

**JOURNAL  
OF THE  
PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
154<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION**

**Downtown Marriott Hotel, Des Moines, Iowa  
Friday and Saturday, November 10-11, 2006**

*Let the Holy Spirit Soar: Celebration of the Ordination of Women*

**FRIDAY AFTERNOON**

The One Hundred Fifty-fourth Annual Convention of the Diocese of Iowa was opened by the Rt. Rev. Alan Scarfe, Bishop of Iowa and President of the Convention, at 1:00 p.m. with prayer, scripture, song and the renewal of baptismal vows. He was assisted by women priests and deacons. Bishop Scarfe called convention to order at 1:15 p.m. at the Marriott Hotel, Des Moines, Iowa.

The Rev. Kathleen Milligan, St. John's Church, Dubuque, reporting for the Committee on Credentials, certified a Quorum was present: 115 lay delegates registered from 48 congregations and 52 clergy delegates registered.

The Rev. Bill Pugliese, Christ Church, Cedar Rapids, moved to dispense with the roll call and have the attendance taken from registration. The motion was seconded and carried.

The Rev. Bill Pugliese, Christ Church, Cedar Rapids, moved that the reading of the minutes of the 153rd Annual Convention be waived and that they be approved. The motion was seconded and carried.

The President of the Convention welcomed delegates, reminding them to register in the third floor Atrium area if they had not done so, and referred delegates to the list of members of Convention committees included in the pre-convention packets. The Convention Committees serve until the end of this convention. He also requested people speaking to come to a microphone and state their name and church when addressing convention.

The Rev. Kathleen Milligan, St. John's Church, Dubuque, reporting for the Committee on Credentials, moved that the following persons be granted seat and voice for this convention:

**Convention Committees:**

William Baker, Chair of the Resolutions Committee  
Tim Bascom, Resolutions Committee Member  
Donna Scarfe, Member of the Resolutions Committee

**Diocesan Officers:**

Patricia Kempf, United Thank Offering Custodian  
Elinor Kornhauser and Martha Hippee, Diocesan Altar Guild Co-Directresses  
Ron and Toni Noah, Episcopal Relief & Development Co-Coordiators  
Leslee Sandberg, Jubilee Officer  
Karen Nichols, Retiring Global Missioner

**Diocesan Staff:**

Bob Joy, Financial and Planned Giving Officer  
Sue Genereux and Diane Bjorkland, Youth Missioners  
Anne Wagner, Administrative Assistant

**Interim / Licensed / Visiting Clergy:**

The Rev. Milton Cole, canonically resident in the Diocese of Pennsylvania  
The Rev. Georgia Humphrey, canonically resident in the Diocese of Colorado  
The Rev. Martha Kester, canonically resident in the Diocese of Central Florida  
The Rev. Kathryn Piccard, canonically resident in the Diocese of Massachusetts

**Other guests:**

*From the Diocese of Swaziland:*

The Rev. Orma Mavimbela  
The Rev. Nancy Tshabalala  
Ms. Dalcey Dlamini

Bishop Gayle Harris, Suffragan, Diocese of Massachusetts

Bishop Gregory Palmer, United Methodist Church, Iowa Conference  
Mike Kinman, Episcopalians for Global Reconciliation  
Bishop Philip Hougen, ELCA, Southeastern Iowa Synod  
Jeanie Smith, Representative from IRMS  
The Rev. Russ Melby, Director, Iowa Church World Service/CROP

**Seminarians:**

Raisin Horn  
John Horn  
Elizabeth Popplewell  
Meg Clark  
Kesha Brennom

**Postulants / Candidates:**

Abbot Michael-John  
Donald Keeler  
Judith Dalmasso  
Linda Mansfield  
Kent Anderson  
John Doherty  
Sallie Verrette  
Thomas Williams

The Rev. Jean McCarthy, St. Mark's Church, Des Moines, reporting for the Committee on Dispatch of Business, reminded convention that our time together would include time for meditation, prayer, reflection, and song. She explained the voting card system. On behalf of the Committee on Dispatch of Business, the Rev. McCarthy moved that the rules of order adopted at the 151st Annual Convention be the Rules of Order for this convention and that the agenda for this Convention as prepared by the Dispatch of Business be approved. The motion carried.

The Rev. Bill Pugliese, Christ Church, Cedar Rapids, nominated the Rev. Canon Glenn Rankin to be Secretary of Convention. The motion was seconded, and there being no other nominations, Canon Rankin was declared elected. Canon Rankin then appointed the Rev. Patricia Roberts, Calvary Church, Sioux City, Assistant Secretary of the Convention.

The Rev. Jean McCarthy, St. Mark's Church, Des Moines, nominated Mr. Bill Smith as Treasurer of the Convention. The motion was seconded; and there being no other nomination, Mr. Smith was declared elected. The Bishop then called on Mr. Bill Baker, Chair of the Resolutions Committee for the following resolution:

**COURTESY RESOLUTION**

**Canon Paul J. Meginnis, II**

WHEREAS, Mr. Paul Meginnis has served the Diocese of Iowa with honor and devotion for over twenty years, as treasurer of the Diocese and of the Convention; whereas his vision, his humor and his memory have been useful attributes as budgets are hammered out and financial decisions made; and whereas he is now resigning that position:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this 154th Convention of the Diocese of Iowa recognizes his enormous contributions to our financial integrity and health; expresses its gratitude for his grace, wit and wisdom; and wishes him continuing health and peace in his retirement.

The resolution carried with acclamation and applause. Canon Meginnis responded with remarks.

The Chair called for a report from the Nominations Committee. The Rev. Cathleen Chittenden-Bascom, Chair of the Nominations Committee, explained that all nominations would be presented on the power point screen. She placed into nomination the names of those on the Revised Report.

**THE STANDING COMMITTEE**

**(ARTICLE IX)**

*(1 Priest and 1 Lay Person to be elected for a Three-Year Term)*

**CLERGY**

Robert A. Kem, St. Anne's by the Fields, Ankeny  
Charles M. Pope, St. Paul's Church, Grinnell  
Glenn Rankin, Trinity Cluster (Trinity Church, Carroll; Trinity Church, Denison; St. Paul's Church, Harlan)  
Benjamin Webb, St. Luke's Church, Cedar Falls

*LAY*

Greg Jones, St. Thomas' Church, Sioux City  
Esther Walter, St. Mark's Church, Des Moines

**DIRECTORS OF THE EPISCOPAL CORPORATION**

(Canon 7)

*(Elect 3 Clergy and 3 Lay Persons for a Two-Year Term)*

*CLERGY*

Linda Hughes, St. Martin's Church, Perry  
Ronald D. Osborne, Retired  
William Pugliese, Christ Church, Cedar Rapids  
Tim Vann, St. Paul's Church, Council Bluffs; St. John's Church, Glenwood; All Angels' Church Red Oak; and St. John's Church, Shenandoah

*LAY*

Brad Bateman, Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Des Moines  
George Eldridge, St. Martin's Church, Perry  
John Gardner, Trinity Cathedral, Davenport  
Kathy Halverson-Rigatuso, St. John's Church, Glenwood

**COURT FOR THE TRIAL OF AN ORDAINED PERSON NOT BEING A BISHOP**

(Canon 35)

