



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH, THE RT.  
REV. C. WALLIS OHL, ROBERT HICKS  
FLOYD MCKNEELY, SHANNON SHIPP,  
DAVID SKELTON, and WHIT SMITH

Plaintiffs

VS.

FRANKLIN SALAZAR, JO ANN PATTON,  
WALTER VIRDEN, III, ROD BARBER, CHAD  
BATES, THE RT. REV. JACK LEO IKER, JUDY  
MAYO, JULIA SMEAD, THE REV. CHRISTOPHER  
CANTRELL, THE REV. TIMOTHY PERKINS, and  
THE REV. RYAN REED

Defendants/Counter-Defendants

THE ANGLICAN PROVINCE OF THE SOUTHERN  
CONE'S "DIOCESE OF FORT WORTH"

Defendant/Third-Party Plaintiff/Counter-  
Defendant

THE ANGLICAN PROVINCE OF THE SOUTHERN  
CONE'S "CORPORATION OF THE EPISCOPAL  
DIOCESE OF FORT WORTH"

Intervenor/Third-Party Plaintiff/  
Defendant/Counter-Defendant

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH (Alvarado),  
ST. ALBAN'S CHURCH (Arlington), ST. MARK'S  
CHURCH (Arlington), CHURCH OF ST. PETER and  
ST. PAUL (Arlington), CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP  
THE APOSTLE (Arlington), ST. VINCENT'S  
CATHEDRAL (Bedford), ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH  
(Bowie), ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH (Breckenridge),  
GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH (Brownwood), ST.  
JOHN'S CHURCH (Brownwood), CHURCH OF ST.  
JOHN THE DIVINE (Burkburnett), HOLY  
COMFORTER CHURCH (Cleburne), ST.  
MATTHEW'S CHURCH (Comanche), TRINITY  
CHURCH (Dublin), HOLY TRINITY CHURCH  
(Eastland), CHRIST THE KING CHURCH (Fort  
Worth), HOLY APOSTLES CHURCH (Fort Worth),  
IGLESIA SAN JUAN APOSTOL (Fort Worth),

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF

TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS

141<sup>ST</sup> DISTRICT COURT

IGLESIA SAN MIGUEL (Fort Worth), ST. )  
ANDREW'S CHURCH (Fort Worth), ST. ANNE'S )  
CHURCH (Fort Worth), CHURCH OF ST. )  
BARNABAS THE APOSTLE (Fort Worth), ST. )  
JOHN'S CHURCH (Fort Worth), ST. MICHAEL'S )  
CHURCH (Richland Hills), CHURCH OF ST. SIMON )  
OF CYRENE (Fort Worth), ST. TIMOTHY'S )  
CHURCH (Fort Worth), ST. PAUL'S CHURCH )  
(Gainesville), GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH )  
(Granbury), CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT )  
(Graham), ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH (Grand )  
Prairie), ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH (Grand Prairie), ST. )  
LAURENCE'S CHURCH (Southlake), ST. MARY'S )  
CHURCH (Hamilton), TRINITY CHURCH )  
(Henrietta), ST. MARY'S CHURCH (Hillsboro), ST. )  
ALBAN'S CHURCH (Hubbard), ST. STEPHEN'S )  
CHURCH (Hurst), CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS THE )  
APOSTLE (Jacksboro), CHURCH OF OUR LADY )  
OF THE LAKE (Laguna Park), ST. GREGORY'S )  
CHURCH ) (Mansfield), ST. LUKE'S CHURCH )  
(Mineral Wells), CHURCH OF ST. PETER BY THE )  
LAKE (Graford), ALL SAINT'S CHURCH )  
(Weatherford), ALL SAINT'S CHURCH (Wichita )  
Falls), CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD )  
(Wichita Falls), CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS OF )  
ASSISI (Willow Park), and CHURCH OF THE )  
ASCENSION & ST. MARK (Bridgeport) )

Intervenors/Third-Party Plaintiffs/  
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MARGARET MIEULI, ANNE T. BASS, WALT )  
CABE, THE REV. CHRISTOPHER JAMBOR, THE )  
REV. FREDERICK BARBER, THE REV. DAVID )  
MADISON, ROBERT M. BASS, CHERIE SHIPP, )  
DR. TRACE WORRELL, THE REV. JAMES )  
HAZEL, THE REV. JOHN STANLEY, THE RT. )  
REV. EDWIN F. GULICK, JR. and KATHLEEN )  
WELLS, )

Third-Party Defendants/Counterclaimants )

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH, )

Third-Party Defendant )

**AFFIDAVIT OF KATHLEEN WELLS IN SUPPORT OF EPISCOPAL PARTIES'  
MOTIONS FOR PARTIAL SUMMARY JUDGMENT**

STATE OF TEXAS           §  
                                          §  
COUNTY OF TARRANT   §

BEFORE ME THE UNDERSIGNED AUTHORITY, on this day personally appeared KATHLEEN WELLS, who, being by me personally sworn, upon her oath stated:

1. My name is Kathleen Wells. I am over eighteen years of age, of sound mind, and fully capable and competent to make this Affidavit. I have personal knowledge of the facts stated herein, and all facts stated herein are true and correct.

2. Since February 7, 2008 I have served as the Chancellor of the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth (the "Diocese"), which is a subordinate unit of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America ("The Episcopal Church"). I also served as a delegate from my parish, Trinity Episcopal Church in Fort Worth, to the annual meetings of the Diocesan Convention in 2007, 2008, and 2009, respectively, and also to the special meeting of the Diocesan Convention on February 7, 2009 for the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth. I also served as a deputy from the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth to the meeting of the General Convention of The Episcopal Church in 2009 and now serve on the Church's Standing Commission for Constitution and Canons.

3. In September 2008, then-Bishop of the Diocese Jack Leo Iker produced various written statements advocating that the congregations and members of the Diocese should separate from The Episcopal Church and "realign" with the Anglican Province of the Southern Cone. True and correct copies of two such statements are attached as **Exhibits 1 and 2**.

4. At the November 14-15, 2008 annual meeting of the Diocesan Convention, which I attended, the breakaway faction led by Iker purported by local majority vote to sever the

Diocese's ties with The Episcopal Church by purporting to replace Article I of the Diocesan Constitution, which stated that "[t]he Church in this Diocese accedes to the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church in the United States of America, and recognizes the authority of the General Convention of said Church," with the following text:

The Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth is a constituent member of the Anglican Communion, a Fellowship within the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church, consisting of those duly constituted Dioceses, Provinces and regional churches in communion with the See of Canterbury, upholding and propagating the historic Faith and Order as set forth in the Old and New Testaments and expressed in the Book of Common Prayer.

A true and correct copy of the Report from the Constitution and Canons Committee to the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth, recommending this change to the Diocesan Constitution, is attached hereto as **Exhibit 3**.

5. At the November 14-15, 2008 annual meeting, the Diocesan Convention also purported to adopt the breakaway faction's "Proposed Resolution for Admission to the Anglican Province of the Southern Cone," which stated in relevant part that the Diocese "does hereby accept the provision made by the Anglican Province of the Southern Cone, and the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth does hereby immediately enter into the membership with the Anglican Province." A true and correct copy of this proposed resolution is attached to this Affidavit as **Exhibit 4**.

6. By these actions at the November 14-15, 2008 annual meeting of the Diocesan Convention, the breakaway faction purported to cause the Diocese to join a church located in South America, the Anglican Province of the Southern Cone, that is not a part of The Episcopal Church. Attached hereto as **Exhibit 5** is a true and correct copy of a November 16, 2008 statement by the breakaway faction entitled "As We Realign," in which the breakaway faction

claims to have “withdrawn from the General Convention” and “realigned with another Province of the Anglican Communion.”

7. On November 24, 2008, the former members of the Standing Committee of the Diocese—The Rev. Christopher Cantrell, The Rev. Thomas Hightower, Judy Mayo, The Rev. Timothy Perkins, Frank Salazar, and Walter Virden—and Bishop Iker published their response to the Presiding Bishop’s inhibition of Iker on November 21, 2008, clearly indicating that they did not consider themselves to be part of The Episcopal Church. A true and correct copy of that response is attached hereto as **Exhibit 6**.

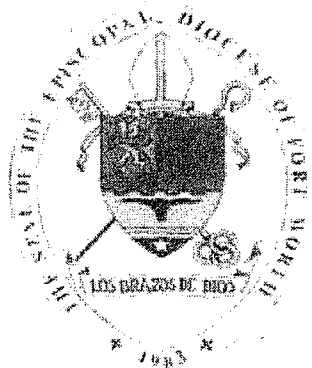
8. On February 7, 2009, the Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church, The Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori, called to order a Special Meeting of the Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth after acknowledging that, at that time, there was “no Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth, or any qualified members of the Standing Committee of that Diocese.” Attached hereto as **Exhibit 7** is a true and correct copy of the Notice of Special Meeting of the Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth from the Presiding Bishop.

9. The individual defendants other than Bishop Iker assumed their respective positions as Trustees of the Diocesan Corporation, Trustees of the Fund for the Endowment of the Episcopate, and members of the Standing Committee of the Diocese on or at various times prior to November 15, 2008, by virtue of their qualification at the time of their election under diocesan canons as lay persons in good standing of a parish or mission in the Diocese, or members of the Clergy canonically resident in the Diocese, and their election to those offices by the Diocesan Convention. Before and after the breakaway faction purported to sever ties with The Episcopal Church and affiliate with the Anglican Province of the Southern Cone, the

continuing local members of The Episcopal Church have continued to worship in Fort Worth as part of The Episcopal Church and its Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth.

10. The Diocese has consistently sent representatives to meetings of both houses of The Episcopal Church's General Convention, including to the Convention's most recent meetings in 2006 and 2009.

11. Since before I became a member of The Episcopal Church in Fort Worth in 1987, The Episcopal Church has been providing religious services in the north-central Texas area continuously using (1) the name "Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth" and (2) a graphical depiction of a shield (the "Diocesan Shield"). Until on or about November 15, 2008, I was aware of no other organization that identified itself by (1) the name "The Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth" or (2) the graphical depiction of a shield used to identify the Diocese. Reproduced below is a true and correct copy of the Diocesan Shield.



12. Through this use, the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth, as a unit of The Episcopal Church, has established substantial goodwill in the name "Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth" and in the Diocesan Shield. Those rights have been recognized by the United States Patent and Trademark Office, which granted Federal Registration Nos. 3,820,400 (name) and 3,826,996

(seal) for the service marks. True and correct copies of the certificates of registration from the United States Patent and Trademark Office are attached hereto as **Exhibit 8**.

13. After the breakaway faction purported to disaffiliate from The Episcopal Church and purported to “realign” the Diocese with the Anglican Province of the Southern Cone, that breakaway faction continued to use the name “Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth” and the Diocesan Shield in connection with their provision of religious services. This has included use and display of the name “Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth” and the Diocesan Shield in official communications, on the breakaway faction’s website, <http://www.fwepiscopal.org>, and on various mailings and other publications. Attached as **Exhibit 9** are true and correct copies of examples of such unauthorized uses of the Diocesan name and shield.

14. Attached hereto are true and correct copies of the following documents issued in conjunction with the annual meetings of the Diocesan Convention in 2007 and 2009, respectively:

a. Excerpts from the Journal of the annual meeting of the Diocesan Convention in 2007 (**Exhibit 10**);

b. Excerpts from the Journal of the special and annual meetings of the Diocesan Convention in 2009 (**Exhibit 11**).

15. Attached hereto is a true and correct copy of the text of Canon 11 “Corporation of the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth,” applicable from 1982 – 1989, and then renumbered in 1989 as Canon 17 “Corporation of the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth,” applicable through 2008, of the Canons of the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth (**Exhibit 12**).

  
Kathleen Wells



SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME this 15<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2010.



Stephanie Rowell  
Notary Public, State of Texas





*From the Bishop and Standing Committee • Sept. 8, 2008*

*On Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2008, the Executive Council of the diocese adopted and endorsed - with only one dissenting vote - the following report and recommendation of the Bishop and Standing Committee.*

*The recommendation of this third report made in response to Resolution 2 of the 25th Annual Convention of the diocese will be presented to clergy and delegates to the upcoming 26th Annual Convention for consideration on Nov. 14 & 15, 2008.*

### **Third Report from the Bishop and Standing Committee concerning The Anglican Province of the Southern Cone**

A resolution adopted by the 25th Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth requested "that the Bishop and Standing Committee prepare a report for this diocese on the constitutional and canonical implications and means" of becoming a member diocese of the Anglican Province of the Southern Cone. Two preliminary reports\* have been made - one on January 9, 2008, and another on February 12, 2008 - and both should be reviewed at this time, for they are an integral part of the recommendation we are making to the 26th Annual Diocesan Convention.

After months of prayerful discernment and extensive consultation with others, both within our own diocese and beyond, we have come to the following conclusion. We recommend that this Diocese affiliate with the Anglican Province of the Southern Cone as a member diocese, on a temporary, pastoral basis, until such time as an orthodox Province of the Anglican Communion can be established in North America.

We have been in conversation about this matter with the Committee on Constitution and Canons, and they will be presenting to Convention the necessary changes to our constitution and canons to enact this realignment.

We pray for God's grace to uphold and guide us in the days ahead and for the Holy Spirit to continue to inspire us "with the spirit of truth, unity and concord" as we seek to serve and glorify the Lord Jesus Christ.

Presented by

*The Bishop and Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth*

download the Constitution and Canons of the  
Province of the Southern Cone

read Resolution 2

previous items: First Report • Second Report\*

\*While the second report invited questions and promised to address additional concerns in a subsequent publication, none have been submitted to the Standing Committee during the intervening months.





*From the Bishop*

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## 10 Reasons Why Now Is the Time to Realign

Our 26th annual convention is approaching, and a momentous decision is before us as a diocese. At last year's convention, your clergy and elected delegates voted by majorities of around 80 percent each to remove language in our Constitution that affiliates us with the General Convention of The Episcopal Church (TEC). This year, clergy and delegates will be asked to ratify that decision to separate.

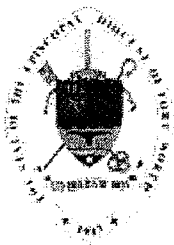
"Why now?" someone might ask. "Why is this the time for our diocese to separate from the General Convention of The Episcopal Church and realign with another Province of the Anglican Communion?"

Here are a few of the thoughts that come to mind:

1. This is God's time – our *kairos* moment – and it has been coming for a long time. We believe that God the Holy Spirit has guided and directed us to this particular time and moment of decision. Some might well ask, "Why has it taken us so long to take definitive action, given the past 30 years of the shenanigans of The Episcopal Church?" We have explored every avenue and exhausted every possibility. Now is the time to decide to separate from the moral, spiritual, and numerical decline of TEC.

2. Actions of the General Convention have brought crisis and division to the whole Anglican Communion, not just TEC. More than 20 of the Provinces of the Communion have declared themselves to be in a state of broken or impaired communion with TEC because of the ordination of a homosexual bishop living in a sexual relationship with another man and the blessings of same-sex unions in many places throughout this church. We need to dissociate ourselves from the bishops and dioceses that are violating the teaching of Scripture by doing these things.

3. The heresies and heterodoxy once proclaimed by just a few renegade bishops – like James Pike and John Spong – are now echoed by the Presiding Bishop, who is the chief spokesperson for TEC and speaks on behalf of our church to the rest of the world. She does not reflect the orthodox beliefs of Episcopalians in this diocese. The greatest problem we face with Katharine Jefferts Schori is not that she is a woman, but that she is not an orthodox bishop.



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4. If we do not act now, we will lose our momentum and lose our God-given opportunity. Many laity and clergy who have been standing with the Diocese, as a beacon of hope, will give up and leave for other Anglican bodies. We will never be stronger than we are right now! We will never have another chance to act with such a strong majority. The Episcopal Church many of us were born into or became members of many years ago no longer exists! It has been replaced by a liberal, revisionist sect that does not deserve our allegiance or support any longer.

5. TEC is not turning back and matters will only get worse. General Convention is out of control and beyond reform. The Deputies seem to think that they can do whatever they want as long as they can muster a majority vote, even if what they propose is contrary to Holy Scripture. We will not accept majority votes of the General Convention that compromise the Christian faith. The more they change the teachings of the church, the less tolerant they are of dioceses such as ours. By the time I retire (in the next 7 to 13 years), this diocese will be unable to elect an orthodox bishop to succeed me.

6. TEC is coming after us, and they are the ones that brought on this crisis. In October 2006 the chancellor to the PB wrote a letter to our diocese demanding that we change our Constitution to remove the clause that says that we will not accept General Convention dictates that are contrary to the Bible and the apostolic teaching of the church. In addition, we were instructed to remove provisions stating that all church property in this diocese is held in trust for the use of our congregations and to state instead that our property ultimately belongs to TEC. If we don't make such changes, the letter asserted that the Presiding Bishop would have to determine what actions she must take "in order to bring your diocese into compliance."

7. At this time there is nothing in the Constitution or Canons of TEC that prevents a Diocese from leaving. Oh, I know that General Convention officials claim that dioceses cannot leave TEC, but you will not find that anywhere in the Constitution and Canons as they presently stand. So we have this window of opportunity to do what we need to do, for you can be sure that the next General Convention will close off this option by adopting amendments that will make it even more difficult to separate in the future.

8. The vast majority of our younger clergy, those ordained in the last 10 years or so, are in favor of the decision to separate and realign. They are the voice of the future of this diocese; they are the leaders who will take us into the next decade and beyond. You will notice that most of the clergy leaders

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opposing this move are already retired or on the verge of retiring. This is not their battle; they have had their time to lead. Now it is time to let this next generation step forward and lead, as we prepare a future for our children and our grandchildren.

9. We have international support for making the move at this time. Not only has the Anglican Province of the Southern Cone made provision for us to join them on a temporary basis as full members and partners in mission, but several Global South Primates are standing with us and have expressed their willingness to support us in this bold move. They have stuck their necks out for us and offered their encouragement, assistance and support. We must now have the courage of our convictions and act! What a joy and relief it will be to be part of a Province where we are not always under attack and on the defensive. We will then aggressively pursue the formation of an orthodox Province in North America in conjunction with the Common Cause Partnership.

10. Most importantly, this decision is about the truth of the Gospel and upholding the authority of the Holy Scriptures. We believe in God's full self-revelation in Jesus Christ, not in the speculation of humanist unitarians who have been elected to high offices in our church. Many leaders of TEC are teaching a false Gospel and leading people astray. Now is the time for us to take a bold, public stand for the biblical faith and practice of the one, holy, catholic and apostolic church.

Now is the time to decide. Our cause is right, and the choice is clear. Let us act together, decisively, and with courage, faith and charity.

