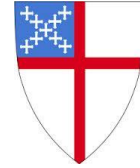




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The Rev. M. Dow Sanderson, Priest-in-Charge

Welcome to the 232nd Convention of the Diocese of South Carolina! On behalf of the five congregations that comprise the West Charleston Deanery, we are delighted to welcome you in our capacity this year as the “host” Deanery.

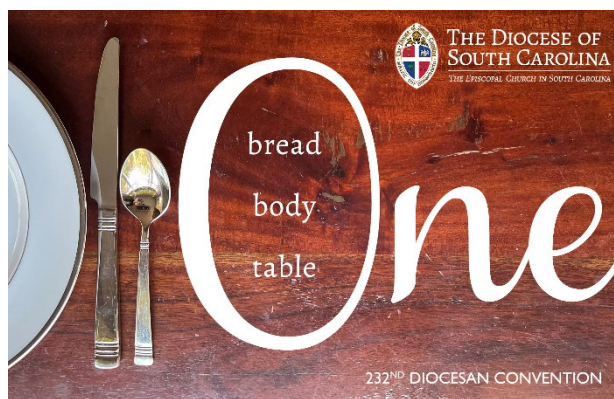
Every Convention has a “business” agenda, as we must always do good work as stewards of our financial resources, elect officers, update our Constitutions and Canons, etc. But for me, the fellowship aspect is of equal or even greater importance. This is our annual opportunity to get the whole family together!

We have worked very hard this year to emphasize this aspect. Whether it is at the Eucharistic table, or the tables around which we shall gather for food and conversation, we want enthusiastically to declare that there is room and welcome for all! Table fellowship is where we get to know each other, deepen bonds of affection, build hope and sustain dreams. We hope that you enjoy your time over these two days, and return to your local congregations with an even deeper appreciation for your whole diocesan family!

Faithfully yours,

Dow Sanderson,
Dean

And from the good people of:
St. Thomas, North Charleston
Epiphany, Summerville
St. George's, Summerville
Good Shepherd, Summerville
The Episcopal Church on Edisto



The Diocese of South Carolina
 The 232nd Annual Diocesan Convention
North Charleston Marriott, West Charleston Deanery

Friday, November 18, 2022

11:00 am Registration begins and continues until 1:30 pm

12:00 pm Welcome Lunch

The Very Rev. Dow Sanderson
 The Rt. Rev. Ruth Woodliff-Stanley
 The Rev. Cn. Stephanie Spellers

1:45 pm First Business Session

Call to Order

Bishop Woodliff-Stanley

Appointment of Parliamentarian

Bishop Woodliff-Stanley

Presentation of Agenda

Bishop Woodliff-Stanley

Vote to Adopt Agenda

Appointment of Convention Committees

Bishop Woodliff-Stanley

Committee on Admission of New Parishes and Missions

Committee on Constitutions and Canons

Committee on Finance

Committee on Elections

Committee on Resolutions

Committee on Credentials

Committee on Necrology

Committee on Nominations

Report of the Clergy Credentials Committee	The Rev. William Coyne
Certification of Quorum	Ms. Diane Wilson, Secretary of Convention
First Report of the Committee on Constitutions and Canons	Ms. Melinda Lucka Kelley
Recognition of Returning Congregations and St. Christopher Camp & Conference Center	Bishop Woodliff-Stanley
<i>Short Break</i>	
The Application for Parish Status Referred to Committee The Episcopal Church on Edisto	Ms. Diane Wilson
Election and Confirmation of Diocesan Officers: Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor, Treasurer and Secretary	Bishop Woodliff-Stanley
Appointment of the Regional Deans	Bishop Woodliff-Stanley
General Convention Resolutions Referred to Dioceses	Ms. Wilson
Recognition of Institutions	Bishop Woodliff-Stanley
Report from Voorhees University	Dr. Ronnie Hopkins
Report from Porter-Gaud School	The Rev. Palmer Kennedy
Recognition of Guest Bishops	Bishop Woodliff-Stanley
Special Remarks	The Rt. Rev. Moises Quezada Mota Diocese of the Dominican Republic
Reports of the Committees on Constitution and Canons and the Admission of New Parishes and Missions	Mr. Michael Jordan Ms. Melinda Lucka Kelley The Rev. Roy Tripp
Recognition of The Episcopal Church on Edisto	Bishop Woodliff-Stanley Ms. Betsy Daise
4:00 pm Convention Recesses	
5:30 pm Opening Eucharist at Grace Church Cathedral; reception follows in Hanahan Hall	

Saturday, November 19, 2022

8:00 am Continental breakfast (clergy spouses to gather as scheduled); late arrival registration

9:00 am Morning Prayer led by Youth

9:30 am The Rev. Cn. Stephanie Spellers to lead Morning Reflection & Discussion

9:45 am Second Business Session to convene

Call to Order Bishop Woodliff-Stanley

Second Report of Committee on Credentials Ms. Laura Marshall

Report of the Nominating Committee Ms. Deb Harris

Elections Bishop Woodliff-Stanley

Bishop's Address

Short Break

Report of the Elections Committee and Second Ballot (*if needed*) The Rev. Dr. Matt McCormick

Special Remarks The Most Rev. Dr. Cyril Kobina Ben-Smith
Primate of the Church of West Africa and the Archbishop of Ghana

Report of the Treasurer and Finance Committee Mr. Barry Ronan

Presentation of and Vote on the 2023 Budget The Rev. Pam Fahrner

Report of the Committee on Constitution and Canons Mr. Michael Jordan
Vote on Amendments

Report of the Committee on Resolutions Mr. Brent Watts
Vote on the Commitment of Affirmation Resolution (Resolution #2)

Presentation of the Bishop's Cross Bishop Woodliff-Stanley

Report of Youth and the Youth Commission Miss Carter Catlette

Recognition of New Clergy, Leaders, and Seminarian Bishop Woodliff-Stanley

Report of the Commission on Ministry The Rev. Courtney Davis-Shoemaker

12:00 pm Lunch (*if ahead of schedule, one or more of the following reports may occur before lunch*)

Report of the Chancellor Mr. Skip Utsey

Report of the Standing Committee The Rev. Cn. Rob Donehue

Recognition of Strategic Transition Task Force Bishop Woodliff-Stanley
The Rev. Denise Trogdon

Report of the Racial Justice & Reconciliation Commission The Rev. Dr. Adam Shoemaker
Ms. Gail DeCosta

Second Report of the Elections Committee and Third Ballot (if needed)

Report from St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center The Rev. Laura Rezac

Report from Bishop Gadsden Ms. Sarah Tipton

Third Report of the Elections Committee (if needed)

Report of Committee on Necrology The Rev. Bill Watson

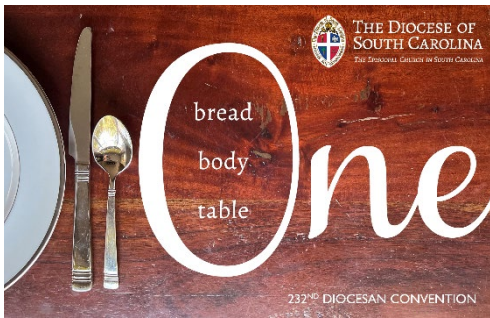
Second Report of the Committee on Resolutions Mr. Brent Watts
Courtesy Resolutions The Rev. Laura Rezac

Invitation to the 2023 Convention

Adjournment and Benediction

Commission on Ministry Meet & Greet (will begin after the close of Convention)

This is an opportunity for those interested in learning more about the discernment process. It will be held in the Momentum Room to the left of the front entrance (as you enter the lobby from the main entrance. It is the room to the right if coming from inside at Convention).



Convention Committee Appointments 232nd Annual Diocesan Convention

Constitution and Canons

The Rev. Cn. Rob Donehue
Mr. Michael Jordan, Chair
The Rev. Cn. Philip Linder
Ms. Melinda Lucka Kelley
The Rev. Dr. Michael Shaffer
Mr. Skip Utsey, ex-officio

Credentials – Clergy

The Rev. Bill Coyne, chair
The Rev. Palmer Kennedy
The Rev. Jeff Richardson

Credentials – Lay

Ms. Jennifer Boyle
Ms. Laura Marshall
Ms. Sparkie Sparks

Elections

Ms. Evelyn LeGrand
The Rev. Matt McCormick
Mr. Gray Thomas

New Parishes and Missions

The Rev Cn. Ryan Currie
Ms. Veronica Hinkson
Mr. Charles Jordan
The Rev. Roy Tripp, chair
Mr. Skip Utsey, ex-officio

Necrology

The Rev. Bill Watson

Finance

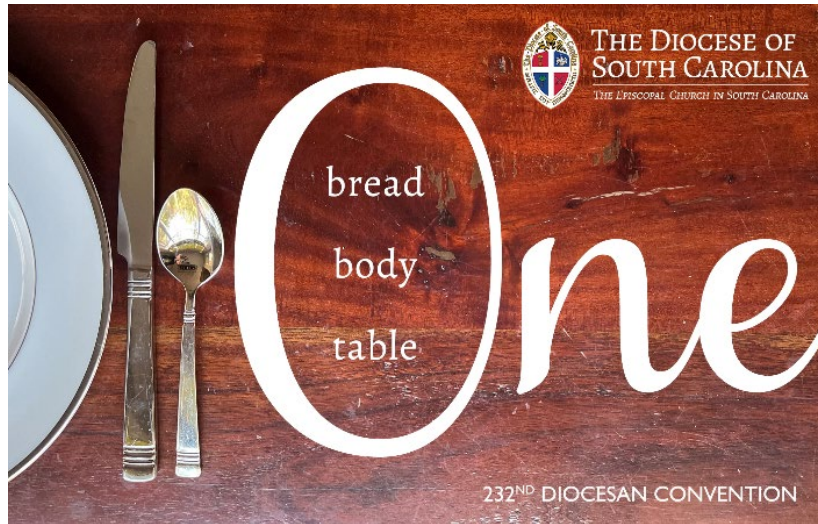
Mr. Bill Beak
The Rev. Pam Fahrner
Mr. Mike Jefferson
Ms. Barbara Mann
Cn. Andrea McKellar, ex-officio
Mr. Barry Ronan, ex-officio
Mr. Mark Szen, ex-officio

Nominations

Ms. Deb Harris, Chair
Ms. Joy Hume
Mr. Michael McShane
The Rev. Dr. Wilmot Merchant II
Mr. Tom Miller
The Very Rev. Dow Sanderson
The Very Rev. Dr. Adam Shoemaker
The Rev. Bill Watson

Resolutions

Ms. Arie Bush
The Rev. Pam Fahrner
The Rev. Laura Rezac
Mr. Skip Utsey, ex-officio
Mr. Brent Watts, Chair



Proposed Resolutions

The Diocese of South Carolina
The 232nd Annual Diocesan Convention

Resolution for Presentation and Adoption at the November, 2022 Annual Convention

Recognition and Restoration of Returning Episcopal Parishes

Whereas, the following parishes:

Christ Episcopal Church, Mount Pleasant
Saint Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, Hartsville
Saint David's Episcopal Church, Cheraw
Saint James' Episcopal Church, James Island
Saint John's Episcopal Church, Johns Island

were Episcopal parishes in union with the Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina prior to 2012, pursuant to the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese; and

Whereas, in 2012 disassociated clergy attempted to lead these parishes out of The Episcopal Church; and,

Whereas, from 2012 through April 20, 2022, loyal Episcopalians in these parishes, through no fault of their own, were unable to have the parishes to comply with the provision of Canon 4; and,

Whereas, the faithful Episcopalians in the above parishes, desire to have their respective parishes be recognized as being "in union with the Annual convention" and in "good standing" with the Convention;

Now therefore be it resolved that this 232nd Annual Diocesan Convention of The Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina does hereby waive any current canonical provision that would prevent or delay the recognition of these parishes as being restored to union with Convention.

Be it further resolved that this 232nd Annual Diocesan Convention of The Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina does hereby recognize that the above named Episcopal parishes are in full union with this Convention and are accorded the full privileges of membership in the Convention, pursuant to Article VIII of the Diocesan Constitution.

Resolution for Presentation and Adoption at the November, 2022 Annual Convention

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Episcopal Church in South Carolina (the ‘Diocese’) is a proud to be a diocese and a part of The Episcopal Church; and,

WHEREAS, the Diocese adopts this resolution and authorizes the execution and delivery of the attached “Commitment of Affirmation” to confirm our permanent and irrevocable relationship with The Episcopal Church.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The Episcopal Church in South Carolina acting through its 2022 Annual Convention does hereby confirm with this document entitled “Commitment of Affirmation” our permanent and irrevocable relationship as being a part of and a diocese in The Episcopal Church.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the appropriate officers of the Diocese be and they hereby are directed and authorized to execute, deliver, and properly record the attached “Commitment of Affirmation.” This Commitment of Affirmation must be properly executed in duplicate by the Bishop and attested by an appropriate officer of the Diocese and be in the form appropriate for filing in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Charleston County, South Carolina. One executed copy shall be filed in the Office of the Register of Deeds in Charleston County. After recording the original, executed, and filed document shall be delivered to the office of the Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church. The other executed copy shall be retained as part of the permanent records of the Diocese.

Commitment of Affirmation

WHEREAS, The Episcopal Church in South Carolina is a diocese that is part of and in communion with The Episcopal Church; and,

WHEREAS, this Commitment of Affirmation confirms both our historic, current, and future commitment to our The Episcopal Church.

We, The Episcopal Church in South Carolina, do hereby irrevocably state and affirm that we:

1. Accede to the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church.
2. Acknowledge the superior and hierarchical authority of The Episcopal Church, and agree to be governed thereby. We agree to remain in conformity with the Constitution and Canons, doctrine, discipline and worship of The Episcopal Church and to the rules regulating such dioceses, parishes and missions.
3. Are a subordinate entity of The Episcopal Church.

We agree to that we are bound by the constitutions, canons, and rules of The Episcopal Church including, but not limited to The Episcopal Church canon Title 1. Canon 7. Sec. 4, which is commonly known as the “Dennis Canon.”

We acknowledge and state that this Commitment is irrevocable by us.

We affirm that the execution of this Commitment of Affirmation is made with adequate consideration by all parties and has been duly authorized by the Annual Convention of The Episcopal Church in South Carolina in November, 2022.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The Episcopal Church in South Carolina has executed this Commitment of Affirmation this _____ day of _____, 2022.

WITNESSES:

The Episcopal Church in South Carolina

By: _____
Ruth Woodliff – Stanley, its Bishop

Attest: _____
_____, its _____

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
)
COUNTY OF CHARLESTON)

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I, _____, do hereby certify that The Episcopal Church in South Carolina by its duly authorized officers personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing instrument.

Witness my hand and official seal this the ___ day of _____, 20__.

_____(SEAL)
Notary Public for South Carolina
My Commission Expires:

General Convention Resolutions Referred to Dioceses

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A031 Amend the Constitution and Canons Relating to Mergers of Dioceses

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.

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

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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.

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A059 Amend Article X of the Constitution of The Episcopal Church (First Reading)

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.

Sec. 5. Nothing in this Article shall be construed as restricting the authority of the Bishops of this Church to take such order as may be permitted by the Rubrics of the Book of Common Prayer or by the Canons of the General Convention for the use of special forms of worship.

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

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.

<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.

NOMINEES FOR DIOCESAN OFFICES

Report Prepared for the 232nd Diocesan Convention,
As of October 10, 2022



Diocesan Council (Three-year terms)

The Diocesan Council, comprised of six clergy and six lay members, along with the Bishop, Treasurer, and Chancellor, is responsible for the development, implementation and oversight of the Diocesan program and budget. Between Diocesan Conventions, the Council functions much like the vestry of a congregation, establishing policies, planning the work of the church, and overseeing its administration.

Clergy Nominees (2 Clergy Seats):

The Rev. Eunice Dunlap
The Rev. Michael Szymanowski

Lay Nominees (2 Lay Seats):

Eve Pinckney
Taylor Skardon

Standing Committee (Three-year terms)

The Standing Committee is comprised of six clergy and six lay members. The Standing Committee's responsibilities are: to act as the Standing Committee of the diocese in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church, The Constitution of this Diocese (Article IX), and its Canons, including giving consents to Episcopal elections elsewhere in TEC; to act as a Council of advice to the Bishop; and to act as Ecclesiastical Authority in absence of the Bishop.

Clergy Nominees (2 Clergy Seats):

The Rev. Michael Bye
The Rev. Dr. Michael Shaffer

Lay Nominees (2 Lay Seats):

Veronica Hinkson
Henry Saunders
Larry Watt

Trustees of the Diocese (Six-year terms)

The Trustees of the Diocese include 3 clergy and 3 lay members serving in a 6-year term. The responsibilities of the Trustees are in accordance with 1902 Act of the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina, and include quarterly meetings, and managing the investments, assets, and endowments of the diocese.

