

**Clergy Canonically Resident in the Diocese of Iowa
And Entitled to Seat, Voice, & Vote at the 164th Annual Convention
October 28-29, 2016
In the order of their Canonical Residence**

**Denotes attendance at the plenary sessions of the Convention*

Name	Received	Whence Received
*The Rt. Rev. Alan Scarfe	March 1, 2003	Los Angeles
The Rev. Canon Robert W. Kem	June 29, 1949	Ordination
The Rev. Canon Thomas S. Hulme	June 15, 1955	Ordination
The Rev. Canon Marlin L. Whitmer	June 22, 1955	Ordination
The Rev. Canon Arthur P. Becker	August 23, 1961	Fond du Lac
*The Rev. Canon Ronald D. Osborne	June 24, 1965	Ordination
*The Rev. Canon Frederick F. Kramer	September 2, 1966	Minnesota
The Rev. Canon Glenn E. Rankin	January 18, 1971	Ordination
The Rev. Robert D. Gamble	June 10, 1974	Massachusetts
The Rev. John I. Kilby	February 11, 1976	Quincy
The Rev. Canon George F. Wharton, III	September 1, 1976	Louisiana
*The Rev. Canon S. Suzanne S. Peterson	December 18, 1976	Ordination
The Rev. Wayne L. Pelkey	May 9, 1977	West Missouri
The Rev. Thomas C. Putnam	June 23, 1977	Ordination
The Rev. Larry G. Gatrell	August 6, 1977	Ordination
The Rev. Canon Fred David Titus	May 26, 1978	Ordination
The Rev. Canon Robert R. Elfvin	October 17, 1978	Ohio
The Rev. William S. J. Moorhead	August 1, 1980	Nebraska
The Rev. Randall R. Lyle	December 29, 1982	Colorado
The Rev. Melvin L. Low	August 15, 1983	Fond du Lac
The Rev. Willa M. Goodfellow	October 25, 1983	Minnesota
The Rev. James F. Norton, Jr	November 2, 1984	Southern Ohio
The Rev. Wayne K. Kamm	April 9, 1985	Ordination
*The Rev. Canon Kathleen S. Milligan	April 18, 1986	Ordination
The Rev. Roger B. Rollins	May 1, 1986	Southern Ohio
The Rev. Kristy K. Smith	May 30, 1986	Ordination
*The Rev. Kathryn S. Campbell	June 11, 1986	Ordination
The Rev. Margaret Y. Weiner	June 13, 1987	Ordination
*The Rev. Peter L. Sickels	October 15, 1987	California
The Rev. Charles R. Summers	January 27, 1988	New Jersey
The Rt. Rev. C. Christopher Epting	September 27, 1988	Consecration
The Rev. Arthur "Paddy" P. Stanley	December 1, 1988	Guilford, Surrey England
The Very Rev. John L. Hall	August 31, 1989	Springfield
The Rev. Susanne K. Watson Epting	November 4, 1989	Ordination
The Rev. Roy L. Chrisman	March 2, 1991	Nebraska
The Rev. C. Michael Pumphrey	September 1, 1991	Maryland
*The Rev. Alexander A. Aiton	September 30, 1991	Central Pennsylvania
The Rev. Canon Peter O. Sanderson	November 1, 1991	Brechin, Scotland
The Rev. Julia K. Easley	June 1, 1992	Kansas
The Rev. Liane M. Nichols	October 18, 1992	Ordination
The Rev. William W. Magie	March 17, 1993	Ordination
*The Rev. Benjamin S. Webb	March 30, 1993	Ordination

Clergy Entitled to Seats and Votes

Name	Received	Whence Received
The Rev. Elizabeth Coulter	September 21, 1993	Ordination
The Rev. Charles M. Pope	November 30, 1993	Ordination
*The Rev. Richard W. Graves	March 10, 1994	Los Angeles
The Rev. Leon H. Pfothenauer	April 25, 1995	Ordination
The Rev. Patricia I. Triska	May 25, 1995	Ordination
*The Rev. Mary Jane Oakland	June 7, 1995	Ordination
The Rev. Mary E. Hoffman	August 15, 1995	Ordination
The Rev. John B. Harper	September 16, 1995	Ordination
*The Rev. Charles L. Lane	October 6, 1995	Ordination
The Rev. Mark E. Eccles	December 3, 1995	Ordination
The Rev. Patrick E. Genereux	December 5, 1995	South Dakota
The Rev. Patricia J. Roberts	December 17, 1995	Ordination
The Rev. Donald R. Payer	December 19, 1995	Ordination
The Rev. Elizabeth M. Koffron-Eisen	January 7, 1996	Ordination
*The Rev. Karen Wacome	March 23, 1996	Ordination
The Rev. Margaret S. Harris	April 13, 1996	Ordination
The Rev. A. Fred Berger	November 16, 1996	Ordination
*The Rev. Netha N. Brada	August 23, 1997	Ordination
The Rev. Dian M. Ong	September 17, 1997	Ordination
The Rev. Donald G. Twentyman	September 29, 1998	Minnesota
The Rev. Elsa "Muffy" E. Harmon	January 10 1999	Ordination
The Rev. Paul A. Fuessel	January 28, 1999	Springfield
*The Rev. Patricia A. Johnson	April 24, 1999	Ordination
The Rev. Mary E. Christopher	July 13, 1999	New Jersey
The Rev. Linda M. Hughes	September 9, 1999	Indiana
The Rev. Lynne T. Carver	October 31, 1999	Chicago
*The Rev. Martha E. Lang	November 22, 1999	Ordination
*The Rev. Jean E. McCarthy	May 27, 2000	Ordination
The Rev. Artis L. Ferrel	June 3, 2000	Ordination
The Rev. Stephanie M. Green Tramel	June 10, 2000	Ordination
The Rev. George W. Rogerson	April 7, 2001	Ordination
*The Rev. Merle E. Smith	April 7, 2001	Ordination
*The Rev. Kathleen R. Tripses	April 7, 2001	Ordination
*The Rev. Canon Cathleen Bascom	June 1, 2001	Kansas
*The Rev. Robert A. Kem	February 27, 2002	Nebraska
The Rev. Melvin H. Schlachter	March 1, 2002	Southern Ohio
The Rev. Sharon M. Mahood	June 21, 2002	Minnesota
The Rev. Barbara M. McCaulley	October 16, 2002	Ordination
The Rev. Maureen C. Doherty	February 11, 2003	Oklahoma
*The Rt. Rev. Alan Scarfe	March 1, 2003	Los Angeles
*The Rev. Anne E. Moats Williams	May 23, 2003	Ordination
The Rev. Terence J. Kleven	July 17, 2003	Eastern Newfoundland & Labrador Anglican Church of Canada
The Rev. James L. Davis	September 2, 2003	Milwaukee
The Rev. William J. Pugliese	October 10, 2003	Spokane
*The Rev. Mary E. Cole-Duvall	May 18, 2004	Delaware
The Rev. Margaret "Peg" R. Jackson	June 12, 2004	Ordination

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*The Rev. Wendy K. Abrahamson	August 1, 2004	Virginia
The Rev. Tim E. Vann	September 1, 2004	Nebraska
*The Rev. Judith A. Jones	December 18, 2004	Ordination
*The Rev. Curtis Moermond	December 18, 2004	Ordination
*The Rev. Lori J. Erickson	April 16, 2005	Ordination
*The Rev. Alice B. Haugen	April 30, 2005	Ordination
*The Rev. Catherine Quehl-Engel	September 2, 2005	Ordination
*The Rev. Carl D. Mann	December 3, 2005	Ordination
The Rev. J. Brian McVey	December 17, 2005	Ordination
*The Rev. Jan "Raisin" M. Horn	December 16, 2006	Ordination
*The Rev. John C. Horn	December 16, 2006	Ordination
*The Rev. Elizabeth C. Popplewell	December 16, 2006	Ordination
The Rev. Sallie Verrette	December 16, 2006	Ordination
*The Rev. Donald F. Keeler	December 17, 2006	Ordination
*The Rev. Vincent S. Bete	June 18, 2007	North Central Philippines
The Rev. Judith C. Dalmasso	June 23, 2007	Ordination
*The Rev. Mark E. Holmer	October 1, 2007	ELCA-CCM
*The Rev. John S. Doherty	October 7, 2007	Ordination
*The Rev. Sue Ann Raymond	October 25, 2007	Colorado
*The Rev. Martha R. Kester	October 29, 2007	Central Florida
*The Rev. Kent Anderson	June 4, 2008	Ordination
*The Rev. Cathi Bencken	November 12, 2008	Western New York
*The Rev. Judith Crossett	February 8, 2009	Ordination
*The Rev. Melody Rockwell	February 21, 2009	Ordination
*The Rev. Diane Eddy	February 22, 2009	Ordination
The Rev. Martha C. Rogers	June 1, 2009	Colorado
*The Rev. John Greve	July 26, 2009	Ordination
*The Rev. Jennifer Masada	July 26, 2009	Ordination
*The Rev. Jane Stewart	July 26, 2009	Ordination
*The Rev. Sean D. Burke	October 2, 2009	California
The Rev. Lyle Brown	October 25, 2009	Ordination
The Rev. Barbara Easley	October 25, 2009	Ordination
The Rev. James Kannenberg	October 25, 2009	Ordination
The Rev. Georgia Humphrey	January 19, 2010	Colorado
The Rev. Kathy Halverson-Rigatuso	January 23, 2010	Ordination
The Rev. Shelley Dowling	May 9, 2010	Ordination
The Rev. Marilyn Wentzien	May 9, 2010	Ordination
*The Rev. Christine Gowdy-Jaehnig	June 6, 2010	Ordination
*The Rev. James Griesheimer	June 6, 2010	Ordination
*The Rev. Jeannette Pillsbury	June 6, 2010	Ordination
*The Rev. Stacey Gerhart	March 2, 2011	Ordination
*The Rev. Diana L. Wright	December 17, 2011	Ordination
The Rev. Patricia Kirkland	January 8, 2012	Ordination
*The Rev. Sarah D. Lopez	January 28, 2012	Ordination
The Rev. Kevin R. Emge	July 1, 2012	Ordination
*The Rev. Aaron Hudson	December 15, 2012	Ordination
The Rev. Jean Smith	May 18, 2013	Ordination
The Rev. Ruth Ratliff	June 8, 2013	Ordination

