'd Robert A. Dedmon, St. Bede's, Manchester (2024)
- \*J. Dawson Frierson Gray, St. Peter's, Columbia (2024)
- \*John H. Henderson, St. Paul's, Franklin (2024)
- \*Dr. Robert G. Thompson, St. Peter's, Columbia (2024)
- \*Thomas M. Trabue, All Saints', University of the South (2024)
- \*Thomas C. Webster, St. Peter's, Columbia (2024)
- \*The Rev'd Thomas S. Wilson, St. Peter's, Columbia (2024)

**St. Mary's Sewanee Diocesan Representatives**

- Rob Barrick, Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville (2025)
- \*Morgan Merrill, Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville (2024)

**Trustees, The University of the South**

- Pete Stringer, Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville (2024)
- \*Ed Miller, Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville (2025)
- The Rev'd Rusty McCown, St. Paul's, Franklin (2026)

## SUMMARY OF NOMINATIONS

### Bishop and Council

- **To be elected by convocation caucuses:** four lay members for 2 year terms.
- **To be elected by the Northeast Missionary Convocation:** one clergy member for an unexpired term. The Rev'd TJ Azar has been elected by the Bishop & Council and is eligible for election by the Convocation to serve the remainder of the unexpired term.

**NEMC:** The Rev'd Dr. TJ Azar, St. Michael's, Cookeville (Clergy--unexpired term)

**NWMC:**

**SEMC:**

**SWMC:** George Bishop (Late nomination, see handout)

**To be elected by the convention:** two at-large lay members for 2 year terms.

Additionally, Convention must elect one clergy member to fill an unexpired term. The Rev'd Jacob Bottom has been elected by Bishop & Council and is eligible for election by the Convention to fulfill the remainder of the unexpired term.

*Clergy Nominee (unexpired term):*

- The Rev'd Jacob Bottom, Our Saviour, Gallatin

*Lay Nominees (full term):*

- Debra Maggart, St. Joseph of Arimathea, Hendersonville
- Lucy Hovious, St. David's, Nashville (Was nominee for NWMC originally)

### The Standing Committee

**To be elected:** One lay member and one clergy members for three-year terms

*Clergy Nominees:*

- The Rev'd David Barr, St. George's, Nashville

*Lay Nominees:*

- John Harvey, Grace Church, Spring Hill

### The Dandridge Trust Board

**To be elected:** One lay member and one clergy member for three-year terms

*Clergy Nominees:*

- The Rev'd Charlie McClain, St. Matthew's McMinnville

*Lay Nominees:*

- none at this time

**Deputies to the 81st General Convention**

**To be elected:** Four Lay Deputies who are Confirmed Communicants in Good Standing in this Diocese, and four Clerical Deputies who are canonically resident in this Diocese to serve at the 81st General Convention to be held in Louisville in 2024.

*Clergy Nominees:*

- The Rev'd Dr. Kristine Blaess, St. Paul's, Murfreesboro\*
- The Rev'd Chris Bowhay, St. Peter's, Columbia\*
- The Rev'd Canon Joseph B. (Jody) Howard, Canon to the Ordinary
- The Very Rev'd Timothy Kimbrough, Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville

*Lay Nominees:*

- Christy Beasley, St. Augustine's, Nashville
- Dr. William Gittens, St. Augustine's, Nashville
- Susan Huggins, St. David's, Nashville
- Scott Kammerer, St. Philip's, Nashville
- Pete Stringer, Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville\*
- James Weatherly, Good Shepherd, Brentwood

## BISHOP AND COUNCIL

### At Large Nominees

*Bishop & Council  
Clergy Member (at  
large)*

*Unexpired Term*



**The Rev'd Jacob Bottom**

The Church of Our Saviour, Gallatin

### **Biography**

I was born and raised in Lexington, KY and graduated from the University of Kentucky. I spent two years in Nicaragua, Central America as a Peace Corps volunteer and I joined the Episcopal Church several years after returning to the States. I met my wife, Gina, in Dallas, TX in late 2011 and we were married a year and a half later. Shortly after our wedding, we relocated to Wisconsin where I attended Nashotah House Theological Seminary, from which we now have a deep affection for the upper Midwest! After graduating, we spent a brief but memorable time in Denton, TX for my curacy and then moved to Gallatin, TN in late 2017. Since being in Tennessee, Gina has completed her Masters in Marriage and Family Therapy and is set to apply for her license. We serve the parish Church of Our Saviour and, Lord willing, will continue to deepen our roots in Gallatin, TN.

### **Question Responses**

- 1) **What is your theological understanding of the office for which you are a candidate?**

I believe that the Spirit of God indwells the Church and that the Spirit's gift of wisdom is often manifested through God's people in council. From the most universal councils of the Church navigating theological controversies to diocesan and parochial councils discussing the administration of resources and matters of business, wisdom generally comes in the experience of several people working together.
- 2) **How is your understanding of the mission of the church related to the office for which you are a candidate?**

I believe the mission of the Church is to both see the glory of God and manifest that glory to the world. Part of manifesting that glory is walking in wisdom; seeking wisdom and applying her to successful living so that God's glory is evident to others (See Solomon and the Queen of the South). 'This office is part of a whole that seeks to act wisely as a community so that God's glory becomes manifest through us to the world.

*Bishop & Council  
Lay Member (at  
large)*



**Debra Maggart**

St. Joseph of Arimathea, Hendersonville

Biography

I am a member of St. Joseph of Arimathea, Hendersonville and past member of St. Philip's. I am a member of the Daughters of the King, a chalice bearer, and have taught several Bible Study classes. I have served on the vestry, and as a member of the Dandridge Trust board, the Evangelism Commission, and as a delegate to Annual Convention.

I am the Senior Vice President of CivicPoint LLC, a government relations practice at the law firm of Frost Brown Todd LLC in Nashville. I am a former member of the Tennessee General Assembly representing the 45th district where I served as House Majority Caucus Chairman. I have owned small businesses, and I have a masters degree in Conflict Resolution from Lipscomb University. I am active with my sorority at WKU, currently serving as Treasurer of our Phi Mu House Corporation overseeing a house renovation and chapter room construction addition. I am past president of the Hendersonville Evening Rotary Club. I have one daughter and two fabulous grandchildren.

Question Responses

- 1) **What is your theological understanding of the office for which you are a candidate?**
- 2) **How is your understanding of the mission of the church related to the office for which you are a candidate?**

My theological understanding of this position is one of service to both our Bishop and the people of our Diocese. Serving on the Council is an opportunity to help strengthen our parishes so we can share our wonderful Church with others and continue to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ.

The Council assists the Bishop in managing our Diocese properly in order to empower our members and parishes to do the work God has given us to do.

## Bishop and Council Missionary Convocation Nominees

*Bishop & Council  
Lay Member (at  
large)*



**Lucy Hovious**  
**St. David's, Nashville**

### **Biography**

Lucy Lentz Hovious is a “cradle to grave” Episcopalian who grew up in Anniston, Ala, as a member of Grace Episcopal Church. Upon moving to Nashville in 1980, Lucy and her family joined St. David’s Church where she has been a member ever since. Lucy is currently Treasurer of the parish, an usher, a lay eucharistic minister, on the Safety Committee, and a member of the Church’s handbell choir.

Lucy received her MBA from Vanderbilt’s Owen School of Management. Her business background includes working over 17 years at Truist Bank eventually serving as Director of the call center managing 120 agents serving customers on a 24/7 basis. She then worked for The Housing Fund, a non-profit lending agency in Nashville established to assist low to moderate income families achieve home ownership.

Lucy and Allen have two children, Paul and Hayley, both of whom live in Nashville.

### **Question Responses**

- 1) **What is your theological understanding of the office for which you are a candidate?** I have been serving as the Treasurer of St. David’s for the past year. This ministry has helped me grow in the understanding of the operations of a parish to create and sustain a giving and loving community. It has also helped me to more fully understand the importance of being good and conscientious stewards of the gifts God has given us. In my role as a member of Bishop and Council, I will bring that knowledge and enthusiasm to the work of the diocese.
- 2) **How is your understanding of the mission of the church related to the office for which you are a candidate?** The mission of the Church is to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ. To me, this means learning to work together to create loving environments that nourish our internal families and invite others in to join us in our worship and Christian lives. Those who work to manage the business and administrative functions of the diocese have the responsibility to ensure we are a healthy, sustainable and growing institution.

*Bishop & Council  
Clergy Member  
(Northeastern  
Missionary  
Convocation)*

*Election to an  
unexpired term*



**The Rev'd Dr. TJ Azar**

St. Michael's, Cookeville

### Biography

I am pleased to be nominated to serve in the Bishop & Council. This body seems very similar to my former diocese's Executive Council, on which I served for a three-year term. My service in the Diocese of Lexington also included training leaders in evangelism throughout the diocese and mentoring a colleague. In addition to serving the needs of the Diocese of Tennessee, I very much look forward to getting to know my new colleagues.

### Question Responses

**1) What is your theological understanding of the office for which you are a candidate?**

Every institution of the church requires collaborative oversight. In all its meetings and dealings, even as it seeks to lead, decide, and manage the affairs of the church, the Bishop & Council should present as a microcosm of the Body of Christ: collegial in spirit, loving in deliberation, honest in service, and dedicated in servanthood.

**2) How is your understanding of the mission of the church related to the office for which you are a candidate?**

From its earliest days, the church has understood the need for the exercise of different gifts for ministry, and for the need for those serving in a gifted capacity to be supported by the work of others with different gifts. One example is the appointment of deacons in Acts 6, which enabled the Apostles to carry out the work appointed to them ("prayer and serving the word"). The administrative assistance the Bishop & Council provides enables necessary work to continue between the work of the conventions.

## STANDING COMMITTEE

*Standing  
Committee Clergy  
Member*



**The Rev'd Dr. David Barr**  
**St. George's, Nashville**

### Biography

The Rev'd Dr. David Barr has been on staff at St. George's, Nashville since the summer of 2019. David grew up in South Carolina and loves being outside. He has a BA in Theology and English from Covenant College, an MA in Theology and Ethics from the University of Virginia, and a PhD in Theology from the University of Toronto. His wife, Caroline, is a Physician Assistant in Neurology, and they have two children, William and Gigi.

### Question Responses

**1) What is your theological understanding of the office for which you are a candidate?**

I believe the Standing Committee exists to serve and council the Bishop in his episcopal vocation, but even more fundamentally, it shepherds and supports the parishes in the Diocese of Tennessee to fulfill their own missions and callings.

**2) How is your understanding of the mission of the church related to the office for which you are a candidate?**

The mission of the church is to carry forth the body of Christ, by his grace and through his Spirit, into the world in order that all might be reconciled to God and one another. The office of the Standing Committee supports this mission by ensuring that the various parishes and ministries of the Diocese of Tennessee are equipped to pursue this calling within their own contexts.

*Standing  
Committee Lay  
Member*

John Harvey  
Grace Church, Spring Hill

Biography

Question Responses

1) **What is your  
theological  
understanding  
of the office for  
which you are a  
candidate?**

2) **How is your  
understanding  
of the mission  
of the church  
related to  
the office for  
which you are a  
candidate?**

## DANDRIDGE TRUST BOARD

*Dandridge Trust  
Board Clergy  
Member*



**The Rev'd Charlie McClain**  
**St. Matthew's, McMinnville**

### **Biography**

Charlie McClain is a newly ordained priest of the Diocese of Tennessee. However, he is not new to Middle Tennessee having grown up, married, received an education, and now is raising a family here. In his previous working life, he learned about grant writing and non-profit storytelling with AmeriCorps in partnership with the South Cumberland Community Fund. He strongly believes in the need to connect the vast resources of the church to the pressing need of real folks here in Tennessee. He serves as the vicar of St. Matthew's Church in McMinnville, TN.

