

***Proceedings of the Diocese of Colorado 118th Annual Convention
October 28-29, 2005***

First Session, Friday Morning, October 28, 2005

Bishop O'Neill called Convention to order at 9:03 a.m. at the Two Rivers Convention Center in Grand Junction, Colorado. Student representatives of Episcopal Ministries at CU Boulder led Convention in Daily Devotions and hymns. The Bishop welcomed the delegates, clergy, alternates and visitors.

The Rev. Dr. Edward J. Konieczny was appointed Secretary of Convention and Mr. Larry Hitt was appointed Parliamentarian of Convention.

The Secretary of Convention reported that a quorum of clergy and lay delegates was present and moved that the following clergy: Anderia Arok, Sundanese Community; William Campbell, Ascension, Salida; Robert Pope, St. Patrick's, Pagosa Springs; Steve Hartten, Holy Innocents Episcopal and Elizabeth Lutheran Churches, Elizabeth; and Wesley Dunbar, All Saints Church ELM, Pueblo West; Licensed to Officiate in the Diocese and in charge of congregations be given seat and voice to this convention. Motion passed by voice vote.

The Secretary of Convention moved to seat congregations 3 or more months in arrears on Church Pension payments. Bishop O'Neill orders such seating to be made.

The Parliamentarian of Convention reported on the adoption of the Rules of Convention, with special reference to rule 13 advising revision of the process for tabling motions.

The Secretary of Convention moved the Rules of Convention, following explanation by the Parliamentarian, the motion passed on voice vote and the Rules were adopted. The Secretary then reported on the Dispatch of Business and moved the adoption of the Agenda for Convention. Motion passed by voice vote.

The Bishop made the following appointments to the Committees of Convention: Assistant Secretary of Convention, The Rev. Warren Hicks; The Committee to Approve the Minutes, Rev. Rex Chambers, Rev. Dawn Simpson, Mr. Ken Von Der Heiden; The Committee to Review the Bishop's Address, Rev. Brooks Keith, Ms. Debbie Konieczny, Rev. Scott Campbell, Ms. L. Zoe Cole and Rev. Erika Meyer; The Committee on Conduct of Elections, Rev. Sandra Blake, Rev. Nature Johnston, Rev. Claudia Smith, Rev. Cassandra Strotheide as tellers and Rev. Rhoads Hollowell as Chair of the Committee;

Following the appointments the Bishop declared convention organized for business.

The Secretary of Convention reported that the minutes of the 117th Convention had been reviewed and certified as a true and accurate account of the events at that convention. The Secretary of Convention moved for acceptance of the minutes. Motion passed on voice vote.

The Bishop introduced the Honorable Mr. Bruce Hill, Mayor of Grand Junction who welcomed the Convention.

The Bishop made the following introductions:

The Rt. Rev. Zache Duracin, Bishop of Haiti; The Rev. Kesner Gracia, St. Paul's, Petit Trou de Nippes, Haiti; Jean Max Jose, St. Paul's, Petit Trou de Nippes, Haiti; The Rt. Rev. Dr. Valentine Leonard Mokiwa; Bishop of Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania (Guest of Transfiguration, Vail)

The current members of our Standing Committee:

The Rev. Dr. Ed Konieczny – President	Mr. Roger Hughes – Vice President
The Rev. Annette Brownlee	The Rev. Sally Brown
Mr. Sam Burns	Ms. Nancy Lawthers – ECW President
The Rev. M. Paul Garrett	The Rev. David Henderson
Mr. Ken Von Der Heiden	Mr. Charles Thompson
Mr. George Wing – Retiring Secretary	Mr. Will Nicholson – Diocesan Treasurer

New Clergy to the Diocese--Rev. Christopher Ditzenberger – St. Gabriel's, Cherry Hills; Rev. Craig MacColl – Good Shepherd, Centennial

Ordinations since last convention--Newly ordained To the Transitional Diaconate-Sandra Blake, Nature Johnston, Claudia Smith, Cassandra Strotheide, (Amanda Gott—serving in New Hampshire; Salying Wong—serving in the Diocese of California not present). Newly ordained To the Transitional Diaconate and Priesthood- George Lufkin – St. George, Leadville, Ali Lufkin – St. George, Leadville And invites convention to welcome and congratulate them during our time here at convention

Introduction of any Postulants or Candidates attending Convention—Eric Zubler, St. John's Boulder, Sewanee, Heather Payton St. John's Boulder, CDSP, Jim Gilchrist, Sewanee, Lynn Burns, VTS, St. John's Boulder, Susan Greenwood, St. Mary Magdalene GTS, Janet Fullmer, St. Stephen Aurora, CDSP, Twyla Zittle, The EMSLV at Seabury-Western.

