

# MINUTES of the 117th Annual Council of the Diocese of Atlanta, November 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

The 117th Annual Council of the Diocese of Atlanta met at Cathedral of Saint Philip 2744 Peachtree Road NW, Atlanta, GA 30305. The Rt. Rev. Robert C. Wright, Bishop Diocesan, was in the chair. The Cathedral of Saint Philip was the host.

# FIRST DAY: NOVEMBER 10th, 2023

Registration began at 7:30 a.m.

#### Opening prayer, welcome, call to order, quorum call, and organization for business

At 10:35 a.m., The Right Rev. Robert C. Wright ("**Bishop Wright**") opened the conference with prayer using three collects from the Book of Common Prayer; A Prayer for the Human Family, For the Mission of the Church and for the Diocese. At 10:38am Bishop Wright then called the Annual Council to Order. Bishop Wright then invited The Very Rev, Dean Sam Candler to offer a welcome and introductory remarks. At 10:41am a video of thankfulness that was composed by the Office of Congregational Development was shown. This video included remarks and observations from the clergy and laity from across the diocese. Bishop Wright then called on The Very Rev. P. Richard Game ("The Secretary"), who announced that a constitutional quorum was present based on registrations and requested that all delegates who had not already done so to register. He also announced that five parishes had not registered and two that were present were not eligible to vote. Further, he announced that all other parishes were deemed to be in compliance with Diocesan Canon 20 and entitled to vote. The Council was organized for business.

# Seating of Lay Delegate from The Church of the Common Ground, Atlanta

Bishop Wright called upon The Secretary to move the seating of the lay delegate for The Church of the Common Ground. The Secretary moved the seating of the Lay Delegate from Church of the Common Ground.

#### Motion was seconded

# **Voting instructions**

Bishop Wright called on Ms. Sally Ulrey for voting instructions. Bishop Wright called for a motion to approve the use of electronic clickers to vote.

#### Motion seconded and carried.

# Seating of Lay Delegate from The Church of the Common Ground, Atlanta

Motion was voted on and carried

# Removal of Church of the St Gabriel's Oakwood from Union with Council

Bishop Wright called on The Very Rev. John Hamilton, Dean of the NW Georgia Convocation, for a report on St. Gabriel's, Oakwood. Following this report, the Bishop announced that the parish no longer met the canonical requirements to be a parish under Canon 30 and recommended that the Council end its union with the parish. The Bishop then called for the Council's assent by orders

#### Motion carried through assent by orders.

# Approval of the Minutes of the 116th Council

Bishop Wright called for a motion to approve the Minutes of the 116th Annual Council.

#### Motion seconded and carried. Minutes adopted.

#### Adoption of the Agenda

Bishop Wright called for a motion to adopt the agenda as included in Council folders.

#### Motion seconded and carried. Agenda adopted.

#### **Announcements and Introductions**

Bishop Wright welcomed first time delegates and new clergy members to Council.

Bishop Wright introduced the persons at the presidium: The Secretary of Annual Council, The Very Reverend P. Richard Game; The Assistant Secretary The Rev. Richard Winston Arthur; The Chancellor of the Diocese, Mr Tom Christopher, Esq; The Chancellor Emeritus of the Diocese and Parliamentarian, Mr Richard Perry, Esq; The Chair of Dispatch of Business, The Canon to the Ordinary, The Rev. Canon Alicia Schuster-Weltner.

#### Introduction and referral of resolutions to legislative committees

Bishop Wright called upon the Chair of Dispatch of Business, who provided detailed instructions on dispatch of business.

Bishop Wright referred these pre-filed resolutions to Council legislative committees for deliberation (none were proposed from the floor):

- 2024 Mission and Ministry Budget and Finance
- **C23-1** Resolution to amend the Constitution of the Diocese (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)
- C23-2 Appleton Board of Governors
- R23-01 Religious Liberty
- R23-02 Religious Liberty- General Convention Resolution
- R23-03 On Mental Wellness

Bishop Wright called for any additional resolutions from the floor in canonical form and in writing to the Chair and the Secretary of Council.

Mr Bruce Garner of All Saints Episcopal Church Atlanta proposed a resolution with language (if approved) to be filed in relation to the US House of Representatives. Mr Garner noted that it was

submitted two days prior. The Bishop ruled the resolution in order and invited Mr Garner to submit a copy of the resolution to the Secretary. After a challenge against the ruling of the Chair was lodged by The Rev Ben Day (Christ Church, Kennesaw), The Bishop called a vote on whether (or not) the Chair's ruling was in or out of order.

