

The 192<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention of the  
Episcopal Diocese of Tennessee



*As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you; abide in my love.*  
(John 15:9)

ABBREVIATED CONVENTION

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February 10, 2024

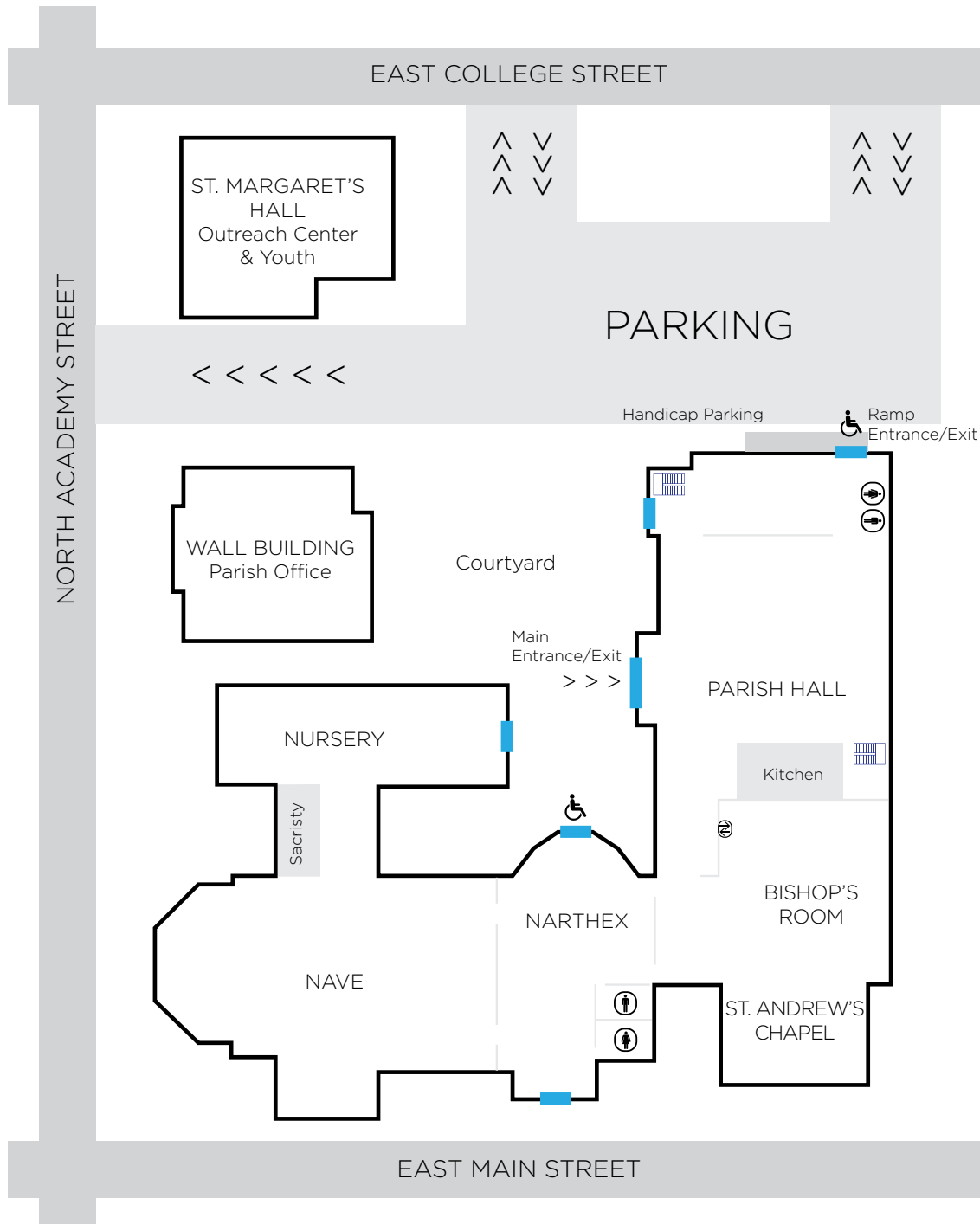
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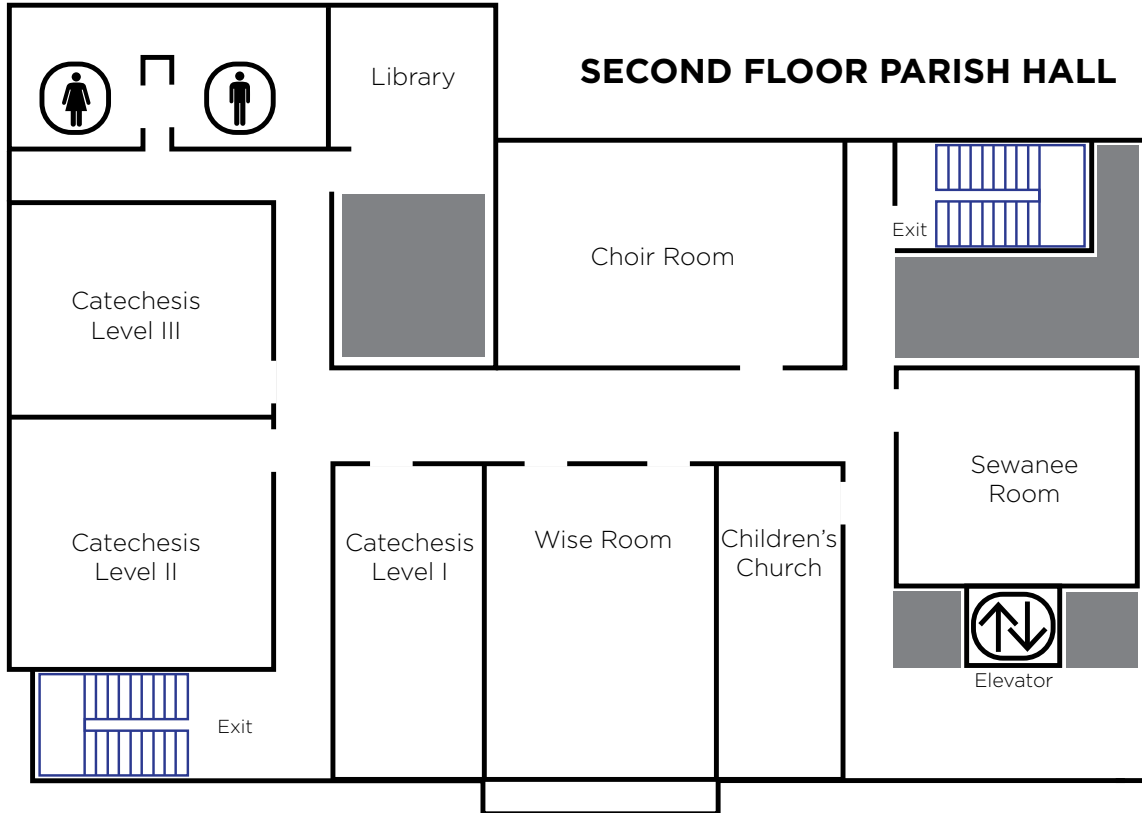
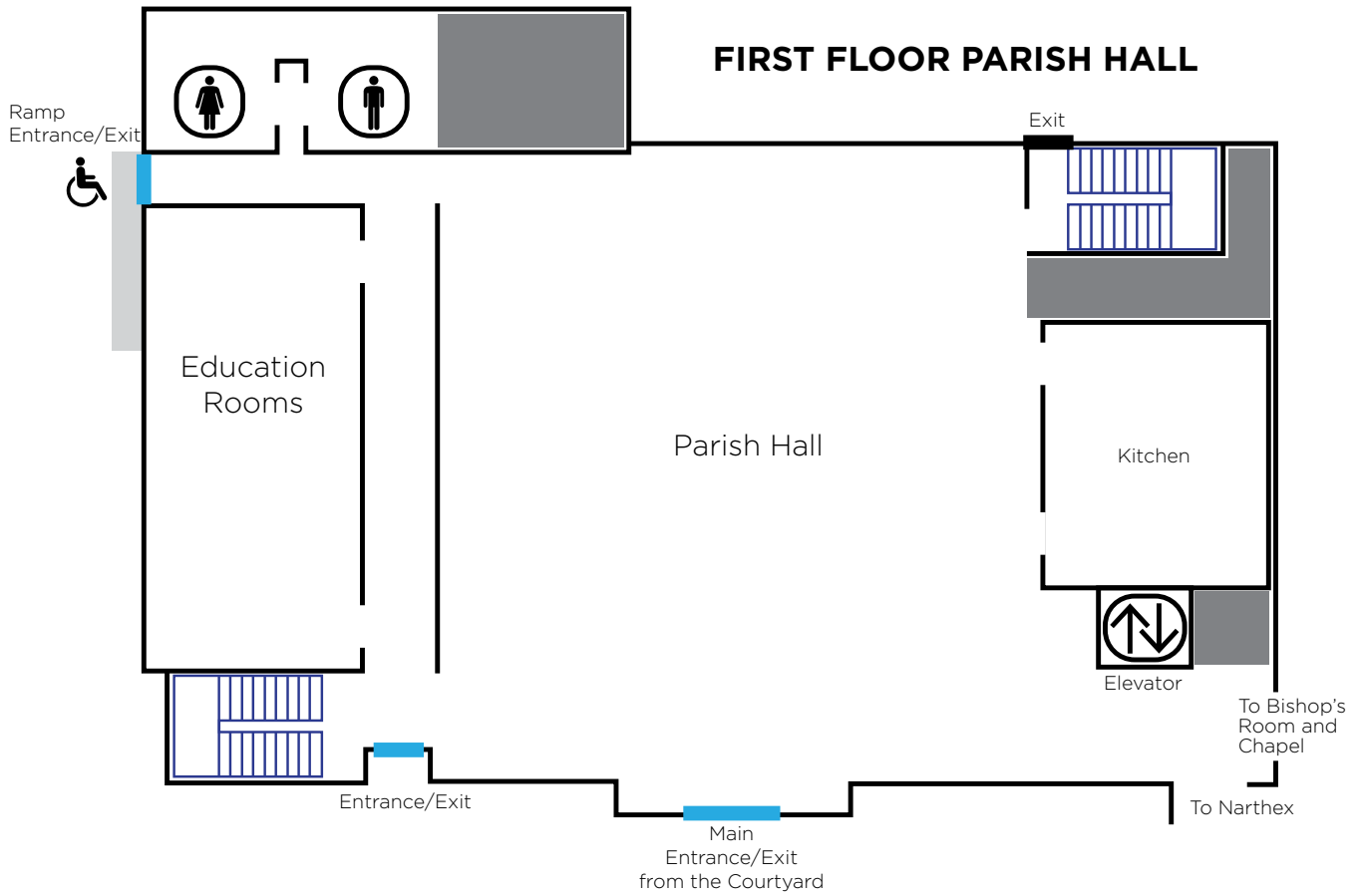


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## ABBREVIATED CONVENTION SCHEDULE

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

9:00am	Registration (Parish Hall)
9:30am	Holy Eucharist
11:00am	Budget Hearings (Wise Room, upstairs) General Resolutions Hearings (Catechesis Room Level II, upstairs) Canonical Resolution Hearings (Catechesis Level III, upstairs)
11:45am	Organization of Convention (Nave) Presentation of the 2024 Diocesan Budget (Nave) General Elections: First Ballot (Nave)
12:45pm	Lunch
1:30pm	Bishop's Address (Nave)
2:15pm	Convocation Caucases (NWMC - Nave; NEMC - Parish Hall; SEMC - Wise Room, upstairs; SWMC - Catechesis Room Level III, upstairs)
2:45pm	BREAK
3:00	Reconvene (Nave) Report of the Elections Committee (Nave) Action on the 2024 Diocesan Budget (Nave) Presentation & Action on Resolutions (Nave)
5:00pm	Adjournment

# ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR THE 192<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

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|------------------|---|
| 9:00am - 12:00pm | Registration (Parish Hall)  |
| 9:30am           | The Holy Eucharist (Nave)   |
| 11:00am          | Budget Hearings (Wise Room, upstairs)                                       |
|                  | General Resolution Hearings (Catechesis Room Level II, upstairs)            |
|                  | Canonical Resolution Hearings (Catecheis Room Level III, upstairs)          |
| 11:45am          | 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 (p.12)                                   |
|                  | 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 (p.18)                             |
|                  | 8. Clergy New to the Diocese, Clergy in New Cures, Major Transitions (p.23) |
|                  | 9. Necrology (p.23)   |
|                  | 10. Appointments by the Bishop  |
|                  | A. Convention Committees (p.26)   |
|                  | 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 193 <sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention         |
|                  | B. Other Commissions, Committees and Boards (p.27)                          |
|                  | 1. Board of Examining Chaplains   |
|                  | 2. Church Pension Fund, Standing Committee                                  |
|                  | 3. Commission on Stewardship  |
|                  | 4. Constitution and Canons, Standing Committee                              |
|                  | 5. Continuing Work in the Diocese of Litoral                                |
|                  | 6. Cursillo Commission  |
|                  | 7. Episcopal School of Nashville  |
|                  | 8. Evangelism and Congregational Development                                |
|                  | Commission/Small Church Alliance  |
|                  | 9. Finance & Property   |
|                  | 10. Health & Hospitalization Committee                                      |
|                  | 11. The Beloved Community: Commission on Racial Reconciliation              |
|                  | 12. Vocational Diaconate Committee  |
|                  | 13. Youth Steering Committee  |
|                  | C. Other Appointments (p.31)  |
|                  | 1. Ecumenical Officer   |
|                  | 2. Assistant Ecumenical Officer   |



	3. Intake Officer for Title IV
	4. Chaplain to Clergy Spouses
	11. Action on receiving late resolutions* (p.53)
	Announcement of late nominations** (p.54)
	12. Resolutions of Invitation, Gratitude, Greeting, and Welcome
	13. Presentation of the 2024 Diocesan Budget (p.56)
12:30pm	14. General Elections: First Ballot (p.34)
	A. The Bishop and Council
	B. The Standing Committee
	C. The Dandridge Trust Board
12:45pm	LUNCH (Parish Hall)
1:30pm	Bishop's address (Nave)
2:15pm	15. Convocation Caucuses, Elections of Clergy Members of Bishop and Council
	<i>Membership of Convocations (p.24)</i>
	Northeastern Convocation (Parish Hall)
	Northwestern Convocation (Nave)
	Southeastern Convocation (Wise Room, upstairs)
	Southwestern Convocation (Catechesis Room Level III, upstairs)
	16. Call to Order and Report of the Credentials Committee (Nave)
	17. Report of the Elections Committee and Second Ballot
	18. Elections upon nomination by the Bishop (p.32)
	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
	19. Discussion and Action on the 2024 Diocesan Budget (p.56)
	20. Presentation and Action on General Resolutions (p.49)
	21. Presentation and Action on Canonical Resolutions (p.51)
3:30pm	BREAK
3:45pm	Reconvene (Nave)
	22. Report of Elections Committee
	23. Ratification of 2023 Interim Actions of the Bishop and Council (p.50)
	24. Canon 10 Resolution re: 2023 Real Estate Transactions (p.50)
	25. Other Business
	26. Notice of Time and Place of the 193 <sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention
	27. Announcements from the Secretary
	28. Closing Worship (p.86)
5:00pm	Adjournment

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\* Late resolutions (received after December 8, 2023) will be accepted no later than 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).

# **THE RULES OF ORDER**

## **1. RULES FOR RESOLUTIONS**

- 1.1. Resolutions are submitted as the Canons may prescribe.
- 1.2. 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 the opening of convention (the deadline) shall be considered except upon the approval of a simple majority 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 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 (2024)

Delegates Registered for the 192nd Annual Convention

These Delegates were officially registered as of January 18, 2024. 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	Marty O'Reilly Judy Pelters Lynn Poehl	
<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 Perry Happell Bob Thompson	Ashley Mowers Chrissie Coombs
<b>Clarksville, Grace Chapel</b>	Catherine (Kay) Jay	
<b>Clarksville, Trinity Church</b> The Rev'd Chad McCabe	Chris Smith Kate Smith Christie Crawford	Lesli Eiland Kendall Welsh Samantha Sharpton
<b>Columbia, St. Peter's Church</b> The Rev'd Christopher Bowhay The Rev'd Theodore (Ted) Edwards, Jr.* The Rev'd Dn. Bonnie Lloyd-Downs	Anne Ciccoline Sarah Benderman John Finney Ben Wrather	Kevin Benderman Chip Wallace Nicolas Abdallah Jaryn Abdallah
<b>Cookeville, St. Michael's</b> The Rev'd Dr. Antoinette (T.J.) Azar	Stacye Choate Brad Houck Clarissa Miller	Dessa Hix
<b>Cowan, St. Agnes' Church</b>	Christie James Grissett L. Jarod Pearson	Shelia Robertson-Leitzel Brian P. Judd
<b>Cumberland Furnace, Calvary Church</b>		
<b>Dickson, St. James' Church</b> The Rev'd David Yancy	Ellen Yancy	Ann Gwinn

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

Jo Goldasich

**Franklin, Church of the Resurrection**

The Rev'd Canon Stephen Chad Jones

Frank Field  
Elizabeth Nash  
John Shuster**Franklin, St. Paul's**

The Rev'd Rusty McCown

The Rev'd Monna Mayhall

Karen Austin  
Chris Oberholtzer  
Ed Miller  
Jonathan Webster**Gallatin, Church of Our Saviour**

The Rev'd Jacob Bottom

Brian Edens  
Ken Dick**Hendersonville, St. Joseph of Arimathea**

The Rev'd Robert Osborne

The Rev'd Dn. John Mark Hunter

Richard Stanley  
Shelley Sircy  
Nell NestorFrank Ehrhardt  
David Moomy**Lebanon, Church of the Epiphany**

The Rev'd Cynthia Seifert

Susan Johnston  
Judy PearyJeannie Tuschl  
Jason Pau**Madison, Church of St. James the Less**

The Rev'd Bradley L. Johnson\*

Lawson Patten  
Marian Musmecci  
Jane Emery**Manchester, St. Bede's**Martha Cartwright  
Nancy NicollMargaret Smith  
Bruce Bomar**McMinnville, St. Matthew's**

The Rev'd Charles (Charlie) McClain

Robert Smith  
Robert Hennessee  
Jill Hillis

Gloria Tindall

**Murfreesboro, Church of the Holy Cross**

The Rev'd Anthony David Ferguson\*

Rich Patterson

## CONGREGATIONS & CLERGY

### **Murfreesboro, St. Paul's**

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

### **Nashville, Christ Church Cathedral**

The Rev'd Vicki Burgess  
The Rev'd Anna Russell Friedman\*  
The Rev'd Madeleine Rebouche\*  
The Ven. Roger Saterstrom  
The Rev'd Melissa (Lissa) Smith  
The Rev'd Richard Wineland\*  
The Rev'd Dn. Mary McCarthy

### **Nashville, Church of the Advent**

The Rev'd James Brian McVey  
The Rev'd Olufunmilayo (Funmi) Odidi

### **Nashville, Church of the Holy Spirit**

The Rev'd Nicholas Cho\*

### **Nashville, Church of the Holy Trinity**

The Rev'd William (Bill) Dennler

### **Nashville, St. Ann's**

The Rev'd John H. Conners\*

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

Tabitha Ssonko (Lay Vicar)\*

### **Nashville, St. Augustine's**

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

## DELEGATES

Collier Smith  
Brad Miller  
Louis Kyriakouides  
Sharon Dieringer

Brad Daugherty  
Tyler Yarbro  
John Whitaker  
Caroline Rossini  
Warner (Pete) Stringer  
Dale Maxfield

Candida Bannister

Chigu Woo  
Jay Johnston

Cathy Link  
William (Bill) Forrester  
Brenda Hubbard

Lee Ann Lambdin  
Sandra Bennett  
Madeline Walls

Laura Green  
Pam Jordan

Eric Cummings

## ALTERNATES

Don Clayton  
David Owen

Scott Hoffman  
Maura Sullivan  
Catherine Clark  
Heather Daugherty  
Roger Moore  
Charlie Cook

Sara Ferrell

Ray Jacob

Hayley Brantley

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

The Rev'd Joshua T. Condon  
The Rev'd Serena Sides

Greg Voiles  
Thorunn McCoy  
Mavis Harrop  
Rose Wynne Brooks

**Nashville, St. David's**

The Rev'd Carolyn Coleman  
The Rev'd Dn. Burns Rogers

Nat Howry  
Britt Cox  
Susan Huggins

Anette Pilcher  
Joe Brown

**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 Sarah Puryear  
The Rev'd Richard Kew  
The Ven. Dr. Martin Odidi\*  
The Rev'd Timus (Tim) Taylor

Jan Callen  
David Silvester  
Stephanie Gillmor  
Jonathan Morphett  
Emily Walker  
Greg Wilber

Kate Meriwether  
Patricia Haeberle  
Amy Harwell  
Will Newman  
Hudson Walker  
Breck Wheeler

**Nashville, St. Philip's**

The Rev'd Caroline Osborne

Daniel Cochran  
Emily Crazzel

**New Johnsonville, St. Andrew's****Pulaski, Church of the Messiah**

The Rev'd Justin Taliaferro

Clay Yost  
Corrie Taliaferro

Cynthia Low

**Sewanee, The Parish of St. Mark & St. Paul**

The Rev'd Robert C. Lamborn  
The Rev'd Dn. Elizabeth (Betty) K. Carpenter

Beth Wiley  
Lynn Stubblefield  
Michael Thompson

**Sewanee, St. James Church**

The Rev'd David T. Goodpaster

Karen Vaughan  
Jim Hannifin

**Shelbyville, Church of the Redeemer**

The Rev'd Michael Blaess

Ardeth Obenauf  
Babs Chicoine

Rick Francis

**CONGREGATIONS & CLERGY****DELEGATES****ALTERNATES****Sherwood, Church of the Epiphany**

The Rev'd Dr. Amy Bentley Lamborn

Bryan Wells

Sherry Guess

**Smyrna, All Saints Church**

The Rev'd Robert Rhea

David McGee

Paul Adams

Ye Win

**Spring Hill, Grace Church**

The Rev'd Joseph Norman Davis

Jessica Farmer

Peggy Roberts

John Harvey

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

Briley Price

Lisa Jones

**Tracy City, Christ Church**

The Rev'd Dr. Amy Bentley Lamborn

The Rev'd David Goodpaster

Margaret Zucker

Sue Chase

**Tullahoma, St. Barnabas' Church**

The Rev'd Michael J. Murphy

Tisha Fritz

Linda Love

Brandon Hunt

John Fritz

Ed LeBlanc

**Winchester, Trinity Church**

The Rev'd Dr. Amy Bentley Lamborn

Janice Butner

Elle Goodrich

Mark Northcutt

**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*  
Molly M. Short, *Chaplain,*  
*St. Andrew's-Sewanee School*  
The Rev'd Professor Timothy Kimbrough  
*Duke Divinity School, The Anglican Episcopal House of*  
*Studies*  
The Rev'd Jason Terhune  
*Nashotah House Theological Seminary*

