

## **Courtesy Resolutions - 2023**

The Committee on Courtesy Resolutions, composed of hard-working Father Tommy Dillon and hardly-working Father Michael Kuhn, humbly offer the following courtesy resolutions:

### **2023 CR—01 RESOLUTION TO THANK DIOCESAN STAFF AND PLANNING COMMITTEE**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 186th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana extends its gratitude to all who helped make this gathering such a success, first recognizing from the Diocesan staff:

The Ven. Charlie deGravelles, Archdeacon  
Karla duPlantier, Coordinator for Latino/Hispanic Ministries  
Tamika Gerhardt, Executive Assistant to the Canons  
Jessica Lee, Assistant to Bishop; Accounts Payable; Insurance Administrator  
Karen Mackey, Communications Director  
The Rev. Canon Morgan MacIntire, Canon to the Ordinary  
Deacon Cindy Obier, Bishop's Chaplain  
The Rev. Canon Allison Reid, Missioner for Congregational Development  
Chris Speed, Diocesan Administrator  
The Rev. Jane-Allison Wiggin, Youth Coordinator

#### **We also recognize members of the Convention Planning Committee:**

The Rt. Rev. Shannon Rogers Duckworth  
Whitney Drennan  
The Rev. Charlie LaTour  
Jessica Lee  
Chris Louper  
The Rev. Canon Morgan MacIntire  
Karen Mackey  
Meri Monsour  
The Rev. Canon Allison Reid  
Chris Speed  
Marsha Wade  
Chad Wilken

#### **The Committee on Dispatch of Business**

The Rt. Rev. Shannon Rogers Duckworth, *President*  
Cove Geary, *Parliamentarian*  
The Rev. Canon Morgan MacIntire, *Secretary of Elections*  
The Rev. Canon Allison Reid, *Chair*  
Jane Perkins, *Assisting Secretary*  
Marsha Wade, *Secretary of the Diocese*

#### **The Committee on Budget**

Alan Brackett  
Keith Crawford  
Chris Speed

#### **Committee on Constitution and Canons**

Alex Breckinridge  
The Rev. Seth Donald  
Raul Esquivel  
Marsha Wade

#### **Resolutions Committee**

The Rev. Chris Duncan

#### **Courtesy Resolutions, (for their tireless and thankless work)**

The Very Rev. Tommy Dillon  
The Rev. Michael Kuhn

**Members of the Diocesan Liturgy Committee:**

The Rev. Drew Harmon  
The Rev. Jeff Millican  
The Rev. John Pitzer

**And gratefully acknowledge those leading Breakout Sessions:**

The Rev. Andrew Thayer  
The Rev. Craig Dalferes  
The Rev. Peter Wong

**2023 CR—02 RESOLUTION TO THANK THE CONVENTION HOSTS AND VOLUNTEERS**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 186th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana offers its thanks and gratitude to our hosts - the faculty, staff, students, parents, and volunteers at St. Martin's Episcopal School, for their planning, support, and hospitality, especially:

- Ms. Whitney Drennan, Head of School
- The Rev. Michael Kuhn, Former Interim Head of School
- Ms. Meri Monsour, Special Events Coordinator
- The Rev. Charlie LaTour, Head of the Upper School
- The Rev. Jeff Millican, Upper School Chaplain
- Mr. Chad Wilken, Director of Facilities
- Mr. Joe LeCoq, Director of Food Services
- Mr. Chris Louper, Technology Coordinator
- Mr. Ed Demirer, Band Director
- Ms. Emma Massengale, Asst. Director for Technical Theater
- Mr. Nick DiGiorgio & NOLA Catering Events, LLC
- St. Martin's students serving as pages, acolytes, lectors, intercessors, officiants, and musicians at Convention, noting especially
  - The St. Martin's students and staff who provided our reception music:

Carter Scheuermann - Guitar, piano, vocals

Cole Angerer - Bass

Juliet Whitaker - Drums

Ed Demirer - Upper School Jazz Band Director, ukulele, and vocals

- For those additional individuals supporting the worship and logistics of Convention, especially:
  - Dillard University Concert Choir, *S. Carver Davenport, M.M., Associate Professor of Music and Concert Choir Director*
  - Our Vendors
  - Andrew Boyd, Videographer
  - Ministry Architects, *Lilly Endowment Video*
  - Moxie Media

For all of these individuals, and many more who have supported this convention, we offer our gratitude.