### Question Responses

- 1) What is your theological understanding of the office for which you are a candidate?**

The Dandridge Trust funds projects in the diocese which benefit those who the secular economy would pejoratively label as “non-producers.” Such folk have great value to God and gifts to share to build up the church. God's economy values such persons, and we ought to as well. This office provides a voice advocating for projects that aim to make resources available and more easily accessible.
- 2) How is your understanding of the mission of the church related to the office for which you are a candidate?**

According to the Book of Common Prayer, the church pursues its mission as it prays and worships, proclaims the Gospel, and promotes justice, peace, and love. The church is also entrusted with incredible resources. The work of the Dandridge Trust sees the abstract goals outlined in the catechism embodied in particular projects in a particular place. Our challenge is to connect the resources we have in store to the incarnate needs of the diocese.

## 81ST GENERAL CONVENTION DEPUTY NOMINEES

*Deputy to the  
81st General  
Convention*

*Clergy Deputy*



**The Rev'd Dr. Kristine Blaess**  
**St. Paul's, Murfreesboro**

### **Biography**

Ordained in 2002, the Rev'd Dr. Kristine Blaess has served as rector at St. Paul's, Murfreesboro since 2019. Prior to her call to St. Paul's, Kristine served at St. George's Church beginning in 2012. Kristine was a deputy to the 2018 and 2022 General Conventions. In the Diocese of Tennessee, Kristine has served as president of the Standing Committee, chaired the ECDC, served on the Diocesan Christian Formation Committee, served as Interim Priest-in-Charge at Church of the Resurrection, and led Mutual Ministry reviews and a small-church conference. Her doctoral work focused on discipleship and mission, developing leaders of the Church who can shape the renewal of parishes and the judicatory.

### **Question Responses**

**1) What is your theological understanding of the office for which you are a candidate?**

General Convention Deputies are elected by the diocesan convention and serve as members of the House of Deputies, one of the two houses that make up the General convention. Serving as a Deputy is an honor and privilege, as each Deputy is part of the deliberative process through which the General Convention seeks to both root itself in the historic and worldwide witness of the Apostolic Church, and to discern God's will and guidance for The Episcopal Church (TEC) in this particular time and place. Deputies must be discerning, listening closely for the guidance of the Holy Spirit through prayer, scripture, and engagement with the larger church; wise, making informed, principled, and faithful decisions; relational, seeking to embody the life and love of Christ within the relationships built at the General Convention; and passionate for the life and mission of the Church, seeking the best for TEC, its parishes, and the Christians it nurtures and forms.

- 2) How is your understanding of the mission of the church related to the office for which you are a candidate?**
- The church is on mission because it is the body of Christ. As Christ's body in the world, we are sent to do the work Christ began and will fulfill at the end of the age: to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor (Luke 4:18). The General Convention is the legislative body for The Episcopal Church, so shapes the witness of TEC to our world. Of particular importance during this time are questions about how the Church might witness to Christ through its liturgies, its witness about marriage, issues of justice and human rights, and its relationships within the worldwide Anglican Communion. But of primary importance is for TEC to continue to discover how it will grow in filling the Commission given by Jesus (Matthew 28:18-20), further forming its members as disciples of Jesus Christ who make disciples in the many and particular places they live their lives.

*Deputy to the  
81st General  
Convention*

*Clergy Deputy*



**The Rev'd Chris Bowhay**  
**St. Peter's, Columbia**

**Biography**

Chris Bowhay began to serve the parish family at St. Peter's, Columbia in 2015. Canonically resident in the Diocese since 2012, Chris has also served our Diocese on the Standing Committee, the Bishop and Council, and as alternate deputy to General Convention in 2015 and 2018 and Deputy in 2022. He, his wife Sally, and their dog Bear are tenants on a beautiful farm surrounded by livestock (Chris has occasionally been late to work because the sheep were being moved from one pasture to another) and they often get to visit with their adult daughter who lives in Nashville.

**Question Responses**

**1) What is your theological understanding of the office for which you are a candidate?**

“Think of us in this way, as servants of Christ and stewards of God’s mysteries (I Corinthians 4:1).” A deputy to General Convention is a steward of the trust given from the diocese he or she represents. This stewardship is expressed in material and spiritual ways: Materially, a deputy works to shape a prudent, approvable budget that serves the ministries and needs of local missionary outposts of all sizes within our denomination. Spiritually, a deputy works to establish and deepen the bond of affectionate charity among our rich diversity of missionary contexts that comprise our One Church. If I am called to serve the Diocese of Tennessee in this office, I pledge myself to be that kind of steward for God and for his people in our diocese.

**2) How is your understanding of the mission of the church related to the office for which you are a candidate?**

In 2012, among other decisions, the General Convention authorized the creation of a taskforce to reimagine The Episcopal Church for the future. While being mindful of our rich heritage and of the creative possibilities for the future, this taskforce’s charter was to find new ways that we might more faithfully:

- Proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
- Teach, baptize, and nurture new believers
- Respond to human need by loving service
- Seek to transform unjust structures of society
- Strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth.

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Ten years later, I still believe that deputies to General Convention must be wholeheartedly engaged in this vital work to transform an overly bureaucratic and occasionally wasteful national headquarters from its top-down hierarchical structure into a supportive resource for grass-roots endeavors at the local level. Disciples in local congregations, not national officers, are the ones who by grace attract and equip disciples in our Lord's Name and pursue the common good for the Church. The General Convention needs deputies who are committed to denominational structural reform, and not to the institutional status quo. If I am called to serve the Diocese of Tennessee as one of your deputies to General Convention, I pledge to work with other deputies from around the country to help our national leadership refocus on their primary call to serve our local chaplaincies, missions, and congregations.

*Deputy to the  
81st General  
Convention*

*Clergy Deputy*



**The Rev'd Canon Joseph B (Jody) Howard**  
**The Diocese of Tennessee**

**Biography**

Jody has served in the Diocese of Tennessee since his ordination in 2006. He has served at Trinity, Winchester (2006), St. Francis, Goodlettsville (2007), and St. Joseph of Arimathea, Hendersonville (2010) before accepting the call as Canon to the Ordinary in 2019. Jody has served and continues to serve in a number of roles and on several commissions in the diocese, including as an Examining Chaplain. He has been a clergy deputy at three General Conventions (2015, 2018, and 2022).

**Question Responses**

**1) What is your theological understanding of the office for which you are a candidate?**

The General Convention is the deliberative body of The Episcopal Church at a national level. It sets the priorities and shapes the mission of the Episcopal Church as a whole. While mostly advisory, the direction of General Convention can help or hinder local initiatives. Additionally, General Convention has a particular role when it comes to the worship of the Church and revision of the Book of Common Prayer, which is central to the life of every parish.

As an ordained person, I have vowed to take part in the councils of the Church; I believe General Convention to be a particular instance of such councils. I hope to bring my experience as a parish priest, and now as a Canon, as well as a previous clergy deputy to General Convention, and to contribute to the deliberations of that body in a way that positively impacts local mission.

**2) How is your understanding of the mission of the church related to the office for which you are a candidate?**

The work of General Convention is often advisory, except in specific areas of governance (e.g. liturgical and canonical changes). But while many of the resolutions that are past may not have ongoing impact beyond General Convention itself, they serve as a bellwether for the direction that the majority of The Episcopal Church is headed on issues or mission endeavors.

Resolutions can additionally have a moral force that solicits the attention of Episcopalians as a whole (as we have seen at our own Annual Convention, where General Convention resolutions have been cited and discussed). Having served as a deputy to General Convention, I see the mission of General Convention--beyond the necessary administrative work--to be about finding ways to support and enable dioceses, parishes, and other church related institutions to engage in ministry in their particular contexts.

*Deputy to the  
81st General  
Convention*

*Clergy Deputy*



**The Very Rev'd Timothy Kimbrough**  
**Christ Church Cathedral**

**Biography**

*Diocesan Experience (Diocese of Tennessee):* Board of Examining Chaplains, The Cathedral Chapter (vice-chair), Convention committee on Resolution (chair), Diaconal Training Program (lecturer).

*The Episcopal Church (TEC) church-wide Experience:* Deputy to General Convention (TN and NC), Delegate to Province IV (TN and NC), Joint Committee on the Philippine Covenant (member), TEC observer and Keynoter at the 6th General Synod of the Episcopal Church in the Philippines, Executive Council of the Episcopal Church (member), General Convention (GC) Committee on Liturgy and Worship (member), GC Committee on the Constitution (vice-chair), GC Committee on Constitution and Canons.

**Question Responses**

**1) What is your theological understanding of the office for which you are a candidate?**

If the General Convention serves as custodian of the common prayer of The Episcopal Church (BCP, 1979 and other supplemental worship materials), provides guidelines for the election of Bishops, states the collective wisdom of the Church at any given moment in time, and generally constitutes a meeting of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society for the renewal of the Church's mission, then the diocesan deputy must approach each meeting seeking the mind of Christ with humility and grace on behalf of the sending diocese. The conciliar life of the Church must coincide with her liturgical, ecumenical, and theological commitments, as well as the acts of mercy she would seek to perform.

**2) How is your understanding of the mission of the church related to the office for which you are a candidate?**

The church has Good News to announce: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. Everything we think, say, and do must be in service of this proclamation. The church in mission announces this Good News. The church in mission seeks to shape both disciple and society in service of the New Jerusalem. The church in mission seeks out the least, the lost, the lonely, and the forgotten recognizing them both as the friends of Jesus and as his very face. I believe that reconciliation comes not by common agreement but by the cross of Christ. By his suffering, his death, his resurrection, his forgiveness, we are healed; and in this healing we find the abundant everlasting life. If elected, I would seek, embrace, and hold to this mission while sitting in council at the General Convention.

*Deputy to the  
81st General  
Convention*

*Lay Deputy*



**Christy Beesley**  
**St. Augustine's Chapel, Nashville**

**Biography**

Christy Beesley is a native Nashvillian and a cradle Episcopalian, baptized at St. George's. Christy has worked full-time for over 20 years in Episcopal churches as the Director of Youth Ministry at St. George's, Nashville, Holy Innocents', Atlanta, Church of the Holy Communion, Memphis, and St. Augustine's Chapel, Nashville. She currently is the Director of Communications and Liturgical Logistics at St. Augustine's.

She has led the EDTN Youth Steering Committee, participated in the Beloved Community, helped coordinate the first Walk in Love, served on the DuBose board and on the Camp Gailor-Maxon Steering Committee, and will be hosting the national gathering of Diocesan Youth Ministers this fall. While representing Thistle Farms at General Convention in 2015 and 2018, she was able to spend time observing sessions in both the House of Deputies and House of Bishops.

**Question Responses**

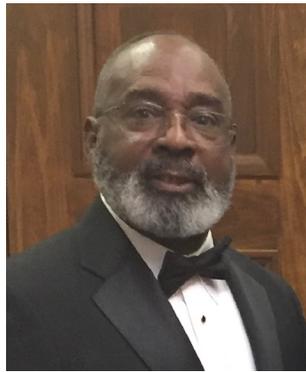
- 1) What is your theological understanding of the office for which you are a candidate?**

A Lay Deputy to the General Convention, the legislative body of the Episcopal Church, represents our diocese with voice and vote. Knowing that there are many different theological beliefs within our diocese and the Episcopal Church while we all still come to the Eucharistic table together, I will vote prayerfully, using my best understanding of how to live out our baptismal covenant to seek and serve Christ in all persons.
  
- 2) How is your understanding of the mission of the church related to the office for which you are a candidate?**

The BCP states the mission of the church is to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ. Just as our diocese has managed to find a way to work through differences and stay together, the General Convention is called to do the hard and meaningful work to make that happen in the national church.

*Deputy to the  
81st General  
Convention*

*Lay Deputy*



**William Gittens**  
**St. Anselm's, Nashville**

### **Biography**

I am a life-long Episcopalian. I was baptized at St. Martin's Episcopal Church and confirmed at St. Luke's Episcopal Church. Both churches are in New York City. I moved to Nashville to attend Tennessee State University where I earned a doctorate in higher education. I have held various faculty and administrative positions in higher education. I retired from Tennessee State University as Director of Career Development.

