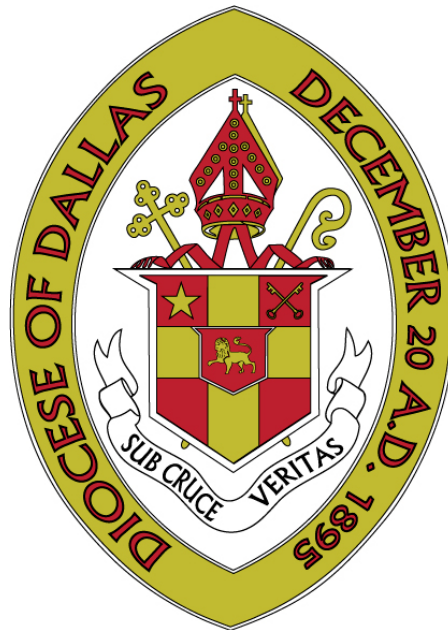


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Chaplain

The Rev. MICHAEL HARMUTH

PROCEEDINGS OF THE 118TH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF DALLAS

The Rt. Rev. James M. Stanton, Bishop of Dallas, welcomed the attendees to the 118th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Dallas. The Bishop opened the meeting with the following prayer:

Eternal God, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God and father of our Lord, Jesus Christ, you work through the ages to raise up a people blessed to be a blessing, we ask your special guidance today, your presence among us that we may continue to do the work you have set before us, inspired by new vision, energized by your spirit, and may we have the grace to accomplish those things which in your name we undertake. Bless all who are here, those who cannot be here, those who are ill or sick, and make us all one body, one bread, one cup in Jesus Christ our Lord for his name's sake we pray. Amen

The Bishop announced that the chaplain of the convention was The Reverend Canon Michael Harmuth. He asked the audience to thank Ms. Meredyth Cole, Head of The Episcopal School of Dallas, and to The Rev. Steve Swann for their hospitality and use of the school.

The Bishop called on Mr. Robby Gerber, the Chair of the Credentials Committee, for the purpose of giving a report on credentials.

Mr. Gerber gave the Credentials Committee's Quorum Report as of 10:00 am:

<u>Clerical Order</u>	<u>Lay Order</u>
184 Canonically Resident	64 Parishes and Missions in the Diocese
62 Required for a Quorum	22 Required for a Quorum
116 Registered to Vote	187 Lay Delegates representing 58 Parishes and Missions

The Bishop declared a quorum present.

The Bishop recognized The Rev. Michael Gilton, Vicar of St. Paul's, Prosper, Chair of the Committee on Dispatch of Business, who presented the *Rules of Procedure for the Annual Convention* of the Diocese of Dallas as distributed on page 12 of the Convention Booklet. Father Gilton moved that the Rules be adopted by the convention. Motion approved upon voice vote. Fr. Gilton then described how to address the chair, the use of the three floor microphones, and made the request to turn off or mute all cell phones.

RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR THE ANNUAL CONVENTION

Presiding Officer

1. The Bishop shall be the President of the Convention and preside at its meetings. He may call to the Chair any qualified person to relieve him temporarily. The Bishop shall have full power and authority to take such action (consistent with the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese) as he deems necessary to expedite the orderly disposition of the business of the Convention.
2. After the Convention is called to order by the Presiding Officer, an opening prayer shall be offered by the Bishop or someone designated by him.
3. The Bishop shall have the authority to appoint a parliamentarian of his own choice to advise him on parliamentary questions arising during the Convention.

4. Any person addressing the Chair or desiring recognition of the Chair while the Convention is in session shall address the Chair as “Right Reverend Sir” if the Bishop is in the Chair. If some other person is in the Chair, he shall be addressed as “Mr. President.”

Order of Business

5. The Chair of the Credentials Committee shall report the number of clergy and lay delegates in attendance and whether or not there is a quorum present.

6. If a quorum is present, the Bishop shall announce that a quorum is present. In the absence of a quorum, the Convention shall transact no business other than to recess or stand adjourned from time to time until a quorum is present.

7. Immediately after the Convention is convened, the Bishop shall call for the report of the Committee on the Dispatch of Business. The Committee shall submit a proposed Order of Business and Rules of Procedure, which will be acted on by the Convention. The Bishop shall have the authority, within his discretion, to deviate from such Order of Business adopted as the exigencies of the occasion may require. Following these reports, the Convention shall be considered organized.

8. The first order of business shall be the election of a Secretary and one or more Assistant Secretaries, if needed.

9. The Bishop, within a reasonable length of time before the convening of the Annual Convention, shall appoint from among the delegates of the Convention and such other confirmed persons in good standing in the Diocese as the Bishop may designate, a Committee on the Dispatch of Business, consisting of a Chair and not less than four other members. It shall be one of the duties of this Committee to prepare an Order of Business agreeable to the Bishop and to perform such other acts and duties as may be deemed necessary or advisable to dispatch the business of the Convention, including a review of the final draft of the Convention Journal before it is printed. Such Committee shall always be entitled to the floor on business pertaining to that Committee. Members of this Committee shall continue in office until their successors are appointed.

10. All Resolutions of Substance (thus exempting Resolutions of Courtesy) shall be submitted to the Secretary of Convention no later than 11:00 in the morning of the first regular business day. Such resolutions shall be submitted in writing with enough printed copies for distribution to all voting delegates. If the resolutions mention outside data, resolutions, etc., copies of such material shall be made available to those requesting same. Such resolutions shall be referred by the Presiding Officer to the Committee on Dispatch of Business. The Committee shall give due and timely consideration to such resolutions and reports and, with reasonable dispatch, make its report thereon back to the Convention with its recommendation for final disposition on any such resolution or report.

Conduct of Business

11. A delegate desiring recognition of the Chair shall give his/her name and the name of the church he/she represents.

12. A delegate making a report or speaking at length on any subject shall use the microphone on the stage of the Convention with the permission of the Presiding Officer.

13. A delegate making a report or debating shall go to the designated microphone. At the discretion of the Bishop, microphones may be designated “pro” and “con” to expedite debate. A third microphone may be utilized for procedural motions and questions.

14. To expedite the business of the Convention, debates on any pending resolution or motion shall be limited to three minutes per speaker, and one person shall not speak more than once on the pending matter until all other persons who so desire have had an opportunity to be heard. No member shall speak more than two times to any one motion. The number of speakers for discussion shall be divided, as near as is practical, equally between the proponents and opponents of the pending subject.

15. Any item of business of the Convention may be set as a special order of business or taken up out of its regular order at any time by the concurring majority vote of the delegates of both orders.

16. A question having been decided shall not be reconsidered at the same Annual Convention without the consent of two-thirds of the members present, nor without a motion for that purpose being made by one of the majority on the prior decision. No question shall be reconsidered more than once and only on the same day.

17. No motion shall be considered as before the Convention unless seconded and, when required by the Presiding Officer, reduced to writing.

18. A motion to lay on the table shall be decided without debate.

19. When any proposed amendment to the Constitution or Canons is before the Convention, amendments thereto may be sent up from the floor if, within the judgment of the Presiding Officer, such floor amendments are germane to the pending amendments and do not change the purpose of such pending amendments.

20. When consideration of the proposed Diocesan Budget is before the Convention, (a) each amendment thereto must indicate the specific line item(s) being increased and/or decreased, and (b) the aggregate dollar amount of changes proposed must be offsetting.

21. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order when no member is speaking and shall be decided without debate. A motion to fix the hour or day for the Convention to adjourn takes precedence of a motion to adjourn and shall be decided without debate.

22. The mover may withdraw a motion or resolution at any time before decision or amendment, in which case it shall not be entered in the Minutes.

23. If a question under debate contains several distinct propositions, the same may be divided, at the request of any member, and a vote taken separately.

24. All questions of order shall be determined in the first instance by the Presiding Officer; however, any member may appeal any decision of the Chair, and on such appeal, no member shall speak more than once without leave of the Convention.

Reports

25. All reports, which have been printed and distributed in advance to all members of the Convention, shall be presented by title only and not read; however, any person presenting such a report may give a summary of it requiring not more than five minutes delivery.

26. All committee reports shall be reduced to writing and filed with the Secretary. Those requiring action by the Convention need not be presented to the Convention as soon as filed, but shall be put before the Convention at an appropriate time within the discretion of the Presiding Officer. The budget materials prepared for Diocesan Convention shall include both descriptions of line items and rationale for changes in funding or deletions of line items from the budget of the previous year.

Nominations and Elections

27. The Bishop (or in the event of his failure to act, the Standing Committee) shall appoint, not less than 60 days in advance of each Annual Convention, a Nominating Committee composed of four clergy and four lay persons resident in the Diocese, which shall report to the Convention nominations for all elective offices (other than those for which the bishop makes the nominations) in accordance with the following provisions:

- A. Except as to the Office of Secretary, Trustee, University of the South, and Trustee, Seminary of the Southwest, there shall be nominated not less than two nominees for each office.
- B. There shall be obtained from each nominee presented his/her personal assurance of his/her willingness and availability to serve, if elected.
- C. The name of each nominee shall be accompanied by suitable brief biographical data, including a listing of parish, mission, and diocesan offices then and previously held.
- D. Suggestions as to persons for consideration shall be sought from parishes, missions, and diocesan institutions, and from individuals.
- E. Further nominations for any office may be made on or before the first regular business day of Convention. All such nominations must be submitted in writing on the prescribed nomination form to the President of the Convention no later than the call to order of the first business session of the Convention; and accompanied by the copies of the biographical information required in sections (B) and (C) above with a sufficient number of nomination forms and biographical sheets for delivery equal to all lay and clerical Convention Delegates; and accompanied by the signatures of the nominator and the nominee. The Secretary of the Convention shall certify that any nominations so received are in good order and satisfy the requirements set forth in sections (B) and (C) above. After the Nominating Committee makes its report for each office to be elected, in succession, the Secretary of the Convention shall announce the names of the additional nominees for the same offices whose names have been placed according to the provisions of this rule and shall distribute the nomination forms and biographical information on those so certified to all Convention Delegates. No seconding speeches or endorsements of any candidate shall be allowed. Nominations made according to the provisions of this rule shall be added to the election ballots of delegates according to the direction of the Chair of the Election Committee and thus eligible for election as the vote for each office proceeds. A nominee (or in his absence at the Convention, the Rector of the nominee's Parish) may withdraw his name from consideration at any time.

28. When two or more equal positions are voted on simultaneously, a nominee must receive a majority of the total number of legal votes cast for such office. In the event a majority is received by more candidates than there are positions to be filled, those with the highest legal vote totals shall be elected. In determining the total number of legal votes cast for an office, the total number of legal votes cast for such office shall be divided by the number of positions to be filled.