**2023 CR—03 EXTENDING GREETINGS TO THE DIOCESE OF TOHOKU JAPAN**

Whereas the Diocese of Louisiana has a long-standing and greatly valued relationship with the Diocese of Tohoku, Japan, a partnership that has given us the opportunity to work with others in the Anglican Communion through the Nippon Sei-Ko Kai, building spiritual bonds and lasting friendships, and,

Whereas [The Right Revd Francis Kiyosumi Hasegawa](#) was consecrated in April of this year as Tohoku's new bishop, and,

Whereas, Christ Church Cathedral, Sendai, continues to assist in the rebuilding of the area after damage from the earthquake of 2018,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 186th Convention of the Diocese of Louisiana sends its prayers, greetings and best wishes to the faithful of the Diocese of Tohoku, Bishop Hasegawa, and the clergy and people of Christ Church Cathedral. We rejoice in your ministry, share in your perseverance in the face of natural disasters, and pray for your continued life in Christ. Well done, good and faithful servants.

#### **2023 CR—04 FOR THE ISRAELI AND PALESTINIAN PEOPLE**

Whereas, the Holy Land has long been both a place of tension as well as a land of peace, especially for the children of Abraham and Sarah, and,

Whereas, this place has recently seen horrific violence and death erode trust between Abraham's descendants and set back steps taken toward peace; and

Whereas, St. Paul calls us to "let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body."

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 186th Convention of the Diocese of Louisiana gives praise to our God for those kept safe in the face of so much destruction; for the support of helping hands across the Church, the nation, and the world; for the many prayers of the faithful; for all those in Israel and Gaza who risk their own lives to save and protect others; for the kindnesses shared between neighbors and families; for all those who continue to act in hope for peace in the Holy Land.; and we ask prayers especially for the many non-combatants caught up in the destruction and violence of war, that they receive 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 in the darkest of times. May God continue to bless and keep safe the children of Abraham, Sarah, and Hagar.

#### **2023 CR—05 GREETINGS TO OUR RETIRED BISHOPS AND THEIR SPOUSES**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 186th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana sends greetings and gratitude to The Rt. Rev. James Brown and his wife, Mary Jo, and to the Rt. Rev. Morris K. Thompson and his wife Rebecca, offering ceaseless and

fervent prayers that they continue in good health and great joy, in prosperity and tranquility, to continue living a rich and peaceful retirement surrounded by the love of family and friends and filled with the peace of Christ. This convention also sends heartfelt greetings to Louise Jenkins for her gracious support of this diocese, for the support given to her husband our bishop Charles during his life of ministry, and for her continued love of and work for the Episcopal Church.

#### **2023 CR—06 RESOLUTION TO THANK OUR BISHOP**

Whereas, for a whole years, The Rt. Rev. Shannon Duckworth has shepherded us, challenged us, laughed with us, and loved us; and,

Whereas, this diocese has been graced by the support of Jimmy Duckworth, her extraordinary husband, whose kindness, good humor, friendship, rescue and woodworking skills have impressed and touched many throughout Louisiana, the wider Church, and beyond; and,

Whereas, because two is often considered better than one (in both relationships and years of service as a bishop);

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 186th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana expresses great joy in celebrating **almost** a whole year of leadership and ministry with our Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Shannon Duckworth, even as we look forward to her continuing ministry among the people of Louisiana and throughout the Anglican Communion.

We pray God prosper both +Shannon and Jimmy, daily visiting them and guiding them, that with the people of this diocese we continue to build God's realm of love. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, Bishop Duckworth! And remember - first anniversary gifts are paper or a clock!