

***Proceedings of the 119th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Colorado
October 5-7, 2006***

The Opening Eucharist and the Bishop's Address: Thursday Evening, October 5, 2006

Clergy, lay delegates and alternates, and visitors gathered at Saint John's Cathedral in Denver on October 5, 2006, at 7:00 p.m., for the opening Eucharist and the Bishop's Address to the 119th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Colorado. The Right Reverend Robert J. O'Neill took as his text for his address John 15:8: *My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples*. The joyous eucharistic celebration was followed by a reception on the Cathedral grounds.

The First General Session: Friday Morning, October 6, 2006

Bishop O'Neill called the Convention to order at 9:10 a.m. on Friday, October 6, 2006, at the Hyatt Regency Tech Center, 7800 E. Tufts Avenue, Denver, Colorado. Daily worship for the convention was led by students from campus ministries in the Episcopal Diocese of Colorado, including the University of Colorado at Boulder, Colorado State University, and Colorado School of Mines, with musicians from CU Boulder. The Bishop welcomed the delegates, clergy, alternates, and visitors.

Ms. Carol Prescott was appointed and ratified as the Secretary of Convention, and Mr. Larry Hitt was appointed as the Parliamentarian of Convention.

The Secretary of Convention reported that a quorum of clergy and lay delegates was present. She moved that the following clergy be given seat and voice at Convention:

The Rev. Anderia Anok, Priest-in-Charge of the Sudanese Community
The Rev. William Campbell, Interim Rector of Church of the Ascension, Salida
The Rev. Joanne Ford, Priest-in-Charge, Ouray
The Rev. Dr. Vaughan McTernan, Priest-in-Charge, St. David of the Hills, Woodland Park
The Rev. Stephen Wilson, Priest-in-Charge, All Saints, Denver.

The motion was passed by a voice vote.

The Secretary of Convention moved that lay delegates from congregations three or more months in arrears on Church Pension payments be given seat, voice, and vote. It was so moved.

The Secretary of Convention moved for the adoption of the Rules of Convention and asked the Parliamentarian for a report on any changes. The motion was passed on a voice vote and the Rules were adopted.

The Secretary of Convention moved that the Schedule be adopted as the Agenda for Convention. The motion was passed by voice vote.

The Bishop made the following appointments to the Committees of Convention:

Assistant Secretary of Convention: The Rev. Abby Marsh.

The Committee to approve the Minutes: Mr. Sam Burns, the Rev. Jim Gilchrist, and the Rev. Janet Fullmer.

The Committee to Review the Bishop's Address: Ms. Erica Hein, the Rev. Scott Campbell, the Rev. Robert Lundquist, the Rev. Erica Meyer, and the Rev. Jan Pearson, with the Rev. Brooks Keith and the Rev. Craig MacColl as co-chairs.

The Committee on Conduct of Elections: The Rev. Jim Gilchrist, the Rev. Susan Greenwood, the Rev. Scott Hollenbeck, the Rev. Jenny Liem, and the Rev. Twyla Zittle as tellers, with the Rev. Rhoads Hollowell as the Chair.

The Bishop then declared the 119th Convention organized for business.

The Secretary of Convention reported that the members of the Committee to Certify the Minutes of the 118th Convention had reviewed those minutes and certified them as a true and accurate account of the events of that Convention.

The Bishop introduced the first report of the Committee on Legislation by recognizing Ms. Sharon Caulfield, the Co-Chair of the Committee on Legislation, and the Rev. Canon Lou Blanchard. Ms. Caulfield introduced the "Lutheran" Amendment to Canon 3, which would permit a member of the clergy of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America who serves a congregation of the Diocese of Colorado to have seat, voice, and vote at the diocesan convention. Canon Blanchard explained the history and rationale of the proposed amendment. Ms. Caulfield moved the change and the motion carried.

The Bishop made the following introductions:

The Rev. Steve Hartten and the Rev. Jim Strader, Lutheran clergy serving congregations in Elizabeth and Craig, respectively, were welcomed as delegates to the Convention and invited to sit with the other delegates.

Ms. Gina Torres, Convention Services Manager for the Hyatt Regency, was introduced. She welcomed those attending.

Ms. Ellen Bruckner, the Province IV Administrator from Cedar Rapids, Iowa, was introduced and welcomed.