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Name	Received	Whence Received
The Rev. Bonnie Wilkerson	July 6, 2013	Ordination
The Rev. Michael Arthur Last	November 3, 2013	ELCA-CCM
*The Rev. Patricia Coffey Cashman	November 4, 2013	Pennsylvania
*The Rev. Sheryl 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 Lyon	May 9, 2014	West Missouri
*The Rev. Warren Fredrick Frelund	May 20, 2014	Wyoming
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
*The Rev. Steven Robert Godfrey	April 14, 2015	Chicago
*The Rev. Lydia Kelsey Bucklin	August 6, 2015	Ordination
*The Rev. Elaine Sue Caldbeck	October 16, 2015	Southern Ohio
*The Rev. Kenneth Blaine Messer	December 12, 2015	Ordination
*The Rev. Marcus Haack	December 19, 2015	Ordination
*The Rev. Filemon Diaz	August 1, 2016	ELCA

Lay Delegates to the 164th 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

Nicola Bowler

Ed Gillott

Chris Moon

James "Jim" Murdock

Dorothy Yoerger

Ankeny, St. Anne's by the Fields

Bill West

Bettendorf, St. Peter's Church

Shelley Chambers

Bruce Tinsman

Maggie Tinsman

Burlington, Christ Church

Michelle Moore

Cedar Falls, St. Luke's Church

John Nocero

Jennifer Rasmussen

Cedar Rapids, Christ Church

Doug Anderson

Aileen Chang Matus

Jerry Davenport

Kay Jahnel

Susan Hansen

Patti Lucas

Paula Sanchini

Gary Streit

Cedar Rapids, Grace Church

Karla Gibson

Kimberly McIrvn

Clermont, Church of the Saviour

*Marva Eck

Clinton, Christ Church

Alescha Campbell

Nancy Nieland

Coralville, New Song Church

Jim Conger

*Kirk Corey

Council Bluffs, St. Paul's Church

Mike Moore

Davenport, St. Alban's Church

Grant Curtis

Davenport, Trinity Cathedral

Linda Crossett

Douglas Elliott

Ashley Ford

Mike Ford

Keith Hoffman

Andrew Petersen

Katie Petersen

Decorah, Grace Church

Jo Kaplan

Des Moines, Cathedral Church of St. Paul

Peggy Aerisolphal

Julianne Allaway

Harold Alexander

John Kerss

Phyllis Melton

Craig Sandahl

Des Moines, St. Andrew's Church

Lizzie Gillman

Becky Kemble

Des Moines, St. Luke's Church

John Kalish

Jim McLallen

Des Moines, St. Mark's Church

*Beth Ripley

Dubuque, St. John's Church

Elizabeth "Beth" Leeper

*David Vanderah

Durant, St. Paul's Church

*Karon Lewis

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

Dee Fairchild

Debby Pohlson

Harlan, St. Paul's Church

William "Bill" Early

Independence, St. James' Church

Marilyn Basquin

Indianola, All Saint's Church

Lindy Ireland

Lay Delegates to the 164th Convention

Iowa City, Trinity Church

Greg Cotton
Julianne Crosmer
Howard Horan
John Loomis
Michael Moore
Paul Muhle
Melissa Murphy
Mark Plum
Donna Prime

Iowa Falls, St. Matthew's by the Bridge

Ginger Hansen

Keokuk, St. John's Church

Suzanne "Susie" Messer
Meg Oliver-Mills

Maquoketa, St. Mark's Church

Susan Siems

Marshalltown, St. Paul's Church

David Bursley

Mason City, St. John's Church

Shelby Benitz
Jay Leaman

Mount Pleasant, St. Michael's Church

Brian Leslie

Muscatine, Trinity Church

Jim Sammons

Newton, St. Stephen's Church

Carol Kramer
Christopher Templeton

Oskaloosa, St. James' Church

Shane Vernooy

Ottumwa, Trinity Church

*Carol Logan

Perry, St. Martin's

George Eldridge

Shenandoah, St. John's Church

Kim Naven Gee

Sioux City, Calvary Church

Robert Kistler

Sioux City, St. Paul's Indian Mission

Judy Henry
Tracy Henry

Sioux City, St. Thomas' Church

Jannette Domayer

Spirit Lake, St. Alban's Church

John Barrow
Charles Wiest

Storm Lake, All Saints' Church

Linda Tilton

Waterloo, Trinity Church

Matt Aronson
Judy Henry

Webster City, Church of the Good Shepherd

Roberta "Robbie" Katschke

West Des Moines, St. Timothy's Church

Tom Carpenter
Maureen Hada
Susan Leonard
Mike McGill
Jennifer "Jennie" McKinney
Vince Preston
William "Bill" Smith
Annie Waskom

Youth Delegates

Allie Schirmer (Grace Church, Cedar Rapids)
Kate Saunders (St. Timothy's Church, West Des Moines)
Mary Scout Cole Duvall (St. Timothy's Church, West Des Moines)
Thomas Wagner (St. Peter's Church, Bettendorf)

Chancellors

Tom Carpenter (St. Timothy's Church, West 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 164th Annual Convention
Diocese of Iowa
28-29 October, 2016
Hotel Marriott – Des Moines, Iowa
In Mission with Christ through Each and All – Life as Vocation

Plenary Session One

Following the Renewal of the Baptismal Covenant, the 164th Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Iowa, meeting at the Marriott hotel in Des Moines, Iowa, was called to order by The Rt. Reverend Alan Scarfe at 11:11 a.m. on Friday 28 October, 2016. The Rev. Mary Jane Oakland, Chair of the Credentials Committee, certified the presence of a quorum for the transaction of business. On the motion of The Rev. Wendy Abrahamson, St. Paul's, Grinnell, duly seconded, the reading of the Roll Call was dispensed with and attendance taken from the Registration. On a motion of The Rev. Elaine Caldbeck, St. Mark's Fort Dodge, the reading of the minutes from the 163rd Convention was dispensed with, and the minutes as they appeared in the Journal of the 2015 Convention proceedings were approved.

Bishop Scarfe then welcomed those who were in attendance, and provided a brief summary of the preceding year in the diocesan plan: "New Structures for an Eternal Message". He introduced the Year Five emphasis "In Mission with Christ through each and all, life as vocation. He then welcomed special guests:

Bishop Gregory Palmer, formerly Bishop of the Iowa Conference of the United Methodist Church

Bishop Samuel Peni, from our Companion Diocese of Brechin in Swaziland

Bishop Bijay Kumar Nayak, from the diocese of Phulbani in the Church of North India

Lynn Bowers, representing Bexley Seabury.

Next, Bishop Scarfe welcomed the youth to the Convention. These included the youngest members who are with childcare providers; those participating in the Youth Conference activities at the Cathedral Church of

St. Paul; youth guests at the convention itself, and finally the four youth delegates. These are:

Alexis Schirmer (Grace Church, Cedar Rapids)
Kate Saunders (St. Timothy's Church, West Des Moines)
Mary Scout Cole Duvall (St Timothy's Church, West Des Moines)
Thomas Wagner (St. Peter's Church, Bettendorf)

Bishop Scarfe then reminded delegates who had not yet done so to register immediately; and reminded all delegates (as well as visitors) to wear their name tags. He explained the ballots for the elections, and also the cards for other types of votes.

The Report on the Committee on Dispatch of Business made its first report. The Rev. Jean McCarthy, moved for the Committee:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the agenda for this 164th 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 156th Convention, be the Rules of Order for this 164th Convention.

The motion was seconded and approved.

The Rev. Mary Jane Oakland, on behalf of the Credentials Committee, moved that the 164th Convention grant seat and voice to the following individuals:

Resolutions Committee:

Stephen Carroll, St. Paul's Church, Grinnell
Donna Scarfe, St. Paul's Cathedral, Des Moines

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

Special Guests:

Bishop Gregory Palmer –Keynote Speaker
Bishop Samuel Peni
Bishop Bijay Kumar Nayak
Lynn Bowers- Bexley Seabury
McKenzie Krob –Old Brick

Licensed Clergy:

Robert “Bob” North
Linda Packard
Larry Snyder

Postulants & Candidates (not a delegate):

Early, Tom
Latham, Jennifer
Powell, Kevin
Preston, Elizabeth (Beth)

The motion was seconded and passed.

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, the Bishop asked for a motion to receive them as presented.

The Rev. Wayne Kamm moved to receive the reports as presented. The motion was seconded and approved.

Bishop Scarfe called for nominations for Convention Officers. The Rev. Jean McCarthy nominated The Rev. Canon Kathleen Milligan, Christ Church

Cedar Rapids, as Secretary. There being no further nominations, she was elected. She then appointed The Rev. Lauren Lyon, Trinity Iowa City, as Assistant Secretary.

The Rev. Jean McCarthy then nominated Mr. William Smith, Jr., St. Timothy's, West Des Moines as Treasurer of the convention. There being no further nominations, Smith was duly elected.

Diocesan officers were then elected. Bishop Scarfe nominated Canon Thomas Carpenter, St. Timothy's, West Des Moines, and Ms. Linda Neuman, St. Peter's, Bettendorf for Diocesan Co-Chancellors. The motion carried.

Bishop Scarfe nominated Mr. Dan Kaiser, St. Paul's Grinnell, for Diocesan Historiographer. The motion carried.

The bishop nominated Canon Julianne Allaway for Diocesan Registrar. The motion carried.

The Rev. Jean McCarthy nominated Mr. William Smith, Jr. as diocesan Treasurer. There being no further nominations, he was elected.

Bishop Scarfe then called upon Diocesan Youth Missioner, Lacey Howard, to report on the youth ministries in the Diocese of Iowa. This was largely in the form of a video presentation, highlighting the various youth ministries and activities throughout the year. She reported that there are 41 days throughout the year when youth activities are taking place.

