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MINUTES of the 119th Annual Council of the Diocese of Atlanta, November 7th and 8th, 2025.

The 119th 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, (the "Bishop") was in the chair.

FIRST DAY: NOVEMBER 7th, 2025

Registration began at 7:30 a.m. Gathering music began in the Cathedral Nave at 8:30 a.m., with worship beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Opening Prayer, Welcome, Call to Order, Quorum Call, and Organization for Business

At 10:40 a.m., The Bishop opened with a litany and a prayer and then called the Annual Council to Order. A video entitled "Purpose" was then played. The Bishop then called on The Rev. Richard Winston Arthur (the "Secretary"), who announced that a constitutional quorum was present based on registrations. The Secretary also announced that 3 parishes had not registered and 3 parishes were not eligible to vote. The Council was organized for business.

Voting instructions

The Bishop called on Canon Sally Ulrey for voting instructions.

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

The Bishop 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 for seating of the Lay Delegate from Church of the Common Ground seconded and carried.

Approval of the Minutes of the 118th Council

The Bishop called for a motion to approve the Minutes of the 118th Annual Council.

Motion seconded and carried. Minutes adopted.

Announcements and Introductions

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

The Bishop introduced the persons at the presidium: The Secretary The Reverend Richard Winston Arthur; The Assistant Secretary, The Very Reverend P. Richard Game; The Chancellor of the Diocese, Mr. Tom Christopher; The Vice Chancellor of the Diocese, Mr. Pat Brumbaugh; The Chancellor Emeritus of the Diocese and Parliamentarian, Mr. Richard Perry; 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

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

Adoption of the Agenda

The Bishop called for a motion to adopt the agenda as included on the website with amendments as required.

Motion seconded and carried. Agenda adopted.

The Bishop referred these pre-filed resolutions to Council legislative committees for deliberation:

- **2026 Mission and Ministry Budget to Finance**
- **R25-1 Encouraging National Litigation Against Harmful Administrative Actions - To Community Ministries**
- **R25-2 Raising Awareness of Episcopal Public Policy Network – To Community Ministries**
- **R25-3 Intergenerational Mentorship and Leadership – To Youth Ministries**
- **R25-4 Sharing the Costs of Annual Council – To Constitution and Canons**

The Bishop 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 Atlanta, Deacon John Ray from St. Mary and St. Martha in Buford, and The Rev. Ben Day of Christ Churck, Kennesaw, and The Very Rev. Grace Burton-Edwards of St. Thomas, Columbus, who proposed resolutions from the floor, which resolutions were accepted for consideration, numbered for identification and submitted to committees as follows:

- **R25-5 Christian Responsibility -To Community Ministries**
- **R25-6 Task Force for Funding Mission - To Community Ministries**
- **R25-7 Reaffirming Task Force on Environment – To Constitution and Canons**
- **R25-8 Non-Partisan Witness - To Community Ministries**
- **R25-9 Responsible Witness - To Community Ministries**

Elections

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

The Bishop announced the names of the nominees for the Standing Committee, Governors of Mikell Camp and Conference Center, Deputies of General Convention, and members of the Diocesan Disciplinary Board. There were no nominations from the floor. The Bishop 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)
Matt Tarkenton, The Cathedral of St. Phillip

Standing Committee, Clergy, elect one (Ballot 1)
The Very Rev. P. Richard Game, St. Patrick's Dunwoody
Deacon John Ray, St. Mary and Martha of Bethany, Buford

Board of Governors, Mikell Camp and Conference Center, elect two (Ballot 1):
Mr. Noah Brewer, St. Margaret's, Carrolton
Mr. Eric Lenaeus, St. Margaret's, Carrolton

Elections of Deputies to General Convention (elect 4 in each order)
Clergy
The Very Rev. Sam Candler, Cathedral of St. Philip
The Very Rev. Horace Griffin, Canterbury Court
The Ven. Carole Maddux, St. David's
The Ven. Juan Sandoval, Cathedral of St. Philip
Deacon Arthur Villareal, St. Francis

Lay
Ms. Mary Caroline Cravens, Cathedral of St. Philip
Mr. Bruce Garner, All Saints' Atlanta
Dr. Lindsey Hardegree, Cathedral of St. Philip
Ms. Joy Jones, St. Paul's, Atlanta
Ms. Tammy Pallot, St. Francis, Maco

Elections to Diocesan Disciplinary Board

The Bishop nominated, and the Council elected, The Rev. Katie Bradshaw, Emmanuel Athens. for a five-year term, The Rev. Fabio Sotelo, St. Edwards Lawrenceville, to fill a one year unexpired term, and Mr. Perrin Nicholson, St. Thomas Columbus, for a four-year term.

