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*Of the*

*Twenty-Ninth*

*Annual*

*Convention*

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## ***Ex Officio Members of Convention***

**(Canon 1, Sec. 6, entitled to seat and voice, but not vote)**

**Secretary of the Convention**

The Rev. Canon Stephen Askew

**Treasurer of the Diocese**

Mr. Bill Selden

**Chancellor of the Diocese**

Sarah Sheppard, Esq.

**Vice-Chancellors of the Diocese**

Chris Cone, Esq., Thomas Peters, Esq., the Hon. Neil Thomas and the Hon. Marie Williams

**Chair of the Committee on Constitution and Canons**

The Hon. Marie Williams

**Registrar of the Diocese**

Ms. Mary Berl

**Lay Members, Bishop and Council**

Ms. Arline Caliger, Mr. Erwin Dinsmore, Mr. Cameron Ellis, Mr. Jon Hermes, Mr. Henry Lodge

**Lay Members, Standing Committee**

Ms. Andrea Odle, Ms. Christopher Robinson, Mr. Jim Shearouse

**President of the Board, Episcopal Endowment Corporation**

Mr. W.A. (Pete) Stringer

**Headmaster, St. Andrew's-Sewanee School**

The Rev. John Taliaferro Thomas

**Dean of the School of Theology, University of the South**

The Rt. Rev. Dean Neil Alexander

**University of the South**

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**Chaplain, University of the South**

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**Parliamentarian**

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**Assistant Parliamentarian**

Sarah Sheppard, Esq.

**Diocesan Council for Youth Ministries Delegates**

Ms. Lora Doherty, Ms. Rebecca Brewer, Mr. Tyler Kearly

## ***2013 Convention Arrangements Committee***

<b><i>Chairs</i></b>	The Rev. Donald Fishburne, St. Paul, Chattanooga The Rev. Hendree Harrison, St. Paul, Athens
<b><i>Communications</i></b>	Ms. Vikki Myers, Diocesan Staff Mr. Alex Haralson, Diocesan Staff
<b><i>Exhibits</i></b>	Ms. Mary Berl, Diocesan Staff
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<b><i>Registration</i></b>	Ms. Lynn Lazlo, Diocesan Staff Ms. Kathy Clark, St. Paul, Athens
<b><i>Secretary of the Convention Assistant Secretary</i></b>	The Rev. Canon Stephen Askew, Diocesan Staff Ms. Laura Nichols, Diocesan Staff
<b><i>Special Events/Logistics</i></b>	Ms. Laura Nichols, Diocesan Staff Mr. Sarah Vann Fishburne
<b><i>Technology</i></b>	Mr. Alex Haralson, Diocesan Staff Mr. Danny Harb
<b><i>Treasurer</i></b>	Ms. Mary Berl, Diocesan Staff
<b><i>Volunteers</i></b>	Ms. Kathy Clark, St. Paul, Athens

## *The Episcopate in East Tennessee*

### William Evan Sanders, D.D.

Born December 25, 1919, Natchez, Mississippi. Ordained by Bishop Maxon: Deacon 1945, Priest 1946. Consecrated as Bishop Coadjutor of Tennessee, 586th in American Succession, in Memphis, April 4, 1962; chief consecrator, Presiding Bishop Arthur Carl Lichtenberger. Eighth Bishop of the Diocese of Tennessee, January 10, 1977. Chose to remain with the Diocese of East Tennessee as First Bishop, January 1, 1985. Retired December 31, 1991.

### Robert Gould Tharp, D.D., D.C.L.

Born October 25, 1928, Orlando, Florida. Ordained Deacon 1956 by Bishop Louttit, Priest 1957 by Bishop Moses. Elected Bishop Coadjutor of East Tennessee, November 17, 1990. Consecrated as Bishop Coadjutor of East Tennessee, 867th in American Succession, in Knoxville, May 4, 1991. Installed as Second Bishop of East Tennessee on December 7, 1991, at St. John's Cathedral, Knoxville. Retired February 28, 1999. Deceased May 30, 2003.

### Charles Glenn vonRosenberg, D.D.

Born July 11, 1947, in Fayetteville, North Carolina. Ordained by Bishop Elebash; Deacon in 1974 and Priest in 1975. Elected Bishop of East Tennessee, October 17, 1998. Consecrated and ordained as the Third Bishop of East Tennessee, 944th in American Succession, in Knoxville, February 27, 1999, and installed at St. John's Cathedral, Knoxville, February 28, 1999. Retired.

### George Dibrell Young, III, D.D.

Born September 28, 1955, in Jacksonville, Florida. Ordained by Bishop Cerveny; Deacon in 1990 and Priest in 1990. Elected Bishop of East Tennessee, February 11, 2011. Consecrated and ordained as the Fourth Bishop of East Tennessee, 1,059th in American Succession, in Knoxville, June 26, 2011, and installed at St. John's Cathedral, Knoxville, June 27, 2011.

## *Clergy of the Diocese*

In order of Canonical Residence in the Diocese of East Tennessee as of February 10, 2012

### **Bishop**

George Dibrell Young, III  
Consecrated June 26, 2011

<i>Bishop</i>	<i>Received</i>	<i>Cure or Residence</i>
Charles Glenn vonRosenberg*	02/28/1999	Charleston, SC
William Evan Sanders*	01/01/1985	Nashville
<i>Priests</i>		
Jack Marion Bennett*	01/01/1985	Spanish Fort, AL
Carleton Sewell Cunningham*	01/01/1985	Kingsport
William Carson Fraser*	01/01/1985	Nashville
David Lynn Garrett	01/01/1985	Annunciation, Newport
Howard Eugene Haws*	01/01/1985	Maryville
Walter Lee Humphreys*	01/01/1985	Dalton, GA
Richard Delano Landis*	01/01/1985	Chattanooga
Harry Martin Lawrence, Jr.*	01/01/1985	Lookout Mountain, GA
Charles Whittier Livermore	01/01/1985	Trinity, Gatlinburg
James Fredrick Marquis, Jr.*	01/01/1985	Memphis



Ellis Oglesby Mayfield, Jr.	01/01/1985	Sewanee
Albert Neely Minor*	01/01/1985	St. James, Knoxville
Samuel Houston Payne	01/01/1985	St. Paul, Chattanooga
James Lemuel Sanders*	01/01/1985	Loxley, AL
John Duncan Talbird, Jr.*	01/01/1985	Chattanooga
Hallie DeLesslin Warren, Jr.*	01/01/1985	Chattanooga
Karl Gilmore Weddle*	01/01/1985	Knoxville
Robert Carson Williams*	01/01/1985	Lebanon
Charles Edward Adams*	07/16/1985	St. Timothy, Kingsport
Albert Henry Swann*	07/17/1985	St. Paul, Seymour
David Robert Hackett*	08/01/1985	St. Thaddaeus, Chattanooga
Willard Searle Squire, Jr.*	11/27/1985	The Villages, Florida
John Charles Ross	12/01/1985	St. John Cathedral, Knoxville
Harry Hunter Huckabay, Jr.*	08/31/1986	Chattanooga
Albert Davidson Lewis, III*	09/15/1986	Kingston
John Walter Riddle Thomas*	11/16/1986	Richmond, VA
Peter Gaines Keese*	03/01/1987	Christ Church, Rugby
Carter Northen Paden, III	06/27/1987	St. Peter, Chattanooga
Henry King Oehmig	07/22/1987	Chattanooga
Buckley Howard Robbins*	08/02/1987	St. Barnabas Senior Living, Chattanooga
Thomas Milton Hutson*	01/01/1988	Nashville
Stephen Hand Askew	09/01/1988	Diocese of East Tennessee
Walter Craig Morgan*	10/01/1989	League City, TX
Paige Randolph Buchholz	10/23/1991	St Joseph the Carpenter, Sevierville
Ralph Wood Smith*	04/01/1992	Mountain Home
David Wells Crippen*	04/01/1993	Florence, CO
Mary Margaret Blanchard	06/01/1993	St. Barnabas, Jefferson City
Stanley Edward Carter*	11/23/1993	Sevierville
Patrick C. Larkin*	01/01/1994	Rossville, GA
Chester Allen Cooke*	02/01/1994	College Grove
Hugh Burnett Jones, Jr.*	04/15/1994	St. Michael & All Angels, Anniston, AL
Kuulei Mobley Green*	07/01/1994	Meridian, Ohio
Edward James Mills, III	08/01/1994	St. Paul, Kingsport
David Stuart Bateman	08/14/1995	Mt. Calvary, Camp Hill, PA
Joel Warren Huffstetler	01/16/1995	St. Luke, Cleveland
Charles Perry Scruggs*	03/10/1995	Chattanooga
Kay Reynolds*	05/01/1995	Knoxville
Matilda Eeleen Greene Dunn	05/20/1995	Chattanooga
Betty Craft Latham	01/05/1996	Nativity, Ft. Oglethorpe, GA
Gordon Clarence Temple*	07/01/1996	Chattanooga
Suzanne Nichols Smitherman	03/15/1997	St. Paul, Chattanooga
Gene Ramsey Smitherman*	03/15/1997	Chattanooga
Susanna Elizabeth Metz	06/28/1997	Petrockstowe, England
Margaret Caldwell Marshall*	01/18/1998	Chattanooga

Gary Edward Callahan*	09/01/1998	Chattanooga
Thomas James Rasnick	09/16/1998	St. John Cathedral, Knoxville
Patricia Ann Bytnar Cahill*	01/25/1999	St. Thaddaeus, Chattanooga
Jocelyn Jones Bell*	04/06/1999	Chattanooga
Joseph Walter Pinner, Jr.*	05/23/1999	Kingston
Michael Robinson	07/30/1999	Lake Forest, IL
Harold Bahlow*	06/19/2000	Evans, GA
Craig Martin Kallio	06/20/2000	St. Stephen, Oak Ridge
Mary Navarre Moore	02/03/2001	Lookout Mountain
Richard Julius Brown, III*	06/19/2001	Knoxville
Wendie Susan Scudds Jekabsons	06/20/2001	Bristol
Robert P. Henley*	11/01/2001	Sevierville
Patrick Bone*	06/09/2002	St. Timothy, Kingsport
SuZanne Elane Shirley Seavey*	10/07/2002	Lenoir City
Margaret King Zeller	10/15/2002	St. Christopher, Kingsport
Ann Elizabeth Markle	12/17/2002	St. Raphael, Crossville
Ruth Claire Keene	01/11/2003	Resurrection, Loudon
George Llewellyn Choyce*	01/30/2003	Signal Mountain
Carolyn Blanche Wooten Isley	10/29/2003	St. James, Greeneville
Louisa Parsons	11/25/2003	St. Francis, Ooltewah
Howard Johnson Hess	02/03/2004	Ascension, Knoxville
Kathryn Carroll Mathewson*	02/10/2003	Signal Mountain
Mary Lee Bergeron*	06/12/2004	Ascension, Knoxville
Stephen John Eichler*	06/14/2004	Sewanee
Scherry Vickery Fouke	01/31/2005	All Saints, Morristown
Joseph William Calhoun, Jr.	03/01/2005	Good Samaritan, Knoxville
Taylor Dinsmore	06/18/2005	Good Samaritan, Knoxville
Charles Wentworth Baker Fels	06/18/2005	Good Shepherd, Knoxville
Harry Lee Howard	06/18/2005	St. Andrew, Harriman
Michelle Warriner Bolt	05/27/2006	Knoxville
Harry Joseph Minarik, Jr.	05/27/2006	St. Francis, Norris
G. Hendree Harrison	10/22/2006	St. Paul, Athens
Andrew Robert Rizner*	12/06/2006	Sevierville
Hal Thomas Hutchison	12/31/2007	St. John, Johnson City
Donald Allston Fishburne	01/25/2008	St. Paul, Chattanooga
Robert Travis	09/10/2008	Ascension, Knoxville
Katherine Gibson*	10/09/2008	West Palm Beach, Florida
Robert Childers	10/15/2008	Good Shepherd, Lookout Mountain
Robert Kelly Leopold	01/10/2009	Southside Abbey, Chattanooga
Brett Paul Backus	01/17/2009	Ascension, Knoxville
Peter Muraguri Kanyi	01/24/2009	Signal Mountain
Kim Merritt-Hobby	02/01/2009	Christ Church, South Pittsburg
Howard Bowlin*	03/09/2009	St Thomas, Knoxville
Robert Beasley*	11/10/2009	Maryville

Steven Mosher	12/07/2009	St. Andrew, Maryville
Leyla King	12/15/2009	Thankful Memorial, Chattanooga
John Mark Wiggers	02/15/2010	St. James, Knoxville
Susan Butler	10/13/2010	Grace, Chattanooga
Ward Ewing*	12/01/2010	Ten Mile
Carol Westpfahl	01/11/2011	St. Elizabeth, Knoxville
G. David Lovett	05/28/2011	St. Stephen, Oak Ridge
James E. Wallace, Jr.	07/14/2011	St. Martin, Chattanooga
Mark Bigley	07/14/2011	St. Alban, Hixson
Caroline Vogel	12/03/2011	Good Samaritan, Knoxville
Jon Anderson	01/10/2012	Christ Church, Chattanooga
Richard Blair Carter, Jr.	05/16/2012	Good Shepherd, Knoxville
Christopher James Hackett	12/01/2012	St. John's Cathedral, Knoxville
<i>*Indicates Retired Clergy</i>		

<b>Deacons</b>	<b>Received</b>	<b>Cure or Residence</b>
Charles Edward Osborne*	01/01/1985	Kingsport
Joseph Lawrence Beach*	01/27/1985	Knoxville
James William Parry*	01/26/1986	Knoxville
Louis Fernando Garcia*	07/09/1989	Good Shepherd, Lookout Mountain
Patricia Jane Lynes-Tway	09/26/1990	St. James, Knoxville
Stephen Lafoia Thompson, Sr.	06/24/1991	St. Paul, Seymour
John Morris Wilson*	10/17/1993	St. Stephen, Oak Ridge
Francis Arthur Bass, Jr.	09/18/1994	St. Luke, Cleveland
Barbara Anne Harper	09/18/1994	Trinity, Gatlinburg
James Leonard Sharp	05/04/1997	White Pine
William Earl McGee	05/16/2001	St. Alban, Hixson
Felicity Lenton Clark Peck*	06/16/2001	Nashville, TN
Janice Robbins	06/16/2001	Good Shepherd, Lookout Mountain
Edward Scott	06/16/2001	Christ Church, Chattanooga
Suzanne Burch	12/15/2001	St. Timothy, Signal Mountain
Jacob Wade Frye	12/15/2001	Knoxville
Anne Kingsbury LeCroy	12/15/2001	St. Timothy, Kingsport
Jill Carmen Fisher*	09/18/2004	Chattanooga
Gary England*	01/07/2006	Whitwell
Lani Marie Hubbard	12/09/2006	Good Shepherd, Knoxville
Amy Hodges Morehous	12/09/2006	Ascension, Knoxville
Christopher Lee Harpster	12/08/2007	St. Paul, Kingsport
William Bradley Weeks	12/08/2007	Grace, Chattanooga
Ann Gammon Weeks	12/08/2007	St. Paul, Chattanooga
L. Gordon Brewer	12/05/2009	St. Christopher, Kingsport

Gerald David Lovett	05/29/2010	Good Shepherd, Knoxville
Caroline Vogel	01/15/2011	Good Samaritan, Knoxville
Richard Blair Carter, Jr.	06/04/2011	Good Shepherd, Knoxville
Rebecca Edwards	06/04/2011	Good Samaritan, San Diego, CA
D. Andy Olivo	06/04/2011	St. Paul, Chattanooga
<i>*Indicates Retired</i>		

<b><i>Theological Students</i></b>		
<b><i>Candidates</i></b>	<b><i>Seminary</i></b>	
Fred "Mac" Brown	General Theological Seminary	
Robert Hartmans	Virginia Theological Seminary	
Christian Hawley	Theological Seminary of the Southwest	
Steve White	University of the South Theological Seminary	
<b><i>Postulants</i></b>		
Ellie Pickett	Local process for Priesthood	
Jon Hermes	Priesthood	
John Rouser	Diaconate	
<b><i>Postulants – New 2012</i></b>		
Jerry Askew	Diaconate	
Sarah Cardwell	Priesthood	
Liz Emblar	Priesthood	
Boyd Evans	Priesthood	
Zachary Nyein	Priesthood	
Lee Ragsdale	Diaconate	
<b><i>Clergy Licensed to Officiate with the Diocese of East Tennessee (not canonically resident)</i></b>		
<b><i>Clergy</i></b>	<b><i>Residence</i></b>	<b><i>Diocese</i></b>
Nancy Pickering Acree	Knoxville	Georgia
Henry Anthony II	Lookout Mountain	Rhode Island
Jeffrey A. Batkin	Saluda, North Carolina	Florida
David Booher	Elizabethton	Milwaukee
Valerie B. Carnes	Chattanooga	Milwaukee
John Dukes	Signal Mountain	Atlanta
Brian K. Jones	Knoxville	ELCA
Matthew Moore	Bristol	Southwest Virginia
Robert Reuss	Oak Ridge	Western North Carolina
Patricia Reuss	Oak Ridge	Georgia
Richard Shackelford	Piney Flats	Long Island
Harry Shaefer, III	Elizabethton	Long Island
Kenneth Sherfick	Knoxville	Western Michigan
Claude Stewart, Jr.	Knoxville	Western North Carolina
Jack Van Hooser	Knoxville	Western Michigan

**Clergy Licensed to Serve with the Diocese of East Tennessee  
(not canonically resident)**

<b>Clergy</b>	<b>Residence</b>	<b>Diocese</b>
Bercry Leas	Corryton	Michigan
Gigi Sharp	White Pine	Southeast Florida

**Clergy Changes -February 13, 2011 – February 9, 2012**

<b>Clergy</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>
Suzanne Burch	Nonparochial	Deacon, St. Timothy, Signal Mountain
Christopher Hackett	Seminarian	Assistant, St. John's Cathedral, Knoxville
Robert Henley	Retired	Part-time Assistant, All Saints, Morristown
Josh Hill	Seminarian (Diocese of Connecticut)	Chaplain, Episcopal School of Knoxville
Harry Howard	Supply Priest – St. Andrew, Harriman	Priest-in-Charge, St. Andrew, Harriman
Brad Jones	Seminarian (Diocese of Atlanta)	Executive Director, Grace Point
Robert Leopold	Assistant, St. Paul, Chattanooga	Missioner, Southside Abbey, Chattanooga
William McGee	Deacon, Nativity, Fort Oglethorpe	Deacon, St. Alban, Hixson

**Ordinations - February 10, 2012– February 7, 2013**

<b>Deacons</b>	<b>Parish Assigned</b>
Ron Morton	St. Thomas, Knoxville
Christopher Hackett	St. John's Cathedral

**Ordinations - February 10, 2012 – February 7, 2013**

<b>Priests</b>	<b>Parish Assigned</b>
Christopher Hackett	St. John's Cathedral
Richard Blair Carter, Jr.	Good Shepherd, Knoxville

**Letters Dimissory Given - February 10, 2012 – February 7, 2013**

<b>Clergy</b>	<b>Given to:</b>
Rebecca Edwards	San Diego
Kirk Lafon	Mississippi
Wil Keith	South Carolina