29. In the election of persons wherein a concurring majority of both orders is required, in which only the number of persons required to fill the position or positions under consideration have been nominated, the Bishop, by unanimous consent of the Convention, may instruct the Secretary to cast ballots for either or both the clerical and lay delegates.

30. The Presiding Officer shall appoint sufficient number of Tellers of Elections to count ballots promptly and with all reasonable dispatch. Additional tellers who are not members of the Convention may be appointed in order that the official tellers may not be obligated to absent themselves from the Convention while the ballots are being counted.

31. The Bishop shall have the authority to appoint all Board Members, Trustees, and Committee Members, and fill other positions which are not required to be elected or otherwise selected by the Constitution or Canons of the Diocese of Dallas or any other lawful authority.

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32. Doors shall be closed during voting and entry to the Convention floor shall be denied until ballots are collected, or, if not a ballot vote, until the results of the vote are announced.

Miscellaneous

33. The Presiding Officer, or such person as he may designate, shall be in charge of the admission of all media personnel to the Convention floor, and no TV or video cameras shall be permitted on the floor without the permission of the Presiding Officer. No literature shall be distributed at the Convention, on the floor or on the premises, without prior approval of the Presiding Officer.

34. The audible use of cell phones and other personal accessories shall not be permitted during sessions of the Convention.

35. The proceedings of the Convention shall be tape recorded and permanently filed.

36. Any of these rules may be suspended by a two-thirds majority vote of the delegates. These rules may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the delegates, provided such amendments are not in violation of the Constitution or Canons of the Diocese.

37. The Constitutions and Canons Committee shall be authorized to correct article, canon, and section designations, numbering, grammar, punctuation and cross-references and to make such other technical and conforming changes that will not change the meaning or intent of an amendment or resolution as may be necessary to reflect the intent of the Convention in approving the amendment or resolution.

38. The Rules of Procedure of the previous meeting of Convention shall be in force until they are amended or repealed.

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Fr. Michael Gilton, Chair of the Committee on Dispatch of Business, presented the following Agenda for the Convention, which had been distributed in advance to the delegates in the Convention Booklet on page 2:

PROPOSED AGENDA
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Friday, November 8, 2013

5:00 pm	Eucharist Rehearsal for Deacons Only	All Saints Chapel
6:30 pm	Retirement Dinner for Bishop Stanton (limited seating; advanced reservations required)	Swann Athletic/Wellness Center

Saturday, November 9, 2013

7:30 am	Registration	Pavilion / School House
	Exhibits Open	Hallway
	Coffee and Continental Breakfast	Hallway
8:30 – 9:30 am	Opening Worship / Eucharist	All Saints Chapel
9:30 – 12:00 pm	Convention Convenes Hart Athletic Center	
	Credentials Committee Report	
	Dispatch of Business	

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	Report of Nominating Committee	
	Election Procedures	
	First Ballot	
	Address – The Rt. Rev. James M. Stanton	
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Luncheon	Swann Athletic/Wellness Center
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Clergy Spouse Lunch	Second Floor Lounge Area
	College Commission Lunch	North Private Dining Room
	Rural Church Lunch	South Private Dining Room
1:00 pm	Convention Reconvenes	Hart Athletic Center
	Report of Canons Committee	
	Elections Continued	
	Adjourn as Convention/Convene as Corporation	
	Reconvene as Convention	
	Resolutions	
3:00 – 5:00 pm	Budget	Hart Athletic Center
5:00 pm	Closing Prayer	Hart Athletic Center

The agenda was adopted by voice vote without objection.

With the adoption of the three reports (Credentials, Rules of Procedure, and Agenda), the Bishop announced that the convention was organized and ready for the transaction of business.

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The first order of business was to recognize two churches. First to be recognized had previously received the approval to be a mission in union with the convention under Canon 15, Church of the Savior in Allen. Fr. Joel Prather, Vicar, and the people of the mission were present. The convention greeted the members of this mission and Bishop Stanton presented a certificate stating that they are duly installed as a mission of the Diocese of Dallas.

The next church, San Francisco de Asis, Dallas, celebrated its first anniversary of being planted on Ferguson Road in Dallas. Bishop Stanton presented the Rev. Aquilino Lara, Vicar, with a certificate.

Both congregations received a standing ovation as an endorsement of their ministries. The Bishop confirmed with Mr. Gerber that the acceptance of these two congregations did not affect the credentials total, and Mr. Gerber confirmed that it did not.

The Chair then announced that there were three mission stations formed since the last convention that he recognized:

- Emmanuel Anglican Church, Dallas, led by Father Daniel Ofoegbu, an Igbo Nigerian congregation.
- Holy Faith, Dallas, Texas made up of members of the Bhutanese community who have relocated here after being exiled from Bhutan, led by Pastor James Diyali, who was introduced last year.
- The Gathering, led by Deacon Jim Webb and Father Charlie Keen, a downtown mission station without walls. The Bishop stated that we would hear more about that mission station later in the convention.

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Father Daniel Ofoegbu gave a monetary gift of support to the bishop for the diocese on behalf of his congregation, Emmanuel Anglican.

Pastor Diyali spoke with gratitude to God and thanks for the diocese and hoped to enlarge his ministry to the entire United States. Bishop Stanton concluded that he would have more to say about that community shortly. The Chair presented to the convention a Certificate of Relocation. Not able to find the certificate, he announced that he would come back to that later in the convention.

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The Convention Chair recognized the Chair of the Nominating Committee, Mrs. Jolayne LaCour, who submitted the first report of the Nominating Committee with the nomination of Mr. Richard D'Antoni for the office of Secretary of Convention. Bishop Stanton asked if there were nominations from the floor. Seeing none, he asked for a voice vote. Mr. D'Antoni was elected by acclamation.

The Chair moved a suspension of rules in order to approve licensed clergy who served in churches in this Diocese, but who were not canonically resident, to sit with their congregations' delegations and allowing them to have voice, but no vote. This action requires a two-thirds vote. The Chair noted that the ruling applied to: The Rev. Fred Barber, Transfiguration, Dallas; The Rev. Dee Bright, Apostles, Coppell; The Rev. Andrea Conklin, Christ Church, Dallas; The Rev. Lisa Flores, Saint Michael and All Angels, Dallas; The Rev. Joanna George, St. Philip's, Frisco; The Rev. Joseph Hermerding, Incarnation, Dallas; The Rev. John Kline, Holy Nativity, Plano; The Rev. Jeff Kraemer, St. David of Wales, Denton; The Rev. Terry Matthews, St. William Laud, Pittsburg; The Rev. Scot McComas, Holy Trinity by-the-Lake, Heath; The Rev. Katherine Ryan, Holy Trinity, Bonham; The Rev. Lamuel Salik, Apostles, Coppell; The Rev. Brenda Sol, Saint Michael and All Angels, Dallas; The Rev. William Taylor, Good Shepherd, Dallas; and The Rev. Clint Wilson, St. David of Wales, Denton.

The convention body approved the seating of licensed clergy by voice vote.

The Chair announced that the Daughters of the King of the Diocese would pray during the entire Convention and that a prayer box was available on their exhibit table for prayer requests.

The Chair recognized Mr. Richard D'Antoni, Secretary of the Convention. Mr. D'Antoni noted that the Journal of the 117th Annual Convention and the Reports for this convention had been previously approved by a committee consisting of the Chancellor, the Secretary of Convention, and the Parliamentarian, and had been posted on the Diocesan website. The motion to accept the minutes passed by voice vote.

The Chair nominated Mr. Timothy A. Mack to be Chancellor of the Diocese. Mr. Mack was elected unanimously. The Bishop announced that he had appointed as Assistant Chancellors the following: Mr. Neil D. Anderson (Senior Chancellor), The Rev. Michael S. Mills (Vice Chancellor), and the following Assistant Chancellors: Mr. Paul A. Schweizer, Mrs. Jennifer Hargrave, Mr. Scott Matheson, and Mr. Robert Mebus.

The Chair nominated Mr. Thomas Graves to be Treasurer of the Diocese. Mr. Graves was elected unanimously. The Bishop appointed Mrs. Mary Sonom and Mr. Robert G. McKenzie to be Assistant Treasurers.

The Chair appointed Mrs. Kay Crews as Parliamentarian for the Convention.

The Chair appointed Mr. Jim Morris and Mr. David Dunbar as Sergeants-at-Arms for the Convention.

Clergy Changes

The Chair recognized The Rt. Rev. Paul Lambert, Bishop Suffragan, who reported on the clergy changes since the last convention.

Newly Ordained:

- *Newest* ordained clergy in the diocese: Deacon Stephen Setzer who serves at St. Matthew's Cathedral
- The Rev. Wesley Evans, serving part-time at Holy Nativity, Plano as he migrates his way into the United States Navy Chaplains Corp
- The Rev. Nancy Powers, Vicar, St. John's, Pottsboro
- The Rev. Matthew Larsen, on scholarship to work on his doctorate at Yale Divinity School through Incarnation, Dallas
- The Rev. Paul Wheatley, serving at Incarnation, Dallas

New Rectors:

- The Rev. Fabian Villalobos, Christ Church, Dallas
- The Rev. Marc Dobson, Good Shepherd, Cedar Hill
- The Rev. Michael S. Mills, Good Shepherd, Dallas
- The Rev. Bob Corley, St. Mark's, Irving

The chair presented to the convention the certification that a congregation has changed its location. He read the Certificate of Location stating the Grace Church, Mesquite had relocated to the property on Ferguson Road in Dallas, home of the Church of the Resurrection and Grace and of the mission church of San Francisco de Asis. The Bishop advised the convention that he and the Standing Committee had previously consented.

REPORT FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Chair recognized Mrs. Jolayne LaCour, Chair of the Nominating Committee for another report. Mrs. LaCour presented the nominees.

