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Leo, Jason Elliman
Matheus, Robert
Matisse, Jacqueline Edith
McCracken-Bennett, Richard J.
Merchant, Patricia
Michelfelder, Susan R.
Paddock, John Sheldon
Park, Ciritta Boyer
Paulus, Ruth
Payne, Edward Thomas
Puopolo, Angelo Joseph
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Queen, Jeffrey
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Reat, Lee Anne
Redmond, Joseph
Reed, Charlotte Collins
Scrivener, William Eugene
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Smith, Stephen
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Webster, Kiah
West, John Timothy
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Wilson, Charles E. Jr.
Wiseman, Heather Buchanan
Wood, Gretchen Anne
Wray, James Thomas
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Rector, St. Barnabas, Montgomery
Canon, Christ Church Cathedral
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Assistant, Church of the Redeemer, Hyde Park
Rector, St. George, Washington Township
Priest in Charge, Trinity Church, London
Rector, Church of Our Saviour, Mt. Auburn
Rector, St. Alban, Bexley
Priest in Charge, Church of St. Edward, Whitehall
Rector, St. Paul, Oakwood
Rector, St. Mark, Dayton
Rector, St. Paul, Greenville
Canon, Christ Church Cathedral
Rector, Calvary Church, Clifton
Assistant, St. Alban, Bexley
Rector, St. Patrick, Lebanon
Vicar, All Saints, New Albany
Rector, Indian Hill Church, Indian Hill
Interim, St. Peter, Delaware
Rector, Christ Church, Dayton
Assistant, St. Patrick, Dublin
Priest in Charge, St. Christopher, Fairborn
Priest in Charge, Grace, Pomeroy, and
Supply, St. Peter, Gallipolis
Rector, Church of the Advent, Walnut Hills
Rector, St. John, Lancaster
Rector, All Saints, Portsmouth
Rector, Ascension & Holy Trinity, Wyoming
Vicar, St. John, Columbus
Rector, St. Francis, Springboro
Rector, Christ Church, Springfield
Canon, Christ Church Cathedral
Assistant, Ascension & Holy Trinity, Wyoming
Supply, St. Luke, Sayler Park
Assistant, St. George, Washington Township and
Priest in Charge, St. Mary, Waynesville
Assistant, St. Mark, Upper Arlington
Rector, St. Patrick, Dublin
Rector, St. Margaret, Trotwood
Interim, St. John, Worthington
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Priest in Charge, St. Paul, Chillicothe
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Priest in Charge, St. Mary, Hillsboro
Assistant, St. Timothy, Anderson Township
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Ruhmkorff, David Duane  
Saville, Milton  
Sherman, Harry B. Jr.  
Sims, Edward Raymond  
Speaks, John Thomas  
Stearns, H. Joanna  
Thornell, Kwasi Anthony Augustus  
Timmons, Thomas Jefferson III  
Willard, Wilson Howard Jr.  
Williamson, Stephen G.  
Wooden, Lorento

Ministers of other denominations
Ministers of other denominations, co-pastoring an Episcopal Church and entitled to vote in the 132nd Annual Convention of the Diocese of Southern Ohio, but not for the election of IX Bishop of Southern Ohio:

Hawley, David

Deacons, Transitional and Vocational, Canonically Resident
Deacons, transitional and vocational, in alphabetical order, who are Canonically Resident in the Diocese of Southern Ohio as of November 9, 2006, not entitled to vote in the 132nd Annual Convention of the Diocese of Southern Ohio, but entitled to vote for the election of IX Bishop of Southern Ohio:

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**Clergy, Licensed to Officiate, Not Canonically Resident**

Clergy licensed to officiate until December 31, 2007, but not canonically resident in the Diocese of Southern Ohio, not entitled to vote in the 132nd Annual Convention of the Diocese of Southern Ohio or for the election of IX Bishop of Southern Ohio:

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Clergy of the Diocese of Southern Ohio, in order of Canonical Residence

Compton Allyn May 27, 1954
John Gregg Carson June 23, 1954
Albert Raymond Betts III June 15, 1955
Donald Monroe Nickson July 1, 1955
Harry Wiley Ralph October 15, 1957
Gordon Stephen Price April 25, 1958
William George Huber May 31, 1958
Thomas Jefferson Timmons III June 4, 1958
William Norton Bumiller June 10, 1958
John Leland Clark October 29, 1958
Charles Randolph Leary September 1, 1959
Edward Noyes Burdick II July 1, 1960
David Knight Mills September 19, 1960
Lawrence Dean Rupp June 25, 1961
Christopher Fones Neely August 8, 1961
William Grant Black, Bishop Emeritus October 8, 1961
David Bruce Allardyce June 20, 1962
David Duane Ruhmkorff December 31, 1962
Morris Eugene Hollenbaugh June 15, 1963
Jack Calvin Burton June 15, 1963
John Pierpont Cobb October 28, 1963
Frederick Gordon Krieger December 26, 1963
Jerome Maynard Baldwin March 1, 1964
John Woodson Baker June 13, 1964
David Ormsby McCoy June 13, 1964
Frank Beaumont Stevenson June 13, 1964
Albert Harold MacKenzie Jr. September, 1964
John Edward Bowers June 26, 1965
Harold Raymond Deeth June 26, 1965
David Beebe Rogers June 26, 1965
John Ainslie Morrison September 25, 1965
Merrick Andrew Danforth March 15, 1967
Robert Donald Gerhard October 30, 1967
Albert Simpson Chappelear III January 6, 1969
Robert Davis Hughes III June 28, 1969
John Joseph Morrett September 1, 1970
Melvin Aubrey Hoover July 3, 1971
Andrew MacAoidh Jergens June 2, 1973
James Edward Mobley January 25, 1975
Robert Donald Fenwick, D.D. May 1, 1975
William Ernest Rathman June 30, 1975
Clarence Ferdinand Decker January 20, 1977
George Aldrich Hill III February 12, 1978
Michael Phillip Gibson Grantling Randolph May 1, 1978
Noel Stephen Julnes Dehner May 27, 1978
Robert Blice Graves June 15, 1978
James Andrew Hanisian  January 1, 1979
John Nicholas Gill  January 1, 1979
William Gray Galbreath  May 4, 1979
William Varina Brook Jr.  August 26, 1979
John Thomas Speaks  February 1, 1980
Thomas Burton Kinsey  May 1, 1980
Robert Bolman Dwight  August 29, 1980
Clifford William Atkinson  September 20, 1980
Bert Huntington Hatch  June 1, 1981
Stephen Girard Williamson, III  April 25, 1982
Timothy Oliver Carberry  May 1, 1982
Anne Wilson Robbins  June 10, 1982
Kelly Delaine Brown Douglas  October 9, 1982
Hancella Marie Newberry  November 4, 1982
Milton Saville  June 1, 1983
Anne McGrath Warrington Wilson  June 4, 1983
Napoleon Bryant Jr.  February 24, 1985
Colin Vere Barrow  September 30, 1985
John Timothy West  October 1, 1985
Stephen Holmes Applegate  November 1, 1985
David Clarke Helms  February 1, 1986
James Stevens Miner II  March 1, 1986
Patricia Shackelford Hobson  June 14, 1986
Susan Kay Beem Beery  August 1, 1986
Gretchen Anne Wood  October 15, 1986
Donald Lester Farrow  November 18, 1986
William Edward Lyle  November 30, 1986
William George Gartig  March 18, 1987
Paula Marie Jackson  December 30, 1987
John Raymond Fisher  January 1, 1988
Henry Keats Perrin  April 1, 1988
Cara Jesse Calvert  March 14, 1989
Lorentho Wooden  April 15, 1989
Thomas Ronald Shaver  July 1, 1989
Cynthia Jean Snodgrass  July 20, 1989
Jacqueline Edith Matisse  September 1, 1989
Richard J. McCracken-Bennett  December 21, 1989
John Michael Jupin  August 6, 1990
William Eugene Scrivener  October 16, 1990
Alice Faye McWreath Herman  November 9, 1990
Ciritta Boyer Park  November 9, 1990
Roger Lee Foote  February 7, 1991
Theorphis Marzetta Borden  May 4, 1991
Carol Potterton  May 4, 1991
Katharin Lois Foster  May 4, 1991
Frank H. Stern  May 4, 1991
Michael Alan Kreutzer  June 9, 1991
Karen Kartsimas Burnard  June 22, 1991
James Richard Leo  September 3, 1991
Don R. Greenwood  October 3, 1991
Carol Wharton Hull  September 26, 1991
Elizabeth Louise Bates Lilly  January 23, 1992
Harry Benjamin Sherman, Jr.  February 24, 1992
John Paul Brandenburg  March 8, 1992
Robert Arthur Hufford  May 1, 1992
Alice Cowan  September 25, 1992
Melody Sue Williams  November 1, 1992
Betty Ellen Gibson Coleman  January 23, 1993
Joan Marie Pearson Maynard  January 23, 1993
Charles David Cottrill  February 11, 1993
Roger Stewart Greene  August 20, 1993
H. Joanna Stearns  September 9, 1993
Arthur Clayton Hadley  October 1, 1993
Ronald Lee Baird  October 15, 1993
Gary Bruce Givler  December 3, 1993
Gay Boggs O’Keefe  December 3, 1993
Heather Buchanan Wiseman  December 3, 1993
William George Pursley  December 3, 1993
Charles Frederick Brumbaugh  January 3, 1994
Philip Anthony College  June 17, 1994
Jason Elliman Leo  July 1, 1994
Kenneth Lester Price Jr., Suffragan Bishop  October 29, 1994
Lee Ann Reat  November 10, 1994
Nancy Hamman Erickson Stanton  November 11, 1994
Christina Lynn Fry Dufresne  November 11, 1994
Clyde Albert Martin  November 11, 1994
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Charlotte Collins Reed  June 21, 1997
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Philip Marshall Wiseman  October 25, 1997
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Robert Raymond Hansel  June 30, 1998
Laura Lambert Chace  October 24, 1998
Larry L. Lane  October 24, 1998
Gwynneth Jones Mudd  October 1, 1998
Susan Rebecca Michelfelder  June 19, 1999
John Allen Bower  July 1, 1999
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Vicki Lovely Smith  September 1, 1999  
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Paul Edward Daggett  March 1, 2000  
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Alan Bruce Smith  June 24, 2000  
Mary Burton Vidmar  June 24, 2000  
Anne J. Wrider  October 1, 2000  
Kathryn P. Clausen  October 28, 2000  
Astrid Joy Storm  October 28, 2006  
Benjamin E. E. Speare-Hardy II  February 12, 2001  
Patricia Laura Merchant  March 1, 2001  
George Henry Glazier, Jr.  April 1, 2001  
Susan Patricia Mills  May 7, 2001  
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Shirley McWhorter  January 1, 2002  
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Jerome W. Burns  September 1, 2002  
Edna Marguerite Denton  October 26, 2002  
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Carroll, Steven September 1, 2005
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Twesigye, Emmanuel September 1, 2005
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John Kevern November 3, 2005
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Frederick Engdahl, Jr. December 29, 2005
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Scott Albergate March 6, 2006
Ellen Cook May 13, 2006
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Diana Shirley May 13, 2006
Fred Shirley May 13, 2006
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R. William Carroll July 19, 2006
Tracey F. Carroll August 17, 2006
George C. Allen II September 13, 2006
Lynn Carter-Edmands September 14, 2006
Admire William Cleeve October 9, 2006
Carol Jean Christian October 25, 2006
Lay Delegates to
132nd Annual Convention

Cincinnati East Deanery
All Saints, Pleasant Ridge - Sherrie O'Rear, Dorothy Powell, Peggy Sanchez, Peg Spitler
Good Samaritan, Clermont County - Jennifer Malone, Nancye Van Brunt
Holy Trinity, Kenwood - Shirley Hollander, Lois Wagner
Indian Hill, Indian Hill - Rosemary Ballard, Jane Bennett, Bob Krone, William Blake Selnick
St. Barnabas, Montgomery - Susan Brokaw, Richard Hotz, William Nelsen, Herbert Riley
St. Thomas, Terrace Park - Sarah Howard, Karen Long, Belinda Williams, Lisa Wharton
St. Timothy, Anderson Township - David Cook, Judith Gardner, Paul Rank, Brian Wildman

Cincinnati West Deanery
Ascension & Holy Trinity, Wyoming - Lynne Boude, Nicholas Finke, Nancy Goggans, Michael Meranda
Christ Church, Glendale - Jeff Ares, Larry Haas, John Mitchell, Helene Sedwick
Grace Church, College Hill - Phyllis Dietz, Mary McLain, Florence Poyer, Joe Sumner
Holy Spirit, Forest Park - Louis Adams, Jean Miller
St. James, Westwood - Eugene Jacob, Nancy Jacob, John Murray, Julie Murray
St. Philip, Northside - Ron Johnson, Barbara McKinney
St. Simon of Cyrene, Lincoln Heights - Joe Dorris, Vanessa Gentry, John Harris, Rosie Holloway
St. Stephen, Mt. Healthy - Sharon Franklin, Tom Franklin, Donald Welti, Pat Welti

Columbus Deanery
All Saints, New Albany - Peggy Kissel, Jane Mansfield, Jerry Mansfield, Melissa Shirley
St. Alban, Bexley - Steve Brown, Mary Harris, Thomas Hooker, Jane Peden
St. Andrew, Pickerington - Larry Bigler, Tim Vaughan
St. Cyprian of Carthage, Columbus - Juliette Johnson, Stefen Luebkemann
St. Edward, Whitehall - Felicia Jackson, Dick Neikirk
St. James, Clintonville - Jim Blazer, Diana McCullough, Eric Reasoner, David Wicks
St. John, Columbus - Joe Miccio, Janice Roberts
St. John, Worthington - Tom Bailey, Betsy Buchal-Condon, Ellen Hitch, Tim Hitch
St. Luke, Granville - Ric Bolton, Bill Holland, Cherie Holland, Becky Rugg
St. Mark, Upper Arlington - Ellen Berndt, Barbara Keyes, Joy Sargent, Rachael Shumate
St. Matthew, Westerville - Kevin Gartrell, George Girard, James Menke, Austin Stout
St. Patrick, Dublin - Michael Kennedy, Lauri Sullivan, Daryl Wilbur, Jodi Wilbur
St. Peter, Delaware - Carol Cooper, Linda Heid, Carol Hallenbeck, Emily Ross
St. Philip, Columbus - Evelyn Anderson, James Giles, Jacqueline Roberts, Dolores Woodroffe
St. Stephen, Columbus - Joel Flint, Janet McNaughton, Wayne Sheppard, Mike Wernick
Trinity, Columbus - Owen DeWolfe, Hal Duryee, JoAnn Giroux, Stephen Maher
Trinity, London - Sue Allen, Barbara Tope
Dayton Deanery
Christ Church, Dayton - Rose Dwight, Alan Kimbrough, Phyllis Risner, Mary Slenski
Christ Church, Xenia - Jamie Anderson, Chips Lanier, Lisa Mamas, Ruth Petri
St. Andrew, Dayton - Sr. Beverly Edith, Norman Cary, John Fleming, Clay Shriner
St. Christopher, Fairborn - Ginny Buckley, Judith Hayes, Roy Hayes, Carole Smith
St. George, Washington Twp. - Frank Gentner, Carol Herrick, Thomas Rodgers, William Sangrey
St. Margaret, Trotwood - Phyllis Brunson, James Hairston, Jr., Frank Jackson, Monty Reece
St. Mark, Riverside - Gary Browning, George John, Kendall Rubino, Jim Rudd
St. Paul, Oakwood - Sarah Brockmeier, Judy Cook, Pamela McGinnis, Michael A. Miller

Hocking Valley Deanery
Epiphany, Nelsonville - David Webster, Howard Whitmore
Good Shepherd, Athens - T.J. Azar, Richard Carlson, Robert Shelly, Curtis Sherman
Grace, Pomeroy - Donna Jones, Don Shaffer, Larry Wiley, Mary Carolyn Wiley
St. Paul, Logan - Curt Garner, Nancy Garner
St. Peter, Gallipolis - Carolyn Anderson, Carolyn Cogar, Dorothy Hanson, Marlene Hoffman
Trinity, McArthur - Bob Rodgers, Michael Williams

Miami River Deanery
Ascension, Middletown - Janice Dohn, Kay Fraley, Lee Ann Holly, Betty Ann Wolfe
Holy Trinity, Oxford - Cleve Callison, Linda Church, Dick Smith, Ginger Smith
St. Anne, West Chester - Lois Ervin, Eric Frischmuth, Robert Turley, Mildred Volungis
St. Anthony, Wilmington - Kim Boyle, Donna Thorpe
St. Francis, Springboro - Cheryn Hackworth, Richard Jennings, Jim Knapp, Bob Richardson
St. Mary, Waynesville - Sally Andrews, Ernie Lawson
St. Patrick, Lebanon - Gloria Giannestras, Bill Lasher, Mary Lasher, Todd, Rockstroh
Trinity, Hamilton - Sue Samoviski, Janet Wilson, Thomas Wilson, Thomas Woods
St. Mary Magdalene, Maineville - Bob Craig, Michael Voshefski

Northeast Deanery
St. James, Zanesville - John Benson, Carol Cavinee, Leslie Warner, Jane Ellen Wiles
St. John, Cambridge - Jud Ellerton, Pat Ellerton
St. John, Lancaster - Cathy Canter, Thomas Hammer, Jeffrey Hurdley, Barbara Parker
St. Luke, Marietta - Gail Engdahl, Wendell Mulford, Jim Peebles, Dick Tuttle
St. Paul, Martins Ferry - Nancy Spindler, Kathy Whitacre
Trinity, Bellaire - Christine Hood, Colleen Willis
Trinity, Newark - Fred Ciminello, Alice Turner, Shirley Varner, Richard Warren

Northwest Deanery
Christ Church, Springfield - Ty Buckman, Deb Hinton, Christopher Oldstone-Moore, Don Reed
Epiphany, Urbana - Eileen James, Mary Neal Miller
Our Saviour, Mechanicsburg - Edward Fitch, Carol Floyd
St. James, Piqua - Sandy Abernathy, Evelyn Jones, Cindy Pearson, Phyllis Shively
St. Paul, Greenville - Michael Gallagher, Sherry Gallagher, John Montgomery, MaryAnn Montgomery
Trinity, Troy - Jim Beerbower, Susan Beerbower, Carole Cobb, David Cobb
Ohio River Deanery
Calvary, Clifton - Lee Hughes, Bill Lonneman, Zenobia Mitchell, Miriam Willard
Christ Church Cathedral - Laurie Althaus, Dianne Ebbs, Mary Hagner, Jack Jose
Church of the Advent, Walnut Hills - Barbara Haven, Jackie Leppert, Becky Recher, Jan Spaccarelli
Church of Our Saviour, Mt. Auburn - Helen Davis, Tom Fehr, Rusty Lockett, Linda May Watkins
Redeemer, Hyde Park - Lisa Acker, Matthew Hanisian, Amy Harris, Patricia Hassel
St. Andrew, Evanston - Jerry Bedford, Anita Brentley, Thurmond Brentley, Greg Heard
St. Michael & All Angels, Avondale - Raymond Chapman, Jr., John Phillips

Scioto River Valley Deanery
All Saints, Portsmouth - M. Lee Daily, Vicki Daily, John Walker, Linda Walker
Christ Church, Ironton - Bink Barlow, Richard Walton
St. Andrew, Washington Court House - Claudia Coe, Mariann Wright
St. Mary, Hillsboro - Julie Barry, Judy Franklin, Betty Heathcote, Jim Heathcote
St. Paul, Chillicothe - Rachel Harrell, Robert Lindsay, Joseph McKell, Mary McKell
St. Philip, Circleville - Ellen Leist, Susan Parker, Lisa Tatman, Nick Tatman
Minutes of the
132nd Annual Convention
November 10-11, 2006
The Diocese of Southern Ohio
The Rhodes Athletic Center and the Riffe Center for the Arts
of Shawnee State University
Portsmouth, Ohio

Empowered by the Spirit

Business Session #1
Friday, November 10, 2006

The Right Reverend Kenneth L. Price Jr. called the meeting to order at 10 a.m. and introduced the Right Reverend Mark Hollingsworth, Bishop of the Diocese of Ohio, who served as chaplain for the Convention. Bishop Hollingsworth gave the opening prayer, using the propers for Philander Chase, the first rector of St. Johns, Worthington, who was elected the first bishop of Ohio.

In recognition of Bishop Hollingsworth’s role in the Convention, Bishop Price presented him with a Philander Chase trivet.

Bishop Price then called for the youth and Roger Speer, director of youth ministry, to come forward so that he could commission them as ministers of the word for the Convention. He gave them gifts and tools to use in their mission to explore the arts and faith in ministry. The youth were present throughout the meeting in song, drama and prayer.

Convention Administration
First Report of the Credentials Committee

Bishop Price called on Joe Hubbard, chair of the Committee on Credentials, for the first credentials report. He reported a quorum present consisting of:
85 Clergy
219 Lay Delegates
For a total of: 304 Eligible voters

Hubbard reminded the delegates that while deacons would not be able to vote in the business session on Friday, they would be certified to vote in Saturday’s election of the diocese’s ninth bishop.

The Rev. Stephen Cuff, dean of the Scioto River Deanery, along with the Rev. Jeff Queen and Ann Sydnor, who serve as the rector and senior warden from All Saints, Portsmouth, and Dr. Rita Rice Morris, president of Shawnee State and a parishioner of All Saints, Portsmouth, officially welcomed the Convention to the Scioto River Valley Deanery.

Bishop Price commented on the great success of the Thursday evening dinner, hosted by the people of All Saints, Portsmouth.

Bishop Price explained that the voting membership of the Convention is defined by the diocese’s canons as clergy canonically resident in the diocese and lay delegates, duly elected and certified by their
congregations. However it is permissible for the Convention to grant seat and voice to additional people. He asked Joe Hubbard to introduce a resolution that would implement that action.

Mr. Hubbard presented the following resolution:

Article VI, Section I of the Constitution gives seat and voice to several named people, namely lay members of the Standing Committee and Diocesan Council, the lay deputies to General Convention, the lay trustees of the Diocese of Southern Ohio, the chancellor, and the treasurer of the diocese and the members of the Executive Board of the Episcopal Church Women of the diocese.

Mr. Hubbard moved that the 132nd Convention also admit with seat and voice the following individuals: the Rt. Rev. Mark Hollingsworth, bishop of the Diocese of Ohio and chaplain for the convention, the provosts of the deaneries, youth representatives, the sisters of the Community of the Transfiguration, all non-canonically resident clergy licensed to officiate, lay members of the diocesan staff, and for the Friday session, all deacons of the diocese.

Mr. Hubbard explained that deacons were included in the resolution since traditionally they have not had a vote and such would be the case during the Friday business session. However, it is the prerogative of the Ecclesiastical Authority to allow them to vote in the election of a bishop. Bishop Black granted deacons this right in the election of Bishop Thompson in 1989, and Bishop Thompson allowed deacons this right in the election of Bishop Price in 1994. Bishop Price has declared they will once again have the privilege Saturday when the Convention reconvenes for the election of the ninth diocesan bishop.

The motion was seconded and passed.

Bishop Price reminded the Convention that the constitution and canons of the church state that congregations who miss the stated deadline for paying their mission share assessment or for filing their parochial reports or audit reports shall be deprived of lay representation in the Convention unless excused by vote of the Convention. All congregations paid their 2005 mission share in full by June 30, and none of the congregations were late with their parochial reports. However, seven congregations were late with their audit reports. Diocesan Council asked Mr. Hubbard to contact each delinquent congregation to determine their reasons for missing the deadline. Mr. Hubbard stated that all reports except one had been received, and there is good reason that the outstanding report continued to be late. Therefore, he offered the following resolution:

Resolved, that the lay delegates of St. Philip’s, Circleville; St. Michael and All Angels, Cincinnati; Trinity, McArthur; Trinity, Troy; St. Mark’s, Columbus; St. Philip’s Columbus and St. James, Zanesville, congregations who were late but have now filed their Audit Reports; and the lay delegates of St. Alban’s, Bexley, a congregation with its report still outstanding but which has promised compliance in a timely manner; be seated with voice and vote at this Convention.

The motion was seconded and passed.

Appointments to be ratified
In accordance with the constitution and canons of the diocese, Bishop Price made several appointments of officers of the 132nd Convention. He appointed the Rev. Heather Wiseman as Secretary; she in turn named the Rev. Paul St. Germain and the Rev. David Halt as assistant secretaries and Patricia Ellertson as recording secretary.

Bishop Price further appointed the Honorable and Rev. Dcn. Richard Schisler as parliamentarian, the Rev. John Brandenburg as chief teller for Friday’s session, and Chips Lanier, the Rev. Canon Vicki Zust and
Jon Boss as a committee to approve the minutes of the 132nd Convention. The appointments were seconded and passed.

**Special resolution to receive All Saints, New Albany, as a parish.**
Bishop Price called on Jon Boss, chair of the Standing Committee, to present a resolution to receive All Saints, New Albany, as a parish.

Resolved, that in accordance with Canon XVI, Section 17 (a), the Commission on Congregational Life has determined that the Mission of All Saints, New Albany, has maintained a regular schedule of weekly celebrations of public worship, this year having moved into a newly constructed building of its own, has maintained an adequate level of ordained leadership, compensated in accordance with diocesan standards, has regularly paid its annual Diocesan Assessment, is servicing all legal debts, and consists of twenty or more persons from separate households in good standing.

Therefore it is moved that All Saints, New Albany be received into union with the Diocesan Convention of Southern Ohio as a parish with two additional delegates to be seated with voice and vote.

Canon XVI, Section 17 states that Convention must approve this resolution by a two-thirds vote of both orders.

The resolution was passed by both orders.

Bishop Price declared All Saints, New Albany, to be a parish, and asked that their two additional delegates be seated with voice and vote. He then invited the Rev. Rick McCracken-Bennett, their founding priest, and the lay leaders of this congregation to come forward to be recognized.

The Rev. McCracken-Bennett thanked the diocese for its support and encouragement.

**Special resolution to receive St. Cyprian of Carthage Columbus as a Mission**
Bishop Price called on Pat Ellertson, chair of the Commission on Congregational Life, to present a resolution to receive All Saints New Albany as a parish.

She reported that in accordance with Canon XVI, Section 16, the Commission on Congregational Life has received the following petition from 32 persons representing 24 households, asking to form a new congregation known as St. Cyprian of Carthage in Columbus, Ohio.

“We the undersigned, being moved by the Holy Spirit, desire to form a new congregation. We will live and work to extend Christ’s Kingdom and to commit ourselves to conform to the Doctrine, Discipline and Worship of the Episcopal Church. We ask the bishop for permission to establish a mission within the Diocese of Southern Ohio. We recognize that we are responsible to provide a place for worship and program and to provide for such sacramental and pastoral ministry as seems appropriate in consultation with the bishop.”

Mrs. Ellertson reported that the commission reviewed this petition as it applies to the missionary needs of the diocese, assessed the prospects for the establishment of a new congregation in the requested location, made provision for the congregation to meet in the currently inactive St. Paul’s Church on East Broad Street in Columbus, and approved the bishop’s appointment of the Rev. Admire Cleeve as the founding priest, who, in accordance with the canons, consulted with the surrounding congregations. After this review, the commission reported its recommendations to the bishop who then gave provisional permission for the establishment of this mission and informed the commission and Diocesan Council of same. The last action is to obtain approval from Diocesan Convention.
Therefore, on behalf of the Commission on Congregational Life, she moved the following:

**Resolved**, that the 132nd Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Ohio receive into union the congregation of St. Cyprian of Carthage as a mission of the diocese and that two lay delegates, elected from this mission, be seated with voice and vote.

Members of the new mission came forward and stood before the Convention as the Rev. Admire Cleeve reviewed part of the congregation’s history and thanked Bishop Price and all those who had been supportive of St. Cyprian of Carthage.

Bishop Price, noting that Canon XVI, Section 16 (c) does not require a vote by orders, called for the vote.

The resolution passed.

**Report from the Committee on Dispatch of Business**

Bishop Price pointed out that the Rules of Order state that the chair of Convention -- or his or her designate -- serve as chair of the Committee on Dispatch of Business. Bishop Thompson had in the past assigned oversight of that responsibility to him as bishop suffragan. Now serving as chair of the Convention, Bishop Price presented the agenda on page 4 of the convention packet.

Prior to the move to approve the agenda, Bishop Price explained that the 131st Convention had designated him the ecclesiastical authority for 2006 and with that designation came the responsibility to preside at the Convention. Neither the Convention nor he knew at that time that Bishop Price would be a nominee for XI Bishop of the Diocese. In order to avoid a conflict of interest, he would relinquish the chair at the conclusion of Friday’s business session. When the Convention reconvened on Saturday morning for the electing session, the Rev. Robert Baldwin, second vice president of Diocesan Council, would chair the meeting. The Convention’s chaplain, Bishop Hollingsworth, would celebrate the Eucharist and preach.

In addition, Bishop Price said he would not appoint a committee to respond to the Bishop’s Address. Believing that it would be inappropriate to offer an address that suggested a future course to be steered by a bishop who at that time would still be unknown, he prepared an address that focused on life in the diocese during the past year.

Bishop Price then moved adoption of the agenda.

The motion was seconded and passed.

**First report of the nominating committee and the first ballot**

The Rev. John Brandenburg, chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the slate of candidates and went through each of the positions for which elections were needed, pausing at the conclusion of each for Bishop Price to ask for any additional nominations.

**Nominees for the Budget Committee**

The Rev. John Brandenburg explained that the Budget Committee, as established by Canon XIII, is made up of nine persons, but convention elects only three of these. The others come from among Diocesan Council members or are appointed by the bishop. The canon further states that in each category, one shall be a presbyter and the other two must be lay. People in each category serve a three-year term, and thus in a given year, the convention is normally called upon to elect only one person, unless there is a vacancy. Last year, a clergy person should have been elected. However, when convention elected John Miller to join Robert Krantz and Emily Jobe, that made three lay persons in this category. This year, Robert Krantz’ term expires. He planned to run for the open seat; however, in order to follow the canon, this opening must be
For that reason, the Rev. George Glazier replaced Krantz for election by the Convention. Bishop Price will appoint Robert Krantz to a three-year term as his appointee, keeping the ratio of one clergy to three laity. Council will appoint its members at its December meeting.

Nominee:
The Rev. George Glazier

A motion to close the nominations was made, seconded and passed.

Nominees for Diocesan Council
The Rev. John Brandenburg explained that Canon XII declares that five members shall be elected to Diocesan Council each year for three-year terms with the Bishop appointing three additional members. Thus Council is made up of 15 elected members and three appointed members. The Canon further states that the ratio of members shall be one clergy to two laity. In order to maintain this ratio, it is necessary for this Convention to elect four laity and one clergy for a three-year term and one clergy for an unexpired two-year term.

The *Interchange* published a slate of three clergy and one lay person. Since that time, three additional laity allowed their names to stand and their biographies were distributed separately. With that, Convention had a slate of four laity and three clergy for four lay openings and two clergy openings. Another lay person, Al Hill, All Saints New Albany, presented his materials at Convention and was accepted, increasing the count to five laity and three clergy.

The mechanics of election were explained. The top four laity with a majority would be elected for a three-year term. For the clergy vote, delegates would vote for two nominees and the one receiving the most votes with a majority would receive the three-year term, and the next one with a majority would receive the two-year term.

Nominees for lay member of Diocesan Council for a three-year term
Al Hill
Ariel Miller
Brenda Spradling
Austin Stout
Bradley Sturm

Nominees for clergy member of Diocesan Council, one for a three-year term and one for a two-year term
The Rev. Debbie Gamble
The Rev. Tom Van Brunt
The Rev. Charles Wilson

A motion to close the nominations for lay member of Diocesan Council was made, seconded and passed.

A motion to close the nominations for clergy member of Diocesan Council was made, seconded and passed.

Nominees for the Diocesan Review Committee
Needed: One lay person and one clergy person, each to serve a three-year term until 2009
Nomination for Lay member
Ruth Jones
Nomination for Clergy member
The Rev. Dcn. Derrick Fetz

A motion to close the nominations for the Diocesan Review Committee in both clergy and lay was made, seconded and passed.

**Nominees for Ecclesiastical Trial Court**
Needed: One clergy to serve a three-year term until 2009.

Nominee for Ecclesiastical Trial Court
The Rev. Charles Wilson

A motion to close the nominations for Ecclesiastical Trial Court was made, seconded and passed.

**Nominees for the Episcopal Community Services Foundation**
Needed: Three lay or clergy for a three year term until 2009

Nominees for Episcopal Community Services Foundation
The Rev. John Brandenburg
Francie Morrison
Paul Rank

A motion to close the nominations for the Episcopal Community Services Foundation was made, seconded and passed.

**Nominations for Standing Committee**
Needed: One lay person and one clergy, each for a three-year term until 2009

Nominees
Lay: Deborah J. Stokes
Clergy: The Rev. Richard Burnett

A motion to close the nominations for the Standing Committee was made, seconded and passed.

**Nominees for Trustee of the Church Foundation**
Needed: One person, lay or clergy, for a three year term until 2009

Nominee for Trustee of the Church Foundation
The Rev. Jeffrey Queen

Robert A. Meyer Jr. was nominated from the floor.

A motion to close the nominations for Trustee of the Church Foundation was made, seconded and passed.

**Nominees for Trustee of the Diocese**
Needed: One person for a five-year term until 2011

Nominee for Trustee of the Diocese
Jon Boss
Ida Mae Riley
A motion to close the nominations for Trustee of the Diocese was made, seconded and passed.

**Action regarding those offices for which the number of candidates equals the number needed**
The Rev. John Brandenburg moved that the Secretary be instructed to cast a single ballot for the election of positions where the number of nominees equals the number of positions and no further nominations came from the floor. The motion was seconded and passed. Elected were:

- **Budget Committee**
  - The Rev. George Glazier

- **Diocesan Review Committee**
  - Ruth Jones
  - The Rev. Derrick Fetz

- **Ecclesiastical Trial Court Judge:**
  - The Rev. Charles Wilson

- **Episcopal Community Services Foundation**
  - The Rev. John Brandenburg
  - Francie Morrison
  - Paul Rank

- **Standing Committee**
  - Deborah Stokes
  - The Rev. Richard Burnett

**Balloting**

**First Ballot**
The Rev. John Brandenburg instructed delegates on the balloting process and announced that balloting would include both clergy and lay members of Diocesan Council, trustee of the Church Foundation, and trustee of the Diocese.

**Committee appointments**
Bishop Price called the Convention’s attention to the listing of committees and their membership, found following these minutes. He thanked those who had served, those who will continue to serve, and those who were newly appointed.

**Filing of written reports**
The Rev. Heather Wiseman, secretary of the Convention, stated that in accordance with Rule II (G) of the Rules of Order for the Convention, reports from all committees and commissions are to be included on the agenda. The Committee on Dispatch of Business determined that these reports are to be received and filed by title and published in the Journal of this convention.

Bishop Price accepted the reports as filed by title.

