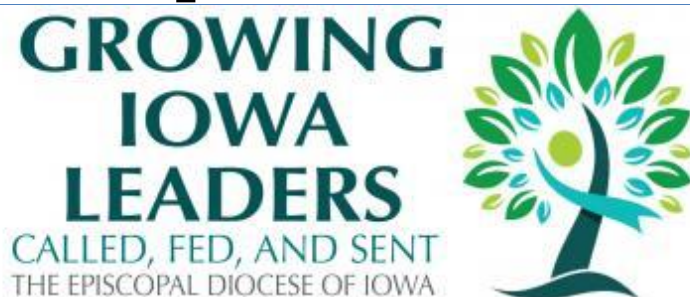


# Journal of the 166th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Iowa

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October 27-28, 2018

# CLERGY CANONICALLY RESIDENT IN THE DIOCESE OF IOWA

**and Entitled to Seat, Voice & Vote at the 166  
th Annual Convention October 27-28, 2018**

<i>*Denotes attendance</i>	<b>Date Received</b>	<b>Whence Received</b>
*The Rt. Rev. Alan Scarfe	March 1, 2003	Los Angeles
The Rev. Canon Thomas Stanford Hulme	June 15, 1955	Ordination
The Rev. Canon Marlin Lee Whitmer	June 22, 1955	Ordination
The Rev. Canon Ronald Douglas Osborne	June 24, 1965	Ordination
The Rev. Canon Frederick Ferdinand Kramer	September 2, 1966	Minnesota
The Rev. Canon Glenn Edger Rankin	January 18, 1971	Ordination
The Rev. Robert David Gamble	June 10, 1974	Massachusetts
The Rev. John Irvine Kilby	February 11, 1976	Quincy
The Rev. Canon George Franklin Wharton, III	September 1, 1976	Louisiana
*The Rev. Canon Sally Suzanne Peterson	December 18, 1976	Ordination
The Rev. Wayne Lloyd Pelkey	May 9, 1977	West Missouri
The Rev. Thomas Clyde Putnam	June 23, 1977	Ordination
The Rev. Canon Fred David Titus	May 26, 1978	Ordination
The Rev. Canon Robert Roger Elfvín	October 17, 1978	Ohio
The Rev. William Samuel John Moorhead	August 1, 1980	Nebraska
The Rev. Randall Robert Lyle	December 29, 1982	Colorado
The Rev. Melvin Leslie Low	August 15, 1983	Fond du Lac
The Rev. James Frederick Norton, Jr	November 2, 1984	Southern Ohio
The Rev. Wayne Kenneth Kamm	April 9, 1985	Ordination
*The Rev. Canon Kathleen Sue Milligan	April 18, 1986	Ordination
The Rev. Kristy Kay Smith	May 30, 1986	Ordination
*The Rev. Kathryn Sue Campbell	June 11, 1986	Ordination
The Rev. Margaret Yoder Weiner	June 13, 1987	Ordination
The Rev. Peter Lawrence Sickels	October 15, 1987	California
*The Rt. Rev. Carl Christopher Epting	September 27, 1988	Consecration
The Rev. Arthur "Paddy" Patrick Stanley	December 1, 1988	Guilford, Surrey England
The Very Rev. John Liston Hall	August 31, 1989	Springfield
The Rev. Susanne Kay Watson Epting	November 4, 1989	Ordination
The Rev. Roy Lee Chrisman	March 2, 1991	Nebraska
The Rev. Charles Michael Pumphrey	September 1, 1991	Maryland
The Rev. Canon Peter Oliver Sanderson	November 1, 1991	Brechin, Scotland
The Rev. Julia Kathleen Easley	June 1, 1992	Kansas
*The Rev. Liane Mae Nichols	October 18, 1992	Ordination
The Rev. William Walter Magie	March 17, 1993	Ordination
*The Rev. Benjamin Sewell Webb	March 30, 1993	Ordination
The Rev. Elizabeth Coulter	September 21, 1993	Ordination
The Rev. Charles Maurice Pope	November 30, 1993	Ordination
The Rev. Richard Warren Graves	March 10, 1994	Los Angeles
The Rev. Leon Henry Pfothenauer	April 25, 1995	Ordination
*The Rev. Mary Jane Kaisersatt Oakland	June 7, 1995	Ordination
The Rev. Mary Elizabeth Hoffman	August 15, 1995	Ordination
The Rev. John Brammer Harper	September 16, 1995	Ordination
*The Rev. Charles Lewis Lane	October 6, 1995	Ordination
*The Rev. Mark Eldon Eccles	December 3, 1995	Ordination
The Rev. Patrick Edward Genereux	December 5, 1995	South Dakota
The Rev. Patricia Joyce Roberts	December 17, 1995	Ordination

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The Rev. Donald Robert Payer	December 19, 1995	Ordination
The Rev. Elizabeth Mary Koffron-Eisen	January 7, 1996	Ordination
The Rev. Karen Wacome	March 23, 1996	Ordination
The Rev. Margaret Stilwell Harris	April 13, 1996	Ordination
The Rev. August Fred Berger	November 16, 1996	Ordination
The Rev. Netha Nadine Brada	August 23, 1997	Ordination
*The Rev. Dian Marie Ong	September 17, 1997	Ordination
The Rev. Elsa "Muffy" Ellen Harmon	January 10, 1999	Ordination
*The Rev. Patricia Ann Johnson	April 24, 1999	Ordination
The Rev. Mary Eleni Christopher	July 13, 1999	New Jersey
The Rev. Linda Mae Hughes	September 9, 1999	Indiana
The Rev. Lynne Tyson Carver	October 31, 1999	Chicago
*The Rev. Martha Ellen Lang	November 22, 1999	Ordination
*The Rev. Jean Elizabeth Rinner McCarthy	May 27, 2000	Ordination
The Rev. Artis Louise Ferrel	June 3, 2000	Ordination
The Rev. Stephanie Marie Green Tramel	June 10, 2000	Ordination
The Rev. George William Rogerson	April 7, 2001	Ordination
*The Rev. Merle Edwin Smith	April 7, 2001	Ordination
The Rev. Kathleen Ruth McDowell Tripses	April 7, 2001	Ordination
*The Rev. Cathleen Chittenden Bascom	June 1, 2001	Kansas
*The Rev. Robert Andrew Kem	February 27, 2002	Nebraska
The Rev. Melvin Harlan Schlachter	March 1, 2002	Southern Ohio
The Rev. Sharon Marie Mahood	June 21, 2002	Minnesota
The Rev. Barbara Marie McCaulley	October 16, 2002	Ordination
*The Rev. Maureen Catherine Doherty	February 11, 2003	Oklahoma
*The Rev. Anne Elizabeth Moats Williams	May 23, 2003	Ordination
*The Rev. Terence James Kleven	July 17, 2003	Eastern Newfoundland & Labrador
The Rev. James Lloyd Davis	September 2, 2003	Milwaukee
The Rev. William Joseph Pugliese	October 10, 2003	Spokane
*The Rev. Mary Elaine Cole-Duvall	May 18, 2004	Delaware
The Rev. Margaret "Peg" Ruth Brosz Jackson	June 12, 2004	Ordination
*The Rev. Wendy Kay Abrahamson	August 1, 2004	Virginia
The Rev. Tim E. Vann	September 1, 2004	Nebraska
The Rev. Curtis Roghair Moermond	December 18, 2004	Ordination
*The Rev. Lori Jean Erickson	April 16, 2005	Ordination
*The Rev. Alice Bordwell Fulton Haugen	April 30, 2005	Ordination
*The Rev. Catherine Mary Quehl-Engel	September 2, 2005	Ordination
*The Rev. Carl Douglas Mann	December 3, 2005	Ordination
*The Rev. Jan "Raisin" Maria Horn	December 16, 2006	Ordination
*The Rev. John Charles Horn	December 16, 2006	Ordination
*The Rev. Elizabeth Carol Duff Popplewell	December 16, 2006	Ordination
The Rev. Sallie Cheavens Verrette	December 16, 2006	Ordination
*The Rev. Donald Franklin Keeler	December 17, 2006	Ordination
*The Rev. Vincent Songaben Bete	June 18, 2007	North Central Philippines
*The Rev. Judith Connie Dalmaso	June 23, 2007	Ordination
*The Rev. Mark Edwin Holmer	October 1, 2007	ELCA-CCM

