

46th Diocesan Convention Pre-Convention Book

Current as of October 9, 2019

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*All the information on nominations, resolutions, hotels and more
that you need to know for our 46th Annual Diocesan Convention*

November 8 - 9, 2019
St. Margaret's Episcopal Church
47-535 Highway 74, Palm Desert, CA 92260



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Simultaneous Interpretation

The Office of the Bishop is happy to provide:

- Simultaneous Spanish interpretation

Please alert Keren Mondaca in the Office of the Bishop by **October 27** if you need interpretation by calling: 619-481-5454.

La Oficina de la Obispa se complace en ofrecer:

- Traducción simultánea al Español

Favor de informar a Keren Mondaca en la Oficina de la Obispa, 619-481-5454.

Agenda

Friday, November 8

7:00 a.m.	Registration Opens
7:30 a.m.	Prayer Walks Workshop, led by the Rt. Rev. Susan Brown Snook
8:00 a.m.	Prayer Walks, led by St. Margaret's Clergy and Volunteers
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Convention Workshops
12:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Lunch
1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Convention Business Session One
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Reception at St. Margaret's

Saturday, November 9

8:00 a.m.	Registration Opens
9 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Eucharist
10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	Break
10:45 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Bright Ideas and Open Spaces (two-directional learning opportunities)
12 p.m. - 1 p.m.	Lunch
1 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Convention Business Session Two
4:00 p.m.	Blessing

Budget Hearing

The Rev. Kirby Smith, Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer, the Episcopal Diocese of San Diego

This hearing will cover the proposed 2020 diocesan budget that will come before convention during the convention business session. Ample time will be provided for questions.

Resolutions Hearing

Mr. J.D. Cowart, Resolutions Committee Chair, Member, St. Bartholomew's, Poway

This hearing will cover the resolutions that will come before convention during the convention business session. Ample time will be provided for questions.

From Bishop Susan

October 1, 2019

To the Lay and Clergy Delegates and Alternates in the Episcopal Diocese of San Diego:

Greetings in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ.

I invite you to our 46th Annual Diocesan Convention, to be held on November 8-9, 2019 beginning with registration at 7 a.m. on Friday morning and ending at 4 p.m. on Saturday afternoon at St. Margaret's Episcopal Church, 47-535 Highway 74, Palm Desert, CA, 92260.



This year's theme for convention will be "You will be my witnesses," from Acts 1:8:

"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

We are witnesses to the Holy Spirit's power working in us. That power calls us to discipleship, growing in spirituality, knowledge, and commitment as followers of the Risen Christ. It calls us to evangelism, proclaiming by word and example the good news of God in Christ. And it calls us to service, acting out of love for our neighbors.

Our workshops this year will follow that threefold theme of Discipleship, Evangelism, and Service. Some well-known speakers will help us explore each of those aspects of being Christ's witnesses. In addition, some "Open Space" forums will allow you to explore topics of interest in a more conversational format. And we will begin our time together with a spiritual exercise: a prayer walk that helps us intentionally discover where God is working in a community.

I hope you will invite friends to join us in our convention Eucharist on Saturday, Nov. 9 at 9 a.m. at St. Margaret's. A convention Eucharist is a joyous occasion that allows us to share in celebration of Christ's mission in our diocese.

I look forward to seeing you there, to renewing friendships, and to sharing with you in discernment of the mission and ministry of our diocese.

In Christ,

The Rt. Rev. Susan Brown Snook
Bishop

Secretary's Call to Convention

October 1, 2019

TO: THE REVEREND CLERGY AND DELEGATES TO CONVENTION

In accordance with Article V, Section 1, of the Constitution and Title I, Canon 6, of the Canons of the Episcopal Diocese of San Diego, I have the honor to notify you that, God willing, the 46th Annual Convention of the Diocese will meet on Friday and Saturday, November 8 and 9, 2019 at St. Margaret's Episcopal Church, Palm Desert.

Registration will begin at 9 a.m. on Friday, November 8.

All pre-convention materials are also posted on the diocesan website at edsd.org/diocon and will be updated as materials come in. (This booklet will not be updated with additional information.) In this book you will find:

- Convention Agenda
- Budget and Resolution Hearing
- Resolutions
- Nominee Information
- Registration Information
- Youth Program Information
- Hotel Information
- Facilities Map

Please bring your phone, tablet or laptop to vote at convention. We will use the same system we have been honing for several years. To practice voting go to edsdvote.com. If you have questions, contact Hannah Wilder: hwilder@edsd.org.

This letter is also being sent to members of the clergy who are not canonically resident in the diocese. Convention will be asked to give them, as well as various diocesan officers, seat and voice (no vote) at convention.

If you are a lay delegate and will not be attending convention, please see that this information is passed on to the alternate who will be certified in your place.

Faithfully,
Mr. Darryl Peralta
Secretary of Convention

Registration

Registration is well underway for our upcoming convention. Please join your extended diocesan family for this annual event. Register at edsd.org/diocon. Registrations will close Friday, November 1.

Registration fee until October 22:

Convention registration \$60

Registration fee includes two lunches and Friday night reception.

Registration after the **October 22 deadline:**

The deadline for regular-priced registration is October 22. After that, the late registration fee is **\$75**. Please register today!

Delegates: Please check with your church office before registering to confirm whether or not they have or plan to register you.

Hotels and Lodging

Below is a list of hotels near St. Margaret's. The diocese did not reserve a block of rooms. If anyone needs assistance with attending, please fill out the Enlighten, Enrich, Renew form: edsd.org/enlighten by October 15.

Embassy Suites	Hwy 111, Palm Desert Distance 3.4 miles	760-340-6600
Holiday Inn	Hwy 111, Palm Desert Distance: 3.1 miles	760-340-4303
Marriott Desert Springs	74-855 Country Club Dr., Palm Desert Distance: 5.8 miles	760-341-2211
OMNI Rancho Las Palmas	41000 Bob Hope Dr., Rancho Mirage Distance: 3.4 miles	760-568-2727
Motel 6	69570 Hwy 111, Rancho Mirage Distance: 6.7 miles	760-324-8475
Shadow Mt. Resort	45750 San Luis Rey Ave., Palm Desert Distance: 1.7 miles	760-346-6123

Convention Reception

Friday Night Reception

Everyone is welcome to attend the Friday evening reception at the close of convention business (approximately 5 p.m.). Enjoy drinks and appetizers with fellow Episcopalians at St. Margaret's lovely outdoor venue. Complimentary beer and wine will be available, as well as water and juice. Gluten-free and vegetarian options will be available.

Servant Ministry Awards and Good Neighbor Awards

Bishop Susan will present the Servant Ministry awards and the Good Neighbor awards at the Friday reception at approximately 5:30 p.m.

Honoring Veterans

In honor of Veteran's Day Weekend, we will recognize veterans in attendance at the reception.

Online Voting

We have improved on last year's text voting with a more streamlined, secure voting method. Here are the instructions.