Mr. Bill Smith, Jr., Diocesan Treasurer was called upon to present the financial reports for the completed year 2015. These were to be found in the Report booklet on pages 36-59. The Audit report can be found on pages 71 – 89. The report was accepted.

The Rev. Lauren Lyon was called on for a report from the Resolutions Committee. Six Resolutions were presented in a timely manner, and have been made available to the Convention. No resolutions were submitted late.

For the Committee, Lyon moved **Resolution 164A: Amend Canon 6**

BE IT RESOLVED that the last sentence of Section 6 of Canon 22 (Of the Organization of Parish or Mission) be revised to add the words “A proposal for” at the beginning of the sentence so that the sentence reads as follows: A Proposal for the establishment of a new Parish in the particular city or town in question shall not be again presented within a period of twelve (12) months”.

The motion was seconded and passed

For the Committee, Lyon moved **Resolution 164B: Amend Canon 8**

BE IT RESOLVED that Canon 8 (Of the Consultants) be repealed in its entirety, and its space in the Canon reserved for future use, as necessary.

The motion was seconded and duly passed.

For the Committee Lyon moved **Resolution 164C: Amend Canon 7 Sec. 5**

BE IT RESOLVED that Canon 7 (“Of the Episcopal Corporation”), Sec. 5, be amended by adding the word “staff” to the second line before the word “consultants,,” so that the section reads: “The work of the Corporation, as it is necessary to carry out the program of the Diocesan Convention, shall be executed through such staff, consultants, commissions and committees as it deems necessary.”

The motion was seconded and carried.

For the committee Lyon moved **Resolution 164D: Amend Canon 7 Sec. 2**

BE IT RESOLVED that Canon 7, Sec. 2 be amended by revising its second-to-last sentence as follows: The President of the Standing Committee and the Chair of the Stewardship Commission shall be ex-officio members of the Board of Directors of the Corporation with seat and voice only . . .”

The motion was seconded and carried.

For the Committee Lyon moved **Resolution 164E: Reparations**

BE IT RESOLVED that as an act of repentance for the role of the Episcopal Church in slavery before the Civil War, for its refusal to condemn slavery during the Civil War, and for its hand in the active segregation and oppression of Black Americans for the 100 years following the Civil War, General Convention directs the Executive Council to immediately put up for sale, and keep for sale until it is sold, the property owned by the Episcopal Church at 815 2nd Avenue, NYC (“815”).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon the sale of “815” the General Convention directs Executive Council to use the proceeds to retain an office and staff in NYC at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine or in a building owned by a congregation in the Diocese of NY, and to establish additional offices to be housed in congregations across the country especially in or near Ferguson, Mo; Minneapolis, MN; New Orleans, LA; Baltimore, MD; Compton, CA; Chicago, IL and other areas of the US that struggle economically or racially.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that General Convention direct all remaining proceeds after the moves be given to the Union of Black Episcopalians and the Episcopal Urban Caucus as monetary Reparations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that The Union of Black Episcopalians and Episcopal Urban Caucus will have utter and complete control to determine where and how the Reparations will best be used to lift up the lives of Black Americans.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that he economic study each diocese was asked to perform by 2006-A123 and 2006-A127, and reaffirmed by 2009-A143 continue, with each diocese forming a Racial Restoration Task Force to report to the General Convention of 2021. Further, each diocese is asked to offer opportunities to learn about our denomination’s particular racial history, and to offer a service of repentance if they have not already done so, the offerings from which shall be added to the Reparations. Lastly, every Episcopalian is encouraged to support secular legislation that seeks Reparations for Black Americans, as 2006-C011 states.

On a motion of The Rev. Carl Mann, Christ Church Burlington, the Resolution along with Resolution 164F, was tabled to the 4th Plenary session.

The Chair of Resolutions then moved **Resolution 164F: Reparations:**

BE IT RESOLVED that as an act of repentance for the role of the Episcopal Church in slavery before the Civil War, for its refusal to condemn slavery during the Civil War, and for its hand in the active segregation and oppression of Black Americans for the 100 years following the Civil War, the Episcopal Diocese of Iowa asks the General Convention to give the sum of ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) to be used as an act of making Reparations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Reparations will be given in one payment to the Union of Black Episcopalians and the Episcopal Urban Caucus.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Union of Black Episcopalians and Episcopal Urban Caucus will have utter and complete control to determine where and how the reparations will best be used to lift up the lives of Black Americans.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the funds may be assembled from a variety of sources, and at least part should be included as an item in the Triennial Budget.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the economic study each diocese was asked to perform by 2006-A123 and 2006-A127, and reaffirmed by 2009-A143 continue, with each diocese forming a Racial Restoration Task Force to make a report to the General Convention of 2021, and with each diocese offering a service of repentance, they have not done so already, the offerings from which shall be added to the Reparations, in addition to opportunities to learn specifically about the history of the Episcopal Church during the era of slavery, the Civil War, Reconstruction, Jim Crow, as well as the conversion of our denomination that began with the Civil Rights movement.

On a motion of The Rev. Carl Mann, duly seconded and passed, this resolution was tabled until the Fourth Plenary Session.

Bishop Scarfe then called upon The Rev. Raisin Horn, Chair of the Nominations Committee, for its report.

The nominations for Standing Committee were presented:

Clergy:

Elaine Caldbeck (St. Mark's Church, Fort Dodge)

Marcus Haack (Trinity, Iowa City)

Lay:

Aileen Chang-Matus, Christ Church Cedar Rapids

Jim Conger (New Song, Coralville)

Bishop Scarfe opened nominations from the floor for any further candidates for Standing Committee. There being none, he opened nominations for Board of Directors of the Episcopal Corporation. Two clergy were to be elected, one for a three-year term, and one for a two year term.

Clergy:

Kent Anderson (St. John's, Dubuque)

John Greve (New Song, Coralville)

Kathy Halverson-Rigatuso (St. John's, Glenwood)

Judy Thayer (New Song, Coralville)

Lay:

Amy Mellies (St. John's, Ames)

Bishop Scarfe opened the floor to further nominations for the Board of Directors. There being none, he closed nominations. The Chair, Raisin Horn moved that a unanimous vote be cast for Amy Mellies for the Lay member of the Board. The motion was seconded and passed.

Nominations were then presented for the Chapter Representatives for the Board of Directors from the Central, North Central and South Central Chapters.

Mr. David Nixon (Trinity, Emmetsburg) North Central Chapter

The Rev. Richard Graves (St. Paul's, Marshalltown) Central Chapter

The Rev. Fred Steinbach (St. Andrews, Chariton) South Central Chapter

Bishop Scarfe requested a nomination for a unanimous ballot for all three

of the candidates. It was moved by Carl Mann, seconded and passed.

The Committee presented nominations for the Disciplinary Board. Two were to be selected from each order for two-year terms. Nominated were:

Clergy: Sean Burke (St. James, Independence)
Kristine Leaman (Church of our Saviour, Clermont)
Jean McCarthy (Diocese of Iowa, Des Moines)
Catherine Quehl-Engel, Trinity, Iowa City)

Lay: Keith Hoffman (Trinity, Davenport)
Kay-Kay Saunders (St Timothy's, West Des Moines)

There being no nominations from the floor, nominations for Disciplinary Board were closed.

The Committee then presented the slate of nominees for Deputies to General Convention. The election was for both Deputies and alternates.

Clergy: Wendy Abrahamson (St. Paul's, Grinnell)
Cathleen Bascom (Trinity Church, Emmetsburg)
Troy Beecham (Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Des Moines)
Lydia Bucklin (Diocese of Iowa)
Mary Cole Duvall (St. Timothy's, West Des Moines)
Lauren Lyon (Trinity, Iowa City)
Kathleen Milligan (Christ Church, Cedar Rapids)
Meg Wagner (St. Peter's, Bettendorf)

Lay: Shelby Allen-Benitz (St. John's Church, Mason City)
Stephanie Blake (St. Andrew's, Waverly)
Julianne Crosmer (Trinity, Iowa City)
Rebecca Dublinske (Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Des Moines)
Christine Moon (St. John's, Ames)
Thomas Powell (Church of the Saviour, Clermont)
Katherine Saunders (St. Timothy's, West Des Moines)
William Smith (St. Timothy's, West Des Moines)
Maggie Tinsman (St Peter's, Bettendorf)

There being no nominations from the floor, Bishop Scarfe closed

nominations. He then called on Chancellor Thomas Carpenter, who gave the instructions for voting, and announced that voting was now open and would close at 4:00 p.m.

Following announcements, the First Plenary Session was closed with prayer, and people were dismissed for lunch.

Plenary Session Two

Plenary Session Two was called to order at 1:25 p.m. on Friday, October 28th. Following a prayer, Bishop Scarfe called for a report from The Rev. Lydia Bucklin, Diocesan Young Adult Missioner. The report was in the form of a video presentation. Bucklin noted that “The Well”, a Facebook Community, which began over a year ago, has attracted 86 young adults.

The Rev. Warren Frelund, Missioner for Older Adults was then called to the podium to give his report on the Older Adult Ministry Team. This team has been meeting over the last year, identifying issues and resources. We will be hearing more in future years.

The next report came from Mackenzie Krob and The Rev. Susanne Watson Epting, who reported on new work centering on Old Brick in Iowa City.

Anne Wagner and Ellen Bruckner then gave a report on the “Recasting Assets” program. They are looking for four new congregations to undertake the work of looking at their buildings and finding new ways to use the physical assets of the congregation, to enhance revenue streams for the Congregations. This work is a project of the Episcopal Church Building Fund.

The Trans-formational Conversations Report detailed the work of Zeb Treloar-Reid, sharing the results of one of the 2015 Alleluia Grant recipients. The video shared some insights gathered in conversations on issues of transgender and Gender Identity.

The report on this new work was followed by another video presentation detailing a revitalized ministry of the Daughters of the King.