Standing Committee

(Clergy)

The Rev. William Cavanaugh
The Rev. Clay Lein
The Rev. Kai Ryan

(Lay)

Kalita Beck Blessing
Tom Graves, III

Executive Council

(Clergy)

The Rev. Maria "Betty" Barrios
The Rev. Will Brown
The Rev. David Faulkner
The Rev. Amy Heller
The Rev. Joel Allen Prather
The Rev. Philip Snyder
The Rev. Fabian Villalobos
The Rev. Paul Wheatley

(Lay)

Connie Bertram
Garry Brown
Steve Burnett
Donna Halstead
Robert "Bob" MacFarland
Steven M. Philley
Jim Riggert
Ranji "Matt" Thekkil
Eddie Touraine

General Convention Delegates

(Clergy)

The Rev. William Cavanaugh
The Rev. Michael Gilton
The Rev. Canon Victoria Heard

(Lay)

William Behrens
Carrie Boren Headington
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The Rev. Amy Heller
The Very Rev. Dr. Neal Mitchell
The Rev. Michael Michie
The Rev. Antonio Muñoz
The Rev. Kai Ryan

Fred Ellis
Anna Houston
William Murchison
Phil Ritter
Anne Schmidt
Lee Spence
Lana Valenta

Provincial Synod Delegates

(Clergy)

The Rev. Tim Cherry
The Rev. Ashley Classen
The Rev. Amy Heller
The Rev. Gary Herbst
The Rev. Michael Hurst
The Rev. Brendan Kimbrough
The Very Rev. Dr. Neal Mitchell
The Rev. Joel Allen Prather
The Rev. Craig Reed
The Rev. Terry Reisner
The Rev. Philip Snyder

(Lay)

Laura Braun
Fred Ellis
Chuck Firmin
Don Mills
Jim Myckleby
Paul Prema
Phil Ritter
Anne Schmidt
Lee Spence

Trustee, University of the South

(Lay)

Louise Harms
Orrin Harrison, III

Mrs. LaCour added that information on each of the nominees was printed in the Convention Booklet, pages 16-28. She recommended use of the Tally Sheets found in the Convention Booklet on page 79-83.

The Rev. Kai Ryan approached the Chair and withdrew her nomination as she announced she would be moving to the Diocese of Texas to serve as the Canon to the Ordinary.

The Chair announced that the floor was open for further nominations. Seeing no additional nominations, the Chair closed the nominations.

The Bishop recognized Mr. Ron Brown, Chair of Elections, to go over the voting instructions found on page 15 of the booklet. Mr. Brown explained that clergy would receive blue ballots and that the lay delegates would receive salmon-colored ballots. He continued with the rules for completing the ballots.

The Chair identified the Tellers and announced that he had appointed the Tellers to assist the Elections Committee:

Adult helpers were Deacon Pam Dunbar from the Diocesan Office and Mrs. Toni Luc-Tayengo from Saint Anne, DeSoto.

Youth helpers were: Aaron Alexander from Holy Trinity, Garland; Lily Castillo from Christ Church, Dallas; Raj Landry from St. Nicholas', Flower Mound; Clare Mills from Good Shepherd, Dallas; John Mills from Good Shepherd, Dallas; Nick Roberts from Epiphany, Richardson; Rachel Roberts from Epiphany, Richardson; Andrea Roberts from Epiphany, Richardson; Katie Roche from Epiphany, Richardson; Andy Saldivar from San Francisco, Dallas; Elizabeth Sinclair from Holy Trinity, Garland; and Eli Tomlanovich from St. James', Dallas.

The Chair instructed that the numbers for the nominees are found on page 79 of the Convention Booklet. The pages distributed ballots. The first ballot was taken.

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Bishop Stanton requested that Deacon Paul Thomas and his wife, Barbara Thomas, come to the front of the podium to be recognized. The Thomases have been called to serve as missionaries to southwest Uganda working with the Kellerman Foundation among the Batwa Pygmies. The Thomases shared their story. A beautiful video about the Batwa was shown. They will be sent as missionaries from the Diocese of Dallas and plan to leave in early 2014.

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The Bishop named two new Canons to the Cathedral. He told the ministry history of The Rev. Todd Wetzel and asked that he be recognized by the convention.

He also told the ministry history of The Rev. Stephen Swann and asked that he be recognized by the convention.

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Bishop Stanton delivered the following address to the convention.

ADDRESS FROM JAMES STANTON BISHOP OF DALLAS

My brothers and sisters in Christ, the theme of this convention is *Blessed To Be A Blessing*. I want to thank Bishop Burton for his opening of the scriptures this morning in a powerful way in his sermon. Certainly the figure of Abraham looms large in the Christian story as well, of course, as for Jews and Muslims; but, this is not just because he is the patriarch figure in history we have to deal with, the one in whom God found a soul suitable for his great work, it is because he is also to us an example of faith.

Abraham believed God. That's what Paul wrote. That's what a lot of Christians said. Abraham believed God. Trusted God. And that, rather than any particular work or leadership trait, was accounted to him as righteousness; it put him in the right relationship with God. He was blessed, not because he was good, but so that in his faithfulness he might bring the blessings of God to others.

Twenty-one years ago and three days, November 6, 1992, this diocese called me to serve as your Sixth Bishop. As you know by now, at the end of May I will retire from this ministry. Or to be more precise, I *hope* I will retire from this ministry. Let me clarify. On May 14th of this past year I submitted by resignation as required by canon to the presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church. As you may know when a bishop resigns, the other bishops of the church, the majority of them, have to give their consents. As of today and for the record, I have not yet received the consents. Now let me put that into perspective. It is 180 days from May 14th to this day. That is 4,320 hours, 259,200 minutes. Ah, the joys of bureaucracy. And it will probably only get better, I suppose, as time goes on. In any case, as of this day my resignation has not been consented to. So, let's just say that "hope" is the operative word here.

I intend to do this: on June 1st I am going to stay home. And you can send my check.

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In any case, this is likely my last address to the convention. And I have made a strategic decision about this address, I'm going to be brief. It will be the shortest address I've ever given to any convention. [Applause] Alright, maybe not. Maybe I'll rethink this.

The Diocese of Dallas is in sound shape. At no time in the last generation has the participation and support of the diocese by its congregations been greater than it is today. I want you to know that. More than anything else, I want to thank you for that because your faithfulness helps us all together to be able to carry out the work God has given us to do. You cannot know what a joyful, calming influence and power that is.

At the same time the Finance Committee of the Executive Council has worked to reduce the assessments of parishes and missions from the high that it was of 18% just a few years ago now down to 15% at the highest. They've taken my commitment to reduce it even further very seriously. Early on I spoke about reducing the burden of the diocese on the parishes to 10%. I still think that is the most intelligent and scriptural thing to do, for there to be a tithe. We expect our people to tithe, we expect our parishes to tithe, we expect our dioceses to tithe to mission work. So, they are working on that. I think we would have made more progress in this direction had it not been for recent economic problems. But I want you to know they are working on your behalf to continue to do that.

Our overall Average Sunday Attendance, according to a recent report from the Episcopal Church, membership figures remain pretty much the same. If you look at them in terms of graphs and bars, they look pretty flat, despite the fact that while some people have left the Episcopal Church, others are joining us. In fact we have some rather remarkable growth over the past couple of years in some of our parishes and missions. Youth attendance and participation is up. More youth ministers are working in our parishes. And more young people attended camp this year than at any time in the past twenty. As you've already witnessed, we welcomed two new missions into our fellowship, one about two years old, and the other about one year old. And, we've created three new mission stations. So, the health of the diocese by these markers is good.

People ask me about what I look back on and enjoy thinking about and so forth. I just want to share with you some things I rejoice over. The past 21 years have been almost entirely a joy to me. Because it has been great to work with you and among you and I look forward to continuing to do that. More about that in a moment, but I thought I'd single out the top 10 ... or 12 things that I take real delight in as I think back over these years. Some of them were mentioned in that lovely dinner last night and I don't want to belabor them. I do look back on that first convention, a time when the convention came together. We prayed, we celebrated the Eucharist, we came in work clothes, and that day we went out to do work. And by the end of the day, there were two houses standing in the city of Dallas that weren't there in the morning.

This was a Habitat for Humanity project and it's not just that. It was a crazy idea perhaps, but what it did was it enlisted people from all of the parishes. We didn't even set a budget for this. We knew we had to raise about \$55,000 for a house. We raised so much money that we could build two houses. And we had money left over that we began a ministry to the homeless in Texarkana, Texas called **The Randy Sams Shelter**. And, the ancillary benefit of that was the Brotherhood of St. Andrew continues that ministry until today; they continue it to raise up houses. This was a testimony to me of what our people, to what YOU can do. And it was a great joy and I often think about that. I haven't come up with another great project like one, but we'll keep trying.

The Bishop's Camp which was run by the Cathedral: again, it was a matter not of an idea or a plan or a program, it was the people who carried that Bishop's Camp. This is an effort by the cathedral to serve the community around it, to serve the children around it who have no other place to go, nothing else to do in the summer months. But it has become such a boost to the community. We knew something was happening when the head of the school across the street came over and told us this is a blessing because it keeps the children prepared for school and for learning across the summer months. And it reduces, they felt, the sense of violence and bullying and disorder in the campus. It was a ministry, it was a spiritual ministry as well as a practical one.

I have loved our **Deacons**. I have the greatest respect for them. It is a joy to watch them grow in number and in outreach and ministry; it's been wonderful to take them with me on all of my visits, and I long for people to know more about the ministry of the diaconate, not as a stepping stone to something else, but as a full ministry in its own right.

Youth Ministry has been a delight. Pam Dunbar thank you for all you have done and inspired. Our young people are an inspiration to me. I say this every year, but it remains so. [Applause]

The **Strategic Plan**, our **Church Planting** efforts, **Camp All Saints**, of course.

One of the things that most moved me, I have to tell you, personally, happened after the 2006 General Convention. When I returned and all we seemed to have was bad news from place to place. And I determined to go out and listen to you, the people, in your parishes and I called upon each of the churches to gather whom they understood to be the leaders of that parish or mission and I would sit down and listen. And there were some people who wrote some things on blogs that were a bit doubtful about this whole prospect. But, I was determined to go out and listen, not to lecture, not to talk; to ask questions, to take notes. And I got to know people. I got to know you. I got to know the diocese in a way that would not have been possible in any other way. And I was inspired. We have a lot of wisdom. We have a lot of spirit. We have a lot of insight and a lot of knowledge in this diocese and across it. And I valued that more than anything else. I don't know where the Episcopal Church is going; I don't know what the future holds. I know the people of this diocese. I know what you are capable of. I know where your hearts are. And many of these problems we've negotiated before or will negotiate again in the love of Christ among ourselves. So, I have confidence in you in that respect. I just came away from that **Listening Tour** with a great appreciation.

The Cathedral Center – I still call it the Cathedral Center – I can't get used to calling it **The Stanton Center**. I love that ministry. It was once known as the Anglican School of Theology. It's had its testing. It's gone through its stresses and strains with another bureaucracy (The Texas Education Administration); but, it now comes out stronger. I think it serves this diocese well.

Evangelism Commission Network: I remember first meeting (when Bishop Paul and I met) Carrie Boren in England and saw her energy and knew that this was a mission we needed in evangelism and this was a person to lead that, and I thank her.

The Rural Church Commission: what can I say. This has been a joy to observe.