1. Take out your smartphone or other web-enabled device (ie. something you use to connect to the Internet such as an iPhone, Android, tablet, a teenager, etc.)
2. Open your web browser (Safari, Chrome, etc.)
3. Go to edsdvote.com
4. Click "Vote Now"
5. Enter your voting ID number which is found on the back of your nametag.
6. Make your selections by checking boxes on the online form.
7. Review your answers before you hit "Submit." Once you submit your answers, you cannot change them.
8. Close the web page.
9. Put your device away and see if your neighbor needs help.

Important Reminders

- **Online voting is for lay and clergy delegates only.** Visitors do not vote.
- Your badge will identify you as a voting delegate.
- Bring your smartphone or tablet to convention. Bring your charger too.

Pet Food Ingathering



Diocesan Convention will provide free pet food to people struggling to keep beloved pets. One of the most common reasons for pet relinquishment is financial difficulty. St. Margaret's ministry with low-income people of the Coachella Valley, Neighbors 4 Neighbors, helps pet owners every week who must decide between buying food, medicine, or other essentials, and pet food.

Pets provide needed emotional comfort and care to people who are already struggling. Let's remove one potential reason they may abandon their pets and help them keep furry companions they love.

Bring your donations of unopened and unexpired dry dog and cat food to Diocesan Convention. Donations can be dropped off at St. Margaret's Meyer Hall, 47-535 Highway 74, Palm Desert on Friday, November 8, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Saturday, November 9, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

**Bring Pet Food Donations to Diocesan
Convention on November 8-9**

Youth Program

EDSD YOUTH AT CONVENTION

**YOU WILL
BE MY
WITNESSES**

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St. Margaret's Palm Desert
Friday, November 8, 7:00 p.m.-
Sunday, November 10, 11:30 a.m
Youth in grades 6-12
\$100 - scholarships available

www.edsd.org/youthatconvention

Workshops

Join folks from around the diocese for a variety of learning opportunities to help you explore what God might be up to in your own spiritual life, in the life of your congregation and in the community and world around you.

Friday Workshops

Session 1: Friday 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Session 2: Friday 10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

9:00am –10:30am	When “Fine” Isn’t Enough Ryan Fleenor	Evangelism: Beyond the Red Doors Alex Montes- Vela	Immigration, the Episcopal Church and God’s Prophetic Voice: What has Been Done and What is Yet Left Undone Dawn Stary Dinora Reyna	Budget Hearing 45 min. Resolutions Hearing 45 min.
10:30am -10:45am	BREAK			
10:45am – 12:00pm	Immigration, the Episcopal Church and God’s Prophetic Voice: What has Been Done and What is Yet Left Undone Dawn Stary Dinora Reyna	When “Fine” Isn’t Enough Ryan Fleenor	Evangelism: Beyond the Red Doors Alex Montes- Vela	

When “Fine” Isn’t Enough

Friday 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Friday 10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Presenter: The Rev. Ryan Fleenor

Explore the story of how one prominent parish decided that it couldn't continue with business as usual, and began a multi-year effort to refocus everything it did on creating a culture of discipleship. Come to learn about insights and tools discovered along the way, and to share stories about how we can prioritize and facilitate spiritual growth within our congregations. Let’s move beyond “fine” and become great.

Evangelism: Beyond the Red Doors

Friday 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Friday 10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Presenter: The Rev. Alex Montes-Vela

Why should we proclaim and share the good news of Christ and how do we do that? How do we move beyond our red doors to take the liberating good news of Christ into our surrounding communities and beyond? In this workshop we will explore practical ways to share the good news of Christ, the resources

that have been created and are available in The Episcopal Church to equip our communities, and ways to create a culture of evangelism in our communities. I will share my experience as the founding priest of St. Mary Magdalene (SMM), and Episcopal Church in Manor, Texas, what I and the SMM community learned about sharing the good news, making disciples, and our journey to becoming a multi-ethnic community that worships bilingually.

Immigration, the Episcopal Church and God's Prophetic Voice: What has Been Done and What is Yet Left Undone

Friday 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Friday 10:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Ms. Dawn Stary & Ms. Dinora Reyna

In recent years, immigration laws have been changing at lightening speeds. These laws are affecting real people and their families. Some of these families sit in the pews of Episcopal churches on Sunday. Others live in fear of coming out of the shadows. As people of faith we are called by God to welcome the stranger in our midst.

This workshop will address the current effects of immigration laws on the people of God, both those directly affected and the communities that they live in. The presenters will discuss steps already taken to protect immigrants and will offer action steps for other communities of worship too. Hear stories of hope and resiliency in an era of fear and learn ways you can help. Be reminded that as a child of God, we too are called to make space for the stranger in our midst.

Budget Hearing

Friday 9:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.

The Rev. Kirby Smith, Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer

This hearing will cover the proposed 2020 diocesan budget that will come before convention during the convention business session. Ample time will be provided for questions.

Resolution Hearing

Friday 9:45 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Mr. Gary Powell

This hearing will cover the resolutions that will come before convention during the business session. Ample time will be provided for questions.

Workshop Presenters

These individuals will present workshops at diocesan convention on Friday, November 8. They are listed alphabetically by last name.



The Rev. Ryan Fleenor – *When “Fine” Isn’t Enough*

Ryan Fleenor has served as a priest at St. James', Madison Avenue, in New York City since 2010, becoming vicar in 2017, serving under the leadership of the rector, the Rev. Brenda Husson. His work at St. James' is particularly focused on overseeing Christian formation for all ages, and he was instrumental in leading the parish through the RenewalWorks strategic planning process in 2015 and 2018. Originally from Durham, North Carolina, Ryan studied history at the University of Virginia and earned his M.Div. at Yale Divinity School.



The Rev. Alex Montes-Vela – *Evangelism: Beyond the Red Doors*

Alex Montes-Vela (born in Peru) is the founding pastor of a multiethnic and bilingual community, St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church in Manor, Texas, a suburb of Austin, which began in his home in early 2010. After meeting at the Manor High School cafeteria, Manor area parks and the local Lions Club hall for four and a half years, the St. Mary Magdalene community (whose majority were not part of a faith community in the past) moved to their own campus. Alex is married to Thi (born in Vietnam), and they have three adult children.



Ms. Dinora Reyna – *Immigration, the Episcopal Church and God’s Prophetic Voice: What has Been Done and What is Yet Left Undone*

Dinora believes that unlocking the power of people can and will be the liberation of all people. She joined SDOP in 2014 as an organizer working five churches across San Diego county. During that time, Dinora led SDOP’s voter engagement work and helped launch the San Diego Rapid Response Network in 2017 to protect undocumented immigrants from raids by Immigration and Customs Enforcement and Customs and U.S. Border Protection. Dinora is currently a Steering Committee member of the Rapid Response Network. She has prior experience with advocacy and nonprofit training organizations in San Diego and the Bay Area, and holds a masters’ in public affairs and applied politics from the University of San Francisco. Dinora led a volunteer effort to help pass The Safe Schools and Neighborhoods Act, which reduced poverty-related felonies to misdemeanors. For that campaign based in south San Diego, SDOP leaders knocked on more than 20,000 doors. In 2017, Dinora led 300 faith leaders to call for the effective implementation of Senate Bill 54 (the California Values Act), limiting

local and state law enforcement from acting as deportation agents in San Diego County. Dinora was selected as the new executive director of SDOP in July 2019.



