

**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA DIOCESAN CONVENTION  
NOVEMBER 3, 4 & 5, 2016  
Minutes**

McClellan Conference Center  
5411 Luce Avenue  
McClellan, CA 95652

**Thursday, November 3, 2016**

The 106<sup>th</sup> Convention of The Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Northern California celebrated Holy Eucharist at 7:00 p.m. at the McClellan Conference Center,

The Rt. Rev. Barry L. Beisner presided and the Rt. Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori preached.

**Friday, November 4, 2016**

Following a service of Morning Prayer that commenced at 8:30 a.m., the Rt. Rev. Barry L. Beisner as President announced that \$4,236.00 had been collected in the offering to aid Standing Rock.

**Formation of Convention**

Bishop Beisner called for the Report of the Secretary regarding Quorum. The Rev. Elizabeth Armstrong, Secretary, reported a quorum consisting of 109 Clergy and 221 Lay Delegates; whereupon Bishop Beisner as President called to order the 106<sup>th</sup> Convention of The Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Northern California.

Bishop Beisner called for the Report of the Committee on New Parishes and Missions. The Rev. Canon Kent McNair reported no new or disbanding missions or territories within the Diocese.

Bishop Beisner nominated the following persons for election to the following offices.

**Secretary and Assistant Secretary**

The Rev. Elizabeth (Liz) Armstrong, Secretary  
Ms. Sandra Littman, Assistant Secretary

**Chancellor and Vice Chancellors**

Canon Charles Mack, Chancellor  
Canon L. Miles Snyder, Chancellor Emeritus and Vice Chancellor  
Ms. Lisa Halko, Vice Chancellor  
Mr. Malcolm Mackenzie, Vice Chancellor  
Mr. Kevin Davis, Vice Chancellor

**Treasurer**

Mr. John Nykamp, Treasurer

**Historiographer**

The Rev. Harry Allagree, Historiographer

All persons nominated were elected by a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried. Bishop Beisner declared those nominated to be elected.

Bishop Beisner made the following appointments to Committees of Convention.

**Appointment of Committees of Convention**

Canon Charles Mack, Parliamentarian  
The Rev. John Schively, Dispatch of Business  
The Rev. Canon Kent McNair, Admission of New Parishes and Missions  
The Rev. Rodney Davis, Constitution and Canons  
The Rev. Elizabeth (Betsey) Monnot, Resolutions  
Mr. John Miller, Nominations  
Mr. James (Jim) Sargent, Sergeant-at-Arms  
The Rev. Elizabeth (Liz) Armstrong, Judge of Elections  
The Rev. Elizabeth Armstrong, the Very Rev. Cliff Haggenjos,  
Canon Charles Mack, Minutes Committee  
Ms. Sandra Littman, Minutes  
The Rev. Elizabeth (Liz) Armstrong, Credentials

**Agenda, House Rules, and Additional Resolutions from the Floor**

Bishop Beisner called upon the Rev. John Schively to present the agenda and house rules for Convention. The Rev. Shively moved the adoption of the Agenda and House Rules as stated in the convention packet, with the addition that any resolutions regarding the Bishop's address be placed after items 30 and 53 of the Agenda.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously carried.

Bishop Beisner asked for any additional Resolutions from the floor. There were none.

**Nominations**

Bishop Beisner called on Mr. John Miller for the report of the nominations committee. John Miller moved that those presented in the nominations packet be placed in nomination for their respective office as follows.

**Deputies and Alternates to General Convention** (8 Deputies: 4 Clergy, 4 Lay; 8 Alternates: 4 Clergy, 4 Lay)

Clergy: The Very Rev. Dr. Brian Baker, The Rev. Dan Boeger, The Rev. Canon Stephen Carpenter, The Rev. Dr. Sean Cox, The Very Rev. Cliff Haggenjos, The Rev. Lucretia Jevne, The Rev. Canon Andrea McMillin, The Rev. Betsey Monnot, The Very Rev. Sara Potter, The Rev. Lewis Powell, The Rev. James D. Richardson, The Rev. David Shewmaker, The Rev. Anne Smith, and the Rev. Matthew Warren.

Lay: Myles Clarke, Jack Cummings, Elizabeth Harper-Lawson, Charis Hill, James (Jim) A. Jordan, Jr., Canon Charles R. Mack, John Miller, and DonnaJo Woolen.

**Board of Trustees** ( 1 Lay 3 year term, 1 Lay 2 year term)

Lay: Leta Parks, Margaret Dunning and Nancy Mack

**Standing Committee** (1 Clergy and 1 Lay, 4 year terms)

Clergy: The Ven. Beatryce Clark.

Lay: Donnie Spurr-Roberts.

Bishop Beisner called for nominations from the floor. There were none. Bishop Beisner declared the nominations to be closed, there being no further nominations nor objections.

Bishop Beisner announced his appointments for confirmation and nominations for election as follows.

**Appointments for Confirmation:**

**Commission on Ministry**

Mr. Rob Simas, Chair

Ms. Mary Davy, Vice Chair

The Rev. Megan Anderson

The Rev. Canon Ernestina (Tina) Campbell

The Rev. David Englund

The Rev. Margaret Grayden

Mrs. Nancy Mack

The Rev. Betsey Monnot

The Very Rev. Mack Olson

Ms. DonnaJo Woollen

The Rev. Sarah Quinney

Bishop Beisner called for a motion to confirm his appointments. A motion was so moved, seconded and unanimously adopted.

The Bishop declared the appointments confirmed.