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*The Rev. John Stephen Doherty	October 7, 2007	Ordination
*The Rev. Sue Ann Raymond	October 25, 2007	Colorado
The Rev. Martha Ruth Kester	October 29, 2007	Central Florida
*The Rev. Kent Howard Anderson	June 4, 2008	Ordination
*The Rev. Cathi Head Bencken	August 12, 2008	Western New York
*The Rev. Judith Hale Wallace Crossett	February 8, 2009	Ordination
*The Rev. Melody Neustrom Rockwell	February 21, 2009	Ordination
*The Rev. Diane Lynn Eddy	February 22, 2009	Ordination
The Rev. Martha Crowley Rogers	June 1, 2009	Colorado
*The Rev. John Haven Greve	July 26, 2009	Ordination
*The Rev. Jennifer Ann Masada	July 26, 2009	Ordination
*The Rev. Jane Louise Stewart	July 26, 2009	Ordination
The Rev. Sean Dennis Burke	October 2, 2009	California
The Rev. Lyle Leslie Brown	October 25, 2009	Ordination
The Rev. Barbara Ann Easley	October 25, 2009	Ordination
The Rev. James Gordon Kannenberg	October 25, 2009	Ordination
The Rev. Georgia Lehman Humphrey	January 19, 2010	Colorado
*The Rev. Kathryn Ann Halverson-Rigatuso	January 23, 2010	Ordination
*The Rev. Shelley Ray Dowling	May 9, 2010	Ordination
The Rev. Marilyn Marie Wentzien	May 9, 2010	Ordination
*The Rev. Christine Annette Gowdy-Jaehnig	June 6, 2010	Ordination
*The Rev. James Cade Griesheimer	June 6, 2010	Ordination
*The Rev. Jeannette Noyes Pillsbury	June 6, 2010	Ordination
*The Rev. Stacey Pecaut Gerhart	March 2, 2011	Ordination
*The Rev. Diana Lee Wright	December 17, 2011	Ordination
The Rev. Patricia Ann Kirkland	January 8, 2012	Ordination
The Rev. Sarah Dempster Lopez	January 28, 2012	Ordination
*The Rev. Kevin Ray Emge	July 1, 2012	Ordination
*The Rev. Jean Douglas Smith	May 18, 2013	Ordination
*The Rev. Ruth Evelyn Ratliff	June 8, 2013	Ordination
*The Rev. Bonnie Carver Wilkerson	July 6, 2013	Ordination
*The Rev. Sheryl Ann Hughes Empke	December 7, 2013	Ordination
The Rev. Hannah Elyse Cornthwaite	December 7, 2013	Ordination
*The Rev. Karen Graham Crawford	December 7, 2013	Ordination
*The Rev. Frederick Leo Steinbach	December 7, 2013	Ordination
The Rev. Paul Edward Walker	December 31, 2013	Bethlehem
The Rev. Randy Lee Webster	December 31, 2013	Bethlehem
*The Rev. Kelly Ann Shields	February 1, 2014	Ordination
*The Rev. Lauren Jean Lyon	May 9, 2014	West Missouri
*The Rev. Kay Joan Beach	July 5, 2014	Ordination
*The Rev. Mary Margaret Wagner	December 6, 2014	Ordination
*The Rev. Kathleen Ann Travis	December 6, 2014	Ordination
*The Rev. Holly Danielle Scherff	December 6, 2014	Ordination
The Rev. Judith Ann Thayer	December 6, 2014	Ordination
*The Rev. Kristine Kathryn Leaman	February 15, 2015	Ordination
*The Rev. Troy Cavan Beecham	April 1, 2015	Atlanta

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*The Rev. Steven Robert Godfrey	April 14, 2015	Chicago
*The Rev. Elaine Sue Caldbeck	October 16, 2015	Southern Ohio
*The Rev. Kenneth Blaine Messer	December 12, 2015	Ordination
*The Rev. Marcus John Haack	December 19, 2015	Ordination
*The Rev. Jay Denne	February 1, 2016	ELCA-CCM
*The Rev. Thomas Michael Early	December 10, 2016	Ordination
*The Rev. Marilyn van Duffelen	January 16, 2017	Moosonee, Anglican Church of Canada
*The Rev. Joan Elizabeth Farstad	February 11, 2017	Ordination
*The Rev. Michael A. Last	April 19, 2017	ELCA-CCM
The Rev. Stephanie Patterson Moncrieff	August 11, 2017	Texas
*The Rev. Kevin P. Goodrich, O.P.	December 15, 2017	Brandon – Anglican Church of Canada
*The Rev. Stephen Mark Benitz	December 16, 2017	Ordination
*The Rev. Sinclair Conrad Paul Ender	December 16, 2017	Ordination
*The Rev. Elizabeth Cone Preston	December 16, 2017	Ordination
The Rev. James Allen Andrews, III	June 21, 2018	Ordination
*The Rev. Zebulun Bevans Treloar	September 29, 2018	Ordination
*The Rev. Kim Turner Baker	October 18, 2018	Washington
*The Rev. Hal Thomas Lee Hayek	October 19, 2018	Maryland

## Lay Delegates to the 166<sup>h</sup> Convention

*\*Denotes Lay Alternate that served during convention in place of an absent Lay Delegate*

### **Algona, St. Thomas' Church**

Ormond Curry

### **Ames, St. John's Church**

Bruce Bjorklund

Ed Gillott

Greta Levis

Leigh Ann Long

George Smtih

Dorothy Yoerger

### **Ankeny, St. Anne's by the Fields**

Barbara Waldron

### **Bettendorf, St. Peter's Church**

Carolyn Krenos-Bodnar

Maggie Tinsman

### **Boone, Grace Church**

Catherine Schroeder

### **Burlington, Christ Church**

Michelle Moore

### **Cedar Falls, St. Luke's Church**

Jennifer Rasmussen

Daryl Smith

Betsy Zan

### **Cedar Rapids, Christ Church**

Doug Anderson

Jerry Davenport

Hope Meinecke

Parker Meinecke

Paula Sanchini

Judy Welch

### **Cedar Rapids, Grace Church**

Bill Davis

Kim McIrvin

### **Chariton, St. Andrew's Church**

Sherry Steinbach

### **Clermont, Church of the Saviour**

Kevin Powell

### **Clinton, Christ Church**

Alescha Caldwell

Nancy Nieland

### **Coralville, New Song Church**

Kirk Cory

Linda Kroon

### **Council Bluffs, St. Paul's Church**

Michael Moore

### **Davenport, St. Alban's Church**

Sue McCoy

Robin Sade

### **Davenport, Trinity Cathedral**

Karen Brooke

Lynn Curtis

Keith Hoffman

Tim Long

Andrew Petersen

Catherine Petersen

Randy Tapscott

### **Decorah, Grace Church**

Peter Dodington

### **Denison, Trinity Church**

Reg Elam

### **Des Moines, Cathedral Church of St. Paul**

Harold Alexander

Bruce Beeston

Diane Hayes

Sue Kerss

Traci Petty

### **Des Moines, St. Andrew's Church**

Leigh Hollis-Caruso

Mark Rucker

### **Des Moines, St. Luke's Church**

John Kalish

Dash Kelley

### **Des Moines, St. Mark's Church**

Abraham Agu

### **Dubuque, St. John's Church**

Susan Forshey

David Vanderah

Gayle Langbehn

### **Emmetsburg, Trinity Church**

David Nixon

### **Fort Dodge, St. Mark's Church**

John Daniel

### **Glenwood, St. John's Church**

Karen McCallan

### **Grinnell, St. Paul's Church**

Pat Cushing

Dan Kaiser

Tammy McGavock

### **Harlan, St. Paul's Church**

William "Bill" Early

### **Independence, St. James' Church**

Marilyn Basquin

### **Indianola, All Saint's Church**

Christine Enos

### **Iowa City, Trinity Church**

Debra Dorzweiler

Chris Gibbons

Andrew Jetton

Betsy McElroy

Melissa Murphy

Donna Prime

Beth Stence

Donna Wong-Gibbons

### **Iowa Falls, St. Matthew's by the Bridge**

Ginger Hansen

### **Maquoketa, St. Mark's Church**

David Eddy

### **Marshalltown, St. Paul's Church**

David Bursley

**Mason City, St. John's Church**

Jay Leaman  
Rita Paxson

**Mount Pleasant, St. Michael's Church**

Cooky Schroeder

**Muscatine, Trinity Church**

Carol Allison  
Lori Carroll

**Newton, St. Stephen's Church**

Janice Carpenter  
Christopher Templeton

**Orange City, Church of the Savior**

Mike Kugler

**Oskaloosa, St. James' Church**

Kathi Petersen

**Storm Lake, All Saints' Church**

Carolyn Chase

**Waterloo, Trinity Church**

Matt Aronson  
Kathy Elick

**Waverly, St. Andrew's Church**

Susan Cornforth

**Webster City, Church of the Good Shepherd**

Thomas "Tom" McLaughlin

**West Des Moines, St. Timothy's Church**

Beth Arnold  
Mike McGill  
Jennifer "Jennie" McKinney  
Vince Preston  
Kevin Saunders  
William "Bill" Smith  
Annie Waskom

**Youth Delegates**

Marie Powell (*Church of the Saviour, Clermont*)  
Alenah Rankin (*St. Paul's Church, Council Bluffs*)  
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**Chancellors**

William "Bill" Graham, (*Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Des Moines*)  
Linda Neuman, (*St. Peter's Church, Bettendorf*)

**Registrar**

Julianne Allaway (*Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Des Moines*)

**Treasurer**

William "Bill" Smith (*St. Timothy's Church, West Des Moines*)

# **Minutes of the 166<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention Episcopal Diocese of Iowa 27-28 October, 2018**

## **Plenary Session I**

The 166<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Diocese of Iowa was opened with prayer offered by Bishop Alan Scarfe, who then called the Convention to order at 9:05 a.m. He called on The Reverend Mary Jane Oakland for the first report from the Credentials Committee. She certified that, in accordance with Article VII, Section 1 of the Constitution a quorum was present for the Transaction of Business. On the motion of The Reverend Wendy Abrahamson, duly seconded and passed, the Roll Call was dispensed with and attendance taken from the registration. On the motion of the Very Reverend John Horn, duly seconded, the reading of the minutes was dispensed with, and the minutes were approved as found written in the Journal of 2017 Convention proceedings.

