

**Minutes of the
Special Electing Convention
Episcopal Diocese of Iowa
Saturday, July 31, 2021
Marriott Hotel, Des Moines, Iowa**

The Special Convention for the election of the Tenth Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Iowa was convened by Bishop Alan Scarfe at 2:05 p.m., following the Celebration of Holy Eucharist, with homily by the Reverend Raisin Horn, Christ Church, Clinton.

Bishop Scarfe called on the Chair of the Credentials Committee, the Reverend Mary Jane Oakland (Iowa, Retired) for her report. She reported that a quorum was present and duly constituted for the transaction of the business of Convention.

The Bishop called next on the Reverend Jean McCarthy, Chair of the Dispatch of Business for her report. She reported that the business of this Special Convention was the election of the Tenth Bishop of Iowa. In addition, we would be expected to certify the election, with our signatures on testimonials to be received by email when the election had been completed. We were asked to remain until that function had been completed. The Rules of Order as amended at the 168th Convention would be those governing the proceedings. McCarthy moved that the Agenda and the Rules of Order be approved. The motion was seconded and carried.

Bishop Scarfe asked for a Role Call; but on the motion of the Reverend Elaine Caldbeck, duly seconded, the Convention dispensed with the Roll Call, and agreed that attendance would be taken from Registration.

Bishop Scarfe announced that officers elected at the 168th Annual Convention would serve as officers for this Special Convention. These officers are:

Convention Secretary, the Rev. Cn. Kathleen S. Milligan (St. Stephen's, Newton)
With the Reverend Lauren Lyon (Trinity, Iowa City, as Assistant)
Mr. William Smith (St. Timothy's, West Des Moines) Treasurer
Mr. William Graham (Cathedral Church of St. Paul) Chancellor

For this Convention, Bishop Scarfe appointed the Rev. John Greve (Grace Church, Cedar Rapids) as Chaplain.

Bishop Scarfe called on the Reverend Kathleen Milligan, Acting President of the Standing Committee for the Nominations. She placed in nominations the names of the following Candidates:

The Reverend Jennifer N. Andrews-Weckerly (Diocese of Southern Virginia)
The Reverend Elizabeth (Betsey) Hawley Monnot (Diocese of Northern California)
The Reverend Elizabeth Duff Popplewell (Diocese of Iowa).

The Bishop then called upon the Reverend Meg Wagner (Diocese of Iowa) and the Reverend Diane Eddy (St. Mark's, Maquoketa) to explain the process of voting. Voting was done electronically, with each elector being sent an invitation and a link to vote either in an email or in a text. We did a practice vote and spent some time helping those who had trouble voting. Technological help was available throughout the voting process, and indeed was a critical element in the success of each ballot.

The Secretary, the Rev. Kathleen Milligan, was called upon to explain the balloting process. She reviewed the system of links and reminded people that they needed to be credentialed and in the room in order to vote. The links will be sent, and the period of balloting will be open. Each ballot will be given twenty minutes, or until we know that all have voted. When 20 minutes have elapsed the closing of the ballot will be announced. The ballots will be by orders and will be reported in that way. Once the ballots have been counted, the results would be relayed to the Secretary. Members of the Standing Committee then would contact each candidate with the results before the results were announced by the President of the Convention. A majority vote needed to be achieved in each order on the same ballot. Balloting would continue until that result had been attained.

Bishop Scarfe then called upon our Convention Chaplain, the Rev. John Greve, who led us in prayer. He then opened the first ballot. At the close of that period, when results had been tallied and candidates had been notified, the Secretary announced the results.

BALLOT ONE:

Lay Order:	Jennifer Andrews-Weckerly	33 votes (32.4%)
	Betsey Monnot	34 votes (33.3%)
	Elizabeth Duff Popplewell	35 votes (34.3%)
Clergy:	Jennifer Andrews-Weckerly	11 Votes (15.1%)
	Betsey Monnot	38 votes (52.1%)
	Elizabeth Duff Popplewell	24 votes (32.9%)

The Rev. Monnot received a plurality in the clergy order, but not in the lay order. There was no election.

