



THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF MAINE
201ST ANNUAL CONVENTION

17 October 2020 via Zoom

MINUTES

Nothing will separate us: Being the Body of Christ

"...there is nothing in all creation that will ever be able to separate us from the love of God which is ours through Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 8:39

Saturday, 17 October 2020

9:25AM Practice polling (establish quorum) /CART service integration

Poll One:

Question: I see the poll and I am voting

Vote:

a)	YES	206
b)	NO	2

Poll Two:

Question: I know the Apostles' Creed by heart:

Vote:

a)	YES	129
b)	NOT Quite	76
c)	NO	7

Bishop Welcome to those on Zoom and watching via YouTube live.
Video *The Christ who died and rose again*

Dean

Shambaugh Prayer from Presiding Bishop Michael Curry

A Prayer for the Power of the Spirit Among the People of God

God of all power and love, we give thanks for your unfailing presence and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss. Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire. Revive us to live as Christ's body in the world: a people who pray, worship, learn, break bread, share life, heal neighbors, bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit. Wherever and however we gather, unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission, that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Bishop the Convention is **Called to Order**

In accordance with Article II, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Diocese of Maine, and with thanks to God for all that has been, assurance for all that is now, and great hope for what shall be, I declare the 201st Convention called to order.

Bishop If you would like to speak to a matter on the floor of Convention, please utilize the 'raise hand' function in Zoom. If you have a technology question or challenge, or are answering a call for a second, please use the 'chat' function. If you would like to present an amendment, there is link to the amendment form posted in the chat box. If there is an amendment submitted to any of the resolutions, I will be notified, and the text of the amendment will be read while a slide showing the change(s) is being prepared. We will proceed according to Robert's Rules of Order and the Rules of Order of this Convention.

Presented before you is the Consent Calendar that was introduced at Town Hall and posted on the website. Unless somebody requests to remove one of these items you will be asked to adopt it as presented.

Consent Calendar Items

1. Adopt Agenda for the 201st Annual Convention
2. Approve Minutes of the 200th Annual Convention
3. Secretary of the Diocese (Spahr, Leigh)
4. Treasurer of the Diocese (Rozene, R)
5. Disciplinary Board in the clerical Order (Ferrell, N)
6. Trustee(s) of Diocesan Funds (McCandless, B)
7. Resolution #1 Clergy Compensation for 2021
8. Resolution #2 Lay Compensation for 2021
9. Resolution #3 Justice Commission Endorsement

10. Resolution #4 Establishment of a Racial Justice Council
11. Canon Sacrist of the Cathedral (Landry, R)
12. Waive reading of the Minutes
13. Waive reading of the Resolutions of Courtesy
14. Registrar and Archivist (Martin, B)

Bishop

We move now to the committees and appointments for the 201st Annual Convention. Without objection, these appointments are now made with the thanks of the Convention to those so serving.

Committee on Dispatch of Business

Chancellor: Mr. Gordon Gayer, Esq.
Secretary of the Diocese: Ms. Leigh Spahr
Standing Committee: Ms. Pat Ryan

Committee on Resolutions

The Rev. Carolyn Eklund
The Hon. Marge Kilkelly
The Rev. Calvin Sanborn
Mr. John Hennessy, Staff Liaison

Convention Finance Committee *Ref: Canon 5:1*

C1 The Rev. Lael Sorensen, *chair* L1 Mr. Richard Rozene
C2 The Rev. Rebecca Grant L2 Ms. Holly Sargent
C3 The Rev. Cn. John Balicki L3 Mr. Doug Mayer
Canon Terry Reimer, Staff Liaison

Committee on Credentials *Ref: Canon 2:2*

Secretary of the Diocese: Ms. Leigh Spahr
Registrar: Ms. Barbara Martin
The Rev. Sara Gavit
Ms. Holly Sargent

Committee on Constitution and Canons

Chancellor Gordon Gayer, chair
The Rev. Cn. Nancy Moore
The Rev. Cn. Michael Ambler
Canon Barbara Martin, Staff Liaison

Bishop *Congratulated the Convention on practice, and described the format of e-voting:*
Votes: are anonymous and captured by the Zoom polling function
Declare: that the POLLS ARE OPEN, wait a moment,
(when we have enough votes, Barb said "Thank You, Bishop")
Declare: POLLS ARE CLOSING
declare: POLLS ARE CLOSED

Once the polls were closed, no more votes were registered, and the RESULTS were displayed.