*(Elect 3 Clergy and 2 Lay Persons for a Two-Year Term)*

*CLERGY*

Artis Ferrel, St. John's Church, Glenwood; St. John's Church, Shenandoah; All Angels' Church, Red Oak  
Jean McCarthy, St. Mark's Church, Des Moines  
Peter Sanderson, Trinity Cathedral, Davenport

*LAY*

John "Pete" Harris, St. Andrew's Church, Des Moines  
Mary Neis, Trinity Church, Ottumwa

**DELEGATES TO THE PROVINCIAL SYNOD**

(Canon 6)

*(Elect 1 Clergy and 1 Lay Person for a Two-Year Term)*

*CLERGY*

Mary Cole-Duvall, St. Timothy's Church, West Des Moines  
Warren Frelund, St. John's Church, Mason City  
Charles "Chuck" Lane, Trinity Church, Waterloo  
Mitchell Smith, Trinity Church, Waterloo

*LAY*

Bruce Bjorklund, St. John's by the Campus, Ames  
Carol Kramer, St. Stephen's Church, Newton  
Barbara Sass, St. Martin's Church, Perry

Bishop Scarfe announced that the Rev. Charles Pope had withdrawn from nomination to the Standing Committee, the Rev. Tim Vann had withdrawn from nomination to the Board of Directors, and the Rev. Mary Cole-Duvall had withdrawn from nomination as Provincial Delegate.

The Rev. Cathleen Chittenden-Bascom moved the nominations report with the withdrawals. The motion was seconded and carried.

The President called for floor nominations to the Standing Committee in the lay and clerical order. Ms. Linda Neuman, St. Peter's Church, Bettendorf, moved that the nominations be closed. The motion was seconded and carried.

The President called for floor nominations to the Board of Directors of the Episcopal Corporation. The Rev. Barbara Schlachter, Christ Church, Cedar Rapids, moved that the nominations be closed. The motion was seconded and carried.

The President called for floor nominations to the Court for the Trial of an Ordained Person not being a Bishop. Ms. Linda Neuman, St. Peter's Church, Bettendorf, moved that the nominations be closed and that a unanimous ballot be cast. The motion was seconded and carried. The slate was declared elected.

The President called for floor nominations for the Deputies to Provincial Synod. Ms. Maggie Tinsman, St. Peter's Church, Bettendorf, moved that the nominations be closed. The motion was seconded and carried.

Ballots were distributed. Canon Thomas Carpenter, Chancellor, explained the Hare Transferable Ballot. Deputies then cast their ballots.

The Bishop made the following appointments:

**DIOCESAN PENSION FUND TREASURER**

Mr. Robert Joy, Financial Officer, Diocese of Iowa

**EDITOR OF IOWA CONNECTIONS**

Ms. Nancy Morton, Cathedral Church of Saint Paul, Des Moines

**COMMISSION ON CHURCH ARCHITECTURE AND ALLIED ARTS**

The Rt. Rev. Alan Scarfe, Bishop of Iowa

The Very Rev. Jim Harris, Trinity Cathedral, Davenport

The Rev. Canon Glenn Rankin, Trinity Cluster - Harlan/Denison/Carroll

Mr. Steven Strassburg, Cathedral Church of Saint Paul, Des Moines

Mr. John Wetherell, Cathedral Church of Saint Paul, Des Moines

Ms. Suzanne Messer, St. John's Church, Keokuk

**UNITED THANK OFFERING (UTO) CUSTODIAN**

Ms. Patricia Stiles Kempf, St. Mark's Church, Des Moines

**EPISCOPAL RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT (ERD) CHAIRPERSONS**

Ron and Toni Noah, Co-Chairs, Grace Church, Charles City

**DIOCESAN ALTAR GUILD CO-DIRECTRESSES**

Ms. Elinor Kornhauser, St. John's Church, Mason City

Ms. Martha Hippee, Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Des Moines

Upon the motion made by the Rev. William Pugliese, Christ Church, Cedar Rapids, Convention confirmed the following appointments:

**COMMISSION ON MINISTRY**

*(Term Expiring 2007)*

The Rev. Artis Ferrel, St. John's Church, Glenwood

The Rev. Canon Glenn Rankin, Trinity Cluster: Harlan/Denison/Carroll

The Rev. Anne Williams, St. Mark's Church, Anamosa

Mr. John Swope, St. Andrew's Church, Waverly

Mr. Donald Wacome, St. George's Church, Le Mars

*(Term Expiring 2008)*

The Rev. Bruce Blois, St. John's Church, Keokuk

The Rev. Melvin Low, St. Thomas' Church, Algona

Ms. Rebecca Kemble, St. Andrew's Church, Des Moines

Ms. Georgiana Meadows, St. Mark's Church, Fort Dodge

Mr. Bruce Tinsman, St. Peter's Church, Bettendorf

The Rev. Maureen Doherty, St. Andrew's Church, Waverly

*(Term Expiring 2009)*

The Rev. Margaret Weiner, Des Moines

The Rev. Kathleen Milligan, Chair, St. John's Church, Dubuque

The Rev. Eric Johnson, St. John's Church, Dubuque

Mr. Brian Jones, St. Andrew's Church, Waverly

Dr. David Smith, Grace Church, Decorah

Ms. Susan Streit, Christ Church, Cedar Rapids

*Ex-officio:*

The Rev. Thomas Gehlsen

The Rev. Warren Frelund;

Ms. Ellen Bruckner  
The Rt. Rev. Alan Scarfe

The Rev. Jean McCarthy, St. Mark's Church, Des Moines, nominated Canon Thomas Carpenter, St. Timothy's Church, West Des Moines, for Chancellor. The motion was seconded and carried. The Rev. Jean McCarthy nominated Ms. Linda Neuman, St. Peter's Church, Bettendorf, for Vice Chancellor. The motion was seconded and carried. The Rev. Jean McCarthy nominated Mr. William Smith, Jr., St. Timothy's, West Des Moines, for Treasurer. The motion was seconded and carried. The Rev. Jean McCarthy nominated Dr. Tom Colbert, St. Paul's Church, Marshalltown, for Historiographer. The motion was seconded and carried. Finally, the Rev. Jean McCarthy nominated Ms. Julianne Allaway, Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Des Moines, for Registrar of Convention. The motion was seconded and carried.

A meditation was given.

The President requested a motion to have the written reports in the Convention Booklet received by title and entered into the 2006 Journal. The motion was made by the Rev. William Pugliese, seconded, and carried.

The following reports were given:

The Rev. Kathleen Milligan gave a report from the Commission on Ministry.

Ms. Diane Bjorklund, Associate Youth Missioner gave a report on Youth Ministry Development.

The Rev. Wendy Abrahamson gave a report for the Strategic Planning Task Force.

The Bishop introduced Bishop Gayle Harris to convention. He then introduced Mike Kinman for a report about the Millennium Development Goals. Following his presentation, a hymn was sung and the prayer used for Iowa Day at the National Cathedral was prayed.

The Bishop introduced Diocesan Coordinators and asked them to stand while Convention recognized their dedicated work.

*Altar Guild Co-Directresses*  
Elinor Kornhauser and Martha Hippee

*Ecumenical Officer*  
Jean McCarthy

*Episcopal Relief & Development Co-Coordinators*  
Ron and Toni Noah

*Global Missioner*  
Karen Nichols

*Jubilee Officer*  
Leslee Sandberg

*United Thank Offering Custodian*  
Patricia Kempf

The Bishop called on David Oakland, Chair of the Commission on One World, One Church to introduce Dalcey Dlamini and The Rev. Orma Mavimbela and The Rev. Nancy Tshabalala. The Swazi guests spoke and sang. Bishop Scarfe then read two resolutions sent from Swaziland.