**Ratification of Bishop’s appointments**
The Canons require that certain positions be annually nominated by the bishop and elected by convention. Bishop Price nominated, in accordance with Canon VI, Section 1 (a) of the Diocese, Donna Boyer as treasurer of the diocese.

The motion was seconded and passed.
Bishop Price nominated, in accordance with Canon VI, 3 (a) of the Diocese, the Rev. Canon Vicki Zust as registrar of the diocese. The motion was seconded and passed.

Bishop Price nominated, in accordance with Canon XI (a) of the Diocese, the following to compose the Finance Committee of the Diocese: C.R. Cavaliere, Robin Field, the Rev. John Johanssen, William Herbert Riley, the Rev. Thomas Shaver, treasurer of the diocese: Donna Boyer and diocesan staff liaison: Patricia Hassel. The motion was seconded and passed.

First report of the Constitution and Canons Committee
Chancellor Joseph Dehner explained the proposed new Canon IV change, contained in the Convention booklet and to be discussed and voted in the afternoon session.

First report of the Resolutions Committee
Jim Heathcote, chair of the Resolutions Committee, presented five resolutions contained in the Convention booklet and to be voted on in the afternoon session.

R06-1 The dissolution of the union of the Church of the Nativity with the Diocese of Southern Ohio, presented by the Standing Committee

R06-2 Support of the Millennium Development Goals, presented by the diocese’s deputies to General Convention

R06-3 Naming facilities at the Procter Camp & Conference Center after former bishops, presented by the Advisory Board for Procter

R06-4 Financial support for a youth mission trip, presented by the diocese’s E3 participants (Southern Ohio youth at General Convention)

R06-5 Relations with the United Methodist Church, presented by the diocese’s Ecumenical and Interfaith Commission

No new resolutions came from the floor.

Report of the tellers
The Rev. John Brandenburg announced the election results.

Diocesan Council Lay (three-year term)
362 voting, 182 needed to elect
Al Hill 242
Ariel Miller 326
Brenda Spradling 284
T. Austin Stout 226
Bradley E. Sturm 284

Declared elected: Al Hill, Ariel Miller, Brenda Spradling, Bradley E. Sturm
Diocesan Council Clergy (one three-year, one two-year term)
362 voting, 182 needed to elect
The Rev. Debbie Gamble 251
The Rev. Tom Van Brunt 222
The Rev. Charles Wilson 182

Declared elected: The Rev. Debbie Gamble, three-year term; The Rev. Tom Van Brunt, two-year (unexpired) term

Trustees of the Church Foundation
351 voting, 176 needed for election
Robert A. Myers Jr. 138
The Rev. Jeffrey Queen 213

Declared elected: The Rev. Jeffrey Queen

Trustees of the Diocese
344 voting, 173 needed for election
Jon Boss 191
Ida Riley 153

Declared elected: Jon Boss

Voting on nominations concluded with the first ballot.

Bishop Price presented his Convention Address, also found in this journal.

The Convention recessed until 1:45 pm

Business Session # 2

Second Credentials Report
Joe Hubbard, chair of the Committee on Credentials presented the second credentials report. A quorum was present consisting of
96 Clergy
278 Lay Delegates
For a total of: 374 Eligible voters

Report of the Trustees
The Rev. Canon James Hanisian, chair of the Trustees of the Diocese of Southern Ohio, reported that the trustees created a $1,700,000 budget according to the criteria outlined by Mr. Procter when the fund was established. In it, there was $77,794 of undesignated funds, which a committee appointed in accordance with the instructions of fund (made up of Bishop Price, Cathedral Dean Jim Diamond and James Heathcote) applied during 2006 with the consent of the trustees. Common investment wisdom business was shared with trustees from Episcopal Retirement Homes and the Cathedral. The 2007 budget created in December will try to maximize the amount of unallocated funds available to the new bishop.
Canon Hanisian stressed the need to have clarity about the William Cooper Procter Fund. He also reported that the decision of the trustees was to keep everything the way it has been, to change nothing until the next bishop arrives at the end of the next quarter.
Canon Hanisian then presented a courtesy resolution.
Whereas, after 20 years of service to God and the Diocese of Southern Ohio, Mr. George Edwards is retiring as Trustee of the Diocese, and
Whereas, during all of those years George was Chair of the Investment Committee, offering his expertise to grow our total funds to over $100,000,000, and
Whereas, George Edwards was treasurer and member of the Diocesan Finance Committee for over 20 years, and
Whereas, George Edwards is currently serving in his 35th year as a director of The Church Foundation, and
Whereas, his love of God, his parish (St. Timothy’s), and the mission of the Episcopal Church is demonstrated in his stewardship of time, talent and treasure with a record of flagrant generosity,
Be it therefore Resolved that this 132nd Convention of the Diocese of Southern Ohio express its heartfelt thanks to Mr. George Edwards for his many years of service to our Bishops and to this Diocese, and
Be it further Resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to Mr. George Edwards with our thanks.

The motion was seconded and passed.

First report of the Budget Committee
The Rev. Paul Daggett reported on behalf of the Budget Committee chair, reminding delegates that they would later vote on enabling resolutions.

Introduction of diocesan staff
Bishop Price prefaced his introduction of staff with thanks to the entire diocesan staff for the extraordinary hours they had worked to support the mission of the diocese, and also noted that many had also worked as volunteers at the General Convention in Columbus. Staff includes:
Patty Hassel, financial officer and senior staff member
Pam Momper, finance assistant
Judy Gardner, finance secretary
Erick Williams, receptionist and manager of building needs in Cincinnati
Canon Vicki Zust, Canon to the Ordinary
Geri McDaniel, Canon Zust’s secretary
Canon Walter Mycoff, Canon for Ministry
Pat Haug, Canon Mycoff’s secretary
Richelle Thompson, Director of Communications
Julie Murray, communications assistant and the bishop’s assistant in Cincinnati
Jane Dupke Curry, executive secretary for the bishop and overseer of the Columbus office
Jeff Price, Director of Public Policy
Roger Speer, Director of Youth Ministry
Patrick Gleason, Youth Ministry assistant
David McCoy, Interim Dean of the Anglican Academy
Kay Sturm, Anglican Academy assistant
Penny Buckley, Executive Director of the Procter Camp & Conference Center
Robin Kimbler, Leo Buckley and Susie Cutlip, Procter assistants

In addition to these positions, the staff is augmented by part-time and volunteer staff from around the diocese.
The Rt. Rev. Benjamin Omosebi is an assistant bishop to Bishop Price
The Rev. Ruth Paulus is the director of the camping program
The Rev. Canon Gordon Price is chaplain to the retired clergy and spouses
The Rev. Noel Julnes Dehner is chaplain to the clergy spouses
The Rev. Steve Cuff is chaplain to Procter
Joseph Dehner, Esq. is the chancellor
Michael Maloney is a consultant for Appalachian ministries and congregational development
Ariel Miller is the executive director for the Episcopal Community Services Foundation

Bishop Price introduced clergy who were newly ordained or transferred in since the last convention, or who have accepted new positions within the diocese.

**By Ordination as a Vocational Deacon**
Ellen Cook—St. Timothy, Anderson Township
Jennie Crockett—St. Patrick, Dublin
Pamela Elwell—St. Stephen, Columbus
Colenthia Hunter—Church of Our Saviour, Cincinnati
Irene Radcliff—Church of St. Edward, Whitehall
Diana Shirley—All Saints, New Albany
Fred Shirley—Miami Valley Episcopal Cluster

**By Ordination as a Transitional Deacon**
Derrick Fetz—Seabury Western Seminary
Ernesteine Flemister—Bexley Hall Seminary

**By Ordination as a Priest**
Stephen Bilsbury—St. Mary Magdalene, Maineville
Judith Doran—St. Paul, Dayton
Jane Gerdsen—St. Andrew and Christ Church, Dayton
Claire Hunkins—Trinity, London
Cricket Park—St. Patrick, Dublin
Kiah Webster—St. Paul, Chillicothe

**By call, appointment or transfer**
Scott Albergate—Church of the Ascension, Middletown
Rosa Brown Autry—Church of Our Saviour, Cincinnati
Trevor Babb—St. Simon of Cyrene, Lincoln Heights
William Carroll—Good Shepherd, Athens
Tracey Carroll—Good Shepherd, Athens
Lynn Carter-Edmands—St. James, Columbus
Admire Cleeve—St. Cyprian of Carthage, Columbus
Fredrick Engdahl—St. Luke, Marietta
and
George Allen—Extraparochial
Barbara Wulsin—Extraparochial

**Clergy with New Assignments**
Karen Burnard—Rector, Holy Trinity, Oxford
Kathryn Clausen—Interim, St. James, Zanesville
Philip College—Interim, St. Mark, Upper Arlington
David Halt—Rector, St. James, Westwood
Edward Payne—Priest-in-Charge, Grace, Pomeroy
Jeffrey Queen—Rector, All Saints, Portsmouth
Paul St. Germain—Priest-in-Charge, St. Mary, Waynesville, also continuing as associate at St. George, Dayton
Bridget Tierney—Interim, St. John, Worthington
Melody Williams—Rector, Trinity, Troy
Clergy Retirements
Barry Cotter from the East Central Ohio Cluster
Arthur Hadley from St. John, Worthington
Susan Mills from St. Andrew, Dayton

Clergy Deaths
Larry Motz
Donald Peterson
Charles Smith

The convention took a moment of silence to thank God for the ministry of these people.

Bishop Price called upon the Rev. Canon James Hanisian to offer a special resolution in memory of the Rt. Rev. Herbert Thompson Jr.


Whereas: The Rt. Rev. Herbert Thompson Jr., who served this diocese for 17 years as bishop, chief pastor, priest, teacher and leader was called into the nearer presence of our Lord on August 16, 2006; and

Whereas: In the course of his life and ministry among us he shared with us a vision of a diocese gathered around spiritual centers at Procter Camp & Conference Center and at Christ Church Cathedral; a vision of a diocese as led into the world by the ministry of deacons; a vision of a diocese that trained, supported and empowered its young people for ministry; a vision of a diocese where the congregations were forces for hope, prayer and service in their respective communities; a vision of a diocese where all people were missionaries of the Gospel of Christ to the world; and

Whereas: He shared with us a vision of a church where our unity in the mission of Christ is more important than any division; and

Whereas: He exhorted us to be conversant with the heritage of the Episcopal/Anglican traditions because they have a bearing on our relationships with one another, our identity, our ministry and our future; and

Whereas: He shared with us a vision of a world where all people come together and where our differences are a source of joy, not division; and

Whereas: the joy, love and sense of fun shone through him inspired us to laugh, to love and dance along with him; Therefore

Be it Resolved that this 132nd Convention of the Diocese of Southern Ohio offer thanks to Jesus Christ for the life and witness of His faithful servant, the Rt. Rev. Herbert Thompson Jr., and commit ourselves to continuing his work of reconciliation, liberation, healing and service in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, and

Be it further Resolved that all members of the Convention and the Diocese of Southern Ohio are encouraged to continue Bishop Thompson’s work by contributing to the Thompson Memorial Campership Fund of the Diocese of Southern Ohio and

Be it further Resolved that the Secretary be directed to send a copy of this resolution to LCDR Herbert
Be it further resolved that in remembrance and respect for the Rt. Rev. Herbert Thompson Jr., this convention rise for a moment of silent prayer.

The resolution was seconded and passed.

Bishop Price thanked the convention for its act of love.

**Report of the General Convention Deputies & ECW Triennial Delegates**

Jon Boss, chair of the diocese’s deputation to General Convention, and several other deputies reported on the activities of the Convention, as did delegates from the ECW Triennial.

**Action on Canonical Change**

Joe Dehner, chancellor, explained that the proposal calls for alternates for deputy to General Convention to be elected at the same time that deputies to General Convention are elected. Instead of requiring a majority of the votes for alternates, it is proposed that alternates be elected by plurality – that is, in accordance with the order of votes cast, i.e. first, second, third and fourth. The change is intended to simplify electing alternates to convention, avoiding multiple prolonged balloting and giving alternates additional time to prepare for the possibility of being deputies to General Convention.

The proposal would replace Canon IV in its entirety with a new Canon IV. There are no budgetary implications to this change. There could be a slight cost saving by combining two elections into one. The Committee on Constitution and Canons endorses this proposal. Several other dioceses have a similar provision and observe that it saves time and balloting and gives alternates an additional year to prepare for possible participation at a General Convention.

Mr. Dehner moved adoption of revised Canon IV regarding Deputies and Alternate Deputies to the General Convention.

**Canon IV Deputies and Alternate Deputies to the General Convention**

*Deputies to be chosen*

Section 1. At the Annual Convention in the second year before each regular meeting of the General Convention, Clergy and Lay persons shall be elected as Deputies to represent the Diocese at the General Convention in the number prescribed by the Constitution of the General Convention.

(a) Each Clerical Deputy shall be an ordained priest or deacon canonically resident in the Diocese.

(b) Each Lay Deputy shall be an adult communicant in good standing (as defined in the Canons of the General Convention) of a congregation of the Diocese.

(c) Deputies shall be elected by joint ballot of the Clergy and Laity, and a majority of those present and voting shall be required for election as required by Article I of the Constitution and in accordance with the Rules of Order for the Convention.

(d) Deputies shall hold office until their successors shall have been elected and qualified except as indicated below.

*Alternate Deputies to be chosen*

Section 2. After the election of Deputies is completed, the same number of Alternate Deputies shall be elected from each Order in a single separate ballot from among the candidates who were not elected as Deputies. Individuals that withdraw from the election for Deputy after the first ballot for Deputies may be candidates for Alternate Deputy.
(a) Candidates for Alternate Deputies shall be ranked in the order of the total number of votes that they receive.
(b) In the single ballot for Alternate Deputies, as to candidates from each Order, voters shall cast no more votes than the number of Alternate Deputies to be elected from each Order.
(c) A majority vote shall not be required for election of Alternate Deputies.
(d) Alternate Deputies from each Order shall be elected according to the total number of votes cast for each candidate. Any vacancies occurring among the Deputies, Clerical or Lay, shall be filled by advancing into the list of Deputies the name highest on the list of Alternate Deputies of the same Order, in order of the highest number of votes cast.

Deputies to signify inability to attend
Section 3. If any Deputy be unable to attend, he or she shall notify the Secretary; and in such case, or in the case of vacancy, the Secretary of Convention shall designate from the list of Alternate Deputies, in the order of their record on the Journal, so many as may be necessary to insure as far as practicable, a full representation of the Diocese. In the event that sufficient Alternate Deputies are not available, the Diocesan Council shall elect a sufficient number of persons from the appropriate Order to complete the deputation, or if the Bishop determines that is not possible, the Bishop shall appoint such persons from the appropriate Order as the Bishop deems fit to complete the deputation.

Sponsored by:
Jon B. Boss
Deborah “Debby” Stokes
The Rev. Heather Buchanan Wiseman
The Rev. Benjamin E. K. Speare-Hardy II

The motion to adopt the revised Canon IV was seconded and passed.

Action on resolutions
Mr. Jim Heathcote led the Convention through the resolutions, moving the adoption of each.

R06-1 A resolution to dissolve the union between the Church of the Nativity, Price Hill (Cincinnati) and the Convention of the Diocese of Southern Ohio.

Resolved, that upon the acceptance of this resolution by a vote of two-thirds of each order of the 132nd Annual Convention, the union between the Church of the Nativity, Price Hill (Cincinnati), and the Convention of the Diocese of Southern Ohio shall be dissolved; and be it further

Resolved that at the same time, the “contract of closure” delivered to the Standing Committee by the Rt. Rev. Kenneth L. Price Jr., Bishop, on August 17, 2006 shall become effective.

Resolution R06-1 was seconded and passed.

R06-2 Directing the support of the Millennium Development Goals.

Resolved, that the 132nd Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Ohio affirms the resolution of the 75th General Convention of the Episcopal Church to make the United Nations’ Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) the priority of every individual and congregation in this diocese; and

Be it further Resolved, that each congregation in this diocese commit to regular prayer to the achieving of the MDGs, which are to: eradicate extreme poverty and hunger; achieve universal primary education; promote gender equality and empower women; reduce child mortality; improve maternal health; combat
HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases; ensure environmental stability; develop a global partnership for development; and

**Be it further Resolved**, that in support of these goals, each congregation access available materials from Episcopalians for Global Reconciliation and commit to educate all ages on the priorities of the MDGs, and provide annual giving opportunities in support of these goals; and

**Be it further Resolved** that individuals and congregations increase their giving by at least an additional 0.7% in support of the MDGs; and

**Be it further Resolved** that the Diocese of Southern Ohio support the MDGs at a minimum of an additional 0.7% of the diocesan budget.

Discussion led to a friendly amendment to the second resolve to strike “ensure environmental stability” and replace the phrase with “ensure environmental sustainability.” The amendment was accepted.

Resolution R06-2 was seconded, discussed and passed.

**R06-3** A Resolution on naming facilities at Procter Camp & Conference Center.

**Resolved** that designated facilities at the Procter Camp & Conference Center be named in honor of all of the former eight bishops of the Diocese of Southern Ohio as follows:

In memory of Bishop I, Thomas A. Jagger, 1875-1904: Cottage # 4 to be called the Bishop Jagger Cottage.
In memory of Bishop II, Boyd Vincent, (co-adj. 1889)1904-1929: Cottage # 5 to be called the Bishop Vincent Cottage.
In memory of Bishop III, Theodore I. Reese, (co-adj. 1913)1929-1931: Cottage # 6 to be called the Bishop Reese Cottage.
In memory of Bishop IV, Henry W. Hobson, (co-adj. 1930)1931-1959, Hobson Hall, which houses the Dining Hall, continue with that name and the upstairs large meeting room now be called the Bishop Hobson Room.
In memory of Bishop V, Roger W. Blanchard, (co-adj. 1958)1959-1970, the three linked cottages 1-3 continue to be called Blanchard Commons.
In memory of Bishop VI, John M. Krumm, 1971-1980, Wing A of the conference center to be called the Bishop Krumm Wing and the small meeting room in that wing to be called the Bishop Krumm Room.
In honor of Bishop VII, William G. Black, (co-adj. 1979)1980-1991, Wing B to be called the Bishop Black Wing and the small meeting room in that wing to be called the Bishop Black Room.
In memory of Bishop VIII, Herbert Thompson Jr., (co-adj. 1988)1991-2005, the building housing the registration lobby and administrative offices be called the Bishop Thompson Center and the large meeting room in that area be called the Bishop Thompson Room.

**And be it further Resolved** that, if possible, the families of these bishops be informed of these designations and that appropriate signs, history and pictures of the bishops be prominently displayed.

Resolution R06-3 was seconded and passed.

**R06-4** A request for financial support for a youth mission trip.

**Resolved** that the 132nd Annual Convention of the Diocese of Southern Ohio ask Diocesan Council to reconfigure the approved budget for 2007 to include an allocation of $3,000 for the planning, staffing and implementation of a diocesan youth mission trip.
Resolution R06-4 was seconded and passed.

**R06-5** A resolution regarding relations with the United Methodist Church.

**Resolved** that parish clergy be urged by this convention to seek out their Methodist neighbor to act upon the recommendations of the 75th General Convention. The General Convention requested that we “Encourage the development of common Christian life throughout our respective Churches by such means as the following: mutual prayer and mutual support, including parochial/congregational…covenants and agreements, common study of the Holy Scriptures, the histories and theological traditions of each Church, and the materials produced by The United Methodist-Episcopal Dialogue, joint programs of religious education, theological discussion, mission evangelism and social action, joint use of facilities.”

**And be it further Resolved** that joint study be made of By Water and the Spirit and This Holy Mystery affirmed by the General Conference of UMC; And

**Be it further Resolved** that the Ordinary be urged to sponsor and/or initiate joint celebrations of the Holy Eucharist as permitted during the period of Interim Sharing of the Eucharist.

Resolution R06-5 was seconded, discussed and passed.

**Resolutions on the 2007 budget**
The Rev. Paul Daggett presented and moved adoption of resolutions pertaining to the 2007 budget.

**Be it Resolved** that the 132nd Annual Convention approve the action of the Bishop and Diocesan Council in appropriating the sum of $3,552,068 for the 2007 operating budget. Such sum includes $691,286 as the Diocese of Southern Ohio’s national church pledge for 2007.

The resolution was seconded and passed.

The Rev. Daggett moved the second resolution.

**Be it Resolved** that the 132nd Annual Convention authorize the Bishop and Diocesan Council to carry out the programs and policies, to set up and implement the operating budget, and to make related expenditures for the Mission and Ministry of the Diocese of Southern Ohio from January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007.

The resolution was seconded and passed.

**Courtesy Resolution**
Jim Heathcote, chair of the Resolutions Committee, presented the courtesy resolution.

**Be it resolved** that all present at this 132nd Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Ohio meeting in Portsmouth offer thanks and appreciation to all those who made this convention possible:

To the Scioto River Valley Deanery and its dean, the Rev. Stephen Cuff, and all the volunteers for your warm welcome to Appalachian Ohio,

To All Saints’ Episcopal Church, Portsmouth, and its rector the Rev. Jeffrey Queen, to parishioners Ann Sydnor and Vicci Felts who contributed so much, and to the catering coordinator, Michael Way, for your gracious hospitality,
To Shawnee State University and its president Dr. Rita Rice-Morris and all the staff and students who shared their wonderful facilities with us,

To the Rt. Rev. Mark Hollingsworth, bishop of Ohio and our convention chaplain, for his graceful presence and inspiring words,

And finally to all of you who have made this a memorable and meaningful convention as we anticipate tomorrow’s election of Bishop IX of the Diocese of Southern Ohio, I so move.

The resolution was seconded, applauded and passed.

**Invitation to the 133rd Diocesan Convention**

**Instructions for the electing session of convention**
Jon Boss, president of the Standing Committee, explained the procedure for the Saturday session to elect the Ninth Diocesan Bishop. Following the collect after the Prayers of the People, the election would take place.

**Worship**
The youth delegation led the service of Evening Prayer.

**Recess**
Bishop Price declared the convention to be in recess for the purpose of a reception at 5:30 p.m. in the lobby of the Vern Riffe Center for the Arts with the convention banquet at 7:30 p.m. in the Rhodes Athletic Center.

The convention would reconvene at 9:30 a.m. in the Vern Riffe Center for the Arts with the Rev. Robert Baldwin, Second Vice President of Diocesan Council, serving as the Presiding Officer.
The Convention began with the liturgy of the Word, led by the Rt. Rev. Mark Hollingsworth, bishop of the Diocese of Ohio, who also preached a homily.

Following the Prayers of the People, he gave the concluding collect.

“O God, you led your holy apostles to ordain ministers in every place: Grant that your Church, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, may choose suitable persons for the ministry of Word and Sacrament, and may uphold them in their work for the extension of your kingdom; through him who is the Shepherd and Bishop of our souls, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.”

Jon B. Boss, president of the Standing Committee, placed the names of the candidates in nomination.

On behalf of the clergy and people of the Diocese of Southern Ohio, Mr. Boss nominated for election as the Ninth Bishop of Southern Ohio:

The Rev. Thomas Edward Breidenthal
The Rev. Robert Glenn Certain
The Rev. Susan Ellyn Goff
The Rev. Canon George Aldrich Hill, III
The Rev. John Frederick Koepke, III
The Rev. James Bruce Lemler

The Rev. Robert Baldwin, second vice president of Diocesan Council, assumed the chair of the Convention.

Third Report of the Credentials Committee
Joe Hubbard, chair of the Committee on Credentials, reported a quorum present consisting of:
152 clergy
270 lay delegates
For a total of 422 eligible voters

First Ballot
The Rev. Baldwin called upon the Rev. John Brandenburg to instruct the delegates about the voting process.

After the ballots had been collected and the tellers had begun their work, the Rev. Baldwin called upon the Rev. Ruth Paulus, director of the Summer Camping program, to share news from camp.

Her report, presented in rhyme with accompanying visuals, earned a sustained round of applause.

First report of the tellers and Casting of the Second Ballot
The Rev. John Brandenburg presented the results of the first ballot.
153 clergy votes cast
273 lay votes cast
77 clergy votes and 137 lay votes needed for election

The Rev. Thomas Edward Breidenthal: 48 clergy votes and 71 lay votes
The Rev. Robert Glenn Certain: 6 clergy votes and 27 lay votes
The Rev. Susan Ellyn Goff: 9 clergy votes and 8 lay votes
The Rev. Canon George Aldrich Hill: III: 7 clergy votes and 11 lay votes
The Rev. John Frederick Koepke III: 26 clergy votes and 29 lay votes
The Rev. James Bruce Lemler: 12 clergy votes and 43 lay votes
The Rt. Rev. Kenneth Lester Price Jr.: 44 clergy votes and 84 lay votes

There was no election on the first ballot. A second ballot was taken.
After ballots had been collected, an audio-video meditation prepared by the Rev. Paul St. Germain was played.

Second report of the tellers and Casting of the Third Ballot
The Rev. John Brandenburg presented the results of the second ballot.
152 clergy votes cast
271 lay votes cast
77 clergy votes and 137 lay votes needed for election

The Rev. Thomas Edward Breidenthal: 69 clergy votes and 113 lay votes
The Rev. Robert Glenn Certain: 0 clergy votes and 5 lay votes
The Rev. Susan Ellyn Goff: 0 clergy votes and 1 lay vote
The Rev. Canon George Aldrich Hill III: 3 clergy votes and 2 lay votes
The Rev. John Frederick Koepke III: 28 clergy votes and 31 lay votes
The Rev. James Bruce Lemler: 4 clergy votes and 24 lay votes
The Rt. Rev. Kenneth Lester Price Jr.: 48 clergy votes and 95 lay votes

There was no election on the second ballot.
The Rev. Robert Glenn Certain withdrew.

A third ballot was taken.
After ballots had been collected, delegates took a 15-minute break.

Third report of the tellers
The Rev. John Brandenburg presented the results of the third ballot
152 clergy votes cast
272 lay votes cast
77 clergy votes and 137 lay votes needed for election

The Rev. Thomas Edward Breidenthal: 86 clergy votes and 151 lay votes
The Rev. Robert Glenn Certain: withdrawn
The Rev. Susan Ellyn Goff: 1 clergy vote and 0 lay votes
The Rev. Canon George Aldrich Hill III: 1 clergy vote and 0 lay votes
The Rev. John Frederick Koepke III: 12 clergy votes and 20 lay votes
The Rev. James Bruce Lemler: 1 clergy vote and 2 lay votes
The Rt. Rev. Kenneth Lester Price Jr.: 51 clergy votes and 99 lay votes

A motion to declare the Rev. Thomas Edward Breidenthal elected as the Ninth Bishop of the Diocese of Southern Ohio was moved, seconded, passed and applauded.
Mr. Boss reported he had spoken by telephone with the Rev. Thomas Edward Breidenthal who has confirmed the acceptance of his election and looks forward to serving as the Ninth Bishop of the Diocese of Southern Ohio.

Bishop Hollingsworth expressed his appreciation of the diocese and pointed out that he and the newly elected Ninth Bishop of Southern Ohio had been classmates in seminary.

The Eucharist continued with the offering, during which testimonials of election were passed for delegates to sign.

Following Eucharist, the 132nd Annual Convention was adjourned, with lunch available at the Rhodes Athletic Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Ellertson
Recording Secretary

The Rev. Heather B. Wiseman
Secretary of Convention

Read and approved by the Committee to Approve the Minutes:

Raymond H. “Chips” Lanier

The Rev. Canon Vicki Zust

Attest:

Bishop in Southern Ohio
132nd Annual Convention
Appendices

Appendix A: The Rules of Order

RULE I. By 1 January of the year of the Convention, the ecclesiastical authority shall have appointed the following committees to perform the following tasks:

A. The Committee on the Agenda and Dispatch of Business:

The committee shall consist of the Chair of the Convention or his/her designated substitute, the Secretary of the Convention, and such members of Convention, as shall seem appropriate to the Chair. Its duties shall be to prepare an agenda for submission to the Council of the Diocese not later than its August meeting; to provide for hearing space for such a number of hearings and small group gatherings it shall deem appropriate, provided that request for a hearing or small groups gathering be made not less than 30 days preceding the date of Convention; at the request of the Chair, to secure persons to provide information for such hearings, being sure that the several sides of any issue shall have equal opportunity of access. The Chair may refer to this committee any matters brought to the floor of Convention not previously referred to it, and the Chair may request the placement of such matters upon the agenda, with due provision for debate and dispatch.

B. The Committee on Resolutions:

The Committee shall consist of four persons plus the Chair. It shall consider all resolutions to Convention that shall be submitted not later than the sixtieth day preceding Convention; those submitted by Diocesan Council by the Tuesday after its September meeting; as well as all resolutions arising from the Bishop’s Address and those approved for consideration by the action of two-thirds of the Convention. It shall be the duty of the Committee:

1. to resolve duplicative or substantially similar motions into a single motion, doing so in consultation with the movers of said motions;

2. to make such editorial or stylistic corrections as do not affect the substance of motions, and reporting these changes to the movers in order to ensure that no distortion of the intended meaning has occurred; and

3. to report all such and motions or memorials to Convention. The report may include the following recommendations:

(a) that the motion be passed;
(b) that the motion be defeated;
(c) that the motion be reported to a Committee of the Whole; or
(d) that the motion be reported to the floor without recommendation.

4. In the first three cases, the Committee on Resolutions shall state the reasons for its recommendation. It is not necessary to do so if the motion is reported without recommendation. In the case of a recommendation for the formation of a Committee of the Whole, the Committee on Resolutions shall, with such recommendation, propose enabling procedures. When such a recommendation has been heard, the Convention shall proceed immediately, and without debate, to vote whether it wishes to constitute itself as a Committee of the Whole. Such Committee of the Whole shall meet at a time determined by the
Committee on the Agenda and Dispatch of Business. The Committee of the Whole, at the time of its rising, shall itself determine whether it wishes the matter before it to be put to a vote or not, and that determination shall be binding. If the Convention determines that it does not wish to constitute itself as a Committee of the Whole, the Convention shall proceed, at the time determined by the Committee on Agenda and Dispatch of Business, to debate the motion and vote upon it, without further recommendation from the Committee on Resolutions. In any other case than a recommendation for Committee of the Whole, it shall be the prerogative of any member of Convention to request a discussion by a Committee of the Whole. If such a request is made, Convention shall vote upon such a request immediately and without debate. Should such a request be sustained, Convention shall proceed as is outlined.

C. The Committee on Nominations:

The Committee shall consist of four persons, plus the Chair. No later than one hundred twenty days prior to Convention, the Committee shall circulate a request to all congregations, deaneries and clericuses for names of persons to be nominated to positions to be filled by Convention. The Committee shall request and circulate information about the candidates in order to facilitate reasoned choice by the Convention. The Committee shall report its nominations to the Secretary of the Convention not later than the sixtieth day preceding Convention.

D. The Committee on Credentials:

The Committee shall consist of no fewer than four persons, plus the Chair. The Chair shall be appointed by the bishop. It shall be the responsibility of the Committee to make recommendations to Convention in the event of a challenge to a delegate; to issue credentials, upon submission of appropriate documentation, to any delegate not previously certified; to report to Convention the presence of a quorum prior to the commencement of Convention deliberations.

E. The Committee on Constitution and Canons:

The Committee shall be appointed by the Bishop and shall consist of the Chancellor and no fewer than four additional persons, clergy and lay, who are learned in the law and in the polity of the Episcopal Church. The Chancellor shall be its Chair. It shall be the responsibility of the Committee to receive recommendations for canonical and constitutional change from anyone who has voice in Convention, evaluate them in the light of current constitutional and canonical procedure, determine whether or not the recommendations conform to the Canons of the Episcopal Church in the United States and see that the proposed amendments or enactments are presented in appropriate form. In order to assist the Committee in its work, no recommendation shall be accepted later than sixty days preceding the Convention. The Committee may, in addition, recommend to the Convention of the Diocese of Southern Ohio that said changes be approved, rejected or amended, in which event appropriate reason shall be given for the determination.

Any action of the Committee shall require a majority of those appointed.

RULE II

A. The time, place and nature of the services of worship, shall be prepared by the Diocesan Liturgical and Music Commissions, meeting in joint session, in cooperation with the Chair and the Committee on the Agenda and Dispatch of Business. This information shall be made available to the Secretary of the Convention no later than the ninetieth day preceding Convention. The official necrology shall be read at one Convention Service.
B. The Secretary of the Convention shall ascertain the name of Clergy and Lay Delegates present entitled to seats and shall enter them in the minutes.

C. The agenda shall begin as follows: the announcement of a quorum, one resolution regarding persons eligible for seat and/or voice and/or vote and congregations eligible or ineligible to be seated for disciplinary reasons; election of the Secretary of Convention; appointment of assistant secretaries, parliamentarian and persons for any other function necessary to the smooth running of the Convention; approval of the Agenda and report of the Nominating Committee and the first ballot.

D. Elections shall be by ballot. A majority of those present and voting shall elect. The following shall be elected:

- Deputies and Alternate Deputies to the General Convention (when applicable)
- The Standing Committee of the Diocese
- The At-large members of Diocesan Council
- The Trustees of the Diocese
- The Trustees of the Church Foundation
- Judges of the Ecclesiastical Trial Court
- Members of the board of Episcopal Community Services Foundation.

1. Ballots shall be clearly marked for not more than the maximum number of persons to be elected. Any ballots not so marked are invalid and shall be discarded.

2. The special constitutional requirements for election as delegate to General Convention or as member of the Standing Committee found in Article IX of the Constitution of the Diocese of Southern Ohio, shall, of course, apply.

3. Ballots for the first ballot (at the least) shall be distributed with the delegates packet prior to Convention. The polls will remain open for ten minutes at each ballot. Announcements of results of a ballot shall take precedence over any other business, at a time when one item shall have concluded, and another item of business has not begun. Any necessary successive ballot shall be taken immediately upon the report of the tellers. Each report of the tellers shall include the total vote case, the number required to elect, and the complete vote for each person on the ballot.

4. Deputies to General Convention and members of the Standing Committee shall be elected by joint ballot of the Clergy and Laity, and a majority of those present and voting shall be required for an election. In case of a failure or omission to elect such Deputies or members of the Standing Committee, the persons last elected shall continue to serve until others are chosen. If, after four (4) ballots, the election of Deputies to General Convention or members of the Standing Committee has not been completed, the positions still vacant may be filled by a plurality vote, if authorized by three-fourth (3/4) of the members of the Convention present and voting. Election by ballot may be dispensed with by a unanimous vote of the Convention. Alternate Deputies shall be elected as provided for in the Canons.

E. The Ecclesiastical Authority shall appoint persons to the following offices with the consent of the Convention which may be given *vive voce*:

- The Treasurer of the Diocese
- The Registrar of the Diocese
- Deputies and Alternates to Provincial Synod (when applicable)
- Finance Committee
- Examining Chaplains
- Commission on Ministry

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F. The report of the Committee on Resolutions shall be as an early order of business, in order to allow
time for hearings prior to debate. Resolutions not submitted to the Resolutions Committee prior to the
sixtieth day preceding Convention, and not arising from the Bishop’s Address, may be submitted during
the morning of the first day at a time established by the Agenda Committee. A two-thirds vote of the
Convention must approve such additional resolutions for consideration.