After prayer from our Chaplain a second ballot was announced. Voting links were sent to all eligible voters. When the 20 minutes had elapsed, the results were presented to the Convention Secretary. When the candidates had been informed of the results, the Secretary announced the totals:

BALLOT TWO

Laity:	Jennifer Andrews-Weckerly	18 Votes (17.6%)
	Betsey Monnot	48 votes (47.1%)
	Elizabeth Duff Popplewell	36 votes (35.3%)

Clergy	Jennifer Andrews-Weckerly	8 votes (17.6%)
	Betsey Monnot	37 votes (51.4%)
	Elizabeth Duff Popplewell	27 votes (37.5)

Again, the Reverend Monnot received a plurality in the clergy order, but not in the lay order. There was no election.

Bishop Scarfe again called on Chaplain John Greve, to lead us in Prayer. The links were sent to electors for the third ballot and the time began. When twenty minutes had elapsed, the votes were tallied, and the tally presented to the Secretary. When the candidates had been duly notified of the results, she announced the results of the third ballot.

BALLOT THREE

Laity	Jennifer Andrews-Weckerly	8 votes (7.9%)
	Betsey Monnot	66 votes (65.3%)
	Elizabeth Duff Popplewell	27 votes (26%)
Clergy	Jennifer Andrews-Weckerly	3 votes (4.2%)
	Betsey Monnot	45 votes (62.5%)
	Elizabeth Duff Popplewell	24 votes (33.3%)

As Betsey Hawley Monnot had achieved a strong plurality in both orders, an election was achieved. While the other candidates were notified, Bishop Scarfe contacted the Reverend Monnot and asked her if she would accept the election. She did so. The election was greeted with a standing ovation. The Convention recognized and thanked the other candidates, The Reverend Jennifer Andrews Weckerly and our own Reverend Elizabeth Duff Popplewell, also with a standing ovation.

Bishop Scarfe called for a motion to accept the results of the Election of the Reverend Elizabeth Hawley Monnot as the Tenth Bishop of Iowa. On the motion of The Reverend Tom Early (St. Alban’s, Spirit Lake), and duly seconded, the motion was decisively adopted.

Bishop Scarfe called us to prayer:

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: look favorably upon your whole church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know, that things which were cast down are being raised up; and things which had grown old, are being made new; and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

Bishop Scarfe reminded the Convention that we would need to remain to sign the testimonials. Email links were sent to each credentialed delegate so that they could sign the testimonials electronically. The

Secretary of Convention, the Bishop and the Acting President of the Standing Committee signed separate testimonials.

When the technical connections were made, Bishop Scarfe introduced us to the Reverend Betsey Monnot, present on the Zoom Connection. The Convention heard from the Reverend Monnot as she expressed her gratitude for the trust placed in her, and assured us that she was looking forward to being among us in ministry.

The Bishop called upon the Reverend Elaine Caldbeck (St. Peter's, Bettendorf) for the report on Resolutions Committee. She presented the following Courtesy Resolutions.

Courtesy Resolutions

Search and Nominating Committee for the 10th Bishop of Iowa

WHEREAS, the Special Convention for the Election of the 10th Bishop of the Diocese of Iowa is the culmination of an extensive process spanning almost eighteen months, and was conducted largely in the midst of a global pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the search process involved extensive listening to the members of the diocese, the careful creation of a diocesan profile highlighting the current activities of the diocese, and a summary of the hopes and dreams for the future; and

WHEREAS, the diocesan profile has served as a foundational tool in the discernment of the next bishop's application process; and

WHEREAS, after exhaustive investigation and discernment, the Search and Nominating Committee presented an outstanding slate of inspired candidates to be considered for election;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Special Convention for the Election of the 10th Bishop of the Diocese of Iowa graciously extends our deepest gratitude to Kevin Sanders, and to all members and participants in the Bishop's Search and Nominating Committee, for their Holy work on behalf of the Diocese of Iowa and Christ's Church.