Following these reports, Bishop Scarfe presented the 2016 Alleluia Grant Recipients. They are:

St. Paul's, Council Bluffs	After School Arts Program	\$2,050
Diocese of Iowa	AFRECS Conference	\$2,000
Des Moines Center for Social Ministry	New areas of state/ new year-round approach to promotion/coordination	\$6,800
Des Moines, St. Andrew's	Festival Equipment	\$2,350
Iowa City, Trinity	Church School Curriculum Development	\$2,800
Diocese of Swaziland	Companion Cooperation in Ministry Training/education	\$3,000
Nzara Companions	Medical Supplies/ Good Samaritan Clinic	\$2,000

The grants this year totaled \$21,000. Bishop Scarfe expressed appreciation for all who had committed to the appeal, and then called representatives of the recipients to come forward to receive a check.

Following announcements and the closing prayers, the second Plenary Session was ended, and a break given.

Plenary Session Three

Plenary Three began with a gathering song and prayer. Bishop Scarfe called on The Rev. Canon Suzanne Peterson (Trinity, Waterloo) who moved to suspend the rules to allow for a consideration of a later resolution regarding religious tolerance. The motion to suspend the rules was seconded and approved. The resolution was scheduled for consideration at Plenary Session VI.

Bishop Scarfe called on diocesan Treasurer Bill Smith for his report on 2017 funding. Smith presented a balanced budget with a total expenditure projected at \$1,184,000. Diocesan Stewardship Shares are estimated to cover \$821,000, with other income from gifts and investments to make up the difference. Smith moved the adoption of the 2017 budget as proposed by the Board of Directors at their meeting on September 24, 2016.

Following the adoption of the Budget, Bishop Scarfe called for presentations on the year's new initiatives. The Rev. Canon Cathleen Bascom made the presentation on Creation Stewards. She shared the video created as the presentations moved across the state. The Rev. Holly Scherff updated us on the progress from Listening To the Small Church. They have visited over half of the churches whose Average Sunday Attendance is 25 or under. They expect to continue this work into the New Year. The Rev. Steve Godfrey was introduced and gave a report on his work with Congregational Development and Transitions. He reported that there are currently 16 congregations in transition.

Bishop Scarfe made announcements, reminding people of the evening schedule. We were then dismissed for the procession to the Cathedral and the Convention Eucharist.

The first day ended with a Social Hour followed by the Banquet, and Keynote Speaker The Rev. Gregory Palmer. Compline was offered by the youth present for the Youth Conference.

Saturday Morning, 29 October, 2016

Plenary Session Four

Plenary Session Four was called to order at 9:00 a.m. with a gathering song and prayer. Bishop Scarfe then gave the Bishop's Address. He concluded by reading a Greeting to the Convention from the Right Reverend Ellinah Wamukoya, Bishop of Swaziland

Dear Bishop Alan,

I greet you in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

I write this letter to sincerely thank you for blessing our Diocesan Synod with your presence and that of Revd. Stacey Gerhart and Mr. Bill Witt. I am sure you saw how you were appreciated by everyone.

Be assured as you sit and lead your convention of our prayers. May all your deliberations be directed by God the Holy Spirit. Remember always that you are part of us and the greater Church of Christ.

We would not have done Justice if we do not Thank You profusely for

the continuous prayers and financial assistance throughout the many years of the companionship. May God richly reward you.

Our very thoughts are always with you.

Be blessed.

Yours in Christ,

Rt. Rev. Ellinah Wamukoya

Bishop Scarfe then introduced the first Indaba Question:

Given that the Episcopal Church has apologized for its role in slavery, what would you see as a further Christian act of repentance for the role of the Episcopal Church in Slavery before the Civil War, for its refusal to condemn slavery during the Civil War, and for its hand in the active segregation and oppression of Black Americans for the 100 years following the Civil War?

Following the Indaba Conversation Bishop Scarfe referred the Convention to **Resolution 164E**, and opened discussion. The Rev. Wendy Abrahamson spoke as the mover of the Resolution. The Rev. Cathleen Bascom moved to amend the resolution to remove the third and fourth resolves and replace with a resolve calling for the Executive Council to make the appropriate determination. The motion was seconded but failed. The Rev. Wayne Kamm moved to table the motion to the 165th Convention. It was seconded but also failed. There being no further discussion, the vote was taken and the motion was defeated.

Resolution 164F was withdrawn.

The Chair of the Resolutions Committee then moved **Resolution 164G: Amend Canon 11**

BE IT RESOLVED that Canon 11, Sec. 3 be amended as follows: Sec. 3. After securing Board approval, and no later than ~~fifty (50)~~ thirty (30) days before the call to order of the Annual Convention, the Committee on Ways and Means shall transmit to the Minister and Treasurer of each congregation a report of the proposed Budget and Askings.

The motion was seconded. The Rev. Wendy Abrahamson moved to

amend the motion by removing the final word “askings” and substituting “Stewardship Shares.” The amendment was seconded and approved; and the motion passed as amended.

Plenary Session Four was closed with a prayer.

Plenary Session Five

Plenary Session Five began at 11:00 a.m. with a gathering song. Bishop Scarfe then announced a \$30,000 UTO grant “Renewing the Life of the Earth”, a Companion Grant with the Diocese of Swaziland. David and Mary Jane Oakland and Marcia Powell, Diocesan UTO Coordinator, were called forward for the presentation.

Bishop Scarfe then called on Stephanie Blake to come forward on behalf of the One World One Church Commission to announce the International Development Grants totaling \$8, 434:

The Swaziland Neighborhood Care Points received \$4,184

The Haiti Community Health Initiative received \$1,500

Ekklesia Foundation for Gender Equality, Kenya received \$1,500

Self-Help to establish a new feeding center in Ghana received \$1,250

A video presentation regarding the September 2017 Swaziland visit was then presented.

The Convention then viewed a video message from Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, in preparation for the second Indaba conversation. When the video concluded, the second Indaba conversation took place.

The question was:

The Presiding Bishop gives us a challenge for this present time because we, like Jesus, are on a journey to Galilee. Knowing that the Word is very near to you, how is Jesus asking you and your congregation to join him in ministry (loving service) in your Galilee every day?

At the conclusion of the time allotted for Indaba Two, Bishop Scarfe closed the session with a prayer and dismissed us for lunch.

Plenary Session Six

The Sixth Plenary Session convened at 1:50 p.m. Bishop Scarfe announced the results of the elections.

Standing Committee:

Clergy: Elaine Caldbeck

Lay: Aileen Chang-Matus

Board of Directors:

Clergy: John Greve (three years)

Kent Anderson (two years)

Lay: Amy Mellies

Disciplinary Board:

Clergy: Jean McCarthy

Catherine Quehl-Engel

Lay: Keith Hoffman

Katherine “Kay-Kay” Saunders

General Convention Deputies:

Clergy:

Deputies: Wendy Abrahamson
Kathleen Milligan
Mary Cole-Duvall
Margaret “Meg” Wagner

Alternates: Cathleen Bascom

Lydia Bucklin
Troy Beecham
Lauren Lyon

Lay:

Deputies: Margaret “Maggie” Tinsman
William “Bill” Smith
Shelby Allen-Benitz
Stephanie Blake

Alternates: Katherine Saunders
Thomas "Tom" Powell
Julianne Crosmer
Christine "Chris" Moon

The Bishop congratulated those who were elected, and thanked all of those who had offered themselves to run.

He then announced the following appointments.

Diocesan Pension Fund Treasurer
Ms. Anne Wagner, Diocese of Iowa

Editor of IOWA CONNECTIONS
The Rev. Margaret 'Meg' Wagner, Diocese of Iowa

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

Companion Dioceses Coordinators:
Diocese of Brechin
Mr. Jim Conger, New Song, Coralville

Diocese of Swaziland
Ms. Cheryl Valenta, Christ, Cedar Rapids

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

Disaster Relief Co-Coordinator
Mr. Jerry Davenport, Christ Church, Cedar Rapids
The Rev. Holly Scherff, St. John's Church, Shenandoah

Ecumenical Officer
The Rev. Jean McCarthy, (retired), Diocese of Iowa

Global Missioner

The Rev. Suzanne Peterson, Trinity, Waterloo

Jubilee Officer

The Rev. Judith Jones, St. Andrew's Church, Waverly

Global Goals Coordinator

Ms. Stephanie Blake, St. Andrew's Church, Waverly

United Thank Offering Coordinator

Ms. Marcia Powell, Church of the Saviour, Clermont

Commission on Ministry *new appointments, ** re-appointments

Chair: Ms. Jeannie Sims (St. John's Church, Dubuque)

Term Expiring 2017

Ms. Julianne Crosmer (Trinity Church, Iowa City)

The Rev. James Griesheimer (Grace Church, Decorah)

Mr. Keith Hoffman (Trinity Cathedral, Davenport)

Mr. David Smith (Grace Church, Decorah)

*The Rev. Bonnie Wilkerson (St. Luke's Church, Fort Madison)

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

Term Expiring 2018

The Rev. Al Aiton (St. John's by the Campus, Ames)

The Rev. Cathi Bencken (Trinity Church, Muscatine)

Ms. Jenna Cornick (St. John's Church, Mason City)

The Rev. Judith Crossett (Trinity Church, Iowa City)

Ms. Kristina Kofoot (St. Luke's Church, Cedar Falls)

Mr. Andrew Peterson (Trinity Cathedral, Davenport)

Term Expiring 2019

*The Rev. Vincent Bete (Trinity Church, Ottumwa)

**The Hon. Steve Carroll (St. Paul's Church, Grinnell)

**The Rev. Stacey Gerhart (Calvary Church, Sioux City)

**The Rev. Jennifer Masada (New Song Church, Coralville)

**Ms. Jeannie Sims (St. John's Church, Dubuque)

*Mr. Jacob Snyder (St. Andrew's Church, Des Moines)

Ex officio

The Rt. Rev. Alan Scarfe (Diocese of Iowa, Des Moines)
The Rev. Canon Kathleen Milligan, Examining Chaplain
Ms. Ellen Bruckner (Diocesan Staff)

Professional Development Leave Committee *new appointments
Terms Expiring 2017:

Ms. Jeannie Sims, (St. John's, Dubuque)

Terms Expiring 2018:

Dr. Sigmund (Sig) Barber (St. Paul's Church, Grinnell)

The Rev. Canon Kathleen Milligan (Christ Church, Cedar Rapids)

Terms Expiring 2019:

*The Rev. Carl Mann (Christ Church, Burlington)

*Mr. David Smith (Grace Church, Decorah)

Diocesan Representatives to Iowa Religious Media Services Board:

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

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

Diocesan Representative to Province VI Council

Three-year term beginning 2016

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

Bishop Scarfe then called on The Rev. Lauren Lyon for the remainder of the Resolutions Committee Report. Lyon first presented the late Resolution submitted on Friday.