Bishop O'Neill offered a preface to his first address of Convention and introduced the Diocesan Staff:

Rev. Canon Ed Morgan – Canon to the Ordinary
Rev. Canon Lou Blanchard – Canon Missioner
Neil Riley – Canon for Faith Formation
Bob Leaman – Chief Financial Officer
Pam Greenfield – Controller and Office Manager
Beckett Stokes – Communications; Editor of Colorado Episcopalian
Liz Evans – Executive Assistant to the Bishop
Sarah McAfee, Communications Assistant
Janice Jeffryes, Executive Administrator

Bishop O’Neill delivered the first of his convention addresses *Proclamation* following prayer and worship.

Bishop O’Neill introduces Good Shepherd at Briargate as a new mission congregation of the Diocese. The Rev. Ray Hess is Vicar. The presentation of Good Shepherd’s history and introduction of the congregation is delayed until other members of the congregation can be in attendance on Saturday.

Convention Breaks for 15 minutes

The Bishop recognized the Rev. Ray Hess, Chair of the Mission Strategy Committee who gave a report on the work of this new Diocesan Committee.

Bishop O’Neill recognizes the Rev. Canon Lou Blanchard, Missioner for Congregational Development who offered a report on the work of the committee. She recognized a core group of congregational development consultants from around the Diocese who have been trained to help congregations with issues of development and redevelopment.

Rev. Warren Hicks moves the following nominations for Ecclesiastical Court and Region Representatives to Standing Committee.

Standing Committee: Sangre de Cristo Lay nomination: Mr. Ted Lewis
Mountain Clergy Nomination: Rev. David Henderson
High Plains Lay Nomination: Mr. Charles I. Thompson

Ecclesiastical Court: Clergy Nominee: Rev. Mark D. Meyer, Christ Church, Canon City
Lay Alternate: *no one nominated*

The Rev. Marcia Stackhouse was nominated from the floor for the clergy opening to the Ecclesiastical Court after providing photos and biographical information in accordance with the rules for floor nominations

Bishop O’Neill recognizes the Rev. Rhoads Hollowell to give the report on the Committee for the Conduct of Elections. Rev. Hollowell moves for a white ballot for all regional nominees. The motion is seconded and carries by voice vote.

*The “ex-officio” members to Standing Committee are:
The Diocesan Bishop
Mr. Will Nicholson – Diocesan Treasurer
Ms. Nancy Lawthers – ECW President*

Rhoads distributes ballots and explains the voting process. Ballots for Clergy Representative to Ecclesiastical Court are marked and collected and the ballots are tallied during the noon break.

Noon prayers were led at 11:30 a.m. by students from EMCUB. Hymn singing, Noon Devotions preceded the break for lunch. Convention to reconvene after the break at 1 p.m.

Convention resumes at 1 p.m. with a hymn followed by the second convention address from Bishop O’Neill—*Discipleship*. The address is followed by another hymn.

Bishop O’Neill recognizes Rev. Rhoads Hollowell who reports on behalf of the Elections Committee that the Rev. Marcia Stackhouse was elected as the Clergy Representative to the Ecclesiastical Court.

Bishop O’Neill recognizes Canon Neil Riley, Missioner for Christian Formation, who reports on the work of his office for Youth and Christian Formation in the Diocese. Following Mr. Riley’s report, Bishop O’Neill recognizes Mr. Larry Hitt who updates the Diocesan Policies regarding background checks through Trak I. Larry Hitt, Chancellor of the Diocese, summarized the policies for children and Youth. As part of that summary he reviewed the Trak I guidelines and reiterated the need for all Churches to adopt, as part of the overall strategy, the Diocesan guidelines as a means protecting Children and the Church as a whole.

Bishop O’Neill recognizes Mr. Walter McCoy to offer a presentation about St. Elizabeth’s School. Walter McCoy, a parishioner of St. Andrew’s, reported on the establishment and vision of St. Elizabeth’s Episcopal School to serve the urban youth of Denver. St. Elizabeth’s seeks to be a school seeking to nurture body, mind, spirit and creativity of children in Denver. The school will strive to be broadly based socioeconomically and a means by which disadvantaged children may be exposed to diverse educational opportunities to help break cycles of poverty and provide rich educational opportunities for all St. Elizabeth’s students.

Bishop O’Neill recognized the Rev. James Harlan and the Rev. Mary Kate Schroeder who offer a report on the work of the Commission on Ministry and the Board of Examining Chaplains, respectively.

