

PROCEEDINGS of ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-SIXTH ANNUAL DIOCESAN CONVENTION

NOVEMBER 11-12, 2022

On Friday, November 11, 2022, and Saturday, November 12, 2022, the days chosen in accordance with the Constitution of the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Long Island, clergy and laity gathered at the Marriott Hotel, Melville, Long Island, for the Annual Diocesan Convention.

Friday, November 11, 2023

In compliance with Rule of Order 1, the delegates of the 156th Annual Convention assembled and the Rt. Rev. Lawrence C. Provenzano, Bishop of Long Island, took the chair as President. Bishop Provenzano called the Convention to order and declared it organized for business at 1:29 PM on Friday, November 11, 2023, after the Secretary of the Convention (the "Secretary"), the Rev. Karen Davis-Lawson, reported a quorum present. The Secretary announced that only authorized delegates were allowed on the floor of the Convention.

The Secretary appointed Canon Charles Janoff. as Parliamentarian and Chancellor James Weller, to serve as Assistant Parliamentarian.

The Secretary nominated, and the Convention confirmed, the appointment of The Rev. Anthony Jones, Priest, St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, as Assistant Secretary to this Convention.

The Secretary moved that the following persons be admitted on the floor as necessary and authorized for the business of the Convention:

- Clergy canonically resident less than three (3) months (without vote);
- Non-canonically resident clergy serving in the diocese (without vote);
- The administrative staff of the diocese (without vote);
- The member of Diocesan Council and the Standing Committee with seat, voice, and without vote,
but, with respect to the foregoing, in no way changing the privileges of those who are already elected delegates to this Convention; and
- Invited guests with seat and voice and without vote as may be requested by the members of this Convention and its committees.

The motion was properly seconded and carried.

Bishop Provenzano took prerogative of the chair to thank all for being present. After acknowledging Veteran's Day, he thanked and honored those who currently serve and those who have served this country.

The Secretary asked that clergy and delegates remain throughout the Convention. She asked that delegates vote whenever a question was put, unless excused by the Convention, and reminded the delegates that all motions must be made from the microphones on the floor of Convention. The President also advised the Convention that the Canons of this Diocese do not allow restoration of voting privileges to any parish or mission not in compliance with the filing of reports unless reports are in hand or unless just cause is shown.

The Secretary reported on Voter Qualifications:

The Secretary reported that there were no defective delegate certificates.

The Secretary reported that the following churches had failed to file delegate certificates for 2022, and had thereby forfeited the seat and vote of their lay delegates:

DELEGATE CERTIFICATES - 2021

BROOKLYN

Christ Church, Cobble Hill

QUEENS

St. Gabriel's, Hollis
St. Mark's, Jackson Heights
Zion, Douglaston

NASSAU

St. Elizabeth's, Floral Park
St. John's, Cold Spring Harbor
St. Thomas, Farmingdale

SUFFOLK

Christ Church, Bellport
Christ Church, Brentwood
Christ Church, Sag Harbor
Messiah, Central Islap
St. Andrew's, Yaphank
St. Ann's, Bridgehampton
St. John's, Oakdale
St. John the Baptist, Center Moriches
St. Patrick's, Deer Park

The Secretary reported that the following congregations had failed to file parochial reports for the year 2021 or for one or more years prior, thereby forfeiting the seat and right to vote of their elected lay delegations:

PAROCHIAL REPORTS - 2021

BROOKLYN

Christ Church, Bay Ridge
St. Mark'sz

QUEENS

All Saints', Bayside
Redeemer, Astoria
St. Gabriel's, Hollis
St. Mark's, Jackson Heights
Resurrection, Richmond Hill (Kew Gardens)

NASSAU

Transfiguration, Freeport

SUFFOLK

Christ Church, Sag Harbor
St. Andrew's, Mastic Beach
St. Andrew's, Yaphank
St. John's, Oakdale

The Secretary reported that the following congregations had failed to file audit certificates for the year 2021 or for one or more years prior, thereby forfeiting the seat and right to vote of their elected lay delegations:

AUDIT CERTIFICATES - 2021

BROOKLYN

Christ Church, Bay Ridge
Grace Church
St. Augustine's
St. Gabriel's
St. John's, Park Slope
St. Mark's
St. Mary's
St. Philip's, Decatur Street