Resolution 164G: Against Hate

BE IT RESOLVED that as people of faith, this 164th Convention of the Diocese of Iowa pledges to:

- Affirm love for our neighbor as a core principle, and honor the dignity and equality of all people;
- Repudiate those who pervert any religious for political purposes;
- Assert that extremists and terrorists do not represent Islam as it is practiced by the vast majority of people here and abroad;
- Challenge and reduce Islamophobia as well as other forms of

discrimination in Iowa; and

- To speak up when religious communities in our midst are maligned and support them with our voices and our actions.

The motion was seconded. On a motion by Cathleen Bascom, the resolution was amended to change the word “pervert” in the second bullet, to “distort”. The resolution was approved as amended.

Lauren Lyon then presented the Courtesy Resolutions adopted by the Board of Directors at its meetings throughout the year. They are in recognition of retirements, or denoting appreciation, or memorials.

Courtesy Resolution for Nancy Morton, passed by acclamation:

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Diocese of Iowa meets five times a year to conduct the business of the diocese; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors really needs an official written account of its transactions given their all-too-human memories; and

WHEREAS, Nancy Morton has faithfully served as Recording Secretary of the Diocesan Board of Directors/Diocesan Council; and

WHEREAS, this meeting, January 30, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand sixteen, is her last meeting serving in this capacity; and

WHEREAS, her faithful service as Recording Secretary has contributed greatly to the well-being of the Diocese of Iowa, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors expresses its heartfelt thanksgiving to Nancy for her generous gift of time to this body and wishes her continued blessings as she continues to find ways to serve God in the years to come.

Affirmed by the Diocesan Council and Board of Directors of the Episcopal Corporation of the Diocese of Iowa, at a regular meeting on January 30, 2016, and to be received by the 164th Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Iowa meeting in Des Moines, Iowa, October 28th and 29th, 2016.

Memorial Resolution for The Rev. Dr. Barbara Hartley Schlachter, *passed; and was followed by prayer led by the Bishop, in thanksgiving for Barbara's life:*

WHEREAS, The Rev. Doctor Barbara Hartley Schlachter has served this church both faithfully and well; and

WHEREAS, she was ordained to the diaconate in 1973, and then waited for the Episcopal Church to approve women as presbyters, being among the very first so ordained in 1977; and

WHEREAS, she was a founding member of the Episcopal Women's Caucus and served on the General Church's Commission on the Status of Women, and has served the cause of women in the church throughout her ministry, and was the first ordained woman to serve as a member of the Executive Council; and

WHEREAS, she came to Iowa with her husband Mel in 2002, having served churches in New York and Ohio, and has served in Iowa as associate Rector of Christ Church, Cedar Rapids from 2003 to 2010, and following her retirement as an associate at Trinity Church, Iowa City, becoming a practitioner of Healing Touch, and continuing her ministry of spiritual direction and counsel; and

WHEREAS, in her retirement she continued in her work for justice to serve her community through her membership in Iowa City Climate Advocates and One Hundred Grannies for a Livable Future, and was arrested at the White House for protesting the Keystone Pipeline; and

WHEREAS, her final months were a profound example of lived faith and hope in difficult and daunting circumstances; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Diocese of Iowa expresses its profound thanks for the witness of this faithful servant of God, and expresses its own grief and sympathy for her loss to her husband Mel; to their children Erika Sward and Jacob Schlachter and to their spouses and children and the rest of the family; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be conveyed to the 164th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Iowa for its affirmation in October 2016.

Affirmed by the Diocesan Council and Board of Directors of the Episcopal Corporation of the Diocese of Iowa, at a regular meeting on April 23rd, 2016, and to be received by the 164th Annual Convention

*of the Episcopal Diocese of Iowa meeting in Des Moines, Iowa,
October 28th and 29th, 2016.*

Courtesy Resolution for The Rev. Peter Sickels, passed by acclamation:

WHEREAS, The Rev. Peter Sickels was ordained to the diaconate in 1986 and to the priesthood in 1987; and

WHEREAS, he has served as Rector of St. Paul's, Durant and as an Assistant at Trinity Cathedral, Davenport;

WHEREAS, he served diligently in the spirit of Called to Common Mission with Evangelical Lutheran churches in the Quad City area, and compassionately as hospital chaplain in Iowa City and in Bettendorf;

WHEREAS, his ministry in the Diocese of Iowa concluded with his service as Rector of Christ Episcopal in Clinton from 2011-2016;

WHEREAS, his community was blessed with his social activism, his contributions to community theater, and his advocacy against gun violence;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors on behalf of the Diocese of Iowa, gives thanks to God for the ministry of The Rev. Peter Sickels among us, and wishes him well as he enjoys his retirement in California.

Affirmed by the Diocesan Council and Board of Directors of the Episcopal Corporation of the Diocese of Iowa, at a regular meeting on April 23rd, 2016, and to be received by the 164th Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Iowa meeting in Des Moines, Iowa, October 28th and 29th, 2016.

Courtesy Resolution for The Rev. Robert A. Kem, passed by acclamation:

WHEREAS, The Rev. Robert A. Kem was ordained to the diaconate in Clinton, Iowa, by The Rt. Rev. Edward (Ted) Luscombe from Brechin Scotland, later serving under The Rt. Rev. Wesley Frensdorff and The Rt. Rev. Joseph Heistand in Arizona and then under The Rt. Rev James Krotz in Nebraska. And in 2002 was called to serve in the Diocese of Iowa under The Rt. Rev Alan Scarfe.

WHEREAS, he was called as Priest in Charge and later as Rector of St. Anne's, Ankeny, since 2002 and

WHEREAS he dedicated his life and ministry as Chaplain in the International Order of St. Luke the Physician by teaching Bible studies,

starting intercessory prayer teams, leading conferences and healing missions and by providing teaching about the Lord's desire for physical, emotional and spiritual healing in all of our lives and by his personal witness and example to the wholeness found in Christ's eternal love for us, we recognize this life-long ministry which began in July of 1985 and **WHEREAS**, even in retirement, he will continue to exercise his priestly ministry by serving as a supply priest in the Diocese of Iowa.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors, on behalf of the Diocese of Iowa, gives thanks to God for the life and ministry of The Rev. Robert A. Kem among us, and looks forward to his continued ministry in service to our Lord Christ.

Affirmed by the Diocesan Council and Board of Directors of the Episcopal Corporation of the Diocese of Iowa, at a regular meeting on April 23rd, 2016, and to be received by the 164th Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Iowa meeting in Des Moines, Iowa, October 28th and 29th, 2016.

Courtesy Resolution on retirement: Deacon Kathy Tripses, passed by acclamation:

WHEREAS, Deacon Kathy Tripses was ordained to the vocational diaconate in Ankeny, Iowa by The Rt. Rev. C. Christopher Epting and later serving under The Rt. Rev. Alan Scarfe and

WHEREAS, she was called as Deacon of St. Anne's By the Fields, Ankeny, since 2001 to her retirement 10 April 2016 and

WHEREAS, she dedicated her life and ministry to supporting the outreach and human needs efforts in the community of Ankeny and in supporting and lifting up prayers for healing of members of the St. Anne's community throughout her ministry and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors, on behalf of the Diocese of Iowa, gives thanks to God for the life and ministry of Deacon Kathy Tripses among us, and looks forward to her continued ministry in service to our Lord Christ.

Affirmed by the Diocesan Council and Board of Directors of the Episcopal Corporation of the Diocese of Iowa, at a regular meeting on June 24, 2016, and to be received by the 164th Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Iowa meeting in Des Moines, Iowa, October 28th and 29th, 2016.

Courtesy Resolution: Bishop Meshack Mabuza, passed by acclamation:

WHEREAS, on November 9, 2001, the Anglican Diocese of Swaziland did consecrate The Rev. Meshack Mabuza as their Bishop; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Meshack was the first Bishop to ordain women in the Diocese of Swaziland (including the woman who would succeed him as Diocesan Bishop); and

WHEREAS, his ministry has always included a voice for justice and advocacy for those who face societal injustices—and now involves exploring how to take the JustFaith program home with him; and

WHEREAS, in April 2003, Bishop Meshack traveled to Iowa for the consecration of The Rev. Alan Scarfe as Bishop of Iowa, marking the beginning of a strong personal friendship and the strengthening of a the three-way diocesan companionship; and

WHEREAS, that companion journey led to a Healing Mission across the Diocese of Iowa in the summer of 2005, led by Bishop Meshack and Lucy Mabuza and Bishop Alan and Donna Scarfe, and attended by hundreds throughout the Diocese; and

WHEREAS, his healing spirit has been felt by the inmates he visited at the Anamosa Prison; and

WHEREAS, his quiet and gentle input via sermons, meetings, small group discussions, and personal conversations has opened to many a deeper level of commitment and love of our Lord, Jesus Christ; and

WHEREAS, for the past four years Bishop Meshack has served as the Bishop's Vicar to St. Paul's Indian Mission in Sioux City, learning the cultural background and language of the members, cultivating their leadership, and reinforcing their ability to minister to one another; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Meshack is about to end this phase of his ministry among us,

THEREFORE, be it resolved, that the Diocese of Iowa express its gratitude and thanksgiving for the ministry and presence of Bishop Meshack Mabuza, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we extend our prayers and best wishes to Bishop Meshack and Lucy and their family as he returns to his homeland of Swaziland.