Bishop Scarfe then welcomed delegates, and commented on the year just finished, with its emphasis on Growing Iowa Leaders. He reminded us that in 2019 the focus will be shifting to Engaging All Disciples.

He then welcomed our special guests:

The Most Reverend Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church  
The Right Reverend Samuel Peni, Bishop of our Companion Diocese of Nzara  
The Right Reverend Andrew Swift, Bishop of our Companion Diocese of Brechin  
Mr. Buey Ray Tut and Mr. Mabior Acouth, representing Aqua Africa

The bishop also noted the presence of the Reverend Cathleen Bascom, a priest of the Diocese of Iowa, elected the previous week as Bishop of the Diocese of Kansas.

Bishop Scarfe then welcomed the youth who were present. There were those in child care, who would join us for meals; there were those present at the concurrent Youth Conference at the Cathedral. There were high school students present as visitors; and there were three official youth delegates. These were:

Maire Powell (Church of the Saviour, Clermont)  
Alenah Rankin (St. Paul's Church, Council Bluffs)  
Ayanna Rankin (St. Paul's Church Council Bluffs)

The Bishop dealt with housekeeping details regarding nametags, voting cards and use of microphones when addressing the Convention. He then called on the Reverend Jean McCarthy, chair of the Dispatch of Business Committee. On behalf of the Committee, she moved the following:

Be it resolved, that the agenda for this 166<sup>th</sup> Convention, as prepared by the Dispatch of Business Committee and the Secretary of Convention, be adopted; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Rules of Order, as approved by the 156<sup>th</sup> Convention of the Diocese of Iowa, be the Rules of Order for this 166<sup>th</sup> Convention.

The motion was seconded and approved.



The Bishop then called again on the Reverend Mary Jane Oakland for the seconded report from the Committee on Credentials. On behalf of the Committee, Oakland moved that Seat and Voice be granted to the following persons:

Diocesan Staff:

Anne Wagner, Comptroller  
Lacey Howard, Youth Missioner

Diocesan Coordinators & Chairs:

David Oakland, Commission on One World, One Church  
Marcia Powell, United Thank Offering

AV Tech

Kevin Wolff

Licensed Clergy:

Charles Bencken  
Robert "Bob" North  
Sinclair Ender

Postulants In Attendance (not a delegate)

Nora Banister Conley Boerner (Trinity Church, Iowa City)  
Jennifer Briggs Latham (St. Paul's Church, Grinnell)  
Elizabeth Walters Gillman (St. Andrew's Church, Des Moines)  
Anne Marie Ames-Papouchis (St. John's Church, Mason City)

Candidates In Attendance (Not a Delegate)

Nicola Bowler (St. John's by the Campus)

MINISTRY DEVELOPMENT TEAM GRANTED POSTULANCY (not a delegate)

Judy Nixon (Trinity Church, Emmetsburg)

The motion was seconded and carried.

Bishop Scarfe then directed our attention to the AV Screens. Through ZOOM technology, we were greeted by Bishop Ellinah Wamokoya, bishop of our Companion Diocese of Swaziland. She assured us of her prayers for our work; and spoke of the love and gratitude of the people of Swaziland for our companion relationship.

At the bishop's invitation, The Reverend Elaine Caldbeck, St. Peter's Church, Bettendorf, moved that the Reports to Convention, including the Acts of the Bishop; reports by Diocesan Boards, Commissions, Committees, Officers and Coordinators, financial reports; and diocesan statistics; having been available for 30 days, be received as presented. The motion was seconded and carried.

Bishop Scarfe then opened nominations for Secretary of Convention. The Rev. Jean McCarthy nominated the Reverend Canon Kathleen Milligan, Trinity Church, Muscatine, as Secretary. There were no further nominations, she was duly elected. She then appointed the Rev. Lauren Lyon, Trinity Church Iowa City, as the Assistant Secretary.

The Bishop opened nominations for Treasurer of Convention. The Reverend Jean McCarthy nominated Mr. Bill Smith, St. Timothy's in West Des Moines. There being no further nominations, Smith was duly elected.

Bishop Scarfe called for the confirmation of the following appointments for the coming year:

Mr. William "Bill" Graham (Cathedral Church of St. Paul) for Diocesan Chancellor

Mr. Dan Kaiser (St. Paul's, Grinnell) as Diocesan Historian

Canon Julianne Allaway (Diocesan Staff) for Diocesan Register

All were approved on voice votes.

The Bishop then called for nominations for Diocesan Treasurer. The Reverend Jean McCarthy nominated Mr. William H. Smith. There being no further nominations, Smith was elected as treasurer.

Bishop Scarfe then called on The Reverend Raisin Horn (Christ Church, Clinton) for the report for the Nominations Committee. She presented the following nominations for the Standing Committee (one clergy, one lay).

Clergy:

Troy Beecham (Cathedral Church of St. Paul)

Kevin Emge (St. Paul's Church, Grinnell)

Marcus Haack (Trinity Church, Iowa City)

Anne Williams (St. Mark's, Anamosa)

Lay:

Karen Brooke (Trinity Cathedral, Davenport)

Phyllis Blood Melton (Cathedral Church of St. Paul)

There were no nominations from the floor. Bishop Scarfe closed the ballot for Standing Committee and called for nominations for the Episcopal Corporation of the Diocese of Iowa. Horn placed the following names into nomination.

Clergy: (One to be elected)

Troy Beecham (Cathedral Church of St. Paul)

Judith Crossett (Trinity, Iowa City)

Lay: (one for a 3-year term, and one to fill one year)

Alescha Caldwell (Christ Church, Clinton)

Steve Daniels (St. Luke's Church, Cedar Falls)

Paula Sanchini (Christ Church, Cedar Rapids)

There were no nominations from the floor. Bishop Scarfe closed the slate for the Board. He then asked for nominations for Directors from the chapters. Horn named the following:

Diane Eddy (St. Mark's Maquoketa) East Chapter

Jeff Cornforth (St. Andrew's, Waverly) North Cedar Valley Chapter

Susie Messer (St. Michael's, Mount Pleasant) Southeast Chapter

Dr. Marilyn van Duffelen (St. Paul's Indian Mission, Sioux City) West Chapter.

These are nominated by their respective chapters. Bishop Scarfe called for the slate for the Disciplinary Board.

Horn presented the following slate. (Two clerics and two lay members, all for two-year terms)

Clergy:

Jean McCarthy (Retired)  
Catherine Quehl-Engel (Trinity, Iowa City)

Lay:

Katherine Saunders (St. Timothy's Church, West Des Moines)  
Beth Stence (Trinity, Iowa City)

There were no further nominations and the bishop closed the slate for all offices.

He called on Kathleen Milligan, Secretary, and the Rev. Carl Mann, Christ Church Burlington to explain the voting process. They explained the Hare Ballot system, and the use of electronic voting for elections. The polls were declared open at the adjournment of the first session, continuing until 2:00 p.m.

Bishop Scarfe gave some reflection on the success of the Growing Iowa Leaders Days, and invited the Reverend Meg Wagner to lead us through a process of reflection on the year. She used a Mentimeter process, where people could respond to questions by using their electronic devices to enter their answers. There was instant feedback that showed up on the screens. It was interesting to watch; and it became apparent that several of the topics covered at the events during the year had generated a lot of interest and enthusiasm. This data would be used to develop next steps during the Engaging All Disciples program in 2019.

The bishop then introduced the Rt. Reverend Andrew Swift, who was consecrated as Bishop of Brechin in August. Bishop Swift brought greetings from the diocese, commented on the Mentimeter process, and remarked upon his experience in Iowa over the last few days. He would be the preacher for the Evensong service.

Our Treasurer, Bill Smith was introduced and gave a review of the financial outcomes for 2017.

For our diocesan budget, our income was \$9,295 less than budgeted. On the expense side, we underspent by \$8,397. The budget was balanced by drawing \$898 from the Working Capital Supplement. This withdrawal still leaves the Working Capital Supplement well within the required range of 20 – 25% of our 2018 Operating Budget. Our end of year financial position shows total assets of \$17,076,636. Net assets are \$10,419,232. There being no questions, Bishop Scarfe thanked Bill for his service.

With reminders about the voting procedures, Bishop Scarfe adjourned the first plenary session.

## **Plenary Session II**

Bishop Scarfe convened the second plenary session at 11:07 a.m., opening with prayer. On the motion of the Very Reverend John Horn, duly seconded and approved, seat and voice were granted to members of the Presiding Bishop's staff, who with him were present for this second session.

The session was given over to Bishop Scarfe's State of the Church presentation, which is published separately. But during the time, his presentation was interspersed with presentations by others. Following the bishop's remarks about General Convention 2018, we saw a video presentation about General Convention, consisting of interviews with each of the clergy and lay deputies, videotaped during the Convention itself.

