

**MINUTES OF THE 136th CONVENTION OF
THE DIOCESE OF WEST MISSOURI
NOVEMBER 7-8, 2025
GRACE & HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL, KANSAS CITY**

Friday, November 7, 2025

The 136th Convention of the Diocese of West Missouri convened with Holy Eucharist at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral on November 7, 2025, at 5:00 pm. The Rt. Rev. Amy Dafler Meaux, Bishop of the Diocese of West Missouri, officiated; and The Rev. Donna J. Simon, Bishop of the Central States Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), preached. The necrology was read during the service. (A copy of the necrology is attached to and made a part of these minutes as Appendix A.) After the Eucharist, the Convention adjourned until the business session on Saturday morning.

Saturday, November 8, 2025

After Morning Prayer, the business session of the Convention was called to order at 9:00 a.m., with Bp. Meaux as President of the Convention. Bp. Meaux led the Convention in prayer.

AGENDA ITEM I: ORGANIZING FOR BUSINESS

ITEM I-1: INTRODUCTIONS AND PROCEDURAL INSTRUCTIONS

Bp. Meaux called on The Rev. Dcn. Donna Stanford, Secretary of the Diocese, to provide instructions and procedural announcements for the Convention and to explain the process for changing delegates and for submitting amendments to resolutions. Dcn. Stanford called on The Rev. Dcn. Brock Slabach, Chair of the Elections Committee, to explain the voting procedures.

ITEM I-2: REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE—DCN. STANFORD FOR THE COMMITTEE

Dcn. Stanford reported that the Credentials Committee was not required to meet. All congregations in the diocese are current with their assessments and are due all voting privileges.

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 to serve or actively serving in ministries of the diocese, be permitted to have seat and voice at this Convention. Several seconds were heard. Bp. Meaux 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 9:04 a.m., 73 of 134 canonically resident clergy and 94 lay delegates representing at least 45 of 47 congregations entitled to vote have registered their attendance at this Convention. 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. Meaux appointed Cn. Mark Galus (Grace & Holy Trinity, Kansas City), Diocesan Chancellor, as Parliamentarian, and Ms. Jennifer Snider (Redeemer, 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 conferred prior to the Convention and certifies that the minutes of the 135th 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. Meaux called for nominations for the Secretary of the Diocese. The Rev. Steven King (St. Paul's, Kansas City) nominated The Rev. Dcn. Donna Stanford to serve as Secretary of the Diocese. Several seconds were heard.

The Rev. Chandler Jackson III (St. Matthews, Ozark) moved that nominations be closed and that Dcn. Stanford be elected by acclamation. Several seconds were heard.

Bp. Meaux called for a vote on the 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 Assistants to the Secretary for the Convention

Bp. Meaux 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 Assistants to the Secretary for this Convention. Several seconds were heard.

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

Bp. Meaux called for a vote on the motion.

***The motion carried; the Convention elected
Mr. Orr and Ms. White as Assistants
to the Secretary for this Convention.***

Item I-7c: Election of the Treasurer of the Diocese

Bp. Meaux called for nominations for the Treasurer of the Diocese. The Rev. Steven King (St. Paul's, Kansas City) nominated Anne Jetter Maas (St. Paul's, Kansas City) to serve as Treasurer of the Diocese. Several seconds were heard.

The Rev. Jackson moved that nominations be closed and that Anne Jetter Maas be elected by acclamation. Several seconds were heard.

Bp. Meaux called for a vote on the motion.

***The motion carried; the Convention elected
Anne Jetter Maas as Treasurer of the Diocese.***

Item I-7d: Election of the Associate Treasurer

Bp. Meaux stated that Article IV, Section 4 of the *Constitution* of the Diocese provides that the Convention shall, on the nomination of the Ecclesiastical Authority, elect an Associate Treasurer to serve until the next Annual Convention. Bp. Meaux nominated Mr. Tom Kokjer (St. Andrew's, Kansas City) as Associate Treasurer.

Bp. Meaux called for a vote on Mr. Kokjer's nomination.

***The nomination was approved; the Convention elected
Mr. Kokjer as Associate Treasurer of the Diocese.***

Item 1-7e: Chancellor and Vice Chancellor

Bp. Meaux announced that there would not be an election for Chancellor and Vice Chancellor as Cn. Mark Galus (Grace and Holy Trinity, Kansas City) was elected Diocesan Chancellor, and Ms. Jennifer Snider (Redeemer, Kansas City) was elected as Vice Chancellor, at the 2024 Annual Convention to three-year terms expiring at the end of the 2027 Annual Convention.