Affirmed by the Diocesan Council and Board of Directors of the Episcopal Corporation of the Diocese of Iowa, at a regular meeting on June 24, 2016, and to be received by the 164th Annual Convention

*of the Episcopal Diocese of Iowa meeting in Des Moines, Iowa,
October 28th and 29th, 2016.*

Memorial Resolution: The Rev. B. Jean McKinney, passed by acclamation:

WHEREAS, The Rev. Barbara Jean McKinney entered into eternal life on Sunday July 10, 2016 at the age of 80: and

WHEREAS, Jean served both St. Luke's Church and the Cathedral Church of St. Paul in Des Moines as deacon following her ordination to the diaconate in 1993; and

WHEREAS, Jean served at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul in Des Moines as priest associate, and more recently at Trinity Episcopal-Presbyterian Church in Park Rapids, Minnesota, as priest following her ordination to the priesthood in 2010; and

WHEREAS, while raising her family, she served as parish nurse at St. John's Lutheran Church in Des Moines for 25 years, where she created a successful health ministry program; and

WHEREAS, she delivered her last sermon on July 3, 2016, with her family present;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Episcopal Diocese of Iowa give thanks to God for the life and ministry of The Rev. Barbara Jean McKinney among us, and extends its sympathies to her entire family and to the people of the Diocese of Minnesota.

Submitted by John Doherty, Deacon, Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Des Moines

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Iowa, October 28th and 29th, 2016.*

Lyon moved that this Convention affirm the above Resolutions from the Board of Directors. The motion was seconded and passed.

She then read the following Courtesy Resolutions:

Courtesy Resolution for The Rev. Canon William S. J. Moorhead

WHEREAS The Rev. Canon William S. J. Moorhead was ordained to the priesthood on September 10, 1966; and

WHEREAS he has faithfully served the Diocese of Iowa as a priest; first as Rector of St. James Church in Oskaloosa; and while working in administration at the College of Medicine at the University of Iowa, has served as a member of the staff at Trinity Church in Iowa City; and

WHEREAS he has served numerous congregations as a faithful supply priest; and

WHEREAS for his fifty years of faithful service to the church he has been made an honorary canon of the Cathedral Church of St. Paul in Des Moines;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that this 164th Convention of the Diocese of Iowa gives heartfelt thanks to God for his life and witness among us; and wishes him, along with his wife, all the best for their future years.

Courtesy Resolution for The Rev. Canon Ronald Osborne

WHEREAS The Rev. Canon Ronald Osborne was ordained to the priesthood on January 1, 1966; and whereas he has served as a priest in the Diocese of Iowa for over 50 years, first serving as the Chaplain at the University of Iowa for 25 years; and then as rector of St. Martin's Church in Perry and Trinity Church, Waterloo, from which he retired for the first time; and

WHEREAS he brought the new congregation of All Saints, Indianola into being while receiving dialysis several times a week; and

WHEREAS he has served on numerous committees of the diocese including the Board of Directors on more than one occasion; and

WHEREAS he has now been made an honorary canon of the Cathedral Church of St. Paul in Des Moines;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that this 164th Convention of the Diocese of Iowa gives heartfelt thanks to God for his life and witness among us, and wishes him many more years to enjoy the delights of his second retirement.

Courtesy Resolution for The Rev. Canon Alexander A. Aiton

WHEREAS, Alexander A. Aiton was born and raised in Newark, New Jersey, completed his undergraduate studies in Queens, NY, and then ventured to the Midwest for one year of seminary study at Seabury-Western before returning to the East Coast and completing his theological studies at General Theological Seminary; and

WHEREAS, upon ordination to the priesthood, he served several churches in the Diocese of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, he began his journey edging westward by serving on the Staff of the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania as Canon for Planned Giving and Church Development, and was accorded the designation as Honorary Canon of The Cathedral of St. Stephen, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, he earned a Doctor of Ministry degree from Drew University while working for the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, in 1991, he was called to be the third rector of St. John's by the Campus in Ames, IA; and

WHEREAS, he has spent 25 years in distinguished parish leadership, service to the community of Ames, and to the Diocese of Iowa in the areas of Stewardship, Commission on Ministry, and the Standing Committee;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that this 164th Convention of the Diocese of Iowa give thanks to God for his continuing faithful ministry among us and acclaim with joy his installation as honorary canon of Trinity Cathedral, Davenport on October 28, 2016

Courtesy Resolution for Bishop Bijay Kumar Nayak

WHEREAS, Bishop Bijay Kumar Nayak planned to attend two Conferences in New Jersey and Iowa to strengthen his leadership and administrative skills as Bishop of Phulbani in the Church of North India; and

WHEREAS, he discovered a God given mini-sabbatical between the two Conferences and reached out to his brother bishop in the Episcopal Diocese of Iowa; and

WHEREAS, he brought to the people of Iowa the courageous story of his people's persecution and their faith in turning to a Prayer Mission which brings a thousand people together for prayer and fasting every last Friday of the month; and

WHEREAS, he learned in turn not only about the people of Iowa but also of the faith of our companions in South Sudan,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Diocese of Iowa give thanks to God for the Bishop's visit and for the witness of the enduring faith of his people; and we ask the Bishop to bring our greetings to God's people in the Diocese of Phulbani; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we ask those gathered in the monthly Prayer and Fasting gatherings to pray for us as we engage Revival 2017.

Submitted by: Alan Scarfe, Bishop The Episcopal Diocese of Iowa.

Courtesy Resolution for Bishop Samuel Peni

WHEREAS the Diocese of Iowa is thankful that Bishop Peni has been able to join us again at Convention as our Companion Diocese Partner, and grateful for his address to us; and

WHEREAS Bishop Peni has worked for Peace and Reconciliation in Nzara through dangerous situations and personal suffering;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that this 164th Convention commends Bishop Samuel Peni for his ministry and his zeal for the Church's work for Peace and Reconciliation, and assures him of our prayers for his continued mission.

Courtesy Resolution for Bishop Gregory Palmer

WHEREAS Bishop Gregory Palmer of the United Methodist Church, at the persistent urging of Bishop Alan Scarfe, carved time out of a busy schedule to come and speak at our Convention; and

WHEREAS the address he gave to us about the attitude of being a mission (sent-out) church and not a Mission Church stirred our hearts and was a great preparation for our Diocesan Revival 2017.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the 164th Convention of the Diocese of Iowa gives thanks to Bishop Palmer for his presence with us, and offers him our prayers and blessings for continued success in his ministry.

Courtesy Resolution for the Cathedral Church of St. Paul

WHEREAS the Convention Eucharist is always a high point of our Convention time together (even with the scheduling changes); and **WHEREAS** the cathedral choir under the direction of Dr. Rebecca Gruber, provided us an uplifting assortment of hymns and songs including some “paperless” ones written by and led with enthusiasm by Ben Allaway and Jack Greve with a call and response style, **BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED**, that the 164th Convention of the Diocese of Iowa gives heartfelt thanks to the ministry of the people of the Cathedral of St. Paul and for their generous hospitality.

Courtesy Resolution for the Diocesan Convention Team

WHEREAS with the increased duties that Convention requires of Diocesan staff, which is supplemented with added workers to help things run smoothly; and **WHEREAS** the Bishop’s work would fall apart without the assistance of the dedicated staff – particularly in the tech department; **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that we give thanks to the Diocesan staff and especially to Kevin Wolff for audio/visual expertise, Mike Wagner for his work with Convention videos, and Jack Greve for his leadership in music for our prayers throughout Convention.

Lyon moved the adoption of the above resolutions. The motion was seconded and passed.

Bishop Scarfe then called on Bishop Samuel Peni to give us a final charge. Bishop Peni thanked us for our continuing support for this work, both as Bishop of Nzara, and with the Reconciliation work in South Sudan. He gave us words of encouragement for our upcoming Revival Year, and reminded us that “Revival is always a Sovereign work of God”, and quoted Richard Owen that it is also an “extraordinary work of the Holy Spirit”. He assured us of his continuing prayers, and those of his diocese.

Bishop Scarfe thanked Bishop Peni for his words, and then led into the Closing Liturgy.

He then called for a motion that the Minutes of the 164th Convention, along with the Constitution and Canons be published. Jean McCarthy so moved, and the resolution was seconded and passed.

The Bishop then reported that the 165th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Iowa would be held at the Des Moines Marriott Hotel Downtown. He announced upcoming meetings, and then gave his thanks to everyone in attendance for important work well done, and charged the delegates to report fully to their congregations.

He called on The Rev. Jean McCarthy as chair of the Dispatch of Business. She certified on behalf of the Committee that the business of the 164th Convention had been completed.

The 164th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Iowa was adjourned by Bishop Scarfe at 3:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



The Rev. Cn. Kathleen S. Milligan
Secretary of Convention

Attest:



The Rt. Reverend Alan Scarfe
IX Bishop of Iowa

Necrology List November 2015 – October 2016

We remember all who have died in the peace of Christ.

Ames, St. John's

Margaret Ann Dempsey
Richard T. Johnson
Stanley C. Benbrook
Kim Townsend

Ankeny, St. Anne's

Lin Karlen

Bettendorf, St. Peter's

Mary Lou Jones
Virginia Olson

Boone, Grace Church

Milo Deuel
Sara Deuel

Burlington, Christ Church

Christine Billups
William Topping Metz

Cedar Falls, St. Luke's

James Robinson
Carol Stahl

Cedar Rapids, Christ

Jane Pooley
John Markham
Elizabeth Rockwell

Cedar Rapids, Grace

Pat Adney
John Markham
Mike Shedenhelm
Linda Twentyman

Clermont, Church of Our Savior

Marilyn Curnow

Clinton, Christ

Melvin Cronk
Robert Leedham
Lila Masse

Council Bluffs, St. Paul's

Irene Dunnell Peters
William Worth Burke
Lawrence Edwin Carman
Ayodeji O Coker
Freddie M Owens
Carol Sue Rhoten

Davenport, Trinity Cathedral

Marianne Staak Benson
John Martin Kempton
Arlene M. Phillips
Robert Shelton Bradley

Decorah, Grace

Margaret Mottley
Margaret (Peg) Wiechman.

