

**Diocesan Convention Minutes  
November 9 – 10, 2018**

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**Friday, November 9th**

Ana Hernandez opened in song. Bishop Beisner spoke about the Camp fire in Paradise, California.

**Formation of Convention**

Bishop Beisner called for the Report of the Secretary regarding Quorum. The Rev. Matthew Warren, Secretary, reported a quorum consisting of 81 Clergy and 201 Lay Delegates; whereupon Bishop Beisner as President called to order the 108th Convention of The Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Northern California.

Bishop Beisner called for the Report of the Committee on Admission of 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. Matthew (Matt) Warren, Secretary  
Ms. Jacqi Seppi, Assistant Secretary

**Chancellor and Vice Chancellors**

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

**Treasurer**

Mr. John Nykamp, Treasurer

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

Bishop Beisner recognized The Rev. Harry Allagree as Historiographer.

Bishop Beisner made the following appointments to Committees of Convention.

**Appointment of committees of Convention**

Canon Charles Mack, Parliamentarian  
Mr. Jim Sargent, Dispatch of Business  
The Rev. Canon Kent McNair, Admission of New Parishes and Missions  
The Rev. Rodney Davis, Constitution and Canons  
Ms. Leta Parks, Resolutions  
Mr. John Miller, Nominations  
The Rev. Mark Parker, Sergeant-at-Arms  
The Rev. Matthew (Matt) Warren, Judge of Elections  
The Rev. Matthew (Matt) Warren, Ms. Leta Parks,  
Canon Charles Mack, Minutes Committee  
Ms. Jacqi Seppi, Minutes  
The Rev. Matthew (Matt) Warren, Credentials

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

Bishop Beisner called upon Mr. Jim Sargent, Dispatch of Business, to present the agenda and house rules for Convention. Mr. Jim Sargent moved the adoption of the Agenda and adoption of the House Rules as stated in the convention packet, which shall operate both within and outside of the Convention, and for ratification of actions already taken in accordance with the Rules.

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, Elections, 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.

**Board of Trustees**

Mr. Bob Hall

The Rev. Todd Bruce

The Rev. Christy Laborda Harris

The Rev. David Shewmaker

The Rev. Debra Warwick Sabino

Bishop Beisner called for nominations from the floor. There were none for Board of Trustees.

Bishop Beisner declared the nominations to be closed, there being no further nominations nor objections.

**Standing Committee**

Lay: Mr. Bill McGrath, Mr. Chris Sanfit, Mr. Jim Sargent, Ms. Nancy Mack

Clergy: The Rev. Aidan Rontani, The Rev. Charles Knuth, The Rev. Seth Kellerman, The Rev. Stephen Carpenter, The Rev. Susan Reeve, The Rev. Amy Denney Zuniga

Bishop Beisner called for nominations from the floor.

There were no nominations for Standing Committee Lay.

Peter Juvé nominated The Rev. Perry Polk for Standing Committee Clergy.

Bishop Beisner declared the nominations to be closed, there being no further nominations nor objections.

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

**Archdeacons**

The Ven. Gary Brown

The Ven. Pam Gossard

**Ecumenical Religious Officer**

The Rev. William Rontani

**Indigenous Ministries**

The Rev. Lewis Powell

**ERD Coordinator**

Jane Snibbe

**Commission on Ministry**

Mr. Rob Simas, Chair

Ms. Susan Calkin

Ms. Mary Davy

The Rev. David Englund

The Rev. Margaret Grayden

The Rev. Betsey Monnot

Ms. Leta Parks

Mr. Steve Rodekohr

Dr. Scott Stockburger

The Rev. Mary Taggart

Ms. JoAnn Williams

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

The Bishop declared the appointments confirmed.

**Nominations for Election**

Bishop Beisner announced the following nominations for election.