The **Ethnic diversity** that is going on. I said earlier when I introduced the Bhutanese congregation, Holy Faith, that this past year I was part of something that was extraordinary. It was a baptismal service in which we welcomed over 50 people into the Body of Christ, most of whom could not speak English or understand English. We were able to, through the assistance of the Anglican Communion, get prayer books in Nepalese so that these folks could understand the service; and there was a joy about becoming Christians, about being baptized. And several clergy participated in the service, and it got a little chaotic, and I said at one point simply this is what the early church must have been like. Because it wasn't so much the order that made it holy, it was the spirit and the commitment that made it holy, and it was thoroughly a joyful moment to welcome them and give them a home. These were people who had been thrown out of their country by their government; but, here they have a spiritual home as well as a physical home. This is happening in this diocese. I have often said, we are the Anglican Communion, we're not just a part of it.

The Gathering - you will hear more about The Gathering. This is a great inspiration to me: an experiment in possibly building a church without a building. Can you imagine that? In fact, welcoming them into parish status some day, I hope, when they don't bear any of the traditional marks of a parish. Can Christ make himself known to people in the world without walls, without structures? I think so. I hope so. This will be a great experience.

The thing that strikes me about these milestones and our life together is that they all happen because of you, the people of this diocese, lay and clergy alike. I'd like to thank people by name; but, if I started to do, this we would be here until tomorrow ... or the next day. Many of you here were part of these undertakings; many of you have not been part of these undertakings particularly. Many who were a part are not here today because maybe they were not elected as a delegate, or perhaps they had something better to do today. And many are not here because they have gone on home to be with their Creator and Lord. But, I'm grateful for all who shared the vision of these efforts, who took the bull by the horns, who saw an opportunity and rose to meet it, who gave of their time and resources to make them happen, and who've made such a difference in the life of this diocese.

Most especially, I am grateful for my staff, those who've served with me in the past, those who serve with me now. They have been energetic, engaged, generous, and patient; they've risen to the occasion, every one of them has had a servant's heart. Every one has made my burden lighter and my work brighter. And, I want to say, the one who's been with us the longest and worked all the time the hardest, I think, and that is Ticoy Young. [Applause] Is she back there someplace? I will allow myself the luxury of naming that one. I just can't name everybody else.... I am going to name them all at the end of the show. I just wanted to say, she has been your servant (she's not even an Episcopalian) for all these many years and I just wanted to single her out.

Now, I want to talk about the future. In a little over six months our relationship will change, I will no longer be *the* Bishop or exercise the powers of the ecclesiastical authority of the diocese. As opportunity presents, I will, God-willing, continue to visit parishes and assist in confirming and receiving new ministers in the body of Christ as an assisting bishop. I will, I trust, be able to continue to preach and to teach especially at the Cathedral / Stanton Center. And, I hope, to once again engage in ministry at some parish level. The hardest part about being a bishop is to give up a parish home, to give up walking with a community of people consistently through the year and through life's ups and downs. That took some adjusting. But, I look forward to returning in some way, in some form to that kind of life. And I look forward to this new phase of ministry and will seek to assist the diocese. I'll give them my advice when they ask. And I'm not going to try and do anything else. That's my solemn pledge. I will seek to assist the leadership of the diocese wherever they are as, and only as, requested.

Some of you have asked and some might be wondering just what will be the process and timeline of the election of my successor as bishop. I daresay some of you have given thought to this over a long period of time. [laughter]. Let me be very brief; but, I need to give you this background. The process will largely be in the hands of the Standing Committee. Once my resignation is effective, next May, God-willing, the Standing Committee will be guided by the canons both of the general convention and of the diocese. In fact, the canons of the diocese, in most cases, take precedence over the general canons. There are essentially two courses open to the Standing Committee. Beginning next June, the Standing Committee could choose to promptly call for an election. As many of you know, that process would typically take something like two years to complete. Using the search processes that other dioceses and some of our larger parishes have undertaken most recently, I think the process is likely to be longer, rather than shorter. Alternatively, the Standing Committee could defer action on calling for an election. This would allow more time, critical time, it seems to me, for the diocese to build up a reserve fund that is better able to afford the considerable expenses of the election committee, nominating and interviewing process, the physical and psychological examinations, background investigations, walk-about, consecration, and upfront costs of moving a bishop here to the diocese. All of these things cost money. Money that is not in the budget that needs to be accumulated over time.

My own point of view, and it is just my own view, that this would be a very prudent course of action for these and a number of other reasons. In either case, the Standing Committee may choose to act as the ecclesiastical authority of the diocese or it may invoke diocesan Canon 41 and choose to appoint another bishop, say the Suffragan Bishop, as the ecclesiastical authority. That's a position referred to as the Bishop pro tem or pro tempore which means *for the time being*. Now depending on the timeline set for the election process, Bishop Lambert's term in the role could cover several years. Again, the continuation of that arrangement would at all times be at the discretion of the Standing Committee, and in fact, as provided in Canon 41, the decision on calling for an episcopal election always remains in the hands of the Standing Committee. Once the Standing Committee starts down the path of an election, one of its first acts is to constitute an election committee

pursuant to Canon 26. The committee will be populated by four clergy and four lay members elected by the Standing Committee and six clergy and six lay members elected by the Executive Council and the chancellor who will be a member ex officio. So, the Standing Committee designates one of these appointees (four and four, six and six, twenty people, plus the chancellor) as the chair of the committee.

The committee, in due course, would receive and vet nominations, would present at least three nominees to the convention for election, likely a special convention, I would guess, called for that purpose. Typically, the committee also creates subcommittees such as a Consecration Committee, a Transition Committee and so forth to assist in this work.

Remember that, after a bishop-elect is chosen, he or she must receive consents from at least a majority of bishops exercising jurisdictions, that means diocesan bishops or bishops coadjutor within the Episcopal Church and a majority of Standing Committees, before a consecration date can be set. That's the process in brief.

Again the course chosen and any timeline associated with it are in the hands of the Standing Committee and no decisions can or will be made until I have moved on into the new phase I spoke of earlier. In anticipation of this new phase, I gave some thought to what I would like to tell you, what I want to leave you with as we gather today and depart today, God-willing.

So, I want to just spend the next couple of minutes in that word. We've been blessed by God in so many ways as a diocese. That blessing is not, as it was for Abraham, intended for us. God is delighted for us to be blessed, but it is intended to empower us and impel us into greater mission to carry that blessing beyond ourselves. In fact the only way a church can grow is when it understands that it is blessed to be a blessing; it's reaching out in mission and ministry beyond itself.

There are two things about my consecration I remember very vividly. Both came from Bishop John Maury Allen, the former Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, the man that I held in the highest esteem then and still do today although he has passed on to be with his Lord. He said two things; first was, in all solemnity, "Get a big car." And I followed that advice. He said, "You know, you know you young guys, you all talk about this ecology and so on, but you are going to be traveling many, many miles. You owe it to your people to keep yourself as safe as you possibly can be." And I thought that was pretty good advice, especially one day I was broadsided by somebody and appreciated having such a car.

The other bit of his advice was this and it came in the sermon. "Jim," he said, "Jesus does not call you to be successful, he calls you to be faithful." And I've tried to live by those words, too. Our Lord does not promise success. He does not promise that there will be no challenges or obstacles or even defeats along the way. Indeed quite the opposite. Jesus often was quite upfront with his disciples, telling them about what they would suffer. It is enough for a servant to be like his master, he would say. "You must be willing to give up everything and follow me." Now I am sure there were focus committees that came to him to report that these were not selling well in the public arena. But he was honest and truthful with them. What he did promise was that he would be with them always even to the end of the age. You know it is very easy to get sidetracked in ministry. Local differences among church members, conflicting goals, economic uncertainties, and denominational controversies, all of these things and many more I could name, and you are familiar with them, I'm sure, can crowd into our consciousness and deter us from the main thing. This is nothing new. Saint Paul confronted such conflicting and confusing controversies in his own churches. Different interpretations of the gospel from time to time consumed the earliest church and threatened the power of their witness particularly in some communities. "I'm astonished," Paul wrote to the Galatians, "that you are falling for those who pervert the gospel. Not that there is another gospel. There is only one gospel," he said. "And that is the gospel of Christ crucified and risen. But," he warned, "even if we or an angel from heaven came down and revealed another gospel..." (Get the picture?) "Even if I told you to change," Paul is saying. "Or an angel told you to change, don't do it! Let that one be accursed. It's anathema, there is only one gospel." We say it every time we do our baptismal service: One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism. I don't think we actually believe that much of the time. We are so caught up in ideals of diversity and so forth that we forget that diversity is part of the fruit of the spirit. We can't help

but be diverse if we are lifting up Christ. He will draw all manner of men and women to himself. But when we try to make diversity the goal and somehow that is going to make the world better and more just, I think we simply make matters worse. Paul says there is only one gospel. And so, his word to the faithful was simply this, "Let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap gloriously at harvest time if we do not give up." "We are not among those who shrink back," the writer to the Hebrews says triumphantly. "And therefore," he says, "lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees and make straight paths for your feet so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed." Maybe that passage spoke to me most directly after my experience of breaking a foot. I don't know. But, here's the word: strengthen your weak knees, lift your drooping hands, make straight paths for your feet. Jesus called his disciples to put their hands to the plow and fix their gaze steadily upon him. THAT is faithfulness. We don't give up, Saint Paul said; we don't shrink back, the writer to the Hebrews said. We've got a lot of paths to straighten and a lot of lameness to heal. We put our hands to the plow that the fields of God may bear more fruit. It is this ministry that we serve, and you know, what will bear fruit is a renewed commitment to proclaim Christ and make new disciples. It is no more complicated than that.

Some of our parishes are building new buildings and enlarging their campus; that is exciting and I applaud it. But, we all need to be reminded that unless the Lord builds the house they who build it, labor in vain. It is the heart of service to the Lord that will fill those new buildings. On the other hand every week I receive some advertisement, some news about some new program or scheme or plan helping the church to be relevant, to change our world, to do justice and to show mercy. But, here too, we need to be reminded that Jesus' method of changing the world was to change one soul at a time. Programs don't change people. God's people change people when they allow the Holy Spirit to work through them.