G. The following additional matters shall be included on the agenda of every Convention in such order
as shall seem appropriate to the Committee on the Agenda and Dispatch of Business:

- The Bishop’s Address
- The written reports of Diocesan Council
- Officers, Committees, and Commissions
- The Budget and its enabling resolutions
- The report of the Committee on Constitution and Canons
- The Introduction of Guests
- Any reports on congregations requesting union with Convention (*below)
- Any report from the Finance Committee
- Any miscellaneous business
- Any courtesy or business resolutions
- Announcement of date, place and next Convention.

*The Report of any committee appointed by the Ecclesiastical Authority to examine and report upon the
request of any Congregation for union with Convention (if any): Should any Congregation thus be added,
the Secretary shall enter upon the roll the names of the Lay Delegates properly accredited from the
Congregation.

RULE III  No member shall be absent from the sittings of the Convention unless that member have leave,
be unable to attend or be ill.

RULE IV  Unless otherwise specified, all decisions shall be by majority of the Convention.

RULE V   Debate shall be confined strictly to the subject before the Convention.

RULE VI  All questions of order shall be decided by the Chair without debate; but any member may
apology from such decisions. If an appeal be taken, it must be put immediately and without debate.

RULE VII Objection to the consideration of a question can only be made when the question is first
introduced before it has been debated. Such objection requires no second, cannot be debated or amended,
and must have a two-thirds vote to sustain it.

RULE VIII  No motion shall be considered as being before the house unless it be seconded and, when
necessary, reduced to writing.

RULE IX   (A). No member may speak longer than two minutes at one time, without leave of the
convention. (B) No member may speak more than twice in the same debate without leave of the
convention. (C) No member may speak a second time to a question if any other member who so desires
has not spoken for a first time to that question and effort shall be made to include all viewpoints. (D) Total
debate on a motion shall be limited to twenty minutes, except when extended by a 2/3 vote of convention.

RULE X   The procedure for amending the Proposed Budget shall be as follows:
A. Proposed budget amendments, including the required description of all changes and confirmation of contact with parties affected shall be delivered to the Secretary of the Convention and the Financial Officer of the Diocese no later than ten (10) days before the first business session of the Annual Convention. All proposed amendments shall:

1. Be Balanced. All increases to budget lines shall be compensated by decreases to other budget lines preserving the overall balance of the Budget, or authorized by increases in the Mission Share rate.

2. Prior Agreement as to Accuracy. All parties that are affected by changes to budget lines shall be contacted and agree to the accuracy of the proposed changes before the amendment is submitted.

B. The Financial Officer shall immediately confirm the accuracy of the proposed changes and contact the parties affected so that they are prepared to respond when the proposed amendment is introduced on the floor of Convention.

C. Budget amendments proposed in a manner consistent with that outlined herein shall be deemed to have been presented in a manner consistent with Canon XIII, Section 3 (f). Budget amendments proposed in any other manner shall be deemed as falling within the provision of Rule I, paragraph B of the Rules of Order for the Annual Convention which requires approval for consideration by the action of two-thirds of the Convention. Should the Convention so issue their approval for consideration, the Secretary of the Convention shall appoint an ad hoc committee composed of

1. A representative from each group affected by the proposed changes to budget lines,
2. A representative from the Diocesan Budget Committee, and
3. A representative from the Office of the Bishop as staff for the Committee.

This ad hoc committee shall be called the Budget Amendment Review Committee, and shall meet to develop a reconciled, amended Budget. In the event this committee is unable to develop a reconciled, amended Budget, all proposed amendments shall be presented to Convention in the order they were received by the Secretary of the Convention.

D. Action on the reconciled, amended Budget shall be on the second day of Convention.

RULE XI When a question is under consideration, no motion regarding it shall be made without leave of the Chair unless it is to postpone it for a certain time, postpone it indefinitely, or lay it on the table. Amendments to or changes in any budget and its resolutions shall be dealt with as set forth in the paragraph below.

All amendments or changes to any Budget shall automatically be postponed until the entire Budget has been discussed and all amendments or changes have been gathered. They shall then be discussed in any order determined by the Chair, and no disposition of the Budget shall be made until all amendments or changes have been considered and dispositions made.

RULE XII The agenda, as adopted by the Convention, will be the General Order of the Day and its times are times definite unless suspended with the concurrence of two-thirds of members present.

A special Order of the Day at a designated time, may be proposed by the President or Committee on Agenda and Dispatch of Business, subject to the consent of the Convention.

RULE XIII The motion to Suspend the Rules requires a two-thirds vote, is not debatable, and cannot be amended or reconsidered.
RULE XIV  The motion to reconsider can only be made or seconded by one who voted with the prevailing side. If, however, the original question was decided by a ballot, any member of Convention may move to reconsider. If the motion to reconsider is adopted, it opens the entire subject for discussion. No question can be twice reconsidered during the course of the same Convention. If the original question was debatable, so is the motion to reconsider. The converse also is true.

RULE XV  On motion, duly put and carried, the Convention may resolve itself into a committee of the whole, when the President shall call some member of the Convention to the chair, and the Secretary, if needed, be elected. In Committee, the Rules of Order are suspended. When the Committee rises, its Chairman shall make verbal report to the President of the Convention.

RULE XVI  Clergy of the Episcopal Church, who are not entitled to seats, and candidates for Holy Orders in this Diocese shall be admitted to the floor of the convention, but without the right to take part in the proceedings. Their names shall be reported to the Secretary and entered upon the Journal.

RULE XVII  The above shall be the Rules of Order of all sessions of the Convention, unless amended or rescinded by a majority vote. Rule I need not be followed for Special sessions, the order of business then to be determined by the Ecclesiastical Authority in accordance with the purpose for which the Special session was called. The Rules of Order shall be published for each annual session of the Convention.

RULE XVIII In all matters not specifically covered by these Rules of Order or by the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese, “Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised,” shall govern the Annual Convention in all cases to which they are applicable.

These Rules of Order shall be adopted as the first order of business at the Annual Convention to which they shall be submitted. They shall continue in force until the first order of business of the subsequent Annual Convention. Except as may be otherwise provided by these Rules, proposed amendments to these Rules shall be submitted to the Committee on the Agenda and Dispatch of Business at least sixty (60) days preceding the Annual Convention at which the proposed amendment is requested to go into effect. The Committee on the Agenda and Dispatch of Business shall review the amendments, decide on the merits of them, and, if appropriate, incorporate the amendments into the Rules of Order which are to be submitted to the Annual Convention as otherwise required by these Rules.

Supplementary Rule of Order for the Election of the Ninth Bishop of the Diocese of Southern Ohio November 11, 2006

RULE XIX The following shall be the Rule that governs the election of the Ninth Bishop of Southern Ohio:

(a)  Immediately after the Peace, the President of the Standing Committee shall place the names of all those nominated for Ninth Bishop of Southern Ohio into formal nomination. There shall be no nominating speeches or seconding speeches, and after receiving instructions on the voting procedures from the Secretary of the Convention, the Electing Session of the 132nd Annual Convention will immediately proceed with the first ballot.

(b)  Any nominee may withdraw his or her name at any time except during the casting of a ballot. Any such withdrawal shall be made by the nominee or the nominee's previously authorized representative's written notification to the President of the Standing Committee who shall announce the nominee's withdrawal.

(c)  The Chair may, at any time in his discretion, interrupt the proceedings of the Convention for prayer, meditation or such other form of worship, as he may deem appropriate. He may also declare a recess of the Convention at any time.

(d)  The balloting for Bishop shall be in accordance with the applicable portion of Article II, Section I
of the Constitution of the Diocese; i.e., "The election shall be by concurrent vote of the Episcopal Clergy and Laity, voting by Orders, a majority in each Order on the same ballot being necessary to an election."

(e) Every eligible member present shall vote. Ballots must be cast according to the instructions of the Secretary of the Convention in order to be counted as valid. The interpretation of the voting judges as to the validity of any ballot shall be final.

(f) After the votes have been counted, the Chair shall announce the result of each ballot to the Convention by reading out the total number of votes cast in the Clerical Order and the total number necessary for an election in that order, and the total number of votes cast in the Lay Order and the total number necessary for an election in that order. Then the Chair shall read the name of each nominee and the number of clerical and lay votes for each. If among those voted for, one shall be found to have received sufficient votes in each order, the Chair shall declare him or her duly elected. In the absence of the Chair, the Secretary of Convention shall announce the ballot results.

(g) After the Chair shall have declared that an election has taken place, he shall instruct all delegates to sign the Canonical Testimonials to the election of a Bishop before leaving the floor of the Convention, and he shall ask that a motion be made from the floor that the Standing Committee of the Diocese be instructed, upon acceptance of the election of the Bishop, to forward to the Standing Committees of the several Dioceses the Canonical Testimonials and certificates required by the national Canons, evidencing the election, and to do all other things necessary to ensure the Ordination and Consecration of the Bishop-elect.

(h) If by the end of the twelfth ballot, there still shall not be an election; the Electing Session of the 132nd Annual Convention shall then recess to a date to be set by the Ecclesiastical Authority.

(i) Except as specifically authorized by the Secretary of the Convention, no electronic devices, e.g., computers, PDAs, cell phones, pagers, will be permitted on the floor of the Electing Session of the 132nd Annual Convention. This Rule may be suspended by a vote of two-thirds of all members present at the Electing Session of the 132nd Annual Convention.

(j) There shall be a Sergeant-at-Arms, appointed by the Chair, and such assistants as are required. Their duties, under the direction of the Chair or presiding officer, shall be:

1. To maintain order and decorum in the Convention;
2. To exclude from the floor of the Convention those not entitled to seats thereon;
3. To escort distinguished visitors, and to perform other such ceremonial duties as may be assigned by the Chair or presiding officer;
4. To ensure that no unauthorized electronic devices are brought onto the floor, provided, however, that neither the Sergeant- or Assistant Sergeant(s)-at-Arms nor any officer of the Convention shall hold or take into bailment any items deemed prohibited from the floor; and
5. To ensure that all members sign the Canonical Testimonials before leaving the Convention after the election of the Ninth Bishop of Southern Ohio.

(k) All clergy, canonically resident as of Noon, Monday, November 6, 2006 and all Lay Delegates registered and seated at the November 10, 2006 session of the 132nd Annual Convention shall be eligible to vote in the Electing Session. Alternate Lay Delegates registered by the Credentials Committee at the November 10, 2006 session shall be eligible to vote should a Delegate be unable to attend the Electing Session on Saturday, November 11, 2006.

(l) This Rule will be deleted from the Rules of Order after the 132nd Annual Convention is adjourned sine die.
Appendix B

Empowered by the Spirit, and Led by Grace
132nd Annual Convention Address
November 10, 2006

It seems hard to believe that it was only one year ago when we last gathered in Convention in Cincinnati. The focus of that Convention was to acknowledge the retirement of Herbert Thompson and to celebrate his extraordinary episcopacy. He had been with us for 17 years, and for 15 of those, he sat in that seat right there presiding over this Convention. For 12 of those years, I sat beside him and looked out upon this gathering, sharing his love and admiration for the people of this diocese.

We all know the story of how the election of Bishop Thompson’s successor was delayed. When the 131st Convention voted to make me the temporary ecclesiastical authority until a new election could be held, I gratefully and eagerly accepted the challenge and together, we began a journey. I knew we were in for a busy year, but I also knew that all 26,000 of us would share in making this a good year and an amazing journey.

My life has been quite different this past year but also quite fulfilling. I am most grateful to David and Hobey Hinchman, who have allowed me to use their apartment in Hyde Park so that I could stay in Cincinnati for days at a time in order to operate out of our main office. With General Convention looming, the focus of the Columbus office became Convention central with Jane Dupke Curry busy recruiting and organizing well over one thousand volunteers. At the same time, we opened a third office in Portsmouth, where we now base the communication department. I am sure most of you know that Richelle Thompson’s husband, Jeff, is now the rector of All Saints Church, our host for this Convention.

And so in true Southern Ohio style, this past year we plunged right into multi-tasking, operating the diocese from three sites, preparing for and hosting General Convention for 10 days, cranking up a new episcopal election process and all the while maintaining a full schedule — which even included opening a new mission and reshaping life in several of our other congregations. Just when we thought we had all we could handle, fate reached up and grabbed us when Bishop Thompson, who was settling into retirement so very well, died suddenly while traveling in Italy. None of us expected to be gathering in Cincinnati in late August to bid our beloved former bishop farewell, but laity, clergy and bishops all turned out in force and his funeral was in true Thompson, high-liturgical style. This afternoon this Convention will have an opportunity to honor our beloved late bishop with a special resolution.

These are the big-ticket items that have occupied our life this past year and garnered the headlines. But our journey together has intersected in hundreds of ways, big and small. All of us — all 26,000 Episcopalians in Southern Ohio — have contributed to the journey of this past year. I have often said in my Interchange columns that my visitations to congregations are the highlight of my episcopal ministry. I usually put close to 30,000 miles a year on my car as I crisscross the diocese. Canons Zust and Mycoff are on the road constantly. So too is Roger Speer and to a lesser degree, our other senior staff. I am cognizant of the miles so many of you travel to meetings at Procter and elsewhere, and so whenever possible, we try to come to you, for it is when I am with you that I get my inspiration and energy.

The Bible talks a great deal about journeys. Moses led the journey of his people from slavery to freedom. Mary and Joseph rode a donkey on their journey to abide by the laws of the land, and of course, at the end of this journey, Mary gave birth to Jesus. Our Saviour himself traveled from town to village, speaking in parables and telling stories so that all might know the goodness of God.
The apostle Paul made journeys throughout what we now call the Middle East and parts of Europe. This mission-minded apostle took to the road to share God’s love and grace, and by the time he was killed in Rome, his work had spread the Gospel around the world, building the foundation of the church we know today.

For Paul and for the others, the grace of God was their guide. In Ephesians, Paul writes, “For it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith, and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God.”

It is likewise the Grace of God that guides me along the path of life. Now certainly my prayer life and spiritual centering plays a large part in sustaining, uplifting and empowering me, but, I also have another Grace, not so spiritual, that guides me as well. Some people wonder about how God speaks to them – what the voice sounds like or how to know that it’s God and not your own desires. I feel blessed, for I have a bit of Grace whose voice I have come to know very well for she is the one who gives me directions in my car.

When I get in the car and begin a journey, I enter the address into my portable Global Positioning System or GPS for short. After that, a woman’s voice – whom I have aptly named Grace – tells me which routes to take and which turns to make. Now after 12 years, I actually know how to get to all our congregations, but it is so much better when I can get there with Grace. Don’t we all wish God’s voice was as clear as that in our own lives?

Our congregations are the heart and soul of our diocese. And yet, few of you are able to visit them all as I do. And so for the Bishop’s address this year, I would like to invite you to climb in my virtual car and go with me – and Grace – on a journey across our diocese. As busy as this past year has been, I have still had ample time to observe what a rich and full life we have here together. Hopefully, when we end up in Cincinnati, the 550 of you here today will be able to have some idea of why I love this diocese so much. It is because of our great congregations!

The theme of this Convention is “Empowered by the Spirit.” So let’s begin our trip right here where the Convention is meeting, where we don’t have to drive very far. (How often do the folks in this part of the diocese hear that they don’t have to drive very far for a diocesan event?) Although we are empowered by the Spirit, on this journey, we will be led by Grace!

First off in this Scioto River Deanery is Portsmouth. The folks of All Saints have truly risen to the occasion to host this convention is high style. Even as busy as they are, they also have begun a theology on tap program aimed at Shawnee State students. This group meets at a local pub and talk about faith and life. This church has a long history of bringing the Gospel to the world and many outreach programs in this county got their start at All Saints. As I mentioned earlier, this church is also the host to our newest Diocesan office of communications. Just down the road in Ironton, Christ Church has perhaps the youngest average age in the Diocese as they go out each Sunday morning and literally pick up children all over Ironton to bring to Sunday School. Heading up Route 23, St. Paul’s, Chillicothe, is truly a church in revival. They have totally refurbished their lovely church and they also have a new young priest. Check out their revamped website and see their renewed focus on children. Travel a little further to St. Philip’s, Circleville, and if you can navigate around the leftover pumpkins you’ll find a preschool that has been serving families in Pickaway County for more than 40 years. When their rector is not falling off ladders, he is bringing lots of new members into the church. Take a winding road west, and you’ll end up at St. Andrew’s, Washington Court House, where Dean Steve Cuff hangs out. The folks at St. Andrew’s are so involved in the community that they provide toys for more than 500 kids at Christmas and peanut brittle for the world. Needy folks can even get their coats dry cleaned for free through the efforts of these hard-working Christians. Drop down Route 63, and you’ll end up at St. Mary’s, Hillsboro, where you’ll find “soup’s on” If you were there in July you could have had the 10,000th bowl of soup in their program.
Truly God’s grace is present here.

Nestled on the border of this deanery and the Columbus one is our **Procter Camp & Conference Center**. Situated between Columbus and Cincinnati, this is the site for many diocesan meetings, and is truly my home away from home as I spend LOTS of time there. Procter is also home to our premier School for Deacons and the Southern Ohio Lay Leadership Training Initiative. And our camping program is attaining national attention for its summer curriculum aimed at empowering young leaders for ministry in the church.

Now, let’s go back east to the Hocking Valley Deanery. We know we are not supposed to have a deacon heading a church, but since the Presbyterians recognize his authority, we’ll just look the other way. The yoked congregations of **Trinity, McArthur, and McArthur Presbyterian Church** partner with AmeriCorps volunteers to mentor children who come for the free meal, and Bob Rogers, a former Procter director, can always find work for you on a Habitat House. Keep going east to **St. Paul’s, Logan**, which is celebrating its 20th anniversary of hosting a community dinner. I remember a few years back standing with these saints right after a fire damaged their church and their first concern was not “Where we will worship?” but rather “Where are the needy people going to eat this week?” Grace now sends us south on Route 33 to **Epiphany, Nelsonville**. They have more church signs in that tiny town than any other, and with less than 20 people, they serve an average of 168 families a month in their food pantry. The big city in that deanery is **Athens**, home of Ohio University. **Good Shepherd** has a new rector whose leadership is already empowering people to start a Godly Play program and to get involved in asset-based community planning. Traveling over to the Ohio River, we reach **Grace, Pomeroy**. (By the way, my GPS thinks this church has a really cool name!) Their priest-in-charge logs the most miles every Sunday as Ed Payne travels from Cincinnati with a stop in Gallipolis for services and then on to Pomeroy. But don’t try to replace him for those people love him. And with Ed there, you know their choir is on the rise. Ed also tells me that they will have almost 20 people to present for confirmation next month. Next we head to **St. Peter’s, Gallipolis**, where even without resident clergy leadership at the moment they provided backpacks full of school supplies for more than 50 school children this fall and are very active in their community.

Now Grace sends us “up the river” so to speak (the Ohio River that is) to the Northeast Deanery. Our first stop is **St. Luke’s, Marietta**, where there is another new rector. This oldest community in our diocese is a college town but still has its share of poverty, and St. Luke’s participates in the Caring Connection to assist folks with prescriptions. We could just float down the river on one of those majestic stern wheelers, but since we’re with Grace, she sends us by way of Interstate 77 to one of Southern Ohio’s most active clusters. **The East Central Ohio Area Ministry** is made up of four congregations: **Trinity, Bellaire, St. Paul’s, Martins Ferry, St. John’s, Cambridge and St. James, Zanesville**. Here are four congregations that genuinely like each other. Headed by Missioner John Brandenburg and some part-time clergy, St. James is currently seeking a new rector after the tragic death by cancer of Larry Motz. An intern will also arrive this year to work with this cluster, but in the meantime, the lay people are not laying idle but moving ahead full steam. They have seven licensed lay preachers and at Trinity, Bellaire, there is an active ministry to prisoners. The primary food and clothing pantry in the area is at St. Paul’s in Martins Ferry. It is supported in part by an ECSF grant and also by donations from the Marjorie P. Lee Community of Episcopal Retirement Homes in Cincinnati, proving that distance does not have to hinder working relationships. At St. John’s, in Cambridge, we find a most unique program called “dry bottoms.” (Go ahead; let your imagination run wild). **St. James, Zanesville**, with interim ordained leadership for this past year, continues to support community projects and just a few weeks ago hosted a great ERH fund raiser. This cluster is excited that a new affordable housing project of ERH will be located in Cambridge. **Trinity, Newark**, has one of the most versatile ministries in which they team up with other churches to provide back-to-school supplies, oil changes and haircuts. Rounding out the Northeast Deanery is **St. John’s, Lancaster**. This is congregation is very education-oriented and has an excellent music program. I had an exciting evening with them recently in which they shared how they are crafting a strong evangelical
This completes the three “eastern” Deaneries. As most of you found getting to this Convention, it’s a “purty fur piece” from church to church over here but when we travel with Grace, it’s much easier. By the way, these Appalachian folk are a tenacious lot, having recently celebrated their third Mountain Grace gathering, in which they come together to celebrate their life in Christ, and their life together as children of God.

Closer home for Mariann and I for these past 12 years is the Columbus Deanery. Even here I rely on Grace although I know this area pretty well. This is our largest deanery with 18 churches, and unless it’s rush hour, it is an easy drive between congregations. At St Alban’s, Bexley, prepare to get your minds fed. Their Sunday evening Miniversity features topics ranging from the Bible to public policy, from music to Islam. Across town, St. James has a new rector who is discovering the potential this church has to be a gathering place for the changing Clintonville community and have for years hosted an Orthodox congregation. They also do liturgy really well and have some of the sweetest smelling incense I know of! St. John’s, Franklinton, is person-for-person the congregation most active in reaching out to its surrounding community. They have recently launched a street church program and were the site of our General Convention “bishops’ spouses work project.” Be sure to ask Canon Zust about their all-deanery chili cook-off. St Cyprian of Carthage is our newest congregation and is the most multi-cultural, now meeting in the historic old St. Paul’s Church. They are taking their community by storm and making the Episcopal Church known. St. Philip’s has a great choir and a unique program to assist students in college and actively shares in the life of the community with their sister Lutheran Church across the street. St. Stephen’s is on the OSU campus. For more than 20 years, students and members of the congregation have participated in their Bookworm project, which generates funds for countless social service programs. And don’t be surprised if you drive by this church at 3 a.m. and see all the lights on, for they frequently have late-night offerings geared to the schedules of college students. Trinity on Capitol Square is aptly named. Right across the street from our State’s Capitol, it is often the site of spontaneous gatherings in times of civic need. It houses a social service agency for the homeless and poor and easily sees 300-400 people in need come through its doors each week. Trinity is also the site of the Columbus Diocesan offices and public policy ministry.

St. Peter’s, Delaware, is located in the state’s fastest-growing county. Their work in launching Andrew’s House, which is home to many social service agencies, makes sure no one is forgotten or left behind even in the midst of the area’s economic progress. They also have an active prison ministry. St. Patrick’s, Dublin, was the host for our E-3 youth gathering at Convention this summer and is growing by leaps and bounds. They have even added a Sunday evening service. Another fast-growing church is St. Luke’s, Granville. An historic landlocked church, they have had to add a third Sunday morning service in addition to a fourth one held on Sunday evening, which, along with their porch light program, is attracting students from Denison University. In the Southwestern part of the deanery is London. There is a housing boom there, and Trinity, London is trying to determine whether their aging nave will accommodate them for the growth they know will occur. Our newest parish is All Saints, New Albany. They began in a school before moving to their new building early this year, and so it is not surprising they offer a Teaching Tools of our Faith program for adults and high schoolers. They have grown very rapidly as is evidenced by their becoming a parish at this Convention. St. Andrew’s, Pickerington, is totally surrounded by homes (except for the fire department next door), and so their “Lapolooza” this summer attracted children and youth from all over to share in arts, drama and other creative fun events. They also make great Christmas cookies. St. Mark’s, Upper Arlington, hosts the St. Mark’s Coffee House. They have recently remodeled and expanded their church and facility and also have a great choir. This is a strong parish. Speaking of new church buildings, check out St. Matthew’s, Westerville. Geared for the future, this congregation uses modern technology and music superbly, and their evangelical approach attracts many new members. Their Walk with Him on Saturday morning at Alum Creek Park supports their strong missionary spirit. St.
Edward’s, Whitehall, is known in the community for its strong preschool, which nearly doubled in enrollment this year. They have even added a chapel program. The last church to visit in the Columbus Deanery is St. John’s, Worthington, our oldest parish. Located on the town square, this historic church and its preschool are greatly involved in the community. This summer they hosted Harry Potter in their midst during a successful Vacation Bible School.

Before we leave the Columbus Deanery, we should drop in on Bexley Hall, one of the Episcopal Church’s eleven accredited seminaries, now meeting on the Trinity Lutheran Seminary campus in Bexley, Ohio. I am vice chair of their board and several of our members are board members or adjunct faculty. Many of our seminarians attend Bexley Hall and do field work in our Southern Ohio congregations.

If we can get around the orange barrels, we’ll now head west on Interstate 70 to the Northwest Deanery. Our first stop will be a bit to the north to the three-church Northern Miami Valley Episcopal Cluster. (Actually only two of the churches are ours, but Bishop Hollingsworth kindly lets us share Trinity, Bellfontaine.) Our two churches are Our Savior, Mechanicsburg, which is known for its tutoring program, and Epiphany, Urbana, which sent melodious sounds throughout the community when they hosted a 34-voice boys choir from Canada this summer. Continue West to Springfield and we find Christ Church. I have always said this church has the best internal signage of any in our diocese. Among their many community programs is their “special class” made up of residents of a residential facility for mentally handicapped adults. It is fully integrated into their Christian Education program and worship. As we leave there, Grace sends us west and then north on Interstate 75, and we come to Trinity, Troy. Trinity’s Nearly New thrift store celebrated its 50th anniversary this fall and supports many community agencies. Heading further north, we come to St. James, Piqua, which just purchased the building next door to expand services to the community. Be careful at this church, however, or you’ll get roped into helping them make chocolate sauce. St. Paul’s Greenville, a well-kept parish church just a little farther west, has launched a new “Children’s Christian Story Hour.”

Let’s head south now and dash around the Dayton Deanery. Christ Church is right downtown and is developing a new relationship with St. Andrew’s to reach out to the urban community. Christ Church also has an excellent music program, and St. Andrew’s is developing a youth choir program. These are two congregations that are strongly committed to providing an effective urban ministry. St. George’s, Washington Township, has so many programs that it’s hard just to lift up a few. They have four very different services every weekend, with one — Cornerstone — being totally multimedia. They are quite missionary-minded with a strong relationship with the church in Guatemala. St. Margaret’s is an old church in a great new building with a strong vision to add a school and retirement community. They attract lots of people with their concerts, and I love going there to catch their enthusiasm. St. Mark’s has a strong outreach relationship with active ministries at Kemp School, with the chaplaincy program at Canterbury Court and with CARE House. St. Paul’s, Oakwood, is a very busy church, which also finds time to make a huge impact through their annual mission trip to Athens, physically led by their rector, Jack Koepe. This summer, they took Russian youngsters on the trip. This was through the premiere Miami Valley Episcopal Russian Network (MVERN) program, in which several Dayton churches work closely with a Russian Orthodox Church in Sablino, near St. Petersburg, Russia. St. Christopher’s, Fairborn, is rebuilding, and their Sew Much Comfort group makes prayer shawls, quilts and caps for chemotherapy patients and amputee soldiers. Christ Church, Xenia, had a great Bible School this year in which they transformed the parish hall into a market place circa 29 AD. I am told even Jesus made an appearance. (Now why didn’t Grace let me know about that?)

It’s a long way from here to there, but we are now coming down toward the Cincinnati area. Before we arrive in the Queen City, we hit the Miami River Deanery. St. Mary’s, Waynesville, is trying a bold new experiment by moving their main service to 4 p.m. in an attempt to reach newer members of the community. St. Mary Magdalene, Maineville, is another of our newer churches, meeting in a pole barn
they converted into a church themselves. This past summer their youth choir held a choir camp on the grounds of the church, and on many Sundays, the children nearly outnumber the adults. St. Patrick’s, Lebanon, is another congregation that has remodeled many of its facilities. They’re using one of the buildings for offices, and the other to provide a homeless family a home and help them get reestablished. As we come back to Interstate 75, we find St. Francis, Springboro, who sends Daughters of the King mail care packages each fall to college students and to those in the military. They also have a strong commitment to supporting AIDS ministries in Africa. Further down the road, Ascension, Middletown, struggles with a shrinking community as do many of our churches in the East, but it still has a premier Godly Play program and strong healing ministry. In Hamilton, Trinity’s choir won the first Hamilton Taste of Gospel Church Choir competition in September. They have an active missionary program with Navajoland and their Sunday School puts on one of the best dramas I have ever attended. Holy Trinity, Oxford, has a totally refurbished church and a brand new rector. (One of these recently had an asbestos problem which is now fixed. I’ll let you guess which one!) They recently gave $6,000 to help provide transitional housing in Oxford. St. Anne’s, West Chester, while in a rector search, participated in an Appalachian work camp this summer and is planning for a trip to Navajoland next year. They have a huge Sunday School program. St. Anthony’s, Wilmington, is a small but strong congregation that meets weekly at the college. Every month they collect groceries for the homeless in their community.

Finally, Grace brings us to Cincinnati, where all the congregations there are divided into three deaneries. In the Cincinnati East deanery, we have St. Timothy’s, Anderson Township, which has the largest Sunday School in the diocese and a vibrant lay and ordained leadership with a strong missionary spirit. In recent years, they have developed a supportive relationship with Good Samaritan, Clermont County, and this year have also developed a partnership with St. Philip’s, clear across town in the Northside neighborhood of Cincinnati. Good Samaritan is in a brand new building that the people largely built themselves. Their vision for themselves is to be the church that helps people. Operating with a similar philosophy is All Saints, Pleasant Ridge, which is developing an active ministry with Allison School in Norwood providing supplies and tutoring. The Indian Hill Church is unique in that it is a mixed Episcopal/Presbyterian church. Its members support People Working Collaboratively, a unique organization proving home repair and maintenance for low income homeowners. They also have a strong youth program. Holy Trinity, Kenwood, participates in a tutoring program at a nearby school. St. Barnabas, Montgomery, is a constantly growing church. Their rector, George Hill, is our senior active rector, having founded that church and serving there more than 20 years. The folks at St. Barnabas helped launch St. Mary Magdalene, Maineville, and have supported all the missions in the diocese at one time. The final church in that deanery is St. Thomas, Terrace Park, which also has some great new facilities. They support Thomaston Woods and recently broke ground for Thomaston Meadows, an affordable housing complex in Amelia.

On the other side of the city, we have the Cincinnati West deanery, which includes the aforementioned St. Philip’s, Northside. They recently sold their building and now meet in a local social services facility they helped establish years ago. They truly are a church of the community. Grace Church, College Hill, is a church in transition. After suffering significant losses, the diocese and other congregations in the Cincinnati West Deanery have rallied and they are on a rebuilding track. Look for some great new banners on the front of their church. Nearly to Indiana is St. Luke, Sayler Park, which recently participated in a clean up of a local cemetery. St. James, Westwood, has a brand new rector and is promoting its successful Health Ministry programs. St. Stephen’s, Finneytown, is a pilot church for the Benefit Bank, a program that helps people navigate the bureaucracy and link up with the government and social service help they need to help change their lives. They also are developing a memorial garden for pets. Their rector, along with the associate at St. George’s, is one of our most media savvy priests. (Also, ask him about the post modern church!) Christ Church, Glendale, is another church with a strong Christian education program and a unique family service. Their adult choir will be in residence at Wells Cathedral in England next summer. At Holy Spirit, Forest Park, we find a dedicated group of laity who always provide a warm welcome to visitors. St. Simon of Cyrene, Lincoln Heights, boasts a great troupe of Praise dancers and
are growing with a dynamic new rector. At the Church of the Ascension and Holy Trinity, Wyoming, we find a great music program and a Disciple program of weekly Bible study.

Also, physically located in this deanery is the Convent of the Transfiguration and Bethany School. I visit the school regularly and always look forward to playing St. Nicholas in December and speaking at graduation in June. In addition I often find solace at the Convent and love my time with the nuns. (I must introduce them to Grace the next time I am there!) In addition to the school, these blue-habited Sisters of the Transfiguration also run a nursing home and missions in California, the Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico. They are also very active in the life of the diocese.

Finally Grace brings us to the Ohio River Deanery. At Church of the Advent, Walnut Hills, the Open Door is a safe haven for adults with mental illness, drug addition and the elderly, and has long been known as a vital part of the community in which they are located. The Church of Our Saviour, Mount Auburn, has a similar reputation. Their street church program, Transitions program and rapidly developing Hispanic ministry all reflect their strong commitment to making a difference in their community. This is truly a church where everyone is welcome, regardless of their circumstances. St. Michael and All Angels reaches out to a nursing home nearby and hosts an Eritrean Orthodox congregation. Calvary, Clifton, has grown greatly in recent years and is now leading the way in mission trips to the Gulf Coast. They also have an active preschool program. One of our largest churches is Redeemer, Hyde Park. They have a ton of programs, chief among them being a housing ministry in the area. A new chapel, office and fellowship area has greatly enhanced their church. Now if only they could find some parking. St. Andrew’s, Evanston, also has a new rector and is known through the area for its Caribbean Festival. And they also have some great choirs.

And finally, of course, there’s Christ Church Cathedral, our diocesan leader in involvement in the community. Their clergy and members are movers and shakers in the community and their Plumb Line Ministry and regular forums are an integral part of life in Cincinnati. The cathedral is believed to be the largest private provider of emergency housing assistance in Ohio. Also in this deanery are active chaplaincies at Children’s Hospital, where Bill Scrivener heads a large and active program, and at the Marjorie P. Lee and Dupree communities of the Episcopal Retirement Homes.

I also want to acknowledge at this time my brother, Bishop Benjamin Omosebi, who this year is traveling to a good many of these congregations supplementing my Sunday morning Episcopal visitations. The whole diocese owes a note of thanksgiving to Bishop Omosebi, whose willingness to share in my episcopal responsibilities has allowed us to provide official visits to almost all our congregations this year.

And so now we have covered the whole diocese. It may have seemed like a long trip, and yet even so we have only been able to hit the highlights. I imagine some of you from these congregations and ministries might have chosen other aspects of your life to lift up, but one criterion I used was to try to show how congregations are reaching out to the community in which they are located.

Many congregations receive Episcopal Community Foundation Grants to assist in the fine work they are doing. This foundation has entered into a new era this year and is funding more church-related projects that ever before. Recently, I participated in a series of gatherings with selected donors and from these efforts we have raised almost $50,000 as a challenge grant. Now we are asking you, the people of the Diocese, to match this so that ECSF can be even more responsive to the great initiatives occurring in our congregations. You will be hearing more about that so please respond generously.