**Letters Dimissory Received - February 10, 2012– February 7, 2013**

<b>Received from:</b>
** NONE**

**Clergy, Lay Delegates and Alternates to the 2013 Convention**

<b>Clergy, Lay Delegates and Alternates to the 2013 Convention</b>				
		<i>Delegates</i>	<i>Alternates</i>	<i>Clergy</i>
<b>ATHENS</b>				
St. Paul	1959	Kathryn Clark Whitney K. Clark Mark Reedy	Jay Crittenden Marilyn Wilson George Krauss	G. Hendree Harrison
<b>BATTLE CREEK</b>				
St. John the Baptist	2000	Isaac Blevins		
<b>BRISTOL</b>				
St. Columba	1961	Ray Tuthill Pal Freeman Audrey Moore		Matthew Moore (Licensed to Officiate)
<b>CHATTANOOGA</b>				
Christ Church	1901	Hilary Hodgkins Karla Fowkes Ronnie Minton	Larry Hullander	Jon Anderson Ed Scott
Grace	1922	Eric Broeren David Stanislawski Jim Milburn	Vivian Dodds Lisa Lemza	Susan Butler Brad Weeks
St. Martin of Tours	1968	Ralph Coggin Bob Combs Phil Harris	Pat Coggin Virginia Beckworth	James E. Wallace, Jr.
St. Paul	1854	Marie Wms. Cleary Herb Knowles Rick Lee Janet Hale Clay Patten	Rick Govan Susan Lee Thomas Foster Al Carrico Steve White	Donald Fishburne Suzanne Smitherman D. Andy Olivo Ann Weeks
St. Peter	1958	Ed Colucci David Dalton Linda Palacio		Carter Paden
St. Thaddeus	1965	Gaines Campbell Dee Taylor Brandon Anthony	Marsha Weber Kelly Taylor Jessica Anthony	David Hackett Pat Cahill
Thankful Memorial	1904	Malissa Burdick Lynn Swearingen John Grant	John Stadler Esme Oehmig Kara Fagan-Rayner	Leyla King
<b>CLEVELAND</b>				
St. Luke	1875	Jerry Lowery Lou Patten Marili Shoop	Doug Moore Marsha St. John Armen Epperson	Joel Huffstetler Arthur Bass
<b>COPPERHILL</b>				
St. Mark	1939	Larry Dellaposta Bill Boorman Dotty Boudreaux Hays	Louise Rader	Claude Stewart (Licensed to Officiate)
<b>CROSSVILLE</b>				
St. Raphael	1995	Susan Casey Flory Dunigan Sandra H. Harrison	Terri Bond Susanne Corliss James Dunigan	Ann Markle

<b>ELIZABETHTON</b>				
St. Thomas	1941	Perry Stone Judy Haley	Frank Newman Gail Newman	Harry Shaefer, III (Licensed to Officiate)
<b>FORT OGLETHORPE</b>				
Nativity	1975	Linda Graydon Gary McGhee Marshall Wilson	Myra Cureton Kelly Halfacre	Betty Latham
<b>GATLINBURG</b>				
Trinity	1974	Darlene Derosia Annette Caldwell Marilyn Bowman	Leo Benson III Elizabeth Jones Diane Livermore	Charles Livermore
<b>GREENEVILLE</b>				
St. James	1848	Diane Whitehead Mark Honeycutt	Teda Williams	Carolyn Isley
<b>HARRIMAN</b>				
St. Andrew	1957	Judy Kincaid Mona Wright		Harry Howard
<b>HIXSON</b>				
St. Alban	1981	Charles Brown Jim Shearouse		Mark Bigley Bill McGee
<b>JOHNSON CITY</b>				
St. John	1907	Lelia "Lee" Phillips R J Powell David Kalwinsky Debra Paessler		Hal T. Hutchison Anne LeCroy
<b>KINGSPORT</b>				
St. Christopher	1986	Beth Hicks Amy Steadman Diane Purdy		Margaret Zeller L Gordon Brewer
St. Paul	1931	Allison Barton Leila Al Imad Randy Dean	John Bellamy	Edward J. Mills III
St. Timothy	1962	Thomas A. Peters Jon Hermes John Ben Pectol	Robert Peters Pamela Lacey	Richard Shackelford (Licensed to Officiate)

<b>KNOXVILLE</b>				
Ascension	1957	Lida Barrett Amanda Busby John Robertson Mark Sanders Joe Vrba	Pam Douglass Sandra Emond Ellen Jenny David Johnson Bob Wadley	Howard J. Hess Robert P Travis Brett P Backus Amy H Morehous Mary Lee Bergeron
Good Samaritan	1971	Freddie Brabson Jennifer Dunn Liz Emblar	Katherine Smithwick Sarah Sheppard	Joseph (Cal) Calhoun Taylor Dinsmore Caroline Vogel
Good Shepherd	1961	Marilyn Cottrell Joshua Booher Jerry Vail		Charles Fels Rick Carter Lani Hubbard
St. Elizabeth	1989	Michael Fortune Lisa Fortune Earle Wright	Melissa Kirk Nancy Laurence Herb Berl	Carol Westpfahl
St. James	1933	Carla Livesay Wes Knott Stacy Hall	Nieko Harrison-Dildy Pam Strickland Bob Cargile	John Mark Wiggers Patricia Lynes-Tway Al Minor
St. John Cathedral	1844	Michael Moore Jerry Askew Jarrett Vance Lee Moreland Mark Love		John Ross Thom Rasnick Chris Hackett
St. Luke	1936	Rick Roach David Ensley John Mayo	Rosemary Davenport Walter Williams Lida Meyer	Kay Reynolds
St. Thomas	1987	Bruce Ragon Victoria Tavino Norma Smith	Carol Marshall Tim Ezzell	Howard B. Bowlin Ron Morton
<b>LAFOLLETTE</b>				
St. Clare	1993	William Chadwell Rita Chadwell		Peggy Blanchard
<b>LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN</b>				
Good Shepherd	1945	Linda Harwell Dusty Kent Susan Probasco Keith Sanford	Terry Childers Matt Farr Elizabeth Farr	Robert Childers Lou Garcia Janice Robbins
<b>LOUDON Andrew Wilkerson</b>				
Resurrection	1985	Andrew Wilkinson Bob Haldi Roger Phelps	Monty Ross	Claire Keene
<b>MARYVILLE</b>				
St. Andrew	1948	Nancy Cain Greg Knepper Kae Wrinkle		Stephen Mosher
<b>MORRISTOWN</b>				
All Saints	1969	Sarai Wender Kirk Wyse John "Jay" Gose	Udo Wender Joe Doherty Taryn Young	Scherry Fouke Rob Henley



<b>NEWPORT</b>				
Annunciation	1997	Tom Conway Robert Minnick Carolyn Ramsey		David Garrett
<b>NORRIS</b>				
St. Francis	1984	Frank Trent Linda Ahlstedt		Joseph Minarik
<b>OAK RIDGE</b>				
St. Stephen	1951	Cameron Ellis Margaret Terrell Kathy Evans	Betsy Ellis Jo Kelly Barbara Neill	Craig Kallio G. David Lovett John Wilson
<b>OLTEWAH</b>				
St. Francis of Assisi	1993	Lynn Armstrong Jeff Wilson Arline Caliger	Chuck Nix Stacy Hall	Louisa T Parsons
<b>RUGBY</b>				
Christ Church	1880	Lisa Donegan John Hicks Ron Jackson	Kathy Hicks Bethany Jackson	Peter Keese
<b>SEVIERVILLE</b>				
St. Joseph the Carpenter	1985	Betty Vickers Nikolette Edge Kitty Manscill		Paige Buchholz
<b>SEYMOUR</b>				
St. Paul	2012	David R. Thomas Ed Jarnigin	Lynn Turner Bernie Champion	Henry Swann
<b>SIGNAL MOUNTAIN</b>				
St. Timothy	1955	Bess Steverson Mark Hackett Suzy Deierhoi Allison Chimley	Ben Holt Tyler Deierhoi	John Dukes (Licensed to Officiate) Suzanne Burch
<b>SOUTH PITTSBURG</b>				
Christ Church	1887	Marcia Ivey Henry Lodge Debbie Scott	Donna Lodge Becky Killian	Kim Merritt Hobby

<b>Campus Ministries</b>	<b>Delegates</b>	<b>Alternate</b>	<b>Chaplain</b>
Emmaus House - ETSU	Abby Hardt		Christopher Harpster
Tyson House - UTK	Sinead Doherty	Gabriella Caballero	John Tirro (seat & voice)
Project Canterbury - UTC	Spencer Cantrell		Zack Nyein

<b>Diocesan Council for Youth Ministries Delegates (seat and voice)</b>		
<b>Delegates:</b> Lora Doherty Rebecca Brewer Tyler Kearly	<b>Alternates:</b> Jack Wiggers	Alex Haralson, Advisor Heather Pagles

<i>Worshiping Communities (seat and voice)</i>		
<i>CHATTANOOGA</i>	<i>Guests</i>	<i>Clergy</i>
Southside Abbey		Robert Leopold
<i>IRWIN</i>		
St. Mary the Virgin		
<i>JEFFERSON CITY</i>		
St. Barnabas	Brenda Foreman Greg Foreman	
<i>MOUNTAIN CITY</i>		
St. Bartholomew		
<i>ROGERSVILLE</i>		
St. Matthias the Apostle		

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*Minutes*

## **Minutes**

### **Friday, February 8, 2013 Opening Session**

#### **Call to Order**

Gathering at the Marriott Hotel, Knoxville, Tennessee, on Friday, February 8, 2013, at 11:05 a.m., the Rev. Hendree Harrison gave directions for the opening worship of convention, representing the 1st Mark of Mission (*To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom*). The Rev. Chris Harpster read from the Gospel, the Rev. Maggie Zeller led the singing of the opening hymn, and then representatives from the various parishes and ministries of the diocese processed in with banners and with a candle representing the 1st Mark of Mission – the first of five Mark of Mission candles placed in view of attendees during the convention. Then the Right Reverend George D. Young, III, bishop of the Diocese of East Tennessee, called the 29th annual convention of the Diocese of East Tennessee to order.

#### ***Report of the Committee on Credentials – Quorum***

Bishop Young called on the Chair of the Credentials Committee, Mr. Chris Cone, who reported those registered: 65 clergy, 120 lay delegates, 35 alternates, and 77 others for a total of 297 in attendance. In accordance with Article V of the Constitution, there was a quorum present for the transaction of business.

#### ***Election of Officers***

Bishop Young then placed into nomination names for the election of officers, asking that they be elected by acclamation: Secretary, the Rev. Canon Stephen Askew; Assistant Secretary, Laura Nichols; Treasurer, Bill Selden; Assistant Treasurer, Merry Keyser; Chancellor, Sarah Sheppard, Esq.; Vice Chancellors, Chris Cone, Esq., Thomas Peters, Esq., the Hon. Neil Thomas and the Hon. Marie Williams; and Registrar, Ms. Mary Berl. No other nominations were made. The question was called.

**All nominees were accepted by acclamation**

#### ***Appointment of Parliamentarians***

Bishop Young then appointed Mr. Thomas Peters as Parliamentarian and Ms. Sarah Sheppard as Assistant Parliamentarian.

#### ***Adoption of Rules of Order and Order of Business***

The Bishop called on Parliamentarian Peters, who moved that the Rules of Order and the Order of Business as found in the convention booklet be adopted by the 29th annual convention of the Diocese of East Tennessee. The motion was seconded and the question was called.

**Motion carried  
Rules of Order adopted**

### ***Resolution of Invitation***

Bishop Young called on the Rev. Peter Keese, who moved for the adoption of the following Resolutions of Invitation:

**RESOLVED, that all ordained ministers of this church who are not canonically resident in this diocese, but who officiate under license and who are in charge of congregations in the diocese, be given seat and voice in the deliberations of this 29th Convention of the Diocese of East Tennessee; and**

**RESOLVED, that all ordained ministers of this church present in this city of Knoxville during the sessions of the convention, all postulants and candidates for holy orders in the diocese, and all ordained ministers of other communions present in Knoxville, be cordially invited to seats upon the floor of convention.**

The motions were seconded and the question was called.

**Motions carried  
Resolutions was adopted**

The Rev. Peter Keese also moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**Resolved, that Worshiping Communities of this Diocese have voice and seat at the 29th annual convention of the Episcopal Diocese of East Tennessee in keeping with the historical precedent of recognizing their value and status while the Diocese continues to explore the optimum circumstances under which to afford them voice, seat and vote on the convention floor.**

The motion was seconded and the question was called.

**Motion carried  
Resolution was adopted**

Before continuing with business, Bishop Young made a couple of announcements. First, there is wifi available for fifty people at a time. Also, those who are on the agenda to speak please report to Renee Haralson before speaking for direction to the microphone.

### ***Introduction of New Clergy and Recognition of Seminarians***

Bishop Young then introduced those studying for orders and new postulants.

#### **Theology students:**

Mac Brown – Candidate - General Theological Seminary  
Robert Hartmans – Candidate – Virginia Theological Seminary  
Christian Hawley – Candidate - Theological Seminary of the Southwest  
Steve White – Candidate - University of the South Theological Seminary

**Postulants:**

Ellie Pickett – Local process for Priesthood  
Jon Hermes – For priesthood  
John Rouser – For diaconate  
Justin Crisp – New postulant priesthood  
Jerry Askew – New postulant for diaconate  
Sarah Cardwell – New postulant for priesthood  
Elizabeth Embler – New postulant for priesthood  
Boyd Evans – New postulant for priesthood  
Zack Nyein – New postulant for priesthood  
Lee Ragsdale – New postulant for diaconate

A round of applause was given to welcome them.

***Introduction of Convention Chairs***

The bishop introduced the Convention Planning Committee Chairs: The Rev. Donald Fishburne and the Rev. Hendree Harrison. They were warmly welcomed.

***Presentation of Special Guests***

Next, Bishop Young presented our special guest and convention speaker, the Rev. Eric Law, executive director and founder of the Kaleidoscope Institute in the Diocese of California. He has a new book to be published, which we will hear more about.

***Appointment of Convention Committees***

The following Convention Committees were appointed by Bishop Young:

On Credentials:                      Mr. Chris Cone, Chair  
   Mr. Phillip Harris  
   The Rev. Joe Minarik  
   Mr. Bruce Ragon  
   The Rev. Janice Robbins  
   The Rev. Thom Rasnick

On Elections:                              Mr. Al Carrico, Chair  
   Ms. Mary Berl  
   Ms. Sharon Crittenden  
   Mr. Rick Govan  
   Dr. Tom Ladd  
   Ms. Susan Lee  
   Ms. Karen Mills  
   Mr. Randy Nichols  
   Ms. Andrea Odle  
   Ms. Monty Ross  
   Mr. Al Skyberg  
   Mr. Steve White

On General Resolutions:              The Rev. Dr. Hal Hutchison, Chair  
   Mr. Bill Farnham

Dr. Tom Ladd  
The Rev. Kim Merritt-Hobby

Then, for committees prescribed by the canons to be appointed by the bishop:

On Constitution and Canons: Mr. Edward Boehm, Esq.  
*Terms expiring 2016* The Rev. Robert Childers

The Church Pension Fund Committee:

*Appointed annually* Ms. Mary Berl  
Mr. Tom Hale  
The Rev. Ann Markle  
Mr. Bill Selden

### ***Elections to Boards and Commissions***

Bishop Young made the following nominations for the Commission on Ministry, terms expiring 2015: The Rev. Bob Leopold and Ms. Merilee Milburne; terms expiring 2016: The Rev. Claire Keene, The Rev. Gordon Brewer, The Rev. Kay Reynolds, Ms. Lynn Schmissrauter, and The Rev. John Mark Wiggers.

**All nominations were consented to by acclamation**

Bishop Young next made the following appointments for the Grace Point Board of Managers for terms expiring 2016: Mr. John McElroy, Ms. Ariel Wingerter, Mr. Matt Harbison, Mr. John Oehmig, and Mr. Bill Garrison.

**All appointments were consented to by acclamation**

### ***Bishop's Address***

Bishop George Young invited the Rev. Peter Keese, President of the Standing Committee, to take the chair of the convention while he gave his annual address to the convention. (The full address is included in Section 4 of this Journal.)

### ***The Rev. Eric Law***

Eric Law addressed convention following Bishop Young's address. He began by inviting convention participants to sing. He shared that much of his ministry is about seeing what doesn't work and trying to find a solution. For example, there is a need for the church to be more missional and sustainable. We achieve this by making connections between what are our gifts and what are the needs in our communities. It is about building relationships in the communities in which we live. *Holy Currencies* is the title of Eric's book and the theme of what he will share during convention.

### ***Announcements and Recess for Lunch***

The bishop called on Canon Stephen Askew to make announcements regarding the procedures for lunch. Canon Askew also encouraged delegates and visitors to spend time at the exhibits and photo competition. The bishop called convention into recess.

***Friday, February 8, 2013***  
***Afternoon Session***

Convention was reconvened by Bishop Young at 1:20 p.m., on Friday, February 8.

***Report of the Committee on Credentials – Quorum***

Bishop Young called on Mr. Chris Cone, who reported on behalf of the Credentials Committee those registered: 71 clergy, 128 lay delegates, for a total of 199 delegates; 40 alternates and 88 others, for a grand total of 327 in attendance. In accordance with Article V of the Constitution, there was a quorum present for the transaction of business.

***2<sup>nd</sup> Mark of Mission***

A video on Southside Abbey was shown representing the 2nd Mark of Mission (*To teach, baptize, and nurture new believers*). Afterwards, the Rev. Bob Leopold, missionary of Southside Abbey, spoke describing the various ministries of Southside Abbey. He then lit the second candle for mission and closed with a prayer.

Bishop Young presented the Rev. Leopold with the first annual “Plunge Award” for *the practice of intentional relationship development with diverse neighbors through relying on their hospitality* (Dwight Zscheile).

***Treasurer’s Report***

The new treasurer of the diocese, Mr. Bill Selden, was called on by the bishop for the treasurer’s report. Mr. Selden called attention to the packets in the convention booklets regarding finances. He pointed out the budget report for 2012 and the surplus of \$61,000 that will be placed in the emergency fund. He gave explanation of the other reports in the packets. Mr. Selden then moved the adoption of Resolution 1, which gives approval for modifications made by Bishop and Council in the budget during the course of the year. There being no discussion, the question was called to adopt Resolution 1.

**Text of Resolution # 1**

**WHEREAS, by its action the Twenty-Eighth Annual Convention of The Diocese of East Tennessee convened in Knoxville on Friday, February 10, 2012 and approved a budget for The Diocese; and**

**WHEREAS, in the wisdom of the Bishop and Council, certain items of the Budget were exceeded but the total expenditures were less than the budgeted total; and**

**WHEREAS, by Canon 2, Sec. 2 (a), it is necessary for the Convention to approve budgets; and**

**WHEREAS, the budget as approved in its February 2012 Convention was \$1,679,615 and**

**WHEREAS, the actual disbursements were \$1,678,677; and**



**WHEREAS, additional funds and disbursements of \$30,753 were approved from the Mission Growth Fund; and**

**WHEREAS, the Treasurer's Financial Statements reflect all detailed records of disbursements over and under the budget recited herein by reference, reflect the best judgment and good offices of the Bishop and Council and Treasurer in performing under said budget;**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that all of the acts and actions of the Bishop and Council in authorizing disbursements in excess of line items in the 2012 budget as approved by their various actions during 2012, be and are hereby ratified by this Convention as authorized and approved.**

**Motion carried  
Resolution 1 adopted**

Mr. Selden then pointed out the proposed budget for 2013. There being additional funds pledged to the diocese since the budget was drafted, decisions will need to be made as to how to disburse these funds. Mr. Selden invited those interested to attend the Budget Hearing to be held at 5:00 p.m. to give input on the proposed budget.

## ***Reports of the Officers, Boards, Commissions, Committees***

### ***Registrar***

Bishop Young began by stating that the Registrar, Ms. Mary Berl, has no report.

### ***Standing Committee***

The President of the Standing Committee, the Rev. Peter Keese, was called on by the bishop. He related the work carried out by the Standing Committee. The three primary responsibilities of the Standing Committee are to approve candidates for ordination, to consent to the consecration of bishops, and approve the buying and selling of property. The Rev. Keese highlighted the approvals given in 2012. (The full report can be found in Section 6 of the Journal)

The Rev. Peter Keese then read out loud Resolution 2 and moved that it be adopted. No further discussion was offered. The bishop called for the question.

#### **Text of Resolution 2**

**RESOLVED, That all actions of the Standing Committee taken under the provisions of Title III, Canon 1 (Real and Personal Property) and reported to this convention affecting title to and property of the Diocese of East Tennessee or its constituent congregations be approved and ratified and made the action of this 29<sup>th</sup> Convention of the Diocese of East Tennessee.**

**EXPLANATION OF RESOLUTION: These property-related actions have been approved by the Standing Committee since the last convention and require the action of this convention for final ratification.**

**Motion carried**  
**Resolution 2 adopted**

The Rev. Keese stated that the one other responsibility of the Standing Committee is to meet with and advise the bishop. In the absence of a bishop, the Standing Committee serves as the ecclesiastical authority of the diocese. He then thanked and introduced the other members of the Standing Committee and invited them to stand.