**Non-Canonically Resident Clergy, Serving in  
congregations (Non-Voting)\*\*\***

The Rev'd George Amimo  
The Rev'd Ted Edwards  
*St. Peter's, Columbia*  
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 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
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
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
Rodney Morse Kochtitzky (ret)	7/1/91	Nashville, Tennessee
Kathryn McMillan Young (ret)	7/26/91	Austin, Texas
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 (ret)	6/24/98	Chillicothe, Missouri
Ann Van Dervoort (ret)	7/15/98	Nashville, Tennessee
Gene Bentley Manning (ret)	6/23/01	Nashville, Tennessee
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	6/22/03	Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville
Dorothy Chatham Hartzog (ret)	1/5/04	Clarksville, Tennessee
Cynthia Seeliger Seifert	6/5/05	Church of the Epiphany, Lebanon

<i>Priests</i>	<i>Received</i>	<i>Cure/Residence</i>
Mary Hassell (ret)	2/26/06	St. Bede's, Manchester
Randy Hoover-Dempsey (ret)	6/10/06	Madison, Tennessee
Joseph B. (Jody) Howard	6/10/06	Canon to the Ordinary Hendersonville, Tennessee
Clayton Ingalls	6/10/06	Lilburn, Georgia
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	Durham, North Carolina
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
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
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
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
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



<i>Priests</i>	<i>Received</i>	<i>Cure/Residence</i>
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
Antoinnette 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
Joshua T. Condon	7/1/23	St. Bartholomew's, Nnashville
Jusitn Taliaferro	12/4/23	Messiah, Pulaski
Chad Peter McCabe	12/8/23	Trinity, Clarksville
Madeleine Rebouché	1/18/24	Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville

<i>Deacons</i>	<i>Received</i>	<i>Cure/Residence</i>
Elizabeth Kinkaid Carpenter	1/25/14	St. Mark & St. Paul and All Saints' Chapel, Sewanee
Charles Gus Grimes (ret)	1/25/14	Franklin, Tennessee
Bonnie Jean Lloyd-Downs	1/25/14	St. Peter's, Columbia
William Burns Rogers	1/25/14	St. David's, Nashville
Donna Floyd	6/4/16	Nashville, Tennessee
Roger Saterstrom	6/4/16	Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville, Archdeacon Diocese of Tennessee
Suzanne Johnston	1/12/17	Church of the Resurrection, Franklin
John Mark Hunter	6/3/23	St. Joseph of Arimathea, Hendersonville
Mary Catherine McCarthy	6/3/23	Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville
Olufunmilayo (Funmi) Odidi	6/3/23	Church of the Advent, Nashville
Brooks Rogers Smith	6/3/23	Holy Trinity, Nashville

**ORDAINED TO THE DIACONATE: 2023**

John Mark Hunter (6/3/23)  
Mary Catherine McCarthy (6/3/23)  
Olufunmilayo (Funmi) Odidi (6/3/23)  
Brooks Rogers Smith (6/3/23)  
Justin Taliaferro (6/3/23)

**ORDAINED TO THE PRIESTHOOD: 2023**

Justin Taliaferro (12/4/23)

**LETTERS DIMISSORY ACCEPTED: 2023**

J. Malone Gilliam (1/5/23)  
Joshua T. Condon (7/1/23)  
Chad P. McCabe (12/8/23)

**LETTERS DIMISSORY SENT: 2023**

Kira Manette Austin-Young (9/1/23)  
Samuel Lee Wood (10/12/23)  
David Nichols (11/6/23)

**RELEASE AND REMOVAL: 2023**

None

**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  
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  
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  
Richard Wineland, Diocese of Northern Indiana, Christ Church Cathedral, Episcopal School of Nashville.

**POSTULANTS FOR THE VOCATIONAL DIACONATE: 2023**

**POSTULANTS FOR THE PRIESTHOOD: 2023**

Zach Berry  
Brad Daugherty  
Heather Daugherty  
Greg Voiles

**CANDIDATES FOR THE VOCATIONAL DIACONATE: 2023**

Kathy Pack  
Laura Lowndes

**CANDIDATES FOR THE PRIESTHOOD: 2023**

Tabitha Ssonko

**CLERGY NEW TO THE DIOCESE & CLERGY IN NEW CURES: 2023**

The Rev'd Joshua T. Condon, St. Bartholomew's, Nashville  
The Rev'd Deacon John Mark Hunter, St. Joseph of Arimathea, Hendersonville  
The Rev'd Chad P. McCabe, Trinity Church, Clarksville  
The Rev'd Deacon Mary C. McCarthy, Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville  
The Rev'd Olufunmilayo (Funmi) Odidi, Church of the Advent, Nashville  
The Rev'd Deacon Brooks Smith, Holy Trinity, Nashville  
The Rev'd Justin Taliaferro, Church of the Messiah, Pulaski

**NECROLOGY**

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

**CLERGY DEATHS**

Charles A. Burdeshaw  
Joel Thompson Keys  
James Tubbs  
Eugene Wise

**CONVENTION DELEGATES DECEASED**

## 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  
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  
Christ Church, Tracy City  
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

## **APPOINTMENTS & NOMINATIONS**

## **BISHOP'S APPOINTMENTS**

### **Convention Committees**

January 2024

#### **Committee on Credentials**

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

The Rev'd TJ Azar, St. Michael's, Cookeville

The Rev'd Chad McCabe, Trinity, Clarksville

#### **Committee on Elections**

The Rev'd Canon Chad Jones, Church of the Resurrection, Franklin (chair)

Candida Bannister, Church of the Advent, Nashville

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

The Rev'd Justin Taliaferro, Messiah, Pulaski

Jarod Pearson, St. Agnes, Cowan

Shelley Sircy, St. Joseph of Arimathea, Hendersonville

Karen Austin, St. Paul's, Franklin

Brien Edens, The Church of Our Saviour, Gallatin

Brad Daugherty, Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville

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

The Very Rev'd Timothy Kimbrough, The Anglican Episcopal House of Studies, Duke Divinity School (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

Susan Huggins, St. David's, Nashville

Jessica Farmer, Grace Church, Spring Hill

Tyler Yarbrough, Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville

The Rev. Serena Sides, St. Bartholomew's, Nashville

Jim Weatherly, Ex-Officio, Church of the Good Shepherd, Brentwood

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

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

Pete Stringer, Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville (chair)

The Rev'd Jacob Bottom, Our Saviour, Gallatin

Lawson Patten, St. James the Less, Madison

The Rev'd Dcn. Bonnie Lloyd-Downs, St. Peter's, Columbia

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

The Rev'd Caroline Osborne, St. George's, Nashville (chair)

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

#### **Committee on the Time and Place of the 193<sup>rd</sup> Convention**

The Rev'd Natalie Van Kirk, Church of the Good Shepherd, Brentwood

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

*\*signifies a new appointment or reappointment*

### **Architectural Committee**

Fletcher Coke, Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville (2025)

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

### **Board of Examining Chaplains**

\*The Rev'd Vicki Burgess, Nashville (2026)

\*The Rev'd Canon Jody Howard, Diocese of Tennessee, Nashville (2026)

\*The Very Rev'd Timothy Kimbrough, Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville (2026)

### **Christian Formation Committee**

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

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

The Rev'd Bob Abstein, Nashville (2025)

The Rev'd Vicki Burgess, Nashville (2025)

\*L. Jarod Pearson, St. Agnes', Cowan (2026)

\*Ken Vickers, Church of the Messiah, Pulaski (2026)

### **Commission on Stewardship**

Catherine Beemer, chair, 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)

\*The Rev'd Rob Lamborn, St. Mark & St. Paul, Sewanee (2026)

\*The Rev'd Michael Whitnah, St. Paul's, Murfreesboro (2026)

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

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)

\*The Rev'd Michael Blaess, Redeemer, Shelbyville (2027)

\*The Rev'd TJ Azar, St. Michael's, Cookeville (2027)

Gareth Aden, Ex-Officio, St. George's, Nashville

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

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

Jim Weatherly, Ex-Officio, Good Shepherd, Brentwood

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

\*George Kurz, St. Philip's, Nashville (2026)

\*Paul Whooley, Good Shepherd, Brentwood (2026)

### **Cursillo Commission**

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)

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

\*Pat Woolard, Messiah, Pulaski (2026)

\*Jo Goldasich, St. Mary Magdalene, Fayetteville (2026)

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

Libby Sullivan, St. Paul's, Franklin

### **Episcopal School of Nashville**

\*The Rev'd Canon Jody Howard, Diocese of Tennessee, Nashville (2025)

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

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)

\*L. Jarod Pearson, St. Agnes', Cowan (2027)

\*Susan Shuster, Resurrection, Franklin (2027)

### **Finance and Property Committee**

\*Pete Stringer, chair, Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville (2026)

\*Gareth S. Aden, St. George's, Nashville (2026)

\*The Rev'd Dr. Kristine Blaess (2026)

\*Paul Eggers, Good Shepherd, Brentwood (2026)

\*David Herbert, St. George's, Nashville (2026)

\*Calvin Lewis, St. George's, Nashville (2026)

\*Wendy Longmire, St. George's, Nashville (2026)

\*James Ramsey, St. George's, Nashville (2026)

\*Jim Weatherly, Good Shepherd, Brentwood (2026)

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

\*The Rev'd Rusty McCown, chair, St. Paul's, Franklin (2026)

\*Gregg Conroy, Advent, Nashville (2026)

\*Alice Essary, St. George's, Nashville (2026)

\*Steve Thompson, St. Paul's, Franklin (2026)

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

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)

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

\*Dr. Billy Ballard, Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville (2026)

\*Blair Glenn, St. Mary Magdalene, Fayetteville (2026)

\*Pam Bradley Smith, Holy Trinity, Nashville (2026)

### **Vocational Diaconate Committee**



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)  
 \*The Rev'd Dn. J. Mark Hunter, St. Joseph of Arimathea, Hendersonville (2026)  
 \*The Ven. Roger Saterstrom, Archdeacon, Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville (2026)  
 \*The Rev'd Canon Jody Howard, Bishop's Liaison, Diocese of Tennessee, Nashville (2026)  
 \*The Rev'd Jacob Bottom, Our Saviour, Gallatin (2026)  
 \*Mendy Richards, St. Michael's, Cookeville (2026)  
 \*Susan Standbrook, Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville (2026)

### **Youth Steering Committee**

\*The Rev'd Brian McVey, Advent, Nashville (2026)  
 \*The Rev'd Molly Short, St. Andrew's-Sewanee School (2026)  
 \*Jeannie Babb, St. Mark & St. Paul, Sewanee (2026)  
 \*Christy Beesley, St. Augustine's, Nashville (2026)  
 \*Suzanne DiPiazza, St. David's, Nashville (2026)  
 \*Jamie Dougherty, Good Shepherd, Brentwood (2026)  
 \*Daniel Huff, St. George's, Nashville (2026)  
 \*Alysha Moroni, St. Bartholomew's, Nashville (2026)

## **Elected Boards & Committees of the Diocese**

### **The Dandridge Trust Board**

The Rev'd Michael Whitnah (2024), St. Paul's Church, Murfreesboro  
 Sam Bessey (2024), Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville  
 The Rev'd Brian McVey, (2025), Church of the Advent, Nashville  
 Dr. Agatha Nolen (2025), St. George's Church, Nashville  
 The Rev'd Charlie McClain (2026), St. Matthew's Church, McMinnville  
 Heather Wills (2026), St. Bartholomew's Church, Nashville

### **The Cathedral Chapter\*\*\*\***

The Rt. Rev'd John Bauerschmidt, Diocese of Tennessee, Nashville  
 The Rev'd Vicki Burgess, Interim Rector, Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville  
 Tyler Yarbrow, Sr. Warden, Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville  
 John Whitaker, Jr. Warden, Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville  
 Caroline Rossini, Clerk, Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville  
 Christina Isbell, Vestry, Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville  
 Donald McKenzie, Vestry, Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville  
 The Rev'd Natalie Van Kirk (2024), Church of the Good Shepherd, Brentwood  
 Candida Bannister (2024), Church of the Advent, Nashville  
 The Rev'd Robert Osborne (2025), appointed, St. Joseph of Arimathea Church, Hendersonville  
 Eddie Latimer (2025), appointed, St. Bartholomew's Church, Nashville

### **The Standing Committee**

The Rev'd Canon Chad Jones, chair, (2025), Church of the Resurrection, Franklin  
 The Rev'd Lissa Smith (2024), Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville  
 Ed LeBlanc (2024), St. Barnabas' Church, Tullahoma  
 The Rev'd Deacon Burns Rogers (2025), St. David's Church, Nashville  
 Dr. Beverly Mahan (2025), St. Bartholomew's Church, Nashville

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\*\*\*\* The membership of the Cathedral Chapter alternates each year between being appointed by the Bishop and elected by the Convention.