I thank you for traveling with me this morning. This past year, I established an e-mail communication link with all our clergy in an effort to improve information sharing and support among our ordained leaders. This morning, I wanted to take that a step farther and invite all of you, lay and clergy alike, to virtually
travel with me to every corner of our diocese. I hope that now you can see why I count myself so blessed to be in this diocese. We are a rich diocese in so many ways, spiritually, humanly and financially. I believe that a challenge for us in the future is to find new ways to work together to insure that those resources are leveraged to the fullest extent in support of our congregations. This will require a broader base of support in our decision making processes. Regardless of whom you, the people of Southern Ohio (and the Holy Spirit) choose as your next bishop, I believe it can happen . . . I believe it MUST happen.

Serving as your bishop with ecclesiastical authority this past year has been the greatest privilege of my ministry thus far and I thank you for this opportunity. I have never been more positive in my outlook, been more full of energy nor has my health been better than during this past year . . . and the reason is the way all of us have been able to work together. As busy as this past year has been, we have never lost our way, our focus or our enthusiasm. Nor have we become high-jacked by issues that seem to dominate some of our brothers and sisters in other dioceses and elsewhere in the Anglican Communion.

We are a people who have found that Jesus is most present when we can represent him by the ministry that emanates from our local faith communities. And in the doing of this ministry, we are truly a people willing to rely on grace to help us in our journey.

One of the resolutions we will consider this afternoon has to do with our commitment to the Millennium Development goals. This is a boring name for an exciting challenge. Our congregations have found they can make a difference in their local communities by working together to live into their Baptismal promises. I believe, following that same model, we as a whole church can make the same difference in our global community in the areas of hunger, poverty, disease, injustice and issues of the environment.

The first two days of this week, following the investiture of the Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori as our twenty-sixth Presiding Bishop in Washington, I joined with twelve other bishops to meet with Bishop Jefferts Schori to wrestle with issues our House of Bishops will be facing over the next triennium. Certainly our relationship to our brothers and sisters in the Anglican Communion and our participation in the Windsor process is crucial. However, we are determined to not lose our commitment, launched at General Convention, to address the issues outlined in the MDG. This initiative is the single most important thing that came out of General Convention this year.

I found myself being energized in those conversations by the fact that we have done and are doing just that here in Southern Ohio. We have found that by focusing on the issues of need in our local community, we have had life in our congregations energized and enhanced and instead of agonizing over people leaving the church, have been able to focus on bringing people to Jesus Christ. This is because they have seen in us, the people of our congregations, Jesus at work reaching out to those around us who are in need, both physically and spiritually.

This, I believe can be a model for the global community. I am proud of the way we hosted General Convention. Now, let’s continue our leadership for our National Church by our response to the challenges presented by the MDG, embraced with the same enthusiasm and energy that we hosted the Convention that launched them. I am convinced that working together, we will meet these goals and arrive at our destination, by grace.

This is, I believe, what Jesus is calling us to: TO BE THE PRESENCE OF THE LIVING GOD IN A BROKEN AND NEEDY WORLD.

And it all begins with us . . . the people of God, who make up congregations of the Diocese of Southern Ohio. Amen.
Appendix C: Reports

412 Sycamore, Inc.

Mission: 412 Sycamore, Inc. was formed and approved as a not-for-profit corporation on January 24, 1964. The purposes of the corporation are: (1) “...to provide means and assistance to parishes, missions and other organizations of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Southern Ohio for their capital and financial programs”; (2) to manage, purchase, sell, and invest in property; (3) to borrow money, and to make loans to parishes, missions and organizations, secured by mortgages or deed of trust in property and approved by its Board of Trustees.” The Board of Directors consists of five members with Mr. Rob Meyer as its President. Meetings are called at the discretion of the President, with the majority of the business conducted by mail.

Church loan and parochial housing loan proposals are considered by the Directors after a congregation has received the consent of the Standing Committee to encumber the church property with a mortgage. Non-parochial clergy may also apply for housing loans. Mrs. Patricia B. Hassel, Corporate Treasurer & Secretary, duly administers the affairs of the Corporation at the direction of its Board.

Accomplishments/Goals: The present portfolio, as of August 31, 2006 consists of 11 loans to congregations for a current balance of $1,618,360 and 4 loans to clergy and churches for housing mortgages amounting to currently $538,000.

412 Sycamore, Inc. also manages other Diocesan Trustees loans: the Dollhouse, the Clear Vision and the New Construction loans. The “dollhouse” loans were granted to 4 new parishes in the late 1980’s for the construction of their church building. Only St. Francis, Springboro, has a loan remaining. The current balance of this loan is $33,334. The Trustees’ “Clear Vision” loan to St. Andrew, Pickerington, was for help with their new building, has a balance of $248,000. The Good Samaritan, Amelia, “New Construction” loan of $310,000 has a balance of $281,923. St. Margaret, Dayton, also has a new construction loan from the Trustees which is managed by 412 Sycamore, Inc.

Mr. Robert Meyer, President
Mr. Joseph Dehner, Chancellor of the Diocese
Mr. Albert Gentry
Mr. Joseph Eggleston
Mrs. Donna Boyer, Treasurer of the Diocese

Accessibility Task Force
No report received.

Addiction Recovery Ministry

Mission: The mission of Addiction Recovery Ministry is to provide education, intervention and advocacy resources to the Diocese of Southern Ohio regarding prevention, treatment and recovery support for substance use disorders.

Accomplishments/Goals: We have been available as a resource for the diocesan staff and the congregations of the diocese in relation to substance use disorders. We have maintained our membership in Recovery Ministries of the Episcopal Church. We provided every congregation with a copy of the Recovery Sunday materials from Recovery Ministries of the Episcopal Church. We developed a survey for congregations to understand their needs related to our ministry and their current involvement in prevention and recovery support.

We have met twice and plan to meet at least once more. Both meetings were held at The Health Foundation of Greater Cincinnati offices although the plan was to meet at Procter Conference Center in August but only members from Cincinnati were able to attend.
Advisory Committee on Compensation and Resources

Mission: “To advise the Bishop and Diocesan Council (Council) on matters dealing with compensation and employment standards for clergy called to cures and/or offices in the Diocese, and lay employees of the Diocese and its member congregations.” Adopted by Council 9/19/1994 and revised August 2004.

Accomplishments/Goals: In 2005 we recommended and Diocesan Council concurred that the “Salary Grade Ranges” that became effective in January 2001 should be adjusted effective January 2006. Subsequently it became apparent that rising medical premium costs required a review of total clergy compensation expenses, and therefore, the effective date for that change should be delayed. A review of the Church Pension Group’s (CPG) most recent “Church Compensation Report” confirms the suitability of our current Salary Grade Ranges. While the Median Compensation* for all Full-Time Clergy included in their August 2006 report has risen from $52,428 in 2000 to $61,379 in 2005 – an increase of 17.07% in the past six years, the Medium Compensation in our Diocese ($62,837) now exceeds the national Medium. The increase from $58,643 in 2002 to $62,837 in 2005 in our Diocese is 7.15% in the four years for which these records are available. Council has authorized a review of medical premium costs and available alternatives, including Health Savings Accounts, as part of total clergy compensation expenses. * Full-time in the CPG report means a clergy person whose compensation (cash salary, utilities, payments made to Social Security, and housing, either in the form of a housing allowance or, if a rectory is provided, 30% of salary) is at or above $27,000 in the survey (report) year.

We met in May at Procter Camp & Conference Center and at Church of the Good Samaritan in Clermont County in September. Additional meetings may be scheduled later in 2006 as work on the ad hoc review of total clergy compensation expenses and rising medical premium expenses and the alternatives begins.

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*Denotes Diocesan Council representative

Affirmative Aging Commission

Mission: The mission of the Affirmative Aging Commission is to act as a resource for training, consultation, and education on issues of positive aging and spirituality throughout the life cycle. The Commission responds to the needs of congregations and deaneries for programs concerning issues of aging and end-of-life. They also sponsor the Society of St.Simeon and St. Anna and hold a yearly meeting of Commission and Society members to induct new members into the Society.
Accomplishments/Goals: Attendance by members at Living Well into the Future conference in February at St. Mark’s, Upper Arlington; Attendance at conference “Depression and the Elderly” presented by Wendy Lustbader, MSW, LISW, a nationally-known specialist in the field of gerontological social work; Workshops presented in the diocese by Commission Members; Information and activities sponsored in congregations by Commission and Society members; Fall gathering of Commission and St. Simeon and St. Anna members with luncheon to induct new Society members; Sponsor diocesan conference for “Creativity and the Spiritually Maturing”; Sponsor retreat for Commission and Society Members; Collaborate with the ERH and Parish Health Nursing to survey parishes regarding needs for ministry to the aging in congregations; Continue to act as resource for congregations for aging issues; continue consultation and educational programs; More visibility for Commission through articles in the *Interchange* and through announcements on the website; More integration of Society of St. Simeon and St.Anna in the diocese.

There were eight meetings – 6 at Procter and 2 at conferences and we plan on having some meetings at member’s parishes this year to allow better attendance.

The Rev. Nancy H. Hardin, Chair
Marcia Bethel
Dr. David Hazel
Eileen Katzenberger
Patricia Midgley
The Rev. Canon Anne Robbins
Wertha R.D.Smith
Brenda Spradling
Vivian Templin
Diane Walker
The Rev. Thomas J. Timmons III
Joan Deisler
Joseph Eggleston
Etta Jones
Roger Spencer

**Altar Guild**
**Mission:** To provide services to the Diocese of Southern Ohio for special events, such as Diocesan Convention, consecrations and in 2006, the General Convention being held in Columbus.
**Accomplishments/Goals:** It has been an exciting and stimulating year as the Diocese of Southern Ohio Altar Guild prepared for the 2006 General Convention to be held in Columbus, Ohio. A meeting of all congregations’ Altar Guilds met at Trinity Church, Columbus on May 8, 2006 to prepare for volunteering for GC06. Mrs. Hobey Hinchman, former National Altar Guild President and former Diocese of Southern Ohio Altar Guild President, was the guest presenter.

Ida Mae Riley, President
Patricia B. Hassel, Treasurer
Ellen Hammond
Elizabeth (Hobey) Hinchman

**Budget Committee**
**Mission:** To develop and monitor the annual budget for the Diocese of Southern Ohio.
**Accomplishments/Goals:** The Budget committee developed the 2007 budget with great efficiency. Each committee or organization receiving funding in the 2005 or 2006 budgets was sent a funding request form...
asking for its past accomplishments, future goals and plans with a budget. The committee received income projections of 2007, and were able to fund most of the funding requests. The budget committee were very good stewards of resources by doing all the work without a committee meeting. All the tasks were completed electronically.

The Rev. Arthur Hadley, Chair
Patricia Hassel
Donna Boyer
The Rev. Paul Daggett
Emily Jobe
Robert Gustafson
John Miller
The Rev. George Glazier
Robert Kranz
The Rev. Lee Anne Reat
Jeff Bruson

Christian Formation Commission
Although this commission did not meet in 2006, some members participated in the children's program at General Convention. The program was based on C.S Lewis' *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* and was quite successful.

Rachel Friend, chair

Church Foundation
Mission: The Church Foundation was created in 1922 as a corporation to hold title to real estate and to manage, control, mortgage, and convey this property under the direction of the “Bishop and Chapter of the Diocese of Southern Ohio.” There are five Directors and Mr. John Sawyer is the current President. Church Foundation receives as its major source of revenue a percentage of the William Cooper Procter Endowment Fund annual income. The main purpose of this income is to award grants to congregations for emergency capital needs.
These grants must adhere to the criteria used for the William Cooper Procter Fund’s grants.
Church Foundation also: (a) Provides mortgages, usually for non-parochial housing, from the Wells Fund; (b) Performs long lasting repairs on Diocesan-owned properties.
The Trustees usually conduct their doings by mail but may hold meetings as necessitated. Mrs. Patricia B. Hassel, CPA, Corporate Treasurer & Secretary, duly administers the affairs of Church Foundation.
Accomplishments/Goals: For 2006, Church Foundation has a $80,000 budget for emergency grants to congregations for physical plant needs. Through September 11, 2006, Church Foundation has given $45,000 in “emergency” grants to 5 congregations. By year’s end, $135,000 will be given to Procter Camp & Conference Center from the farm lease on the Procter farmland for operations. Church Foundation also manages a loan portfolio of about $233,000 as of August 31, 2006.

Mr. John Sawyer, President
Mr. George Edwards, Vice-President
Dr. Willis Holloway
Mr. Robert Meyer
Mr. Stanley Laughlin
Commission on Congregational Life

Mission: The Commission on Congregational Life (COCL) is responsible for developing and implementing a mission strategy for the diocese. It is charged with encouraging, supporting and evaluating, and seeking opportunities for the development and growth of all missions and parishes of the diocese. The work falls under the diocese’ first strategic choice, supporting the establishment of new congregations, and strengthening the ministry of existing congregations which seek new ways to proclaim the gospel.

Accomplishments/Goals: With the requests for aid through the Grant Application Process (GAP) again surpassing in total amount the funding available, COCL has still been able in 2006 to provide support for 17 congregations and two clusters, in addition to providing new start support for the Episcopal Latino Ministry in Cincinnati and St. Cyprian, an African congregation in Columbus. COCL also provides funding for a consultant in Appalachian ministry and subsidizes clergy/lay leader/interim training. Funding has been provided for special opportunities such as Precept conferences, Start up, Start Over seminars, and Living Stones meetings.

Members serve as direct liaison between congregation and commission, and have when possible provided specific, hands-on assistance. Members have also served on mission share reviews, providing more specific evaluations of congregations’ outreach and ministry.

Pat Ellertson, chair
The Rev. Rob Baldwin
Jon Boss
The Rev. Katharin L. Foster
Bob Gustafson
Jim Heathcote
Jack Kitch
The Rev. Rick McCacken-Bennett
The Rev. Pat Merchant
The Rev. Paul St. Germain
The Rev. Anne Warrington Wilson
Staff Representatives
The Rt. Rev. Kenneth Price
Canon for Ministry Walter Mycoff

Commission on Liturgy and Music

Mission: Plan and conduct diocesan worship services that do not take place at the Cathedral.

Accomplishments/Goals: Revised and planned the annual Renewal of Ordination Vows & Blessing of Oils service. Planned the Diocesan convention liturgies and began discussions of the consecration of the IXth Bishop.

The Rev. Canon Vicki D. Zust, Chair
Joyce Agbemabiese,
The Rev. Karen Burnard
The Rev. P. J. Harris
Amy Hill
The Rev. Becky Michelfelder
The Rev. Charlotte Collins Reed
Judy Willour
The Rev. Heather Buchanan Wiseman
The Rev. Canon Anne Wrider
Commission on Ministry

Mission: The responsibilities and work of the Commission on Ministry is described in both the national and diocesan canons. Broadly speaking, the principal responsibilities are the design and implementation and oversight of processes of discernment that leads to the selection, formation, and support of those called to ordained ministry, and to oversee the licensing of Lay Ministers.

Accomplishments/Goals: Most of the time and energy of the commission is spent implementing and managing the processes of discernment and formation leading to ordination. There are more than 50 persons engaged in discernment and formation. The key components of those processes are:

- the College Explorers program
- training and support of discernment committees in local faith communities
- interviewing people in order to make recommendations for postulancy, candidacy and ordination to the bishop and Standing Committee
- assisting and supporting the development of each person's personal formation plan
- working closely with the deacon's school and overseeing the formation of vocational deacons
- maintaining contact with seminarians
- supporting the examining chaplains, who develop and administer the canonical examinations for ordination to the deaconate and priesthood
- coordinating the annual formation retreat in January for postulants and candidates
- oversee the diocesan internship program, a two-year program that provides ongoing support and training to newly ordained transitional deacons and priests.

In addition, the commission began to concentrate on the training and licensure of various canonical lay ministries, such as Pastoral Leader, Worship Leader, Preacher, Eucharistic Minister and Catechist. Finally, the Commission had a special day-long meeting that identified the need for some criteria by which the diocese can identify and train future leaders in the church. As we look to the future and the dynamic changes that are already occurring in the various contexts in which we serve, we explored the types of new opportunities for mission and ministry in light of the changing economy, population shifts and growth patterns. We asked: What particular gifts and skills will we look for in future leaders that might differ from what we now seek, and what are the implications for training and formation that those new opportunities present? Obviously the commission does not have the answers but understands these are important questions that need to be raised, and the commission has an important stake, not only in the formation of the questions, but in the work needed to answer them. The commission is eager to be a part of that larger conversation and related decisions in the diocese.

The commission meets regularly for a two-day meeting twice a year at Procter Camp & Conference Center, with additional meetings on occasion. Sub-committees of the commission meet throughout the year.

In 2007, the commission will continue to oversee the various programs and efforts related to discernment and formation for ordained ministry, training and licensure for various lay ministries identified in the canons, study and implement the pertinent canon changes approved by the 2006 General Convention. We also will join with the rest of the diocese in welcoming the IX Bishop of Southern Ohio, particularly in his or her role and ministry as Ordinary.

The Rev. John F. Koepke, III, chair

Class of 2006
Jud Ellertson
The Rev. Roger Foote
Deborah Stokes
The Rev. Heather Wiseman

Class of 2007
Robert Benson
The Rev. Don Eager
Alexis Kent
The Rev. Stephen Smith

Class of 2008
The Rev. Paul Daggett
The Rev. Pam Gaylor
Alan Kimbrough
Norm Wernett

The Rev. Canon Walt Mycoff, staff liaison
The Rt. Rev. Kenneth Price Jr., ex officio
The Rev. Canon Vicki Zust, ex officio
Communications Committee

Mission: To share the good news of Jesus Christ and the ministry of the Diocese of Southern Ohio to congregations and to the world. To communicate and support efforts that strengthen congregations and grow the church, minister to and with the youth, and advance educational opportunities. To utilize an array of communication tools to provide a forum for discussion and exploration of theological, social justice and spiritual issues in the Church.

Accomplishments/Goals: In February, the communications department established a new office in the east region of the diocese in Portsmouth. All congregations were notified of the change and given the new address and phone numbers, including a toll-free number. In March, the communications office launched an updated website with a more contemporary, sophisticated look and better structure and search abilities. General Convention consumed a lot of time and work during the first six months of 2006. The communications office prepared and implemented a marketing and communications plan for General Convention that included a commemorative magazine about the diocese, TV, radio and outdoor advertising, special issue of Interchange that was given to all convention deputies and bishops, welcome packets for Episcopal communicators at General Convention and press packets for all Southern Ohio media. During General Convention, the communications office handled all of the press inquiries from local - Southern Ohio - media, maintained an office at the General Convention site, sent daily e-mail reports to more than 2,500 people and covered the news of the gathering. The communications office produced a special Interchange just a week after General Convention closed, with the key news points and stories about Southern Ohio's hospitality, volunteers and exhibit booth. In July, the communications office worked with the Standing Committee to announce the nominees for IX Bishop simultaneously online and with press releases to local media and national secular media.

In August, the communications office handled the media coverage for Bishop Thompson's death and funeral and produced a special tribute issue a week after the funeral. The communications office developed on the day of Bishop Thompson's death a tribute blog that thousands of people from around the world visited in the following weeks, and more than a hundred shared their sympathies and memories of the bishop. In the fall, the communications office produced convention materials, including the convention packets and Interchange convention issue. It also developed and implemented a communications plan for the election of IX Bishop of Southern Ohio that included bulletin inserts, press releases, online publications, podcasting of a nominee forum and media relations before, during and after the election. The e-mail notices - e-News Connections - goes out to more than 750 subscribers and includes announcements, calendar events and notices. The diocese's website receives xx hits. The office also uploaded new Spanish translations onto the website.

This past year, the communications office of Southern Ohio was honored with a record 17 Polly Bond awards from Episcopal Communicators. The awards praised the diocesan newspaper, Interchange, saying it was "no contest, the favorite publication … The publication provides articles that provide for reflection and thought. The paper serves its readers well."

Richelle Thompson, convener
Jim Blied
Jane Bobel
The Rev. Charles Brumbaugh
The Rev. Ken Hitch
Anne Rudig
Barb Rohrer
Cathy Theobald
Diocesan Council

Mission: Diocesan Council is the continuing Diocesan Convention throughout the year.

Accomplishments/Goals: Diocesan Council began its year in December of 2005 with a traditional overnight organizational meeting for both newly elected and returning council members. The council convened on Friday night, and Chips Lanier gave an orientation on council roles and responsibilities with the formal business session reconvening on Saturday morning. Council officers were elected for the year. Chips Lanier was elected first vice president and the Rev. Rob Baldwin as second vice president. Jud Ellerton was elected secretary of council, and the Rev. Art Hadley was elected chair of the Budget Committee.

Council meetings were adapted to allow meetings of the several sub-committees of council. This change was made following a trial period that received extremely positive feedback.

The following major actions were taken by Diocesan Council this past year:

• Mission Share Reviews:
  • For gave St. Paul's, Columbus, mission share of $3,311;
  • For gave Grace, Cincinnati the entire 2006 mission share of $26,883;
  • Denied Christ Church, Dayton's request in 2006 because they were in the third year of a review granted by council in 2004;
  • Granted a 50% relief of the 2006 mission share for Trinity, Hamilton;
  • Agreed to review a request from Indian Hill regarding their mission share calculation.

• Council revised the 2006 Diocese of Southern Ohio Operating Budget to properly reflect the transfer amount from the Procter Memorial Fund. Diocesan Council directed the Advisory Committee on Compensation and Resources to continue investigating the issues of clergy salary and the appropriate level of medical insurance contribution from clergy.

• Council approved the budget presented by the Budget Committee for presentation to Diocesan Convention in November.

• Diocesan Council voted to support Bishop Price's endorsement of the Living Wage Initiative and the Let Justice Roll campaign.

• Council elected the Rev. Tom Van Brunt to serve out the remaining one-year term of Rev Vicki Smith (2007).

• A report was received from Michael Maloney highlighting the issues in Appalachia.

Diocesan Council Committees:

Executive Committee: This group continued its bi-monthly meetings to plan for Council activities and review Council actions. It took one action that was reported to council at its next regular meeting regarding the reimbursement of expenses of diocesan staff members at General Convention.

Budget Committee: Report presented as a separate document by the chair of the Budget Committee.

Resolutions Committee: Resolutions referred to the dioceses by the 74th (2003) General Convention: All actions completed.

Resolutions referred to the dioceses by the 75th (2006) General Convention: All resolutions are being compiled and in process of distribution to the various committees and commissions of the Diocese. A full report will be provided, along with actions taken, to be included in the 2007 Journal. Interim reports are being provided to council at their regular meetings and are available for review from any council member.

Resolutions from the 2005 Diocesan Convention:

  R2005-01 A resolution calling for the designation of Appalachian Ministries Sunday: All parishes were notified through the Episcopal Appalachian Ministries Committee, Interchange articles and distribution of a special bulletin insert and litany for the designated Sunday.

  R2005-02 Designation of Temporary Ecclesiastical Authority- No action required.

  R2005-03 A resolution regarding the Windsor Report. Direct action by Diocesan Council was not required. The appreciations and commendations were forwarded by Bishop Thompson, Bishop Price and the Diocesan Delegation to General Convention.
Resolutions in response to the Bishop's Address:
As the Bishop Thompson's Address was a farewell address to the diocese, there were no resolutions directly arising from his address other than the recognition of his life and ministry as the eighth bishop of our diocese.

Systemic Review Committee: The Systemic Review Committee, chaired by the Rev, Rob Baldwin is working with the Program Review Committee and is currently interviewing and surveying key areas of the diocesan operation as part of a review of the programs and organization of the diocese. The results of this activity, with a draft presented to the newly elected council at its meeting in December 2006, will result in a report that will be presented to the newly elected Ninth Bishop upon arrival in the diocese.

Program Review Committee: The Program Review Committee of the Diocesan Council is tasked with providing assistance and/or guidance to diocesan programs and ministries where necessary and appropriate, and reviewing the goals and accomplishments of those programs and ministries to ensure that they are fulfilling their intended role. In order to accomplish this, the committee has compiled a database of information relevant to the Diocesan programs and ministries for which it has review/guidance responsibilities. Every program or ministry has been assigned a Program Committee member as a single point of contact with the Diocesan Council. These Committee members are in the process of contacting each of the program/ministry chairs to identify themselves as the "go to" person on Diocesan Council and review the activities and needs of the program/ministry. Much of the information being acquired through these activities will serve as an integral part of the systemic review process.

Raymond H. (Chips) Lanier, first vice president
Term to 2006
Ruth Jones
Charles (Chip) McConville
Ariel Miller
Brad Sturm
The Rev. Bridget Tierney
The Rev. Benjamin Speare-Hardy

Term to 2007
Dana Allen
Roy Barker
Raymond (Chips) Lanier
The Rev. Lee Anne Reat
The Rev. Thomas Van Brunt
Chris Wells

Term to 2008
The Rev. Rob Baldwin
Jeff Brunson
The Rev. Philip College
Helen Davis
Wendell Mulford
Ernest Thompson

Ex Officio:
The Rev. Canon Vicki Zust
The Rev. Canon Walter Mycoff
The Rev. Art Hadley
Caldwell Reed
Irene Radcliff
Jud Ellertson

Staff:
Patricia B. Hassel
Richelle Thompson
Jeffrey Price

Ecclesiastical Trial Court

Mission: The Diocese of Southern Ohio is required by Canon 4 of Title IV of the Canons of the General Convention of the Episcopal Church to have an Ecclesiastical Trial Court. Title IV of the national canons has been adopted as the law for ecclesiastical discipline in the Diocese of Southern Ohio (“DSO”). Accordingly, the Ecclesiastical Trial Court of the DSO exists pursuant to Canon XVIII of the Canons of the DSO. Should the need arise, the purpose of the Court is for the trial of any Priest or Deacon subject to its jurisdiction. The offenses for which a Priest or Deacon may be “presented” and tried are detailed in the
same Title IV.
The noteworthy experience of the Court in 2006 was that it never had to be called into session. In the
interest of the wellbeing of all the laity and clergy of the DSO, it is the Court’s hope that exactly the same
thing will happen in 2007.

Daniel Dice, 2006
The Rev. Vicki Smith, 2006
Joseph Hubbard, 2007
The Rev. Carol Hull, 2007
Nancy Jacob, 2008
The Rev. Anne Warrington Wilson, 2008

Episcopal Appalachian Ministries
Mission: The Mission of the Episcopal Appalachian Ministries is to inspire, nurture, and affirm those who
serve the unique needs of the people of Appalachia, through advocacy, consciousness raising, networking,
education, and other appropriate programs participating in the regional ministries of the National Church’s
Appalachian ministry programs.
Accomplishments/Goals: Sponsored, on Sept. 9th and with the support of Episcopal Community Services
Foundation and the national EAM, the Third Mountain Grace Conference at the Ohio University Regional
Campus, Lancaster, Ohio. This year’s event was even more well-received and attended by persons engaged
and interested in Appalachian ministry than were the first two conferences. Members served as resource
persons for Appalachian parishes, Commission on Congregational Life, and the diocese. Group maintained
an electronic Appalachian Forum: www.episcopalAppalachianministries.org/phpbb/2. They convened the
annual informal “Appalachian Caucus” the the Diocese of Southern Ohio Convention, which is open to all
those interested in Appalachian ministry. The group submitted a resolution, passed by convention,
initiating the annual celebration in the Diocese of “Appalachian Ministry Sunday.” They prepared and
distributed worship materials for the celebration of Appalachian Sunday. At General Convention, members
participated in the creation of a Southern Ohio exhibit area, testifed at budget hearings in support of
continued National Church funding of Appalachian Ministry, assisted in the staffing of the National
Church’s Appalachian Ministry exhibit booth and set aside a portion of our funding for the purchase of
Appalachian-related materials to be shared with the new Bishop.

The Rev. Katharin K. Foster, chair
Dr. Geoffrey Buckley
The Rev. Dcn. William Bales
The Rev. Dcn. Carol Callahan
Jean K. Carson
The Rev. John G. Carson
Ariel Miller
The Rev. Lee Ann Reat
The Rev. Dcn. Sallie Schisler
The Rev. Stephen Smith
Michael Williams
William K. Woods
Michael E. Maloney, Consultant
Staff Liaison: The Rev. Canon Walt Mycoff
The Rt. Rev. Kenneth L. Price Jr., ex-officio


Episcopal Church Women

Mission: To assist the women of the Episcopal Church carry on Christ’s work of reconciliation, mission and ministry in the community, nation and the world and to take their place in life, governance and worship of the church.

Accomplishments/Goals: The Annual Conference of the Episcopal Church Women held at the Procter Camp and Conference center, October 7-8, 2005 began a new chapter with the election of Irene Miller Radcliff as president. Milicent Eason and Felicia Jackson filled the vacated positions of UTO Coordinator and Communications Coordinator, respectively. The theme of the conference was *Moments in Every Women’s Life* based on Joan Chittister’s book The *Story of Ruth, Twelve Moments in Every Women’s Life*. The conference featured The Reverend Ruth B. Paulus as the keynote speaker and The Reverend Paula M. Jackson and Robin Holland as workshop leaders.

Milicent Eason, Sherry Gillespie, Millie Volungis and Irene Radcliff represented the Diocese of Southern Ohio Episcopal Church Women Board at the Province V Episcopal Church Women Annual Meeting hosted by The Diocese of Ohio Episcopal Church Women at Holiday Inn Lakeside, Cleveland, Ohio, May 24-26, 2006. At the business meeting, Sherry and Irene, members of General Convention Planning Committee--wearing red volunteer aprons--shared information about Columbus, General Convention and Triennial and distributed printed information and registration forms.

Four members of the board were delegates to the 2006 Triennial Meeting in Columbus and were instrumental in assisting with the outreach project, collecting and distributing truck loads of school supplies to Livingston Avenue Elementary School, Columbus, Ohio.

In 2006, 44 names were added to the Book of Remembrance. The Book of Remembrance Scholarship Fund awarded four $3,000.00 scholarships to women pursuing a Masters of Divinity degree at Bexley Hall. Five short-term scholarships totaling $2,130.00 were awarded.

To date, $4,574.69 was collected at UTO’s Spring Ingathering. We anticipate that the fall Ingathering will be as successful.

The UTO Coordinator and the president attended worship services and ECW meetings at several churches in the Diocese. Two parish ECW chapters in the diocese were revitalized and one-to-one meetings are encouraging the development of additional ECW chapters. To date, two newsletters have been published and mailed to all the churches, parish ECW presidents UTO coordinators and the women in the diocese.

Members of the ECW Board contributed articles to *Interchange*.

In addition to the annual conference, the organization meets quarterly at various churches in the diocese. The 2006 Annual Conference of the Episcopal Church Women was held at Procter Camp and Conference Center, October 13-14. The theme of the conference was *Temple of the Spirit - Connecting Body and Spirit*. The keynote speaker and workshop(s) leader was author, dancer, musician and an Episcopal priest, The Reverend Nancy Roth.

The organizations future goals are to: actively recruit, revive and retain women for the purpose stated in the mission, build community and grow the church; increase the number of scholarships and short-term grants awarded; and to enhance communication through the use of the website, e-New Connections and the *Interchange*.

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Rev. Dcn. Irene Miller Radcliff, President
Milicent Eason
Felicia Jackson
Judith Keim
Kathy Mank
Millie Volungis
Vivian Templin
Sister Jacqueline
Episcopal Community Services Foundation

**Mission:** The mission of ECSF is to partner with Episcopal entities in the Diocese of Southern Ohio to provide those financial, program and other consultative services that will enable local congregations to discern, develop and exercise ministries of social justice and reconciliation in their communities.

**Accomplishments/Goals:** Our biggest accomplishment in 2006 has been to achieve a quantum leap in awareness and mutual support by churches of this diocese through giving, prayer and sharing knowledge and goals in local meetings. The growth in donations in 2005 enabled the ECSF trustees to increase grants to $87,250, a 40% increase over last year. These grants are going to 32 ministries sponsored by 29 Episcopal congregations. For the first time this year, we have required grantees to send us statistics and success stories documenting the impact of this giving. We are publicizing these vignettes in letters, a monthly bulletin insert (with one success story and a prayer request) sent by e-mail to every congregation and feature articles in virtually every issue of Interchange. We also have submitted several pieces of news on meetings of interest and public policy developments to e-News Connections, and when appropriate, e-mail such news directly to congregations.

ECSF's trustees organized a series of six Listening Sessions around the diocese in May and July to give people the chance to compare notes on current community ministries as well as goals for new work. Even though these events were scheduled just before and after our hosting General Convention, we had a turnout of 144 people representing 70% of the congregations of the diocese. Through the sharing of effective ideas and lore, these meetings generated new collaborations and fellowship. Results of these listening sessions will be sent back to each deanery and will be put into a report for the new diocesan.

We held a grant seekers' workshop attended by 39 people who found common ground in small group discussions. These gatherings and new networks may be reducing the sense of isolation, burnout and scarcity thinking, particularly in smaller congregations.

A Lenten study curriculum and calendar for Year B was created and distributed to every congregation in the diocese.

This fall, we received 44 grant proposals from 35 congregations. This is 10 more applications than last year. Several proposals are for new initiatives. Applicants really understand that we must see a real involvement of the congregation in thinking about and committing its own resources to the issue, as well as checking to make sure their efforts dovetail with, rather than duplicating, other local programs.

Our other big achievement this year was to spearhead the National Council of Churches' Benefit Bank in Ohio. Using grants from Jessie Ball duPont and the Procter Fund, we trained the first groups of volunteers to use this free software to do free tax preparation and assist low-income people in applying for food stamps and Medicaid. We recruited strategic partners including the Ohio Association of Second Harvest Foodbanks and Legal Aid, and have helped OASFH win a VISTA grant to place VISTA volunteers in all 12 of Ohio's food bank regions to train people to use the Benefit Bank, improve partnerships between county officials and local non-profits, and raise local financial support to keep the project going. Now we are talking with local tax assistance coalitions on how the Benefit Bank can be used in this winter's campaigns to increase the number of eligible people claiming the Earned Income Tax Credit, which can add up to $4,400 to a family's budget. This project has won the Episcopal Church attention and respect from secular service providers such as the Community Action Agencies, as a dynamic ally in improving the reach of programs designed to help the working poor achieve self-sufficiency. We're hoping that participating Episcopalians will learn a lot about the obstacles poor people deal with, and gain confidence in helping them to find practical solutions.

Goals for 2007 will be worked out in our December 2006 retreat. We hope to increase the grants budget as well as the donor base. We are working on networking resources plus a report on current ministries, human needs and potential responses for each deanery and the soon-to-be-elected bishop. Roger Speer is designing a new website for us that will support the exchange of news and ideas among people engaged in social justice work in this diocese.

The ECSF Board held five board meetings in 2006. Most trustees attended at least one Listening Session and several helped facilitate the grantseekers' workshop. The board is very active between meetings.
visiting grantees, planning workshops for churches and doing research and analysis relevant to our work.