## **RESOLUTIONS RECEIVED FROM SWAZILAND**

### **First Resolution:**

#### **Motion:**

The 14<sup>th</sup> Session of Synod of the Diocese of Swaziland meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> October 2006 at St. Michael School, Manzini.

#### **Noted That:**

The year 2008 is the year in which the Diocese of Swaziland will be celebrating a Landmark 40<sup>th</sup> year of existence as a Diocese.

In the 40 years of its existence the Diocese has experienced phenomenal growth in terms of numbers of Clergy, the church and other developments.

In the 40 years of its existence the church contributed immensely to the welfare of Swazi Society in terms of their spiritual, physical and social needs.

**Recognizing:**

I. That the Diocese of Swaziland has had happy and mutually beneficial relationships with its Link Dioceses of Brechin and Iowa.

II. That the Link Dioceses of Brechin and Iowa have contributed massively to the development and ministry of the Diocese of Swaziland.

**Resolves That:**

Since the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary will be a big and historic Celebration that the Link Dioceses of Brechin and Iowa be invited so that they participate with the Diocese of Swaziland when it celebrates its achievements and share our joy.

**Second Resolution:**

The 14<sup>th</sup> Session of Diocesan Synod of the Diocese of Swaziland sitting from 25<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> October 2006 at St. Michael School, Manzini.

Received from the President the news of the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Ordination of women in the Diocese of Iowa in the month of November 2006 with great Jubilation and standing ovation.

Applauded the Diocese of Iowa in leading the way in the Ordination of Women which was subsequently followed by many Dioceses in the Communion including the Diocese of Swaziland which had its first two Women Priests Ordained in 2004, and one Woman Deacon Ordained in 2005.

Thanked and appreciated the generosity and hospitality of the Diocese of Iowa in inviting and sponsoring two Women Priests and a Woman Ordained from the Diocese of Swaziland to join the Diocese of Iowa in their Celebrations.

**Resolution:**

Synod resolves to congratulate the Diocese of Iowa in their achievement in affirming women and wish to encourage them to continue to lead the way in bringing about innovative ecclesiastical developments.

Mr. Bill Baker, Chair of the Resolutions Committee called on David Oakland to present the following resolution:

**COURTESY RESOLUTION**

**Swaziland Guests**

WHEREAS, the Rev. Orma Mavimbela was the first woman to be ordained a deacon in the Anglican Church of Swaziland, and

WHEREAS, the Rev. Nancy Tshabalala, ordained deacon in the Diocese of Johannesburg, returned to her homeland of Swaziland to plant churches in the south of that Diocese, and

WHEREAS, Orma and Nancy were the first two women to be ordained priests in the Anglican Church of Swaziland, and

WHEREAS, Ms. Dalcey Dlamini was the first woman sent by the Anglican Church of Swaziland for seminary preparation, and

WHEREAS, Dalcey will be ordained deacon on December 9, 2006, and

WHEREAS, all three left behind family, churches, and homeland to join us in our celebration of the ordination of women in the Episcopal Church, and

WHEREAS, Orma has graced our National Cathedral with her preaching at three Sunday services, and

WHEREAS, all three have graciously shared stories of their ministry and faith with Iowans throughout the state, and

WHEREAS, have touched the hearts of many in this diocese,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this 154<sup>th</sup> Convention of the Diocese of Iowa gives thanks for God's joyful and loving and gracious servants.

The motion was seconded and carried.

The following two courtesy resolutions were offered:

**COURTESY RESOLUTION**

**Those who traveled to Swaziland in the summer of 2006**

WHEREAS, Hayley Bright, Lydia Brown, Meghan Felton, Sue Genereux, Margaret Hansen, Carla Horsley, Ron Noah, Toni Noah, Andy Pettifor, Beth Robbins, Paula Sanchini, Holly Scherff, Keith Scherff, Stevie Shively, Terry Shively, Mike Stewart, Cheryl Valenta, and Gene Warren did arrive in Swaziland on July 22, 2006, and

WHEREAS, the Swaziland Companions at Christ Church, Cedar Rapids, (along with many others throughout the Diocese) did provide enthusiasm, dollars, and coordination for this project, and

WHEREAS, Ron and Toni Noah did wonderful work in preparing the team and arranging the travel, and

WHEREAS, this team did toil in the making of over 700 cement blocks for the building of St. Augustine's school at Mpaka, and

WHEREAS, they delivered and demonstrated the use of three chlorine-based water purification systems for providing safer drinking water in three Swaziland communities, and

WHEREAS, this team took funds for medical supplies for various health-care services and tooth brushes for school children, and

WHEREAS, for each of them their bodies returned from Swaziland, but perhaps part of the heart was left behind,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this 154<sup>th</sup> Convention of the Diocese of Iowa gives thanks for these faithful servants, and pledges that we will all visit their exhibit during the Convention to hear and see their stories.

### **COURTESY RESOLUTION FOR**

#### **The Rt. Rev. John Mantle**

WHEREAS, the Rt. Rev. John Mantle did fly to Los Angeles at the beginning of September, and

WHEREAS, Bishops Mantle and Scarfe did embark on a car trip from there to Iowa, and

WHEREAS, Bishop Mantle did get his opportunity to ride a horse, and

WHEREAS, Gill Mantle came via a more direct route to Iowa, and

WHEREAS, the Mantles did visit with many within our diocese through gatherings in Ames and Iowa City, a One World One Church Commission meeting, and

WHEREAS, the Mantles did manage a brief holiday in New York City, and

WHEREAS, Bishop Mantle did visit St Paul's Indian Mission, the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, and Trinity Cathedral,

WHEREAS, Bishop Mantle served as the speaker at the Fall Clergy Conference,

THREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this 154<sup>th</sup> Convention of the Diocese of Iowa gives thanks for the companion relationship with the Diocese of Brechin and for the ministry, of Bishop John Mantle and his wife, Gill.

Ms. Anne Wagner gave a report on Katrina Recovery efforts by Iowans.

Bishop Scarfe called on Sara Lopez, Church of the Saviour, Clermont, for a presentation of their parish to parish relationship with the Church of the Savior, San Gabriel, California.

Following a break and a meditation, Bishop Scarfe introduced United Methodist Bishop Gregory Palmer to bring greetings to convention.

Mr. Bill Smith reported for Ways and Means on the 2005 Budget, the Working Capital Supplement, and reviewed the current 2006 Budget. He then moved the 2007 budget which was seconded and carried.

The Bishop reminded the convention of Evensong at St. Paul's Cathedral at 5:00 and the Saturday Eucharist at St. Paul's Cathedral at 9:00 am. The convention was recessed until Saturday.

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Bishop C. Christopher Epting, Eighth Bishop of Iowa and the Presiding Bishop's Deputy for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations, officiated at Evensong. Bishop Gayle Harris preached. Members of the Cathedral of St. Paul's Choir were joined by the Choir of St. Thomas' Church, Sioux City. St. Cecilia Ringers Bell Choir, St. Luke's Church, Des Moines, played before the service.