# The voting results affirmed the ruling of the Chair to be in order and the resolution (R23-04) was referred to Community Ministries.

Bishop Wright referred all resolutions to the appropriate legislative committees:

- 2024 Mission and Ministry Budget to Finance
- C23-01 to Constitution and Canons
- C23-02 to Constitution and Canons
- R23-01 to **Community Ministries**
- R23-02 to **Community Ministries**
- R23-03 to Community Ministries
- R23-04 to **Community Ministries**

#### **Elections**

Bishop Wright appointed Mr. Phillip Knight (St. Teresa's, Acworth), as Chief Teller, to certify the electronic vote.

Bishop Wright announced the names of the nominees for the Standing Committee, Governors of Mikell Camp and Conference Center, Lay Trustee of The University of the South, Sewanee, and members of the Diocesan Disciplinary Board. There were no nominations from the floor. Bishop Wright declared the nominations closed.

# **First Ballots Cast**

Ballots were cast for the following elections from among the nominees shown:

# Standing Committee, Lay, elect one (Ballot 1)

Ms. Angelica Banos, (Cathedral of Saint Philip, Atlanta) Ms. Juaney Lynn-Grigsby, (St Timothy's, Decatur)

# Standing Committee, Clergy, elect one (Ballot 2)

The Rev. Monica Mainwaring, (St Martin in the Fields, Brookhaven) The Rev. Rhett Solomon (Holy Trinity, Decatur)

# Board of Governors, Mikell Camp and Conference Center (Elect two):

Mr. Blake Burks Ms. Jessica Lefiles (Holy Spirit, Cumming)

# **Elections to Diocesan Disciplinary Board**

Bishop Wright nominated, and the Council elected, The Very Rev Janet Tidwell, All Saints Warner Robins, for a five-year term, and Mr William Sleeper, St David's, Roswell, for a four-year term.

# **Elections of Diocesan Officers**

Bishop Wright nominated, and the Council elected, the following Diocesan Officers: Chancellor,

Thomas Christopher, Esq.; *Chancellor Emeritus*, Richard Perry, Esq.; *Secretary*, The Very Rev. Richard Game, Esq, *Assistant Secretary*, The Rev. Richard Winston Arthur, esq; *Treasurer*, Mrs. Peggy Haskell-Farnham; *Registrar*, Mr. Richard Perry, Esq.

#### **Committee appointments**

Bishop Wright appointed the following to the Committee on Memorials and Courtesy Resolutions: ChairThe Rev. Inaki Guevera-Cuence (St Bede's, Atlanta), Fabio Sotelo (St Edwards, Lawrenceville) Roxanne Gwyn (St Thomas, Columbus) Ms. Ann Canipe, (St Benedict's, Smyrna). The Bishop recognized and invited the members to stand and be acknowledged..

#### **Election Results**

Bishop Wright announced that the following persons were elected:

*Standing Committee, Clergy,* The Rev. Rhett Solomon, (Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Atlanta)

#### Standing Committee, Lay,

Angelica Banos, (Cathedral of Saint Philip)

# Board of Governors, Mikell Camp and Conference Center:

Mr. Blake Burks Ms. Jessica Lefiles (Holy Spirit Episcopal Church)

# **Report of Canon 20 Compliance Committee**

The Rev. Tricia Templeton (Saint Dunstan), Chair of the Canon 20 Appeals Board, reported on parishes' compliance with Diocesan Canon 20 for support of the Diocese's mission and ministry: eleven parishes appealed non-compliance (compared to fourteen in 2023). Granted in appeals: \$101,224 (compared to \$158,628 in 2023).

#### Presentation of Financial Report and Proposed Draft Budget

Ms. Peggy Haskell Farnham, Treasurer, and Mr David Culp, Chair of the Budget Committee, presented the Treasurer's Report and the Proposed Draft Mission and Ministry Budget for 2024 respectively.

# Bishop Invites Canon Sally Ulrey and the Office of Congregation Vitality

Canon Sally Ulrey introduced a video presentation, and acknowledged and welcomed the Ministry Innovation Task Force.. Canon Sally Ulrey recognized their work and contributions to the diocese.