The Bishop commented on the Breaking Bread initiative, now being offered as part of the Field Education process for one of our postulants, Lizzie Gillman.

He then called upon Bishop Epting and the Reverend Carl Mann to come forward and read the following Memorial Resolutions.

Bishop Epting presented the resolution for the Reverend Canon Arthur P. Becker.

WHEREAS the Reverend Canon Arthur P. Becker entered into Eternal Life on June 22, 2018; and

WHEREAS he served the Episcopal Church as a priest for 62 years, having been ordained in December of 1956; and

WHEREAS he became canonically resident in the Diocese of Iowa in 1961, serving as Rector of St. Michael's Church in Mount Pleasant from 1961, also serving briefly as Priest-in-Charge at St. Peter's in Fairfield; and

WHEREAS he served at Calvary Church in Sioux City from 1970 to 1974, serving first as Priest-in-Charge and then as the first Rector of the parish, also serving briefly as Priest-in-Charge at St. George's Church in LeMars; and

WHEREAS he served the Episcopal Diocese of Iowa on Bishop's Righter's staff from 1974 to 1988; and

WHEREAS in that position he served as Christian Education Consultant, as Resource to the Episcopal Center of Camps and Conferences, and as Consultant to the Bishop with a broad portfolio for evangelism and adult formation; and

WHEREAS he served as Church Deployment Officer from 1984 – 1991; and

WHEREAS he finished his active ministry as Rector of St. John's Church in Clinton from 1988 to 1994; and

WHEREAS during his ministry in Iowa he served in various capacities on committees and commissions of the diocese, as well as in various capacities in the broader church; and

WHEREAS he was known for his ironic sense of humor, his compassion and his broad intellectual and scholarly interests; and

WHEREAS after his retirement in 1994, he continued to serve in various supply positions in eastern Iowa, and after moving to Minnesota in 1999, continued to serve as a supply priest;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Episcopal Diocese of Iowa gives abundant thanks to God for the gifts and ministries of this faithful servant; and extends its sympathy and thanks to his wife Lois, and to their children, David, Michael and Susan, and to their families; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be affirmed by the Annual Convention for 2019.

Submitted by the Rev. Canon Kathleen Milligan

The motion was seconded and affirmed.

Bishop Epting then presented a resolution for the Reverend Charles Summers:

WHEREAS the Reverend Charles R. Summers was ordained a presbyter in the Episcopal Church and served parishes in the Dioceses of New Jersey and Massachusetts for many years; and

WHEREAS he served as rector of St. Paul's, Marshalltown from 1988 to 1995, and as interim rector at Trinity Parish, Waterloo in 1996; and

WHEREAS he served the Diocese of Iowa as a member of its Commission on Liturgy and Music and its Commission on Education; and

WHEREAS he entered the Church Triumphant on February 8, 2018;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this 166<sup>th</sup> Convention of the Diocese of Iowa gives thanks to Almighty God for his faithful witness and for his service in this diocese; and that we extend our prayers and deepest sympathy to his daughter Andrea Taupier, his grandchildren, great grandchildren and friends for their loss.

Submitted by the Reverend Ruth Ratliff

The motion was seconded and affirmed.

The Reverend Carl Mann presented the resolution for the Reverend Donald Twentyman.

WHEREAS the Reverend Donald G. Twentyman Jr. served as a Deacon in God's One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church for over 30 years, and blessed the Diocese of Iowa and St. Alban's in Spirit Lake for 17 of those years after migrating south from the Diocese of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS he purposefully lived and exemplified his vocation as a kinship mentor and Board member, County Ministerial member and Treasurer, backup Hospital Chaplain, Bible Study leader, Advocate for Youth Literacy, Community volunteer, resident computer genius and all around Encyclopedic Resource; and

WHEREAS he dutifully participated in various Diocesan committees, forums, dialogues, small groups and retreats; and

WHEREAS he faithfully served his country in the United States Army; and

WHEREAS this devoted servant, husband, father, grandfather and friend entered the Church Expectant on 12 April, 2018, peacefully awaiting resurrection into the Church Triumphant;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Diocese of Iowa commends him joyfully into the nearer presence of our Lord, Jesus Christ; gives thanks for his life and witness among us; and extends our prayers and sympathy to his wife Mary, and to his family.

Submitted by the Reverend Carl Mann.

The resolution was seconded and affirmed.

Bishop Scarfe then presented the following resolution for the Reverend Warren Frelund.

WHEREAS Warren Fredrick Frelund, Deacon in the Church of God since his ordination in May, 1994, departed this life on February 13, 2018; and

WHEREAS he served for many years as Deacon at St. John's, Mason City and most recently, at St. Matthew's by the Bridge, Iowa Falls; and

WHEREAS he served the Diocese of Iowa as a member of the Diocesan Staff from 2003 – 2007, as a leader of the Academy for New Directions, as a leader of the Discernment Committee for the call of our 9<sup>th</sup> and current Bishop, and, at the time of his death, as leader of the Older Adult Ministry Team; and

WHEREAS, he served the wider Episcopal Church in the National Episcopal Health Ministries, and on the Task Force on Older Adult Issues; and

WHEREAS his passionate belief in the ministry OF ALL THE BAPTIZED called him to numerous dioceses throughout the country to facilitate Small Church workshops, and to the Diocese of Wyoming, where he served that diocese as Ministry Development Coordinator; and

WHEREAS throughout his diaconal ministry, wherever he went, Warren never forgot his roots in Northern Iowa, his enthusiasm for fishing and the Hawkeyes, nor his first call, which he shared with his wife Sue, to grow and arrange flowers and plants especially the thousands of poinsettias that he grew from seedlings;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors and Diocesan Council of the Episcopal Diocese of Iowa, does offer to God its heartfelt thanks for the life and ministry of Warren Frelund among us, and extends its love and condolences to his wife Sue, to his three children and to his six grandchildren.

Submitted by: The Reverend Elliot H. Blackburn  
Priest-in-Residence, St. Matthew's by the Bridge, Iowa Falls

The resolution was seconded and affirmed.

Bishop Scarfe presented the following resolution for the Reverend Canon Alexander Anthony Aiton.

WHEREAS the Reverend Canon Alexander Anthony Aiton entered into eternal life on July 30, 2018; and

WHEREAS he was born and raised in New Jersey and received academic degrees from City University of New York, the General Theological Seminary and Drew University; and

WHEREAS he was ordained in the Diocese of New Jersey and served three different church families there before joining the staff of the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS he came to the Diocese of Iowa in 1991 and served as Rector of the Episcopal Parish of Ames for the next 27 years until his retirement on December 31, 2017; and

WHEREAS he served as member and as chair of the Standing Committee, the Commission on Ministry, and the Stewardship Commission, and as a member of several other committees in the Diocese and in the community of Ames; and

WHEREAS while serving the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania he became an honorary canon of St. Stephen's Cathedral in Harrisburg, PA and at its 164<sup>th</sup> Convention the Diocese of Iowa named him an honorary canon of Trinity Cathedral, Davenport; and

WHEREAS Father Al is missed by his parishioners, friends, and colleagues, and *Punky* is missed by his daughters, Becci, Grace and Joy, former wife Joan, and six grandchildren;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Diocese of Iowa gives thanks to God for his faithful witness and ministry among us, and prays God's blessings for his continued growth in the love and presence of his God; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Diocese of Iowa extends its sympathy to his family.

Submitted by Mr. David Oakland  
St. John's by the Campus, Ames

The resolution was seconded and affirmed. Bishop Scarfe then led us in prayer for those departed, and for their families.

The bishop's presentation continued with a report on the diocesan theme for 2018; Growing Iowa Leaders. During the year, 33 presenters, covering a wide variety of topics, came to Iowa to present workshops in cluster groups all over the state during 20 weekends. These topics were generated in small clusters of churches, based largely on the clusters for the 2017 Revival weekends. These presentations were all videotaped, and resulted in a library of resources, to be found on Iowa Shares.

The bishop alluded to staff changes, in particular the resignation of the Reverend Lydia Bucklin, and the pending resignation of the Reverend Steve Godfrey. Lydia went to a new ministry in the Diocese of Northern Michigan; and Steve has chosen to work toward a full-time ministry at St. Andrew's in Des Moines. These staff changes resulted in some realigning in the budget for 2019.

Mr. Bill Smith, diocesan treasurer, was called upon to present the budget for 2019. He presented a balanced budget based on income of \$1,163,850.00, and matching expenses. We anticipate income from Congregational pledges in the amount of \$794,000. Income from Investments of \$332,350; \$30,000 from Gifts and Other Income, and \$7,500 in donations. With regard to the interest income, we realized in the course of this year that our use of the ECCC funds to support our youth ministry was rapidly depleting the fund. We took a straight draw each year to cover the total program expense. This came close to an 8% draw. At this rate, we would exhaust the fund in about 12 years. We determined that we would need to begin to slow that percentage; so for 2018, we will draw only 6.5% and in 2019, be down to 5%. The Youth Ministry Development team worked with us to get its budget down to the amount needed for 2019. 2020 will be harder; and we anticipate the need to begin to fund our youth ministry to some extent from the regular budget. This year we also began to take a small draw from the Sustainability Group funds. This is a fund that is invested in Socially Responsible investments. The draw from this fund is at 2%.