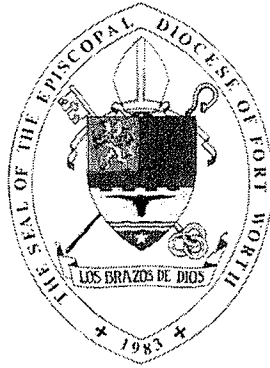
*The Rt. Rev. Jack Leo Iker*  
Bishop of Fort Worth  
September 2008

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Webmaster's note: *This article appears in the current issue of the diocesan newsletter, Forward in Mission.*







**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE  
ON CONSTITUTION AND CANONS**

**TO**

**THE 26<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION  
OF THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF FORT WORTH**



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**PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT B (Presented as D last year)**

This was presented to the Twenty-fifth Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth. It was adopted last year with amendments. This is being submitted for the second reading.

**Right Reverend Sir:**

On behalf of the Committee on Constitution and Canons, we present the following amendment to Article 1 of the Constitution of this Diocese, as proposed by the Standing Committee:

Existing text:

**ARTICLE 1**

**AUTHORITY OF GENERAL CONVENTION**

The Church in this Diocese accedes to the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church, and recognizes the authority of the General Convention of said Church provided that no action of General Convention which is contrary to Holy Scripture and the Apostolic Teaching of the Church shall be of any force or effect in this Diocese.

Proposed text:

**ARTICLE 1**

**ANGLICAN IDENTITY**

The Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth is a constituent member of the Anglican Communion, a Fellowship within the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church, consisting of those duly constituted Dioceses, Provinces and regional churches in communion with the See of Canterbury, upholding and propagating the historic Faith and Order as set forth in the Old and New Testaments and expressed in the Book of Common Prayer.

*The Committee on Constitution and Canons unanimously recommends adoption.*



**PROPOSED RESOLUTION FOR ADMISSION  
TO THE ANGLICAN PROVINCE OF THE SOUTHERN CONE**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth, meeting in its 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention, does hereby accept the provision made by the Anglican Province of the Southern Cone, and the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth does hereby immediately enter into membership with the Anglican Province of the Southern Cone as a full and equal constituent member of such province, and the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth does hereby accede to the authority of the Constitution and Canons of the Anglican Province of the Southern Cone to the extent such Constitution and Canons are not contrary to Holy Scripture and the teaching of the one holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

*Proposed by the Committee on Constitution and Canons*

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Explanation:

The Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth has resolved to remain within the family of the Anglican Communion while dissociating itself from the moral, theological, and disciplinary innovations of The Episcopal Church in the United States of America. The Synod of the Anglican Province of the Southern Cone, meeting Nov. 5-7, 2007, voted to welcome into membership of their Province those dioceses of The Episcopal Church in the United States of America who share this resolve.

Therefore the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth, acting by and through its lawfully constituted convention of clergy and lay delegates, proposes to enter into affiliation with the Anglican Province of the Southern Cone.







## The Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth • *As We Realign*

**Our 26th annual convention has taken action  
to secure our future as a diocese.**

During the Nov. 14 & 15 diocesan convention, your clergy and elected delegates have taken a stand as faithful members of the worldwide Anglican Communion. They have heeded the call to "contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to the saints." (Jude 3)

### **What has changed?**

By voting to change our diocesan Constitution and Canons, we have withdrawn from the General Convention, dissociating ourselves from the moral, theological, and disciplinary innovations of The Episcopal Church. We have realigned with another Province of the Anglican Communion. This is a change in affiliation, not a change in worship or doctrine.

Our Bishop, clergy, and congregations have been received into the fellowship of the Anglican Province of the Southern Cone. We are deeply grateful to Archbishop Gregory Venables for this provision, which he has made on a temporary and emergency basis, in response to the crisis in The Episcopal Church. We now look forward to the formation of an Anglican Province in North America.

### **Where we stand.**

We remain true to the historic faith and order of the Church.

We remain a member diocese of the Anglican Communion.

We remain the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth. The word "episcopal" identifies us as part of the apostolic succession, with a bishop as our elected chief pastor.

We remain in communion with other Episcopalians. We share fellowship with all those in any Province who recognize the authority of Scripture and the faith and order of historic Anglicanism.

Everyone is welcome to worship in our churches this Sunday and every Sunday. Our liturgy remains the same, our name is the same. Most of all, we remain committed to the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



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### **What is the status of our clergy?**

Our clergy continue to be licensed for ministry by Bishop Iker. TEC benefit programs, which may no longer be available to them, have been replaced by new group insurance policies and a retirement plan. Clergy who have established pension accounts in TEC will be eligible at retirement to receive benefits earned. While these will be less than they might have had by staying with the program longer, their new investment plan will provide supplemental retirement funds.

### **What about those Episcopalians who disagree with the decision to realign?**

We know that not everyone agrees with this change. Those who dissent are valued brothers and sisters in Christ, and they are welcome to remain in their congregations. For some, however, it may be necessary to separate from the diocese, perhaps permanently. In a few cases, it may be the will of a majority of the members in a particular parish to remain in The Episcopal Church. Where this is the case, the Bishop, Standing Committee, and Board of Trustees hope to work with the rector and vestry to come to a mutually agreeable separation and settlement of property issues without resort to lawsuits or other hostile actions.

### **What response should we expect from representatives of the General Convention?**

We expect a number of announcements in the days, weeks, and months ahead. Among these may be plans for a new General Convention-member diocese in this 24-county area. There may be lawsuits testing the ownership of our properties. And action may be taken to remove our Bishop and clergy from their positions in ministry in the General Convention church. But such action will have no practical effect, since they will already be ministering under the authority of another Anglican Province. These developments may generate news headlines, and they may cause some confusion, but they will not prevent us from going forward in mission as a diocese.

### **What next?**

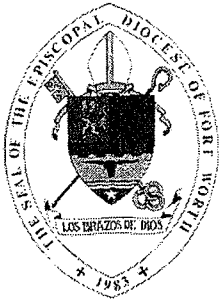
On Nov. 24, Bishop Iker will meet with the clergy on the topic of "Moving Forward – Life After TEC." Other events for clergy and lay people will be announced in the weeks ahead. Please continue to pray for our diocese, for all Episcopalians, and for the Church throughout the world. Let us pray for God's guidance for ourselves and for the leadership of our churches and diocese. Let us seek the peace that passes understanding. Let us rejoice in God's saving grace and continue to carry his message of love and salvation to the world.



**The actions of our 26th diocesan convention assure us of our future as traditional Anglicans. We are now free to carry out our diocesan mission, "To equip the saints for the work of ministry."**







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THE RT. REV. JACK LEO IKER, *Bishop*

November 24, 2008

## RESPONSES TO ATTEMPTED INHIBITION OF THE BISHOP

FORT WORTH, Texas – A letter of inhibition and supporting documents were issued Friday, Nov. 21, from the office of Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church, to the Rt. Rev. Jack Leo Iker, Bishop of Fort Worth. However the inhibition is of no force or effect, since the Bishop and Diocese, meeting in annual convention, constitutionally realigned with another province of the Anglican Communion on Saturday, Nov. 15, and are now constituent members of the Anglican Province of the Southern Cone. Documents to this effect have been made public. Consequently, this attempted inhibition will not deter the Bishop from the continuance of his ministry.

Two responses are being issued at this time. From Bishop Iker:

Katharine Jefferts Schori has no authority over me or my ministry as a Bishop in the Church of God. She never has, and she never will.

Since November 15, 2008, both the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth and I as the Diocesan Bishop have been members of the Anglican Province of the Southern Cone. As a result, canonical declarations of the Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church pertaining to us are irrelevant and of no consequence.

The Rt. Rev. Jack Leo Iker  
Bishop of Fort Worth

From the Standing Committee:

The Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth is a member of the Province of the Southern Cone as of November 15, 2008. Bishop Iker is a member in good standing of the House of Bishops of the Province of the Southern Cone.

We wonder by what authority the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church in the United States presumes to inhibit a bishop of the Province of the Southern Cone. We do not recognize

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the authority of the Presiding Bishop over us. We regret this illegal, unconstitutional, and uncanonical attempt to interfere with the rights and ministry of a diocese of another province of the Anglican Communion. We call upon her to desist from any further actions in our diocese and that she refrain from any further border crossing.

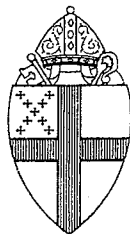
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# THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Most Reverend Katharine Jefferts Schori  
*Presiding Bishop and Primate*

## Notice of Special Meeting of the Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth, Saturday, February 7, 2009, Trinity Episcopal Church, Fort Worth, Texas

There being at this time no Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth, or any qualified members of the Standing Committee of that Diocese, as the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, in consultation with the Steering Committee of faithful Episcopalians of that Diocese, I hereby give notice that at 1:30 p.m. CST on Saturday, February 7, 2009, at Trinity Episcopal Church, Fort Worth, Texas, I shall call to order a Special Meeting of the Convention of that Diocese.

The purpose of this Meeting will be the election of a Provisional Bishop of the Diocese. Thereafter, the Convention is expected to proceed to the election or appointment of members of the Standing Committee, Executive Council, and other officers of the Diocese; adoption of a budget; and consideration of resolutions relating to recent purported amendments of the Constitution and canons of the Diocese as well as other resolutions relating to the organization and governance of the Diocese.

All qualified clerical and lay delegates to the Convention are urged to attend. Criteria for qualification and a proposed agenda for the meeting will be provided in a subsequent notice.

The meeting will be open to the public as space permits.

For further information, please refer to <http://www.episcopal-diocese-fortworth.org> or contact either of the Co-Chairs of the aforementioned Steering Committee: Walter Cabe ([walter.cabe@att.net](mailto:walter.cabe@att.net)) and the Rev'd Canon Courtland Moore ([courtmoore@verizon.net](mailto:courtmoore@verizon.net)).



(The Most Rev'd) Katharine Jefferts Schori  
XXVI Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church

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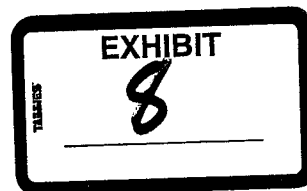
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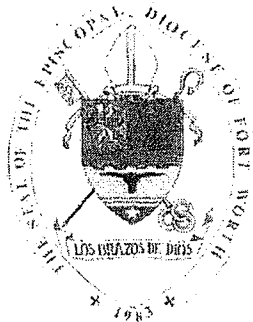
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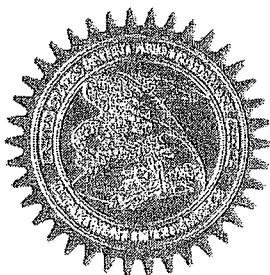
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## THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF FORT WORTH

The Rt. Rev. Jack L. Iker, D.D., *Bishop of Fort Worth*

### THE BISHOP'S DOLLARS ANNUAL APPEAL

LENT 2010

*"Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion,  
for God loves a cheerful giver." II Corinthians 9:7*

Dear Friends in Christ:

It is Lent once again, and this is the time for my annual appeal to every household in our diocese for support of the "Bishop's Dollars" campaign. Please assist me in responding to the many needs that come to my attention during the course of the year from a variety of sources.

Your gift will be a blessing to someone who looks to me as their Chief Pastor in time of financial need. It will also enable me to provide for a number of ministry needs that are not included in the annual budget of the diocese.

This coming fall, we will have five full-time seminarians from our diocese, some of whom are married with children. This fund is one way I have to assist them in meeting their unique needs. In addition, special cases in clergy families are often brought to my attention, and it is always good for me to be able to assist them financially, as well as spiritually. Along with the Bishop's Discretionary Fund offerings received at the time of my annual visitation to your church, this annual Lenten appeal is an important resource to provide for many different needs.

Please use the enclosed envelope for your gift to this year's "Bishop's Dollars" campaign. Thank you in advance for helping to assist others in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. May you have a blessed Lent, and may your giving increase your joy.

Faithfully in Christ,

The Rt. Rev. Jack Leo Iker  
Bishop of Fort Worth

Enclosure





# FORWARD *in* MISSION

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*Pentecost 2010*

## *An Appeal from the Bishop for the* **LEGAL DEFENSE FUND**

Dear Faithful Parishioners,

It is time for every loyal parishioner in the Diocese to step forward and make a contribution to our Legal Defense Fund. Every gift matters – every donation is important! Our goal is to raise a minimum of \$1 million to cover our legal fees as a result of the litigation brought against us by The Episcopal Church and its local supporters. At stake is everything we have as a Diocese – ownership of Camp Crucis and the Diocesan Center, our churches and property, our bank accounts and investments, our clergy and our Bishop. TEC wants it all!

As you know, by a margin of 80% our 2008 Diocesan Convention voted to remove all references to The Episcopal Church from our Constitution and Canons. TEC was formed as a voluntary association, and it remains so today. A diocese can withdraw from TEC by a Convention vote, just as it joined TEC by a Convention vote. However, the minority group who disagreed with this decision claimed that we did not have the legal right to do so and declared that all our church property actually belongs to TEC. They held a bogus meeting in 2009 where they attempted to replace all the legitimate officers of the Diocese and the Corporation of the Diocese, and they later declared all our clergy were deposed from the ordained ministry. It is this bogus group of representatives who have sued us, the real Diocese and the real Corporation, demanding that we turn over all our property and assets to them!

While this fairy tale may have initially confused the Tarrant County trial court, the Appellate Court was not confused and ruled on June 25th that these individuals could not sue us in the name of the Diocese and of the Corporation, but only as individuals. They have now refiled their suit in their own names. In the end, we are confident that the Texas courts will enforce our state laws governing corporations and property ownership.

In addition, we have been dragged into a second court case (this one in Hood County) where TEC supporters are trying to prevent St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Fort Worth from receiving funds left to them in a bequest by a parishioner. TEC wants the money sent to them instead!

I am saddened by the necessity of having to defend ourselves in these lawsuits. We did not initiate this litigation, and in fact, we have done everything we could to avoid it. From the beginning, we asked the disenfranchised minority to join us in developing a reasonable plan to divide the property and assets of the Diocese so that we all could continue to carry on God's work without the distractions created by litigation. In fact, the Corporation deeded their church property to Trinity Church in Fort Worth, St. Luke's in Stephenville, and St. Martin's in Keller, because these parishes wished to remain in TEC. We were in the process of doing the same for others when TEC

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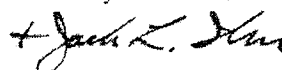
filed suit against us, demanding all of our property. The Presiding Bishop of TEC has insisted that TEC must have ALL of the assets and property of our Diocese. Given that position, we have had no alternative but to engage legal counsel to protect our interests and to bring this process to an end at the earliest possible time.

It is the strategy of TEC in all of its litigation to make it as expensive as possible for those it sues, so that they either give up or are unable to continue the process of litigation. The only way we have been able to defend our congregations in court so far is through the generous support of Dick and Marsland Moncrief. To date the Moncriefs and a few others have contributed about \$900,000 to our defense, and the litigation costs continue! I feel the time has now come for our legal fees to be shared by all concerned members of this diocese, not just a few, and for that reason I am asking for your support.

Please consider making a special gift to this fund, which will qualify as a tax-deductible charitable donation to the Diocese. Though one-time gifts are great, it would help if you could pledge a certain amount over a period of several weeks or months. With your help, we are optimistic about our goal of securing our legal position as a diocese, but it is a very expensive process. In the event that our funds are not exhausted before litigation ends, the balance will be directed toward the mission of the Church.

Thank you for considering this need. Do uphold this whole campaign in your prayers!

Faithfully in Christ,



The Rt. Rev. Jack Leo Iker  
Bishop of Fort Worth

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### *Questions and Answers about the litigation*

**How did this controversy end up in court? Aren't Christians supposed to be able to solve their differences without resorting to lawsuits?**

We are in court as defendants, in a suit brought against us by The Episcopal Church and their local supporters. Yes, we offered out-of-court settlements and even deeded church property to them, but this was not acceptable to the other side. They don't want just what's theirs - they want what's ours as well!

**What's at stake if we lose in the courts?**

All church property and assets would be placed under the control of TEC. Our clergy and Bishop would be removed from the churches and replaced by TEC loyalists. Only those who swore allegiance to the revisionist doctrines and practices of TEC could hold any office. Finally, they would need to sell some of the property they acquired in order to recover their own legal expenses.

## Questions and Answers, cont.

**How much has this lawsuit cost us, and how much more it is likely to require?**

Since the litigation was filed against us in April 2009, we have spent close to \$1 million in attorney fees. Considering that the case will likely end up before the Texas Supreme Court, even with our attorneys reducing their hourly rates as low as possible, we can anticipate at least an additional \$1 million to see it through to a conclusion. With roughly 8,000 households in the diocese, this amount could be raised through individual contributions of \$125 per family, at a rate of \$25 per month over five months.

Number of Participants	Pledge Amount	Number of Pledge Payments	Amount of Each Payment
8,000	\$125	5	\$25
4,000	\$250	5	\$50
1,000	\$1,000	12	\$84
750	\$1,334	12	\$111

The chart at right breaks down the \$1 million goal, showing average pledges needed depending on the number of participating households. If each household contributes as it is able, the goal can be reached in a timely way.

**Who has paid the bills for all this?**

Dick and Marsland Moncrief have stepped forward and paid nearly all of this, but this one family should not be expected to bear the entire burden for the rest of us! Every parishioner should help bear some of this load, and that is why we have launched this Legal Defense Fund Appeal. It is our battle, not someone else's!

Be assured that no funds have come from church assessments or the diocesan budget. The mission work of the diocese continues. While we have made cuts in spending as these challenging economic times have demanded, we have not done so to divert funds for litigation.

**How many people support the TEC position, and how many stand with Bishop Iker?**

It is roughly a 20/80 split. The convention delegates who voted to separate from TEC in 2008, the number of congregations aligning with Bishop Iker, and the average Sunday attendance of those remaining with the diocese since the split are a solid 80% of the total.

**Why should we give money for lawyer fees, when we would rather support the ministry of the Church?**

The lawyers we have hired are devout Christians who see the battle we are engaged in as spiritual warfare. Defending the truth of the historic faith and practice of the Church is part of our ministry as a diocese. Our legal team is attempting to protect our churches from a hostile takeover, and their fees are well below the normal attorney fees. No lawyer gets rich on court cases involving church controversies. Without this representation, we would be overwhelmed by the other side. Our attorneys believe in what we are standing up for as Christians, and they deserve fair compensation for their services. They see their professional work as part of their ministry.

**How can we learn more?**

Attend your deanery's Pre-Convention meeting in October, or ask your priest for an update. Also, check the diocesan Web site, [www.fwepiscopal.org](http://www.fwepiscopal.org), for regular updates.

## *Litigation Perspective*

FROM OUR LEAD ATTORNEY, J. SHELBY SHARPE

The litigation that The Episcopal Church has filed in Tarrant County and Hood County needs to be put in proper perspective for your understanding and to obtain a sense of peace in your heart.

Keep these thoughts in mind as you pray:

First, the litigation is contrary to 1 Corinthians 6: 1-7. Thus, God is not the author of the suit although He has allowed it to happen.