The Secretary recorded the results of each ballot and captures a screenshot of the results. Together, that information constituted the formal record of all balloting. The recording of these proceedings was archived to serve as backup should there be need.

Gayer **Rules of Order**

I move that the Rules of Order for this Convention as posted on the Diocesan website be the Rules of Order for this Convention.

Motion: Adopt Rules of Order for the 201st Annual Convention

Vote:

a)	YES	225
b)	NO	0

Bishop **Motion:** Accept the Consent Calendar as Presented

Vote:

a)	YES	224
b)	NO	0

REPORT of the COMMITTEE on CREDENTIALS

Certification of Clerical and Lay Quorums

Bishop Called upon the Committee on Credentials, Ms. Holly Sargent.

Sargent Certified that of the 187 canonically resident clergy in good standing plus the 8 licensed Priests-in-Charge entitled to seat, voice and vote in the diocese, 94 are present, and that of the 154 lay delegates entitled to seats and votes in the diocese, 148 are present from 58 parishes and missions out of 59 parishes and missions of the diocese. In accordance with Article IV, Section 1 of the

Constitution of the Diocese, this constitutes a quorum in the Clerical and Lay Orders.

Bishop Declared quorum present.

Bishop Called upon the Rev. Sara Gavit to report on the Certificates of Communicants and Certificates of Election of Lay Delegates as submitted to the Committee on Credentials.

Gavit Reported on behalf of the Committee on Credentials that all Certificates of Communicants and Certificates of the Election of Lay Delegates as submitted to the Committee are in proper, legal and canonical order. The lay delegates of 58 parishes and missions are entitled to seat, voice and vote as each of those congregations has paid its 2019 assessment in full.

Bishop Granted, without objection, seat and voice to Officers of the Diocese, members of Diocesan Bodies and Diocesan Staff.

Bishop **Election:** **Standing Committee Member in the Clerical Order**
vote for 1 for a 3-yr term

The Rev. Peter Jenks
The Rev. Sara Gavit

Election: **Standing Committee Member in the LAY Order**
vote for 1 for a 3-yr term

Ms. Lisa Lindsay
Mr. Sam Allen
Ms. Kimberley Wallace

Break Canon Martin and Chancellor Gayer retired from the Convention to consult.

Election: **Standing Committee Member in the Clerical Order**
vote for 1 for a 3-yr term

Vote:

a)	The Rev. Peter Jenks	71
b)	The Rev. Sara Gavit	151

a)	Ms. Lisa Lindsay	87
b)	Mr. Sam Allen	53
c)	Ms. Kimberley Wallace	82

The results of the first ballot in the matter of the Standing Committee election were reported to Convention: there was a majority election in the Clergy order but not in the Lay Order.

Chancellor Gayer ordered a second ballot in the Lay order with the instruction if there was no clear majority in the second ballot a third ballot (plurality) would be taken.

Bishop called for a second vote in the election for Standing Committee, lay order

Election: **Standing Committee Member in the LAY Order**
vote for 1 for a 3-yr term

Vote:

a)	Ms. Lisa Lindsay	83
b)	Mr. Sam Allen	59
c)	Ms. Kimberley Wallace	75

no clear majority on the second ballot. The numbers of votes per nominee were announced and published in the chat window. A third ballot was ordered, and Chancellor Gayer reminded convention that this was a plurality ballot.