Clergy Nominees (1 Clergy Seat):

The Rev. Ross Tortora

Lay Nominees (2 Lay Seats; one for a six-year term and one for a two-year term):

Michael (Mike) Battle
James (Jim) Phelps
Randal Robinson

Deputies to the 81st General Convention in 2024 (Two-year terms)

Deputies and Alternates: Each diocese of The Episcopal Church is entitled to four clergy and four lay deputies at the triennial meetings of the General Convention. Deputies serve any number of three-year terms. The 81st General Convention will be held June 30-July 9, 2024, in Louisville, Kentucky. Expectations include attending the full 10 days at the Convention, as well as the two-day Province IV Synod meetings. There will be some diocesan funds available to offset the costs, but additional funds may need to be identified from local parishes and individuals.

Clergy Nominees (4 Clergy Deputies/4 Alternates):

The Rev. Bill Coyne
The Rev. Charles Jenkins
The Rev. Cn. Ramelle McCall
The Rev. Dr. Wilmot Merchant II
The Very Rev. Dr. Adam Shoemaker
The Rev. Roy Tripp
The Rev. Denise Trogdon

Lay Nominees (4 Lay Deputies/4 Alternates):

Josh Bullock
Deb Harris
Jane Hart Lewis
Sally Mayse
Andrea McKellar
Sarah Tipton
Brent Watts

Trustee, University of the South (Three-year term)

The University of the South, located in Sewanee, TN, is owned by the Episcopal dioceses of the southeast, each of which elects two lay persons and one member of the clergy to its Board of Trustees. The Trustees meet once each year for two days. Between annual meetings, trustees serve the University by promoting its mission, encouraging enrollment, and supporting it financially.

Lay Nominees (1 Lay Seat):

Laura Marshall
Jan Schumann

Additional nominations may be presented to the Nominations Committee on or before November 18, 2022, the first business day of Diocesan Convention.

Additional nominations must include 150 copies of each nominee's photo, nominator statement, and personal statement.

Diocesan Council *Clergy*

Name: The Rev. Eunice Dunlap

Church: St. Catherine's, Florence

Nominated by: Pattie White



Nominator statement: Eunice is new to our Diocese, having arrived in 2021 to lead the Episcopal outpost in the Pee Dee region - St. Catherine's Episcopal Church in Florence. She's already energized the parish and welcomed new folks, not surprising given her enthusiastic preaching, pastoral heart, and consistent message that "God loves you (no exceptions)." In her nearly 20 years as an ordained priest, Eunice has served across four Dioceses (two NC Dioceses, plus DE and ME) prior to coming to SC, including various Diocesan committees in those areas. She thus will bring broad, practical experience to Council along with her wider-world perspective (she grew up in New York and attended Juilliard - we love hearing her prayerful songs). Several of her former parishioners continue to join in St. Catherine's worship and events (e.g. a new book club Eunice started), as a testimony to her charisma and spiritual encouragement. She's also already formed relationships with other worshipping communities in our area, such as the local Jewish temple. We at St. Catherine's already love Eunice, and it would be our honor and joy to share her expansive faith, steady leadership, and many talents with the Diocese through Council.

Personal Statement: I've been a priest for 19 years and have served on various committees on the Diocesan level, the most recent of which was the Disciplinary Committee for the Diocese of Delaware. I'm a native New Yorker, a contemplative person with inter-spiritual leanings, a "graduate" of The Living School in Albuquerque, NM, and I have a desire to give back to this Diocese in the form of service after all they have been through in the last 10 years.

Diocesan Council *Clergy*

Name: The Rev. Michael Szymanowski

Church: St. George's, Summerville

Nominated by: Evelyn LeGrand



Nominator statement: While St. George's has been working toward finding a new rector, Rev. Mike Szymanowski has stepped up to serve as regular supply for us. He has been joyfully received, and has worked well alongside our part time associate priest. Fr. Mike is an experienced and resourceful teacher, a wise listener, and a valued advisor. I believe his past experience and current availability make him a good candidate for Diocesan Council.

Personal statement: I have served in several parishes as well as a chaplain for police, fire, EMS in the Upstate and the Lowcountry. I have also served as a hospital chaplain in Charleston. My experience in these dioceses includes service on the Diocesan Council, the Standing Committee, Deacons Training Program, Board of Examining Chaplains, and as head of Congregational Development.

Diocesan Council

Lay

Name: Eve Pinckney

Church: Episcopal Church in Okatie, Ridgeland

Nominated by: The Rev. Bill Watson



Nominator statement: I am delighted to nominate Eve Pinckney as a lay person to serve on Diocesan Council. I have worked with Eve since becoming priest-in-charge of The Episcopal Church in Okatie in 2019. She demonstrated outstanding leadership as our senior warden. She has a life-long connection to the diocese serving on Diocesan Council in the past. She developed our parish Creation Care project where we clean Snake Road on a quarterly basis. She is also an active member of the Daughters of the King. If I need assistance, Eve is right there with her full support. She is a faithful disciple of Jesus who will participate fully if elected to serve on Diocesan Council.

Personal Statement: As an Episcopalian growing up in The Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina, I was blessed with an abundance of formative experiences that shaped my life and ministry in the church. Holy Trinity, Grahamville provided a worshipping community that truly represented Christ's unconditional love, with Sunday School teachers who shared stories of the Old and New Testament. I spent summers engaged in Christian community at Camp St. Christopher, with mentors that modeled a life of prayer and life-long study. Such formation enabled me to serve the church as a member of the Vestry and Daughters of the King.

From my earliest years, our diocese existed under the leadership of Bishop Gray Temple, a leader who embraced the work of social reform during the Civil Rights Era, specifically through measures that promoted changing hearts and minds. He taught us that ALL lives are worthy in the eyes of God and that we were to exist, even in the midst of differences, with the love of God at our center. Our common diocesan ministry was rooted in love of God and with one another.

This vocational purpose formed me at Holy Trinity and the same purpose shaped the creation of The Episcopal Church in Okatie, a congregation that loves unconditionally and serves God faithfully. A focus that is much needed throughout the diocese. It is critically important that we empower our congregations with strong leadership that builds up the body of Christ through dynamic worship, intentional congregational development, and spiritual development.

Diocesan Council

Lay

Name: Taylor Skardon

Church: The Episcopal Church on Edisto, Edisto Island

Nominated by: The Rev. Bill Coyne



Nominator Statement: Taylor has been a strong leader in the formation and continued vitality of the Episcopal Church on Edisto. He has served a full term as a member of the Standing Committee in South Carolina and will be a valuable addition to the Diocesan Council.

Personal Statement: I am a lifelong Episcopalian and product of the Diocese of South Carolina. My youth spent with the congregations of St. Paul's, Summerville and St. John's, Florence had a major impact on who I am today. I made lifelong friends while serving on the Diocesan Youth Commission, the St. Alban's vestry at The Citadel, and the staff at Camp St. Christopher. Wherever the Navy took us over our 30-year career, Nancy and I always found friends, familiarity, and work at the nearest Episcopal Church. After retiring, we made our church home with the wonderful congregation at The Episcopal Church on Edisto. I served twice on its Mission Council and am active each week in the worship service. We also work with others on Monday nights hosting 40-50 members of the Episcopal Cadet Fellowship at The Citadel. I work there as an adjunct faculty and liaison with families. I also serve on the Charleston County Greenbelt Advisory Board.

Serving these past three years on the Standing Committee has shown me how exciting of a time it is for our Diocese. With the legal issues just about settled, we are free to move forward with a clear vision. The Diocesan Council will play a major role in making that vision a reality. I would enjoy being a part of that effort and believe the experience I would bring from the Standing Committee would be helpful. If elected, it would be an honor, and a joy, to continue serving the people of this diocese.

Standing Committee *Clergy*

Name: The Rev. Michael Bye

Church: St. David's, Cheraw

Nominated by: The Very Rev. Wil Keith



Nominator statement: Father Mike has been indispensable to the continuing missions and worship groups in the Pee Dee-Waccamaw Deanery. He is also indispensable to the addiction recovery community. He is also indispensable to me as a dear friend and colleague. Father Mike knows his people, cares for them very deeply, and approaches his calling with humility, humor, and tenderness when called for. He is an excellent priest, a wonderful person, and his abundant years have given him both wisdom and compassion in his calling.

Personal Statement: I grew up in the Carolinas and after college and seminary began serving churches in the Mid-Atlantic region and the Carolinas. I have served mostly in urban outreach and small town churches. I have enjoyed the closeness and intimacy of that type of ministry. I am presently serving two of the returning congregations, St. David's in Cheraw (where I have served the continuing congregation for two years), St. Bartholomew's in Hartsville.

Standing Committee *Clergy*

Name: The Rev. Dr. Michael Shaffer

Church: St. Francis, Charleston, and Calvary, Charleston

Nominated by: The Very Rev. Dr. Adam Shoemaker



Nominator statement: I wholeheartedly nominate the Reverend Michael Shaffer to serve a term on the Standing Committee. Since his arrival in our diocese, Michael has served St. Francis with creativity and a generosity of spirit. He has also demonstrated a keen interest in helping to discern how the church can better respond to the needs outside in our wider community. He is thoughtful and collegial and has been an active member of our diocese's strategic transition committee. I believe he would be a wonderful addition to our diocesan standing committee during this critical time in the life of our diocese.

Personal Statement: While the Standing Committee has specific canonical responsibilities, it serves primarily as the bishop's council of advice. In this regard, as we live into the reality of a post-schism diocese, I am fortunate to have been gifted with life experiences which I believe have prepared me to serve as an effective member of the Standing Committee, particularly during this important time of transition and transformation.

A practicing trial attorney for 33 years, I am familiar with both the idiosyncrasies of litigation, and the unexpected challenges that sometimes arise following the resolution of litigation. Having previously served on the Board of Examining Chaplains and as Intake Officer in the Diocese of West Missouri, I have a working familiarity with the Canons and Constitution of the Episcopal Church and understanding of the checks and balances provided by our episcopal polity. Serving as priest-in-charge of St. Francis Episcopal Church since 2018 and more recently as part-time interim rector at Calvary Episcopal Church, I have an ongoing appreciation of the ever-changing needs and concerns of parishioners in our diocese. Additionally, as a member of the Strategic Transition Task Force this past year, I have a familiarity with the challenges faced by diocesan leadership in structuring a post-schism diocese.

I chose to move to South Carolina and become a canonical resident of this diocese in the midst of schism, as I saw an opportunity to be part of the great Easter story and live among Easter people. I would be honored to continue that journey with you, serving as a member of your Standing Committee.

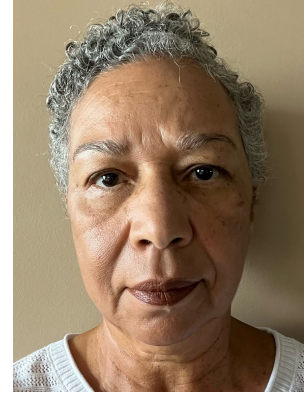
Standing Committee

Lay

Name: Veronica Hinkson

Church: Good Shepherd, Summerville

Nominated by: The Very Rev. Dow Sanderson



Nominator statement: Veronica Hinkson is a member of the Good Shepherd Episcopal Church in Summerville. In 2018, she relocated from New York City where over the years she served parishes in various capacities including eucharistic minister, vestry member, warden, and delegate to diocesan convention. She was a certified Safe Church trainer in the Diocese of Long Island and served on the Standing Committee, and as a member of the Cathedral Chapter of the Cathedral of the Incarnation. She served on the Episcopal Cursillo Ministry Committee for four years; with three as the Representative for the Northeast and the fourth year as President. Veronica is also a life member of the Union of Black Episcopalians.

Veronica recently retired from Saint Vincent Catholic Medical Centers where she was employed as Director of Insurance and Claims for the past 21 years. As a lifelong Episcopalian and devout Christian, Veronica believes that she will be an asset to the Standing Committee in the Diocese of South Carolina.

Personal statement: I bring a wealth of experience, including many years of leadership, serving on both the parochial and Diocesan Level in Long Island. Since our move to Summerville, my family and I have been very active at Church of the Good Shepherd, where I currently serve on the Mission Council and on the Diocesan Convention Planning Committee for the West Charleston Deanery.

Standing Committee

Lay

Name: Henry Saunders

Church: St. Stephen's, North Myrtle Beach

Nominated by: The Rev. Dr. Wilmot T. Merchant II



Nominator Statement: I am delighted to nominate Henry Saunders to serve as a member of the Standing Committee. Henry has served St. Stephen's in many capacities and at the present time he is our Senior Warden. His experience, forward-thinking mindset, leadership skills, and personal qualities have been a blessing to our parish. Now that he has retired from his medical profession and is willing to serve in this capacity, I strongly believe the diocese will share in this blessing of his participation.

Personal Statement: I am a member of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in North Myrtle Beach where I currently serve as senior warden. Prior duties have included chairman of our Trust and Endowment Board, vestry, junior warden, and coordinator for some of our outreach programs. We are a service church of active retirees. I am proud of the church family that we are, and the good we do for the community.

Prior to the painful split I was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Conway where I served as treasurer, junior warden, and vestry member. This experience with two congregations has taught me much about church politics and governance. As a lifelong Episcopalian and grandson of an Episcopal priest, I know the history and traditions of our denomination.

Now fully retired from my practice of general internal medicine and hospice medicine in Horry County, I am pleased to have the time to devote to my children, grandchildren, and to Christ's place in my heart. I see challenges ahead as our denomination continues its mission to serve the spiritual needs of a changing society. The love and hope that Christ has provided is needed more than ever. I seek a position on the Standing Committee to be of service to that mission, and I am grateful for your support.

Standing Committee

Lay

Name: Larry Watt

Church: Christ Church, Denmark

Nominated by: The Rev. Cn. Rob Donehue



Nominator statement: Larry has been a member of Christ Church, Denmark for 46 years. He is currently serving as senior warden and organist. He has been Executive Director of the South Carolina Independent School Association for 31 years, leading 132 schools and 38,000 students. In that role, he has board training and strategic planning accreditation standards. Larry served as a member of the Diocesan Transition Committee, working to facilitate the election and welcome of our XV Bishop. He recently was a presenter for a diocesan seminar on vestry leadership and governance, and he currently serves as coordinator for the Prison Ministry of the Southern Deanery. I believe Larry's leadership skills and his long-standing dedication to the work of the Church will make him a valued member of the Standing Committee.

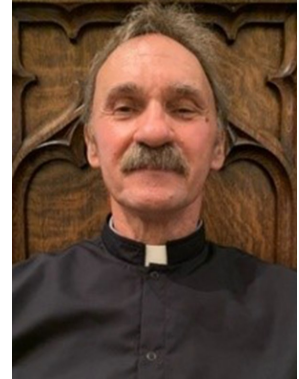
Personal Statement: I am dedicated to Christ Church, Denmark and by extension to the Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina. I have been a communicant of Christ Church for 39 years and am currently serving as organist and senior warden. Additionally, I am the coordinator of the prison ministry for the Southern Deanery. From 1987 to 2018, I was the executive director of the South Carolina Independent School Association responsible for 138 schools serving 38,000 students. Much of my work centered around leadership, governance, and services to members, both large and small. I was fortunate to be able to serve as a member of the Transition Committee whose faithful work brought Bishop Ruth to us. I believe in her leadership and will work to support her efforts if elected.

Trustee, Diocese of South Carolina *Clergy*

Name: The Rev. Ross Tortora

Church: Grace Church Cathedral, Charleston

Nominated by: The Rev. Cn. Rob Donehue



Nominator Statement: Ross' background as a teacher and educator have given him the ability to work collaboratively to achieve success. His capacity to understand complex systems is impressive, and he brings an energy and dedication to his work that will benefit the diocese. Having known Ross as a deacon for several years, I am confident that he will serve ably and keep the mission of the diocese at the front of his mind as the Trustees do their work.

Personal Statement: I have been a member of Grace Church Cathedral for nine plus years, and have served on the vestry, plus a handful of committees. I was ordained as a vocational deacon in August 2020 and serve as a deacon at the Cathedral. The strengths that I could bring to his position are the ability to work effectively with people in various settings, a good work ethic, and good organizational skills with attention to detail. I've demonstrated over a 36-year tenure as a high school classroom instructor as well as a 30-year career as a football coach. During that time, I also served as head football coach for 12 years. I believe I have demonstrated an ability to work alongside people in a collegial relationship.

One of my monthly responsibilities at the cathedral is the scheduling and coordination of service participants for Sunday and weekday Eucharistic services (lector, intercessor & chalice bearer). This task requires not only organizational skills, but also the willingness to contact folks throughout the scheduling process. I am willing to work with other people to accomplish a task. Over the past several months I have organized and led three book discussion groups which require organization, preparation as well as the ability to lead a group in a focused conversation. If I am chosen I would consider it a privilege to serve the diocese in this capacity.

Trustee, Diocese of South Carolina *Lay*

Name: Michael (Mike) Battle

Church: St. Anne's, Conway

Nominated by: The Rev. Sandra Moyle



Nominator Statement: Mike Battle is a dedicated and talented member of the Episcopal Church, the Diocese of South Carolina, and St. Anne's Episcopal Church in Conway. As a Christian, and a father, husband, grandfather, lawyer (with many years' experience as the managing partner of The Battle Law Firm), and musician, he has life and work experiences that make him a qualified and sought-after volunteer in many arenas. He chooses to give his volunteer time in the service of Christ through the Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina. His loyalty is unquestioned as he is one of the founding members of St. Anne's which was formed in the aftermath of the schism within the diocese. I find Mike Battle to be personable, smart, dedicated and thoughtful; he will do the right and proper thing in managing the investments of various funds of the Diocese.