**Nominations for Election**

**Episcopal Community Services**

The Rt. Rev. Barry Beisner, Ex-Officio & Chair

The Rev. Lucretia Jevne, President

Betty Harrison-Smith, Vice President

The Rev. Mara Arack, Deacon, Secretary

Marcia Traner, Treasurer

Susan Wahlstrom, ex officio, Health Ministries

The Rev. Derek Jones, Deacon

**Camp Noel Porter**

The Rt. Rev. Barry Beisner, Ex-Officio and Chair

The Rev. Dr. Joseph Duggan, President

The Rev. Kathy Hopner, Vice President

The Ref. Todd Bruce, Secretary

Ms. Nancy Tennyson

The Rev. Seth Kellermann  
Mr. Ed Hilton  
Mr. Dave Rickert  
Mr. Steve Pierce  
The Rev. Canon Andrea McMillin, Office of the Bishop liaison  
The Rev. Anne Clarke, Lifelong Christian Formation liaison  
Mr. Kirk Bone, Board of Trustees liaison

**The Episcopal Foundation of Northern California**

The Rt. Rev. Barry Beisner, Ex-Officio and Chair  
Canon Charles Mack, Ex-Officio and Chancellor  
Mr. Peter M. Juvé, President of The Foundation  
Mr. Gregg Wickham, Vice President  
Ms. Kathryn (Kathe) Charters  
Ms. Cynthia M. (Cindy) Woods

The Bishop called for a motion to elect. All persons nominated were elected by a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried. Bishop Beisner declared those nominated to be elected.

Bishop Beisner made the following appointments.

**Regional Deans of Convocations**

The Very Rev. Paul Blanch, Alta California Deanery  
The Very Rev. Mary Hudak, Capital Deanery  
The Very Rev. Cliff Haggenjos, Central Deanery  
The Very Rev. Daniel Green, Russian River Deanery  
The Very Rev. Sara Potter, Semper Virens Deanery  
The Very Rev. Canon Mary Hauck, Sierra Deanery  
The Very Rev. Thomas (Mack) Olson, Wingfield Deanery

Bishop Beisner called for the **Courtesy of the Floor Resolution**. Upon motion by The Rev. Betsey Monnot. Seconded and unanimously carried, the following were granted seat and voice at this Convention:

The Rt. Rev George Hunt and Mrs. Barbara Hunt  
Mr. David Link  
The Rt. Rev. Lloyd Allen  
The Rt. Rev. Jerry Lamb  
Vice Chancellors  
Canonically non-resident clergy licensed in this diocese  
Sisters of the Transfiguration  
Postulants and candidates for Holy Orders  
Lay officers of Commissions, Committees, Boards and Task Forces  
Diocesan Officers  
Lay leaders of daily prayers  
Laity appointed to give reports

Members of The Belfry and LEVN  
Office of the Bishop Staff

Bishop Beisner honored the staff of the Office of the Bishop.

Bishop Beisner read the Necrology, and the list of those newly canonically resident in the diocese.

**Losses by Death**

Evan Ardley  
Robert Gould  
Blake Leighton  
Greg Nolta  
William Sassman

**Ordained to the Diaconate**

Katherine Conyers  
Mara Arack  
Calvin Cornils  
Elizabeth Gaines  
Pamela Gossard  
Babette Haggenjos  
Patricia Park  
Anne Pierson  
Katherine Sefton  
Anne Clarke  
Mark Parker  
Sonya Reichel

**Ordained to the Priesthood**

Aidan Rontani  
Charles Rouse  
Richard DeGiorgis

**Accepted by Letters Dimissory**

Amy Denney Zuniga  
Mary Goshert  
Suzanne Guthrie  
Sandy Honnold  
Sally Hubbell  
Brian Rebholtz  
Marcia Tyrriver

Consent calendar – There was nothing to report for the consent calendar.

**File by Title Reports**

Bishop Beisner called for the following reports to be filed by title.

Report of the Standing Committee

Mr. James (Jim) Sargent- Filed report by title

Report of the Board of Trustees

The Rev. Michael Monnot – Filed report by title

Treasurer’s Report and Review of Budget for 2017

Mr. John Nykamp– Filed the report and review of budget for 2017 by title

First Ballot. Bishop Beisner called upon Sergeant at Arms Jim Sargent to give instructions on voting. He did so and the First Ballot took place.

Bishop Beisner delivered his 2016 Address to Convention

**Second Reading of Resolution R2-15, Constitutional Amendment Combining Offices of Secretary and Registrar**

Bishop Beisner called upon the Rev. Betsey Monnot, Chair of the Resolutions Committee, who asked the Bishop to recognize Canon Charles Mack, Chancellor, who upon recognition moved, and after a second, presented Resolution R2-15 as follows.

**RESOLVED: That Article XI of the Constitution of the Diocese be amended as follows:**

**1) Section 1 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

**Section 1.** At each annual meeting the Convention, the Bishop shall nominate and the Convention shall elect a Secretary (who shall serve ex-officio as Registrar), a Treasurer, a Chancellor, and may elect Vice-Chancellors. The Convention shall elect such other Officers as may be required by Canon. The election of officers designated in this section shall be by voice vote, notwithstanding the provisions of Article X, Section 2, of this Constitution. Officers designated in this section shall perform the duties prescribed in this Constitution, Diocesan Canons and the Resolutions of the Diocesan Convention. They shall remain in office until their successors are elected and assume office.