The Rt. Rev. Kenneth L. Price Jr., Chair
Leanne Puglielli, president
The Rev. Dcn. John Brandenburg
Anna Duke Reach
The Rev. Dcn. Donald Eager
Monty Reece
Julieta Simms
Curt Garner
The Rev. David Halt
Fred Shirley
The Rev. S. Rebecca Michelfelder
Francie Morrison
Paul Rank
Gene Wilson
Linda Eager
John Harris, treasurer
Patricia Hassel, assistant treasurer
Betty Heathcote, secretary
Ariel Miller, executive director
The Rev. Canon Vicki Zust, staff liaison

Episcopal Relief and Development

Mission: Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) is an effective, reliable, and vital ministry of the Episcopal Church in communities around the world. ERD provides emergency assistance in times of disaster, rebuilds devastated communities and lives after the immediate crisis is over, and offers long-term solutions to help people sustain safer, healthier, and more productive lives. ERD’s Network of Representatives works throughout the year to remind Episcopalians both of ERD’s long-term solutions, and of how to assist during times of natural disasters such as 2004’s earthquake and tsunami in South Asia and Hurricanes Katrina and Rita that struck here in America in 2005. ERD is a major part of the Episcopal Church’s commitment to take a leadership role support for the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

Accomplishments/Goals: While we again did not obtain our objective of significantly increasing the number of congregations with specifically identified ERD representatives, we did significantly increase the contributions from individuals, organizations, and congregations within our diocese. Primarily due to the tsunami and hurricanes, contributions rose from $79,946 in 2004 to $609,373.44 in 2005, and the number of contributors rose from 312 to 1,146. Those funds helped ERD to establish and provide:

In Mississippi, support for Camp Coast Care, a long-term resource facility in Long Beach, and with 7,500 volunteers, help for 200 families to clean their homes of debris and salvage personal belongings.

Distribution centers in New Orleans that have served 36,000 people, providing food, cleaning supplies, and other essential goods, and case management services in Connecticut, Texas, Kentucky, and Minnesota that have linked 1,021 families displaced by the disaster to public and private services.

One is left to wonder what we might have been able to raise here in Southern Ohio had we had specifically designated ERD representatives in every congregation.

With mailings, our exhibit at the Annual Convention and in our many “thank you” notes to congregations, we will continue our efforts to increase the number of specifically identified ERD representatives.

Jon B. Boss, diocesan fund coordinator
Marilyn Sesler, associate diocesan fund coordinator
Richard E. Tuttle, associate diocesan fund coordinator
Evangelism Commission

Mission: The mission of the Evangelism Commission is to equip the people of the diocese to become evangelists: to proclaim the Good News in word and action through the living out of the Gospel imperative and through inviting others to discover Christ in our worshipping communities. We aim to equip through education, training and direct action. We also can provide assistance in funding for missions and new starts as they seek to advertise their presence in their respective communities.

Accomplishments/Goals: The commission currently has seven persons trained in evangelism and church development who are willing to provide workshops in local congregations. During 2006, the commission led workshops on evangelism at the following diocesan events: Bishop and Vestry Gathering, Miniversity and the Mountain Grace Conference. Working with the canon to the ordinary's office and the diocesan communication office, the commission helped produce a resource guide to General Convention. Along with the resource guide, we included Episcopal Church bumper stickers that were mailed out to every person in the diocese in preparation for GC 2006. A goal for 2007 is to host diocesan-wide evangelism conferences. The first of these will be held Jan. 19-20, 2007, at St. Paul, Chillicothe, when the commission brings the Magnetic Church Conference to Southern Ohio.

The Rev. Jeffrey Queen, chair
Richard Babcock
The Rev. John Bower
Louise Bower
Wendell Mulford
Barbara Parker
Mike Parker
The. Rev. Dcn. Irene Radcliff
Richelle Thompson, staff liaison

Faith in Life

Mission: This committee acts as trustee of an endowment from the Second Century Fund to plan and oversee programs for Christian Education including the Theologian In Residence Program, the Hobson Lecture Program and various grants to individuals and groups from lay ministry development.

Accomplishments/Goals: This year this committee brought The Rev. Dr. Frank Wade to the diocese on three visits as our 2006 Theologian in Residence. We began working with Episcopal Community Services Foundation to jointly sponsor a noted speaker as a Hobson Lecture Series for 2007. We awarded grants to groups and individuals for peace and justice work, missionary work, and lay ministry education and development.

Class of 2006
Mariann Price, Chair
Marsha Calloway
Sandra Diggins Smith
Nicholas Finke
Michael Wernick

Class of 2007
Michael Bootes
Dr. Douglas Carr
Keith Doubt
The Rev. John Johannsen
The Rev. Judith Doran (replaced John Talk)
The Rev. Charles Wilson

Class of 2008
George Johns
The Rev. Rob Matheus
Wendell Mulford
Jennifer Oldstone Moore
The Rev. Edward Payne

Ex-officio
Vanessa Clark, secretary
The Rev. William Peterson, adjunct
The Rev. David McCoy, Anglican Academy
The Rt. Rev. Kenneth L. Price Jr., staff liaison
Finance Committee

**Mission:** The Diocesan Finance Committee typically meets twice a year to oversee the spending of the diocesan convention budget. They review the mission share payments by individual churches and investigate problems. They attend mission share reviews as requested. One of the most important functions of the Committee is to be the diocesan audit committee. They are responsible for the hiring of the auditors, reviewers of the audit report, and managers of any problems occurring with completing or encountered in performing the audit.

The Committee, chaired by Chet Cavaliere, is also responsible for diocesan accounting policies and procedures. This includes the rulings on inclusion/exclusion of questionable items on churches’ annual parochial reports. The Chair also reviews the bishops’ expense reports.

**Accomplishments/Goals:** The Diocesan Finance Committee met in February and August 2006. At the February meeting, the Committee formally accepted the 2004 Diocesan Audit Report performed by Grant Thornton, LLP. At the August meeting, the Committee formally accepted the 2005 Diocesan Audit Report performed by Clark,Schaefer,Hackett & Co. No management letter was issued by either firm regarding the audit.

During the year, the Committee was sent Convention budget statuses along with analytical comments prepared by Patty Hassel. The remittance statuses of each church were also included. Other issues and problems were reviewed, discussed and resolved affecting the diocesan finances.

Donna Boyer, diocesan treasurer
Chet Cavaliere, chair
Herbert Riley
The Rev. Thomas Shaver
The Rev. George Hill
Kountez Moore
John Miller
Mrs. Patricia B. Hassel, CPA, financial officer

Hispanic Ministry Commission

**Mission:** Outreach ministry to the Hispanic Community by being a conduit for referral, education, bringing together and hospitality.

**Accomplishments/Goals:** In reviving Hispanic Commission beginning in May of 2006, the following has been accomplished: Meeting at St. Thomas in Westerville with Fr Guillen, Lissy Estrada and Micah Mercurio; introducing English as a second language program; held a meeting at Procter Camp & Conference Center with Bishop Price and others as introduction and plans for reviving the Commission; Diocese presence (booth) at Latino Festival during General Convention (banners ordered at no cost to Diocese, name tags, lots of resource materials and prizes donated for giveaway); Hispanic Commission represented at receptions during General Convention. We had press coverage and publication promoting existence of commission; Hispanic Commission represented with a table and resource materials at Health Fair at Christ Church Cathedral.

V. Anthony Simms-Howell, Chair
The Rev. Rosa Brown Autry
Tim Borah
Rev. Paula Jackson
Joe Mazza
The Rev. Dcn. Connie McCarroll
The Rev. Dcn. Irene Radcliff
Julieta Simms
The Rev. Canon Walter Mycoff, staff liaison
Interfaith and Ecumenical Relations

Mission: The mission of the commission is to encourage ecumenical activity in the various parishes across the diocese and to communicate information regarding developments in the ecumenical sphere.

Accomplishments/Goals: Due to a mix-up in the budgeting process, we were without enough funds to operate much this year. The chair attended the National Workshop on Christian Unity, and brought back material on the Interim Eucharistic Sharing with the United Methodist Church. That will be addressed in a resolution at diocesan convention. We will continue to plan on working with Episcopal Community Services Foundation on emphasizing the value of ecumenical partnerships is community outreach. We have requested funding to that purpose in 2007 and will plan gatherings around the diocese with ECSF to implement the planning. We will need to begin to work on the Interim Eucharistic Sharing issue, including rules.

We might look at ways to have local meetings around ecumenical issues, particularly eucharistic sharing. To my best knowledge we have made no significant official attempts at interfaith activity either diocesan wide or locally. That might be a need that we should consider.

The Rev. Clifford Atkinson, Chair
The Rev. Richard Burnett
The Rev. Karen Burnard
The Rev. Daniel Layden

Kenyon Conference

No report submitted.

National and World Mission Commission

Mission: Connecting the people of the diocese in mission. Vision: The Commission on National and World Mission is a successful commission of the Diocese of Southern Ohio by creating a net of support, providing encouragement and information to connect people of the diocese in mission. It creates value for our bishop and congregations by a more visible living out of our baptismal covenant.

Accomplishments: National & World Commission has achieved the following this year:

The national and world ministries supported by congregations of our diocese were exhibited in one room at our 2005 convention, and the group helped to underwrite the cost of our diocesan booth at General Convention. Many of our supported ministries had exhibits and presentations at General Convention. We continued our planning for a fundraising gala to support the youth of our diocese to go on mission trips and continued to analyze the survey on congregational mission work. The results will be available on the diocesan website. Two commission members attended the GEM (Global Episcopal Mission) conference in Indianapolis. We also began looking at how our diocese should respond to the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). For 2007, we plan to hold the first annual fundraising gala to raise funds to send our youth on mission trips; to establish the policies and procedures to be used by our diocese in responding to the MDGs; to have the results of our survey on a website; and to continue support of GEM and Episcopal Partnership for Global Mission.

Paul Rank, chair
The Rev. Dcn. Bill Bales
The Rev. Paul Daggett
The Rev. Dcn. Mooydeen Frees
Jim Heathcote
Bill Headley
The Rev. Nancy Hopkins Greene
The Rev. Becky Michelfelder
Ariel Miller
Chris Saunders
Gayland Trim
The Rev. Canon Vicki Zust, staff liaison
Ohio Council of Churches

Mission: The Ohio Council of Churches is a gathering of judicatories of most major denominations around the state. It has two main activities: faith and order issues and social concerns. To accomplish the former it holds faith forums around the state. To accomplish the latter, it has agreed upon statements of principle on major social issues and is represented to state government by a staff person. The council seeks to gather judicatory heads on a regular basis to develop meaningful working relationships to advance the proclamation of the Gospel in the state of Ohio.

Accomplishments/Goals: A committee that included Bishop Price developed the outline of a reorganization of the council and its life. This was later formed into a formal structure for which appropriate by-laws were developed. The implementation was accomplished in October of 2005. This year has been taken up with learning to use the new system. The redevelopment involved reducing the membership of the general board of the council to the head of each member judicatory or his/her designated representative. The executive committee was given significantly more responsibility. The heads of the two divisions of council ministry were included in the executive committee. The programmatic life of the council is carried out by committees and task forces responsible to the appropriate divisions and, ultimately, to the general board. In 2007, the council seeks to strengthen its activities, particularly in the area of faith and life.

The Rev. Clifford W. Atkinson, acting treasurer

Parish Health Ministry Task Force

Mission: We believe that good health and healing result from the integration of body, mind and spirit. Parish Health Ministry (PHM) supports the teaching of Jesus’ healing presence within the church. We recognize that PHM is a needed ministry to promote the health and wholeness of Episcopalians in the Diocese of Southern Ohio. It is our purpose to support and educate parish nurses and health ministers, and to expand the ministry to the entire Diocese of Southern Ohio.

Accomplishments/Goals:
In 2006, we provided educational opportunities, spiritual nurturing and support through the Parish Nurse/Health Ministries Support and Networking groups in Cincinnati, Dayton and Middletown, which generally met on a monthly basis. We held Refresh Your Soul 2006 - Filling Your Well and Refreshing Others at Procter Camp & Conference Center with more than 55 participants. A sub-committee has been formed addressing “intentional care of the spirit” which will be reflected at Refresh Your Soul 2007. We have supported the work of the Episcopal Retirement Homes (ERH) Parish Health Ministry Coordinators to offer education, support and consultation to 100+ congregations. We were able to provide financial assistance for several people to attend parish nurse and health ministry related activities.

Goals: Continue to pray and work for this ministry.

Sue Rank, Chair
Laura Allton
Anna Adkins
The Rev. Darby Everhard
The Rev. Katharin Foster
The Rev. Canon James Hanisian
Rhonda Johnson
Roselyn Lindeman
Mary Ellyn Pusz
Jeanne Palcic
The Rev. Ruth Paulus
Annie Wilkes
Procter Camp & Conference Center

Mission: Procter is a peaceful place to gather for those seeking renewal of the spirit, the will of God and the joy of life.

Accomplishments/Goals: In 2006 we repaired and resealed all of the windows in Christ Chapel. The small wading/baby pool was repaired underground for leaks. The water system in Hobson Hall was improved and modified. The main water treatment plant here at Procter was upgraded to meet all current Ohio Environmental Protection Act standards. The Center got new computers in the offices. Farmlands and waterways were repaired as a result of our new lease. The low-lying wet spot, next to our woodlands was drained and repaired. We will be getting a wireless Internet system by the end of 2006. Internet access will be available for the conference center and its guests.

Our goals for 2007 are painting the chapel and red barn exteriors. We are planning to replace the grasshopper mower and begin to repaint the interior of Cabins 1-6.

The Rev. Deacon Sallie Schisler, Exec. Comm. Chair
The Rt. Rev. Kenneth Price
Mrs. Patty Hassel
Mr. John Sawyer, President Emeritus
The Rev. David Allardyce, Operations Chair
The Rev. Steve Cuff, Pastoral Chair
Mr. Doug Kohli, Property Chair
The Rev. Stephen Applegate, Fund Dev. Chair
Mr. Jon Boss, Marketing
The Rev. John Bower
Mr. Bill Curnutte
Mr. Craig Evans
Mr. Ray Gillespie
The Rev. Ruth Paulus
The Rev. Deacon Irene Radcliff
Mr. Miles Schmidt
Mr. Roger Speer
Mrs. Penny Buckley

Professional Development Committee

Mission: Encourage the continuing education and professional development of clergy and make grants from funds made available by the bishop to support the continuing education and professional development of the clergy.

Accomplishments/Goals: We funded the continuing education activities of 13 members of the clergy.

The Rev. Canon Walter J. Mycoff, Jr., Chair
Ms. Milicent Eason
The Rev. George Glazier
The Rev. Daniel Grossoehme
The Rev. P. J. Harris
The Rev. Michael Krueitzer
The Rev. Daniel Layden
Deacon George Synder
Racism Training Task Force

Mission: The mission of the Task Force is to carry out the diocesan resolution to train all lay and ordained leadership of the diocese including all clergy, professional staff and those elected or appointed to positions of leadership on commissions, committees, task forces and boards.

Accomplishments/Goals: In 2006, the task force held training for seminary students and restructured the training for the diocese. In 2007, the task force goals are: To schedule three training opportunities and follow-up meetings; Hold one “train the trainer” session in January; and hold two meetings of the task force to evaluate the trainings and plan for 2008.

Deborah Stokes, Chair
The Rev. Dcn. Ernestine Flemister
Michael Maloney
The Rev. Canon Joanna Leiserson
Ariel Miller
The Rev. John Paddock
The Rev. Lee Anne Reat
The Rev. Bridget Tierney
Madeleine Trichel
The Rev. David Halt

Social Justice & Episcopal Public Policy Network

Mission: To convene, inform, challenge and inspire the people of God members of the diocese in areas of peace, justice and reconciliation in our communities, state, nation and world.

Accomplishments/Goals: The main work of Social Justice and Public Policy for the Diocese of Southern Ohio in 2006 has centered in the office of Jeffrey Price and in the several advocacy initiatives of Episcopal Community Services Foundation. On March 29, some 65 people gathered for the seventh consecutive Ecumenical Legislative Advocacy Day at Trinity, Capitol Square, and the Ohio Statehouse in Columbus. Theologian and ethicist James Childs of Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus preached at morning worship and gave an address on theological foundations for Christian civic engagement at the start of the day. Following this, Ohio Council of Churches' Legislative Director Tom Smith updated the group on the gaming legislation coming before the public in the next election and reviewed the positions of the seven denominations and church bodies gathered at Trinity. A lunch with several elected leaders and staff members followed in the Statehouse. Plans are developing for the next Ecumenical Legislative Advocacy Day in the Spring of 2007. The Diocese of Southern Ohio has been the catalyst for this engaging, productive day for many years, and we hope that you will plan to come to Columbus next year to make your voice heard and get to know others in Ohio who seek to strive for justice and peace by being active in the civic arena.

The Rev. Richard A. Burnett, chair
The Rev. Dcn. Donald Eager
Maria Ferguson
Ernestine Flemister
The Rev. Gary Lubin
The Rev. David McCoy
Terry McCoy
Ariel Miller
The Rev. Lee Ann Reat
Theona Russell
The Rev. Richard Schisler
Nancy Sullivan
Jeffrey Price, staff liaison
Standing Committee

October 2005

Met on Oct. 6 and Oct. 28 at Procter Camp & Conference Center. On Oct. 6, the Standing Committee approved a request from St. Patrick's, Lebanon, to encumber their property with a $200,000 loan for the purpose of making repairs to their building and reviewed plans for more effective communications moving toward the election of our 9th Bishop on November 11, 2006. On Oct. 28, the Standing Committee moved to request that the Presiding Bishop appoint the Rt. Rev. Kenneth L. Price Jr. the Temporary Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese upon action by the 131st Annual Convention to pass the required Constitutional changes and the subsequent resolution permitting such a designation in the absence of a Diocesan Bishop. The Standing Committee also approved the request by the Diocese of West Texas to elect a Bishop Suffragan on March 25, 2006 and reviewed the respective responsibilities of the Standing Committee and the Nominating Committee in the months ahead.

November 2005

Met on Nov. 17 at Christ Church, Glendale. Elected Jon B. Boss, president; the Rev. Charlotte Collins Reed, vice president; and Lisa R Hughes, secretary for the 2005-2006 session. The Standing Committee welcomed new members, the Rev. Stephen H. Applegate, rector of St. Luke's, Granville, and Chester "Chet" R. Cavaliere, currently a member of the Trustees of the Diocese. Nominating Committee Chair Mike Krug, presented the revised timeline for the nominating process. July 10, 2006 was set as the date both for announcing the names of the additional nominees selected by the Nominating Committee and for beginning the subsequent four-week "nomination by petition" process. That process would end at 5 p.m. on Friday, August 4. Bishop Price reviewed his plans for the 16 months he will serve as the Temporary Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese.

January 2006

Met on Jan. 26 at Christ Church, Glendale. The primary focus was on development of the Nominee Forums scheduled for the week of Oct. 22, 2006. The Rev. Stephen Smith, rector of St. Patrick's, Dublin, is coordinating all aspects of the forums, including scheduling of the combined post-forum/pre-convention meetings beginning the week of Oct. 29. The Rev. Stephen Applegate, chair of the Consecration Committee, provided initial details of the tentatively scheduled April 28, 2007 Consecration in Columbus.

February 2006

Met on Feb. 17 at St. Andrew's, Washington Court House. With Bishop Price, we gave our consent for the Vestry of St. Simon of Cyrene, Lincoln Heights, to encumber their property for the purpose of obtaining a loan from the diocese to assist their new rector, the Rev. Trevor Babb, with the purchase of a home. Consented to the election of a Bishop Coadjutor for the Diocese of Virginia but withheld our consent from the Diocese of Texas, which desires to elect a Bishop Suffragan prior to the beginning of the 75th General Convention in June 2006. Consent was withheld because the Standing Committee did not feel that requesting approval at this late date to proceed with that election prior to the General Convention was in keeping with the moratorium enacted by the House of Bishops in March 2005. Bishop Price reported that the Rev. Richard Kramer and the Rev. Katherine Kramer have requested and been granted a release from their ordination vows.

March 2006

Met on March 9 at Procter Camp & Conference Center. Mike Krug reported that of the 283 clergy to whom materials had been sent by the Nominating Committee, 83 accepted the invitation to return their responses. His committee completed it first screening and has invited 24 people to continue in the process. The Standing Committee was reminded of the need to ensure that the Ecclesiastical Trial Court appoints a Presiding Judge for the current year and that the Diocesan Review Committee selects both a President and a Secretary for the same period. The must be done immediately following the conclusion of each Annual Convention.
April 2006
Met on April 28 at Procter Camp & Conference Center. Consented to the ordinations of Diana Shirley, Fred Shirley, Colenthia Hunter, Jennie Crocket, Pam Elwell, Irene Ratcliff and Ellen Cook to the vocational diaconate; Ernesteine Flemister and Derrick Fetz to the transitional diaconate; and Steve Bilsbury, Judith Doran, Claire Hunkins, Cricket Park, Jane Gerdsen, and Kiah Webster to the priesthood. The committee also met with a number of people currently in the ordination process in Southern Ohio. The Rev. Stephen Applegate reported that the Mershon Center in Columbus has been confirmed as the site for the April 28, 2007 Consecration Service. The committee and Bishop Price gave their consent to the vestry of St. John's, Worthington to sell their property at 695 Hartford Street in Worthington, with the understanding that net proceeds from the sale will be applied to reduce the existing mortgage principal on their remaining property. Reviewed briefly the committee's April 11 conference call.

May 2006
Met on May 25 at Procter Camp & Conference Center. The primary focus of the meeting was coordination with Richelle Thompson, director of communications, of all aspects of informing the diocese of the names and biographical background information of the individuals selected by the Nominating Committee July 10 and of any additional individuals subsequently nominated by petition. The information made available will include the nominee's responses to the seven questions used by the Nominating Committee, and the additional three "wider church issues" questions to be developed by the Standing Committee following adjournment of the 75th General Convention. Received a letter from the Rev. Stephen H. Bancroft, dean of the Cathedral of St. Paul, Detroit, Mich., requesting that his name be withdrawn from further consideration as a nominee for election as the 9th bishop of Southern Ohio. Following a review of the status of the "Generation-to-Generation" campaign, the Standing Committee confirmed an earlier decision to both rename and refocus the campaign on scholarships for the summer camping programs at Procter Camp and Conference Center. It will now be the "Thompson Campership" campaign to honor Bishop Herbert and Russelle Thompson. Began work on a resolution for consideration by the 132nd Annual Convention to give the title "Bishop Emeritus" to Bishop Thompson. Bishop Black, our 7th Bishop, was given that title the year following his retirement.

July 2006
Met on July 10 at the Diocesan Office in Cincinnati to receive the names selected by the Nominating Committee as nominees for election as the 9th Bishop of the Diocese of Southern Ohio. The individuals selected were: the Rev. Thomas Edward Breidenthal, dean of Religious Life and of the Chapel, Princeton University; the Rev. Robert Glenn Certain, rector, St. Margaret's Episcopal Church, Palm Desert, California; the Rev. Susan E. Goff, rector of St. Christopher's Episcopal Church, Springfield, Virginia; the Rev. John F. Koepke, III, rector of St. Paul's, Dayton, Ohio; and the Rev. James B. Lemler, Director of Mission, The Episcopal Church, New York, New York. These nominees join the Rev. Canon George Aldrich Hill III, rector of St. Barnabas, Montgomery, Ohio, who was nomination by petition in 2005. The Rev. Stephen H. Wendfeldt, rector of St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Del Mar, Calif., and the only remaining nominees from those selected by the Nominating Committee in 2005, had submitted a letter shortly after the Standing Committee's May meeting requesting that his name be withdrawn from further consideration. Following the presentation of the nominees, Bishop Price celebrated the Eucharist, during which the Nominating Committee was thanked for its 2 ½ years of work on behalf of the diocese. Members of the Standing Committee were assigned as "shepherds" to each of the six nominees and information about the "nomination by petition" process was distributed by mail and on the web site. A report was received on the progress of the "Thompson Campership" campaign to honor the ministry of Bishop Herbert and Russelle Thompson. The Committee concurred with Bishop Price's decision to lift the suspension on the Rev. David Ruppe. Both the committee and Bishop Price gave consent for St. Philip's, Northside (Cincinnati) to sell their property conditioned on a final review by Jon Boss of the information present by their Mission Council.
August 2006
Met on Aug. 17 at Christ Church, Glendale. We began with prayers of thanksgiving for the life and ministry of our 8th Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Herbert Thompson Jr., who had died suddenly the day before in Italy, and for his family. We requested that the Rev. Canon Vicki Zust develop a revised resolution honoring Bishop Thompson to replace the "Bishop Emeritus" resolution submitted earlier. Along with Bishop Price, we accepted with deep regret Paul Nicely's renunciation of his priesthood. The committee and Bishop Price consented to a request by the mission council of All Saints, New Albany, to demolish a house on the front portion of their property as required by the Village of New Albany. The committee reviewed the "Contract of Closure" provided by Bishop Price for the Church of the Nativity in Price Hill (Cincinnati) and will present a resolution to the 132nd Annual Convention asking that the congregation be declared "no longer in union" with convention. Made changes to the schedule for the Nominee Forums so that the sites will be more convenient for more people in the eastern portion of the diocese.

September 2006
Met on Sept. 21 at Diocesan House in Cincinnati. We reviewed implications of Bishop Price's position as the Temporary Ecclesiastical Authority while being a nominee for election as the 9th Bishop of the Diocese of Southern Ohio. Determined that because his position was established by a resolution of the 131st (2005) Annual Convention, no changes were appropriate between now and the Nov. 11 election. However, to avoid any appearance of conflict of interest, the "electing session" of the 132nd Annual Convention will be chaired by Diocesan Council's second vice president, the Rev. Robert "Rob" E. Baldwin, and the parliamentarian will be the chancellor of the diocese, Joseph Julnes Dehner, Esq. Confirmed that five Nominee Forums in October will be panel-style and changed the format to the more traditional "break-out" sessions for the Gathering with the Clergy at Procter Camp & Conference Center on Oct. 27. The change is possible because of the time and space available for that event. Approved the resolution offering thanks for the life and witness of Bishop Thompson and committing us to continuing his work of reconciliation, liberation, healing and service. Consent was given to the election of the Rev. Dr. Nathan Dwight Baxter as Bishop of the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania.

Jon B. Boss, president
The Rev. Stephen H. Applegate
The Rev. Richard A. Burnett
Chester "Chet" R. Cavaliere
Lisa R. Hughes, Secretary
The Rev. Charlotte Collins Reed, vice president

Stewardship Commission
Mission: Believing that all we have and all we are is a gift from God, the mission of the Diocesan Stewardship Commission is to support the congregations of the diocese by teaching the Biblical basis of stewardship and by teaching congregations how to incorporate a year-round program of stewardship so that each individual's gifts of time, talent and treasure may be used to carry out the ministry of Christ's church in the world.
Accomplishments/Goals: Worked with 10 congregations in a variety of ways; providing resources, giving sermons, leading adult forums and providing on-site and phone consultations with vestries and stewardship committees. Reviewed three congregation's web pages and developed a generic sample web page for congregation's use. Sponsored a spring stewardship conference with "Friends of the Groom." Although attendance was less than in previous years due to conflicts with other Diocesan programs and General Convention preparation, feedback from those attending was very positive. Continued reviewing new books and other stewardship resources and providing these and our Diocesan Stewardship Manual as a resource when working with congregations.
2007 Goals: We have scheduled on-site consultations and/or sermons with six congregations for Sept.
through Nov. 2006 and will continue to provide this service in 2007. We will develop one- to three-hour educational presentations and seek opportunities to present to larger diocesan venues and programs such as Anglican Academy, Southern Ohio Lay Leadership Initiative or clergy interns. We will continue to review new stewardship resources and provide our stewardship manual and other resources to congregations.

Dick Tuttle, chair
Mary Bailey
Carlton Ellis
Mike Kennedy
Betsy Schram
The Rev. Joe Redmond
The Rev. Bruce Smith
Roger Speer
Fran Stanton

**Trustees of the Diocese**

**Mission:** To support the bishop in his use of the William Cooper Procter Fund; to invest diocesan funds to maintain purchasing power of the fund; to advise the bishop, as requested, on matters the bishop wishes to discuss; to work with congregations, committees, etc., to empower the mission of the diocese.

**Accomplishments/Goals:** The trustees created a $1.7 million budget, according to the criteria outlined by Mr. Procter when the fund was established. In it, there was $77,794 of undesignated funds, which a committee, appointed in accordance with the instructions of the fund (made up of Bishop Price, Cathedral Dean Jim Diamond and James Heathcote) has applied during this year, with the consent of the trustees. Met with trustees from Episcopal Retirement Homes and the Cathedral to share common investment wisdom.

Will create new 2007 budget in December in accordance with the trust, trying to maximize the amount of unallocated funds that will be available to the new bishop.

George Edwards, 2006
Marilyn Sesler, 2007
C. R. Cavaliere, 2008
The Rev. Canon James Hanisian, 2010
The Rev. Dcn. Sallie C. Schisler, 2009

**Consultants for Funding and Evaluation**

Edward Burdell (AIR Inc.)
William Woods (AIR Inc.)
Report of The Trustees of the Diocese
to Convention

(prepared in collaboration with PNC Institutional Investments)

November 2006
Status Reports as of 9/30/06
Consolidated Funds of The Trustees of the Diocese

Income Fund "I"
Growth Fund "G"

☐ The Consolidated Funds are managed for the benefit of approximately 190 diocesan and church related accounts. The Trustees of the Diocese oversee the funds. PNC Bank, National Association is the investment manager and administrator.

☐ The "I" Fund is a portfolio of bonds, and dividend paying common and preferred stocks designed to produce a high level of income consistent with high credit quality. The "G" Fund is a portfolio of common stocks, designed for long term growth of capital.

☐ Participants are responsible for the investment mix in their accounts. Investments can be 100% in the "I" Fund, 100% in the "G" Fund, or any combination of the two funds. Participants should take into consideration their long-term investment objectives including any income needs when setting their investment mix.

☐ The Consolidated Funds are valued at the end of each month and income distributions are then made. Distributions can be sent directly to the participant or reinvested in additional units of the Consolidated Funds. Withdrawals and contributions are handled monthly.
The Consolidated Income Fund "I" is invested in a diversified portfolio of high quality bonds, dividend paying common and preferred stocks, and cash equivalents. The objectives of the "I" Fund are to provide a high and relatively stable flow of income while protecting the principal value as much as possible from significant downside movements. Given that the "I" Fund is invested primarily in fixed rate securities of longer duration, it is subject to price fluctuation as interest rates change.

As of September 30, 2006, the "I" Fund held 191 bond issues, broadly diversified across several sectors of the bond market as outlined below. Fifteen stocks were also held. The current yield at market on 9/30/06 was 4.8%.

Consolidated Income Fund "I"
Sector Allocation as of 9/30/06

- Corporate 16%
- Asset-Backed 16%
- U.S. Treasury 11%
- U.S. Gov't. Agencies 4%
- Cash Equivalents 4%
- Mortgage-Backed 49%

Weighted Average Life: 5.32 Years
Duration: 3.8 Years
Average Quality Rating: AAA
Average Yield to Maturity: 5.32%
Consolidated Income Fund “T” Performance
Annualized Rates of Return for Periods Ending 9/30/06

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Consolidated Growth Fund "G"
Portfolio Analysis 9/30/06

- The Consolidated Growth Fund "G" is invested in a diversified portfolio of high quality stocks and cash equivalents. The twin objectives of the "G" Fund are to seek appreciation of the fund value and provide a total rate of return (principal plus income) that exceeds the rate of inflation. Both objectives are measured over a long investment time frame.

- As of September 30, 2006, the "G" Fund held 64 stock issues, diversified broadly by sector and industry. Positions were also held in six broadly diversified international, mid and small capitalization equity mutual funds. The current yield at market on 9/30/06 was 1.5%.
Consolidated Growth Fund "G" Performance

Annualized Rates of Return for Periods Ending 9/30/06

- 3 Years
  - "G" Fund: 12.97%
  - S&P 500 Index: 12.29%

- 5 Years
  - "G" Fund: 6.44%
  - S&P 500 Index: 6.98%

- 10 Years
  - "G" Fund: 5.88%
  - S&P 500 Index: 8.62%

- 1 Year
  - "G" Fund: 11.63%
  - S&P 500 Index: 10.78%
### Consolidated Income Fund “I”

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### Consolidated Growth Fund “G”

#### Business Summary

**Exxon Mobil**
- 3.1% of assets
- The world’s largest publicly owned integrated oil company – formed through 1999 merger of Exxon and Mobil.
- With annual revenues of $328 billion, the company finds, produces, refines and markets oil/gas and chemicals.

**Bank of America**
- 2.3% of assets
- Bank of America provides a wide range of banking services, primarily in the U.S., but also in select international markets. Total assets exceed $1.2 trillion.

**Johnson & Johnson**
- 2.1% of assets
- One of the most diversified health care companies. Johnson & Johnson’s products include pharmaceuticals, medical devices and over-the-counter consumer products.

**General Electric**
- 2.1% of assets
- This giant has significant interests in industrial, media, medical, and financing/insurance business. Annual revenues exceed $148 billion – services are increasingly overtaking industrial products as the primary revenue generators.

**Microsoft**
- 1.9% of assets
- The world’s largest computer software company, with dominant positions in operating systems, business applications, and internet software. Products such as Windows, Office, Excel, PowerPoint, and MSN help generate $44 billion in annual sales.

**PepsiCo**
- 1.9% of assets
- Leading snack food manufacturer (Frito-Lay and Quaker Oats) and second largest soft drink producer, PepsiCo continues to focus on overseas growth which makes up a third of the company’s revenue.

**Procter & Gamble**
- 1.9% of assets
- Leading manufacturer of household and personal care products. Recently acquired the Gillette Co. Revenues exceed $68 billion annually.

**J.P. Morgan Chase**
- 1.8% of assets
- The second largest bank in America based on deposits. Total assets exceed $1.1 billion. J.P. Morgan has operations in over 50 countries.

**Exelon**
- 1.8% of assets
- Large public utility which provides power to 5 million customers in northern Illinois and southeastern Pennsylvania. Exelon is America’s largest operator of nuclear power plants.

**Wyeth**
- 1.7% of assets
- Wyeth develops and markets pharmaceutical, biologic, consumer and animal healthcare products. Primary products focus on central nervous system, gastrointestinal, autoimmune and hormone replacement therapies.

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Top Ten Holdings do not include diversified mutual funds.
PNC Institutional Investments Market Review

- Despite concerns of higher energy and commodity prices and fears of a slowing housing market over the past year, the stock and bond markets posted positive returns. Large cash balances held by investors looking for higher potential returns helped support the market and boosted returns over the last quarter as investors finally invested some of their cash holdings. Bonds produced low single-digit returns as short-term interest rates rose, while stock returns were close to their historical averages.