Bishop called for a third vote in the election for Standing Committee, lay order

Election: **Standing Committee Member** in the **LAY Order**
vote for 1 for a 3-yr term

Vote:

a)	Ms. Lisa Lindsay	116
b)	Mr. Sam Allen	27
c)	Ms. Kimberley Wallace	77

Bishop Spoke about the Untied Thank Offering, introduced the current President of UTO is Ms. Sherry Dietrich of Waldoboro, ME, and announced that the offertory from tomorrow's diocesan wide worship service will be in support of UTO.

Called upon the Rev. Michael Ambler, Canon to the Ordinary

Ambler introduced clergy new to the Diocese since Convention 2019.

The Rev. Elaine Hewes, Priest in Charge, St. Brendan the Navigator, Deer Isle
The Rev. Kevin Kinsey, now serving Good Shepherd, Houlton,
in conjunction with the Aroostook Episcopal Cluster
The Rev. Katie Holicky, now serving as assistant at St. Paul's, Brunswick
The Rev. Laura White, Priest in Charge of St. Martin's, Palmyra
The Rev. Ryan Mails, Rector of St George's, York Harbor
The Rev. Brent Was, Rector of St. Francis by the Sea, Blue Hill
The Rev. Thom Rock, Rector of Good Shepherd, Rangeley
The Rev. Lynn Carter-Edmands, Transitional Priest in Charge,
St. Alban's Cape Elizabeth
The Rev. Jean Cavanaugh, St. George's, Sanford
The Rev. Jared Talbot, St. James, Old Town

And wished well the outgoing clergy from the Diocese.

The Rev. Tim Boggs, from St. Alban's, Cape Elizabeth
The Rev. Susan Kraus, St. Giles', Jefferson
The Rev. Larry Weeks, Trinity and St. Peter's, Portland
The Rev. Mary Bourque, St. Matthew and Barnabas, Hallowell

Bishop called upon the Rev. Cn. Nancy Moore, vice-chair of Diocesan Council, to report on the 2020-2022 Diocesan Council representatives in the lay order as elected at Area Caucus held on 13 October 2020 at Town Hall:

Area 1 – Aroostook	Ms. Nancy Mooers
Area 2 – Hancock/Washington	Ms. Rita Redfield
Area 3 – Piscataquis/Penobscot	Ms. Christine Talbott
Area 4 – Franklin/Oxford/Androscoggin	Ms. Melissa Sparks
Area 5 – Kennebec/Somerset	Mr. Stephen Ward
Area 6 – Sagadahoc/Lincoln/Knox/Waldo	Mr. Thomas Ward
Area 7 – Cumberland	Mr. Fred Fowler
Area 8 – York	Ms. Holly Sargent

PRESENTATION OF THE 2021 PROPOSED BUDGET

Bishop Called upon the Rev. Lael Sorensen, Chair of the Diocesan Council Finance Committee.

Sorensen Presented the 2021 budget, as proposed by Diocesan Council, to the Convention.

Discussion

Bishop Called upon Mr. Dick Rozene, treasurer of the Diocese.

Rozene "In accordance with Canon 7, Section 1, I certify, as Treasurer, that the accounts under the authority of the Convention for calendar year 2019 have been audited in accordance with Canon 18 Section 1(5) **and move that**

the 201st convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Maine approves the **2021 budget as recommended** by the Finance Committee and Diocesan Council.

the 201st convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Maine approves the 2021 **assessment rate at 5% of the first \$10,000 of Normal Operating Income (NOI) and 15.0% on the remaining NOI** as reported on the 2019 parochial report

the 2021 **Episcopate rate be continued at \$1.75** per Communicant in Good Standing as reported on the 2019 Parochial Report.

Bishop Moved by Finance Committee so no second needed. Called for vote:
Motion: Approve the 2021 Budget, Assessment Rate and Episcopate Rate

Vote:

a)	YES	225
b)	NO	3

10:45AM End Session I

11AM Begin Session II

Bishop welcomed the Convention back from break and called upon the Rev. Carolyn Eklund, rector, St. Paul's, Brunswick.