Item 1-7f: Registrar

Bp. Meaux announced that there would not be an election for Registrar as The Rev. Chandler Jackson III (St. Matthew's, Ozark) was elected as Registrar at the 2024 Annual Convention to a three-year term expiring at the end of the 2027 Annual Convention.

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), The Rt. Rev. Martin S. Field (8th Bishop of the Diocese of West Missouri, Resigned), and The Rt. Rev. Diane Jardine Bruce (Bishop Provisional 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 B.)

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

Dcn. Stanford reported on behalf of the committee that three resolutions had been received before the deadline in the Rules of Order for this Convention (four weeks before the opening of the Convention), no resolutions had been received after that deadline, and two resolutions that were adopted by the 2024 Convention after the first reading of changes to the *Constitution* were presented to this Convention for a second reading. She then introduced the resolutions by title:

- Resolution 2023-5 – Deacons on Standing Committee
- Substitute Resolution 2024-1 – Election and Service of Diocesan Officers
- Resolution 2025-1 – Election of Assistant Registrar
- Resolution 2025-2 – Renaming Diocesan Council Departments
- Resolution 2025-3 – Convention Committees

Dcn. Stanford also reported that, in accordance with Title I, Canon I, Section 1.e of the Canons of the General Convention, it is the duty of the Secretary of each Diocesan Convention to make known proposed alterations of the Book of Common Prayer, and of the *Constitution*, and such other subjects, to the Conventions of the respective Dioceses at their next meeting. She reported that the 81st General Convention proposed three resolutions with changes to the *Constitution* and one to the Book of Common Prayer. She then introduced the resolutions by number and title as follows:

- A043. Amend Constitution Article VIII regarding Clergy in Local Ecumenical Partnerships
- A224. Amend [Constitution] Article X [regarding The Book of Common Prayer] with clarifying amendments
- D049. [Amend Constitution Article II to] Increase by one the possible number of bishops suffragans in a Diocese
- A116. [Authorize for trial use revisions to] Marriage Rites for Inclusion in the Book of Common Prayer

Dcn. Stanford reported that all the resolutions had been posted on the Convention webpage.

ITEM I-10: REFERRAL OF RESOLUTIONS

Bp. Meaux stated that prior to Convention, three resolutions were proposed by the Constitutions and Canons Committee. No resolutions were referred to the Resolutions Committee. She noted that Resolutions 2023-5 and Substitute Resolution 2024-1 were changes to the *Constitution* and are presented to this Convention for a second reading.

AGENDA ITEM II: NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Bp. Meaux called on Convention Chaplain The Rev. Susan Roberts to lead the Convention in prayer before moving to the elections for Diocesan Council, Standing Committee, and General Convention Deputies.

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.

Nominees:

Standing Committee, Clergy Order (elect two to two-year terms))

- The Rev. Jonathan Frazier (St. Peter & All Saints, Kansas City)
- The Rev. Cn. Robin James (Grace, Liberty)
- The Very Rev. Andrew Keyse (Grace & Holy Trinity, Kansas City)
- The Rev. Steven King (St. Paul's, Kansas City)

Standing Committee, Lay Order (elect two to two-year terms)

- Ms. Kathy Alexander (Christ, Springfield)
- Ms. Alison Black (St. Augustine's, Kansas City)
- Ms. Patricia Griffin (Grace, Liberty)

Diocesan Council, Clergy Order (elect two to two-year terms)

- The Rev. Miranda Cully (Redeemer, Kansas City)
- The Rev. Jonathan Galles (Resurrection, Blue Springs)

Diocesan Council, Lay Order (elect four to two-year terms)

- Ms. Anne Breid (St. James, Springfield)
- Ms. Hayley Cobb (Christ, Springfield)
- Mr. Philip Lofflin (St. Mary's, Kansas City)
- Mr. Raja Reed (St. Mary's, Kansas City)
- Mr. Hayden Vaughn (St. James, Springfield)

Deputies to General Convention, Clergy Order (elect 4 clergy, 4 clergy alternates to three-year terms)