The Rev'd David Barr, (2026), St. George's Church, Nashville  
John Harvey (2026), Grace Church, Spring Hill

### **The Bishop and Council**

The Rt. Rev. John C. Bauerschmidt, Diocese of Tennessee, Nashville  
The Rev'd Deacon Bonnie Lloyd-Downs, SWMC (2024), St. Peter's Church, Columbia  
The Rev'd Antoinette "T.J." Azar, NEMC (2024), St. Michael's Church, Cookeville  
The Rev'd Caroline Osborne, NWMC (2024), St. Philip's Church, Nashville  
The Rev'd Robert Rhea, SEMC (2024), All Saints' Church, Smyrna  
The Rev'd Michael Blaess, At-Large (2024), Redeemer, Shelbyville  
The Rev'd Jacob Bottom, At-Large (2024), Church of Our Saviour, Gallatin  
Lawson Patten, NEMC (2025), St. James the Less Church, Madison  
Anita Strange-Rebecchi, NWMC (2025), St. Anselm's Church, Nashville  
Janice Butner, SEMC (2025), Trinity Church, Winchester  
George Bishop, SWMC (2025), St. Paul's Church, Franklin  
Debra Maggart, At-Large (2025), St. Joseph of Arimathea Church, Hendersonville  
Lucy Hovious, At-Large (2025), St. David's Church, Nashville  
Jim Weatherly, Chancellor, Ex Officio, Church of the Good Shepherd, Brentwood  
Gareth Aden, Chancellor Emeritus, Ex Officio, St. George's Church, Nashville  
David Herbert, Chancellor Emeritus, Ex Officio, St. George's Church, Nashville  
Wendy Longmire, Vice Chancellor, Ex Officio, St. George's Church, Nashville  
Jim Ramsey, Assistant Treasurer, Ex Officio, St. George's Church, Nashville  
Pete Stringer, Treasurer, Ex Officio, Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville

### **Deputies to the 80th General Convention**

The Rev'd Dr. Kristine Blaess (Chair), St. Paul's Murfreesboro  
The Rev'd Canon Jody Howard, Canon to the Ordinary  
The Rev'd Professor Timothy Kimbrough, The Anglican Episcopal House of Studies, Duke Divinity School  
The Rev'd Vicki Burgess, Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville  
The Rev'd Robert Osborne (1st Alternate), St. Joseph of Arimathea, Hendersonville  
The Rev'd Chris Bowhay (2nd Alternate), St. Peter's, Columbia  
Susan Huggins, St. David's, Nashville  
Pete Stringer, Christ Church Cathedral  
Jim Weatherly, Church of the Good Shepherd, Brentwood  
Christy Beesley, St. Augustine's Chapel, Nashville  
Scott Kammerer (1st Alternate), St. Philip's, Nashville  
Bill Gittens (2nd Alternate), St. Anselm's, Nashville

## **Other Appointments**

*\*signifies a new appointment or reappointment*

### **Ecumenical Officer**

\*The Rev'd Michael Whitnah, St. Paul's, Murfreesboro (2025)

### **Assistant Ecumenical Officer**

\*The Rev'd Sarah Puryear, St. George's, Nashville (2025)

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

\*The Rev'd Dr. Kristine Blaess, St. Paul's, Murfreesboro (2026)

### **Chaplain To Clergy Spouses**

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

## **Appointees Continuing in place**

*Appointees whose terms are not up at this year's convention*

### **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)

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

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

### **Education for Ministry**

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

## 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 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. George's, Nashville
Parliamentarian:	*Jim Weatherly, Good Shepherd, Brentwood

### **Commission on Ministry**

Mendy Richards, St. Michael's, Cookeville (2025)  
The Rev'd Cynthia Seifert, Epiphany, Lebanon (2025)  
Scott Johnson, Resurrection, Franklin (2025)  
Scott Kammerer, St. Philip'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)  
\*The Rev'd Jacob Bottom, Our Saviour, Gallatin (2027)  
\*Gayle Happell, Good Shepherd, Brentwood (2027)  
\*The Ven. Roger Saterstrom, Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville (2027)

### **Disciplinary Board**

Robyn Smith, St. Ann's, Nashville (2025)  
The Rev'd Joe Davis, Grace Church, Spring Hill (2025)  
The Rev'd Dr. Amy Bentley Lamborn, Southeastern Tennessee Ministries (2025)  
\*Sam Bessey, Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville (2026)  
\*Paul Babb, Good Shepherd, Brentwood (2026)  
\*Jay Fahey, St. Paul's, Franklin (2026)  
\*The Rev'd Dr. Fred Schmidt, Good Shepherd, Brentwood (2026)  
\*The Rev'd Colin Ambrose, chair, St. George's, Nashville (2026)  
\*The Rev'd Serena Sidess, St. Bartholomew's, Nashville (2026)

### **Episcopal Endowment Corporation**

Miles Kirkland, St. George's, Nashville (2026)  
Pete Stringer, Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville (2026)  
\*Frank Puryear, St. George's, Nashville (2027)  
\*Trey Talley, Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville (2027)

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

\*John W. Finney, President, St. Peter's, Columbia (2025)  
\*Lucia Vining, Vice President, St. Peter's, Columbia (2025)  
\*Thomas Webster, Treasurer, St. Peter's, Columbia (2025)  
\*W. Louis Davis, Corporate Secretary, St. Peter's, Columbia (2025)  
\*The Rev'd Chris Bowhay, St. Peter's, Columbia (2025)  
\*Andrew D. Crichton, Jr., First Presbyterian Church of Columbia (2025)  
\*The Very Rev'd Robert A. Dedmon, St. Bede's, Manchester (2025)  
\*Wilks Halliday, St. Peter's, Columbia (2025)

- \*Brian D. Holmes, St. Peter's, Columbia (2025)
- \*Samuel Delk Kennedy III, St. Peter's, Columbia (2025)
- \*Gary Michael Redding, St. Peter's, Columbia (2025)
- \*John Runkle, All Saints Chapel, Sewanee (2025)
- \*Blair Wilson, St. Peter's, Columbia (2025)
- \*Henry Clay Yeatman III, St. Mark & St. Paul, Sewanee (2025)

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

- \*Grady O'Neil Clark, St. Peter's, Columbia (2025)
- \*Andrew Donelson Crichton, First Presbyterian Church of Columbia (2025)
- \*J. Dawson Frierson Gray, St. Peter's, Columbia (2025)
- \*Dr. Robert G. Thompson, St. Peter's, Columbia (2025)

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

- Rob Barrick, Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville (2025)
- \*Morgan Merrill, Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville (2026)

**Trustees, The University of the South**

- Ed Miller, Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville (2025)
- The Rev'd Rusty McCown, St. Paul's, Franklin (2026)
- \*Pete Stringer, Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville (2027)

## SUMMARY OF NOMINATIONS

### **Bishop and Council**

- **To be elected by convocation caucuses:** four clergy members for 2 year terms.
- **To be elected by the Northwest Missionary Convocation:** one lay member for an unexpired term.

**NEMC:** *None received*

**NWMC:** The Rev'd Chad McCabe, Trinity, Clarksville

**SEMC:** The Rev'd David Goodpaster, St. James Sewanee, and STEM

**SWMC:** The Rev'd Deacon Bonnie Lloyd-Downs

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

#### *Clergy Nominees:*

- The Rev'd Robert Rhea
- The Rev'd Dr. T.J. Azar, St. Michael's, Cookeville

### **The Standing Committee**

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

#### *Clergy Nominees:*

- The Rev'd Michael Blaess, Redeemer, Shelbyville

#### *Lay Nominees:*

- John Whitaker, Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville

### **The Dandridge Trust Board**

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

#### *Clergy Nominees:*

- The Rev'd Michael Whitnah

#### *Lay Nominees:*

- None at this time

### **The Cathedral Chapter**

**To be elected:** Two non-Cathedral members of the Diocese at large, one clergy and one lay, are to be elected to the Cathedral Chapter by the annual diocesan convention. "Lay members of the Chapter shall be adult confirmed communicants in good standing. The non-Cathedral members of the Diocese at large shall be... elected for a two-year term. They may be re-elected for an additional term, but then are not eligible for re-election until one year has elapsed after the completion of the second term." (*Article II, 5 of the Cathedral Church Agreement*)

#### *Clergy Nominees:*

- The Rev'd Justin Taliaferro, Messiah, Pulaski

#### *Lay Nominees:*

- None at this time

**BISHOP AND COUNCIL AT-LARGE NOMINEES**

*Bishop & Council  
Clergy Member  
(At-Large  
Nominee)*



**The Rev'd Robert Rhea, M.D.**

All Saints', Smyrna

**Biography**

The Rev. Robert Rhea works as an emergency room physician, having 32 years of experience. He and his wife attended St. Bartholomew's for 21 years.

He received a B.A. and a M.D. degree from Oral Roberts University, and an M.A. from Nashotah House in 2014. He was ordained Deacon in 2015 and Priest in 2016 serving at St. Philip's, Nashville through May 2016.

Robert was called to All Saints' Church Smyrna in June 2016 where he is Vicar.

The congregation is predominately Burmese refugees. He oversaw the translation of the current services and rites of the Episcopal Church into Saw Karen, the language of most of these people, which have been distributed across the U. S.

**Question Responses**

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

Theologically, I understand that the office of member of the Bishop and Council to be that of overseer and servant. Members are called to serve, to give of their time and energy and help oversee and guide the business 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 to proclaim the Good News of God in Christ. This is done by the body of Christ, the Church. The Bishop and Council is just one organ in the body of Christ to realize the mission of the church and proclaim the Good News



*Bishop & Council  
Clergy Member  
(At-Large  
Nominee)*



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

St. Michael's, Cookeville

**Biography**

I am pleased to be nominated to serve a full term as a member of Bishop & Council. Having served a year of a departing member's term, and having been in the Diocese of Tennessee only about 18 months, I feel I'm just getting to know how to do the job; I'm hoping a full term will enable me to make a more meaningful contribution to the body's work.

**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 group 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.

**BISHOP AND COUNCIL MISSIONARY CONVOCATION NOMINEES**

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



**The Rev'd Chad P. McCabe**  
Trinity, Clarksville

## Biography

Greetings in the name of the Lord!

My name is Reverend Chad Peter McCabe, I am currently serving as the new Rector of Trinity Parish here in Clarksville. I am a servant leader who is passionate about God's church and connecting people to God through community, traditioned innovation, and creativity. I believe the church can be a place where people find belonging and wholeness. It is my desire to make the local church and our Diocese a place where people feel they are embraced, equipped, and empowered to go into the world with a living faith that makes a positive impact in the communities in which we reside here in the Diocese of Tennessee.