QUEENS

All Saint's, Woodhaven
Redeemer, Astoria
St. Gabriel's, Hollis
St. Joseph's, Queens Village
St. Mark's, Jackson Heights

NASSAU

Holy Trinity, Hicksville
St. Elizabeth's, Floral Park
St. Thomas', Bellrose
Transfiguration, Freeport

SUFFOLK

Christ Church, Babylon
Christ Church, Brentwood
Christ Church, Sag Harbor
St. Andrew's, Mastic Beach
St. John's, Oakdale
St. John's, Southampton
St. Mark's, Westhampton Beach
St. Patrick's, Deer Park
St. Peter's Chapel, East Hampton
Trinity, Northport

According to Title V, Canon 2, Section III and Title V, Canon 3, Section II of the Diocesan Canons Pertaining to Audits and Parochial Reports, a parish who has shown good cause why such reports have not been provided may ask the Bishop to restore the seat and voting rights of the Church. The Secretary reported that the following congregations had requested restoration of seat and voting rights:

E. Temporary Waiver of Parochial Report or Audit

St. John's, Park Slope, Brooklyn
St. Mary's Brooklyn
St. Alban the Martyr, St. Albans
Christ Church, Babylon
St. Andrew's Mastic Beach

F. Permanent Waiver of Parochial Report or Audit

St. Mary's, Carle Place

Upon motion made, seconded, and carried, seat and voting rights for the following were restored:

E. Temporary Waiver of Parochial Report or Audit

St. John's, Park Slope, Brooklyn
St. Mary's Brooklyn
St. Alban the Martyr, St. Albans
Christ Church, Babylon
St. Andrew's Mastic Beach

F. Permanent Waiver of Parochial Report or Audit

St. Mary's, Carle Place

The Secretary called upon Sharon Brown-Veillard, Chair, Committee on Dispatch of Business ("Dispatch").

The Chair of the Committee on Dispatch of Business presented and moved the agenda for the 156th Annual Convention as printed in the Pre-Convention Journal.

Bishop Provenzano called for a second, and the motion was duly seconded and carried.

In accordance with Rule of Order Part III, Rule 1(d)(iii), of the Convention and with the assent of the President of Convention, a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the 155th Annual Convention. The motion was duly seconded and passed.

Dispatch moved for suspension of Rule of Order Part I, Rule 2, to allow for the submission of written resolutions to the Secretary of Convention no later than 6:00 pm, Friday, September 11, 2023. The motion was seconded and carried by a 2/3 majority.

Dispatch called upon the Secretary to report on correspondence and unfinished business of the 155th Convention. The Secretary reported two pieces of correspondence with the first being notice from the Secretary of the General Convention of proposed constitutional amendments to the Constitution of the Episcopal Church as passed in initial reading at the 80th General Convention held in Baltimore in 2022 and proceeding to a final reading at the 81st General Convention in Louisville, Kentucky in 2024, as printed in the Pre-Convention Journal on pages 23-26.

The second piece of correspondence was a letter from the Anglican Diocese of Cape Coast read by the Secretary.

The Secretary asked that the correspondence be entered in the record of this convention.

From: Victor Atta-Baffoe

Date: November 12, 2020 at 10:03:49 AM EST

To: Bishop Lawrence Provenzano

Subject: FRATERNAL MESSAGE TO THE DIOCESE OF LONG ISLAND

My Lord Bishop Chair - Rt Rev. Lawrence Provenzano, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island, Colleague Bishops, Distinguished Members of Convention - Ordained and Non-Ordained, it gives me great pleasure to bring you this message of goodwill and felicitation.

I wish to congratulate you, on behalf of the Anglican Diocese of Cape Coast, my wife - Dorcas, and myself on the occasion of your 154th Diocesan Convention.

As a Diocese we cherish our partnership with you and offer you our prayerful support in the Spirit of Mutual Responsibility and Interdependence. I wish to take this opportunity to express our profound thanks and appreciation for your support to Bishop Daniel Allotey (our retired Bishop).

My dear people of God, you are meeting at Convention at a time our world is faced with the Coronavirus Pandemic, which has affected people's lives and livelihoods, Church membership, socio-economic and physical well-being of people. We continue to witness social and racial injustices in our world, and particularly the political uncertainty in the USA after the Presidential election.