- The Rev. Vicky Anderson (Trinity, Independence)
- The Rev. Jonathan Frazier (St. Peter & All Saints, Kansas City)
- The Rev. Cn. Robin James (Grace, Liberty)
- The Rev. Steven King (St. Paul's, Kansas City)
- The Rev. Cn. Chas Marks (St. Augustine's, Kansas City)
- The Rev. Isaac Petty Pierjok (St. James, Springfield)
- The Very Rev. Joe Pierjok (Grace, Carthage)
- The Rev. Robin Rusconi (Non-parochial)
- The Very Rev. David Wilcox (St. Mary Magdalene, Belton)

Deputies to General Convention, Lay Order (elect 4 lay, 4 lay alternates to three-year terms)

- Mr. Walker Adams (St. Paul's, Kansas City)
- Ms. Amy Amason (Christ, Springfield)
- Ms. Cassie Brown (Calvary, Sedalia)
- Dr. Jeremy Chesman (St. James, Springfield)
- Ms. Alexandra Connors (St. Paul's, Kansas City)
- Ms. Patricia Griffin (Grace, Liberty)
- Mr. Curtis Hamilton (Grace & Holy Trinity, Kansas City)
- Mr. Chris Morrison (Grace & Holy Trinity, Kansas City)
- Ms. Amanda Perschall (Trinity, Lebanon)
- Mr. Hayden Vaughn (St. James, Springfield)

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

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

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

Bp. Meaux called for a vote on the motion.

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

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

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

Bp. Meaux called for a vote on the motion.

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

Bp. Meaux then called for nominations from the floor for General Convention Deputies in either order.

The Rev. Jackson moved that nominations for General Convention Deputies be closed. Several seconds were heard.

Bp. Meaux called for a vote on the motion.

***The motion carried; nominations for
General Convention Deputies were closed.***

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

Bp. Meaux called on Convention Chaplain The Rev. Ron Verhaeghe to lead the Convention in prayer before moving to the balloting.

Dcn. Slabach (St. Mary Magdalene, Belton) gave instructions regarding voting for the positions to be elected (Standing Committee, Clergy Order; Standing Committee, Lay Order; Diocesan Council, Clergy Order; Diocesan Council, Lay Order; General Convention Deputies, Clergy Order; General Convention Deputies, Lay Order).

Ballots were taken via electronic means. The vote totals are included in a table found in Appendix C. The results of each ballot and motions made during the voting are summarized below.

Item II-3a—Standing Committee, Clergy Order

The Rev. Jonathan Frazier
The Rev. Cn. Robin James
The Very Rev. Andrew Keyse
The Rev. Steven King

Ballot 1

The Rev. Steven King was elected.

Ballot 2

The Rev. Cn. Robin James was elected. No further ballots were required.

Item II-3b—Standing Committee, Lay Order

Ms. Kathy Alexander
Ms. Alison Black
Ms. Patricia Griffin

Ballot 1

Ms. Kathy Alexander and Ms. Alison Black were elected. No further ballots were required. Bp. Meaux called on Convention Chaplain The Rev. Cn. John Spicer to lead the Convention in prayer before moving to the elections for Diocesan Council.

Item II-3b—Diocesan Council, Clergy Order

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

The Rev. Miranda Cully
The Rev. Jonathan Galles

Several seconds were heard. Bp. Meaux called for discussion of the motion to elect the clergy nominees to Diocesan Council by acclamation. She then called for a vote on Dcn. Stanford's motion.

***The motion carried;
The Rev. Cully and The Rev. Galles
were elected to the Diocesan Council, Clergy Order.***

Item II-3b—Diocesan Council, Lay Order

Ms. Anne Breid
Ms. Hayley Cobb
Mr. Philip Lofflin
Mr. Raja Reed
Mr. Hayden Vaughn

Ballot 1

Ms. Anne Breid, Ms. Hayley Cobb, Mr. Philip Lofflin, and Mr. Hayden Vaughn were elected. No further ballots were required.

The Bishop recessed the Convention for a ten-minute break.

Item III-3c—General Convention Deputation, Clergy Order

The Rev. Vicky Anderson
The Rev. Jonathan Frazier
The Rev. Cn. Robin James
The Rev. Steven King
The Rev. Cn. Chas Marks
The Rev. Isaac Petty Pierjok
The Very Rev. Joe Pierjok
The Rev. Robin Rusconi
The Very Rev. David Wilcox

(Secretary's Note: The order of election designates whether a deputy to the General Convention is the first deputy, second deputy, etc. through the fourth alternate, in each order. This ranking will be noted in these minutes as first Clergy Deputy (C1), second Clergy Deputy (C2), etc., through fourth clergy alternate (CA4). A similar style will be used for Lay Deputies (L1, L2, L3, L4).