**Episcopal Community Services**

The Rt. Rev. Barry Beisner, ex-officio

The Rev. Lucretia Jevne, President

Betty Harrison-Smith, Vice-President

The Rev. Mara Arack, Deacon, Secretary

Marcia Traner, Treasurer

Susan Wahlstrom, Diocesan Health Ministries

The Rev. Derek Jones, Deacon

**Camp Noel Porter**

The Rt. Rev. Barry Beisner

The Rev. Kathy Hopner

The Rev. Todd Bruce

The Rev. Dave Rickert

The Rev. Canon Andrea McMillin, Office of the Bishop liaison

**The Episcopal Foundation of Northern California**

The Rt. Rev. Barry Beisner, ex-officio  
Canon Charles Mack, Chancellor  
Ms. Kathryn (Kathe) Charters, President  
Mr. Gregg Wickham  
The Rev. Perry Polk

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. Richard Yale, Alta California Deanery  
The Very Rev. Mary Hudak, Capital Deanery  
The Very Rev. Elizabeth (Liz) Armstrong, 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 Ms. Leta Parks, seconded and unanimously carried, the following were granted seat and voice at this Convention:

The Rt. Rev. George Hunt and Mrs. Barbara Hunt  
The Rt. Rev. Todd Ousley, Office of Pastoral Development, The Episcopal Church  
Ms. Lura Steele, Episcopal Relief and Development  
The Rev. Canon Michael Bamberger, Episcopal Relief and Development  
Ms. Ana Hernandez, musician  
Ms. Robin Knutson, pianist  
The Society of St. Francis  
Vice Chancellors  
Canonically non-resident clergy licensed in this diocese  
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  
Staff and Volunteers of The Belfry and LEVN  
Office of the Bishop Staff

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

Losses by Death:

Dave Ferrell  
Gene Jewell  
Thomas Johnson  
David Muth  
Walter Phelps  
George "Ted" Ridgway  
Douglas Thompson

Ordained to the Priesthood

David Rickert  
Lisa Biersch Cole  
Jana Branson  
Tom Gartin  
Grant Bakewell

Transferred by Letters Dimissory:

Doyle Dietz Allen  
Daniel London  
Stephen Shaver  
Paul Colbert  
Annie Pierpoint Mertz

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

The Rev. Canon Beatryce "Cookie" Clark

Report of the Board of Trustees

The Rev. Michael Monnot – Filed report by title

Treasurer's Report and Review of Budget for 2019

Mr. John Nykamp – Filed the report and review of budget for 2019 by title

Archdeacons Report

The Ven. Gary Brown and The Ven. Pam Gossard – Filed the report by title

Deanery Reports

The Very Rev. Elizabeth (Liz) Armstrong, Central Deanery – Filed the report by title

The Very Rev. Daniel Green, Russian River Deanery – Filed the report by title

The Very Rev. Sara Potter, Semper Virens Deanery – Filed the report by title

The Very Rev. Thomas (Mack) Olson, Wingfield Deanery – Filed the report by title

Jim Sargent, Chair of Dispatch of Business, moved to accept the file by title reports, seconded and unanimously carried.

Bishop Beisner announced that the Rev. David Shewmaker had been elected by the Semper Virens Deanery as its representative to the Board of Trustees.

**FIRST BALLOT** Bishop Beisner called upon Sergeant at Arms The Rev. Mark Parker to give

instructions on voting.

He did so and the First Ballot took place.

Bishop Beisner delivered his Address to Convention

Jim Sargent was called on by The Rev. Matt Warren, who thanked Bishop Beisner for being Bishop of the Diocese.

Bishop Beisner called upon The Rev. Canon Beatryce "Cookie" Clark, President of Standing Committee, and Ms. Mary Davy, Chair of the Search Committee, who reported on the search process for the 8<sup>th</sup> Diocesan Bishop.

Bishop Beisner called upon Mr. Jim Schaal, Executive Director, and The Rev. Michael Monnot, St. Matthew's Center Committee Chair who reported on The Center at St. Matthew's.

Bishop Beisner called on The Rev. Mark Parker, Sergeant-at-arms, to report the results of the first ballot. Upon the report Bishop Beisner declared the election to Standing Committee Lay Mr. Jim Sargent and Mrs. Nancy Mack, the election to Standing Committee Clergy The Rev. Amy Denney Zuniga and The Rev. Seth Kellerman.

Upon the report Bishop Beisner declared the election to Board of Trustees The Rev. Christy Laborda Harris and The Rev. Debra Warwick Sabino.

Bishop Beisner called upon The Rev. Randy Knutson who gave instructions for the use of congregational banners and other procedures at Eucharist.