I am an active member of St. Anselm's Episcopal Church, Nashville. I have served two terms as Senior Warden and two terms as Junior Warden. I also served as delegate to Diocesan Convention 2017-18. I am a weekly volunteer at the Second Harvest Food Bank at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in North Nashville. I help sort and distribute food boxes to homeless families.

My ministry in the diocese includes serving as co-chair of the "Beloved Community: The Episcopal Diocese of Tennessee Commission on Racial Healing and Reconciliation." I am an original member of the Commission. I have made presentations at various congregations representing the work of the Commission including our antiracism workshops. I presented a verbal report on behalf of the Commission at Diocesan Convention in 2018-19. I have also attended and enjoyed the fellowship at the Annual Laymen's Conference at Dubose Conference Center.

I am honored to be nominated and will offer whatever my experience and the gifts of the Holy Spirit have given me to this appointment.

### **Question Responses**

- 1) What is your theological understanding of the office for which you are a candidate?**

As a delegate to the National Convention, I would be representing the diocese of Tennessee and voting on resolutions, etc. that pertain to the operations of the National Church and its regional components. I will be fostering relationships with regional and national leaders with a focus of promoting our antiracism activities and other diocesan accomplishments.
- 2) How is your understanding of the mission of the church related to the office for which you are a candidate?**

The mission of the church can be summed up in the four words of the diocesan vision: Open, Obedient, Responsive, Committed. The individuals serving on the Standing Committee must be open to the power of God and obedient to the commands of our savior Jesus Christ. Responsive to the world and a changing Tennessee. Committed to our life together as a Christian community. I will be representing the Diocese and will bring a unique perspective to the convention based upon my background as a person of color, educator, and an example of a committed person striving to put Christ's teachings into practice.

*Deputy to the  
81st General  
Convention*

*Lay Deputy*



**Susan Huggins**  
**St. David's, Nashville**

### **Biography**

Susan Allen Huggins is an eighth generation Nashvillian and Episcopalian who has worshiped her entire life in the Diocese of Tennessee. She has been a member of St. David's since 1991. Her professional background includes stints at Jack Daniel Distillery for 15 years, owner of a direct mail business for 24 years, and she is retired as the President and CEO of Cable, a 400+ membership organization whose mission is being "the Premier Leadership Organization for Women's Professional Advancement."

She has held leadership roles at St. David's, the Diocese of Tennessee, the Rotary Club of Nashville, the Nashville Sports Council, the International Women's Forum – Tennessee Chapter, St. Mary's Sewanee, St. Luke's Community House, Cable, YWCA, and many other nonprofit groups. She represented the Diocese of Tennessee as a Lay Deputy at the 2018 and 2022 General Conventions.

She and her husband, Bill, have been married since 1977. They have two grown children, Ruthie and Allen, son-in-law, Matt Lowney, daughter-in-law, Maggie Huggins, and grandchildren, Sophia, Emory, Charlotte, and Campbell.

### **Question Responses**

- 1) What is your theological understanding of the office for which you are a candidate?**

Having served as a Lay Deputy to General Convention in 2018 and 2022, I had the opportunity to be part of the decision-making process of the church at the national level. As deputy, I will vote my conscience, keeping in mind there are many different perspectives represented in our diocese and in The Episcopal Church as a whole.
- 2) How is your understanding of the mission of the church related to the office for which you are a candidate?**

The mission of the church is to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ. Under the leadership of Bishop Bauerschmidt, our diocese has learned to once again "agree to disagree" and stay in unity with one another. As a Lay Deputy to General Convention, I will have an opportunity to be a part of the decision-making process at the national level.

*Deputy to the  
81st General  
Convention*

*Lay Deputy*



**Scott Kammerer**  
**St. Philip's, Nashville**

**Biography**

Scott Kammerer is a member of St. Philip's, Nashville where he is completing a term as Senior Warden. He also serves on the Commission on Ministry and is an outgoing member of Bishop and Council. If elected, this would be Scott's fifth General Convention. At the most recent convention, he was a member of the Committee on Churchwide Leadership, which focused on employment issues impacting clergy and staff of the church. By day, Scott is an HR shared services center manager for a global manufacturing company. He lives in Mount Juliet with his wife Anna and their two teenagers (18 and 16).

**Question Responses**

**1) What is your theological understanding of the office for which you are a candidate?**

General Convention (GC), made up of the deputies (laity and clergy) and bishops, is responsible for responding to God's calling on us to set the priorities and direction of The Episcopal Church every three years. This includes making decisions on how we spend our budget, what staff positions get filled, and how we can assist dioceses and parishes who are living out the mission of the church "on the ground." GC also frequently speaks on behalf of the church to provide a witness on social and justice issues. The committee I served on in 2022 passed guidelines for paid family leave for Episcopal Church clergy and staff and also made staffing recommendations for positions in the national church office to address racial and gender equality. I look forward to continuing to participate in that work.

**2) How is your understanding of the mission of the church related to the office for which you are a candidate?**

The mission of the church – to be the Body of Christ and to bring people into a saving knowledge and love of Jesus – happens at the individual and parish level. Those parishes are supported by the various dioceses according to local needs and customs. At General Convention, we should be organizing ourselves to support those dioceses by providing resources, networking, training, administrative help, risk mitigation, and other services – enabling the dioceses to do their local ministries. GC needs to provide that support and not get in the way. Secondly, I believe it is appropriate for GC to speak in certain circumstances or issues on behalf of the church as a witness to God's love and concern for the world.

*Deputy to the  
81st General  
Convention*

*Lay Deputy*



**Pete Stringer**

**Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville**

**Biography**

Pete and his wife of 51 years, Bella, were married at Christ Church and have been communicants for 49 years. They have two adult daughters, Marie Yeagle and Elizabeth Ann Stringer, who were baptized, confirmed, and married at the Cathedral and are communicants of the parish. Pete has served six terms on the vestry and has served three times as senior warden and four times as junior warden. His parish activities include serving as verger, sacristan, lay reader, and finance committee member. At the diocesan level, Pete is the Treasurer of the Diocese and chair of the Finance and Property Committee. He has served as an ex officio member of Bishop and Council since 1990. Pete has served as a Lay Deputy to eight General Conventions. He has served on the General Convention Legislative on Stewardship and Socially Responsible Investing (formerly the Stewardship Committee) for seven conventions. In 1996, he was appointed to the board of directors of the Episcopal Endowment Corporation and has served as board president since 2001. Pete has been a member of the Board of Trustees of the University of the South since 2001 and the Board of Regents since 2019. Pete serves on the finance committees of Fifty Forward, Inc. (aka Senior Citizens, Inc.) and TennGreen Land Conservancy. He is Senior Vice President for Public Institutions and Nonprofits at First Horizon Bank.

**Question Responses**

- 1) **What is your theological understanding of the office for which you are a candidate?** To represent the Diocese of Tennessee as a deputy (not as a delegate) who is guided in his decisions by the Baptismal Covenant as stated on pages 304-305 in the Book of Common Prayer.
- 2) **How is your understanding of the mission of the church related to the office for which you are a candidate?** Through actions as a voting deputy, to sustain and support The Episcopal Church and to expand its membership and programs by bringing those who do not know Christ to the knowledge and love of Christ.

*Deputy to the  
81st General  
Convention*

*Lay Deputy*



**James Weatherly**  
**Church of the Good Shepherd, Brentwood**

**Biography**

My spiritual life in the Episcopal Church goes back to my youth in Memphis at Church of the Holy Communion. After moving to Nashville, my wife, Shelly, and I attended several parishes before finding our home at Church of the Good Shepherd in Brentwood. Since become a communicant at Good Shepherd, I have served several terms on the vestry and have served as Senior Warden. My service in the diocese has been as Church Attorney and most recently as Chancellor. I have served as a Lay Delegate to both the 79th and 80th General Conventions.

**Question Responses**

**1) What is your theological understanding of the office for which you are a candidate?**

A Lay Delegate is charged with responsibility of advocating for actions by the General Convention that positively affect our spiritual lives in the diocese and the parishes.

**2) How is your understanding of the mission of the church related to the office for which you are a candidate?**

The mission of the church at General Convention is to ensure that the spiritual lives of the members of our church are nurtured and that we as members of the church are supported in our commitment to bring the message of Christ to our world.

**RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED BY THE DEADLINE PRIOR TO CONVENTION**

## **RESOLUTION TO RATIFY BUDGET DECISIONS OF THE BISHOP AND COUNCIL DURING 2022**

January 8, 2022

- Bishop and Council approved the 2022 Operating Budget.
- Bishop and Council approved access of up to \$120,000 for Church of the Good Shepherd to draw through February 2023 to assist in projected budget shortfall.

August 27, 2022

- Bishop and Council authorized granting roughly \$70,000 to DuBose Conference Center to satisfy a maturing Pinnacle loan subject to repayment under the terms of the Amended Charter of the DuBose Conference Center.
- Bishop and Council approved reimbursing Camp Gailor Maxon fees to families, as summer camp was cancelled.

December 10, 2022

- Bishop and Council approved lending roughly \$103,000 to DuBose Conference Center to allow them the ability to pay off a maturing loan to Pinnacle Bank.
- Bishop and Council approved a lease renewal to the current tenant at Diocesan House, at a 7.5% rental increase.

## **RESOLUTION TO RATIFY REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS RELATED TO CANON 10**

January 8, 2022

- Bishop and Council approved the transfer of title of property located at 700 Poplar Avenue in Memphis, 38105 to the Episcopal Diocese of West Tennessee. A portion of this parcel remained titled in the name of The Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Tennessee, and should be placed in the name of The Episcopal Diocese of West Tennessee.

## **LATE RESOLUTIONS & LATE NOMINATIONS**

## LIST OF LATE RESOLUTIONS

*The following table is included for Delegates to make notes regarding late resolutions that may be submitted after the publication of this brochure.*

<b>General or Canonical</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Proposed by</b>
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## LIST OF LATE NOMINATIONS

*The following table is included for Delegates to make notes regarding late nominations that may be submitted after the publication of this brochure.*

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Congregation</b>
Clergy Deputy	Vicki Burgess	N/A, Diocese of Tennessee
Lay Member of Bishop and Council, elected by Convocation.	George Bishop	St. Paul's, Franklin

## FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS

## RECOMMENDED DRAFT BUDGET WORKSHEET FOR 2023

### Episcopal Diocese of Tennessee, 2023 Budget Worksheet

#### Revenue

	Operating Budget, 2022	Approved Operating Budget, 2023
Fair Share Commitments	\$1,576,020	\$1,596,374
Faithful and Focused Contributions	\$110,000	\$110,000
Investment Income, General	\$204,649	\$172,000
Investment Income, Robinson, Bishop	\$133,354	\$126,000
STEM Churches	\$48,000	\$52,000
Contributions, Restricted		\$46,880
Fees, Diocesan Convention	\$12,500	\$10,000
Lease Income	\$17,025	\$18,322
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$2,101,548</b>	<b>\$2,131,576</b>

Fair Share Commitments remain the primary source of income for the diocese. The 'Ask' of congregations is equal to 10% of their operating income, calculated on a three year average. Reflected here is the total commitment of each congregation.

Funds held at the Episcopal Endowment Corporation (EEC) generate quarterly distributions, which is represented in the investment income lines. Distributions are calculated at 4% of a 3 year rolling average of year end investment values.

STEM churches contribute 40% of their projected annual income each year.

2023 restricted contributions are designated for STEM expenses, as well as seminarian assistance.

Lease income represents rent from the cottage located on the property at the Diocesan House. This income is transferred to the EEC annually.