The Bishop then introduced the current members of the Standing Committee:

The Rev. Dr. Ed Konieczny, President
The Rev. Annette Brownlee
Mr. Sam Burns, Secretary
The Rev. Paul Garrett

Mr. Robert Hughes, Vice-President
The Rev. Sally Brown
Ms. Nancy Lawthers, ECW President
The Rev. David Henderson

Mr. Ken Von Der Heiden
Dr. Ted Lewis

Mr. Charles Thompson
Mr. Will Nicholson, Diocesan Treasurer

Next, the Bishop introduced clergy new to the diocese:

The Rev. Roy Baker, St. Peter's, Basalt
The Rev. Michael Carney, St. Timothy's, Centennial
The Rev. Joanne Ford, Priest-in-Charge, St. John's, Ouray
The Rev. Dennis Ford (not present, husband of Joanne, licensed to officiate)
The Rev. Alex Large, Transitional Deacon/Curate, Episcopal Church of the
Transfiguration, Vail
The Rev. Canon Bill Martin, new Canon to the Ordinary
The Rev. Dr. Vaughan McTernan, St. David of the Hills, Woodland Park
The Rev. Delores Shortridge, Church of Our Merciful Savior, Denver

The Bishop also introduced clergy ordained to the priesthood since the 118th Convention:

The Rev. Sandra Blake –St. Stephen, Aurora
The Rev. Nature Johnston – St. Stephen, Aurora
The Rev. Claudia Smith – St. Benedict, La Veta
The Rev. Cassandra Strotheide

and recognized those ordained to the Transitional Diaconate in June 2006:

The Rev Lyn Burns (in Minnesota)
The Rev. Janet Fullmer
The Rev. James Gilchrist
The Rev. Marianna Gornek (in Michigan)
The Rev. Susan Greenwood
The Rev. Scott Hollenbeck
The Rev. Jennifer Liem
The Rev. Nathan Rugh (in Pennsylvania)
The Rev. Twyla Zittle

Seminarian candidates Mr. Theodore Howard, Mr. William Kindel and Mr. Eric Zubler were presented and welcomed to the Convention:

Finally, the Bishop introduced the Diocesan staff:

The Rev. Canon Bill Martin – Canon to the Ordinary
The 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 the *Colorado Episcopalian*
Liz Evans – Executive Assistant to the Bishop
Sarah McAfee – Communications Assistant

Janice Jeffryes – Executive Administrator
Meg Stern – Faith Formation Administrator
Holly Dorrance – Faith Formation Events Coordinator

The Bishop then welcomed The Rev. Sathi Bunyan, who introduced the Friday Keynote Speaker, Mr. Nathan Dungan. Mr. Dungan's address was titled: *Connecting Your Values to Your Financial Decisions*.

The first session of seminars followed the keynote address. The five seminars offered were: *Share, Save, Spend I; Practical Steps for Congregational Development for Small Membership Churches; How to Welcome Guests to Your Church So They Stay!; Developing a Family-Based Children and Youth Ministry; and So Who is My Neighbor?.* Lunch followed the seminars.

The Second General Session: Friday Afternoon, October 6, 2006

The Second General Session convened at 1:10 p.m.

After a time of hymns and prayers, the Rev. Dr. Ed Konieczny and Ms. Nancy Lawthers were invited to the podium to make a presentation. They presented vestments to the Bishop on behalf of the Diocese.

The following reports were then given:

The Rev. Canon Lou Blanchard presented a power point report from the Congregational Development Committee and recognized her core group. She invited the Rev. Ray Hess to report on the work of the Mission Strategy Committee.

Ms. Barb Chambless and the Rev. Nancy Malloy reported on the work of Spiritual Direction Colorado.

The Rev. Rhoads Hollowell was recognized by the Bishop for a report on the Nominations for Regional Representatives to the Standing Committee, the Ecclesiastical Court, and Diocesan Treasurer. He reported the following:

Nominations for the Standing Committee:

Front Range Clergy nominee: The Rev. John Wengrovius

High Plains Clergy nominee: The Rev. Sally Brown

Southwestern Lay nominee: Mr. Sam Burns

Nominations for the Ecclesiastical Court:

Clergy nominees: The Rev. Debra Angell, St. Barnabas, Denver

The Rev. Peter Munson, St. Ambrose, Boulder

Lay nominee: Ms. L. Zoe Cole, St. Luke's, Denver

No one was nominated to be Clergy Alternate.

The Bishop then recognized the Rev. Mike Houlik, who nominated Mr. Robert Poley from the floor for the position of Diocesan Treasurer. Biographical information was provided to the delegates in accordance with the rules for floor nominations. There were no other nominations from the floor for this position.

The Bishop again recognized the Rev. Rhoads Hollowell to report on the Committee on Conduct of Elections. Because biographical sketches of the Ecclesiastical Court nominees had not been published in the *Colorado Episcopalian*, this report and outcome of the balloting for all elections was postponed until Saturday morning.