- The best performing sectors of the bond market for the year ending September 30, 2006 were long maturity U.S. Treasury Bonds and high yield (junk) bonds. The weakest sectors were short maturity issues, which were most negatively impacted by rising short term interest rates. During the year, we maintained a below average portfolio maturity structure in the “I” Fund, reflecting our anticipation of rising interest rates. The stock allocation of the “I” Fund boosted the performance of the overall fund, resulting in performance exceeding the Lehman Aggregate Bond benchmark for the year. The stock portion of the “I” Fund focuses on holdings with good and growing dividends.

- The U.S. Stock Market posted strong returns for the year ended September 30, 2006. Returns for large capitalization stocks finally began to outperform smaller capitalization stocks. Value stocks continued to outperform Growth stocks, as they have over the past six years. The solid returns for U.S. stocks were eclipsed by even better returns by international stocks. We were able to exceed the S&P 500 Index benchmark by utilizing strong stock selection and by including the international stock allocation in the fund.
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Periodically, the William Cooper Procter Fund needs to be demystified for clergy and lay Episcopalians of this Diocese. Because it is a major fund that dispenses a large number of grants each year, the concept sometimes exists in people’s minds that the Procter Fund is capable of financing every proposal and that emerges in the Diocese. The purpose of this report is to dispel the misconceptions about the Fund and to clarify just how it works.

What is the William Cooper Procter Fund? What are its purposes, and what is the process for allocating grants from the Fund? These are questions that need to be answered on a regular basis.

THE ORIGINS OF THE FUND AND ITS PURPOSES

The William Cooper Procter Fund was established at the time of Col. Procter’s death in 1935. (The Fund actually became activated with the death of Mrs. Procter in 1953.) Because of the close friendship between Col. Procter and Bishop Henry Hobson, Jane Procter originally determined that the Bishop of the Diocese of Southern Ohio should have sole discretion in making decisions about the uses of the Fund. Bishop Hobson, however, proposed an alternative process that called for the Trustees of the Diocese to approve the Bishop’s funding choices, and that established funding criteria to serve as guidelines for the Bishop and the Trustees.

These four criteria were included in the original agreement, and they define the areas that qualify for Procter funding. Criterion I deals with efforts to address human need, and Criterion II focuses on clergy development. Criterion III is set up to assist the development of congregations in the Diocese, while Criterion IV funds experimental ministries or projects within and beyond the Diocese that “advance the work of the Church.”

The four criteria of the Fund define distinct areas of Church activity, but they are also broad enough in scope to allow the Bishop and the Trustees to respond to changes within the Church, the Diocese, communities, the nation, and the world. Just as the framers of the U.S. Constitution sought to create a flexible document that would allow government to function in an unknown future, the authors of the Procter Fund purposes crafted this same flexibility for the uses of the Fund.

Nevertheless, the priorities and concerns of the Bishops of Southern Ohio are reflected in the grants allocated from the Procter Fund. Although the four criteria define the purposes of the Fund, and the Trustees of the Diocese must approve proposed grants, the Bishop alone is the key actor in both initiating grants and endorsing grant proposals from within and outside the Diocese. The criteria center on human need, clergy and congregational development, and experimental ministries, but these parameters provide each Bishop with plenty of room to promote the goals that he or she seeks to achieve as a leader of the Episcopal Church. The Trustees’ review of individual grants is limited to their appropriateness relative to the criteria. This ‘criteria compatibility’ test is the basis for Trustee concurrence.

A brief review of the Procter grants made during the episcopates of Bishops Black and Thompson highlights the variety and initiatives each bishop has contributed to the Fund’s direction.

Criterion I

“The giving of relief to those in trouble and need, especially where there would be an opportunity for restoring physical, mental or spiritual well being.” This purpose provides a mandate for carrying out Christ’s second great commandment, “love thy neighbor as thyself.” It follows the tradition of the Good Samaritan and Christ’s day- to-day ministry of healing the sick and feeding the hungry. The church
possesses a long history of fulfilling the teachings of the Gospels by alleviating human need.

Examples of “giving relief to those in trouble and need” abound in Procter grants allocated during the episcopates of Bishops Black and Thompson. Criterion I grants in 1988 reveal Bishop Black’s priorities in this area. His emphasis on church-based projects that addressed human needs was reflected in a grant to the Northside Community School located at St. Philip’s, a parish in a predominantly Appalachian neighborhood in Cincinnati. The school ran a GED program and other educational and counseling services for high school dropouts and other young adults who needed training.

Bishop Black also supported St. John’s Town Street in Columbus, where a feeding program and other services assisted residents in this Appalachian neighborhood. Another grant to Christ Church/Dayton helped launch a religious coalition that advocated for more affordable housing units for low-income residents of that city.

Besides several other grants to support rural and urban Appalachian projects, Bishop Black funded an area within Criterion I known as “populations-at-risk.” This included support for substance abuse programs and chaplains for Children’s Hospital and Episcopal Retirement Homes.

Bishop Thompson launched his episcopate by shaping a Vision for the Diocese, and Criterion I spending in 1996 reflect efforts to implement this Vision. For instance, part of the Vision was the Episcopal Community Services Foundation, and a grant that year went to support this new foundation designed to fund parish outreach to address human and community needs. A grant to support youth ministry in the Diocese grew naturally from the part of the Vision to make outreach to youth a priority. Criterion I funding in 1996 also continued support for parish-based projects to assist people in need.

**Criterion II**

“The building up of the quality of the clergy in the Diocese by the perpetuation of the plan for grants to supplement salaries in churches where there is real promise for the future.”

Criterion II focuses exclusively on clergy development. Most of the work in this area during Bishop Black’s episcopacy was done under the auspices of the Commission On Ordained Ministry. Reconstituted at the 1984 Diocesan Convention to assist the Bishop in every matter pertaining to the ordained clergy, its committees dealt with clergy development, salaries, pensions, benefits, deployment, examining chaplains, deacons, interns, and future trends. Major grants under this Criterion in 1988 included the parish intern program, clergy deployment activities, and minority clergy placement efforts.

Although many of the same Criterion II activities continued during Bishop Thompson’s episcopacy, the 1996 grants reveal several changes. Bishop Thompson inaugurated an annual clergy/spouse conference that was funded with a Criterion II allocation. A line item was also established to support new programs that identify, recruit, and train candidates for the ministry. The large intern budget in 1996 shows the growing number of newly ordained clergy in the Diocese.

**Criterion III**

“The development of a more widespread sense of responsibility in the parishes and missions of the Diocese for the support of the missionary work of the church. Grants should be made on some basis as was used in connection with the refinancing fund given by Mr. Procter in 1933: Aid is given to certain churches in times of emergency in return for an agreement pledging those churches to an adequate support of the church’s programs.”
Criterion III focuses on congregational development, and this includes support for new congregations and assistance to older parishes in the midst of transition or changing circumstances. The 1986 Criterion III allocations reveal “start-up fellowship grants” to five new congregations and grants to aid nine older rural, urban, and suburban churches.

Bishop Black viewed Purpose III as an opportunity to promote parish rejuvenation through outreach, and several 1988 grants represent this approach. For instance, a grant to the Joint Episcopal Metropolitan Ministry provided support to St. Paul’s in Martins Ferry while also staffing an innovative initiative to link five parishes in the Wheeling, West Virginia- Eastern Ohio region in community-based outreach projects. Another grant to Holy Trinity Church/Kenwood helped parishioners launch an Episcopal primary school in the church building.

Congregational development took on a new importance when Bishop Thompson made it part of the Vision for the Diocese. The Commission on Congregational Life, an active team of clergy and lay leaders was established in 1995 as part of the Vision to work with start-up congregations and older parishes in need of assistance. Not only did COCL provide advice and expertise to these parishes, but also it became the vehicle for funding congregational development under Criterion III. The $250,000 allocation to COCL in 1996 funded the Commission’s assistance to three new congregations and two older parishes in need of aid.

**Criterion IV**

“The use of grants to take advantage of the unusual opportunities for advance work in the church’s program as distinct from the regular running expenses covered by the budget. The church can only live if it is making progress. The responsibility for the maintenance of the regular work must be borne by the rank and file of its membership, but opportunity should be offered to support any experiment, which affords a chance to take a step forward. The essential unity of the church’s work requires that there should be no geographical limitations upon these grants so long as the purpose of the fund, as described above, are expressed in the use of this income. Part of the annual income from the fund shall be used for the work of the church outside the Diocese of Southern Ohio.”

Purpose IV expresses the vision of the Procter Fund. It captures the essence of the goal of supporting “advance work”, “unusual opportunities”, and “experiments which afford the chance to take a step forward.” Of the 26 diverse grants funded under this Criterion in 1988, several of them especially reflect Bishop Black’s leadership in responding to the challenges that confronted the church at that time.

The grant to the AIDS Home Project represented the Bishop’s determination to address this health crisis by joining forces with other foundations and religious organizations to fund the first group residence for AIDS patients in Cincinnati. The Bishop’s interest in fostering interfaith initiatives took the form of a new grant to the Abrahamic Accord Project, a Christian/Jewish dialogue on current issues co-sponsored by the Diocese of Rhode Island. Finally, ongoing grants to three college campus ministries reflected Bishop Black’s commitment to reaching out to young adults.

Bishop Thompson certainly had a vision for carrying forward the “advance work” of the church, and the 1996 Criterion IV grants showcase his implementation of that vision. In his first Pastoral Letter, the Bishop compared the biblical description of the New Jerusalem with the inequities and injustices of our own time. The Letter spurred him to set aside a portion of the Procter Fund to support initiatives designed to bring about systemic change. These “New Jerusalem grants” funded projects in 1996 such as a credit union in a low-income Cincinnati neighborhood and an employment program with ongoing peer support for African-American men.
Another priority of Bishop Thompson was supporting the church overseas. As fiscal restraints greatly limited the national church’s ability to fund missionary work abroad, Bishop Thompson decided that a portion of Criterion IV should be earmarked for this purpose. In 1996, “Over Seas grants” were allocated to the church in Uganda to assist the 10,000 AIDS’ orphans in the Diocese of Buganda, and to the Global Episcopal Mission Network, a partnership between this Diocese and the Diocese of New York to promote missionary activities within the Episcopal Church.

**DESCRIPTION OF THE ANNUAL PROCESS AND CURRENT OBLIGATIONS**

The budget process begins each year in late summer for the following year. One of the controlling aspects has to do with the amount of funds available for distribution. For many years, the Procter Fund simply drew down all available income generated by the work of the Trust Department of PNC Bank, and used that as the amount of available funds. In recent years, the Trustees of the Diocese have established a percentage of draw based on the size of the corpus of the endowment. As an example, in 2006 the Trustees established a draw rate of 4.25% that yielded a total of $1,779,580. This was based on a corpus of approximately $42 million.

Therefore the budget process begins with an approximate range of income based on a draw of between 4.25% and 5%. This translates to an income stream of between one and three-quarters to two and a quarter million dollars.

The budget is developed by the Bishop with the assistance of the Procter Fund consultants, and is coordinated with the President of the Trustees. Certain items, such as the contribution to the Diocesan Budget and the three capital-related items in Criterion III, are rather easily determined. Other items of continuing interest are examined usually based upon requests, and are proposed for funding based on historical patterns. However, these items, such as the Ohio Council of Churches or the Clergy Spouse Conference or the Appalachian Ministries, are all subject to review and revision.

The Procter Fund also receives many unsolicited requests for funding. Most have been previously discussed with parish representatives or community organizations, but some are completely unexpected. For many years, there was a fixed deadline for such applications, and they were reviewed as a part of the budget process. This proved to be somewhat arbitrary, and did not provide any flexibility to respond to new opportunities or changing circumstances. Consequently, applicants might be developing proposals in June of one year, and yet not receive funding until the fall of the following year. In order to be more responsive, the Trustees at Bishop Thompson’s request, created two categories for such funding requests. The first of these was for grants to overseas entities. One stipulation that has been put on such requests is that a letter of endorsement and concurrence must come from the appropriate Anglican Bishop in the area where the grant would be expended. The second category of grants was for “New Jerusalem Initiatives.” Bishop Thompson designed this category in consultation with parish and community leaders following the Los Angeles riots. The vision based on scriptural reference to “…a new Jerusalem rising up…” was to provide resources to efforts to change the systems or underlying causes which kept people from emerging out of poverty.

Both the Overseas and New Jerusalem categories were funded for as much as $100,000 each for a number of years. Once the overall budget was approved, Bishop Thompson responded to requests for funding with the assistance and support of the consultants. Thus it was possible to act more quickly on requests. All approved grants were then reported to the Trustees at their next meeting. Both categories were zeroed out in the 2006 budget. As an alternative, the Trustees provide just over $75,000 in undesignated funds to be distributed during the year. Those funds have been used to respond to requests during 2006. In the absence of a Diocesan Bishop, a committee of three [Bishop Price, Dean Diamond and Jim Heathcotte] has done the initial reviews of the requests, and then forwarded them to the Trustees for their concurrence.
This concurrence model is quite unique in the foundation community. It has, however, worked extremely well for the Procter Fund.

The budget development work usually begins in September, although, as noted, preliminary numbers are earlier developed for the Diocesan budget. Then, at the December meeting of the Trustees, the Bishop presents the budget for their action. Once the Trustees concurrence is achieved, the Diocesan Financial Officer advises the bank as to the amount of money to be drawn down for the year, and the important day-to-day work of managing the funds begins.

There are a variety of ways to look at the distribution of the funds. One is to use the basic Criterion, and place the expenditures in those four categories. Under that approach, just under 25% of the funds were allocated in 2005 under Criterion I. The two biggest expenses on this were the Youth Program at Procter Conference Center, and an allocation for the administrative secretary of the Procter Fund. This latter is somewhat of an anomaly since the secretary who serves the Trustees and the Procter Fund is also traditionally the Bishop’s secretary. There has been consideration for some time about moving most or all of that charge into the regular Convention Budget. In fact, this year – that is the case – as the two secretaries who assist Bishop Price are covered under the Convention Budget, and the Procter Funds have been reduced and assigned to the work of Mrs. Ida Riley [who recently retired after many years as the Bishop’s secretary.]

Criterion II is slightly larger than Criterion I but in the same ranges – just under 25% of the total budget. The two largest items in this budget relate to the Diocesan contribution to parish interns and payment of medical charges for retired clergy. Both these items fluctuate dependent upon the number of participants.

The largest dollar commitment to a Criterion is over $600,000 for Criterion III. This represents about a third of the budget. The largest single item in 2006 was an allocation for the Commission on Congregational Life. The Procter Fund supplements Convention Budget for this important Commission that provides assistance to new and existing parishes. One hundred and fifty thousand dollars is allocated to pay the interest on investments in the Clear Vision Covenant Campaign that provides assistance to new parishes in their capital needs. Those currently receiving support from this line item are: St. Francis, [Springboro]; St. Andrew’s [Pickerington]; St. Margaret [Dayton/Trotwood]; All Saints [New Albany]. A like amount [$150,000] is set-aside for Church Foundation. [This is a separate fund, which provides grants and loans to parishes for building related expenditures.]

The Bishop and Trustees have also utilized the corpus to make loans to parishes for facilities. These loans are shown as assets on the balance sheet, since it is intended that they will be repaid.

Criterion IV contains a number of items of outreach, and in 2006 was less than 20% of the total budget. One item of particular note is $35,000 for the National Church that is beyond the annual request from the National Church to the Diocese.

A slightly different way to approach the budget is to look at it in terms of how much money we spend within the Diocese on ourselves, and how much goes to organizations and institutions that are not directly connected with the Church. As a general rule, more money is spent inside the Diocese on Diocesan and parish functions than is spent outside. In an effort to identify the impact of the Procter Fund on the Diocesan Budget, the Trustees in 2005 announced that funds for certain items would be transferred to the Diocesan Budget Committee for its oversight. The same practice has continued in 2006, and will occur in 2007, although and most importantly, at a reduced level. In 2006, the amount was $597,425. The forecast for 2007 is $525,000. The assumption is that the Diocesan Budget Committee can effectively distribute these monies among a variety of areas where they are combined with Convention funds. Further, it is assumed that the Procter Fund will not further supplement these items. Those items specifically targeted as
receiving Procter Funds through the Convention Budget are:

The Youth Budget
Rent paid to Trinity/Columbus for the Bishop’s Center
The Midwest Career Center for services to Diocesan clergy
The Commission on Congregational Life
Peace and Social Justice Policy
Communications through the Interchange budget, and finally,
A direct subsidy of $125,000 [2006] for Procter Camp operations

From time to time, the Bishop and Trustees have faced situations that are beyond the resources of the annual budget. On those occasions, they have called upon the corpus. One creative instance occurred when St. Thomas/Terrace Park sought assistance for its moderate-income housing project at Thomaston Woods. The Trustees placed over a million dollars in linked deposit to the construction loan required by Thomaston Woods before permanent funding could be put into place. As it was designed, it saved the housing project tens of thousands of dollars, did not put the corpus at any risk, and cost less than $10,000 in loss of annual revenue. More recently, the Trustees used the fund to serve as “guarantors” of a loan by PNC Bank to the WEB Dubois Academy. That obligation has also been fully discharged.

In recent times at the request of the Bishop, the Trustees have drawn down on the corpus for a specific grant or to enable a particular priority. This very limited practice was made possible by changes in Ohio law, which permitted the use of ‘appreciated assets’. This simultaneously ensures protection of the core assets and permits use of some ‘growth’ dollars. Two examples of this were the resources allocated to the effort to establish an Episcopal school, and the second, a contribution of $1 million to General Seminary. In order to achieve the goals of Bishop Thompson’s Jubilee grants, certain contributions were spread over three year periods in order to meet the pledges and not overly impact the annual budget. This is not a normal practice. Usually, requests for multi-year grants are responded to on an annual basis without a guarantee of continuing funding.

The fiscal management of the fund has become increasingly complex and sophisticated in recent years. The Trustees have taken the lead in securing outside review of the portfolio management, and joining with the Cathedral and Episcopal Retirement Homes to maximize their leverage for certain efforts. In addition to the specialized review and advice provided by EAI consultants, the portfolio and its management teams have been diversified. In recent practice, the Trustees have taken the lead in these efforts, although, naturally, the Bishop has been involved in these changes.

A FINAL NOTE

In conclusion, this report seeks to depict the purposes, scope, and administration of the William Cooper Procter Fund. It describes how over the years the Fund has evolved into a primary funding asset for the work of the Diocese of Southern Ohio. Although each new Bishop exerts a major influence concerning the uses of the Fund, the four criteria insure that grants will flow to clergy and congregational development, projects that address human need, and initiatives within and outside the Diocese that advance the work of the Church. Thus, the foresight and generosity of Jane and William Cooper Procter created a Fund that for more than fifty years has served as a resource for the Bishops to guide and assist important initiatives around the world and especially in this Diocese.

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The Constitution
and Canons
of
The Episcopal Church
in
The Diocese of Southern Ohio

2007
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Article I
Acceding to the General Convention

This Diocese shall be known as the Diocese of Southern Ohio and, as now constituted, embraces territorially all that part of the State of Ohio lying south of the northern boundary of the counties of Belmont, Guernsey, Muskingum, Licking, Delaware, Franklin, Madison, Champaign, Miami and Darke; and, as a constituent part of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, it agrees to be bound by and exist under the Constitution and Canons of that Church, and acknowledges their authority accordingly.

Article II
The Election and Authority of a Bishop

Section 1. The election of a Bishop, of a Bishop Coadjutor or a Suffragan Bishop, for this Diocese shall be made at an Annual session of the Convention, or at a Special session called for that purpose, provided at least sixty days before the time of such Annual or Special meeting a notice be sent in writing by the Secretary of the Standing Committee to every Episcopal Clerical member of the Convention and to every Congregation canonically in union with this Diocese.

The election shall be by concurrent vote of the Episcopal Clergy and Laity, voting by Orders, a majority in each Order on the same ballot being necessary to an election.

Section 2. The Bishop is the Ecclesiastical Authority of this Diocese, except as otherwise provided.

Section 3. There may be a Bishop Coadjutor as provided in the Canons of the General Convention, whom the Bishop, in case of absence or indisposition, may designate as the Ecclesiastical Authority of this Diocese.

Section 4. There may be a Suffragan Bishop in accordance with the Canons of the General Convention, whom the Bishop, or Bishop Coadjutor, in case of their absence of indisposition, may designate as the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese. Upon the death or during the disability or absence of a Bishop (and in the event that there is no Bishop Coadjutor) and upon vote of the Convention, a Bishop suffragan of the Diocese may be placed in charge of the Diocese and become temporarily the Ecclesiastical Authority thereof until such time as a new Bishop shall be chosen and consecrated. “Absence” of a Bishop shall include any period of time following the effective date of resignation of a Bishop (in the event that there is no Bishop Coadjutor) and before the election and consecration of a new Bishop.

Section 5. The Bishop is the Chief Pastor of the Diocese and may officiate in the offices of the Church within any Congregation or elsewhere in this Diocese. The Bishop Coadjutor and the Suffragan Bishop, if there be such, shall have similar right to officiate.

Section 6. The Bishop is the Ordinary of all religious or benevolent organizations of the Church within this
Diocese, and as such may attend and preside at any of their meetings, and has appellate jurisdiction over their proceedings, as far as is consistent with the law of the State.

Section 7. Whenever the Bishop shall issue a Pastoral Letter and so requests, it shall be the duty of every Minister in charge of a Congregation to read it to that Congregation on some occasion of public worship on a Lord’s Day, not later than one month after it has been received. The Minister in charge may also cause copies of the same to be distributed to the members of that Congregation.

Section 8. All controversies between the Rectors of two or more Congregations, or between a Congregation or its Vestry and its Rector, or between persons adversely claiming to be Vestry members of a Congregation, shall be referred to the Ecclesiastical Authority for adjudication.

**Article III**

The Annual Sessions of the Convention and Quorum

Section 1. There shall be a Convention of the Church in the Diocese which shall be the chief governing body of the Diocese and which shall hold at least one session each year. The Annual session of the said Convention shall be convened on the second Friday in November, or at a time to be set by the Bishop of the Diocese, with the advice and consent of the Standing Committee, unless otherwise ordered by a previous Annual session of the Convention, or as provided in Section 2 of this Article.

Section 2. For any sufficient cause, occurring after the designation of the place of the session, the Ecclesiastical Authority may change the time and place of such session.

Section 3. Notice of the meeting of the Convention shall be given as provided in the Canons.

Section 4. The presence of the Bishop, or the Bishop Coadjutor, or the Suffragan Bishop, if there be a Bishop, or a Bishop Coadjutor, or a Suffragan Bishop, and thirty of the Clergy entitled to seats in the Convention, and of Delegates from one-third of the Congregations in canonical union with this Diocese, taken together, shall be necessary for the transaction of business, but a smaller number may adjourn from day to day. In the event that both the Bishop and Bishop Coadjutor, if there be one, are prevented by illness, or other emergency, from attending the Convention, the Standing Committee may so certify to the Convention, and in such a case the presence of the Bishop, or the Bishop Coadjutor, if there be one, shall not be necessary for the transaction of business.

**Article IV**

The President of the Convention

The Bishop, or at the Bishop’s request, the Bishop Coadjutor shall be President of and preside in the Convention, and shall open it, or cause it to be opened with prayer. If there be no Bishop present, the Convention shall be called to order by the Secretary, and shall elect a President from among its voting members.

**Article V**

The Secretary of the Convention

The Secretary of the Convention shall be appointed by the Bishop, subject to the approval of the Convention. The Secretary’s duties shall be as set forth in the Canons. The Secretary may appoint any necessary Assistant Secretaries.
Article VI
Members of the Convention

Section 1. The Convention shall be composed of Clergy and Lay Delegates. The Bishop or Bishops and every Minister of the Diocese canonically resident shall be members of this Convention.

In addition, ordained Ministers of other denominations who, with written permission of the Bishop and the Standing Committee, serve as Pastors in Congregations of this Diocese shall be members of this Convention.

Each Congregation in canonical union with this Diocese shall be entitled to one or more Lay Delegates as specified in the Canons. All Congregations shall be entitled to elect the same number of Alternates as Delegates.

The Lay Members of the Standing Committee, the Lay Members of Diocesan Council, the Lay Deputies to General Convention, the Trustees of the Diocese, the Chancellor of the Diocese, the Treasurer of the Diocese, and the members of the Executive Board of the Episcopal Churchwomen of the Diocese shall be accorded seat and voice, but not vote, at all sessions, Annual and Special, of the Convention.

Section 2. The Clergy and Lay Delegates in Convention shall deliberate in one body and shall vote as such on all questions not otherwise provided for, except when a vote by Orders is called for by eight members.

On every question, unless otherwise provided, the votes of the majority of those present and voting, or, if the voting be by Orders, the votes of the majority of those present and voting in each Order shall decide. In such case, the concurrence of both Orders shall be necessary. When a vote by Orders is called for, each Cleric and Lay Delegate shall have one vote.

Article VII
Special Sessions of the Convention

The Bishop or the Bishop Coadjutor shall have power to call Special sessions of the Convention when he may judge it important for the good of the Church, or when applied to for that purpose by the Standing Committee; and in case of a vacancy in the Episcopate, or the continued absence of the Bishops from the Diocese for six months, the Standing Committee shall have power to call a Special session of the Convention, and shall also do so, if applied to for that purpose by any five Presbyters or Vestries of the Diocese.

Article VIII
The Standing Committee

Section 1. The Standing Committee, which shall be the Council of Advice to the Bishop in charge of the Diocese, shall consist of three Presbyters canonically and actually resident in the Diocese and of three lay persons, each of whom is a member in good standing in a Congregation in canonical union with the Diocese. Two members, one a Presbyter and one a Lay Person, shall be chosen at each Annual session of the Convention for a term of three years. No person may be elected for more than two (2) consecutive full terms. The officers of said Committee, required by the Canon of the General Convention, shall be elected annually by the Committee at their first meeting after the Diocesan Convention. At all meetings a majority of the members shall constitute a quorum.

It shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Committee to keep a faithful record of all proceedings in a book maintained for that purpose, to preserve the originals of all papers or letters addressed to the Committee, to attest to the Committee’s acts, and to deliver to his successor all books and papers which by virtue of his
office have been committed to him. The minutes of the Committee, and all papers in its custody or control relative to the Church, shall be subject to the examination of the Bishop and the Convention.

A vacancy occurring in the Committee may be filled by a vote of the remaining members by electing a person to serve until the next Annual session of the Convention of the Diocese, at which time the Convention shall chose a person to fill the unexpired term.

Section 2. When the Diocese is without a Bishop, or in the case of the inability to act of the Bishop and the Bishop Coadjutor, if there be one, and the Suffragan Bishop, if there be one, the Standing Committee shall be the Ecclesiastical Authority for all purposes declared in the Canons of the General Convention and of this Diocese. In the case of the absence from the Diocese of the Bishop and the Bishop Coadjutor, if there be one, and the Suffragan Bishop, if there be one, the Standing Committee, if authorized so to act under the Episcopal hand and seal, shall in like manner be the Ecclesiastical Authority.

**Article IX**

**Election of Deputies to General Convention and Members of Standing Committee**

Deputies to General Convention and members of the Standing Committee shall be elected by joint ballot of the Clergy and Laity and a majority of those present and voting shall be required for an election. In case of a failure or omission to elect such Deputies or members of the Standing Committee, the persons last elected shall continue to serve until others are chosen. If, after four (4) ballots, the election of Deputies to General Convention or members of the Standing Committee has not been completed, the positions still vacant may be filled by a plurality vote, if authorized by three-fourths (3/4) of the members of the Convention present and voting. Election by ballot may be dispensed with by an unanimous vote of the Convention. Alternate Deputies shall be elected as provided for in the Canons.

**Article X**

**Suspension or Dissolution of a Congregation**

Any congregation may be suspended from the right of representation in the convention, or its connection with the diocese may be wholly dissolved by a vote of two-thirds of each order, whenever the same be deemed conducive to the interests of the Church. Any Congregation which has not paid its full assessment for the preceding calendar year by June 30 of any year or by one week before the scheduled date for the Annual meeting of the Convention if that precedes June 30, shall, ipso facto, be deprived of Lay representation in that year’s Convention unless excused by vote of the Convention.

**Article XI**

**Amending the Constitution**

A proposition for amendment shall be laid before an Annual session of the Convention in writing, and, if approved by a majority vote of the Convention, shall lie over until the next Annual session of the Convention; and if then adopted by two-thirds (2/3) of the total vote of the Clergy and Laity voting on the question, the proposed amendment shall become part of the Constitution, effective immediately or at the time specified in the amendment.
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The Diocese of Southern Ohio

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Preliminary Canon

Definition of Terms

Assessment: The annual financial contribution required from a Congregation for the support of the mission and ministry of the Diocese. Alternatively called the “Mission Share.”

Appellate Jurisdiction: relating to appeals; having the power to review the judgment of another tribunal.

Bishop Coadjutor: a Bishop (helper to the Diocesan) with automatic right to succeed when the Diocesan retires or dies. Must be elected. (Sometimes known as the Bishop Elect.)

Bishop Suffragan: a Bishop, assistant to the Diocesan, who does not have the right of succession. Must be elected.

Canonical: in accordance with the Canons of the Diocese and/or the National Church. Eg: Clergy canonically resident in the Diocese.

Canonical Certificate: (Letters Dimissory). An official letter, signed by the Bishop, authorizing the transfer of Clergy to another Diocese.

Chapel: A regular group of worshipers who meet in an institutional, recreational, or retreat setting.

Chaplain: May be either ordained or Lay, as is the case in the National Board of Examining Chaplains.

Clergy: persons canonically ordained Bishop, Priest, or Deacon in The Protestant Episcopal Church.

Congregation: an organized body of believers, in a particular locality, in union with the Convention who worship in accord with the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church in the United States and this Diocese. “Congregation” includes within its meaning, “Mission” and “Parish,” unless in the particular context “Mission” or “Parish” is used to denote a particular status.

Congregation not in Good Standing: a Congregation which shall have failed to prepare and submit a
Parochial Report, and or secure an annual audit as required by Canon XVI, Section 18.

**Convention**: the official Annual Meeting of the legislative body of the Diocese, convened to adopt the Budget for the coming year, and to initiate and/or approve recommended programs and policies of the Diocese. Special Conventions may be called for specific purposes (Constitution VII)

Members of the Convention are all the Clergy canonically resident in this Diocese together with the duly elected or appointed Lay Delegates from each Congregation in union with this Diocese.

**Diocesan**: The Bishop of the Diocese. (cf. “Ordinary”).

**Diocese**: a geographical unit in the Church, always under the supervision of a Bishop, or other Ecclesiastical Authority.

**Division, Vote By**: affirmative voters rise to be counted, then Negative voters rise to be counted. Used when voice vote is not conclusive.

**Ecclesiastical Authority**: authority relating to the Church, especially a formal and established institution. The Bishop of the Diocese or in the absence of the Bishop, the Bishop Coadjutor if there be one, or the Bishop Suffragan if there be one, or in the absence of all Bishops, the Standing Committee of the Diocese.

**Generic Terms**: any word or term used in these Canons that has an inherent connotation of gender (i.e. “he”, “Clergyman”, “Layman”) shall be understood to be equally applicable to men and women.

**Ipso facto**: by the very nature of the case; by the fact itself.

**Journal**: The Diocesan Journal, published yearly, containing three parts:

- Annual reports of Diocesan Staff, Committees, Commissions, Task Forces, etc., as well as reports from affiliated organizations and institutions.

- In addition, a Pre-Convention document is published, containing information about the business which will be presented to the Delegates for action at the Convention (Slate of Nominees, Report of the Resolutions Committee, the Budget, etc.)

- The official record, certified by the Secretary and the Bishop, of: The Minutes of the Annual Convention; Clergy listings, Diocesan Officers, Diocesan Statistics; deputies to the General Convention and to the Provincial Synod; and the names of the elected or appointed members of the Committees and Commissions.

**Members**: All persons who are members of this Church pursuant to the Canons of the National Church and who are enrolled within a congregation of this Diocese are members of the National Church within this Diocese.

**Mission**: a Congregation that has become certified as a Mission pursuant to Canon XVI, Section 16; or a Parish that has been certified as a Mission pursuant to Canon XVI, Section 17 subsections (b) and (c).
Mission Council: Persons elected by a Mission to fulfill the duties specified in Canon XVI.

Mission Share: The annual financial contribution required from a Congregation for the support of the mission and ministry of the Diocese. A Mission Share is an Assessment as that term is used in Article X of the Constitution of the Diocese.

Mission Station: a regular group of worshippers who may or may not seek to become an organized Mission.

National Church: The Episcopal Church.

Notification of Congregations: in the following order: the Rector, if there be one; the Vicar, if there be one; the Priest or Minister-in-Charge, if there be one; the Senior Warden.

Notification of Vestries: a document or the formal notice of some event, sent to the Senior Warden of a Congregation for presentation to the Vestry.

Orders, Vote by: Clerical and Lay votes counted by different sets of Tellers, and the results reported separately.

Ordinary: the Bishop of the Diocese; a prelate exercising jurisdiction over a specified territory or group. (cf. Diocesan).

Parish: a Congregation that has been certified as a parish pursuant to Canon XVI, Section 17 (a).

Presbyter: an ordained Priest in the Episcopal Church.

Priest-in-Charge: A duly ordained Priest serving in a Congregation by appointment of the Bishop.

Rector: a duly ordained Priest who has been called by the Vestry of and regularly settled in a Parish.

Secretary of the Diocesan Convention: Fulfills those functions required by Canon and may, at its vote, serve as Secretary of Council. The Secretary is a member of Diocesan Staff but is not necessarily an employee of the Diocese.

Special Sessions, Notice of: Notice to be sent at least sixty days in advance to all Clergy canonically resident in the Diocese and to all Congregations in union with the Diocese. (Constitution, Articles II and VII)

Standing Committee: Council of Advice to the Bishop, Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese when the Diocese is without a Bishop. (Constitution, Article VIII and Canon VII.)

Trustees of the Diocese: Officers of the Corporation, which has the same name, charged with the handling of Diocesan funds and property. (Canon XI).

Vestry: persons elected by a Parish to fulfill the duties specified in Canon XVI.

Vicar: a duly ordained Priest or Deacon, appointed by the Bishop to be in charge of a Mission and who serves at the pleasure of the Bishop.

Viva voce: word of mouth, voice vote.
Canon I The Seal of the Diocese

Authenticate Official Acts
The Official Seal of the Diocese shall be in accordance with the design described as follows: “Around the rim run the words ‘The Seal of the Diocese of Southern Ohio’, in Latin. In the body are the usual key and crosier, surmounted by a mitre; Beneath, on a scroll, is the legend Sicut flumen pax”*. On a shield below, the field is green. Diagonally across it runs a silver stream, representing the river from which both the State and the Diocese take their name. To the lower left of the stream is a golden sheaf, taken from the State coat-of-arms; To the upper right of the stream is a plough in proper color as the emblem of Cincinnati, and the same shall be used to authenticate all official acts of the Bishop or of the Convention.

