

The Committee on Courtesy Resolutions consists of Father Ron “Rock ‘n Roll Clingenpeel, Father Michael Kuhn, man of God and all-around good guy, and myself. However, Ron, still wildly in love with this present world, has deserted us this morning to chase after fame and glory with his band. Michael and I, still faithful both to our Lord Jesus Christ and this convention, remain with you. We therefore humbly offer the following courtesy resolutions:

2021 CR—01 GREETINGS TO OUR COURTEOUS AND RESOLUTE BROTHER IN CHRIST

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 184th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana sends its greetings to The Rev. Richard Easterling. While his current moniker (or alias) is The Rev. Riccardo Pasqualingo, Richard remains an influencer of all things tasteful and Anglican (bit of a redundancy?) who now serves the lonely, lost tourists and expats of Florence, Alabama...err, Italy. This convention misses his biting and intelligent sense of humor, and we wish to thank him for his entertaining Courtesy Resolutions at past diocesan conventions, ‘though it pains us to admit it. Although he is now serving the parish of St. Florence Henderson in James, Italy (or something like that), he will always be remembered by us as the local boy who done good. Ciao e grazie, Padre Riccardo!

2021 CR—02 RESOLUTION TO THANK DIOCESAN STAFF AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 184th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana extends its gratitude to all who helped make this gathering such a success, recognizing from the Diocesan staff:
The Rev. Canon Shannon Duckworth, Canon to the Ordinary
Karen Mackey, Communications Director
The Rev. Canon Allison Reid, Canon Missioner
Cassandra Reiger, Bishop’s Secretary
The Rev. Benjamin Sanchez, Hispanic Missioner
Joy Shackelford, Assistant to the Canon to the Ordinary
Chris Speed, Diocesan Administrator
The Rev. Jane-Allison Wiggin, Youth Coordinator

while also recognizing members of the Convention Planning Committee:

The Rt. Rev. Morris K. Thompson, Jr.
The Very Rev. Paul Bailey
Karen Mackey
The Rev. Canon Shannon Duckworth
The Rev. Canon Allison Reid
Cassandra Reiger
Joy Shackelford
Chris Speed
Marsha Wade

2021 CR—03 RESOLUTION TO THANK THE KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Whereas, God has sent the Episcopal Church a wise counselor, and a prophetic voice in the person of our Presiding Bishop Michael Bruce Curry, who reminds us that, if it isn't about love, it isn't about God ; and

Whereas, in the midst of a polarized world torn apart by war, hatred, economic disparities, gender inequities and racism, Bishop Curry continues to remind us that "The journey is always a struggle. But the movement is always forward, no matter the obstacles" ; and,

Whereas, we are called to help make room for everyone to sit together and dine at the Great Table with Christ; and,

Whereas, every great meal can benefit from a bit of spice, and there is no spice quite like Curry

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the 184th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana extends its gratitude to The Most Reverend Michael Curry for serving up a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in his loving, graceful, and thoughtful opening remarks today; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 184th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana extends thankful hearts to The Most Rev. Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, for his leadership and Christ-like example these past six years (and beyond), and for his thoughtful and heart-felt words, helping us to discover living the way of love by searching for our deep reservoirs of hope & resilience, by utilizing simple wisdom, by nurturing a discipline of non-violence, and for developing an unshakeable regard for human dignity. While he is not physically present with us, we offer Bishop Curry our prayers & support, and extend warm greetings to his wife, Sharon, and his daughters, Rachel & Elizabeth. Thank you for your ministry to Christ and this Church.

2021 CR—04 RESOLUTION TO THANK THE CONVENTION HOSTS AND VOLUNTEERS

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 184th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana offers its thanks and gratitude to founder Eric S. Yuan and the people of Zoom for hosting us for so many meetings these past 2 years, and to the people in our own homes for feeding us, and to our iPhones, Kindles and TVs for keeping us in touch and entertained.