Resolution #5 – Support for the Authors of a Letter to The Church about breaking free from white supremacy.

Presented by: Rev. Carolyn Eklund Explained by: Rev. Eleanor Prior
Discussion

Vote:

a)	YES	187
b)	NO	42

Resolution #6 – Support for the Covenant of Anti-Racism

Presented by: Rev. Carolyn Eklund Explained by: Rev. Eleanor Prior
Discussion

Vote:

a)	YES	217
b)	NO	13

Resolution #7 – Stewardship of Creation Carbon Offset Program

Presented by: Rev. Carolyn Eklund Explained by Ms. Liz Parsons
Discussion

Vote:

a)	YES	207
b)	NO	25

Resolution #8 – Denoting the Formal Support of the Episcopal Diocese of Maine for LD 2094

Presented by: Rev. Carolyn Eklund

Explained by Mr. John Dieffenbacher-Krall

Discussion

Amendment: by Mr. Thomas Mello, Senior Warden at St. Thomas, Camden add the following, so the title reads:

“(or substantially similar legislation undertaken by the 130th Maine Legislature)”

Discussion

Amendment on Resolution #8 – Denoting the Formal Support of the Episcopal Diocese of Maine for LD 2094

Vote:

a)	YES	203
b)	NO	25

Resolution #8 (as amended) – Denoting the Formal Support of the Episcopal Diocese of Maine for LD 2094

Discussion

Vote:

a)	YES	219
b)	NO	11

Bishop Spoke about the final resolution before Convention, in particular the language “Forfeiture of Union” as not what we would choose to say in order to describe this moment in God’s unfolding plan, but since this resolution has legal affect, such language is required.

Called on the Rev. Shirley Bowen, Executive Director of Seeds of Hope, and the last rector of Christ Church, Biddeford.

Video *Faith Transformed*

Bishop “This is a solemn moment for us as we give thanks for the lives and ministries of the faithful congregation of Christ Church. We remember what they have

given to the community and the Diocese. We celebrate their ongoing presence as Seeds of Hope Jubilee Center.” *Holy silence was kept.*

Resolution #9: Forfeiture of Union with Christ Church, Biddeford

Presented by: Rev. Maria Hoecker, president of the Standing Comm
Vote:

a)	YES	225
b)	NO	2

Bishop Spoke about General Convention and introduced the members of the Diocesan Deputation Clergy: the Rev. Maria Hoecker, the Rev. Claudia Smith, the Very Rev. Benjamin Shambaugh, the Rev. Nina Pooley. In the lay order: Mr. Mark Spahr, chair, M. Dick Rozene, Ms. Susan Mayer, Ms. Elizabeth Hall.

Spahr, M “At the 179th General Convention, held in Austin, Texas in 2018, several changes to the Constitution of The Episcopal Church were passed. As such, each diocese is required to make known such proposed alterations to their respective conventions.”

“Without objection, I move that we dispense with the reading of each of these changes to the Constitution, and instead direct the Delegates of this 201st Convention to our website, episcopalmaine.org, where links to each document will be available for review.”

Spahr, L “Information about the 202nd Annual Convention will be published on the Convention webpage, and/or subsequent editions of the DioLog and be posted on the social media outlets of the Diocese.”

“The complete Journal of the 201st Annual Convention will be made available to the Diocese along with a Diocesan Directory of diocesan officers, committee and commission chairs and each church office.”

Bishop “Earlier today, when you approved the Consent Calendar, you approved my nomination of the Rev. Robert Landy, rector in Millinocket for a three-year term as Canon Sacrist of the Cathedral Church of Saint Luke. Rev. Landry succeeds the Rev. John Balicki, and we give thanks for their ministry.”

Reviewed the Resolutions of Courtesy as approved via Consent Calendar

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 201st Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Maine

...sends its greetings and best wishes for continued health and happiness to the Rt. Rev. Chilton R. Knudsen, now Assisting Bishop of Washington (DC), and Mr. Michael Knudsen.