*Isaiah 48:18 (Vulgate) Utinam attendisses mandata mea: facta fuisset sicut flumen pax tua, et iustitia tua sicut gurgites maris. “O that thou hadst hearkened to my commandments! Then had thy peace been as a river, and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea.” (AV)

Canon II List of Clergy of the Diocese

List to be prepared by Ecclesiastical Authority
Section 1. The Ecclesiastical Authority shall prepare, or cause to be prepared, a list of all the Clergy canonically resident in the Diocese with their respective duties and places of residence.

List to be recorded
Section 2. Such list shall be recorded by the Secretary of the Convention.

Record to be kept of canonical certificates
Section 3. The Secretary of the Convention shall record all canonical certificates concerning the election or institution of Ministers; provided, that the same be accompanied by the certificate of the Ecclesiastical Authority that the same person so chosen to any Congregation in this Diocese is a qualified minister of this Church.

Certificate of reception to be recorded.
Section 4. (a) when Letters Dimissory shall have been accepted, the Clergy received shall procure from the Ecclesiastical Authority a certificate that they have been received into the Diocese in compliance with the Canons of the General Convention. Said clergy shall cause such certificate to be delivered to the Secretary of the Convention, who shall record the same.

Ecclesiastical Authority to certify names of Clergy received into the Diocese and Clerical Changes
(b) The Ecclesiastical Authority shall also certify in writing to the Secretary, to be duly recorded, the names of all Clergy who shall, by ordination or in some other mode than as above specified, become canonically resident within the Diocese, to be duly recorded; and shall also certify to the Secretary the names of all Clergy deceased, transferred, deposed, suspended or resigned, in order that such names may, in the first three cases, be stricken from the record; and in the last two, that a minute of the sentence or fact be made.
List to be entered upon the Journal
(c) A copy of such list shall be given to the Committee on Credentials prior to the opening of the Convention, and shall be entered upon the Journal.

Such record admitted as evidence in all trials, etc.
(d) Such record, or copy thereof, or of such part thereof as may relate to the matter in question, duly attested by the Secretary, and the Seal of the Diocese, shall be admitted in evidence upon all proceedings or trials under any law or Canon in force in this Diocese.

Canon III The Convention

Call of the Convention by a written or printed notice
Section 1. Unless it be otherwise directed by the Convention the mode of giving notice of the meeting of the Convention shall be by printed or written notice, naming the time and place thereof, with the signature of the Secretary, sent by mail to all Clergy canonically resident in the Diocese, and to each Congregation, at least thirty days before the time appointed; the notice of the Special Sessions of the Convention shall be sent as required by Articles II and VII of the Constitution.

Organizing the Convention
Section 2. The Convention shall be organized in accordance with the Constitution and the Rules of Order.

List of Clergy entitled to seats
Section 3. Within one week before any session of the Convention of the Diocese, the Ecclesiastical Authority shall prepare, or cause to be prepared, a list of Clergy entitled to seats in the Convention. Such list, or a copy thereof, authenticated by the Ecclesiastical Authority, shall be filed with the Secretary, who shall record it.

Lay Delegates and their right to seats
Section 4. (a) Each Congregation that has paid its annual Diocesan Assessments as provided in Article X of the Constitution shall be entitled to seat, voice and vote as follows:

1. Each mission - two lay delegates
2. Each parish - four lay delegates

Lay representation from each congregation shall be selected for the full convention year. No Lay Delegate shall be entitled to a seat in the Convention unless that person be confirmed or received and a member in good standing in the Congregation from which he or she is elected.

Election of Lay Delegates
(b) The time, place and manner of holding an election of Lay Delegates and Alternate Delegates, and the notice for holding the same, shall be fixed by rules or Bylaws made by the Vestries or Mission Councils of Congregations, or by the Lay members of the same duly qualified at a meeting duly convened, provided that such election be held during the first four months of the calendar year. The Delegates so elected shall assume their duties at the next Annual Convention. No member of the Church in this Diocese shall be a voting member of more than one (1) Congregation in this Diocese for the purpose of electing Delegates to the Diocesan Convention.

Controversies in any such election shall be resolved by the Vestry or governing body of that Congregation or Fellowship in consultation with the Chancellor of the Diocese.
Report to the Secretary of the Convention

Section 5. In order to compile the list of Lay and Alternate Delegates for use in the organization of the Convention, it shall be the duty of the Clerk or Secretary of the Congregation to report the names of such Delegates to the Secretary of the Convention immediately after the choices are made.

Convention to decide contested seats

Section 6. No other certificate or evidence of the election of a Lay Delegate as required in Section 4 shall be required, and Lay Delegates duly certified above shall be entitled to seats until further action of the Convention.

Copy of these Sections to be sent

Section 7. A copy of Sections 4, 5, 6 of this Canon shall be transmitted by the Secretary of the Convention to the Rector, Vicar, Priest-in-Charge and Vestry or governing body of every Congregation.

Secretary of the Convention

To give due notice of meeting of Convention

Section 8. (a) In addition to the offices and duties elsewhere specified, it shall be the duty of the Secretary of Convention to give notice of any meeting of the Convention, in a written or printed letter transmitted by mail to all Clergy canonically resident in the Diocese and/or licensed to officiate in the Diocese and to every Congregation at least thirty days before the time appointed. This letter shall contain a notice of the time and place of holding the Convention, a printed copy of Sections 4, 5, 6, and 7 of this Canon relating to the appointment of Lay Delegates, and a form of certificate of their election.

To distribute schedule of unfinished and new business

(b) The Secretary shall have printed and distributed with the notice of the session of the Convention, a schedule of unfinished business and any new business to be presented to the Convention of which previous notice may have been given to the Secretary.

To transmit certain documents to the Diocesan Convention

(c) The Secretary shall have previously printed the reports of Officers and Committees to be presented to the Convention, when copy of such reports shall have been submitted to the Secretary in time to be included in Part I of the Diocesan Journal in advance of the Pre-Convention meetings. Such printed copies shall, if possible, be sent to each member and member-elect of the Convention.

To notify those elected or appointed

(d) The Secretary shall notify all Officers and Committees of their election or appointment within thirty days after the adjournment of the session of the Convention.

To transmit documents to General Convention

(e) The Secretary shall transmit to every General Convention, in addition to the documents mentioned in the Canons of the General Convention, a signed certificate of the appointment of Clerical and Lay Deputies.

To transmit copies of the Journal

(f) The Secretary shall transmit annually a copy of the Journal of the Diocesan Convention to the Secretary of the House of Deputies of the General Convention and to such Bishops of the Church and Secretaries of the Diocesan Convention or Convocations thereof as may request copies.

Voting by orders in Election of a Bishop and other business

Section 9. (a) In the election of a Bishop, voting by Orders shall be by secret written ballot and shall
proceed as set forth in Article II of the Constitution.

(b) In other business, when a vote by Orders is called for by any eight (8) members (representing two (2) or more different Congregations), on any measure proposed for adoption by the Convention, voting will be by Orders. Voting need not be by secret written ballot but will be by any method specified by the President of the Convention.

Canon IV Deputies and Alternate Deputies to the General Convention

Deputies to be chosen
Section 1. At the annual Convention in the second year before each regular meeting of the General Convention, Clergy and Lay persons shall be elected as Deputies to represent the Diocese at the General Convention in the number prescribed by the Constitution of the General Convention.

(a) Each Clerical Deputy shall be an ordained priest or deacon canonically resident in the Diocese.
(b) Each Lay Deputy shall be an adult communicant in good standing (as defined in the Canons of the General Convention) of a congregation of the Diocese.
(c) Deputies shall be elected by joint ballot of the Clergy and Laity, and a majority of those present and voting shall be required for election as required by Article I the Constitution and in accordance with the Rules of Order for the Convention.
(d) Deputies shall hold office until their successors shall have been elected and qualified except as indicated below.

Alternate Deputies to be chosen
Section 2. After the election of Deputies is completed, the same number of Alternate Deputies shall be elected from each Order in a single separate ballot from among the candidates who were not elected as Deputies. Individuals that withdraw from the election for Deputy after the first ballot for Deputies may be candidates for Alternate Deputy.

(a) Candidates for Alternate Deputies shall be ranked in the order of the total number of votes that they receive.
(b) In the single ballot for Alternate Deputies, as to candidates from each Order, voters shall cast no more votes than the number of Alternate Deputies to be elected from each Order.
(c) A majority vote shall not be required for election of Alternate Deputies.
(d) Alternate Deputies from each Order shall be elected according to the total number of votes cast for each candidate. Any vacancies occurring among the Deputies, Clerical or Lay, shall be filled by advancing into the list of Deputies the name highest on the list of Alternate Deputies of the same Order, in order of the highest number of votes cast.

Deputies to signify inability to attend
Section 3. If any Deputy be unable to attend, he or she shall notify the Secretary; and in such case, or in the case of vacancy, the Secretary of Convention shall designate from the list of Alternate Deputies, in the order of their record on the Journal, so many as may be necessary to insure as far as practicable, a full representation of the Diocese.

In the event that sufficient Alternate Deputies are not available, the Diocesan Council shall elect a sufficient number of persons from the appropriate Order to complete the deputation, or if the Bishop determines that is not possible, the Bishop shall appoint such persons from the appropriate Order as the Bishop deems fit to complete the deputation.
Canon V Deputies and Alternate Deputies to the Provincial Synod

Deputies to be appointed by the Bishop
Section 1. (a) At the Annual Session of the Convention, the Bishop shall nominate the appropriate number of Deputies to the Provincial Synod, as recommended by the Synod. These Deputies, with the Bishop, shall represent this Diocese in the Provincial Synod. These nominations shall be confirmed by the Convention. These Deputies shall continue in office for one year or until their successors are nominated and confirmed.

Qualifications
(b) The Clerical Deputies shall be Presbyters or Deacons, canonically resident in the Diocese, and the Lay Deputies shall be confirmed or received and communicants in good standing in some congregation of the Diocese.

Alternate Deputies
Section 2. The Convention, in like manner, shall confirm the naming of the same number of Alternate Deputies. The names of the Deputies and Alternate Deputies shall be entered upon the Journal.

Vacancies
Section 3. Any vacancies occurring among the Deputies, Clerical or Lay, shall be filled by advancing into the list of Deputies the name highest on the list of Alternate Deputies of the same Order.

Canon VI Officers of the Diocese

Treasurer of the Diocese
Section 1. (a) There shall be a Treasurer of the Diocese, nominated by the Bishop, and elected by the Convention.

To receive and disburse money
(b) It shall be the duty of the Treasurer, or persons designated by the Treasurer, to receive and disburse money collected under the authority of the Convention.

Funds to be deposited
(c) All funds received by the Treasurer shall be deposited in a bank or trust company approved by the Finance Committee. Checks against such funds shall be signed or countersigned by a person or persons duly authorized by the Finance Committee.

To be bonded
(d) The Treasurer shall be bonded in such amount and by such bonding company as may be approved by the Finance Committee.

Accounts to be rendered
(e) The Treasurer’s accounts shall be rendered annually to the Convention and shall be examined by an Auditor appointed by the Finance Committee.

May be removed
(f) The Treasurer may be removed from office at any time by the Standing Committee, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Bishop, for any neglect, misconduct, or incapacity. In the event of such removal, or in case of infirmity, or of death, the Standing Committee may, with the advice and consent of the Bishop, choose a successor who shall hold office, under the same terms as the predecessor, delivering
to said successor all monies, credits, accounts, papers and books, until the next Annual session of the Convention when the Convention shall elect a Treasurer.

**Chancellor of the Diocese**

*Bishop may appoint*

Section 2. The Bishop, with the approval of the Standing Committee, may appoint a person learned in the law, as Chancellor of the Diocese, who shall be entitled, ex-officio, to a seat and voice in all sessions of the Convention; and to continue in office until death, or resignation, or revocation of appointment by the Bishop. The Chancellor, if an ordained person, must be canonically resident in this Diocese. If a Layperson, such person must be a member in good standing of some Congregation in this Diocese.

**Registrar of the Diocese**

Section 3. (a) There shall be a Registrar of the Diocese, nominated by the Bishop and elected by the Convention.

(b) The Journals, files, papers, reports, and other documents which, under the Canons or otherwise, shall become the property of this Convention, shall be committed to the keeping of the Registrar.

*Shall procure and preserve documents, etc.*

(c) It shall be the duty of the Registrar to procure all such Journals, files, papers, reports, copies of charters and acts of incorporation of Churches, and other documents as may be of value in the history of this Diocese; to arrange, label, file, index and otherwise put in order and provide for the safe keeping of the same and all such others as may hereafter come into possession of the Registrar, in some safe and accessible place of deposit; and to hold the same under such regulations and restrictions as the Convention may, from time to time, provide.

To record

(d) It shall be the Registrar’s duty also to prepare and to preserve, in a proper Registry book, a record of the ordination and consecration of the successive Bishops of the Diocese, designating accurately the time and place of the same, with the names of the ordaining and consecrating Bishops, and of the others present and assisting; to record a list of all the Presbyters and Deacons, and the dates of their connection with this Diocese, and to acquire copies of the charters and acts of incorporations of Congregations in the same, with such additional facts as may be worthy of preservation in the archives of this Diocese.

*Shall make an annual report*

(e) The Registrar shall make a report in writing at each Annual session of the Convention, which report shall be printed in the Journal.

**The Historiographer of the Diocese**

*Bishop may appoint*

Section 4. The Bishop, with the approval of the Standing Committee, may appoint a person qualified for the purpose, as Historiographer of the Diocese, whose duty shall be, to keep and preserve in suitable form a record of the important events pertaining to the history of the Diocese, and who shall continue in office until death, or resignation, or revocation of appointment by the Bishop. The Historiographer, if an ordained person, must be canonically resident in this Diocese; if a Layperson, such person must be a member in good standing of some Congregation in this Diocese.
Canon VII The Standing Committee

Shall choose a President and Secretary and record proceedings
Section 1. The Standing Committee shall, at its first meeting, choose a President and Secretary from among its members. The Secretary shall record its proceedings. All papers in the Committee’s hands relative to the Diocese, shall be subject to the examination of the Bishop and of the Convention, and a full report of the Committee’s acts shall be made at each Annual session of the Convention. This Canon shall not apply to any proceedings under Canon XVIII, Section 2.

Council of Advice
Section 2. The Standing Committee shall be a Council of Advice to the Bishop. It may be summoned by the Bishop whenever the Bishop shall wish for its advice; and it may meet of its own accord, and agreeable to its own rules, whenever it may be disposed to advise the Bishop.

Canon VIII Diocesan Commission on Ministry

Section 1. There shall be a Diocesan Commission on Ministry whose duties shall be to assist the Bishop as prescribed by the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church.

Section 2. The Commission shall assist the Bishop with regard to the implementation of Canon III.1 of the Episcopal Church, “Of the Ministry of all Baptized Persons:”

(a) In determining present and future opportunities and needs for the ministry of all baptized persons in the Diocese and the world.

(b) In supporting the development, training, utilization and affirmation of the ministry of all baptized persons in the Diocese and in the world.

Section 3. The Commission shall assist the Bishop with regard to the needs for ordained and Lay professional ministries in the Diocese:

(a) In determining present and future needs for ordained and Lay professional ministries in the Diocese.

(b) In recruiting and selecting persons for Holy Orders and in guiding and examining Postulants, Candidates, and Deacons in training for Priesthood.

(c) In providing for the guidance and pastoral care of the Clergy and Lay Persons who are in stipendiary and non-stipendiary positions accountable to the Bishop.

(d) In promoting the continuing education of the Clergy and of Lay Professionals employed by the Church.

Section 4. The Diocesan Commission on Ministry shall consist of no fewer than six and no more than nine clergy and an equal number of lay persons to be appointed by the Bishop for a period of three years. Vacancies in the Diocesan Commission on Ministry shall be filled for the unexpired terms by appointment by the Bishop of the Diocese. The Chair shall be appointed by and serve at the Bishop’s will and pleasure.

Section 5. The Diocesan Commission on Ministry may adopt rules for its work, subject to the approval of the Bishop, provided the same are not inconsistent with the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Southern Ohio. These rules may include the appointment of committees from and beyond its membership to assist the Commission in its responsibilities. Ultimate responsibility shall remain with the Commission as a whole to report to the Bishop concerning an applicant’s fitness and readiness for
admission as a Postulant or Candidate, for ordination to the Diaconate and, if requested by the Bishop, to the Priesthood.

Section 6. The Diocesan Commission on Ministry shall report in writing and without delay the findings concerning each Explorer, Postulant and Candidate before his or her ordination to the Bishop and the Standing Committee. It shall likewise report annually, or more often on request, to the Bishop on the performance of other duties. It shall make such reports as called for under Title III, Canon 1, Section 4, and Title III, Canon 7, Section 4 of the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church and shall transmit a copy of any reports to the Annual Convention of the Diocese.

Canon IX (This Canon was removed by action of the 124th Annual Convention)

Canon X Finance Committee

Finance Committee Membership and Reporting
Section 1. (a) There shall be a Finance Committee nominated by the Bishop and elected by the Convention at each Annual session of the Convention. The Committee shall consist of ten persons, at least six of whom shall be laypersons, and shall report to each Annual session and between sessions to the Diocesan Council, upon all such matters pertaining to the finances of the Diocese as may be assigned to it by Canon or referred to it by Convention or Diocesan Council.

Finance Committee Responsibility to oversee financial activity
(b) The Finance Committee shall have the responsibility of overseeing the fiscal responsibility of Diocesan operations. In order to do this it shall:

1. Recommend changes and additions to the Diocesan Accounting Policies and Procedures as it feels desirable.

2. Review the status of all budgets at least bi-monthly, and report same to the Diocesan Council together with any recommendations it may wish to make regarding corrective action which should be taken in case of overexpenditure.

3. Arrange for, review and circulate the reports of, and see to the disposition of all recommendations resulting from audits of Diocesan accounts as provided for in Section 4 hereof.

4. Call to the attention of the Bishop and the Diocesan Council (or Convention) any conditions, practices, or actions that it deems to be improper, irresponsible, or not in the best interest of the Diocese.

Authority to borrow
Section 2. In order to enable the Treasurer to meet Diocesan obligations when due, and in anticipation of payments by the Congregations, the Finance Committee shall have the power to authorize the Treasurer to borrow money.

Fiscal year to begin January 1st
Section 3. (a) The fiscal year of the Diocese and of all of the Congregations in the Diocese shall begin on January first, in accordance with National Canon.

(b) Each Congregation in the Diocese shall comply with the audit reports required by Title I Section 7 of the National Canons, under procedures established by the Finance Committee.
Accounts to be audited
Section 4. (a) Accounts having to do with the receipt and expenditure or investment of money of all Church organizations shall be audited by the close of the year, in accordance with National Canon.

(b) In this regard, the Diocese may rely on the opinion of an independent auditor or regulatory authority of any duly authorized bank, trust company, or other financial institution having custody of Diocesan securities or other assets.

Canon XI Diocesan Trustees and Property

Election and term of office
Five-year term
Section 1. “The Trustees of the Diocese of Southern Ohio” is a corporation, not for profit, hereinafter referred to as Trustees, duly incorporated under the laws of Ohio. The Board of Trustees of that Corporation, hereinafter referred to as Board of Trustees, shall consist of five members of the church within this Diocese, no more than two of whom may be members of the clergy. Each Annual Session of the Convention shall elect one trustee, to serve for a term of five years, from and after the first day of December next after election of the Trustee. The Board of Trustees shall fill all vacancies, less than a majority, that may occur in its Board by reason of death, resignation or removal from the Diocese, or in any manner, by electing a Trustee to serve until the next Annual session of the Convention of the Diocese, at which time the Convention shall elect a Trustee to fill the unexpired term.

Shall hold endowment fund and all Diocesan funds and property of defunct Congregations
Section 2. (a) Said Trustees of the Diocese of Southern Ohio shall hold in trust, under the laws of Ohio, and also under any orders of any session of the Convention of the Diocese, any endowment fund, or any property, real or personal, that may be given, bequeathed, devised, or conveyed to it in trust for the use and benefit of the Diocese of Southern Ohio, or for any society, committee, or organization of such Diocese, or for the use and benefit of any Congregation, or society located within the Diocese of Southern Ohio.

(b) Said Trustees of the Diocese of Southern Ohio shall also take possession, in behalf of said Diocese, of any and all property of any Congregation, or society of said Church, within the territory of said Diocese, declared by said Diocesan Convention to be extinct or defunct, so far as the laws of the State do now or may hereafter, give power to said Board of Trustees so to do.

May take in trust Congregation funds or property if desired
Section 3. Said Trustees of the Diocese of Southern Ohio may at any time accept property, real or personal, that shall be given, bequeathed, devised, or conveyed to it to hold in trust for the use and benefit of the Diocese of Southern Ohio, or any society, committee, or Congregation of such Diocese; or for use in any Congregation or society, subject to the jurisdiction of the Convention of said Diocese, and under the Constitution, Canons and jurisdiction of said Church, in said Diocese; provided, that in the case the Congregation or society for whose use the property is so conveyed (while still within the territorial limits of said Diocese), shall be declared extinct or defunct by the Convention of said Diocese, or shall cease to be in recognized union with the said Protestant Episcopal Church in said Diocese under its Constitution, Canons, and jurisdiction, said trust property and real estate shall thenceforth be held and administered by said Corporation under the direction of the Convention of said Diocese.

Shall report annually to Convention
Section 4. The Board of Trustees shall report its acts and proceedings to the Convention annually, stating particularly, among other things, all donations or conveyances accepted by it during the preceding year.
May elect a treasurer
Section 5. The Board of Trustees may elect its own treasurer, under rules prescribed by it. It shall, among
other things, order and provide for the investment and care of said funds and property. It shall have the
power to do all things that may be necessary for the safe and profitable investment and disbursements
thereof, and to receive at its convenience, the possession of any and all said funds from any former or
other present members of the Board of Trustees of the same. It shall have all powers embraced within the
terms of the certificate of incorporation of the Board of Trustees of the Diocese of Southern Ohio, now on
file in the office of the Secretary of the State of Ohio, and under the Statutes of the State of Ohio, and may
invest, reinvest, lease, manage, and control all property and funds vested in it for the best interest of said
Church in said Diocese, subject to the direction and control of said Convention.

May establish other organizations and/or corporations
Section 6. (a) Under the authority and direction of the Trustees, and with the approval of the Diocesan
Convention, other Organizations and/or Corporations may be established to carry out one or more of the
powers and duties of the said Trustees.

Specifically, there have been created and now exist the following Corporations pursuant to this Section:

1. The Church Foundation of the Diocese of Southern Ohio, incorporated February 9, 1922 under
the laws of Ohio; and

2. 412 Sycamore, Incorporated, incorporated January 24, 1964 under the laws of Ohio.

(b) It is the intent of this Section that any Organization and/or Corporation including the two above named
shall have such duties and powers as will facilitate those purposes for which the Trustees (the Corporation)
was formed without enlarging or abridging those purposes.

Canon XII The Diocesan Council

Section 1. (a) There shall be a Diocesan Council, whose duty it shall be to carry out the program and
policies adopted by the Diocesan Convention. The Diocesan Council shall have charge of the coordination,
development, and prosecution of the missionary, education, and social work of the Church, and of such
other work as may be committed to it by the Diocesan Convention.

Duties and Powers of Council
(b) The Council shall exercise the powers conferred upon it by Canon, and such further powers as may be
designated by the Diocesan Convention, and between sessions of the Diocesan Convention may initiate
and develop such new work as it may deem necessary.

(c) The Council shall have the power to expend all sums of money authorized by the Budget approved by
the Diocesan Convention, subject to such restrictions as may be imposed by the Diocesan Convention. It
shall also have power to under-take such other work approved by the Diocesan Convention, or other work
under the jurisdiction of the Council, the need for which may have arisen after the action of the Diocesan
Convention, as in the judgment of the Council available income will warrant.

Membership
Section 2. The Diocesan Council shall consist of the Bishop, the Bishop Coadjutor, if there be one, the
Bishop Suffragan, if there be one, as ex officio members with voice and vote, and eighteen (18) persons,
fifteen (15) of whom shall be elected by the Convention as set forth in Section 3 (a) below, and three (3) of
whom shall be appointed by the Bishop as set forth in Section 3 (b) below. To be eligible for election or
appointment to Diocesan Council, a person shall have the same qualifications as a person elected as a
delegate to Diocesan Convention.

**Elected Members**

Section 3. (a) The elected members of said Diocesan Council shall be elected, five (5) each year, by the Diocesan Convention, shall serve for three (3) years from the time of their election, and shall be eligible for reelection to not more than one additional consecutive three-year term. There shall be a ratio of one (1) Presbyter, canonically resident in this Diocese, to two (2) lay persons, each of whom shall be a member in good standing of a Congregation in the Diocese. The Nominating Committee shall provide a slate of candidates representative with regard to geography, expertise, minority groups, sex, age, and other appropriate considerations.

**Appointed Members**

(b) The Bishop shall appoint three (3) additional persons qualified as set forth in Section 3 (a) above, within 30 days following the adjournment of the Diocesan Convention to serve until the next Convention. These appointments shall be made so as, in the Bishop’s judgment, to cause the council to be more reasonably representative with regard to geography, expertise, minority groups, sex, age, and other appropriate considerations. Such appointed members shall serve no more than three (3) consecutive years.

**Presiding Officer**

Meetings

Quorum

Section 4. The Bishop, or, in the absence of the Bishop, the Bishop Coadjutor, if there be one, or in the absence of both the Bishop and Bishop Coadjutor, the Bishop Suffragan, if there be one, shall preside at meetings of the Diocesan Council. In the absence of all Bishops, the Vice-Presidents shall preside in order. The Diocesan Council shall meet regularly at least six (6) times per year on its own schedule, and at other times at the call of three (3) members. A quorum to transact business shall consist of a majority of all members, including the ex-officio members, provided at least 15 days notice of the meeting has been given to all members.

**Vacancies**

Section 5. Vacancies in the Council membership shall be filled within 30 days as follows:

If the member to be replaced was an appointed member, the Bishop shall make a new appointment.

If the member to be replaced was an elected member, the replacement shall be chosen by the Diocesan Council, and shall serve only until the next regular election at which time a person shall be elected to complete the term.

**Authority to appoint its Officers**

Section 6. The Council shall elect from among its members First and Second Vice-Presidents, and shall appoint its own Recording Secretary.

**To make report**

Section 7. The Diocesan Council shall make a written report, summarizing its actions, to the Diocesan Convention each year, which report shall be printed in the Journal.

**Periodic Systemic Review**

Section 8. At intervals of no less than three nor more than five years the Diocesan Council shall arrange for a systemic review of the Diocesan organization and operations with the conclusions and recommendations resulting therefrom reported to the Convention for its information and action.
Canon XIII Budgeting Process

Convention duty to establish an Operating Budget
Section 1. It shall be the duty of the Convention to establish an annual Operating Budget (The Budget).

Budget Committee Membership
Section 2. To accomplish this, it shall establish a Budget Committee composed of three (3) elected members of Diocesan Council; three (3) members elected by Convention; three (3) members appointed by the Bishop; and the Bishop, the Diocesan Treasurer, and the Chairman of the Trustees, ex-officio. The Bishop shall designate one of these individuals to serve as Chair. One (1) person from each of the three (3) appointed and elected categories shall be a canonically resident Presbyter, and the others shall be lay persons. The following criteria are recommended for Budget Committee membership:

(a) working knowledge of budget procedures;
(b) personal and/or business experience appropriate to this committee;
(c) some demonstrated experience on Diocesan programs which would reflect direct knowledge of “how the system works;”
(d) willingness and ability to commit to monthly meetings in addition to Council meetings, and perhaps more in spring/early summer; and
(e) representation with regard to geography, minority groups, sex, and age.

Steps in Budget Process
Section 3. The Budget Committee shall proceed as follows:

(a) It shall accept requests for funding for all program and project work.
(b) In addition, the Finance Officer shall cause funding requirements to be prepared for incorporation in the Budgets. The Finance Officer shall also be responsible for developing the estimated resources.
(c) The Budget Committee shall adjust the requests and estimates as needed to achieve a balanced budget.
(d) It shall be the duty of the Budget Committee and Diocesan Council to keep Convention delegates informed about the Budget.
(e) After the Draft Budget has been approved by the Diocesan Council, and as soon after June 1 as practicable, the Finance Officer shall advise each Congregation, on an informal and tentative basis, the information referred to in subsection (g) below in order that it may plan its Every Member Canvass.
(f) The Budget thus prepared shall be presented for approval to the Diocesan Convention. Convention may amend the Budget in accordance with the Rules of Order for the Annual Convention. The Convention’s right to amend shall not be limited or diminished by the fact that informal and tentative data have been given to the Congregations in accordance with subsection (e) above.
(g) When approved by the Convention, the Budget shall be reported to each Congregation within one (1) month of the close of the Convention together with that Congregation’s required assessment. Such assessments shall be determined on some fixed and uniform plan, based on the ability of each Congregation as shown on its Annual Parochial Report.
(h) Each Congregation shall inform the Diocese before March 1 of its intention to pay its assessment. If it
cannot pay its assigned assessment, the Congregation shall immediately so inform the Finance Office of
the Diocese.

(i) In light of the aggregate of all the assessments, the Diocesan Council may adjust the Budget.

Assessment Expenses
Section 4. The quota assessed on the Congregations shall provide for the salaries and housing (unless they
are specifically endowed) of the Bishop, the Bishop Coadjutor if there be one, and Bishop Suffragan if
there be one, and such contingent expenses as are set forth below:

(a) Traveling and other official expenses of the Bishop, Bishop Coadjutor if there be one, and Bishop
Suffragan if there be one.

(b) The quota assessed on the Diocese by the General Convention and by the Provincial Council for
contingent expenses.

(c) Publishing the Journal of the Convention, and such other documents as may be ordered by the
Convention.

(d) The salary of the Secretary of the Convention (the Legislative Officer of the Diocese).

(e) Other administrative expenses including the operation of Diocesan Headquarters, Diocesan Convention,
and Diocesan Council.

(f) The sum for the expenses of Clerical and Lay Deputies for attending upon the General Convention and
Provincial Synod.

(g) Such other expenses as may be authorized by the Diocesan Convention or Council and listed in the
Diocesan Accounting Policies and Procedures.

Other Expenses and Income
Section 5. (a) All other expenses of the Diocese not provided for by the assessment, the Church Foundation
Budget, or the William Cooper Procter Fund, including those of any self-supporting,
partially self-supporting, or specifically endowed operations, shall be supported entirely from gifts of
individuals and Congregations, incidental earnings, and funds from Trusts and Endowments when
appropriate according to the terms thereof.

(b) In the case of self-supporting, partially self-supporting, and specifically endowed operations, the
Budget shall show the net cost (or income) to the Diocese. The total incomes and expenses shall also be
shown.

Remittal of Funds
Section 6. It shall be the duty of the Vestry or Mission Council of each Congregation to provide for the
collection of such sums as shall be needed to meet its assessment. The Vestry or Mission Council shall
transmit the same in monthly installments.

Canon XIV Administration of Financial Affairs

Diocesan Accounting Policies and Procedures
Section 1. Diocesan Council (Council) shall be responsible for the preparation, publication, and as is
periodically required, revision, of a set of “Diocesan Accounting Policies and Procedures.”

Formation of Policies
Section 2. (a) Council at a regularly called meeting shall adopt and authorize the original set of policies and procedures, and any subsequent revision thereof, with advice of any of the following bodies which may be affected by the policy or policies under consideration: The Finance Committee, The Trustees, The Church Foundation, 412 Sycamore, Inc., and the Congregations of the Diocese of Southern Ohio.

Extent of Policies
(b) The policies shall cover, but not necessarily be limited to the following: expense account approval, commitment authorization, invoice payment, budget over-expenditure authorization, interim and final budget reporting, asset depreciation (replacement reserve) funding and the annual parochial reports.

Duty to Adhere to Policies
Section 3. The Diocese and its affiliates and subordinates shall adhere to the Diocesan Accounting Policies and procedures as established herein.

Canon XV The Commission on Congregational Life

Authority
Section 1. The Bishop has authority over all missionary work within this Diocese. The Bishop shall establish a Commission on Congregational Life (COCL) to assist with the organization and oversight of Missions.

Membership
Section 2. The Commission on Congregational Life shall consist of the Bishop, or the Bishop’s representatives, ex officio and twelve members appointed by the Bishop. At each annual Diocesan Convention, the Bishop shall designate one member to chair the Commission.

Purpose
Section 3. (a) The Commission on Congregational Life shall implement the mission strategy for the Diocese of Southern Ohio subject to the authority of the Bishop and Diocesan Council. In its implementation of the mission strategy COCL shall encourage, support, evaluate, and seek opportunities for the development and growth of all existing Missions and Parishes in the Diocese. COCL is also charged with the development of new Congregations. The Commission on Congregational Life shall be responsible, under the direction of the Bishop and Diocesan Council, for coordinating the implementation of Canon XVI.

(b) COCL shall make recommendations to the Bishop and Diocesan Council with regard to the founding of new Congregations

(c) COCL shall oversee changes in the status of a Congregation, changes in the designation of a Congregation, and the closing of a Congregation.

(d) The Commission on Congregational Life shall receive and review all requests for funding made by Congregations and shall determine financial support based on appropriate Diocesan budget resources.

(e) The Commission on Congregational Life shall conduct an Annual Review of all Missions.
Canon XVI The Congregations

The Vestry/Mission Council

Eligible voters
Section 1. Every Congregation certified as a parish shall have a Vestry and every Congregation certified as a mission shall have a Mission Council.

Section 2. All members of the Church in good standing aged 16 or older shall be eligible to vote for the election of a Vestry or Mission Council and on other Congregational matters, who at the time of voting shall have contributed, by subscription or otherwise, to the support of the Congregation and who shall be entitled to enrollment on the list of members in good standing of the Congregation.

Election of the Vestry or Mission Council
Section 3. Every Congregation of this Diocese shall meet annually, some time between the beginning of Advent and the end of Lent, at a date and time for which public notice shall have been given at least twenty (20) days in advance, for the purpose of electing a Vestry or Mission Council. Such meeting shall be opened with prayer, and shall be conducted according to the Rules or Bylaws of each Congregation. If a Congregation be incorporated, the Vestry or Mission Council shall also be the Board of Trustees of the Corporation. The Vestry or Mission Council shall consist of no fewer than five (5) nor more than fifteen (15) members, one of whom shall be Senior Warden and one Junior Warden; and all of whom shall continue in office until successors are chosen. The Vestry or Mission Council may, by a majority vote, elect to its body certain persons in the Congregation, not to exceed two (2) in number, to serve for a period of one (1) year. Such appointed persons may serve for the number of terms determined by the Vestry or Mission Council. The Senior Warden and Junior Warden shall be first elected, in succession, on separate ballots and the remaining members of the Vestry or Mission Council shall be elected on a subsequent separate ballot. Except for the Wardens, a Congregation may elect some of the remaining members of the Vestry or Mission Council for a term of two or more years, provided that no Vestry or Mission Council member shall serve for a period longer than six years without re-election, and that each year some of the Vestry or Mission Council must be elected.