Elections of Diocesan Officers

The Bishop nominated, and the Council elected, the following Diocesan Officers: *Chancellor,* Mr. Tom Christopher; *Vice Chancellor*, Mr. Pat Brumbaugh; *Chancellor Emeritus,* Mr. Richard Perry; *Secretary*, The Rev. Richard Winston Arthur; *Assistant Secretary,* The Very Rev. P. Richard Game; *Treasurer*, Mr. Mike Dunlap; *Registrar,* Mr. Richard Perry.

Committee appointments

The Bishop appointed the following to the Committee on Memorials and Courtesy Resolutions: Chair: The Very Rev. Horace Griffin, Canterbury Court; The Ven. Juan Sandoval, Cathedral of St Philip; The Rev. Carmie McDonald, Epiphany; Ms. Julia Gable, Holy Trinity Decatur; Maya Ballard and Elena Forero, Youth Delegates.

Election Results

At 11:36 a.m., The Bishop announced that the following other persons were elected:

Standing Committee, Lay,
Matt Tarkenton, The Cathedral of St. Phillip

Standing Committee, Clergy,
The Very Rev. P. Richard Game, St. Patrick's Dunwoody

Board of Governors, Mikell Camp and Conference Center:
Mr. Noah Brewer, St. Margaret's, Carrolton
Mr. Eric Lenaeus, St. Margaret's, Carrolton

Report on Canon 20 Compliance Committee

The Rev. Buddy Crawford, St. Ann's Atlanta, 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 eleven for 2025). Granted in appeals: $93,771 (compared to $73,060 for 2025).

Presentation of Financial Report and Proposed Draft Budget

Ms. Peggy Haskell Farnham, Immediate Past Treasurer, and Mike Dunlap, Newly Appointed Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's Report, Mr. Les Callahan, Chair of the Finance Committee, offered a Finance Report, and Ms. Joy Jones, Chair of the Budget Committee, presented the Proposed Draft Mission and Ministry Budget for 2026.

Report from the Episcopal Community Foundation

The Bishop recognized Dr. Lindsey Hardegree, Executive Director, who gave a report on the Episcopal Community Foundation.

Report on Appleton Episcopal Ministries

The Bishop called on Canon Julie Groce to introduce a video on Appleton Episcopal Ministries.

The Bishop called on Canon Wynn Callaway to give instructions on lunch and then offered a blessing before the meal. Council was recessed for lunch at 11:54 a.m.

LUNCH RECESS

Council reconvened at 1:15 p.m.

General Convention Deputy Elections Announced

The Bishop announced the following elections if Deputies to General Convention:

Elections of Deputies to General Convention (elect 4 in each order)

Clergy

The Very Rev. Horace Griffin, Canterbury Court
The Ven. Carole Maddux, St. David's
The Ven. Juan Sandoval, Cathedral of St. Philip
Deacon Arthur Villareal, St. Francis

Lay

Ms. Mary Caroline Cravens, Cathedral of St. Philip
Dr. Lindsey Hardegree, Cathedral of St. Philip
Ms. Joy Jones, St. Paul's, Atlanta
Ms. Tammy Pallot, St. Francis, Macon

Elections of Alternate Deputies to General Convention (by acclamation):

Clergy

The Very Rev. Sam Candler, Cathedral of St. Philip

Lay

Mr. Bruce Garner, All Saints' Atlanta

Other Reports

The Bishop called on David Lee Mattison to offer a report on Emmaus House, and Norma Young of St. Paul's Atlanta to offer a report.

Video on Congregation Vitality

The Bishop introduced a video on Congregational Vitality.

The Bishop's Address

The Bishop delivered The Bishop's Address. Following his address, The Bishop called on Canon Sally Ulrey to invite attendees to engage in a table discussion on the Bishop's Address.

The Bishop called Council to order at 2:30.

The Bishop Called on Dr. Beth Sarah Wright to introduce a video on the Diocese of Cape Coast.

