The 201st Convention of the Diocese of Maine met via Zoom on Saturday, October 16, 2020 to conduct the diocese’s first virtual convention. We elected diocesan leaders, approved the 2021 budget and nine resolutions while rejoicing in being the Body of Christ.

We affirmed Christ Church, Biddeford’s past as we celebrated the future with an inspiring video about the Seeds of Hope Neighborhood Center.

On Sunday, October 17, we came together again on Facebook and YouTube for a prayerful and spirit-filled liturgy featuring the participation of the faithful throughout the diocese. It included Bishop Thomas Brown's Convention Address. (Click here for a transcript of the address)

The convention was blessed throughout by incredible musicians sharing their gifts. The virtual choir offerings included "We are Marching in the Light of God", "Called and Gifted", "Dona Nobis Pacem", and "Let Wonder Be Reborn".

ELECTION RESULTS

Treasurer: Richard Rozene, St. Ann's, Windham
Secretary: Leigh Spahr, St. Patrick’s, Brewer
Disciplinary Board: The Rev. Nathan Ferrell, Saint Mary’s, Falmouth
Trustee of Diocesan Funds: Betsy McCandless, Cathedral of St. Luke, Portland
Standing Committee:
  - Clergy: The Rev. Sara Gavit, St. Anne’s, Calais
  - Lay: Lisa Lindsay, St. Luke’s, Wilton
Diocesan Council:
  - Area 1 - Nancy Mooers, Church of the Good Shepherd, Houlton
  - Area 2 - Rita Redfield, St. Andrew and St. John, Southwest Harbor
  - Area 3 - Christine Talbott, St. Patrick’s, Brewer
  - Area 4 - Melissa Sparks, St. Michael’s, Auburn
  - Area 5 - Tom Ward, St. Andrew’s, Winthrop
  - Area 6 - Stephen Ward, St. Andrew’s, Newcastle
  - Area 7 - Fred Fowler, Cathedral of St. Luke, Portland
  - Area 8 - Holly Sargent, St. George’s, York Harbor

RESOLUTIONS

(Details can be found here)

1 - Clergy Compensation for 2021
2 - Lay Compensation for 2021
3 - Justice Commission Endorsement
4 - Establishment of a Racial Justice Council
5 - Support for the Authors of a Letter to The Church About Breaking Free of White Supremacy
6 - Support for the Covenant of Anti-Racism
7 - Stewardship of Creation Carbon Offset Program
8 (Amended) - Resolution Denoting the Formal Support of the Episcopal Diocese of Maine for LD 2094
9 - Forfeiture of Union with Christ Church, Biddeford

Click here for a link to the livestream recording