Second, the response to the suit by your leaders is based on sound law that, if followed by the court, should result in a defeat for those bringing the litigation.

Third, The Episcopal Church is asking for property that it did not buy nor does it have any legal or ecclesiastical right to receive.

Fourth, your leaders who have been sued have conducted themselves in accordance with law, pertinent ecclesiastical documents, and the Scriptures.

Fifth, the response of your leaders seeks no relief from the court that is contrary to any Scripture.

Sixth, the response of your leaders to those suing them will be made in a Christ-honoring manner, whether in or out of court.

Seventh, pray for those representing your leaders that God will lead and guide them so that He is glorified in all that is done.

Eighth, pray for the leaders of The Episcopal Church and the others who have brought the suit that they will hear and obey what God would have them do.

Ninth, pray that your leaders and all who support them will be a good testimony to those who do not know the Lord who are watching the litigation so these lost people will not be discouraged from seeking Jesus. This includes speaking no evil of those who have brought the suit.

Tenth, pray for each court before whom the suit goes, that God will protect each from any influence other than His, and that justice will be the basis for every ruling.

### *Heading our legal team ...*



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**Scott A. Brister.** Born 1954 Waco, Texas. Education: Duke University (B.A. 1977), Harvard Law School (J.D. 1980). Judge, 234th District Court, 1989-2000; Texas Courts of Appeals, 2000-2003; Texas State Supreme Court, 2003-2009. Currently in private practice; board certified in civil trial and civil appellate law. Member, Redeemer Presbyterian Church (PCA), Austin.



**R. David Weaver.** Born 1950, Waco, Texas. Education: Baylor University (J.D. 1982). Practice areas include Alternative Dispute Resolution, General Business and Commercial Matters, Income Tax and Property Tax Matters. Member, St. Alban's Episcopal Church, Arlington.

# DIOCESAN CALENDAR - PENTECOST 2010

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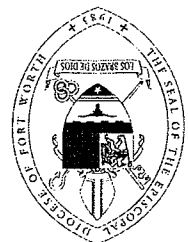
<i>January</i>	8/29	ST. VINCENT'S CATHEDRAL, Bedford
<i>February</i>	8/31	10 a.m. Board of Trustees
	9/5	ST. ANDREW'S, Grand Prairie
<i>March</i>	9/6	Labor Day Holiday – <i>Diocesan Offices closed</i>
<i>April</i>	9/9	1:30 p.m. Executive Council
<i>May</i>	9/11	St. Anselm's School of Theology begins academic year, <i>St. Peter &amp; St. Paul, Arlington</i>
<i>June</i>	9/12	ST. MATTHIAS, Dallas
	9/18	Family Fun Fest, <i>Camp Crucis</i>
<i>July</i>	9/19	ASCENSION & ST. MARK, Wise County (Bishop Wantland)
<i>August</i>	9/20	9:30 a.m. Clergy Day with Archbishops Robert Duncan and Mouneer Anis
<i>September</i>	9/21-23	ARDF Board of Trustees Meeting, <i>St. Andrew's, Fort Worth</i>
<i>October</i>	9/25	9:30 a.m. Day of Discovery, <i>St. Peter &amp; St. Paul, Arlington</i>
<i>November</i>	9/26	ST. PETER & ST. PAUL, Arlington
	9/27	1:30 p.m. Standing Committee
<i>December</i>	9/29	7 p.m. Ordination of Andrew Petta to the priesthood, <i>St. Vincent's, Bedford</i>

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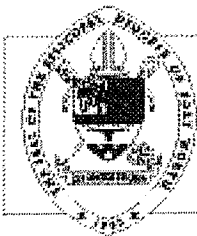
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*With faith, hope, and love*

## Churches helping families through hard times

On Thursdays the food comes in. On Tuesdays it goes out again. Week in, week out, that has been the routine at Christ the King, Fort Worth, for a dozen years or more. The church's food bank ministry is housed in a portable building on the west side of the parking lot, walking distance from the bus stops on Camp Bowie Blvd.

The parish-run ministry is powered by the time, talents, and treasure of the congregation, but principally by Andy and Judy Perrier, who have made it their labor of love.

About 2,000 pounds of food are purchased each month. Selections are made from a shopping list provided by the Tarrant Area Food Bank. Name-brand items are purchased

at bargain prices, and the selections are stored on shelves and in refrigerators till distribution day. Fr. Jon Jenkins, rector of Christ the King, says the whole program cost only about \$2,500 in 2008.

An air of calm pervades the workroom, and the team takes an interest in each family it serves. A retired couple may be offered some coffee creamer; a young mother may come away with a treat for her children's school lunch bags.

"I never knew you were here," says one first-time visitor whose husband had his hours cut back at

work. On a recent Tuesday, three of the first 11 families served were new to the food pantry.

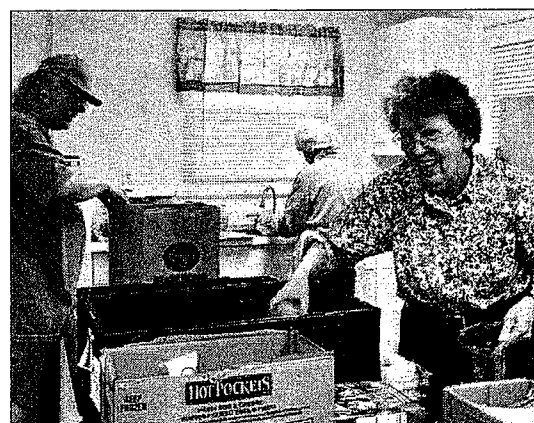
Demand for hot meals and grocery assistance is growing in many areas of the diocese. Since September, St. Mark's, Arlington, has operated a soup kitchen every Thursday at lunchtime. (*For more about this, see [furpiscopal.org](http://furpiscopal.org)*)

St. Simon's Church in southeast Fort Worth has been a leader in the cooperative SEARCH (South East Area Churches) ministry for 15 years. The church has been the ministry's No. 1 donor for 12 of those years, contributing cash and grocery items every week, plus family-sized food baskets at Thanksgiving and other gifts at Christmas and Easter. A member of the parish currently serves as president of the SEARCH board. "The needs

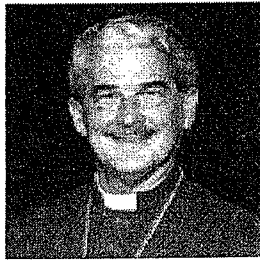
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*Bags of staple grocery items stand ready as Eloise Paula chats with one of the church's Tuesday visitors. Behind her, Donna Whitson keeps USDA-required records.*



*David Wicker, Eloise Paula, and Sandy Kruse (at right - bagging potatoes on St. Patrick's Day) prepare food for needy families who come each Tuesday to the small building at the rear of the church property. In February Christ the King served 93 households, representing well over 200 men, women, and children in the four-zipcode area of west Fort Worth that the pantry serves.*



*From the Bishop*  
**God's great surprise**

*by the Rt. Rev. Jack L. Iker, Bishop of Fort Worth*

Have you ever stopped to think what a huge surprise that first Easter Day was to the friends of Jesus? The women going to the tomb early that morning certainly didn't expect to find it empty! They had gone to anoint a dead body, not to witness a resurrection. They had not expected to see the stone rolled away and the body of Jesus missing from his grave. The Gospel writers describe them as astonished and amazed. At first they failed to understand what had happened, thinking perhaps that someone had come during the night and stolen the crucified body of Jesus.

And as for his other disciples – Peter, James, John and the others – where were they? They had not hurried out to the tomb that Easter morning expecting to see that Jesus had risen from the dead. No, they were still in hiding, paralyzed by grief and fear, behind the locked doors in an upstairs room of a friend's house. When the women came and told them that the body of Jesus was not in his tomb, they didn't say, "Oh, yes, we thought this might happen. We expected Jesus might rise from the dead." No, they were surprised and bewildered, just like the women, and they could hardly believe it. So Peter and John jumped up and ran to the tomb, finding it just as the women had said. It was only later,

when the risen Jesus came seeking them back in the upper room, that they understood and believed.

Easter was God's great surprise to those first Christians, and it remains the miraculous act of God that is the sure foundation of our faith. Because Jesus is truly risen from the dead, we know that we too are raised with him to eternal life, by his grace and power.



Is there room in your faith for God to surprise you? Is there room for a God who raises the dead and heals the sick and answers prayer? Our problem is not that we expect too much of God, but that we expect too little. But the message of Easter is that our God does miraculous things and brings new life in ways that we do not expect. He is the God who liberates and delivers us from sin and death and gives us

hope for the future. All is not lost, even when things may look rather dismal and bleak. Look to God through the lens of the Easter faith and expect him to surprise you in ways you may not expect.

Invite the light of the risen Jesus to dispel your worries, fears and resentments, that you may know the joy and triumph of resurrection life even now.

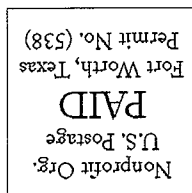
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# DIOCESAN CALENDAR - EASTER 2009

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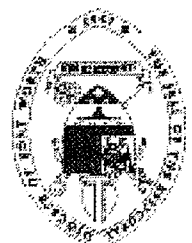
	4/13	Diocesan Offices closed
	4/19	Discretion
	4/20	9:30 a.m. Commission on Ministry 1:30 p.m. Standing Committee
<i>April</i>	4/26	<b>ST. SIMON'S, Fort Worth</b>
<i>May</i>	5/2	Diocesan Convocation for all convention delegates,
	5/3	<b>ST. JOHN'S, Fort Worth</b>
	5/10	<b>IGLESIA SAN MIGUEL, Fort Worth</b>
	5/16	ECW Quiet Day, St. John's, Fort Worth
	5/17	<b>GOOD SHEPHERD, Granbury</b>
	5/18	9:30 a.m. Committee on Ministry 1:30 p.m. Standing Committee
	5/21	Ascension Day
	5/24	<b>GOOD SHEPHERD, Brownwood (Bishop Iker), and ST. ANTHONY, Alvarado (Bishop Wantland)</b>
	5/31	<i>The Day of Pentecost</i> <b>ST. LAURENCE, Grapevine</b>

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Lent 2010

*"Are you coming to our church?"*

## New congregations active in worship, ministry

With six new congregations added to the diocese in the closing weeks of 2009, Bishop Iker has begun making his first episcopal visitation to each.

During Advent the Bishop visited the diocesan church plant of Christ the Redeemer in Fort Worth, confirming or receiving 13 members.



*At King of Glory, acolytes Will Stamey and Will Wallace assisted Canon Charles Hough with the Gospel lesson.*

Some of those joining the mission church, which meets at the Lockheed Martin Recreation Area, have transferred from other area churches; others are new to the Anglican tradition. Christ the Redeemer began weekly services just six months ago, in August 2009, and is averaging one baptism a month! Fr. Christopher Culpepper is vicar; their Web site is [www.ctrfw.org](http://www.ctrfw.org).

On Jan. 23, the Bishop and Canon Charles Hough joined Fr. Darryl Pigeon and Fr. Randall Foster in Waco for a well-attended Saturday afternoon service of confirmation. The congregation, which has taken the name King of Glory, was organized by friends Jeff Wallace and Jeff Fish, who paid a visit to



*King of Glory, Waco, is meeting in the chapel of the First Baptist Church. Young families make up the majority of the congregation.*

Bishop Iker in November to ask for admission as a mission station of the diocese. (See their Web site at [kingofglory.org](http://kingofglory.org)) Visitors at the January confirmation service were greeted by a young lady of elementary-school age who of-fered service bulletins and asked, "Are you

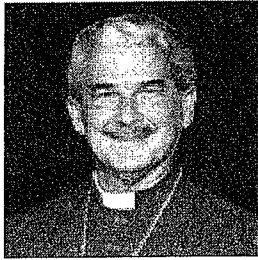


*Fr. Christopher Culpepper (front row, right) and Bishop Iker posed with church members who were confirmed or received at Christ the Redeemer in December.*

coming to our church?"

The congregation of St. Gabriel's in Springdale, Ark., hosted an ecumenical Evening Prayer service on Friday, Feb. 5. The community event was held to raise funds for the relief of earthquake victims; its theme was "Have a Heart for Haiti." Fr. John Slavin represented the Anglican tradition, while priests from the local Roman Catholic and Antiochian Orthodox churches joined him as worship leaders, bringing together the three great strains of Christianity. Reporting on the service, the local newspaper called them "cousins" who "came together for a common cause." (As it happened, all three priests were named John!) The funds raised during the evening benefited the Anglican Relief and Development Fund. To see photos, go to Fr. Slavin's blog, [anglicanapologist.blogspot.com](http://anglicanapologist.blogspot.com).





*From the Bishop*

## A season of repentance and forgiveness

*by the Rt. Rev. Jack L. Iker, Bishop of Fort Worth*

*The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, "God, I thank thee that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, I give tithes of all that I get." But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, "God be merciful to me a sinner!" (Luke 18:11-13)*

Lent is a penitential season of fasting, prayer and self-denial. Our emphasis for these 40 days is upon repentance and forgiveness. We are called to recognize and confess our sins, to ask God's forgiveness and mercy, and to pray for grace to amend our lives according to His will. It means being changed by a daily pattern of repentance, forgiveness and amendment of life.

In our Lord's parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector (Luke 18:9-14) Jesus contrasts two very different spiritual attitudes in our relationship with God. The first is one of pride, self-righteousness, and superiority. The Pharisee reminds God that he is a good and pious man, better than others. The tax collector, on the other hand, knows he is a sinful man, undeserving of God's forgiveness and love. In sadness and humility, he throws himself upon the mercy of the Lord. Jesus concludes with a central teaching that runs throughout the entire Bible: "Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted." (verse 14)

Lent is a time to grow in humility. First, it requires daily self-examination and confession, as we acknowledge our faults and failures before God. Second, it requires contrition, an expression of our sorrow for the things we have done and left undone. Then we resolve to do better, as we ask for God's strength and help to amend our lives, and we offer ourselves as channels of His love and forgiveness in our interactions with others.

Several times a day throughout this Lent, make a habit of repeating an ancient prayer that comes to us from the Eastern Orthodox tradition called the Jesus Prayer:

*Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy upon me a sinner. Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy upon me a sinner. Lord Jesus Christ ...*

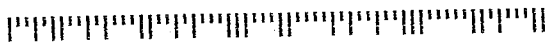
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# DIOCESAN CALENDAR - LENT 2010

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<i>February</i>	3/14	<b>HOLY TRINITY, Eastland, and ST. ANDREW'S, Breckenridge</b>
<i>February</i>	3/21	<b>GOOD SHEPHERD, Wichita Falls</b>
<i>March</i>	3/22	9:30 a.m. Commission on Ministry 1:30 p.m. Standing Committee
<i>April</i>	3/25	11:30 a.m. Finance Committee 1:30 p.m. Executive Council
<i>April</i>	<b>3/28</b>	<b>Sunday of the Passion – Palm Sunday</b>
<i>August</i>	3/30	10:30 a.m. Mass of Collegiality, <i>St. Vincent's Cathedral, Bedford</i>
<i>September</i>	4/2	Good Friday <i>Diocesan Offices closed until Tuesday, April 6</i>
<i>October</i>	4/4	Easter Sunday
<i>December</i>	4/11	<b>ALL SAINTS', Fort Worth</b>

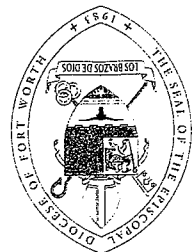
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# THE BISHOP'S NOMINATIONS 2007

## SECRETARY OF THE CONVENTION

The Rev. Canon Charles A. Hough, III

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William T. McGee, Esq.

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Walter Virden, III

## REGISTRAR

Susan F. Steele

## HISTORIOGRAPHER

The Very Rev. Christopher Stainbrook

## TRUSTEE OF THE CORPORATION OF THE DIOCESE OF FORT WORTH

Dr. Franklin Salazar, President (2012)

## TRUSTEES FOR THE ENDOWMENT FOR THE EPISCOPATE

Walter Virden, III, Secretary (2008)

Rod Barber (2009)

Jo Ann Patton (2010)

Chad Bates (2011)

## THE COMMISSION ON MINISTRY

## COMMITTEE FOR THE PRIESTHOOD

The Rev. Thomas Hightower, Convener (2009)

Tim Cox (2008)

The Very Rev. William A. Crary, Jr. (2008)

The Rev. Thomas Kennedy (2008)

Toby Matocha (2008)

Gene Dugan (2009)

Jo Ann Patton (2009)

The Rev. Robert L. Young (2009)

Susan Bradley (2010)

The Rev. Stephen Jones (2010)

Mack Wood (2010)

The Very Rev. Scott R. Wooten (2010)

## COMMITTEE FOR THE DIACONATE

The Rev. Lana K. Farley, Convener (2009)

The Rev. Timothy M. Matkin (2008)

The Rev. Sandra McCown (2008)

Lynn Stavinocha (2008)

Jimmy Henry (2009)

The Rev. Kerwin K. Wade (2009)

David Doremus (2010)

Doris Gregory (2010)

The Rev. Ann Richards (2010)

## CAMP CRUCIS BOARD OF MANAGERS

Jason Bontke, Director

Rod Barber, Chairman (2008)

The Very Rev. Andrew Bradley (2008)

Jonice Williford (2008)

Mr. Charles Warnky (2008)

Jimmy Henry (2009)

Juleigh Davenport (2009)

Chuck Parmele (2009)

Frank Wagnon (2009)

The Rev. Stephen Jones (2010)

Jane McManus (2010)

The Rev. Stuart Smith (2010)

Rob Shattuck (2010)

**MOTION**

The Rt. Rev. Jack L. Iker

**RESOLVED, that the Convention approves the Bishop's Nominations.**

**SECONDED**

**CARRIED**

**Bishop Iker:** "Our Nominating Committee report will come from Fr. Stephen Jones, the Chairman, and rector of Holy Comforter Church in Cleburne."

**Fr. Stephen Jones, Chair of the Nominations Committee,** presented the nominations.

**Standing Committee – Clerical**

The Rev. J. Frederick Barber

The Very Rev. Christopher T. Cantrell

**Standing Committee – Lay Member**

Mrs. Judy Mayo

Mrs. Kay Stromberg

**Deputies to General Convention – Clerical- (elect four)**

The Rev. H. Jay Atwood

The Very Rev. Andrew Bradley

The Very Rev. Christopher T. Cantrell

The Rev. Dr. Thomas Hightower

The Rev. Canon Charles A. Hough, III

The Rev. Edward Kresowaty

The Very Rev. Ryan Reed

The Very Rev. Christopher Stainbrook

The Very Rev. Scott Wooten

**Deputies to General Convention – Lay member- (elect four)**

Gerald Gregory

Mrs. Toby Matocha

Mrs. Judy Mayo

Mrs. Jo Ann Patton

Dr. Frank Salazar

Mrs. Kay Stromberg

Walter Virden, III

Mack Wood

**Ecclesiastical Trial Court – Clerical**

The Rev. David Madison

The Rev. Timothy Matkin

**University of the South – Lay member**

Kent Henning

**Bishop Iker:** "Okay, is it okay just to announce the winners?"

**Fr. Atwood:** "In the first ballot, there were 78 clergy ballots, we need 40 to elect there. There were 119 lay ballots, 60 to elect."