Council recessed for Committee Meetings

The Bishop recognized The Chair of Dispatch of Business, who gave instructions about Committee Meetings.

The Bishop recessed the Council at 2:56pm until 9:00am Saturday.

SECOND DAY OF COUNCIL
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2025

The Bishop called Council to order at 9:00 am.

Diocesan Youth led morning worship with youth address until 9:40 am.

Camp Mikell Presentation

The Bishop called on Camp Mikell Executive Director Jessica LeFiles who introduced a video about Camp Mikell, noting that the capital campaign has collected commitments totaling 80% of its $5 Million goal.

The Bishop introduced a video of greetings from The Rt. Rev. Victor Atta-Baffoe, Anglican Diocese of Cape Coast.

Other Reports, Awards and Presentations

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

Convocation	Dean	Nominee
North Atlanta	Tricia Templeton	The Hon. Clinton Devaux
Southwest Atlanta	Jeff Jackson	Bill and Janet Permar
Marietta	Sarah Fisher	Beth Kaiser
Northeast Metro	Dick Game	Richard Moore
Mid-Atlanta	Horace Griffin	Ann Cramer
Oconee	Dann Brown	William Combs

Georgia Mountains	John Hamilton	Beth Horton
Middle Georgia	David Probst	Elizabeth Benjamin
East Atlanta	Chad Vaughn	Beth Cannon
Northwest Georgia	John Herring	Jack Setters
Chattahoochee	Grace Burton-Edwards	Ross Brent
Youth	Holle Tubbs	Jack Frilingos

The Bishop also recognized the following individuals: The Ven. Carole Maddox, Mary Catherine Johnson, Peggy Farnham, and The Rev. Isaias Rodriguez, and Canon Wynn Callaway on their respective retirements.

Legislative agenda

At 10:24 a.m., The Bishop called on the Chair of the Dispatch of Business to remind Council of the rules for debate. Dispatch then called for reports from legislative committees. The reports were made as shown.

Dispatch of Business called on Mr. Les Callahan, Chair of the Finance Committee, who moved that the Proposed Draft Budget for 2026 be adopted.

Motion carried. 2026 Budget Adopted.

Community Ministries Committee Chair, The Rev. Jane Weston**,** moved the adoption of resolution R25-1, as amended in Committee as follows:

R25-1 Encouraging National Litigation Against Harmful Administration Administrative Actions

Resolved that this Diocese call on the Presiding Bishop and Executive Council of The Episcopal Church to undertake and/or participate in further litigation against actions of the administration which, in their judgment, have direct or indirect impact on effective conduct and processes of Christian ministry by threatening or degrading established norms or institutions of civil society; and be it further

Resolved that this Diocese call on the Presiding Bishop and Executive Council of The Episcopal Church to undertake such litigation efforts, insofar as possible, in collaboration with other religious and secular institutions; and be it further

Resolved that copies of this resolution and explanation be sent to the Presiding Bishop and Executive Council of The Episcopal Church; and be it further

Resolved that the Diocesan communication office issue a press release communicating the first Resolved

Motion failed. Resolution Defeated.

Community Ministries Committee Chair, The Rev. Jane Weston**,** moved the adoption of resolution R25-2, as amended in Committee as follows:

R25-2 Raising Awareness of Episcopal Public Policy Network

Resolved, that this Diocese commend the work done by The Episcopal Church Office of Government Relations and Episcopal Public Policy Network to engage in and support essential Christian witness; and be it

Further resolved that this Diocese encourages all parishes to identify a leader to liaise with the Office of Government Relations and participate in the Episcopal Public Policy Network to heighten awareness in parishes of the public policy advocacy actions and resources of our church.

Motion Carried. Resolution Adopted.