While the times are hard we continue to trust God for a breakthrough and to use even these difficulties for a greater glory. We pray for God's blessings as you meet to reflect, discuss and consider the mission and expansion of God's Church and your Diocese for that matter.

We wish you a successful Diocesan Convention. God bless our partnership and God bless the Anglican Communion. Thank You.

Pax Vobiscum

+Victor Cape Coast

Dispatch presented the nominations by name as published in the Pre-Convention Journal. The President then called for further nominations from the floor, after each office and in every category. Except as noted below, there were no further nominations.

Secretary

(until 2023)

The Rev. Karen Davis-Lawson

Treasurer

(until 2023)

Mr. Pearson Griffith

Diocesan Council

Two clergy (until 2025)

The Rev. Walter Wai Lun Lau

The Rev. John Shirley

Diocesan Council

Two lay (until 2025)

Penny Grinage

Jean Sidebottom

Rebecca Maines

Standing Committee

One clergy (until 2026)

The Rev. Lilo Carr Rivera

Standing Committee

One lay (until 2026)

Tamara Harris

The Board of Managers of Camp DeWolfe, Inc.

Two persons (until 2025)

The Rev. Jenn Pilat

Samantha Previl

The Board of Directors of Episcopal Ministries of Long Island, Inc.

Two persons (until 2025)

Lesly Galloway

Johanna Canonica

The Board of Trustees of the George Mercer Jr. Memorial School of Theology

Two persons (until 2024)

The Rev. Andrew Garnett

The Rev. Terrence Buckley

The Trustees of the Estate Belonging to the Diocese of Long Island, Inc.

Two persons (until 2026)

The Very Rev. Steve L. Foster

The Rev Jeff Stevenson

The Disciplinary Board

Clergy Order One person (until 2025)

The Rev. Lauren McLeavey

The Disciplinary Board

Lay Order Two persons (until 2025)

Chi Metu

Linda Watson-Lorde

Chapter of the Cathedral of the Incarnation

One Lay (until 2025)

Mia Jealous-Dank

Deputy to General Convention

Clergy Order Four Persons (until 2025)

The Very Rev. Steve L. Foster

The Rev. Canon Dr. Frederick Walker

The Rev. Gilberto A. Hinds

The Rev. Cn. Karen Davis-Lawson

The Very Rev. Hickman Alexandre

The Rev. Jason Moskal

The Rev. Landon M. Moore

The Rev Walter Wai Lun Lau

The Rev. Jenn Pilat

The Rev. Cn. Donovan I. Leys

The Rev. Denise Galloway

The Rev. Sheldon N.N. Hamblin

Deputy to General Convention

Lay Order Four Persons (until 2025)

Penny Grinage

Charles Janoff

Kathy Page

Christine Scott

Linda Watson-Lorde

Sharon Brown-Veillard

James Olszewski

After calling for additional nominations for those offices for which a full slate of nominees had been received, of which there were none, the Bishop declared nominations for those offices closed.

Nominations from the floor were opened to fill-out slates of nominees.

Jose V. DeLaCruz was nominated for Deputy to General Convention, Lay Order.

Dispatch moved the election of all uncontested seats by office and name. Motion was properly seconded and carried with the following elections declared:

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(until 2023)

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Treasurer

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Two clergy (until 2025)

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Dispatch then called on the Secretary for Election of contested offices. The following were elected:

Diocesan Council

Two lay (until 2025)

Penny Grinage

Rebecca Maines

Deputy to General Convention

Clergy Order Four Persons (until 2025)

The Rev. Cn. Karen Davis-Lawson

The Very Rev. Steve L. Foster

The Very Rev. Hickman Alexandre

The Rev. Landon M. Moore

Clergy Order Alternates

The Rev. Denise Galloway

The Rev Gilberto Hinds

The Rev. Walter Wai Lun Lau

The Rev. Jason Moskal

Deputy to General Convention

Lay Order Four Persons (until 2025)

Sharon Brown-Veillard

Christine Scott

Charles Janoff

Penny Grinage

Lay Order Alternates
Linda Watson-Lorde
Kathy Page
Jose V. DeLaCruz
James Olszewski

At 2:50 PM Dispatch called for recess for break.

At 3:14 PM, Convention reconvened.

Dispatch called upon Episcopal Ministries of Long Island for a video presentation report.