Bishop Beisner called a recess until 8:30 am the following morning, Saturday, November 10, 2018.

The 108<sup>th</sup> Convention of The Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Northern California celebrated Holy Eucharist at 5:45 p.m. at the Redding Civic Auditorium,

The Rt. Rev. Barry L. Beisner presided and The Rt. Rev. Todd Ousley preached.

Convention in Recess

Bishop Beisner called the second business session to order at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, November 10, 2018.

Bishop Beisner called attention to the portion of the Agenda packet provided to each Delegate and present on each table which contains the resolutions referred to the Dioceses from the 79<sup>th</sup> General Convention. The Secretary of this Convention has caused the materials to be provided in satisfaction of the requirement of TEC Canon I.1.1(e) that the Secretary make these matters known to this Convention.

The Rev. Canon Andrea McMillin presented schedule changes regarding the fires in Paradise. Instead of breakout groups after lunch, the Convention will gather to listen and share in a presentation by Episcopal Relief and Development by Ms. Lura Steele and The Rev Canon Michael Bamberger.

Bishop Beisner called upon The Rev. Canon Andrea McMillin who reported on General Convention.

The Bishop called upon The Rt. Rev. Todd Ousley from The Episcopal Church to give a report on Transitions from the Office of Pastoral Relations.

Resolutions:

*R1-18: Racial Healing and Reconciliation*

Bishop Beisner called upon the Hon. Leta Parks, Chair of the Resolutions Committee, to introduce Resolution R1-18. She advised that both the Resolutions Committee and the Committee on Constitution and Canons had found the resolution to be in proper form and asked the Bishop to recognize the Rev. Lucretia Jevne, who upon recognition, moved its adoption and asked that if there was a second, The Rev. Lewis Powell speak to it. There was a second, and The Rev. Lewis Powell presented Resolution R1-18 as follows.

**RESOLUTION:**

RESOLVED,

That as we are the Episcopal Branch of the Jesus Movement and called by Presiding Bishop Michael Curry to follow the Way of Jesus, which is the way of love, and that whereas one of the pillars upon which our church is built is reconciliation, especially racial reconciliation,

That this body gathered in convention affirm the resolution A 229 from General Convention, especially its third resolve:

“That The Episcopal Church hereby does condemn the improper actions of authorities against people of color or any actions that make clergy and laity feel they should not speak out or take nonviolent action to eliminate the sin of racism.”

and be it further resolved that

our clergy and people be encouraged to counter any unjust actions against people of color, with nonviolent words and actions, in support of the elimination of the sin of racism wherever we find it.

**EXPLANATION OF RESOLUTION:**

Your Commission for Intercultural Ministries feels that this resolution would empower the people of this Diocese to speak out when they see an injustice against someone of color, without fearing recriminations from other clergy or lay members of the Diocese.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** There is no immediate fiscal impact to our budget.

**RELATION TO DIOCESAN STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:**

Since we are a diocese committed to Making Disciples, Raising Up Saints, and Transforming Congregations for Christ and committed to the development of healthy inclusive congregations, that follow Christ by living into their Baptismal Covenant, we need to foster the courage and will to speak prophetically against injustice and discrimination wherever and whenever one of our brothers or sisters is being discriminated against because of race, religion, or any other condition that makes them susceptible to unjust treatment.

R1-18 was adopted by a voice vote, it being judged by the chair that the majority of votes cast were in the affirmative.

*R2-18: Petition: Change of Status of Congregation from Parish to Mission.*

Bishop Beisner called upon Canon Charles Mack, Diocesan Chancellor, and Ms. Judith Richardson, Senior Warden, who presented the Petition by the Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Francis Parish in Sacramento County, California, for a change in status from parish to mission.



Upon motion by Ms. Judith Richardson and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote.