Youth Committee Chair, Deacon Arthur Villareal**,** moved the adoption of resolution R25-3, as amended in Committee, as follows:

R25-3 Intergenerational Mentorship and Leadership

Whereas, the Episcopal Church has long affirmed the baptismal covenant to "seek and serve Christ in all persons" and to "respect the dignity of every human being"; and

Whereas, Canon 20 of the Canons of the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta states, "It shall be the duty of every Parish and Mission of this Diocese to provide for the Christian Formation and Education of persons of all ages"; and

Whereas, Canon 26 of the Canons of the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta states, "It shall be the duty of the Diocese to foster the spiritual, emotional, and social development of youth, and to encourage their active participation in the mission and ministry of the Church"; and

Whereas, youth ministry is often siloed from the wider life of the congregation, limiting opportunities for intergenerational mentorship and for youth to exercise leadership in their parish alongside adults; and

Whereas, healthy intergenerational relationships that include mutual storytelling and learning cultivate belonging, strengthen discipleship, and form lifelong Christian leaders for both youth and adults; therefore, be it

Resolved, that the 119th Annual Council of the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta encourages each parish and worshiping community to host intentional intergenerational event(s) (outside of worship) that bring youth and adults together for the purpose of shared ministry, learning, or service, with affirmation of youth-led events and initiatives whenever possible; and be it further

Resolved, that this Council also encourages the ongoing development of mentoring relationships between adults and youth in every congregation, fostering discipleship, leadership, and belonging in ways appropriate to local context and resources.

Motion Carried. Resolution Adopted.

Mr. Tom Christopher, The Chancellor, on behalf of the **Committee on Constitution and Canons**, moved adoption of R25-4 as amended in committee as follows:

R25-4 Sharing the Costs of Annual Council

Resolved, that the 119th Council of the Diocese of Atlanta, recognize the disproportionate costs incurred by parishes whose clergy and lay delegates must travel to Atlanta every year for Council. Be it further *Resolved,* that the Diocese of Atlanta create a Task Force appointed by the Bishop to study this issue and bring a proposal for more equitable sharing of costs of participation in Annual Council to the 120th Council of the Diocese of Atlanta for implementation by the 121st Council of the Diocese of Atlanta. Be it further

Resolved, that the Task Force consist of at least nine persons including Diocesan staff, clergy and lay members from the Atlanta area, and clergy and lay members from both the northern and southern parts of the Diocese.

Resolved, that the Executive Board of the Diocese of Atlanta hear an interim report on the progress of this Task Force in the first half of 2026.

Motion Carried. Resolution Adopted.

Mr. Tom Christopher, The Chancellor, on behalf of the **Committee on Constitution and Canons**, moved adoption of R25-7 without amendment in committee, as follows:

R25-7 Reaffirm R24-1 Task Force on Environmental Issues

Resolved, that the 119th Council of the Diocese of Atlanta reaffirm the commitment made at the 118th Council of the Diocese of Atlanta to create a "Task Force on Environmental Issues," consisting of five persons, appointed by the Bishop, to consider several recognitions, recommendations and remedial actions to align the Diocese of Atlanta with some of the creation care goals affirmed by the General Convention of the Episcopal Church.

Resolved, that the Task Force report its findings and recommendations to the 120th Annual Council in 2026, with the goal of helping Diocese of Atlanta entities develop plans by 2027 for reducing their carbon footprint.

Resolved, that the Executive Board of the Diocese of Atlanta hear an interim report on the progress of this task force in the first half of 2026.

Motion Carried. Resolution adopted

Community Ministries Committee Chair, The Rev. Jane Weston**,** moved the adoption of resolution R25-5, as amended in Committee as follows:

R25-5 On Christian Responsibility

Resolved, the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta, meeting in Annual Council November 7 and 8, 2025, at the Cathedral Church of St. Philip, Atlanta, Georgia, observes that the United States of America has, from time to time, been referred to as and claimed to be a nation founded and built upon Judeo-Christian principles. And be it further,

Resolved, that this diocese remind our elected representatives in Congress and in the Executive Branch of our government that they have a duty to all to insure that if we are going to profess Christian values, including the teachings of Jesus as found in the 25th Chapter of the Gospel of Matthew, verses 31-46, they will take actions reflective of that profession of values to enact legislation that will help guarantee that the least among us will have the bare minimum of resources needed for survival. And be it further

Resolved, that a copy of this resolution and explanation be sent to the President of the United States, the Vice President of the United States, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the United States Senators and members of the United States House of Representatives who have been elected to represent the people of the State of Georgia.

Motion failed. Resolution defeated.