The Bishop invited the Rev. Dr. Ed Konieczny to the podium for a presentation to the Rev. Paul Garrett for his service on the Standing Committee.

The Bishop then recognized the following for the presentation of reports:

The Rev. Scott Campbell reported on the Diocesan Camp Program.

The Rev. Mary Kate Schroeder and the Rev. James Harlan reported on the work of the Board of Examining Chaplains and The Commission on Ministry, respectively.

Ms. Anita Sanborn gave a report on the Colorado Episcopal Foundation and its work.

The Rev. Brooks Keith and other members of the Deputation spoke about the events at General Convention.

Upon completion of the reports, the Bishop exercised a point of personal privilege, recognizing the group that had introduced, but withdrawn, resolutions concerning persons in same-gender relationships. The Rev. Larry Donoghue offered a brief statement on behalf of the group. The Bishop then recognized the Rev. Ephraim Radner, who provided a response. Ms. L. Zoe Cole also spoke.

The second general session closed with prayers. The second session of seminars began at 3:30. The five seminars offered were: *Share, Save, Spend 2; Practical Steps for Congregational Development for Small Membership Churches; Incorporating New Members into Your Church; Parish Business Practices/Employment Law for Parishes; and eVangelism: New Media Tools for Ministry and Mission.*

The Convention was in recess for the night.

The Third General Session: Saturday Morning, October 7, 2006.

The Convention reconvened at 9:08 a.m. on Saturday, October 7, 2006, with morning prayers and hymns.

The Bishop introduced and welcomed the day's Keynote Speaker, Mr. Philip Yancey. His address was titled: *Prayer: Does It Make a Difference?*

Following Mr. Yancey's address, the Rev. Rhoads Hollowell reported on the results of the elections. He first moved the election of the Regional Representatives to the Standing Committee. The motion carried. He then moved that Mr. Robert Poley be elected to the office of Diocesan Treasurer by acclamation. The motion carried. Finally, the results of the balloting for the Ecclesiastical Court were announced. The Rev. Peter Munson and Ms. L. Zoe Cole were elected.

The Bishop then recognized Ms. Diane Barrett to continue with the report of the Committee on Legislation. She called for discussion on the legislative proposals: Canon 8 (The Commission on Ministry), Canon 12 (Special Congregations or Ministries), Canon 13 (Missions) and Canon 14 (Parishes). All of these proposals were passed without discussion.

The third session of seminars commenced after a break at 10:00 a.m. The four seminars offered were: *Reflecting on Your Parish Ministry Using Tools from the Church Development Institute; Stewardship and Financial Tools for Church Leaders Planning for the Future; Opening Your Ministry to the Hispanic Community: Nuts, Bolts, and Examples; and The Colorado Haiti Project: How Mission Work Can Enrich Your Congregation's Ministry.*

The Fourth General Session: Saturday Afternoon, October 7, 2006

The Fourth General Session convened at Noon on Saturday, October 7, 2006.

The Bishop made the following appointments to the Commission on Ministry: Ms. Becky Beall-Moore, the Rev. Susan Dyer, Mr. Whitney Hill, the Rev. Abby Marsh, and Ms. Joanne Womack, with terms ending in 2010.

The Bishop recognized Dr. Ted Lewis for a report on the Three Bishop's Fund. After the report, the Bishop presented Dr. Lewis with the Bishop's Cross.

The Bishop recognized Mr. Will Nicholson and Mr. Bob Leaman for a presentation of the Financial and Budget Reports. Mr. Nicholson presented the Financial Report for 2005. A motion to accept the report carried. Mr. Leaman presented the budget for 2007. A motion to accept the budget also carried.

The Bishop further recognized Mr. Nicholson for his service as the Diocesan Treasurer and as an *ex officio* member of the Standing Committee and presented him with a plaque and a gift.

The Bishop recognized the Rev. Sally Brown for a report on Servanthood in the Diocese. She also reported on the Jubilee Ministries Commission and the Racism and Justice Commission.

The Bishop recognized Ms. Diane Barrett for a report on Courtesy Resolutions. She presented them en masse. There was a motion to adopt the resolutions and they were adopted.

The Bishop recognized the Rev. Brooks Keith and the Rev. Craig MacColl, the co-chairs of the committee to review the Bishop's Address, for a report.

The Bishop expressed his thanks to everyone who had served the Diocese in the past year. He then asked for all who had been elected to Diocesan Offices and appointed to Committees to stand. He then followed with a commissioning service.

The Bishop then asked for everyone to stand for closing worship. Following worship, he asked for a motion to adjourn the convention; the motion was seconded and carried. The convention adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol S. Prescott
Secretary of Convention