Alternate methods of election
Alternate Method 1
Section 4. (a) Any Congregation of this Diocese, on recommendation of its Vestry or Mission Council, notice of which recommendation shall be given at the same time as notice of the Annual Meeting, may dispense with the direct election of the Senior and Junior Wardens by the members of the Congregation at the Annual Meeting of the Congregation so that, at such Annual Meeting, only members of the Vestry or Mission Council shall be elected. The election of the Senior Warden and Junior Warden shall be deferred until the first meeting of the newly constituted Vestry or Mission Council when said Wardens shall be elected in succession and on separate ballots from and by the members of that Vestry or Mission Council; and members of the Vestry or Mission Council so elected as Wardens shall, if the term of their election to the Vestry or Mission Council permit, serve out their full term after the expiration of their elected term as Senior Warden or Junior Warden.

Alternate Method 2
(b) Notwithstanding the procedure for election of Wardens and Vestry or Mission Council members provided for herein, any Congregation may, by enacting an appropriate regulation, adopt a procedure for the election of Wardens and Vestry or Mission Council members to be accomplished by a single ballot vote to be taken prior to the Annual Meeting. In this event, such ballot is taken following thirty days notice, given in the customary manner, and at such time and place as will enable the eligible voters to cast their ballots before, during, or after regular Church services on two Sundays prior to the Annual Meeting.
Further, provision shall be made for inclusion of names on the ballot, in addition to those placed by the Nominating Committee, upon presentation of such names by a petition signed by five eligible voters presented to such Nominating Committee, not less than two weeks prior to the first day of balloting.

Terms of Wardens Office
(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Canon XVI, any Congregation may provide by regulation or bylaw that the Senior Warden and the Junior Warden may serve terms of up to three years without re-election.

Presiding Officer
Section 5. The Rector of the Parish, or Vicar of a Mission, if present, shall preside at Congregation meetings, except that he or she may choose to designate a Layperson to preside, or may request the Vestry or Mission Council to elect a Layperson to preside. In the absence of the Rector or Vicar, or that of the Layperson presider, the order of priority for the Presiding Officer shall be ex-officio: 1) The Senior Warden; 2) The Junior Warden; and 3) The Secretary of the Vestry or Mission Council. Should none of the foregoing officers be present, the Congregation Meeting may elect one of its members to preside.

Qualifications of Vestry or Mission Council members and Wardens.
Section 6. A baptized person may be elected to, and may serve upon the Vestry or Mission Council of a Congregation of which he or she is a member; provided, however, that to be eligible as a Warden, one must be at least twenty-one (21) years of age and a member in good standing; and provided further that a majority of the members of a Vestry or Mission Council must be at least twenty-one (21) years of age.

Duties of Vestry or Mission Council
Section 7. (a) It shall be the duty of the Vestry or Mission Council of the Congregation to take charge of the property thereof, and, except so far as the Congregation may have adopted some other plan under Section 14 of this Canon with regard to its endowment funds, to regulate all its temporal concerns. But a Vestry or Mission Council may not convey title or mortgage, or encumber the real property of a Congregation, or divert any of its endowments, or in any way alienate any of said property of a Congregation from the use of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Southern Ohio, without the previous consent of the Bishop and Standing Committee. It shall be the duty of the Vestry to elect and call a Rector and to provide for his or her maintenance. It shall be the duty of the Vestry or Mission Council to provide for paying all lawful assessments on the Congregation, to keep order in the Church during Divine Services and, in general, to act as helpers to the Rector, Vicar, or Priest-in-Charge in whatever way is appropriate to Laypersons for the furtherance of the Gospel; it being understood always that the spiritual concerns of the Church are under the exclusive direction of the Rector, Vicar, or Priest-in-Charge, in subordination to the Ecclesiastical Authority and Laws of the Diocese.

(b) It shall be the duty of the Vestry or Mission Council of the Congregation to maintain the property thereof and to insure the property at a prudent level for its replacement as determined by the Vestry or Mission Council and as approved by the Bishop and Standing Committee.

Duties of Wardens
Section 8. It shall be the duty of the Wardens, especially to provide the elements for the Lord’s Supper, to collect the alms at the administration of the same, to keep and disburse such alms in case the Church is destitute of a Rector, Vicar, or Priest-in-Charge, and while the Church is destitute of a Rector, Vicar, or Priest-in-Charge, to provide for the celebration of public worship, and the instruction of the congregation, by occasional clerical services, or by lay reading, as the circumstances may permit.

Called meetings of the Vestry or Mission Council
Section 9. Meetings of the Vestry or Mission Council may be called by the Rector or Vicar, or in the
Section 10. The Vestry or Mission Council shall elect a Secretary whose duty it shall be to take and record the Minutes of its proceedings, attest the public acts of the Vestry or Mission Council, preserve all records and papers belonging to the Congregation, not otherwise provided for, perform such other duties as shall be legally assigned and faithfully deliver to the Secretary’s successor all books and documents in the possession of the Secretary belonging to the Congregation.

Section 11. (a) The Vestry or Mission Council shall elect a Treasurer of the Congregation, whose duty it shall be to receive, disburse and account for the funds of the Congregation. Every Congregation shall comply with the audit requirements of the National Canons.

(b) The Treasurer, and the Secretary if necessary, and such other officers who are charged with the handling or custody of funds, shall be bonded according to the requirements of the National Canons.

Section 12. Vacancies occurring in the Vestry or Mission Council during the year may be filled by the remaining members. If the Vestry or Mission Council should become extinct or incapacitated for action, by the death or resignation of its members, the Bishop may call a special meeting of the Congregation (giving due notice thereof) to elect a Vestry or Mission Council to serve until the Annual Meeting of the Congregation next following; and, if the members of the Congregation shall refuse or neglect to assemble and elect as herein provided, the Bishop, with the advice and consent of the Standing Committee, may appoint three Trustees to take charge of the property and endowment funds of the Congregation, and to exercise the rights and functions of the Vestry or Mission Council until the Congregation shall elect the same.

Section 13. Congregations incorporated under the laws of Ohio in force prior to the adoption of the Constitution of 1851 are excepted from any part of the Canons in conflict with the law under which such Congregations were incorporated and are excepted from the provisions of Section 3 of this Canon with respect to the dates on which the Annual Meeting of such Congregations shall be held.

Section 14. (a) Any Congregation in this Diocese may adopt any plan of Congregation Endowment not inconsistent with the laws of Ohio, or with the Constitution and Canons of this Diocese or of the Episcopal Church.

(b) It shall be the right and privilege of the custodians of all endowment funds, and other trust and permanent funds for Church purposes, so far as is permissible under the terms of the grant or bequest thereof, to advise and cooperate with the Trustees of the Diocese of Southern Ohio, hereinafter termed Trustees, and such custodians may deposit said funds in trust with the said Trustees to be held and administered by the aforesaid Trustees, to be used for the object or objects designated by the terms of the gift or bequest and a full, detailed statement of said fund or funds shall be reported annually to the...
Diocesan Convention.

**Duty of Ordained Ministers**

(c) It shall be the duty of Ordained Ministers to instruct their congregations from time to time that endowment funds, and other trust and permanent funds, may be placed directly into the hands of the Trustees of the Diocese of Southern Ohio, a corporation, to be held and administered by said corporation in trust, to be used for the object or objects designated by the terms of the gift or bequest. (See Digest of Canons of General Convention, “On Business Methods in Church Affairs.”)

**Congregation Designations**

**Mission Stations and Chapels**

Section 15. (a) A regular group of worshippers who may, or may not, seek to become an organized mission may be designated as a Mission Station by the Bishop.

(b) A regular group of worshippers who meet in an institutional, recreational, or retreat setting may be designated a Chapel by the Bishop. There is no expectation that a Chapel will seek to become a new Congregation of the Diocese.

(c) Mission Stations and Chapels are under the jurisdiction and direction of the Bishop.

**Establishment of Missions**

Section 16. (a) At any time, twenty or more persons aged at least 18 years, at least two of whom shall be aged at least 21 years and members of the Episcopal Church, may petition the Bishop for permission to establish a Mission.

The form of petition shall be as follows:

We, the undersigned, being moved by the Holy Spirit, desire to form a new Congregation. We will live and work to extend Christ’s Kingdom, and commit ourselves to conform to the Doctrine, Discipline and Worship of the Episcopal Church. We ask the Bishop for permission to establish a Mission within the Diocese of Southern Ohio. We recognize that we are responsible to provide a place for worship and program, and to provide for such sacramental and pastoral ministry as seems appropriate in consultation with the Bishop.

(b) The Commission on Congregational Life shall review the petition as it applies to the missionary needs of the Diocese, assess the prospects for the establishment of a new Congregation in that location, and report its recommendation to the Bishop. The Commission on Congregational Life shall consult with and seek the support of all Congregations contiguous to the territory of the proposed Mission.

(c) When the Bishop determines that the petitioners are able to provide a place for regular worship, and are willing to be evangelists for Christ, and can provide for sacramental and pastoral ministry, the Bishop shall by letter give provisional permission for the establishment of the Mission until the next annual Convention. The Bishop shall so inform the Commission on Congregational Life and Diocesan Council. The provisional Mission shall be presented for union with Convention at the next session of the annual Convention.

(d) The continuation of the Mission and its continued association with the Diocese shall be reviewed by the Bishop or his appointed representative, and by the Commission on Congregational Life, every other year, in the month preceding the anniversary of the letter of formation.
Any Congregation in union with Convention may petition the Bishop to organize a Parochial Mission following the above guidelines. The Congregation shall satisfy the Bishop and COCL of its ability to sponsor and financially sustain itself and the Parochial Mission.

**Change in Congregation’s Designation**

**Designation as a Parish**
Section 17. (a) For Missions presently in union with the Convention, a change of designation from Mission to Parish shall be made by the Bishop upon recommendation of the Commission on Congregational Life. Criteria for such a change shall be consistent with the following, plus such other factors as the Bishop and Commission on Congregational Life may, from time to time, deem appropriate:

1. Celebration of public worship at least weekly.
2. Maintenance of an adequate level of ordained leadership as approved by the Commission on Congregational Life. Such leadership shall be compensated in accordance with the minimum Diocesan standards.
3. Payment of the Congregation’s full annual Diocesan assessment.
4. Servicing all legal debts of the Parish.
5. Twenty (20) or more persons aged 18 years or older from at least twenty separate households as members in good standing.

When granted, this designation is provisional until the Commission on Congregational Life submits a resolution to Convention that the Mission be received into union with the Diocesan Convention as a Parish and the Convention approves the resolution by a two-thirds vote of both Orders.

**Designation as a Mission**
(b) At any time, a change of designation from Parish to Mission may be requested by the Rector and Vestry in order to further the missionary strategy of the Congregation and Diocese. This request will be considered by the Bishop and the Commission on Congregational Life. If approved, the Bishop shall inform the Secretary of the Convention.

(c) For Parishes presently in union with the Convention, a change of designation from Parish to Mission may be made by the Bishop upon recommendation of the Commission on Congregational Life, when at the end of the second consecutive year, a Parish has been unable from its own resources to provide for any one of the following listed below:

1. Celebration of public worship at least weekly.
2. Maintenance of an adequate level of ordained leadership as approved by the Commission on Congregational Life. Such leadership shall be compensated in accordance with the minimum Diocesan standards.
3. Payment of the Congregation’s full annual Diocesan assessment.
4. Servicing all legal debts of the Parish.
5. At least twenty (20) persons aged 18 years or older from at least twenty separate households as
members in good standing.

The change in a Congregation’s designation shall take effect upon the Bishop’s approval of the recommendation from the Commission on Congregational Life. Criteria for such a change of designation shall be consistent with those listed above plus such other factors as the Bishop, and the Commission on Congregational Life may, from time to time, deem appropriate.

**Congregations in Good Standing**

Section 18.  (a) Any Congregation will be considered to be in Good Standing by meeting the following criteria:

1. The Congregation employs Clergy who are licensed in the Diocese; uses church buildings and grounds for purposes consistent with its consecration; and follows a course consistent with the doctrine, discipline, and worship of this Church.

2. The Congregation annually elects and regularly assembles a Vestry or Mission Council; annually sends representatives to the Annual Convention of this Diocese; pays its full Diocesan assessment for the preceding calendar year by June 30 of any year or by one week before the scheduled meeting of the Convention if that precedes June 30.

3. The Congregation has been diligent in its search for and election of a Rector, or has accepted the Bishop’s appointment of a Vicar, or, in the case of a recognized Area and Cooperative Ministry, diligent in searching for and calling a Priest

4. The Congregation maintains adequate insurance to protect the Congregation’s capital assets

5. The Congregation makes timely reports and prepares and submits to the Bishop or Ecclesiastical Authority the Parochial Report for the year ending December 31 preceding, not later than March 1 of each year.

6. The Congregation secures an annual audit of all accounts of the Congregation for the year ending December 31 preceding, under procedures authorized by the Finance Committee of the Diocese and reports such audit by September 1 of each year.

7. The Congregation recognizes the Bishop as Chief Pastor of the Diocese.

8. The Congregation shows evidence of financial stability, including protection for the principal portion of endowment funds from persistent invasion and by encumbering property only with the previous consent of the Bishop and Standing Committee.

(b) Should a Congregation fail to comply with Section 18 (a. 2), Section 18 (a. 5), and Section 18 (a. 6), that Congregation shall be denied Lay representation at that year’s Diocesan Convention.

**Congregations at Risk**

*Designation of a Congregation at Risk*

Section 19.  Purpose (a) This Section is intended to address the exceptional case of a Congregation whose continued viability as a self-sustaining entity appears in jeopardy, such that a degree of episcopate intervention or oversight is needed as a means of restoring health to the Congregation. It is not intended to detract from the traditional right and responsibility of Parishes in the Episcopal Church to govern
themselves. In those cases where an inquiry is initiated, and where a Congregation at Risk is declared, it shall be the duty and obligation of all parties to work and pray toward the resolution of such problems in a climate of respect and charity in order to accomplish the speedy end or substantial amelioration of the conditions that led to the inquiry or to the declaration of the Congregation at Risk, and to restore the Congregation to spiritual and temporal health.

**Conditions Leading to Determination of a Congregation at Risk**

(b) No declaration of a Congregation at Risk may be made except upon a finding, following inquiry, that one or more of the following conditions exist in the Congregation:

1. The failure of a Congregation for two years or more, to be financially self-supporting. It shall not constitute a failure to be financially self-supporting that the Congregation shall have received funding from the Diocese, so long as the Congregation is self-supporting with such funding.

2. The failure for at least two years to elect a Vestry or Mission Council or to search diligently for and elect a Rector or accept the Bishop’s appointment of a Vicar or, in the case of a recognized Area and Cooperative Ministry, to diligently search for and call a Priest.

3. The failure to pay the minimum Clergy compensation as required by Diocesan standards; or the failure for two years to pay such compensation from funds other than those provided by Diocesan assistance; or the failure to make timely payment of the premium under the Clergy pension system, or of the premium for any other obligatory insurance for the Clergy.

4. The refusal or willful failure to arrange for representation of the Congregation at an Annual Convention of the Diocese.

5. The failure or neglect to make canonically required reports, including the annual Parochial Report to the Bishop, or to pay Diocesan assessments.

6. Persistent and significant instability or decline in the financial or temporal condition of the Congregation, as evidenced by, for example, substantial invasion of the principal portion of endowment or trust funds, to such a degree that, in the judgment of the Bishop and the Standing Committee, the long-term viability of the Congregation is in jeopardy.

7. Persistent failure or neglect to conform to the business methods in church affairs required by the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church or of the Diocese, including those requirements relating to the bonding of treasurers or other custodians of funds, proper record keeping, proper maintenance of books of account, an annual audit, and the maintenance of adequate insurance.

8. The purchase, use, or conveyance of property of the Congregation, or the incurring of debt, other than in conformity with the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church and of the Diocese, except where such non-conformity was inadvertent and resulted in no substantial prejudice to the property or temporal interests of the Congregation.

**Inquiry for Purposes of Restoration of Congregational Health**

(c) An inquiry by the Ecclesiastical Authority leading to a declaration of a Congregation at Risk under this Canon may be initiated by one of the following ways:

1. The Bishop, believing that one or more of the conditions in Section 19 (b) may exist, may initiate such inquiry;
2. The Standing Committee, believing that one or more of the conditions in Section 19 (b) may exist, may petition the Bishop to initiate such inquiry; or if the Standing Committee is the Ecclesiastical Authority, it may initiate such inquiry by unanimous vote;

3. The Rector or Vicar or Priest serving a recognized Area and Cooperative Ministry, or both Wardens, or a majority of the Vestry, believing that one or more of the conditions in Section 19 (b) may exist, may petition the Ecclesiastical Authority to initiate such inquiry.

(d) Upon proper initiation as provided in (c) above, the Ecclesiastical Authority may, itself or acting through its designates, conduct such inquiry into the condition of the Congregation. The Rector, Vicar, or Priest in Charge and Vestry or Mission Council of the Congregation which is the subject of such inquiry shall cooperate in an inquiry under the Canon, including providing to the inquiring entity, upon request, full and accurate information on the state of the Congregation and its affairs. Failure to reasonably cooperate shall be sufficient to permit a declaration that the Congregation is a Congregation at Risk.

(e) Upon a finding that the Congregation is a Congregation at Risk, one or more of the following measures to strive to restore the health of the Congregation may be had, in the discretion of the Ecclesiastical Authority:

1. Arrange for pastoral discussions to be held between the Bishop and/or the Bishop’s representatives and the Rector or Vicar and Vestry or Mission Council of the Congregation to seek amelioration of the conditions that inhibit the health, mission, and ministry of the Congregation.

2. A plan for the Congregation to cure the conditions, which led to the declaration of a Congregation at Risk, agreed to by the Congregation within 30 days, and implemented thereafter in accordance with its terms.

3. Appointment by the Bishop of five or more adult Trustees to take charge of the property of the Congregation and exercise the rights and functions of a Vestry or Mission Council, during the pendency of these conditions. Said Trustees may or may not be from the Congregation.

4. In the case of a Parish, designation of a Priest in Charge during the pendency of these conditions; said Priest may or may not be the incumbent.

5. Conveyance of title of all real property to the Trustees of the Diocese, who shall hold the same in trust during the pendency of these conditions.

6. Such other measures, during the pendency of these conditions, as the Bishop, with the concurrence of the Standing Committee, shall determine (or as determined by the Standing Committee acting unanimously, if it is the Ecclesiastical Authority).

(f) In accordance with Canon XVI, Section 19 (b. 2), when any Congregation shall continue to fail to elect a Vestry or Mission Council, the Bishop, with the advice and consent of the Standing Committee as provided for in Canon XVI, Section 12, may appoint three trustees to take charge of the property of the Congregation and exercise the rights and functions of a Vestry or Mission Council, until the Congregation shall have elected a Vestry or Mission Council under the provisions of this Canon.

Of Area and Cooperative Ministries

Section 20. (a) Whenever two or more Congregations wish to share resources to provide ministry to a
geographic area of the Diocese, or in conjunction with a geographic area of a neighboring diocese, they shall draft a Covenant in consultation with the Commission on Congregational Life and the Bishop or the Bishop’s appointed representative(s).

(b) The Covenant shall contain, at least:

1. The method of selection of the leadership that will be shared by the Area Ministry, including ordained clergy and licensed lay ministries;
2. The method of financing the Area Ministry including the shared lay and ordained leadership;
3. The method by which the Area Ministry governing body is chosen;
4. The responsibilities of the Area Ministry governing body and the Wardens and Vestry and/or Mission Council of each of the member Congregations, and;
5. The method by which individual Congregations may associate with or disassociate from the Area Ministry.

The Covenant shall be approved by a two-thirds majority vote by each Vestry or Mission Council of the individual Congregations, and shall be subject to the approval of the Commission on Congregational Life and the Bishop.

(c) Any Congregation in the Diocese entering into a cooperative ministry with a congregation in an adjacent Diocese, or with an ecumenical or interfaith congregation involving building use or other shared resources including personnel in this Diocese, shall be obliged to conform to the provisions of subsections (a) and (b) of this Section. Said Covenant must be reviewed by the Chancellor and is subject to the approval of the Commission on Congregational Life and the Bishop. This requirement does not include agreements to rent buildings.

(d) Any such Covenants shall be subject to all provisions of the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church and this Diocese.

Vacant Clergy Positions in Congregations

Section 21. (a) Whenever a Rector’s position in a Parish becomes vacant, or about to become vacant, the Wardens or other proper officials of the Parish shall notify the Bishop forthwith.

Vestry to provide compensation
(b) It shall be the duty of the Vestry of a Parish with no Rector to provide for the compensation of any Priest-in-Charge who may be appointed by the Bishop for the maintenance of temporary religious services therein.

To meet with the Bishop to consider nominations
(c) Within 30 days after being informed of such vacancy, the Bishop shall meet with a committee of the electing body of the Parish to consider the requirements of the position to be filled. If the position to be filled is that of an Assistant Rector, the Rector shall act as the committee of the electing body, and shall submit recommendations to the Vestry after having consulted with the Bishop regarding such recommendations.

The Committee and the Bishop may propose for nomination the name or names of clergy at this or any
other time until the vacancy is filled. As soon as possible, but no longer than 60 days thereafter, at a
second such meeting the Bishop and the committee shall consider all proposed nominees until agreement
has been reached on one or more names to submit to the electing body for action, or until it becomes
apparent that no agreement can be reached. If additional nominations are requested by the electing body or
if an election is declined by the clergy designated, the procedures set forth above shall be repeated until an
election has been completed. If the committee and the Bishop cannot agree on clergy to nominate to the
electing body, and if the committee and the Bishop have consulted not less than three times attempting to
reach such agreement, the nominations of both parties shall be submitted to the electing body for its
consideration, and the electing body may then elect any one of such nominees.

*Written notice of election to the Bishop*
(d) A written notice of the election of a Rector or of an Assistant Rector, signed by the Wardens, together
with any contractual agreements concluded between the Parish and the New Rector or Assistant Rector,
shall be sent to the Bishop or other Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese. If the Bishop or the
Ecclesiastical Authority shall be satisfied that the persons elected is a duly qualified member of the Clergy,
and that he or she has accepted the office, the notice together with any contractual agreements shall be sent
to the Secretary of the Diocesan Convention, who shall record them. Such record shall be sufficient
evidence to the Bishop or the Ecclesiastical Authority of the relation between the Clergy and the
Congregation.

**Congregations No Longer in Union**

*Closing Congregations*
Section 22. The Bishop, upon recommendation of the Commission on Congregational Life and with the
concurrence of the Standing Committee, may declare “unable to continue,” a Mission or Parish, whether
incorporated or not, which is in union with the Convention. Such a declaration shall be based upon a
finding that continued Diocesan financial support for such a Mission or Parish is unlikely substantially to
foster the spread of Christ’s Kingdom. Criteria for such a finding shall include, but not be limited to:

- Establishment of a reasonable certainty that the Congregation’s stated mission can no longer be
  accomplished; and

- The Congregation includes no more than twenty separate household units currently pledging to its
  annual operating budget.

When such a declaration has been made, the Bishop shall cause to be negotiated a contract of closure
which shall provide for the liquidation of the Congregation’s capital assets and their reallocation, in
accordance with Canon XI, Section 2 (b) by the Trustees as follows:

- Any unpaid Assessments and/or Parish Pledges remaining on the Diocesan books

- All other liquidated assets to other Congregational Life projects

Such a contract of closure shall be submitted to the Standing Committee upon whose approval the contract
of closure shall constitute a recommendation to Convention that Convention rescind the admission of such
Congregation into union with the Convention. Upon the acceptance of that recommendation by a vote of
two-thirds of each Order of the Convention, such union shall be dissolved and the contract of closure shall
become effective.
Differences between Rectors and their Parishes

Rector not to resign without Vestry consent, nor to be removed against Rector’s will.
Section 23. Except upon mandatory resignation by reason of age, a Rector may not resign as Rector of a parish without the consent of its Vestry, nor may any Rector canonically or lawfully elected and in charge of a Parish be removed therefrom by the Vestry against the Rector’s will, except as hereinafter provided.

Notice to Ecclesiastical Authority
Section 24. If for any urgent reason a Rector or Vestry desires a dissolution of the pastoral relation, and the parties cannot agree, either party may give notice in writing to the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese. Whenever the Standing Committee is the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese, it shall request the Bishop of another Diocese to perform the duties of the Bishop under this Canon.

Bishop to mediate.
Section 25. Within sixty days of receipt of the written notice, the Bishop, as chief pastor of the Diocese, shall mediate the differences between Rector and Vestry in every informal way which the Bishop deems proper and may appoint a committee of at least one Presbyter and one Lay Person, none of whom may be members of the Parish involved, to make a report to the Bishop.

Mode of settling differences
Section 26. If the differences between the parties are not resolved after completion of the mediation, the Bishop shall proceed as follows:

(a) The Bishop shall give notice to the Rector and Vestry that a godly judgment will be rendered in the matter after consultation with the Standing Committee and that either party has the right within ten days to request in writing an opportunity to confer with the Standing Committee before it consults with the Bishop.

(b) If a timely request is made, the President of the Standing Committee shall set a date for the conference that shall be held within thirty days.

(c) At the conference each party shall be entitled to have representation and to present its position fully.

(d) Within thirty days after the conference or after the Bishop’s notice if no conference is requested, the Bishop shall confer with and receive the recommendation of the Standing Committee; thereafter, the Bishop, as final arbiter and judge, shall render a godly judgment.

(e) Upon the request of either party the Bishop shall explain the reasons for the judgment. If the explanation is in writing, copies shall be delivered to both parties.

(f) If the pastoral relation is to be continued, the Bishop shall require the parties to agree on definitions of responsibilities and accountability for the Rector and the Vestry.

(g) If the relation is to be dissolved:

1. The Bishop shall direct the Secretary of the Convention to record the dissolution.

2. The judgment shall include such terms and conditions including financial settlements as shall seem to the Bishop just and compassionate.
Supportive services by the Bishop. In event of failure or refusal to comply.
Section 27. In either event the Bishop shall offer appropriate supportive services to the Priest and the Parish.

Section 28. In the event of the failure or refusal of either party to comply with the terms of the judgment, the Bishop may impose such penalties as may be set forth in the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese; and in default of any provisions for such penalties therein, the Bishop may act as follows:

(a) In the case of a Rector, suspend the Rector from the exercise of the priestly office until the Priest shall comply with the judgment.

(b) In the case of a Vestry, invoke any available sanctions, including recommending to the Convention of the Diocese that the Parish be placed under the supervision of the Bishop as a Mission until it has complied with the judgment.

Time may be extended
Section 29. For cause, the Bishop may extend the time periods specified in this Canon, provided that all be done to expedite these proceedings. All parties shall be notified in writing of the length of any extension.

Statements not discoverable or admissible
Section 30. (a) Statements made during the course of proceedings under this Canon are not discoverable nor admissible in any proceedings under Title IV provided that this does not require the exclusion of evidence in any proceeding under the Canons which is otherwise discoverable and admissible.

(b) In the course of proceedings under this Canon, if the Vestry makes a charge against the Rector that could give rise to a disciplinary proceeding under Canon IV.1, all proceedings under this Canon shall be suspended until the charge has been resolved or withdrawn.

Canon XVII Miscellaneous Provisions

Registers and Annual Reports

All Clergy to keep a Register
Section 1 (a) According to the Canons of the General Convention, each and all Clergy of this Church shall keep a Register of Baptisms, Confirmations, Communicants, Marriages and Burials, within his or her Cure, agreeable to such rules as may be provided by the Constitution of the Diocese where his or her Cure lies.

This Register to contain certain particulars
(b) The Register shall specify the name, place and date of birth of each person baptized, with the names of the parents and sponsors; the names of parties married; the names of persons buried, and also the time when each rite was performed.

The Register to be carefully preserved
(c) The Clergy shall make these entries in a book to be provided for that purpose, belonging to the Vestry or Mission Council of each Congregation. The book shall be the Congregation Register and shall be preserved by the Vestry or Mission Council as a part of the records of the Congregation.

A list of Members in Good Standing to be kept
(d) The list of members in good standing shall embrace all within the Clergy’s Cure, as nearly as can be ascertained. The Clergy shall also keep a list of all of the families and adult persons within the Cure as far as practicable, and also an accurate list of the persons confirmed from time to time by the Bishop.
Annual Reports of Congregations

(e) It shall be the duty of each Congregation in union with the Diocese to render to the Bishop of the Diocese, or if there be no Bishop, to the Ecclesiastical Authority, an Annual Report (Parochial Report) on the form provided by the National Church.

Equal Opportunity, Fair Employment and Non-Discrimination

(f) No one shall be denied rights, status or employment in this Diocese based upon race, sex, age (40 and over), color or national origin, nor because of non-disqualifying physical, mental or medical disability.

Extraparochial Clergy Reports

Section 2. All Clergy not regularly settled in any Congregation or Church shall report the occasional services performed. If no services were performed, the Clergy shall report the causes or reasons which prevented the same. These reports, or such parts of them as the Bishop shall think fit, may be entered on the Journal of the Convention.

Lay Readers

Lay Readers licensed
To conform to National Canons

Section 3. No one shall be considered as authorized to officiate as a Lay Reader in this Diocese, except in case of particular emergency, without a written License from the Bishop, or in case of a vacancy in the Episcopate, from the Standing Committee; and Lay Readers shall in all cases conform to the provisions of the National Canons.

Canon XVIII Ecclesiastical Discipline

Adoption of Title IV of the Canons of the Episcopal Church

Section 1. Title IV of the Canons of the Episcopal Church in its entirety, as adopted by the General Convention of The Episcopal Church in 1994, and as may be subsequently amended, is hereby adopted as the Canon for Ecclesiastical Discipline in the Diocese of Southern Ohio.

Ecclesiastical Trial Court

Section 2. Pursuant to Canon 4, Section 2 of the said Title IV, there shall be an Ecclesiastical Trial Court of the Diocese of Southern Ohio, elected by the Convention of the Diocese. The Ecclesiastical Trial Court shall consist of five (5) judges, two (2) of whom shall be lay persons, and three (3) of whom shall be Priests or Deacons. The judges of the Ecclesiastical Trial Court shall take office immediately upon their election and shall serve until their successors are chosen.

Judges of the Ecclesiastical Trial Court

Section 3. At the 121st Annual Convention of the Diocese, the judges shall be elected for staggered terms as follows: one judge from the clerical order and one judge from the lay order shall be elected for three (3) year terms; one judge from the clerical order and one judge from the lay order shall be elected for two (2) year terms; and one judge from the clerical order shall be elected for a one (1) year term. Judges whose terms expire shall be eligible to succeed themselves. Subsequent elections of judges shall be for three (3) year terms. All judges shall be residents of this Diocese, shall be confirmed adult communicants of this Church, and, preferably, shall be knowledgeable in Canon or Civil law, or both.
Section 4. Vacancies occurring on the Ecclesiastical Trial Court in cases stated in Title I; Canon 4, Sections 4, 5, and 6 shall be filled by majority vote of the Court from persons otherwise qualified for election from the same order as the member vacating the Court was when first elected. Any judge elected to fill such vacancy shall serve until the expiration of the term of the vacating judge.

Section 5. In accordance with the provisions of Title IV, the Ecclesiastical Trial Court shall within two months of the Diocesan Convention annually elect from its members a Presiding Judge and make provision for a Church Attorney and shall inform the President of the Standing Committee in writing of the name of the Presiding Judge.

Section 6. The Ecclesiastical Trial Court shall conform in all respects to the provisions of Title IV, Canons 4 and 14, as well as all other relevant provisions of the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church.

Diocesan Review Committee

Section 7. Pursuant to Canon 3, Section 1 of Title IV, there shall be a Diocesan Review Committee of the Diocese, elected by the Convention. The Diocesan Review Committee shall consist of five (5) members, two (2) of whom shall be lay persons and three (3) of whom shall be Priests or Deacons. The members of the Diocesan Review Committee shall take office immediately upon their election and shall serve until their successors are chosen.

Section 8. At the 130th Annual Convention of the Diocese, the members of the Diocesan Review Committee shall be elected for staggered terms as follows: one member from the clerical order and one member from the lay order shall be elected for three (3) year terms; one member from the clerical and one member from the lay order shall be elected for two (2) year terms; and one member from the clerical order shall be elected for a one-year term. Members whose terms expire shall be eligible to succeed themselves. Subsequent elections of members shall be for three (3) year terms. All members shall be residents of the Diocese, shall be confirmed adult communicants of the Episcopal Church and, preferably, shall be knowledgeable in canon or civil law or both.

Section 9. Vacancies occurring on the Diocesan Review Committee shall be filled by majority vote of the Committee from persons otherwise qualified for election from the same order as the member vacating the Committee was when first elected. Any member elected to fill such a vacancy shall serve until the expiration of the term of the vacating member.

Section 10. In accordance with the provisions of Title IV, the Diocesan Review Committee shall within two months of the Diocesan Convention annually elect from its members a President and a Secretary, make provision for one or more Church Attorneys and shall inform by written communication the President of the Standing Committee as to the name of the individuals elected and appointed.

Section 11. The Diocesan Review Committee shall conform in all respects to the provisions of Title IV, as well as all other applicable provisions of the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church.

Continuation of Compensation upon Temporary Inhibition

Section 12. (a) In the event a Priest or Deacon shall be temporarily inhibited pursuant to Canon Title IV 1.2. of the Episcopal Church in the performance of any aspect of his or her duties as a Priest or Deacon, the full compensation payable to such Priest or Deacon shall continue for the period of the temporary inhibition; provided that such period shall not exceed ninety (90) days from the date the temporary inhibition is imposed.

(b) The determination of the amount of compensation to be continued under this Section shall be the same
compensation and benefits being paid to or for the benefit of the Priest or Deacon immediately prior to the imposition of the temporary inhibition.

(c) Compensation pursuant to this Section shall be paid by the parish, mission or other non-parochial entity employing the Priest or Deacon at the time the temporary inhibition is imposed.

(d) Only a duly ordained Priest or Deacon temporarily inhibited by the Bishop of this Diocese who is engaged in full-time, part-time, supply or interim services to a parish, mission or other non-parochial entity within this Diocese shall be eligible to receive compensation under this Section.

**Canon XIX Canons, Repealed or Amended**

*Repealing Clause*
Section 1. The repeal of a Canon that itself repealed a prior Canon or portion of the Canon, does not revive the prior Canon or portion thereof.

*Changes to be certified*
Section 2. The Secretary, with the Chair of the Committee on Constitution and Canons, shall at the close of each session of the Convention certify the amending or enacting language as passed in the Canons. The Secretary shall print the same in the Journal.

*How Canons may be amended*
Section 3. The Canons may be amended or new Canons may be enacted, at the Annual session of the Convention, by a vote of the majority of the Convention.

No existing Canon shall be changed, and no new Canon shall be enacted, unless such change or enactment shall have been referred to and reported upon by the Committee on Constitution and Canons.

*Amended Canon to take effect*
Section 4. All changes in the Canons shall take effect immediately following the close of the annual session of the Convention at which they are adopted, unless another specific time is included in and passed as part of the amendment or enactment.