Ms. Dawn Stary – *Immigration, the Episcopal Church and God’s Prophetic Voice: What has Been Done and What is Yet Left Undone*

Dawn Stary holds a bachelor’s degree in theology from the Loyola University Chicago and a master’s degree in pastoral care and counseling from the University of San Diego. She has been working as a pastoral counselor since 2006. She has primarily worked with survivors of torture that hold either refugee status or are seeking political asylum in the United States. Dawn has also taught classes on pastoral care, self-care and social teachings in the church and has spoken both nationally and internationally on her work as a pastoral counselor. She also serves as the children’s minister at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church. She is a proud Buckeye from Cleveland, Ohio and has lived in San Diego since 2004.



The Rev. Kirby Smith – *Budget Hearing*

The Rev. Kirby Smith joined the bishop’s office in January 2019 as the new chief financial officer. He has deep experience in the financial field with positions ranging from administrator and controller to chief financial officer, finance and operations manager, and vice president. Most recently he served as the head of St. Luke’s, La Crescenta, a Spanish-English congregation in the Diocese of Los Angeles.

Resolutions

RESOLUTION 19-01 (Tentative)

Because this Resolution was not submitted to the Committee on Canons the requisite 90 days before Convention, the Convention must vote on whether or not it will consider the resolution. A unanimous vote for receiving and considering is required. Without unanimous consent to hear the resolution at this convention, the matter of these amendments will be deferred until the 2020 Convention.

Title: Amend Title II, Canon 3.13 - Mission Action Parishes

Proposed By: The Standing Committee, through Mr. James Stiven

Name, Address, Phone Number of Delegate: Mr. James Stiven, 890 Balour Drive, Encinitas, CA 92024; 760-753-3017

Date: October 7, 2019

Resolved, That Title II, Canon 3.13 be amended to read as follows:

3.13 ~~Mission Action Plan~~ Parish. This Canon is intended to address the exceptional case of a Parish whose continued viability as a self-sustaining entity appears to be in jeopardy, such that some a degree of ~~Episcopal or diocesan~~ partnership, oversight or intervention or oversight is needed as a means of restoring the health of the congregation. Except under unusual circumstances (see Canon 3.13.03), such action ~~It~~ is not intended to derogate from the traditional right and responsibility of Parishes in the Episcopal Church to govern themselves. Rather, in those cases herein, whether on the initiatives of the Parish, and in such cases, where an inquiry is initiated, and where a Mission Action Parish is declared, it shall be the duty and obligation of all parties, working together, to strive to accomplish the speedy end, or substantial amelioration, of the conditions that led to ~~the inquiry or to the declaration of~~ Mission Action Plan Parish, and to restore the congregation to spiritual and temporal health and viability as a self-sustaining entity. The designation of a congregation as an Action Plan Parish shall continue for period of four years. A Parish (hereinafter a “congregation” or “Parish”) may be declared to be a ~~Mission Action Plan~~ Parish as set forth herein when any one or more of the following conditions exists:

- (a) The congregation refuses or neglects to assemble to elect a Vestry, as provided in these Canons, or fails to send representation and to participate in the Conventions of this Diocese; or
- (b) The congregation fails to call and elect a Rector after a reasonable period of time, as determined by the Bishop; or
- (c) The congregation willfully fails to comply with the provisions of Canon 1.7 of The Episcopal Church “Of Business Methods in Church Affairs” or has engaged in improper or unethical business practices; or
- (d) The congregation qualifies for forfeiture of parochial privileges pursuant to Article XIV of the Constitution of the Diocese; or
- (e) The congregation fails or refuses to make and pay its Common Life Share for a period of two years or more; or [Amended Convention 2015.2 to change Mission Share Pledge to Common Life Share]; or
- (f) The congregation fails or is unable to support a level of clergy staff and lay engagement to ensure that the congregation’s needs for Worship, Education, Pastoral Care and Outreach Ministries are adequately met. For the purposes of this section, it is considered that the inability to provide for the services of a clergy-person for at least ½ time (to include any mandated pension and/or insurance benefits) equates to a failure of such support. pay a full-time Rector serving in the congregation at least the minimum

~~compensation established by the Ecclesiastical Authority and approved by the Corporation of the Diocese, including a clergy stipend, housing allowance, contributions to the Church Pension Fund, and health insurance for a period of one year; or~~

(g) The congregation fails to pay in full the insurance premiums for general liability coverage, including coverage for sexual misconduct, in an amount set by the Corporation of the Diocese, and with an insurance company approved by the Corporation; or

(h) If financial reports reveal an invasion of the endowment funds or other practices that are evidence of existing or probable future financial instability sufficient, in the judgment of the Bishop and Standing Committee, to warrant action under this Canon.

The specific conditions(s) found to exist shall be delineated in writing by letter from the Bishop to the Clergy-person-in-Charge, the Vestry and the congregation promptly after the designation as an Action Plan Parish.

3.13.01 Action under this Canon may be initiated by any of the following:

(a) The Rector or upon the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the Vestry/Bishop's Committee of any such congregation; or

(b) The Bishop; or

(c) The Standing Committee upon the affirmative vote of two-thirds of its members.

3.13.02 When action has been initiated hereunder, the Bishop ~~may~~ shall appoint a committee of three (3) lay leaders, two of whom persons who are not members of the congregation, and one chosen from the Vestry, to investigate, and work with the Vestry and Clergy-person-in-Charge, to seek to ameliorate the conditions; which led to the action, and to give a report quarterly to the Bishop thereon. This ~~Mission~~ Action Plan Parish Committee (APP) shall, working together with the Clergy-person-in-Charge, and the Vestry, as soon as possible, identify immediate corrective steps that should be implemented, and no later than one year after the committee's formation, submit to the Bishop a detailed written plan for restoration of Parish status, to include specific goals and objectives that the plan is designed to meet. The APP Committee shall will serve with the congregation, at the pleasure of the Bishop, for the a three four (34) year period described herein below, to aid in the restoration of the congregation to Parish status or, failing adequate progress in this regard, to confer with the Bishop about possible other actions as described below, including its conversion to Mission status. The congregation shall, with assistance from the APP Committee, submit monthly operational reports to the Bishop. The Bishop shall have the further right to have the books and records of the congregation audited.

3.13.03 If the conditions specified in the Bishop's letter, referred to above, shall persist beyond two years from the date of designation, and the APP Committee, after consultation with the Priest-in-charge and Vestry, reports that adequate progress is not being made to ameliorate these conditions, the Bishop, with the consent of the Standing Committee may impose additional requirements upon the congregation. Any one or more of the following may be required:

(a) That the Vestry be disbanded, and that the Bishop shall appoint six or more adult communicants, plus one member of the APP Committee, to serve as a Bishop's Committee in place of the Vestry;

(b) Designation of the Rector as Priest-in-Charge, or in the absence of a Rector, to appoint a Priest-in-charge;

(c) Conveyance of title to real property to the Diocese;

(d) In the event that the congregation is incorporated, direct that the corporation be dissolved; or

(e) Such other actions as may be deemed necessary to restore health to the congregation.