RESOLUTION GRANTING PETITION AND CHANGING STATUS OF  
ST. FRANCIS EPISCOPAL CHURCH, FAIR OAKS  
TO AN ORGANIZED MISSION

RECITALS

- A. The Standing Committee of this Diocese with the consent of the Bishop has by a majority vote, pursuant to Canon 32.9(a) designated Petitioner St. Francis Episcopal Church, Fair Oaks, as a Special Focus Parish.
- B. The Bishop and Standing Committee recommend that this Convention change status of the Petitioner to an organized mission by a majority vote, pursuant to Canon 32.9(c).
- C. These actions are based on the petition and representations of Petitioner and findings of Bishop and Standing Committee that,
  - 1. The Petitioner, St. Francis Episcopal Church, Fair Oaks, was established as a mission congregation of this Diocese in 1958 as suburban congregation, and became a parish and formed a parish corporation in 1966.
  - 2. St. Francis is a 2.3 acre campus property for 70 members and 45 ASA. Its average age is between 75 and 80. It has a lack of leadership in all areas of congregational management. The result is that it has had to outsource several jobs such as property management and a significant part of its financial management processes. This has dramatically increased its costs and is indicative of an unsustainable church.
  - 3. Petitioner's income has not met its costs since 2016. Its future budget projections forecast increasing negative budgets each year.
  - 4. Petitioner has been without the services of a rector since September, 2011 and since then has not called a rector. The time elapsed without calling a rector is greater than the reasonable time for doing so.

5. Petitioner held its last service on April 14, 2018 and has ceased ecclesiastical functions as of that date.
6. As well as having petitioned for change of status, Petitioner has also petitioned for dissolution by a two thirds vote by orders pursuant to Canons 30.12 and 32.12.

RESOLVED, by the Convention of The Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Northern California that it hereby

Finds the foregoing recitals to be true and correct,

Changes the status of St. Francis Episcopal Church, Fair Oaks to an organized mission by a majority vote pursuant to Canon 32.9(c), and

Recommends that this Convention order dissolution of the organized mission be a two-thirds vote by orders pursuant to Canons 30.12 and 32.12.

*R3-18: Petition: Ordering Dissolution of St. Francis Episcopal Church, Fair Oaks*

Bishop Beisner called upon Canon Charles Mack, Diocesan Chancellor, and Ms. Judith Richardson, Senior Warden, who presented the Petition by the Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Francis Parish in Sacramento County, California, for dissolving St. Francis Episcopal Church.

Upon motion by Ms. Judith Richardson and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted by a majority of two-thirds vote by orders.

RESOLUTION GRANTING  
PETITION AND ORDERING DISSOLUTION OF  
ST. FRANCIS EPISCOPAL CHURCH, FAIR OAKS

RECITALS

- A. Based on the petition of St. Francis Episcopal Church, Fair Oaks and its findings, this Convention has by a majority vote pursuant to Canon 32.9(c) ordered the change in status of Petitioner to an organized mission and has recommended that this Convention by a two thirds vote by orders order the dissolution of Petitioner.
- B. This Convention adopts the findings set forth in its Resolution Granting Petition and Changing Status of St. Francis Episcopal Church, Fair Oaks, which acted on that petition.

RESOLVED, by the Convention of The Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Northern California that it hereby

Finds the foregoing recitals true and correct, and

Orders by a two thirds vote by orders the dissolution of St. Francis Episcopal Church, Fair Oaks pursuant to Canons 30.12 and 32.12.

Bishop Beisner called upon Ms. Pat Harik and The Rev. Betsey Monnot to give a report on Total Ministry.

Bishop Beisner called upon Mr. John Nykamp, The Rev. Sean Cox, and The Very Rev. Daniel Green to give a report on the Companion Diocese in Honduras.

Bishop Beisner called upon The Rev. Sarah Quinney, who spoke about the Pathways Pilgrimage, and introduced youth who spoke about their experience with Pathways as well.

Bishop Beisner called upon Ms. Emily Hyberg and Pastor Casey Dunsworth who spoke about LEVN, The Belfry and the Episcopal Service Corp.

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

Bishop Beisner called upon The Rev. Lucretia Jevne who spoke on Episcopal Community Services.

Bishop Beisner called upon Ms. Lura Steele and the Rev. Canon Michael Bamberger who spoke about Episcopal Relief and Development and U.S. Disaster Relief.

After announcements and noonday prayers, at 12 noon Bishop Beisner called a recess for lunch until 12:50 pm. During the Lunch break from noon until 12:50 pm, there was a Clergy Spouse Lunch. From 1:00pm to 2:00pm Episcopal Relief and Development gave a presentation on disaster preparedness and response.

