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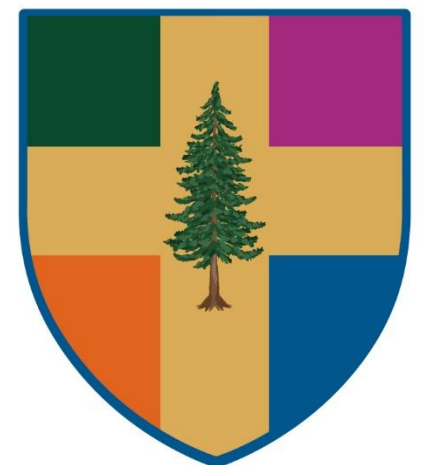
RESOLVED: that the Episcopal Diocese of Maine, meeting at this **205th Annual Diocesan Convention** in Portland, Maine, gives thanks to Almighty God for the ministry of our beloved former Presiding Bishop and Primate, **the Most Reverend Michael Curry**, and further celebrates the historic significance of his election as the first Black presiding bishop of this church;

and further expresses our deep gratitude to him for the infectious energy, invigorating preaching, and evident love of Jesus, which have revived us again;

and further marks with deep satisfaction his impact to raise the public witness of The Episcopal Church, from the morning television news broadcasts, to St. George's Chapel, Windsor, to Saturday Night Live, and beyond;

and further commends him to the same loving, liberating, life-giving God to whom he continually commended us over these last nine years, wishing him a long, happy, and healthy retirement;

and further conveys to his wife Sharon and their family our enduring gratitude to them for sharing him with us for this season of our common life.



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RESOLVED: that the Episcopal Diocese of Maine, meeting at this **205th Annual Diocesan Convention** in Portland, Maine, sends greetings and good wishes to the 8th Bishop of Maine, **Chilton R. Knudsen**; the 9th Bishop of Maine, **Stephen T. Lane** and his wife, **Maria Hoecker Lane**; and **Ms. Winkie Chalfant**, the surviving spouse of the 7th Bishop of Maine; and further expresses our thanksgiving for their ministry in Maine, as well as their continual witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

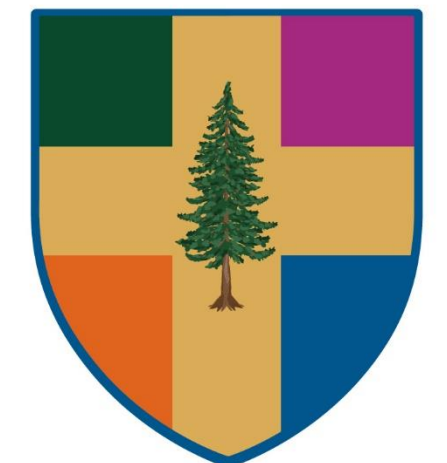
RESOLVED: the Episcopal Diocese of Maine, meeting at this **205th Annual Diocesan Convention** in Portland, Maine, recognizes the 50th Anniversary of the **Philadelphia 11**,

And further, in an act akin to civil disobedience, these women and their supporters organized their ordination as priests in 1974;

And further, they were harassed, threatened, and banned from stepping on church property;

And further, these pioneers have taught us how to build a just and inclusive community;

And further, we celebrate our sister, **Merrill Bittner**, a priest of our diocese, who is among those ordained on July 29, 1974.



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RESOLVED: that the Episcopal Diocese of Maine, meeting at this **205th Annual Diocesan Convention** in Portland, Maine, remember the nineteen people who died by gun violence killed in Lewiston, ME, on Oct. 25, 2023;

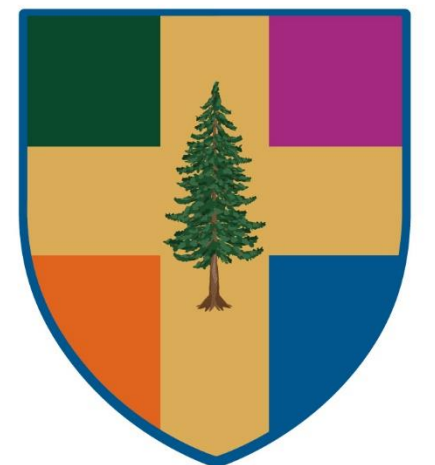
And further, we remember the 13 people who were injured and the survivor's family and friends;

And further, we recommit ourselves to adopt sensible gun safety legislation.

RESOLVED: that the Episcopal Diocese of Maine, meeting at this **205th Annual Diocesan Convention** in Portland, Maine, honors with appreciation the ministry of **Pat and Fred Fowler**, whose boundless energy to care for properties in our diocese is matched by their inspiring faith, and their commitment to love all people;

And further, we thank them for freely offering themselves as plumbers, electricians, carpenters, as well as repairers of the breach;

And further we celebrate their selfless love to the Cathedral Church of St. Luke, Camp Bishopswood, the Trustees of Diocesan Funds, St. Alban's in Cape Elizabeth, St. Peter's in Portland, St. Nicholas in Scarborough, and the many other faith communities where they give of their time, talent, and treasure.



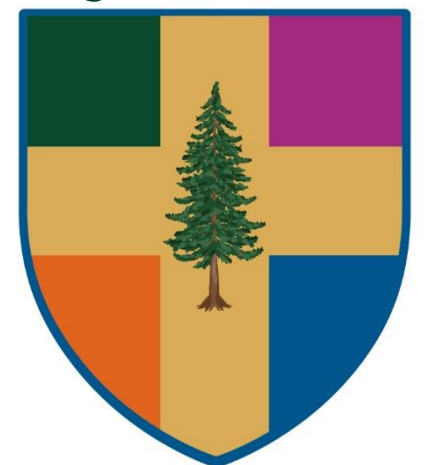
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Be it RESOLVED, that the 205th Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Maine sends its greetings to:

Leaders of Maine's summer chapels who engaged together in 2024 to plan for the future, care for their physical property, and love their neighbors;

The **Rev. Lael Sorensen**, who has served faithfully for seven years as the chair of the Finance Committee. Lael's directness, her ability to synthesize a great deal of information and detail, get to the heart of a matter and suggest next steps, along with her sense of humor, have made her an invaluable resource for Diocesan Council and the Executive Committee.

The **Rev. Peter Jenks**, who retired on Oct. 1 after 32 years of devoted ministry as rector of St. John Baptist in Thomaston. Peter's pastoral leadership extended beyond his congregation to the broader community, where he served as a police chaplain, firefighter, and on numerous local boards. His firm belief that social justice begins at home and always starts with Jesus inspired him to co-found Trekkers, a regional, outdoors-based organization that builds long-term mentoring relationships to benefit at-risk youth, which 30 years later, continues to lift up young people in Maine.



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BE IT RESOLVED, that the 205th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Maine send its thanks to:

The Deputation to the General Convention, Christian Clough, Rev. Lisa Fry, John Hennessy, Rev. Joshua Hill, Rev. Lauren Kay, Rev. Kerry Mansir, Dick Rozene, and Mark Spahr.

The Diocesan Staff and Volunteers of the 205th Diocesan Convention.

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