# **Bishop Invites Video on Sowing Ministry**

Under the theme of, "From our lips to our lives," Bishop Wright invited Beth Sarah Wright and her cohort to the podium to offer remarks. Beth Sarah Wright also shared that several garments on sale to benefit the youth and the Diocese of Cape Coast. Beth Sarah Wright invited Council attendees to participate in the sale.

#### Noonday prayers and recess for lunch

Bishop Wright invited The Rev Salmoon Bashir to lead council attendees in prayer before lunch and announced a recess at 12:05 pm.

Bishop Wright reconvened the Council at 1:15 p.m.

# The Bishop's Address

Bishop Wright's address included a video "Purpose Statement." Following his address, Bishop Wright called on Canon Sally Ulrey to invite attendees to engage in a table discussion on the Bishop's address.

# **Emmaus House Presentation**

Bishop Wright called on Mr Greg Cole. Mr Cole's presentation explored his legacy and his work in relation to Emmaus House. Mr Cole outlined the historical movement and ideology of Fr. Austin Ford and his ministry in Peoples town.. He also provided an update on the status of Emmaus House and envisioned the future of the program.

# **Council recessed for Committee Meetings**

Bishop Wright recognized The Chair of Dispatch of Business, who gave instructions about Committee Meetings, and Missioner Holle Tubbs, who provided an outline of the Service Project. Bishop Wright invited The Rev Fabio to offer a prayer in Spanish before recessing to committees.

Bishop Wright recessed the Council at 2:43 pm until 9:30am Saturday.

# COUNCIL IN RECESS

# SECOND DAY: NOVEMBER 11, 2023

Bishop Wright convened the Council at 9:00 am.

Diocesan Youth led morning worship with youth address until 9:46am.

# **Camp Mikell Presentation**

Bishop Wright called on Mike McAuliffe and The Rev Hazel Glover who introduced Camp Mikell's capital campaign, "Walking in Faith." The Rev Hazel Glover displayed photo renderings of the proposed Pavilion with Kitchen, Retreat Village, and Hillside Cabins, and invited parishes to consider Camp Mikell as a destination for retreats and events.

# **Other Reports, Awards and Presentations**

Bishop Wright announced the recipients of the Bishop's Cross, by convocation:

| Convocation       | Dean             | Nominee          |
|-------------------|------------------|------------------|
| North Atlanta     | Tricia Templeton | Barbara Jamison  |
| Southwest Atlanta | Jeff Jackson     | Julie Foreman    |
| Marietta          | Sarah Fisher     | Christie Stevens |

| Northeast Metro    | Dick Game                                    | Melida Fitten                 |
|--------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| Mid-Atlanta        | Horace Griffin                               | Karol Kimmell                 |
| Oconee             | Dann Brown                                   |                               |
| Georgia Mountains  | John Hamilton                                | Ken Struble                   |
| Middle Georgia     | David Probst                                 | Gary L. Abbott, Sr.           |
| East Atlanta       | Chad Vaughn                                  | Ann Fowler                    |
| Northwest Georgia  | John Herring                                 |                               |
| Chattahoochee      | Grace Burton-Edwards                         | Joel Carver & Kay Durand      |
| Youth              | Holle Tubbs                                  | Denis Ariel Hernandez Cabrera |
| Diocese of Atlanta | The Right Reverend<br>Bishop Robert C Wright | Wynn Callaway                 |

# <u>The Bishop recognized newly ordained Deacons, Candidates for ordination and</u> <u>Postulants in attendance.</u>

# Notice of Appointment- Wynn Callaway

The Bishop also recognized that Wynn Callaway had been appointed Canon for Administration for the Diocese of Atlanta.

# Legislative agenda

Bishop Wright called on the Chair of the Dispatch of Business for reports from legislative committees. The reports were made as shown.

Dispatch of Business called on Mr. David Culp, Chair of the Committee on Mission and Ministry Budget, who moved that the Proposed Draft Budget for 2024 be adopted.

# Motion carried.

Dispatch of Business called on Mr. Tom Christopher, Chair Constitutions and Canons Committee.