#### **ELECTION RESULTS**

##### **Standing Committee Clerical Member**

Fr. Christopher Cantrell C-65 L-89

##### **Standing Committee Lay Member**

Mrs. Judy Mayo C-61 L-67

##### **Deputies to General Convention Clerical Member**

(1) Canon Hough C-64 L-92

(2) Dean Reed C-61 L-81

(3) Fr. Christopher Cantrell C-50 L-82

(4) Fr. Tom Hightower C-59 L-72

##### **Deputies to General Convention Lay Member**

(1) Judy Mayo C-58 L-76

(2) Dr. Frank Salazar C-52 L-77

(2) Walter Virden, III C-55 L-74

(3) JoAnn Patton C-58 L-64

##### **Ecclesiastical Trial Court Clerical Member**

Fr. David Madison C-47 L-74

##### **Trustee to the University of the South Lay Member**

Kent Henning – by acclamation

**Bishop Iker:** "While Fr. Dewayne Adams is coming forth to make a report on behalf on the Committee for Hispanic Ministry, let me point out to the clergy that there is yellow sheet, it has to do with the annual retreat for the clergy. Our clergy retreat leader in January, again at Montserrat, where we usually meet, is the Rev. Canon John Heidt, Canon Theologian of the Diocese. If you could start registering now, that would be great. The cost and details are on the yellow sheet. You can start registering now through the diocesan center."

**Fr. Dewayne Adams:** "Rt. Rev. Sir, clergy and delegates." (Written report included in the report section of this journal)

**Bishop Iker:** "Thank you. Fr. Nelson, could you come and give a report on behalf of Youth Ministry."

**Fr. Nelson:** "Rt. Rev. Sir, clergy and delegates." (Written report included in the report section of this journal)

FUNDS ADMINISTERED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE  
OF THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF FORT WORTH

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006

TOGETHER WITH

AUDITOR'S REPORT

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TERRY L. EATON  
TIMOTHY J. BICKNELL

August 8, 2007

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Finance Committee  
The Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial position of the Funds Administered by the Finance Committee of The Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth as of December 31, 2006 and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Organization's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Funds Administered by the Finance Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth as of December 31, 2006 and the changes in their net assets and their cash flows for the year then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

*Spillar Mitcham Eaton & Bicknell LLP*

SPILLAR, MITCHAM, EATON & BICKNELL, L.L.P.

FUNDS ADMINISTERED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE  
OF THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF FORT WORTH  
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION  
DECEMBER 31, 2006

ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 826,908
Unconditional promises to give - Capital Campaign	1,155
Accounts receivable	80,481
Prepaid expenses	1,265
Notes receivable	721,324
Property and equipment, net	<u>1,430,229</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$3,061,362</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Liabilities	
Accounts payable	\$ 28,531
Deferred revenue	<u>750</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>29,281</u>
Net Assets	
Unrestricted	
Undesignated	1,546,608
Board designated for specific purposes	<u>1,257,434</u>
Total Unrestricted	2,804,042
Temporarily restricted	<u>228,039</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>3,032,081</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u>\$3,061,362</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part  
of these financial statements.

FUNDS ADMINISTERED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE  
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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Temporarily Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
Revenue and Other Support			
Parish and mission assessments	\$1,583,387	\$	\$1,583,387
Mission apportionments	357,422		357,422
Endowment of the Episcopate	20,000		20,000
Diocesan Fund	4,000		4,000
Interest income	34,885		34,885
Other support	27,740		27,740
Special Programs - gifts, activities and reimbursements		363,992	363,992
Net assets released from restrictions	<u>428,935</u>	<u>(428,935)</u>	<u>-0-</u>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE AND OTHER SUPPORT</b>	<u><b>2,456,369</b></u>	<u><b>(64,943)</b></u>	<u><b>2,391,426</b></u>
Expenses and Losses			
General Church	113,504		113,504
Ministry of the Episcopate	184,776		184,776
Building operations and maintenance	90,277		90,277
Office operation	67,069		67,069
Diocesan support	25,076		25,076
Program administration			
Personnel	457,111		457,111
Department of Missions	733,484		733,484
Department of Diocesan Ministries	317,398		317,398
Department of Community Ministries	24,250		24,250
Capital Campaign	21,263		21,263
Grants	127,503		127,503
Special Programs	<u>428,935</u>		<u>428,935</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES AND LOSSES</b>	<u><b>2,590,646</b></u>	<u><b>-0-</b></u>	<u><b>2,590,646</b></u>
Change in Net Assets	(134,277)	(64,943)	(199,220)
Net Assets, January 1, 2006	<u>2,938,319</u>	<u>292,982</u>	<u>3,231,301</u>
Net Assets, December 31, 2006	<u><b>\$2,804,042</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 228,039</b></u>	<u><b>\$3,032,081</b></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

FUNDS ADMINISTERED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE  
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 STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006

Cash Flows From Operating Activities	
Change in net assets	\$ (199,220)
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities:	
Depreciation	63,748
(Increase) decrease in operating assets:	
Unconditional promises to give - Capital Campaign	30,496
Accounts receivable	33,146
Prepaid expenses	6,320
Increase (decrease) in operating liabilities:	
Accounts payable	(13,296)
Deferred revenue	<u>(711)</u>
Net Cash Used by Operating Activities	<u>(79,517)</u>
Cash Flows From Investing Activities	
Notes receivable originated	(85,774)
Principal payments on notes receivable	122,659
Purchase of property and equipment	(63,661)
Mission closing - Burleson	<u>399,740</u>
Net Cash Provided by Investing Activities	<u>372,964</u>
Net Decrease in Cash and Cash Equivalents	293,447
Cash and Cash Equivalents:	
January 1, 2006	<u>533,461</u>
December 31, 2006	<u>\$ 826,908</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part  
of these financial statements.



FUNDS ADMINISTERED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE  
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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2006

NATURE OF ORGANIZATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

ORGANIZATION

The Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth (the Diocese), was organized in January of 1983 under the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church U.S.A. The Bishop of the Diocese has jurisdiction over all organizations within the Diocese. These include parishes, missions, schools, hospitals, other certain charitable organizations and funds. Title to all property of these organizations is in the name of the Corporation of the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth.

The accompanying financial statements include accounts maintained by the Finance Committee of the Diocese. These accounts include general operations of the Diocese, loans made to related organizations, and special donor restricted accounts and pass-through accounts.

The Corporation of the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth holds substantial amounts of real estate intended for use in Diocesan activities. Such real estate held by the Corporation is not included in the accompanying financial statements.

BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The financial statements are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT PRESENTATION

The Diocese has adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 117, "Financial Statements of Not-for-Profit Organizations." Under SFAS No. 117, the Diocese is required to report information regarding its financial position and activities according to three classes of net assets: unrestricted, temporarily restricted, and permanently restricted. In addition, the Diocese is required to present a statement of cash flows. The Diocese has discontinued its use of fund accounting.

CONTRIBUTIONS

The Diocese has also adopted SFAS No. 116, "Accounting for Contributions Received and Contributions Made," whereby contributions received are recorded as unrestricted, temporarily restricted, or permanently restricted support depending on the existence and/or nature of any donor restrictions. Restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets upon satisfaction of the time or purpose restrictions.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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NATURE OF ORGANIZATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

USE OF ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

INCOME TAX STATUS

The Diocese is exempt from federal income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows, cash and cash equivalents include all highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

PROMISES TO GIVE

Unconditional promises to give consists of the following:

Restricted for Capital Campaign	<u>\$ 1,155</u>
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All amounts are due in less than one year.

FUNDS ADMINISTERED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE  
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NOTES RECEIVABLE

The Diocese lends money to various parishes and missions. During 2006, seven loans were made totaling \$531,349. All notes are unsecured, except for one loan secured by land. A summary of the outstanding notes receivable at December 31, 2006:

	<u>Maturities</u>	<u>Interest Rates</u>	<u>Current Portion</u>	<u>Long-term Portion</u>	<u>Total</u>
Revolving loan account	2005-2016	3.75%-7.00%	\$ 88,597	\$606,403	\$695,000
Special programs	2007-2017	2.00%-7.00%	<u>11,236</u>	<u>15,088</u>	<u>26,324</u>
			<u>\$ 99,833</u>	<u>\$621,491</u>	<u>\$721,324</u>

PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Property and equipment are recorded at cost. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method. Property and equipment consist of the following:

	<u>Estimated Lives</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Depreciation Expense</u>
Land		\$ 230,632	\$
Diocesan Center Building	40 years	1,195,032	29,876
Landscaping	15 years	191,853	12,790
Computer equipment and software	3 years	27,960	3,895
Telephone system	5 years	7,005	-0-
Furniture and fixtures	5 years	212,761	810
Automobiles	5 years	<u>82,905</u>	<u>16,377</u>
		1,948,148	<u>\$ 63,748</u>
		<u>517,919</u>	
Less accumulated depreciation			
Property and equipment, net		<u>\$1,430,229</u>	

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DECEMBER 31, 2006

BOARD DESIGNATED NET ASSETS

The board has designated a revolving loan account to lend money to various parishes and missions. In addition, the board has designated that the net proceeds from closing the Burluson mission in the amount of \$276,069 be restricted for future church plantings.

NET ASSETS RELEASED FROM RESTRICTIONS

Net assets were released from donor restrictions by incurring expenses satisfying the restricted purposes or by occurrence of other events specified by donors during 2006. The total amount released for 2006 was \$428,935.

TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

Temporarily restricted net assets are available for the following purposes at December 31, 2006:

Church Plant	\$ 75,000
Other	115,230
St. Peter's Account	<u>37,809</u>
	<u>\$ 228,039</u>

RETIREMENT PLAN

The Diocese contributes to a retirement plan for eligible lay employees that is maintained by a national Episcopal agency. Episcopal Clergy are covered through the Church Pension Fund. Contributions are determined by salaries and length of service. The total expended for pension benefits in 2006 was \$148,418.

CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISK FOR CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS HELD IN FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

The Diocese maintains cash balances in excess of \$100,000 in banks, which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation up to \$100,000. At December 31, 2006, the Diocese's uninsured cash balances totaled \$726,658.

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August 8, 2007

Independent Auditor's Report on Additional Information

Finance Committee  
The Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth

Our report on our audit of the basic financial statements of the Funds Administered by the Finance Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth for 2006 appears in the preceding section of this report. That audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The following additional information is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2006 taken as a whole.

*Spillar Mitcham Eaton & Bicknell L.L.P.*

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FUNDS ADMINISTERED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE  
OF THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF FORT WORTH

STATEMENT OF BUDGETED AND ACTUAL ACTIVITIES  
OF THE OPERATING ACCOUNT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006.

	Operating Account		Favorable (Unfavorable) Variance
	Budget	Actual	
Revenue and Other Support			
Parish and mission assessments	\$1,579,798	\$1,583,387	\$ 3,589
Mission apportionments	358,297	357,422	(875)
Endowment of the Episcopate	20,000	20,000	
Diocesan Fund	4,000	4,000	
Other support	20,800	20,678	(122)
	<u>1,982,895</u>	<u>1,985,487</u>	<u>2,592</u>
Expenses and Losses			
General church	114,478	113,504	974
Ministry of the Episcopate	180,860	184,776	(3,916)
Building operations and maintenance	43,000	90,277	(47,277)
Office operation	73,000	67,069	5,931
Diocesan support	25,300	25,076	224
Program administration			
Personnel	485,025	457,111	27,914
Department of Missions	740,297	733,484	6,813
Department of Diocesan Ministries	345,295	317,398	27,897
Department of Community Ministries	25,500	24,250	1,250
	<u>2,032,755</u>	<u>2,012,945</u>	<u>19,810</u>
Change in Net Assets	\$ (49,860)	\$ (27,458)	\$ 22,402

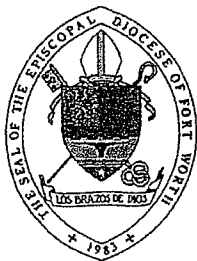
FUNDS ADMINISTERED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE  
OF THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF FORT WORTH

STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS OF THE SPECIAL PROGRAMS  
DECEMBER 31, 2006

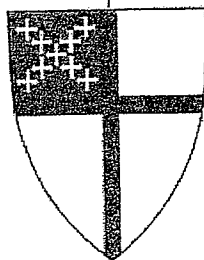
<u>Program Title</u>	<u>Balance Beginning of Year</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expense Disbursements</u>	<u>Balance End of Year</u>
Bishop's Golf Tournament	\$ 5,626	\$ 48,001	\$ 43,106	\$ 10,521
Bishop's Mission Work	6,881	4,267	5,749	5,399
Book of Remembrance	839	380	887	332
Church Plant	50,000	25,000		75,000
Curacy Program	22,800		9,200	13,600
Diocesan Discretionary	4,394	3,457	5,053	2,798
Diocese of N. Malawi	2,669	24,273	24,025	2,917
Eugenia Turner Account	18,740	46	5,717	13,069
First Month	38,935	597	38,700	832
Frances Parsons Account	11,500		11,103	397
La Gran Familia	13,184	17,693	13,500	17,377
Martha Sue Parr Account	1	150,000	150,001	-0-
McKee Scholarship Account	7,521	77	5,405	2,193
Meek Scholarship Account	5,395	1,199	3,920	2,674
N. Malawi Well Project	23,680		23,680	-0-
Other Accounts	42,031	75,145	76,522	40,654
St. Peter's Account	37,226	583		37,809
United Thank Offering	83	8,800	8,883	-0-
World Mission Committee	-0-	1,500		1,500
Youth Commission	1,477	2,974	3,484	967
Totals	<u>\$292,982</u>	<u>\$363,992</u>	<u>\$428,935</u>	<u>\$228,039</u>







Journal  
of the  
Twenty-Seventh Annual Convention  
of the  
Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth  
November 13 - 14, 2009  
&  
Special Meeting of Convention  
February 7, 2009



## Epilogue

May 2010

In November 2008, the convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth took certain actions intended to disaffiliate the diocese from the Episcopal Church, something not contemplated in the canons, the expected culmination of over a decade of maneuvering to enable the diocesan structures to retain control of real estate and other material assets after the putative disaffiliation. Around eighty per cent of the clergy of the diocese supported those actions, as did a similar percentage of the lay delegates to the convention. Litigation is in progress.

In February 2009, the Presiding Bishop chaired a special convention to begin the work of reorganization, restoration and reconnection. That convention elected a provisional bishop and other officers required by canon and moved as well to begin repopulating the various diocesan agencies, commissions, committees, and other working bodies. The people who stepped up to those responsibilities discovered quite soon that their work would be doubly arduous, simply because their predecessors in office—all but one of whom were part of the movement to disaffiliate—kept all the records, indeed have them still.

For that reason, collecting the information for this journal has been in many cases rather an *ad hoc* operation. I am glad to say that I have enjoyed superb cooperation from everyone—from the provisional bishops right down through parish officers—which is doubly gratifying considering how most of them were finding their way just as warily as I was.

This journal includes minutes from both the special meeting of convention in February 2009 and the regular annual convention in November that year. It contains as well as much of the information ordinarily included in diocesan journals as (1) I have been able to identify as required or expected (this is the first journal I have been responsible for) and (2) as my colleagues around the diocese have been able to round up. I am confident that subsequent journals will include more information and present it in ways that make it useful to people who use it for planning or other purposes. I will be grateful for your suggestions for improvement.

I want to name two people in particular and thank them for their help. The Rev'd. John A. Logan, Jr, Secretary of the Diocese of Texas, responded to my plea for guidance and got me started, and I am grateful. To Mrs. Joan McCauley, parish secretary at St. Christopher's Church in Fort Worth, fell the job of helping me assemble the various materials in the plethora of formats they came in and turn it all into something useful. One hesitates to use a cliché—but I quite literally could not have done it without her.

Respectfully submitted,

The Rev. Bruce W. Coggin  
Secretary of Convention  
The Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth

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## Agenda

- I. Call to Order: Presiding Bishop**
  - a. Opening Prayer
  - b. Remarks
  
- II. Episcopal Appointments for Special Meeting of Convention: Presiding Bishop**
  - a. Appointment of acting Secretary of the Convention (Fr. Bruce Coggin)
  - b. Appointment of the Chair of Credentials Committee (Fr. Courtland Moore)
  - c. Appointment of Chair of Dispatch of Business (Walt Cabe)
  - d. Appointment of Parliamentarian (Betty Green)
  - e. Appointment of acting Chancellor (Kathleen Wells)
  - f. Appoint of Chair of Election Committee (Fr. Bill Taylor)
  
- III. Dispatch of Business Committee: Walt Cabe**
  - a. Motion for adoption of agenda
  - b. Welcomes, introductions, greetings from other dioceses
  
- IV. Adoption of Rules of Order and Standing Rules for Convention: Presiding Bishop**
  
- V. Report of the Credentials Committee: Fr. Courtland Moore**
  - a. Motion to grant representation to each parish and mission
  - b. Certify list of canonically resident clergy filed with Secretary prior to Convention
  - c. Motion to give seat to the Rev Messrs John Keene, Jim Horton, and the Rev Ms Maurine Lewis
  - d. Determination of quorum
  
- VI. Election of Provisional Bishop**
  - a. Nomination of the Rt Rev Edwin F. "Ted" Gulick: Fr. Moore
  - b. Comments by Presiding Bishop
  - c. Election
  
- VII. Installation of Provisional Bishop**

*Provisional Bishop assumes chair as presiding officer.*
  
- VIII. Episcopal Appointments for Special Meeting of Convention**
  - a. Chair of Nomination Committee (Margaret Mieuli)
  - b. Chair of Constitution and Canons Committee (George Komechak)
  - c. Chair of Resolutions Committee (Fr. Madison)
  - d. Chair of Finance Committee (Cherie Shipp)
  - e. Treasurer (Platt Allen)
  - f. Tellers (Trinity and All Saints', FW, EYC)
  - g. Committee on Approval of Minutes (Linda Johnson, Janice Shattman, Marsha McClean)
  
- IX. Report of the Resolutions Committee: Resolutions #5, 1, 2, 3, 6, 7: Fr. Madison**
  - a. Motion to suspend deadlines for resolutions
  - b. Inquiry about remaining diocesan officers at convention
  - c. Resolution 5: Declaring Certain Diocesan Offices Vacant and Declaring Valid Procedures to Fill Vacancies in Diocesan Offices
  - d. Resolution 1: Declaring Null and Void Certain Portions of the Diocesan Constitution and Canons and Resolutions
  - e. Resolution 2: Regarding Constitution Article 12 and election of General Convention deputies
  - f. Resolution 3: Regarding Canon 25 and Election of Vestry Members
  - g. Resolution 6: Concerning Delegates to Diocesan Conventions
  - h. Resolution 7: Concerning Deaneries

- X. **Report of the Credentials Committee: Fr. Moore**
  - a. Confirmation of quorum
- XI. **Report of Nominating Committee: Margaret Mieuli**
  - a. Instructions for balloting
  - b. First ballot
- XII. **Remarks and Announcements: Provisional Bishop**
- XIII. **First Report of Elections: Fr. Taylor**
  - a. Subsequent ballots and instructions as needed
- XIV. **Recess for Standing Committee Meeting to Elect President**
- XV. **Second Report of Elections: Fr. Taylor**
- XVI. **Episcopal Nominations: Provisional Bishop**
  - a. Remaining slate of unopposed elections to fill remaining vacant offices
- XVII. **Report of Finance Committee: Cherie Shipp**
  - a. 2009 budget
  - b. Proposed 2009 assessments
  - c. Motion to adopt interim budget
- XVIII. **Report of Resolutions Committee, Resolution 4: Fr. Madison**
  - a. Resolution 4, regarding accountable, transparent, participatory decision making
- XIX. **Courtesy Resolutions: Fr. Taylor**
- XX. **Closing Announcements: Provisional Bishop**
  - a. Date of 2009 annual meeting of diocesan convention
  - b. Deanery meetings following special meeting of convention
  - c. Other meetings upcoming
- XXI. **Dispatch of Business: Walt Cabe**
  - a. Final report
- XXII. **Remarks and Closing Prayer: Provisional Bishop**
- XXIII. **Adjournment: Provisional Bishop**

## Minutes

Before the business meeting, the convention offered the Holy Eucharist at All Saints' Church on which occasion the Presiding Bishop, the Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts-Schori was principal celebrant and preacher.