I am a devoted husband of 22 years to my wife Karen, and a proud father of my wonderful 11-year-old son Ethan. In addition to serving as Rector at Trinity Parish, I am a Chaplain in the Tennessee Army National Guard and Chaplain to my son's Scouts BSA Troop.

My educational achievements include a Master of Divinity from Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C., an undergraduate degree (B.A.) in History (Latin America concentration) from the University of Maryland, College Park, MD. I am currently in the final stages of completing my Doctor of Ministry at Duke University Divinity School in Durham, NC. It would be an honor to serve on the Bishop and Council from the Northwestern Convocation.

## Question Responses

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

The Bishop and Council share in the sacred trust to shepherd the diocese as the leadership called by God's people. Through prayer, discernment, and faithful response, the Bishop and Council administer and guide the diocese in financial and administrative matters in our shared life as the body of Christ.
- 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 make disciples through our witness to God's love made manifest in Jesus Christ through a living faith. In order to embrace, equip, and empower Christians and parishes, we need discerning, healthy, vibrant, and vision focused leadership that can guide the church into this new era of being the church. This is the role of the Bishop and Council.

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



**The Rev'd David Goodpaster**

St. James, Sewanee & Southeastern Tennessee Episcopal Ministries

**Biography**

The Reverend David Goodpaster is vicar of St. James Mission Church in Sewanee and an associate priest with the Southeastern Tennessee Episcopal Ministry (STEM) primarily serving Christ Church Tracy City. Raised in central Kentucky and the panhandle of Florida, David went on to graduate from Birmingham-Southern College and the University of Kentucky. Service and education anchored his professional career before becoming a priest. David taught high school and for the Kentucky Historical Society as well as served with the Appalachia Service Project and the U.S. Peace Corps in Malawi. Following graduation from the School of Theology at the University of the South, David was director of the Community Action Committee (CAC), the primary outreach ministry of St. Mark & St. Paul in Sewanee. All of these experiences have been immensely influential on David's ordained life, and he is inspired daily by those he serves as a priest in parish ministry and by his wife, Lauren, and their two teenage sons, Sam and Max.

**Question Responses**

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

Bishop & Council manages the business and administrative aspects of the diocese between conventions. And much like the representative model and approach of our annual diocesan convention and General Convention, Bishop & Council is also an important and necessary expression of The Episcopal Church's belief that, under God, the Church is ordered and governed by its people: laity, deacons, priests, and bishops.
- 2) How is your understanding of the mission of the church related to the office for which you are a candidate?**

The catechism of the Episcopal Church teaches that the mission of the church is to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ. As a priest, I strive to aim myself and others toward deeper relationships with God, neighbors, and creation. And our guide on the path to restored unity with God is Jesus Christ. We follow Jesus in the way of love which he lays out concretely in the sermon on the mount, sacrificially on the cross, and salvifically in the resurrection. As a clergy representative on Bishop & Council, all of my contributions to this office will keep the way of love at the forefront.

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



**The Rev'd Deacon Bonnie Lloyd Downs**

St. Peter's, Columbia

**Biography**

I grew up in a suburb of Chicago, in a village called Glen Ellyn. I am the 3rd of 3 children, having 2 older brothers. I have 2 sons, and 5 grandchildren---who all live out of state. My undergraduate degree is a BSEd from Northern Illinois University and I have an MBA from the University of Indianapolis. Also---just for fun---I have a certificate for completing both beginning and advanced photography from Indiana Vocational Technical College.

Over the years, I have had many fortunate opportunities in my career. From elementary school teaching to computer sales and training, financial services sales training, bank merger/ acquisition strategic planning, financial services product development, bank marketing and advertising and finally, as a bank branch manager. Along the way, I have also served on several charitable boards, participated in and led a Community Leadership program, served as VP of Homeowners' Association and served on Franklin Citizens Police Academy Alumni board.

After the Vocational Diaconate program was reinstated in the Diocese of Tennessee, I was fortunate to be one of the first 4 vocational deacon postulants chosen. We began our training in 2011 and were ordained in January, 2014.

I have a wide array of experience in the church, both as laity and as clergy. I have been a choir member, a Lector, Chalice Bearer, Mission Council member and was a Verger. As a Deacon, my first assignment was to Church of the Good Shepherd, where I served for 5 years. I retired from there in 2019. I have since returned to the active diaconate—serving at St. Peter's in Columbia since 2021.

**Question Responses**

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

Deacons are called by God to serve all people. In that capacity, and with that commitment-- I would welcome the opportunity to, again, serve the Diocese of Tennessee, as well. My theological understanding is, actually, fully explained by the 2 words, "Council" (to) "Bishop".

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

The Episcopal Church is unique in our form of governance –with the B&C being an important arm of the Diocese. The B&C assists the Bishop in the administration of our financial resources as well as our shared life in the diocese. I have served on the B&C previously and I believe I can bring thoughtful, and mature discernment to the varied issues presented.

## **STANDING COMMITTEE**

*Standing  
Committee Clergy  
Member*



**The Rev'd Michael Blaess**

Redeemer, Shelbyville

**Biography**

I love Jesus. I have seen how Jesus transforms lives, including my own. It is my great privilege, honor, and joy to follow Jesus and serve as a priest in his church.

Prior to my time as priest-in-charge at Church of the Redeemer in Shelbyville, I served as intentional interim in the Diocese of Tennessee, as associate rector at St. George's in Nashville, and as rector in Southeast Idaho. My wife Kristine is rector at St. Paul's in Murfreesboro. I have just completed my second two-year term on Bishop and Council.

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

The Standing Committee comes alongside our bishop to aid him in his work, offering support, advice, and consent, and exercising oversight in administrative and ecclesiastical matters, such as the bishop consent process, recommending persons for ordination, and the purchase or sale of property held by a congregation or the diocese. The Standing Committee also receives the bishop's resignation and, in the absence of a bishop, functions as the ecclesiastical authority.

The Standing Committee is called to faithfully safeguard and steward the gifts God has given us as a church and a diocese in order that the parishes and missions in our diocese may flourish as places to experience true and deep life in Christ. It is a privilege to be entrusted with this responsibility.

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

As Christ's church, our mission is to be a visible sign in the world of God's kingdom and an embodiment of the life-changing love of Jesus. Healthy and vibrant mission requires a healthy and vibrant church, including the wise and mature oversight of our life together as a diocese in partnership with our bishop. This is the role of the Standing Committee.



## **DANDRIDGE TRUST BOARD**

*Dandridge Trust  
Board Clergy  
Member*



**The Rev'd Michael Whitnah**  
**St. Paul's, Murfreesboro**

**Biography**

The Rev'd Michael Whitnah has served as Associate Rector for St. Paul's, Murfreesboro since 2020. In addition to the general responsibilities as pastor, priest, and teacher, Michael+ has pioneered the anti-racism task force at St. Paul's, and is deeply invested in the life-long and life-deep discipleship of the church's members. Michael+ is married to Joanna, and they have 2 young children.

Question Responses

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

Two passages of Scripture inform my understanding of the mission of the Dandridge Trust Board. First, Matthew 25 and our Lord's declaration that He is found amidst the hungry, imprisoned, poor, and naked, and the corresponding call of the Church to care for those who experience suffering. Second, the commissioning of Stephen and the other 6 deacons in Acts 6. Careful stewardship of the Church's resources is vitally important, so that appropriate resources can be directed to corresponding needs. The Dandridge Trust Board encompasses both this compassionate outreach and careful stewardship.
- 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 worship our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, carry his Good News out into the world, and invite others to join us in our journey of discipleship. This mission has always includes specific concern for those who are poor, including widows, orphans, and aliens. Serving as a Dandridge Trust Board member (which I have done before) is a joy, because we get to both hear how churches and other organizations in our Diocese are carrying the Good News of Jesus' love into the world in tangible ways, and then also deploy financial resources to support that work.

## THE CATHEDRAL CHAPTER

*The Cathedral*  
*Chapter Clergy*  
*Member*



**The Rev'd Justin Taliaferro**  
**Messiah, Pulaski**

**Biography**

Justin Taliaferro was born and raised in Texas, and is a life-long Astros fan. He met his wife, Corrie, while they were both living and working in Houston. They have one son, William. In 2015, the family moved to Nashville, where they were members of St. Bartholomew's for eight years. Prior to following a call to ministry, Justin spent sixteen years working in manufacturing and supply chain roles that included project management, plant operations management, and supply chain analytics. He received his MDiv from Nashotah House, where he also served as Sacristan for three years. Recently ordained as a priest in the Diocese of Tennessee, Justin serves as Priest-in-Charge at Church of the Messiah, Pulaski.

**Question Responses**

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

My theological understanding of the Cathedral Chapter is based on a parallel to the ministry of a Deacon. As a Deacon serves as a bridge that brings the needs of the community to the church, and brings the offerings of the church out into the community, I also see the work of the Chapter functioning as a type of bridge. As such, I see the Chapter serving in support of gathering the best of what the Cathedral is and does, and extending that outward to the Diocese. In this way, the Cathedral's calling to be servants, stewards, and friends has an opportunity to impact other Parishes as well as the broader Diocese.
- 2) How is your understanding of the mission of the church related to the office for which you are a candidate?**

It is my understanding that the primary mission of the church is to proclaim the Good News of God in Christ, to make disciples of Jesus, and to baptize them in the name of the Trinity. This mission is carried out in specific, local contexts that are composed of particular needs, resources, and cultures. Within this mission, reconciliation and transformation take place within and around our Parishes. The Cathedral Chapter participates in this mission, as it helps the Cathedral to serve as a beacon and an encouragement within the Diocese.

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

## **RESOLUTION TO RATIFY BUDGET DECISIONS OF THE BISHOP AND COUNCIL DURING 2023**

January 7, 2023

- Bishop and Council recommended the 2023 Budget for approval at Diocesan Convention.
- Bishop and Council approved Episcopal Endowment Corporation funds to be used to fund Bishop Bauerschmidt and Canon Howard's sabbaticals in the amount of \$20,000 each.
- Bishop and Council approved the clergy housing resolutions for 2023.

May 13, 2023

- Bishop and Council approved the terms of clergy mini sabbaticals, to be funded by diocesan Episcopal Endowment Funds.

## **RESOLUTION TO RATIFY REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS RELATING TO CANON 10 DURING 2023**

January 7, 2023

- Bishop and Council approved a two-year lease agreement between the diocese and tenant leasing the cottage at 3700 Woodmont Boulevard.

May 13, 2023

- Bishop and Council approved the commercial real estate loan renewal of Church of the Holy Spirit, which is guaranteed by the diocese in the amount of \$420,000.
- Bishop and Council approved the sale of a residential property owned by St. David's in Nashville. The property located at 705 General George Patton Road in Nashville was owned by a St. David's parishioner.

October 28, 2023

- Bishop and Council approved a space use agreement between St. Philip's in Nashville and a Seventh Day Adventist congregation.
- Bishop and Council approved a space use agreement between St. James the Less in Madison and a Parents Day Out program.

## CANONICAL RESOLUTION I: A RESOLUTION TO AMEND CANON 26.2.01

**Resolution Title:** Canonical Resolution I: A Resolution to Amend Canon 26.2.01

**Proposed by:** The Standing Committee on Constitution and Canons

To: The 193rd Annual Convention of the Diocese of Tennessee

From: The Standing Committee on Constitution and Canons

Pursuant to Canon 30 of the Constitution and Canons for the Episcopal Diocese of Tennessee, the Standing Committee on Constitution and Canons reports that it has met and is recommending to the Convention that Canon 26 Sec. 2.01 be amended to remove the nine member cap on the diocesan Disciplinary Board. The Standing Committee on Constitution and Canons for the Episcopal Diocese of Tennessee recommends the adoption by the Convention of the following:

### **Text of Resolution:**

**RESOLVED**, that Canon 26.2.01 *Disciplinary Board ("Board")* is hereby amended to read as follows:

The Board shall consist of *no fewer than* nine persons, ~~five of whom are members of the number of Clergy and four of whom are~~ *shall always exceed the number of Laity by one.*

### **Explanation:**

Due to the requirements of the Title IV disciplinary process, and the need to ensure an adequate number of disciplinary board members to effectively carry out the work of the board in a timely manner, this amendment is proposed to bring our diocesan canons into greater alignment with the Canons of the General Church (Canon IV.5.1) which stipulate only a minimum number of members, and not a maximum number.

