

**MINUTES OF THE 134th CONVENTION OF
THE DIOCESE OF WEST MISSOURI
NOVEMBER 10-11, 2023
GRACE & HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL, KANSAS CITY**

Friday, November 10, 2023

The 134th Convention of the Diocese of West Missouri convened with Holy Eucharist at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral on November 10, 2023, at 6:00 pm. The Rt. Rev. Diane M. Jardine Bruce, Bishop Provisional of the Diocese of West Missouri, officiated and preached. After the Eucharist, the Convention adjourned until the business session on Saturday morning.

Saturday, November 11, 2023

After Morning Prayer, the business session of the Convention was called to order at 9:00 a.m., with Bishop Bruce as President of the Convention. Bp. Bruce called on the Convention Chaplains to lead prayer.

AGENDA ITEM I: ORGANIZING FOR BUSINESS

ITEM I-1: INTRODUCTIONS AND PROCEDURAL INSTRUCTIONS

Bishop Bruce began by providing instructions and procedural announcements for the Convention. Bp. Bruce then called on the Rev. Dcn. Donna Stanford, Secretary of the Convention, to explain the process for changing delegates and for submitting amendments to resolutions.

**ITEM I-2: REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE—THE REV. JONATHAN FRAZIER,
FOR THE COMMITTEE**

Fr. Frazier reported that it was the committee's understanding that all congregations in the diocese were current with their assessments, and therefore all lay delegates duly elected were entitled to seat, voice, and vote in the Convention.

**ITEM I-3: SEATING OF LICENSED CLERGY—DCN. STANFORD, CHAIR OF DISPATCH OF
BUSINESS COMMITTEE**

Dcn. Stanford moved that members of the clergy who are not canonically resident, but who are licensed and actively serving in ministries of the diocese, be permitted to have seat and voice at this Convention. Several seconds were heard. Bp. Bruce ruled that, without objection, these clergy be given seat and voice.

ITEM I-4: CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM—CONVENTION SECRETARY

Dcn. Stanford noted the following requirements for a quorum per Article X, Section I of the Constitution:

One-fourth of the Clergy and Lay Delegates from one-fourth of the Parishes and Congregations entitled to representation in the Convention, when fully assembled, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Dcn. Stanford reported that as of 8:45 a.m., 86 of 137 canonically resident clergy and 107 lay delegates representing at least 45 of 47 congregations entitled to vote were either present or had registered their attendance online. She certified that there was a quorum for the conduct of the business of the Convention. She also noted since more persons may have registered after the time indicated that there may be more votes in elections than these numbers indicate.

ITEM I-5: APPOINTMENT OF THE PARLIAMENTARIAN—CONVENTION PRESIDENT

Bp. Bruce appointed Mr. Mark Galus (Grace & Holy Trinity, Kansas City), Diocesan Chancellor, as Parliamentarian, and Canon David Powell (St. Paul’s, Kansas City), Vice Chancellor, as Assistant Parliamentarian.

ITEM I-6: REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MINUTES—DCN. STANFORD, CHAIR

Dcn. Stanford reported that the Committee on Minutes had met prior to the Convention and certified that the minutes of the 133rd Convention of The Diocese of West Missouri, as posted to the Convention webpage, are a true and correct record of the proceedings of that Convention.

ITEM I-7: ELECTION OF DIOCESAN OFFICERS

Item I-7a: Election of the Secretary of the Diocese

Bp. Bruce called for nominations for the Secretary of the Diocese. Ms. Amanda Perschall (Trinity, Lebanon) nominated the Rev. Dcn. Donna Stanford to serve as Secretary of the Diocese. Several seconds were heard.

The Very Rev. Chandler Jackson (St. Matthews, Ozark, and Dean of the Southern Deanery) moved that nominations be closed and that Dcn. Stanford be elected by acclamation. Several seconds were heard.

Bp. Bruce called for a vote on Dean Jackson’s motion.

***The motion carried; the Convention elected
Dcn. Stanford as Secretary of the Diocese.***

(Secretary's Note: Per Article VII, Section 6, of the Constitution, the Secretary of the Diocese serves as the Secretary of the Convention.)

Item 1-7b: Election of Assistant Secretaries for the Convention

Bp. Bruce announced that pursuant to Article VII, Section 6 of the Constitution, the Convention may elect by majority vote as many assistants to the Secretary as may be necessary. Dcn. Stanford moved that Mr. Spencer Orr (Grace, Carthage) and Ms. Elisa White (Grace, Carthage) be elected to serve as Assistant Secretaries for this Convention. Several seconds were heard.