Bishop Search Nominating Committee Members: *Mr. Kevin Sanders-Chairperson (St. Luke's, Cedar Falls); The Rev. Vincent Bete (St. Anne's by the fields, Ankeny), Ms. Sara Early (St. Alban's, Spirit Lake), Mr. Steve Halstead (St. Stephen's, Newton), The Very Rev. John Horn (Trinity Cathedral, Davenport), Ms. Deb Leksell (Church of the Good Shepherd, Webster City), Mr. Andrew Petersen (Trinity Cathedral, Davenport), Dr. Paula Sanchini (Christ Church, Cedar Rapids), The Rev. Holly Scherff (St. John's, Shenandoah), The Rev. Jeanie Smith (St. Timothy's, West Des Moines), The Rev. Fred Steinbach (St. Andrew's, Chariton), The Rev. Jane Stewart (New Song, Coralville), The Rev. Bonnie Wilkerson (St. Luke's, Fort Madison), The Rev. Kim Turner Baker (St. John's by the Campus, Ames), and Ms. Donna Prime (Trinity, Iowa City) Bishop Search Advisory Group: Ms. Hannah Landgraf (St. Andrew's, Des Moines), Mr. C. J. Petersen (Trinity Church, Carroll), Ms. Katy Lee (Christ Church, Cedar Rapids)*

**Transition Committee
for the 10th Bishop of Iowa**

WHEREAS, the smooth and pastoral transition of the episcopate is vital to the spiritual well-being of a diocese; and

WHEREAS, the Transition Committee is tasked with organizing and executing diocesan visitations with the slate of nominees; and

WHEREAS, the Transition Committee continues its work after the Special Convention for the Election of the 10th Bishop of Iowa; by helping our tenth bishop settle in the diocese; and

WHEREAS, the committee continues to work with the Right Reverend Alan Scarfe and his family to ensure that their farewell transition is a wonderful celebration of their years of ministry in the diocese; and

WHEREAS, the Transition Committee will collaborate with the Presiding Bishop's office, along with diocesan staff and leaders, to help plan the service of Ordination and Consecration for the next Bishop of Iowa on December 18th, 2021;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Special Convention for the Election of the 10th Bishop of the Diocese of Iowa recognizes the importance of this work and extends to all members of the Transition Committee praise and thanksgiving for their on-going, and dedicated service to the Diocese of Iowa.

Transition Committee: *The Rev. Elaine Caldbeck, chairperson (St. Peter's, Bettendorf); Mr. Jacob Deng Aleer (Trinity Cush, Des Moines), Ms. Deb Brewer-Cotlar (St. Andrew's, Des Moines), The Rev. Mary Cole-Duvall (St. Timothy's, Des Moines), The Rev. Kevin Emge (Trinity, Ottumwa), The Rev. Stacey Gerhart (All Saints', Storm Lake; Calvary and St. Thomas' Church, Sioux City), The Rev. Raisin Horn (Christ Church, Clinton), The Rev. Bob Kem (Iowa, retired), The Rev. Eve Mahr (St. Andrew's, Des Moines), Mr. Parker Meinecke (Christ Church, Cedar Rapids), Ms. Cristine Mincheff (St. John's, Ames), The Rev. Ruth Ratliff (St. Luke's, Cedar Falls), The Rev. Nicola Bowler (St. Paul's Cathedral, Des Moines), The Rev. Kim Turner Baker (St. John's, Ames)*

The Reverend Conrad Selnick

WHEREAS, the Reverend Conrad Selnick has been, throughout the Search and Nomination process, a source of advice and counsel to the Standing Committee, the Search and Nomination Committee and to the Transition Committee; and

WHEREAS, his help and availability has made the process virtually seamless; and

WHEREAS, his help will continue to be available as the Transition Committee continues its work toward the Consecration of our next Bishop; and

WHEREAS, the Diocese of Iowa in this Electing Convention has now successfully elected The Reverend Betsey Hawley Monnot as our Bishop-elect;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Special Electing Convention expresses its deep appreciation for his careful and unfailing guidance in all of the detailed work and deliberation in this process.