Personal Statement: I have been a member of the Episcopal Church for approximately 40 years. I was a member of St. Paul's, Conway and later joined St. Anne's when it was formed. I have served on the vestry and I have served as a senior warden. I was elected a member of the Diocesan Council under Bishop Allison. Under Bishop Salmon, I was a chancellor on behalf of the Diocese in connection with complaints against a priest, and I have represented the diocese as an attorney in connection with various property issues. I also served as a chancellor for St. Paul's, Conway before the schism. I am a lector, chalice bearer, and a member of St. Anne's choir, and I lead a small band that plays at St. Anne's social gatherings. I want to continue to put my gifts and experiences in service to the Diocese of South Carolina by being a Trustee of the Diocese and help to insure it has a viable financial future.

Trustee, Diocese of South Carolina *Lay*

Name: James (Jim) Phelps

Church: St. Mark's, Port Royal

Nominated by: Barney Forsythe



Nominator Statement: I am pleased to nominate Jim Phelps as a trustee of the Diocese of South Carolina. Jim is a dedicated Episcopalian who has been active in church affairs for decades. Always eager to serve wherever he is needed, Jim gives generously of his time, talent, and treasures. He was instrumental in establishing the endowment for St. Mark's and developing the policies for administering the endowment. He leads the parish's management of our property and facilities as Junior Warden of the vestry and is now on the team that is studying the strategic future of parish facilities. The vestry relies on his sound judgment and wise counsel when making decisions. In the community, Jim has served as the client in-take financial coordinator for Beaufort HELP, a service organization that provides resources to those in need. Jim's professional expertise in finance, investment, banking, and real estate make him well qualified to serve as a trustee. Jim is a thoughtful and caring lay leader with a heart for ministry and service; he will serve the Diocese of South Carolina with distinction.

Personal Statement: I am Jim Phelps and would like to serve as a trustee of the Episcopal Church of South Carolina. My wife, Debbie, and I are lifelong Episcopalians and relocated to Beaufort, SC over seven years ago to begin the retirement chapter of our lives. Joining St. Mark's in Port Royal was an easy decision where we have been blessed to be a part of its growth from a mission to a recognized church in the Episcopal diocese. Reaching out and becoming involved with the local Episcopal church was a priority at the many stops in my career.

My experience includes over 40 years of financial responsibility for real-estate investments at major financial institutions ranging from portfolio management, ownership, lending and credit. I will bring that experience, along with a collaborative intent, to provide guidance and direction to diocesan investments so they are positioned to meet the mission statement for future generations.

At St. Mark's I am a member of the vestry serving as junior warden, liaison with the facilities planning committee for future parish needs, and chairperson of the newly-founded endowment. Growing with St. Mark's and the endowment has provided valuable experience that relates directly to the responsibilities of a trustee. I have also served the community as a volunteer and board member of HELP of Beaufort, a local social service organization. Giving back to the local community and sharing with St. Mark's (and the diocese) is a focus in my next chapter. I would be honored to serve the diocese on the Board of Trustees.

Trustee, Diocese of South Carolina *Lay*

Name: Randal Robinson

Church: Grace Church Cathedral, Charleston

Nominated by: The Rev. Cn. Rob Donehue



Nominator Statement: Brigadier General Randal Martin Robinson was born and raised in Charleston, South Carolina. He graduated from Wofford College in 1966, and upon graduation, he served on active duty from 1966 to 1970. He was appointed an Army Aviator in 1967. His service in the military spanned 30 plus years, and he was promoted to the rank of Major General upon his retirement from the S.C. Army National Guard in July 1998.

In his civilian career, General Robinson was president of an electrical contracting firm, and was director of a boat manufacturing company. He is a past president of the National Guard Association of S.C., and the Charleston Electrical Contractors Association. He is a past president of the board of the Association For the Blind, and a member of the Rotary Club, and a former vestryman at Grace Church Cathedral. He served as the chair of the Building Committee during the renovation of Grace from 2011-2012. General Robinson and his wife, Kitty, live in Charleston. They have four daughters and two grandchildren.

Personal Statement: During the long and tedious stabilization and renovation of our steeple and sanctuary at Grace Church, I had the privilege of serving as the people's warden and the rector's warden and also as chair of the building committee. I learned immediately that every single day of the week our sanctuary was being used for some purpose, not only by our parishioners, but also by other community members and organizations. Our sanctuary continues to be an integral part of the broader community, and it is in that sacred space where the very presence of God is felt and where our lives are made whole.

The life of the church is not only in the bricks and mortar of its buildings, but more importantly it is in the hearts and minds of its members. Our sacred spaces as well as all of the other assets of the Diocese are important to the overall mission of the Episcopal Church, and it is our sacred duty to preserve and protect those assets to allow the Diocese to continue to function effectively and at a high level.

I would be humbled and honored to serve in any capacity to help the diocese preserve and protect the assets that have been entrusted to our care.

Deputy, 81st General Convention—2024 *Clergy*

Name: The Rev. Bill Coyne

Church: The Episcopal Church on Edisto, Edisto Island

Nominated by: The Very Rev. Dr. Adam Shoemaker



Nominator Statement: One of the things I've learned from my relatively brief time with general conventions is that experience matters. There is an absolute learning curve to effectively serve as a diocesan deputy and Bill Coyne brings a wealth of experience to the role. Having served as a deputy multiple times to his experience on a diocesan staff, our diocese is ably served by having him as a part of our General Convention deputation.

Personal Statement: I have served and been active in two dioceses (WMA & SC) since ordination in 1978. I have served as a deputy to the General Conventions in 1988, 1991, 1994, 1997, 2006, 2009, 2012 and 2022. I served as archdeacon and congregational development officer in the Diocese of Western Massachusetts from 1998 to 2013. In the Diocese of South Carolina I have served in the following assignments: St. Stephen's, Charleston; East Cooper Episcopal Church; and as the diocesan Missioner for Returning Congregations. I am currently serving as interim priest-in-charge at the Episcopal Church on Edisto.

Deputy, 81st General Convention—2024 *Clergy*

Name: The Rev. Charles Jenkins

Church/Institution: Bishop Gadsden Episcopal Retirement Community

Nominated by: The Rev. Cn. Callie Walpole



Nominator Statement: The Reverend Charles Jenkins is a child of our diocese and is--and would be--a most natural fit to represent us at General Convention. As Chaplain and Director of Pastoral Ministries at Bishop Gadsden, Charles serves us faithfully and with joy. We are so fortunate that he decided to return to us when he could be serving anywhere in our wider Church. During his first three years as a priest, serving at renowned Christ Church, Greenville, Charles also served the Upper Diocese on both the Standing Committee and Diocesan Council. Additionally, he served on the Search Committee for their new bishop. Charles knows what it means to serve. We in South Carolina would be richly served by Charles's service to us as a deputy to General Convention.

Personal Statement: I was raised and ordained in this diocese. I currently serve as the chaplain and director of Pastoral Care at Bishop Gadsden Episcopal Retirement Community in Charleston and I have just completed a term on the Diocesan Council. Prior to serving at Bishop Gadsden, I served as the associate priest for Pastoral Care at Christ Church Episcopal in Greenville, SC. While in the Upper Diocese of South Carolina, I served on the Standing Committee and Diocesan Council. I also served on the Search Committee for the new bishop of the Upper Diocese.

Deputy, 81st General Convention—2024 *Clergy*

Name: The Rev. Cn. Ramelle McCall

Church/Institution: The Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina

Nominated by: The Rev. Cn. Philip Linder



Nominator Statement: Ramelle is a recognized leader in the Episcopal Church, and as our Canon for Leadership is very quickly learning about and working with the churches and ministries of our diocese. His particular focus upon congregational vitality, evangelism, youth, and advancing the ministries of justice in the public square would represent us well at General Convention.

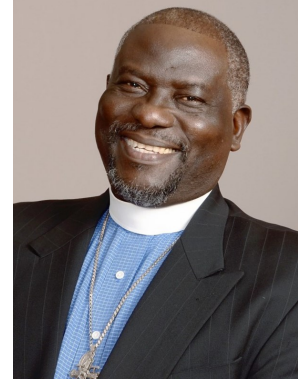
Personal Statement: I would be honored to serve as Deputy for our Diocese at General Convention in 2024. As a former Deputy in the Diocese of Maryland, It has been a blessing to serve on the following committees: Reclaiming the Gospel of Peace, Diocesan Council, and Association of Episcopal Deacons. I also had the incredible opportunity to serve as Interim of St Philips - Annapolis, Maryland, Rector of St Michael and All Angels, Baltimore, Urban Missioner for the Diocese of Maryland, and Rector at Holy Trinity, Baltimore. It's good to see the body of Christ serving together in ways to make our church better! I would be delighted to participate in our upcoming Convention if given this phenomenal opportunity.

Deputy, 81st General Convention—2024 *Clergy*

Name: The Rev. Dr. Wilmot T. Merchant II

Church/Institution: St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, North Myrtle Beach

Nominated by: Cathy Fellows



Nominator Statement: With honor, I nominate The Rev. Canon Dr. Wilmot T. Merchant II, rector of St. Stephen's Church in North Myrtle Beach to serve as deputy to General Convention 2024. I have known Canon Merchant for nine years and have been privileged to witness his commitment to the parish, parishioners, and community. His spiritual leadership has inspired St. Stephen's parishioners to actively share their time, talent, and treasure, serving our brothers and sisters in the community for the last 20 years. As a result, this outreach has grown exponentially. In addition, he possesses a clear, thoughtful, and common-sense approach to critical matters giving him the ability to make intelligent decisions. I strongly believe he is well-suited to represent this diocese and would be a strong asset as deputy to General Convention.

Personal Statement: I have served St. Stephen's since 1999. In 2001, I became the interim priest after the rector retired and in 2002 I was installed as the rector. After the split, my parish and I remained an active member of The Episcopal Church in South Carolina. In December 2012 I was asked to serve on the Steering Committee for the restructuring of our diocese. I served on that committee as we reorganized and held our first convention. During that convention I was elected a member of the Diocesan Standing Committee, and subsequently elected president which I served for three years. I was elected deputy to General Convention in 2015 and re-elected first clergy alternate deputy for 2018. In 2019, I served as a member of the Diocesan Council and chair of the Diocesan Nominating Committee. I currently serve on Executive Council of The Episcopal Church, having been elected by Province IV. I have been active throughout our community serving as public safety chaplain for The City of North Myrtle Beach, hospital chaplain for Loris Healthcare System, president of Mobile Meals of the North Strand, and board member of North Strand Helping Hand. In addition, I am an active member of the Union of Black Episcopalians, and chairperson of the Liberian Episcopal Community in the United States. I am presently serving as the chairperson for the Liberian Covenant Committee of General Convention and Canon of the Anglican Diocese of Cape Coast, West Africa.

Deputy, 81st General Convention—2024 *Clergy*

Name: The Very Rev. Dr. Adam Shoemaker

Church/Institution: St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Charleston

Nominated by: The Rev. Bill Coyne



Nominator Statement: Adam has served in a number of leadership positions (Diocesan Council, Standing Committee, Dean) in our diocese since 2017. I was pleased to serve along side of him as a deputy to the 80th General Convention in Baltimore. He was prepared, engaged and a pleasure to work with during the long days. He brings a global perspective to the mission of the Church, and has a heart for growing Christians and congregations.

Personal Statement: It was my privilege to have the opportunity to serve for the first time as a clergy deputy of our diocese to the 80th General Convention held this past summer in Baltimore, MD. I am running again because I believe there is a learning curve to deputy work and that my previous experience will aid my ability to serve even better the next time. I enjoy the opportunity to serve the wider church and would relish working collaboratively with our diocesan deputation at the 81st General Convention. I also serve as a board member of the Charleston Area Justice Ministry and am a racial healing circle facilitator through the Sophia Institute's Social Justice Racial Equity Collaborative.

It is my great joy to continue to serve rector of St. Stephen's in downtown Charleston. I am the dean of the Peninsula Deanery of our diocese and presently also serve as a member of our Standing Committee and Co-Chair of our Diocesan Commission on Racial Justice and Reconciliation. The last triennium, I also served as a member of the bilateral committee between the Episcopal Church and the Episcopal Anglican Church of Brazil and served as secretary of the Legislative Committee for World Mission.

Deputy, 81st General Convention—2024 *Clergy*

Name: The Rev. Roy Tripp

Church/Institution: St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Port Royal

Nominated by: Woody Rutter



Nominator Statement: Rev. Tripp is the very popular and effective rector of the growing St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Port Royal/Beaufort, SC. He has served on a number of diocesan and governing boards. Most recently, he served as a delegate to the shortened General Convention in Baltimore, and reported to the parish what a wonderful experience it was. Roy has a special talent of grasping the various sides of issues, and injecting common sense into the discussion. He is committed to issues of inclusion, diversity, and racial reconciliation, and to the work of the national church. Roy Tripp is a faithful attendee of the meetings of the Southern Deanery of the Diocese of South Carolina. As of this writing (9/5/22), Roy is on a much-deserved three-month sabbatical leave. In my opinion, anyone wishing to attend lengthy meetings of any kind deserves high praise! I believe that Roy Tripp would be an excellent delegate to the General Convention, and will proudly represent the Diocese of South Carolina.

Personal Statement: Having attended the 2022 General Convention, I have experienced the procedures and have a greater understanding of the workings, as well as the nuances of this national event in the life of our church. As we make the transition from a time of intense litigation and look forward to the paths God calls us to, I would welcome the opportunity to represent our diocese at General Convention 2024.

Deputy, 81st General Convention—2024 *Clergy*

Name: The Rev. Denise Trogdon

Church/Institution: All Saints Episcopal Church, Hilton Head Island

Nominated by: The Rev. Roy Tripp



Nominator Statement: The Rev. Denise Trogdon has a deep commitment of servant leadership in the church. She has held positions as rector at All Saints, and has served in the Dioceses of Virginia and South Carolina. Rev. Trogdon currently serves on Diocesan Council and leads the team focusing on welcoming returning parishes into our diocese, the Strategic Transition Task Force.

Denise understands the inter-workings of church polity from the broader perspective of the national church to the details of parish life. She will contribute much as a member of our delegation to the next General Convention.

Personal Statement: I am a lifelong Episcopalian, originally from the Diocese of Virginia. I was ordained in 2008 with a master's in Divinity from Virginia Theological Seminary and served two churches, one in Virginia and the other in Darien, CT as an associate. I returned to Virginia as a rector and was on the Dayspring Transition Committee (related to the schism in Virginia) and was dean of the North Fairfax region. In 2019, I was called to serve as rector for All Saints Episcopal Church on Hilton Head Island. Since that time, I have served as chair of the Clergy Credentials Committee, and am currently on the Diocesan Council serving as chair of the Strategic Transition Task Force. Prior to my ordination, I was a licensed psychotherapist with a master's in Social Work with a private practice for 20 years, and have served each diocese in a consultant role providing reconciliation and conflict resolution work. I am pleased to put myself forward as a nominee for Deputy to General Convention.

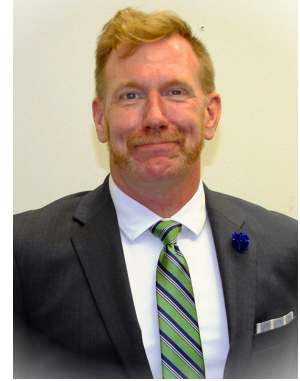
Deputy, 81st General Convention—2024

Lay

Name: Josh Bullock

Church/Institution: Holy Cross Faith Memorial, Pawleys Island

Nominated by: The Rev. Cn. Ryan Currie



Nominator Statement: Josh is no stranger to leadership in the church: he currently serves as vice-chair of our Diocesan Council and as a member of the vestry of Holy Cross Faith Memorial. Josh can be counted on to serve the church above and beyond the call of duty, and he does not shrink from the steady, sometimes challenging, but fundamental work of relationship. His roots in our diocese are deeply planted, and they are bearing fruit in this new chapter in our common life.

Personal Statement: I am honored and privileged to be nominated to serve as a delegate to General Convention for the Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina from Holy Cross Faith Memorial (HCFM) in Pawleys Island. As a lifelong Episcopalian who was baptized and confirmed from the Diocese of South Carolina, I am invested in pursuing faith in action with administrative goals that align with our mission and purpose centered in the Gospel.

Presently, I am employed by the Palmetto Project as a licensed health insurance agent. I have a BA in History from Gordon College in Wenham, MA and earned a master's of Theological Studies from Nashotah House Theological Seminary in 2007.

I currently serve as a member of the vestry at HCFM where I also sit on the board of the Baskervill Food Pantry in Pawleys Island. At the diocesan level I am involved with the Youth Commission and serve as vice chair on Diocesan Council. Over the years I have served in and worked for Episcopal churches in SC, Massachusetts, Pittsburgh, Milwaukee, Kansas, and Maryland. From 2002-2003, I worked as an Episcopal Church Missionary in the Province of Uganda.