Signed Joe B. Brown  
Joe B. Brown, Chair  
Standing Committee on Constitution and Canons

## **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.*

General or Canonical	Title	Proposed by
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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>	<b>Notes</b>
Bishop & Council At-Large Clergy Position	Robert Rhea	All Saints, Smyrna	Originally nominated for Convocation position on time. Nominated for the At-large position after deadline.
Bishop & Council At-Large Clergy Position	T.J. Azar	St. Michael's, Cookeville	Originally nominated for Convocation position on time. Nominated for the At-large position after deadline.
Bishop & Council Clergy Member for the North-western Convocation	Chad McCabe	Trinity, Clarksville	Nominated after the deadline.
Bishop and Council Clergy Member for the Southeastern Convocation	David Goodpaster	St. James, Sewanee and STEM	Nominated after the deadline.
Standing Committee, Lay nominee	John Whitaker	Christ Church Cathedral	Nominated after the deadline.

## FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS

## RECOMMENDED DRAFT BUDGET WORKSHEET FOR 2024

### Revenue

	Operating Budget, 2023	Operating Budget, 2024
Fair Share Commitments	\$1,604,390	\$1,628,854
Faithful and Focused Contributions	\$110,000	\$85,000
Investment Income, General	\$168,000	\$213,145
Investment Income, Robinson, Bishop	\$122,000	\$126,554
STEM Churches	\$52,000	\$50,000
Contributions, Restricted	\$46,880	\$40,000
Fees, Diocesan Convention	\$10,000	\$10,500
Lease Income	\$18,306	\$18,090
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$2,131,576</b>	<b>\$2,172,143</b>

Fair Share Commitments remain the primary source of income for the diocese. The 'Ask' of congregations is equal to 10% of their Normal Operating Income, calculated on a 3 year avg. Reflected here is the total commitment of each congregation as of 1/3.

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 a percentage of their projected annual income each year.

2024 restricted contributions is designated for seminarian assistance and other EEC restricted contributions.

Lease income represents rent from the cottage located on the property at the Diocesan House. This income is transferred to the EEC annually. The current lease expires in February of 2025.

### Expenses

	Operating Budget, 2023	Operating Budget, 2024
<b>Compensation and Benefits-Diocesan Staff</b>		
Stipend, Episcopate	\$85,298	\$93,389
SS Allowance, Episcopate	\$13,755	\$14,374
Housing, Episcopate	\$94,500	\$94,500
Auto, Episcopate	\$5,000	\$5,000
Pension, Episcopate	\$34,840	\$36,407
Health Benefits, Episcopate	\$35,721	\$38,924
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$269,114</b>	<b>\$282,594</b>
Stipend, Canon to the Ordinary	\$59,384	\$64,306
SS Allowance, Canon to the Ordinary	\$8,368	\$8,745
Housing, Canon to the Ordinary	\$50,000	\$50,000
Auto, Canon to the Ordinary	\$3,000	\$3,000
Pension, Canon to the Ordinary	\$21,195	\$22,149
Health Benefits, Canon to the Ordinary	\$38,940	\$41,480
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$180,887</b>	<b>\$189,680</b>
Stipend and Pension, Canon for Ministry	\$17,298	\$18,076
Housing, Archdeacon	\$14,025	\$14,656
Salary and Taxes, Diocesan Staff	\$179,732	\$194,161
Pension, Diocesan Staff	\$15,027	\$16,135
Health Benefits, Diocesan Staff	\$61,690	\$66,326
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$287,772</b>	<b>\$309,354</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.

Clergy pension is calculated at 18%, lay is 9%. Medical premiums increased at 7%. A 4.5% cost of living adjustment is reflected.

	Operating Budget, 2023	Operating Budget, 2024
<b>Outreach Expenses</b>		
Overseas Evangelism	\$12,750	\$12,260
National Church Pledge	\$273,000	\$267,268
MCMM Bookkeeper	\$6,000	\$6,000
St. Luke's Community House	\$80,000	\$85,000
Beloved Community	\$13,448	\$11,342
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$385,198</b>	<b>\$381,870</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 2024 The Dandridge Trust will provide \$96,000 of outreach support. These figures are not recorded as part of the diocesan operating budget.

The National Church Pledge shown is 15% of the 2022 diocesan income, after deducting a \$200,000 exemption.

	Operating Budget, 2023	Operating Budget, 2024
<b>Missions Council</b>		
Church of the Holy Cross, Murfreesboro	\$40,500	\$35,000
St. Anselm's, Nashville	\$25,000	\$25,000
St. James', Dickson	\$8,000	\$7,200
St. James', Sewanee	\$12,000	\$10,000
St. Matthew's, McMinnville	\$34,595	\$27,606
Church of the Epiphany, Lebanon	\$40,500	\$27,500
Church of the Holy Spirit, Nashville	\$21,288	\$22,416
STEM and All Saints' Expenses	\$284,593	\$265,110
Small Church Alliance	\$3,000	\$3,000
Miscellaneous Mission Expenses	\$17,109	\$17,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$486,585</b>	<b>\$439,832</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, and clerical support for STEM churches. All Saints' expenses reflect the cost of a part time vicar and a part time assistant priest. Of \$265,110-Roughly \$205,000 is for STEM, and \$60,000 for All Saints'.

	Operating Budget, 2023	Operating Budget, 2024
<b>Education Council</b>		
Christ Church Chorister Festival	\$4,500	\$5,000
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	\$3,800	\$5,000
Youth	\$25,750	\$21,750
Youth position		\$25,000
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>\$151,300</b>	<b>\$174,000</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. Funding for a staff youth position has also been added.

	Operating Budget, 2023	Operating Budget, 2024
<b>Ministry/Service Council</b>		
Aid to Seminarians	\$40,880	\$38,000
Chaplain, retired clergy	\$2,520	\$3,000
Clergy Assistance	\$2,000	\$15,000
Clergy Colloquium	\$18,000	\$15,000
Clericus	\$1,000	\$1,000
Clergy spouse support	\$5,000	\$4,000
Daughters of the King	\$2,000	\$2,000
New Clergy Placement	\$18,000	\$16,200
Curacy Program	\$23,000	\$33,500
Ecumenical Officer	\$1,750	\$1,750
Ministry, Leadership, and Mission	\$1,000	\$500
Ministry Review	\$1,000	\$0
Vocational Diaconate	\$9,650	\$18,668
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$125,800</b>	<b>\$148,618</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. Curacy Program includes funds to help support Church of the Messiah in Pulaski in partnership with the Small Church Alliance. 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, 2023	Operating Budget, 2024
<b>Church Government Expenses</b>		
Chancellor	\$500	\$500
Diocesan Convention	\$11,000	\$10,000
Ecumenical and Interreligious Dialogue	\$300	\$300
Deputies, General Convention	\$0	\$12,000
Provincial Synod	\$2,000	\$2,000
Province IV Assessment	\$2,292	\$2,292
Cathedral Chapter	\$500	\$350
	<b>\$16,592</b>	<b>\$27,442</b>

	Operating Budget, 2023	Approved Operating Budget, 2024
<b>Administrative Expenses</b>		
Bank charges and investment fees	\$9,000	\$9,000
Building repairs and maintenance	\$27,809	\$24,350
Development, printing and postage	\$9,000	\$5,000
Dues and subscriptions	\$14,500	\$14,500
Equipment rental, repair and maint.	\$28,000	\$24,000
Insurance, property and liability	\$25,800	\$26,214
Postage and shipping	\$3,750	\$3,000
Printing, Communications	\$5,000	\$4,000
Professional accounting fees/auditor	\$48,000	\$53,220
Property taxes	\$1,569	\$1,569
Supplies, G&A, Bishop and Canon	\$7,500	\$6,000
Telephone, G&A, Bishop and Canon	\$3,900	\$3,900
Training, Continuing Education	\$7,500	\$5,000
Travel, mileage, G&A	\$3,000	\$4,000
Travel, Episcopate	\$13,000	\$15,000
Travel, Canon Howard	\$4,000	\$5,000
Utilities	\$17,000	\$15,000
Total	<u>\$228,328</u>	<u>\$218,753</u>
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 Blankenship CPA Group, and accounting services with Crosslin. All costs associated with the maintenance of the property and building at Diocesan House is also included.		
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$2,131,576</b>	<b>\$2,172,143</b>
<b>Total Revenue over (under ) expenses</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

## BISHOP'S LETTER REGARDING FAIR SHARE

The Rt. Rev'd John C. Bauerschmidt  
BISHOP OF TENNESSEE  
bishop@edtn.org



Dear Clergy Members, Vestries, and Mission Councils,

On behalf of the Bishop and Council of our Diocese, I write to present this year's Fair Share request to your congregation.

The Fair Share offerings contributed by our parishes and missions constitute the largest and most significant source of support for our shared mission and ministry in Middle Tennessee. Without the robust commitment of our congregations, our work together would be impossible. The Faithful and Focused Annual Fund, and income from endowment and other sources, provide necessary support, but the Fair Share contributions are the most vital part of our annual budget.

Several decades ago, our Annual Convention made the decision to set our Fair Share request at 10% of a three-year rolling average of congregational income. The Convention wisely decided to keep our resources at the most local level, to enable the good work of our congregations. The Fair Share then established is a voluntary system, to avoid the burden of an exemption process, or the imposition of penalties for non-compliance. As St. Paul writes, the Lord loves a cheerful giver (2 Corinthians 9:7).

At present, the Diocese of Tennessee is fully compliant with the mandatory Assessment from the Episcopal Church, which is set at 15% of a three-year average of income. For the better part of a decade, the Diocese has absorbed the difference between the 10% Fair Share and the 15% Assessment, still convinced that our resources are being put to their best use by not passing on to our congregations the additional cost of this Assessment. We give thanks to the Lord Jesus Christ for our ability to do this.

For the past several years, our Annual Budget has plateaued, in spite of an increase in congregational income, as the sum total of Fair Share commitments has gradually decreased to an average of 8% rather than 10%. The difference is significant, with impact on the ministries that we can undertake together. Many congregations are honoring the Fair Share request at the full asking; others are taking steps toward meeting this 10% voluntary contribution.

I ask you and your congregational leadership to review together the history of your Fair Share commitment to the Diocese of Tennessee over the past several years, to ensure that your response is made prayerfully and intentionally. God has blessed our congregations with abundant resources, more than enough for the mission and ministry that we are called to. In asking our parishioners to contribute to our parishes and missions, we can also point to the good work that their offerings are making possible throughout the Diocese of Tennessee through the Fair Share offering of our congregations. It is an inspiring story.

Thank you for your attention to this vital part of our life together as a Diocese. You remain in my prayers. In turn, I ask your prayers for all our clergy and congregations in the Diocese of Tennessee.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Bauerschmidt".