Ballot 1

The Rev. Chas Marks (C1) was elected.

Ballot 2

The Rev. Isaac Petty Pierjok (C2) was elected.

Ballot 3

No nominees were elected.

Ballot 4

The Rev. Steven King (C3) was elected.

Ballot 5

No nominees were elected.

Ballot 6

The Very Rev. David Wilcox (C4) was elected.

After the sixth ballot, Dcn. Stanford moved that on the final ballot the rules be suspended and that the alternates for General Convention Deputation in the clergy order be elected as follows. The persons not already elected will be placed on the ballot. Each delegate of this Convention will vote for one person. The alternates will be ranked based on the results of this ballot, becoming the first alternate and so on without needing to have been voted for on a majority of ballots cast.

Several seconds were heard. Bp. Meaux noted that the motion was not debatable.

In calling for the vote, Bp. Meaux noted that since this was a suspension of the Rules of Order a two-thirds majority vote was needed to adopt the motion. She then called for a vote on the motion.

The motion carried.

Final Ballot

The Very Rev. Joe Pierjok (CA1), The Rev. Vicky Anderson (CA2), The Rev. Cn. Robin James (CA3), and The Rev. Jonathan Frazier (CA4) were elected.

Item III-3d—General Convention Deputation, Lay Order

Ms. Amy Amason
Ms. Cassie Brown
Dr. Jeremy Chesman
Ms. Alexandra Connors
Ms. Patricia Griffin
Mr. Curtis Hamilton
Mr. Chris Morrison
Ms. Amanda Pershall
Mr. Hayden Vaughn

Ballot 1

Ms. Amy Amason (L1) was elected.

Ballot 2

Ms. Amanda Pershall (L2) was elected.

Ballot 3

Mr. Walker Adams (L3) was elected. Mr. Curtis Hamilton withdrew from the election prior to the fourth ballot.

Ballot 4

No nominees were elected.

Ballot 5

Mr. Hayden Vaughn (L4) was elected.

After the fifth ballot, Dcn. Stanford moved that on the final ballot the rules be suspended and that the alternates for General Convention Deputation in the lay order be elected as follows. The persons not already elected will be placed on the ballot. Each delegate of the Convention will vote for one person. The alternates will be ranked based on the results of this ballot, becoming the first alternate and so on without needing to have been voted for on a majority of ballots cast.

Several seconds were heard. Bp. Meaux noted that the motion was not debatable.

In calling for the vote, Bp. Meaux noted that since this was a suspension of the Rules of Order a two-thirds majority vote was needed to adopt the motion. She then called for a vote on the motion.

The motion carried.

Final Ballot

Ms. Cassie Brown (LA1), Mr. Chris Morrison (LA2), Dr. Jeremy Chesman (LA3) and Ms. Alexandra Connors (LA4) were elected.

AGENDA ITEM III: ADDRESS OF THE BISHOP—THE RT. REV. AMY DAFLE MEAUX

Bp. Meaux gave her address to the Convention.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS—NOONDAY PRAYER AND LUNCH

The Bishop asked Treasurer Anne Jetter Maas to introduce the Property and Centralized Grants video. Thereafter, the Bishop led Noonday Prayer. The Bishop recessed the Convention for lunch.

AGENDA ITEM IV: BUDGET—ANNE JETTER MAAS, TREASURER

Bp. Meaux called the meeting to order and asked Convention Chaplain The Rev. Susan Roberts to lead the Convention in prayer before the Convention moved to consideration of the Budget.

Bp. Meaux 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. Meaux ruled that none of the resolutions before the Convention this year had any substantive effect on the draft 2026 Budget.

Bp. Meaux then called on Treasurer Anne Jetter Maas to present the 2026 Budget. On behalf of the Diocesan Council, the Treasurer moved to adopt the 2026 Budget as approved by Diocesan Council for the 2026 Convention as posted on the Convention webpage. (A copy of the 2026 Budget is attached to and made a part of these minutes as Appendix D.)