The Presiding Bishop **called the special meeting to order** at 1:40 P.M. and, after leading prayer, reminded the convention that when in a diocese there is neither sitting bishop nor standing committee, as was the situation that day, the canons of the Episcopal Church require the presiding bishop to consult with members of the diocese to provide episcopal ministry and to elect qualified persons to other required canonical functions.

The Presiding Bishop **appointed** the following acting officers:

- |                                         |                             |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| • Secretary of the Convention           | The Rev. Bruce W. Coggin    |
| • Chair, Credentials Committee          | The Rev. Courtland M. Moore |
| • Chair, Dispatch of Business Committee | Walt Cabe                   |
| • Parliamentarian                       | Betty Green                 |
| • Chancellor                            | Kathleen Wells              |
| • Chair, Elections Committee            | The Rev. Bill Taylor        |

**Walt Cabe**, Chair of Dispatch of Business, presented the agenda (in the hands of all delegates) and **moved** its adoption, the motion seconded by many. **Motion carried** unanimously.

The Rev. J. Frederick Barber, Rector of Trinity Church, welcomed the convention on behalf of the parish vestry.

Mr. Cabe introduced and welcomed the following visitors:

- The Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts-Schori, Presiding Bishop, the Episcopal Church
- The Rt. Rev. Edwin Gulick, Bishop of Kentucky, and Mrs. Gulick
- The Rt. Rev. Larry Benefield, Bishop of Arkansas
- The Rt. Rev. Sam Hulse, Bishop of Northwest Texas, *retd.*, and Mrs. Hulse
- The Rt. Rev. Rayford High, Bishop Suffragan of Texas, and Mrs. High
- The Rt. Rev. Paul Lambert, Bishop Suffragan of Dallas
- Dr. Dean E. Williams, President, Brite Divinity School
- Max Patterson, President, Province VII, the Episcopal Church, and Mrs. Patterson
- The Rev. Canon Rick Cluett, Presiding Bishop's Pastoral Assistant for Reorganizing Dioceses
- The Rev. Bob Allen, Presiding Bishop's Pastoral Liaison for the Steering Committee North Texas Episcopalians
- The Rev. Michael McEwen, Province VII Military Network, and Mrs. McEwen
- The Rev. Tim Carson, Pastor, University Christian Church (Fort Worth)
- The Rev. David Lowe
- Ann Rudig, Director of Communications, the Episcopal Church

Mr. Cabe further thanked the members of the team that has worked with the Presiding Bishop to respond to the situation in the Diocese of Fort Worth: Bishop Gulick, Bishop

Clay Matthews, Canon Cluett, the Rev. Robert Allen, David Beers, Mary Kostel. He also thanked Trinity Church, its rector, wardens, and vestry, for the parish's hospitality during the months leading up to the convention.

The Presiding Bishop noted that the rules of order and other standing rules for the convention were posted on the diocesan website and proposed their adoption without reading. A **motion** to adopt, made and seconded from the floor, **carried unanimously**.

As its chair, Fr. Moore gave the Credentials Committee's first report. Of twenty-three (23) diocesan clergy qualified to vote, nineteen (19) were present. Of the fifty-five (55) congregations in the diocese, thirty-one (31) had either a delegation or a delegate present with a total of sixty-two (62) voting delegates on the floor. Therefore a quorum was present.

Order	Possible	Present	Result
Lay	55 congregations	31 with 62 delegates	QUORUM
Clerical	23 diocesan clergy with vote	19	QUORUM

The Presiding Bishop invited a motion to give voice but not vote to the Rev. John Keene, the Rev. James Horton, and the Rev. Maureen Lewis. The **motion** made and seconded from the floor **carried unanimously**.

The chair recognized Fr. Moore who **nominated** the Rt. Rev. Edwin Gulick, Bishop of Kentucky, to be Provisional Bishop of the Diocese of Fort Worth. Numerous **seconds** came from the floor. The Presiding Bishop asked for further nominations but hearing none asked for a motion to close nominations. The **motion** made and seconded from the floor **carried unanimously**.

The Presiding Bishop spoke of her gratitude to Bishop Gulick and the Diocese of Kentucky for acceding to her request for assistance.

Fr. Taylor explained that the vote on the nomination of Bishop Gulick would be a voice vote by orders. He called for the **clergy vote**, which was **unanimously in favor**. He called for the **lay vote** which was **unanimously in favor** except for **one abstention**. The Presiding Bishop noted that the "all but universal consent" by voice vote far exceeded the canonical requirement of two-thirds consent in both orders and declared the election done and Bishop Gulick elected.

The convention's work then stopped momentarily while the Presiding Bishop installed Bishop Gulick as Provisional Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth.

Bishop Gulick spoke of his gratitude to Bishop Katharine and to the convention and standing committee of the Diocese of Kentucky. He thanked especially Mrs. Gulick for her patience and commitment to this enterprise.

Bishop Gulick assumed the chair of the convention and made the following appointments.



- Chair, Nominating Committee
  - Chair, Canons and Constitution Committee
  - Chair, Resolutions Committee
  - Chair, Finance Committee
  - Tellers
  - Committee to Approve Convention Minutes
- Margaret Mieuli  
George Komechak  
The Rev. David Madison  
Cherie Shipp  
Trinity and All Saints' EYC  
Linda Johnson, Janice  
Schattman, Marsha McClean

Fr. Madison, Chair of Resolutions, **moved** that the convention suspend any and all time deadlines which would prevent the convention considering the committee's report. Upon second, motion **carried unanimously**.

Fr. Madison asked if, other than himself or the Rev. Chris Jambor, any person who claimed to hold some office in the Diocese of Fort Worth were present. Delegate Henning noted that he is a Trustee of the University of the South.

Fr Madison moved the adoption of Resolution #5, *to wit*:

**A RESOLUTION REGARDING VACANCIES IN DIOCESAN OFFICES  
AND PROCEDURES TO FILL VACANCIES**

WHEREAS as a result of the actions taken at the November 15, 2008 Annual Convention of the Diocese, a significant number of diocesan leaders, both lay and clergy, left the Episcopal Church and its Diocese of Fort Worth and claim to have become members of the Anglican Province of the Southern Cone; and

WHEREAS on December 5, 2008 the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church accepted the renunciation by the former bishop, the Rt. Rev. Jack L. Iker, of his ministry in the Episcopal Church; and

WHEREAS the Presiding Bishop declared that the members of the standing committee of the diocese were no longer qualified to serve on the diocesan standing committee as they had left the Episcopal Church; and

WHEREAS other diocesan officers who were elected or appointed to their positions on November 14-15, 2008, or whose terms of office extended past November 15, 2008, also left the Episcopal Church on or about November 15, 2008; and

WHEREAS the Convention is aware only that Fr. Christopher Jambor, elected October 23, 2008 from the West Fort Worth deanery as a clerical member of the executive council, and Fr. David Madison, elected at the annual convention on November 17, 2007 to the ecclesiastical court, still hold diocesan offices and have remained in the Episcopal Church; and

WHEREAS despite extensive notice and publicity before and after November 15, 2008, including work by the Steering Committee North Texas Episcopalians, about how the remaining Episcopalians in the diocese planned to reorganize the diocese, including the convening of this special meeting of Convention to fill vacant diocesan offices; and

WHEREAS despite numerous opportunities after November 15, 2008 for diocesan officials to make known their intention to remain in the Episcopal Church, and further despite the inquiry being made publicly during this special meeting, the members of the Convention have not received word that any diocesan official, other than the two

officers mentioned above, were still members of the Episcopal Church and would continue to serve in diocesan offices after November 15, 2008; and

WHEREAS the procedures provided by the diocesan constitution and canons to fill those positions so vacated by former diocesan leaders are impossible to comply with, because the diocese has no bishop or standing committee, its annual convention cannot be convened until November 2009, and in some instances no remaining members serving on a board, or because the diocese is otherwise burdened by the extraordinary circumstances created by the decisions made at the 26<sup>th</sup> diocesan convention in 2008 and consequent abandonment of the Episcopal Church and its Diocese of Fort Worth by diocesan leaders; and

WHEREAS under these extraordinary circumstances strict application of the provisions of the diocesan constitution and canons regarding filling vacant diocesan offices would paralyze the diocese and work an injustice, contrary to the intention and purpose of the constitution and canons; and

WHEREAS it is in the best interest of the Episcopal Church and its continuing Diocese of Fort Worth for the diocese to declare certain offices vacant and to expeditiously select and install qualified officials to fill the offices vacated by those who have left the Episcopal Church so that the work and mission of the diocese may proceed in the months proceeding its annual convention in November 2009.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that, in addition to those offices previously declared vacant by the Presiding Bishop, the following diocesan offices be and are hereby declared to be vacant:

1. General Convention Deputies
2. General Convention Alternates
3. Secretary
4. Treasurer
5. Chancellor
6. Registrar
7. Historiographer
8. Ecumenical Officer
9. Deans of the Diocese (all except Fr. Christopher Jambor from West Fort Worth Deanery)
10. Christian Education Committee
11. Commission on Ministry
12. Commission on Hispanic Ministry
13. Credentials Committee
14. Commission on Episcopal Schools
15. Youth/Acolyte Ministries
16. Committee on Constitution and Canons
17. Resolutions Committee
18. Board of Trustees of the Endowment for the Episcopacy
19. Trustees on the Board of the Corporation for the Diocese of Fort Worth (all except Provisional Bishop)
20. Episcopal Relief and Development Liaison
21. Province VII Representative
22. Daughters of the King
23. Women's Cabinet
24. Altar Guild

25. United Thank Offering (UTO)
26. Episcopal Church Women (ECW)
27. Ecclesiastical Court (all except Fr. David Madison).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, to the extent it is impossible to comply with the procedures established by the constitution or canons or other applicable authority to fill the vacancies in these offices, the Convention finds that the procedures used to fill those vacancies at this special meeting of the Convention be and are hereby declared to be valid.

Upon **second** from the floor and discussion called for, motion **carried unanimously**.

Fr. Madison explained and moved the adoption of Resolution #1, originating in the Constitution and Canons Committee, *to wit*:

**A Resolution Declaring Null and Void Certain Provisions of Diocesan Constitution and Canons and Resolutions**

WHEREAS some of the former leadership of the Diocese of Fort Worth embarked on a plan to leave the Episcopal Church and purportedly for the diocese to dissolve its affiliation with the Episcopal Church; and

WHEREAS in a series of annual diocesan conventions steps were taken by diocesan leadership to modify the diocesan constitution and canons in furtherance of that plan, and in 2007 and 2008 a majority of the delegates voted in favor of certain changes to the diocesan constitution and canons and passed a resolution, all in an attempt to effect their plan to leave the Episcopal Church; and

WHEREAS certain of those actions are null and void on their face because they are in contravention of the constitution and/or canons of the Episcopal Church and/or applicable law and thus are unenforceable, including but not limited to the attempted unilateral disassociation of the diocese itself from the Episcopal Church, a continuing claim of former diocesan leadership to church property in the diocese, and an attempted affiliation of the diocese with the Anglican Province of the Southern Cone; and

WHEREAS at this special meeting of Convention the need exists to immediately declare those actions to be unenforceable until such time as those governing documents can be formally amended to bring them into conformity with the constitution and canons of the Episcopal Church, as provided in the diocesan constitution and canons, beginning at the next annual diocesan convention in 2009.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the following provisions of the diocesan constitution, canons, and resolutions approved at the previous annual diocesan conventions be and are declared to be null and void and unenforceable:

Reference	Unenforceable Provision	Reason
Constitution: Preamble (revised 2008)	Deletion of the phrase: "The Episcopal Church, resident in that portion of the State of Texas constituting what is known as . . ."	The diocese needs geographic boundaries to determine jurisdiction, in conformity with historic understanding of the episcopacy. The provision also needs a reference of lay and clergy as being members of the Episcopal Church.
Constitution Article I-- Anglican Identity (revised 2008)	Entire Article	The Article deletes all reference to the diocese as a constituent diocese in the Episcopal Church and the authority of its General Convention.
Constitution Article I— Authority of General Convention (revised 1997)	Inclusion of the phrase: "provided that no action of General Convention which is contrary to Holy Scripture and the Apostolic Teaching of the Church shall be of any force or effect in this Diocese."	Episcopal Church Constitution Article V.1 requires the diocese to maintain an unqualified accession to the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church. See July 25, 2007 Resolution of the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church
Constitution Article 18— Canons (revised 2008)	Deletion of the phrase: "and the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church" in the first sentence.	Episcopal Church Constitution Article V.1 requires the diocese to maintain an unqualified accession to the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church. . See July 25, 2007 Resolution of the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church
Canon 4 – Secretary of the Diocese (revised 2008)	Sec 4.2.(d) Deletion of entire subsection requiring that copies of The Journal of Diocesan Convention be sent to House of Deputies and Archives of the Church	Episcopal Church Canon I.6.5.a requires "the Secretary of the Convention of every jurisdiction to forward to the Secretary of the House of Deputies, immediately upon publication, two copies of the Journals of the Convention of the jurisdiction, together with episcopal charges, statements, and such other papers as may show the state of the Church in that

	4.2.(e) Deletion of entire subsection requiring Certificate of election of Clerical and Lay Deputies be sent to General Convention	jurisdiction, and one copy to the Archives of the Church.”  Episcopal Church Canon I.1.1 requires names to be presented of those entitled to seats at convention
Canon 9—Standing Committee (revised 2008)	Sec 9.4 Deletion of the phrase: “as provided in the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention, . . . ” in section 9.4	Episcopal Church Constitution Article IV sets out the duties of the standing committee including that the standing committee is the council of advice to the bishop and the ecclesiastical authority in the absence of a bishop, and specifically provides that the duties must be in conformity with the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church.
Canon 13—Commission on Ministry (revised 2008)	Sec. 13.2. Deletion of the phrase “of this Church” in section 13.2	Commission must operate in conformity with the Constitution and Canons Title III regarding ministry.
Canon 18 – Title to Property (revised 1989)	Sec. 18.4. Inclusion of the phrases: ”No adverse claim to such beneficial interest by the Corporation, by the Diocese, or by the Episcopal Church of (sic) the United States of America is acknowledged, but rather is expressly denied.”  And  “No adverse claim to such beneficial interest by The Episcopal Church of (sic) the United States of America is acknowledged, but rather is expressly denied.”	Episcopal Church Canon I.7.4 – “All real and personal property held by or for the benefit of any Parish, Mission or Congregation is held in trust for this Church and the Diocese thereof in which such Parish, Mission or Congregation is located. The existence of this trust, however shall in no way limit the power and authority of the Parish, Mission or Congregation otherwise existing over such property so long as the particular Parish, Mission or Congregation remains a part of, and subject to, this Church and its Constitution and Canons.”
Canon 21—Missions (revised 2008)	Sec. 21.2. Deletion of the phrase, “Episcopal Church” in the first sentence of the oath.  Deletion of the phrase “ . . . of the General Convention and . . . ” in the	Accession to the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church is omitted.

	fourth sentence of the oath	
Canon 22 – Formation of New Parishes (revised 2008)	Sec. 22.2. Deletion of the phrases, “. . . Episcopal Church in the United States of America . . .” and “. . .of the General Convention and. . .” in the oath	Accession to the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church is omitted.
Canon 27 – Annual Parochial Reports (revised 2008)	Section 27.1. Deletion of the phrase “upon the form provided by The Executive Council of The Episcopal Church in the United States of America” and substituted “upon the form provided by the Diocese of Fort Worth”  Section 27.2. Deletion of the entire subsection “The Bishop or the Secretary of the diocese shall send copies of the reports to The Executive Council of The Episcopal Church not later than March 1”  Renumbering Section 27.3 to 27.2	Episcopal Church Canon I.6.1 states in part that “A report of every Parish and other Congregation of this Church shall be prepared annually for the year ending December 31 preceding, in the form authorized by the Executive Council and approved by the Committee on the State of the Church, and shall be filed not later than March 1 with the Bishop of the Diocese, or, where there is no Bishop, with the ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese. The Bishop or the ecclesiastical authority, as the case may be, shall keep a copy and submit the report to the Executive Council not later than May 1.”
Canon 31- Corporations (revised 2008)	Sec. 31.1(b). Deletion of the phrase “the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church in the United States of America and . . .”	Episcopal Church Constitution Article V.1 requires the diocese to maintain an unqualified accession to the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church
Canon 36 – Clergy Retirement Fund (revised 2008))	Substituted language which required another pension fund instead of the Church Pension Fund for retired clergy	Episcopal Church Canon I.8.1 established The Church Pension Fund as the means by which clergy deposit funds and receive benefits.
Canon 38 – Ecclesiastical Discipline (revised 2008)	Language in 38.XI.5.a. presumes a province outside the jurisdiction of the Episcopal Church.	Episcopal Church Canon IV.4.30 – “In each of the Provinces there shall be a Court of Review of the Trial of a Priest or Deacon, which shall be composed of a Bishop of the Province, three Priests canonically resident in Dioceses within the Province, and three Lay Persons who are adult communicants of this Church

		in good standing, having domicile in the Province; at least two of the Lay Persons shall be learned in the law.”
Canon 39 – Trial of a Priest or Deacon (revised 2008)	Repealed in its entirety, purportedly subsumed in amended Canon 38	See Canon 38
Canon 41 – Renunciation of the Ministry (revised 2008)	Repealed in its entirety, purportedly subsumed in amended Canon 38	See Canon 38
Canon 42 – Of Clergy and Their Duties (revised 2008)	Deleted the phrase, "...having subscribed to the Declaration required by Article VIII of the Constitution of the Episcopal Church.”	Needs to conform to The Episcopal Church Article VIII.
Canon 44—Of the Ordination of Deacons and Priests (new canon 2008)	Entire canon is unenforceable to the extent it and/or the documents referenced therein are inconsistent with the requirements of Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church	Episcopal Church Canons Title III, and particularly Canons III.5, .6, .8, and .11 govern ordinations.
Geographical Description of the Diocese and Recording Data	–Deletion of the entire Description	The Diocese needs geographic boundaries to determine jurisdiction, in conformity with historic understanding of the episcopacy and to define the status of our diocesan bishop “with jurisdiction.”
Resolution (Diocese to affiliate with the Anglican Province of the Southern Cone) (2008)	Entire resolution is unenforceable	The diocese cannot unilaterally leave the Episcopal Church. Such an action violates the recommendations of the Windsor Report and longstanding understanding of exclusive geographic boundaries of dioceses and provinces to determine jurisdiction, in conformity with historic understanding of the episcopacy. The Episcopal Church is the Anglican Province within which the Diocese of Fort Worth is geographically located. Such a move violates the Constitution of the Anglican Province of the Southern Cone.