#### Expenses

	Operating Budget, 2022	Approved Operating Budget, 2023
<b>Compensation and Benefits-Diocesan Staff</b>		
Stipend, Episcopate	\$76,736	\$85,298
SS Allowance, Episcopate	\$13,100	\$13,755
Housing, Episcopate	\$94,500	\$94,500
Auto, Episcopate	\$5,000	\$5,000
Pension, Episcopate	\$33,180	\$34,840
Health Benefits, Episcopate	\$34,036	\$35,721
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$256,552</b>	<b>\$269,114</b>
Stipend, Canon to the Ordinary	\$62,176	\$59,384
SS Allowance, Canon to the Ordinary	\$7,970	\$8,368
Housing, Canon to the Ordinary	\$42,000	\$50,000
Auto, Canon to the Ordinary	\$3,000	\$3,000
Pension, Canon to the Ordinary	\$20,187	\$21,195
Health Benefits, Canon to the Ordinary	\$37,469	\$38,940
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$172,802</b>	<b>\$180,887</b>
Stipend and Pension, Canon for Ministry	\$16,474	\$17,298
Housing, Archdeacon	\$13,357	\$14,025
Salary and taxes, G&A	\$175,205	\$179,732
Pension, G&A	\$14,648	\$15,027
Health Benefits, G&A	\$60,216	\$61,690
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$279,900</b>	<b>\$287,772</b>

The above figures include compensation for the Bishop, Canon to the Ordinary, Finance Administrator, Diocesan Administrator and Administrative Assistant. Canon for Ministry and Archdeacon are also shown above.

A 5% cost of living adjustment is reflected in the above figures. National diocesan average is 5.2%.

	Operating Budget, 2022	Approved Operating Budget, 2023
<b>Outreach Expenses</b>		
Overseas Evangelism	\$13,160	\$12,750
National Church Pledge	\$285,817	\$273,000
MCMM Bookkeeper	\$6,500	\$6,000
St. Luke's Community House	\$90,000	\$80,000
Beloved Community	\$11,125	\$13,448
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$406,602</b>	<b>\$385,198</b>

Overseas Evangelism and Mid Cumberland Mountain Ministry (MCMM) are diocesan outreach programs. MCMM is no longer lending low interest housing loans, but does employ a bookkeeper for outstanding loans. The other line items reflect outreach entities related to the diocese.

It is important to recognize the Dandridge Trust as a part of diocesan outreach. In 2023 The Dandridge Trust will provide \$94,500 of outreach support. These figures are not recorded as part of the diocesan operating budget.

The National Church Pledge shown is 15% of the 2021 diocesan income, after deducting a \$200,000 exemption.

	Operating Budget, 2022	Approved Operating Budget, 2023
<b>Missions Council</b>		
Church of the Holy Cross, Nashville	\$45,000	\$40,500
St. Anselm's, Nashville	\$25,000	\$25,000
St. James', Dickson	\$7,200	\$8,000
St. James', Sewanee	\$12,000	\$12,000
St. Matthew's, McMinnville	\$17,830	\$34,595
Church of the Epiphany, Lebanon	\$46,140	\$40,500
Church of the Holy Spirit, Nashville	\$18,902	\$21,288
STEM and All Saints' Expenses	\$238,618	\$284,593
Small Church Alliance	\$3,000	\$3,000
Miscellaneous Mission Expenses	\$14,539	\$17,109
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$428,229</b>	<b>\$486,585</b>

St. Matthew's, McMinnville, support is to help underwrite the compensation for the full time Vicar. Church of the Holy Spirit expenses are to assist with the health benefits for the Priest-In-Charge. STEM expenses include salary and benefits for a full time vicar, two part time curates, clerical support and supply priests for STEM churches. All Saints' expenses reflect the cost of a part time vicar and a part time assistant priest.

	Operating Budget, 2022	Approved Operating Budget, 2023
<b>Education Council</b>		
Christ Church Chorister Festival	\$3,500	\$4,500
Education for Ministry	\$1,750	\$1,750
Higher Education, St. Augustine's	\$66,000	\$66,000
Higher Education, Nashville HBCUs	\$25,000	\$25,000
Stewardship	\$3,500	\$3,800
Youth	\$27,000	\$25,750
St. Andrew's, Sewanee	\$4,000	\$4,000
University of the South	\$4,000	\$4,000
Episcopal School of Nashville	\$16,500	\$16,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$151,250</b>	<b>\$151,300</b>

Higher Education line items include support for college campus ministry for St. Augustine's, as well as at Historically Black Colleges and Universities, to include: Fisk, Meharry, and Tennessee State University, all in Nashville.

Youth support includes funds for youth programming for diocesan youth.

	Operating Budget, 2022	Approved Operating Budget, 2023
<b>Ministry/Service Council</b>		
Aid to Seminarians	\$5,250	\$40,880
Chaplain, retired clergy	\$2,520	\$2,520
Clergy Assistance	\$2,000	\$2,000
Clergy Colloquium	\$18,000	\$18,000
Clericus	\$1,000	\$1,000
Clergy spouse support	\$4,000	\$5,000
Daughters of the King	\$1,500	\$2,000
New Clergy Placement	\$21,622	\$18,000
Curacy Program	\$27,040	\$23,000
Ecumenical Officer	\$1,750	\$1,750
Ministry, Leadership, and Mission	\$1,000	\$1,000
Ministry Review	\$1,000	\$1,000
Vocational Diaconate	\$3,200	\$9,650
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$89,882</b>	<b>\$125,800</b>

Aid to seminarians includes scholarships and fees for the GOE exam. New Clergy Placement provides part of a compensation package for newly ordained clergy in the diocese. MLM provides formation for clergy in transition. The Vocational Diaconate line items reflects programming expenses for Deacon School and conference fees for the Archdeacon.

	Operating Budget, 2022	Approved Operating Budget, 2023
<b>Church Government Expenses</b>		
Chancellor	\$2,000	\$500
Diocesan Convention	\$13,000	\$11,000
Ecumenical and Interreligious Dialogue	\$300	\$300
Deputies, General Convention	\$40,000	
Provincial Synod	\$4,000	\$2,000
Lambeth Conference	\$10,000	
Province IV Assessment	\$5,000	\$2,292
Cathedral Chapter	\$1,000	\$500
	<b>\$75,300</b>	<b>\$16,592</b>

	Operating Budget, 2022	Approved Operating Budget, 2023
<b>Administrative Expenses</b>		
Bank charges and investment fees	\$11,000	\$9,000
Building repairs and maintenance	\$35,000	\$27,809
Development, printing and postage	\$15,000	\$9,000
Dues and subscriptions	\$14,500	\$14,500
Equipment rental, repair and maint.	\$30,000	\$28,000
Insurance, property and liability	\$27,462	\$25,800
Postage and shipping	\$3,500	\$3,750
Printing, Communications	\$3,000	\$5,000
Professional accounting fees/auditor	\$44,000	\$48,000
Property taxes	\$1,569	\$1,569
Supplies, G&A, Bishop and Canon	\$6,000	\$7,500
Telephone, G&A, Bishop and Canon	\$4,500	\$3,900
Training, Continuing Education	\$7,000	\$7,500
Travel, mileage, G&A	\$2,500	\$3,000
Travel, Episcopate	\$15,000	\$13,000
Travel, Canon Howard	\$5,000	\$4,000
Utilities	\$16,000	\$17,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$241,031</b>	<b>\$228,328</b>
<p>Administrative expenses including continuing education, travel, for the Bishop, Canon Howard and diocesan staff. The printing of Faithful and Focused material is also included in the above. Professional fees and services are for audit preparation by Cherry Bekhart and Associates, and contracted accounting services with Crosslin. All costs associated with the maintenance of the property and building at Diocesan House is also included.</p>		
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$2,101,548</b>	<b>\$2,131,576</b>
<b>Total Revenue over (under ) expenses</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

## FAIR SHARE COMMITMENTS FOR 2023

	2023 Ask	2023 Com	
Alto, Christ Church	0	0	
Antioch, St. Mark's	11,070	1,200	
Brentwood, Church of the Good Shepherd	68,436	30,000	
Clarksville, Grace Chapel	1,149	1,149	
Clarksville, Trinity Parish	38,842	35,205	
Columbia, St. Peter's	45,946	30,000	
Cookeville, St. Michael's	21,496	21,496	
Cowan, St. Agnes'	2,210	1,105	*Add'l \$200 to other ministries
Cumberland Furnace, Calvary	2,048	2,100	
Dickson, St. James'	3,575	3,200	
Fayetteville, Church of St. Mary Magdalene	11,250	7,458	
Franklin, Church of the Resurrection	50,929	37,000	
Franklin, St. Paul's	101,108	101,108	
Gallatin, Church of Our Saviour	14,331	14,331	
Hendersonville, Church of St. Joseph of Arimathea	19,940	17,946	
Lebanon, Church of the Epiphany	10,090	10,090	
Madison, Church of St. James the Less	18,737	16,000	
Manchester, St. Bede's	4,689	400	
McMinnville, St. Matthew's	13,682	12,314	*Add'l \$1368 to other ministries
Monteagle, Church of the Holy Comforter	0	0	
Murfreesboro, Church of the Holy Cross	7,527	7,527	
Murfreesboro, St. Paul's	101,385	101,385	
Nashville, Christ Church Cathedral	294,587	294,587	
Nashville, Church of the Advent	33,699	33,699	
Nashville, Church of the Holy Spirit	22,269	6,000	
Nashville, Church of the Holy Trinity	13,510	3,600	
Nashville, St. Ann's	33,452	22,000	
Nashville, St. Anselm's	8,888	8,888	
Nashville, St. Augustine's	66,899	66,899	
Nashville, St. Bartholomew's	148,959	140,793	
Nashville, St. David's	39,978	34,200	
Nashville, St. George's	424,267	424,267	
Nashville, St. Philip's	28,921	10,000	
New Johnsonville, St. Andrew's	978	978	
Pulaski, Church of the Messiah	11,224	7,000	
Sewanee, The Episcopal Parish of St. Mark and St. F	43,687	43,687	
Sewanee, St. James'	6,982	6,982	
Shelbyville, Church of the Redeemer	13,205	13,205	
Sherwood, Church of the Epiphany	1,859	1,859	
Smyrna, All Saints'	7,435	7,440	
Spring Hill, Grace Church	10,287	1,200	
Springfield, St. Luke's	4,611	4,611	
Tracy City, Christ Church	4,229	4,229	
Tullahoma, St. Barnabas'	25,574	3,000	
Winchester, Trinity	6,236	6,236	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>1,800,177</b>	<b>1,596,374</b>	

## **THE EPISCOPAL ENDOWMENT CORPORATION**

The Episcopal Endowment Corporation was created by a gift from Mrs. Delia Baxter Robinson of Nashville upon her death on June 15, 1932. She was the wife of Augustus Hammond Robinson who was born on May 23, 1844 and died in 1919. The bequest from Mrs. Robinson is a permanently restricted gift and its legal title is “The Augustus Hammond Robinson Memorial Episcopate Endowment Fund.” For some eighty years, this fund has supported the Episcopate. Moreover, it paved the way for the Dioceses of Tennessee and East Tennessee as well as many congregations to invest and hold long term funds.

The EEC ended 2021 with a market value of \$56.2 million. The Fund’s performance continues to be a most attractive long term investment vehicle for both dioceses and their individual congregations.