After the Treasurer's presentation, Bp. Meaux called for discussion of the 2026 Budget. The Rev. Cn. Jose Palma (Missioner for Hispanic Ministry) and The Very Rev. Joe Pierjok (Grace, Carthage) moved that the following amendment to the 2026 Budget be adopted:

Resolved, that this 136th Convention of The Episcopal Diocese of West Missouri amend the proposed 2026 Diocesan Budget by increasing the line item for Hispanic Ministry by \$3,000; and be it further

Resolved, that these additional funds be designated to support the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Several seconds were heard. Bp. Meaux called for a vote on the motion.

The motion carried.

When no more persons wished to speak, Bp. Meaux called for a vote to adopt the 2026 Budget, as amended.

***The motion carried;
the Convention adopted the 2026 Budget, as amended.***

ITEM V: REPORTS

Bp. Meaux called on the Chair of Dispatch of Business. Dcn. Stanford asked unanimous consent that all written reports on the Convention webpage be received by title. There being no objection, Bp. Meaux ordered that all written reports be received by title.

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

ITEM V: RESOLUTIONS

ITEM VI-1: REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS—THE REV. CN. ROBIN JAMES, CHAIR

Bp. Meaux called on the Chair of the Resolutions Committee. The Rev. Cn. Robin James (Grace, Liberty) reported that three resolutions were received prior to the canonical deadline. No other resolutions were received between the deadline and Convention. All three resolutions were referred to the Constitution and Canons Committee. No resolution was referred to the Resolutions Committee.

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

Bp. Meaux called on the Chair of the Constitution and Canons Committee. Cn. Mark Galus (Grace & Holy Trinity, Kansas City) reported that the Committee met prior to the Convention to consider potential resolutions for this Convention.

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

On behalf of the Committee, Cn. Galus moved Resolution 2023-5 to the floor and recommended final adoption.

Several delegates rose to speak for and against the resolution. Bp. Meaux recognized Mr. Curtis Hamilton, who called the question. Several seconds were heard. Bp. Meaux stated that it had been moved and seconded to close debate and vote on the pending question. A vote was taken to end debate and vote on the original motion. The motion to close debate passed. Bp. Meaux called on Convention Chaplain The Rev. Ron Verhaeghe to lead the Convention in prayer before voting on the resolution.

Bp. Meaux noted that since this was the second reading of a change to the *Constitution* of the Diocese of West Missouri, the Convention would vote separately by orders. Bp. Meaux called for a vote of the clergy order, followed by a vote of the lay order. She noted that a majority of members of both orders voted to finally adopt the resolution.

***Resolution 2023-5 was
finally adopted by the Convention.***

Second Reading of Substitute Resolution 2024-1: Election and Service of Diocesan Officers

On behalf of the Committee, Cn. Galus moved Substitute Resolution 2024-1 to the floor and recommended final adoption. Bp. Meaux noted that since this is the second reading of a change to the *Constitution* of the Diocese of West Missouri, the Convention would vote separately by orders.

After allowing for debate and when no one wished to speak further to the resolution, Bp. Meaux called for a vote of the clergy order, followed by a vote of the lay order. She noted that a majority of members of both orders voted to finally adopt the resolution.

***Resolution 2024-1 was
finally adopted by the Convention.***

**Resolution 2025-1:
Election of Assistant Registrar**

On behalf of the Committee, Cn. Galus moved Resolution 2025-1 to the floor and recommended adoption.

After allowing for debate and when no one wished to speak further to the resolution, Bp. Meaux called for a vote. Bp. Meaux noted that because this is the first reading of a change to the *Constitution*, the Convention would vote by order. Bp. Meaux called for a vote of the clergy order, followed by a vote of the lay order. She noted that a majority of members of both orders voted to adopt the resolution.

***Resolution 2025-1 was
adopted by the Convention
and will be presented to next year's Convention for a second reading.***

**Resolution 2025-2:
Renaming Diocesan Council Departments**

On behalf of the Committee, Cn. Galus moved Resolution 2025-2 to the floor and recommended adoption.

After allowing for debate and when no one wished to speak further to the resolution, Bp. Meaux called for a vote. Bp. Meaux noted that because this is a change to the Canons, the Convention would vote as one house.

***Resolution 2025-2 was
adopted by the Convention.***

Resolution 2025-3:
Convention Committees

On behalf of the Committee, Cn. Galus moved Resolution 2025-3 to the floor and recommended adoption.

After allowing for debate and when no one wished to speak further to the resolution, Bp. Meaux called for a vote. Bp. Meaux noted that because this is a change to the Canons, the Convention would vote as one house.