Dean Jackson moved that nominations be closed and that Mr. Orr and Ms. White be elected by acclamation. Several seconds were heard.

Bp. Bruce called for a vote on Dean Jackson's motion.

The motion carried; the Convention elected Mr. Orr and Ms. White as Assistant Secretaries for this Convention.

Item 1-7c: Election of the Treasurer

Bp. Bruce called for nominations for the Treasurer of the Diocese. The Rev. John Spicer (St. Andrew's, Kansas City) nominated Mr. Tom Kokjer (St. Andrew's, Kansas City) to serve as Treasurer of the Diocese. Several seconds were heard.

Dean Jackson moved that nominations be closed and that Mr. Kokjer be elected by acclamation. Several seconds were heard.

Bp. Bruce called for a vote on Dean Jackson's motion.

The motion carried; the Convention elected Mr. Kokjer as Treasurer of the Diocese.

Item 1-7d: Chancellor and Vice Chancellor

Bp. Bruce noted that Mr. Mark Galus (Grace & Holy Trinity, Kansas City) had been elected to a three-year term as Chancellor and that Canon David Powell (St. Paul's, Kansas City) had been elected to a three-year term as Associate Chancellor (now Vice Chancellor) at the 2021 Diocesan Convention. Their terms expire at the close of the end of the 135th Annual Convention in 2024.

ITEM I-8: ANNOUNCEMENTS—CONVENTION SECRETARY

Dcn. Stanford read greetings from The Rt. Rev. Barry Howe (7th Bishop of the Diocese of West Missouri, Resigned) and The Rt. Rev. Martin S. Field (8th Bishop of the Diocese of West Missouri, Resigned) to the Convention. (The resigned bishops' greetings are attached to and made a part of these minutes as Appendix A.)

ITEM I-9: REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISPATCH OF BUSINESS—DCN. STANFORD, CHAIR

Dcn. Stanford reported on behalf of the committee that seven resolutions had been received by the deadline laid out in the Rules of Order for the Convention (four weeks before the opening of the Convention) and that no resolutions had been received after that deadline.

She then introduced the resolutions by title.

- Resolution 2022-2: Second Read of 2022 Resolution regarding Chancellor & Vice Chancellor
- Resolution 2023 – 1: Paris Grove-A Creation Care Ministry
- Resolution 2023 – 2: Rules for Election of a Bishop Diocesan in the Diocese of West Missouri
- Resolution 2023 – 3: Number of Directors, Bishop Kemper School for Ministry
- Resolution 2023 – 4: Intention to Become a Constituent Diocese of the University of the South
- Resolution 2023 – 5: Allowing Deacons to Serve on Standing Committee
- Resolution 2023 – 6: Resolution submitted to 81st General Convention adjusting Diocesan assessments to the Wider Church

Dcn. Stanford noted that all the resolutions are available on the Convention webpage.

ITEM I-10: REFERRAL OF RESOLUTIONS

Bp. Bruce stated that four resolutions were referred to the Resolutions Committee and two resolutions were referred to the Constitutions and Canons Committee. She noted that pursuant to Article XIX of the Constitution regarding amendments to the Constitution, a second reading of the 2022 Resolution regarding the Chancellor and Vice Chancellor is required. That resolution will be submitted as Resolution 2022-2.

Bp. Bruce called on the Convention Chaplains to lead the Convention in prayer before moving to the elections for Standing Committee and Diocesan Council.

AGENDA ITEM II: NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

ITEM II-1: REPORT OF THE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE—MS. AMANDA PERSCHALL, CHAIR

Ms. Perschall reported that the committee had met prior to the Convention. On behalf of the committee Ms. Perschall nominated the following persons as indicated.