Expenses show 49% for Mission and Ministry, including a full pledge to the larger Episcopal Church. Administrative and Operating Expenses are at 25%; The Episcopate is at 24%; and Diocesan House maintenance is at 2%. The budget includes a 3% salary increase for all positions, except for some negotiated during the year for new employees. It also shows an average 3.5% increase for health insurance costs.

There being no questions, Smith moved the adoption of the budget for 2019. The motion was seconded and passed.

Bishop Scarfe then turned to the 2019 year, with its emphasis on Engaging All Disciples. He summarized the various presentations made during 2018 and outlined a plan to create learning cohorts around several of the most popular. Using a program called Mentimeter, the delegates were asked to indicate their interest in the various topics. This program uses phones or other devices, and allows for immediate visual feedback. These responses will be collated for use in setting up learning cohorts; perhaps with two face to face meetings in the next year, and work with each other through ZOOM technology.

The bishop proceeded to introduce the GILEAD capital campaign, slated for the Easter Season in 2019. He encouraged all congregations to become collaborating congregations. He reminded us of the benefits already received through a generous donation that had allowed for the Growing Iowa Leaders presentations, and for the massive investment in technology and connectivity for the whole diocese.

He summarized other work going on within the diocese. So many of our churches have an attendance of under 25 on Sunday morning. Congregations are served in a variety of ways; non-stipendiary and part-time clergy fill many of the gaps; and there are new Ministry Development Teams in the training phase.

He reported on the ongoing work with these small churches, in terms of the diocesan personnel who attended a Small Church Summit in New Zealand. He highlighted the ongoing importance of our Companion relationships, especially with the presence of Bishop Samuel Peni and the newly consecrated bishop of Brechin, the Right Reverend Andrew Swift. He talked also, about the Young Adult meetings across the three-way companionship with Brechin and Swaziland. There have been two so far; one in Swaziland in 2014, and another in Brechin in 2016. It is hoped that groups of young adults from these two dioceses will be with us in Iowa in the next year or so.

He concluded by highlighting other ongoing work by so many; and called us to join us with him in singing “My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and righteousness.”

Bishop Scarfe then called on the Reverend Lauren Lyon for a report from the Resolutions Committee. She reported that there were no resolutions.

With that, Bishop Scarfe concluded Plenary Session II and recessed us for lunch.

### Plenary Session III

Bishop Scarfe opened the third Plenary Session with Prayer, remembering especially those killed in a mass shooting at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, PA.

He reported briefly on the **2017 Alleluia Fund Grants**, shown on the projected slide. These grants were:

Grace, Cedar Rapids:	Laundry Love	\$2,000.00
Old Brick, Iowa City	Beloved Community	\$5,000.00
St. Andrews, Waverly	Friends of Family	
	N.E. Iowa Shelter Service	\$2,500.00
St. Mark’s Des Moines	Messy Church	\$ 200.00
Katherine Campbell	Hazelnut Connection	\$1,500.00
Companion Dioceses		\$6,000.00

**UTO** continues to be generous regarding Iowa requests. In 2018, we applied for and received two grants. One was in the amount of \$44,372.00 to build 6 additional classrooms for St. Timothy’s School in Nzara. The second was for \$20,000 for the Beloved Community Initiative to provide a staff person for the program.



International Development Mini Grants are funded from the diocesan budget in an amount equal to .07% of our total 2018 budget, and awarded on the recommendation of our One World, One Church Commission. For 2028 these were granted as follow:

Neighborhood Care Feeding Points (Swaziland)	\$5,000.00
Leader's Workshop for Mother's Union (Nzara)	\$3,100.00
Training School for Midwives (Nzara)	\$3,200.00
Growing Healthy Food (Self-Help Int'l, Self-Help Ghana)	\$2,000.00
Printing Children's Bibles in Oromifa Language (Ethiopia)	\$2,835.00

Two anonymous gifts funded the first two initiatives. The \$8,035 from the diocesan budget we divided among the others.

Bishop Scarfe then introduced Bishop Samuel Peni, along with Mr. Acouth Mabior and Mr. Buey Ray Tut from Aqua Africa, an organization focusing on clean water projects throughout the nations of Africa. During 2018, this organization has brought clean water in the form of a deep well and five stand pipes to the Cathedral Compound in Nzara. The Diocese of Iowa contributed to this project. They spoke briefly about their work.

The Reverend Martha Lang was then called to the podium for a special recognition and resolution. Nancy Cogan has exercised a profoundly important ministry as a visitor for Episcopal patients at the University Hospital Complex. Lang presented the following resolution.

**Courtesy Resolution  
for Chaplain Nancy Adams- Cogan  
Official Episcopal Visiting Chaplain For the Episcopal Diocese of Iowa  
At the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics and  
Stead Family Children's Hospital**

WHEREAS, Chaplain Nancy Adams Cogan has served as the official Episcopal visiting chaplain providing a comforting presence, prayer, anointing and Prayer Book moments in the rooms of members of the Episcopal flock hospitalized at University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics, and Stead Family Children's Hospital since 1990

WHEREAS Nancy has visited more people than even the saints can count and has faithfully provided over 14,000 hours of volunteer ministry to the people of the Episcopal Diocese of Iowa and nearby regions as they have experienced emergencies, procedures, disease, heartbreak, new life, death, miracles, joy and recovery within the patient rooms, the geriatric clinic and waiting areas of said institution and

WHEREAS she has arrived faithfully every Monday – Wednesday- and Friday for decades with her usual non-anxious presence and provided the assurances of the Christian faith to patients, families and staff through the reading of Scripture, provision of prayer, anointing with oil, and application of the wisdom of the ages to all, and

WHEREAS, Chaplain Cogan's quiet gentle ways, poems, wisdom and provision of emotional and spiritual support have also been a deeply appreciated blessing for the staff of the Spiritual Services Dept. of UIHC and Stead Family Children's Hospital,

BE IT RESOLVED, that this Convention offers her its sincere appreciation, affection, and grateful acknowledgement of her faithful ministry to and with God's people of the Iowa Episcopal Branch of the Jesus Movement.

Submitted by the Rev. (Chaplain) Martha E. Lang, Priest in the Diocese of Iowa; Pediatric Chaplain Stead Family Children's Hospital – Iowa City.

The resolution was seconded and affirmed. Bishop Scarfe invited Bishop Curry to join them at the podium and to pray for Nancy, with thanksgiving for her ministry.

Bishop Scarfe then introduced The Most Reverend Michael Bruce Curry, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, who had the opportunity to make an address to the Convention, and to enter into a question and answer period. This presentation was live-streamed.

Following the Presiding Bishop's presentation, Bishop Scarfe closed Plenary Session Three, and recessed the Convention for Evensong at the Cathedral, where Bishop Swift from the Diocese of Brechin, would be preaching. The rest of the first day was given over to Evensong and to the Banquet that evening.

## **Plenary Session IV**

The fourth plenary session was opened with prayer by Bishop Scarfe at 8:30 a.m. He then invited Lacey Howard to the podium to give her final report as Youth Missioner. She reported on the previous year's activities, and thanked the Diocese for its ongoing commitment to the youth. At the conclusion of her report, Bishop Scarfe presented a resolution of thanksgiving for her ministry, as follows.

WHEREAS, Lacey Howard has served as Missioner for Children and Youth for the Diocese of Iowa since January, 2014, leading the Youth Ministry Development Team in the organization of all youth events including Summer Camp, New Beginnings, Happening and much more, and

WHEREAS, Lacey's energy and passion for the youth of this diocese have been a blessing, and

WHEREAS, she has been instrumental in growing leaders in our youth and adults through these programs,

BE IT RESOLVED, that this Convention offers her its appreciation, affection, and gratitude for her faith and ministry.

Submitted by Dale Schirmer, YMDT Member, Grace Church, Cedar Rapids

Next, Bishop Scarfe called on the Reverend Steve Godfrey for his report on the work with Small Churches. At the conclusion of his report, Bishop Scarfe reported on Steve's plans for the future; taking on more hours at St. Andrew's in Des Moines, and leaving his diocesan work. He presented a resolution honoring the lasting work in helping congregations with ministry development and leadership searches and transitions.

WHEREAS, Steve Godfrey came to us from our neighboring diocese of Chicago, and highly recommended by an esteemed bishop in the Church; and

WHEREAS he entered fully (even on a part-time basis) as a member of the Diocesan Staff (aka DMDT – or Diocesan Ministry Development Team), serving as Missioner for Congregational Development and Transitions; and

WHEREAS, he will continue to take his share in the councils of the Church in the Diocese of Iowa as he devotes himself (at least ¾ time) to serving as rector with the team of ministers at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Des Moines;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we wish him many partners in ministry among the baptized at St. Andrew's, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that we give thanks go God for his service and continued witness to the Gospel in this place.

The resolution was seconded and carried.

Bishop Scarfe next called on the Reverends Kathleen Milligan and Elizabeth Popplewell, and on Lizzie Gilman and Roberta White, for a report on the Evangelism Matters Gathering in Cleveland Ohio in March. These four, along with several members of St. Luke's, Cedar Falls, attended the conference. Iowans had been asked to present a workshop on our experiences with Revival in 2017. They ended up presenting an "Instructed Revival".