The Rt Rev'd John Bauerschmidt  
Bishop of Tennessee



## FAIR SHARE COMMITMENTS FOR 2024

### Fair Share 2024

	2024 Ask*	Commitment
Alto, Christ Church	0	0
Antioch, St. Mark's	10,839	2,000
Brentwood, Church of the Good Shepherd	70,722	35,000
Clarksville, Grace Chapel	905	905
Clarksville, Trinity Parish	38,646	32,612
Columbia, St. Peter's	50,660	10,000
Cookeville, St. Michael's	19,049	19,049
Cowan, St. Agnes'	2,155	1,080
Cumberland Furnace, Calvary	1,926	1,000
Dickson, St. James'	3,727	3,727
Fayetteville, Church of St. Mary Magdalene	11,430	11,430
Franklin, Church of the Resurrection	52,411	38,784
Franklin, St. Paul's	102,440	102,440
Gallatin, Church of Our Saviour	14,992	14,992
Hendersonville, Church of St. Joseph of Arimathea	21,516	19,364
Lebanon, Church of the Epiphany	11,588	11,588
Madison, Church of St. James the Less	18,052	16,000
Manchester, St. Bede's	4,543	1,000
McMinnville, St. Matthew's	14,653	13,188
Monteagle, Church of the Holy Comforter	0	0
Murfreesboro, Church of the Holy Cross	8,725	8,725
Murfreesboro, St. Paul's	110,535	110,535
Nashville, Christ Church Cathedral	292,772	292,772
Nashville, Church of the Advent	32,964	24,000
Nashville, Church of the Holy Spirit	23,140	6,000
Nashville, Church of the Holy Trinity	13,703	1,200
Nashville, St. Ann's	31,213	27,000
Nashville, St. Anselm's	9,872	9,872
Nashville, St. Augustine's	69,439	69,439
Nashville, St. Bartholomew's	144,896	144,896
Nashville, St. David's	41,895	34,000
Nashville, St. George's	431,467	431,467
Nashville, St. Philip's	25,746	15,000
New Johnsonville, St. Andrew's	1,011	1,011
Pulaski, Church of the Messiah	9,950	9,950
Sewanee, The Episcopal Parish of St. Mark and St. Paul on the Mountain	43,471	43,471
Sewanee, St. James'	6,994	6,994
Shelbyville, Church of the Redeemer	13,077	13,077
Sherwood, Church of the Epiphany	2,049	2,052
Smyrna, All Saints'	8,029	8,040
Spring Hill, Grace Church	10,072	1,000
Springfield, St. Luke's	4,767	4,767
Tracy City, Christ Church	4,302	4,302
Tullahoma, St. Barnabas'	23,015	3,000
Winchester, Trinity	7,892	7,892
	<b>1,821,249</b>	<b>1,614,621</b>

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\*Fair Share Ask is based on 10% of a 3 year average of the Normal Operating Income as reported on annual Parochial Reports

\*\*Tithe to "other ministries"

## **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 2022 with a market value of \$45 million. The Fund’s performance continues to be a most attractive long term investment vehicle for both dioceses and their individual congregations. The EEC Board voted to continue the 4% spending rate into 2024. The amount available for distribution is based on the average of the previous three years year-end market value.

Please see the Episcopal Endowment Corporation Financial Statements (available on the diocesan website here: <https://edtn.org/our-mission-and-ministries/stewardship/>) for more information.

**REPORTS TO THE 192<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE DIOCESE OF TENNESSEE**

## THE BISHOP'S REPORT

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

### Congregations Visited:

**January**    1    Epiphany, Sherwood  
              8    Holy Trinity, Nashville  
            15    Grace Church, Spring Hill  
            22    Epiphany, Lebanon  
            19    St. Matthew's, McMinnville

**March**      5    St. James, Sewanee  
            19    St. Bede's, Manchester  
            26    Christ Church, Tracy City  
            31    Episcopal School of Nashville

**May**        7    St. Paul's, Murfreesboro  
            14    St. George's, Nashville  
            21    St. Paul's, Franklin  
            28    Resurrection, Franklin

**July**                *Sabbatical*

**September**      *Sabbatical*

**November** 5    All Saints', Smyrna  
            12    St. Ann's, Nashville  
  
            19    St. Michael's, Cookeville  
            26    St. Anselm's, Nashville

**February** 5    St. Peter's, Columbia  
            12    St. Mary Magdalene, Fayetteville  
            19    St. Philip's, Nashville  
            26    Redeemer, Shelbyville

**April**        2    St. Andrew's, New Johnsonville  
            16    St. Mark & St. Paul, Sewanee  
            19    St. Andrew's-Sewanee School  
            23    St. Bartholomew's, Nashville  
            30    Good Shepherd, Brentwood

**June**        4    Trinity Clarksville  
            25    Messiah, Pulaski

**August**                *Sabbatical*

**October**    15    St. Joseph of Arimathea,  
   Hendersonville  
            22    St. James the Less, Madison  
            29    Our Saviour, Gallatin

**December** 3    Advent, Nashville  
            10    Christ Church Cathedral,  
   Nashville  
            17    St. David's, Nashville  
            24    St. Mark's, Antioch

**Number of those Baptized:** 10  
**Number of those Received:** 37  
**Number of Eucharistic Minister licenses issued:** 204

**Number of those Confirmed:** 169  
**Number of those Reaffirmed:** 5  
**Number of Eucharistic Visitor licenses issued:** 39

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

Laura Lowndes  
Kathy Pack

**Admitted as Postulant for the Priesthood:**

Zach Berry  
Brad Daugherty  
Heather Daugherty  
Olufunmilayo Odidi

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

Mark Hunter  
Mary McCarthy  
Brooks Smith

**Admitted as Candidates for Priesthood:**

Justin Taliaferro  
Olufunmilayo Odidi  
Tabitha Ssonko

**Ordained to the Vocational Diaconate: 3**

**Ordained to the Transitional Diaconate: 2**

**Ordained to the Priesthood: 1**

**Clergy Changes by Death:**

Charles A. Burdeshaw  
Joel Thompson Keyes  
James Tubbs  
Eugene Wise

**Actions of Canonical Consent:**

- On January 5, 2023, Bishop John C. Bauerschmidt gave his canonical consent for the Election of Melissa Skelton, Diocese of Olympia.
- On January 23, 2023, Bishop John C. Bauerschmidt gave his canonical consent for the Election of Justin S. Holcomb, Diocese of Central Florida.
- On February 2, 2023, Bishop John C. Bauerschmidt gave his canonical consent for the Resignation of the Rt. Rev'd Gayle Harris, Diocese of Massachusetts.
- On February 7, 2023, Bishop John C. Bauerschmidt gave his canonical consent for the Election of Sally French, Diocese of New Jersey.
- On February 20, 2023, Bishop John C. Bauerschmidt gave his canonical consent for the Resignation of the Rt. Rev'd David Bailey, Navajoland Area Mission.
- On March 6, 2023, Bishop John C. Bauerschmidt gave his canonical consent for the Election of David G. Read, Bishop Coadjutor, Diocese of West Texas.
- On March 23, 2023, Bishop John C. Bauerschmidt gave his canonical consent for the Resignation of the Rt. Rev'd Maria Griselda Delgado del Carpio, Diocese of Cuba.
- On March 27, 2023, Bishop John C. Bauerschmidt gave his canonical consent for the Election of Ann Ritonia, Diocese of the Armed Forces and Federal Ministries.

- On April 5, 2023, Bishop John C. Bauerschmidt gave his canonical consent for the Election of Carrie Schofield-Broadbent, Bishop Coadjutor, Diocese of Maryland.
- On April 20, 2023, Bishop John C. Bauerschmidt gave his canonical consent for the Election of Charlie Holt, Bishop Coadjutor, Diocese of Florida.
- On May 19, 2023, Bishop John C. Bauerschmidt gave his canonical consent for the Resignation of the Rt. Rev'd William H. Stokes, Diocese of New Jersey.
- On June 5, 2023, Bishop John C. Bauerschmidt gave his canonical consent for the Resignation of the Rt. Rev'd Gregory O. Brewer, Diocese of Central Florida.
- On June 7, 2023, Bishop John C. Bauerschmidt gave his canonical consent for the Resignation of the Rt. Rev'd Mark Hollingsworth, Jr., Diocese of Ohio.
- On July 18, 2023, Bishop John C. Bauerschmidt gave his canonical consent for the Resignation of the Rt. Rev'd David M. Reed, Diocese of West Texas.
- On September 6, 2023, Bishop John C. Bauerschmidt gave his canonical consent for the Election of John T.W. Harmon, Diocese of Arkansas.
- On September 14, 2023, Bishop John C. Bauerschmidt gave his canonical consent for the Election of Jeremiah Williamson, Diocese of Albany.
- On September 26, 2023, Bishop John C. Bauerschmidt gave his canonical consent for the Resignation of the Rt. Rev'd Samuel Johnson Howard, Diocese of Florida.
- On October 3, 2023, Bishop John C. Bauerschmidt gave his canonical consent for the Election of Kristin Uffelman White, Bishop Diocesan, Diocese of Southern Ohio.
- On December 12, 2023, Bishop John C. Bauerschmidt gave his canonical consent for the Election of Austin Keith Rios, Bishop Coadjutor, Diocese of California.
- On December 20, 2023, Bishop John C. Bauerschmidt gave his canonical consent for the Resignation of the Rt. Rev'd Larry R. Benfield, Diocese of Arkansas.

## **THE CATHEDRAL CHAPTER REPORT**

On Saturday, June 3, 2023, the Cathedral hosted the Diocesan ordinations of John Mark Hunter, Mary McCarthy, Funmi Odidi, Brooks Smith, and Justin Taliaferro to the diaconate.

The Cathedral Chapter has continued to follow with interest the work of the Isaac Project at Christ Church Cathedral.

On Wednesday, December 6th, 2023, the Cathedral hosted a Clergy Christmas Lunch for the clergy of the Diocese of Tennessee.

## 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 2023 COM were:

- Ed Arning, Chairman - St. Paul's, Murfreesboro
- The Rev'd Jacob Bottom - Our Savior, Gallatin
- The Rev'd Vicki Burgess - Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville
- 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. Vicki Burgess, interim rector of Christ Church Cathedral, joined the Commission in 2023.

In 2023, we had Justin Taliaferro and Greg Voiles continuing the priesthood track. Taliaferro was ordained on December 4th and is serving at the Church of the Messiah in Pulaski.

Mark Hunter, Mary McCarthy, and Brooks Smith were ordained to the Vocational Diaconate on June 4th.

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 2024, it hopes the clergy and lay people of the Diocese will continue to raise up future leaders for the ministry of the Church.

Chairman Ed Arning retires from the Commission at today's annual convention.

Ed Arning

2023 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 when new needs have presented themselves. Since its inception, the Dandridge Trust has given away over \$3 million.

The Dandridge Committee considered 44 applications for 2024 grants and suggested to the Bishop and Council that 32 grants be made. The B&C approved, and the 2024 Dandridge grants are listed below.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sam Bessey, Chair

### **2024 Dandridge Grants**

All Saints' Episcopal Church, Smyrna	\$2,500
Age Well Middle Tennessee	\$2,000
Barefoot Republic Camp	\$2,500
Barnabas Vision	\$2,500
Building Lives Foundation, Inc.	\$2,500
Community Action Committee-St. Mark and St. Paul	\$2,500
Center of Hope	\$1,000
Church of the Holy Trinity Episcopal, Nashville	\$5,000
Community Helpers of Rutherford County, Inc.	\$4,000
East Nashville Hope Exchange, Inc.	\$2,500
Episcopal School of Nashville	\$5,000
Harvest Share Food Pantry	\$2,000
Healing Housing, Inc.	\$5,000
Home to Coalition	\$4,000
Hope Clinic for Women	\$3,000
Hope's Bridge of Middle Tennessee	\$2,000
Insight Counseling Centers, Inc.	\$2,500
Maury County Students in Transition	\$1,000
Men of Valor	\$2,500
Murfreesboro Cold Patrol, Inc.	\$8,500
Music for Seniors	\$1,500
My Bag My Story	\$1,000
Nashville International Center for Empowerment	\$1,000
Rooftop Foundation	\$4,000
Senior Ride Nashville, Inc.	\$5,000
Siloam Health	\$2,500
Sleep in Heavenly Peace, Inc.	\$5,000

St. Ann's Episcopal Church, Nashville	\$2,000
St. James' Episcopal Church, Sewanee	\$1,500
St. Luke's Community House	\$2,500
St. Michael's Episcopal Church, Cookeville	\$3,500
We Remember You	\$4,000

## **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 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. We continue to have chapters in study sessions discerning the call to the Order. I am pleased to report our numbers have stayed strong. Additionally, in 2023, we reinstated a DOK Chapter in our Diocese at St. James the Less, Madison. We will have our first Junior DOK Chapter in this Diocese admitted to the Order in January 2024, at St. Paul's, Franklin. Our attendance at our assemblies has exceeded our expectations and we have scheduled two Assemblies for 2024.