***Commission on Ministry***

Bishop Young called on the Rev. Hendree Harrison, Chair of the Commission on Ministry. He introduced the word “mystery,” which means endlessly understandable, and went on to speak about discernment, the primary task of the Commission on Ministry. He concluded by introducing the members of the Commission. (The full report can be found in Section 6 of the Journal)

***Constitution and Canons Committee***

Bishop Young called on the chair of the Constitution and Canons Committee, the Hon. Marie Williams. The Hon. Williams referred everyone to resolutions 3 & 4, which address the way parish leadership (the vestry) is selected. There have been issues in some parishes around getting candidates to agree to be nominated or getting new nominees. These resolutions offer amendments to our canons so that parishes may find a way to select, rather than simply elect, vestry members. They would also permit parishes, through their bylaws, to enable vestry members to serve consecutive terms of office. The Hon. Williams invited those who are interested to attend the hearing on Constitution and Canons at 5:00 p.m.

***Ministry and Congregational Development***

Mr. Rick Govan was asked by the bishop to report. Mr. Govan corrected information on the date of the next Eucharistic Visitor Preparation Workshop, to be held on Saturday, February 23. He also noted that both the Shared Ministry Notebook and Licensed Ministry Notebook are revised and on the diocesan web site. He thanked Ms. Vikki Myers for her help. Mr. Govan shared that there is exciting work going on in parishes and worshiping communities in the areas of leadership development, lay ministry development, and congregational re-development. The goal is to focus on the discernment of gifts among parishioners that match the needs for ministry and provide training for such ministry. Some parishes now understand the need to ask what God is seeking them to become and be open to change. There is a growing need for parish revitalization. Mr. Govan stated that he is in his eleventh year of serving the diocese in developing lay ministry and congregational development and gave thanks for this opportunity. (The full report can be found in Section 6 of the Journal)

***Youth Ministry***

Next, Bishop Young called on Mr. Alex Haralson to report on the area of diocesan youth ministry. The bishop gave thanks to Alex for the videos he has helped create, including the one for Southside Abbey that was shown earlier. Mr. Haralson invited members of the youth delegation to come forward and speak to the question of the one thing that diocesan youth ministry has done to develop,

inspire, to change or shape them in the church. Lora Doherty spoke about community. Tyler Kearly mentioned that youth ministry has given him a place to get away from stress. Rebecca Brewer said that youth ministry is all about friendships and the memories made with friends. Jack Wiggers shared that diocesan events are a way to make new friends which he always looks forward to seeing again. Alex Haralson concluded by saying that hospitality is a primary focus of youth ministry, and, the one goal in the youth programs is for the young people to be equipped to know without a doubt that what they have seen and experienced is no less than the face of Jesus. He thanked everyone for their support and involvement. He invited everyone to come be a part of the youth community. He ended with a prayer from the Iona Community.

Bishop Young encouraged parish priests to make sure their youth attend diocesan activities, Happening Program, and summer camp.

The bishop next apologized for omitting the introduction of the clergy who are new to the diocese. He then introduced the Rev. Brad Jones, executive director of Grace Point, the Rev. Chris Hackett, on staff at St. John's Cathedral, the Rev. Josh Hill, chaplain at the Episcopal School of Knoxville, and the Rev. Ron Morton, deacon at St. Thomas, Knoxville.

### ***Break***

Bishop Young called for a break from 2:30 p.m. until 2:45.

### ***The Rev. Eric Law***

The bishop called convention back into session. First leading everyone in song, the Rev. Eric Law began his talk for the afternoon, focusing on respectful relationships and dialogue, making ministry relationship driven, and truth telling requiring many perspectives. This led to several exercises and then small group discussions around the issue of same-sex blessings. The questions Eric Law posed were: 1) How does this decision affect you personally, 2) How does this ministry affect your ministry. After focusing on these silently, group discussions were encouraged. Afterwards, Eric Law ended by describing the importance of staying in community even though we have differences, which is what truth telling in respectful dialogue allows. Same-sex blessings is only one of many conversations that are needed in our communities.

### ***Report of the Committee on General Resolutions and Last Call for Resolutions***

The bishop called on the Rev. Dr. Hal Hutchison for the report from the Committee on General Resolutions. The Rev. Dr. Hutchison reported that there has been one resolution presented for consideration. He asked if there were any others. None were offered. The one presented focuses on "The Family Visitation and Crime Reduction Act." A hearing on this resolution will be held at 5:00 p.m.

### ***Report of the Elections Committee and Last Call for Nominations***

Bishop Young next called on Mr. Chris Cone to report and make a last call for nominations. Mr. Cone began by reading the names of those nominated thus far: Bishop and Council, Clergy, South East – Lou Parsons; Clergy, Middle East – Paige Buchholtz; Lay Middle East – Jan Lewis, David Thomas, Andrew Wilkinson; Disciplinary Board,

Clergy – Brad Weeks, a nomination was made from the floor for Patricia Lynes-Tway; Standing Committee, Clergy – Joe Minarik; Lay – John Bellamy, David Kalwinsky, Christopher Robinson; Trustee, University of the South, Lay – Lee Phillips and David Sanders, a nomination was made from the floor for Glenn Graber. A motion was made and seconded that nominations be closed.

**Motion carried**

Bishop Young reminded the convention that where there are positions to be filled and no nominees, the Bishop and Council will fill those positions for the remainder of the year. Also, there is a plan to have a nominations committee in place before next year's convention whose duty it will be to ensure there are nominees for each open position.

Mr. Cone then noted that for the position of Standing Committee, Clergy, Joe Minarik is unopposed. He moved that Joe Minarik be elected by acclamation. The motion was seconded and there was no discussion. The question was called.

**Motion carried  
Elected by acclamation**

### *3<sup>rd</sup> Mark of Mission*

Ms. Rebecca Whelchel was called on to report on Metropolitan Ministry of Chattanooga, representing the 3<sup>rd</sup> Mark of Mission (*To respond to human need by loving service*). Ms. Whelchel began by sharing a video on Metropolitan Ministry. She then thanked everyone for their support of the ministry, their service, and their care for the guests of the ministry. She closed with a prayer and lit the third candle for mission.

### ***Announcements***

Canon Stephen Askew was called on to give announcements. He reminded everyone of the hearings that begin at 5:00 p.m. and gave directions to them. A reminder and directions regarding the social hour and dinner were given. Checkout time is noon on Saturday. Information about breakfast was given. The COM and Standing Committee will meet with those in the process for ordination in the William Blount Room at 7:15 a.m.

As a teaser, the bishop mentioned that at dinner we will hear from the “Four Evangelists.”

### ***Recess***

Bishop Young called convention into recess until 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, February 9, 2013.

***Saturday, February 9, 2013***  
***Morning Session***

***Convention Reconvened***

The convention reconvened on Saturday morning at 8:35 a.m.

***4<sup>th</sup> Mark of Mission***

The Rev. Eric Law and the Rev. Claire Keene led worship representing the 4th Mark of Mission (*To seek to transform unjust structures of society*). Eric Law led convention in singing and then reading a passage from Isaiah 55. He then spoke about leading like water. When resources are not flowing then things are not well - they stagnate. Money and resources, he said, can be used for blessing. He offered questions that need to be asked in order to have a missional and sustainable ministry. Eric Law then spoke to how we can change things and led convention in an exercise of sharing one's abundance. The fourth candle for mission was lit and the Rev. Claire Keene concluded with prayer.

***Report of the Committee on Credentials***

Bishop Young recognized Mr. Chris Cone, who gave a report of the Credentials Committee. Mr. Cone reported as registered: 73 clergy delegates and 128 lay delegates, for a total of 201 delegates. Also reported were 41 alternates and 88 others for a grand total of 330 in attendance. In accordance with Article V of the Constitution, there was a quorum present for the transaction of business.

***Elections***

Bishop Young invited Mr. Cone to continue with elections. He began by giving instructions on filling out ballots. Ballots were cast for Bishop and Council, Lay; Disciplinary Board, Clergy; Standing Committee, Lay; Trustee, University of the South, Lay. He then moved that the Rev. Lou Parsons be elected by acclamation for Bishop and Council, Clergy, South East. Motion was seconded.

**Motion carried**  
**Elected by acclamation**

Mr. Cone then moved the election of the Rev. Paige Buchholz by acclamation for Bishop and Council, Clergy, Middle East. Motion was seconded.

**Motion carried**  
**Elected by acclamation**

***Presentation and Adoption of 2013 Budget***

Mr. Bill Selden was then called on for the presentation of the 2013 budget to be adopted. With changes being made during Friday's hearing, a motion was made by Mr. Selden to adopt the amended budget. The motion was seconded. There being no discussion, the question was called to adopt the 2013 budget.

**Motion carried**  
**2013 Budget adopted**

## ***Report of the Committee on General Resolutions***

Bishop Young next called on the Rev. Dr. Hal Hutchison to report for the Committee on General Resolutions. The Rev. Dr. Hutchison read the beginning and ending of the one resolution offered. This resolution, adopted by the Diocese of Tennessee, was recommended for adoption by the Dioceses of East and West Tennessee. On behalf of the committee, he then recommended the resolution for adoption. The motion was seconded. The bishop then called for discussion, reminding that each speaker is limited to five minutes. The Rev. Charles Fels spoke on behalf of the resolution. He then responded to a number of questions. The Rev. Peter Keese spoke on behalf of abstaining, expressing concern for those who work in prisons. The Rev. Maggie Zeller described what open visitation means and shared that her son, who is in prison, would rather not have a visit if it is only through a window. She urged the passage of the resolution, also noting the care she had seen from those who work in prisons. A question was asked about who would approach the legislature and governor once the resolution was adopted. The Rev. Charles Fels spoke to this. The bishop then called for the vote.

### **Text of Resolution 5**

**WHEREAS, the Family Visitation and Crime Reduction Act was enacted by the Tennessee General Assembly in 2002, and said Act provides that “maintaining an inmate’s family and community relationships is an important correctional resource that can improve an inmate’s behavior in the correctional facility, and upon an inmate’s release from a correctional facility, assist in reducing recidivism.”; and**

**WHEREAS, the aforesaid Act provides that:**

- 1. “Each state institution shall have an area designated for visitation.”**
- 2. “Correction officers assigned to visitation areas shall receive training on effective communication with family members and children of inmates, for the purpose of improving the quality of family visitation.”**
- 3. “The department of correction is encouraged to provide an area for child visitors.”**
- 4. “The department of correction shall report at least annually to the state and local government committee of the senate and the state and local government committee of the house of representatives concerning the department’s progress on implementing procedures and services that enhance, improve and encourage visitation.”, and**

**WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Corrections adopted regulations on January 1, 2011, that provide that, “Inmates may receive visits from outside clergy, volunteer chaplains, and religious volunteers”; and**

**WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Corrections adopted regulations providing for non-contact visits with inmates in Tennessee prisons on July 15, 2011, which regulations define Non-Contact Visitation as “The placement of an inmate and his/her visitor(s) in separate locations where no physical contact can be made but visual and auditory communications can occur”; and**

**WHEREAS, said regulations of July 15, 2011 require that that inmates in maximum custody, segregation and protective custody have non-contact visitation; and**

**WHEREAS, on March 12, 2012, the Warden of the Morgan County Correction Complex published a Visitor’s Handbook that requires that inmates classified as “close security” have only non-contact visits and that inmates classified as “maximum security” have only “video visitation”; and**

**WHEREAS, Jesus Christ stated in Chapter 25 of the Book of Matthew in the New Testament of the Bible, “I was in prison and you came to visit me.” But, he was challenged, “When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?” Jesus replied that “whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.” St. Paul wrote in his letter to the Hebrews, “Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison”, and the Psalmist reminds us in Psalm 69 that the Lord “despiseth not his prisoners.” In the Old Testament of the Bible there are many references to God identifying with the captives and slaves. A distinctive quality of God is that He identifies with and defends the “orphans, widows, strangers and the powerless”; and**

**WHEREAS, an essential element of prison ministry is for clergy and laity to have contact visitation with inmates and to be in contact with the inmates during prayer, Communion, the Eucharist, and/or the Mass.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved by this the 29th Annual Diocesan Convention of the Diocese of East Tennessee of The Episcopal Church that the Governor and the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee are hereby requested to assure that contact visitation with prison inmates remains available for their family members, the clergy and lay visitors and that worshipping with inmates in the state prisons of Tennessee is conducted in accordance with the spirit of the Family Visitation and Crime Reduction Act of Tennessee in order to “enhance, improve and encourage visitation” and to have contact visitation in the spirit of Christian principles.  
This the 9<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2013.**

**Motion carried  
Resolution 5 adopted**

## ***Reports of the Officers, Boards, Commissions, and Committees (continued)***

### ***Constitution and Canons Committee***

The Hon. Marie Williams was called on by Bishop Young to report. She commented that the hearing was one of the best she has attended over the years. The Hon. Williams then reported there are two amended resolutions recommended by the committee. She summarized the resolutions and their amendments. She then moved for the adoption of amended Resolution 3. After addressing a question for further clarity, the question was called.

**Text of Resolution 3**

**RESOLVED, That Title IV, Canon 1, Section 3 of the Canons of the Diocese of East Tennessee be amended as set out below:**

**CANON 1: Parishes**

**Sec 3. Each Parish in union with The Diocese shall, on the first convenient day in each calendar year, or within the quarter preceding that year, elect or select by a method set out in the Bylaws of the Parish a Vestry, consisting of not less than 6 nor more than 18 persons, having qualifications prescribed in Article X of the Constitution, to serve for that year and until their successors are elected or selected and have qualified; provided, however, that each Parish shall, by resolution adopted at any Parish meeting, upon prior notice, by a majority vote of the qualified voters present at the meeting, provide for a rotation in office of members of the Vestry by either of the following methods: (a) retaining a one-year term, but prohibiting a person from serving more than three consecutive one-year terms, or (b) making provision for a term in office of three years, one-third of the members of the vestry to be elected or selected each year to serve three-year terms. After expiration of three years consecutive service, a vestry member shall not be eligible for re-election or re-selection until at least one year shall have expired, nor shall a vestry member who has been elected or selected to serve a full term on the Vestry and who has subsequently resigned from that position be eligible for re-election or re-selection until at least one year shall have expired from the date of resignation. A Senior Warden and Junior Warden shall be elected or selected from the members of the Vestry, either by election by the Vestry or by some other selection procedure permitted by the Bylaws of the Parish.**

**Motion carried  
Resolution 3 adopted**

The Hon. Williams then moved for the adoption of amended Resolution 4, noting that with a two thirds majority, it would go into effect at the close of this convention. The Motion was seconded. The question was called.

**Text of Resolutions 4**

**RESOLVED, That Article X, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Diocese of East Tennessee be amended to replace the word “elect” with the phrase “elect or select” and the word “election” with the phrase “election or selection.” This resolution shall be effective at the close of this convention upon approval by a 2/3 majority of membership at convention.**

**Motion carried  
Resolution 4 adopted**



### ***Elections Report***

Mr. Chris Cone reported election results: for Bishop and Council, Lay, Middle East – Ms. Jan Lewis; Disciplinary Council, Clergy – the Rev. Brad Weeks; Standing Committee, Lay – Ms. Christopher Robinson; Trustee, University of the South, Lay – Ms. Lee Phillips. That completes the elections. The bishop expressed thanks for the work of the tellers and those willing to be nominated for the various positions.

### ***ECW Report***

Ms. Elizabeth Stiefel was called on by Bishop Young. As the coordinator for the United Thank Offering in the diocese, she expressed that the goal of the United Thank Offering is not fund raising, but rather to develop a daily habit of gratitude, which leads to generosity. With the help of slides in her presentation, she reported that the UTO awarded a grant to the Volunteer Ministry Center in Knoxville to buy a minivan. This last year the UTO awarded 53 grants. A silver alms basin is available for collecting the ingathering in parishes. It was made from silver collected across the entire state when there was only one diocese. It is now shared by all three dioceses. The bishop asked for a show of hands of those who have used the blue boxes for collecting personal offerings.

### ***Grace Point Summer Camp***

Bishop Young called on the Rev. Brad Jones, Executive Director of Grace Point. The Rev. Jones thanked the diocese for the opportunity to serve. He encouraged all to visit Grace Point and take advantage of its offerings. He reported that there is increased use by vestries and other groups, as well as increased attendance at summer camp. A video on Grace Point was shown to convention. In closing, the Rev. Jones asked that everyone send their kids to camp; it is life changing. He also volunteered to go to parishes and speak about Grace Point. Diocesan Day is May 4, a time when everyone is invited to go and spend the day at Grace Point. The bishop polled the convention for a show of hands of those who have not been to Grace Point. He encouraged them all to go. (The full report can be found in Section 6 of the Journal)

### ***Report on Memorials, Greetings, and Resolutions of Appreciation***

Bishop Young called on the Rev. Donald Fishburne, who moved a resolution of love and appreciation for the ministry of the Rev. Sam and Carolyn Payne. It was seconded by the delegation from St. Peter's, Chattanooga. The bishop called for all in favor to stand and applaud.

#### **Text of Resolution**

***KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS, that the congregation of Saint Paul's Parish of The City of Chattanooga, and The Diocese of East Tennessee, do hereby offer in Love and Appreciation these expressions conveyed in words of RESOLUTION, which can only approximate the true gratitude they embody, to the PRIEST, PASTOR, COUNSELOR, COMPASSIONATE FRIEND and SELFLESS SERVANT OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST upon the 80th Anniversary of his birth; WITNESS: to***

***THE REVEREND AND HONORABLE SAMUEL HOUSTON PAYNE***

**Whereas, The Reverend and Honorable Samuel Houston Payne has dedicated his life to the service of Our Lord Jesus Christ and evidences that dedication in all aspects of his love and commitment to his family, in every component of both his lay and ordained ministries, and through his service to our nation as jurist and member of the Armed Forces; and**

**Whereas, Christ called him to be his servant, and he, more that thirty-four years ago accepted Our Lord's further call to Holy Orders, studied, and was Ordained to the Priesthood by Bishop John Vander Horst on the tenth day of June, in the Year of Our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Nine, and**

**Whereas, in addition to Father Payne's lay service to the citizens of Hamilton County as Judge of the Circuit Court earned him well-deserved distinction for his qualities of fairness, common sense, compassion, and honor, he ministered to Saint Peter's Church, Hixson, and Saint Paul's Church, Chattanooga, The Episcopal Commission of East Tennessee, Saint Barnabas Senior Living, The Diocese of Tennessee, and the Diocese of East Tennessee, and**

**Whereas, through his selfless ministry to those congregations, other bodies of the Church, and the extended community, has preached the Gospel of Christ, taught, offered praises to God in song, devotedly administered the Holy Sacraments of the Church, and been pastor to his parishioners, Christians of all denominations, and those who do not know our Lord, with zeal, fervor, humor, grace, care, love, and the quiet compassion of one who acknowledges that his strength comes from the Lord, and**

**Whereas, Father Payne has been a faithful colleague, a confessor, a trusted ally, a wise counselor and a true and loyal friend to the Rectors and all other clergy with whom he has served, and**

**Whereas, along with his loving helpmate, his wife, Carolyn Lowe Payne, by the patterns of their lives continues to set for others an example of devotion to our Lord, by caring for all his peoples young and old, strong and weak, rich and poor alike, by helping all in need through unconditional love; and by word and deed with faithfulness, tirelessness, and joy nourishes them from the riches of God's grace, and strengthens them to glorify him in this life and in the life to come; and**

**Whereas, in all aspects of his life and ministry in furthering the work of our Lord the Reverend and Honorable Samuel Houston Payne provides an outstanding example of faithful commitment to him**

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Congregation of Saint Paul's Parish, Chattanooga, and the Diocese of East Tennessee do hereby express their love, gratitude, and appreciation to**

**The Reverend and Honorable Samuel Houston Payne  
and Carolyn Lowe Payne**

**for their service to our Lord Jesus Christ and his Church, in recognition  
of Father Payne's Eightieth Birthday the Fourth Day of February in the  
Year of Our Lord , Nineteen Hundred Thirteen.**

**Confirmed this 9th day of February in the Year of our Lord Two  
Thousand Thirteen.**

**The Reverend Donald A. Fishburne,  
Rector, Saint Paul's Church, Chattanooga**

**The Rt. Rev. George D. Young, III  
Bishop, The Diocese of East Tennessee**

**Motion adopted by standing ovation**

*Point of Personal Privilege*

The Rev. Claire Keene was recognized by the bishop to speak. She challenged the parishes represented at convention to seek out and help send kids to Grace Point who are outside of the parish and would otherwise not know about it or be able to go.

The bishop called on Canon Stephen Askew to share other resolutions of appreciation. He in turn asked the Assistant Secretary, Ms. Laura Nichols, to help.