Bishops Harris, Epting, and Scarfe officiated at the Holy Eucharist with Bishop Scarfe preaching.

### **Saturday Morning**

Saturday morning, Convention received greetings from Bishop Walter Righter read by Ms. Dottie Carpenter, St. Timothy's Church, West Des Moines. Bishop Scarfe then gave his annual convention address.

### **Saturday Afternoon**

The President called the Convention back to order at 1:15 with a meditation and hymn.

The President called on Ms. Linda Neuman for a report from Constitution and Canons. Ms. Neuman reported that the 152<sup>nd</sup> Convention in 2004 in Resolution 152-E directed the committee to change any references to the term "confirmed member" to "baptized member" so Iowa would conform with the National Canons. The matter has been studied and revisions of the 2006 General Convention have been studied. Iowa canons are in compliance with national canons and no revision is recommended or needed. The committee has discharged its duty.

The President announced the results of the elections.

**THE STANDING COMMITTEE**

*CLERGY*

Glenn Rankin, Trinity Cluster (Trinity Church, Carroll; Trinity Church, Denison; St. Paul's Church, Harlan)

*LAY*

Greg Jones, St. Thomas' Church, Sioux City

**DIRECTORS OF THE EPISCOPAL CORPORATION**

*CLERGY*

Linda Hughes, St. Martin's Church, Perry

Ronald D. Osborne, Retired

William Pugliese, Christ Church, Cedar Rapids

*LAY*

Brad Bateman, Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Des Moines

John Gardner, Trinity Cathedral, Davenport

Kathy Halverson-Rigatuso, St. John's Church, Glenwood

**COURT FOR THE TRIAL OF AN ORDAINED PERSON NOT BEING A BISHOP**

*(Already elected by unanimous ballot.)*

*CLERGY*

Artis Ferrel, St. John's Church, Glenwood; St. John's Church, Shenandoah; All Angels' Church, Red Oak

Jean McCarthy, St. Mark's Church, Des Moines

Peter Sanderson, Trinity Cathedral, Davenport

*LAY*

John "Pete" Harris, St. Andrew's Church, Des Moines

Mary Neis, Trinity Church, Ottumwa

**DELEGATES TO THE PROVINCIAL SYNOD**

*CLERGY*

Warren Frelund, St. John's Church, Mason City

Mitchell Smith, Trinity Church, Waterloo

*LAY*

Bruce Bjorklund, St. John's by the Campus, Ames

Carol Kramer, St. Stephen's Church, Newton

The President thanked all who had consented to run for office.

Mr. Bill Baker, Chair of the Resolutions Committee, presented the following courtesy resolutions:

**COURTESY RESOLUTION**

**The Rev. John Harper**

WHEREAS, The Rev. Dr. John Bremmer Harper has faithfully served God for fifty years in the Episcopal Church in ministries too numerous to mention in one resolution, with special love for his diaconal ministry, having been ordained to the Order of Deacons on September 16, 1995; and

WHEREAS, he has been partner in ministry in birthing and nurturing New Song Episcopal Church, Coralville, Iowa, gifting the congregation not only with his diaconal and prophetic ministry but also with his irreverent, though not unholy, humor; and

WHEREAS, he continues to sit at New Song, just in a different place on Sunday mornings, dressed in different, new, and most fashionable clothes, replacing the dalmatic in turn with hair shirt and sack cloth in honor of his name sake, and perhaps one day the stole with feather boa, and continues to offer his irreverent humor for which the congregation gives great thanks; and

WHEREAS, he has contributed greatly to the fields of hagiography and hagiology, particularly through his discovery of the missing final chapter of Deuteronomy; and

WHEREAS, he has frequently challenged the faithful to interpret the Bible more literally, such as the serving of locusts and honey on the Feast of his namesake, John the Baptist; and

WHEREAS, he has often found his calling in important supporting roles, not only as deacon of a brand new church, but also as a guard for a marionette; and

WHEREAS, the Rev. Dr. Harper retired on I Easter 2006, taking leave of various responsibilities for the Diocese including Commission on Ministry, E-Seminary Program, and a special love of directing the Diocesan Annual Ministries Retreat for the last four years, which lead many into new understandings of ministry and new ministries both in their church lives and their daily lives; and

WHEREAS, he continues to bring so many persons hurt, abandoned, or disillusioned by the church back into the church; and

WHEREAS, he will continue to offer ministry in new and exciting arenas of national and regional work, especially in the Holy Relationships movement and leading the Connections Spirituality Group;

BE IT THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that this Convention offers its love and good wishes to John, a prophetic deacon of great tender heart, as he celebrates retirement from years of Diocesan service and ministry, so often quietly done in the church and in the world, and as he continues ministries of acting, writing, love of literature, holy humor, and moves into challenging and vital ministries in God's realm.

#### **COURTESY RESOLUTION**

##### **The Rev. Canon Ronald Osborne**

WHEREAS, the Reverend Canon Ronald Osborne has served this diocese faithfully and with great wit and energy for 41 years; whereas his ministry as a Campus Chaplain at the University of Iowa kept the diocese in touch with the needs, aspirations and concerns of "young adults", and provided us with a vocal social conscience; and

WHEREAS, the last 16 years spent in parish ministry in Perry and Waterloo (and at the church of King Charles the Martyr in Lake Wobegon) have enhanced his vision of the church; and whereas his potato gun has given new meaning to his title, as well as enlivening many clergy conferences; and

WHEREAS, he is now retiring to continue to work for a new vision of congregational life,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that this 154th Convention of the Diocese of Iowa expresses its sincere gratitude and appreciation for his thoughtful and reflective ministry among us, and wishes him Godspeed and every blessing for his ongoing ministry in retirement.

#### **COURTESY RESOLUTION**

##### **The Rev. Stephen Hall**

WHEREAS, the Rev. Stephen Hall served faithfully in this Diocese as Rector of St. Mark's Church, Fort Dodge, for 17 years, and also as Priest at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Webster City, for 10 of those years; and

WHEREAS, he took his place in the Councils of the Church, speaking truth plainly and without guile; and

WHEREAS, he faithfully preached and proclaimed the Gospel of Christ under the guidance and direction of the Holy Spirit and cared for the people God placed before him with compassion and fidelity in their pastoral and spiritual needs; and

WHEREAS, the poor, the lonely, the lost, and the weary of the community knew him as a brother and a benefactor; and

WHEREAS, his challenge was always not only to hear the hard lessons of the Gospel, but to live them day by day; and

WHEREAS his walk with Jesus was his GPS long before technology was discovered;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that this 154th Convention of the Diocese of Iowa thank him for his unstinting devotion to God and his Church and wish him well as he continues on life's journey.