When a bishop is ordained, the ordinal prescribes his or her work in these terms: to be one with the apostles. A bishop is to be one with the apostles in proclaiming the gospel. The bishop's job is not to reinvent or reinterpret or restructure or reimagine the gospel or the church. The Bishop's job is to hold fast to the apostolic teaching and to ensure that that is done throughout the diocese. Well, you know this too is the responsibility of the whole church. Whenever we renew our baptismal promises or baptize new people and have the opportunity to renew them, we say we will continue in the apostles' teaching. As I look at the future what concerns me is not those who would reinvent, reimagine, restructure the church of Jesus Christ, I'm not really concerned about them. I've read the book, I know how it turns out, and I know who wins. What I'm worried about is those who forget that the main thing is to be faithful. What I worry about are those who do not stand firm with the apostles' teaching and continue to live out the ministry entrusted to them.

We may be tempted to give in and fall for the new or give up and fight in some other quarter; but, both of those tactics fail. What we need to do is proclaim Christ and make disciples right here, right where we are. No one can prevent us from doing that. And that's the only thing that will transform, not only the church, but the world. It is in this field that we find our strength and renewal. It is in this field that we are called to put our hands to the plow. It is in this field, brothers and sisters, that God will bless us, and we will be and become a blessing.

In my election process in 1992, every time there was a meeting with questions and answers, I would end my portion of that session with a prayer that has shaped me all of my life. I'm going to ask you to stand and pray it with me or at least pray silently as I pray it.

Accept, O Lord, my entire liberty, my memory, my understanding, and my will. All that I am and all that I have you have given me and I give all back to thee to be disposed of according to thy good pleasure. Give me only the comfort of your presence and the joy of your love. With these I shall be more than rich and have need of nothing. AMEN

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The Chair made announcements about lunch and locations for specific ministry luncheon gatherings. Then, he called upon Fr. Michael Harmuth to lead in noon-day prayers. After noon-day prayers concluded, the Chair recessed the meeting for lunch.

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Bishop Stanton called the meeting back to order after the lunch recess.

The Chair made two revisions to comments made earlier during convention. Firstly, 14% (not 15%) is the highest assessment percentage currently. Secondly, Dean Neal Michell should have been included as a new rector when those names were previously noted. He had been acting dean of the Cathedral up until March 2013 when he was made Dean.

The Bishop called on Mr. Robby Gerber for the purpose of re-certifying the credential numbers. Mr. Gerber gave an updated report on credentials.

Credentials Committee report:

Clerical Order

184 Canonically Resident
62 Required for a Quorum
119 Registered to Vote

Lay Order

64 Parishes and Missions in the Diocese
22 Required for a Quorum
190 Lay Delegates representing 59 Parishes/ Missions

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The Chair called upon Archdeacon Rosemary Trei for the purpose of making a presentation. She recognized two parishes whose work amongst the poor has been designated as a Jubilee Ministry in the Episcopal Church. First was the Church of the Epiphany, Richardson. Fr. Bill Cavanaugh and Mtr. Betsy Randall accepted the certificate. Secondly, the work of Randy Sams Shelter in Texarkana was recognized as a Jubilee Ministry, and Fr. David Faulkner received the certificate on behalf of St. James, Texarkana.

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The chair recognized Mr. Ron Brown for Report #1 from the Committee on Elections on the first ballot. Mr. Brown reported in detail on the first ballot. Not all positions received elections, and the Chair called for tellers to distribute ballots and the second ballot was taken.

As voting concluded, the chair announced that the students from 3rd and 4th grade chapel at Parish Episcopal School donated two car loads of canned goods to be added to the convention food drive. The convention applauded in thanks.

The Chair acknowledged the presence of Ms. Pollyann Matson, Mrs. Mary Alice Ridenour, Mrs. Ellen Gunn, and Mr. David Gibbs who had come to help with the convention.

He then called upon the director of One Man's Treasure, Mrs. Annette Jenkins, to speak to the convention. Mrs. Jenkins thanked the convention for their contribution of coats that will be made available to the formerly incarcerated men in the Dallas area whom her ministry serves.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND CANONS

The Chair called upon the Chancellor of the Diocese, Mr. Tim Mack of St. Matthew's Cathedral, who is Chair of the Committee on Constitution and Canons, to make a report on the proposed amendments to the Constitution and Canons. He referred the delegates to page 112 of the Convention Booklet.

He instructed that this reading is a First Reading of this proposed amendment. Constitutional amendments require two readings. If approved, the amendment to the Article will come to the convention in 2014. If approved at the 2014 convention, then it will become effective.

Note: Strikethrough text represents deletions to the present text; bolded text represents additions to the present text.

2013 – C01 **Proposed Amendment to Article III –FIRST READING**

RESOLVED that Article III of the Constitution of the Diocese be amended to read as follows:

ARTICLE 3 ANNUAL CONVENTION

There shall be ~~held~~ an Annual Convention **of the Diocese held at a place and time designated by at the Cathedral on the third Friday in October, unless the Bishop, with the consent of the Standing Committee shall appoint another place or time. The time and place of the next Annual Convention shall be announced at each Annual Convention prior to its adjournment. In the event that a change in the time and/or place of an Annual Convention is determined by the Bishop, with the consent of the Standing Committee, to be necessary or advisable, Thirty (30) days notice of such change shall be given to each Parish and Mission in union with the Convention at least thirty (30) days prior to such meeting.**

Rationale: Planning for the convention, including securing best pricing on various services and accommodations, requires some flexibility in the date and place.

Submitted by: Constitution and Canons Committee

The proposed amendment to Article 3 was recommended by the Committee on the Constitution and Canons. No second was required as it came from the committee.

The Rev. Virginia Holleman asked that the committee consider a friendly amendment changing the notice period to 90 days; amendment was seconded. The amendment to the motion failed in voice vote. The main motion was then considered and approved by voice vote without opposition.

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The Chair announced the new Standing Committee would convene at the conclusion of the convention.

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The Chair introduced The Right Rev. Paul E. Lambert, Bishop Suffragan for his address.

ADDRESS FROM PAUL LAMBERT BISHOP SUFFRAGAN

Rt. Rev. Sir, brothers and sisters in Christ, I want to thank you, first and foremost, for all the prayers and thoughts you have lifted up on my behalf over the last six months. As you know I had a situation where I was in the hospital in May to have some stents placed in my heart, and I came out of that with flying colors, only to arrive at the House of Bishops in September and on the second day there drive myself to the Emergency Room to find out that I had appendicitis.

This is indeed a bitter-sweet moment for me as we begin to make our farewells to Bishop Stanton over the next six months. As he goes and does his visitations and is with you and your congregations that have been lucky enough to host him for the next several months, will do so in a grand way to thank him on behalf of the rest of your brothers and sisters in Christ as he plans on his retirement.

I, as many of you know, was fortunate to be at his ordination to the priesthood in the Diocese of San Joaquin way back when. Bishop Rivera asked me to take this new young priest (he's older than me), that we had just ordained, to the American Institute for Church Growth at Fuller Seminary in Pasadena, California. We got to know each other really well there and I moved away, and he stayed, and then 1992 rolls around and we run into each other at the hotel when I was on the nominating committee. I like to say that I was one of the few people in this diocese that has ever laid hands on Bishop Stanton. But the really cool thing was at my consecration, he laid hands upon me, and that was really a special blessing. Tying the knot on my spiritual journey. I want to thank him for that and for his support in the ministry we have shared and the mentoring he has given me. I want to take this time to thank you publicly. We're not done yet!

A couple of things I wanted to point out that I think are very important to us as a diocese. You'll hear from our Treasurer, Mr. Tom Graves, about the state of affairs in our finances in our diocese, and they are very good, I'm happy to say. I don't want to steal his thunder, but, interesting enough, as we lowered the assessment rate to parishes across the board and gave rebates for what you've paid the prior year so you can adjust your assessment, some folks were a little nervous about that, wondering how are we going to do business as usual? Well, it turns out, we continue to grow financially in terms of our assets and trying to manage those as good stewards; but, even though we reduced the rate, we have increased the giving to the diocese and that is a direct result of the intentional stewardship that your parishes are doing in the diocese.

It's hard to believe that three years ago we took 50 of us to Camp Allen for the TENS Conference, the Episcopal Network on Stewardship, and since we came back we have seen communities transformed in terms of their stewardship and really wild increases, from 10-15% to 60-70% increases in giving as parishes, even the congregations in the search process for a new rector, and we all know nothing happens when you're searching for a new rector. We've seen those congregations have an increase in giving in terms of stewardship. That's so very important, being good stewards of all that God has given us. I want to commend you, as your Bishop Suffragan, for the hard work that you have done. And the really cool thing that we have done is to form a network among our brothers and sisters in Christ to help each other in their stewardship endeavors. We have clergy crossing the diocese preaching at stewardship events and swapping pulpits, doing those sorts of things. That's a sign of a healthy diocese and you are to be commended for that work and please know that it does not go unnoticed. If you are in a congregation and you are kind of scratching your head about what to do about stewardship don't hesitate to call us because we have an army out there and they will come and help you do the thing that God calls us to do. So, be proud of ourselves as we continue to grow in this. We are not finished. There is always work to do, to be sure.

As we look at our stewardship, we have to be stewards to all things and to participating in everything. For the last several years, you know that we have not been giving, officially, to the General Church. In 2003, we made a decision to withhold some of our giving. A lot of people don't realize that in 1992, I think it was, when Bishop Patterson returned from the General Convention in Phoenix, he was so upset that they established the Decade

for Evangelism in which they wanted to build churches during that time, but they didn't have any funding for those churches. And so Bishop Patterson, I remember very clearly, came off the dias and went around to the floor and asked the Convention to reduce their giving by \$250,000.00 to the General Church and use that money to begin planting churches over the next years. And that's when we started decreasing our giving to the General Church. Then in 2003, we've kicked that tire and that ant hill and we know what happened then and we re-thought our giving to the General Church and we made it kind of well if you want to you can, if and if you don't want to, you need to be giving that and assigning it to mission work outside of the congregation. Course we didn't put anything there to keep track of how we were doing in that regard. Most of the time that funding went back into the budget to pay for the electricity, lights, repairs, salaries, and that sort of thing.

I think it is important for us as we stand on the eve of beginning the process in the transition of looking for a new bishop, we need to participate at some level on the general church and the giving as we anticipate the calling for the election of the next bishop. That this should be something that we have taken care of in house over the next several years as we search and pray God's will for the new bishop that he will not be subject to having to make excuses and stand up and fight our battles when he wasn't even part of the battle in the first place. And it's my hope even though it's only a 1% contribution, \$31,500, I think it what's in your line item 48 in your budget is well short of the 19% that they request which would have added about \$625,000 to our budget. So, we are taking these small steps. I have to commend the collaborative group organized by Fr. Michael Hoffman and others, as delegates you saw the names on the list of those people who gathered together across the diocese to come up with this collaborative and workable plan as we seek to do God's will to be as good stewards as we possibly can. This is all part and parcel of our understanding of stewardship and being participants in as much as we can in the work and the mission of God's church.