Deputy, 81st General Convention—2024

Lay

Name: Deb Harris

Church/Institution: Holy Cross Faith Memorial, Pawleys Island

Nominated by: The Rev. Cn. Ryan Currie



Nominator Statement: Deb Harris is a faithful lay leader on both the parish and diocesan level. She is thoughtful and generous in her gifts of time, talent, and treasure to her religious community, and her experience makes her an excellent candidate to stand for election as deputy to General Convention. I would describe her as collaborative, efficient, and effective in handling tasks and communication. She exemplifies servant leadership and would represent us well at the Convention.

Personal Statement: It would be my honor to serve, once again, as a lay member of our deputation to General Convention. I am a lifelong Episcopalian. I was born, raised and spent the majority of my life in the Washington, DC metropolitan area and moved to South Carolina in March 2013. I was an active member of St. Christopher's in Springfield, VA for more than 25 years and was involved in many ministries: vestry, altar guild, Outreach Committee, lay eucharistic minister, Sunday school teacher, EYC leader, delegate to Diocesan Council, search committees, discernment committees, and lay committees for seminarians.

I'm involved in many ministries at HCFM: vestry, Stephen Ministry, stewardship committee, ECW, acolyte, vergers, and altar guild. I also serve on the Diocesan Stewardship and Development Committee. I very much enjoyed my experiences at the abbreviated General Convention in Baltimore in July and would like to experience what I pray will be a more robust GC in 2024. I have found ministry and connections beyond my parish to be very meaningful and would embrace the opportunity to serve as a deputy and experience the 2024 General Convention.

I retired from a 34-year career as a systems engineer and defense contractor. I have an adult daughter and was very involved in her schools and activities - church, symphonic and marching bands, lacrosse, and karate.

Deputy, 81st General Convention—2024 *Lay*

Name: Jane Hart Lewis

Church/Institution: St. Catherine's, Florence

Nominated by: The Rev. Eunice Dunlap



Nominator Statement: Jane has served our diocese in a number of capacities. She has been extremely instrumental in helping to form and keep St. Catherine's church in Florence a viable mission until they were able to call a full-time priest. She is a therapist and is very good at and interested in anything having to do with the Episcopal Church. She would be an excellent deputy to General Convention.

Personal Statement: I am a member of St. Catherine's Episcopal Church in Florence. A lifelong Episcopalian, I was a founding member of this church, am serving/have served two terms as senior warden, and also serve as chalice bearer, lay reader, sometimes crucifer, usher, and acolyte. As member of St. John's Episcopal Church from birth to schism, I was a Sunday School teacher, children's chapel leader, and sometimes choir member. I am currently a member of the Commission on Ministry for our diocese. I am also representing the diocese as a lay trustee for Sewanee, The University of the South, and after nine years, will "retire" in June 2023.

A licensed professional counselor and supervisor, I have worked in both private practice and with the Department of Mental Health for over 30 years. I am a certified Dialectical Behavior Therapist, a nationally-certified counselor and have also been an adjunct instructor at Francis Marion University in the graduate and undergraduate programs. My wonderful husband, Donald, and my daughters Jane and Anne, son-in-law Mike, and four grandchildren are the greatest blessings I've ever been given.

The next Presiding Bishop will be elected at the 81st General Convention. It will be an honor for anyone to represent the diocese for this important event. While a trustee at Sewanee, we have selected two vice-chancellors so I am familiar with a similar process. As a member of the Commission on Ministry, I have a lay perspective of the many facets that go into such a decision. I think that these qualities, along with my profession experience, could be helpful to our delegation and I hope you will give me the opportunity.

Deputy, 81st General Convention—2024 Lay

Name: Sally Mayse

Church/Institution: St. Mark's, Port Royal

Nominated by: The Rev. Bill Watson



Nominator Statement: I am delighted to nominate Sally Mayse for Lay Deputy to General Convention. Sally Mayse brings a breadth of experience and connection in the diocese. She has served on Diocesan Council. Arising out of her service on Diocesan Council, she was appointed as liaison with the Church of the Heavenly Rest in Estill, SC. She has found her connection at Heavenly Rest to be deeply meaningful. She has also played an active role in the Southern Deanery, most recently spearheading a deanery-wide endeavor to raise funds to repair the Allendale, Hampton, and Jasper Regional Library Bookmobile. She successfully led this effort and raised over \$7,000 to put the bookmobile back on the road, bringing educational resources to an area of great need. She will be serving with a Fuller Center building team in El Salvador during Diocesan Convention and will speak to us via video.

Personal Statement: I am a cradle Episcopalian. My love of the Episcopal Church began at a very early age. I was transported by the liturgy, the vestments, stained glass windows and the music. Who could resist?! But with maturity, I came to realize that I loved even more the mission and ministry of our denomination, that our actions and beliefs are guided by scripture, tradition, and reason—which makes sense to me. My career in public education included being a high school teacher, education consortium director and district program coordinator. I retired after 38 years: the kids needed a break! At St. Mark's in Port Royal, I serve in a variety of lay liturgical roles: acolyte, lay Eucharistic Minister, reader, sacristan, chorister, building and grounds committee. At the diocesan level, I have served on the Diocesan Council. I am an active volunteer both locally and globally with Habitat for Humanity. I believe one of our most valuable tools in life is the skill of listening: "Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people." What people really need is a good listening to! I can do that and would like to do so as a lay delegate to General Convention in service to our diocese, denomination and faith.

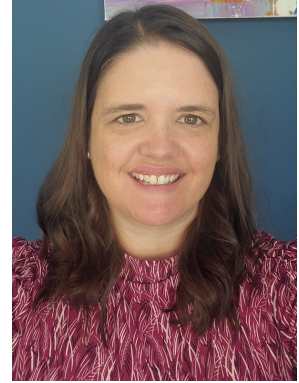
Deputy, 81st General Convention—2024

Lay

Name: Cn. Andrea McKellar

Church/Institution: St. Stephen's, Charleston

Nominated by: The Rev. Bill Coyne



Nominator Statement: Since the reorganization of the diocese in 2013, Andrea has served as a faithful member of the diocesan staff under three different bishops. She has served previously as a lay deputy and our deputation chair (2022) to General Convention. She is completing a six-year term on the Executive Council of The Episcopal Church. Andrea loves Jesus, the Church, and digging in fearlessly to solve challenges. She is a colleague, friend, and mentor for many of us, and I'm honored to nominate her for this position.

Personal Statement: One of my greatest pleasures has been to serve the wider church in a number of capacities. I see this work as a ministry and spreading the word of Jesus Christ. I currently serve on the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church and as a board member of the Episcopal Church Foundation. I have been a General Convention deputy representing the Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina since 2015. In our diocese, I serve on Bishop Woodliff-Stanley's staff as the Canon for Finance and Administration. I live on Johns Island with my family and attend St. Stephens in downtown Charleston. I would be grateful to be able to serve our diocese again as a lay deputy to General Convention.

Deputy, 81st General Convention—2024 *Lay*

Name: Sarah Tipton

Church/Institution: Grace Church Cathedral, Charleston

Nominated by: The Rev. Cn. Rob Donehue



Nominator Statement: Sarah is one of the most dedicated church members I know. She is involved in nearly every aspect of parish life at Grace Church Cathedral, and she has a superb working knowledge of the Episcopal Church. Her role at Bishop Gadsden is proof positive that she is a stellar leader, and she would represent the diocese well at General Convention.

Personal Statement: I am currently is president/chief executive officer of Bishop Gadsden Episcopal Retirement Community, an accredited, not-for-profit life care community in Charleston, SC. Previously I held the role of vice president/chief operating officer from 2006-2019 and other positions since joining Bishop Gadsden in 1995.

I am a lifelong Episcopalian, arriving in the Diocese of South Carolina in 1992 as an Episcopal Youth Service volunteer with Baskervill Ministries. My husband, Tim, and I are members of Grace Church Cathedral, where I previously served on vestry and as a Diocesan Convention delegate. I have remained active as a lay reader, chalice bearer and acolyte, and served as a children's/youth ministry volunteer. I recently participated on the Diocesan Strategic Transition Task Force, and I completed the Education for Ministry program in 2021.

We live on James Island and have two children, a son in Columbia, SC and a daughter in college in Boone, NC. I received my master's degree in Health Administration from the Medical University of South Carolina, and my undergraduate degree from Vanderbilt University. I am a former board chair and director of Leading Age South Carolina and a 2016 Fellow in the national Leading Age Leadership Academy. Additionally, I serve on several professional boards and committees, as well as on the board of Bon Secours St. Francis Hospital, Charleston.

Deputy, 81st General Convention—2024 *Lay*

Name: Brent Watts

Church/Institution: Holy Cross Faith Memorial, Pawleys Island

Nominated by: The Rev. Cn. Ryan Currie



Nominator Statement: When Brent moved to our diocese about five years ago, he already had church leadership experience. He'd served as senior warden at his parish in North Carolina. In his time here he has served faithfully as a food pantry volunteer and been an enthusiastic participant in Sacred Ground. Brent is a reliable and thoughtful helper, a problem-solver, and an encouraging presence in any ministry endeavor. I am confident he would represent us well at General Convention.

Personal Statement: I'm honored that my spiritual journey has brought me to this important nomination. My journey began with a disenfranchisement with the church I was raised in due to its lack of acceptance. Then along came my spouse. Driven by his own strong faith, my husband of now 13 years immediately introduced me to the Episcopal Church where I was instantly struck by all the warmth and acceptance. On his suggestion, I enrolled in EfM. After completing the program and serving as an EfM mentor for several years, I prayerfully discerned the call to be baptized and officially join the Church. Once I became a member, my rector asked me to join the vestry. While on the vestry, I served as junior and then as senior warden. Through this same wonderful parish I became involved with a local soup kitchen and subsequently represented it on the Outreach Committee. I went on to serve on the soup kitchen's board of directors as well as a fundraising subcommittee.

In 2019, my husband and I became empty nesters and decided it was time for life on the coast. After moving to Pawleys Island and joining Holy Cross Faith Memorial, I wasted no time searching for outreach opportunities, but alas came the pandemic. As soon as life began taking on a new normal and outreach opportunities returned, I began volunteering at Baskervill Food Pantry, transporting food from The Lowcountry Food Bank to stock the pantry, and helping with the Blessing Forward ministry that gets food to the outer areas of our county. I now also have the distinct privilege of serving as Resolution Committee Chair for the Diocesan Convention this year.

In my working career, I've worn many hats. While putting myself through college, I was employed in banking and manufacturing. Once I received my B.A. in Mathematics, I began teaching at a small private Christian school. After a short time teaching, I went on to become a private math tutor. All of this has enabled me to interact with and get to know people of all ages and walks of life. I recently participated in the Sacred Ground program where I enjoyed an even deeper interaction and connection with others. I've appreciated every bit of the learning experiences I've had so far and would feel both honored and privileged to apply my life's experiences in any way possible to be the best deputy for the General Convention I could be.

Trustee, University of the South

Lay

Name: Laura Marshall

Church: Heavenly Rest, Estill

Nominated by: The Rev. Cn. Callie Walpole



Nominator Statement: Laura Marshall is the senior warden of Heavenly Rest, Estill where she has been working tirelessly to restore and revive that congregation, a jewel of the diocese. She has extensive experience in public finance, investment banking, fixed income trading and institutional sales, as well as managing deals for private placements and business acquisitions. Laura is a true servant of our Lord and brings much knowledge and many gifts to the church. She has family ties to Sewanee and would be a tremendous gift to our diocese and the wider church in service as a trustee.

Personal Statement: I was born in Charlotte, grew up in Memphis, and now enjoy a dual residency in North and South Carolina. My Southern roots run deep. Our church, Heavenly Rest in Estill, was built in 1891 in memory of Alice Martin Marshall by her parents, my husband's great-great-grandparents. His family has been intimately involved in the church. However, it foundered in the 2000s. Services dwindled then stopped completely when our priest retired in 2018. My husband and I, with the critical help of the diocese—and particularly with the help of the Reverend Canon Callie Walpole—were successful in reinvigorating the church where I serve as the senior warden. The vestry is enthused and dedicated, and I feel fortunate to serve this beautiful church with such rich history. For me, this has been—and continues to be—a very fulfilling task and an unparalleled opportunity. My love for our little church and the Episcopal Church has grown.

As an Episcopalian and Tennessean, I know Sewanee as an Episcopal liberal arts college and leading seminary. I have friends and family who attended Sewanee and through them know it as a treasured, sacred place. I believe my BS in Finance and my 35 year career experience in the financial services industry provide me with insights and expertise that transfer to the mandates required of Sewanee's trustees.

Currently I am a vice president and assistant secretary of New Republic Partners, a privately-held investment management firm. Our firm has experience and expertise assisting endowments and foundations. When I became aware of the opportunity for lay individuals to serve as Trustees, I felt a calling to serve. I would be honored to be a part of Sewanee—to honor its rich history, promote its mission, encourage enrollment, support the school financially, and help ensure its precious offerings and traditions continue well into the future.

Trustee, University of the South *Clergy*

Name: Jan Schumann

Church: Holy Communion, Charleston

Nominated by: Joy Hume



Nominator Statement: It is a pleasure to nominate Jan Schumann to be a Trustee of the The University of the South. Jan is an alumna of Sewanee and a long-time member of the diocese. As a member of the Church of the Holy Communion, she has served in a variety of roles including vestry, lay reader, and altar guild, while also singing in the choir. Jan supports all parish activities personally and financially. Recently she volunteered to be the parish bookkeeper in addition to working full time in the IT department of a healthcare agency that provides insurance to the under-served. In a short time, she has mastered the Realm software, updated our records and practices, and produced accurate financial reports. Jan's skills and interests would allow her to be an excellent Trustee.

Personal Statement: I graduated from Sewanee in 1985 with a BS in Math, and am a past president of Gamma Tau Upsilon. I am an active member of the Church of the Holy Communion where I am a member of the choir and regularly participate in other parish activities including the Charleston Area Justice Ministry.

I am employed by AmeriHealth Caritas (locally known as Select Health of South Carolina.) We specialize in providing health insurance for the underserved through Medicaid, Medicare, and healthcare exchange managed care options. My position is to help keep our proprietary software compliant with state regulations. The primary focus of my position is updating the coding for over 20 distinct lines of business in multiple states.

I cherish all that I learned at Sewanee, both in the classroom and without. Lifelong friends were made there and I would like to contribute in a meaningful way to keep the good traditions going and build new ones in a changing world. I do not support the addition of a business major which has handsome discussion. I strongly support our liberal arts model of education as it helps to produce well-rounded, thinking people.

2023 Proposed Budget

	2021 Budget	2022 Budget	Actual (6 months)	Proposed 2023	Comments/Notes
Receipts					
410000 - Parishes and Missions	\$560,000.00	\$580,000.00	\$243,825.90	\$650,000.00	
420000 - Individuals & Institutions	\$10,000.00	\$7,500.00	\$0.00	\$25,000.00	
481500 – Interest Income	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$29.73	\$1,500.00	
<i>New: Voorhees University Grant</i>			\$68,166.78	\$120,000.00	
Trust Fund Disbursements			\$0.00	\$300,000.00	
Other Income			\$5,096.00		
Total Receipts	\$571,500.00	\$589,000.00	\$243,855.63	\$1,096,500.00	
Needed Operating Revenues	\$182,306.66	\$571,500.14		\$359,800.94	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$753,806.66	\$1,160,500.14	\$560,974.04	\$1,456,300.94	
Compensation					
510000 - Bishop Salary	\$44,000.00	\$88,000.00	\$43,999.92	\$90,640.00	Full-time
510005 - Bishop Housing Allowance	\$36,000.00	\$72,000.00	\$36,000.00	\$74,160.00	
Visiting Bishop Salary	\$9,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		<i>No longer in budget</i>
511000 - Bishop Executive Assistant	\$55,818.48	\$67,075.20	\$31,325.77	\$61,800.00	Full-time
512000 - Archdeacon	\$51,078.44	\$0.00	\$0.00		<i>No longer in budget</i>
512500 - Canon for Finance and Administration	\$54,492.48	\$57,493.03	\$28,746.48	\$46,350.00	20 hours per week
513000 - Director of Communications	\$53,000.00	\$57,493.03	\$28,746.48	\$81,112.50	Increase to 35 hours/week
Comptroller Salary		\$35,000.00	\$17,500.08		<i>No longer in budget</i>
Canon to the Ordinary Salary		\$40,000.00	\$22,587.50	\$41,200.00	Part-time
Canon for Leadership Salary		\$110,000.00	\$0.00	\$97,850.00	Full-time
Canon for Common Mission Salary			\$0.00	\$97,850.00	Full-time
Dean of Chapel and Spiritual Engagement			\$0.00	\$77,250.00	Voorhees University
Staff Search & Transition			\$11,567.41	\$0.00	
Total Compensation	\$303,389.40	\$527,061.26	\$220,473.64	\$668,212.50	
Social Security & Medicare					
521500 - SECA For Bishop	\$6,400.00	\$12,240.00	\$6,000.00	\$12,607.20	