**2) Section 4, which reads as follows, is hereby repealed.**

**Section 4.** The Registrar shall be elected from among the Clerical members of Convention.

**EXPLANATION OF RESOLUTION:**

Adoption of this amendment to the Constitution will combine the elected office of Registrar with the elected constitutional office of Secretary, commonly referred to as Secretary of Convention. The combined office of Secretary and Registrar must still be elected from the Clerical members of Convention.

The Constitution creates the office of Registrar and the Canons specify its duties. The Registrar is custodian of all Journals and records of the Diocese and must keep and certify records of consecrations of bishops, ordinations of clergy, and receipt and transfer of clergy.

The duties of the Registrar are purely ministerial, and are performed on a daily basis by staff of the Office of the Bishop on behalf of the office. In fact, the office is vacant and no interest has been shown by any prospective nominee. Combining the offices streamlines the diocesan organization and harmonizes it with current practice.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The revision concerns formalities only and will result in no fiscal impact.

**RELATION TO DIOCESAN STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:** This revision builds upon the 2011 restructuring designed to empower parishes and mission in relationship to Deaneries and Deaneries in relationship to the Diocese, all in furtherance of the Diocesan strategic priorities for improved communication and evangelism and congregational development.

Resolution R2-15 was adopted by a unanimous vote by orders.

### **Resolution R1-16, Board of Trustees Election in the absence of Elections by Spring Convocations**

Bishop Beisner called upon the Rev. Betsey Monnot, Chair of the Resolutions Committee, who asked the Bishop to recognize John Miller, who upon recognition moved and after a second presented Resolution R1-16- Board of Trustees Election in the absence of Elections by Spring Convocations as follows.

**RESOLVED:** Canon 16.1.1.4 is amended as follows:

**16.1.1.4 Clergy and Lay Members.** Of the elected and appointed members, it is a goal that five shall be members of the clergy and that ten shall be members of the laity.

Recognizing that Spring Convocation elections may not match that goal, the Bishop shall not make an appointment and Convention shall not hold an election to increase the number of clergy above five. Convention shall elect the number of clergy necessary to raise that number to five. Deans may be elected members of the Board of Trustees.

*If, however, any Deanery Convocations have not elected members to fill vacancies in Spring Convocations, the Bishop may appoint, and the Convention may elect members to the Board of Trustees without regard to their status as either clergy or lay.*

### **EXPLANATION OF RESOLUTION:**

Under the current system, Deanery Convocations are to elect members to the Board of Trustees in the Spring. However, over the last several years, Spring convocations have frequently failed to elect members and have elected in the Fall instead. Because the Bishop and Convention cannot elect or appoint clergy to the Board if it would raise the number of Clergy members above five, this means that the Bishop cannot appoint members until after Fall Convocations (usually held in October), and the Office of the Bishop cannot tell potential clergy nominees that they are eligible for election until more than six weeks after the deadline for nominations. This results in hurried appointments and Board vacancies.

This proposal changes the Canons so that in the event that Spring Convocations fail to elect Board members until the Fall, the Bishop and Convention may accept nominations, appoint and elect members to the Board without having to consider their lay or clergy status. This is to avoid the bottleneck that ensues under the current system when Convocations fail to elect in the Spring.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** None

**RELATION TO DIOCESAN STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:**

By allowing for time for thoughtful recruitment and discernment of potential candidates for Board of Trustees, an important Diocesan institution will be strengthened. This will result in the Diocese being better able to carry out its mission to serve the church and raise up disciples for Christ.

Resolution R1-16 was adopted by a unanimous vote.

The Rt. Rev. Barry Beisner invited to the podium, The Rt. Rev. Jerry Lamb, who spoke to the assembly.

Bishop Beisner called upon Sergeant at Arms Jim Sargent to report the results of the First Ballot. Upon the report Bishop Beisner declared the election to the Board of Trustees of Margaret Dunning for a three year term and Nancy Mack for a two year term, the election to Standing Committee of the Ven. Beatryce "Cookie" Clark and Donnie Spurr-Roberts and the election of Myles Clarke and Charles Mack as Deputies to General Convention, and called for a Second Ballot for the election of Deputies to General Convention.

Second Ballot. The second ballot took place.

**Resolution R2-16, Accompanying our Episcopal Sisters and Brothers in the Holy Land**

Bishop Beisner called upon the Rev. Betsey Monnot, Chair of the Resolutions Committee, who moved adoption and after a second asked the Bishop to recognize Rev. Canon Andrea McMillin, who upon recognition presented Resolution R2-16 - Accompanying our Episcopal Sisters and Brothers in the Holy Land as follows.

**RESOLVED**, That the 106th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Northern California, through its prayers and actions support the peoples of the Holy Land, especially the Living Stones of our faith, the thousands of Christians who have resided in these sacred lands from the time of the birth of Christ and live there still, among whom are our Palestinian sisters and brothers in the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, by implementing the following points in the Resolution C018 passed by the 78th General Convention in June of 2015, which reads:

"That the Convention affirm the work of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem in healing, education and pastoral care; affirm the work of Christians engaged in relationship building, interfaith dialogue, non-violent training and advocacy rights for the Palestinians; and urge Episcopalians to demonstrate our solidarity by making pilgrimage to Israel and the Occupied Territories and learning from our fellow Christians in the region."