This Convention thanks:

St. Martin's Episcopal School for hosting the virtual Convention, especially:

Ford Dieth, Interim Head of School
Hillary Alread
Jonathan Davis
Gary Innerarity
Emily Ross

Christ Church Cathedral, New Orleans, for hosting the Convention Eucharist, especially:

Clergy

The Very Rev. David duPlantier, Dean

The Rev. Canon Steven Roberts

The Reverend Canon David B. Lowry, Theologian in Residence

The Reverend Travers C. Koerner, Priest Associate

Wardens

Jennifer O'Brien-Brown, Senior Warden

Les Leathem, Junior Warden

Staff

Jarrett R. Follette, Canon Precentor

James Jennings, Sexton

Dr. G. Marc Loudon, Assistant Organist

Dorothy Phillips, Sunday Sexton

Lisa Sibal, Executive Assistant to the Dean

Daniel Terrebonne, Parish Secretary

Lisa Wilkie, Parish Administrator

Musicians for the Convention Eucharist

Jarrett Follette, Canon Precentor

The Choir of Christ Church Cathedral

Dr. Paul Weber, Organist and Choirmaster, Trinity Church, New Orleans

The Choir of Trinity Episcopal Church, New Orleans

And the Christ Church Cathedral Acolytes, Altar Guild, Flower Guild, Greeters, Lay Readers, and Technology Guild

2021 CR—05 RESOLUTION TO THANK CONVENTION COMMITTEE MEMBERS

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 184th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana thanks its Committees for their diligence and preparation, allowing for the speedy despatch of business, most especially:

Dispatch of Business

The Rt. Rev. Morris K. Thompson, Jr.

The Rev. Canon Shannon Duckworth, Secretary of Elections

Cove Geary, Parliamentarian

The Rev. Canon Allison Reid, Chair

Marsha Wade, Secretary of the Diocese

Budget Committee

Denise Allen

Debbie Boies

Alan Brackett, Treasurer of the Diocese

The Rev. John Miller

Francis Nezianya

Chris Speed, Diocesan Administrator

David Warrington, Chair

Committee on Constitution and Canons

Raul Esquivel, III, Chair

Cove Geary, Chancellor

Marsha Wade

Courtesy Resolutions Committee

The Rev. Canon Ron Clingenpeel

The Rev. Ralph Howe

The Rev. Michael Kuhn

2021 CR—06 Resolution of thanks for the work of the Search Committee, Transition Committee & Standing Committee leading to the Election of the 12th Bishop of the Diocese of Louisiana

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 184th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana express its deepest thanks for the ongoing work of the members of the Search Committee, Transition Committee, and Standing Committee of the Diocese of Louisiana for their commitment of time and talents to the process leading to the election of the 12th Bishop of the Diocese of Louisiana. We especially thank Search Committee Co-chairs Carolyn Douglas, and the initial Co-chair, the Rev. Rob Courtney, who has passed on his leadership to care for St. Paul's Church & its people, following the destruction of Hurricane Ida, and for the Rev. Jay Albert, the new Co-Chair, for graciously accepting this leadership role. We also thank Transition Committee co-chairs Philip James and the Rev. Michael Hackett, and Standing Committee representative & advisor, the Rev. John Miller for their leadership.

Search Committee

Carolyn Douglas, co-chair The Rev Rob Courtney, co-chair

The Rev. Jay Albert, co-chair

Alan Brackett The Rev. Dr. Andrew Harmon

Drew Boatner Ed Wallace Helen Campbell

The Rev JoAnn Garma The Rev. John Craft Lauren Anderson

The Rev Lindsey Ardrey Pat Brown Mike Gaudet

Transition Committee

The Rev. Michael Hackett, co-chair Philip James, co-chair

The Rev. Ashley Freeman Bill Soileau Carolyn Harris
The Rev Chris Duncan Gary Stuard, Jr. Heath Boddie
The Rev Jane-Allison Wiggin Miles Higgins Rebecca Sadler
Thomas Branton Brother Todd van Alstyne Trey Roberts

Standing Committee

The Rev. Fred Devall The Rev. John Miller The Rev Morgan MacIntyre
The Rev. Bobby Hadzor Alfonso Martinez Fred McCullough
Janice Zitzman Jennifer Johnson

Advisors

The Rev. John Sloan Miller The Rev. Diane Vie, consultant
The Rev. Ralph Howe, Jr, chaplain

**2021 CR—07 RESOLUTION IN THANKSGIVING FOR HEALTHCARE WORKERS, TEACHERS,
CLERGY, AND OTHERS DURING THIS PANDEMIC**

Whereas, we are all aware of the challenges faced by so many in our world, our nation, and our state over the COVID-19 pandemic; and,

Whereas, so many have risked their own personal safety in order to serve the needs of people in our various communities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 184th Convention of the Diocese of Louisiana continues to commit itself to prayer, thanksgiving, and emotional support for health care workers, teachers, clergy, and all who have given such courageous effort, at great risk, to the loving care of those affected by this current pandemic.

