

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF IOWA**

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Episcopal Corporation of the Diocese of Iowa was held at noon at Grinnell College, Grinnell, Iowa on July 15, 2011 pursuant to the Annual Meeting of November 13, 2010.

The Rt. Rev Alan Scarfe, President, presided.

The following directors were present:

Ms. Diane Bjorklund	The Rev. John Horn	Ms. Margaret Tinsman
The Rev. Sean Burke	The Rev. Dian Ong	The Rev. Canon Ronald Osborne
Mr. Charles Cox	The Rev. Susanne Palmer	Mr. William Smith, <i>ex officio</i>
The Rev. Artis Ferrel	Ms. Kate Rose	Canon Thomas Carpenter, <i>ex officio</i> .
Mr. Raymond Gaebler	Dr. Terry Shively	
Mr. John Gardner	The Rev. John Thorpe	

Also present: Mr. Robert Joy, Assistant Treasurer; Ms. Nancy Morton, Assistant Secretary; The Rev. Richard Graves, and Ms. Julianne Allaway.

Absent: Ms. Cheryl Crandall and The Rev. Martha Rogers

The Rev. John Horn opened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes of the June 10 meeting were approved.

Bishop Scarfe thanked the board members for prayers and cards following his heart attack in late May. He talked about the rehabilitation and recovery program in progress. Through July he will be in the office half-days, usually afternoons. Some meetings have been cancelled or rescheduled. His visitation schedule is being revised.

The board reflected on the meeting process changes made this year. There was strong support for the orientation after Diocesan Convention. The meeting-agenda planning with the executive committee is working well.

Observations about the board's dual role as council and corporation set the stage for the presentation by The Rev. Richard Graves, convenor for the Strategic Planning Task Group. He reviewed the timeline in the *Draft Planning Scope of Work at a Glance*. He identified the three working groups: (1) Research and Data, (2) Future Issues and Trends and (3) Asset Based Community Development (ABCD). The focus is on our assets, our core values, and our wishes for the future.

Board members were given the following questions to consider:

Assets What was the most spectacular thing that happened in your life in the past year, in the life of your local church, in the life of your diocese?

Core Values What do you most value about yourself, your local congregation, your diocese?

Wishes for the Future Imagine that the next five years will be the most creative and productive you have ever known. . . What would you have accomplished? What would your local church have accomplished? What would your diocese have accomplished?

Mr. Robert Joy reminded chapter representatives that dates for chapter meetings to discuss the proposed Diocesan Budget for 2012 are being scheduled. He noted that the major changes are listed on the final page of the budget. A narrative form of the budget containing descriptions of line items will be sent out prior to the meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy A. Morton,
Assistant Secretary

APPROVED:

The Rev. Artis Ferrel, Secretary
of the Episcopal Corporation
of the Diocese of Iowa

ATTEST:

The Rt. Rev. Alan Scarfe, President
of the Episcopal Corporation
of the Diocese of Iowa