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 2023 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 260+ 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**

The BCC received approval and affirmation from the 191st Diocesan Annual Convention to continue Anti-Racism Training efforts in this Diocese, 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. The training, however, was opened to anyone wishing to participate.

The Training and Education sub-committee continued to meet throughout 2023, and began the first curriculum revision of the Participant Guide and Facilitator's Manual. We are grateful for the guidance and assistance from Bishop Bauerschmidt, Canon Jody Howard, as well as Sandra Beld..

Here are some Anti-Racism Training statistics by the numbers for the year 2023:

- 8 trainings offered throughout the Diocese
- 6 locations of those 7 trainings – includes parishes and the Diocesan House
- 10 facilitators that the commission has currently
- 81 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

The information that follows is based on the participant evaluations that we received. The number in each column indicates the number of participants who rated “1-5” for each category listed. The commission also solicited and received written feedback and evaluations.

Anti-Racism Training Evaluations	5 (highest)	4	3	2	1 (lowest)
Organization/Content	66	13	1	1	
Presentation - Well-organized	64	14.5	2.5		
Presentation Effectiveness	65	14	1	1	
Presentation Length	57	17	5	1	1

## **Commission Sponsored Activities**

### *Feast of Absalom Jones:*

In February, the 7th Annual Diocesan-wide celebration of the Feast of Absalom Jones took place at Christ Church Cathedral. The Rev. Dr. Deborah Jackson, Associate Dean for Community Life, School of Theology at the University of the South in Sewanee, was the preacher. The Right Rev. John C. Bauerschmidt was the celebrant. Musical Guests were the Consort Choir, St. Paul's Episcopal Church Franklin and the Purple Martin Choir, The Episcopal School of Nashville. We collected and donated funds to two Episcopal HBCUs.

### *Book Study:*

A four-week book study on *The Church Cracked Open: Disruption, Decline, and New Hope for the Beloved Community* written by Canon Stephanie Spellers was offered via Zoom for anyone in the diocese.

### *Walk in Love:*

In April, the BCC commemorated the 63rd Anniversary of the bombing of Dr. Z Alexander Looby's home and the peaceful protest that followed. A BCC – developed curriculum about Looby, a Lawyer and Civil Rights Leader in Nashville and member of Holy Trinity, Nashville, was offered via Zoom for anyone wishing to join in the education and discussion.

Faithfully,

Dr. Bill Gittens (co-chair)

The Rev'd Monna Mayhall (co-chair)

## **VOCATIONAL DIACONATE COMMITTEE**

The Vocational Diaconate Committee oversees the two-year Deacon School for the formation of new Vocational Deacons in the Diocese of Tennessee. Postulants enroll in the formation program for a period of two academic years.

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 content has been made available through a partnership between the Diocese of Tennessee and 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 & Wisdom Lit.; Apocalyptic Worldview  
Spiritual Development & 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

### **School for Deacons update as of January 2024**

The Episcopal Diocese's School for Deacons graduated three candidates in May 2023. All three were ordained as Vocational Deacons by Bishop Bauerschmidt in April.

Two diaconal candidates are currently still in formation and are anticipating ordination in June 2024.

Respectfully submitted,  
The Ven. Roger Saterstrom, Chair



## 2023 - Celebrating the Past Year (2022-23)

Eight 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 serving students beyond Kindergarten 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 in the historic Ross Building on Ordway Place. Following are just a few news items from the 2022-23 school year, as well as an announcement regarding the 2023-24 school year at Episcopal School of Nashville:

- Served 156 students from 25 zip codes in grades Pre-Kindergarten through 8th grade and celebrated its very first graduating class in May
- Represented 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.
- Provided 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.
- From our year end 2022-23 Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) testing data, 100% of our third graders read at or above the 50th percentile nationally, 94% schoolwide
- After thorough analysis and thoughtful deliberation, the Board of Trustees voted in December to adopt a significant strategic shift and transition the school to a 3K-6th grade model (with sunseting middle school program) for the 2024-25 school year. This change helps position the school for long term success and financial sustainability (see the handout at the convention table for more details).

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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## ST. ANDREW'S-SEWANEE SCHOOL



### 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 155 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 51% of our student population received need-based financial aid. A total of \$1.7M was awarded in 2023, 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.

**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.

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.

The 2023 graduating class consisted of 39 seniors. The 39 members of the graduating class of 2023 received 102 acceptances to different colleges and universities.

**2023-2024 Statistics for St. Andrew's-Sewanee School (August 2023 to May 2024) \*Collected on the 10th day of classes.** Enrollment for August was 212 students which included 45 boarding-students and 167 day-students. The 2023-2024 student body represents 13 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	FY 23-24
6th	20	27*	14*	25*	23*	17*
7th	27	22*	26*	15*	28*	26*
8th	26	30*	27*	27*	22*	29*
9th	42	29*	35*	38*	41*	24*
10th	43	45*	34*	45*	44*	40*
11th	55	36*	43*	45*	36*	43*
12th	37	52*	34*	41*	39*	33*

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

Honor Roll – Grades 9-12						
Quarter – Reports in	FY 18-19	FY 19-20	FY 20-21	FY 21-22	FY 22-23	FY 23-24
Quarter 1 - October	99	97	74	75	76	80
Quarter 2 - January	85	91	84	83	85	Numbers available January 2024
Quarter 3 - March	89	81	78	89	82	Numbers available March 2024
Quarter 4 - June	86	100	79	80	82	Numbers available June 2024

Volunteer Hours – Grades 9-12						
	FY 18-19	FY 19-20	FY 20-21	FY 21-22	FY 22-23	FY 23-24
Total Service Hours	3812.5	2717	***	1687.5	3333.17	3752.5**
Number of students	177	159	146	163	133	141**
Average hrs. per student	21.54	17.09	***	9.99	25.06	26.61**

Graduation Statistics						
	FY 18-19	FY 19-20	FY 20-21	FY 21-22	FY 22-23	FY 23-24
Total Seniors	37	52	34	41	39	****
Total number of different Colleges/Universities our seniors were accepted to	31	143	125	148	102	****

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

\*\*Represents data collected on November 30

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

\*\*\*\*Data to be collected May 2024

## **DUBOSE CONFERENCE CENTER**

The DuBose Board has been in the process of winding down the DuBose Conference Center business for the better part of two years. We were recently able to close on the property, with the sale being finalized with a Nashville-based developer. While the Board cannot speak directly to their plans with the property, we took great care to make sure that we were selling DuBose to someone who would be a good steward of the property and would take the appropriate measures to preserve the historic buildings we all know and love.



## Report for the Diocese of Tennessee *for Fiscal Year 2023*

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](https://episcopal.sewanee.edu)*

### 2023-2024 SEWANEE ALMANAC

#### College of Arts & Sciences:

- Total enrollment in the College: **1,755**
- Total aid awarded to College students from Constituent Dioceses: **\$41M**
- Total number of Episcopal College students from all 27 Constituent Dioceses: **319**

#### School of Theology:

- Enrollment in the seminary: **57**
- **100%** of seminarians who applied for financial aid received support
- Constituent Dioceses represented by current seminary student body: **23**

### HOW YOUR DIOCESE SUPPORTS SEWANEE FINANCIALLY

*(Includes Sewanee Fund and capital project gifts for the fiscal year 7/1/2022 - 6/30/2023)*

- Diocesan support in FY23: **\$4,000**
- Support from parishes in the diocese: **\$200**
- Percentage of parishes in the diocese that made a gift to Sewanee: **5%**

*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: **222**
- Seminarians from the diocese: **2**
- School of Theology alumni currently serving in the diocese: **18**
- E/M groups in the diocese: **12**

### YOUR TRUSTEES

- The Rt. Rev. John C. Bauerschmidt
- The Rev. Rusty McCown, 2024
- Ed Miller, Jr., 2024
- Pete Stringer, 2024

### YOUR SEMINARIANS

- Bahley Minor, T'25 - Trinity, Winchester
- Wendy Howard, T'24 - St. Mark and St. Pauls, Sewanee

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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:>

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 ~~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.

**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.

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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:>

Sec. 7. The General Convention shall ~~meet~~ *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.

## ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE CLOSE OF THE 192<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION

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

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

### **A Reading: John 15:1-11**

[Jesus said], "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

*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.      Who dwells in the shelter of the Most High,

R.      **Abides under the shadow of the Almighty.**

Let us pray.      (silence)

Almighty and eternal God, whose very life is constancy, and in whom there is no variation or shadow of change, you know our need before the asking. Amid uncertainty--changes, challenges, and cares--fill our hearts with the knowledge of your unfailing care for us and all you have made, so that we may abide in the assurance of what is certain from the foundation of all: your love for us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, world without end. ***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***

# APPENDIX A: LIST OF RESTAURANTS WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE OF ST. PAUL'S

Restaurant Name	Address	Phone	Cuisine/Style	Distance (Miles)
• Alley on Main  <a href="https://alleyonmain.com/">https://alleyonmain.com/</a>	223 W Main St,	615-203-3498	Steaks, Seafood, Pastas, Sandwiches. Vegetarian options.	0.3
• Boro Bourbon & Brews  <a href="http://borobourbonandbrews.com">borobourbonandbrews.com</a>	124 N Maple St	615-900-1921	Bar & Grill	0.3
• Boro Bowls  <a href="http://borobowlsmurfreesboro.com/">borobowlsmurfreesboro.com/</a>	123 S Church St.	629-201-6953	Smoothies, vegan options	0.2
• Boro Kabob  <a href="http://borokabobtn.com/">borokabobtn.com/</a>	306 W Vine St.	615-962-8835	Mediterranean	0.4
• Domenico's Italian Deli  <a href="http://domenicodelitn.com/">domenicodelitn.com/</a>	106 S Maple St	615-624-7474	Deli	0.3
• City Cafe  <a href="http://citycafemboro.com">citycafemboro.com</a>	113 E Main St.	615-893-1303	Southern, Meat and Three	0.1
• Jack Brown's Beer & Burger Joint  <a href="http://jackbrownsjoint.com/locations/murfreesboro/">jackbrownsjoint.com/locations/murfreesboro/</a>	113 N Maple St	615-962-9641	American	0.3
• Oflow Brews & Bakes  <a href="https://overflowb.com/">https://overflowb.com/</a>			Café, Bakery	0.4
• Pucket's Grocery  <a href="http://puckettsgro.com/murfreesboro/our-menu/">puckettsgro.com/murfreesboro/our-menu/</a>	114 N Church St.	629-201-6916	Southern	0.2
• Red Bicycle Roasting Co.  <a href="http://redbicycleroasters.com/">redbicycleroasters.com/</a>			Café, coffee. No food listed on website.	0.3