I also want to acknowledge at this time, Saint Michael and All Angels and their rector, Fr. Bob Dannals, who, if you'll recall at the convention last year stood before us and offered a cooperative opportunity for us to participate in a new electric program. We really didn't know much about it, but a lot of information went out and I'm happy to announce that with the good work of Steve Philley, Steve McKenney, Scott Chilton, Tom Graves and others, we are going to be able to reach a rate, I got to get this right, of .055 which is a lot less than we thought we were going to get. And that rate is going to be locked in until May, 2019. That means, those of you have signed up for the program, your rate, per kilowatt-hour, 0.558, will not increase until after 2019 and hopefully be then it might even decrease some. Now, that doesn't mean the delivery charges and the repairs you have to pay for...that's a whole different thing it's just your kilowatt-hour. Now the cool part about this is that over the life of your contract, the congregations who are participating, the accumulated savings will be over \$260,000 over the life of this contract. I commend this program to you. Some of you will be going on right away when your contracts this year turn over. Those of you who have to wait a year or two, that's the rate you're going to get because you've committed to that when yours goes out. That's a wonderful thing and I want to thank you. We would have never had that opportunity, had it not been for their desire to share that with their diocesan family so that we all might benefit from that good stewardship.

As many of you know, our own Bret Williams has resigned as our Director of Communications; [*to Bret: come up here*] we want to thank you for your hard work. [Applause] Bret dragged us kicking and screaming into the electronic age and all the social media, and we appreciate that very much. Then his wife decided they needed to move to San Antonio to be near her family and away they went. We tried to keep him here, but we had no course of action to make it stick. So, I formed a committee and we're going through the process. We have several very good applicants to-date. We will hopefully have a new Director of Communications in place by the first of January. Our hope is that this person is not only going to have the electronic and social media savvy and the ability to do database management, but also who will have some print and editorial journalism because we would like to restore a quarterly printed publication to the diocese in magazine form. We are really focused on your diocese being able to tell their narrative instead of having someone else tell it for us. So keep that in your prayers as we move forward. You will see that there is a substantial increase in our budget for 2014 for the director of communications program because we know there are some things in the future that are going to really need our attention, not the least of which is the calling of a new bishop. So keep us in your prayers as we work forward to do that.

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The other initiative that I'm going to be working on with the Executive Council is to hold an Executive Council retreat. For those of you who have been elected, mark down December 7th and 8th on your calendar for a retreat at Camp All Saints. It's going to be an over-night retreat and an opportunity to work together, to begin strategizing our way forward as a diocese and re-organizing the commissions of the diocese so that we become proactive. In the past, we have been staff oriented in terms of what was done in the diocese. What we want to do is go back to what we used to have where we had the commissions and the Executive Council members actually did the work on those commissions and the staff acted as a resource for those commissions and committees. It is my vision to be restored in doing that so that when we do have our active meetings, we actually have something to report and we continue to work on the work that God is calling us to do. Part of the organizational thing from the Executive Council is that, in February in this coming year, we will have a retreat with the convocation chairs and with each of the deans of the convocation who help us with the pastoral care of the people and the clergy in those convocations as well as those folks I've asked each convocation to submit names for the nominating committee (for the diocesan convention – don't confuse that with the election) to come up with an opportunity to populate the various items in our election process (Standing Committee, Executive Council, deputies and that sort of thing) with a broader base of talent throughout the diocese instead of focusing on certain areas. So it is my hope that those individuals who are on the Nominating Committee will serve and become part of the leadership team of each convocation. My hope is and my vision and we'll have to work this out with the Finance Committee and other ideas is to develop a convocational system that will have some funding, say \$5,000 to \$10,000 for each convocation and they would be responsible for addressing missions and ministry opportunities within their convocation that they can work collaboratively together with each of their congregations. How that's going to look, I'm not sure. This is why we are going to have the retreat and scratch our heads and kick the can down the road to see what would happen on the other side.

We continue to mobilize for our church planting and revitalization programs. We are working in Wylie with The Corporation for St. Timothy's, our church plant out there, to begin looking at property acquisition. We discovered over the years that they quit making the dirt, so we need to get it when we find it available, and be good stewards with that. I'm happy to say, too, that we have a really cool initiative working with the combination of three congregations St. George's, Oak Cliff (Dallas); St. Paul's, Oak Cliff (Dallas); and Church of the Epiphany, Dallas. Church of the Epiphany had its last service two weeks ago on Saturday; it's congregation has dwindled quite substantially. These three congregations came together organically. They were already doing this and invited us into the conversation to form one congregation out of the three. What's that going to look like? I don't know, but I can tell you, if you go to church there, there is a level of excitement that you haven't seen in any of those congregations in many years. It's a real joy to see the smiles on their face. This is a real opportunity to revitalize our mission and ministry in south Dallas in a very intentional way. And we'll be looking for the first time in a long time a full-time priest to serve that congregation, and hopefully we'll be able to do that in the next year. We certainly have increased our budget for that hope.

Fr. David Petrash was in my office and he has a real problem. Our Merciful Savior, Kaufman – how many have ever been in there – it's not a real big place. He's trying to figure out how he is going to add a third service because his church keeps growing. And a bigger problem is that they have 28 kids in Sunday School and they don't know where to put them. So keep praying and keep up the good work. It's such a wonderful thing.

I'm telling you, you go around the diocese and you see this new life that's just emerging in these places because of these committed folks like Fr. David and his congregation. It's a real joy because having been in the diocese as long as I've been in it, I've seen these places when they've been struggling wondering how God is ever going to help us -- but this is a really good-news story. Don't worry, God is with you all of the way. That story could be repeated across the diocese.

In February there is going to be a conference, The Change Conference, that's being sponsored by St. Phillip's, Frisco and St. Andrew's, McKinney with participants throughout the Diocese and throughout the church in general. We've advertised this on the House of Bishops list serve to try and encourage folks to come be a part of this conference on transformational missionary communities. It's a really exciting opportunity for us and I

would encourage you to have one or two representatives from each congregation there. I would hope and pray that the clergy of the diocese would support this by making it part of your own continuing education because I think the information you will receive at this conference will help you learn the best practices of how things actually work are implemented and it would be foolish not to take this opportunity. So I encourage each and every one of you. And I'm sure Mike Michie and Clay Lein [are promoting it]. There is a table out there with brochures and I'm sure there is a website. This is leading edge stuff for the church and we're setting an example, pulling in all of the Episcopal Church. I thank those who are planning this, and we are looking forward to having a wonderful experience. Right Reverend Sir, that wraps up my remarks, thank you for allowing me to be a servant and allowing me to be a part of this. Bless you and thank you and keep up the hard work. Do not fear, for God is with us always even to the end of time. AMEN

- The Right Reverend Paul E. Lambert, Bishop Suffragan

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Bishop Stanton referred those present to look at the purple sheet in the convention packet for a list of his appointments as he read them.

Corporation Appointments

The Secretary of Convention, Mr. Richard D'Antoni, moved that the Convention adjourn and that the body convene as the Corporation. Motion was passed unanimously.

**BISHOP'S NOMINATIONS
TO THE CORPORATION OF THE DIOCESE OF DALLAS
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

CORPORATION OF THE DIOCESE OF DALLAS BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Five year term

Term Ending 2018

Mr. Tommy Valenta, President

Mr. Robert Hulsey

All elections were approved by voice vote. Mr. D'Antoni moved adjournment as a Corporation and to reconvene as a Convention. Motion was passed unanimously.

**BISHOP'S NOMINATIONS TO
INSTITUTIONS, AGENCIES/BOARDS/COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS**

FUND FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF THE EPISCOPATE

One year term

Term ending 2014

Mr. G. Thomas Graves, III

Mr. Tom Gowan

Mr. John Hind

Mr. Robert Hulsey

Mrs. Martha Lang

Mr. Tim Mack

Mr. Scot Matheson

These elections were approved by voice vote.

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TITLE IV INTAKE OFFICERS

Appointment of:

The Rev. J. D. Brown

The Rev. Craig A. Reed

COMMISSION ON MINISTRY

Term Ending 2016

The Rev. Carol Hobson

The Rev. Michael Hoffman

The Rev. Aquilino Lara

The Rev. Jerry Morriss

Mrs. Lana Valenta

Mr. Matthew Waller

These elections were approved by voice vote.

COMMITTEE ON CHURCH PENSION FUND

Appointment of:

Term ending 2014

Mr. Steve Eggers

Mr. Ford Keith

The Rt. Rev. Paul E. Lambert

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Term Ending 2012

Mr. Tom Graves

Mrs. Mary Sonom

Mrs. Cathleen Dolt

These elections were approved by voice vote.

COMMISSION ON EPISCOPAL SCHOOLS

Three year rotating basis terms, not more than two consecutive terms

Term Ending 2013

The Rev. David Houk, Chair

Mr. John Hind

The Rev. Amy Heller

Mrs. Jennifer Hargrave

The Rev. Michael Harmuth

Ms. Jean Casey

These elections were approved by voice vote.

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The Chair called upon The Rev. Jim Webb and The Rev. Charlie Keen for a presentation on The Gathering. A moving video highlighting the ministry was shown. Deacon Webb described the founding of and work of The Gathering and added, "We are church. We just happen to be outdoors, where most of our congregation lives." He also introduced Mr. Tom Houser, Executive Director. Fr. Keen expounded on the works of the congregation sharing the story of the group's mission trips. Fr. Keen presented Bishop Stanton with a cross necklace of the organization. The convention offered a standing ovation.

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Youth Commission (DDYC) Address

Mr. Nick Roberts, a high school student from Church of the Epiphany, Richardson, gave a talk on behalf of the DDYC. At the conclusion, the Chair thanked him for his presentation and work among the youth of the diocese. The convention offered a standing ovation.

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The chair recognized Mr. Ron Brown for Report #2 from the Committee on Elections on the second ballot. Mr. Brown reported in detail on the second ballot. Not all positions received elections, and the Chair called for tellers to distribute ballots and the third ballot was taken.

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The chair asked the Rev. Robert Corley to give a presentation on The Renewal Center. Fr. Corley spoke on Cursillo, Happening, and New Beginnings. He stated that Bishop Stanton, in his pastoral plan, had charged that each parish would have Cursillo active in every parish of the diocese by the end of 2015. Fr. Corley encouraged each church to advance Happening with the kids of their parish, as well. He also stressed the importance of New Beginnings as teens/preteens go through a transitional time in life.

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The Chair introduced Mr. David Campbell, Director of Camp All Saints, to give a report. He began his presentation with the good news that in 2013 not a single camper was turned away because of financial reasons. He ended by reading camper responses to their time at camp.