Community Ministries Committee Chair, The Rev. Jane Weston**,** moved the adoption of resolution R25-6, without amendment in committee, as follows:

R25-6 Task Force on Funding Mission with the Marginalized

Resolved, That the Annual Council of the Diocese of Atlanta establish a Task Force on Funding Mission with the Marginalized to design and bring to the 2026 Annual Council a proposal for a permanent Mission Start-Up Fund dedicated to launching worshiping communities among the marginalized in mission areas as defined below; and be it further

Resolved, That for the purposes of this resolution a "mission area" shall mean a geographic area that: (a) has no current Episcopal worshiping presence in the vicinity, and (b) has above-average poverty relative to the State of Georgia, indicating that a worshiping community is unlikely to form and become self-supporting without external start-up funding; and be it further

Resolved, That the Fund is intended for start-up, not ongoing operations; and be it further
Resolved, That the Task Force's proposal shall include a clear non-supplanting rule: Fund grants must be additive, time-limited start-up awards for distinct new worshiping communities in mission areas and may not replace diocesan support for existing diocesan missions; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force shall recommend whether to allow any time-limited transitional support and, if so, set clear parameters for duration, tapering, and guardrails against indefinite underwriting; and be it further

Resolved, That the Mission Start-Up Fund, once created, shall not be used to support existing diocesan missions such as Church of the Common Ground, Emmaus House, or Church of the Holy Comforter, but shall be focused on new mission starts throughout the Diocese, including and beyond Metro Atlanta; and be it further

Resolved, That in developing eligibility and evaluation criteria, the Task Force shall expressly encourage proposals from smaller parishes that are rich in enthusiasm and volunteers yet constrained financially, so that parish-led mission initiatives have a clear pathway to apply for start-up support; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force's proposal shall include a funding mechanism designed to raise approximately $200,000 per year for the Mission Start-Up Fund, beginning in 2027;
and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force shall propose the Fund's structure, governance and board composition, eligibility and evaluation criteria, grant terms and duration appropriate to start-up funding, administration, and reporting practices, including how the Fund may accept and steward donations and bequests; and be it further

Resolved, That the Task Force shall be composed of one representative from each of the eleven convocations, all to be approved by the Bishop, and shall include a minimum of two deacons.

Motion Carried. Resolution Adopted.

Community Ministries Committee Chair, The Rev. Jane Weston**,** moved the adoption of resolution R25-8, as amended in Committee as follows:

R25-8 On Nonpartisan Witness and Common Prayer

Resolved, the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta, meeting in Annual Council November 7 and 8, 2025, at the Cathedral Church of St. Philip, Atlanta, Georgia, affirms that the mission of the Church is to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ, not to advance partisan political interests or causes. Therefore, be it further,

Resolved, that this Diocese, its clergy, lay leaders, and institutions will refrain from partisan political advocacy, campaigning, or endorsement of any candidate, political party, or platform in all official diocesan, parish, and mission communications, events, and ministries, recognizing that the integrity of our witness depends upon our freedom from partisanship; and be it further,

Resolved, that we acknowledge and celebrate that Episcopalians hold diverse and sometimes divergent political and policy convictions, and that this diversity is a strength of our Anglican heritage — rooted in the conviction that we are bound together not by uniformity of belief but by the unity of Common Prayer in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Motion failed. Resolution defeated.

Community Ministries Committee Chair, The Rev. Jane Weston**,** reported that the committee declined to recommend R25-9, which was then presented on the floor without amendment as follows.

R25-9 On Responsible Witness and the End of Institutional Lobbying

Resolved, the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta, meeting in Annual Council November 7 and 8, 2025, at the Cathedral Church of St. Philip, Atlanta, Georgia, hereby concludes the practice of directing the Diocese or its officers to submit the legislative actions or resolutions of Annual Council to any elected official, public servant, or governmental entity beyond the Episcopal Church; and be it further,

Resolved, that the Diocese of Atlanta reaffirms that faithful advocacy and moral engagement in public life are best expressed through the active, prayerful, and personal witness of individual Episcopalians as disciples and constituents, rather than through institutional correspondence that presumes a single diocesan position on complex social, moral, or political issues.

Motion failed. Resolution defeated.

End of Legislative Session

At 11:38 a.m., Dispatch announced the end of the Legislative Session.

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

Report and Resolutions of Memorials and Courtesy Committee

The Rev. Carmie McDonald moved the following resolutions.

Be it Resolved, that this 119th 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. Robert C. Wright, Tenth Bishop of Atlanta, on this 13th 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 send prayers to the Diocese of Georgia, meeting in their Annual Convention this weekend.