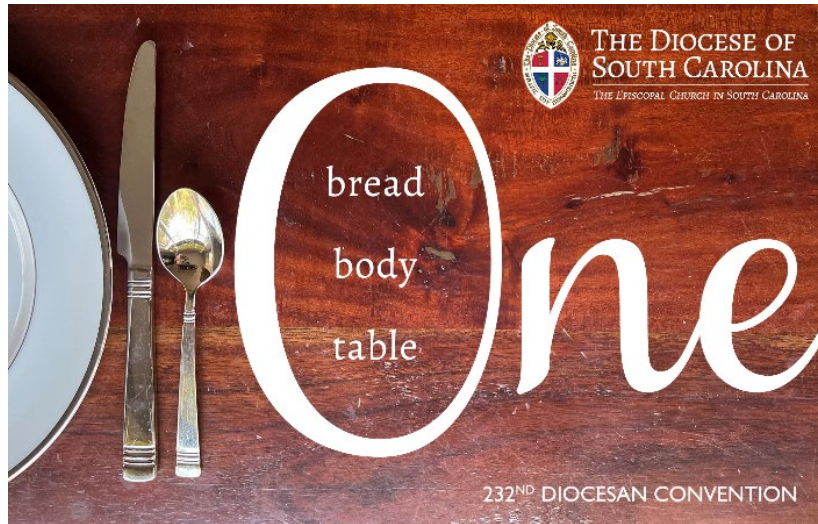
520000 - Bishop Executive Asst. SS & Medicare	\$4,465.48	\$4,599.44	\$2,090.41	\$4,737.42	
521000 - Cn for Finance and Admin SS & Medicare	\$4,359.40	\$4,490.18	\$2,199.10	\$4,624.89	
522000 - Director of Comm. SS & Medicare	\$4,240.00	\$4,367.20	\$2,199.10	\$4,498.22	
SECA for Part Time Canon to the Ordinary		\$3,060.00	\$0.00	\$3,151.80	
SECA for Canon for Leadership		\$8,415.00	\$0.00	\$7,485.53	
SECA for Canon for Common Mission			\$0.00	\$7,485.53	
SECA for Dean of Chapel and SE			\$0.00	\$5,909.63	
SECA for Comptroller		\$2,677.50	\$0.00		<i>No longer in budget</i>
Total Social Security & Medicare	\$19,464.88	\$39,849.32	\$12,488.61	\$50,500.20	
Pension					
Bishop Pension	\$16,200.00	\$32,400.00	\$15,450.00	\$31,933.30	
524000 - Bishop Executive Asst. Lay Pension	\$5,023.66	\$6,036.77	\$1,186.67	\$5,562.00	
524500 - Cn for Finance and Admin Lay Pension	\$4,904.32	\$5,174.37	\$2,570.95	\$4,171.50	
525000 - Director of Communication Lay Pension	\$4,770.00	\$5,174.37	\$2,562.86	\$7,300.13	
Comptroller Pension		\$6,781.95	\$2,625.00	\$0.00	<i>No longer in budget</i>
Canon to the Ordinary Pension		\$3,875.40	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Canon for Leadership Pension		21,314.70	0	18,960.39	
Canon for Common Mission Pension			0	18,960.39	
Dean of Chapel and SE Pension			0	14,968.73	
Total Pension	\$30,897.98	\$80,757.57	\$24,395.48	\$101,856.44	
Health & Life Insurance Plus Dental					
523100 - Bishop Health and Life Insurance	\$4,696.40	\$22,215.00	\$11,106.00	\$23,992.20	
523300 - Bishop Executive Asst. and Life Insurance	\$9,372.00	\$10,020.00	\$4,360.50	\$10,821.60	
523400 - Cn for Finance and Admin Life Insurance	\$9,372.00	\$10,020.00	\$5,045.00	\$300.00	<i>No longer eligible for health</i>
523500 - Director of Comm. Life Insurance	\$304.00	\$300.00	\$148.50	\$300.00	
Canon to Ordinary Life		\$10,000.00	\$207.00	\$300.00	
Canon for Common Mission and Life		\$17,835.00	\$0.00	\$17,256.00	
Canon for Leadership Health and Life			\$0.00	\$9,612.00	
Dean of Chapel and SE Health and Life			\$0.00	\$25,908.00	
Total Health & Life Insurance	23,744.40	\$70,390.00	\$20,867.00	\$88,489.80	

Cell Phones					
529100 - Bishop Cell	\$600.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	
529200 - Bishop Executive Assistant Cell	\$360.00	\$720.00	\$432.57	\$720.00	
523400 - Cn for Finance and Admin Cell	\$720.00	\$720.00	\$255.90	\$720.00	
523500 - Director of Communication Cell	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$415.00	\$1,000.00	
Canon to the Ordinary Cell		\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	
Canon for Common Mission Cell		\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	
Canon for Leadership Cell			\$0.00	\$1,000.00	
Dean of Chapel and SE Cell			\$0.00	\$1,000.00	
Total Cell Phones	2,680.00	\$5,440.00	\$1,103.47	\$7,440.00	
Mileage					
530000 - Bishop Mileage (Diocesan)	\$3,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$2,154.95	\$6,000.00	
531000 - Archdeacon Mileage	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	<i>No longer in budget</i>
532000 - Bishop Executive Assistant Mileage	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$600.00	
532500 - Cn for Finance and Admin Mileage	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$152.69	\$600.00	
533000 - Director of Communications Mileage	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$119.49	\$600.00	
Canon to the Ordinary Mileage		\$3,000.00	\$156.20	\$3,000.00	
Canon for Common Mission Mileage		\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	
Canon for Leadership Mileage			\$0.00	\$3,000.00	
Dean of Chapel and SE Mileage			\$0.00	\$3,000.00	
Total Mileage	6,600.00	\$14,600.00	\$2,583.33	\$19,800.00	
Conference & Training					
532000 - Bishop Executive Asst. Training	\$800.00	\$3,250.00	\$2,319.07	\$3,250.00	
532500 - Cn for Finance and Admin Training	\$800.00	\$2,000.00	\$60.50	\$2,000.00	
533000 - Director of Communications Training	\$800.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,274.26	\$1,500.00	
536000 - Other Conference & Training	\$250.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	
Canon to the Ordinary Training		\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	
Canon for Common Mission Training		\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	
Canon for Leadership Training			\$0.00	\$2,000.00	

Dean for Chapel and SE Training			\$0.00	\$2,000.00	
Total Conference & Training	\$2,650.00	\$11,250.00	\$3,653.83	\$15,250.00	
Reimbursements					
537000 – Archdeacon Reimbursment	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	<i>No longer in budget</i>
Total Reimbursements	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Episcopate					
538100 – Bishop Office	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$400.00	\$500.00	
538150 – Bishop Travel (Outside of Diocese)	\$3,000.00	\$6,500.00	\$10,043.55	\$6,500.00	
538200 – Conferences & Meetings Episcopate	\$1,500.00	\$4,600.00	\$0.00	\$4,600.00	
538350 – College for Bishops	\$3,000.00	\$3,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$3,500.00	Training For Newly Elected Bishops
538500 – Guest House & New Accommodation	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	<i>No longer in budget</i>
538250- Bishop Visitation			\$722.56		
Meals/Entertainment Expense		\$1,000.00	\$1,300.48	\$2,000.00	Increase
Total Episcopate	\$14,000.00	\$16,100.00	\$14,966.59	\$17,100.00	
Support for Ministry of The Laity					
540000 – Conference & Education Fees	0	\$0.00	\$326.36	\$500.00	
541000 – Mileage Reimbursement	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$132.21	\$500.00	
Total Support for Ministry of the Laity	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$458.57	\$1,000.00	
Administrative					
550000 – Annual Audit	\$14,000.00	\$14,000.00	\$0.00	\$14,000.00	Past audits
550020 – ACS Database Software	\$5,500.00	\$5,700.00	\$3,376.26	\$6,500.00	Increase to match actuals
550050 – Bookkeeper	\$4,800.00	\$6,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$6,000.00	
551000 – Bank Service & Vanco Charges	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$379.70	\$3,000.00	
551100 – Chancellor Expenses	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	
551200 – Church Insurance & Surety Bond	\$6,500.00	\$6,500.00	\$0.00	\$6,500.00	
551400 – Software & Internet Expenses	\$2,500.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,642.11	\$3,000.00	
551500 – Computer equipment	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$228.89	\$2,500.00	
552100 – Meetings & Meals	\$2,500.00	\$4,000.00	\$802.05	\$4,000.00	

552200 – Office Supplies	\$1,200.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,787.50	\$2,000.00	
552300 – Payroll Processing Fee & Other Services	\$2,800.00	\$2,700.00	\$1,541.12	\$2,700.00	
552400 – Postage & P.O. Box Annual Fee	\$750.00	\$650.00	\$390.00	\$650.00	
552500 – Office Resources	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	
552600 – Rent Expense - Grace	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	
552600 – Rent Expense - Calvary	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,000.00	\$36,000.00	
552700 – Safeguarding God's Children	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
552800 – Telecommunications	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,146.13	\$2,000.00	
552900 – Treasurer Support	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
552870 – TENS	\$500.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	
553000 – Workers Compensation	\$1,100.00		\$965.55	\$1,100.00	
555000 – Miscellaneous Expenses	\$500.00	\$1,000.00	\$839.00	\$1,000.00	
555010 – Misc Diocesan Gifts & Memorials	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,497.63	\$3,000.00	new line
Total Administrative	\$56,350.00	\$60,550.00	\$33,595.94	\$100,650.00	
Diocesan Programs & Support					
561000 – Annual Diocesan Convention	\$3,500.00	\$5,000.00	\$10,357.41	\$10,000.00	increase
561200 – Background Checks	\$2,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$999.50	\$1,500.00	
561250 – Commission on Ministry	\$1,200.00	\$1,500.00	\$4,000.00	\$6,000.00	Budget request
561300 – Clergy Conference	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$6,000.00	
561400 – College Ministry Program	\$4,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$2,950.52	\$10,000.00	Budget request
561500 – Deanery Meetings		\$750.00	\$3,162.14	\$750.00	
561600 – Diocesan Publication	\$1,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	
561610 – EFM	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00	\$0.00	\$1,800.00	
561800 – Renewal of Vows	\$500.00	\$1,000.00	\$327.99	\$1,000.00	
561840 – Retired Clergy Gathering	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	
561900 – Voorhees University	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$5,000.00	\$2,500.00	
562000 – Youth Programming	\$10,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$6,771.39	\$15,000.00	EYE in 2023
562400 – Racial Reconciliation & Social Justice	5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$7,500.00	Budget request
562200 – Porter Gaud Support	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	
Total Diocesan Programs & Support	\$42,000.00	\$47,550.00	\$33,568.95	\$67,550.00	

Parishes & Missions Support					
570000 – Parish & Missions Support	\$150,000.00	\$175,000.00	\$90,979.77	\$200,000.00	Increase for Mission Initiatives
Total Parishes and Mission Support	\$150,000.00	\$175,000.00	\$175,000.00	\$200,000.00	
Work Outside the Diocese					
571100 – Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	
571150 – Lowcountry Community Chaplaincy	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	
571200 – Ecumenical Ministry	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	
571400 – Kanuga	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	
571500 – Sustainable Development Goals – ERD	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$0.00	\$3,500.00	
571550 – Synod Meeting	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$4,103.96	\$5,000.00	
571600 – Province IV Assessment	\$875.00	\$1,000.00	\$710.00	\$1,000.00	
571700 – Seminarian Support	\$6,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$6,000.00	
571800 – The Episcopal Church	\$80,455.00	\$91,202.00	\$0.00	\$91,202.00	
571900 – University of the South	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	
<i>NEW: Dominican Republic</i>				\$5,000.00	<i>Budget request</i>
Total Work Outside the Diocese	\$102,580.00	\$111,452.00	\$4,813.96	\$118,452.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$753,806.66	\$1,160,500.14	\$547,969.37	\$1,456,300.94	
Other Expenses					
538000 – Bishop Discretionary	\$0.00	\$10,000.00		\$10,000.00	
Bishop Search	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00		\$10,000.00	
Lambeth Conference	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00		\$3,500.00	
570100 – Ministry Grants Committee	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00		\$50,000.00	
570200 – Communication Plan	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00		\$30,000.00	
610100 – Transition Expense					
Bishop Search Consultant Fee	\$12,000.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	
General Convention/Deputies	\$15,000.00	\$20,000.00		\$20,000.00	
Ministry Initiatives				\$1,200,000.00	
Total Other Expenses	\$120,500.00	\$123,500.00		\$1,323,500.00	



Proposed Amendments to the Constitutions & Canons

The Diocese of South Carolina
The 232nd Annual Diocesan Convention

Constitution – Proposed Changes

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ARTICLE I Recognition of the Authority of the Episcopal Church

The Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina accedes to and adopts the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church, as they now exist or may hereafter be amended by The Episcopal Church's General Convention, and agrees to be permanently and irrevocably governed thereby.

Article II of the Constitution is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

ARTICLE II Name and Seal of Diocese

Section 1. The Diocese shall be known by the name: **The Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina**. (The Diocese has also been known as and done business as "The Episcopal Church in South Carolina," "The Episcopal Church in the Diocese of South Carolina," "The Protestant Episcopal Church in South Carolina," and "The Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of South Carolina.")

The Diocese, which was first organized in 1785, is the historic and continuously existing Episcopal Diocese in South Carolina and was originally known as "The Protestant Episcopal Church for the Diocese of South Carolina."

Section 2. The seal of the Diocese shall be:



Section 4 of Article V of the Constitution is hereby amended, and Section 5 of Article 5 is deleted in its entirety so as to read as follows:

ARTICLE V
Diocesan Convention Members

Section 4. All canonically resident clergy (priests and deacons) are entitled to all privileges as a member of the Convention, including seat, voice, and vote.

Section 1 through Section 1.1.3, inclusive, of Article VII are hereby amended so as to read as follows:

ARTICLE VII
Officers and Staff of the Diocese

Section 1. The constitutional officers of the Diocese shall be a Chancellor, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and a Historiographer, and, at the Bishop's discretion, a Vice Chancellor, each of whom shall be a confirmed communicant of the Church, and a member of a parish or mission in union with the Convention, or a priest canonically resident in the Diocese.

Section 1.1. The Chancellor and a Vice Chancellor shall be nominated by the Bishop and shall be elected by a majority vote of the Convention. If a Vice Chancellor is to be nominated by the Bishop, the nomination must be approved by the Chancellor. The term of office of the Vice Chancellor, if so elected, shall run concurrently with the term of the Chancellor. They shall serve for three years and shall continue until their successors are elected. Their duties shall be to act as legal advisors of the Bishop, Standing Committee, Diocesan Council, Trustees, Diocesan Convention, and other Diocesan offices and organizations, in matters affecting the interest of the

Church. They shall be ex-officio members of the Convention without the right to vote, unless a delegate from a parish or mission in union with the Convention. If the office of Chancellor or Vice Chancellor becomes vacant during the term of office, the Bishop, with approval of the Standing Committee, shall appoint an Acting Chancellor or Acting Vice Chancellor to complete the remainder of the term of the vacant office.

Section 1.2 The Secretary shall be nominated by the Bishop and confirmed at each annual Convention and shall continue in office until his/her successor is elected. The Secretary shall be responsible for the publication of the Journal of the Convention. The Secretary's duties shall be as prescribed by the Constitution, Canons, resolutions, and Rules of Order of both the Convention of this Diocese and of the General Convention. The Secretary shall be an ex officio member of the Convention without the right to vote, unless a delegate from a parish or mission in union with the Convention or a priest canonically resident in the Diocese. If the office of Secretary becomes vacant during the term of office, the Bishop, with approval of the Standing Committee, shall appoint an Acting Secretary to complete the remainder of the term of the vacant office.

Section 1.3. The Treasurer shall be elected at each annual Convention and shall continue in office until a successor is elected. The Treasurer's duties shall be as prescribed by the Constitution, Canons, resolutions, and Rules of Order of both the Convention of this Diocese and of the General Convention. The Treasurer shall be an ex officio member of the Convention without the right to vote, unless the Treasurer is a delegate from a parish or mission in union with the Convention or a priest canonically resident in the Diocese. If the office of Treasurer becomes vacant during the term of office, the Bishop, with approval of the Standing Committee, shall appoint an Acting Treasurer to complete the remainder of the term of the vacant office.

Section 1 of Article VIII of the Constitution is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

ARTICLE VIII
Admitting Parishes and Missions Into Union with the Convention

Section 1. Parishes and/or missions, which have been organized as provided by the canons of both The Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina and The Episcopal Church for not less than one year, may apply for and be admitted into union with the Convention by vote of the Convention, provided that the requirements hereinafter set forth in the canons have been met.

Section 1 of Article IX of the Constitution is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

ARTICLE IX
Standing Committee

Section 1. There shall be a Standing Committee consisting of six priests of the Diocese and six laypersons, who are confirmed communicants in good standing of the Church in the Diocese. The members of the Standing Committee shall be elected by ballot for a term of three (3) years. At each annual Convention two priests and two laypersons shall be elected for a term of three (3) years. No priest or layperson whose term has expired shall be eligible for re-election until the passage of one Convention year from the date of said expiration.