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The Chair called upon the Treasurer of the Diocese, Mr. Tom Graves, to make a report on the budget and assessments.

REPORT FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Tom Graves, Treasurer of the Diocese, thanked the people on the committee: Mr. Bob Bowling, Trinity Dallas; Mr. Drew Bradford, Incarnation, Dallas; Mr. Stuart Bush, Incarnation, Dallas; Mr. Richard D'Antoni, Saint Michael and All Angels, Dallas; Mrs. Kathleen Dolt, St. James, Dallas; The Rev. Michael Gilton, St. Paul's, Prosper; Canon Victoria Heard, Diocesan Office; The Rev. Betsy Randall, Epiphany, Richardson; Mr. Jim Smith, Saint Michael and All Angels, Dallas; Mrs. Mary Sonom, Epiphany, Richardson; Mrs. Lana Valenta, Incarnation, Dallas; Mrs. Rebecca Wellborn, St. Paul, Waxahachie; and from the Diocesan Office: Mrs. Ticoy Young, Mrs. Susan Mills, Mrs. Kim LaNore, and Bishop Paul Lambert.

Mr. Graves commented on the 2013 figures stating that the diocese is in good financial shape. He projected a fairly flat budget for the next year, and expounded on the resumption of the churches' option to give to the general church "asking" or to the mission project of re-building a church in the Diocese of Alaska. The following budget synopsis was provided in full to the delegates in advance of the convention. The Executive Council had previously approved this budget. It was submitted for the approval of convention.

2014 PROPOSED BUDGET

RECEIPTS:

Assessment Revenue	3,050,000.00
Endowment for the Episcopate	75,000.00
E. D. Farmer Insurance Grant	36,000.00
Theological Training Grant	60,000.00
Transfer – Diocesan Ministry Reserve	96,450.00
Other Revenue	5,000.00
Interest Income	1,000.00
Denton Area College Ministry Grant	7,500.00
Allowance for Approved Assessment Adjustments	(60,000.00)
Uncollected Assessments/Expense Adjustment	<u>(75,000.00)</u>

TOTAL RECEIPTS: **\$3,195,950.00**

DIOCESAN EXPENSES:

Congregational Development, Support & Services	602,000.00
Church Plants	622,200.00
Clergy Development & Support	176,500.00
Department of Evangelism & Renewal	112,000.00
Catechesis & Youth Ministry Department	130,000.00
College Ministries	90,000.00
Camp & Recreation Operations	257,000.00
Ministry of the Episcopate	1,166,250.00
Reserve for Extraordinary Expenses	<u>40,000.00</u>

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS: **\$3,195,950.00**

The Rev. David Houk offered an amendment to the budget specifically to line 48 regarding support of the broader Episcopal Church. His amendment had the two options removed and the total amount of \$31,858 to go to the support of St. John's Episcopal Church in Eagle, Alaska, and otherwise to keep the status quo with individual churches support of the general church. Amendment was seconded. There was discussion and the convention heard both pro and con to the amendment.

The Rev. Robert Odum called the question which was approved by voice vote. Then, the vote was taken on the amendment and it failed. The chair entertained other questions and discussion on the budget. Then a voice vote was taken and the budget for 2014 passed. The Bishop thanked the Finance Committee for their work.

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Bishop Stanton asked for the prayers of all gathered in observance of the upcoming Veterans Day for members of the Armed Forces.

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our Armed Forces both at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace, strengthen them in their trials and temptations, give them courage to face the perils which beset them, and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Mr. Richard Kerner, Transfiguration, approached the chair to offer \$5,000.00 for the Instituto de San Mateo in honor of the episcopate of Bishop James Stanton. Bishop commended Mr. Kerner for his work at The Gathering.

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The chair recognized Mr. Ron Brown for Report #3 from the Committee on Elections on the third ballot. Mr. Brown reported in detail on the third ballot. Not all positions received elections.

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The Rev. Michael S. Mills, Good Shepherd, Dallas, moved to suspend Rule 28 of the Rules for Convention to allow for an election by a majority of valid votes cast, rather than legal votes cast, mindful of the fact that blank votes had been counted. The effect of the suspension would be that blank votes would not be counted. The Chair deferred to the Parliamentarian who commented on the process followed heretofore. Fr. Mills clarified that ballots that had votes for people who have already been elected, those who had withdrawn, and for numbers marked on a ballot not representative of an actual candidate be considered invalid and not counted. His interpretation of the word “legal” in Rule 28 included all those just listed, and he believed a more accurate accounting could be achieved if those that are declared legal but invalid would not be counted.

The procedural vote would apply only to the voting going forward. The motion was approved by voice vote. The Chair called for tellers to distribute ballots and the fourth ballot was taken.

The chair instructed the delegates to vote for only one person for the Clergy Order for General Convention Alternate and for one person for the Lay Order for General Convention Alternate, likewise for Provincial Synod. The ordering of alternates in these elections would be based on total votes.

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The chair recognized Mr. Ron Brown for Report #4 from the Committee on Elections on the fourth ballot. Mr. Brown reported in detail on the fourth ballot. This fourth ballot completed the elections.

2013 ELECTION RESULTS

There were four (4) ballots taken. The final results of the voting were as follows:

Standing Committee

(Clergy)

The Rev. William Cavanaugh

(Lay)

Tom Graves

Executive Council

(Clergy)

The Rev. David Faulkner
The Rev. Philip Snyder

(Lay)

Garry Brown
Donna Halstead
Jim Riggert
Eddie Touraine

Trustee to the University of the South

(Lay)

Mr. Orrin Harrison, III

General Convention Delegates

(Clergy)

The Rev. Michael Gilton
The Rev. Canon Victoria Heard
The Very Rev. Dr. Neal Michell
The Rev. Michael Michie

(Lay)

Carrie Boren Headington
Cathleen Dolt
William Murchison
Lana Valenta

General Convention Alternates

(Clergy)

The Rev. William Cavanaugh, first alternate
The Rev. Amy Heller, second alternate
The Rev. Antonio Munoz, third alternate
No fourth clergy alternate

(Lay)

Lee Spence, first alternate
Phil Ritter, second alternate
Anne Schmidt, third alternate
Anna Houston, fourth alternate

Provincial Synod Deputies

(Clergy)

The Rev. Tim Cherry
The Rev. Michael Hurst
The Very Rev. Dr. Neal Michell
The Rev. Craig Reed

(Lay)

Chuck Firmin
Jim Myckleby
Paul Prema
Lee Spence

Provincial Synod Alternates

(Clergy)

The Rev. Amy Heller, first alternate
The Rev. Ashley Classen, second alternate
The Rev. Philip Snyder, third alternate
The Rev. Joel Allen Prather, fourth alternate

(Lay)

Laura Braun, first alternate
Anne Schmidt, second alternate
Don Mills, third alternate tie
Phil Ritter, third alternate tie

TELLERS' REPORTS

Tabulation of Votes for Standing Committee — Clergy (*elect one*)

BALLOT #1	Clergy	Lay	
Votes Cast	116	184	
<u>Necessary to Elect</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>93</u>	
The Rev. William Cavanaugh	66	119	ELECTED
The Rev. Clay Lein	48	64	
The Rev. Kai Ryan	2	1	WITHDREW (Prior to the vote)

Tabulation of Votes for Standing Committee — Lay (*elect one*)

BALLOT #1	Clergy	Lay	
Votes Cast	114	186	
<u>Necessary to Elect</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>94</u>	
Mrs. Kalita Beck Blessing	43	75	
Mr. Tom Graves, III	71	111	ELECTED

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Tabulation of Votes for Executive Council — Clergy (*elect two*)

BALLOT #1	Clergy	Lay	
Votes Cast	240	375	
<u>Necessary to Elect</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>94</u>	
The Rev. Maria “Betty” Barrios	17	39	
The Rev. Will Brown	7	18	WITHDREW
The Rev. David Faulkner	46	76	
The Rev. Amy Heller	45	67	
The Rev. Joel Allen Prather	32	39	
The Rev. Philip Snyder	47	67	
The Rev. Fabian Villalobos	31	38	
The Rev. Paul Wheatley	13	31	
	2	0	

Tabulation of Votes for Executive Council — Clergy (*elect two*)

BALLOT #2	Clergy	Lay	
Votes Cast	212	349	
<u>Necessary to Elect</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>88</u>	
The Rev. Maria “Betty” Barrios	6	24	
The Rev. Will Brown	1	1	withdrawn
The Rev. David Faulkner	59	95	ELECTED
The Rev. Amy Heller	45	69	
The Rev. Joel Allen Prather	25	32	WITHDREW
The Rev. Philip Snyder	49	80	
The Rev. Fabian Villalobos	21	30	
The Rev. Paul Wheatley	8	18	WITHDREW

Tabulation of Votes for Executive Council — Clergy (*elect two*)

BALLOT #3	Clergy	Lay	
Votes Cast	110	184	
<u>Necessary to Elect</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>93</u>	
The Rev. Maria “Betty” Barrios	3	8	
The Rev. Will Brown	0	0	withdrawn
The Rev. David Faulkner	2	3	elected previously
The Rev. Amy Heller	44	64	
The Rev. Joel Allen Prather	0	0	withdrawn
The Rev. Philip Snyder	55	101	
The Rev. Fabian Villalobos	6	8	
The Rev. Paul Wheatley	0	0	withdrawn

Tabulation of Votes for Executive Council — Clergy (*elect two*)

BALLOT #4	Clergy	Lay	
Votes Cast	92	151	
<u>Necessary to Elect</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>76</u>	
The Rev. Maria “Betty” Barrios	1	2	
The Rev. Will Brown	0	0	withdrawn
The Rev. David Faulkner	0	2	elected previously
The Rev. Amy Heller	35	37	
The Rev. Joel Allen Prather	0	0	withdrawn
The Rev. Philip Snyder	55	108	ELECTED
The Rev. Fabian Villalobos	1	2	
The Rev. Paul Wheatley	0	0	withdrawn

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Tabulation of Votes for Executive Council — Lay (*elect four*)

BALLOT #1	Clergy	Lay	
Votes Cast	412	697	
<u>Necessary to Elect</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>88</u>	
Connie Bertram	30	66	
Garry Brown	64	100	ELECTED
Steve Burnett	28	48	
Donna Halstead	62	112	ELECTED
Robert “Bob” MacFarland	37	60	
Steven M. Philley	32	50	
Jim Riggert	67	98	ELECTED
Ranji “Mat” Thekkil	39	70	
Eddie Touraine	52	93	
	1	0	

Tabulation of Votes for Executive Council — Lay (*elect four*)