...sends greetings and thanksgiving to the Rt. Rev. Stephen T. Lane for the life he and Gretchen Jane Lane shared among us, with continuing prayers and sympathy for the loss of Gretchen, and with best wishes for his health, comfort and happiness.

...gives thanks for their many years of ministry to the Diocese of Maine by Mr. Peter Bickford, Mr. Douglas Mayer, the Rev. Virginia “Ginny” Urbanek and Ms. Kimberley Wallace.

... sends its appreciation and thanksgiving for the ministry of Governor Janet Mills, Dr. Nirav Shah, Director of the Maine Center for Disease Control, and their staffs for their calm and faithful leadership and hard work during the CoVID 19 pandemic.

Bishop In Recognition and Gratitude for Leadership in a Time of Pandemic and Civil Strife is a joint resolution submitted by the Standing Committee, Diocesan Council and the Trustees of the Diocese

Hoecker *Resolved*, that in recognition of the extraordinary times through which we are now living, the people of the Diocese of Maine, in concert with the governing bodies of the Diocese, do give heartfelt thanks for the courageous work of our priests, deacons, diocesan staff, lay leaders and bishop.

Hamilton *Resolved*, that when we ourselves are feeling the strain of uncertain times, fear of disease, economic hardship and social isolation, we will pause to bless and pray especially for our clergy, who seek to pastor us through the storm, even when they too may be struggling.

Reimer *Resolved*, that as members of the Body of Christ, each with our own vocation and gifts, we will continue to seek out ways to fulfill our Baptismal Covenant in support of our clergy, congregations and ministries in creative new ways, even as we treasure the heritage and wisdom of our past, trusting in God’s love for the Church and that God is always leading us into new lands of promise and abundance.

- Moore** *Resolved*, that in seeking to fulfill our mission to spread Gospel, worship the God of holiness, soothe the suffering and minister to the afflicted, we commit ourselves to living out the fruits of the Spirit, namely peace, patience and kindness in dealing with unprecedented challenges.
- Bishop** Thanked the Convention for their fortitude and flexibility, grace, good will, and patience as this first online Convention draws to a close, and that his address is part of the Diocesan wide worship service the next day.
- Bishop** After the musical meditation, the necrology will be read by the Rev. John Balicki, the Rev. Mary Bourque, the Rev. Ginny Urbanek, Ms. Kimberley Wallace, and Mr. Peter Bickford.
- Video** *Thus Nothing in the Heights or Depths*
- Balicki** We commend to your mercy all who have died in 2020 whether from the COVID-19 pandemic, acts of violence, loss of life in wildfires, or other illnesses and diseases
- Mrs. Nancy Taxson Mrs. Eve Barrett Mr. Gene Higgins
Mrs. Jean Wilkinson Mrs. Dorothy Glendinning
Ms. Gretchen Jane Lane
- Wallace** Ms. Margery Thomas Clark Mr. Cameron Smith Mrs. Suzanne Fudge
The Rev. Richard "Dick" Rasner Mr. Richard "Dick" Clinton
- Bourque** Mrs. Margaret Beaven Ms. Katherine Adams Mr. Richard Hamilton
The Rt. Rev. Barbara C. Harris The Rev. Stephen V. Smith
- Bickford** Mr. William Pettee The Rev. Deacon Elizabeth "Lanny" Wenthe
Mr. George "Larry" Moore The Rev. James Bocchino
Mrs. Martha Sumner Rhoads The Rev. Robert M. Raymond
- Urbanek** Mr. Richard Henninger Mrs. Virginia Marie Grondin
The Rev. Cn. Donald Nickerson The Rev. George Swanson
The Rev. Linda Turman Moore
- Urbanek** closing sentences. Amen.
- Bishop** The 201st Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Maine adjourned At 12:45PM after the necrology was read and the Bishop blessed the people.
- Video** *We Are Marching*