In the event that the Bishop (with Standing Committee consent) does elect to take any or all of the actions described herein, the effective ecclesiastical status of the church may be deemed that of a Mission, in accordance with the Canons. the period specified by the Bishop, which in no event shall be less than two weeks, the Bishop, with the consent of two thirds of the members of the Standing Committee, may declare the congregation to be a Mission Action Parish, and its Ecclesiastical status shall then be that of a Mission. Upon being declared a Mission Action Parish, such Parish may be directed by the Bishop to formally forego and relinquish its rights and privileges as a Parish, to wit: the election of a Rector and the holding and control of its property both real and personal. In the event the congregation shall have been incorporated, subsequent to its transfer to the Diocese of whatever real property it may have held, the Bishop shall have the authority to direct that the corporation be dissolved, or that it not be dissolved. Upon a vacancy in the office of Rector, the Bishop shall appoint a Priest in Charge. The Bishop shall certify such change in status to the Secretary of Convention and the Secretary shall note the change in the list of Parishes and Missions of the Diocese and shall give corresponding notice to the Convention.

3.13.04 Once a congregation has been declared a Mission Action Parish, the Bishop may require one or more of the following:

(a) Appointment by the Bishop of five or more adult communicants of the congregation to govern the affairs of the congregation as the Bishop's Committee, during the pendency of these conditions and, if the Parish was not dissolved pursuant to section 3.13.03 above, then this Bishop's Committee shall be the Board of Directors of the corporation;

(b) Designation of the Rector of the congregation as Priest in Charge, during the pendency of these conditions;

(c) Conveyance of title of all real property to the Diocese; and

(d) Such other measures, during the pendency of these conditions, as may be necessary to restore health to the congregation.

3.13.0504 At any time after the first 24 months and prior to the expiration of the four-year period since being declared an Action Plan Parish, three years, the congregation a Mission Action Parish may be restored to full and regular Parish status. Such action may be taken by the Bishop, with the by approval of the Bishop, with the advice and consent of the Standing Committee, either upon the initiative of the Bishop's own initiative, or upon the petition of the Vestry or Bishop's Committee of the Mission Action Plan Parish. The decision to restore to Parish status shall be based upon a finding that the congregation has successfully addressed or substantially ameliorated the conditions that led to the declaration of Action Plan Status. Alternatively, after two years, but within the four-year period, the Bishop may take action to either; a) designate that the congregation shall thenceforth be a Mission of the Diocese; or b) extend the congregation's status as an Action Plan Parish for an additional period not to exceed three years. An action under a) above, shall be based on a finding that the congregation has not made adequate progress toward ameliorating the conditions that led to its Action Plan Parish status; and an action under b) above, shall be based upon a finding that some progress has been made, but additional steps are required to be accomplished before Parish status can be renewed. In this case, these 'additional steps' shall be set out in writing. In the case of action under either a) or b), consultation with the Clergy person-in-Charge and Vestry, and consent of the Standing Committee is required, and any congregation so affected, can, by majority vote of its members attending a properly noticed membership meeting, challenge said action by petitioning the next Diocesan Convention, such petition to be filed with the Secretary of Convention at least 30 days before the date of the Convention. If a congregation remains in Action Plan Parish status for more than 7 years, action shall be taken by the Bishop (with consent of the Standing Committee), within 60 days, to either restore that congregation to Parish status, or have it convert to Mission status. In such events:

(i) If the congregation is restored to Parish status, and if the Bishop has previously appointed or designated a Priest-in-Charge, that Priest shall forthwith resign, and the Vestry shall call a Rector in accordance with the Parish's By-laws and these Canons. The Priest-in-Charge is not barred from being called as Rector; and
(ii) If the congregation is converted to Mission status, and such action is not revoked by vote at Convention, the congregation and the Diocese should take the necessary steps to immediately organize itself as a Mission in accordance with these Canons.

~~The Bishop may, with the advice and consent of the Standing Committee, extend Mission Action Parish status beyond three years. The Mission Action Parish may, by majority vote at a properly noticed meeting, determine to challenge extension of Mission Action Parish status by petitioning the next Diocesan Convention, requesting either restoration to full and regular Parish status or conversion to Mission status. [Amended in Convention 2016 to allow for the extension of Mission Action Parish status by the Bishop.]~~

~~(a) Upon restoration to regular Parish status, if the Bishop shall have appointed a Priest-in-Charge, such priest shall forthwith resign and a successor shall be elected in the manner provided for regular Parishes.~~

~~(b) If the Mission Action Parish elects to change to the status of Mission, or if the Diocesan Convention shall not approve its petition to be restored to Parish status, the Mission Action Parish shall take the necessary legal steps to immediately organize itself in accordance with the provisions of these Canons relating to organized Missions.~~

~~3.13.0605~~ It shall be the responsibility of all parties, including the lay and clergy leadership of the ~~Mission Action Plan~~ Parish, the Office of the Bishop and the ~~Mission Action Plan~~ Parish committee, to labor to restore the congregation to a greater degree of health, presenting all challenges and opportunities to be addressed in an open, honest manner, in a climate of respect and charity, and for the greater good of the Church's witness to its Lord.

EXPLANATION OF RESOLUTION: Title II, Canon 2, deals with Missions in the Diocese. Canon 3 deals with Parishes. Canon 3.13, et seq, was added by Convention in 2007 to designate and describe Mission Action Parishes. Over the past twelve years seven Parishes have been designated as Mission Action Parishes under this Canon, two of them around the 2007-08 timeframe, another in 2011, three in 2015 and one in 2018. The existing Canons seem to suggest, but do not make clear, that the status should only last for three years - however, all seven parishes remain in the MAP status today, and efforts by some individual MAP churches to return to Parish status have been unavailing, and the path to 'restoration' is unclear. The allocation of how much control is delegated to the MAP Team appointed by the Diocese, or to the MAP Parish Vestry is unclear under the MAP Canons. It is time to correct these inconsistencies and strengthen the process.

At Convention in 2017, a resolution was passed to create a MAP Canon Task Force. It was formed to study the existing MAP process, assess its strengths and weaknesses, and make recommendations as to how it might be improved. The Rev. Leland Jones and the Rev. Meg Decker co-chaired it. Mr. Joe Gamboa served as Standing Committee liaison. That Task Force Committee submitted a report to the 2018 Convention. While that Task Force Report did not recommend any specific Amendments to the Canons, it did point out weaknesses in the present system and suggested ways to improve the process. For one, they recommended a four-stage process with milestones and assessments of remedial progress. During this past year, the Standing Committee determined that to implement the Task Force changes requires amendments to the existing Canons. The document now being presented is the recommended Amendments to those Canons.