BALLOT #2	Clergy	Lay	
Votes Cast	107	174	
<u>Necessary to Elect</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>88</u>	
Connie Bertram	8	19	
Garry Brown	1	1	elected previously
Steve Burnett	3	5	
Donna Halstead	2	0	elected previously
Robert “Bob” MacFarland	12	21	
Steven M. Philley	8	12	
Jim Riggert	1	1	elected previously
Ranji “Mat” Thekkil	19	31	
Eddie Touraine	54	84	

Tabulation of Votes for Executive Council — Lay (*elect four*)

BALLOT #3	Clergy	Lay	
Votes Cast	182	106	
<u>Necessary to Elect</u>	<u>92</u>	<u>54</u>	
Connie Bertram	6	10	
Garry Brown	0	0	elected previously
Steve Burnett	0	0	
Donna Halstead	2	2	elected previously
Robert “Bob” MacFarland	5	11	
Steven M. Philley	7	5	
Jim Riggert	1	1	elected previously
Ranji “Mat” Thekkil	12	25	
Eddie Touraine	73	128	ELECTED

Tabulation of Votes for Trustee, University of the South — Lay (*elect one*)

BALLOT #1	Clergy/Lay	
Votes Cast	292	
<u>Necessary to Elect</u>	<u>majority</u>	
Louise Harms	131	
Orrin Harrison, III	161	ELECTED

Tabulation of Votes for General Convention Delegates— Clergy (*elect four*)

BALLOT #1	Clergy	Lay	
Votes Cast	427	696	
<u>Necessary to Elect</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>88</u>	
The Rev. William Cavanaugh	46	80	
The Rev. Michael Gilton	77	109	ELECTED
The Rev. Canon Victoria Heard	70	118	ELECTED
The Rev. Amy Heller	42	58	
The Very Rev. Dr. Neal Michell	71	119	ELECTED
The Rev. Michael Michie	78	135	ELECTED
The Rev. Antonio Munoz	40	66	
The Rev. Kai Ryan	3	11	WITHDREW (Prior to the vote)

Tabulation of Votes for General Convention Alternates — Clergy (*elect four*)

BALLOT #4	Clergy/Lay	
Votes Cast	258	
<u>Necessary to Elect</u>	<u>majority</u>	
The Rev. William Cavanaugh	144	first alternate
The Rev. Michael Gilton	0	previously elected
The Rev. Canon Victoria Heard	3	previously elected
The Rev. Amy Heller	82	second alternate
The Very Rev. Dr. Neal Michell	1	previously elected
The Rev. Michael Michie	0	previously elected
The Rev. Antonio Munoz	28	third alternate
The Rev. Kai Ryan	0	withdrawn (Prior to the vote)

Tabulation of Votes for General Convention Delegates— Lay (*elect four*)

BALLOT #1	Clergy	Lay	
Votes Cast	414	697	
<u>Necessary to Elect</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>89</u>	
William Behrens	16	38	
Carrie Boren Headington	77	125	ELECTED
Cathleen Dolt	54	99	ELECTED
Fred Ellis	27	39	
Anna Houston	28	41	
William Murchison	65	102	ELECTED
Phil Ritter	29	55	
Anne Schmidt	27	49	
Lee Spence	22	43	
Lana Valenta	69	106	ELECTED

Tabulation of Votes for General Convention Alternates— Lay (*elect four*)

BALLOT #4	Clergy/Lay	
Votes Cast	270	
<u>Necessary to Elect</u>	<u>majority</u>	
William Behrens	15	
Carrie Boren Headington	0	previously elected
Cathleen Dolt	1	previously elected
Fred Ellis	27	
Anna Houston	33	fourth alternate

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William Murchison	1	previously elected
Phil Ritter	47	second alternate
Anne Schmidt	36	third alternate
Lee Spence	109	first alternate
Lana Valenta	1	previously elected

Tabulation of Votes for Provincial Synod Delegates — Clergy (*elect four*)

BALLOT #1	Clergy/Lay	
Votes Cast	1114	
<u>Necessary to Elect</u>	<u>140</u>	
The Rev. Tim Cherry	141	ELECTED
The Rev. Ashley Classen	86	
The Rev. Amy Heller	109	
The Rev. Gary Herbst	52	
The Rev. Michael Hurst	130	
The Rev. Brendan Kimbrough	74	
The Rev. Very Rev. Dr. Neal Michell	167	ELECTED
The Rev. Joel Allen Prather	78	
The Rev. Craig Reed	149	ELECTED
The Rev. Terry Reisner	61	
The Rev. Philip Snyder	67	

Tabulation of Votes for Provincial Synod Delegates— Clergy (*elect four*)

BALLOT #2	Clergy/Lay	
Votes Cast	278	
<u>Necessary to Elect</u>	<u>140</u>	
The Rev. Tim Cherry	2	elected previously
The Rev. Ashley Classen	27	
The Rev. Amy Heller	55	
The Rev. Gary Herbst	17	
The Rev. Michael Hurst	125	
The Rev. Brendan Kimbrough	9	
The Rev. Very Rev. Dr. Neal Michell	0	elected previously
The Rev. Joel Allen Prather	10	
The Rev. Craig Reed	3	elected previously
The Rev. Terry Reisner	10	
The Rev. Philip Snyder	20	

Tabulation of Votes for Provincial Synod Delegates — Clergy (*elect four*)

BALLOT #3	Clergy/Lay	
Votes Cast	283	
<u>Necessary to Elect</u>	<u>143</u>	
The Rev. Tim Cherry	0	elected previously
The Rev. Ashley Classen	13	
The Rev. Amy Heller	47	
The Rev. Gary Herbst	2	
The Rev. Michael Hurst	193	ELECTED
The Rev. Brendan Kimbrough	3	
The Rev. Very Rev. Dr. Neal Michell	1	elected previously
The Rev. Joel Allen Prather	5	
The Rev. Craig Reed	0	
The Rev. Terry Reisner	8	
The Rev. Philip Snyder	11	

Tabulation of Votes for Provincial Synod Alternates — Clergy (*elect four*)

BALLOT #4	Clergy/Lay	
Votes Cast	226	
Necessary to Elect	majority	
The Rev. Tim Cherry	0	elected previously
The Rev. Ashley Classen	31	second alternate
The Rev. Amy Heller	100	first alternate
The Rev. Gary Herbst	7	
The Rev. Michael Hurst	2	elected previously
The Rev. Brendan Kimbrough	18	
The Rev. Very Rev. Dr. Neal Michell	0	elected previously
The Rev. Joel Allen Prather	23	fourth alternate
The Rev. Craig Reed	0	
The Rev. Terry Reisner	17	
The Rev. Philip Snyder	27	third alternate
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Tabulation of Votes for Provincial Synod Delegates— Lay (*elect four*)

BALLOT #1	Clergy/Lay	
Votes Cast	1098	
Necessary to Elect	139	
Laura Braun	103	
Fred Ellis	84	
Chuck Firmin	156	ELECTED
Don Mills	89	
Jim Myckleby	144	ELECTED
Paul Prema	139	ELECTED
Phil Ritter	93	
Anne Schmidt	100	
Lee Spence	186	ELECTED
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Tabulation of Votes for Provincial Synod Alternates — Lay (*elect four*)

BALLOT #4	Clergy/Lay	
Votes Cast	188	
Laura Braun	47	first alternate
Fred Ellis	24	
Chuck Firmin	1	previously elected
Don Mills	36	third alternate <i>tie</i>
Jim Myckleby	2	previously elected
Paul Prema	1	previously elected
Phil Ritter	36	third alternate <i>tie</i>
Anne Schmidt	38	second alternate
Lee Spence	3	previously elected

This completes the reports from the Elections Committee.

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The Chair recognized the Bishop Suffragan for the memorials. Bishop Paul Lambert offered the names of those

clergy members of the diocese who have died since the last convention.

The Rev. William D. Dockery

The Rev. Harry E. Dailey

COURTESY RESOLUTIONS

The Chair recognized the Secretary to Convention, Mr. Richard D'Antoni who offered the following Courtesy Resolutions.

CR-01

BE IT RESOLVED, that this 118th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Dallas gives thanks to God for the life, ministry and witness of Paul Walter Eggers, who served the Diocese in many capacities as a Lay Reader, Chancellor, Deputy and devoted Churchman; and who passed into larger life with his savior on 21 June 2013; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Convention send greetings to his dear wife Virginia, assuring her and the family of our prayers and continuing affection.

CR-02

BE IT RESOLVED that this 118th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Dallas send greetings and our prayers for healing to Tom Gowan, devoted churchman, communicant of St. James, Dallas, and member of the Real Estate Committee, on the occasion of his 76th birthday.

CR-03

BE IT RESOLVED, the 118th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Dallas, meeting at the Episcopal School of Dallas on the 9th of November, in the Year of our Lord the 2013th, express its gratitude for the hospitality and support extended to this Convention by the School, its Board of Directors, Head of School, Ms. Meredyth M. Cole and her staff.

CR-04

BE IT RESOLVED, the 118th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Dallas meeting on the 9th of November, in the Year of our Lord the 2013th, express its appreciation and gratitude to Mr. Tony Briggie, Chair and Ms. Gayle Kesinger, Co-Chair of the Conventions Arrangement Committee for their untiring effort in making this convention a success.

CR-05

BE IT RESOLVED, that this 118th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Dallas applaud the work of the Rev. Canon Michael Harmuth for serving as its Chaplain and for ably coordinating the worship of Convention.

CR-06

BE IT RESOLVED, the 118th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Dallas meeting on the 9th of November, in the Year of our Lord the 2013th, express its appreciation and gratitude to the Right Reverend Dr. Anthony J. Burton, Rector of the Church of the Incarnation in Dallas, Texas for his sermon and teaching on this day.

CR-07

BE IT RESOLVED, the 118th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Dallas meeting on the 9th of November, in the Year of our Lord the 2013th, express its appreciation and gratitude to Ms. Debbie Oates, Coordinator of the "Western Dress" celebration of "BBQ, Beer and Boots" honoring the 20

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years of our Bishop's Episcopacy which was held on the 8th of November, in the Year of our Lord the 2013, at the Episcopal School of Dallas.

The chair asked for votes by acclamation after each courtesy resolution. Each motion passed by voice vote.

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The Bishop thanked each staff member by name and asked that the convention show their thanks in applause.

The Chair announced that next year's convention would be either the last weekend in October or the first weekend in November [2014] at The Episcopal School of Dallas.

Bishop Stanton expressed his gratitude and love for the diocese as he concluded his last convention as Bishop Diocesan.

Bishop said a prayer and adjourned the convention.