2021 CR—08 GREETINGS TO THE DIOCESE OF TOHOKU JAPAN

Whereas our long and treasured relationship with the Diocese of Tohoku has brought us great spiritual insights as well as lasting friendships, and,

Whereas the Rt Rev. John Masado Yoshida has led the Diocese as a faithful pastor and leader, and,

Whereas, Christ Church Cathedral, Sendai, has been reconsecrated after damage from the great earthquake of 2018 to be a place of prayer and worship for all,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 184th Convention of the Diocese of Louisiana sends its prayers, greetings and best wishes to the faithful of the Diocese of Tohoku, Bishop Yoshida, and

particularly the clergy and people of Christ Church Cathedral. We rejoice in your ministry. Well done, good and faithful servants.

2021 CR—09 IN THANKSGIVING FOR THE RESPONSE TO HURRICANE IDA

Whereas, the Germanic name Ida stands for industrious and prosperous, there is no doubt that Hurricane Ida was certainly industrious in trying to devastate South Louisiana, and,

Whereas, her category 5 winds, rains and destruction attempted unsuccessfully to dampen the spirits of Louisiana, and,

Whereas, despite her enormous impact on our state and diocese and the Diocese of Western Louisiana, we have seen the faithful spirit of so many people stay strong and vigilant in the face of such massive destruction, and,

Whereas, St. Andrew's, Bayou du Large; St. Paul's, New Orleans; Grace Memorial, Hammond; St. Andrew's, Paradis; St. John's, Thibodaux; St. George's, New Orleans; St. Matthew's, Houma; St. Timothy's, LaPlace; and, Trinity, New Orleans; have all suffered extensive damage in Ida's wake yet remain committed to rebuilding and continuing to proclaim the Gospel;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 184th Convention of the Diocese of Louisiana gives praise to our God for the safe keeping of life and limb; for the support of helping hands across the Church and the nation; for the many prayers of the faithful; for the first responders who risked their own lives to save and protect others; for the kindnesses shared between neighbors and families; for all the volunteers who continue to support us as we rebuild; and especially for the Grace of God that gives us strength to live and to love. This Convention stands in praise to the One who makes all things right and good, even at the darkest of times.

2021 CR—10 GREETINGS TO OUR RETIRED BISHOPS AND THEIR SPOUSES

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 184th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana sends its greetings to The Rt. Rev. James Brown and his wife, Mary Jo, offering ceaseless and fervent prayers that in health and happiness, in prosperity and tranquility, they may continue to enjoy a rich and peaceful retirement filled with the love of family and friends. We give thanks to God for the life and ministry of The Rt. Rev. Charles Jenkins who now dwells with all the saints in the glory of God. This convention sends heartfelt greetings to Louise Jenkins for her gracious support of this diocese, for the support of the ministry of her much-loved and respected husband, Charles, and for her love of the Episcopal Church.

2021 CR—11 RESOLUTION TO THANK OUR BISHOP

Whereas, for a dozen years, Bp. Morris Thompson has guided us, challenged us, and loved us - for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health - by the way, Bishop, the twelfth anniversary is silk and pearls ; and,

Whereas, this diocese has been graced by the ministry of Rebecca Thompson, his extraordinary wife, whose kindness, good humor, patience and friendship has touched many throughout Louisiana, the wider Church, and beyond; and,

Whereas, even the Tribes of Israel and our Lord's Apostles knew that going larger than Twelve can be problematic; and,

Whereas, Morris and Rebecca now prepare for a life beyond The Noland Center and even the state line.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 184th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana expresses great joy in celebrating twelve years of leadership and ministry from our plain, old, Ordinary Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Morris K. Thompson and his beloved Rebecca. We pray God prosper them and daily visit them that this closing year in the diocesan office may provide opportunities both for the people of this diocese to express gratitude for them, and for them to hold dear to loving memories and friendships of their time here in Louisiana. Godspeed, Rebecca and Morris!