These proposed Amendments are intended to accomplish the following objectives:

1. Change the name of the designation under this Canon from Mission Action Parish (MAP) to 'Action Plan Parish' (APP);
2. Clarify the rationale/criteria for a designation (as a MAP/APP) to take place, explicitly deleting the point that failure to support a full-time clergy-person in a congregation would be grounds for the designation;
3. Clarify the timeline (only after two years), and criteria, which could permit the Diocese to take action to remove a congregation's autonomy and right of self-governance;
4. Clarify the timeline, and criteria for ending the MAP/APP designation; explicitly setting fourth-year and seventh-year markers for decisions steps in the timeline. The process timeline sets a four-phase process consisting of evaluation, goal-setting & remediation, functioning, final review phases, at or before four years. After that, the congregation would either be made a Mission, restored to Parish status or, extended in the MAP/APP status for up to three additional years. At the seventh-year mark, congregations would have to either be restored to Parish status or revert to Mission status. Opportunity for an appeal of any such decision is written in with greater clarity;
5. Expand and make clear the need for written communications about the reasons for a designation, a plan for restoration to Parish status, and periodic written reports between the congregation and the Diocese;
6. Clarifying the inter-relationship between the congregation, the MAP/APP team and the Diocese, and ensuring that the MAP/APP team includes congregational representation and that the MAP/APP team, vestry, and clergy are working together to accomplish their goals;
7. Clarify that in the rare case of the removal of autonomy, or upon a decision to revert to Mission status, the Canons governing Missions would apply;

This submittal is a summary of the intended purposes and objectives of these proposed amendments.

We believe they will incorporate the recommendations of the Task Force and will strengthen the whole process of keeping all congregations in the Diocese on a path to greater health and vitality.

Proposed 2020 Budget

Proposed Budget Summary 2020

2020 Budget Summary	2019		2020		2020 Budget Notes
	Preliminary Budget *1	Percent of Total	Preliminary Budget	Percent of Total	
CONFIDENTIAL					
Sources of Funds					
Common Life Share	1,645,108	62.9%	1,689,754	66.2%	10.5 % of operating revenue from the 2018 parochial report (no CLS+ included)
Bishop's Appeal	70,000	2.7%	50,000	2.0%	Reduction based on current experience and input from Development Committee.
Investment Payout and R.E. Income	493,285	18.8%	482,932	18.9%	In addition to income from two investment accounts, this payout includes the income from loans to EDSO congregations.
Temporarily Restricted Assets	164,525	6.3%	142,499	5.6%	Funds used for youth, truth & reconciliation, small church support, school for ministry, Embracing the Flock and congregational renewal.
Operating Reserve	118,000	4.5%	40,000	1.6%	Expenses from reserve for 2020 include Lambeth Conference and ECC sewer repair.
Program/Ministry Fees and Donations	126,560	4.8%	148,780	5.8%	Fees for school for ministry, convention, youth events, mobile showers, footwashing, ECC property usage, and leadership academy. Also includes donations to bishop's pastoral needs fund.
Total Sources	2,617,478	100.0%	2,553,965	100.0%	2.9% decrease from the 2019 budgeted income
Uses of Funds					
Episcopate (NonPersonnel)	263,060	10.1%	243,954	9.6%	Everything but staff to run the office of the bishop.
Episcopate Personnel	1,173,992	44.9%	1,197,131	47.0%	All salaries consolidated; in prior years they were part of different ministry areas.
Episcopate Transition	144,918	5.5%	0	0.0%	No direct costs for 2020; contributions to the operating reserve for future episcopal searches.
Mission/Parish Operating Support	73,000	2.8%	75,500	3.0%	Operating grants for missions and MAP congregations.
Church Property Improvements and Lease Support	69,100	2.6%	68,500	2.7%	Property grants.
Outreach	59,000	2.3%	49,000	1.9%	Refugee/migration ministries, ECS, Mission to Seafarers.
Programs & Ministries	74,551	2.8%	110,282	4.3%	EFM, Cursillo, COM, ecumenical relations, Fearless Love Grants, School for Ministry, Faith to Go, disaster prep, mobile showers and discipleship (new for 2020)

Proposed Budget Summary 2020

Missional Opportunities (itemized below)								
• Youth Ministry	11,358	0.4%	35,000	1.4%	Triennial Episcopal Youth Event (EYE) in Washington DC.			
• Congregational Resourcing	40,200	1.5%	100,167	3.9%	Resources for youth and adult formation, stewardship, leadership academy, healthy laity, Rooted in Jesus, and Healthy Church.			
• Advocacy	6,000	0.2%	6,000	0.2%	Episcopal Public Policy Network-California.			
• Companion Diocese	15,000	0.6%	15,000	0.6%	Support of clergy plus learning trips.			
• Multicultural Ministry	34,224	1.3%	40,000	1.6%	Multicultural grants and Visions work (truth & reconciliation).			
• North Park Project	60,000	2.3%	0	0.0%	Remainder of the grant for 2020 being administered directly by St. Luke's, not part of the EDSB budget.			
Clergy Support	41,207	1.6%	33,290	1.3%	Support to retired clergy, clergy conference, and well-being. Insurance for retired clergy included under episcopal personnel.			
Church Beyond the Diocese	312,419	11.9%	321,356	12.6%	Contributions to the wider church. Lambeth 2020.			
Episcopal Church Center	83,733	3.2%	88,927	3.5%	Includes expenses to operate ECC plus footwashing event and other ministries (some are off-set by donations). The increased 2020 figure is based on actual expenses			
Diocesan Property Optg Expenses	36,785	1.4%	43,300	1.7%	For three properties owned by EDSB.			
Missional Opportunities Reserve Funding	38,438	1.5%	38,438	1.5%	Recommended by finance committee and approved by Exec. Council resolution 2016-07-05.			
Operating Reserve Funding	25,993	1.0%	35,619	1.4%	Increased due to addition of sewer repair at ECC			
ECC Replacement Reserve	7,500	0.3%	7,500	0.3%	Minimum funding based on physical needs assessment.			
Contingency	47,000	1.8%	40,000	1.6%	Varies between 1 and 2% of income.			
Total Uses	2,617,478	100.0%	2,548,965	100.0%				
NET	0		5,000					

NOTE 1: The income and expense totals for the original 2019 budget were \$2,591,485. The reason for this difference is because we have separated out the operational reserve funding from the amounts taken out of the reserve. In 2019, the net amount was shown. The difference is shown above under "2019 Operating Reserve Funding" (\$25,993).

Budget Assumptions:

- 4% payout of endowments and reserves held in long term accounts (12 quarter average)
- 2% payout of reserves held in medium term accounting (12 quarter average)
- Multicultural designated funds not expended in 2019 will be available in 2020
- Healthy Church funding to come from congregational resourcing, property and multicultural
- Balance of truth and reconciliation fund will be available for use in 2020
- Payout of 100% of the mortgage payments of two congregational loans of which 20% goes into Missional Opportunities Reserve Funding per recommendation of Finance Committee
- Payout of 4% of the balance of a congregational loan
- Unexpended property grants from 2019 will carry over to 2020
- Embracing the Flock funding will be provided through the general reserves until the total allocation is expended
- Unused portions of the clergy mentoring grant left over from 2017-2019 will be available for use in 2020

Nominees for Diocesan Positions

Current as of October 9, 2019. Updates will be posted to the diocesan website.