Upon **second** from the floor and discussion called for, motion **carried unanimously**.

After Fr. McClain addressed the convention, the motion **carried unanimously**.

Walt Cabe, St. Alban's, Arlington, asked Diane Snow, St. Stephen's, Hurst, to make a special presentation. She in turn presented to the Presiding Bishop a card with "a representative sampling" of signatures and expressions of gratitude, original works of art by Fort Worth artist Shawn Reese, and a poem by Deborah Hudson, who read the work.

Fr. Taylor presented the first report of the election committee. For Trustees of the Corporation of the Diocese, the following were elected and immediately appointed by Bishop Gulick:

- Robert M. Bass
- The Rev. James Hazel
- Cherie Shipp
- The Rev. John Stanley
- Trace Worrell

The following persons were also elected to the offices indicated:

- Standing Committee, lay order
  - Anne T. Bass
  - Walt Cabe
- Standing Committee, clerical order
  - The Rev. Fred Barber
  - The Rev. Chris Jambor
  - The Rev. David Madison
- Deputies to General Convention 2009, lay order
  - Margaret Mieuli
  - Katie Sherrod
- Deputies to General Convention 2009, clerical order
  - The Rev. Fred Barber
  - The Rev. Chris Jambor
  - The Rev. Courtland Moore

In the election for standing committee, lay order, George Komechak withdrew. In the election for Deputy to General Convention 2009, the Rev. Sharla Marks withdrew.

After delegates marked ballots, Bishop Gulick called for courtesy resolutions.

Fr. Taylor presented and moved the adoption of a number of courtesy resolutions addressed to:

- Fr. Moore
- Walt Cabe
- Bishop Hulsey
- The Presiding Bishop
- Bishop Gulick and the Diocese of Kentucky
- Episcopalians across the church who have prayed for our diocese
- Trinity Church, FW



- All Saints Church, FW
- St. Christopher Church, FW
- Various diocesan groups that supported the effort to reorganize
- The convention planning committee

All courtesy resolutions were **moved** by Fr. Taylor, **seconded** from the floor, and **passed unanimously**.

(The text of all courtesy resolutions is in the Appendix.)

Fr. Stanford rose to thank Mrs. Gulick for “lending” her husband to the Diocese of Fort Worth. The bishop asked his wife to stand in response to enthusiastic applause.

Fr. Pool suggested sending greetings in writing to the former bishops of the diocese, which action Bishop Gulick assured would be undertaken.

Fr. Taylor presented the second report of the elections committee. The following persons were elected to the office indicated.

- Deputy to General Convention, lay order: Kathleen Wells
- Trustee of the University of the South, lay order: Sherri Glaser

In the election for Standing Committee, lay order, Prescott and Sherrod withdrew. In the election for Deputy to General Convention 2009, lay order, Fagley, Guinn, and Walker withdrew. In the election for Deputy to General Convention 2009, Coggin, Reeves, Reynolds, and Slaughter withdrew.

There being only a single candidate left for Standing Committee, lay order, Fr. Barber **moved** the election of Margaret Mieuli by acclamation. After **second from the floor** and clarification by the chancellor and parliamentarian, Bishop Gulick asked for the vote. Margaret Mieuli was **elected unanimously**.

After delegates marked ballots, Fr. Moore read a letter to the convention from Bonnie Anderson, President of the House of Deputies of the General Convention of the Episcopal Church, in which she assured the diocese of her prayers and support and welcomed the diocesan deputation to General Convention 2009.

After consultation with the chancellor and others, Bishop Gulick directed the elections committee to study the voting history in the elections for both lay and clerical deputies to General Convention 2009 and nominate an alternate or alternates in both orders, after which he would ask for a voice vote by orders to approve those nominations. To this direction the convention acceded.

Bishop Gulick announced that the annual diocesan convention will meet November 13 and 14, the location not yet settled.

Bishop Gulick recessed the convention for five minutes.

Upon resumption of business, Fr. Taylor presented the third report of the elections committee. The following person was elected to the office indicated.

- Deputy to General Convention 2009, clerical order: The Rev. David Madison

In the election for Deputy to General Convention 2009, lay order, Killingsworth, Minor, and Prescott withdrew.

Fr. Moore pointed out that since only fifty-two (52) lay ballots were cast, Susan Reeves was in fact **elected**, thus completing the election of lay deputies to General Convention 2009. Therefore:

- Deputy to General Convention 2009, lay order: Susan Reeves

Fr. Madison **moved** that Victoria Prescott be elected alternate lay deputy to General Convention 2009. Upon second from the floor, Bishop Gulick called for a voice vote by orders, both of which **approved unanimously**. Therefore:

- Alternate Deputy to General Convention 2009, lay order: Victoria Prescott

Fr. Madison **moved** that Fr. Coggin and Deacon Nocher be elected alternate clerical deputy to General Convention 2009. Upon second from the floor, Bishop Gulick called for a voice vote by orders, both of which **approved unanimously**. Therefore:

- Alternate Deputy to General Convention 2009, clerical order: The Rev. Bruce W. Coggin, The Rev. Janet Nocher

All elections completed, Bishop Gulick adjourned the convention *sine die* at 5:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
The Rev. Bruce W. Coggin, Secretary  
Convention of the Diocese of Fort Worth

## APPENDIX

### I.

#### Summary of Actions

##### Presiding Bishop's Appointments (*ad interim*)

Office	Appointed
Secretary of Convention	Coggin
Chair, Credentials	Moore
Chair, Dispatch of Business	Cabe
Parliamentarian	Green
Chancellor	Wells
Chair, Elections	Taylor

##### Bishop's Nominations, Table 1

Office	Appointed
Trustee, Corporation of the Diocese	Bass Hazel Shipp Stanley Worrell
Secretary of Convention	Coggin
Treasurer	Allen
Chancellor	Wells
Registrar	Johnson
Historiographer	Leedy
Ecumenical Officer	Barber
Deans	Jambor, Fort Worth West Meeks, Fort Worth East Reynolds, Eastern Payne, Northern McClain, Southern
Committee Chairs	Mieuli, Nominations Komechak, Constution and Canons Madison, Resolutions Shipp, Finance Tellers, EYC Trinity and All Saints
Committee to approve minutes of special meeting	Johnson, McClean, Schattman

##### Bishop's Appointments, Table 2

Commission, Committee, Agency, etc.	Appointed
Christian Education Committee	Laura Adcock, All Saints, FW Zonnie Back, Good Shepherd, Granbury David Brockman, St. Luke, FW

	<p>L.C. Crowley, St. Martin, Keller  Jane Dennis, St. Luke, Stephenville  Marti Fagley, Parker County  Cynthia Hill, All Saints, FW  Fr. David Madison, All Saints School  Dcn. Sharla Marks, St. Alban, Arlington  John Morgan, All Saints, FW  Lisa Nelms, All Saints, FW  Constance Person, St. Simon, FW  Victoria Prescott, Parker County  Priscilla Promise, St. Alban, Arlington  David Raymer, St. Martin, Keller  Roberta Skelton, St. Mary, Hillsboro  Diane Snow, St. Stephen, Hurst  Catherine Wehlburg, Trinity, FW  Emily Williams, All Saints, FW</p>
Commission on Ministry	<p>Fr. Fred Barber, Trinity, FW  David Brockman, St. Luke, FW  Fr. Bruce Coggin, ret'd  Ed Ferree, All Saints, FW  Cynthia Hill, All Saints, FW  Dcn. Sharla Marks, St. Alban, Arlington  Fr. Sam McClain, St. Luke, Stephenville  Marsha McClean, St. Luke, FW  Janet Nocher, Trinity, FW  Peggy Pate, St. Alban, Arlington  Fr. John Payne, St. Stephen, Wichita Falls  Victoria Prescott, Parker County  Melinda Ray, Good Shepherd, Granbury  Dcn. Susan Slaughter, St. Luke, FW  Joel Walker, St. Martin, Keller</p>
Commission on Hispanic Ministry	<p>Ed Adcock, All Saints, FW  Fr. Bruce Coggin, ret'd.  David Guinn, Good Shepherd, Granbury  Richard Henderson, Parker County  Emma Zell, St. Martin, Keller  Fr. Christopher Jambor, All Saints, FW  Fr. Gayland Pool, ret'd.</p>
Credentials Committee	<p>Fr. Courtland Moore, ret'd. Chair  Laura Adcock, All Saints, FW  Lanette Carpenter, St. Stephen, Hurst  Malcolm Cross, St. Luke, Stephenville  Linda Johnson, St. Anne, FW  Gloria Long, Christ the King, FW  Fr David Madison, All Saints School</p>
Commission on Episcopal Schools	<p>Lynne Allen, Trinity, FW  Tad Bird, All Saints' School  Fr. Mel Bridge, All Saints School.  Fr. David Madison, All Saints School  Jeanie Pitre, All Saints School  Karen Shepherd, Trinity, FW  Fr. Bill Stanford, St. Christopher, FW  Catherine Stehlik, St. Martin's, Keller  Lee Ann Wyss, St. Christopher, FW</p>
Youth/Acolyte Ministries	<p>Platt Allen, Trinity, FW  J.C. Baker, Trinity, FW</p>

	Fr. Mel Bridge, All Saints School Stephanie Burke, All Saints, FW Harry Butcher, All Saints, FW Pam Hardaway, St. Alban, Arlington Gil Kleinwechter, St. Martin, Keller Susan Kleinwechter, St. Martin, Keller Fr. Jim Reynolds, St. Margin, Keller
Constitution and Canons Committee	George Komechak, Trinity, FW, Chair Etta Atkinson, St. Simon, FW Susan Hekman, St. Alban, Arlington Connie Lefler, All Saints, FW Fr. David Madison, All Saints School Jane McClain, St. Luke, Stephenville Bill McKay, Good Shepherd, Granbury Fr. Bill Stanford, St. Christopher, FW Fr. John Stanley, ret'd. Fr. Bill Taylor, Trinity, FW Ann Tucker, St. Martin, Keller Kathleen Wells, Trinity, FW
Resolutions Committee	Fr. David Madison, All Saints School, Chair Laura Adcock, All Saints, FW Joe Christopher, St. Luke, Stephenville Sandra Liser, Trinity, FW Jane McClain, St. Luke, Stephenville Fr. Bill Taylor, Trinity, FW
Trustees, Endowment of the Episcopate	Anne Bass, All Saints, FW Tad Bird, All Saints School Fr. James Hazel, ret'd. Robert Hicks, St. Christopher, FW Floyd McKneely, St. Stephen, Hurst Shannon Shipp, Trinity David Skelton, St. Mary, Hillsboro Whit Smith, All Saints, FW
Trustees, Corporation of the Diocese	Robert Bass, All Saints, FW Fr. James Hazel, ret'd. Cherie Shipp, Trinity, FW Fr. John Stanley, ret'd. Trace Worrell, All Saints, FW
Episcopal Relief and Development	Dcn. Janet Nocher, Trinity, FW
Representative to Province VII	Lynne Minor, All Saints, FW
Daughters of the King	Donna Clopton, Christ the King, FW Marti Fagley, Parker County Dorothy Hood, St. Stephen, Hurst Betty Torrence, St. Stephen, Hurst
Women's Cabinet	Frances, Cox, Trinity, FW Lynne Stanley, Trinity, FW Jean Wilson, Trinity, FW
Diocesan Altar Guild	Dolly Bush, Trinity, FW Marian Cole, St. Luke, Stephenville Laurie Cruse, All Saints, Wichita Falls Marti Fagley, Parker County Diane Jackson Carla Kerr, Parker County Susan Lowder, St. Stephen, Hurst Marion McAlister, Trinity, FW

	Linder Seeber, St. Martin, Keller
UTO	Suzanne Russell, All Saints, Wichita Falls
Episcopal Church Women	Betty Jo Everett, St. Alban, Arlington Marti Fagley, Parker County Sherry Hunt, Trinity, FW Meredith Killingsworth, St. Alban, Arlington

Elections

Office	Elected
Standing Committee, lay member	Bass Cabe Mieuli
Standing Committee, clerical member	Barber Jambor Madison
GC Deputy, lay order	Sherrod Mieuli Reeves Wells
GC Deputy, clerical order	Barber Jambor Madison Moore
GC Alternate Deputy, lay order	Prescott
GD Alternate Deputy, clerical order	Coggin Nocher
Trustee, University of the South	Gotcher Glaser

Election Tallies: **Boldface** indicates election.

Trustee, Corporation of the Diocese  
Ballot

	1		2		3	
	Clergy	Lay	Clergy	Lay	Clergy	Lay
Voting	18	62	18	62	18	52
Needed to elect	10	32	10	32	10	27
<b>R. Bass</b>	17	<b>58</b>				
<b>J. Hazel</b>	17	48				
R. Hicks	03	14				
P Jefferson	06	25				
D. Kent	04	16				
J. Nanna	06	13				
<b>C. Shipp</b>	<b>10</b>	43				
J. Stanley	12	39				
K. Wells	01	00				
<b>T. Worrell</b>	<b>10</b>	37				

## Agenda

### Friday, November 13, 2009

5:30 – 7:00 P.M. Delegate registration  
6:00 P.M. Reception for Provisional Bishop Candidate, The Rt. Rev. C. Wallis Ohl  
7:00 P.M. First Business Session

1. Call to Order: Bishop Gulick
2. Report of Credentials Committee: The Rev. Courtland Moore, Credentials Committee
3. Proposed Changes to Mission Status, Canon 34; Referral to Committee: Bishop Gulick
4. Public Hearings on:
  - A. Constitution and Canons: George Komechak, C&C Cmte
  - B. Resolutions: Fr. David Madison, Resolutions Committee
  - C. Budget: Platt Allen, Finance Committee, Executive Council
5. Recess to Saturday Session: Bishop Gulick

### Saturday, November 14, 2009

All Saints' Chapel and Moncrief Lower School  
All Saints' Episcopal School  
9700 Saints Circle, Fort Worth, Texas 76108

8:30 – 11:00 Registration  
9:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist (All Saints' Chapel)  
11:00 A.M. Second Business Session (Moncrief Lower School)  
12:30 P.M. Lunch  
1:30 P.M. Third Business Session  
3:30 P.M. Adjournment *Sine Die*

1. Call to Order and Introductions
  - A. Call to Order: Bishop Gulick
  - B. Prayer: Bishop Gulick
  - C. Introductory Remarks
    - Welcome by Host Deanery: The Very Rev. Jim Reynolds, Dean, Eastern Deanery
    - Welcome by Host Parish: St. Martin-in-the Fields, Keller
    - Welcome to Guests and Visitors: Walt Cabe, Dispatch of Business
  - D. Introduction of New Clergy: Bishop Gulick
  - E. Introduction of Officers for the Convention: Bishop Gulick
  - F. Adoption of Agenda: Walt Cabe, Dispatch of Business
  - G. Adoption of Rules of Order and Standing Rules of Convention: Fr. David Madison, Convention Committee
2. First Report of Credentials Committee: Fr. Courtland Moore, Chair (succeeding reports as needed)
  - A. Assessment status: Finance Committee, Chair
  - B. List of Clergy Canonically Resident
  - C. Seat Non-Resident Clergy
  - D. Seat Youth Representatives
  - E. Determination of Quorum
3. Bishop's Annual Address to the Convention: The Rt. Rev. Edwin F. Gulick, Jr.
4. The Bishop's Appointments: Bishop Gulick
5. Elections: Bishop Gulick
  - A. Elections from Bishop's Nominations:
  - B. Elections from Nominating Committee Nominations:
6. Report of Resolutions Committee, including Change to Mission Status, Canon 34: David Madison

7. Report of the Finance Committee: Platt Allen, Treasurer
  - A. Budget 2010
  - B. Assessments Schedule
8. Report of the Constitution and Canons Committee: George Komechak
9. Other Reports: Bishop Gulick
10. Release of Bishop Gulick, Election and Induction of The Rt. Rev. C. Wallis Ohl as Provisional Bishop: Bishop Gulick
11. Courtesy Resolutions: Fr. Bill Taylor
12. Closing: Bishop Ohl
  - A. Special Presentations: Fr. Fred Barber
  - B. Closing Announcements: Bishop Ohl
  - C. Dispatch of Business: Walt Cabe
  - D. Remarks and Closing Prayer: Bishop Ohl
13. Adjournment: Bishop Ohl

Next Annual Convention: *To Be Determined*



## MINUTES

### Actions of Friday, November 13, 2009

Bishop Gulick called the convention to order at 7:00 P.M. on Friday, November 13, at St. Christopher's Church and led the house in prayer.

Bishop Gulick thanked St. Christopher's for its hospitality on this and many other occasions during his service as provisional bishop; and he thanked the women of St. Alban, Arlington, for catering the reception for provisional bishop designate Ohl immediately before the convention opened.

The chair recognized the Rev. Courtland Moore, chair of the Credentials Committee, who reported that a quorum was present.

#### Credentials Committee: First Report

Credentialed clergy in diocese	Credentialed clergy present	Needed for quorum
<b>30</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>10</b>
Congregations in diocese	Congregations represented	Needed for quorum
<b>55</b>	47 delegates representing <b>26</b>	<b>19</b>

Bishop Gulick read a letter to the convention about the need to change certain unrepresented and unreorganized parishes to mission status to facilitate canonically consistent reorganization and asked the convention to refer his recommendation to the Standing Committee under the provisions of diocesan Canon 34.

