

The Committee received one resolution for consideration at the 169th Council of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas:

Resolution: Election of Bishop Suffragan

WHEREAS the Bishop Diocesan has called for the election of a Bishop Suffragan to be held during the 170th Council of the Diocese of Texas tentatively scheduled to begin on the 7th day of February 2019, in the Woodlands, Texas;

AND WHEREAS we are one Church reconciled by Jesus Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit;

AND WHEREAS in each of our particular settings, we are called to connect people, build healthy partnerships for mission, and support vital networks between institutions and congregations;

AND WHEREAS the new Bishop Suffragan will be the vision bearer and have pastoral oversight for the congregations in the western part of this diocese, residing in Austin, and is also elected for the whole Church and the Anglican Communion;

AND WHEREAS the Bishop Suffragan will visit congregations across the diocese and will be active on a number of boards that Bishop Diocesan will assign;

AND WHEREAS the Standing Committee has approved a process for identifying and nominating suitable candidates, and appointed chairs for the search and nominating committees;

AND WHEREAS the Bishop Diocesan has prepared a written consent with a description of the role and duties of the Bishop Suffragan for the western region;¹

AND WHEREAS this Council has been assured that the funds required for the search, nomination, and election process are available in the 2018 and 2019 budgets;

AND WHEREAS this Council has been assured that the funds required for the salary and expenses of the Bishop Suffragan are available in the future budgets;

AND WHEREAS copies of the Bishop Diocesan's written consent and an outline of the Standing Committee's approved search and nomination process have been published to Council members and discussed at pre-Council meetings;

BE IT RESOLVED that this 169th Council of the Diocese of Texas meeting in Waco, Texas approve the Standing Committee's process for the search for and nomination of candidates for Bishop Suffragan;

AND BE IT RESOLVED that the Committees for Council Management and Dispatch

¹ This is the canonical requirement. Canon III.11.9(b)(3)

of Business allot time during the 170th Council for the election of the Bishop Suffragan.

Rationale

Given the retirement in 2019 of The Rt. Rev. Dena Harrison, the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Texas in collaboration with the Bishop Diocesan, The Rt. Rev. C. Andrew Doyle proposes the resolution for the election of a Suffragan for the western region so that our mission and ministry as a diocese may continue without interruption.

The Resolutions Committee recommends adoption.

Courtesy Resolutions of the 169th Annual Council of the The Episcopal Diocese of Texas

Greetings to the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas

WHEREAS, the Council of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas in 1874 asked the General Convention to assume jurisdiction over “that portion of the state generally known as ‘Western Texas,’” for the purpose of forming the Missionary Diocese of West Texas; and

WHEREAS, during its 143-year life, the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas has been a blessing on all people within its jurisdiction, providing for the church gifted spiritual leaders and caring pastors; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the 169th Council of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas, the Mother Church, sends its greetings and blessings to the bishops, clergy and people of the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas, giving thanks for our continued partnership in the proclamation of the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Greetings to the Episcopal Diocese of Arkansas

WHEREAS, the Episcopal Diocese of Texas is a member of the worldwide Anglican Communion, and more particularly, of the Episcopal Church and Province VII of this Church; and

WHEREAS, the Episcopal Diocese of Texas values its membership in these bodies and its place in the wider ministry of Christ’s Church; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the 169th Council of the Diocese of Texas, assembled in Waco, Texas, instructs the Secretary of the Council to send greetings to The Rt. Rev. Larry R. Benfield, Bishop of Episcopal Diocese of Arkansas.

Greetings to the Episcopal Diocese of Dallas

WHEREAS, the Episcopal Diocese of Texas is a member of the worldwide Anglican Communion, and more particularly, of the Episcopal Church and Province VII of this Church; and

WHEREAS, the Episcopal Diocese of Texas values its membership in these bodies and its place in the wider ministry of Christ's Church; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the 169th Council of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas, assembled in Waco, Texas, instructs the Secretary of the Council to send greetings to The Rt. Rev. George R. Sumner, Bishop of Episcopal Diocese of Dallas.

Greetings to the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth

WHEREAS, the Episcopal Diocese of Texas is a member of the worldwide Anglican Communion, and more particularly, of the Episcopal Church and Province VII of this Church; and

WHEREAS, the Episcopal Diocese of Texas values its membership in these bodies and its place in the wider ministry of Christ's Church; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the 169th Council of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas, assembled in Waco, Texas, instructs the Secretary of the Council to send greetings to The Rt. Rev. James Scott Mayer, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth.

Greetings to the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas

WHEREAS, the Episcopal Diocese of Texas is a member of the worldwide Anglican Communion, and more particularly, of the Episcopal Church and Province VII of this Church; and

WHEREAS, the Episcopal Diocese of Texas values its membership in these bodies and its place in the wider ministry of Christ's Church; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the 169th Council of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas, assembled in Waco, Texas, instructs the Secretary of the Council to send greetings to The Very Rev. Foster Mays, President of the Council of Trustees of the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas.

Greetings to the Episcopal Diocese of Northwest Texas

WHEREAS, the Episcopal Diocese of Texas is a member of the worldwide Anglican Communion, and more particularly, of the Episcopal Church and Province VII of this Church; and

WHEREAS, the Episcopal Diocese of Texas values its membership in these bodies and its place in the wider ministry of Christ's Church; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the 169th Council of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas, assembled in Waco, Texas, instructs the Secretary of the Council to send greetings to The Rt. Rev. James Scott Mayer, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Northwest Texas.