The 2021 Audit of the EEC can be found here: <https://edtn.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Episcopal-Endowment-Corporation-12-31-2021-Audit-FS.pdf>

**REPORTS TO THE 191<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE DIOCESE OF TENNESSEE**

## THE BISHOP'S REPORT

The Rt. Rev. John C. Bauerschmidt,  
*11th Bishop of Tennessee*

### Congregations Visited:

<b>January</b>	2	Epiphany, Sherwood	<b>February</b>	6	Holy Spirit, Nashville
	9	Christ Church, Tracy City		13	St. Matthew's, McMinnville
	16	Holy Trinity, Nashville		20	St. Augustine's, Nashville
	23	Epiphany, Lebanon		27	St. Luke's, Springfield
	30	Grace Church, Spring Hill			
<b>March</b>	6	St. Mary Magdalene, Fayetteville	<b>April</b>	3	St. Bartholomew's, Nashville
	13	St. Andrew's, New Johnsonville		10	St. Bede's, Manchester
	25	Episcopal School of Nashville			
	27	St. Philip's, Nashville			
	30	St. Andrew's-Sewanee School			
<b>May</b>	1	St. Paul's, Murfreesboro	<b>June</b>	5	St. Peter's, Columbia
	8	Good Shepherd, Brentwood		12	Trinity, Clarksville
	15	St. George's, Nashville		19	St. Paul's, Murfreesboro
	22	Resurrection, Franklin		26	Redeemer, Shelbyville
	29	St. Mark & St. Paul, Sewanee			
<b>July</b>	3	Grace Chapel-Rossvie, Clarksville	<b>August</b>	14	St. James, Sewanee
				21	Laymen's Conference
				28	Calvary, Cumberland Furnace & St. James, Dickson
<b>September</b>	4	St. Joseph of Arimathea, Hendersonville	<b>October</b>	2	St. Michael's, Cookeville
	11	St. James the Less, Madison		9	St. Agnes', Cowan
	18	Holy Cross, Murfreesboro		16	St. Anselm's, Nashville
	25	St. Ann's, Nashville		23	Messiah, Pulaski
				30	Our Saviour, Gallatin
<b>November</b>	6	All Saints', Smyrna	<b>December</b>	4	Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville
	13	Trinity, Winchester		11	St. David's, Nashville
	20	St. Barnabas', Tullahoma		18	St. Mark's, Antioch
	27	Advent, Nashville			

**Number of those Baptized:** 8  
**Number of those Received:** 15  
**Number of Eucharistic  
Minister licenses issued:** 12

**Number of those Confirmed:** 154  
**Number of those Reaffirmed:** 19  
**Number of Eucharistic Visitor  
licenses issued:** 5

**Admitted as Postulants for the Vocational  
Diaconate:**

Laura Lowndes  
Kathy Pack

**Admitted as Postulant for the Priesthood:**

Zach Berry  
Brad Daugherty  
Heather Daugherty  
Funmi Odidi

**Admitted as Candidates for the Vocational  
Diaconate:**

Mark Hunter  
Mary McCarthy  
Brooks Smith

**Admitted as Candidates for Priesthood:**

Charles McClain  
David Nichols  
Justin Taliaferro

**Ordained to the Vocational Diaconate: 0**

**Ordained to the Transitional Diaconate: 2**

**Ordained to the Priesthood: 2**

**Clergy Changes by Death:**

Linda Arzelia Hutton  
John Kuenneth  
Alithea Dolores Nicholson  
Thomas S. Wilson

**Actions of Canonical Consent:**

- On January 10, 2022, Bishop John C. Bauerschmidt gave his canonical consent for the Election of Juan Carlos Quinonez, Diocese of Central Ecuador.
- On January 21, 2022, Bishop John C. Bauerschmidt gave his canonical consent for the Election of Brian K. Burgess, Diocese of Springfield.
- On February 11, 2022, Bishop John C. Bauerschmidt gave his canonical consent for the Election of Prince G. Singh, Dioceses of Eastern and Western Michigan.
- On March 23, 2022, Bishop John C. Bauerschmidt gave his canonical consent for the Resignation of Francisco Duque, Bishop of Columbia.
- On April 22, 2022, Bishop John C. Bauerschmidt gave his canonical consent for the Election of Douglas Scharf, Diocese of Southwest Florida.
- On May 25, 2022, Bishop John C. Bauerschmidt gave his canonical consent for the Election of Phyllis Spiegel, Diocese of Utah.
- On June 1, 2022, Bishop John C. Bauerschmidt gave his canonical consent for the Election of Shannon Rogers Duckworth, Diocese of Louisiana.
- On June 29, 2022, Bishop John C. Bauerschmidt gave his canonical consent for the Election of E. Mark Stevenson, Diocese of Virginia.

- On August 29, 2022, Bishop John C. Bauerschmidt gave his canonical consent for the Resignation of Morris K. Thompson, Jr., Diocese of Louisiana.
- On September 12, 2022, Bishop John C. Bauerschmidt gave his canonical consent for the Resignation of Dabney T. Smith, Diocese of Southwest Florida.
- On September 15, 2022, Bishop John C. Bauerschmidt gave his canonical consent for the Resignation of Scott B. Hayashi, Diocese of Utah.
- On October 3, 2022, Bishop John C. Bauerschmidt gave his canonical consent for the Resignation of W. Michie Klusmeyer, Diocese of West Virginia.
- On October 4, 2022, Bishop John C. Bauerschmidt gave his canonical consent for the Resignation of Gregory H. Rickel, Diocese of Olympia.
- On October 11, 2022, Bishop John C. Bauerschmidt gave his canonical consent for the Election of Elias Garcia Cardenas, Diocese of Columbia.
- On December 13, 2022, Bishop John C. Bauerschmidt gave his canonical consent for the Resignation of Anne Hodges-Copple, Diocese of North Carolina.
- On December 14, 2022, Bishop John C. Bauerschmidt gave his canonical consent for the Resignation of Susan Goff, Diocese of Virginia.
- On December 19, 2022, Bishop John C. Bauerschmidt gave his canonical consent for the Election of Matthew Foster Heyd, Diocese of New York.

## **THE CATHEDRAL CHAPTER REPORT**

On Saturday, June 4, 2022, the Cathedral hosted the Diocesan ordinations of Charles McClain and David Nichols to the diaconate.

Once an annual event hosted by the Cathedral Chapter, the Blessing of Liturgical Ministries was paused again for 2022.

The Cathedral Chapter has followed with interest the work of the Isaac Project at Christ Church Cathedral. Ken Vickers represents the Chapter on the steering committee for the current phase (Phase 2) of the Isaac Project.

In recent years, the Cathedral Chapter initiated a visiting priest exchange, through which a priest from the diocese would be invited by the Chapter to preach at the Cathedral, and the Cathedral would send a priest to the preacher's congregation to cover the vacancy. The Rev. Chad Jones has accepted an invitation to participate in the Cathedral Chapter's Visiting Preacher program. He will preach at the Cathedral on Epiphany Last.

## THE COMMISSION ON MINISTRY REPORT

The Commission on Ministry “shall advise and assist the Bishop” in the implementation of the Canons of the Church concerning Ministry, “in the determination of present and future opportunities and needs for the ministry of all baptized persons,” and “in the design and oversight of the ongoing process for recruitment, discernment, formation for ministry, and assessment of readiness thereof” (Constitution and Canon of the Episcopal Church).

The members of the 2022 COM were:

- Ed Arning, Chairman - St. Paul's, Murfreesboro
- The Rev'd Jacob Bottom - Our Savior, Gallatin
- Gayle Happell - Good Shepherd, Brentwood
- Scott Johnson - Church of the Resurrection, Franklin
- Scott Kammerer - St. Philip's, Nashville
- The Rev'd Margery Kennelly - St. George's, Nashville
- Dr. Mendy Richards - St. Michael's, Cookeville
- The Venerable Roger Saterstrom - Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville
- The Rev'd Cynthia Seifert - Church of the Epiphany, Lebanon
- Shelley Sircy - St. Joseph of Arimathea, Hendersonville

The Rev. Sammy Wood departed the Commission in February as he accepted a call to The Church of Saint Mary the Virgin in New York City.

In 2022, we had Charlie McClain, David Nichols, Justin Taliaferro and Greg Voiles all continuing on the priesthood track. McClain was ordained on December 5th and is serving as the vicar at St. Matthew's in McMinnville. Nichols was ordained on December 13th and serves at St. Michael's in Raleigh, NC.

Mark Hunter, Mary McCarthy, Brooks Smith and Rebecca Terhune all continued on the vocational deacon track. Terhune was ordained on October 22nd in the Episcopal Diocese of Milwaukee.

And, we have additional nominees who are either in their post-Vocational Discernment Committee interview stage or in the early stages of the Vocational Discernment Committee process.

As the Commission moves into 2023, it hopes the clergy and lay people of the Diocese will continue to raise up future leaders for the ministry of the Church.

Ed Arning  
2022 Chairman

## THE DANDRIDGE TRUST REPORT

The Dandridge Trust is a charitable arm of the Diocese of Tennessee serving several interests in Middle Tennessee. It was set up by a group of individuals with guidelines and bylaws to give a financial boost to organizations by awarding grants to help the poor and the elderly become more self-sufficient. Through the years, Dandridge has given seed money for new ideas to improve communities and helped stable groups reach out when new needs have presented themselves. Since its inception, the Dandridge Trust has given away over \$3 million.

The Dandridge Committee considered 33 applications for 2023 grants and suggested to the B&C that 27 grants be made. The Bishop & Council approved, and the 2023 Dandridge grants are listed below.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sam Bessey, Chair 2023

### **2023 Dandridge Grants**

Age Well Middle Tennessee	\$5,000.00
Barefoot Republic	\$3,500.00
Building Lives Foundation	\$3,000.00
Caregiver Relief	\$2,500.00
Church of the Holy Cross, Murfreesboro	\$2,000.00
Church of the Holy Trinity, Nashville	\$5,000.00
Community Helpers, Inc	\$4,000.00
Crossroads to Home	\$1,300.00
East Nashville Hope Exchange	\$3,000.00
Episcopal School of Nashville	\$5,000.00
Hope Clinic for Women	\$3,000.00
Insight Counseling Centers	\$2,500.00
Men of Valor	\$2,500.00
Music for Seniors	\$1,000.00
Nashville General Hospital Foundation	\$4,000.00
Dandridge Opportunity Fund	\$2,200.00
Senior Ride	\$5,000.00
Siloam Health	\$2,500.00
St. Ann's, Nashville	\$2,000.00
St. James, Dickson	\$2,500.00
St. Luke's Community House	\$7,500.00
St. Michael's, Cookeville	\$3,500.00
St. Paul's, Murfreesboro	\$8,000.00
Tennessee Innocence Project	\$7,500.00
The Nashville Food Project	\$2,000.00
The Next Door	\$1,000.00
We Remember You	\$3,500.00

## THE GENERAL CONVENTION DEPUTATION REPORT

The 80th General Convention of the Episcopal Church was held in Baltimore Maryland from July 8 - 11, 2022, having been delayed by one year because of the COVID19 Pandemic. The Convention was abbreviated when compared to prior Conventions, but the amount of work was nearly the same, despite efforts to trim legislation and to focus only on the most essential elements of the Church's work. Those deputies and bishops serving on legislative and other committees began their work months in advance on Zoom and through tools such as Microsoft Teams.

The Convention itself was marked by daily COVID testing and mandatory masking. The decision to shorten convention and to require various restrictions were taken not to prevent any COVID infections, but to cut short the replication cycle of the virus to prevent mass infection. On this front the Convention was a success. The work of the church went forward, and while it was a bit of a challenge, given the sheer amount of work, to fall into what has been the traditional rhythm of General Convention, our spirits were lifted by engaging in meaningful tasks with friends old and new.

The Diocese of Tennessee Deputation to the 80th General Convention was:

### Clergy Deputies

The Rev'd Dr. Kristine Blaess,  
*St. Paul's, Murfreesboro*  
The Rev'd Chris Bowhay,  
*St. Peter's, Columbia*  
The Rev'd Canon Jody Howard,  
*Canon to the Ordinary*  
The Very Rev'd Timothy Kimbrough,  
*Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville*

### Lay Deputies

Mrs. Susan Huggins,  
*St. David's, Nashville*  
Mr. Scott Kammerer,  
*St. Philip's, Nashville*  
Mr. Pete Stringer,  
*Christ Church, Cathedral, Nashville*  
Mr. Jim Weatherly,  
*Church of the Good Shepherd, Brentwood*

### Clergy Alternates

The Rev'd Kira Austin-Young,  
*St. Ann's, Nashville*

### Lay Alternates

Ms. Cathy Link,  
*Holy Trinity, Nashville*

With the year delay in Convention, and maintaining the triennial schedule so that the next General Convention will meet in 2024, your deputation has yet to complete its remaining task: to work through the resolutions referred by General Convention to dioceses and determine what Diocesan bodies to refer the resolutions to, or what other action to take. The deadline for this work is September 2023. Once completed, this deputation will have completed its work.