And be it further

**RESOLVED**, That the 106th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Northern California implement resolution C018 of the 78th General Convention by

1. Encouraging parishes, deaneries and the Diocese to find ways to support the humanitarian work of the Diocese of Jerusalem through the raising of funds to be sent through American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem.
2. Urging parishes to study the issues facing the peoples of the Holy Land, particularly those of our Episcopal brothers and sisters.
4. Encouraging the Diocese, its youth ministries, and its parishes to consider pilgrimages to the Holy Land.
5. Participating in the Presiding Bishop's Good Friday Offering, which provides financial support for Anglican ministries throughout the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East.



**EXPLANATION OF RESOLUTION:**

The population of our Christian brothers and sisters of the Holy Land (the “living stones” of our faith), has diminished from 9.5 % in 1922 to approx. 1% in 2015 and continues to decline. Of those remaining Christians, about 7000 are Palestinian Anglicans. While the Palestinian Christians who remain in Israel/Palestine as a group are well educated and have provided some of the strongest leadership in the quest for peace, the conditions under which they continue to live make it increasingly difficult to remain in the area.

If Christians disappear from the Holy Lands, who will be the hands and feet of Jesus? Who from the Anglican Church will be the voices of reconciliation? Who will run the schools, hospitals and many ministries for women, children and youth as well as the interfaith dialogues? Will the only Anglicans be the pilgrims visiting a land where there is no church family?

While we all work towards a just peace in the Holy Lands, the Christian presence needs to be stabilized. The Diocese of Jerusalem teaches, heals and employs hundreds in good paying jobs. In this critical time in the tinderbox of the world, families need to put food on the table tonight and children need to go to school tomorrow. We can do that. We call upon their sisters and brothers in the Episcopal Diocese of Northern California to stand with them in their valiant effort to remain as living witnesses to the living Christ and his Resurrection by educating ourselves to the realities of their everyday lives; supporting the monumental amount of humanitarian aid they provide through educational services, health care and ministries for women, children and youth as well as interfaith dialogues with people of every faith in the Holy Land and by providing financial aid through the American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** None. This resolution encourages existing program groups to engage in education, participation, and to devote time and energy in planning pilgrimages to the Holy Land.

**RELATION TO DIOCESAN STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:**

Our primary Diocesan Strategic Priority is to create healthy congregations.

One way to do this is to connect our congregations to the larger Anglican Communion, and to develop our capacity to understand and support Christians in other parts of the world.

Learning about the Holy Land and our connection to that sacred geography is a foundation to the formation for youth and adults of all generations. Through education, travel, and personal connections we can strengthen our own congregations as well as the communities of Christians in the Holy Land and our common work towards reconciliation and peace in the Holy Land.

Resolution R2-16 was adopted by a unanimous vote.

**Resolution R3-16-Amendment of the Bylaws of Trinity Cathedral Church in the Diocese of Northern California**

Bishop Beisner called upon the Rev. Betsey Monnot, Chair of the Resolutions Committee, who moved and after a second presented Resolution R3-16, Amendment of the Bylaws of Trinity Cathedral Church in the Diocese of Northern California as follows.

**Resolved:** That, acting pursuant to section 102 of the bylaws of Trinity Cathedral Church in the Diocese of Northern California and at the request of the Dean and the Vestry of Trinity Cathedral Church, the bylaws of Trinity Cathedral Church are hereby amended as follows:

**Addendum #1: Article X, By-Laws, Section 102**

*Section 102. These bylaws may be altered, amended, or repealed by a two-thirds vote of the Vestry at any regular or special meeting; provided, however, that the modification of any of the following provisions shall require the prior approval of the Bishop:*

*(i) Article V; §50-55 The Cathedral Chapter*

*(ii) Article VI; §61 The Bishop of the Diocese in consultation with the Dean of the Cathedral*

*(iii) Article VII, §72 The Dean as to the role of the Bishop in the nomination and election of the Dean of the Cathedral, and*

*(iv) Article VII, §73 The role of the Bishop in matters specified in that section.*

**Addendum #2: Article X, By-Laws, Section 103**

*Section §103 is hereby adopted to read as follows:*

*Consistent with the Canons of the Episcopal Church and the Diocese of Northern California, the Bishop has the right to attend and address any meeting of the Vestry or the Cathedral congregation.*

**EXPLANATION OF RESOLUTION:**

The bylaws of Trinity Cathedral Church currently provide that “These By-laws may be amended at any session of the Convention upon resolution of the Cathedral Vestry”.

The purpose of this resolution - which has been adopted by the Cathedral Vestry and agreed to by the Bishop, Chancellor and Dean - is to (1) allow the Trinity Cathedral Vestry to determine the Cathedral’s governance and to amend the Cathedral’s bylaws as the Cathedral Dean and Vestry determine best for the Cathedral, and (2) to retain for the Bishop the rights as to the Cathedral typically held by Episcopal Bishops as to their cathedrals.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** None

**RELATION TO DIOCESAN STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:**

This resolution is related to Congregational Development by expediting the process through which Trinity Cathedral updates its bylaws and related matters of governance in the continuing effort to improve leadership of the Cathedral congregation.

Resolution R3-16 was adopted by a unanimous vote.

Bishop Beisner noted that the Convention was ahead of schedule and suggested that some afternoon matters be moved forward. On motion by the Rev. Betsey Monnot, duly seconded and unanimously carried the Convention adopted a Special Order moving forward items 28, 29, and 30 of the Agenda, concerning the Third Ballot, Resolution C1-16, and the Standing Rock and Reconciliation.

Bishop Beisner called upon Sergeant at Arms Jim Sargent to report the results of the Second Ballot. Upon the report, Bishop Beisner declared the election of the Rev. Canon Andrea McMillin as Deputy to General Convention, and called for a Third Ballot for the election of Deputies to General Convention.