***Resolution 2025-3 was
adopted by the Convention.***

Cn. Galus requested a point of personal privilege. Bp. Meaux granted the floor, and Cn. Galus thanked the members of the committee for their work.

The Rev. Cn. Robin James requested a point of personal privilege. Bp. Meaux granted the floor, and Cn. James requested consideration next year on whether votes on resolutions could be taken electronically rather than by green and red cards.

Pursuant to Article XIX of the *Constitution*, Bp. Meaux approved the final adoption of Resolution 2023-5 and Substitute Resolution 2024-1.

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

AGENDA ITEM VII: ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

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

ITEM VII-1: BISHOP KEMPER SCHOOL FOR MINISTRY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The following lay person was nominated to serve on the Bishop Kemper School for Ministry Board of Directors for a three-year term, which will end at the close of the 2028 Convention.

- Ms. Carmen Kynard-Krasick (St. Augustine's, Kansas City)

***The Convention elected the lay nominee to
the Bishop Kemper School for Ministry Board of Directors.***

ITEM VII-2: 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 2028 Convention.

- The Rev. Larry Ehren (non-parochial; retired)
- Mr. Bill Stockton (St. Mary's Kansas City)

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

ITEM VII-3: 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 2028 Convention.

- The Rev. Jonathan Frazier (St. Peter & All Saints, Kansas City)
- Ms. Anne Gardner (Calvary, Sedalia)
- The Rev. Steven King (St. Paul's, Kansas City)

The Convention elected the nominees to the Disciplinary Board.

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 2028 Convention.

- The Rev. Vicky Anderson (Trinity, Independence)
- The Rev. Kary Mann (Trinity, Independence)
- The Rev. Cn. James Yazell (Grace & Holy Trinity, Kansas City)

The Convention elected the nominees to the Commission on Ministry.

ITEM VII-5: CONVENTION COMMITTEE CHAIRS

The following persons were nominated to serve as Chairs of Convention Committees, to serve until the conclusion of the next Convention:

- Constitution & Canons – Canon Mark Galus

- Convention Offering – Vice President of Diocesan Council
- Convention Planning – Canon for Common Mission
- Courtesy Resolutions – The Rev. Dcn. Adam James
- Credentials – The Rev. Bill Fasel
- Dispatch of Business – The Rev. Dcn. Donna Stanford
- Elections – The Rev. Dcn. Brock Slabach
- Minutes – The Rev. Dcn. Donna Stanford
- Nominating – Ms. Amanda Perschall
- Resolutions – The Rev. Cn. Robin James
- Worship – The Very Rev. Dr. Andrew Keyes

The Convention elected the nominees to serve as Chairs of Convention Committees.

ITEM VII-6: COMMITTEE ON MINUTES

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

- The Rev. Dcn. Donna Stanford, Diocesan Secretary, as Chair
- The Rev. Dcn. Alisa Carmichael (Non-Parochial)
- Ms. Emily Davenport (Diocesan Staff)
- The Rev. Ted Estes (Non-Parochial)
- Mr. Spencer Orr (Grace, Carthage)
- Ms. Elisa White (Grace, Carthage)

ITEM VII-7: SELECTION OF YOUTH DELEGATES

Pursuant to the *Constitution* and Canons of the Diocese that enable the election of Youth Delegates to this Convention, and which 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. Meaux appointed the 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—NAMING OF HONORARY CANONS OF THE CATHEDRAL

Bp. Meaux, 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 Venerable Bruce Bower
- Mr. Tom Kokjer
- Ms. Kim Snodgrass

SPECIAL ORDER—PRESENTATION OF BISHOP’S SHIELDS

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

- The Rev. Chandler Jackson III
- Mrs. Brenda Kolb
- The Rev. Dcn. Barbara Wegener

AGENDA ITEM VIII—CLOSING ITEMS

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

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

- For Our Bishops Resigned
- For the Diocesan Staff
- For Our Anglican and Ecumenical Partners
- For Grace & Holy Trinity Cathedral, Kansas City
- For The Right Rev. Amy Dafler Meaux, Ninth Bishop of West Missouri

Bp. Meaux 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 EUCHARIST 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 \$1,000 had been received in the Convention Eucharist Offering and that Diocesan Council had voted that Episcopal Relief and Development would be the recipient of the offering.

ITEM VIII-3: NEXT CONVENTION

Bp. Meaux announced that the 137th Convention of the Diocese of West Missouri will be held November 6 and 7, 2026, at a location to be determined, possibly in the southern part of the diocese.