Having spent this time together, I know I am safe in speaking for your deputation in saying that we were all honored to be elected to serve the Diocese of Tennessee and the Episcopal Church in this way.

Respectfully Submitted,



The Rev'd Canon Joseph B. (Jody) Howard,  
*Deputation Chair*

## DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

The Order of the Daughters of the King® - DOK - is a religious order and community. Each woman who is called by God to be in the Order takes a lifetime vow to live by a discipline of daily prayer, service and evangelism. We pray for our parish, clergy and community and look for opportunities to serve.

Rather than raising funds, the Order is dependent on our annual dues and receives donations that go toward the ministries we serve. We are very thankful to receive a yearly donation from this Diocese and steward its resources.

We are looking forward to the coming year and are looking forward to gather for our Board meetings and our Diocesan Assemblies. We continue to reach each Daughter in this Diocese with a weekly devotion.

New members are more important than ever because they enrich our community and we continue to have chapters in study sessions to admit them into the Order. I am pleased to report our numbers have stayed strong and we have received confirmation of a new DOK Chapter in our Diocese for 2023. Our attendance at our assemblies has exceeded our expectations and we have scheduled two Assemblies for 2023.

We are happy to support our Diocese and are very thankful for our outstanding leadership.

For His Sake,  
Rita Sue Warner  
President, DOK Diocese of TN

## **BELOVED COMMUNITY: COMMISSION FOR RACIAL RECONCILIATION**

The Beloved Community Commission continued in 2022 to focus our efforts in two primary ways: formation and awareness building. We hosted a variety of events, organized in-person and virtual community building, and facilitated multiple educational opportunities. Our communications efforts have been more frequent, offering e-newsletters to 250+ subscribers every other week. We have facilitated virtual visits to parishes, connected the diocese to antiracism resources, facilitated book discussions and virtual gatherings, and met with clergy to discuss issues of racism.

We continue to be involved with NOAH - Nashville Organized for Action and Hope - and participate in events about local issues, such as the local Police Community Oversight Board, mass incarceration, the death penalty, and community organizing. We are fortunate that one of our members represents the commission at NOAH meetings regularly, and particularly this past year was active in NOAH'S Integrated Voter Engagement subcommittee.

Our efforts continue to be focused on providing space for people to deepen their understanding of how racism manifests in our society and impacts our existence as the Beloved Community, by:

- leading education and training opportunities
- strengthening connections with churches already involved in the work
- rapidly building a foundation to accommodate increased interest
- raising conscious awareness

### **Anti-Racism Training of the Diocese**

In March 2021, a sub-committee of the Beloved Community began meeting weekly virtually, directing its time and energy toward the Anti-Racism Training Curriculum for the Diocese. That sub-committee intensified its efforts after a resolution was passed at the 190th Annual Diocesan Convention providing for the Clergy of the Diocese, the Clergy licensed to officiate, Sr. Wardens, the Diocesan staff, the members of the Standing Committee, and the members of the Bishop and Council to be the first to undertake the training.

The commission sub-committee has continued to meet throughout 2022, developing the extensive printed curriculum for the Anti-Racism Training. With guidance and assistance from Bishop Bauerschmidt, Canon Jody Howard, as well as Sandra Beld the commission was able to implement the training in the Diocese, beginning in June 2022.

Here are some Anti-Racism Training statistics by the numbers for the year 2022:

- 7 trainings offered throughout the Diocese
- 6 locations of those 7 trainings – includes parishes and the Diocesan House
- 10 facilitators that the commission has currently
- 87 participants in the Diocese who have completed the one-day training
- 2 parishes who invited the commission to offer the training for their entire vestry and/or staff

Faithfully,

Dr. Bill Gittens (co-chair)

Rev'd Monna Mayhall (co-chair)

## **VOCATIONAL DIACONATE COMMITTEE**

The Vocational Diaconate Committee launched a two-year Deacon School for the formation of new Vocational Deacons within the Diocese of Tennessee. Five diaconal postulants are currently enrolled in the formation program. Classes convene monthly and students engage a variety of learning resources, including a wide range of video lectures, required readings, group discussions, and a range of learning methodologies.

Much of the curriculum has been made available by the Iona Collaborative, a collaboration of the Seminary of the Southwest in Austin, Texas, and over 30 dioceses of The Episcopal Church. The two-year formation program includes the following:

### **Semester I**

Old Testament: Biblical Chronology; Pentateuch; Prophets; Psalms and Wisdom Literature; Apocalyptic  
Worldview

Spiritual Development and Discipline: Spiritual Autobiography; Rule of Life; Daily Offices

The Book of Common Prayer, page-by-page

Constitution & Canons: Title III (Ministry) and Title IV (Ecclesiastical Discipline)

### **Semester II**

New Testament: Synoptic Gospels; John's Gospel; Acts of the Apostles

Paul and Pauline Letters

History and Theology of the Diaconate

Spiritual Development and Discipline

### **Semester III**

Church History: Early Church; Imperial Church; Medieval Church; Reformation; English Church

Rise of the Episcopal Church and Contemporary Issues

Systematic, Moral, Liturgical Theology

Deacons: Servanthood and Liturgy

### **Semester IV**

Human Awareness and Understanding

Congregational Relationships, Reconciliation, and Conflict Resolution

Pastoral Response

Homiletics

Liturgical Seasons, Vestments, Setting the Table, Altar Book, Gospel Book

Prevention of Sexual Misconduct: Safe Church, Safe Community Training

Beloved Community: Church's Teaching on Racism

Respectfully submitted,

The Ven. Roger Saterstrom, Chair



## 2022 - Celebrating the Past Year

Seven years ago, the Episcopal School of Nashville opened its doors determined to offer an educational opportunity to the children of Nashville unlike any other. Through innovative, individualized curriculum that meets students where they are and a foundation rooted in the Episcopal tradition, ESN is charting a singular path for the future of education in Nashville. As the only Episcopal school in the city, and an institution with a 5-to-1 student-to-teacher ratio, ESN is uniquely positioned to offer personalized, one-on-one attention to each of our students on an unparalleled level. Our location in East Nashville gives our students the opportunity to live and learn in the heart of one of our country's fastest-growing cities, while maintaining a tight-knit, community feel where all are welcome.

As an outgrowth of our Episcopal identity, we are a school rooted in inclusivity, compassion, and a dedication to ensuring that every child who walks through our doors is treated with love and respect. Our charge every day is to nurture the joy of learning and spirit of discovery in our students. We do not merely develop test-takers; rather, we shape the next generation of compassionate, well-rounded leaders who are confident, curious, creative, collaborative and can think critically.

The Episcopal School of Nashville was founded on the belief that we should provide an excellent independent school education to children who would not otherwise have access to one. We have proved our dedication to that mission, which we see as founded upon our Episcopal identity. Over 23% of our children come from families of color, and 38% of our families receive significant financial assistance. This is in addition to having a tuition that is in the bottom quartile of all independent and parochial schools in Nashville.

There is a lot of exciting news to report as Episcopal School has grown and flourished in the historic Ross Building on Ordway Place. ESN students learn in a classical schoolhouse that was built in 1907 in the heart of East Nashville and we recently completed our cafeteria renovation to turn it into a multipurpose "Commons" space fit for performances, assemblies, chapel, lunch and more!

Currently, Episcopal School of Nashville:

- Serves 156 students from 25 zip codes in grades Pre-Kindergarten through 8th grade and we will celebrate our very first graduating class this May - the Class of 2023!
- Represents 10 Episcopal congregations and offers chapel services two times a week for all students, as well as Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for our youngest students, and religion classes (Old Testament, New Testament, and World Religions) for our Middle School students.
- Provides almost \$550,000 in need-based financial aid to 38% of its students to allow for students of diverse socioeconomic backgrounds to come together and build community.
- Partners with several local community organizations, including East Nashville Hope Exchange, Cumberland River Compact, Mrs. Cheap's Penny Drive, Oasis Center, Civic Design Center, Second Harvest Food Bank, and the National Museum of African American Music.

To partner with and/or support Episcopal School of Nashville, please contact Karen Parrish, Director of Development and Communications at [karen.parrish@esnashville.org](mailto:karen.parrish@esnashville.org). For admissions inquiries, please contact LaTerra Davis, Director of Admissions at [laterra.davis@esnashville.org](mailto:laterra.davis@esnashville.org).



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### **Mission Statement**

The mission of St. Andrew's-Sewanee School is:

- to be an inclusive Christian community in which the Episcopal heritage is central;
- to provide superior preparation for college;
- to provide educational opportunities for those students for whom such experiences might not otherwise be available;
- to bring all members of the community to a richer spiritual, intellectual, social, physical, and aesthetic awareness, so that they might lead lives of honor and loving service to God and to others.

St. Andrew's-Sewanee School is one of the oldest Episcopal boarding schools in the U.S. We are proud inheritors of a legacy of 154 years of private college preparatory education in Sewanee. The school offers classes to students in grades 6-12 with boarding available to students in grades 8-12.

At St. Andrew's-Sewanee School we enjoy a rich Anglican heritage. Our historic understanding of faith encourages openness and respect for other religious traditions while the school community remains grounded in the history, tradition, and liturgy of the Episcopal Church. Students are encouraged to find their own process to a faith that will provide them with a deeper understanding of life and service.

St. Andrew's-Sewanee School prides itself on maintaining a geographically, racially, religiously, intellectually, and socio-economically diverse student body. We are committed to making our superb college preparatory program available to deserving students. This year 49% of our student population received need-based financial aid. A total of \$1.8M was awarded in 2022, providing assistance to students who would otherwise be unable to attend.

Through an agreement with the University of the South, outstanding juniors and seniors are able to take college courses at no additional cost. In recent years, 32% of the senior class has graduated with college credit. St. Andrew's-Sewanee School challenges students to fulfill their greatest potential while cultivating lives of balance and joy.

Upper school students are required to complete 15 hours of community service for each year (grades 9-12) that they attend St. Andrew's Sewanee School. From dish duty in the cafeteria, to work in a local food ministry, to just being mindful daily of the needs of others, our service is born of our sense of responsibility for the community we live in. When students know one another and their neighbors, it's hard not to lend a hand when one is needed.

### **2019-2020 Statistics for St. Andrew's-Sewanee School (August 2019 to May 2020)**

Enrollment for August 2019 was 241 students which included 60 boarding-students and 181 day-students. The 2019-2020 student body represents 13 states and 11 countries. Nineteen juniors and seniors are taking 24 college classes.

The 2020 graduating class consisted of fifty-two seniors. The fifty-two members of the graduating class of 2020 received 143 acceptances to different colleges and universities.

**2020-2021 Statistics for St. Andrew's-Sewanee School (August 2020 to May 2021) \*Collected on the 10th day of classes.** Enrollment for August was 213 students which included 51 boarding-students and 161 day-students. The 2020-2021 student body represents 13 states and 10 countries. We are ever grateful for the hard work of our faculty, staff, and students. Because of their dedication to our COVID-19 protocol we were able to conduct in-person classes from August 17, 2020 until November 11, 2020 with very few positive cases.

The 2021 graduating class consisted of 41 seniors. The 41 members of the graduating class of 2021 received 125 acceptances to different colleges and universities.

**2021-2022 Statistics for St. Andrew's-Sewanee School (August 2021 to May 2022) \*Collected on the 10th day of classes.** Enrollment for August was 236 students which included 72 boarding-students and 164 day-students. The 2021-

2022 student body represents 18 states and 13 countries. As ever we are grateful for the hard work of our faculty, staff, and students.