**Text of Resolutions**

**Resolutions of Appreciation for Convention Leadership**

**Be it here resolved that the 29th Convention of the Diocese of East Tennessee express its appreciation to those members of the Convention Arrangements Committee whose gifted leadership fostered this convention of ordered deliberation and creative celebration:**

**Chairs of Convention Planning – The Rev. Donald Fishburne and the Rev. Hendree Harrison**

**Communications – Ms. Vikki Myers and Mr. Alex Haralson**

**Exhibits – Ms. Mary Berl**

**Worship – The Rev. Donald Fishburne, the Rev. Hendree Harrison, Mr. Keith Reas, Ms. Ellen Jones**

**Registration – Ms. Lynn Lazlo and Ms. Kathy Clark**

**Secretary to Convention – The Rev. Canon Stephen Askew**

**Assistant Secretary – Ms. Laura Nichols**

**Special Events/Logistics – Ms. Laura Nichols, Ms. Laura Root, Ms. Sarah Vann Fishburne, Ms. Renee Haralson**

**Technology – Mr. Alex Haralson and Mr. Danny Harb**

**Treasurer – Ms. Mary Berl**

**Volunteer Coordinator – Ms. Kathy Clark, Mr. Thomas Foster, Mr. Al Carrico**

**With special thanksgiving also for:**

- **Those who prepared convention booklets: Ms. Julia**

**Clements, Mr. Fritz Massaquoi, Ms. Marie O’Neil, Ms. Delores Tipton**

- **Members of the diocesan staff: Canon Stephen Askew, Mr. Herb Berl, Ms. Mary Berl, Mr. Rick Govan, Mr. Alex Haralson, the Rev. Brad Jones, Ms. Lynn Lazlo, Ms. Vikki Myers, Ms. Laura Nichols**
- **Those who served on convention committees**

**Be it here resolved that our deep appreciation be offered to those whose creative and faithful gifts contributed to the communion of worship; For all those leading the worship – lectors, clergy, Eucharistic Ministers, ushers, and musicians, with special attention to Mr. Keith Reas and Ms. Ellen Jones for coordinating the music.**

**Be it resolved that we offer thanks for the joyful fellowship of this diocese, enhanced by the pianist at the reception and dinner, Mr. Jason Overall, and the decorations coordinated and beautifully arranged by Ms. Sarah Vann Fishburne.**

**Be it here resolved that we give high praise and hearty appreciation to the numerous individuals from the parishes of St. Paul, Athens, and St. Paul, Chattanooga, as well as others, who tirelessly and cheerfully volunteered their time and talent in support of this convention.**

**Be it here resolved that our affection and gratitude be given to our bishop, the Rt. Rev. George Young, who wisely and patiently leads the people of this Diocese of East Tennessee forward to serve Christ in the world.**

#### **Resolutions of Thanksgiving for Guests**

**Be it here resolved that our heartfelt gratitude be given for the inspiring words and insightful guidance of our special convention speaker, the Rev. Eric Law.**

#### **Affectionate Greetings**

**Be it resolved that warmhearted greetings and our prayers for agreeable health be given to the Rt. Rev. William Sanders and his wife, Marlin.**

**Be it resolved that greetings of affection and prayers for blessing be given to Mrs. Ann Tharp, whom we honor as a cherished member of this diocese.**

**Be it resolved that prayers for good health and guidance on new journeys be offered for the Rt. Rev. Charles vonRosenberg and his wife, Annie, who have served this diocese and the Church so faithfully.**

**Be it resolved that special greetings and prayers be given for the Rt. Rev. John Tarrant, his wife, Pat, and the people of our Companion Diocese of South Dakota.**

**Be it resolved that heartfelt greetings of affection be given to the Rev. Kammy Young, who serves the Church with competence and compassion.**

**Respectfully,  
The Rt. Rev. George D. Young, III**

**Motion adopted by acclamation**

Bishop Young mentioned that there are two more items on the agenda and we will finish business early. Lunch will be moved to 11:40 a.m. He asked that everyone regard the Closing Eucharist at the Cathedral as a continuation of our time together so convention delegates should not leave early. The bishop then took a moment to speak on behalf of “Ashes to Go,” an effort to take Ash Wednesday to the people in the community, something he will be doing in the Knoxville area and hopes others will consider in their communities.

***Announcements***

Canon Askew was called on for announcements. Directions for lunch were given. He reminded delegates to check out of the hotel before noon. The break will be a good time to get banners that parishes brought. Maps to the cathedral are in the convention booklets and at the registration desk, along with information on parking. Please begin to fill out evaluation forms and turn them in, and leave name tags on your table after lunch. A meeting of the Standing Committee will be held during the break at the head table. The bishop let convention know that one of our priests, the Rev. Bill Nevils, is in hospice.

***Invitation to Host 2014 Convention***

The Rev. Dr. Hal Hutchison was asked to read an invitation to host convention in 2014.

**Invitation to Host Convention**

**Right Reverend Sir, on behalf of the vestry and people of St. John’s Episcopal Church, Johnson City, I wish to extend an invitation to host the 30th Convention of the Diocese of East Tennessee in Knoxville, February 7 - 8, 2014.**

**Invitation accepted**

***Presentations***

Drawings sponsored by exhibitor Thrivent Financial for Lutherans resulted in a prize of a “Bill Paying Kit” to be given to Pat Coggins. The second winner was Brenda Foreman.

***Photography Competition***

Results of the photography competition were announced. The judge was Robert Quinn, a professional photographer for more than 40 years. Third prize was awarded to Sonya Short. Second prize was awarded to the Rev. Bill McGee. First prize was also awarded to the Rev. McGee. Honorable mentions included photographs by Mr. Matt Harbison, Ms. Darcy Dolan, and Mr. Ronnie Minton. The People’s Choice award was presented to Mr. Ronnie Minton.

***5<sup>th</sup> Mark of Mission***

The Rev. Susan Butler of Grace Church, Chattanooga, was called on to make a presentation representing the 5th Mark of Mission (*To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth*). The fifth candle was lit. While slides were shown, members of Grace Church participated by offering various readings from scripture regarding creation. The Rev. Butler shared how Grace Church chose to use an unrestricted financial gift to begin a farmer's market and community garden to provide green space for the community. They also worked to become Green Space certified. She gave thanks for this opportunity. Prayers were offered in conclusion.

The Bishop called on the Rev. Donald Fishburne, who thanked those from St. Paul, Chattanooga, who have helped with convention, as well as the people and staff of St. John's Cathedral. He then called on the Rev. Hendree Harrison to speak. He gave thanks for the gifts of Donald Fishburne and his own people from St. Paul, Athens.

### ***Recess***

Bishop Young called convention into recess until 2:00 p.m.

## ***Saturday, February 9, 2013*** ***Afternoon Session***

### ***Convention Reconvened***

The convention reconvened on Saturday afternoon at 2:00 p.m., at St. John's Cathedral, for the Closing Eucharist of convention. Convention ended with the Bishop's Commissioning of the People, the Bishop's Blessing, and the Dismissal.

Attest:

The Rev. Canon Stephen Askew  
Secretary to the Convention

The Rt. Rev. Georg D. Young, III  
Bishop of the Diocese of East Tennessee

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***Bishop's Address***  
*to the Twenty-Ninth Annual Diocesan Convention*

*The Rt. Rev. George Dibrell Young, III*  
*Fourth Bishop of the Diocese of East Tennessee*

## ***Bishop George Dibrell Young, III's Address to the Twenty-Ninth Annual Diocesan Convention***

### **Celebrate, Inspire, Equip**

Bishop's address to the 29th Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of East Tennessee

#### **Introduction**

Good Afternoon! Welcome to the 29th Annual Convention of the Episcopal Church in East Tennessee. Thank you for being here. Thank you for sharing your valuable and precious time; please know that we do not take that lightly.

Our hope and expectation is that our time together will be valuable and precious as well.

Hopefully you know by now that our theme for this convention is "Send Us Out With Gladness and Singleness of Heart."

And also, as we spoke about a little bit last year, we have an ongoing vision for all of our conventions and that is that it is to "celebrate, inspire, and equip." So we hope all of those will happen in some form or fashion.

We have much to celebrate here in our life together as the Diocese of East Tennessee, and we plan to highlight as much of that as we can in these next two days.

I'd like to begin by saying a very special thank you to the wonderful, gifted, committed staff that I work with. They are: Stephen Askew, Mary Berl, Herb Berl, Rick Govan, Alex Haralson, Brad Jones, Lynn Lazlo, Vikki Myers, and Laura Nichols.

These are great, faithful people committed to you, to your congregations, to the work of the church. They're working hard to make me look good, and I'm thankful to them and for them.

Thank you also, especially – to each of you – the leaders, the people, the clergy in our parishes. This is where the rubber hits the road, where the true, every day, basic ministry happens, and none of us forgets that for a second.

You do it well, and you do it energetically and imaginatively.

You are an exceptionally healthy, vital, and Spirit-filled diocese, a gift to all of East Tennessee and the broader church and the world, and to me.

Thank you for being who you are. Thank you.

As I said, we have much to celebrate in the diocese, and we'll be seeing and hearing about many parts.



You'll hear about our vital Youth Ministries, about our incredible Campus Ministries, about Southside Abbey – one of our newest ventures, about our many Jubilee Centers – there are twelve of them!

You'll hear about Grace Point – which is one of our most valuable and exciting resources. We have a new Executive Director, the Rev. Brad Jones, who comes to us with a lifetime of powerful camp experience.

I'm grateful to several other special groups as well – to the Commission on Ministry, to the Committee on Inclusivity, to the Same-Sex Blessings Task Force, the newly organized Young Adult Task Force, the community of Youth Leaders, and the soon-to-be-meeting community of Senior Wardens.

There are many, many other groups and people I could express my gratitude for, but I have much to say and we don't want to be late for lunch, do we?

### **Address**

Our Eucharistic Liturgy is amazing, isn't it?

- We gather – with a parade and song.
- We acclaim God as holy and trinity.
- We sing a hymn of praise.
- We hear stories from Scripture, and brilliant, inspiring reflections on Scripture (that's the sermon in case you didn't catch that part).
- We proclaim our faith in an ancient creed.
- We pray for the Church, for our country, for the welfare of the world, for the concerns of the local community, for those who suffer, and those who have died, along with thanksgivings for the blessings of this life.
- We confess our brokenness, and we hear of God's forgiveness for us.
- We share the Peace of God with one another.
- Then symbolically we offer ourselves – in gifts of money, music, bread and wine.
- We hear the stories of God coming to us in the person of Jesus; of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection – of a holy meal he shared with his friends.
- We pray that God will bless the bread and wine and us, that all may become the Body and Blood of Christ.
- Then we receive that body and blood.  
And then what do we do?
- It's the end of liturgy, after communion – there is a prayer. And it goes by one of most unimaginative titles of liturgy I've ever heard: The Post Communion Prayer.

In this prayer we pray for two distinct things – we say to God “Thank you for feeding us” and we pray that God will SEND US OUT – to love and serve God.

This isn't just a prayer that comes after communion; it's a Prayer of Thanksgiving and Mission! We've been fed and nourished and empowered and so we pray, Send us out! Send us out!

So – what are we being sent out to be and to do?

In his book called, *The Once and Future Church*, Loren Mead talked about the “mission field.” He said that beginning with the earliest followers of Jesus in the first few centuries, it was illegal, and unacceptable and sometimes punishable by death to be a Christian. So if that’s the case, where is the mission field? It’s everywhere! It’s everywhere they lived, and moved, and had their being.

And then – and here’s a little history lesson for you – about the Fourth Century – along comes Constantine – and over a period of time, Christianity becomes the official language of the Roman Empire – so all of the western world is Christian. Sort-of. If that’s the case, if everybody is Christian, then where is the mission field? It becomes places far away, doesn’t it? People who are different from us. People of different colors and languages. People in far-away places like Africa and Asia, and other places where they haven’t heard of Jesus. In that setting, the mission field is “Somewhere else.”

That idea persists even today, doesn’t it? If you think of a Missionary, don’t you think of someone who goes to some faraway place?

Well, Mead’s point was as much as we may think or wish that we live in a Christian world, we don’t! So – the mission field – once again – is right outside our doors – out there, it’s everywhere we live and move and have our being.

In a new book called, *People of the Way – Renewing Episcopal Identity*, (which is a wonderful book I encourage all of you to read) Dwight Zscheile describes how The Episcopal Church was once essentially the established church of the United States, but it no longer is. We were once the church of presidents, of most elected leaders, of captains of industry, of all kinds of powerful people – and what we thought and spoke and said was culturally important. It no longer is. No one outside of our group much cares what The Episcopal Church has to say about much of anything. And they certainly don’t join our church because it’s the “thing to do” for up and coming people.

So, simply – we can’t assume that people are eager to join our great church; we can’t sit by waiting for them to come to us. Which is exactly why we pray, “Send us out!”

There is much talk these days about the “Nones” (And I’m spelling that n-o-n-e-s, not n-u-n-s – though there’s a lot of talk about those kind of nuns, too). But the Nones (n-o-n-e-s) are those who are “religiously unaffiliated.” They don’t attend religious services; they don’t have any religious preference, though half of this group still says they believe in God or understand themselves to be spiritual.

The latest Pew Research says that twenty percent of the US population is Nones – twenty percent of the entire population! And of those under thirty, fully one-third are Nones. A third of the people in our country – that is a LOT of people.

In her newest book, *Christianity After Religion*, p. 86, Diana Butler Bass writes:

*Whatever else may be said of this group, they are profoundly disappointed in religion, in religious ideologies, and in religious organizations as they currently exist. In a 2004 Barna survey, they found that young adults who are outside of the church hold intensely negative views of Christianity:*

- 91% see Christianity as “anti-homosexual”
- 87% say Christians are “judgmental”
- 85% accuse churchgoers of being “hypocritical”
- 72% (almost three-quarters) say that Christianity is “out of touch with reality.”
- Only 41% think that Christianity seems “genuine or real” or “makes sense.”
- And only 30% (less than a third) think that Christianity is “relevant to your life.” (p. 86)

Those are scary numbers. And that was almost ten years ago!

She’s speaking particularly about young adults, but I’m sure this can just as easily describe most adults, Bass writes:

*They have evidently heard that Christianity is supposed to be a religion about love, forgiveness, and practicing what Jesus preached and that faith should give meaning to real life. They are judging Christianity on its own teachings and believe that American churches come up short. Thus, their discontent may reflect a deeper longing for a better sort of Christianity, one that embodies Jesus’s teaching and life in a way that makes a real difference in the world. (p. 87)*

I don’t know about you, but I would say that THAT is our mission: to be the “sort of Christianity that embodies Jesus’ teaching and life in a way that makes a real difference in the world.”

We have all the tools to be this kind of Christianity, every single one.

But we have a lot of work to do.

I recently heard an illustration that’s been very helpful to me. I think the person was actually specifically talking about liturgy, but the illustration was that we are to be more like the crew on a cruise ship, than passengers on a luxury liner.

In terms of liturgy, the point is that we are active participants, working – not passive people being entertained. And God is the audience in the liturgy, not us.

The bishop stopped to place a boat on the lectern, a vessel named “The Church.”

Here’s our new identity – our mission – which is why you have freighter ships on your tables.

We are the crew on the freighter ship which is The Church. We’re active participants – we’re making this ship go, we’re not passive people waiting to be entertained. I’m sure most of you have heard the image before of the “ship” – of the church as the “ship of salvation?” That’s why many churches’ ceilings are shaped like the hull of a boat, and the main part of the church is called the “nave.”

And have you heard that saying about ships – that they were made – not for the safe and quiet of the harbor, but for the wild and sometimes treacherous open seas. That’s our call, that’s our mission.

So I want to share with you now an inspirational piece about leadership, called *First Follower: Leadership Lessons from Dancing Guy*, about starting a “movement.”

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fW8amMCVAJQ> .

Hopefully you heard the narrator in the video say, “The best way to start a movement is to courageously follow and show other followers how to follow.”

And he said, “When you find a lone nut doing something great, have the guts to be the first person to stand up and join in.”

The key words here – not “nut” – though we have plenty of those, but COURAGE, FOLLOW, GREAT, GUTS, STAND UP, JOIN IN.

So – how do we know when we are on target? How do we know when we’re hitting the mark?

Well, there’s the Baptismal Covenant. We renew it several times each year. It’s basically the “position description” for living a Christian life, and as we participate in that, we say after each petition, “we will with God’s help.”

Then there’s another tool. It’s called the “Five Marks of Mission.”

The Mission of the Church Is the Mission of Christ

And they are:

- To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
- To teach, baptize and nurture new believers
- To respond to human need by loving service
- To seek to transform unjust structures of society
- To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth

These are active words and concepts; they’re about doing and about working in the world. They’re about living an active Christian life – not just on Sunday mornings, not just on the church grounds, but always and everywhere. We’re part of a movement, we’re active, we have courage, we have guts. This is what mission is all about.

We’ve made posters for each parish and worshipping community with our convention logo and with the Five Marks of Mission. These posters are really nice. And though the gift of grace from God has no strings attached – these gifts actually have strings attached. We ask that these posters be displayed in an open and visible place in your parish, in your church, so that people can see them, and know what the Five Marks of Mission are. So, is it a deal? Open and visible place? Good.

The first Mark of Mission, as you’ll see, is “to proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom.”

That sounds like evangelism. Oh no!

We Episcopalians are uncomfortable with that word, aren’t we? Kind-of makes the hair on the back of our necks stand up, doesn’t it?

After all, we think, but would never say out loud, “that’s what other, less sophisticated Christians do.” We have the Book of Common Prayer!

Well – guess what? We do it too. It may look different than others, but we proclaim the Good News in lots of powerful ways.

We even evangelize!

It's about the messages we give, it's about the ways we live.

But it needs to be active, not passive.

Remember, we're the crew driving this ship!

And here's more good news. As Eric Law writes, it's about listening, and it's about story-telling. It's NOT about convincing or arguing or shouting or strong-arming. We don't do those things.

I read in Dwight Zscheile's book about a practice I hadn't heard of before. It's called "plunging."

Plunging, he said, and I quote, is *the practice of intentional relationship development with diverse neighbors through relying on their hospitality.* (p. 81)

This sounds like one of the many, many cool things that the folks at Southside Abbey in Chattanooga are doing and you'll hear more about that soon!

Zscheile writes,

*This often begins informally, with Christians striking up conversations with neighbors at a bus stop or some other public place. Rather than invite the neighbors to come to some event or program at the church, they seek to be invited to accompany those neighbors to their gathering places. (Think coffee shops, the gym, places you have lunch.)*

*The primary agenda is cultivating community, listening to people's stories and dreams, and beginning to share life together.* (p. 81)

This kind-of reminds me of how some church groups take "mission trips" where they, or we – the privileged people – go to help the poor people. And often, there's no attempt at building relationships. What if the core of our mission trips was to meet people, to listen to them, to understand what their life and their culture is about? That is mission!

He describes how members of the Dutch Reformed Church in South Africa came to plunging. These people, this church, were essentially the face of apartheid, and when apartheid was abolished – they sought reconciliation and relationship with other people. God bless them! They had to be the learners, the listeners, not the patrons who were taking care of everything and everybody.

Like them, we can no longer be a church that simply looks for people "like us." Our challenge is to go out and find out for ourselves what God is busy doing in our neighborhood.

Our mission isn't just to get "butts and bucks" in the church. It's much bigger than that!

So this idea of "plunging" challenges us to do one of our very favorite things: CHANGE!

To re-think some things.

To listen.

To be vulnerable, to risk.

Maybe even to dance with some shirtless guy – as long as we don't have to take off our shirts!

So here are some ideas for us to consider:

What if Bishop and Council was about visionary leadership? What if that was their main goal?

What about our vestries? What if they saw that as their main goal, not spending so much time talking about money?

What if we sat in different pews on Sunday? I know, gone from preaching to meddling now, right? “No, I can't do that!”

What if we sought out people different from us and invited each other to tell stories?

What if we went to neighbors and introduced ourselves, asked what we can do, what keeps them awake at night, ask them how we might pray for them?

What if we saw guests who come to our churches as people bringing God to us, and not as simply potential givers and hands to share in our chores?

What if we selected young people, new people, different people to our vestries, not simply those on their fourth, fifth or sixth time around? Meddling again, I know.

How about this? What if – when we hear challenging ideas like these – we think about the possibilities first, and not about the practical arguments against?