ITEM VIII-4: CLOSING WORSHIP/A LITANY FOR GOD’S MISSION FOR THE CHURCH

Bp. Meaux and The Rev. Cn. Robin James led the Convention in closing worship. Bp. Meaux asked Dcn. Stanford to give the dismissal.

ITEM VIII-5: ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Bp. Meaux called for a motion to adjourn. The Rev. Chandler Jackson III moved that the Convention adjourn. Several seconds were heard. Bp. Meaux called for a vote. The motion carried. Bp. Meaux announced that the 136th Annual Convention of the Diocese of West Missouri was adjourned.

The Convention adjourned at 3:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

The Rev. Dcn. Donna Stanford
Secretary of the Convention

Appendix A

Necrology

Lay persons who exercised significant ministry within this Diocese, and who died since the previous meeting of the Convention:

Kenneth I. Fligg, Jr. (St. Paul's, Kansas City)
Laura (Perkin Schuler) Hartronft (St. John's, Neosho)
Jo Anne Lile (Redeemer, Kansas City)
Chester "Chet" Neumann (St. Mary Magdalene, Belton)
Ann Elizabeth Spicer (St. Andrew's, Kansas City)
Katherine "Taffy" Wallace (St. Mary's, Fayette)
Cheryl Webb-Laughlin (St. Thomas A' Becket, Cassville)

Clergy who died since the previous meeting of the Convention:

The Rev. Ronald Spencer - November 14, 2024
The Rev. Janet Whelan - December 27, 2024
The Rev. John Biggs - April 17, 2025
The Rev. Barbara Beam - November 7, 2025

Appendix B

Convention greetings from resigned bishops

From Bishop Howe:

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Mary and I send our very sincere greetings to you as you gather together as servants of Our Lord. We especially want to acknowledge your new leadership at this Convention in the person of Bishop Amy. We know you are in very good hands under her guidance and direction. May the Lord bless your comings and goings, your plannings and outcomes; your hopes and dreams—all in this very difficult time of turbulence and disquiet. Keep up the wonderful spirit that you share with one another as individuals and as congregations. The Diocese of West Missouri is a treasure!

+Barry and Mary Howe

From Bishop Field:

To the Bishop, Clergy, and Delegates of the Annual Convention of the Diocese of West Missouri

Grace to you and peace in the name [of] Jesus Christ, our Savior.

With heartfelt joy and deep reverence, Donna and I extend out warm greetings to each of you gathered for this sacred occasion. A Diocesan Convention is a powerful testament to the way Episcopalians approach our common life. Our faith is shared. Our commitment to the work of God's Kingdom is shared. And our decision making under the guidance of the Holy Spirit is shared. Whether one is a bishop, a priest, a deacon, or a lay member, we walk together; we take council one with another. As you have come together for worship, fellowship, and reflection, may this convention be a time of spiritual renewal, divine inspiration, and strengthened bonds among believers.

I especially send my greetings, heartfelt good wishes, assurance of my prayers to your recently consecrated bishop, Bishop Amy. Amy, may your efforts be richly blessed and your labor in the Lord ever glorify the Divine One who is the source of all things.

Donna and I are well, living near our son's and daughter's families, and doting every chance we get on our three adorable grandchildren. Therefore, we are happy and enjoying the several opportunities we have been given to continue to serve the Church as well as our Lord Jesus.

Donna and I pray that the Holy Spirit will move among you during this convention and that you will leave convention empowered to serve with greater purpose and passion.

We send our riches[t] blessings!

In Christ's love,
Bishop Marty and Donna Field

From Bishop Bruce:

[To} The Rt. Rev. Amy Dafler Meaux
and the Convention of the Diocese of West Missouri

Dear Bishop Amy and all in attendance at the Convention,

I can't believe it was just a few months ago that I said my goodbyes to you all and headed home to Southern California. We took a bit of time driving back, stopping to see longtime friends along the way and, at times, following the Santa Fe Trail. It warmed my heart to experience a bit more of that Midwest to West Coast history. I will never forget all the historical sites I visited while with you as your bishop provisional.

Steve and I are both well and busy with our retirement projects at our house. We are spending time with our children and grandchildren, both here in Southern California and in Chicago. It is a blessing to us to be able to spend more time with them.

I'm kept a bit busy serving on the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church, where I chair the budget committee and am vice-chair of the finance committee. I've also been working on some writing projects. It is all holy work!

