

## 2024 Courtesy Resolutions

### **2024 CR-1 RESOLUTION TO THANK DIOCESAN STAFF AND PLANNING COMMITTEE**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 187th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana extends its gratitude to all who helped make this gathering such a success, recognizing from the Bishop's staff: (in alphabetical order)

The Venerable Charles deGravelles, Archdeacon

Donna Dunn, Diocesan Office Receptionist

Lauren Dunn, Youth Coordinator

Nicole Eiden, Communications Director

Tamika Gerhart, Frances Gaudet Missioner for Congregational Vitality & Beloved Community

& the person with the longest title for a job in all of Christendom  
Executive Assistant to the Bishop

The Rev. Canon Morgan MacIntyre, Canon to the Ordinary, and very nice person

The Rev. Cindy Obier, Bishop's Chaplain

Grace Rose, Grant Manager, Christian Parenting & Caregiving Initiative

Karla Sikaffy Duplantier, Coordinator for Latino/Hispanic Ministries

Chris Speed, Diocesan Administrator, sole male member of the Diocesan Staff & Chair of the Committee for Recruitment for Greater Male Presence in the Diocesan Center

while also recognizing members of the Convention Planning Committee:

The Rt. Rev. Shannon Duckworth

Dr. Carrie Steakley

The Rev. Susan Gaumer

Becky Malik of the Episcopal School

The Rev Canon Morgan MacIntyre

The Rev. Dr. Drew Harmon

The Rev. John Pitzer

Tamika Gerhart

Jessica Lee

Chris Speed

Marsha Wade

The Rev. Deacon Austin Wendt

### **2024 CR-2 RESOLUTION TO THANK THE CONVENTION HOSTS AND VOLUNTEERS**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 187th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana offers its thanks and gratitude to our hosts, the faculty and staff of the Episcopal School of Baton Rouge, remembering especially:

Carrie Steakley, Head of School

Becky Malik, Administrative Assistant to the Head of School

The Rev. Patrick Edwards, Senior Chaplain

Casey Duncan, chaplain

John Kojis-Director of Operations

Pat Mahon-chef & Director of Nutrition

April Gautreaux, Chief Business Officer  
Louis Gagliano, VPAC Facility Director  
Michelle Chenevert, Director of Technology  
Vito Cheong, Director of Marketing and Communications  
Stacy Hill, QUEST CENTER coordinator  
Episcopal School of Baton Rouge students serving as pages, acolytes, lectors, intercessors,  
officiants, and choir leaders & members of the choir  
The faculty, staff, students, parents, & volunteers at the Episcopal School of Baton Rouge  
and all the wonderful people I forgot

And for those planning this year's Convention Eucharist, especially:  
Casey Duncan, chaplain at this fine educational institution  
The Extremely Rev. Drew Harmon, man of God & all-'round good guy  
The Rev. Dominican John Pitzer, President of the Society of Introverted Clergy, and  
The Rev. & Prodigal Son Patrick Edwards, who left the Diocese for a Short While,  
then returned to accept the Fatted Calf Job of Senior Chaplain of the  
Episcopal School in Baton Rouge  
And for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and for  
contributors like you.

#### **2024 CR-3 RESOLUTION TO THANK CONVENTION COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 187<sup>th</sup> Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana thanks its  
Committees for their diligence and preparation, allowing for the speedy dispatch of business,  
most especially:

**Dispatch of Business**

**Budget Committee**

**Committee on Constitution and Canons**

**Committee on Resolutions**

**Committee on Courtesy Resolutions**

#### **2024 CR-4—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. Francis Kiyosumi Hasegawa has led the Diocese as a faithful pastor and  
leader, and,

Whereas, Christ Church Cathedral, Sendai, has been a place of prayer and worship for all,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 187<sup>th</sup> Convention of the Diocese of Louisiana sends  
its prayers, greetings and best wishes to the faithful of the Diocese of Tohoku, Bishop  
Hasegawa, and particularly the clergy and people of Christ Church Cathedral. God bless you as  
we rejoice in your ministry.

## **2024 CR-5 RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THOSE IN PLACES OF VIOLENCE AND WAR**

Whereas, the people of Ukraine, Haiti, Sudan, Gaza, Israel, Lebanon, and other places around the world have suffered in violence against their citizens, including both adults and children, causing civilians to lose their lives.