The 2022 graduating class consisted of 41 seniors. The 41 members of the graduating class of 2021 received 148 acceptances to different colleges and universities.

**2022-2023 Statistics for St. Andrew’s-Sewanee School (August 2021 to May 2022) \*Collected on the 10th day of classes.** Enrollment for August was 233 students which included 61 boarding-students and 172 day-students. The 2022-2023 student body represents 15 states and 11 countries. As ever we are grateful for the hard work of our faculty, staff, and students.

Enrollment – Grades 6-12					
Grade	FY 18-19	FY 19-20	FY 20-21	FY 21-22	FY 22-23
6th	20	27*	14*	25*	23*
7th	27	22*	26*	15*	28*
8th	26	30*	27*	27*	22*
9th	42	29*	35*	38*	41*
10th	43	45*	34*	45*	44*
11th	55	36*	43*	45*	36*
12th	37	52*	34*	41*	39*

Unique States and Countries Represented – Grades 6-12					
	FY 18-19	FY 19-20	FY 20-21	FY 21-22	FY 22-23
States represented	17	13*	13*	18*	15*
Countries represented	13	11*	10*	13*	11*
Total Unique States/Countries	30	24*	23*	31*	26*

Honor Roll – Grades 9-12					
Quarter	FY 18-19	FY 19-20	FY 20-21	FY 21-22	FY 22-23
Quarter 1	99	97	74	75	76
Quarter 2	85	91	84	83	Available Jan
Quarter 3	89	81	78	89	Available Mar
Quarter 4	86	100	79	80	Available Jun

Volunteer Hours – Grades 9-12					
	FY 18-19	FY 19-20	FY 20-21	FY 21-22	FY 22-23
Total Service Hours	3812.5	1358.5	***	562.5**	****
Number of students	177	159	146	163**	****
Average hrs. per student	21.54	8.45	***	3.33**	****

Graduation Statistics					
	FY 18-19	FY 19-20	FY 20-21	FY 21-22	FY 22-23
Total Seniors	37	52	34	41	39
Total number of different Colleges/Universities our seniors were accepted to	31	143	125	148	Not currently available

\*Represents data collected on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of classes

\*\*Represents data collected on November 30th

\*\*\*Student reporting not complete due to COVID

\*\*\*\*Data to be collected in May

**DUBOSE CONFERENCE CENTER**

While DuBose Conference Center has suspended operations, the Board has made sure that several longtime local employees continue to maintain the property while we determine a path forward for our beloved camp and conference center.

The University of the South is the only institute of higher education founded and governed by dioceses of the Episcopal Church. The bishops, clergy, and laity of more than two-dozen dioceses form the core of the University's Board of Trustees. These connections foster mutually beneficial relationships that make Sewanee a truly unique and special place.

*For more information or to view this report online, visit [episcopal.sewanee.edu](http://episcopal.sewanee.edu)*

## 2022-2023 SEWANEE ALMANAC

### College of Arts & Sciences:

- Total enrollment in the College: **1,735**
- Total aid awarded to College students from Constituent Dioceses: **\$41,311,493**
- Total number of Episcopal College students from all 27 Constituent Dioceses: **240**

### School of Theology:

- Enrollment in the seminary: **73**
- Percentage of full-time, residential seminarians receiving a scholarship or need-based aid: **95%**
- Dioceses represented by current seminary student body: **37**

## HOW YOUR DIOCESE SUPPORTS SEWANEE FINANCIALLY

*(Includes Sewanee Fund and capital project gifts for the fiscal year 7/1/2021 - 6/30/2022)*

- Diocesan support in FY22: **\$4,100**
- Support from parishes in the diocese: **\$14,750**
- Percentage of parishes in the diocese made a gift to Sewanee: **18%**

*Sewanee is committed to meeting our students' full financial need. Your support helps us meet this goal.*

## HOW YOUR DIOCESE ENGAGES WITH SEWANEE

- College students from the diocesan area: **224**
- Seminarians from the diocese: **0**
- School of Theology alumni currently serving in the diocese: **27**
- EfM groups in the diocese: **10**

## YOUR TRUSTEES

- The Rt. Rev. John Bauerschmidt, bishop
- The Rev. W.R. "Rusty" McCown (2024)
- H. E. Miller Jr. (2024)
- W. A. "Pete" Stringer (2024)

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**PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES PASSED ON FIRST READING AT THE 80TH GENERAL  
CONVENTION**

Explanation: In accordance with Canon I.1.1(e), which requires that all dioceses be notified whenever there are proposed changes to the Constitution of The Episcopal Church, or when revisions to the Book of Common Prayer are proposed, we now publish the proposed constitutional changes to inform the Diocese of Tennessee. These proposed amendments are to be shared at Diocesan Conventions.

## A031 - AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AND CANONS RELATING TO MERGERS OF DIOCESES

### Resolution Text

*Resolved, That the 80th General Convention amend Article V, Section 4 of the Constitution to read as follows:*

<Amended text as it would appear if adopted and concurred. Scroll below the line of asterisks (\*\*\*\*\*) to see the version showing all deleted and added text.>

Art.V

**Sec. 4.** Whenever a new Diocese is formed and erected out of an existing Diocese or out of two or more existing Dioceses or parts of them, the formation process of the newly formed Diocese, including the adoption of its Constitution and Canons, shall be as set forth in the Canons.

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<Proposed amended resolution text showing exact changes being made:>

*Resolved, That the 80th General Convention amend Article V, Section 4 of the Constitution to read as follows:*

Art.V

**Sec. 4.** Whenever a new Diocese is formed and erected out of an existing Diocese *or out of two or more existing Dioceses or parts of them*, it shall be subject to the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese out of which it was formed, ~~except as local circumstances may prevent, until the same be altered in accordance with such Constitution and Canons by the Convention of the new Diocese~~ *the formation process of the newly formed Diocese, including the adoption of its Constitution and Canons, shall be as set forth in the Canons.*

~~Whenever a Diocese is formed out of two or more existing Dioceses, it shall be subject to the Constitution and Canons of that one of the said existing Dioceses to which the greater number of Members of the Clergy shall have belonged prior to the erection of such new Diocese, except as local circumstances may prevent, until the same be altered in accordance with such Constitution and Canons by the Convention of the new Diocese.~~

And be it further

*Resolved, That Canon I.10 be amended to read as follows and voted on at the 81st General Convention:*

<Amended text as it would appear if adopted and concurred. Scroll below the line of asterisks (\*\*\*\*\*) to see the version showing all deleted and added text.>

Can.I.10

**Sec. 1.** Whenever a new Diocese is proposed to be formed within the limits of any Diocese, or by the junction of two or more Dioceses, or parts of two or more Dioceses, the Ecclesiastical Authorities and the Standing Committees of the Dioceses involved in the proposed new diocese shall submit for approval to the Conventions of each Diocese involved a joint agreement of union setting

forth their agreements, including the manner of determining the Bishop Diocesan and other Bishops (if any), the provisions of the Constitution and Canons of the new Diocese, and such other matters as may be necessary or proper. Upon approval by the Conventions of each of the involved Dioceses, the joint agreement of union shall be submitted for ratification by the General Convention no less than ninety days prior to the first legislative day of the next meeting of the General Convention.

**Sec. 2.** Promptly after ratification by the General Convention, the Ecclesiastical Authority of the new Diocese, as set forth in the joint agreement of union, shall call the first Convention of the new Diocese, for the purpose of enabling it to organize, and shall fix the time and place of holding the same, such place being within the territorial limits of the new Diocese.

**Sec. 3.** Whenever one Diocese is about to be divided into two Dioceses, the Convention of such Diocese shall declare which portion or portions thereof are to be in the new Diocese, and shall make the same known to the General Convention before the ratification of such division.

**Sec. 4.** Whenever a new Diocese shall have organized in first Convention in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and Canons in such case made and provided, and in the manner prescribed in the previous Sections of this Canon, and shall have chosen a name and acceded to the Constitution of the General Convention in accordance with Article V, Section 1 of the Constitution, and shall have laid before the Executive Council certified copies of the Constitution adopted at its first Convention, and the proceedings preparatory to the formation of the proposed new Diocese, such new Diocese shall thereupon be admitted into union with the General Convention.

**Sec. 5.** In the event of the erection of an Area Mission into a Diocese of this Church, as provided in Article V, Section 1 of the Constitution, the Convocation of the Area Mission shall be entitled to elect Deputies to the succeeding General Convention, and also to elect a Bishop. The jurisdiction previously assigned to the Bishop in the Area Mission shall be terminated upon the admission of the new Diocese.

**Sec. 6.** When a Diocese and one or more other Dioceses that were formed either by division therefrom or by erection into a Diocese or a Missionary Diocese formed by division therefrom, shall desire to be reunited into one Diocese, the proposed reunion must be initiated by the approval of the Conventions of the involved Dioceses of a joint agreement of union setting forth their agreements, including the manner of determining the Bishop Diocesan and other Bishops (if any), provisions of the Constitution and Canons of the new Diocese, and such other matters as may be necessary or proper. If the agreement of the Dioceses is made and the consents of their Conventions are given more than three months before the next meeting of the General Convention, the fact of the agreement and consents shall be certified by the Ecclesiastical Authority and the Secretary of the Convention of each involved Diocese to all the Bishops of the Church having jurisdiction and to the Standing Committees of all the Dioceses; and when the consents of a majority of such Bishops and of a majority of the Standing Committees to the proposed reunion shall have been received, the facts shall be similarly certified to the Secretary of the House of Deputies of the General Convention, and thereupon the reunion shall be considered complete. But if the agreement is made and the consents given within three months of the next meeting of the General Convention, the facts shall be certified instead to the Secretary of the House of Deputies, who shall lay them before the two Houses; and the reunion shall be deemed to be complete when it shall have been approved by a majority vote in the House of Bishops, and in the House of Deputies.

**Sec. 7.** When the union of two or more Dioceses or portions of Dioceses or the reunion of the two or more Dioceses shall have been completed, the facts shall be certified to the Presiding Bishop and to the Secretary of the House of Deputies. Thereupon the Presiding Bishop shall notify the Secretary of the House of Bishops of any alteration in the status or style of the Bishop or Bishops concerned, and the Secretary of the House of Deputies shall strike the name of any Diocese that will cease to exist or is being renamed from the roll of Dioceses in union with the General Convention and, if appropriate, amend the name of the newly united Diocese on the roll of Dioceses in union with the General Convention.

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<Proposed amended resolution text showing exact changes being made:>

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**Sec. 1.** Whenever a new Diocese is proposed to be formed within the limits of any Diocese, or by the junction of two or more Dioceses, or parts of *two or more* Dioceses, the Ecclesiastical Authorities and the Standing Committees of the Dioceses involved in the proposed new diocese shall submit for approval to the Conventions of each Diocese involved a joint agreement of union setting forth their agreements, including the manner of determining the Bishop Diocesan and other Bishops (if any), the provisions of the Constitution and Canons of the new Diocese, and such other matters as may be necessary or proper. Upon approval by the Conventions of each of the involved Dioceses, the joint agreement of union shall be submitted for ratification by the General Convention no less than ninety days prior to the first legislative day of the next meeting of the General Convention.

**Sec. 2.** Promptly after ratification by the General Convention, the Ecclesiastical Authority of the new Diocese, as set forth in the joint agreement of union, shall call the ~~Primary~~ *first* Convention of the new Diocese, for the purpose of enabling it to organize, and shall fix the time and place of holding the same, such place being within the territorial limits of the new Diocese.

**Sec. 3.** Whenever one Diocese is about to be divided into two Dioceses, the Convention of such Diocese shall declare which portion *or portions* thereof ~~are~~ *is* to be in the new Diocese, and shall make the same known to the General Convention before the ratification of such division.