I wonder how many of your friends, classmates, children, parents, grandchildren, colleagues, neighbors are engaged in a religious communities? And I wonder if you know how many are not. So why aren't they?

What if we asked them about it – asked them about it and then listened without judging, without lecturing, without frightening them? What if we were really interested and curious about this? How might this make a difference?

What if we decided to do something really awesome?

Here's the “Kid President” in a video to help us think about that: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l-gQLqv9f4o>

The “kid” talks about creating something, about getting the whole world to dance.

That's what I call gladness and singleness of heart!

The Gospel is not boring – even though so many people see us Christians acting like it is. It's Good News! It's Good News of hope, of new life, of forgiveness, of joy!

We can always use more gladness and singleness of heart, can't we?

So, those of you who have been around The Episcopal Church for a number of you years – you might remember when we introduced the “new” Prayer Book – which is now forty something years old. There were lots of changes in the liturgy. And one of those changes was the addition of the dismissal at the end of the service. Using the previous Prayer Book, the tradition in the parish where I was attending was after the procession ended and after the final hymn was sung, everyone sort-of fell to their knees for quiet prayers, stayed there for a moment, and then the postlude started and everyone got up and left.

When we introduced the dismissal, guess what happened? We heard those words, “Go in peace to love and serve the Lord” and people dropped to their knees! It's ridiculous!

When we hear those words, we should be rushing out the doors!

We've been dismissed – we've been literally “sent out!”

So – when we are sent out – to love and serve the Lord – let's go!

The mission field out there awaits us!

Let's get this ship plunging and dancing and rocking!

Let's make our mark – five marks – a thousand marks – on the world.

Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with us as we gather as the Episcopal Church in East Tennessee – for the renewal and mission of your Church. Teach us in all things to seek first your honor and glory. Guide us to perceive what is right, and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Now let's go!

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*Necrology*



## ***Necrology Report 2013***

*(Those who have been delegates or others who have served the diocese and have died since the last convention.)*

***Ms. Barbara Nell Denney Arwood – St. Paul, Athens***

***Mr. Albert Sidney Bowen, III – St. Luke, Cleveland***

***Mr. James Gus Cate, Jr. – St. Luke, Cleveland***

***Ms. Sally Gervin – St. James, Knoxville***

***Ms. Gloria Ann Carne Randolph – St. Mary, Maryville***

***Mr. Frank Moore – Grace Point Cook***

***The Rev. William Nevils – Retired Priest***

***Mr. John Rayson – Ascension, Knoxville***

***Mr. B. Tyler Rentz – St. John, Johnson City***

***The Rev. Howard Rhys – St. John the Baptist, Battle Creek***

***Mr. Donald Sproles – Treasurer of the Diocese, Good Samaritan, Knoxville***

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*Convention Reports*

**Official Acts – Bishop Young - 2012**

Confirmations ..... 200  
Consents ..... 6  
Godly Judgments ..... 21  
Letters Dimissory Given ..... 2  
Letters Dimissory Received ..... 0  
Licenses ..... 226  
    *Eucharistic Ministers* ..... 197  
    *Preacher*..... 8  
    *Pastoral Minister* ..... 0  
    *Eucharistic Visitors*..... 160  
    *Worship Leaders*..... 26  
Licenses to Officiate ..... 21  
Ordinations ..... 3  
    *Bishops* ..... 0  
    *Deacons* ..... 2  
    *Priests* ..... 1  
Received (from ELCA, Roman Catholic, etc.) ..... 51

## ***Bishop's Discretionary Fund***

### **Receipts**

Church Offerings .....	11,394.23
Gifts/Contributions .....	790.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$12,184.23</b>

### **Disbursements**

Clergy and Other Assistance .....	2,300.00
Contributions/Donations .....	9,300.00
Convention .....	0.00
Dues .....	0.00
General Convention .....	0.00
Meetings/Conferences .....	92.95
Publications/Subscriptions .....	368.99
Seminarian Assistance .....	0.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$12,061.94</b>

## Nonparochial Clergy Report

<b>Name</b>	<b>Morning &amp;/or Evening Prayer</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist</b>	<b>Sermons Preached</b>	<b>Baptisms</b>	<b>Presented for Confirmation</b>	<b>Marriages</b>	<b>Burials</b>	<b>Other</b>
Stephen Askew	148	20	18					
Jocelyn Bell		35	14				1	
Gary Callahan		10	11					
Stanly Carter	54	4						
George Choyce		8	2					
Ward Ewing			3					
Carson Fraser		2	3			1		
Wendie S. Jekabsons		9	9					
Peter Kanyi								50
Kathryn Mathewson		23	30					
Ellis Mayfield	3	20	15			2		
Craig Morgan	5	3	3	1		1		
Gene Smitherman			1					
John Talbird	1	28	22	1		3	1	
Gordon Temple		16	16			1	1	7

## ***Reports to Convention***

### ***Anti-Racism Commission Report***

The Anti-Racism Commission works to dismantle the institutionalized racism that continues to exist in the organizations, churches, systems, policies, practices and procedures in the Episcopal Diocese of East Tennessee.

We are committed to eradicating systemic racism by achieving full participation of people of color for equity in policy-making, decision making, programming and staffing on local, diocesan and national levels, to raise up a people unified in a transformed Church that is living ever more fully into our Baptismal Covenant as disciples of Jesus Christ.

*Our mission is accomplished by: Establishing a common antiracism analysis to foster ongoing vigilance in identifying and dismantling systemic racist policies, practices and procedures. This common analysis and vocabulary is achieved through endorsed training and education in issues of racism, organizing Church entities and communities by partnering with them to develop policies, processes and plans to dismantle racist structures, raising up, promoting and advocating for people of color to have full access to leadership roles and participation at every level of diocesan life, serving as a resource for antiracism work; and with God's grace in so doing, to establish an antiracist identity in the Church for the life of the world.*

During 2012, the commission worked to include new members, redefine its mission statement, work jointly with the Union of Black Episcopalians, and offer an anti-racism training as well as a training of trainers. In November, Lelanda Lee of Colorado and Pamela Kandt of Wyoming joined us to lead both of these trainings. They helped us gain an appreciation for the issues presented by our increasingly multi-cultural society. With such training now accomplished, we look forward to utilizing the newly acquired skills of diocesan trainers to make training more accessible to parishes throughout the diocese of East Tennessee.

Members of the commission in 2012 were: The Rev. Canon Stephen Askew, Mr. Alex Haralson, the Rev. Bob Leopold, Mr. David Johnson, Mr. Michael Moore, Ms. Nancy Mott, Ms. Patricia Pearsall, Mrs. Katie Piper, and Dr. Walter Williams. We give thanks for the work they have done.

Respectfully submitted,  
The Rev. Canon Stephen Askew, Chair

## ***Appalachian Ministry Resource Team Report***

The AMRT team spent 2012 planning for the Appalachian Kid's Camp at Grace Point in July and then organizing our annual Pilgrimage with our new Bishop in September. Both were successful events. Our Pilgrimage kept us in the Knoxville/Oak Ridge areas as we visited several places. First, was the Steps House program for men recovering from drug and alcohol issues located in Knoxville, Tenn. We then headed to Oak Ridge, Tenn., to visit the Oak Ridge Free Medical Clinic where one of our AMRT team members volunteers and then a quick visit to the Ecumenical Storehouse. We had a lovely lunch at St. Stephen's in Oak Ridge, who were fabulous hosts, and during the lunch we had a talk from the Aid to Distressed Families of Appalachian Counties organization. We all certainly learned a lot without going far.

Our goals will be slightly different for 2013 as we focus on new future directions for the group. We are revising and updating our Appalachian Resource Booklet which will have happenings and information about churches in the Appalachian region, mission trip and work camp ideas and camps for youth. We will not be conducting a Kid's camp this year but will have our annual Pilgrimage again in September 2013. We hope to have several guest speakers come to our meetings held at the Diocesan House this year. You can see meeting dates on the Diocese of East Tennessee website. All are welcome to attend.

Respectfully submitted,  
Megan Alden, Chair

## ***Bishop and Council Highlights for 2012***

Each of these Bishop and Council meetings included reports from Bishop Young, the chancellor, treasurer, campus ministries, Grace Point, ministry development, youth ministry, communication, deployment and other officers, committees and staff. The status of the budget is submitted for approval and discussion at each meeting. The following actions were taken at Bishop and Council meetings during 2012.

### **March 30-31, 2012**

A motion was passed to elect the Rev. Kirk LaFon as the clergy representative from the middle east. He will serve in the Class of 2015.

A motion was passed that the bishop will appoint two task forces. One on becoming a missionary diocese and the other on the response to Blessings of Same Sex Unions. The bishop will report on the progress at the May 2012 Bishop and Council meeting.

A motion was passed provincially that A Covenant and Limited Access Agreement policy be adopted until the May 2012 meeting regarding the need for addressing sex-offenders in the parish.

### **May 7, 2012**

Motion was passed that Bishop and Council authorizes the establishment of a special Worshipping Community to be known as Southside Abbey located on the southside of Chattanooga. Under the supervision and leadership of a diocesan staff person, with oversight of the bishop and a local council.

Motion was passed that Bishop and Council approve the hiring of the Rev. Robert K. Leopold as a diocesan employee to lead the ministry of Southside Abbey for up to three years with his compensation and benefits to be funded from the Mission Growth Fund with an estimated cost of \$225,000.

On recommendation from the Opportunity Fund, a motion was passed that an expansion grant of \$15,000 be given to Southside Abbey, Chattanooga. Social Ministries grants: \$4,430 be given to the Bradley Initiative, Cleveland, \$2,500 to the Food for the Multitude, Elizabethton, \$3,070 to Interfaith Homeless, Chattanooga, \$5,000 to Steps House, Knoxville. Opportunity Fund Loans: \$37,500 to St. Barnabas, Jefferson City, \$30,000 to St. Paul, Kingsport, \$800,000 to St. Paul, Chattanooga.

On recommendation of the Budget and Finance Committee, a motion was passed to increase the Rev. Canon Stephen Askew's salary by \$4,000 and his pension would increase by \$748. The remaining \$10,593 of the voluntary commitment increase would go to Support for Congregations.

On recommendation of ICMF a motion was passed to allocate \$5,000 to Southside Abbey and the remaining \$5,000 to NEEMA for raised garden beds for refugees in the community.

### **November 15, 2012**

On recommendation from the Opportunity Fund, a motion was passed that an expansion grant of \$15,000 be given to Southside Abbey, Chattanooga. Social Ministries grants: \$4,430 be given to the Bradley Initiative, Cleveland, \$2,500 to the Food for the Multitude, Elizabethton, \$3,070 to Interfaith Homeless, Chattanooga, \$5,000 to Steps House, Knoxville. Opportunity Fund Loans: \$37,500 to St. Barnabas, Jefferson City, \$30,000 to St. Paul, Kingsport, \$800,000 to St. Paul, Chattanooga. (Details submitted with the minutes)

On recommendation of ICMF a motion was passed to allocate \$3,000 to St. Paul, Athens for support of the intern for innovative community outreach.

### **December 13, 2012**

A Housing Allowance Resolution was passed for the Rev. Canon Stephen Askew and the Rt. Rev. George D. Young, III. Resolution submitted with minutes.

A motion was passed to adopt the 2013 proposed budget. Budget submitted with the minutes.

## ***Commission on Ministry Report***

The Commission on Ministry (COM) consists of 15 people, lay ministers, priests, and deacons, who assist the bishop with "the determination of present and future opportunities and needs for the ministry of all baptized persons" in the Diocese of East Tennessee. A primary function of the COM is to facilitate the discernment process for East Tennessee Episcopalians who are discerning a call to ordained ministry.

The Commission on Ministry meets every 4-6 weeks including an annual autumn Discernment Retreat. The 2012 discernment season found us with a large number of aspirants and thus a need for two discernment retreats. Our first Discernment Retreat took place over 2 days in Loudon, Tennessee, and the second took place at St. Mary's Retreat and Conference Center in Sewanee, Tennessee. After the retreat, the bishop named five aspirants as postulants for ordination to the priesthood and two aspirants as postulants for the diaconate.



The COM seeks to continually encourage all Christ-followers to enter into discernment activity around call to ministry as all the baptized are indeed ministers! The COM always delights in registering our hearty support of Deputy Rick Govan who is a Christ-light in our midst and a great voice of encouragement and wisdom for all the baptized ministers of our diocese, especially the laity. The COM encourages all the Christ-followers of the diocese to participate in the rich offerings that Deputy Govan presents for our benefit throughout the year.

The COM also wants to encourage the clergy of our diocese to entertain discernment conversation, prayer, and activity with potential aspirants on an ongoing basis. The COM has just completed a rigorous effort to revise our priesthood discernment process and discernment documents – you can find them on the diocesan website soon. We hope to soon undertake a similar revision process for our deacon discernment program.

The COM has developed a new discernment calendar (on the web now) to help guide the formal discernment conversation and activities with the COM. As you know, the bishop gives the “go-ahead” for aspirants to begin COM supported local discernment work beyond Rector/Aspirant conversations. The window of time for clergy and aspirants to communicate with the bishop about potential aspirants to ordination is September 1 - December 1.

At present, the Diocese of East Tennessee has 14 people on the journey to ordination. We have 4 candidates for the priesthood, 7 priest postulants, and 3 deacon postulants.

The COM invites your prayers for these folks as they journey on to ordination and ministry in our church.

Respectfully submitted by,  
The Rev. G. Hendree Harrison, Jr., Chair

## ***Constitution and Canons Report***

The Constitution and Canons Committee has addressed issues brought to it by parishes and committees of the diocese. The resolutions contained below are presented to solicit full consideration of these issues by the diocese.

**RESOLVED**, That Title IV, Canon 1, Section 3 of the Canons of the Diocese of East Tennessee be amended as set out below:

### **CANON 1: Parishes**

**Sec 3.** Each Parish in union with The Diocese shall, on the first convenient day in each calendar year, or within the quarter preceding that year, select by a method set out in the Bylaws of the Parish a Vestry, consisting of not less than 6 nor more than 18 persons, having qualifications prescribed in Article X of the Constitution, to serve for that year and until their successors are selected and have qualified; provided, however, that each Parish shall, by resolution adopted at any Parish meeting, upon prior notice, by a majority vote of the qualified voters present at the meeting, provide for a rotation in office of members of the Vestry by either of the following methods: (a) retaining a one-year term, but prohibiting a person from serving more than three consecutive one-year terms, or (b) making provision for a term in office of three years, one-third of the members of the vestry to be selected each year to serve three-year terms. After expiration of three years consecutive service, a vestry member shall not be eligible for re-selection until at least one year shall have expired, unless the Parish Bylaws permit consecutive terms, nor shall a vestry

member who has been selected to serve a full term on the Vestry and who has subsequently resigned from that position be eligible for re-selection until at least one year shall have expired from the date of resignation. A Senior Warden and Junior Warden shall be selected from the members of the Vestry, either by election by the Vestry or by some other selection procedure permitted by the Bylaws of the Parish.

**RESOLVED,** That Article X, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Diocese of East Tennessee be amended to replace the word “elect” with the word “select” and the word “election” with the word “selection.”

Respectfully submitted,  
The Honorable Marie Williams, Chair

### ***Dubose Conference Center***

DuBose Conference Center is jointly owned by the three Episcopal Dioceses of Tennessee and is operated independently of any financial subsidy. A twenty one member Board of Directors presently governs the Center, which meets quarterly. It consists of the three bishops of Tennessee (serving as ex-officio members) who appoint one member each, except Middle Tennessee who appoints two members. The board may also elect 17 additional at-large members. The mission of the center is to provide hospitality for the religious and secular communities. DuBose strives to accomplish this mission by offering a place for people to gather in a community of faith.

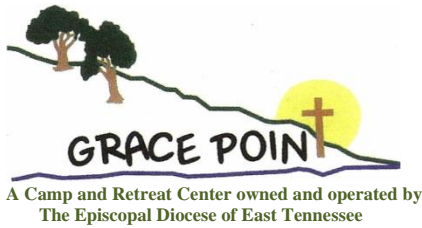
The Director is Kim Agee. The administrative staff include Lorrie Coutu, Accounting; and Kathryn Jasper and Cameron Swallow, Camp; Rena Terry, Food Service; Justin Kilgore, Maintenance. Officers in 2012 were as follows: Vena Champion, President; Brad Almquist, Vice President; Susie Ries, Secretary; and Jim Beaty, Treasurer.

The end of 2012 found the Center in good financial condition. The conference center operated within a 475,531 budget generated from gifts and user nights. The center was occupied over 202 days of the year, during which time it hosted over 80 conferences, welcomed over 3964 people, generated 8532 user nights and served 25,744 meals.

Camp Gailor-Maxon continues to be a positive, spiritual and fun camping experience for the Episcopal youth from across Tennessee. The staff welcomed 162 campers during pre-camp and three camp sessions in the month of June.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kim Agee, Executive Director

## Grace Point Camp and Retreat Center Report



The overnight bookings and gifts to Grace Point have continued to increase in 2012. The summer camp sessions also increased. In 2011 we had 144 campers. In 2012 we increased to 163 campers. We expect this number to increase over coming years.

Grace Point continues to offer Camp and Retreat services to the Diocese and other non-profit groups. The schedule for diocesan camps this year is:

<b>Family Camp</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Rising 1st, 2nd, 3rd – graders with a parent	May 30-June
<b>Youth Camp</b>	Rising sophomores through rising college freshmen	June 5 -10
<b>Junior Camp</b>	Rising 8th and 9 – graders	June 13 -18
<b>Intermediate Camp</b>	Rising 6th and 7th graders	June 21 - 26
<b>Kid Camp</b>	Rising 4th and 5th graders	June 30 - July 5
<b>Work Camp</b>	Rising sophomores through rising college freshmen	July 8 - 11
<b>Summer Session</b>	Rising 4th through 12th graders	July 14 - 18
<u>Outreach Camps</u>		
<b>Jim Muir Kamp 4 kids</b>		July 21 - 24
<b>Camp Billy Johnson</b>		July 28 - August 2

Grace Point would like to encourage everyone in the diocese to take advantage of this beautiful resource. We are available to host parish gatherings, vestry retreats, youth weekends, as well as family reunions. Come and enjoy the chapel, lake, hiking trails, and boats.

The Diocesan Day will be held here at Grace Point on Saturday May 4th. There will be live music, games, barbeque. We encourage you to bring your family and friends and enjoy the day with others within the Diocese of East Tennessee.

These are exciting times for Grace Point and we look forward to what God has in store for us in these coming years. For more information please go to our website at [www.gracepointcamp.org](http://www.gracepointcamp.org).

Respectfully submitted,  
The Rev. Brad Jones, Executive Director and  
Mr. Michael Gray, Chairman of the Board

## ***Jubilee Ministry Report***

### History

#### **General Convention**

**Resolution Number:** 1982-A080

**Title:** Implement “The Jubilee Ministry” to Meet Basic Human Needs

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring, **That the 67th General Convention affirms that a ministry of joint discipleship in Christ with poor and oppressed people, wherever they are found, to meet basic human needs and to build a just society, is at the heart of the mission of the Church;** and be it further

*Resolved*, **That the Executive Council is directed to implement and co-ordinate with other programs of the Church the following functions of a priority ministry commitment by this Church to be called**

“The Jubilee Ministry”.....

Ministries are recognized by the National office in New York as centers who fulfill the resolution’s mandate to be a **“ministry of joint discipleship in Christ with poor and oppressed people, wherever they are found, to meet basic human needs and to build a just society.”**

Even though the General Convention established the Jubilee Ministries in 1982, there were no recognized Jubilee Centers in the Diocese of East Tennessee when Bishop vonRosenberg was elected in 1999. Bishop vonRosenberg asked the Rev. Wade Fry to serve as the new Diocesan Jubilee Officer (DJO) and to find some ministries to recognize. In 2002, five ministries were designated as Jubilee Centers. Then more followed until today we have 12 centers. Along the way, there have been a few who were designated and unfortunately for one reason or another, didn’t continue in their ministries. The newest center was designated in 2009. Since the diocese is fairly large and spread out, in 2004, Ann Holt was asked to assist Rev. Fry in the Southeast area as Assistant DJO. After Rev. Fry’s retirement from Jubilee in 2006, Ann was asked to become the DJO, and continues in that role today.