Be It Resolved that this 187<sup>th</sup> Convention of the Diocese of Louisiana pledge its prayers and support for all countries struggling with violence and war, that our hearts not grow weary or hard as we reflect on their plight, and that they might find a swift end to these conflicts, and a rapid path to peace through the love of the Prince of Peace.

## **2024 CR-6 GREETINGS TO OUR RETIRED BISHOPS AND THEIR SPOUSES**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 187<sup>th</sup> 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. 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.

## **2024 CR-7 GREETINGS TO RETIRED BISHOP MORRIS THOMPSON & HIS WIFE REBECCA**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 187<sup>th</sup> Convention of the Diocese of Louisiana sends its greetings to the Rt. Rev. Morris Thompson and his wife Rebecca, who like boomerangs, left the Diocese of Mississippi long ago, hovering over the states such as Kentucky & Louisiana, distributing their love and grace to us and others, then returned to Mississippi to the bliss of eternal retirement. We wish them well, and pray that the Diocese of Mississippi continues to allow Morris enough supply work to supplement their numerous overseas travel expenses.

## **2024 CR-8 RESOLUTION IN GRATITUDE FOR OUR BISHOP**

WHEREAS, our bishop has given of her time and energy to the people of this diocese with her warm smile, her professionalism, her spirit of holiness, and her huge heart, BE IT RESOLVED that this 187<sup>th</sup> Convention of the Diocese of Louisiana, with equal thanksgiving for her husband Jimmy, and boys, Nick & Tucker, express our great joy, love, and support for her leadership now and in the years to come.

## **2024 CR-9 RESOLUTION IN THANKSGIVING FOR THE DEDICATION OF MARSHA WADE**

WHEREAS, for many years, almost too many to count, Marsha Wade has head up the Committee on Constitution & Canons, one of the most sought after and popular committees of Convention, and each year, people beg to go through the meticulous process that must be done to make sure our constitution and canons make sense and are up to date, in alignment with national canons, and in line with our practices, and while the chair of the committee has been passed to the capable hands of Father Seth Donald, but Marsha has been suckered into another leadership role as Secretary to Convention, therefore, BE IT RESOLVED that this Convention of the 187<sup>th</sup> Convention of the Diocese of Louisiana, with grateful hearts, give our

utmost thanks for the years that Marsha Wade has served the diocese, and pray that she may continue in this work until Jesus comes again or at least, for many years to come.

**2024 CR-10 RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION ON THE 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE ORDINATION OF WOMEN IN THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

WHEREAS, this year marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ordination of women in the Episcopal Church, adding a richness to our denomination of leadership, inclusiveness, and holy ministry, and where our own diocese has been blessed with sisters in the faith and at least one bishop, who have made us a church touched by a new wholeness, BE IT RESOLVED that this 187<sup>th</sup> Convention of the Diocese of Louisiana give thanks for those women who led the way, for those who supported them in their efforts, for those who serve Christ today, and for those of us blessed by their presence in our lives and in the life of the Church.

**2024 CR-11 RESOLUTION OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE MINISTRIES OF THE REV. MARY HARDY AND THE REV. SUSAN GAUMER**

WHEREAS, the Rev. Mary Hardy, ordained priest 32 years ago in December of 1992, and the Rev. Susan Gaumer, ordained 31 years ago in December of 1993, were the first women ordained in this diocese, and led a path for others, and while Mary has lived in Colorado for many years, Susan lives among us after years of ministry to the diocese and to the greater Church in the areas of ecumenism, Christian education, representation at General Conventions, serving as rector of St. Andrew's Church in New Orleans, and a host of other ministries, BE IT RESOLVED that the 187<sup>th</sup> Convention of the Diocese of Louisiana express its thanks for Mary and Susan, the gifts they have brought to this diocese, and the path that they began for those who would follow them.

**2024 CR-12 RESOLUTION FOR THE PARISH OF ST. LUKE'S, BATON ROUGE**

WHEREAS, the parish of St. Luke's Church in Baton Rouge sustained a devastating fire that consumed their church, and while fate tried to burn them down but instead their hearts were set on fire for future ministry and commitment to that parish, BE IT RESOLVED, that this 187<sup>th</sup> Convention of the Diocese of Louisiana and all who love them, express love and support to Bryan & Trish, the clergy of that parish, and to the people of St. Luke's, assuring them of our prayers for them as they move ahead in the service of our Lord.