Third Ballot. The third ballot took place.

**Resolution C1-16, Convention Quorum, Constitutional Amendment**

Bishop Beisner called upon the Rev. Betsey Monnot, Chair of the Resolutions Committee, who asked the Bishop to recognize Canon Charles Mack, Chancellor, who upon recognition

moved and after a second presented Resolution C1-16: Convention Quorum, Constitutional Amendment

This was the first reading of a Constitutional amendment but required a majority vote.

**RESOLVED**, That Article IX of the Constitution of this Diocese is hereby amended to read as follows:

### **Quorum**

**Section 1.** Thirty (30%) of the Clergy entitled to seat and votes in the Convention, and Lay Delegates from a majority (50% + 1) of the congregations entitled to representation, when duly assembled, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

**Section 2.** In the event that a quorum is not present at any meeting of Convention or of any Committee or Commission, the members present may adjourn from time to time until a quorum is obtained.

### **EXPLANATION OF RESOLUTION:**

It is appropriate to modify the quorum requirement for clergy to reflect actual circumstances. Increasingly, during recent years the proportion of clergy attending Convention has dropped. This has occurred as the proportion of clergy in retirement has increased. The drop reflects age and infirmity. It also reflects the outside claims upon the time and attention on non-congregational clergy. A sampling of quorum requirement in other diocese indicates that we are not alone in experiencing the issue. Two principal remedies are seen. One approach is to set a quorum requirement lower than a majority of clergy; although, representation of a majority of congregations is retained for the laity. This approach recognizes that the order of clergy as a whole is not uniformly tied to congregations but nevertheless shares a common bond that distinguishes them from laity. It recognizes that a quorum requirement should reflect this diversity and this common distinguishing bond. A second ties the clergy quorum requirement to congregational clergy. This approach recognizes the greater likelihood that congregational clergy will be free from competing claims and will be free to participate in Convention. The resolution elects the first approach on the ground that it is important to recognize the diversity reflected in both congregational and non-congregational clergy and also recognizing the common bond among them that distinguishes them from laity.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** There is no direct fiscal impact; however, adoption lessens to likelihood of the expense of a Convention delayed and rescheduled for want of a quorum.

### **RELATION TO DIOCESAN STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:**

This resolution furthers the goal of creating, developing and supporting healthy congregations by strengthening the ability of Convention to support congregations.

Resolution C1-16 after a call for division of the house was adopted by a majority vote.

### **Standing Rock and Reconciliation**

Bishop Beisner called upon The Rev. Lewis Powell, the Episcopal Church Missioner for Racial Reconciliation, who led a prayer and spoke to the situation at Standing Rock reservation.

Bishop Beisner called to the podium Mr. Peter Juve, Episcopal Foundation of Northern California who gave a presentation on the Episcopal Foundation of Northern California.

After announcements and noonday prayers, at 12 noon Bishop Beisner called a recess for lunch and Lunchtime Discussion Groups until 1:30 pm. During the Lunch break from noon until 1:30 pm, there was a Clergy Spouse Lunch and Lunchtime Discussion Groups.

Bishop Beisner called to order the Second Business Session at 1:30 pm.

Community of the Transfiguration - Bishop Beisner called upon The Rev. Sr. Diana Doncaster and Sister Superior Teresa Martin, who spoke about the Community of the Transfiguration. Bishop Beisner presented them with a gift of appreciation for their ministry in this diocese.

Board of Trustees Priority Areas – Bishop Beisner called upon The Rev. Michael Monnot, Vice President, Board of Trustees, who spoke about the responsibilities of the Board of Trustees in this diocese.

**St Matthew’s Redevelopment Presentation**

Bishop Beisner called upon Cee Cee Coleman, Senior Warden of St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church, Sacramento, the Very Rev. Mary Hudak, Dean of the Capital Deanery and the Rev. Canon Andrea McMillan, who made a presentation telling the story of the redevelopment project at St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church, Sacramento.

**Petition: Change of Status of Congregation from Parish to Mission.**

Bishop Beisner called upon Cee Cee Coleman, Senior Warden, who presented the Petition by the Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Matthew’s Parish in Sacramento County, California, for a change in status from parish to mission.

Upon motion by Cee Cee Coleman and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote.

**RESOLVED**, That the request by the Petitioner, the Rector Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Matthew’s Parish in Sacramento, County, California, is hereby granted and that pursuant to Canon 32.12 the status of St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church is hereby changed from a parish to an organized mission.

**College for Congregational Development Presentation**

Bishop Beisner called upon the Rev. Canon Andrea McMillin, who presented the benefits to congregations who participate in the College for Congregational Development program.

Bishop Beisner called upon the Rev. Canon McMillin, who described breakout sessions to take place from 2:45 pm until 3:30 pm. At the Conclusion of the description, Bishop Beisner called a recess until 3:50 pm.

Bishop Beisner called to order the Third Business Session at 3:50 pm.

Bishop Beisner called upon Sergeant at Arms Jim Sargent to report the results of the Third Ballot. Upon the report Bishop Beisner declared the election of the Very Rev. Cliff Haggenjos, the Rev. Lewis Powell, and Charis Hill as Deputies to General Convention, and called for a Fourth Ballot for the election of Deputies to General Convention. There being no election in either order, in accordance with House Rule 8, which requires, if there is no election in either order on the third or any succeeding ballot, dropping the candidate with the lowest number of votes from the next ballot, Bishop Beisner ordered the Rev. Dan Boeger and Jack Cummings to be dropped from the Fourth Ballot.