#### “TO THE CLERGY AND DELEGATES OF THE DIOCESAN CONVENTION:

“You are all aware that, after the actions of former diocesan leaders on November 15, 2008, exigencies in governance still exist in certain congregations in the Diocese where the parish property remains under the adverse control of those who claim to have left The Episcopal Church. Under this adverse control these parishes have temporarily ceased to function as Episcopal parishes, and they are presently served by clergy under discipline which is in direct violation of the discipline of the Episcopal Church. The loyal Episcopalians remaining in these parishes have not yet been able to reorganize to elect a qualified vestry and to obtain clergy in good standing in The Episcopal Church in order to adequately protect the parish property and to continue the worship and mission of the parishes as part of The Episcopal Church.

“It is my opinion that changing these continuing parishes to mission status would enable the Bishop and the Diocese to assist more directly in their reorganization. Diocesan Canon 34 provides the procedure for the Annual Convention to change parishes to mission status for circumstances other than non-payment of assessment under Canon 16, as follows:

**CANON 34**

**CHANGES OF PARISHES OR MISSIONS**

Sec. 34.1 In circumstances other than non-payment of assessment and the consequences thereof described in Canon 16, whenever it shall appear to the Bishop that the conditions render it advisable to dissolve a Parish or Mission or to change a Parish to a Mission status, he shall submit the matter in writing to the next Annual Convention. The matter shall then be referred to the appropriate Committee on the first day of the Convention where it shall lay over until the following day. The Committee shall then report its recommendation in writing to the Convention. In order to declare the Parish or Mission dissolved or changed, a two-thirds (2/3) vote by orders shall be required.

“As a result I have determined that, pursuant to Diocesan Canon 34, conditions render it advisable to change the following parishes of the Diocese to mission status:

City	Mission Status
Arlington	St. Mark
Arlington	St. Peter and Paul
Bedford	St. Vincent
Breckenridge	St. Andrew
Brownwood	Good Shepherd
Brownwood	St. John
Cleburne	Holy Comforter
Fort Worth	St. Andrew
Fort Worth	St. John
Fort Worth	St. Michael
Gainesville	St. Paul
Grand Prairie	St. Andrew
Grapevine	St. Laurence
Mansfield	St. Gregory
Mineral Wells	St. Luke

“Please note that this proposed change is not intended to be punitive or disparaging to any congregation in any way. Instead it is a pastoral attempt to recognize the unique reorganization struggles evident for each of these continuing Episcopal congregations and to enable the Diocese to provide more direct assistance to each congregation as needed for its governance, mission, and protection of real and personal property.

“This proposed action also would not establish a new congregation or dissolve any congregation. Instead it would merely change to mission status these continuing congregations that have in most cases been Episcopal parishes since long before 1983. I would anticipate that after a congregation has formally reorganized and again meets the requirements of a self-sustaining parish in The Episcopal Church, the Convention would eagerly reconsider changing the congregation’s status back to parish status.

“Thus, pursuant to the requirements of Diocesan Canon 34, I am by this letter submitting the matter in writing to be considered by the Convention at its annual meeting

on November 13-14, 2009. I ask that this matter be referred to the appropriate committee on November 13, 2009, being the first day of the Convention, where it should lay over until the following day, and on November 14, 2009, for the committee to report its recommendation in writing to the Convention. It is my recommendation and hope that the Convention will declare that these parishes be changed from parish status to mission status.”

Smith (All Saints', FW) **moved**, Fr. Gotcher **seconded**, that the convention refer the bishop's recommendation to the Standing Committee for appropriate action. **Carried**.

Bishop Gulick asked Constitution and Canons Committee chair George Komechak to review the committee's ongoing work to redress anomalies in the diocesan canons and bring them into compliance with national canons. After a thorough review, Komechak noted that two urgent matters remain unresolved.

- The question whether deacons may vote in convention or not, a matter under study by the Commission on Ministry. Komechak asked the convention's indulgence to postpone action until the 28<sup>th</sup> annual convention in 2010.
- Canon 43, the marriage canon. The diocese has never engaged in the listening process urged by General Convention. Rather than offer a rewritten canon now, the committee asks that the diocesan leadership implement *The Listening Process* suggested by Lambeth 1978/1988/2008, the Windsor Report in 2004, agreed to by several subsequent General Conventions, and posted on the Anglican Communion website.

The Rev. David Madison, chair of the Resolutions Committee, reviewed the resolutions coming before the convention the next day. He noted that three resolutions arising from the work of the Resolution 4 Committee (Special Convention Feb '09) could not be submitted by the deadline (twenty days before the date of convention) and asked the convention to suspend the pertinent rule to allow those resolutions to come before the convention the next day.

Fr. Stanford **moved**, Weidler (Trinity, FW) **seconded**, that the convention suspend Canon 2, Sec. 2.4 to permit the aforementioned resolutions to come to the convention floor the next day. Upon approval by a two-thirds majority, **carried**.

In the absence of the diocesan treasurer, Bishop Gulick asked Cherie Shipp (Trinity, FW, treasurer of the Corporation of the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth) to discuss the proposed diocesan budget.

Shipp reported that, due to numerous anomalies in the ways disrupted congregations have had to operate since the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention, the budget is not yet sufficiently reliable for final approval. Fr. McClain reminded the convention of the February '09 Special Convention's urgency about meeting the diocese's obligations to the church-wide budget. Hicks (St. Christopher, FW) asked and got reassurance that the Executive Council has authority to amend the diocesan budget.

Fr. Taylor explained the election procedure, after which the tellers distributed ballots and the Convention voted.

The chair recognized Fr. Madison, chair of the Resolutions Committee.

Fr. Madison presented Resolution 1.

**A RESOLUTION RATIFYING ACTION ADOPTING RESOLUTION 1 AT  
SPECIAL CONVENTION AND DECLARING NULL AND VOID CERTAIN  
PROVISIONS OF DIOCESAN CONSTITUTION AND CANONS AND  
RESOLUTIONS**

WHEREAS some of the former leadership of the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth embarked on a plan to leave the Episcopal Church and purportedly for the diocese to dissolve its affiliation with the Episcopal Church; and

WHEREAS in a series of annual diocesan conventions steps were taken by diocesan leadership to modify the diocesan constitution and canons in furtherance of that plan, and in 2007 and 2008 a majority of the delegates voted in favor of certain changes to the diocesan constitution and canons and passed a resolution, all in an attempt to effect their plan to leave the Episcopal Church; and

WHEREAS certain of those actions are null and void on their face because they are in contravention of the constitution and/or canons of the Episcopal Church and/or applicable law and thus are unenforceable, including but not limited to the attempted unilateral disassociation of the diocese itself from the Episcopal Church, a continuing claim of former diocesan leadership to church property in the diocese, and an attempted affiliation of the diocese with the Anglican Province of the Southern Cone; and

WHEREAS at the special meeting of the Convention on February 7, 2009 the Convention adopted Resolution 1 and acknowledged that the need existed to immediately declare those actions to be unenforceable until such time as those governing documents can be formally amended to bring them into conformity with the constitution and canons of the Episcopal Church, as provided in the diocesan constitution and canons, beginning at the next annual diocesan convention in 2009; and

WHEREAS at this annual meeting of the Convention, which is the first annual meeting following the illegal actions taken at the November 15, 2008 annual meeting of the Convention and following the special meeting of the Convention on February 7, 2009, the Convention will be able to amend the canons under diocesan constitution [Article 18] to delete the illegal provisions of the canons to be effective upon adjournment of this meeting but will only be able to cast the first of two votes required under the diocesan constitution [Article 19] to amend the provisions of the constitution to delete the illegal provisions to be effective at the adjournment of the Convention's annual meeting in 2010; and

WHEREAS the Convention desires to reaffirm and ratify its action taken at the special meeting of Convention on February 7, 2009 in its adoption of Resolution 1 to declare certain provisions of the constitution, canons, and resolutions purportedly adopted as of November 15, 2008 to be null and void and unenforceable from their inception; and

WHEREAS the Convention further desires to declare that the illegal provisions of the constitution that cannot be formally amended until the annual meeting of the Convention in 2010 be declared null and void and unenforceable until they are formally amended;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Convention reaffirms and ratifies its action taken at the special meeting of Convention on February 7, 2009 in its adoption of Resolution 1 to declare the following certain provisions of the constitution, canons, and resolutions to be null and void and unenforceable from their inception; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Convention further declares that during the time between this annual meeting of Convention in 2009 and the annual meeting of Convention in 2010, the following illegal provisions of the constitution that cannot be formally amended until the annual meeting of the Convention in 2010 be and are hereby declared null and void and unenforceable until they are formally amended.

Reference	Unenforceable Provision	Reason
Constitution: Preamble (revised 2008)	Deletion of the phrase: "The Episcopal Church, resident in that portion of the State of Texas constituting what is known as . . ."	The diocese needs geographic boundaries to determine jurisdiction, in conformity with historic understanding of the episcopacy. The provision also needs a reference to laity and clergy as being members of the Episcopal Church.
Constitution Article I— Anglican Identity (revised 2008)	Entire article	The article deletes all reference to the diocese as a constituent diocese in the Episcopal Church and the authority of its General Convention.
Constitution Article I—Authority of General Convention (revised 1997)	Inclusion of the phrase: ". . ., provided that no action of General Convention which is contrary to Holy Scripture and the Apostolic Teaching of the Church shall be of any force or effect in this Diocese."	Episcopal Church Constitution Article V.1 requires the diocese to maintain an unqualified accession to the constitution and canons of the Episcopal Church. See July 25, 2007 Resolution of the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church.
Constitution Article 18—	Deletion of the phrase: ". . ."	Episcopal Church

Canons (revised 2008)	and the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church,” in the first sentence.	Constitution Article V.1 requires the diocese to maintain an unqualified accession to the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church. See July 25, 2007 Resolution of the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church.
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Fr. Madison **moved**, Fr. Pool **seconded**, adoption of Resolution 1. **Carried unanimously.**

Fr. Madison presented Resolution 2.

**A RESOLUTION RATIFYING ACTIONS OF FEBRUARY 7, 2009 SPECIAL MEETING OF CONVENTION RETROACTIVELY**

WHEREAS as a result of the actions taken at the November 15, 2008 annual convention of the diocese, a significant number of diocesan leaders, both lay and clergy, left the Episcopal Church and its Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth and claim to have become members of the Anglican Province of the Southern Cone; and

WHEREAS on December 5, 2008 the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church accepted the renunciation by the former bishop, the Rt. Rev. Jack L. Iker, of his ministry in the Episcopal Church; and

WHEREAS on December 15, 2008 the Presiding Bishop declared that the members of the standing committee of the diocese were no longer qualified to serve on the diocesan standing committee as they had left the Episcopal Church; and

WHEREAS because of the actions of former diocesan leaders the diocese was without a bishop, a standing committee, or other critical diocesan officials to continue the work of the diocese and the mission of the Episcopal Church; and

WHEREAS the Presiding Bishop called a special meeting of the Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth for February 7, 2009 to elect a provisional bishop and fill other vacancies in diocesan offices and take other actions necessary to reorganize the diocese; and

WHEREAS this annual meeting the Convention desires to ratify and confirm the calling of that special meeting, seating of delegates from the various congregations, and its actions taken at that special meeting, including but not limited to each of the resolutions adopted by the Convention and each election and appointment to fill vacant diocesan offices; and

WHEREAS despite extensive notice and publicity before and after the February 7, 2009 special meeting of convention regarding the reorganization of the diocese, including the filling of vacant diocesan offices and the continued mission of the Episcopal Church through its reorganized Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth under the leadership of Bishop Edwin F. Gulick, Jr.; and further despite numerous opportunities after February 7, 2009, none of the former diocesan officials, whose positions were declared to be vacant and which positions were filled on or after February 7, 2009, have

made known to Bishop Edwin F. Gulick, Jr. or any other diocesan or church officials that the official was qualified to exercise and desired to exercise the duties of that office in the continuing, reorganized diocese because the official had not left the Episcopal Church and still was a member of the clergy or a lay member in good standing in the Episcopal Church and would conform to his or her ordination vows and/or meet the fiduciary duties required by Episcopal Church Canons in the continued work of the reorganized diocese; and

WHEREAS the procedures provided by the diocesan constitution and canons to call the special meeting of convention, select delegates from the various congregations in the diocese or to fill those diocesan positions so vacated by former diocesan leaders were impossible to comply with as a direct result of the actions of former diocesan leaders; and

WHEREAS the diocese was and remains otherwise burdened by the extraordinary circumstances created by the decisions made at the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention in 2008 and consequent abandonment of the Episcopal Church and its Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth by Diocesan leaders; and

WHEREAS under these extraordinary circumstances strict application of the provisions of the diocesan constitution and canons regarding filling vacant diocesan offices would have paralyzed the diocese and worked an injustice, contrary to the intention and purpose of the constitution and canons; and

WHEREAS it was and is in the best interest of the Episcopal Church and its continuing Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth for the Convention of the diocese to have met in February 7, 2009 and to have declared certain offices to be vacant and to have expeditiously selected and installed qualified officials to fill the offices vacated by those who have left the Episcopal Church so that the work and mission of the diocese may have proceeded in the months proceeding this Annual Convention, which it has done;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Convention hereby declares that, in addition to those offices previously declared vacant by the Presiding Bishop, the offices filled by election or appointment on and after February 7, 2009, were in fact vacant on February 7, 2009, and the procedures for filling those vacancies are hereby ratified and regularized even if there were not technical compliance with the applicable governance provision in doing so.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Convention hereby declares that each of the resolutions, elections, appointments, and other actions taken at the special meeting of convention, including but not limited to the call of the special meeting of convention, the selection and qualification of deputies from the various congregations in the diocese, and the filling of those diocesan positions so vacated by former diocesan leaders, be and are hereby declared to be ratified retroactively to February 7, 2009.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that, to the extent it was impossible to comply with the procedures established by the constitution or canons or other applicable authority to fill the vacancies in these offices, the Convention finds that the procedures used to fill those vacancies at and after that special meeting of the convention be and are hereby declared to be valid.

Fr. Madison **moved**, Crews (St. Mary, Hillsboro) **seconded**, adoption of Resolution 2. **Carried unanimously.**

Fr. Madison presented Resolution 3.

### A RESOLUTION CONCERNING CHURCH PROPERTY AND LITIGATION

WHEREAS Episcopal Church Canon I.7.4 documents the existing trust interest of The Episcopal Church and its Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth in all parish and mission property, real and personal, in the diocese; and

WHEREAS Canon I.7.4 conditionally grants limited authority and power to local parish and mission officials to use and control the property only “so long as the particular Parish, Mission or Congregation remains a part of, and subject to, this Church and its Constitution and Canons;” and

WHEREAS since at least November 15, 2008 the real and personal property, including dedicated and consecrated churches and chapels, funds, and records, of certain parishes and missions which, though they are still part of the Episcopal Church and this diocese, have been adversely held, used and controlled by those who claim not to be subject to the Episcopal Church and its constitution and canons and have permitted unauthorized use of the parish or mission property in violation of church and diocesan constitution and canons, including the conditional authority granted under Episcopal Church Canon I.7.4; and

WHEREAS such actions constitute a violation of the fiduciary duties imposed on church officials under Episcopal Church Canon I.17.8, and/or a violation of oaths of ordination to “conform to the Doctrine, Discipline, and Worship of The Episcopal Church” under Church Constitution Article VIII; and

WHEREAS despite ample opportunity since November 15, 2008, those persons have failed to acknowledge the authority of the Provisional Bishop and other officials of the diocese or of the Episcopal Church and failed to acknowledge the interest of the church and the diocese in the property;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Convention does hereby declare that as of on or about November 15, 2008 the real and personal property, including dedicated and consecrated churches and chapels, funds, and records, of the following parishes and missions of the diocese have not been held in compliance with the conditional grant of authority to parish and mission leaders to use and control the property under Episcopal Church Canon I.7.4.

<b>City</b>	<b>Non Compliant</b>
Alvarado	<i>St. Anthony M</i>
Arlington	<i>St. Alban**</i>
Arlington	<i>St. Mark</i>
Arlington	<i>St. Peter/Paul</i>
Arlington	<i>St. Philip M</i>
Bedford	<i>St. Vincent</i>
Bowie	<i>St. Patrick M</i>
Breckenridge	<i>St. Andrew</i>
Brownwood	<i>Good Shepherd</i>
Brownwood	<i>St. John</i>
Burkburnett	<i>St. John the Divine M</i>
Cleburne	<i>Holy Comforter</i>
Comanche	<i>St. Matthew M</i>
Dublin	<i>Trinity M</i>



Eastland	<i>Holy Trinity M</i>
Fort Worth	Christ the King**
Fort Worth	Holy Apostles**
Fort Worth	<i>San Juan Apostol M</i>
Fort Worth	St. Andrew
Fort Worth	St. Anne**
Fort Worth	<i>St. Barnabas M</i>
Fort Worth	St. John
Fort Worth	St. Michael
Fort Worth	<i>San Miguel</i>
Fort Worth	St. Simon Cyrene**
Fort Worth	<i>St. Timothy M</i>
Gainesville	St. Paul
Graford	<i>St. Peter by the Lake M</i>
Graham	<i>Holy Spirit M</i>
Granbury	Good Shepherd**
Grand Prairie	St. Andrew
Grand Prairie	<i>St. Joseph M</i>
Grapevine	St. Laurence
Hamilton	<i>St. Mary M**</i>
Henrietta	<i>Trinity M</i>
<i>Hillsboro</i>	<i>St. Mary M**</i>
<i>Hubbard</i>	<i>St. Alban M</i>
Hurst	St. Stephen**
Jacksboro	<i>St. Thomas the Apostle M</i>
Laguna Park	<i>Our Lady of the Lake M</i>
Mansfield	St. Gregory
Mineral Wells	<i>St. Luke</i>
Weatherford	All Saints**
Wichita Falls	All Saints**
Wichita Falls	Good Shepherd**
Willow Park	St. Francis of Assisi**
Wise County	<i>Ascension/St. Mark M</i>

[\*\*In these congregations the vestry or bishop's committee has reorganized but is not in possession or control of the real and personal property of the parish or mission that existed as of November 15, 2008.]

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Convention declares that the persons who are adversely occupying, possessing, and controlling the above-referenced parish and mission property have no authority to do so.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Convention ratifies and supports the efforts of Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefforts-Schori and Bishop Edwin F. Gulick, Jr. and other church and diocesan leaders for their stewardship and strong leadership to protect and enforce the interest of the Episcopal Church and the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth in, and to protect and recover possession of, the diocesan, parish and mission property for the mission, use, and benefit of the church and its diocese.

Fr. Madison **moved**, Cox (Trinity, FW) **seconded**, adoption of Resolution 3. **Carried unanimously.**

Fr. Madison presented Resolution 4.