**Constitutions and Canons Committee** Mr. Tom Christopher, Chair, moved adoption of C23-1(Second Reading) as follows

# C23-1 Resolution To Amend Constitution For Emergency Actions (Second Reading)

Resolved, that the following shall be adopted as Article 2 Section 6 of the Constitution of the Diocese of Atlanta:

# ARTICLE 2, SECTION 6

6. **Response to Emergencies:** During Emergencies, as defined in this Article, the Executive Committee of the Diocese may authorize the Bishop or other Diocesan Authority, in the discretion of the Bishop or other Diocesan Authority, to do any of the following:

(a) Conduct the Annual Meeting of the Council of the Diocese virtually (i.e., by electronic means), rather than by having an in person meeting in one physical location.

(b) Alter the agenda of the Annual Council to be limited to essential business or otherwise be streamlined to fit the circumstances.

(c) Postpone the Annual Meeting by as much as six months from the time originally set by the preceding Annual Council.

(d) Postpone for up to 18 months an election for Bishop.

"Emergencies" are extraordinary situations where the ordinary conduct of business is threatened, rendered impractical, or there is a significant threat to the health or safety of potential Council attendees due to epidemics, natural disasters and storms, violent civil unrest, terrorism, war, threats or violence directed at the Council, the Diocese or the Church, or other abnormal events that threaten public safety or the safety of potential Council attendees. The mere saving of expenses shall not normally be considered an Emergency for purposes of this provision.

In non-emergency situations, Annual Council shall be a meeting at a single site with all delegates required to be physically present in order to be counted towards a quorum or to have a right to participate.

# Motion carried. Resolution C23-1 passed on second reading.

**Constitution and Canons** Committee Chair, Mr. Tom Christopher further moved the adoption of C23-2 (First Reading), as amended in committee, as follows

# C23-2 Appleton Board of Governors

*Resolved*, that Canon 9 of the Canons of the Diocese of Atlanta be amended to read as follows:

# Canon 9 – Of the Board of Governors of Appleton Episcopal Ministries

# GOVERNANCE

# Section 1.

Appleton Episcopal Ministries of the Diocese of Atlanta shall be under the direction and control of a Board to be known as the Board of Governors of Appleton Episcopal Ministries. Appleton Episcopal Ministries shall be a ministry of the Middle GA Convocation and the Diocese of Atlanta. The purpose of Appleton Episcopal Ministries is to share God's love by partnering with parishes to promote the health, safety, education, and well-being of children and families in central Georgia.

# Section 2.

The Board of Governors shall consist of the following:

(a). The diocesan Bishop, The Bishop Coadjutor, the Bishop Suffragan, Assistant Bishop, or the Bishop's representative shall be a member of the Board, having voice, but not vote; and

(b).One representative from each parish of the Middle GA Convocation which chooses to select one, no more than two of whom shall be clerics in the Middle GA Convocation; and

(c). Not more than two at-large representatives who live in the Middle GA Convocation selected by members of the existing Board of Governors and confirmed by the Ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese.

# Section 3.

All members of the Board shall have a term of three years, and shall be eligible for successive terms. No member shall serve more than two successive terms. **Section 4.** 

Vacancies occurring on the Board may be filled for the unexpired term by the Board with the approval of the Ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese.

# Section 5.

The Board of Governors shall have the authority to adopt by-laws and organize itself in whatever manner it deems desirable for the efficient and effective conduct of this ministry consistent with the canons and constitution of the Diocese.

# Section 6.

The Board of Governors shall hold at least four meetings each year, one in each calendar quarter, and at such other times as deemed necessary by the Bishop and/or the Chair.

# Section 7.

The person who chairs the Board shall be appointed by the Bishop from among the Board's membership, and shall be responsible to see that report is made to the Annual Diocesan Council accounting for the stewardship and effective conduct of this ministry.

# Motion carried. Resolution C23-2 adopted on first reading.

**Community Ministries** Committee Chair, The Rev. Jane Weston, moved the adoption of resolution R23-1, which was amended on the floor to read as follows:

# **R23-1 Religious Liberty: Diocesan Council Resolution**

*Resolved* that the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church prohibit discrimination based on, among other things, sexual orientation and gender, gender identity/expression; And be it

*Resolved*, that this Diocese urge the Legislature of the State of Georgia to refrain from passing laws/legislation that conflict with or interfere with the religious liberty of Episcopalians to practice their faith; And be it

*Further resolved*, that copies of and explanation of this resolution be sent to the Governor and Lieutenant Governor of Georgia, the Speaker of the Georgia House of Representatives, and the Secretary of State of the State of Georgia.

