

COURTESY RESOLUTION

Whereas Patricia E. Ryan faithfully served the Episcopal Diocese of Maine for two terms on the Diocesan Standing Committee: and

Whereas Patricia served that important body as Secretary with diligence, and

Whereas She performed her duty as secretary with kindness and attention to detail: and

Whereas Her excellent performance made the work of the Standing Committee easier for all, therefore, be it

Resolved that the members of the 206th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Maine, its Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Thomas J. Brown, with the clergy and lay people of the Episcopal Diocese of Maine extend gratitude to Patricia Ryan for all the ways she blessed us with her hard work and dedication.

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Whereas Winkie Chalfant, is the surviving spouse of The Rt. Rev. Edward Chalfant, the 7th Bishop of Maine, and

Whereas she continues to be a vibrant witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and

Whereas she is living out her widowhood with a strong faith in the Resurrection, be it

Resolved that the current Bishop of Maine, The Rt. Rev. Thomas Brown, and all members of the 206th Annual Diocesan Convention send best wishes and hopes for continued health and happiness.

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Whereas The Convention Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Maine has produced yet another successful annual convention, and

Whereas said committee has accomplished this through hard work and sleepless nights, and

Whereas the convention committee managed to produce the 206th annual convention with no disruption to the smooth running of diocesan business, and

Whereas The Rev. Tracy Shaffer worked tirelessly for many years as head of the resolutions Committee, be it

Resolved That Bishop Brown, his staff, and all voting members of the 206th annual convention offer their gratitude and blessings to the convention committee as a whole and to the Rev, Shaffer in particular.

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Whereas The Rev. George Cooper served faithfully as Director of Finance for the Episcopal Diocese of Maine, and

Whereas The Rev. Cooper demonstrated leadership in the finance office, with the trustees, and

Whereas he cared for diocesan properties, and

Whereas he worked closely with diocesan congregations helping them achieve their financial goals, and

Whereas The Rev. Cooper accomplished his duties with expertise and humor, be it

Resolved That The Rev. Cooper retires as Director of Finance for the Episcopal Diocese of Maine with our gratitude and many blessings as he continues serving as deacon at St. Alban's in Cape Elizabeth.

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Whereas Bonnie Rodden has concluded her service as the diocesan appointed representative to the Maine Council of Churches, and

Whereas she exercised her role with dedication and zeal, and

Whereas Elaine Hewes follows Ms. Rodden as the newly appointed representative to the Maine Council of Churches, and

Whereas both Bonnie Rodden and Elaine Hewes have generously offered their time and talent to represent the Episcopal church in Maine, be it

Resolved that the bishop, The Rt. Rev. Thomas J. Brown, and all the clergy and lay people of the Episcopal Diocese of Maine join together in extending gratitude and blessings on them and on their work among us

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Whereas The Rt. Rev. Chilton R. served for ten years as the eighth bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Maine, and

Whereas she was and continues to be an example of faithful witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and

Whereas she ministered to the people of Maine with compassion and wisdom, and

Whereas her love for the State of Maine and its people is obvious to all, be it

Resolved that the current Bishop of Maine, The Rt. Rev. Thomas J. Brown, and all members of the 206th Annual Diocesan Convention send her greetings, good wishes, and heartfelt prayers for many blessings.

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Whereas The Rt. Rev. Stephen T. Lane faithfully served as the ninth bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Maine , and

Whereas His wife, The Rev. Maria Hoecker Lane served as Priest of that diocese with love and devotion to the Gospel, and

Whereas they both witnessed to this diocese a love of Scripture, and

Whereas Their ministry demonstrated a true love and compassion for the people of Maine, be it

Resolved that the current Bishop of Maine, The Rt. Rev. Thomas J. Brown, and all members of the 206th Annual Diocesan Convention send them joyous wishes for health, happiness and continued joy.

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Whereas the Liturgical Commission of the Episcopal Diocese of Maine has provided the liturgy for today's service of Holy Eucharist, and

Whereas the Liturgical Commission has provided liturgies for many of the gatherings of the Episcopal Diocese of Maine, and

Whereas the Liturgical Commission has created these liturgies with imagination and adherence to the laws of the Episcopal Church, and

Whereas the liturgies they have planned have succeeded in creating joyful and spirit-filled prayer experiences, be it

Resolved That The Rt. Rev, Thomas J. Brown, Episcopal Bishop of Maine and all the clergy and lay people of the diocese offer praise and gratitude for all their creativity and hard work in planning and executing these Spirit-filled liturgies.

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Whereas The Episcopal Diocese of Maine, rooted securely in Gospel values, stands firmly on the side of Gun safety, and

Whereas The Episcopal Diocese of Maine is opposed to all forms of violence, and

Whereas This diocese believes that violence against any person, persons, or organizations affects us all, and

Whereas The peace of our state was shattered by the death of nineteen people in Lewiston, Maine on October 25, 2023, be it

Resolved that on this, the anniversary of those deaths, our hearts and prayers remain with the surviving family and friends of those who died on that tragic day. and be it further

Resolved That Thomas J. Brown, Episcopal Bishop of Maine, his Staff, all the clergy and lay people of the Episcopal Diocese of Maine will continue to work toward stricter gun laws and will support all people affected by gun violence.

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Whereas The Rev. Lynn Rutledge provided years of dedicated service to the Diocesan Council: and

Whereas Rev. Rutledge served that council with graceful leadership: and

Whereas Rev. Rutledge also served as Vice Chair of that same Diocesan Council: and

Whereas Rev. Rutledge performed all the duties that are part of the obligations of said duties with knowledge, expertise, and good humor, be it

Resolved that the 206th Episcopal Diocesan Convention and all its members extend sincere gratitude and blessings to The Rev. Lynn Rutledge on her retirement from the Diocesan Council.

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