SECRETARY OF CONVENTION

Elect 1 Cleric or Lay Person to serve to 2020



Mr. Ruben Rodriguez
Member, Good Shepherd, Bonita

Nominee's Statement in Favor of Their Candidacy: I am an attorney in private practice with over 40 years of experience. My wife and I have attended Good Shepherd in Bonita for over 40 years where I have served in just about every capacity from usher to Senior Warden and Chancellor. I also served as the assistant to the Secretary of Convention at last year's convention. With God's help I am able and willing to serve by accurately and clearly recording the

proceedings of the Convention and Executive Council of the Diocese and thereby facilitate the Diocese's mission to serve The Lord.

HISTORIOGRAPHER OF THE DIOCESE

Elect 1 Cleric or Lay Person to serve to 2020



Mr. John J. Will
Member, St. Paul's Cathedral, San Diego

Nominee's Statement in Favor of Their Candidacy: We need to preserve, protect and organize our diocesan records and artifacts to serve as a resource for all other ministries of the diocese. Additionally, we have a responsibility to remember the sacrifice of those who built and continue to build our diocese. I would therefore favor the establishment of a permanent archives for our diocese.

Ideally, this would be in time for our 50th anniversary. I was first elected historiographer at our 35th Annual Convention. I would be honored to continue that role for another year if so elected.

DISCIPLINARY BOARD

Elect 1 Priest or Deacon to serve to 2022

Elect 1 Lay Person to serve to 2022



The Rev. Tom Morelli

Deacon, Christ Church, Coronado

Nominee's Statement in Favor of Their Candidacy: I believe I can combine my professional career in labor/employee relations with my love of the church to do the work of the Lord as a member of the disciplinary board.



The Rev. Jason Samuel

Priest in Charge, St. David's, San Diego

Nominee's Statement in Favor of Their Candidacy: I have served on the Disciplinary Board of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri and bring that experience with me to my five years in the Diocese of San Diego. I have been a priest for 26 years and was involved in my last two dioceses in helping set up and update policies that are balanced in both accountability and pastoral care for clergy. My experience as a four-time General Convention Clergy Deputy where the Canons were revised for clergy accountability and discipline adds to my knowledge and experience in this area of concern and care.



The Rev. Ken Simon, Jr.

Vicar, St. Andrew's, Lake Elsinore and St. Stephen's, Menifee

Nominee's Statement in Favor of Their Candidacy: I believe that all members of the Church by virtue of their baptisms, are called to be accountable to God and to one another. Clergy misconduct is a serious matter, and must be addressed accordingly. It is important for the Church to protect its members and promote healing and justice.

My vision for the diocese, is for all accusations of misconduct to be heard with compassion and for appropriate action be taken. I have served as a clergy member of this diocese for 10 years. During this time, my primary ministry focus has been pastoral care. I recognize the importance of providing a safe space for people to discuss sensitive and difficult matters. I would be honored to serve as a member of the Disciplinary Board.



Mr. Daniel Crane
Member, St. Bartholomew's, Poway

Nominee's Statement in Favor of Their Candidacy: A lifelong Episcopalian, I have been actively involved for many years in a wide variety of pastoral, liturgical and leadership roles in the church; including serving as senior warden in two parishes. As St. Bartholomew's senior warden, I have partnered with our rector and personnel committee to successfully manage some difficult personnel actions. Fifty years in the corporate world, including management roles, have given me a firm understanding of standards of behavior, fair management and appropriate actions when boundaries are crossed. My vision is to provide a safe and healthy environment for the laity, clergy and staff of our diocese as well as understand the necessary management of the risk involved in this committee.



Ms. Marian Gaston
Member, St. Paul's Cathedral, San Diego

Nominee's Statement in Favor of Their Candidacy: My past three years on the Disciplinary Board have been uneventful, which is good news for the diocese. I have a background as criminal defense lawyer (19 years) and San Diego Superior Court judge (4 years). I believe firmly in transparent processes for those accused of wrongdoing, and fair consequences for those found to have fallen short.



Ms. Lucy Shipp
Member, St. Paul's, Yuma

Nominee's Statement in Favor of Their Candidacy: I came to St. Paul's Episcopal Church in 2002 where I quickly found my church home. I have served as senior warden for four years and regularly on the vestry. I am currently on the vestry and am the clerk. I would be pleased to use my leadership skills and expand my service to the church and to the Lord by serving on this board.

DIOCESAN EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Elect 1 Priest or Deacon to serve to 2023

Elect 1 Priest or Deacon to serve to 2020 - (to fill the unexpired term)

Elect 2 Lay Persons to serve to 2023



The Rev. Roger Haenke
Interim Vicar, Holy Cross, Carlsbad

Nominee’s Statement in Favor of Their Candidacy: As a bi-vocational priest, I have served for many years in various pastoral settings ranging from large urban parishes to smaller rural ones and I have over 20 years of administrative experience in multiple health care facilities and systems. I want to become involved in and educate myself on the workings of the legal and fiduciary business of the diocese. My experience can lend guidance and leadership to the executive council for the governance of the diocese.



The Rev. Dr. Brian Johnson
Priest in Charge, St. John’s, Indio

Nominee’s Statement in Favor of Their Candidacy: I realize the important work of the executive council, especially at this point in the life of our diocese. I endeavor to assist the council in their work to the best of my ability and to assist in making sound financial decisions for our diocese. I have owned my own business for many years, and have served in academia, as well as Episcopal parishes, large and small.



Ms. Barbara Peralta
Member, Good Shepherd, Bonita

Nominee’s Statement in Favor of Their Candidacy: As a member of the Executive Council I would do my best to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of the office. Furthermore, I would help safeguard and protect the assets of the church and assist with the overall vision and mission of the San Diego Diocese. Since becoming a member of Good Shepherd in 1998, I have held several positions including bookkeeper, treasurer, delegate to diocesan convention and twice elected as senior warden. I have also been the chair of the Cursillo Secretariat and diocesan president of the Daughters of the King (DOK).



Ms. Grecia Rivas
Member, St. Paul’s Cathedral, San Diego

Nominee’s Statement in Favor of Their Candidacy: As a young woman of color that has served in various ways for the community, and congregation, I believe these experiences will help me grow as a spiritual leader. Participating and representing the Diocese of San Diego has given me the knowledge of what the church can do outside of mass, and how I can help my surroundings bringing the word and most importantly, the actions of God.



Ms. Jenifer Whaley
Member, St. Paul’s, Yuma

Nominee’s Statement in Favor of Their Candidacy: I am active in the Cursillo Ministry. We are learning to be better Christian leaders with the help of the Holy Spirit. I am from Saint Paul's, Yuma, Arizona. Since being appointed to the executive council I have attended all the regularly scheduled meetings. I have been told that my participation is appreciated and that I am a good presence. I am willing to commit to serve for three more years, with God's help. I work well with others. I believe in ethical, conscientious and practical teamwork. I have already learned valuable lessons, on the executive council this year. Thank you for your consideration.