Mr. Bill Baker then explained to Convention that the Resolutions Committee was recommending a Consent Calendar and a Debate Calendar. Resolutions A – K were being commended for the Consent Calendar, but at this time any of them could be moved to the Debate Calendar by a motion and 25 people agreeing. James Robinson, St. Luke's Church, Cedar Falls, moved Resolution "A" be moved to the Debate Calendar. Motion failed. The Rev. Curtis Moermond, St. Thomas' Church, Sioux City, moved Resolution "B" be moved to the Debate Calendar. Motion carried. The Very Rev. Jim Harris, Trinity Cathedral, Davenport, moved Resolution "F" be moved to the Debate Calendar. Motion carried. Ms. Donna Scarfe, St. Paul's Cathedral, Des Moines, moved that Resolution "J" be moved to the Debate Calendar. Motion carried. Mr. Baker moved for the Resolutions Committee the adoption of the Consent Calendar. The following resolutions were thus passed:

#### **RESOLUTION 154-A**

##### **AFFIRMING SUPPORT FOR A PUBLIC POLICY ON TOBACCO**

BE IT RESOLVED, that this 154th Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Iowa establishes the Church's commitment to work against the devastating effects of both the use of tobacco products and of secondary smoke, and strongly urges that members of the Diocese be encouraged to advocate at all levels for proven and effective ways to reduce the deadly toll of tobacco; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Episcopal Diocese of Iowa facilitate the implementation of this resolution at the federal level; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Episcopal Church be encouraged to partner at all levels with appropriate public health and community organizations working to reduce the health impact of tobacco.

**RESOLUTION 154-C  
EDUCATION ABOUT THE STIGMA OF HIV/AIDS**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 154th Convention of the Diocese of Iowa urge all congregations to educate their members about HIV/AIDS with the goal of eliminating any stigma associated with the disease.

**RESOLUTION 154-D  
EVOLUTION AND CHRISTIAN FAITH  
(From GC 2006 Resolution A129)**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 154th Convention of the Diocese of Iowa affirm that God is Creator, in accordance with the witness of Scripture and the ancient Creeds of the Church; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the theory of evolution provides a fruitful and unifying scientific explanation for the emergence of life on earth, that many theological interpretations of origins can readily embrace an evolutionary outlook, and that an acceptance of evolution is entirely compatible with an authentic and living Christian faith; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Episcopalians in Iowa strongly encourage state legislatures and state and local boards of education to establish standards for science education based on the best available scientific knowledge as accepted by a consensus of the scientific community; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that Episcopal congregations in the Diocese of Iowa seek the assistance of scientists and science educators in understanding what constitutes reliable scientific knowledge.

**RESOLUTION 154-E  
FORGIVENESS  
(From GC Resolution A101)**

BE IT RESOLVED, that because our Baptismal Covenant calls us to “seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving [our] neighbors as [ourselves]” that this 154th Convention of the Diocese of Iowa urges delegates to offer him/herself to anyone from whom he/she has become separated; asking Christ’s forgiveness from that person; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all delegates invite members of their congregations to participate in a similar act of reconciliation.

**RESOLUTION 154-G  
NEW CHURCH STARTS**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 154th Convention of the Diocese of Iowa direct the Board of Directors to identify and document with projected costs and demographics including racial, ethnic, generational and socioeconomic makeup of the targeted areas, prime opportunities for the development of new congregations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this list of opportunities be communicated to the Office of Congregational Development by June 30, 2007.

**RESOLUTION 154-H  
NON-VIOLENCE TRAINING  
(Follow up from GC Resolution D018)**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 154th Convention of the Diocese of Iowa direct the Multi-Cultural Commission in collaboration with the Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation Commission and the Congregational Life Commission provide the necessary training and resources on nonviolence to congregations in order to assist them in addressing conflicts, controversies and divisions; to respond to violence, oppression and injustice at all levels including issues of racism, social and economic injustice, crime and domestic violence.

**RESOLUTION 154-I  
PRAYERS FOR PEOPLE IN THE DIOCESE OF JERUSALEM  
(Taken from GC 2006 resolution A015)**

BE IT RESOLVED, that this 154th Convention of the Diocese of Iowa encourage congregations to include prayers for our brothers and sisters in the Diocese of Jerusalem and the Middle East in their weekly Prayers of the People.

**RESOLUTION 154-K**  
**SUMMER CAMPS FOR CHILDREN OF PERSONS IN PRISON**  
**(From GC 2006 Resolution D012)**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 154th Convention of the Diocese of Iowa direct the Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation (JPIC) Commission work with the Criminal Justice Officer, Director of Prison Ministry at the Episcopal Church Center to develop a summer camp in the diocese for the children of persons in prison; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the financial resources for this camp be included in the Proposed Diocesan Budget for 2008; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the JPIC Commission report on this project at the 155th Diocesan Convention.

Mr. Bill Baker introduced the Debate Calendar of Resolutions beginning with Resolution B.

**RESOLUTION 154-B**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Diocese of Iowa mandate its clergy and lay professionals to undergo six hours of training in the area of domestic and intimate partner abuse using materials already developed by Faith Trust Institute or another reputable training source, or provide proof of having already received such training.

The Very Rev. Jim Harris, Trinity Cathedral, Davenport, moved to strike the words “and intimate partner.” The amendment was seconded, but failed. The original motion was carried.

**RESOLUTION 154-F**  
**LITURGY AND MUSIC COMMITTEE**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 154th Convention of the Diocese of Iowa direct the Board of Directors to appoint a Liturgy and Music Committee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this committee considers as part of its charge, the encouragement and support of congregations as they seek to include liturgical resources appropriate to the emergent church context and that reflect the Episcopal Church’s liturgical, cultural, racial, generational, gender and ethnic diversity.

The resolution carried.

Resolution 154-J was moved. Ms. Donna Scarfe of the Resolutions Committee introduced an amended version. After discussion, the Rev. Wendy Abrahamson, St. John’s Church, Mason City, moved the previous question. Debate ended. The following amended resolution was carried.

**RESOLUTION 154-J**  
**EPISCOPAL CHURCH’S COMPLICITY IN THE INSTITUTION OF SLAVERY**  
**(From GC 2006 Resolution A123)**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 75th General Convention of the Episcopal Church declared unequivocally that the institution of slavery in the United States and anywhere else in the world, based as it is on “ownership” of some persons by other persons, was and is a sin and a fundamental betrayal of the humanity of all persons who were involved, a sin that continues to plague our common life in the Church and our culture; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that The Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Iowa acknowledges the deep and lasting injury which the institution of slavery and its aftermath have inflicted on society and on the Church; we repent of this sin and ask God’s grace and forgiveness; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 154th Convention of the Diocese of Iowa urge the Multi-Cultural Commission to collect and document during the next triennium detailed information in Iowa on

a) The complicity of the Episcopal Church, if any, in the institution of slavery and in the subsequent history of segregation and discrimination and

b) The economic benefits, if any, the Episcopal Church derived from the institution of slavery; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this information be sent to the Executive Council’s Committee on Anti-Racism; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Diocese of Iowa requests each congregation to hold a Service of Repentance on the Day of Repentance designated by the Presiding Bishop.

The following courtesy resolutions were moved and carried:

**COURTESY RESOLUTION**

**Margaret M. Altekruise**

WHEREAS, Margaret M. Altekruise entered eternal rest September 27, 2006 and,

WHEREAS, Margaret Altekruise was a faithful member and lay reader of St. John's, Glenwood having represented the Episcopal Church in the Glenwood community for much of her 92 years, and

WHEREAS, Margaret Altekruise served on the Diocesan Mission Commission, the Board of Directors of the Episcopal Corporation, as the Southwest Deanery Chair, and served as Co-Coordinator, Coordinator, and before that Chair of Episcopal Relief and Development and before that the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief, and even before that as the Material Aid Chairman of the Diocesan Women's Auxiliary for approaching 50 years,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this 154<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Diocese of Iowa offer thanks to Almighty God for the life, service, and witness of this faithful servant, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to her beloved family of St. John's Church, Glenwood.