# Motion carried. Resolution R23-1 adopted.

**Community Ministries** Committee Chair, The Rev Jane Weston, moved the adoption of resolution R23-2, as amended in committee and read as follows:

# **R23-2 Religious Liberty: General Convention Resolution**

*Resolved*, the House of \_\_\_\_\_\_ concurring, the 82nd General Convention of the Episcopal Church, meeting in Louisville, Kentucky, urge the United States Congress and the state legislatures to refrain from passing laws/legislation that conflict with or interfere with the religious liberty of Episcopalians to practice their faith; And be it

*Further resolved*, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the 82nd General Convention of The Episcopal Church.

# Motion carried. Resolution R23-2 adopted.

**Community Ministries** Committee Chair, The Rev Jane Weston, moved the adoption of resolution R23-3as amended on the floor to read as follows

# **R23-3 Mental Wellness**

*Resolved*, that the Bishop appoint a Task Force on Mental Wellness for God's People, five (5) of whom shall be from the clerical order; five (5) of who shall be from the lay order; three (3) of whom shall be recommended by the Youth Commission of the Diocese; three (3) of whom shall be recommended by the Commission on LGBTQ+ Ministry; and be it further

*Resolved*, that the Task Force shall research resources concerning the role of the Church in addressing the current mental health crisis and possible uses of such resources in the Diocese, particularly among young members, LGBTQ+ Episcopalians, Episcopalians of color, neurodivergent Episcopalians, and those in senior or assisted living communities, and propose ways in which the Diocese could support the mental wellness of members of the Church; and be it further

Resolved, that the Task Force report its findings and recommendations to the 118th Annual Council.

# Motion carried. Resolution R23-3 adopted.

**Community Ministries** Committee Chair, The Rev Jane Weston, further moved the adoption of resolution R23-4 Approved by Council which was read on the floor as follows

R23-4 Legislation Negatively Impacting those living with HIV/AIDs

*Be it resolved* that the Diocese of Atlanta urge the United States Senators and Members of the House of Representatives who represent the State of Georgia not support bills that negatively impact those living with HIV/AIDS; and be it

*Further resolved*, that copies of this resolution be sent to the United States Senate and Members of the United States House of Representatives who represent the State of Georgia.

# Motion carried. Resolution R23-4 adopted

The Chair of Dispatch of Business announced the end of the legislative session.

# **Report and Resolutions of Memorials and Courtesy Committee**

The Rev. Deacon Inaki Guevera Cuence, Chair, moved the following resolutions that were seconded.

# **R2** Memorials and Courtesy Resolutions

# Memorials and Resolutions 117th Annual Council

# Motion by 2023 Memorials and Courtesy Committee to adopt the resolution, read as follows (in English and Spanish):

*Be it Resolved*, that this 117th Council of the Diocese of Atlanta makes the following resolutions of memorials and courtesy:

*Be it Resolved*, that we express our gratitude to the Rt. Rev'd Robert C. Wright, Tenth Bishop of Atlanta, on this 11th anniversary year of his consecration.

*Be it Resolved,* that we send our greetings to The Rt. Rev. J. Neil Alexander, Ninth Bishop of Atlanta, and to The Rt. Rev. Keith Whitmore, The Rt. Rev. Paul Lambert, and the Rt. Rev. Don Wimberley for their past work and witness in the Diocese of Atlanta.

*Be it Resolved,* that we send our greetings to Suzie Whitmore, wife of Bishop Keith Whitmore, and to Elizabeth Allan, widow of Bishop Frank Allan.

*Be it Resolved*, that we express our gratitude to the Cathedral of St. Philip staff and volunteers, and to the Bishop's Staff, Chancellors, Officers and chairs that made this Annual Council possible.

*Be it Resolved*, that we express our appreciation for the faithful clergy and laity who devoutly love, care, and serve Jesus Christ in parishes and worshiping communities throughout the Diocese of Atlanta....

*Be it Resolved*, to recognize the gratitude of the people of St. Claire in Blairsville to the community of San Gabriel, Oakwood for sharing their implements of worship with them, and we also recognize their service to God through their years of ministry among the Diocese of Atlanta.