STANDING COMMITTEE

Elect 1 Priest or Deacon to serve to 2023

Elect 1 Lay Person to serve to 2023

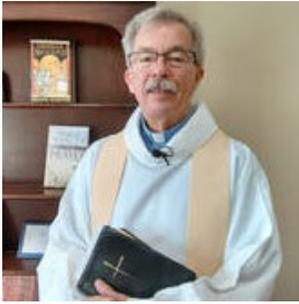
Elect 1 Lay Person to serve to 2021 - (to fill the unexpired term of Ms. Carroll Levien)

Elect 1 Lay Person to serve to 2020 - (to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Joe Gamboa)



The Rev. Colin Mathewson
Co-Vicar, St. Luke’s, North Park

Nominee’s Statement in Favor of Their Candidacy: St. Luke's is a thriving, fast-growing diocesan mission with lots of children and youth and a unique mix of Sudanese, Congolese, and Anglo congregants. We are also planting a young adult small group network, sharing campus and sanctuary spaces with community partners, collaborating with nearby parishes, and generating income and doing ministry with a new commercial kitchen. Standing committee can benefit from what we are learning about what works (and what doesn't!) from these experiments. My millennial perspective, experience in Latino ministry and as a deputy at General Convention, and work developing the diocesan partnership in Mexico are also qualifications.



The Rev. Thomas Wilson
Interim, St. John's, Chula Vista

Nominee's Statement in Favor of Their Candidacy: I would be honored to join the standing committee, the bishop's council of advice. I have served for over 11 years as assisting, supply and interim priest. My ministry has included Safeguarding God's People, safety manager, property committee and interpreting the Congregation Assessment Tool (CAT). I also have served on the executive council and the bishop nominating committee. These varied experiences have provided me with some sense of the depth and breadth of the people and congregations of our diocese. It would be a privilege to serve on standing committee, advising Bishop Susan as she ministers among us.



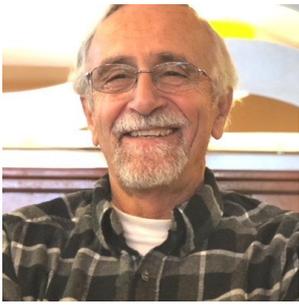
Mr. Louis Glosson
Member, Good Shepherd, Hemet

Nominee's Statement in Favor of Their Candidacy: I have been pleased to share my leadership skills throughout the church, and my parish, Good Shepherd, Hemet where I serve as a lay reader and volunteer for the Valley Restart Meal program. In addition, my background as former senior warden at Good Shepherd and my years as senior warden at a parish in the Diocese of Los Angeles have equipped me to serve on the finance Committee and chair the stewardship committee. During this past year I was humbled to serve on the nominating committee for the bishop of the Diocese of San Diego. My service includes the US Army and retired from the US Postal Service and San Jacinto High School where I coached several sports. An extension of my commitment to work with young people is my service as a member of the board of directors of the National Football Foundation and the board of the Compton High School football hall of fame.



Mr. Darryl Peralta
Member, Good Shepherd, Bonita

Nominee's Statement in Favor of Their Candidacy: I have been involved in serving Christ in the church since 1998. This service is at the parish, diocesan, and international level. Good Shepherd, Bonita: reader, acolyte, chalice bearer, junior warden, stewardship chair, Faith Alive coordinator, Alpha program coordinator, Cursillo sponsor. Diocese of San Diego: Cursillo Secretariat member and chair, evangelism committee member, secretary of convention (four terms). Faith Alive national board of directors (three terms). Served on 26 Cursillo and five Faith Alive weekend retreats. My experience also includes 15 years of service in the US Navy as an enlisted electronics technician and six years commissioned service as a specialist in shipboard combat system maintenance. My civilian work experience includes 19 years in the ship repair industry as a government contract technical proposal manager. All of this is augmented by a BBA in finance and an MBA in operations management earned from National University while still serving in the Navy. I believe that God has given me the capability to bring the mix of skills and experience that will contribute to the standing committee carrying out its important responsibilities. I hope you agree. God bless!



Mr. Pete Casalegno
Member, St. Mary's, Ramona

Nominee's Statement in Favor of Their Candidacy: As a concerned and active member of St. Mary's, Ramona. I remain attentive to the current and impending influences on our Episcopal Church's public image and necessary growth in today's complex and dynamic environment. I wish to be an active, involved, and progressive leader as part of the standing committee's efforts to maintain our Church's positive influence and response to challenges as they arise.

CATHEDRAL CHAPTER

Elect 1 Cleric or Lay Person to serve to 2023

Elect 1 Cleric or Lay Person to serve to 2021- (to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Dexter Semple)



Mr. Neil Malmquist
Member, All Souls', San Diego

Nominee's Statement in Favor of Their Candidacy:

As a longtime member of All Souls' I have served on many committees. I have served on the Vestry three times, including serving as junior warden. For the diocese, I have been part on the disaster preparedness team and involved in the Seafarers ministry. This last winter I was part of the bishop search team escorting the bishop candidates around the diocese visiting various churches and diocesan ministries. We gained many valuable insights into what we do as a diocese. As the diocesan representative I can help St. Paul's see the larger picture as our Cathedral.

GENERAL CONVENTION DEPUTIES

Elect 4 priests or deacons to serve as Deputies to 2022

Elect 4 lay persons to serve as Deputies to 2022

Elect 4 priests or deacons to serve as Alternates to 2022

Elect 4 lay persons to serve as Alternates to 2022



The Rev. Mary Lynn Coulson
Rector, St. Andrew's, San Diego

Nominee's Statement in Favor of Their Candidacy: God speaks through the tradition and living community of the church. I'm excited by the possibility of representing our diocese at General Convention. I've served for three years in this diocese and am committed to God's vision of fearless love. San Diego has a vital mission of communicating the needs at the border to the larger church and modeling radical love. I am passionate about building a healthy, authentic,

transforming community. In this next phase of the life of the church we are called to create brave spaces of healing with the unchurched, those hurt by religion, and those on the margins.



The Rev. Joseph Dirbas
Rector, All Souls', San Diego

Nominee's Statement in Favor of Their Candidacy: The Rev. Joseph Dirbas currently serves as rector of All Souls', Point Loma. He has served on diocesan executive council, the bishop nominating committee, and the clergy enrichment and fellowship committee. He currently serves on the diocesan finance committee and the healthy church work group. As a member of the board for Salaam, USA, Fr. Dirbas works to promote understanding of Islam and peace with our Muslim sisters and brothers. Fr. Dirbas seeks to share God's love with all people: in our churches, our neighborhoods, and our cities. He believes the Episcopal Church plays a unique role in this endeavor.