Bishop Scarfe then called on Ellen Bruckner to lead a discussion time leading us into this next year of Engaging All Disciples. She asked us to reflect on two questions:

- 1) How will you commit to being engaged in ministry in your congregation this year?
- 2) Where do you find the courage and confidence to engage in this ministry?

We used the Mentimeter to record the responses. The results from the first question formed a grid; and responses to the second flowed into a Word Cloud.

It was time to announce results of our Elections. Bishop Scarfe announced that the following had been elected.

**Standing Committee:**

Lay – Karen Brooke, Trinity Cathedral, Davenport  
Clergy: Anne Williams, St. Mark's Anamosa

**Board of Directors: At-Large**

Lay: Alescha Caldwell, Christ Church, Clinton  
Paula Sanchini (1 year completion of term – Christ Church, Cedar Rapids)  
Clergy: Judith Crossett, Trinity Church, Iowa City

**Board of Directors: Chapter Representatives**

Lay: Jeff Cornforth (North Cedar Valley)  
Suzanne Messer (Southeast Chapter)  
Clergy: Diane Eddy (East Chapter)  
Marilyn Van Duffelen (West Chapter)

**Disciplinary Board:**

Lay: Beth Stence  
Katherine "Kay-Kay" Saunders  
Clergy: Catherine Quehl Engel  
Jean McCarthy

Bishop Scarfe then announced his appointments.

Diocesan Pension Fund Treasurer

Ms. Anne Wagner, Diocese of Iowa

Editor, Iowa Connections:

The Rev. Margaret (Meg) Wagner, Diocese of Iowa

Summer Ministries School co-directors:

The Rev. Ruth Ratliff, St. Luke's Church, Cedar Falls

The Rev. Jeannie Smith, St. Timothy's Church, West Des Moines

Companion Dioceses Coordinators:

**Diocese of Brechin**

Mr. Jim Conger, New Song, Coralville

**Diocese of Swaziland:**

The Rev. Stacey Gerhard, Calvary, Sioux City, All Saints', Storm Lake

**Diocese of Nzara**

Mr. Ray Gaebler, St. Timothy's Church, West Des Moines

Global Missioner (Including oversight of Global Goals)

The Rev. Canon Suzanne Peterson, Des Moines

Ecumenical Officer

The Reverend Jean McCarthy, Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Des Moines

Altar Guild Co-Directresses

Ms. Marth Hippee, Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Des Moines \*

Disaster Relief Coordinator

The Reverend Holly Scherff, St. John's Church, Shenandoah\*

Episcopal Relief & Development Representative

The Reverend Holly Scherff, St. John's Church, Shenandoah\*

United Thank Offering Coordinator

The Reverend Richard Graves, St. Paul's Church, Marshalltown

*\*We are open to hearing from those interested in co-coordinating:  
Disaster Relief, Episcopal Relief & Development*

Commission on Ministry:

**2021 (new)**

The Reverend Stephen Benitz

Mr. Joe Ellerbroek

Ms. Spivey Knapik

Ms. Deb Leksell

St. John's Church, Mason City

St. Timothy's Church, West Des Moines

Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Des Moines

Church of the Good Shepherd, Webster City

Reappointments

The Rev. Judith Crossett                      Trinity Church, Iowa City  
The Rev. Canon Kathleen Milligan            Trinity Church, Muscatine

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Ms. Julianne Crosmer                      Trinity Church, Iowa City  
The Rev. Mel Schlachter                      Iowa City  
Mr. Keith Hoffman                          Trinity Cathedral, Davenport  
The Rev. Bonnie Wilkerson                  St. Luke's Church, Fort Madison  
Mr. Kevin Sanders                          St. Luke's Church, Cedar Falls  
The Rev. Anne Williams (Chair)              St. Mark's Church, Anamosa

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The Rev. Vincent Bete                      St. Anne's by the Field Church, Ankeny  
The Rev. Stacey Gerhart                      Calvary Church, Sioux City  
The Hon. Greg Jones                          Standing Committee  
Mr. Mike Kugler                              Church of the Savior, Orange City  
The Rev. Jennifer Masada                      New Song Church, Coralville  
Mr. David Moore                              St. John's by the Campus, Ames

Professional Development Leave Committee

**Reappointed for terms expiring 2021**

Dr. Sigmund (Sig) Barber                      St. Paul's Church, Grinnell  
The Rev. Canon Kathleen Milligan            Trinity Church, Muscatine

**Term Expiring 2020**

Mr. Kevin Sanders                          St. Luke's Church, Cedar Falls

**Terms Expiring 2019**

The Rev. Carl Mann                          Christ Church, Burlington  
Mr. David Smith                              Grace Church, Decorah

Diocesan Representative to Iowa Religious Media Services Board

The Rev. Jeannie Smith                      St. Timothy's Church, Des Moines

Diocesan Representative to the Province VI Council

Ms. Shelby Benitz                          St. John's Church, Mason City

Bishop Scarfe then thanked those whose terms were ending, for their willingness to take their share in the councils of the Church.

**Board of Directors:** At large: Kent Anderson (VP, Dubuque) Tyler Schleicher (Ankeny) and Amy Mellies (Ames)

Chapter Representatives: Alescha Caldwell (East), Tracey Henry (West), and Ruth Ratliff (North Cedar Valley) and Kelly Shields (Southeast)

**Commission on Ministry:** Cathi Bencken, Jenna Cornick, Kristina Kofoot and Andrew Peterson.

**Standing Committee:** Wendy Abrahamson, and Maggie Tinsman

He then called on The Reverend Lauren Lyon to present the Courtesy Resolutions. She presented the following:

**The Right Reverend Neville Chamberlain  
Memorial Resolution**

WHEREAS the Right Reverend Neville Chamberlain, Bishop of Brechin died on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> October 2018, after some time of illness; and

WHEREAS Bishop Neville was elected Bishop of Brechin in 1997, when he was serving as the Rector of St. John's, Princes Street Edinburgh; and

WHEREAS he studied in the 1950s for a BA at Nottingham University, then trained for the ministry at Ripon Hall, Oxford, and

WHEREAS he served three periods of curacy in the Diocese of Birmingham, England, the third being in the ecumenical context of St. Michael's Gospel Lane; and

WHEREAS he spent time in Maryland in 1967, becoming involved in the Civil Rights Movement and

WHEREAS by mutual agreement with the church he then spent three years out of parochial ministry, working as a probation officer, then serving as Executive Secretary of the Social Responsibility Committee of the Diocese of Lincoln and also became a canon of the Cathedral; and

WHEREAS in 1982 he was appointed the Rector of St. John's, Princes Street, in the Scottish Episcopal Church in Edinburgh, where he served for 15 years; and

WHEREAS this ministry was a rich and full time, with occasional controversy with, for example the temporary murals painted outside the church attacking political dogma of the Thatcher administration; and

WHEREAS his ministry as Bishop was overshadowed by an extended and very public period of conflict between him and his Provost, the Very Reverend Miriam Byrne; and

WHEREAS this was a hard time for Bishop Neville, the cathedral congregation, and all in the Diocese, and the need for reconciliation of the conflict by Archbishop Desmond Tutu shows quite how severe the breakdown in relationship became; and

WHEREAS his time in Brechin is remembered for his positive energy and enthusiasm for the Diocese and its people and for the companionship links with Iowa and Swaziland; and

WHEREAS he continued to have a focus on social justice and ensured that the Scottish Episcopal Church in Dundee carried on its work in Urban Priority Areas as his theology was one that had to have a practical outworking in the wider world; and

WHEREAS he developed Diocesan training in Faith and Mission, appointing a Diocesan Adviser in Ministry and starting regular clergy training and support meetings which continue to this day; and

WHEREAS Bishop Neville retired in 2005 after his sixty-fifth birthday and retired initially to Edinburgh, in due course becoming the Master of Hugh Sexey's Hospital in Bruton, Dorset; and

WHEREAS Bishop Neville was married in 1964 to Diane, who died some years ago, and they had four children;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Diocese of Iowa gives thanks for all of Bishop Neville's ministry, witness and companionship and commends him with his late wife Diane to the care of their loving God.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Diocese of Iowa should send prayers and sympathy for his children and for all those who mourn him. May he rest in peace and rise in Glory.

**Ms. Marcia Powell,  
Church of the Saviour, Clermont**

WHEREAS Marcia Powell assumed the role of Diocesan Coordinator for the United Thank offering in 2013, and

WHEREAS, she has worked diligently to keep the United Thank Offering before all congregations within the Diocese of Iowa, and

WHEREAS, she has encouraged all delegates and visitors to Diocesan Convention to support the work of the United Thank Offering, and

WHEREAS, she has involved her family in many of those activities, and

WHEREAS, Marcia has been instrumental in helping to draft and review applications for UTO grants from the Diocese of Iowa, and

WHEREAS many of those applications have been successfully shepherded through the granting Procedures, proving funding for said projects, including 2018 grants of over \$65,000: Dismantling Racism through love in action. Creating justice with dignity and respect: \$20,800 for this Beloved Community Initiative operating out of Old Brick in Iowa City; and Beyond the Mango Trees \$44,372 for our Companion Diocese of Nzara in South Sudan to build school classrooms so that 450 students can attend school even on days when it rains. And

WHEREAS, similar grants have assisted several Iowa congregations and have now provided at least two grants each for the Diocese of Swaziland and the Diocese of Nzara during Marcia's tenure; therefore, let it be

RESOLVED that this 166<sup>th</sup> Diocesan Convention celebrate Marcia's ministry among us and wish her Godspeed as she brings this chapter to a close; and be it further

RESOLVED, THAT WE AS A Diocese continue to place our Thanksgivings into those little blue boxes to Continue our thanksgiving for Marcia's work and that of the United Thank Offering.