*Be it resolved*, that we welcome new members of the clergy ordained in our Diocese this past year :

To the priesthood: Doug Adkins Salmon Bashir Josh Hilton Janelle Hiroshige Mark Johnson Hannah Kelly Jennifer McBride Carmie McDonald Brandon Nonnemaker Kaitlyn Presley Megan Swett Raymond Walker

To the permanent diaconate: Deborah Bruner-Smith Martha Cheryl Thompson Zaher *Be it resolved*, that we send our appreciation and prayers to clergy of our Diocese who have retired:

Roger Allen Dann Brown Hazel Glover Robert Salamone Kenneth Struble Peter Wallace

*Be it resolved*, that we welcome the following clergy from other dioceses to new ministries in this diocese:

- Pastor Mary Armstrong-Reiner, Part-time Priest-in-Charge, St. Augustine's of Canterbury, Morrow from the ELCA Southeastern Synod
- Matthew Babcock, Vicar, St. Luke's, Atlanta, from the Diocese of Connecticut
- Katie Ann Bradshaw, Rector, Emmanuel, Athens from the Diocese of Mississippi
- Alex Dyer, Rector, Episcopal Church of the Ascension, Cartersville, from the Diocese of Colorado
- Lorraine Geddes- McDonald, Priest-in-Charge, St. Timothy's, Decatur from the Diocese of Jamaica & Cayman Islands
- Nicole Lambolet, Associate Rector, St. Luke's, Atlanta, from the Diocese of Springfield

*Be it resolved*, that we commend the following clergy to ministries in other Dioceses:

Doug Adkins, to the Diocese of Lexington Ricardo Bailey, to the Diocese of South Carolina Janelle Hiroshige, to the Diocese of Massachusetts Kyle Mackey, to the Diocese of Virginia Katie Pressley, to the Diocese of South Carolina Robert Allen Pruitt, to the Diocese of North Carolina Rebecca Roberts, to the Diocese of Central New York Joseph Shippen, to the Diocese of Upper South Carolina

*Be it resolved, that we* raise our prayers to God, Our Lord for all those afflicted by violence and war; Jesus help them with your infinite love so they can receive the peace and tranquility so necessary for all.

*Be it resolved that* in honor of Veterans Day, we remember those who have served and continue to serve our country at home and abroad in the Armed Forces of the United States of America.

# ALL STAND

*Be it Resolved*, that we remember those members of this Council and of our Diocese who died in the past year, especially,

#### **Clergy:**

The Rev. Sandra "Terri" Brice The Rev. Audrey Burdett The Rev. Gareth "Scott" Harris The Rev. Paul David Kidd The Rev. Stanley McGraw The Rev. Deacon Joe Pearson The Rev. Jackie Tyndale, the first woman ordained Deacon in the Diocese of Atlanta.

#### Lay:

Charlena Kunkler June Sparks Mal Underwood **Caroline Westerhoff** Alexander Sidney Hawes Greta Loeber Dr. Michael Webb, Chairman of Appleton Board of Governors Jonah Massey, volunteer in the Kennesaw State Campus Ministry Michelle Batter David L. Robertson III Charlie "Shorty" Dove Janet Beem Frost Patsy Brown Verna Lopey Prince E. Langley Sr. Muriel A. Langley Prince E. Langlev **Clement Friday** Joseph Monti, husband of the Rev. Tricia Templeton Josie Doles Marguerite Wellborn Frank Wiant Vic McReil Grady Lacy

#### Be it Resolved, Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord; even so saith the Spirit, for they rest from their labors. Amen.

# The Bishop offered a concluding prayer.

# Motion carried. Resolution adopted

Bishop Wright offered prayer for the departed persons.

#### **Closing announcements and adjournment**

Bishop Wright gave his recognition and thanks to the Chair of the Annual Council Committee;

the Secretary; the Chancellor and the Vice Chancellor; the Chair of the Dispatch of Business; the Bishop's Staff and Communications Team; the Budget and Finance Committee and all who worked on the 2024 Mission and Ministry Budget; all who led worship and music; and the Cathedral of St. Phillip for hosting, along with its clergy, staff, musicians, and volunteers; the youth who led the morning's music; and the Chief Teller. The Bishop announced that the 2024 Annual Council will be held on the 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2024 at Holy Innocents Church and School.

The Bishop called on Holle Tubs to give logistical instructions about the Youth Service Project.

Bishop Wright adjourned the Council sine die at 11:35 a.m.

Bishop Wright blessed the participants at Council prior to their departure.

Submitted by The Rev. Richard Winston Arthur, Assistant Secretary & The Very Rev. P. Richard Game, Secretary.