I am grateful to see all the great work continuing and new work starting in the diocese. I have reflected often these last few months on the Rev. Cn. John Spicer's wise words in his sermon at Bishop Amy's ordination/consecration. It is a blessing to read in the news coming from the diocese that you are continuing to lean into West Missouri's missionary spirit.

Please know Steve and I hold you all in our thoughts and prayers.

Blessings and much love,
+Diane

PS - My challenge right now is dealing with the beach balls in my pool and spa — they can be an unruly bunch!

Appendix C Election ballot results

Standing Committee, Clergy Order (elect 2)

Ballot number	1	2	3		Result
Votes cast – Clergy Order	67	67			
Needed to elect	34	34			
The Rev. Jonathan Frazier	23	10			
The Rev. Cn. Robin James	36	38			Elected on 2 nd ballot
The Very Rev. Dr. Andrew Keyse	32	19			
The Rev. Steven King	34				Elected on 1 st ballot

Ballot number	1	2	3		Result
Votes cast – Lay Order	94	93			
Needed to elect	48	47			
The Rev. Jonathan Frazier	35	18			
The Rev. Cn. Robin James	47	50			Elected on 2 nd ballot
The Very Rev. Dr. Andrew Keyse	36	25			
The Rev. Steven King	56				Elected on 1 st ballot

Standing Committee, Lay Order (elect 2)

Ballot number	1	2	3		Result
Votes cast – Clergy Order	63				
Needed to elect	32				
Ms. Kathy Alexander	41				Elected on 1 st ballot
Ms. Alison Black	46				Elected on 1 st ballot
Ms. Patricia Griffin	24				

Ballot number	1	2	3		Result
Votes cast – Lay Order	94				
Needed to elect	48				
Ms. Kathy Alexander	67				Elected on 1 st ballot
Ms. Alison Black	55				Elected on 1 st ballot
Ms. Patricia Griffin	51				

Diocesan Council, Lay Order (elect 4)

Ballot number	1	2	3		Result
Votes cast	160				
Needed to elect	81				
Ms. Anne Breid	108				Elected on 1 st ballot
Ms. Hayley Cobb	135				Elected on 1 st ballot
Mr. Philip Lofflin	116				Elected on 1 st ballot
Mr. Raja Reed	90				
Mr. Hayden Vaughn	105				Elected on 1 st ballot

General Convention Deputation, Clergy Order (elect 4 and 4 alternates)

Ballot number	1	2	3	4	5	6	Final	Result
Votes cast	158	159	161	161	160	157	160	
Needed to elect	80	80	81	81	81	79		
The Rev. Vicky Anderson	64	58	54	48	32		38	2 nd clergy alternate
The Rev. Jonathan Frazier	40	24	18				15	4 th clergy alternate
The Rev. Cn. Robin James	57	51	42	33			36	3 rd clergy alternate
The Rev. Steven King	71	66	71	83				Elected on 4 th ballot
The Rev. Cn. Chas Marks	114							Elected on 1 st ballot
The Rev. Isaac Petty Pierjok	76	93						Elected on 2 nd ballot
The Very Rev. Joe Pierjok	72	76	61	70	54	53	65	1 st clergy alternate
The Rev. Robin Rusconi	40	19					6	
The Very Rev. David Wilcox	70	64	61	71	74	104		Elected on 6 th ballot

General Convention Deputation, Lay Order (elect 4 and 4 alternates)

Ballot number	1	2	3	4	5	Final	Result
Votes cast	160	160	159	159	156	152	
Needed to elect	81	81	80	80	79		
Mr. Walker Adams	75	78	90				Elected on 3 rd ballot
Ms. Amy Amason	83						Elected on 1 st ballot
Ms. Cassie Brown	63	53	48	49	60	68	1 st lay alternate
Dr. Jeremy Chesman	44	38	18			22	3 rd lay alternate
Ms. Alexandra Connors	39	29				22	4 th lay alternate
Ms. Patricia Griffin	30					4	
Mr. Curtis Hamilton	59	44	31				withdrew from the election prior to the fourth ballot
Mr. Chris Morrison	60	48	43	32		36	2 nd lay alternate
Ms. Amanda Perschall	78	90					Elected on 2 nd ballot
Mr. Hayden Vaughn	66	62	63	78	96		Elected on 5 th ballot

Appendix D

2026 Plan for Ministry/Budget (see attached)