**Mr. Jerry Davenport**

### **Christ Church, Cedar Rapids**

WHEREAS, Jerry Davenport has served this diocese faithfully as an Episcopal Relief & Development Disaster Relief Coordinator since 2015; and

WHEREAS, during that time he and his co-coordinator, the Rev. Holly Scherff, have planned, organized, coordinated with local organizations and churches, recruited volunteers, and served on three diocesan disaster relief and recovery teams that traveled to Louisiana, Missouri, and Texas; and,

WHEREAS, on each of these trips he oversaw not only re-construction work, but also taught new skills to volunteers, and built an ongoing relationship with the homeowners the team was serving; and

WHEREAS, he also attended to the team's well-being, arranging for time for rest, prayer, fun activities, plenty of laughter, and other service opportunities along the way;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 166th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Iowa offers sincere thanks to Jerry for his years of service and leadership.

### **The Rev. Cathi Head Bencken**

WHEREAS, The Rev. Cathi Bencken, was born in Harlan, Iowa, and spent many happy years growing up in Iowa and raising her family in this fine state; and

WHEREAS, Cathi served compassionately as a Registered Nurse for many years after earning her BSN at the University of Iowa College of Nursing in 1973; and

WHEREAS, later in life she faithfully followed a call to ordained ministry, completing her theological studies and earning an M. Div. at Bexley Hall, after which time she was ordained deacon in April 2007 and priest in December 2007 by The Rt. Rev. Michael Garrison; and

WHEREAS in 2008 she returned to her home state of Iowa to accept the call as Rector of Trinity Church, Muscatine, where she served faithfully for 10 years as a proclaimer of God's love and healing; where she worked fervently for justice and relief for people on the margins, partnering with the good folk of Trinity to become a Jubilee Ministry site, and where her pastoral and joyful presence will be cherished for years to come; and

WHEREAS, in 2009 she married The Rev. Charles Bencken, a devout and good-humored soul, with whom she shares innumerable joys and good times together and with their children and grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Cathi served the Diocese as a member of the Commission on Ministry, a member of the liturgical planning team for Diocesan Convention, and as a chaplain at EPIC, our diocesan youth summer camp where her creativity in worship and formation was always met with great delight; and

WHEREAS, Cathi retired from fulltime ministry in June of this year, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED , that the Diocese of Iowa acknowledges Cathi's service, gives thanks for her many contributions to the Diocese, and praises God for the impacting work of the Holy Spirit throughout her ministry.

**The Honorable Linda K Newman  
Chancellor of the Diocese of Iowa**



WHEREAS, The Honorable Linda K. Neuman has served as Diocesan Vice-Chancellor since 2004; then as co-Chancellor following her successful career as a trial judge and the first woman appointed to the Iowa Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS Justice Neuman's unrelenting positive energy, Joyful presence and wisdom have blessed all who have had the future to be in her company; and

WHEREAS, she is now retiring from this position as she and Henry move to their new home in Colorado;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this 166<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention offers her its profound gratitude, appreciation, and heartfelt affection for her loving and faithful ministry.

Submitted by The Reverends Elaine Caldbeck and Raisin Horn

### **The Reverend Lydia Bucklin**

BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board of Directors recognizes with deep appreciation the work and contributions of Lydia Bucklin to the Diocese of Iowa; first as Missioner for Children and youth, as Young Adult Missioner, as Missioner for Leadership Development and New Initiatives; and most recently with her invaluable Growing Iowa Leaders process facilitation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that as she and her family prepare to move to Northern Michigan, We pray God's immense blessing in her days ahead in service to God in the Diocese of Northern Michigan and in the wider church.

(Adapted from Bishop's Report to the Board of Directors and adopted by them in April 2018)

### **Convention Volunteers**

WHEREAS, the annual convention of the Diocese of Iowa is a high point in the year, offering the opportunity to rekindle faith, affirm friendship and gain new inspiration for the work of God's people; and,

WHEREAS, planning and realization of a diocesan convention is a challenge that requires cooperation, good will and the work of many hands, hearts and minds; and,

WHEREAS, the majority of those hands, hearts, and minds belong to volunteers who give their time and energy willingly and generously to a vast range of tasks, all of which are essential to a successful convention; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 166<sup>th</sup> Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Iowa offers sincere thanks to all of the many volunteers who have made this gathering possible and congratulates them on the success of their efforts.

### **Convention Musicians**

Whereas, music is an integral element of a diocesan convention, enlivening our worship, reminding us of the purpose of our work and interspersing moments of enjoyment into our labor, and

Whereas, planning music in a variety of locations and environments and appealing to many and varied interests and preferences is a challenging task, requiring skill, judgment, good will and cooperation as well as creativity and artistry, and

Whereas, all of the musicians who have offered their gifts to this convention have done so with devotion and with excellent results, be it

Resolved, that the 166<sup>th</sup> Convention of the Diocese of Iowa offer profound thanks for the work of all the musicians who have served this convention.

#### **Staff of the Diocese of Iowa**

WHEREAS, the annual convention of a diocese is a high point in the year at which ministry is envisioned, planned, evaluated and celebrated and the bonds of friendship between Christ's disciples across the diocese are forged and renewed, and  
WHEREAS, preparations for the diocesan convention encompass the entire year and build to an intense crescendo in the final weeks before the gathering and,

WHEREAS, the staff of the Diocese of Iowa navigates the year of planning and bears the stress of the final weeks of preparation with laser focus, unruffled aplomb and unfailing forbearance, and

WHEREAS, this year they have outdone themselves in preparing not only for diocesan convention but one honored by the visits of two companion bishops and the Presiding Bishop, be it

RESOLVED that the 166<sup>th</sup> Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Iowa extend to the diocesan staff heartfelt congratulations for an extraordinary effort and success and offer sincere thanks for their work throughout the year.

#### **The Cathedral Church of St. Paul**

WHEREAS, The Episcopal Church is part of a worldwide tradition anchored by its Cathedrals, and

WHEREAS, The Cathedral Church of St. Paul observes this year the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its ministry as a cathedral, and  
whereas

It exemplifies abundantly the place of the cathedral in the world, as a gathering space for worship and learning, a place of refreshment and care for those in need and a focal point in the built environment of Des Moines, and

WHEREAS, it has opened its doors in a spirit of generous hospitality to the 2018 diocesan convention for a series of events that have inspired our worship and strengthened the bonds of friendship between us, be it

RESOLVED that the 166<sup>th</sup> Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Iowa offer heartfelt thanks to Wardens, Chapter, Musicians, People and Clergy of the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, and be it further

RESOLVED that the Convention offer its sincere congratulations to St. Paul's on the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its ministry in the name of Christ as a cathedral and offer prayers for its continued service to the diocese and the world.

#### **The Rev. Cn. Cathleen Bascom Bishop-Elect, Diocese of Kansas**

WHEREAS, for more than fifteen years, The Reverend Canon Cathleen Chittenden Bascom has ministered in the Diocese of Iowa as a pastor, teacher and esteemed colleague, and,

WHEREAS she served the congregations of St. Stephen's Newton, The Cathedral Church of St. Paul and Trinity Emmetsburg with wisdom and kindness, and,

WHEREAS, she has been an inspirational voice in the church's ministry of creation stewardship both in our diocese and in the General Convention of the Episcopal Church, and

WHEREAS, God now calls her to a new ministry as Bishop of the Diocese of Kansas, be it resolved that the 166<sup>th</sup> Convention of the Diocese of Iowa give thanks for her ministry among us, bid her Godspeed and pray for her and the people of the Diocese of Kansas as she begins the next chapter in her vocational journey.