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

To the priesthood:
The Rev. Travion Davis
The Rev. Mary Grace DuPree
The Rev. Marycelis Otero
The Rev. Edith Woodling

To the transitional diaconate:

The Rev. Dominique Deming
The Rev. Peter Waggoner

Be it resolved, that we send our appreciation and prayers to clergy of our Diocese who have retired:

Be it resolved, that we welcome the following clergy into new ministries in this diocese:
The Rev. Trygvii Arnason, Advent, Madison
The Rev. Winston Arthur - to St. Paul's, Newnan
The Rev. Matt Babcock - to Holy Comforter, Atlanta

The Rev. Canon Hazel Glover - to St. Bartholomew's, Atlanta
The Rev. Josh Hilton - to St. Martin in the Fields, Atlanta
The Rev. Mark S. Johnson - to St. Bartholomew's, Atlanta
The Rev. Kenya Thompson - to Church of the Common Ground, Atlanta
The Rev. Michael White - to St. Luke's, Atlanta

Be it resolved, that we welcome the following clergy from other dioceses to canonical residency in this diocese:
The Rev. Mariclair Partee Carlsen
The Rev. James "Jim" Shumard
The Rev. Mark Winward

Be it resolved, that we commend the following clergy to ministries in other Dioceses:
The Rev. Jerry Adkins
The Rev. Timothy Black
The Rev. Joe Rose
The Rev. Winnie Varghese

Be it resolved, we welcome this year's newly commissioned licensed lay ministers to their ministry across the Diocese:

Brenda Brunston
Amber Cotton
Valerie Curry
Anita Hilburn
Diane Hodgins
Tim Hoskins
Marshall Jenkins
Diane Lynch
Man Martin
Will McDavid
Cecilia Midzi
Diane Nivens
Emily Pucker
Lutricia Richardson
Sarah Roberts
Nancy Runion
Rick Sneddon
Katy Tosh
Virgil Warren

Be it resolved, that we remember and pray for all Veterans, living and deceased, and their sacrifice for the nation.

Be it resolved, that we remember and pray for this nation. O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Por la familia humana Oh Dios, tú nos hiciste a tu propia imagen, y nos redimiste por Jesús tu Hijo: Mira, en tu compasión, a toda la familia humana; quita el odio y la arrogancia que nos corrompen el corazón; derrumba las barreras que nos separan; únenos en vínculos de amor; y actúa através de nuestra lucha y confusión a fin de cumplir tus propósitos en la tierra, para que a su debido tiempo todas las naciones y razas te sirvan en armonía alrededor de tu trono celestial; por Jesucristo nuestro Señor. Amén.

Be it resolved, that we send our love and prayers to the Rev Rebecca Roberts, former priest of this diocese, on the death of her husband, Brad Roberts.

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. Camille Hegg
The Rev. Deacon Chris Lemley
The Rev. William "Bill" McLemore
The Rev. Deacon Dutton Morehouse
The Very Rev. Harry Pritchett
The Rev. John Robert Stanton
The Rev. Palmer Temple
The Rev. John Via
The Rev. Edith Woodling

Lay:
John Ballard
Kaneez Khanum Bashir
Jimmy Brown
Gary Cobb
Tory Dake
Edward Daugherty
Althea Dillard
Joe Fineza
Paul Game, Jr.
John Gay
Edna Gayle
Stacy Lynn Timbrook Hinson
Carey Jackson
Anne Joudon
John Keys
Dr. Rolf P. Lynton
Hope McCollum
Alice Naruki
John Partin
Jim Powell
Brad Roberts
Rusty Smith
Fritz Toussaint
Edith Wells

Perry Williams
Valerie Williams
Jean Beal Whitten
Noradel Wilson
Joy Woodrum
Jonah Young

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 concluded the memorials with a prayer.

Motion carried. Resolution adopted

Closing announcements and adjournment

Council ended with liturgy and the showing of a video.

The Bishop gave his recognition and thanks to the Bishop's Staff, The Cathedral Parish and Farmer's Market Staffs, Council Committee Chairs, The Praesidium Party, and all who served in worship. The Bishop announced that the 2025Annual Council will be held on the 6th & 7th November, 2026 at The Cathedral of St. Philip.

The Bishop adjourned the Council *sine die* at 12:04 a.m.

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

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