**COURTESY RESOLUTION**

**The Rt. Rev. Walter Righter**

WHEREAS, the Rt. Rev. Walter C. Righter, Seventh Bishop of Iowa, served this diocese during the tumultuous years for Prayer Book revision, the revision of the hymnal, and of the opening of the canons of the church to women's ordination to the priesthood, and

WHEREAS, at the very first diocesan convention Bishop Righter presided over, a resolution to memorialize General Convention to permit ordination of women to the priesthood resulted in a tie vote by the clergy which necessitated Bishop Righter having to break the tie one way or the other,

WHEREAS, Bishop Righter broke the tie and voted in favor of the resolution and after the national canonical changes began ordaining women to the priesthood,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this 154<sup>th</sup> Convention of the Diocese of Iowa send greetings to our Seventh Bishop on this occasion of celebration of 30 years of ordination of women, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Convention offer thanks for his courageous leadership and faithful service to this church.

AND BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this Convention assure Bishop Righter of our prayers and best wishes for his recovery of health.

**RESOLUTION 154-L**

**FORMULA FOR FUNDING FOR CONGREGATIONAL ASKINGS**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the annual Stewardship Share of each congregation in the Diocese of Iowa will be determined thus:

From the Total Operating Income of the previous fiscal year according to the annual parochial report, the Diocesan Minimum Clergy Compensation will be allowed as a deduction for congregations supporting a full time cleric. This deduction will be pro-rated for congregations that support a cleric less than full time.

The Stewardship Share shall then be 20% of the Total Operating Income of the previous year, after the clergy deduction is taken.

No congregation will have an increase in their Stewardship Share of more than 10% from one fiscal year to the next.

The resolution carried.

**RESOLUTION 154-M**

**Format for Stewardship Share**

BE IT RESOLVED, that, The Stewardship Share represents each congregation's expected contribution to our shared ministry in Jesus Christ. The Stewardship Share will be sent to each congregation of the diocese in the Fall. If a congregation is not able or not intending to meet its Stewardship Share, its clergy and lay leadership shall be invited to meet with the Board of Directors to engage in a conversation to which the congregation shall give the Board a full explanation of its financial situation. A congregation that does not meet its Stewardship Share for three consecutive years, shall lose voice and vote at Diocesan Convention unless the Board of Directors recommends to Convention that the congregation has good cause.

Resolution 154-M was amended by the Rev. Mel Schlachter, Trinity Church, Iowa City. The amendment failed. The Very Rev. Jim Harris, Trinity Cathedral, Davenport, moved Resolution 154-M be referred to the Board of Directors. The motion to refer was seconded and carried.

**RESOLUTION 154-N**  
**CANON 15 - OF MISSION CHAPTERS**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following replace the current Canon 15 -“Of Deaneries.”

Sec. 1. The Diocese shall be organized into various regions, known as Mission Chapters (Chapters). The size, number and boundaries, and included counties, cities or towns and congregations will be determined from time to time by the Ecclesiastical Authority.

Sec. 2. The objectives of Mission Chapters shall include but not be limited to

- a. Planning and development of collaborative ministries within the Chapter.
- b. Promotion of the mission and ministry of the Church including
  - i. Initiating and responding to resolutions from Diocesan and General Convention.
  - ii. Reviewing and responding to the annual budget proposal for the Diocese.
- c. Orientation of delegates to Diocesan Convention
- d. Developing and strengthening the lines of communication within the Diocese.
- e. Selecting a person to represent the Chapter on the Episcopal Board of Directors.
- f. Advancement of the Church's overall mission in the world.

Sec. 3. Each Mission Chapter shall be organized to carry out the work of the Chapter as it shall be from time to time determined. Each congregation in a Chapter shall have representation on a Chapter Council and the Chapter Council shall direct the activities of the Chapter. The size, composition, and terms of the Chapter Council members and officers of the Chapter shall be determined from time to time by the Chapter Council under the direction of the Ecclesiastical Authority.

Sec. 4. Each Chapter Council may adopt such rules of order or by-laws, in conformity with these canons, as it deems appropriate, to implement its organization and its work which shall be approved by the Ecclesiastical Authority.

Sec. 5. A Chapter Council shall have no authority in the internal affairs of any congregation.

Sec. 6. Chapters shall be associated with one another for the purpose of representation on the Board of Directors of the Episcopal Corporation. Chapters shall be grouped by the Ecclesiastical Authority based upon geographic areas, population and other relevant factors. Such groups of Chapters shall not exceed twelve in number for representation on the Board. Chapter representatives shall have one three-year terms and shall have seat, voice and vote on the Board of Directors.

Sec. 7. Each Mission Chapter shall include a liaison appointed by the Ecclesiastical Authority.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Canon 7, “Of the Episcopal Corporation” be amended as follows:

Sec. 2. The Board of Directors of The Episcopal Corporation shall be constituted in accordance with the By-Laws of the Corporation and shall consist of *ex officio* directors, the Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of Iowa, the Bishop Coadjutor of the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of Iowa, if there be one, the Treasurer of the Diocese and the Chancellor of the Diocese, and twelve (12) regular directors to be elected by the Diocesan Convention, *one from each Chapter to serve one three-year term* of whom six (6) shall be Clerics and six (6) shall be members of the Laity, *and six (6) At Large directors of whom three (3) shall be clergy and three (3) laity who shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Diocesan Convention*, all eligible for membership in the Diocesan Convention which elects them. The then seated Chair or Vice-Chair of each deanery Council shall have seat, voice and vote. The President of the Standing Committee shall be an *ex officio* member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation with seat and voice only. *Seven (7) directors shall constitute a quorum.*

Sec. 3. All regular members shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Diocesan Convention. Each year there shall be chosen three (3) Clerics and three (3) Lay members for a term of two years. Regular members *Directors* shall hold office until their successors shall have been elected and have accepted such election. A *The* Board shall have the power to fill vacancies occurring in the regular membership until the next meeting of the Convention, and such vacancies shall be filled by the Convention. Seven (7) members shall constitute a quorum. No elective member shall be eligible for re-election, or appointment to fill a vacancy, at an earlier time than twelve (12) months following the expiration of the second consecutive term of office.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Episcopal Corporation in the Diocese of Iowa shall determine a process that will make provision for the terms of these elected Chapter Representatives and six (6) At Large Representatives to be staggered so that four (4) Chapter Representatives and one (1) clerical and one (1) lay At Large Representative are elected to the Board each year;

AND BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that these canonical changes be implemented beginning at the 155th Diocesan Convention.

The resolution as amended and moved by the Rev. Bill Pugliese, Christ Church, Cedar Rapids, was seconded and carried. The amended resolution was adopted.

**RESOLUTION 154-O**

**GLOBAL WARMING and IOWA INTERFAITH POWER AND LIGHT**

BE IT RESOLVED, that this 2006 Iowa Diocesan Convention devote ourselves, in partnership with Iowa Interfaith Power and Light (IIP&L), to faith-based solutions to global warming that reduce the "carbon footprint" of every Episcopal church and member household, so that by walking the talk we set a genuine example to others in our communities, and can in good faith advocate for sustainable energy policy and programs at the local, state and national level that help heal the atmosphere by reducing the demand for fossil fuels and increasing the supply of clean energy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that our Episcopal lay and ordained leaders provide moral leadership equal to the civilizational challenge that global warming confronts us with, wasting no time in developing a "carbon footprint reduction" stewardship program in their churches, with the assistance of IIP&L, that strives for a 10% reduction in 2007, both as an institution and as member households; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this Convention extends its heartfelt gratitude for the moral courage our Bishop, Alan Scarfe, has demonstrated in Iowa by addressing this issue in public, thereby holding us all to a higher standard of religious conviction and spiritual hope.