STANDING COMMITTEE—CLERGY ORDER (Elect two to two-year terms)

The Rev. William Jeffrey Hurst St. Matthew's, Raytown	The Very Rev. Canon Robin James Grace, Liberty
The Rev. Brittany Sparrow Savage St. Paul's, Kansas City	The Rev. Ron Verhaeghe Christ, Warrensburg

STANDING COMMITTEE—LAY ORDER (Elect two to two-year terms)

Ms. Alexandra Connors St. Paul's, Kansas City	Mr. Eric Rhodes St. Ann's, Lee's Summit
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DIOCESAN COUNCIL—CLERGY ORDER (Elect two to two-year terms)

The Rev. Jean Long St. Andrew's, Kansas City	The Rev. Joe Pierjok Grace, Carthage
The Rev. Susan Roberts St. Luke's Health System	

DIOCESAN COUNCIL—LAY ORDER (Elect four to two-year terms)

Ms. Regina Berens St. Mary Magdalene, Belton	Ms. Anne Breid St. James, Springfield
Ms. Hayley Cobb Christ, Springfield	Mr. Chris Morrison Grace & Holy Trinity, Kansas City

Ms. Perschall thanked the members of the committee for their work.

Bp. Bruce then called for nominations from the floor for each election. She started by asking for nominations for the Standing Committee in either order.

Dean Jackson moved that nominations for Standing Committee be closed. Several seconds were heard.

Bp. Bruce called for a vote on Dean Jackson's motion.

***The motion carried; nominations for
Standing Committee were closed.***

Bp. Bruce called for nominations from the floor for Diocesan Council in either order.

Dean Jackson moved that nominations for Diocesan Council be closed. Several seconds were heard.

Bp. Bruce called for a vote on Dean Jackson's motion.

***The motion carried; nominations for
Diocesan Council were closed.***

Dcn. Stanford moved that the following persons be declared elected to the Standing Committee by acclamation in that the number of nominees for that body from the Lay Order is equal to the number of persons to be elected:

Ms. Alexandra Connors
Mr. Eric Rhodes

Several seconds were heard. Bp. Bruce called for discussion of the motion.

In calling for the vote, Bp. Bruce noted that elections to the Standing Committee are taken on votes by order. She therefore called for members of the clergy order and the lay order to vote in turn on Dcn. Stanford's motion.

***The motion carried in both orders;
Ms. Connors and Mr. Rhodes
were elected to the Standing Committee.***

Dcn. Stanford moved that the following persons be declared elected to the Diocesan Council by acclamation in that the number of nominees for that body from the Lay Order is equal to the number of persons to be elected:

Ms. Regina Berens
Ms. Anne Breid
Ms. Hayley Cobb
Mr. Chris Morrison

Several seconds were heard. Bp. Bruce called for discussion of the motion. She then called for a vote on Dcn. Stanford's motion.

*The motion carried;
Ms. Berens, Ms. Bried, Ms. Cobb, and Mr. Morrison
were elected to the Diocesan Council.*

**ITEM II-2: BALLOTING—THE REV. DCN. BROCK SLABACH, ELECTIONS COMMITTEE
CHAIR**

Dcn. Slabach (St. Mary Magdalene, Belton) gave instructions regarding voting for the remaining positions to be elected (Standing Committee, Clergy Order, and Diocesan Council, Clergy Order). All ballots were taken via electronic means. The vote totals are included in a table found in Appendix B. The results of each ballot and motions made during the voting are summarized below.

Item II-3a—Standing Committee, Clergy Order

Ballot 1

The Very Rev. Canon Robin James was elected.

Ballot 2

There was no election on this ballot.

Ballot 3

The Rev. Ron Verhaeghe was elected.

Item II-3b—Diocesan Council, Clergy Order

Ballot 1

The Rev. Joe Pierjok and the Rev. Susan Roberts were elected. No further ballots were required.

Bp. Bruce called for the Convention to be in recess until 10:30 a.m.

**AGENDA ITEM III: ADDRESS OF THE BISHOP PROVISIONAL—THE RT. REV. DIANE
M. JARDINE BRUCE**

Bp. Bruce gave the first part of her address to the Convention.

**AGENDA ITEM IV: PLAN FOR MINISTRY/BUDGET—MR. TOM KOKJER,
TREASURER**

Bp. Bruce called upon the Chaplains to lead the Convention in prayer before moving to consideration of the Plan for Ministry/Budget.

Bp. Bruce noted that the Rules of Order call for action on the Budget as early as possible in the business of the Convention. She also noted that any resolutions with budgetary implications would be acted upon before the Budget. If any such resolutions were adopted, then the Budget would be presented (displayed) to the Convention for adoption with changes from resolutions for Convention action.

Bp. Bruce ruled that none of the resolutions before the Convention this year had any substantive effect on the draft 2024 Budget.