Section 1 of Article X of the Constitution is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

ARTICLE X
Deputies to the General Convention

Section 1. At an Annual Convention during the triennium between General Conventions, but preceding each General Convention, priests, deacons, and laypersons, in the appropriate number and having qualifications established by The Episcopal Church, shall be chosen by ballot to represent the Diocese at the next succeeding General Convention. No more than the requisite number of other priests, deacons, and laypersons, having the same qualifications, shall be chosen by ballot, as alternates for those selected. Such representatives and alternates shall serve until their successors are elected and qualified.

Article XI of the Constitution is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

ARTICLE XI
Discipline of a Bishop, Priest or Deacon

A bishop, priest, or deacon shall be subject to discipline for offences enumerated in both the canons of The Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina and The Episcopal Church and, if found guilty, shall be sentenced in accordance therewith. The action shall be conducted according to both the canons of The Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina and The Episcopal Church.

Canons – Proposed Changes

(The proposed changes to the Canons require a vote at the 2022 Annual Convention.)

CANON 2 Organization of Missions

Title I, Canon 2 is hereby amended to add a new section to be designated as “Section 7”, which shall so read as follows:

Section 7. Prior to such new applicant being formally accepted as a mission in communion with Diocese, such applicant mission must, after taking all required corporate and/or Board/Committee action, execute a Commitment of Affirmation (see “Exhibit A”) that the applicant mission will remain in conformity with the Constitution and Canons, doctrine, discipline and worship of The Episcopal Church and of this Diocese, and to the rules regulating such missions. Such Commitment of Affirmation must state that such obligations, commitments, and requirements are irrevocable. The Commitment of Affirmation must be properly executed in duplicate by the officers of the applicant mission and be in the form appropriate for filing in the Office of the Register of Deeds. One executed copy shall be filed in the Office of the Register of Deeds in the applicant’s county. After recording the original, executed, and filed document shall be delivered to the office of the Bishop of the Diocese. The other executed copy shall be retained as part of the permanent records of the applicant.

CANON 3 Organization of Parishes

Title I, Canon 3 Section 5 is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Section 5. All parishes that hold any real property with reverter clauses to the grantor or other persons in the real property title shall make every effort to remove the possibility of such future reversion. No parish shall acquire real property that contains a reversion clause in the title to the property. Notwithstanding this restriction, if either the Diocese, the Trustees of the Diocese, or an entity controlled by either of them shall convey real property to a parish or mission, then the deed of conveyance shall contain a reverter clause, which shall provide substantially as follows: Provided, however, that if at any time the parish/mission shall dissolve, liquidate, close, become or be declared dormant, attempt to disassociate or otherwise disaffiliate its relationship from this Episcopal Diocese and The Episcopal Church, or otherwise cease to be a functioning Episcopal organization, then and in that event, title to this real property shall immediately and automatically revert to The Episcopal Church in South Carolina, or in default thereof, to The Episcopal Church.

Title I, Canon 3 is hereby amended to add a new Section 7, which shall read as follows:

Section 7. Prior to such new applicant being formally accepted as a parish in communion with Diocese, such applicant parish must, after taking all required corporate and/or Board/Vestry action, execute a Commitment of Affirmation (see “Exhibit A”) that the applicant parish will remain in conformity with the Constitution and Canons, doctrine, discipline and worship of The Episcopal Church and of this Diocese, and to the rules regulating such parishes. Such Commitment of Affirmation must state that such obligations, commitments, and requirements are irrevocable. The Commitment of Affirmation must be properly executed in duplicate by the officers of the applicant parish and be in the form appropriate for filing in the Office of the Register of Deeds. One executed copy shall be filed in the Office of the Register of Deeds in the applicant’s county. After recording the original, executed, and filed document shall be delivered to the office of the Bishop of the Diocese. The other executed copy shall be retained as part of the permanent records of the applicant.

CANON 4 Parishes and Missions in Union With Convention

Title I, Canon 4 is hereby amended to add a new Sections 4,5,6, and 7, which shall read as follows:

Section 4. It shall be the duty of every parish and mission in union with the Convention to have taken all required corporate and/or Board/Vestry/Committee action, necessary to execute a Commitment of Affirmation (see “Exhibit A”) that the parish or mission will remain in conformity with the Constitution and Canons, doctrine, discipline, and worship of The Episcopal Church and of this Diocese, and to the rules regulating such parishes and missions. Such Commitment of Affirmation must state that such obligations, commitments, and requirements are irrevocable. The Commitment of Affirmation must be properly executed in duplicate by the officers of the applicant parish or mission and be in the form appropriate for filing in the Office of the Register of Deeds. One executed copy shall be filed in the Office of the Register of Deeds in the parish or mission’s county. After recording the original, executed, and filed document shall be delivered to the office of the Bishop of the Diocese. The other executed copy shall be retained as part of the permanent records of the parish or mission.

Section 5. A parish or mission may not leave, indicate an attempt to disassociate from, or otherwise disaffiliate its relationship from the Diocese and therefore with The Episcopal Church. Each parish or mission is in a permanent subordinate relationship to this Diocese and The Episcopal Church. This relationship is irrevocable and may not be changed or otherwise modified by a parish or mission.

Section 6. Every parish or mission, shall provide in its bylaws, articles of incorporation, and other governing documents a provision that provides for the following. In the event that the parish or mission shall dissolve, liquidate, close, become or be declared dormant, attempt to disassociate or otherwise disaffiliate its relationship from this Episcopal Diocese and The Episcopal Church, or otherwise cease to be a functioning Episcopal organization, then and in that event, its bylaws, articles of incorporation, and other governing documents shall provide that the assets of such parish or mission shall be transferred to the Diocese, or in default thereof to The Episcopal Church. Each parish or mission shall amend their governing documents to comply with the provisions of this section.

Section 7. A parish or mission may not revoke, amend or otherwise alter its bylaws, articles of incorporation, or other governing documents to attempt to disassociate or otherwise disaffiliate its relationship from this Diocese or from The Episcopal Church, and may make no other amendments without the prior written approval of both the Bishop and the Chancellor of the Diocese. Any changes either made or attempted to be made without such prior approvals shall be null and void.

CANON 5 – Dormant Parishes and Missions

Title I, Canon 5 Section 2 is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Section 2. If any parish or mission shall have failed for three successive years to elect a vestry (if a parish), or to send a delegate to the Convention (if in union with the Convention), or to make the reports required by Title 1, Canon 6, Section I of the General Convention, or to make a financial contribution to the program of the Diocese, such parish or mission shall be considered dormant and may be dissolved by the Bishop with the consent of the Standing Committee of the Diocese. If any parish or mission shall begin or attempt to disassociate or otherwise disaffiliate its relationship from this Episcopal Diocese and The Episcopal Church, or otherwise cease to be a functioning Episcopal organization, such parish or mission shall be considered dormant and may be dissolved by the Bishop with the consent of the Standing Committee of the Diocese.

CANON 12 Trustees of the Diocese

Title I, Canon 12 is hereby amended to add an Introductory paragraph as the first paragraph of the Canon, which shall as to read as follows:

Introduction: The Trust referred to in this Canon is a trust created by Act #222 of Acts of the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina, approved February 20, 1880, as amended by Act # 612 of the Acts of the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina, approved February 20, 1902. The title of this Trust is “The Trustees of the Protestant Episcopal Church in South Carolina.” The beneficiary of this Trust is this Episcopal Diocese.

Title I, Canon 12 Section 1 is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Section 1. There shall be a Board of Trustees duly elected by the Convention of the Diocese comprising six members, three shall be clergy, who are canonically resident in the diocese, and three laypersons, who are all communicants in good standing of a parish or mission of the Diocese. The Bishop shall serve as an ex-officio member with a vote and as President of the Trustees. The Chancellor of the Diocese shall serve ex officio without a vote.

In each even numbered calendar year at the Annual Convention, the Convention shall elect one member of the clergy and one lay member to be a trustee each for a term of six years. A trustee shall be eligible for reelection to one additional six-year term after the initial term and shall not be eligible to serve thereafter for two years following the expiration of the previous term served. Any Trustee, who shall serve less than a half of a full six-year term, shall be eligible to be elected for a maximum of two additional six-year terms. In the event that a vacancy shall occur during any trustee’s term, then the Bishop shall nominate to the trustees and the trustees, by majority vote, shall confirm a replacement trustee to serve until the next Annual Convention. At that next Annual Convention, a replacement Trustee shall be elected by the Convention to serve for the remainder of the term of the vacancy. The replacement trustee for a lay person shall be a lay person of the Diocese. The replacement trustee for a member of the clergy shall be another member of the clergy of the Diocese.

Title I, Canon 12 Section 4 is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Section 4. The Trustees shall be responsible for the management of all the assets of the Diocese that are entrusted to its care and ownership.

The Trustees shall hold the legal title to all of the real property of the Diocese, and all real property acquired hereafter by the Diocese shall be conveyed to the Trustees at the time of its acquisition. Provided, however, that title to real property obtained by the Diocese in the settlement of litigation that the Diocese ultimately plans to distribute to a parish or mission may be retained by the Diocese until it is to be distributed out to a parish or mission. The Trustees shall be responsible for the management of all property of the Diocese including investment accounts, trusts, and other assets that are bequeathed to it or otherwise by the Trustees.

The Trustees shall, in accordance with all generally accepted investment standards, manage all the funds entrusted to it in accordance with any and all particular restrictions required by any and all restrictions and other terms and conditions impressed on such funds.

CANON 15 Diocesan Council

Title I, Canon 15 Section 1 is hereby amended so as to read as follow:

Section 1. The Diocesan Council shall administer and carry out the missionary, educational, and social work of this diocese and such other work as may be committed to it by the diocesan Convention. In addition, the Diocesan Council may initiate and develop new work between meetings of Convention, as it may deem necessary. Further, the Diocesan Council shall receive and administer all funds raised for the purpose of diocesan mission and ministry, subject to the provisions of the constitution and canons of this diocese.

The Bishop of the diocese shall be an ex-officio member with voice and vote and shall serve as both the president of the Diocesan Council and the executive head of all such work.

(NOTE: This will be inserted after the Canon text and before the Rules)

This Commitment of Affirmation will be adapted in form to be applicable to new missions, new parishes, and existing missions and parishes.

Exhibit A

Commitment of Affirmation

WHEREAS, _____ (Name of Mission or Parish) _____ is a Parish/Mission in communion with The Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina (the “Diocese”) and The Episcopal Church; and,

WHEREAS, this Commitment of Affirmation confirms both our historic, current, and future commitment to our Diocese and to The Episcopal Church.

We, _____ (Name of Mission or Parish) _____, do hereby irrevocably state and affirm that we:

1. Accede to both the Constitution and Canons of the diocese of The Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina and The Episcopal Church.
2. Acknowledge the superior and hierarchical authority of both our Diocese and The Episcopal Church, and agree to be governed thereby. We agree to remain in conformity with the Constitution and Canons, doctrine, discipline and worship of The Episcopal Church and of this Diocese, and to the rules regulating such parishes and missions.
3. Are a subordinate entity of The Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina and thereby also of The Episcopal Church.

We agree that we are bound by the constitutions, canons, and rules of both our Episcopal Diocese and The Episcopal Church including, but not limited to, the Diocesan Canon Title I, Canon 22 and The Episcopal Church canon Title 1. Canon 7. Sec. 4, which is commonly known as the “Dennis Canon.”

We acknowledge and state that this Commitment is permanent and irrevocable by us.

We affirm that the execution of this Commitment of Affirmation is made with adequate consideration by all parties and has been duly authorized by the governing board of _____
(Name of Mission or Parish)_____.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, _____ (Name of Mission or Parish)_____ has executed this
Commitment of Affirmation this _____ day of _____, 20__.

WITNESSES:

_____ (Name of Mission or Parish)

By: _____
_____ (Print Name) , its _____

Attest: _____
_____ (Print Name) , its _____

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
)
COUNTY OF _____)

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I, _____, do hereby certify that _____ (Name of Mission or
Parrish)_____ by its duly authorized officers personally appeared before me this day and
acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing instrument.

Witness my hand and official seal this the ___ day of _____, 20__.

_____(SEAL)

Notary Public for South Carolina

My Commission Expires:

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Article II of the Constitution is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

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Section 1. The Diocese shall be known by the name: ~~The Episcopal Church in~~ **Diocese of South Carolina**. (The Diocese has also been known as and done business as “The Episcopal Church in South Carolina,” “The Episcopal Church in the Diocese of South Carolina,” “The Protestant Episcopal Church in South Carolina,” and “The Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of South Carolina.”)

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¹ Deleted text is shown with a ~~strike-through~~. Added/new language is shown in **red print**.

Section 2. The seal of the Diocese shall be:



Section 4 of Article V of the Constitution is hereby amended, and Section 5 of Article 5 is deleted in its entirety so as to read as follows:

ARTICLE V **Diocesan Convention Members**

Section 4. ~~Each~~ All canonically resident clergy (priests and deacons) priest currently serving a church, an institution of the Diocese, or on diocesan staff, is are entitled to all privileges as a member of the Convention, including seat, voice, and vote. Each canonically resident retired priest, who served a church, an institution of the Diocese, or on diocesan staff for at least five years immediately prior to retirement, shall also be entitled to all privileges as a member of the Convention. Retired clergy who are canonically resident but ineligible for vote are entitled to seat and voice.

Section 5. ~~Each canonically resident deacon of the Diocese shall be entitled to seat and voice as a member of the Convention.~~

Section 1 through Section 1.1.3, inclusive, of Article VII are hereby amended so as to read as follows:

ARTICLE VII **Officers and Staff of the Diocese**

Section 1. The constitutional officers of the Diocese shall be a Chancellor, a ~~Vice Chancellor (if elected)~~, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and a Historiographer, and, at the Bishop's discretion, a Vice Chancellor, each of whom shall be a confirmed communicant of the Church,

and a member of a parish or mission in union with the Convention, or a priest canonically resident in the Diocese.

Section 1.1. The Chancellor and a Vice Chancellor shall be nominated by the Bishop and shall be elected by a majority vote of the Convention. If a Vice Chancellor is to be nominated by the Bishop, the nomination must be approved by the Chancellor. The term of office of the Vice Chancellor, if so elected, shall run concurrently with the term of the Chancellor. They shall serve for three years and shall continue until their successors are elected. Their duties shall be to act as legal advisors of the ~~Ecclesiastical Authority~~ Bishop, Standing Committee, Diocesan Council, Trustees, Diocesan Convention, and other Diocesan offices and organizations, in matters affecting the interest of the Church. They shall be ex-officio members of the Convention without the right to vote, unless a delegate from a parish or mission in union with the Convention. If the office of Chancellor or Vice Chancellor becomes vacant during the term of office, the Bishop, with approval of the Standing Committee, shall appoint an Acting Chancellor or Acting Vice Chancellor to complete the remainder of the term of the vacant office.

Section 1.2 The Secretary shall be nominated by the Bishop and confirmed at each annual Convention and shall continue in office until his/her successor is elected. The Secretary shall be responsible for the publication of the Journal of the Convention. The Secretary's duties shall be as prescribed by the Constitution, Canons, resolutions, and Rules of Order of both the Convention of this Diocese and of the General Convention. The Secretary shall be an ex officio member of the Convention without the right to vote, unless a delegate from a parish or mission in union with the Convention or a priest canonically resident in the Diocese. If the office of Secretary becomes vacant during the term of office, the Bishop, with approval of the Standing Committee, shall appoint an Acting Secretary to complete the remainder of the term of the vacant office.

Section 1.3. The Treasurer shall be elected at each annual Convention and shall continue in office until a successor is elected. The Treasurer's duties shall be as prescribed by the Constitution, Canons, resolutions, and Rules of Order of both the Convention of this Diocese and of the General Convention. The Treasurer shall be an ex officio member of the Convention without the right to vote, unless the Treasurer is a delegate from a parish or mission in union with the Convention or a priest canonically resident in the Diocese. If the office of Treasurer becomes vacant during the term of office, the Bishop, with approval of the Standing Committee, shall appoint an Acting Treasurer to complete the remainder of the term of the vacant office.

Section 1 of Article VIII of the Constitution is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

ARTICLE VIII
Admitting Parishes and Missions Into Union with the Convention

Section 1. Parishes and/or missions, which have been organized as provided by the canons of both The Episcopal Church in Diocese of South Carolina and The Episcopal Church for not less than one year, may apply for and be admitted into union with the Convention by vote of the Convention, provided that the requirements hereinafter set forth in the canons have been met.

Section 1 of Article IX of the Constitution is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

ARTICLE IX
Standing Committee

Section 1. There shall be a Standing Committee consisting of six priests of the Diocese and six laypersons, who are confirmed communicants in good standing of the Church in the Diocese. ~~The Chancellor, unless an elected member of the Standing Committee, shall be an ex-officio member of the Standing Committee without vote.~~ The members of the Standing Committee shall be elected by ballot for a term of three (3) years. At each annual Convention two priests and two laypersons shall be elected for a term of three (3) years. No priest or layperson whose term has expired shall be eligible for re-election until the passage of one Convention year from the date of said expiration.

Section 1 of Article X of the Constitution is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

ARTICLE X
Deputies to the General Convention

Section 1. At an Annual Convention during the triennium between General Conventions, but preceding each General Convention, priests, **deacons**, and laypersons, in the appropriate number and having qualifications established by The Episcopal Church, shall be chosen by ballot to represent the Diocese at the next succeeding General Convention. No more than the requisite number of other priests, **deacons**, and laypersons, having the same qualifications, shall be chosen by ballot, as alternates for those selected. Such representatives and alternates shall serve until their successors are elected and qualified.