Rev. James Harlan reported on the work with which he charged to reform the Holy Orders Process as chair of the Commission on Ministry. The charge was complicated by the new Episcopacy of Bishop O’Neill. In addition to this challenge the 2003 General Convention’s revisions of Title 3 including all of the ordination canons. The process is nearly complete and continues to move towards its completion. He introduced also the members of the COM (Ted Lewis, Catherine Tran, Frank Huber, Ayliffe Ris, Ken Schrum, Harold Warren, and others) Rev. Mary Kate Schroeder reported on the work of the Board of Examining Chaplains (BOEC) as a subset of the COM. The work of the BOEC is to, “support the whole church by seeking excellence in the academic preparation, integration of knowledge & experience and the critical thinking skills of all those called to be ordained to the vocational diaconate and the priesthood in the Diocese of Colorado). Members of the BOEC are Rev. Merrie Need, Rev. Sandy Boyd, Rev. Spencer Carr, Ms. Susan Backus, Rev. Elizabeth Randall, Rev. Warren Hicks, Rev. Judy Schneider, Rev. Mary Kate Schroeder, Chair.

Bishop O’Neill recognizes Ms. Anita Sanborn for a report on the Colorado Episcopal Foundation. Ms. Anita Sanborn reported on the work, mission and structure of the Colorado Episcopal Foundation. Reports on the continuing development of the Legacy Society

Bishop O'Neill recognizes the Rev. Brooks Keith, chair of the General Convention Delegation to give the delegation report. The delegation includes:

Lay Deputies

Mr. Gary Thompson, St. John Chrysostom, Golden

Ms. Jaqueline Scott, St. Laurence, Conifer

Ms. Lilith Zoe Cole, St. Luke's, Denver

Mr. Craig Moseley, Calvary, Golden

Mr. Jack Finlaw, St. John's Cathedral, Denver

Mr. Larry Hitt, Greenwood Village

Mrs. Debbie Hogue, Grand Junction

Mr. George Wing, Chapel of Our Saviour, Colorado Springs

Clergy Deputies

The Rev. Brooks Keith III, Transfiguration, Vail, Chair of the Deputation

The Rev. Diana Peters, Intercession, Thornton

The Rev. Andrew Cooley, St. Mark's, Durango

The Rev. John Wengrovius, Calvary, Golden

The Rev. Andrew Kline, Christ Church, Denver

The Rev. Peter Munson, St. Ambrose, Boulder

The Rev. Michael Richardson, St. Matthew's Parker

As the delegation was being introduced the Rev. Diana Peters suffered a tumble backward off the stage. The convention was halted as she was tended to by EMT and the prayers of Convention. The Delegation report was moved to a spot in Saturday's business.

Evening Devotions – EMCUB Students

An opening hymn are be sung, followed by Evening Devotions, followed by a hymn.

Convention recesses for the evening at approximately 4 p.m. General Convention Deputies will be in the Convention Hall for Q & A from delegates until approximately 5:30 PM.

Entertainment and fellowship for the evening is as follows:

5:30 PM – Cash Bar

6:00 PM – Dinner: “Crusin Cuisine”

7:00 PM – Music and Dancing: “Stampede”

Third Session, Saturday Morning, October 29, 2005

7:30 – 8:30 AM

Haiti Project Meeting – Kannah Creek Room

Budget Hearing Meeting – Dominguez / Plateau Creek Rooms

Resolution Hearing Meeting – Convention Hall

Bishop O'Neill called Convention back into session and reported that the pastoral care response for Diana Peters may have been unprecedented, both from layfolks and clergy. Bishop O'Neill said the

undoubtedly it was the prayer of Bishop Valentine and himself that surely made the difference (with tongue firmly planted in cheek). Diana was recognized for returning to the floor of Convention.

9:00 AM – Morning Devotions: EMCUB Student—Joanna Campos and Seth Layman, both EMCUB students, led worship, consisting of a hymn, followed by Morning Devotions and another hymn.

Bishop O’Neill welcomed the Convention back into session. Prior to beginning the session he made commentary on the erroneous representation of the Bishop’s Comments appearing in the Grand Junction paper Saturday morning. He clarified the excised comments represent his ‘personal’ views and not his views as Bishop of Colorado speaking officially. The comments, taken out of context by the local paper reflected the Bishop’s personal view that sexual orientation should not be an impediment to ordination on its own.

The Bishop invited the General Convention Delegation to resume their report, interrupted Friday by Diana Peters’ unfortunate mishap.

(MARY KATE WILL HAVE SUMMARY)

There was a question and answer period between the Delegation.

Bishop’s Third Address – *Servanthood* is delivered preceded and followed by the following hymns

Song: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Song: Jesu, Jesu or Servant Song

Bishop O’Neill extends official Recognition of New Congregations in the Diocese--Report of Good Shepherd Mission—Fr. Ray Hess and the people of Good Shepherd Mission in Briargate.

Report on the Three Bishop’s Fund—Rev. Ephraim Radner delivers a report on the Three Bishops Fund for Ministry and Mission in Haiti.---(insert report from the notebook)

Text of the presentation is in an accompanying file. (Haiti Project Convention Script)

A Presentation for Rev. Dayle Casey and Canon Ed Morgan co-founders of the Colorado Haiti Project followed. They were recognized by the Bishop, Diocese and Convention for their work in founding the Colorado Haiti Project in the late 1980’s.