Bp Bruce then called on Mr. Kokjer. On behalf of the Diocesan Council, Mr. Kokjer moved to adopt the 2024 Budget as approved by Diocesan Council for the 2023 Convention as posted on the Convention webpage. (A copy of the 2024 Budget is attached to and made a part of these minutes as Appendix C.)

After Mr. Kokjer's presentation, Bp. Bruce called for discussion of the 2024 Budget. When no more persons wished to speak, Bp. Bruce called for a vote.

***The motion carried;
the Convention adopted the 2024 Budget.***

ITEM V: REPORT OF ALL OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

(Note: The written reports are part of the Journal of the Convention.)

ITEM V-1: ADDRESS OF THE BISHOP PROVISIONAL—THE RT. REV. DIANE M. JARDINE BRUCE

Bp. Bruce gave the second part of her address to the Convention.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS—NOONDAY PRAYER AND NECROLOGY

The Rev. Dcn. Adam James (St. Andrew's, Kansas City) led Noonday Prayer, during which the Diocesan Necrology was read. (The Necrology is attached to and made a part of these minutes as Appendix D.) The Convention then recessed for lunch.

ITEM V-2: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF THE DIOCESE—THE REV. DCN. DONNA STANFORD

Dcn. Stanford filed her report by title. She also noted that the written report was included as part of the written report of the Diocesan Council.

ITEM V-3: REPORT OF THE CHANCELLOR OF THE DIOCESE—MR. MARK GALUS

Mr. Galus filed his report by title.

ITEM V-4: REPORT OF THE TREASURER—MR. TOM KOKJER

Mr. Kokjer’s report was included in the presentation of the 2024 Budget.

ITEM V-5: REPORT OF THE DIOCESAN COUNCIL—THE REV. GALEN SNODGRASS, VICE-PRESIDENT

Fr. Snodgrass gave a brief verbal report to supplement the written report presented by Dcn. Stanford.

ITEM V-6: REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE—THE REV. JOHN SPICER, PRESIDENT

Fr. Spicer (St. Andrew’s, Kansas City) filed his report by title and made additional comments to the Convention.

ITEM V-7: REPORT OF THE GENERAL CONVENTION DEPUTATION—MS. AMANDA PERSCHALL, LEAD DEPUTY

Ms. Perschall (Trinity, Lebanon) gave a verbal report to the Convention.

ITEM V-8: RECEPTION BY TITLE OF OTHER REPORTS

Dcn. Stanford asked unanimous consent that all remaining written reports on the Convention website be received by title. Without objection, Bp. Bruce ruled that all other reports would be received by title.

ITEM VI: COMMITTEE REPORTS ON RESOLUTIONS PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED

ITEM VI-1: REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS—THE VERY REV. ROBIN JAMES, CHAIR (Grace, Liberty, and Dean of the Northwest-Metro Deanery)

Dean James reported that the committee met to consider the resolutions that were referred.

Resolution 2023-1: Paris Grove-A Creation Care Ministry

On behalf of the Committee, Dean James moved the consideration of Resolution 2023-1 and recommended adoption.

After allowing for debate and when no one wished to speak further to the resolution, Bp. Bruce called for a vote.

Resolution 2023-1 was adopted by the Convention.

Resolution 2023-2: Rules for Election of a Bishop Diocesan in the Diocese of West Missouri

On behalf of the Committee, Dean James moved the consideration of Resolution 2023-2 and recommended adoption.

After allowing for debate and when no one wished to speak further to the resolution, Bp. Bruce called for a vote.

Resolution 2023-2 was adopted by the Convention.

Resolution 2023-4: Intention To Become a Constituent Diocese of the University of the South

On behalf of the Committee, Dean James moved the consideration of Resolution 2023-4 with no recommendation.

An amendment to the resolution was made and seconded.

A motion was made and seconded to postpone consideration until the amended resolution could be projected and viewed by the Convention. After allowing for debate and when no one wished to speak further to the motion, Bp. Bruce called for a vote. The motion carried.

A motion was made and seconded to recommit Resolution 2023-4 to the Committee on Resolutions. Bp. Bruce called for a vote. The motion was defeated.

The amended resolution was projected and viewed by the Convention. After allowing for debate and when no one wished to speak further to the amended resolution, Bp. Bruce called for a vote. The amended resolution was defeated.

A motion was made and seconded to call the question. The motion passed. Returning to original Resolution 2023-4, Bp. Bruce called for a vote.