Fourth Ballot. The fourth ballot took place.

Bishop Beisner called upon Sergeant at Arms Jim Sargent to report the results of the Fourth Ballot. Upon the report Bishop Beisner declared that there was no election, and called for a Fifth Ballot for the election of Deputies to General Convention. In accordance with House Rule 8 Bishop Beisner ordered the Rev. David Shewmaker and John Miller to be dropped from the Fifth Ballot.

Fifth Ballot. The fifth ballot took place.

Bishop Beisner called upon Sergeant at Arms Jim Sargent to report the results of the Fifth Ballot. Upon the report Bishop Beisner declared that Donnajo Woolen was elected in the lay order and that there was no election in the clergy order, and called for a Sixth Ballot for the election of Deputies to General Convention. In accordance with House Rule 8, which provides that Alternate Deputies shall be elected, counting the votes from both orders, by ranking all candidates appearing on the last ballot, both lay and clerical, not elected as Deputies and declaring elected those receiving the highest number of votes, Bishop Beisner declared the following election of Alternate Deputies to General Convention:

James Jordan, First Alternate  
John Miller, Second Alternate  
Elizabeth Harper Lawson, Third alternate  
Jack Cummings, Fourth Alternate

Sixth Ballot. The sixth ballot took place.

Bishop Beisner called upon Sergeant at Arms Jim Sargent to report the results of the Sixth Ballot. Upon the report Bishop Beisner declared that the Very Rev. Sara Potter was elected as Deputy to General Convention. In accordance with House Rule 8, Bishop Beisner declared the following election of Alternate Deputies to General Convention:

The Vert. Rev. Dr. Brian Baker, First Alternate  
The Rev. Stephen Carpenter, Second Alternate  
The Rev. James D. Richardson, Third Alternate  
The Rev. Lucretia Jevne, Fourth Alternate

After prayers, Bishop Beisner called upon Mr. Jim Quinney to give instruction for participation in the Stop Hunger Now program.

Bishop Beisner called a recess until the 8:30 am the following morning, Saturday, November 5, 2016.

In assembly-line fashion, 91 convention members participated in the Stop Hunger Now program where 10,000 meals for the hungry were packed.

### **Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>**

Bishop Beisner called to order the Fourth Business Session at 8:30 am.

Following morning prayers, Bishop Beisner called upon the Rt. Rev. Lloyd Allen, who spoke about Honduras and the Honduras Development Network.

### **Resolution R4-16, To change the focus for Millennium Development Goals to a focus on Sustainable Development Goals as passed by the United Nations for the years 2015-2030**

Bishop Beisner called upon the Rev. Betsey Monnot, Chair of the Resolutions Committee, who moved the resolution and after a second asked the Bishop to recognize the Rev. Lucretia Jevne, who upon recognition presented Resolution R4-16 - To change the focus for the Millennium Development Goals to a focus on the Sustainable Development Goals as passed by the United Nations for the years 2015-2030.

Since Resolution R-1-07 in 2007, the Diocese of Northern California has supported the Millennium Development Goals developed by the United Nations and supported by the General Convention of The Episcopal Church by an allocation of 0.7% of the Diocesan Budget, and that since these allocations have been successful in reducing extreme poverty world wide, and that since the United Nations has moved to designate the years 2015-2030 to be focus on 17 Sustainable Development Goals. It is appropriate that this Diocese follow the lead of the United Nations with a similar designation.

#### **Be it RESOLVED:**

That the 2016 Diocesan Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Northern California affirm the change of focus for global development from the Millennium Development Goals to a focus on the 17 Sustainable Development Goals as put forth by the United Nations, and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That this convention direct the Board of Trustees to continue to make the same allocation of 0.7% of the diocesan budget but that the allocation be made to further the 17 Sustainable Development Goals developed by the United Nations, and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That the Millennium Development Goals Commission is hereby renamed Sustainable Development Goal Commission, to be appointed by the Bishop, and is charged with making grants to projects and agencies addressing the Sustainable Development Goals, with the approval of the Bishop, and is directed to make an annual accounting report to the Bishop, the Board of Trustees and this Convention.

#### **EXPLANATION OF RESOLUTION:**

Beginning with Resolution R-1-07, in 2007, the Diocese of Northern California has supported the Millennium Development Goals developed by the United Nations and supported by the General Convention of the Episcopal Church with an allocation of 0.7% of the Diocesan Budget, and that since these allocations have been successful in reducing extreme poverty worldwide, and that since the United Nations has moved to designate the years 2015-2030 to be focused on 17 Sustainable Development Goals it is appropriate that the Diocese of Northern California follow the lead of the United Nations with a similar designation. This resolution represents a change of focus, but not a change in our diocesan support for Global Development.

Refocusing efforts on sustainability will further help develop education and help meet financial needs of the most needy in our world, leading to increased self-sufficiency, relief of extreme poverty and serve the well-being of our global neighbors.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

This does not represent an additional financial impact on our diocesan budget. It continues to allocate the 0.7% of the diocesan budget to support these goals. In 2016 this has netted a total of \$12,855 to be used to support the most needy in our world. In addition, some donations have also been received. The amount will fluctuate from year to year, depending upon our budget, but the percentage remains the same. Our congregations are likewise encouraged to designate 0.7% of their budgets towards global development.