Greetings to the Episcopal Diocese of Oklahoma

WHEREAS, the Episcopal Diocese of Texas is a member of the worldwide Anglican Communion, and more particularly, of the Episcopal Church and Province VII of this Church; and

WHEREAS, the Episcopal Diocese of Texas values its membership in these bodies and its place in the wider ministry of Christ's Church; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the 169th Council of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas, assembled in Waco, Texas, instructs the Secretary of the Council to send greetings to The Rt. Rev. Dr. Edward J. Konieczny, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Oklahoma.

Greetings to the Episcopal Diocese of the Rio Grande

WHEREAS, the Episcopal Diocese of Texas is a member of the worldwide Anglican Communion, and more particularly, of the Episcopal Church and Province VII of this Church; and

WHEREAS, the Episcopal Diocese of Texas values its membership in these bodies and its place in the wider ministry of Christ's Church; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the 169th Council of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas, assembled in Waco, Texas, instructs the Secretary of the Council to send greetings to The Rt. Rev. Michael Louis Vono, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of the Rio Grande.

Greetings to the Episcopal Diocese of West Missouri

WHEREAS, the Episcopal Diocese of Texas is a member of the worldwide Anglican Communion, and more particularly, of the Episcopal Church and Province VII of this Church; and

WHEREAS, the Episcopal Diocese of Texas values its membership in these bodies and its place in the wider ministry of Christ's Church; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the 169th Council of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas, assembled in Waco, Texas, instructs the Secretary of the Council to send greetings to The Rt. Rev. Martin S. Field, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of West Missouri.

Greetings to the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas

WHEREAS, the Episcopal Diocese of Texas is a member of the worldwide Anglican Communion, and more particularly, of the Episcopal Church and Province VII of this Church; and

WHEREAS, the Episcopal Diocese of Texas values its membership in these bodies and its place in the wider ministry of Christ's Church; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the 169th Council of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas, assembled in, Waco, Texas, instructs the Secretary of the Council to send greetings to The Rt. Rev. David Reed, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas.

Greetings to the Episcopal Diocese of Western Kansas

WHEREAS, the Episcopal Diocese of Texas is a member of the worldwide Anglican Communion, and more particularly, of the Episcopal Church and Province VII of this Church; and

WHEREAS, the Episcopal Diocese of Texas values its membership in these bodies and its place in the wider ministry of Christ's Church; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the 169th Council of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas, assembled in Waco, Texas, instructs the Secretary of the Council to send greetings to The Rt. Rev. Michael P. Milliken, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Western Kansas.

Greetings to the Episcopal Diocese of Western Louisiana

WHEREAS, the Episcopal Diocese of Texas is a member of the worldwide Anglican Communion, and more particularly, of the Episcopal Church and Province VII of this Church; and

WHEREAS, the Episcopal Diocese of Texas values its membership in these bodies and its place in the wider ministry of Christ's Church; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the 169th Council of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas, assembled in Waco, Texas, instructs the Secretary of the Council to send greetings to The Rt. Rev. Jacob W. Owensby, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Western Louisiana.

Greetings to Seminarians and Iona Students

WHEREAS, the Episcopal Diocese of Texas currently has 9 seminarians preparing for Holy Orders attending the Seminary of the Southwest, Virginia Theological Seminary, and Sewanee School of Theology, as well as 20 students preparing for Holy Orders attending the Iona School for Ministry; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Diocese be requested to write each student to convey to him or her the best wishes of the 169th Annual Council of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas and a reminder that each has been remembered in the prayers of the Council.

On the Retirement of Clergy

WHEREAS, the Reverends Robert Vickery, Jr., Mark Crawford, David Dearman, Elizabeth Turner, and J. Clifford Rucker have faithfully served the Church and this diocese through their ministries in parishes, institutions, and boards; and

WHEREAS, these clergy retired from the active ministry during 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Episcopal Diocese of Texas has been richly blessed by their gifts in the service of our Lord; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the 169th Council of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas gives glory to God for their faithful witness and wishes them well in this new stage of life in Christ.

On the Retirement of Diocesan Staff

WHEREAS, Alice Kerr, Mary MacGregor, Stephanie Taylor, and Shirley Platt have faithfully served the Episcopal Diocese of Texas through their ministries; and

WHEREAS, as members of the Diocesan Staff they retired during the year 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Episcopal Diocese of Texas has been richly blessed by their gifts in the service of our Lord; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the 169th Council of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas gives glory to God for their faithful witness and wishes them well in this new stage of life in Christ.

In Honor of Council Management Committee

WHEREAS, the people of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas saw fit to gather in Waco, Texas, home to many vibrant and thriving ministries of our Diocese; and

WHEREAS, the Diocese is thankful for the outstanding service of the Council Management Committee under the coordination of Mary Cloud, as well as for the fine work of the Diocesan staff, clergy and laity, including countless volunteers from across the Diocese of Texas; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the 169th Annual Council of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas gives praise to God for the dedicated ministry of the Council Management Committee members, including the Rev. Canon Kathryn M. Ryan, Chair; Mary Cloud, Diocesan Council Coordinator; David Harvin, Chancellor ex officio; the Rev. William Fowler, Chair for the Dispatch of Business ex officio; Seth Hinkley, The Rev. Ken Fields, Susan Duif, Tammy Tiner, and Rob Montgomery.

Susan Kennard, Chair