Resolution 154-O carried.

Ellen Bruckner, Christ Church, Cedar Rapids, moved that **Resolution 154-P – Environmentally Safe and Sustainable Energy Sources** be discharged. The motion was seconded and carried.

**RESOLUTION 154-Q**

**UNITED METHODIST–EPISCOPAL DIALOGUE**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 154th Convention of the Diocese of Iowa direct the One World, One Church Commission to prepare materials explaining and offering opportunities for congregations to explore The United Methodist-Episcopal Dialogue; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the One World, One Church Commission report to the 155th Convention progress made in understanding and growing in the Episcopal Church's relationship with the United Methodist Church.

The resolution was carried.

The Rev. Maureen Doherty, St. Andrew's Church, Waverly, moved that **Resolution 154-R** be discharged in favor of Resolution 154-S. The motion was seconded and carried. **Resolution 154-R** was discharged.

The Rev. Brian McVey offered a substitute Resolution 154-S. He requested time to write it out. ( The substitute is offered later in convention. )

**RESOLUTION 154-T**

**FUNDING FOR GENERAL CONVENTION DEPUTIES TO ATTEND ORIENTATION**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 154th Convention of the Diocese of Iowa direct the Ways and Means Committee of the Diocese to include a line item in the budget that will provide funds to be used to send General Convention Deputies to the Provincial Synod in the same year as the General Convention.

The resolution carried.

**RESOLUTION 154-U**

**CHAPLAIN TO RETIRED CLERGY, SPOUSES AND SURVIVING SPOUSES**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 154th Convention of the Diocese of Iowa encourage the Bishop to appoint regional chaplains to the retired clergy, spouses, partners and family and surviving spouses, partners and family of clergy in this diocese.

Ellen Bruckner moved to amend by adding the words "partners and family" after both times "spouses" were mentioned. The amendment was seconded and carried. The Rev. Patrick Genereux, Christ Church, Burlington, moved that "regional" be inserted before the word "chaplains". This amendment was seconded and carried. The twice amended resolution carried.

**COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY EPISCOPAL PRESENCE**

**(from GC 2006 Resolution A041)**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 154th Convention of the Diocese of Iowa direct the Board of Directors to determine the state of the presence of the Episcopal Church on all the college and university campuses in Iowa; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Diocese of Iowa work with the Office of Young Adult and Higher Education Ministries and the Office of Congregational Development to strengthen existing campus ministries programs and determine where new campus ministries could be planted; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board report its progress with campus ministry development to the 155th Convention.

**RESOLUTION 154-W  
HEALTHY ROLE OF MONEY**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 154th Convention of the Diocese of Iowa direct the Stewardship Commission and the Bishop's Advisory Group on Stewardship (BAGS) to include General Convention Resolution A102 in their work for this year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Stewardship Commission and BAGS report on their response to the General Convention Resolution at the 155th Diocese of Iowa Convention.

**General Convention 2006 Resolution A102  
Culture of Debt**

*Resolved*, That the 75th General Convention urge each diocese, over the course of the next triennium, to offer training, education, and resources that promote the healthy role of money in our lives, biblical teachings about financial matters, and the faithful habits of budgeting, sharing, saving, responsible handling of debt, and life and estate planning; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Office of Stewardship be directed to train a team of trainers capable of leading these diocesan events; and be it further

*Resolved*, That Dioceses be directed to designate February of each year as "Debt Awareness Month", and that the Office of Stewardship be urged to prepare suitable multi-generational materials for use in congregations, paying special attention to children and youth; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of \$30,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

The resolution carried.

The following courtesy resolutions were then presented and carried with acclamation.

**COURTESY RESOLUTION  
The Rev. Canon Harry Wickham**

WHEREAS, on January of this year the Rev. Canon Harry Wickham entered into the larger life of Christ's eternal kingdom; and

WHEREAS, at the age of sixty, Canon Wickham felt a strong call to priesthood, and

WHEREAS, with determination to achieve his calling, Canon Wickham went back to college and earned his baccalaureate degree, and

WHEREAS, at the age of 62, leaving the comforts of house and home and of his loving and supportive wife, Ruth, and

WHEREAS, Canon Wickham was ordained in 1980 beginning a ministry of fifteen years which became a model of pastoral ministry, and

WHEREAS, the Vestry of Trinity Cathedral has expressed its deep appreciation by making Canon Wickham an honorary Canon of Trinity Cathedral;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this, 154th Convention of the Diocese of Iowa expresses its thankfulness for Canon Wickham's faithful ministry, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to Ruth Wickham commending her for her gracious support of her husband's ministry.

**COURTESY RESOLUTION  
The Rt. Rev. C. Christopher Epting**

WHEREAS the Rt. Rev. C. Christopher Epting, Eighth Bishop of Iowa, has honored us with his presence at this Convention, has officiated at Evensong, and has addressed us in Convention, and

WHEREAS Bishop Epting led this Diocese with gentle prayerfulness always encouraging us to deeper life in the Spirit, and

WHEREAS Bishop Epting continued the received tradition of ordaining many women to the sacred priesthood, and to the diaconate,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this 154th Convention of the Diocese of Iowa offers thanks to God for this faithful servant, for his leadership and guidance, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that we offer Bishop Epting our sincere thanks and gratitude.

**COURTESY RESOLUTION**  
**St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral, Des Moines**  
**and**

**Choir of St. Thomas' Church, Sioux City**

WHEREAS, St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral has again opened its doors and offered its talents to delegates and guests at the 154th Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of the State of Iowa combining with St. Thomas', Sioux City, in a wonderful spirit of ministry and,

WHEREAS, the Choral Evensong provided a comforting sense of peace at the end of the opening day followed by a glorious morning Eucharist bringing us together as a worshipping community;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this 154th Convention of the Diocese of Iowa thanks God for the opportunity to gather as a worshipping family; thanks to Dean Robert Schiesler, the St. Thomas' Church Choir, the people of St. Paul's Cathedral and to all involved in providing the services for their gracious hospitality.

**COURTESY RESOLUTION**  
**St. Luke's Church Bell Choir**

WHEREAS, St. Luke's Parish, Des Moines, did move many bells to St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral for a glorious ringing at our Evensong, and

WHEREAS, that the gathered ringers did praise God with enthusiastic dexterity and produce pleasing and melodious hymnody;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this 154th Convention of the Diocese of Iowa thank with melodic gratitude those St. Luke's Ringers for their joyful bright music in the midst of this gathering.

**COURTESY RESOLUTION**  
**The Rt. Rev. Gayle Harris**

WHEREAS, although she studied theology on the West Coast and served parishes in the East Coast, Bishop Gayle Harris was born in Ohio and merely returning to her roots by being with us, and

WHEREAS, she was invited to be the preacher at our Convention celebrating the ordination of women in Iowa by her Bishop classmate Alan Scarfe who knew a good deal when he saw it, and

WHEREAS, she did surely preach and also as a dynamic Banquet speaker did even drag "Amens" out of God's Frozen Chosen in Iowa and with her words stirred us mightily,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the 154th Convention of the Diocese of Iowa praises God for the ministry of Bishop Harris, showering blessings upon her from her sisters and brothers in Iowa.