Resolution 2023-4 was adopted by the Convention.

Resolution 2023-6: Resolution submitted to 81st General Convention
adjusting Diocesan assessments to the Wider Church

On behalf of the Committee, Dean James moved the consideration of Resolution 2023-6 and recommended adoption.

After allowing for debate and when no one wished to speak further to the resolution, Bp. Bruce called for a vote.

**Resolution 2023-6 was
adopted by the Convention.**

Dean James thanked the members of the committee for their work.

**ITEM VI-2: REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND CANONS—MR. MARK
GALUS, CHAIR**

Mr. Galus reported that the committee met to consider the resolutions that were referred.

Resolution 2022-2: Second Read of 2022 Resolution
regarding Chancellor & Vice Chancellor

On behalf of the Committee, Mr. Galus moved the consideration of Resolution 2022-2. He noted that this is the second reading of a change to the *Constitution of the Diocese of West Missouri*.

After allowing for debate and when no one wished to speak further to the resolution, Bp. Bruce called for a vote. She noted that since was the second reading of a change to the Constitution, a vote by orders was required. She called for members of the clergy order to vote first, followed by members of the lay order. She noted that a majority of members of both orders voted to adopt the resolution.

**Resolution 2022-2 was
adopted by the Convention.**

Resolution 2023-3: Number of Directors,
Bishop Kemper School for Ministry

On behalf of the Committee, Mr. Galus moved the consideration of Resolution 2023-3 and recommended adoption. He noted that this is a change to the *Canons of the Diocese of West Missouri*.

After allowing for debate and when no one wished to speak further to the resolution, Bp. Bruce called for a vote.

Resolution 2023-3 was adopted by the Convention.

Resolution 2023-5: Allowing Deacons to Serve on Standing Committee

On behalf of the Committee, Mr. Galus moved the consideration of Resolution 2023-3 with no recommendation. He noted that this was the first reading of a change to the *Constitution of the Diocese of West Missouri*.

After debate, a motion was made and seconded to recommit Resolution 2023-5 to the Committee on Constitution and Canons. Bp. Bruce called for a vote. The motion carried.

Resolution 2023-5 was recommitted to the Committee on Constitution and Canons.

Mr. Galus thanked the members of the committee for their work.

Pursuant to Canon XXVI, Bp. Bruce accepted the canonical enactments voted upon at this Convention, and such enactments are effective from and after the date of the Bishop's approval.

Bp. Bruce called upon the Chaplains to lead the Convention in prayer for the father of the Rev. Collin Larrimore, Larry Larrimore, who passed away today.

AGENDA ITEM VII: ELECTIONS AND OTHER APPOINTMENTS

Bp. Bruce made the following nominations. For each nomination that required the Convention to give its consent, Bp. Bruce allowed for discussion and called for votes.

ITEM VII-1: BOARD OF EXAMINING CHAPLAINS

The following persons were nominated to serve on the Board of Examining Chaplains for three-year terms, which will end at the close of the 137th Annual Convention in 2026:

- The Very Rev. Peter DeVeau (non-parochial)
- The Rev. Dr. Sean Kim (St. Mary's, Kansas City)
- Dr. William Stancil (Redeemer, Kansas City)

***The Convention elected the nominees to
the Board of Examining Chaplains.***

ITEM VII-2: DISCIPLINARY BOARD

The following persons were nominated to serve on the Disciplinary Board for three-year terms, which will end at the close of the 137th Annual Convention in 2026.

- The Rev. Kenneth Chumbley (non-parochial)
- Ms. Evelyn Mangan (Christ, Springfield)

***The Convention elected the nominees to
the Disciplinary Board.***

ITEM VII-3: BISHOP KEMPER SCHOOL FOR MINISTRY (BKSM) BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Pursuant to the adoption of Resolution 2023-3, the following persons were nominated to serve on the BKSM Board of Directors:

- The Rev. Anne Meredith Kyle (Calvary, Sedalia) for a one-year term ending at the close of the 135th Annual Convention in 2024;
- Ms. Carmen Kynard-Krasick (St. Augustine's, Kansas City) for a two-year term ending at the close of the 136th Annual Convention in 2025;
- The Rev. Dcn. Donna Stanford (St. Peter & All Saints, Kansas City) for a three-year term ending at the close of the 137th Annual Convention in 2026.