### Currently:

The Jubilee ministries in the Diocese are:

1. Mountain Community Parent Resource Center, Duff, TN , Executive Director, June Pyle
2. Episcopal Appalachian Ministries, Maryville, TN (multi-diocese), Executive Director, The Rev. Gordon Brewer
3. Food for the Multitude, Elizabethton, TN, Executive Director, Ben Buck
4. Mountain Women’s Exchange, Jellico, TN, Secretary, Harry Chase
5. Volunteer Ministry Center, Knoxville, TN, Chief Executive Officer, Ginny Weatherstone
6. St. James Feeding Ministries, Knoxville, TN, The Rev. John Mark Wiggers
7. Cumberland Adult Reading Center, Crossville, TN, Executive Director, Meghan Beato
8. Bradley Initiative for Church & Community, Cleveland, TN, Executive Director, Brenda Hughes
9. Hosanna Community, Hixson, TN, Executive Director, Susan DiStefano
10. Chattanooga Community Kitchen, Chattanooga, TN, Executive Director, Charles Hughes
11. Metropolitan Ministries, Inc., Chattanooga, TN Executive Director, Rebecca Whelchel
12. St. Elmo Neighborhood Reading Center, Chattanooga, TN, Executive Director, Linda Cooper

*(To learn more about these centers including brief descriptions and contact information, please stop by the Jubilee table and pick up a directory.)*

Periodically, the centers are to be re-certified and re-commissioned. This process is a visit from the DJO, an updated application approved by the DJO and Bishop, plus affirmation by the New York office. The current statuses can be found on the directory available at the Jubilee table.

### Future

The Rev. Hendree Harrison and his congregation at St. Paul, Athens, provide some wonderful ministries to the poor and homeless. They have a Jubilee application and are considering applying.

The Woodland Community Land Trust in Clairfield offers housing to low-income and elderly people, plus gardens, teachings in sustainable forestry and a living learning center. A visit and review was conducted in November. An application is being prepared.

### Grants

The National office offers grants to support the services of the centers. These grants vary from offering to offering. The grants vary their focus e.g. volunteers, environment, working with neighborhood governments, literacy, etc. Over the years, several of our centers have benefited from applying and being awarded grants. For example, the Mountain Women's Exchange in Jellico and the Food for the Multitudes in Elizabethton were recipients of \$500 each for volunteers in 2009. In 2010, three centers, the Cumberland Adult Reading Center received \$2,500 for literacy programs; the Hosanna Community and Metropolitan Ministries, Inc. each received \$750 for a garden for fresh produce to help feed the residents and clients. In 2011, Cumberland Adult Reading Center and Hosanna Community each received \$750 for Health & Nutrition Programs. In 2012, Hosanna Community received \$750 for Health & Nutrition Programs, and Mountain Women's Exchange received \$1,000 for a summer camp program. While these grant dollars are not large, they are intended to be "seed" monies for the centers.

We are awaiting feedback from The Episcopal Church regarding two grant applications for 2012.

### Training

Ann and her husband, Ben, joined 39 others at the National Conference for Diocesan Jubilee Officers in Americus, Georgia, Nov. 14-16. It was held at the Habitat for Humanity headquarters with a visit to Koinonia Farm. While the majority of attendees were DJOs from the states, Dominican Republic and Colombia, the Executive Council and church center staff were also well represented. Bishop Alan Scarfe, Diocese of Iowa joined us for a special session and Clive Rainey, a 30 year volunteer with Habitat gave the keynote address. It was a very uplifting, informative and prayerful few days learning and sharing with so many Christians.

### Summary

Each center tells a unique, but wonderful story of fulfilling God's call to help those less fortunate. The directors, volunteers, and donors are committed to seeing these ministries survive to serve many, many needy people. All welcome visitors. Once you visit, you'll be inspired by their work.

Please stop by the Jubilee table at convention, see some pictures of ministries, pick up some literature, and let me know if you have suggestions of other ministries needing consideration.

Please contact me if I can answer questions (423-802-0485, annholt3@gmail.com).

Respectfully submitted,  
Ann Holt, DJO

## ***Office of Ministry and Congregational Development***

Exciting work continues with a number of parishes throughout the diocese as they focus their priorities in the areas of lay ministry and leadership development, and also congregational re-development. Parish leaders – clergy and lay – increasingly understand that sustained and effective lay ministry occurs when an individual's gifts and passions are connected with ministry opportunities. These opportunities occur both within the parish and in the local community and beyond.

This past year your diocese has provided a significant amount of resources for the education and formation of those who are called by their congregations to become canonically licensed as preachers, pastoral care ministers, catechists, Eucharistic visitors, and worship leaders. Faithful parishioners from all size congregations – large and small – are participating in Saturday classes and workshops offered simultaneously in two areas of the diocese. Our hope and intent is to also offer these canonical licensed ministries courses in the Upper East region of the diocese as well.

Several congregations are engaged in the serious work of congregational redevelopment. Clergy and lay leaders are partnered in reimagining what God might have in mind for their church today, exploring the possibilities of a new identity. They understand and embrace the necessity for change. They are committed to the here and now; not stuck in the status quo of a bygone era. Coast mode is no longer a viable option for the church today. Indeed, congregational vitality and growth and relevance occur when we look through the windshield and not through the rearview mirror!

I am beginning my eleventh year serving as a resource for you in the areas of lay ministry development and congregational development. These responsibilities continue to evolve, primarily because our parishes are evolving in response to a fast changing society, evolving with new visions, new dreams, following new paths and experimenting with exciting new possibilities.

This is not easy work for any of us. But, it is important work for all of us. And, it can be exciting work. With God's help, we can have some fun as we go about it, too!

Respectfully submitted,  
Rick Govan, Deputy for Ministry and Congregational Development

## ***Report of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of East Tennessee – 2012***

Your Standing Committee schedules a monthly meeting, but actually meets only when business requires it; we also occasionally are able to conduct our business electronically. In 2012, we met in person at the Diocesan House six times and electronically twice.

The Standing Committee has several responsibilities assigned to it by Canon; they may be divided roughly into three areas:

### I

Matters having to do with Ordained Ministry: (Canons require that we have a personal interview with each person before s/he may become a Candidate for Holy Orders. We also usually meet with persons before they are ordained Deacon and Priest. These meetings are for us not merely a requirement, but also an enriching experience.)

In that regard, in February we recommended that Mr. Steve White, Mr. Robert Hartman, and Mr. Fred (Mac) Brown be made Candidates for Holy Orders; and in November we recommended that Mr. Christian Nicholas Hawley be made a Candidate for Holy Orders.

In March, we recommended that the Rev. Dr. Richard Carter be ordained Priest; and that Mr. Christopher James Hackett be ordained Deacon.

In September, we recommended that the Rev. Chris Hackett be ordained Priest.

Also, during this year, we consented to the Consecration of the Rev. Canon Oge Beauvoir to be the Bishop of Haiti; we approved the request of the Diocese of North Carolina to elect a Bishop Suffragan; and we consented to the Consecration of the Very Rev. William Douglas Hahn to be the Bishop of the Diocese of Lexington. These consents require only a 'paper review' and are generally *pro forma*.

(I might note here that in future years, the Standing Committee may have more requests to consent to Bishops' Consecrations, since that will no longer be the function of General Convention whenever an election is held within 90 days prior to said Convention.)

## II

Matters having to do with Church property – acquisition, sale (“alienation”), and encumbrance (loans).

The interest of the diocese when there is an acquisition is to see that the property is properly titled as “held in trust for the diocese” (Title III, Canon 1, Section 2).

When there is a sale, we are to see that the proceeds of the sale are appropriately used in service of the mission of the Church or Agency selling the property.

When a loan is sought, the Standing Committee has the responsibility to see that the Church's finances are in order and capable of repaying the loan and that the plans for which the loan is sought serve the mission of that Church (or Agency).

***NOTE:** that the Standing Committee has established a clear set of policies and guides (available on line) for Churches wishing to buy, sell, or borrow against property. We stand ready to consult with any who request it, and we will always act as expeditiously as possible in response to any request to buy, sell or borrow. But our consent and approval must be obtained before the Church may undertake the proposed action.*

In this regard, in March we approved the request of St. Paul, Chattanooga, to borrow money from the Diocesan Opportunity Fund. This loan was, in part, to accomplish the purchase of part of the property (a parking lot) owned by St. Barnabas (see below).

It is worth noting that at that same meeting, we adopted the following statement:

*Recognizing the historic ties between the Episcopal Church and St. Barnabas, Chattanooga, and affirming the good ministry of St. Barnabas during its lifetime, the Standing Committee of East Tennessee, with the knowledge that the Diocese no longer has legal ties with St. Barnabas, acknowledges the sale of St. Barnabas' Pine Street Property and understands that the proceeds from the sale will be used to pay down its current debt.*

In May, we approved the request from St. Paul, Kingsport, to borrow money from the Diocesan Opportunity Fund to accomplish some building remodeling.

In July we approved the request of the Diocese to sell the property of St. Matthew, Dayton, with the proceeds being used to retire their Opportunity Fund loan; and any remaining funds to be held by the Diocese for future use in Dayton, if it is decided to pursue a ministry in that area.

In August, we approved the transfer of the ownership of the Church property of St. Barnabas, Jefferson City, to the Diocese; and we further approved their request for a loan from the Opportunity Fund of the Diocese in order to pay the remaining mortgage on the property.

In October we approved the request of St. John, Johnson City, to encumber their property in the amount necessary to accomplish needed major repairs.

In November we approved the request of St. Martin of Tours, Chattanooga, to refinance their bank loan at a much more favorable rate.

*Addendum – January 26, 2013: By electronic meeting on this date, we approved the request of St. Francis of Assisi, Ooltewah, to sell a property which had been donated to them.*

Since our Canons require that all actions taken by the Standing Committee for the Diocese concerning real property be approved and ratified by the Diocese, I will, at the appropriate time, make the following motion:

**Resolved that all actions of the Standing Committee taken under the provisions of Title III, Canon 1 (Real and Personal Property) and reported to this Convention affecting title to and property of the Diocese of East Tennessee or its constituent congregations be approved and ratified and made the actions of this, the 29th Convention of the Diocese of East Tennessee.**

### III

The Standing Committee serves as a Council of Advice to the Bishop, either at his initiative or ours. It is a right and good thing that there is an “independent body,” standing beside and “outside” the bishop; and in East Tennessee the bishop and the Standing Committee have always functioned collaboratively and collegially, and not as adversaries. For this we are particularly grateful to our current bishop who continues this good tradition.

When he is able to join us (which was, this year, at every meeting but one), he has lunch with us, at which time we consult with one another. Among the matters we discussed are the following:

Early in the year, our recently retired President (the Rev. Lou Parsons) came back to meet with us to help lead us through the first of what is to be an annual “ministry review” – a review the bishop had asked for and committed himself to from the outset. It was a good beginning and sets a pattern for the years to come. We forwarded the report of that review to the Bishop and Council.

Over the course of the year, the bishop has facilitated closer collaboration between the Commission on Ministry and the Standing Committee, helping us toward clarity about our mutual and separate responsibilities regarding ordained ministry.



In the fall, the bishop sought our advice (along with the good advice of an appointed task force and the B&C) about how best to introduce the diocesan plan for allowing blessings of same gender unions. We were very affirmative of his initiative.

I have been privileged this year to have had the opportunity to work with such a collegial Bishop and such thoughtful, independent minded, and dedicated colleagues, lay and clerical, members of this Standing Committee.

The Rev. Scherry Fouke will retire from the committee this year; Ms. Christopher Robinson has graciously agreed to stand for election to another term. Ms. Andrea Odle (who did yeoman's work as the clerk), Mr. Jim Shearouse, and the Rev. Taylor Dinsmore, and I are continuing members. I am grateful to all of my colleagues.

Respectfully submitted,  
The Rev. Peter Keese, President

## ***Stewardship Commission***

The Stewardship Commission is composed of both lay and clergy members. It normally meets six times a year. Several members have been trained as consultants and are available to work with any parish upon request. Requests for assistance can be made by contacting the diocesan stewardship officer, Herb Berl at 865-803-5434 or [stewardship@dioet.org](mailto:stewardship@dioet.org).

The commission also annually provides a diocesan training event. In August, 2012, Charlene Fabian, Director of Development for Oklahoma Methodist Manor in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Kristine Miller, a prolific writer and top rated speaker at many events, were the presenters for *Grounded in Gratitude, Revealed in Prayer & Lived in Faith* conference held at the Church of the Good Samaritan in Knoxville. Thanks Cal! Both speakers received rave reviews. Each of the 73 people from 20 Parishes who attended the event received a flash drive which contained the training information that was presented. Planning for the 2013 conference was well underway by the end of the year. Nathan Dungan, founder and President of Share, Save, Spend as well as author of *Prodigal Sons and Material Girls – How Not to be Your Child's ATM* and *Money Sanity Solutions – Linking Money + Meaning*, will be our featured speaker.

Members of the commission are afforded opportunities to receive further training which they share within our diocese. In March 2012, Mr. Herb Berl, Mr. Dexter Cantelou, and Bishop George Young attended the Consortium of Endowed Episcopal Parishes Conference in Charlotte, North Carolina. The conference covered not only endowments, but 7 aspects of Parish life as well.

Resource material is provided to every parish electronically throughout the year. The TENS publication *Networking* and The Episcopal Network publication *The Steward's Well* may be forwarded to every parishioner's home. The Episcopal Church Foundation hosts webinars. To participate in the webinars, please contact Herb Berl.

In 2012, we continued efforts to organize and make available the library resources received from TENS in 2011. We have over 300 books, videos, and program materials available for parish use. To check out these materials, please contact Mr. Herb Berl.

Mr. Ben Holt and Ms. Ann Holt became co-chairs of the commission for 2012, and have agreed to continue to serve in that capacity in 2013.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mr. Ben Holt and Ms. Ann Holt, Co-Chairs

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*Financial Reports*

## Voluntary Commitments for 2012

<i>Church</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>2012 Ask</i>	<i>2012 Commitment</i>	<i>2012 Paid</i>	<i>2013 Ask</i>	<i>2013 Commitment</i>
St Paul	Athens	29,036	29,036	29,036	29,756	29,756
St Columba	Bristol	4,723	4,723	6,000	5,578	6,000
Christ	Chattanooga	20,622	20,622	20,622	17,546	17,546
Grace	Chattanooga	46,972	46,972	46,972	48,963	48,963
St Martin	Chattanooga	36,486	20,000	20,000	38,670	20,000
St Paul	Chattanooga	170,943	170,943	170,943	182,570	170,943
St Peter	Chattanooga	45,667	45,667	47,750	54,459	54,460
St Thaddaeus	Chattanooga	13,034	13,035	13,034	12,158	12,158
Thankful Memorial	Chattanooga	11,920	9,600	9,600	10,554	10,554
St Luke	Cleveland	51,492	51,492	51,492	54,577	54,577
St Mark	Copperhill	3,596	3,596	3,600	5,282	5,282
St Raphael	Crossville	10,817	10,817	10,816	10,378	10,378
St Thomas	Elizabethton	3,326	4,800	4,800	4,003	4,800
Nativity	Fort Oglethorpe	12,900	12,900	12,900	16,957	16,957
Trinity	Gatlinburg	12,052	12,000	12,000	12,348	12,348
St James	Greeneville	19,895	19,895	19,895	19,103	19,103
St Andrew	Harriman	7,377	2,500	2,500	8,231	5,000
St Alban	Hixson	10,894	10,894	10,894	11,311	11,311
St John	Johnson City	53,433	53,433	53,433	47,773	47,773
St Christopher	Kingsport	15,490	15,490	15,490	14,172	14,172
St Paul	Kingsport	50,329	40,000	39,996	50,543	42,000
St Timothy	Kingsport	8,971	6,000	6,000	8,971	4,600
Ascension	Knoxville	169,045	157,000	157,000	171,074	171,074
Good Samaritan	Knoxville	55,382	55,382	55,382	56,573	56,573
Good Shepherd	Knoxville	21,200	21,200	21,200	26,817	26,817
St Elizabeth	Knoxville	44,847	44,847	44,847	41,897	41,897
St James	Knoxville	47,474	47,474	47,475	48,038	48,038
St John Cathedral	Knoxville	211,131	198,604	198,604	219,156	205,283
St Luke	Knoxville	4,403	4,403	4,405	5,432	5,432
St Thomas	Knoxville	5,545	5,545	5,544	6,599	6,600
St Clare	Lafollette	1,812	1,627	1,800	1,796	1,697
Good Shepherd	Lookout Mountain	129,431	129,431	129,431	136,025	136,025
Resurrection	Loudon	18,754	18,754	18,771	19,908	19,908
St Andrew	Maryville	42,136	39,504	39,500	50,135	38,000
All Saints	Morristown	38,814	26,000	26,000	37,705	26,000
Annunciation	Newport	14,710	6,000	6,000	11,464	6,000
St Francis	Norris	15,304	12,996	12,996	16,795	14,424
St Stephen	Oak Ridge	51,047	50,000	50,000	53,454	26,508
St Francis of Assisi	Ooltewah	25,097	25,000	25,000	22,634	22,634
Christ	Rugby	4,430	4,430	4,430	4,348	4,348
St Joseph the Carpenter	Sevierville	10,087	10,087	10,087	8,124	8,124
St John the Baptist	Sewanee	798	1,000	1,300	798	1,300
St. Paul	Seymour	2,519	2,520	2,520	2,795	2,254
St Timothy	Signal Mountain	81,341	81,341	81,341	80,349	80,349
Christ Church	South Pittsburg	15,392	15,396	15,396	12,878	12,888

## 2012 Budget

### INCOME

Voluntary Commitments	1,596,896
E.E.C. Support (Episcopate)	100,000
Miscellaneous	23,000
Trust Fund Income (Seminarians)	9,000
Mission Growth Fund (Southside Abbey)	73,717

*Total Income*

*Total Funds Available*

*1,802,613*

### EXPENSE

#### **DIOCESAN MINISTRY**

Bishop & Council	2,500
Outreach Ministries	22,500
Stewardship	5,450
Christian Spiritual Formation	4,300
Grace Point Camp & Retreat Center	66,546
Episcopal Institutions	2,500
Liturgical Commission	500
Office of Communications	82,252
Standing Committee	3,500

*Total DIOCESAN MINISTRY*

*190,048*

#### **MISSION WITHIN THE DIOCESE**

Support for Ministry & Congregation Development	88,139
Support for Camp Scholarships	7,000
Support for Congregations	115,517
Support for Campus	118,491
Support for Youth	64,872
Support for Young Adults	5,000

*Total MISSION WITHIN THE DIOCESE*

*399,019*

#### **MISSION BEYOND THE DIOCESE**

Millennium Development Goals	12,618
Companion Diocese	1,250
General Church Objective	296,812
General Convention Deputies	9,000
ECW	1,000
General Convention Bishop	3,000

Lambeth Conference	2,000	
Synod Assessment	5,166	
Synod Deputies	2,000	
<b>Total MISSION BEYOND THE DIOCESE</b>		<b>332,846</b>
<b>CLERGY SUPPORT</b>		
Clergy Deployment	9,500	
Clergy Professional Development	11,000	
Commission on Ministry	165,000	
Medical Insurance - Retired	71,820	
Sabbatical Scholarship	1,000	
Support of Clergy & Family	4,000	
Support for Retired Clergy	500	
<b>Total CLERGY SUPPORT</b>		<b>262,820</b>
<b>SUPPORT FOR THE EPISCOPATE</b>		
Bishop's Ministry	130,939	
Support for the Bishop's Ministry	70,857	
Office Salaries	300,923	
Staff Continuing Education	4,000	
<b>Total SUPPORT FOR THE EPISCOPATE</b>		<b>506,719</b>
<b>FIXED COSTS FOR MINISTRY</b>		
Accounting & Audit	6,000	
Convention & Journal	17,000	
Diocesan House Expenses	60,000	
General Insurance	20,000	
Maintenance Reserve	4,161	
Property & Taxes	2,000	
<b>Total FIXED COSTS FOR MINISTRY</b>		<b>109,161</b>
<b>CONTINGENCIES</b>		<b>2,000</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>		<b>1,802,613</b>
<b>Net Income</b>		<b>0</b>