Article XI of the Constitution is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

ARTICLE XI
Discipline of a Bishop, Priest or Deacon

A bishop, priest, or deacon shall be subject to discipline for offences enumerated in both the canons of The Episcopal Church in **Diocese of** South Carolina and The Episcopal Church and, if found guilty, shall be sentenced in accordance therewith. The action shall be conducted according to both the canons of The Episcopal Church in **Diocese of** South Carolina and The Episcopal Church.

Canons – Proposed Changes

(The proposed changes to the Canons require a vote at the 2022 Annual Convention.)

CANON 2 Organization of Missions

Title I, Canon 2 is hereby amended to add a new section to be designated as “Section 7”, which shall so read as follows:

Section 7. Prior to such new applicant being formally accepted as a mission in communion with Diocese, such applicant mission must, after taking all required corporate and/or Board/Committee action, execute a Commitment of Affirmation (see “Exhibit A”) that the applicant mission will remain in conformity with the Constitution and Canons, doctrine, discipline and worship of The Episcopal Church and of this Diocese, and to the rules regulating such missions. Such Commitment of Affirmation must state that such obligations, commitments, and requirements are irrevocable. The Commitment of Affirmation must be properly executed in duplicate by the officers of the applicant mission and be in the form appropriate for filing in the Office of the Register of Deeds. One executed copy shall be filed in the Office of the Register of Deeds in the applicant’s county. After recording the original, executed, and filed document shall be delivered to the office of the Bishop of the Diocese. The other executed copy shall be retained as part of the permanent records of the applicant.

CANON 3 Organization of Parishes

Title I, Canon 3 Section 5 is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Section 5. All parishes that hold any real property with reverter clauses to the grantor or other persons in the real property title shall make every effort to remove the possibility of such future reversion. No parish shall acquire real property that contains a reversion clause in the title to the property. Notwithstanding this restriction, if either the Diocese, the Trustees of the Diocese, or an entity controlled by either of them shall convey real property to a parish or mission, then the deed of conveyance shall contain a reverter clause, which shall provide substantially as follows: Provided, however, that if at any time the parish/mission shall dissolve, liquidate, close, become or be declared dormant, attempt to disassociate or otherwise disaffiliate its relationship from this Episcopal Diocese and The Episcopal Church, or otherwise cease to be a functioning Episcopal organization, then and in that event, title to this real property shall immediately and automatically revert to The Episcopal Church in South Carolina, or in default thereof, to The Episcopal Church.

Title I, Canon 3 is hereby amended to add a new Section 7, which shall read as follows:

Section 7. Prior to such new applicant being formally accepted as a parish in communion with Diocese, such applicant parish must, after taking all required corporate and/or Board/Vestry action, execute a Commitment of Affirmation (see “Exhibit A”) that the applicant parish will remain in conformity with the Constitution and Canons, doctrine, discipline and worship of The Episcopal Church and of this Diocese, and to the rules regulating such parishes. Such Commitment of Affirmation must state that such obligations, commitments, and requirements are irrevocable. The Commitment of Affirmation must be properly executed in duplicate by the officers of the applicant parish and be in the form appropriate for filing in the Office of the Register of Deeds. One executed copy shall be filed in the Office of the Register of Deeds in the applicant’s county. After recording the original, executed, and filed document shall be delivered to the office of the Bishop of the Diocese. The other executed copy shall be retained as part of the permanent records of the applicant.

CANON 4 Parishes and Missions in Union With Convention

Title I, Canon 4 is hereby amended to add a new Sections 4,5,6, and 7, which shall read as follows:

Section 4. It shall be the duty of every parish and mission in union with the Convention to have taken all required corporate and/or Board/Vestry/Committee action, necessary to execute a Commitment of Affirmation (see “Exhibit A”) that the parish or mission will remain in conformity with the Constitution and Canons, doctrine, discipline, and worship of The Episcopal Church and of this Diocese, and to the rules regulating such parishes and missions. Such Commitment of Affirmation must state that such obligations, commitments, and requirements are irrevocable. The Commitment of Affirmation must be properly executed in duplicate by the officers of the applicant parish or mission and be in the form appropriate for filing in the Office of the Register of Deeds. One executed copy shall be filed in the Office of the Register of Deeds in the parish or mission’s county. After recording the original, executed, and filed document shall be delivered to the office of the Bishop of the Diocese. The other executed copy shall be retained as part of the permanent records of the parish or mission.

Section 5. A parish or mission may not leave, indicate an attempt to disassociate from, or otherwise disaffiliate its relationship from the Diocese and therefore with The Episcopal Church. Each parish or mission is in a permanent subordinate relationship to this Diocese and The Episcopal Church. This relationship is irrevocable and may not be changed or otherwise modified by a parish or mission.

Section 6. Every parish or mission, shall provide in its bylaws, articles of incorporation, and other governing documents a provision that provides for the following. In the event that the parish or mission shall dissolve, liquidate, close, become or be declared dormant, attempt to disassociate or otherwise disaffiliate its relationship from this Episcopal Diocese and The Episcopal Church, or otherwise cease to be a functioning Episcopal organization, then and in that event, its bylaws, articles of incorporation, and other governing documents shall provide that the assets of such parish or mission shall be transferred to the Diocese, or in default thereof to The Episcopal Church. Each parish or mission shall amend their governing documents to comply with the provisions of this section.

Section 7. A parish or mission may not revoke, amend or otherwise alter its bylaws, articles of incorporation, or other governing documents to attempt to disassociate or otherwise disaffiliate its relationship from this Diocese or from The Episcopal Church, and may make no other amendments without the prior written approval of both the Bishop and the Chancellor of the Diocese. Any changes either made or attempted to be made without such prior approvals shall be null and void.

CANON 5 – Dormant Parishes and Missions

Title I, Canon 5 Section 2 is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Section 2. If any parish or mission shall have failed for three successive years to elect a vestry (if a parish), or to send a delegate to the Convention (if in union with the Convention), or to make the reports required by Title 1, Canon 6, Section I of the General Convention, or to make a financial contribution to the program of the Diocese, such parish or mission shall be considered dormant and may be dissolved by the Bishop with the consent of the Standing Committee of the Diocese. *If any parish or mission shall begin or attempt to disassociate or otherwise disaffiliate its relationship from this Episcopal Diocese and The Episcopal Church, or otherwise cease to be a functioning Episcopal organization, such parish or mission shall be considered dormant and may be dissolved by the Bishop with the consent of the Standing Committee of the Diocese.*

CANON 12 Trustees of the Diocese

Title I, Canon 12 is hereby amended to add an Introductory paragraph as the first paragraph of the Canon, which shall as to read as follows:

Introduction: The Trust referred to in this Canon is a trust created by Act #222 of Acts of the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina, approved February 20, 1880, as amended by Act # 612 of the Acts of the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina, approved February 20, 1902. The title of this Trust is “The Trustees of the Protestant Episcopal Church in South Carolina.” The beneficiary of this Trust is this Episcopal Diocese.

Title I, Canon 12 Section 1 is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Section 1. There shall be a Board of Trustees duly elected by the Convention of the Diocese comprising six members, three shall be clergy, who are canonically resident in the diocese, and three **laypersons**, who are all communicants in good standing of a parish or mission of the Diocese. ~~in addition to~~ The Bishop ~~who~~ shall serve **as an ex-officio and member** with a vote **and** as President of the Trustees. ~~and~~ The Chancellor of the Diocese ~~who~~ shall serve ex officio ~~but~~ without a vote.

~~At the first annual Convention of the Diocese after the adoption of this Canon, six Trustees shall be elected as follows: one member of the clergy and one lay person for a term of two years, one member of the clergy and one lay person for a term of four years, and one member of the clergy and one lay person for a term of six years so that thereafter the terms of two Trustees shall expire each year.~~ **In each even numbered calendar year at the Annual Convention, the Convention shall elect one member of the clergy and one lay member to be a trustee each for a term of six years.** A trustee shall be eligible for reelection to one additional six-year term after the initial term and shall not be eligible to serve thereafter for two years following the expiration of the previous term served. **Any Trustee, who shall serve less than a half of a full six-year term, shall be eligible to be elected for a maximum of two additional six-year terms.** In the event that a vacancy shall occur during any trustee’s term, then the Bishop shall nominate to the trustees and the trustees, by majority vote, shall confirm a replacement trustee to serve until the next Annual Convention. At that next Annual Convention, a replacement Trustee shall be elected by the Convention to serve for the remainder of the term of the vacancy. The replacement trustee for a lay person shall be a lay person of the Diocese. The replacement trustee for a member of the clergy shall be another member of the clergy of the Diocese.

Title I, Canon 12 Section 4 is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Section 4. The Trustees shall be responsible for the management of all the assets of the Diocese that are entrusted to its care and ownership.

The Trustees shall hold the legal title to all of the real property of the Diocese, and all real property acquired hereafter by the Diocese shall be conveyed to **the Trustees** at the time of its acquisition. **Provided, however, that title to real property obtained by the Diocese in the settlement of litigation that the Diocese ultimately plans to distribute to a parish or mission may be retained by the Diocese until it is to be distributed out to a parish or mission.** ~~and the~~ The Trustees shall be responsible for the management of all property of the Diocese including investment accounts, trusts, and other assets that are bequeathed to it or otherwise by the Trustees.

The Trustees shall, in accordance with all generally accepted investment standards, manage all the funds entrusted to it in accordance with any and all particular restrictions required by any and all restrictions and other terms and conditions impressed on such funds.

CANON 15 Diocesan Council

Title I, Canon 15 Section 1 is hereby amended so as to read as follow:

Section 1. The Diocesan Council shall administer and carry out the missionary, educational, and social work of this diocese and such other work as may be committed to it by the diocesan Convention. In addition, the Diocesan Council may initiate and develop new work between meetings of Convention, as it may deem necessary. Further, the Diocesan Council shall receive and administer all funds raised for the purpose of diocesan mission and ministry, subject to the provisions of the constitution and canons of this diocese.

The Bishop of the diocese **shall be an ex-officio member with voice and vote and shall serve as both the** president of the Diocesan Council and the executive head of all such work.

(NOTE: This will be inserted after the Canon text and before the Rules)

This Commitment of Affirmation will be adapted in form to be applicable to new missions, new parishes, and existing missions and parishes.

Exhibit A

Commitment of Affirmation

WHEREAS, (Name of Mission or Parish) is a Parish/Mission in communion with The Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina (the “Diocese”) and The Episcopal Church; and,

WHEREAS, this Commitment of Affirmation confirms both our historic, current, and future commitment to our Diocese and to The Episcopal Church.

We, (Name of Mission or Parish) , do hereby irrevocably state and affirm that we:

1. Accede to both the Constitution and Canons of the diocese of The Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina and The Episcopal Church.
2. Acknowledge the superior and hierarchical authority of both our Diocese and The Episcopal Church, and agree to be governed thereby. We agree to remain in conformity with the Constitution and Canons, doctrine, discipline and worship of The Episcopal Church and of this Diocese, and to the rules regulating such parishes and missions.
3. Are a subordinate entity of The Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina and thereby also of The Episcopal Church.

We agree that we are bound by the constitutions, canons, and rules of both our Episcopal Diocese and The Episcopal Church including, but not limited to, the Diocesan Canon Title I, Canon 22 and The Episcopal Church canon Title 1. Canon 7. Sec. 4, which is commonly known as the “Dennis Canon.”

We acknowledge and state that this Commitment is permanent and irrevocable by us.

We affirm that the execution of this Commitment of Affirmation is made with adequate consideration by all parties and has been duly authorized by the governing board of _____ (Name of Mission or Parish) _____.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, _____ (Name of Mission or Parish) _____ has executed this Commitment of Affirmation this _____ day of _____, 20__.

WITNESSES:

_____ (Name of Mission or Parish) _____

_____ By: _____
_____ (Print Name) , its _____

_____ Attest: _____
_____ (Print Name) , its _____

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
)
COUNTY OF _____)

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

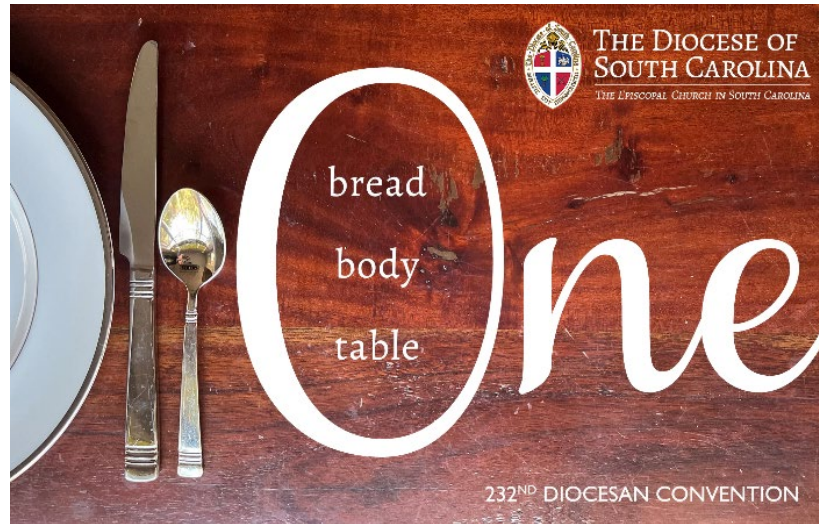
I, _____, do hereby certify that _____ (Name of Mission or Parrish) _____ by its duly authorized officers personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing instrument.

Witness my hand and official seal this the ___ day of _____, 20__.

_____ (SEAL)

Notary Public for South Carolina

My Commission Expires:



Report of Institutions

The Diocese of South Carolina
The 232nd Annual Diocesan Convention

Bishop Gadsden Episcopal Retirement Community

A Mission Lived Every Day

Founded in 1850, Bishop Gadsden is a Life Plan Retirement Community that embraces God's call to ministry. We affirm positive living for all who live and work here. We serve with integrity. We exercise wise stewardship. We reach out with a generous spirit. These words guide our actions and decisions. Our mission calls us to respect the diverse members of our community while also working to ensure that Bishop Gadsden provides exceptional care and service. As the Southeast's leading life plan retirement community, Bishop Gadsden has more than 500 residents and 500 employee team members who shape its vibrant character. This is who we are and what makes our community extraordinary.

This past year has been an exciting year for Bishop Gadsden. As we closed the doors to Read Cloister and Arcadia Close, which served Bishop Gadsden for over 30 years, we opened The Gadsden Glen, a 150,000 square-foot center for health and rehab, which boasts a state-of-the-art short-term rehab center as well as a new home for our skilled nursing and memory care residents. Before we moved our residents into this extraordinary new facility, we paused in prayer to give thanks to God and to remember the legacy of those who have gone before us who faithfully believed in and financially provided for the mission of Bishop Gadsden.

We had a joyous and spirit filled dedication where Bishop Ruth Woodliff-Stanley blessed our new facility and prayed that it would continue to enable us live faithfully into God's call to ministry. While the building is absolutely beautiful inside and out, we were honored to remember not only our own history in the design, but also the legacy of the land and those who have called it home from generations past. We were able to have a replica of the altar that was in the Bee Street Home for Widows and Orphans constructed and placed in the Edwards Family Chapel in the Glen, and there are several large pieces of wall art that are replicas of the original wallpaper in the Episcopal Church Home on Laurens Street.

While being faithful to its Episcopal identity, Bishop Gadsden boasts a warm sense of ecumenicalism. This past year, we welcomed all of the sisters of Our Lady of Mercy into our community as residents, thus becoming an integral part of our already strong Roman Catholic community. Along with our Catholic friends, many other denominations and faiths are represented and come together within our community, each being warm and welcoming to all. Perhaps one of the most beautiful ecumenical examples on our campus is our resident led compline service which takes place on Sunday evenings. Residents from

all different denominations come together and participate in this ancient form of prayer at the end of the day.

Bishop Gadsden is proud to have The Reverend Charles Jenkins serving full-time as the Director of Pastoral Care and Chaplain. Assisting him, The Rev. Dow Sanderson provides pastoral care and celebrates weekly Eucharists for our residents over in The Gadsden Glen. Starting in December, Bishop Gadsden will also welcome The Rev. Courtney Davis-Shoemaker who will provide pastoral care to residents and their family members, as well as our employees over in the Glen.



Report to the Diocese of South Carolina - November 2022 -

If 2021 was an intentional but careful step toward welcoming guests to return “home” to Kanuga as we began to emerge from the darkness of the pandemic, 2022 was a sinking into a renewed rhythm of worship and healing—made possible by the Kanuga community’s support and a much stronger financial position.

Kanuga is indeed continuing along a path toward financial health, and has made progress again in 2022. We were fortunate that our fundraising efforts in 2022 resulted in strong annual giving, a trend that has been on the increase since 2020. These funds are now being utilized to move Kanuga forward in programming, rather than to prop up our operations. Operations are now close to a break-even scenario in which expenses are covered, staff are compensated well, and improvements to many areas, including food and beverage, are well underway.