**RELATION TO DIOCESAN STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:**

Support for these Goals is another place for us to live into our baptismal covenant to seek and serve Christ in all persons, to strive for justice and peace and to respect the dignity of every person. Our neighbors are not only those with whom we live and work, they are also those living in poverty and need throughout our world. As we work to develop healthy congregations, we need to be aware that support for the lost and needy in the world strengthens our own faith development, and the work of collaboration with other faith groups and NGO organizations to alleviate the worst of injustices promotes the peace and well-being of our whole world, and thus, the well-being of each one of us.

**Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**

UN Resolution:

We resolve, between now and 2030, to end poverty and hunger everywhere; to combat inequalities within and among countries; to build peaceful, just and inclusive societies; to protect human rights and promote gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls; and to ensure the lasting protection of the planet and its natural resources. We resolve also to create conditions for sustainable, inclusive and sustained economic growth, shared prosperity and decent work for all, taking into account different levels of national development and capacities.

**Sustainable Development Goals**

Goal 1. End poverty in all its forms everywhere

Goal 2. End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture

Goal 3. Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages

Goal 4. Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all

Goal 5. Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls

Goal 6. Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all

Goal 7. Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all

Goal 8. Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all

Goal 9. Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation

Goal 10. Reduce inequality within and among countries

Goal 11. Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable

Goal 12. Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns

Goal 13. Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts\*

Goal 14. Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development

Goal 15. Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably managed forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss

Goal 16. Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels.

Goal 17. Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development

\* Acknowledging that the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change is the primary international, intergovernmental forum for negotiating the global response to climate change.

The resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote.

#### Award and Reports

Bishop Beisner called upon The Ven. Cookie Clark and the Ven. Gary Brown who presented The Rev. Tina Campbell with the Stephen Award.

Bishop Beisner called upon the Camp Noel Porter President, The Rev. Dr. Joseph Duggan who spoke about the Camp Noel Porter property.

The Youth and Young Adult Ministries, Pathways and Lift Every Voice, Diocesan Youth Campus Ministry presented their learning experiences through their ministries.

Bishop Beisner called upon The Rev. Jocelynn Jurkovich-Hughes who introduced some of the LEVN volunteers from the Belfry, and shared a film featuring some of the Belfry volunteers and students.

Bishop Beisner called upon The Very Rev. Sara Potter who spoke on Camp Living Waters.

Bishop Beisner called upon The Rev. Lucretia Jevne, President Episcopal Community Services who gave a report on ECS.

#### **Resolutions of Courtesy, Memorials, and the Bishop's Address**

The Bishop called upon the Rev. Betsey Monnot, Chair and members of the Resolutions Committee to present the following Resolutions of Courtesy, Memorials, and the Bishop's address.

On motion by the Rev. Betsey Monnot and duly seconded Resolution BA1-16 Support for the people of Standing Rock Reservation was adopted by a unanimous vote as follows.

**Resolved:** by the Diocese of Northern California of The Episcopal Church, in Convention, on the fifth day of November, 2016, at Sacramento, California, that this diocese affirms the letter of support sent to the people of Standing Rock Reservation by our Bishop. This diocese, in accordance with official policy of the Episcopal Church, stands in solidarity with your request for respect for sacred lands and your desire for the preservation of burial sites and other sacred places. We offer our prayers of support for all those gathered at Standing Rock. This diocese is particularly grateful for the ministry of the Reverend Lewis Powell, who delivered the bishop's letter, and for the ministries of all from this diocese who have travelled or are traveling to Standing Rock to stand with the people there.

On motion by the Rev. Betsey Monnot and duly seconded Resolution BA2-16 Ongoing work of reconciliation, was adopted by unanimous vote as follows.



**Resolved:** by the Diocese of Northern California of The Episcopal Church, in Convention, on the fifth day of November, 2016, at Sacramento, California, that this diocese dedicates itself to the work of reconciliation in our deeply divided society. In doing so, we respond to our Bishop's call, alongside of Senator John Danforth's, to work for healing and peace in our nation, and we rededicate ourselves to the vows of our Baptismal Covenant, to seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbor as ourselves, and to strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being. We affirm the wise words of our Bishop:

True healing is based in the peace of God, that biblical Shalom that is right relationship with God and with neighbor. It is based in justice, and in truth.

On motion by the Rev. Anne McKeever and duly seconded Resolution M1-16 Memorial for Lost Clergy was adopted by unanimous vote as follows.

**Resolved:** by the Diocese of Northern California of The Episcopal Church, in Convention, on the fifth day of November, 2016, at Sacramento, California, that this diocese with sharply felt grief, gives thanks and remembers with deep fondness our brothers Blake Leighton, Robert Gould, Greg Nolta, William Sassman, and Evan Ardley, all of whom served our diocese faithfully for many years, and have witnessed to all a deep faith made manifest in the diligence, dignity, grace, humor and incredible patience with which they discharged their respective duties. This diocese hereby gives voice and attests to our deep and lasting love for Blake, Robert, Greg, William, and Evan, our thanks to God for their lives, and our sympathy to their families who most acutely feel their absence.

On motion by the Very Rev. Cliff Haggenjos and duly seconded Resolution M2-16 Memorial for Warren Dunning, was adopted by unanimous vote as follows.

**Resolved:** by the Diocese of Northern California of The Episcopal Church, in Convention, on the fifth day of November, 2016, at Sacramento, California, that this diocese with sharply felt grief, gives thanks and remembers with deep fondness our brother Warren Dunning, who served our diocese through Episcopal Community Services, the Board of Camp Noel Porter, and as the Diocesan Jubilee Officer, in addition to his faithful service at Epiphany Episcopal Church in Vacaville. This diocese hereby gives voice and attests to our deep and lasting love for Warren, our thanks to God for his life, and our sympathy to his family who most acutely feel his absence.