***The Convention elected the nominees to
the BKSM Board of Directors.***

ITEM VII-4: COMMISSION ON MINISTRY

The following persons were nominated to serve on the Commission on Ministry for three-year terms, which will end at the close of the 137th Annual Convention in 2026.

- Ms. Kathy Alexander (Christ, Springfield)
- Dr. Vincent Clark (St. Andrew's, Kansas City)
- The Rev. John Coil (non-parochial)
- The Rev. Dcn. Adam James (St. Andrew's, Kansas City)
- Ms. Anne Rainey (St. Andrew's, Kansas City)

***The Convention elected the nominees to
the Commission on Ministry.***

Bp. Bruce made the following appointment to the Commission on Ministry for a three-year term, which will end at the close of the 137th Annual Convention in 2026.

- The Rev. Galen Snodgrass (Good Shepherd, Kansas City)

Bp. Bruce appointed the following persons to the Committee on the Minutes of this Convention.

- The Rev. Dcn. Donna Stanford, Diocesan Secretary, as Chair
- Ms. Emily Davenport (Diocesan Staff)
- The Rev. Ted Estes (St. Philip's, Joplin)
- Mr. Spencer Orr (Grace, Carthage)
- Ms. Marsha Patterson (Christ Church, Springfield)
- Ms. Elisa White (Grace, Carthage)

AGENDA ITEM VII-5: SELECTION OF YOUTH DELEGATES

Bp. Bruce noted that the Constitution and Canons of the diocese enable the election of Youth Delegates to this Convention and call upon the Ecclesiastical Authority to appoint “a person or persons to oversee the process in the Youth Ministries Program for choosing Youth Delegates and Alternates.” Bp. Bruce appointed the Rev. David Wilcox, Youth Missioner, in consultation with the Secretary of the Diocese, to oversee the process for choosing Youth Delegates and Alternates to the next Annual Convention.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS—PRESENTATION OF BISHOP'S SHIELDS

Bp. Bruce, assisted by Ms. Emily Davenport, Executive Assistant to the Bishop, presented the Bishop's Shield to the following persons:

- The Rev. Cathy Cox
- The Rev. Isaac Petty
- Mr. Eric Rhodes
- The Rev. Meg Rhodes

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS—NAMING OF HONORARY CANONS OF THE CATHEDRAL

Bp. Bruce, assisted by The Very Rev. Dr. Andrew Keyse, Dean of Grace & Holy Trinity Cathedral, presented the following persons who had been named Honorary Canons:

- The Very Rev. Peter DeVeau
- Mr. Mark Galus
- The Ven. John McCann
- The Rev. Carol Sanford

- The Rev. John Spicer

AGENDA ITEM VIII—CLOSING ITEMS AND ADJOURNMENT

ITEM VIII-1: REPORT OF THE COURTESY RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE—THE REV. JOE PIERJOK, CHAIR

On behalf of the committee, Rev. Pierjok moved the adoption of the following Courtesy Resolutions.

- For Our Bishops Resigned
- For Our Anglican and Ecumenical Partners
- For The Bishop’s Staff
- For Grace & Holy Trinity Cathedral, Kansas City
- For the Rev. Canon John Spicer
- For the Rev. Isaac Petty
- For the Rev. Charles Everson
- For Ms. Kim Snodgrass
- For Mr. Gary Allman
- For Mr. Curtis Hamilton
- For Trinity Episcopal Church, Lebanon
- For St. George Episcopal Church, Camdenton

Bp. Bruce ruled that the Courtesy Resolutions would be combined in one motion. She then called for a vote on the Courtesy Resolutions.

The Convention adopted the Courtesy Resolutions.

ITEM VIII-2: CONVENTION OFFERING—MS. KIRSTEN HOLLSTROM AND MS. LAURA RANKIN, CO-CHAIRS

Ms. Hollstrom (St. Peter & All Saints, Kansas City) and Ms. Rankin (St. Peter & All Saints, Kansas City) reported that \$1,073.00 had been received in the Convention Offering. Bp. Bruce reported that the Diocesan Council had voted that Episcopal Relief and Development will be the recipient of the offering.

ITEM VIII-3: NEXT CONVENTION

Bp. Bruce announced that the next Diocesan Convention will be held November 8-9, 2024, at Grace & Holy Trinity Cathedral, Kansas City.

ITEM VIII-4: CLOSING RITUAL AND COMMISSIONING

Bp. Bruce led the Closing Ritual and Commissioning of the Bishop Search, Transition, and Consecration Committees.