Bishop Beisner called to order the Third Business Session at 2:10 pm.

Bishop Beisner called on The Rev. Matt Warren who presented about the February Special Convention.

Bishop Beisner called upon Brother Jude Hill and Brother Desmond Alban who spoke about the Society of St. Francis.

The Rev. Canon Andrea McMillin gave an update on the current fire situation.

Bishop Beisner called to the podium Mr. Gregg Wickham, President of the Episcopal Foundation of Northern California who spoke about the Episcopal Foundation of Northern California.

Bishop Beisner called to the podium Ms. Lynne Thomas and Ms. Maria Acuna-Feldman, who reported on the Transition and Consecration.

On motion by Ms. Leta Parks and duly seconded Courtesy Resolution M1-18 Memorial Resolution was adopted by unanimous vote as follows.

#### Memorial Resolution

Dave Ferrell  
Gene Jewell  
Thomas Johnson  
David Muth  
Walter Phelps  
George "Ted" Ridgway

Douglas Thompson

Resolved by the Diocese of Northern California of The Episcopal Church, in Convention, on the tenth day of November, 2018, in Redding, California, that this diocese with sincerely felt grief, gives thanks and remembers with deep fondness and gratitude our brothers Davis Ferrell, Gene Jewell, Thomas Johnson, David Muth, Walter Phelps, George "Ted" Ridgway and Douglas Thompson, all of whom served our diocese faithfully for many years. Through them we have witnessed 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 Davis, Gene, Thomas, David, Walter, Ted and Douglas, our thanks to God for their lives, and our sympathy to their families who most acutely feel their absence.

On motion by The Rev. Stephen Shortes and duly seconded Courtesy Resolution CR1-18  
Resolution of Thanks and Celebration for Bishop Todd Ousley was adopted by unanimous vote as follows.

Resolved by the Diocese of Northern California of The Episcopal Church, in Convention on the ninth day of November, 2019, in Redding, California, that this diocese expresses heartfelt thanks for and celebration of the presence and ministry of Bishop Todd Ousley, Bishop for the Office of Pastoral Development of The Episcopal Church of America. Bishop Ousley's ministry is vital to the spiritual life and vitality of the leadership of our Church, and by extension all of our sisters and brothers in Christ. His presence with us during this time of social discord and environmental catastrophes, reminds us that pastoral care is the responsibility of all the baptized and the need for healing never ceases. As we gather in convention to seek God's will for our diocese, we are experiencing the shared presence, listening and support that lie at the heart of pastoral ministry. We offer our prayers and gratitude to Bishop Ousley for helping to build and sustain healthy dioceses and healthy bishops, as well as celebrating the Word and Sacrament here at Convention.

On motion by The Rev. Stephen Shortes and duly seconded Courtesy Resolution CR2-18  
Resolution of Thanks and Support for The Very Reverend Canon Michael Bamberger was adopted by unanimous vote as follows.

Resolved by the Diocese of Northern California of The Episcopal Church, in Convention, on the tenth day of November, 2018, in Redding, California, that this diocese expresses its heartfelt thanks for the presence and wisdom of The Very Reverend Canon Michael Bamberger, Diocesan Disaster Coordinator, Diocese of Los Angeles. We give thanks for your important work as a Partner in Response and Resilience for Episcopal Relief and Development, and for your enthusiasm in working with church leaders during and after disasters. We look forward to working with you to strengthen our preparedness and resilience as we serve God's people in time of crisis.

On motion by The Rev. Anne Dryden McKeever and duly seconded Courtesy Resolution CR3-18  
Resolution of Thanks and Support for Lura Steele was adopted by unanimous vote as follows.

Resolved by the Diocese of Northern California of The Episcopal Church, in Convention, on the tenth day of November, 2018, in Redding, California, that this diocese expresses its heartfelt thanks for the presence and wisdom of Lura Steele, Program Officer for the US Disaster Program, Episcopal Relief and Development.

We give thanks for your important work offering resources and training to help communities prepare for disasters. We are grateful that you provide emergency support so vulnerable people and communities can make full and sustained recoveries. Your presence reminds us that we are fortunate to have Episcopal Relief and Development work with us to protect God's greatest gifts: our families, our homes, our churches, our communities, and each other.