Des Moines, Cathedral Church of St. Paul

Jim Cossitt
William Albert Stauffer
John Ladu
John Harvey Willey
Joseph B. Ryan
Stephen William Theis
Kenton Magill Klein
David Emerson Tower
Doris Cummins
Crawford Cox Hubbell
The Rev. Barbara Jean McKinney
Elizabeth Anne Lytle Sandahl

Des Moines, St. Andrew's

Mary Margaret Kelsey

Des Moines, St. Luke's

Roberta S. Polzin
William C. Baker
M. Janet Still
Jaclyn S. Fleming
Janet M. Laughead
Margaret A. McKenzie

Des Moines, St. Mark's

Dorla Harkness

Necrology List

Durant, St. Paul's

Janice Steffen
Marcella Meinert

Fort Dodge, St. Mark's,

Mary Murphy
Ida Johnson

Fort Madison, St. Luke's

Ernest A. Lieurance
Ann Garland
Richard L. Lair

Independence, St. James

Mary Shrief

Iowa City, Trinity

Barbara Schlachter
Patrick Henry
Rex Montgomery
James McPherson

Keokuk, St. John's

Mary Jo Smothers Hoffman
Harley Renz Miller
Rush Wyatt Templeton

Maquoketa, St. Mark's

Lois D. Garian
Oneta F. Wherry
Shirley M. Winegar

Marshalltown, St. Paul's

Martha McCallister
Dorothy Apgar

Mason City, St. John's

Jeanine Lennie
Christopher Pennington
Helen Heminger

Mt. Pleasant, St. Michael's

Ruby Alliene Lamb Kitch

Muscatine, Trinity

Patricia Rae Othmer Parham
Norman E Bunn

Newton, St. Stephen's

Steve Koeppen
Janie Smith
Richard Wobst

Oskaloosa, St. James

Ada Mae Fisher
Betty J. Green
Jo Vernoooy
Alexis Christenson
Howard Finley, Jr.

Ottumwa, Trinity

Jon Neis

Sioux City, Calvary

Irene Bolton

Sioux City, St. Thomas'

Robert Selwyn
Lenore Lupo
Jean Klopstad
Vera Smith

Spirit Lake, St. Alban's

Elizabeth Anne Lytle Sandahl

Waterloo, Trinity

Audrey Jane Dearthoff
Carol K. Houk
Ray D. Stitchman

Waverly, St. Andrew's

Bob Toenjes

Webster City, Good Shepherd

Barbara Ann Hosack
Jacqueline Anderson

West Des Moines, St. Timothy's

Shirley Fowler
Charles Raffay
Harry J. Reid
Dolores M. Smith
Marie Daffron
Vera Nixon
Steve Wood

**Sermon, Convention 2016, St Paul's Cathedral, Des Moines
Bishop Alan Scarfe**

This time last week, almost one hundred people gathered at the Marriott Hotel in West Des Moines under the auspices of the American Friends of the Episcopal Church of the Sudans. Our theme was "Building Bridges of Reconciliation". I found a metaphor for this in the construction work that was being done along the I-235 as Donna and I arrived in Des Moines so many years ago. I never got the backstory but somehow there were bridges that needed to be heightened and in some places widened to accommodate the bigger trucks that barreled down the freeway, as well as handle the increasing flow of traffic. Obviously it was a costly oversight, or did time simply catch up with the city planners?

Time is catching up with the peoples of the Sudans. Having achieved independence as the country of South Sudan, after 60 years of civil war with their neighbors in Sudan, it seems that ethnic or tribal identities are too narrow a foundation for the building of that unity demanded of the creation of a new country. Something new - something higher and broader - has to grow and grow quickly, for in its absence tribal identities are becoming tribal rivalries, and new conflict is emerging threatening to reach a level of potential genocide. We left the Conference with an urgent and anxious sense of needing immediately impactful next steps. It was no coincidence that the Church was asking the questions.

In the Diocese of Phulbani, in the Church of North India, 2000 homes were destroyed in 2010, and many churches burnt during an outbreak of Hindu persecution of Christian communities. Such persecutions flare up from time to time. And it drives targeted bishops in particular into hiding. Religious fervor proves too narrow a foundation for the coexistence of religions in that land of such a variety of holiness.

In this instance the narrow way requires broader and higher bridges for spiritual people of differing faiths to live in harmony. I would probably not be aware of this reality if Bishop Nayak of Phulbani had not landed on our doorstep on his way to a church start Conference in

Ames. The same may be said for us all regarding South Sudan if we were not companions with Bishop Peni and his Diocese of Nzara. Both bishops honor us by their presence at this Convention. For they live through what I have just described. A similar thing can be said of Bishop Palmer as a leading figure in the African American community, and very conscious of the issues that we are seeking to tackle at this Convention on racial reconciliation.

For each of them the vision of Isaiah in which he calls for the changing of swords into ploughshares, and spears into pruning hooks, and the opportunity to learn war no more, is more than beautiful poetry and a catchy tune. It is about life and it is about death. And it is a vision that fuels their fervent prayers.

In our own six-person Standing Committee, we have a person who is heading for a second trip to Standing Rock Indian Reservation to support the protesters of the pipeline there, and we have a person who is connected with one of the legal team of the Pipeline owners! What does it mean to have Jesus send us out and tell us that we prepare His way and we are bearers of His peace? How do we accommodate our differences and yet remain one in Christ?

To go higher and wider, we have to go deeper. For every additional floor of a skyscraper there is a need to dig a deeper foundation; and this principle is no less applicable to our life in Christ and as a Church than in the world of construction.

How in the course of the passions stirred up by the immediate urgency of the issues that daily present themselves to us, can we find the time, energy and patience to stay in conversation with one another, with the Gospel and with God? How do we settle beyond agitation to see the conversation through? How do we learn war no more? And is it possible that such a prophecy from 3,000 years ago is just now reaching its zenith?

For if you add to warring nations, which includes us, the battle emerging with nature, and the internal strife of our current political system, we, too, need to leave this Convention with as much urgency and anxiety and fueled prayer as we did at last week's American Friends of the Sudans Conference. What do I pray for each of us from Revival 2017? It is to get to know yourself as a person gifted with the Holy Spirit

and called to be the arms and heart and voice of Jesus for these times. To dig deep enough into Christ that we find His equilibrium.

The answer to how we “learn war no more” lies in our very understanding of what God has done for humankind in Jesus Christ. “For He is our Peace”, says the author of Ephesians. “He has broken down the dividing wall – the hostility between us” And his purpose is to create a new humanity. To be “In mission with Christ through each and all”, as our Diocesan mission statement says, is to participate in the development of this new humanity; and peace and reconciliation stand at its heart. God offers us bridges that are wider and higher than our instinctive loyalties and even our legal dependency. As Paul wrote to the Corinthians, “all things are lawful, but not everything is beneficial”.

This is the meaning of the Cross, and why it is central to our faith. It is God’s vehicle of forgiveness; it is where the power of selfish sinfulness meets its match as love bears the worst punishment such power can inflict. And it is the wide and high bridge that makes strangers and aliens fellow citizens within God’s household, which is the world of human beings without exception. And there is never a quota or a timetable. “Now is the day of salvation” we read in Hebrews. It always feels like “now and forever” when we fall into the arms of God’s loving embrace.

Cynics of the Church at this point may step forward and say “you have had more than 1500 years to bring this message into actuality and have failed” And we would have to agree, even while giving thanks for the many who did not fail. Yes, we have built our bridges too low and too narrow and limited the capacity of humanity to embrace the vision of the God who loves us. We were invited to be lambs among wolves and have not always liked that level of vulnerability. In fact, we have been more than tempted to become wolves in sheep’s clothing.

Is it too late to change course? To try again? To let God revive our spirits and teach us afresh as though for the first time how to learn war no more and be instruments of God’s peace?

Again – it never is too late. First, we need to ask God that question – teach us to learn war no more - recognizing our shortcomings, and the judgement of history. For when Jesus declared the Kingdom as near, He began by calling us to “repent”. And that is never a bad thing to do. Second, God remains true to the promise even of 3000 years ago. We

now see it in a context never imaginable even in the day of Isaiah. God forgives and God makes new; God revives our faith. That is the power of the Cross to reconcile and unite, to offer peace and to make a dwelling place for God among us. Thirdly, remember that we find our peace in Him, and we spread His Peace in us, and we do it at the very level portrayed to us in the Gospel today – village to village, household to household, stopping where we are received and not judging or cajoling or blaming where we are not. There is something in the Scriptural imagery of eating what is placed before us that teaches us how to know we are at peace.

Accept the hospitality, don't go looking for a better deal, don't judge the tastes of others; but accept what they offer; learn their ways; make strangers your friends. And the bridge will grow wider and higher as the sense of understanding, solidarity and loving grows. It will also have plunged deeper.

God has laid the foundation for this from the beginning of time, renewing the vision through the clarity of Isaiah. Dare we hope that it is for a time like this – a time to be revived; a time to be peacemakers where we are planted and a time never to lose heart, but to be of good faith? For Christ is our peace. And in Him we become the peacemakers, children of the divine reconciliation. Amen.

+Alan Scarfe
Bishop of Iowa

**Bishop's Address to the 164th Annual Convention
of the Episcopal Diocese of Iowa
Saturday, October 29, 2016**

In his book "A Generous Community" Bishop Andy Doyle of the Diocese of Texas writes of the arrival of Meriweather Lewis at what has come to be known as the Continental Divide. He had been searching for a river route that crossed the continent from east to west, and had discovered the river trailing off into a massive range of mountains. He was caught between the immensity of the challenge ahead of him and

the enormous potential of all he could see.