Video Report

Dispatch moved the suspension of Rule of Order Part III, Rule 1(d) to take business out of order to move Resolution 2022-R1, 2023 Ministry Plan to Saturday and to continue with Resolution 2022-R2 and 2022-R3.

The motion was seconded and carried by a 2/3 majority.

The Bishop called upon The Rev. Maxine Barnett, Chair of the Committee on Miscellaneous Business for the Report of the Committee on Miscellaneous Business

Mother Barnett moved to adopt Resolution Number 2022-R2, Base Minimum Clergy Compensation for 2023, which was seconded.

The motion carried and Resolution Number 2022-R2 was adopted as presented in the Pre-Convention Journal (page 20).

Mother Barnett moved to adopt Resolution 2022-R3, Lay Employee Compensation Guidelines for 2023, which was seconded.

The motion carried and Resolution 2022-R2 was adopted as presented in the Pre-Convention Journal (page 21).

Dispatch moved the suspension of Rule of Order Part III, Rule 1(d) to take business out of order to move Appointments to Commission on Ministry and the Honoring of Ministries to Saturday.

The motion was seconded and carried by a 2/3 majority.

Dispatch called upon Episcopal Ministries of Long Island for a second video presentation report.

The Bishop Called upon The Rev. Maxine Barnett, Chair of the Committee on Miscellaneous Business to move Courtesy Resolutions.

The MotherBarnett, presented Courtesy Resolutions 2022-C1 through 2022-C5 which carried as presented in the Pre-Convention Journal (page 22).

At 4:10 the Bishop called for the Chaplain to lead Evening Prayer to be followed by the Convention to stand in recess until 9:00 AM Saturday.

The Bishop ordered the convention in recess at 4:27 PM.

Saturday, November 12, 2023

The Convention Eucharist and the Bishop's Address began at 9:00 AM on Saturday, November 12, 2022.

At 11:30 AM, the Bishop called Convention to order.

Dispatch called for a video presentation of Special Order Number 1 given by The Rev. Cn. Suzanne Culhane.

Dispatch called upon The Rev. Craig Townsend to speak on Sacred Ground.

Dispatch called upon The Rev. Maxine Barnett to move Resolution number 2022-R1, the 2022 Diocesan Ministry Plan.

Mother Barnett moved the Resolution and called upon Pearson Griffith, Treasurer of the Diocese and of Convention, to present the ministry plan.

Upon motion duly made a seconded, Resolution 2022-R1, was adopted as presented in the Pre-Convention Journal (pages 13-19).

The Bishop next read the appointments to the Commission on Ministry.

The Rev. Canon Joseph Pae, **Chair**

The Rev. Maxine Barnett

The Rev. Tony Bowen

Ms. Janice Commentz

The Rev. Diane DeBlasio

The Rev. Denise Galloway

Mrs. Brenda Innis

Ms. Susan MacDonald

Mrs. Mabel Lee

The Rev. Donovan Leys

The Rev. John Merz

The Very Rev. Kevin Morris

Dr. Lena Mullings
The Rev. Allen Robinson
Ms. Elizabeth Schumacher
Ms. Sharon Tucker
The Rev. Shawn Williams
The Rev. Gerardo Romo-Garcia
The Rev. Landon Moore

Dispatch moved the appointments be confirmed by the Convention of which was seconded and carried.

The Bishop honored new ministries and anniversaries.

Dispatch called on The Rt. Rev. Geralyn Wolf, Assistant Bishop, for a presentation and recognition of the ordination anniversary of Bishop Provenzano.

Dispatch announced the conclusion of business on the agenda at 12:13 PM.

Dispatch then moved that the 157th Convention of the Diocese of Long Island be held on Friday, November 10 and Saturday, November 11, 2023, and asked that information be communicated by the Convention Secretary within the next 30 days in accordance with Title II, Canon 4, Section I of the Constitution of the Diocese of Long Island. The motion was duly seconded and carried.

Dispatch further moved that the 156th Convention of the Diocese of Long Island immediately move to Noonday Prayer and that the Convention be adjourned sine die. The motion was duly seconded and carried.

Following Noonday Prayer, the Convention was adjourned.

(The Rt. Rev.) Lawrence C. Provenzano., *President of Convention*, and
(The Rev.) Karen Davis-Lawson, *Secretary of Convention*