**COURTESY RESOLUTION**  
**Cathedral-to-Cathedral Run**

WHEREAS, upon his consecration, the Ninth Bishop of Iowa found he had not one, but two lovely cathedrals in his new Diocese and wishing to experience and celebrate our unity in Christ, and

WHEREAS, the time between Ascension Day to Pentecost was a lonely and ignored time in our liturgical calendar, and

WHEREAS, Bishop Scarfe was a former track coach and five time marathoner and it was only about 180 miles between the two cathedrals in Davenport and Des Moines, it seemed right and pleasing to him to stage a nine day pilgrimage run to provide the Diocese a visual reminder that our faith is a journey and to raise monies for our Mission Venture Fund, and

WHEREAS, many Angels were sent to assist the Bishop along the way—  
Mike and Lou Schreck of Durant who lent the use of their air conditioned RV to help transport Bishop Scarfe;

Bob Lehman who did drive this vehicle along the way behind the Bishop and walkers to make sure no one was left behind,

Charles Cox, Iowa City, who drove the lead escort car and kept an eye out for surprises on the road,

The Rev. Richard Graves, Tom Shafer, David Lewis and the Rev. Catherine Quehl-Engel who bolstered the spirits of our Bishop by running alongside him,

The many Walking Angels who kept the Bishop's natural tendency to run the whole way in check, and

WHEREAS, said funds raised by this ambitious endeavor (\$50,000 and counting) will be used to support church internships for seminary graduates and young adult global mission immersion to deepen and strengthen our ministry in Iowa,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this 154th Convention of the Diocese of Iowa gives thanks to God for our Bishop Alan Scarfe who as our coach encourages and motivates us to reach our full potential in Christ by taking us as we are and showing us what it is possible to become.

The following substitute Resolution 154-S now being in writing was moved by the Rev. Brian McVey, St. Alban's Church, Davenport. The resolution was seconded and carried.

**SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION 154-S  
MDG's AND THE ONE CAMPAIGN**

WHEREAS, we are called by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to seek and serve him in all persons, loving our neighbors as ourselves; and

WHEREAS, our baptismal covenant calls us to strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being; and

WHEREAS, we understand that we do not have the right to proclaim the Gospel of Christ crucified and resurrected until we have fed the hungry, clothed the poor, and otherwise ministered to the marginalized in this world;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the people of the Episcopal Diocese of Iowa strive to make the Millennium Development Goals (MDG's) an incarnational response to the sacrifice of Christ for us and for many for the forgiveness of sins; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Episcopal Diocese of Iowa, each congregation, and each parishioner, strive to fulfill the goals of the MDG's by whatever means and whatever relationships that they might have, and that the people, congregations and diocese publicize their efforts in an attempt to educate not only our parishioners, but the world around us as to the desperate need of so many in our world; and,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that each member of the church lobby his or her respective government representatives, national and multinational corporations, and all humanitarian aid organizations to support the MDG's as one of the ways in which we might promote peace, education, and the dignity of every human being throughout the world, to the glory of God in Christ Jesus.

The following courtesy resolutions were offered:

**COURTESY RESOLUTION  
Congressman Jim Leach**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 154th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Iowa expresses its pride in and appreciation of Congressman Jim Leach for his many years of service to the people of Iowa and this country.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Episcopal Diocese of Iowa commends Congressman Leach for living his faith as a public servant and honoring our common baptismal covenant to seek and serve Christ in all persons, striving for justice and peace among all people, and respecting the dignity of every human being.

**COURTESY RESOLUTION  
State Senator Maggie Tinsman**

BE IT RESOLVED that this 154th Convention of the Diocese of Iowa commends State Senator Maggie Tinsman, a communicant of this Diocese, for her many years of service to the people of Iowa.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Episcopal Diocese of Iowa recognizes Senator Tinsman's contributions to her country, state and church which stand as a testament to the ability of Christians to live out their faith in public service.

**COURTESY RESOLUTION  
Grant Curtis**

BE IT RESOLVED, that this 154<sup>th</sup> Convention of the Diocese of Iowa commend Grant Curtis for his many years of service as Chair of the Ways and Means Committee and thank him for his continual encouragement to always try to do better in our stewardship.

**COURTESY RESOLUTION  
Christ Church, Cedar Rapids**

WHEREAS, older brother, St. John, and younger brother, St. Michael, co-existed for many years in Cedar Rapids;

WHEREAS, the Mother Church was proud of the accomplishments and strengths of both children;

WHEREAS, each had significant followers in town who played well together;

WHEREAS, St. John and St. Michael were influenced through the years by the likes of Loferski, Gundrum, Aycock, Snyder, Hughes, Hess, Rollins, Mezacappa, Osing, and Coffey;

WHEREAS, both clans knew that much could be accomplished if they joined forces;

WHEREAS, St. Michael and his clan set out to raise money to add space to their home, making it accessible to all;

WHEREAS, St. John and his clan bravely considered leaving the home where they grew up;

WHEREAS, conversation, study and prayer were undertaken over many, many months;

WHEREAS, the Holy Spirit spoke to the hearts of both clans;

WHEREAS, St. John and St. Michael agreed to become one, casting off their old names, to be known under their new identity as Christ;

WHEREAS, the good Reverend Doctors Pugliese and Schlachter have superbly parented the new child, Christ, as adolescence approaches;

BE IT RESOLVED, January 2007 marks the 10 - year anniversary of this joining and God is to be praised for all that has and all that will be set forth by this transformation.

#### **COURTESY RESOLUTION**

##### **COMMENDING CHRISTIE VILSACK'S DEDICATION TO IOWA'S CHILDREN**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 154th Convention of the Diocese of Iowa recognize and commend Iowa's First Lady Christie Vilsack, a communicant of this Diocese, for her dedication to Iowa's children, particularly her role in promoting the issue of childhood literacy.

Upon motion of the Rev. Wendy Abrahamson, St. John's Church, Mason City, and duly seconded, the Convention ordered that the Minutes of the Convention and Constitution and Canons of the Diocese to be published.

The President requested permission to name Convention Committees later. The Rev. Wendy Abrahamson, St. John's Church, Mason City, moved the request which was seconded and carried.

Bishop Scarfe thanked the Rev. Warren Frelund, Anne Wagner, Bob Joy, Julianne Allaway, Elizabeth Adams and all the staff for all their work in preparation for this Convention.

The Rev. Jean McCarthy, reporting for Dispatch of Business, reminded the Convention of the dates of the 155th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Iowa, November 2-3, 2007, Marriott Hotel, Des Moines, Iowa. The Rev. McCarthy testified to the completion of the business of the Convention.

The Bishop announced the Standing Committee would meet immediately following adjournment of convention, that Board of Directors meet December 1, 2006 at St. Luke's Church, Des Moines, and the All Commissions Retreat will be at St. Timothy's Church, West Des Moines, January 27, 2007.

The Convention closed with prayer, song, and the Bishop's blessing.

Respectfully submitted,  
The Rev. Canon Glenn Rankin  
Secretary of the Convention

ATTEST:

The Rt. Rev. Alan Scarfe  
Bishop of Iowa