In April 2003 my initial diocesan staff set off on a course which we described as being “In mission with Christ through each and all”. It was a directional guide for the staff in our relational work with everyone who made up the Diocese of Iowa. Within it were three understandings. First, it reminded us of Jesus’ words in John chapter 15:16, familiar to many who have attended ordinations as well as my own consecration – “you have not chosen Me but I have chosen you. And I ordain you that you go forth and bear much fruit”. And so whatever ideas we may get about our leadership roles and whatever ambitions we may have in Christian service, Christ does the calling, the shaping, and the sending.

The sense of being sent is the second element captured in the directional phrase. We are always in mission. Doyle also reminds us that no disciple remained a disciple. They all became apostles - which means “sent out ones”. We are called and shaped or equipped by Jesus to be on the move. We are sent in mission with Christ, to bring the reality of the Kingdom of God to everyone we are given the privilege to meet in a significant way. And so it is, thirdly, that no one is exempt or not needed for this work. God works through each and all of us. Each refers to our individual response to God’s call, and all speaks of the fact that we do this together as one body of Christ.

It is an immense challenge and an enormous opportunity. The calling card with which you attracted me was one which asked for a “total ministry bishop”. The request was to build on what Bishop Epting in his memoir “With Gladness and singleness of heart” described as his proud achievement – in introducing ministry development, leading all the baptized into the full joy of their ministry in Christ, to Iowa. For more than a decade we have labored to make such a concept more than a concept but a cultural phenomenon, where the baptized lead and the ordained support, and where the totality of who we are and what we are in terms of our talents and resources and God-given opportunities are released to the disposal of the mission of God.

Thirteen and a half years later, after placing the sign “In mission with Christ through each and all” on the staff desks and on our Diocesan letterhead, I have an understanding of how Lewis and Clarke felt as they had navigated so deeply into the interior of this great country and were

only beginning to see how vast the terrain really was. No one could have told them. No one really knew; and so it is with the bringing of the Gospel message and community of Jesus Christ into that part of what one day will be our historical moment, and our efforts to live genuinely into them. God has spared us the fiery furnace of the Reformation, or the barbaric cruelty of the Roman Coliseum, though we live in a world where the cost of following Jesus does still include human lives; and God has even spared us that by the accident of our births. What might be in the future we cannot know; we have to pay attention to this present time and place and be faithful followers. And yet we can imagine becoming “persons of interest” as followers of Jesus, as those who studied “The Underground Church” together this year can acknowledge.

And so we find ourselves in a year that has just passed in which we have been taking stock on several fronts. The Alleluia Fund recipients for this past year have led the way – none more impactfully than “Listening To the Small Church”. It is said that a system is no healthier than its smallest parts; and we should be grateful for the journey of encouragement and exploration that Kim Gee and Holly Scherf embarked on this year to listen to our congregations of 25 average Sunday attendees or lower. I am not going to steal Kim’s thunder by giving away her central discovery. I do want to say however that everywhere I went on visitation where they had been every report was of high praise for their work.

Others have been working too on addressing important gaps in our ministry focus – the Older Adult Ministry Development Team was launched from last year’s Thursday evening Convention workshop on “Faith after 55”. And Creation Stewards are finally helping to pull together those whom God has impassioned with particular care for the planet and our stewardship of it, which of course should be all of us and yet we need leadership. Environmental issues unequally impact the lives of the poorer peoples around us. That we have a companion in Swaziland that in spite of its challenge with resources makes being “Green Anglicans” a key identity as a Christian people is another blessing of our present time from which we all benefit. Bishop Ellinah, by the way, sends us her greetings (video).

We took stock also in a comprehensive way through the Feasibility study led by Norm Olson. We were ascertaining the level of interest in engaging with a Diocesan wide capital raising campaign in the near future. It was to be a shared fund raising effort in which, after a tithe set aside for our Companions, proceeds would be halved between local congregational capital projects and a Diocesan-wide project called GILEAD – Growing Iowa Leaders: Engaging All Disciples – which of course would also be aimed at impacting the ministry effectiveness of every congregation by the offering of resources for leadership development.

The Diocesan Board has requested a fuller report with supportive notes from the Consultant than the Executive Summary offered at its September meeting; and will consider it further at its November retreat. I imagine, if we decide to move ahead, we will hear about its launching details at our next Convention.

This past year was focused on developing new structures for an eternal message. That can be as simple as using different language for the Eucharistic Prayer as we did yesterday with the Eucharistic Prayer for an Inclusive Church – thanks to Trinity, Iowa City who have been using it for a season. As with all of our annual themes from the strategic plan, we expect to continue keeping this concept before us even as we move forward to the new year. I am grateful to see prayer services emerge in coffee shops, on the one hand; and to encourage the rediscovery of monastic rhythms, on the other hand, for example in the priests' Advent retreat started last year. Tending to our inner life is of vital importance in the creating of new structures for the eternal message God invites us to incarnate. I am just completing a weekly series of a study of Doyle's "Generous Community" with the people of St Martin's in Perry. This is an endeavor that refreshes my own spirit as we share our thoughts and conversations together at a level of personal interaction for which I don't always get the opportunity. I am so grateful to them for the experience.

Not every idea imagined in the Strategic Plan was pursued. There has seemed little interest in developing our liturgical spaces, and maybe we have to raise some financial assistance for this or more importantly help educate on how architecture can express faith in the contemporary

setting. There are experienced people among us who could help guide us, who have said that they would be interested in serving on a Task Force on renewal of liturgical space. I know that there is interest out there but it is not yet a movement.

Recasting Assets has begun a third round of invitations to congregations interested in reimagining the use of their building assets. And in the major new initiative of the year – the creation of a joint Latino ministry with the West Synod of the ELCA – based at Denison we envision transforming the space at Trinity Denison into a multi-purpose mission center. Latino ministry visionaries not only consider a worship space but also a medical clinic, refugee resource center, ESL classroom and a place for legal aid. It is my pleasure to welcome to the Diocese Pastor Filemon Diaz, his wife Nancy and their three children. I know when Pastor Diaz was thinking of Bishop Prois' and my invitation to come to this "Macedonia to help us", his children couldn't find Denison on Google maps! And wondered where their dad was taking them. They are probably too young to know about Brigadoon! Over the next few years we pray that you will find God's joy here and that Iowa really is the platform for the launching of our nation's leaders for a reason. May it be your launch pad for a life of grace and purpose.

One other new structure that has taken off this year is that of Breaking Bread. Even in Dundee, Scotland, during the young adult pilgrimage and in the presence of the three Companion bishops, we took over the back section of a Nando's Chicken Restaurant and celebrated the Eucharist. The manager was so impressed he took photos and invited us back again. Nando's is a well-known South African franchise and had caught the eye of our Swaziland friends for an evening out dinner. In Iowa, Breaking Bread has taken place at the Des Moines Social Club, in homes, pizza parlors, at the Iowa State Fair, and now in a hotel. Outside Des Moines we have broken bread in Dubuque, Muscatine, Council Bluffs and Fort Dodge. One hundred and fifty- four distinct individuals have participated (not including the large number of you yesterday) out of which sixty four have no church connection. Vocations, mission imaginings, and deep spiritual sharing have already been evidence of the Spirit's blessing of this work. And we don't know what God will do with this willingness to move beyond our norms in

ministry.

Within its walls, this year the Cathedral in Des Moines has begun to turn itself inside out. The hosting of the Connection Café providing a lunch venue for the homeless within the city is one such action. Yet we have also hosted services in response to two national gun violence incidents and most recently we welcomed the participants in the Season of Creation as they completed their “season of learning on climate justice” with an evening service of prayer dedicated to the Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi. Moving beyond our walls, or turning our walls inside out by hosting events of community concern are ways of responding to the call for new structures. They are also ways of fulfilling what it means to be “In Mission with Christ through Each and All”.

In emphasizing mission during this coming year and beyond, and as our personal preparation for our part in that mission, I am calling us all to gather across the Diocese in 2017 in a series of evening Revival worship services, known as Revival 2017. It is my prayer that these will be opportunities for us to rekindle the gift of the Holy Spirit who was given to us at baptism, to hear in a fresh way how much God loves us, and to let the Spirit guide us – each and all of us- in the transforming work in our society which awaits us. I used to love going to my grandma’s house. I would hold back as the family entered her home and be the last one in, just so that I could hear her say: “There he is!” My friends, God is waiting for us to walk into God’s loving presence just to be able to say: “There she is; there he is!”

This Revival is ambitious. It will replace my regular visitation schedule which will resume in 2018. I intend with God’s help, to visit twenty areas throughout the year – inviting one or two congregations to come together on a Friday evening, and then going to another on Saturday night and making that congregation the location for a regional confirmation on the Sunday morning. In the course of the year, and by the time we gather again at Convention in October 2017, I will have been with every congregation in revival. Revival 2017 will need volunteers for prayer cover, music, logistics and hosting, liturgy participation and nominations for those to give testimony and share in the various prayer stations envisioned for the evenings. A steering team for preaching and worship leading is being developed, and I am grateful

to Kathleen Milligan, Elizabeth Popplewell and Lydia Bucklin for their assistance in this. My hope is that the leadership team at each location will be staffed locally. This is important, too, for follow up.

I encourage you to take a risk and be willing to make yourself vulnerable to God's possibilities. It is how creative innovations of the Spirit grow; and it will be the dawning of a new day across the state. Our sub-text as a mission statement alongside "In Mission with Christ through Each and All" has been over these past years – "That your light might shine like the dawn".

I have only a few years remaining as your Bishop. Whatever ideas I have had, I have already offered, and probably quite a while ago. The continued way ahead is immense and could be overwhelming, and yet the opportunity remains enormous. I am not ashamed of what we have done and are doing together as a Diocese. Nor am I afraid that we are a spent cause – and I speak for every one of you.

God, I believe, is asking me to return to my basics – to preach the Gospel, to baptize, to make disciples and to pray with you and seek the manifestation of God more fully through Revival 2017. The plans ahead are linked to this search for spiritual simplicity – true to my own upbringing perhaps more than to yours, I confess. Please receive it as all I know – to pray with you, to listen with you for God's voice for our age, and to offer my agency along with yours for God to act among us, within us and through us. We are "In Mission with Christ Through Each and All".