**Opportunity Fund - Investment Account - December 31, 2012**

	<i>Date</i>	<i>Rate</i>	<i>Term</i>	<i>Original Loan Amount</i>	<i>Balance</i>
St. Matthew, Dayton	Jun-97	5.77%	15	76,500.00	50,404.47
Episcopal School of Knoxville	Jan-02	4.28%	15	500,000.00	155,377.97
St. Alban, Hixson	Sep-01	3.40%	15	500,000.00	119,547.40
St. John, Johnson City	Mar-00	4.95%	15	1,146,027.51	959,029.14
St. Joseph, Sevierville	Sep-00	6.65%	15	48,500.00	15,062.48
Annunciation, Newport	Oct-02	2.80%	15	225,000.00	9,632.86
St. Raphael, Crossville	Apr-03	2.98%	15	48,826.00	20,469.42
St. Francis of Assisi, Ooltewah	Apr-03	3.83%	15	200,000.00	89,264.09
St. Thomas, Knoxville	Oct-03	2.80%	15	7,500.00	3,294.52
Grace, Chattanooga	Nov-10	2.93%	15	50,000.00	44,294.49
St. Martin, Chattanooga	Mar-11	2.93%	15	500,000.00	500,000.00
St. Peter's School	Jun-11	2.93%	15	500,000.00	459,864.75
St. Paul, Kingsport	Mar-12	2.93%	5	30,000.00	25,834.21
St. Paul, Chattanooga	Apr-12	2.93%	15	800,000.00	779,647.63
St. Barnabas, Jefferson City	Aug-12	2.28%	15	35,844.51	35,341.74
<b>Total Loans</b>				<b>\$4,718,198.02</b>	<b>\$3,306,244.67</b>

**Opportunity Fund - Social Ministry Grant Account - December 31, 2012**

	<b>Amount</b>
Total 1988 Grants	\$ 48,793
Total 1989 Grants	\$ 34,500
Total 1990 Grants	\$ 54,500
Total 1991 Grants	\$ 51,000
Total 1992 Grants	\$ 43,100
Total 1993 Grants	\$ 36,500
Total 1994 Grants	\$ 72,500
Total 1995 Grants	\$ 79,000
Total 1996 Grants	\$ 47,100
Total 1997 Grants	\$ 48,000
Total 1998 Grants	\$ 103,401
Total 1999 Grants	\$ 94,700
Total 2000 Grants	\$ 80,520
Total 2001 Grants	\$ 78,000
Total 2002 Grants	\$ 67,500
Total 2003 Grants	\$ 75,500
Total 2004 Grants	\$ 40,000
Total 2005 Grants	\$ 64,900
Total 2006 Grants	\$ 54,236
Total 2007 Grants	\$ 42,500
Total 2008 Grants	\$ 60,500
<b>2009 Grants</b>	
Volunteer Ministry Center	\$ 1,000
Fish Hospitality Pantries	\$ 4,000
Family Promise of Blount County	\$ 4,000
Cumberland Adult Reading Council	\$ 3,000
Community Reconciliation, Inc.	\$ 2,000
The Steps House, Inc.	\$ 4,000
Youth Transitions	\$ 8,500
Church of the Resurrection Habitat House	<u>\$ 5,302</u>
<b>Total 2009 Grants</b>	<b><u>\$ 31,802</u></b>
<b>2010 Grants</b>	
The Steps House, Inc.	\$ 5,000
Community Reconciliation, Inc.	\$ 4,000
Bradley Initiative for Church & Family, Cleveland	\$ 2,812
Marion County Community Ministries	\$ 6,618
Family Promise	\$ 3,382
Grace WorX	<u>\$ 5,000</u>
<b>Total 2010 Grants</b>	<b><u>\$ 26,812</u></b>



**Opportunity Fund - Social Ministry Grant Account – December 31, 2012 (Continued)**

**2011 Grants**

Volunteer Ministry Center	\$ 3,450
Bradley Initiative for Church & Community	\$ 3,000
Chattanooga Episcopal College Ministry	\$ 5,000
Interfaith Hospitality of Johnson City	\$ 4,125
Mountain Community Parent Resource Center	\$ 4,125
St. Paul, Athens “Grace House”	\$ 5,000
Woodland Community Development Corporation	\$ 2,000
<b>Total 2011 Grants</b>	<b><u>\$ 26,700</u></b>

**2012 Grants**

Bradley Initiative for Church and Community	\$ 4,430
Food for the Multitude	\$ 2,500
Interfaith Hospitality of Chattanooga	\$ 3,070
Steps House	\$ 5,000
Mountain Hope Good Shepherd Clinic, Sevierville	\$ 5,000
St. Paul, Athens	\$ 4,000
Volunteer Ministry Center	\$ 5,500
Youth Transitions	\$ 5,500
<b>Total 2012 Grants</b>	<b><u>\$ 35,000</u></b>

**Opportunity Fund - Church Expansion Grant Account - December 31, 2012**

	<i>Date</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Church Expansion Grants	1987	\$50,149
Church Expansion Grants	1988	50,000
Church Expansion Grants	1989	23,338
Church Expansion Grants	1990	105,000
Church Expansion Grants	1991	47,200
Church Expansion Grants	1992	47,000
Church Expansion Grants	1993	51,000
Church Expansion Grants	1994	173,000
Church Expansion Grants	1995	26,000
Church Expansion Grants	1996	7,100
Church Expansion Grants	1997	121,600
Church Expansion Grants	1998	150,741
Church Expansion Grants	1999	25,000
Church Expansion Grants	2000	165,000
Church Expansion Grants	2001	100,000
Church Expansion Grants	2002	64,763
Church Expansion Grants	2003	54,000
Church Expansion Grants	2004	40,000
Church of the Ascension	May-05	6,500
Tyson House	May-05	9,600
St. Christopher, Kingsport	Oct-05	20,000
St. James, Greeneville	Oct-05	5,000
Christ Church, Chattanooga	May-06	24,000
St. Paul, Seymour	May-06	6,000
Thankful Memorial, Chattanooga	Oct-06	10,000
St. Paul, Seymour	Oct-06	1,000
St. Thomas, Elizabethton	Sep-07	2,000
Church of the Ascension, Knoxville	Sep-07	5,000
St. Joseph, Sevierville	Sep-07	20,264
Trinity, Gatlinburg	Sep-07	25,664
St. Paul, Seymour	May-08	3,500
Tyson House	May-08	25,500
St. Christopher, Kingsport	Oct-08	16,000
Church of the Resurrection	Apr-09	7,500
All Saints Episcopal Church	Apr-09	3,000
Trinity, Gatlinburg	Apr-09	7,500
St. Paul, Seymour	Sep-09	10,000
St. Matthias, Rogersville	May-10	285
Trinity, Gatlinburg	May-10	11,812
St. James, Greeneville	Sep-10	7,500
St. Luke, Knoxville	Sep-10	7,500
St. James, Knoxville	Apr-11	1,000
St. Mark, Copperhill	Apr-11	6,300
St. Timothy, Kingsport	Apr-11	4,150
Christ Church, Chattanooga	Oct-11	10,250
St. Barnabas, Jefferson City	Oct-11	5,000
Southside Abbey	Apr-12	15,000
St. Barnabas, Jefferson City	Oct-12	5,000
St. Peter, Chattanooga	Oct-12	10,000
St. Thomas, Elizabethton	Oct-12	5,000
<b>Total Grants</b>		<b>\$1,597,716</b>

## Statement of Financial Position – December 31, 2012

	<i>Unrestricted</i>	<i>Temporarily Restricted</i>	<i>Total</i>
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Current Assets:</b>			
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ 499,317	\$ 417,778	\$ 917,095
Receivables	35,540	-	35,540
Due from Transit Fund	100	-	100
Bookstore Inventory	58,577	-	58,577
Investments	717,369	25,202	742,571
Loan Receivables	<u>-</u>	<u>28,183</u>	<u>28,183</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b><u>\$ 1,310,903</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 471,163</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,782,066</u></b>
Property & Equipment	4,816,427	1,548	4,817,975
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(832,060)</u>	<u>(92)</u>	<u>(832,152)</u>
Net Property and Equipment	<u>3,984,367</u>	<u>1,456</u>	<u>3,985,823</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>\$5,295,270</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 472,619</u></b>	<b><u>\$5,767,889</u></b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; NET ASSETS</b>			
<b>Current Liabilities:</b>			
Accounts Payable	\$ 69,842	\$ 464	\$ 70,306
Accrued Expenses	27,174	-	27,174
Due to Patten Trust	338,104	330,000	668,104
Due to Operating Fund	280,000	19,771	299,771
Due to Emergency Fund	<u>82,898</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>82,898</u>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b><u>798,018</u></b>	<b><u>350,235</u></b>	<b><u>1,148,253</u></b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b><u>4,497,252</u></b>	<b><u>122,384</u></b>	<b><u>4,619,636</u></b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; NET ASSETS</b>	<b><u>\$5,295,270</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 472,619</u></b>	<b><u>\$5,767,889</u></b>

See accompanying independent auditor's report and notes.

## Statement of Activities – Year Ended December 31, 2012

	<i>Unrestricted</i>	<i>Temporarily Restricted</i>	<i>Total</i>
<b>SUPPORT AND REVENUE</b>			
Convention	\$ -	\$ 44,947	\$ 44,947
Appalachian Ministry	-	1,468	1,468
Contributions	1,581,059	48,338	1,629,397
EEC Support	99,232	-	99,232
Emergency Fund	7,817	10,594	18,411
Trust Funds	45,056	-	45,056
Insurance Premiums	918	20,179	21,097
Opportunity Fund	8,000	-	8,000
Bookstore Sales/Reimbursements	14,462	-	14,462
Miscellaneous	13,610	197,570	211,180
Interest Income	38	878	916
Lodging/Conferences/Food Service	136,942	-	136,942
Camp Billy Johnson	-	6,109	6,109
Transfer from other funds	-	39,423	39,423
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<b>Total Support and Revenue</b>	<b><u>1,907,134</u></b>	<b><u>369,506</u></b>	<b><u>2,276,640</u></b>
<b>FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES</b>			
Support for Congregations	280,773	-	280,773
Diocesan Ministry	196,275	-	196,275
Support for Clergy	208,711	-	208,711
Support for Diocesan Operations	65,526	-	65,526
Outside Diocese – General Church	316,362	-	316,362
Bookstore	12,609	-	12,609
Diocese Center Building	102,869	-	102,869
Support for Episcopate	508,367	-	508,367
Bishop’s Discretionary	-	12,062	12,062
Grace Point Camp and Retreat Center	186,474	-	186,474
Transit	-	309,934	309,934
Episcopal Church Women	-	12,666	12,666
Grow in Mission	-	10,000	10,000
Project Canterbury	-	14,589	14,589
Depreciation	92,173	92	92,265
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<b>Total Functional Expenses</b>	<b><u>1,970,139</u></b>	<b><u>359,343</u></b>	<b><u>2,329,482</u></b>
<b>Change in Net Assets</b>	<b><u>\$ (63,005)</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 10,163</u></b>	<b><u>\$ (52,842)</u></b>

See accompanying independent auditor’s report and notes.

***Statement of Changes in Net Assets – Year Ended December 31, 2012***

	<i>Unrestricted</i>	<i>Temporarily Restricted</i>	<i>Total</i>
Net Assets – January 1, 2012	\$ 4,560,257	\$ 112,221	\$ 4,672,478
Change in Net Assets – Current Year	<u>(63,005)</u>	<u>10,163</u>	<u>(52,842)</u>
<b>Net Assets – December 31, 2012</b>	<b><u>\$4,497,252</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 122,384</u></b>	<b><u>\$4,619,636</u></b>

See accompanying independent auditor's report and notes.

## ***Statement of Cash Flows – Year Ended December 31, 2012***

### **CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

Change in Net Assets	\$ (52,842)
Adjustments to Reconcile Change in Net Assets to Cash Provided by Operating Activities:	
Depreciation	92,265
Changes in current assets and liabilities:	
Accounts Receivable	(2,502)
Payables	<u>16,761</u>

Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities 53,682

### **CASH FLOWS USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES**

Acquisition of Property and Equipment	(1,548)
Purchase of Investments	<u>(51,777)</u>
Net Cash Flows (Used by) Investing Activities	<u>(53,325)</u>

### **CASH FLOWS PROVIDED BY (USED IN) FINANCING ACTIVITIES**

Increase in Due to Operating Fund	40,771
Loan receivable principal payments received	<u>8,650</u>
Net Cash Flows Provided by Financing Activities	<u>49,421</u>

Net Increase in Cash 49,778

Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of Year 867,317

**Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Year \$ 917,095**

See accompanying independent auditor's report and notes.

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*Parochial Reports*

Diocese of East Tennessee

Vital Statistics of Congregations and Missions

— Baptisms —

Year in parentheses is last year of filing if not 2011

City	Congregation	Active Members	Communicants in Good Standing	Others	Average Sunday Attendance	Sunday Eucharists	16 yrs and Older	Under 16 Years	Confirmed or Received
Athens	St Pauls Episcopal Church	360	360	20	120	106	2	9	7
Battle Creek	St John the Baptist (2010)	38	38	0	17	42	0	0	0
Bristol	St Columbas Episcopal Church	118	28	0	21	52	0	0	0
Chattanooga	Christ Episcopal Church	172	102	7	83	104	0	3	2
Chattanooga	Grace Episcopal Church	462	462	0	210	113	0	3	0
Chattanooga	St Martin of Tours Epis Church	528	204	20	170	104	0	3	2
Chattanooga	St Pauls Episcopal Church	1,912	1,181	466	377	166	1	12	22
Chattanooga	St Peters Episcopal Church	502	485	21	181	156	1	8	7
Chattanooga	St Thaddaeus Episcopal Church	198	146	0	62	52	0	1	0
Chattanooga	Thankful Memorial Church	120	83	0	63	52	0	1	6
Cleveland	St Lukes Episcopal Church	486	486	80	148	135	1	5	13
Copperhill	St Marks Episcopal Church	33	31	9	30	51	0	0	0
Crossville	St Raphaels Episcopal Church	200	190	4	53	48	0	0	0
Dayton	St Matthews Episcopal Church (2010)	33	33	0	19	49	0	0	8
Elizabethton	St Thomas Church	90	59	1	39	46	0	0	6
Fort Oglethorpe	Episcopal Church of the Nativity	134	134	12	83	105	0	3	0
Gatlinburg	Trinity Episcopal Church	139	126	20	50	103	1	3	2
Greeneville	St James Episcopal Church	229	225	26	91	105	1	1	2
Harriman	St Andrews Episcopal Church	74	74	0	38	45	1	0	0
Hixson	St Albans Episcopal Church	111	89	7	60	100	0	1	0
Jefferson City	St Barnabas Episcopal-Lutheran Ch	28	28	0	20	52	0	0	0
Johnson City	St Johns Episcopal Church	527	408	45	168	101	0	1	13
Jonesborough	St Mary the Virgin Episcopal Church (2010)	19	19	0	12	0	0	0	0
Kingsport	St Christophers Episcopal Church	153	144	15	75	98	2	0	1
Kingsport	St Pauls Episcopal Church	352	199	18	140	99	0	4	5
Kingsport	St Timothy's Episcopal Church	105	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Knoxville	Church of the Good Samaritan	572	379	30	232	107	1	13	0
Knoxville	Church of the Good Shepherd	376	263	0	134	107	0	2	5
Knoxville	Episcopal Church of the Ascension	1,178	920	32	418	119	4	18	20
Knoxville	St Elizabeths Episcopal Church	315	299	16	140	108	3	1	0
Knoxville	St James Episcopal Church	496	509	119	205	107	3	13	14
Knoxville	St Johns Episcopal Cathedral	1,101	0	0	420	110	4	18	28
Knoxville	St Lukes Episcopal Church	89	75	11	33	75	0	0	0



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Vital Statistics of Congregations and Missions

— Baptisms —

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Knoxville	St Thomas Episcopal Church	104	54	10	43	89	0	0	6
La Follette	St Clare Episcopal Church	18	25	2	6	24	0	0	2
Lookout Mountain	Church of the Good Shepherd	967	945	37	259	156	0	16	5
Loudon	Episcopal Church of the Resurrection	159	153	0	100	101	1	3	2
Maryville	St Andrews Church	399	354	35	157	105	0	6	11
Morristown	All Saints Episcopal Church	431	177	66	141	108	0	4	17
Mountain City	St Bartholomews Episcopal Church (2009)	12	12	0	6	47	0	0	1
Newport	Church of the Annunciation	92	65	9	48	55	1	0	5
Norris	St Francis Episcopal Church	253	223	22	76	106	0	5	6
Oak Ridge	St Stephens Episcopal Church	490	399	36	176	134	1	7	8
Ooltewah	St Francis of Assisi Epis Church	123	123	37	98	104	0	0	4
Rogersville	St Matthias Episcopal Church	19	8	3	8	31	0	0	0
Rugby	Christ Church	44	38	0	31	52	0	1	0
Sevierville	St Joseph the Carpenter	129	129	2	52	102	1	1	5
Seymour	St Pauls Episcopal Church	60	58	3	44	53	0	2	11
Signal Mountain	St Timothys Episcopal Church	1,062	869	44	221	136	0	13	15
South Pittsburg	Christ Episcopal Church	130	111	4	54	107	0	1	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>15,742</b>	<b>11,522</b>	<b>1,289</b>	<b>5,432</b>	<b>4,327.00</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>261.00</b>

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**Financial Statistics of Congregations and Missions**

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City	Congregation	REVENUE			EXPENSE			
		Plate & Pledge Income	Operating Revenue	Total Revenue	Operating Expense	To the Diocese	Outreach & Development	Total Expense
Athens	St Pauls Episcopal Church	271,683	272,966	318,381	292,082	26,634	32,799	316,332
Battle Creek	St John the Baptist (2010)	7,981	7,981	7,981	12,696	375	200	12,696
Bristol	St Columbas Episcopal Church	43,977	55,778	55,778	47,499	6,185	5,087	47,999
Chattanooga	Christ Episcopal Church	104,744	171,214	295,750	135,035	21,439	78,448	207,326
Chattanooga	Grace Episcopal Church	332,129	433,024	437,972	432,615	49,754	1,599	435,344
Chattanooga	St Martin of Tours Epis Church	343,240	347,252	510,331	366,355	20,000	64,843	425,770
Chattanooga	St Pauls Episcopal Church	1,042,733	1,546,418	1,669,099	1,569,707	172,524	246,180	1,784,276
Chattanooga	St Peters Episcopal Church	465,913	478,829	561,164	561,164	47,750	102,312	613,005
Chattanooga	St Thaddeaus Episcopal Church	121,518	121,578	126,210	112,756	14,055	5,051	118,721
Chattanooga	Thankful Memorial Church	78,170	105,544	114,839	116,882	9,500	14,321	135,007
Cleveland	St Lukes Episcopal Church	463,784	479,807	505,318	466,022	56,315	28,617	497,497
Copperhill	St Marks Episcopal Church	44,821	52,821	166,123	56,406	2,000	16,937	73,513
Crossville	St Raphaels Episcopal Church	92,295	103,783	106,213	103,783	11,739	3,194	107,889
Dayton	St Matthews Episcopal Church (2010)	15,229	15,229	15,229	17,777	0	515	18,292
Elizabethton	St Thomas Church	31,228	40,228	40,228	40,424	4,900	0	40,574
Fort Oglethorpe	Episcopal Church of the Nativity	112,596	166,305	209,125	165,548	13,066	42,170	209,125
Gatlinburg	Trinity Episcopal Church	91,245	123,481	203,993	121,560	12,000	2,400	123,810
Greeneville	St James Episcopal Church	168,341	184,192	187,466	184,831	19,001	15,846	188,702
Harriman	St Andrews Episcopal Church	65,670	82,306	86,210	92,635	2,000	696	92,965
Hixson	St Albans Episcopal Church	109,686	113,108	129,169	55,473	14,737	43,961	95,672
Jefferson City	St Barnabas Episcopal-Lutheran Ch	23,680	23,680	32,430	22,902	0	0	23,402
Johnson City	St Johns Episcopal Church	423,105	423,105	556,901	464,158	50,693	112,573	592,804
Jonesborough	St Mary the Virgin Episcopal Church (2010)	13,000	13,000	13,000	12,000	0	0	12,000
Kingsport	St Christophers Episcopal Church	138,731	141,723	142,702	149,185	15,894	8,141	154,546
Kingsport	St Pauls Episcopal Church	446,191	446,191	512,367	421,837	40,000	85,860	486,096
Kingsport	St Timothys Episcopal Church		0	0	0		0	0
Knoxville	Church of the Good Samaritan	465,429	496,444	505,997	504,240	52,312	35,145	512,010
Knoxville	Church of the Good Shepherd	248,473	248,473	323,386	291,403	24,600	67,305	359,208