**Sec. 4.** Whenever a new Diocese shall have organized in ~~first Primary~~ *first* Convention in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and Canons in such case made and provided, and in the manner prescribed in the previous Sections of this Canon, and shall have chosen a name and acceded to the Constitution of the General Convention in accordance with Article V, Section 1 of the Constitution, and shall have laid before the Executive Council certified copies of the Constitution adopted at its ~~first Primary~~ *first* Convention, and the proceedings preparatory to the formation of the proposed new Diocese, such new Diocese shall thereupon be admitted into union with the General Convention.

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## **A059 - AMEND ARTICLE X OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH (FIRST READING)**

### **Resolution Text**

*Resolved*, That the 80th General Convention of The Episcopal Church repeal Article X in its entirety and replace it with the following:

**Sec. 1.** The Book of Common Prayer is understood to be those liturgical forms and other texts authorized by the General Convention in accordance with this article and the Canons of this Church.

The Book of Common Prayer in this Church is intended to be communal and devotional prayer enriched by our church's cultural, geographical, and linguistic contexts. The Book of Common Prayer shall contain both public worship and private devotion.

The Book of Common Prayer, as now established or hereafter amended by the General Convention, shall be in use in all the Dioceses of this Church.

**Sec. 2.** No alteration thereof or addition thereto shall be made unless the General Convention approve the same on first reading in one regular meeting of the General Convention and, by resolve so directing, be sent by the Secretary of the General Convention to the Secretary of the Convention of every Diocese, to be made known to the Diocesan Convention at its next regular meeting, and be adopted on second reading without alteration by the General Convention at its next succeeding regular meeting by a majority of all Bishops, excluding retired Bishops not present, of the whole number of Bishops entitled to vote in the House of Bishops, and by an affirmative vote by orders in the House of Deputies in accordance with Art. I, Sec. 5 of this Constitution, except that concurrence in the affirmative by the orders shall require the affirmative vote in each order by a majority of the Dioceses entitled to representation in the House of Deputies.

**Sec. 3.** No alteration thereof or addition thereto shall be made unless it has previously been authorized for Trial Use in accordance with this Article and the Canons of this Church.

**Sec. 4.** The General Convention may at any one meeting, by a majority of the whole number of the Bishops entitled to vote in the House of Bishops, and by a majority of the Clerical and Lay Deputies of all the Dioceses entitled to representation in the House of Deputies, voting by orders as previously set forth in this Article:

- a. Amend the Table of Lessons and all Tables and Rubrics relating to the Psalms.
- b. Authorize for Trial Use such alterations or additions in whole or in part to the established Book of Common Prayer as may be proposed in accord with the Canons of this Church and duly undertaken by and implemented according to the directives of the General Convention.
- c. Authorize for use throughout this Church, as provided by Canon, alternative and additional liturgies to supplement those provided in the Book of Common Prayer.

And be it further

*Resolved*, That the General Convention direct the President of the House of Deputies and the Presiding Bishop to appoint a working group of nine members to include the Custodian of The Book of Common Prayer, some members of Committee 12 of the 80th General Convention, some members of a Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music, and others as needed to review the Canons relevant to the implementation of this Article and propose revisions to the 81st General Convention. An initial framework is provided as a starting point for this work; and be it further

*Resolved*, That an allocation of \$30,000 be made to support the work of the working group.

## A157 - AMEND ARTICLE I SEC. 7

### Resolution Text

*Resolved*, That Article I, Section 7 of the Constitution be amended to read as follows:

<Amended text as it would appear if adopted and concurred. Scroll below the line of asterisks (\*\*\*\*\*) to see the version showing all deleted and added text.>

Sec. 7. The General Convention shall hold its regular meeting not less than once in each three years, at a time and place determined in accordance with the Canons. In the event of a change of circumstances indicating the necessity or advisability of changing the date of such regular meeting of The General Convention beyond three years, said meeting may be rescheduled as provided by Canon. Special Meetings may be held as provided for by Canon.

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<Proposed amended resolution text showing exact changes being made:>

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## OTHER RESOLUTIONS REFERRED TO DIOCESES BY THE 80TH GENERAL CONVENTION

General Convention refers many resolutions to Dioceses for study and consideration, or for action. Each of these resolutions are reviewed by the General Convention Deputation and, with consultation and if deemed appropriate, referred to the appropriate committees or commissions of the diocese for further action. There are 147 pages of resolutions that have been referred to Dioceses from the 80th General Convention (including the proposed Constitutional amendments above). Rather than reproduce the text of every resolution here, a list of resolutions is provided, and a PDF of the full text may be downloaded here: <https://edtn.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/Diocesan-Referred-Updated2.pdf>

### *Resolutions Referred for Action*

A003	Uniform Paid Family Leave Policy
A016	Adopt, Study, and Promote Guiding Principles for World Mission & Initiate Global Mission Advocate Program
A021	Support for the United Nations
A028	Join, Participate, and Fund The Global Episcopal Mission Network
A050	Support collaborative efforts with Equal Justice Initiative (EJI) to place historical markers
A053	Ensure the vital role of the Episcopal HBCUs in building The Beloved Community
A062	Requiring Dioceses to Create a Plan to Narrow Gender Gaps
A068	Safe Church Training
A073	Encouraging Faithful, Ethical, and Responsible Investing
A078	Imagining a Church Grounded in Social Justice as Christian Ministry
A087	Net Carbon Neutrality by 2030
A088	Commit to the Pressing Work of Addressing Global Climate Change and Environmental Justice
A090	Allies for Recovery in the Episcopal Church
A095	Celebrate and Support the Planting of New Episcopal Communities
A107	Ministry with People with Mental Illness and Their Families
A109	Developing Curriculum and Required Training for Clergy in Mental Health Pastoral Care
A131	Resolution Regarding Language
A140	Urge The Episcopal Church and Constituents to Designate Indigenous PeoplesGÇÖ Day
A161	Addressing the Burden of Medical Debt
B003	Regulating Ghost Guns and 3D Printed Guns
B004	Establishing Religious Life Sunday
B006	Investing in State-Level Gun Violence Prevention Advocacy
B007	Investment in Community Violence Intervention to Prevent Gun Violence
C009	Mandates Anti-Racism & Racial Reconciliation Training for the House of Deputies
C033	Encourage Sacred Ground Curriculum
C054	Address the issue of Voter Suppression
C063	Participate in Thursdays in Black
C064	Break the Silence Sunday
C072	Land Acknowledgment
D023	Support for Care Workers
D029	Affirming Non-Binary Access and Leadership
D046	Supporting Child Welfare Systems and Foster Care

D048	Supporting Public Investment in Post-High School Education and Training
D064	Endorse and Encourage Green Deal Legislation
D066	Addressing restrictions on access to gender affirming care
D070	Addressing Inequities in the Quality of Life of Native Peoples
D072	Resolution on Gender and Sexuality Training
D090	The Church's Teaching on Racism
D091	Defining Equal Place in the Life of the Church
D093	Broad Representation in Discernment Processes
D094	Reaffirming the Role of Ethnic Ministries
D098	The Promotion of Public Health

***Resolutions Referred for Consideration***

A020	Support Decade of Action to Achieve Sustainable Development Goals
A032	Amend Canon III.11.9.b to Correct an Oversight in a 2018 Canonical Amendment
A040	Specify Electronic Transmission of Certain Documents and Records
A042	Permitting Sending Required Notices and Other Papers by Electronic Means
A044	Amend Canon IV.14.4 Provisions for Notices of Accords
A045	Amend Canon I.19.2.b to Update a Word
A048	Amend Canons and Rules of Order to Implement the Recommendations of the Task Force on the Budget Process
A055	Receive and Study Proposal of Ecumenical Dialogue with Presbyterians (PCUSA)
A060	Endorse Guidelines for Expansive and Inclusive Language
A061	Amend Canon I.4.6.j to include data regarding gender
A075	Resolution Amending Canon IV.5.4 Provision for the Court of Review
A076	Resolution Amending Canon IV.15.2 Provision to serve Notice of Appeal
A077	Resolution Amending Canon IV.15.3 Provision to serve Notice of Appeal by Bishop Diocesan
A081	Amend Canon III.11.1a regarding Standing Committee's Role in Episcopal Elections
A082	Amend Various Canons Regarding Preparation of Medical and Psychological Evaluation in the Ordination, Episcopal Election, and Reception Processes
A092	Churches Beyond Borders
A093	The Episcopal Church-United Methodist Church Dialogue
A094	Affirm Ongoing Work and Dialogue with Ecumenical Partners
A096	Develop Sustainable Congregational Revitalization Ministries
A103	Describing a Christian Life of Faith in the Episcopal Tradition
A116	Amend Canon III.10.2 to Correct Inadvertent Omission on Clergy Ordained in Churches in Full Communion
A117	Amend Canons III.10, III.12.1, III.12.5.b.3, and III.13.1 to Clarify Language on the Reception of Bishops
A118	Amend Canon IV.5.4 on the Election of Members of the Court of Review
A119	Amend Canon IV.17.3 and .4 on the Term of Office for the Disciplinary Board for Bishops
A120	Amend Canon IV.17.8 on Vacancies on the Court of Review for Bishops
A125	A Resolution Extending and Furthering the Beloved Community

A133	Amend Joint Rule of Order III.12 to modify the method of showing additions or amendments to facilitate translation
A135	Amend Joint Rule of Order VII.22 to Streamline the Procedure for Obtaining a Background Check, if Required, before a Nomination from the House Floor
A137	Church of Sweden - Full Communion Relationship
A144	Add Updated Editions of NRSV and New Jerusalem Bible to Canon II.2
A145	Amend Constitution Article X [Book of Common Prayer Supplementary Text--Second Reading]
A146	Amend Constitution Articles VI and VIII [Regarding Full Communion--Second Reading]
A147	Amend Article IX [Court of Trial for Bishops--Second Reading]
A148	Amend Constitution Article I.2 [House of Bishops--Second Reading]
A149	Amend Constitution Article II.4-8 [Bishops Suffragan--Second Reading]
A150	Amend Constitution Article III [Bishops Consecrated for Foreign Lands--Second Reading]
A151	Amend Constitution Article IV [Standing Committees--Second Reading]
A152	Amend Constitution Article 5.1 [Admission of New Dioceses--Second Reading]
A153	Amend Constitution Article IX [For the Trial of Presbyters and Deacons--Second Reading]
B002	Let there be sight! - Proposal for Episcopal Church Assistance in Yemen and funding for an Ophthalmologist Medical Director at the Ras Morbat Eye Clinic in Aden
C004	Inclusion of June 19th, "Juneteenth" in the Church's Liturgical Calendar in Recognition of the End of Slavery in the United States
C007	Designate March 10 as the Date to Commemorate Harriet Ross Tubman
C023	On Commemorating the Rt Rev Barbara Harris
C070	Amend Canon III.9.5.d
D050	Reunion of the Dioceses of The Episcopal Church in North Texas with The Episcopal Dioceses of Texas
D052	Amending Canon III.11.8 regarding Objections to Episcopal Elections
D056	Amend Canon III.11.9.a to correct cross-reference
D063	Support for Truth to Confront Misinformation and Violence
D083	Addressing the erosion of reproductive rights and autonomy

## ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE CLOSE OF THE 191<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION

*Officiant* Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### **A Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10**

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows— was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given to me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.’ So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

*Antiphon* I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to him.

V. But he said to me,

R. **My grace is sufficient for you.**

Let us pray. (silence)

Almighty and eternal God, who bestows upon all your people grace, mercy, and peace. Fill our hearts, we pray, which are your own, with your gifts, and adorn them with your graces, that our every heartbeat, every pulse, may be a prayer; and every prayer, charged with the Holy Spirit, a fit sacrifice for your altar, through Jesus Christ, our Great High Priest. *Amen* \*\*\*\*

Let us pray in the words our Saviour Christ has taught us:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

### *The Blessing*

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\*\*\*\* Adapted from a prayer by Bryan Duppa (1588 - 1662), found in *Give us Grace: An Anthology of Anglican Prayers* ed. Christopher Webber, p. 59