On motion by The Rev. Anne Dryden McKeever and duly seconded Courtesy Resolution CR4-18

Resolution of Thanks and Celebration for Ana Hernández was adopted by unanimous vote as follows.

Resolved by the Diocese of Northern California of The Episcopal Church, in Convention on the tenth day of November, 2018, in Redding, California, that this diocese expresses heartfelt thanks for and celebration of the presence and ministry of Ms. Ana Hernández, composer, arranger, author, and teacher. We are grateful for her leadership in sacred song and for the joy and spiritual healing her music brings. We appreciate her patience, gentleness, and support of each person whom she has helped to find and use their own voice. She has reminded us of the spiritual power of sound and song to connect us with one another in a diverse and vital community of faith and love.

On motion by The Rev. Jim Richardson and duly seconded Courtesy Resolution CR5-18 Resolution of Gratitude and Recognition for The Lutheran Episcopal Volunteer Network was adopted by unanimous vote as follows.

Resolved by the Diocese of Northern California of the Episcopal Church in Convention on the tenth day of November, 2018 in Redding California, that this diocese expresses heartfelt appreciation for the labors of our sisters and brothers with The Lutheran Episcopal Volunteer Network. Their selfless dedication is essential to helping make this convention a glorious gathering of Christian disciples working to bring Christ's message of peace and love. We therefore recognize and honor The Reverend Casey Dunsworth, Program Director, Ms. Emily Hyberg, Executive Director, Ms. Olivia Belisle, Mr. Ryan Elliot, Ms. Victoria Randall, Ms. Sarah Ruiz, Mr. Jacob Shelor and Ms. Remington Willis and offer our prayers of thanksgiving for their presence among us.

On motion by The Rev. Jim Richardson and duly seconded Courtesy Resolution CR6-18 Resolution of Thanks and Expression of Support for 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 tenth day of November, 2018, in Redding, 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. This year of transition has created increased challenges above and beyond the usual ongoing labors of this dedicated team. The Staff rose to these challenges with grace and determination, for which we express gratitude and admiration. We are especially thankful 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 of continued transition, as we celebrate a new Episcopate and renew our mission to make disciples, raise up saints, and transform communities for Christ in Northern California.

On motion by Ms. Leta Parks and duly seconded Courtesy Resolution CR7-18 Resolution in Response to Our Bishop's Call to Focus On Mission, Stay Together and Keep Moving Forward in the Name of Christ was adopted by unanimous vote as follows.

Resolved, by the Diocese of Northern California of the Episcopal Church in Convention on the 10th Day of November, 2018, in Redding, California, that this diocese join together in prayerful thanks for the wisdom and guidance of our Bishop Barry Beisner. We offer our gratitude for his leadership in accomplishing the many works of his Episcopate, especially the reorganization of the Office of the Bishop, the establishment of a variety of ministries, both lay and ordained, the College of Congregational Development, Pathways, Latino ministries, summer camps and disaster response, among others. We heed his call to strengthen and embrace our baptismal covenant during this time of national divisions and to love and care for our clergy. We celebrate the successes of our mission under his leadership, of Making Disciples, Raising Up Saints and Transforming Communities. Although his departure as our pastoral leader generates sadness, that emotion shall be overshadowed by our determination to continue to live in the mission God has for us, and the charge Bishop Beisner has given us, Elect our new Bishop, Make a healthy transition, Discern and Articulate a New Vision and develop the strategies necessary to live into it.

Bishop Beisner offered his thanks to the Resolutions committee.

**BLESSING FROM THE BISHOP AND DISMISSAL by THE VEN. GARY BROWN AND THE VEN. PAM GOSSARD.**

Following the Closing Prayer upon motion duly made, seconded and passed unanimously, Bishop Beisner adjourned the Convention at 3:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

X *Jacqi Seppi*  
Ms. Jacqi Seppi

X *Rev. Matt Warren*  
The Rev. Matt Warren

Reviewed by:

X *Leta Parks*  
Ms. Leta Parks

X *Charles Mack*  
Mr. Charles Mack