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		Plate & Pledge Income	Operating Revenue	Total Revenue	Operating Expense	To the Diocese	Outreach & Development	Total Expense
Knoxville	Episcopal Church of the Ascension	1,300,228	1,450,620	1,754,713	1,441,783	147,880	393,914	1,782,957
Knoxville	St Elizabeths Episcopal Church	374,144	374,144	374,144	392,656	49,800	30,932	400,929
Knoxville	St James Episcopal Church	405,317	425,317	425,317	426,976	45,438	19,326	426,976
Knoxville	St Johns Episcopal Cathedral	1,779,773	1,851,299	2,052,525	1,828,950	197,566	200,960	2,026,784
Knoxville	St Lukes Episcopal Church	35,843	54,319	54,319	50,772	3,260	712	50,772
Knoxville	St Thomas Episcopal Church	52,949	65,988	73,333	66,516	7,080	0	71,258
La Follette	St Clare Episcopal Church	17,959	17,959	17,965	18,956	135	600	18,956
Lookout Mountain	Church of the Good Shepherd	1,154,418	1,158,541	1,295,842	1,018,754	123,982	119,380	1,087,453
Loudon	Episcopal Church of the Resurrection	181,944	190,900	213,895	189,769	18,959	17,746	203,166
Maryville	St Andrews Church	428,665	442,791	465,700	356,298	39,500	19,315	374,607
Morristown	All Saints Episcopal Church	278,131	339,208	449,345	352,642	26,000	60,858	412,411
Mountain City	St Bartholomews Episcopal Church (2009)	3,665	3,767	3,767	4,500	0	0	4,500
Newport	Church of the Annunciation	108,271	114,644	137,396	128,887	6,000	27,477	158,003
Norris	St Francis Episcopal Church	157,309	164,961	170,905	157,853	10,655	3,834	160,553
Oak Ridge	St Stephens Episcopal Church	466,014	470,449	509,209	467,815	50,000	52,628	533,989
Ooltewah	St Francis of Assisi Epis Church	213,583	213,620	220,898	217,379	21,000	6,467	218,482
Rogersville	St Matthias Episcopal Church	13,731	16,731	16,731	15,269	0	461	15,269
Rugby	Christ Church	39,713	43,476	43,476	28,036	4,478	2,353	29,336
Sevierville	St Joseph the Carpenter	75,676	81,243	87,795	65,946	9,405	21,204	89,213
Seymour	St Pauls Episcopal Church	26,069	27,947	57,623	27,787	618	28,581	55,680
Signal Mountain	St Timothys Episcopal Church	671,987	694,572	712,395	636,139	68,000	29,893	659,014
South Pittsburg	Christ Episcopal Church	117,606	128,776	133,776	101,500	15,288	32,125	131,304
Total		13,668,587	15,025,732	17,104,431	14,812,158	1,532,517	2,082,966	16,596,193

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*Rules of Order and Order of Business  
of the Twenty-Ninth Annual Convention of  
the Diocese of East Tennessee*



**The Twenty-Ninth Annual Convention  
of the Diocese of East Tennessee**

**February 8-9, 2013**

**Marriott Hotel/ St. John's Cathedral**

**Knoxville, Tennessee**

# Rules of Order

## I. ORDER OF BUSINESS

- **Rule 1.01:** The Order of Business shall be as follows:

*1st Mark of Mission – Opening Worship*

### Opening Session – Friday, February 8, 2013

- 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. **Registration (Lower Lobby)**  
Volunteer Check-in (Lower Lobby)
- 9:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Exhibits/Photography Exhibition  
Voting for People’s Choice Award for Photography Competition
- 11:00 a.m. Opening of Convention (Procession highlights 1<sup>st</sup> Mark of Mission)**  
Organization (Convention Hall)
  - A. Call to Order (Bishop Young with the Rev. Eric Law)
  - B. Report of the Committee on Credentials – Mr. Chris Cone  
Number registered:  
Clergy \_\_\_\_\_ Lay Delegates \_\_\_\_\_ Total \_\_\_\_\_  
Alternates \_\_\_\_\_ Others \_\_\_\_\_ Grand Total \_\_\_\_\_
  - C. Elections - p. 14
    - 1. Secretary
    - 2. Assistant Secretary
    - 3. Treasurer
    - 4. Assistant Treasurers
    - 5. Chancellor
    - 6. Vice Chancellors
    - 7. Registrar
  - D. Appointments
    - 1. Parliamentarian
    - 2. Assistant Parliamentarian
  - E. Resolution regarding Rules of Order and the Order of Business
  - F. Resolutions of Invitation
  - G. Introduction of New Clergy, Theol. Students, Postulants, and Candidates - p. 25
  - H. Introduction of Convention Planning Committee Chairs
  - I. Presentation of Special Guests
  - J. Appointments by the Bishop
    - 1. Convention Committees (see Sect. 2.01) - p. 8
    - 2. Other Committees (see Sect. 2.02,)
  - K. Elections to Boards and Commissions
    - 1. Commission on Ministry – p. 15
    - 3. Grace Point Board of Managers – p. 16
    - 4. Any other elected officers, trustees and committees

12:00 noon Bishop's Address (The Rev. Eric Law frames address)  
12:30 p.m. Recess for Lunch (Table talk directed by the Rev. Eric Law)  
**1:15 p.m. Convention Reconvenes (Convention Hall; the Rev. Eric Law Frames)**

A. Report of the Committee on Credentials

Number registered:

Clergy \_\_\_\_\_ Lay Delegates \_\_\_\_\_ Total \_\_\_\_\_

Alternates \_\_\_\_\_ Others \_\_\_\_\_ Grand Total \_\_\_\_\_

*2nd Mark of Mission – Southside Abbey Video, the Rev. Bob Leopold*

*Presents and leads worship*

B. Treasurer's Report – Mr. Bill Selden

C. Reports of the Officers, Boards, Commissions, Committees

1. Registrar – Ms. Mary Berl

2. Standing Committee – The Rev. Peter Keese

3. Commission on Ministry – The Rev. Hendree Harrison

4. Constitution and Canons Committee – The Hon. Marie Williams

5. Ministry and Congregational Development – Mr. Rick Govan

6. Youth Ministry – Mr. Alex Haralson

(Other reports to be conveyed to delegates by inclusion in Journal of Proceedings of Convention)

2:30 p.m. Break

2:45 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. D. The Rev. Eric Law – Same-Sex Blessings Discussion

4:00 p.m. E. Report of the Committee on General Resolutions and last call for resolutions –  
The Rev. Dr. Hal Hutchison

F. Report of the Elections Committee and last call for nominations (except Bishop  
and Council – clergy) – Mr. Chris Cone

*3rd Mark of Mission – Metropolitan Ministry Video – Ms. Rebecca Wheelchel  
presents and lead worship*

5:00 p.m. **Recess**

*Note: Please check out of your hotel room and place your bags in your car before beginning tomorrow's events, if possible. The hotel's check-out time is at 12 noon. Also, please take convention booklets and belongings so that tables may be set for dinner.*

**5:00 p.m. Hearings**

Budget Hearing (Andrew Jackson Room)

Constitution and Canons (Alvin York Room)

General Resolutions (Henry Knox Room)

**6:00 p.m. Social Hour** (Main Lobby)

**7:00 p.m. Dinner** (Convention Hall) (The Rev. Eric Law – Speaker)

## **Morning Session – Saturday, February 9, 2013**

7:30 a.m. Registration opens (Lower Lobby)

8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Exhibits/Photography Exhibition

**8:30 a.m. Convention reconvenes (The Rev. Eric Law frames the morning)**

*4th Mark of Mission – The Rev. Eric Law and the Rev. Claire Keene present and lead worship)*

A. Report of the Committee on Credentials

Number registered:

Clergy \_\_\_\_\_ Lay Delegates \_\_\_\_\_ Total \_\_\_\_\_

Alternates \_\_\_\_\_ Others \_\_\_\_\_ Grand Total \_\_\_\_\_

B. Elections

• **Rule 1.02:** During balloting, the Convention may take up business, which may be interrupted for the reports of tellers and additional ballots.

C. Presentation and adoption of 2013 Budget – Mr. Bill Selden

D. Report of the Committee on General Resolutions – The Rev. Dr. Hal Hutchison

E. Reports of Officers, Boards, Commissions, Committees (cont.)

1. Constitutions and Canons Committee – The Hon. Marie Williams

2. Grace Point Video – The Rev. Brad Jones

F. Elections Report and additional ballots, if needed

*5th Mark of Mission – Grace Church – The Rev. Susan Butler presents and leads worship*

12:00 noon Presentation of Photography Competition Winners

Recess for Lunch (Tennessee Ballroom)

## **Afternoon Session – Saturday, February 9, 2013**

**2:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist at St. John’s Cathedral, 413 Cumberland Ave.**

**3:00 p.m. Closing Hymn**

**Blessing and Adjournment**



## II. CONVENTION COMMITTEES

- **Rule 2.01:** The Bishop shall appoint the following Convention Committees:

### On Credentials

Mr. Chris Cone, Chair	Mr. Bruce Ragon
Mr. Phillip Harris	The Rev. Janice Robbins
The Rev. Joe Minarik	The Rev. Thom Rasnick

### On Elections (Ballots/Tellers)

Mr. Al Carrico, Chair	Dr. Tom Ladd	Ms. Andrea Odle
Ms. Ms. Mary Berl	Ms. Susan Lee	Ms. Monty Ross
Ms. Sharon Crittenden	Ms. Karen Mills	Mr. Al Skyberg
Mr. Rick Govan	Mr. Randy Nichols	Mr. Steve White

### On General Resolutions

The Rev. Dr. Hal Hutchison, Chair	The Rev. Kim Hobby
Mr. Bill Farnham	Dr. Tom Ladd

- **Rule 2.02:** The Bishop shall appoint the following committees as prescribed by the Canons or as otherwise required:

### On Constitution and Canons (3-year terms)

<u>Term expires 2014</u>	<u>Term expires 2015</u>	<u>Term expires 2016</u>
The Rev. Susan Butler	The Rev. Dr. Craig Kallio	Mr. Edward Boehm, Esq.
The Rev. Gary Callahan	The Hon. Neil Thomas	The Rev. Robert Childers
	The Hon. Marie Williams, Chair	

### The Church Pension Fund Committee (appointed annually)

Ms. Mary Berl	The Rev. Ann Markle
Mr. Tom Hale	Mr. Bill Selden

- **Rule 2.03:** Such Committees as are instructed by the bishop shall convene in advance of the opening of Convention to consider matters referred to them.

- **Rule 2.04:** Reports of all Committees shall be in writing. All reports recommending action by the Convention shall be accompanied by resolutions for such action.

### **III. RESOLUTIONS**

- **Rule 3.01:** Resolutions are submitted as the Canons may prescribe.
  
- **Rule 3.02:** All Resolutions and amendments proposed thereto shall be in writing and shall contain the name, parish, and city of the proponent. Failing to meet the deadline as set forth in Title I, Canon 3, Sec. 10 the delegate or organization presenting a Resolution may introduce such Resolutions at the Convention no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday. Except for Resolutions contained in the reports of Committees, no Resolution offered after this time shall be considered except upon the affirmative vote of three-fourths (3/4) of the delegates present and voting. The delegate or organization presenting a late Resolution is responsible for having 300 copies of the Resolution reproduced on blue paper for distribution to the Convention.
  
- **Rule 3.03:** The Bishop shall refer all Resolutions to appropriate Convention Committees for consideration, recommendation and report to the Convention provided, however, upon a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the delegates present, a Resolution may be considered immediately.
  
- **Rule 3.04:** Where two or more Resolutions deal basically with the same subject, they shall be referred to the same General Resolutions Committee. The Committee shall make every effort to consolidate them or otherwise assure their compatibility and should also make every effort to obtain the concurrence of the proponents concerned.
  
- **Rule 3.05:** Each Convention Committee to which a Resolution has been referred, after providing for a public hearing thereon, shall consider the form and substance of the Resolution and in making its report shall recommend (a) for adoption, (b) for adoption with amendment, (c) for adoption of a substitute drafted by the Committee, (d) for rejection, or (e) for discharge from further consideration because the subject matter has been included in another Resolution. The Committee's recommendation to the Convention shall be in the form of a motion to adopt the Committee's recommendation. The Committee Chair or other representative shall state the reasons for the Committee's recommendation. Thereafter, the proponent of the original Resolution, which is the subject of the Committee's recommendation, shall be recognized first if the proponent so desires. Amendments may be offered, including an amendment to substitute the proponent's original Resolution for that recommended by the Committee.

### **IV. MOTIONS IN ORDER OF PRECEDENCE**

- **Rule 4.01:** The following motions shall have priority in the order listed. The mover cannot interrupt a member who has the floor, must be recognized, and the motion must be seconded.

They are subject to the following further rules:

- (a) To Adjourn or to Recess
  - (1) Not debatable, if unqualified
  - (2) Not amendable
  - (3) Cannot be laid on Table
  - (4) Majority vote
  - (5) The motion to adjourn shall always be in order except that it shall not be offered when another member has the floor
- (b) To Adjourn to Time Certain
  - (1) Debatable, as to the time
  - (2) Amendable, as to the time
  - (3) Cannot be laid on table

- (c) To Lay on Table or To Table
  - (1) Not debatable
  - (2) Not amendable
  - (3) Cannot be laid on Table
  - (4) Majority vote
- (d) To Vote Immediately or at Time Certain or to Extend Debate
  - (1) Not debatable
  - (2) Amendable, as to time, if a time specified
  - (3) Cannot be laid on table
  - (4) Two-thirds majority vote
- (e) To Postpone to Time Certain
  - (1) Debatable
  - (2) Amendable as to time
  - (3) May be laid on Table
  - (4) Majority vote
- (f) To Commit or recommit to any Committee
  - (1) Debatable, except as to a Convention Committee
  - (2) Amendable as to the Committee to which to be sent
  - (3) May be laid on Table
  - (4) Majority vote
- (g) To Amend or To Substitute
  - (1) Amendments and Substitutes are debatable only when Main Question is debatable
  - (2) One Amendment may be made to each independent or separable portion of a Resolution; and the right to amend extends only to one Amendment of that Amendment and to a Substitute and one Amendment thereto
  - (3) A Substitute and its Amendment may be laid on table, but cannot be otherwise voted on until original matter is perfected
  - (4) Majority vote
  - (5) Neither the Substitute nor its Amendment shall be voted on (except to lay on the table) until the original matter is perfected.

## **V. MOTIONS WITHOUT ORDER OF PRECEDENCE**

- **Rule 5.01:** The following motions have no order or priority but are subject to the following rules:

- (a) Appeal from Decision of Chair
  - (1) Debatable
  - (2) Not amendable
  - (3) May be laid on table
  - (4) Majority vote. A tie vote sustains Chair
  - (5) Must be made immediately after decision
- (b) To Take from Table
  - (1) Not debatable
  - (2) Not amendable
  - (3) Cannot be laid on table
  - (4) Majority vote
- (c) To Recall from Committee
  - (1) Debatable
  - (2) Amendable

- (3) May be laid on table
- (4) Two-thirds majority vote
- (d) To Create Special Order of Day for a Particular Time
  - (1) Debatable
  - (2) Amendable as to time
  - (3) Cannot be laid on the table
  - (4) Two-thirds majority vote
- (e) Call for the order of the Day
  - (1) Mover may interrupt a member who has the floor and is not required to be recognized or to have a second
  - (2) Not debatable
  - (3) Not amendable
  - (4) Cannot be laid on table
  - (5) No vote required, but two-thirds majority vote is necessary to suspend general or special order
- (f) To Suspend the Rules or Take Up Business Out of Order
  - (1) Debatable
  - (2) Not amendable
  - (3) Cannot be laid on the table
  - (4) Two-thirds majority vote
- (g) To Divide the Question
  - (1) Not debatable
  - (2) Can be amended
  - (3) Cannot be laid on the table
  - (4) Majority vote, if vote required
  - (5) May be made without being recognized and even though another member has the floor
  - (6) If the Question under debate contains several distinct propositions, which are independent of each other, at the request of any members the same shall be divided and a separate vote shall be taken but the motion to strike out and to insert shall be indivisible.
  - (7) The propositions relate to the same subject, and yet each part can stand alone, they may be divided only a regular motion and vote.

## **VI. RECONSIDERATION**

• **Rule 6.01:** Neither a Question once determined, nor one of like import, shall again be brought before the Convention, except on motion to reconsider made by one who voted in the majority and seconded by another who voted in the majority.

• **Rule 6.02:** Motions to reconsider are subject to the following further rules:

- (1) Debatable when motion to be reconsidered is debatable
- (2) Not amendable
- (3) May be tabled
- (4) Two-thirds majority vote
- (5) No question can be twice considered unless it was materially amended after its first reconsideration

## **VII. DECORUM AND DEBATE**

• **Rule 7.01:** No member shall be absent from the Convention unless leave has been given by the Chair, or because of inability to attend.

• **Rule 7.02:** No member shall address the Convention or make any motion until after recognition by the Bishop except to make a parliamentary inquiry, a point of order or a motion not requiring recognition.

• **Rule 7.03:** When any Delegate is about to speak, the Chair shall be addressed, the name, parish of the Delegate stated; such address shall be confined strictly to the point of debate.

• **Rule 7.04:** Except by leave of the Convention, no Delegate shall speak more than twice in the same debate nor longer than five minutes at one time.

## **VIII. VOTING**

• **Rule 8.01:** Nominations for Standing Committee, members of the Bishop and Council, Trustees of the University of the South, members of the Disciplinary Board and General Convention Deputies and Alternates, which are in writing and contain the nominee's name, parish, and city and not more than one hundred words of biographical information including past and present service of the nominee to the Church at all levels and received in the office of the Secretary thirty days prior to the opening of the Convention shall be included in the Convention brochure. Additional written nominations for these offices may be made by the nominator or nominee filing 300 white copies of the nominee's biographical information with the Secretary by 4:00 p.m. Friday for distribution to the Convention provided, however, that additional nominations for clergy members of the Bishop and Council may be made from the floor at any time after the election of lay members and prior to voting on clergy members. Such nominations from the floor shall include the information required for written nominations with the exception of nominations for clergy members of the Bishop and Council. All written nominations shall be posted at the Convention. All such nominations shall contain the name, parish, and the city of the nominator who shall obtain the nominee's consent and willingness to serve prior to submitting nomination. Nominations may be made only by the Bishops of this Diocese, Clerical and Lay Delegates, Vestries, and any other person authorized by Canon.

• **Rule 8.02:** Balloting for the offices set forth in 8.01 shall commence not earlier than by 11:30 a.m. on Friday.

- **Rule 8.03:** In elections of Deputies to the General Convention and of Members of the Bishop and Council, a majority of the votes cast shall be necessary to election. In all other elections, including that of Alternate Deputies to the General Convention, a plurality shall suffice. If the Convention shall take up other business while ballots are being counted such business may be interrupted for the report of tellers and additional ballots. If all the Deputies to the General Convention are not elected on the first ballot, the remainder is to be elected from the remaining nominees by majority on the second ballot, and if all not elected on the second ballot, the remainder is to be elected from remaining nominees by plurality on the third ballot. The sequence of alternates is determined on the final ballot taken.

- **Rule 8.04:** Unless otherwise expressly provided any rules requiring a two-thirds majority shall be construed to mean the affirmative vote to two-thirds of the Delegates present and voting.

- **Rule 8.05:** Ballots with more or less votes than there are positions to be filled shall be declared invalid.

## **IX. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

- **Rule 9.01:** Whenever so ordered by a vote of a majority of the members present, the Convention may go into Committee of the Whole for the consideration of any matter.

## **X. UNANIMOUS CONSENT**

- **Rule 10.01:** By unanimous consent, any action may be taken that is not in contravention of any provision of the Constitution or the Canons.

## **XI. GENERAL REGULATIONS**

- **Rule 11.01:** Except with the express permission of the Bishop or when otherwise ordered by majority vote of the Convention, no books, pamphlets or other printed matter may be distributed on the floor of Convention, or be placed on the seats or desks of the Delegates; but this prohibition shall not apply to Resolutions, reports, and other documents prepared or distributed by the Secretary or to ballots for elections.

## **XII. ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER**

- **Rule 12.01:** Except when in conflict with the Constitution or Canons, or any Rules herein contained, the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the interpretation of Rules and procedures to be followed.

## **XIII. AMENDMENTS**

- **Rule 13.01:** These Rules may be amended at any time by a two-thirds majority vote of the members present.