With this renewed focus on excellence in programming, in 2022 we were pleased to host and sponsor myriad events and programs, including Nuevo Amanecer, Winterlight and Youth Week, Camp Kanuga, Awakening Soul, Daughters of the King, dozens of parishes, Kanuga Christian Formation, Renewal, Iconography, Mountain Trail Outdoor School, and many more. We have introduced twice-annual service weekends to the calendar, and developed a new concert series of outdoor performances. We are thankful for these successes, but this list doesn’t begin to describe the depth of spirit that exists on campus as we re-gather to worship in person.

In 2022, as a community grounded in appreciation and empathy, we prayed for each other and the world in a visible way through a new prayer ribbon ministry that began as a response to the invasion of Ukraine. Within days, dozens of ribbons were inscribed with personal prayers and hung in The Chapel of The Transfiguration. And then, one day, we were asked if a prayer could be added for a loved one. Soon, an entire system was developed using ribbon colors to denote specific types of prayer, and a growing rainbow of gently swaying ribbons was suspended from the ceiling.

Indeed, thousands of campers, youth conference teens, adult conference participants, staff members, lodging guests, mountain bikers, clergy and lay leaders, and people from all walks have written prayers on these ribbons. The meditations themselves include everything from prayers for the ill to those who are victims of war, violence, and poverty, to those who govern, those who sin, and those who bring us joy.

In effect, Kanuga’s prayer ribbon ministry has evolved to serve as a visible form of the *Prayers of the People*. When I walk into the Chapel now, underneath these prayers that are lifted high toward the Spirit, thousands of ribbons dancing in the sunlight, I sense the strength of the Kanuga mission in a real and tangible way, and feel the Holy Spirit at work.

I feel hope. I feel gratitude. And I hope you will join me in praying:

“For the good earth which God has given us, and for the

wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.” —from *Prayers for the People*

Thanks to all who have shared their wisdom, voice, financial resources, friendship, partnership, and commitment to Kanuga. Our community demonstrates every blessed day the wisdom and the will to keep Kanuga intact and thriving for many generations to come.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Michael".

Michael R. Sullivan
President / CEO



Religious Life: Annual Report

The Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina The Anglican Diocese of South Carolina

LEADERSHIP

Jim Buxton '91 is the currently-elected Chair of the Board of Trustees. He began his first 3-year term in July 2022. Richard Star is chair of the Porter-Gaud Foundation, which oversees the philanthropic efforts for the school including the current capital campaign for a new performing arts center and auditorium as well as a chapel. There are three clergy representatives on the board in addition to eighteen other members: The Rt. Rev. Chip Edgar, The Rt. Rev. Ruth Woodliff-stanley, and The Rev. Dr. Anthony Kowbeidu. DuBose Egleston is in his 14th year as Head of School. DuBose currently serves on the Governing Board for the National Association of Episcopal Schools and the Board of Trustees for the Southern Association of Independent Schools.

CHAPLAINCY FACULTY AND STAFF

Mr. David Rowe - Lower School Chaplain

The Rev. Henrietta M. Rivers - Middle School Chaplain

The Rev. Palmer B. Kennedy - Head Chaplain, Upper School Chaplain, and Religion & Philosophy Chair

Ms. Allison Swiger - Upper School History / Religion & Philosophy Faculty and Student Ministry Leader

Ms. Jen Locklair - Middle School History Faculty and Student Ministry Leader

HISTORY

Porter-Gaud has a long history of living out its spiritual identity as an independent Episcopal school rooted in the rich heritage of Anglicanism. For much of its history, Porter-Gaud had one chaplain who taught all the religion classes, conducted chapel services, and provided pastoral care for the school community. As the School has grown and the needs for ministry have increased, the Board of Trustees has bolstered the chaplaincy so that there are now three full-time chaplains on campus in addition to a faculty member teaching Religion classes and supporting student ministry.

WORSHIP AND DISCIPLESHIP

In addition to the traditional celebration of Holy Communion each Thursday morning in St. Timothy's Chapel, there is a weekly chapel service on a divisional basis for the Lower, Middle, and Upper School students and faculty. The School observes the major festivals of the church calendar. Advent chapel services are held in all three divisions. The Lower School holds a Christmas chapel and the Middle and Upper Schools have a Christmas Eucharist. The School's service of Lessons and Carols, held at the Church of the Holy Communion, is a tradition that dates back over 30 years and is a highlight of the Christmas season for the school community. The Middle and Upper Schools mark All Saints and Ash Wednesday in their respective chapels, and they each celebrate the Eucharist during Holy Week. The Middle and Upper Schools have, furthermore, developed a vibrant ministry of student groups. Vestry and Bible study groups meet weekly with strong attendance. Vestry members hold significant leadership roles on campus and assist in leading worship in chapel, planning and leading retreats, leading small groups, and helping the chaplain plan and refine weekly chapel services. The chaplains continue to develop this ministry and are discussing service opportunities, and how to develop a sequential curriculum for student spiritual growth.

ACADEMICS

In the Lower School, Porter-Gaud offers creative and thought-provoking lessons using biblical stories and themes and dovetails with the wider virtues and DEI program. In Middle School, our fifth grade students study the character of God as revealed in the Old and New Testaments. In sixth grade, they take a survey course on the New Testament, focusing on the Gospels and the life of Jesus, and our eighth graders take a survey course on the Old Testament. The Upper School features a required course on the New Testament and Ethics, an elective on the Problem of Evil, and interdisciplinary seminars. The Upper School Department of History curriculum also includes World Religions as an elective every other year.

SERVICE

Porter-Gaud believes in loving others as we ourselves have been loved, and that it is more blessed to give than to receive. We thus have an active and robust community service program through which students volunteer thousands of hours annually to assist various agencies throughout the Lowcountry. Service opportunities are available with numerous agencies including those working with at-risk and special-needs children, environmental and animal welfare, health and senior-adult issues, and hunger and poverty needs. For a more detailed and comprehensive list of our programs please contact Rev. Palmer B. Kennedy (pkennedy@portergaud.edu) who will connect you with our Director of Community Service, Gretchen Tate.

PORTER-GAUD MISSION STATEMENT

Porter-Gaud is an Episcopal, coeducational, independent, college preparatory day school. We acknowledge the sovereignty of God, recognize the worth of the individual, and seek to cultivate a school community that endows its citizens with a foundation of moral and ethical character and intellect. Porter-Gaud fosters a challenging academic environment that honors excellence in teaching and learning, respects differences, expects honesty, and applauds achievement. The school strives to create an environment that nurtures and protects what we value most in our children: their faith, their curiosity, their talents, their integrity, their humanity, and their dreams.

EPISCOPAL IDENTITY AT PORTER-GAUD

As an Episcopal school, Porter-Gaud stands on the foundation of Anglican theology rooted in the Scriptures and expressed in the Book of Common Prayer. True to our Episcopal identity, we trust in the love of God revealed to us in Jesus Christ, believe in the dignity of every human being, and uphold the principles of honesty and integrity and the pursuit of moral and ethical character. This identity has an integrity that enables us to be an inclusive community grounded in love and respect for each of our members. The religious diversity of the school community does not create silos or ignore differences. Rather, it provides a magnificent opportunity to foster thoughtful dialogue, humility, empathy, and respect for one another as we seek to support the spiritual formation of individuals and families from a variety of religious and non-religious backgrounds. Together, we seek to nurture a community that embodies the unconditional and indiscriminate love of God and cultivates the hearts and minds of young people such that they seek to love and serve all.

THE WATCH PRAYER

O Lord, may our words be full of truth and kindness, our actions gracious and honorable, our thoughts unselfish and charitable, our character noble and upright, and our habits virtuous, that our school family may grow in faith, honor, and knowledge, as we watch together in all things. AMEN.

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

2022-2023 SEWANEE ALMANAC

College of Arts & Sciences:

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

School of Theology:

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

HOW YOUR DIOCESE SUPPORTS SEWANEE FINANCIALLY

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

- Diocesan support in FY22: **\$2,000**
- Support from parishes in the diocese: **\$5,000**
- Percentage of parishes in the diocese made a gift to Sewanee: **19%**

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: **29**
- Seminarians from the diocese: **1**
- School of Theology alumni currently serving in the diocese: **16**
- EfM groups in the diocese: **5**

YOUR TRUSTEES

- The Rt. Rev. Ruth M. Woodliff-Stanley, bishop
- The Rev. Rob Donehue (2022)
- The Rev. Ryan Currie (2025)
- Michael Kirk Battle (2024)
- Jane Hart Lewis (2023)

YOUR SEMINARIANS

- Eric Bash, T'24 - Grace Church Cathedral, Charleston

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Camp and Conference Center

A Brief History

St. Christopher comprises just over 300 acres on Seabrook Island. The history of this property precedes colonization, with the first known inhabitants likely being the Stono Native Americans. We are hoping to explore the subsequent colonial and antebellum history of the property by working with a professional historian. Our history as an institution began in 1938, when the Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina sponsored a summer camp for underprivileged children. This summer camping tradition has continued, with brief interruptions for a polio outbreak and WWII, for the past 84 years. In 1951, a larger portion of Seabrook Island was donated to the Diocese, including the current St. Christopher property. Though there were subsequent sales of some of this property, the camp and conference center itself continued to expand its physical infrastructure, including the construction of facilities like the conference halls, dining hall, and staff housing. In 1981, St. Christopher founded the Barrier Island Environmental Education Program, a wildly successful program which now serves over 7000 students during the school year.

A Season of Transition

Immediately following the schism in 2012, the ACNA Diocese of South Carolina continued to operate St. Christopher under its purview. The recent Supreme Court decision of 2022, and final settlement with ACNA, returned St. Christopher to the Episcopal Diocese. The official transfer happened on October 1, 2022. We are fortunate to have two highly experienced interim executive directors, Rick and Helen Hargreaves, who are at the helm during this transition. We are working with an architect, Simons Young, and two consultants from Episcopal Camp and Conference Centers, who are providing counsel on various aspects of the physical plant, operations, and strategic planning. As we move through this transition, this work is being supported by our Steering Committee, including the Rev. Jennie Olbrych, Brian Monroe, the Rev. Laura Rezac (chair), and Bishop Ruth Woodliff-Stanley. There are challenges facing St. Christopher in this season, including addressing deferred maintenance that accumulated during the Covid-19 pandemic, and repairing the dining hall, which was

damaged in a major fire in December 2021. Despite these challenges, St. Christopher has many strengths, including a dedicated staff, excellent and well-attended educational and camping programs, and a conference center that continues to be heavily booked.

Opportunities

In this season of transition, there are many ways to connect with St. Christopher!

- Most importantly, please pray for St. Christopher, including all staff and guests.
- Consider booking your next vestry or parish retreat at St. Christopher, and advertising its availability for personal spiritual retreats.
- Encourage children and youth to sign up for camp this summer!
- Encourage high school students to consider becoming counselors (volunteer leadership positions).
- If you know a college student who would make a great summer staff member, encourage them to apply to work at St. Christopher this upcoming camp season.
- Clergy and lay youth leaders, consider signing up to be a camp chaplain for a week this summer.
- Do you enjoy painting, maintenance work, or have other handy skills and could volunteer your time? Are you interested in forming a team to come out to St. Christopher for a mission workday? The facilities staff are interested in working with folks who could potentially assist with small projects on the grounds.
- Do you own a John Deere dealership and can give us a deal on a tractor? Are you a small business owner who might have other ways to assist with various aspects of our camp and conference center operations? Please contact Rick and Helen Hargreaves if you have creative ideas in this area.
- There are limited opportunities to serve as volunteer weekend hosts at St. Christopher. Please contact Rick and Helen Hargreaves to learn more.

Contact Information

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Director of Reservations: Sue Mahaffee (smahaffee@stchristopher.org)

Summer Camp Registration:

<https://stchristopher.org/home-5/summer-camp/2022-camp-schedule/> (Early registration for Episcopalians begins January 9, 2023)

Chair of Steering Committee: Rev. Laura Rezac (lrezac@ststephenschs.com)

2022 Annual Report

Danny Sanford, Chief Executive Officer

Thinking back over 2022, thus far, it is almost hard to think of a word to describe our present state. While much has changed, our mission and commitment to seniors remains the same. However, a word that quietly comes to mind repeatedly is “steadfast”. Though many large projects are yet to be completed, active steps are being taken every day, moving us steadily forward, hence the word steadfast. Still Hopes is dutifully pushing forward, achieving our goals and we are excited to see forward movement through our efforts.

One such project is the reinvention/expansion of our Bistro venue. While COVID has certainly caused many delays, we will be re-opening the doors of this beloved dining space at the end of this month, October. Residents will enjoy not only updates to the features of the Bistro they previously loved, but also a completely new pub area where they can congregate with friends and family for hours of socialization and relaxation.

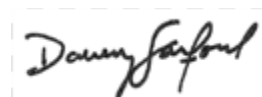
When you look off our campus, the efforts in York, SC are continuing to take shape. Our architects will present the master land plan within a week from now. We conducted very successful focus group sessions with potential York Place residents in April. These helped to shape the master land plan design. We continue to work with Winthrop University to determine how the child development program will best fit into this community, all designed to truly make York Place an “intergenerational” middle-market residential community for its residents.

Closer to home, we have purchased a ten-acre site to create a second middle market community. This additional site literally borders our current campus. Access to the property will occur in early 2024. We will be able to serve an entirely new group of seniors right here in Columbia, and we are so thankful for the opportunity. This will broaden the ministry of Still Hopes to a larger group of seniors and we look forward to having this expansion of mission come to life.

One more effort certainly worth mentioning is our own child development center here at Still Hopes. Again, COVID paused our plans, but we are now, again, actively planning to launch a capital fund campaign in 2023. This center will benefit countless staff members when they are given the opportunity to have quality childcare right alongside the place where they work.

Still Hopes’ Mission is to provide a faith-based community where life will be rich and full as God intends it to be, holding to our values, serving one another with dedication, and promoting health and wellness for all. As always, we pledge to honor this Mission through our good work at Still Hopes. Your support is vital to our success, and we thank you for your kindnesses, both with your monetary support and your prayers. It is my pleasure to bring you this report and to continue to serve this great ministry organization.

Blessings,





VOORHEES COLLEGE

Voorhees University Achieves New Levels of Excellence

Voorhees University has remained steadfast on the path to the “Next Level of Excellence” in 2022. University President, Dr. Ronnie Hopkins named the founding Director for the Rural Community Development Institute, Cathy L. Scarborough. He also named deans: Mary M. Hill, dean of Students; and Mr. Corey V. Smith, dean of Chapel and Spiritual Engagement. Mr. Eddie Ellis was named Director of the Tiger Pep Band

In accordance with the mission of Voorhees, the new president’s goal and mantra is “Next Level of Excellence,” which is to be demonstrated in every aspect of the college’s operations. One example of that excellence was the university’s collaboration with IBM to create a Cybersecurity Leadership Center and hosting another successful SACSCOC On-site Peer Review Reaffirmation visit in October. In September, sixteen youth at the South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice began taking classes through Voorhees’ Second Chance program.

Voorhees’ student body continues to reach the Next Level of Excellence. Our students were honored in 2022 by the United Negro College Fund; Zay’Aunnna Beard, Kyneisha Graham, Simya Levine, Zykevia Mitchell, and Keyana Yeoman were recognized as UNCF scholars. Two scholars of the W. Franklin Evans Honors College, Derina Webber and Joshua Duncan, represented Voorhees in the prestigious University of South Carolina Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Program.

The spiritual development of our community remains vital to our pursuit of excellence; we are pleased to announce that in-person chapel services have resumed. We are grateful for the opportunity to listen to a diverse group of preachers, as well as the culmination of theological “table talks” and vocational discernment for our students. The institution has been and continues to be in collaboration with Saint Augustine’s University on projects that edify our students while also fortifying our relationship within the Episcopal Church.

Our commitment to partnerships also extended to our relationship with Denmark Technical College. Together, we initiated Operation Olive Branch to enhance the post-secondary experience for new and transfer students.

The Voorhees University Athletic department continues to make tremendous strides, as Mr. Cabral Huff, men's basketball coach, was selected as a 2022 Impact Award Winner by Rising Coaches.

Voorhees welcomed 500 students for the academic year, achieving a 25 percent increase in enrollment. Once again, the university was ranked among the best Regional Colleges in the South in the U.S. News & World Report Best Colleges Rankings for 2022. Voorhees was ranked as the Best Value amongst regional colleges in the south. The university improved its overall standing by twenty points from the previous year, advancing from 46th to 26th amongst Historically Black Colleges and Universities. The institution advanced to 3rd in top performers on Social Mobility, which measures how well schools’ graduate students who receive the federal Pell Grant and 33rd amongst regional colleges in the south.



We continued to develop ideas and projects, which were supported by external grant sources. The Voorhees University Partnership received \$18.9 million in grant funding in 2022. This funding is being used to prepare teachers to improve learning outcomes from students, awarded under the Supporting Effective Educator Development program.

Begin. Believe. Become.

Voorhees was excited to host the Reverend Ramelle McCall, Canon of Leadership on campus in October. During his visit, Canon McCall agreed to serve as Eucharist for Saint Philip's Cathedral.