**The Right Reverend C. Christopher Epting**  
**VIII Bishop of Iowa**

WHEREAS the Right Reverend Christopher Epting was consecrated the 8<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Iowa on 27 September, 1988, and served the people of Iowa for thirteen years; and

WHEREAS during his time as Bishop of Iowa he was instrumental in developing a foundation for a culture that emphasized that ministry was the work of all the baptized people of God, which he also sought to undergird through the cultivation of orderly spiritual practices for all, and thus built a legacy for future development of Ministry of All the Baptized; and

WHEREAS Bishop Epting worked on the transformation of society in Iowa by laboring tirelessly to protect the abolition of the death penalty in Iowa among other endeavors, and fostered ecumenical and interfaith relations among his peers and colleagues, culminating in being the chief Episcopal drafter of Called to Common Mission; and

WHEREAS his ecumenical work caught the eye of the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, the Most Reverend Frank Griswold, and he became Ecumenical Officer for the Episcopal Church in 2001, resigning his position in Iowa; and

WHEREAS he returned to Iowa with his wife, The Reverend Susanne Watson-Epting, after his retirement in 2009, and made himself available to serve as Interim Dean at Trinity Cathedral in Davenport, and as assistant Bishop of Chicago; and

WHEREAS he resides among us as a wise counselor, a prophetic voice for our time through his powerful blog, a generous episcopal colleague; and can be found at events such as Poor Peoples' Rallies as a protector and in gatherings of people who seek God's new thing for the Church which he so loves with gladness and singleness of heart; and

WHEREAS, in honor of our Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Bishop Epting has come to the 166<sup>th</sup> Convention of the Diocese of Iowa and led us in Evensong,

BE IT RESOLVED that the 9<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Iowa and the people of the Diocese gathered at the 166<sup>th</sup> Convention give thanks and express our joy for the presence of Bishop Epting among us, and for the firm foundation he has laid for the ongoing development of the Iowa branch of the Jesus Movement of the Episcopal Church.

**The Right Reverend Andrew Swift**  
**Bishop of Brechin**

WHEREAS, the Dioceses of Iowa and Brechin have enjoyed more than 35 years as companion dioceses, and  
WHEREAS, this relationship has offered opportunities for sharing hospitality, working together in mission, praying and worshipping together and standing side by side to bring about the Kingdom of God in time and space, and  
WHEREAS, the Diocese of Brechin entered a new chapter in its 868 year history on August 25 of this year with the consecration of its 51<sup>st</sup> bishop,

BE IT RESOLVED that the 166<sup>th</sup> Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Iowa extends a cordial welcome to The Right Reverend Andrew Swift and gives thanks for his presence among us, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Diocese of Iowa offers prayers for his future leadership and looks forward to many more years of spiritual companionship with the Diocese of Brechin.

**The Rt. Rev. Samuel Peni  
Bishop of Nzara**

WHEREAS, for nearly a decade the dioceses of Iowa and Swaziland have enjoyed a companion relationship, and

WHEREAS, that relationship has offered many opportunities for shared mission, hospitality, prayer and worship, and

WHEREAS Bishop Samuel Peni has shown extraordinary courage and devotion as an apostle, preacher and pastor, and

WHEREAS, his presence among us bring joy, inspiration and appreciation for his steadfast faith and bold leadership in the face of danger and hardship, be it

RESOLVED that the 166<sup>th</sup> Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Iowa give thanks for the ministry of The Right Reverend Samel Peni and for his time with us and offers prayers for him and the people of his diocese and be it further

RESOLVED that the Diocese of Iowa looks forward to many more years of spiritual companionship with Bishop Peni and the people of the Diocese of Nzara.

**The Most Reverend Michael B. Curry  
Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church**

WHEREAS, all times and all places have had their rock stars, whether or not they called them by that name; and,

WHEREAS, a number of the rock stars in our age have served the parish churches and great cathedrals of the Anglican Communion as choristers, only one has been invited to preach in St. George's Chapel at Windsor Castle; and

WHEREAS, the rock stars of our age have told us who wrote the Book of Love, that All You Need is Love, of Pride in the Name of Love, and a Crazy Little Thing Called Love, one in particular has reminded us that to Walk in Love is God's call to the Jesus Movement; and,

WHEREAS, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry serves the church in our time and in more places than you can count as apostle, prophet, pastor, teacher, Chief Evangelistic Officer and the hardest working man in the discipleship business.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 166<sup>th</sup> Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Iowa gives thanks for the many gifts he shares so generously with the Church and the world and for his presence among us and offers prayers for his ongoing leadership of the Episcopal Branch of the Jesus Movement.

On the motion of The Reverend Lauren Lyon, for the Resolutions Committee, duly seconded, these Memorial and Courtesy Resolutions were adopted on a voice vote.

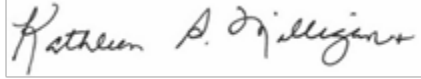
The Reverend Wendy Abrahamson moved to order the publishing of the Minutes of this 166<sup>th</sup> Convention, along with the diocesan Constitution and Canons. The motion was seconded and passed.

Bishop Scarfe called on the Reverend Jean McCarthy, who certified for the Dispatch of Business Committee, that the business of the 166<sup>th</sup> Convention of the Diocese of Iowa had been completed.

Following closing announcements and invitation to the sending worship service with Presiding Bishop Curry, Bishop Scarfe declared the convention adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

The Reverend Canon Kathleen S. Milligan  
Secretary, Convention of the Diocese of Iowa



Attest:

The Rt. Reverend Alan Scarfe  
IX Bishop of Iowa



**Necrology List November 2017 - October 2018**

**Albia, Grace Church**

John Palmer

**Algona, St Thomas' Church**

Allison Anderson

**Ames, St. John's by the Campus**

The Rev. Canon Alexander Aiton

Donald Anderson

John Dunlap

Marcia Even

Joseph Gibbs

George Junkhan

Lois Larsen

Margie Robertson  
Ruth Swenson

**Anamosa, St. Mark's Church**

Robert Richey  
Dr. Arthur R. Williams

**Ankeny, St. Anne's by the Fields**

Virginia Jones

**Bettendorf, St. Peter's Church**

Jessie May Anderson  
Robin Paul Andrews  
Dianna Butler  
Frances J. Carson

**Boone, Grace Church**

Charlotte Day Matheus

**Cedar Falls, St. Luke's**

Beverly Jane Fread  
Errol Edward Jacobsen  
Patricia J. Muchmore  
Cheryl S. Timion

**Cedar Rapids, Christ Church**

Joyce "Jodie" Ferguson  
John Gutz  
John Moeller  
Marilyn Morse  
Melvin Daniel "Dan" Rockwell  
Jerry Siese  
Sally Zook

**Chariton, St. Andrew's Church**

Julie Dawson

**Clinton, Christ Church**

Miriam Healless  
Jacqueline Callahan Leedham  
Evelyn Walbridge

**Council Bluffs, St. Paul's Church**

Anna May Wegner  
Peter J. Peters  
Betty Davis

**Davenport, St. Alban's Church**

Jack Chapman  
Polly Haise

**Davenport, Trinity Cathedral**

Marigene Finch  
Samuel Syverud  
Dianna Goslowsky

**Des Moines, Cathedral Church of St. Paul**

Mary Carey Chamberlain

Margaret "Peg" Courter  
Linda E. Miller  
Cynthia Ellen Morton  
Craig Wilson Sandahl  
Barbara Annette Burton Stevens

**Des Moines, St. Andrew's Church**

Nyandeng Chagai Atem  
Laura Jo Danielson  
William Joseph Knapp  
Melvin D. Lightner  
Rebecca Y. Lueth  
Marjorie Lyndall Weider

**Des Moines, St. Luke's Church**

Leone O. Davidson  
Kerry Steven Deaton  
Helene Gilman  
Marion Billett Johnson  
Olga Pavlova-Sansenbach  
Virginia Ryner Still  
Emogene "Genie" Wilson

**Des Moines, St. Mark's Church**

Mary Snook

**Dubuque, St. John's Church**

Mel Hammerand  
David Weidenbacher

**Fort Dodge, St. Mark's Church**

Walter Thomas Barnes  
Charlotte Ann Ely

**Glenwood, St. John's Church**

Helen Glynn

**Grinnell, St. Paul's Church**

Augusta Hanson

**Independence, St. James' Church**

Louis A. Luckel

**Indianola, All Saints Church**

Phil Thompson

**Iowa City, Trinity Church**

Jack W. Dickey

**Iowa Falls, St. Matthew's by the Bridge**

Susan (Sue) Foster Bennett Crotty  
The Rev. Warren F. Frelund

**Keokuk, St. John's Church**

Barbara Jean "Suzy" Laboon  
Timothy G. Talbot  
William "Bill" Logan

**Marshalltown, St. Paul's Church**

Marjorie Cook

Mary Wholey Harvey  
**Mt. Pleasant, St. Michael's Church**

John N. Ong  
June Sheets

**Newton, St. Stephen's Church**

John Mellinger

**Oskaloosa, St. James' Church**

Janet R. Jenkins

**Ottumwa, Trinity Church**

Ruth Seim (organist)

**Perry, St. Martin's Church**

Judy Short

**Sioux City, St. Paul's Indian Mission**

Carol A Buffalochief (Harlan)

Roland "Jim" Cassens Jr.

John Harold Henry

Harriet W. Jackson Smith

Eileen Marie Tweedy

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

Nina Anderson

Konnie Post

Joann Renfro

Betty Spindler

Wally Youds

**Spirit Lake, St. Alban's Church**

Debbie Jenkins

**Storm Lake, All Saints' Church**

Brent Peterson

**Waterloo, Trinity Church**

Terry Doughty

Ann Enderlein

Dottie Nicholas

**Webster City, Church of the Good Shepherd**

Eugene O. Gray

**West Des Moines, St. Timothy's Church**

Don Bruntlett

Mary Berry

William Greenwood

Josephine Lorenz

Lyle McKinney

Richard Shirbroun

Phyllis Staplin

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