The Bishop introduced Will Nicholson, Treasurer of the Diocese to give the Diocesan Financial Report. Mr. Nicholson expressed his thanks to the Executive Staff and Finance Committee for the assistance given him during the year. Will presented the Financial report (attached) to the Convention. The Bishop called for a motion to accept the Financial Report. Motion was made and seconded and the Financial Report was approved by voice vote.

The Bishop introduced Mr. Robert Leaman, Chief Financial Officer and asked him to present the 2006 Annual Budget. Mr. Leaman presents the Budget. (*Budget Address and PowerPoint Presentation*)

in Accompanying Files). The Bishop called for a motion to approve the 2006 Budget. Moved, seconded. There being no discussion, the question was called and the motion was approved by voice vote.

The Bishop introduced The Rev. Anderia Arok and asked him to report on the Life and Ministry of the Sudanese Community. Fr. Anderia Arok presented a report on the life of the Sudanese Community residing at St. John's Cathedral. He further shared the hope of the Sudanese across the US and in Colorado in particular.

The Bishop introduced the Rev. Chris Johnson to present a report on the various Jubilee Ministries of the Diocese. Rev. Johnson welcomed representatives of all such ministries to the dais. No one fell off. Ten new Jubilee Ministries were recognized by the National Church in 2005.

The Bishop then gathered together the threads of Convention in response to the Budget Presentation and ahead of discussion of the forthcoming resolutions. His emphasis in vision for the Diocese was to keep working and moving toward the Kingdom not being derailed by 'the issues' before us. He then made appointments to Diocesan Commissions and Committees as is his prerogative. He then went on to thank those concluding terms of service on various Commissions and Committees. After announcing the appointments to the Hispanic Ministry Commission, the Racism Committee, the Congregational Development Consultants, the Youth and Camp Task Force, the Mission Strategy Committee, the General Convention Deputation and the New Standing Committee the new appointees were Commissioned formally to do the work they have been given to do.

Bishop O'Neill recognizes Mr. George Wing for a report on the Committee on Resolutions. George Wing reported on resolutions and move each for a vote...

First Resolution Considered Clergy Compensation Guidelines (attached). Moved, Seconded passed on voice vote.

Second resolution considered removal of references to General Convention for the consent for Episcopal Elections in the Episcopal Church USA.

Resolution One—Was moved and seconded. The proposers then came forward and offered a substitution resolution. Revs. Annette Brownlee & Ephraim Radner, Ascension Pueblo; Rev. Alex Howard, St. Peter's Pueblo, Rev. Mary Kate Schroeder, St. Aidan's Boulder, Rev. Christy Shain-Hendricks, Jack Finlaw, St. John's Cathedral, Zoe Cole, St. Luke's, Denver, Rev. Dayle Casey, Chapel of Our Saviour, Colorado Springs.

The 'Modest Proposal' according to Rev. Annette Brownlee provides a way forward as we express and commit to walking together in the Spirit of the Windsor Report. Moved by Rev. Annette Brownlee, seconded by Jack Finlaw. Substitute resolution on the floor.

Rev. Ephraim Radner speaks to the resolution from the 'conservative' posture regarding issues presented by the WR. The Friendly Amendment in the form of a substitution. Here to help provide a

disciplined time to grow into one accord. After no more discussion was to be offered, the friendly amendment in the form of a substitution passed by voice vote.

Bishop O'Neill asks for any resolutions from the floor. There were none.

Bishop O'Neill recognized Mr. George Wing for the report on Courtesy Resolutions. George summarized the resolutions and moved they be considered as a body for approval by Convention. The motion was seconded and passed on voice vote.

Bishop O'Neill asked the conventions attention as he presented the Bishop's Cross for 2006. After a summary of his accomplishments and service to the Diocese, Mr. George Wing was presented with the Bishop's Cross in recognition of his service to the Diocese in a myriad of capacities. George, oddly enough, is speechless. He briefly shared his gratitude. Bishop O'Neill shares recollections with convention regarding his time with George during the walkabouts preceding his election as Bishop.

Bishop O'Neill recognized the Rev. Brooks Keith who gave the report on the Bishop's Address.

The Secretary of Convention read special communications and issued the Invitation to the 119th Diocesan Convention at the Hyatt DTC, October 5-7 2006

An opening hymn will be sung, followed by Noon Devotions, followed by a hymn.

***Song: All Hail the Power
Noon Devotions***

The Bishop asks for a motion to adjourn the Convention

Song: Days of Elijah

Noon approximately

Cursillo Secretariat Meeting – Dominguez Creek Room

Respectfully submitted,

The Rev. Dr. Edward J. Konieczny
Secretary of Convention