ITEM VIII-5: ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Bp. Bruce called for a motion to adjourn. The Rev. Susan Roberts moved that the Convention adjourn *sine die*. Several seconds were heard. Bp. Bruce called for a vote. The motion carried. Bp. Bruce announced that the 134th Annual Convention of the Diocese of West Missouri is adjourned.

The Convention adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

The Rev. Dcn. Donna Stanford
Secretary of the Convention

Appendix A
Greetings from resigned bishops

CONVENTION GREETINGS

Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Mary and I send our loving greetings to you as you meet together in Convention. It is a joy to know that this past year has been one of excellent preparation for the search you are now conducting for inviting a new Bishop into your fellowship. Your work on updating the mission and ministry priorities of the Diocese has been a major part of this preparation, and the search for a new Bishop is now focused and in the good hands of a chosen Search Committee.

It has been a blessing for us to know of the exceptional work Bishop Diane has done and is doing with you now. Her more than abundant energy is surely a gift you have noted. With that energy comes a great love for each one of you, and with the singular ability to listen to and to spend time with you. These are the kind of qualities you should be looking for in your search process for your next Bishop!

Mary and I retain the many wonderful memories that you shared with us while we were among you in person. We remain very much among you in the power of the Lord's Spirit, knowing that in His presence we are all one. May His Spirit continue to empower and guide you in your walk with Him.

Faithfully,
+Barry and Mary Howe

The Right Reverend Martin Scott Field

The VIIIth Bishop of West Missouri (resigned) Interim Rector, St. Luke's Episcopal Church,
Worcester, MA & Interim Rector, Christ Episcopal Church, Rochdale, MA

The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, October 4, 2023

Sisters and brothers in Our Lord, Jesus Christ:

May the blessing of peace and the love of God be with you.

Speaking for Donna as well as for myself, it gives me great pleasure to send our greetings to our beloved brothers and sisters — our friends — in the Diocese of West Missouri, and we send a warm salutation especially to our sister in Christ, Bishop Diane, and to the members of the diocesan staff whom we hold so dear.

Though we no longer live among you nor serve at your side, we cherish our memories of you, of how we labored together, and of our earnest efforts to be one ministry in the many “mission stations” across the diocese.

Since my resignation and retirement, and then our departure from Kansas City, we have followed the life of the diocese as closely as we can, and we are overjoyed by the healing work and the expressions of goodwill and oneness about which we so often hear and read. When the people of God serve side by side, they incarnate the unity for which Jesus prayed in his High Priestly Prayer: “The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one.”

– John 17:22-23 (NRSV)

Especially heartening is your Bishop Provisional’s frequent reminder of the missional roots of the diocese and the crucial need to connect to those roots and from them to generate new and creative ministries that further the Church’s God-given vocation in exciting ways.

May God bless you during this year’s Annual Convention of the diocese, and may your deliberations, decisions, and renewed commitments bless the Kingdom of God evermore.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
+ *Martin S. Field*

The Rt. Rev. Martin S. Field

**Appendix B
Election ballot results**

Standing Committee, Clergy Order

Ballot number	1	2	3		Result
Votes cast	157	159	159		
Needed to elect	79	80	80		
The Rev. William Jeffrey Hurst	32	15			
The Very Rev. Robin James	101				Elected on 1 st ballot
The Rev. Brittany Sparrow Savage	85	73	71		
The Rev. Ron Verhaeghe	86	71	88		Elected on 3 rd ballot

Diocesan Council, Clergy Order

Ballot number	1				Result
Votes cast	158				
Needed to elect	80				
The Rev. Jean Long	77				
The Rev. Joe Pierjok	99				Elected on 1 st ballot
The Rev. Susan Roberts	110				Elected on 1 st ballot

Appendix C 2024 Plan for Ministry/Budget (see attached)

Appendix D Necrology

Mrs. Barbara Mason, spouse of the Rev. Richard Mason (d.)
The Rev. Alfred "Al" Jewson
The Rev. Edgar "Ed" Whelan
The Rev. Brian Ticknor, spouse of the Rev. Patsy Ticknor (ret.)
The Rev. Mary Cay Armer
The Rev. Carolyn Stockwell Tangeman
Mrs. Jean Ellsworth, spouse of the Rev. Bradford Ellsworth (ret.)
The Rev. Martha "Marty" Byer