On motion by the Robert Simas and duly seconded Courtesy Resolution R5-16, Thanks and Support for the Rt. Rev. Lloyd Allen, was adopted by unanimous vote as follows.

**Resolved:** by the Diocese of Northern California of The Episcopal Church, in Convention, on the fifth day of November, 2016, at Sacramento, California, that this diocese expresses its heartfelt thanks for the presence of The Right Reverend Lloyd Allen in our midst during this Convention and for the long history we share together. We give thanks for the ways in which you call our attention to your mission to walk the diocese of Honduras away from the legacy of dependence. Your presence reminds us that we are called to be mindful of our brothers and sisters in our companion diocese of Honduras, and to find ways to work alongside of you in empowering the people of God's country, Honduras. We affirm your work in the Honduras Development Network and the Win-Win-Win Approach for Giving. We ask you to continue to guide us into this inspired way of moving the Diocese of Honduras into self-sufficiency by 2019, and we thank God for the many blessing we receive as we walk this path together.

On motion by the Rev. David Shewmaker and duly seconded Courtesy Resolution R6-16 Farewell and Blessing for the Sisters of Transfiguration, was adopted by unanimous vote as follows.

**Resolved:** by the Diocese of Northern California of The Episcopal Church, in Convention, on the fifth day of November, 2016, at Sacramento, California, that this diocese expresses its heartfelt thanks for the decades of presence and ministry of the Sisters of the Transfiguration in our diocese. You have been among us as models of a way of Christian living from which we can all learn and benefit, and you have blessed us with your prayers, your hospitality and your service. We offer our blessings as you move your physical location to Ohio even as we recognize

that your spiritual location can never be far from our hearts. We look forward to learning of the new and surprising ministry opportunities that await you in the future, and to new partnerships of prayer and service that lie ahead.

On motion by the Rev. Betsey Monnot and duly seconded Courtesy Resolution R7-16, Blessing for the Rt. Rev. Jerry A. Lamb and Jane Lamb, was adopted by unanimous vote as follows.

**Resolved:** by the Diocese of Northern California of The Episcopal Church, in Convention, on the fifth day of November, 2016, at Sacramento, California, that this diocese expresses its heartfelt thanks for and celebration of the presence and ministry of The Right Reverend

Jerry Lamb among us. We offer our prayers and healing blessings for Jane Lamb, and we express our sorrow that she was not able to be with us here. We also offer our prayers of gratitude for all the work that Jerry has done in building up the Kingdom of God throughout the American West since he left Northern California. We especially give thanks for the extraordinarily difficult work that he did in leading our neighboring diocese of San Joaquin through that most troubled time in their history. We lift our voices to join with the angels in singing to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of Jerry's consecration as Bishop of the Diocese of Northern California and on the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination.

On motion by the Rev. Anne McKeever and duly seconded Courtesy Resolution R8-16 Thank You to the Staff of the Office of the Bishop was adopted by unanimous vote as follows.

**Resolved:** by the Diocese of Northern California of The Episcopal Church, in Convention, on the fifth day of November, 2016, at Sacramento, California, that this diocese expresses its heartfelt thanks for the Staff of the Office of the Bishop. We are inspired by your selfless witness to the presence of Christ in our communal life through your grace and service to the people of this diocese. We are especially grateful for your willingness to put in countless hours of work in preparation for this convention. We look forward to working with you in the coming year as together we make disciples, raise up saints, and transform communities for Christ in Northern California. We also take this opportunity to give particular thanks for the ministry of Kay Rhode among us, and to wish her every blessing in her new ministry.

On motion by the Very Rev. Cliff Haggenjos and duly seconded Courtesy Resolution R9-16 Thanksgiving on the Occasion of the tenth anniversary of the Consecration of the Rt. Rev. Barry L. Beisner, was adopted by unanimous vote as follows.

**Resolved:** by the Diocese of Northern California of The Episcopal Church, in Convention, on the fifth day of November, 2016, at Sacramento, California, that this diocese expresses its heartfelt thanks to God for calling the Right Reverend Barry Beisner as Bishop in this Diocese. We in the diocese pledge ourselves to continue to follow his leadership as we work together to make disciples, raise up saints, and transform communities for Christ here in Northern California. We pray God's blessing on Bishop Barry and on all of us as we focus on

the mission, stay together, and keep moving forward in the name of Christ.

Bishop Beisner offered his thanks to the Resolutions committee.

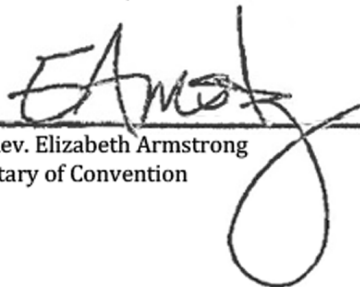
**BLESSING FROM THE BISHOP AND DISMISSAL by THE REV. TINA CAMPBELL**

Following the Closing Prayer upon motion duly made, seconded and passed unanimously, Bishop Beisner adjourned the Convention at 12:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Reviewed by:

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Ms. Sandra Littman  
Assistant Secretary of Convention

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The Rev. Elizabeth Armstrong  
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The Very Rev. Clifford Haggelos  
Chair, Resolutions Committee

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Mr. Charles Mack  
Parliamentarian of Convention