## A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE PROVISIONAL BISHOP

WHEREAS the Rt. Rev. Edwin F. Gulick, Jr. has given notice of his intention to resign as Provisional Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth (the "diocese"); and

WHEREAS the standing committee of the diocese has consulted, pursuant to Canon III.13.1 of the General Convention of the Episcopal Church, with Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori regarding continued placement of the diocese under the provisional charge and authority of a bishop of another diocese or of a resigned bishop, and recommends The Rt. Rev. \_\_\_\_\_ to serve as the second provisional bishop of the diocese and calls for his election;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Convention, regretfully but with gratitude for his exemplary service to the diocese and the church, accepts the resignation of the Rt. Rev. Edwin F. Gulick, Jr. as provisional bishop of the diocese, effective the date of his resignation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, pursuant to Canon III.13.1 of the General Convention of the Episcopal Church, this Convention, in consultation with Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori, places the diocese under the provisional charge and authority of the Rt. Rev. \_\_\_\_\_ (the "provisional bishop"), a resigned bishop in good standing with the Episcopal Church, to serve beginning the effective date of Bishop Gulick's resignation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the provisional bishop, who shall serve with jurisdiction, shall be authorized to exercise all the duties and offices of bishop of the diocese until such time a bishop is elected and ordained for the diocese or until this action is revoked by this Convention.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the standing committee of the diocese shall be authorized to enter into an agreement with the provisional bishop providing for the compensation and benefits of the provisional bishop.

Upon Fr. Madison's request, Fr. Gotcher **moved**, McKneely (St. Stephen, Hurst) **seconded**, the Convention amend the resolution by eliminating the blank in paragraph #2 and inserting the name of the Rt. Rev. C. Wallis Ohl. **Carried**.

Upon Fr. Madison's request, Fr. Pool **moved**, Meeks (St. Simon, FW) **seconded**, the Convention amend the resolution by eliminating the blank in paragraph #4 and inserting the name of the Rt. Rev. C. Wallis Ohl. **Carried**.

Fr. Madison **moved**, many **seconded**, the adoption of Resolution 4 as amended. **Carried unanimously**.

Fr. Madison asked to take up the Resolutions Committee's supplemental report. The Parliamentarian noted the need for a motion to depart from the agenda. At Bishop Gulick's suggestion, Fr. Stanford **moved**, Walker (St. Stephen, W Falls) **seconded**, the Convention take up the supplemental report at once. **Carried**.

Fr. Madison presented Resolution 5.

The chair recognized Deacon Sharla Marks to speak for the community of deacons within the diocese. She noted that two deacons—the Rev. Susan Slaughter and the Rev. ClayOla Gitane would soon be priested, leaving four deacons working in the diocese.

- The Rev. Janet Nocher
- The Rev. Sharla Marks
- The Rev. Linda Sutherland
- The Rev. Dana Wilson

Deacon Marks asked the Convention to follow the deacons' lead in 2010 by connecting with schools public and private whose students come from low income families and offered assistance in contacting and dealing with school structures and setting up working relationships.

The chair recognized Jane McClain (St. Luke, Stephenville) who spoke of the Finance Committee's plans to offer leadership training tools for treasurers and other parish leaders, especially those without previous experience.

- A checklist for treasurers to assure compliance with both civil and ecclesiastical bookkeeping and reporting requirements
- A leadership training workshop scheduled for February 20, 2010, at All Saints Church, Fort Worth, led by Mr. Bob Schorr of the Diocese of Texas who regularly trains lay leadership in that diocese
- A nuts-and-bolts training session for treasurers in the late Spring, 2010

The chair recognized Fr. Barber to read a letter from the Presiding Bishop (see Appendix). Fr. Barber then **moved** "that this Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth accede to your wishes and the resolution of the Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Kentucky to release you from the obligations you assumed on our behalf when you were elected provisional bishop at the special convention on February 7, 2009." Upon **second** from the floor and the vote, the motion **carried unanimously**.

On behalf the Standing Committee, Fr. Barber then **nominated** the Rt. Rev. C. Wallis Ohl, retired Bishop of the Diocese of Northwest Texas, as the next provisional bishop of the Diocese of Fort Worth, to be effective upon his installation at the end of the Convention today. **Seconds** came from the floor. Bishop Gulick called for further nominations, and hearing none declared nominations closed.

Fr. Barber reported that the Standing Committee, in consultation with the Presiding Bishop as required by Episcopal Church Canon III.13.1, **recommends** the election of Bishop Ohl as our next provisional bishop.

After commenting on Bishop Ohl's fitness for the office, Bishop Gulick called for the vote by orders, and Bishop Ohl was **elected unanimously**. Immediately upon the election, the Convention paused while Bishop Gulick led the liturgy to install Bishop Ohl as Provisional Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth.

Bishop Ohl took the chair and recognized Fr. Barber for a special presentation. Fr. Barber, as President of the Standing Committee and on behalf of all the diocese, asked Bishop Gulick to accept a gift of a pair of handtooled boots from Leddy's and a trip for two to Bermuda for himself and Mrs. Gulick. Bishop Gulick thanked the diocese for its gifts for himself and Mrs. Gulick.

The chair recognized Fr. Taylor for a series of courtesy resolutions directed to:

- Dr. Owanah Anderson, Sr. Warden, All Saints, Wichita Falls
- Bishop Gulick
- Mrs. Gulick
- The Episcopal Diocese of Kentucky

Fr. Taylor **moved** all the resolutions which were **seconded** from the floor and **carried unanimously** (text of all courtesy resolutions in the Appendix).

Bishop Ohl reminded the Convention of two priestly ordinations in the next few days—deacons Susan Slaughter and ClayOla Gitane—and recognized Walt Cabe, Chair of the Committee on the Dispatch of Business. Cabe reported that the Convention's work was accomplished.

Bishop Ohl blessed the Convention and declared it **adjourned *sine die*** at 2:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
The Rev. Bruce W. Coggin  
Secretary of the Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth

Next meeting: TBA

You are all awesome icons of an awesome God “whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can either ask or imagine. Glory to Him from generation to generation in the church and in Christ Jesus. Amen.

**II.**

**Summary of Actions**

Bishop’s Nominations, Table 1

Office	Elected
Trustee, Corporation of the Diocese	Robert Bass, term ends 2013 The Rev. James Hazel, term ends 2012 Cherie Shipp, term ends 2011 The Rev. John Stanley, term ends 2010 Trace Worrell, term ends 2014
Secretary of Convention	The Rev. Bruce W. Coggin
Treasurer	Platt Allen, Trinity, FW
Chancellor	Kathleen Wells, Trinity, FX
Registrar	Linda Johnson, St. Anne, FW
Historiographer	David Leedy, All Saints’, FW
Ecumenical Officer	The Rev. J. Frederick Barber
Trustees, Fund for the Endowment of the Episcopate	Anne Bass, Trinity, FW Tad Bird, ASES The Rev. James Hazel Robert Hicks, St. Christopher, FW Floyd McKneely, St. Stephen, Hurst Shannon Shipp, Trinity, FW David Skelton, St. Mary, Hillsboro Whit Smith, All Saints, FW
Commission on Episcopal Schools	Lynne Allen, Trinity, FW Tad Bird, ASES The Rev. Mel Bridge, ASES The Rev. David Madison, ASES Jeanie Pitre, ASES Karen Shepherd, Trinity, FW The Rev. Bill Stanford, St. Christopher FW Catherine Stehlik, St. Martin, Keller Trace Worrell, All Saints, FW Lee Ann Wyss, St.
Ecclesiastical Trial Court	The Rev. Frank Reeves, Janice Schattman, CTK, FW
Commission on Ministry	The Rev. Melanie Barbarito, All Saints, FW Victoria Prescott, ECPC Joel Walker, St. Martin, Keller The Rev. Dana Wilson

Bishop's Appointments, Table 2

Commission, Committee, Agency, etc.	Appointed
Assistant Chancellor	Richard Henderson, ECPC
Director of Communications	Katie Sherrod, Trinity, FW
Christian Education Committee	Laura Adcock, All Saints, FW Zonnie Back, Good Shepherd, Granbury David Brockman, St. Luke, FW L.C. Crowley, St. Martin, Keller Jane Dennis, St. Luke, Stephenville Marti Fagley, Parker County Cynthia Hill, All Saints, FW The Rev. David Madison, ASES Dcn. Sharla Marks, St. Alban, Arlington John Morgan, All Saints, FW Lisa Nelms, All Saints, FW Constance Person, St. Simon, FW Victoria Prescott, Parker County Priscilla Promise, St. Alban, Arlington David Raymer, St. Martin, Keller Roberta Skelton, St. Mary, Hillsboro Diane Snow, St. Stephen, Hurst Catherine Wehlburg, Trinity, FW Emily Williams, All Saints, FW
Commission on Hispanic Ministry	Ed Adcock, All Saints, FW The Rev. Bruce Coggin David Guinn, Good Shepherd, Granbury Richard Henderson, ECPC Emma Zell, St. Martin, Keller The Rev. Christopher Jambor, All Saints, FW The Rev. Gayland Pool
Credentials Committee	The Rev. Courtland Moore, Chair Laura Adcock, All Saints, FW Lanette Carpenter, St. Stephen, Hurst Malcolm Cross, St. Luke, Stephenville Linda Johnson, St. Anne, FW Gloria Long, CTK, FW The Rev. David Madison, ASES
Youth/Acolyte Ministries	Platt Allen, Trinity, FW J.C. Baker, Trinity, FW Fr. Mel Bridge, All Saints School Stephanie Burke, All Saints, FW Harry Butcher, All Saints, FW Pam Hardaway, St. Alban, Arlington Gil Kleinwechter, St. Martin, Keller Susan Kleinwechter, St. Martin, Keller Fr. Jim Reynolds, St. Martin, Keller
Constitution and Canons Committee	George Komechak, Trinity, FW, Chair Etta Atkinson, St. Simon, FW Susan Hekman, St. Alban, Arlington Connie Lefler, All Saints, FW Fr. David Madison, All Saints School Jane McClain, St. Luke, Stephenville Bill McKay, Good Shepherd, Granbury

	Fr. Bill Stanford, St. Christopher, FW Fr. John Stanley, ret'd. Fr. Bill Taylor, Trinity, FW Ann Tucker, St. Martin, Keller Kathleen Wells, Trinity, FW
Resolutions Committee	Fr. David Madison, All Saints School, Chair Laura Adcock, All Saints, FW Joe Christopher, St. Luke, Stephenville Sandra Liser, Trinity, FW Jane McClain, St. Luke, Stephenville Fr. Bill Taylor, Trinity, FW
Episcopal Relief and Development	Dcn. Janet Nocher, Trinity, FW
Representative to Province VII	Lynne Minor, All Saints, FW
Daughters of the King	Donna Clopton, Christ the King, FW Marti Fagley, Parker County Dorothy Hood, St. Stephen, Hurst Betty Torrence, St. Stephen, Hurst
Women's Cabinet	Frances, Cox, Trinity, FW Lynne Stanley, Trinity, FW Jean Wilson, Trinity, FW
Diocesan Altar Guild	Dolly Bush, Trinity, FW Marian Cole, St. Luke, Stephenville Laurie Cruse, All Saints, Wichita Falls Marti Fagley, Parker County Diane Jackson Carla Kerr, Parker County Susan Lowder, St. Stephen, Hurst Marion McAlister, Trinity, FW Linder Seeber, St. Martin, Keller
UTO	Suzanne Russell, All Saints, Wichita Falls
Episcopal Church Women	Betty Jo Everett, St. Alban, Arlington Marti Fagley, Parker County Sherry Hunt, Trinity, FW Meredith Killingsworth, St. Alban, Arlington

### Elections

Office	Elected
Provisional Bishop of Fort Worth	The Rt. Rev. C. Wallis Ohl
Standing Committee, lay member	Margaret Mieuli, St. Christopher, FW
Standing Committee, clergy member	The Rev. David Madison, ASES
Ecclesiastical Court, lay member	Janice Schattmann, CTK, FW
Ecclesiastical Court, clergy	The Rev. Frank Reeves
Trustee, University of the South	Sherry Glaser, St. Luke, FW

Bishop Ohl was elected unanimously on a vote by orders. Since other candidates were unopposed, the elections of clerical member, Standing Committee; lay member, Ecclesiastical Court; clergy member; and Trustee, University of the South were all by **acclamation**.

**Boldface** indicates election.

In the election of lay member, Standing Committee  
Ballot 1

	Clergy	Lay
Voting	22	50
Needed to elect	12	26
<b>M. Mieuli</b>	12	35
J. L. Nanna	10	15

Motions Made, Seconded, and Carried

No.	Mover	Second	Purpose
1	Smith	Gotcher	Refer bishop's letter to Standing Committee
2	Stanford	Weidler	Suspend rule
3	Floor	Floor	Give licensed clergy seat and vote
4	Cabe	Floor	Adopt agenda
5	Madison	Floor	Adopt rules of procedure
6	Madison	Floor	Waive reading of rules
7	Barber	Pool	Give Bp Ohl seat and voice
8	Floor	Floor	Give youth representatives seat and voice
9	Moore	Pool	Seat any delegation despite certain anomalies
10	Reynolds	Floor	Confirm bishop's nominees
11	Taylor	Floor	Elect unopposed candidates by acclamation
12	Madison	Pool	Ratify Feb '09 Resolutioin 1
13	Madison	Crews	Ratify certain actions of Feb '09
14	Madison	Cox	Anent church property
15	Gotcher	McKneely	Amend Resolution 4
16	Pool	Meeks	Amend Resolution 4
17	Madison	Floor	Provide for provisional bishop
18	Madison	Kelly	Promote transparent decision making
19	Madison	Lefler	Create diocesan structure commission
20	Madison	Pool	Coordinate key ministries
21	Barber	Floor	Certain parishes changed to missions
22	McKneely	Floor	Adopt temporary budget
23	McClain	Pool	Give full asking to church-wide budget
24	Madison	Bass	Adopt constitutional changes
25	Madison	Smith	Adopt canonical changes
26	Barber	Floor	Release Bp. Gulick
27	Barber	Floor	Nominate Bp. Ohl
28	Taylor	Floor	Courtesy resolution: Owanah Anderson
29	Taylor	Floor	Courtesy resolution: Bp. Gulick
30	Taylor	Floor	Courtesy resolution: Mrs. Gulick
31	Taylor	Floor	Courtesy resolution: Diocese of Kentucky



## Standing Committee

### Officers elected:

- President: The Rev. Fred Barber
- Secretary: Margaret Mieuli

### Bishop's appointments confirmed:

- Chancellor: Kathleen Wells
- Treasurer: Platt Allen
- Secretary: The Rev. Bruce Coggin
- Registrar: Linda Johnson

### Requests for consent:

- Consent granted for election of Scott Mayer as Bishop of Northwest Texas
- Consent withheld for election of Kevin Thew Forrester as Bishop of Northern Michigan
- Consent given for request of Diocese of Springfield to elect a coadjutor bishop

### Other actions:

- Sent letter to former Bishop Iker, through his attorney, requesting an orderly transition of records and properties.
- Heard report on communication strategy.
- Approved Standing Committee retreat.
- Approved actions taken by Bishop Gulick to protect legal interests and uphold the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth.
- Requested Standing Committee of Diocese of Kentucky to agree to extend Bishop Gulick's time as provisional bishop of Fort Worth.
- Concurred with disciplinary notices to all former diocesan clergy.
- Deputized The Rev. David Madison to recruit a committee to implement Resolution 4 from February 7, 2009 special convention.
- Named Resolution 4 Committee: Chair Jerry Nanna, The Rev. Bruce Coggin, Susan Hekman, Marti Fagley, Leslie Guinn, Whit Smith; liaison, The Rev. David Madison.
- Concurred with bishop's letters of inhibition to all diocesan clergy who abandoned the Episcopal Church
- Determined election process for filling vacancies on the Standing Committee.
- Approved ordination of Deacon Susan Slaughter to the priesthood.
- Approved nomination of Bishop Wallis Ohl as next provisional bishop.

### Loan considered:

- St. Christopher's, Fort Worth: \$200,000 mortgage with 15 year maturity: approved

Disciplinary actions: See *Bishop Gulick's Official Acts* for details.



EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF FORT WORTH

Applicable Canon regarding  
Corporation of the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth

From 1982 – 1989: Canon 11

CANON 11

CORPORATION OF THE EPISCOPAL  
DIOCESE OF FORT WORTH

Sec. 11.1 Corporation of the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth is a non-profit benevolent and charitable organization organized under Texas laws, also known as the "Diocesan Corporation". In addition to its regular powers, it may receive, hold, manage and administer funds and properties acquired by gift or by will or otherwise for the use and benefit of the Diocese and any Diocesan institutions.

Sec. 11.2 The management of its affairs shall be conducted and administered by a Board of Trustees of five (5) elected members, all of whom are either lay persons in good standing of a parish or mission in the Diocese, or members of the Clergy canonically resident in the Diocese, in addition to the Bishop of the Diocese who shall serve as Chairman of the Board or may designate the President or other officer of the corporation to serve as such. The Board of Trustees shall have the power and authority to conduct the affairs of said corporation in accordance with its charter and by-laws and in accordance with the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese from time to time adopted.

Sec. 11.3 One member of the Board of Trustees shall be elected at each Annual Convention and each member shall serve a term of five (5) years. The terms of members shall be so arranged that the term of only one (1) member shall expire annually. The Board of Trustees shall fill any vacancy which occurs on the Board until the annual election. The Bishop shall nominate the members of the Board of Trustees.

Sec. 11.4 The Board of Trustees shall adopt its own by-laws and shall elect such officers as its by-laws may require.

Sec. 11.5 The Board of Trustees shall submit a report at each Annual Convention covering its operations for the preceding fiscal year and showing its financial condition. If and when required by the Standing Committee of the Diocese, the Board of Trustees shall make such additional reports and furnish such additional information as may be requested. The books and records of the Board of Trustees shall at all times be open for inspection and examination by the Standing Committee of the Diocese or its representatives.

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From November 1989: Renumbered as Canon 17

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Sec. 17.2 The management of its affairs shall be conducted and administered by a Board of Trustees of five (5) elected members, all of whom are either Lay Communicants in good standing of a Parish or Mission in the Diocese or members of the Clergy canonically resident in the Diocese in addition to the Bishop of the Diocese who shall serve as Chairman of the Board or may designate the President or other officer of the Corporation to serve as such. The Board of Trustees shall have the power and authority to conduct the affairs of said Corporation in accordance with its charter and by-laws and in accordance with the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese from time-to-time adopted.

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Sec. 17.4 The Board of Trustees shall adopt its own by-laws and shall elect such officers as its by-laws may require.

Sec. 17.5 The Board of Trustees shall submit a report at each Annual Convention covering its operations for the preceding fiscal year and showing its financial condition. If and when required by the Standing Committee of the Diocese, the Board of Trustees shall make such additional reports and furnish such additional information as may be requested. The books and records of the Board of Trustees shall at all times be open for inspection and examination by the Standing Committee of the Diocese or its representatives.

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