Church Hosts

WHEREAS, as part of a careful discernment process leading to the election of a new bishop, a number of congregations of the Diocese of Iowa played host to a series of Meet and Greet events, as well as to smaller events; and

WHEREAS, these events gave Episcopalians across the Diocese the opportunity to meet and to hear the candidates in a number of different ways; and

WHEREAS, their welcome also introduced the candidates to the variety of ministries and ministry settings across the diocese, as well as an experience of abundant hospitality;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Special Electing Convention gives thanks to all of those who hosted these events, and for all the ways in which these Episcopalians made our guests at home.

St. Anne's Church, Ankeny

The Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Des Moines

St. Paul's Church, Council Bluffs

St. Thomas' Church, Sioux City

St. Paul's Indian Mission, Sioux City

All Saints' Church, Storm Lake

Church of the Good Shepherd, Webster City, with Grace Church, Boone (Zoom)

St. Paul's Church, Marshalltown

Grace Church, Cedar Rapids

Beloved Community Initiative, Iowa City

St. Michael's Church, Mt. Pleasant, hosted by the Southeast Chapter

Trinity Cathedral, Davenport

The Reverend Jennifer N. Andrews-Weckerly

WHEREAS, the discernment of God's call to the episcopate brought The Reverend Jennifer N. Andrews-Weckerly to the people of the Diocese of Iowa; and

WHEREAS, she faithfully participated in a lively search and nominations process, graciously stepping forward as a partner in ministry, and allowed space to listen to God, and to the people of the diocese; and

WHEREAS, in the midst of a global pandemic, she shared her dynamic vision for the future of Christ's Church and her ministry among us through a series of interviews, and expansive conversations, conducted at multiple locations across the state;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Special Convention for the Election of the 10th Bishop of the Diocese of Iowa extends its sincere and heartfelt appreciation for The Reverend Jennifer Andrews-Weckerly for her willingness to give of her time, energy, and talents to the discernment of the movements of the Holy Spirit among us, and we ask God to bless her in her ongoing ministry to the Church.

The Reverend Elizabeth Duff Popplewell

WHEREAS, the discernment of God's call to the episcopate freshly engaged The Reverend Elizabeth Duff

Popplewell with the people of the Diocese of Iowa; and

WHEREAS, she faithfully participated in a lively search and nominations process, graciously stepping forward as a partner in ministry, and allowed space to listen to God, and to the people of the diocese; and

WHEREAS, in the midst of a global pandemic, she shared her dynamic vision for the future of Christ's Church and her ministry among us through a series of interviews, and expansive conversations, conducted at multiple locations across the state;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Special Convention for the Election of the 10th Bishop of the Diocese of Iowa extends its sincere and heartfelt appreciation for The Reverend Elizabeth Duff Popplewell for her willingness to give of her time, energy, and talents to the discernment of the movements of the Holy Spirit among us, and we ask God to bless her in her ongoing ministry to the Church.

The Reverend Betsey Monnot

WHEREAS, the discernment of God's call to the episcopate brought The Reverend Betsey Hawley Monnot to the people of the Diocese of Iowa from her ministry in the Diocese of Northern California; and

WHEREAS, she faithfully participated in a lively search and nominations process, graciously stepping forward as a partner in ministry, and allowed space to listen to God, and to the people of the diocese; and

WHEREAS, in the midst of a global pandemic, she shared her dynamic vision for the future of Christ's Church and her ministry among us through a series of interviews, and expansive conversations, conducted at multiple locations across the state; and

WHEREAS, she has now been chosen by this Convention to serve as the Tenth Bishop of Iowa;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Special Electing Convention gives thanks to God for her faithful attention, frank engagement and courageous embrace of this new and arduous calling; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this diocese expresses our eager anticipation of welcoming her, along with her husband Michael and their children, as they come among us to share in the ministry of this Diocese; and that we pray for God's guidance as well as God's gift of tranquility as she prepares for this new work.

The Reverend Caldbeck moved the adoption of all of the Courtesy Resolutions. The motion was seconded and passed.

Bishop Scarfe called upon the Reverend Jean McCarthy for the final report of the Dispatch of Business Committee. She certified that the business of this Special Electing Convention had been completed.

The delegates stood as Bishop Scarfe gave a final blessing. The Convention adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Attest:

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

The Rt. Rev. + Alan Scarfe
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