The Rev. Gwynn Lynch
Priest-in-Charge, Grace, San Marcos

Nominee's Statement in Favor of Their Candidacy: I am a two-time deputy to General Convention and I have found that my involvement in the broader church has positively impacted my ministry here in the Diocese of San Diego. My eyes have been opened to the possibilities of collaborating with other dioceses to further Christ's work in the world and I would like to see our diocese share some of the important work we have done. I enjoy working on a team, and am energized by sharing and listening. I believe in our church's democratic process am grateful for it.



The Rev. Canon Jeff Martinhauk
Canon for Congregational Life, St. Paul's Cathedral, San Diego

Nominee's Statement in Favor of Their Candidacy: I am excited about the future of the Church. We do not have the luxury of certainty, but instead the Church has the opportunity to reach out into a rapidly changing world and make sense of it through the lens of God's love. The Jesus movement is who we are, and we can expect to be remade ourselves along the way- transformation is the way of Christ. General Convention is a time to ensure the Church is addressing the needs of a hurting world, not turning in on itself, and preserving the tradition of the love of God all at the same time. I have been in the Diocese of San Diego for nearly four years, have served on executive council and several diocesan committees, and appreciate our diocese's broad range of resources, people, and congregations. It would be an honor to serve as General Convention delegate.



The Rev. Colin Mathewson
Co-Vicar, St. Luke's, North Park

Nominee's Statement in Favor of Their Candidacy: I have attended the last four General Conventions and have served as deputy at the past two, which included roles as assistant secretary and secretary of the committee on diocesan and congregational vitality. St. Luke's received a church planting grant from and attended trainings organized by the wider church. My millennial perspective, experience in Latino and multicultural ministry, and work developing the

diocesan partnership in Mexico are also qualifications. I care about preparing the wider church for joyful, creative, and effective evangelism to all people, and especially the marginalized and younger folks, in the 21st century.



The Rev. Lilia Mendoza
Deacon, St. Paul's, Yuma

Nominee's Statement in Favor of Their Candidacy: I believe that with the many challenges I have faced within the past ten years of my experience trying to grow as a bilingual congregation, I have been able to challenge not only myself but our parishioners to join together and help support one another. I hope I will be useful to help other congregations grow and share the blessings with their communities.



The Rev. Brenda Sol
Rector, St. Andrew's, Encinitas

Nominee's Statement in Favor of Their Candidacy: I was privileged to serve as an alternate to the 2018 General Convention and found it fascinating to be a part of our wider church activities. I would be honored to represent our diocese again and this time serve on a committee that helps shape our lives as Episcopalians.



The Rev. Hannah Wilder
Deacon, St. Mark's, San Diego

Nominee's Statement in Favor of Their Candidacy: I have attended the past four general conventions, and in 2018 served with the presiding bishop's staff as one of the field reporters for a daily online TV show called "Inside General Convention." My millennial perspective, experience in church communications, and work in developing relationships beyond our diocese serve as unique qualifiers for this role. I've been a member of this diocese since 2002, and have worked in the bishop's office since 2007. During that time I gained invaluable knowledge about the wide-ranging needs and interests of our congregations. I am passionate about social justice and creating a peaceful and just world for all God's children.



Ms. Rachael Ambasing
Member, St. Matthew's, National City

Nominee's Statement in Favor of Their Candidacy: I am currently the music coordinator at St. Matthew's, National City, and serve as a member of the Secretariat of the San Diego Episcopal Cursillo. I love and believe in the Episcopal Church, in our efforts to celebrate diversity and inclusivity, and am

committed to following the Way of Love. If selected I would serve with great joy and thankfulness.



Ms. Judy Brown
Member, St. Alban's, El Cajon

Nominee's Statement in Favor of Their Candidacy: I have been a member of St. Alban's for over 40 years. I've served on vestry several times and am currently serving again. I have served as treasurer for over ten years. I've served on several calling committees. I served as western region lay woman representative to the Episcopal Cursillo ministry committee. I currently serve as treasurer to the secretariat of the San Diego Cursillo. As deputy to General Convention in 2018, I was a rare first time attendee to be appointed to a committee by the president. If elected, I will serve the church and diocese with faith and trust in God for guidance.



Ms. Pauline Getz (Polly)
Member, St. Bartholomew's, Poway

Nominee's Statement in Favor of Their Candidacy: I have served as deputy several times and know the job well. I am chancellor of my parish and vice chancellor of the diocese. I currently serve on the executive council of the Episcopal Church. Using these skills for the benefit of the Church is my ministry.



Mr. Louis Glosson (Butch)
Member, Good Shepherd, Hemet

Nominee's Statement in Favor of Their Candidacy: I have been to five General Conventions, once as an alternate and four times as a deputy. At General Convention in 2015 I was elected to the executive council of the Episcopal Church, the Episcopal Church's governing body between conventions, where I served on the governance and administration committee. I also serve on the joint committee on provincial companionship, the Episcopal Church of the Philippines and the Episcopal Church. My history as board member of the Union of Black Episcopalians and currently as co-chair of Province VIII's Black African American Ministries, have also assisted me in the development of a church-wide perspective. Deputy to General Convention is a ministry I feel called to.



Mr. Romulo Ituarte
Member, St. Philip's, Lemon Grove

Nominee's Statement in Favor of Their Candidacy: I have served in our Church as a vestry member, senior warden, treasurer, and on our diocesan executive council. Now I want to participate in the wider church for the glory and honor of Jesus Christ our Lord, to bear witness and to spread the love through my actions and participation.



Ms. Jennifer Jow

Member, St. Paul's Cathedral, San Diego

Nominee's Statement in Favor of Their Candidacy: My vision is to continue to advocate for housing for homeless people with emphasis on veterans and elderly people. I hold a master's degree in business management, served in the US Navy, and have experience in project management and sales and marketing. Currently, I serve as the outreach and mission chair at St. Paul's Cathedral, San Diego, and I participate in our monthly Showers of Blessings, and am involved in other ministries. I also serve on the diocesan executive council and on the Episcopal Community Services (ECS) board of directors.



Mr. Auggie Matt

Member, St. Paul's Cathedral, San Diego

Nominee's Statement in Favor of Their Candidacy: My passion is advocating for people that are marginalized and afflicted by drugs and alcohol. Currently, I work with the interfaith shelter and our cathedral outreach programs. I have completed two years of seminary at our School for Ministry, hold a master's of business administration, certified internal auditor, and work as an accounting consultant. Being able to attend General Convention will give me a better understanding, experience, and growth from a church-wide level.



Mr. Charles Craig Noble

Member, Good Shepherd, Bonita

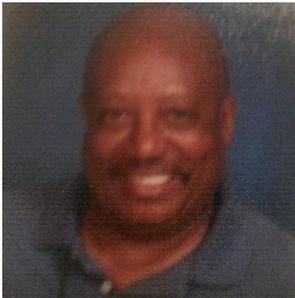
Nominee's Statement in Favor of Their Candidacy: I have been attending services at Good Shepherd, Bonita since September 1996. I have been on the vestry twice in the last ten years and feel moved to continue serving Christ's church. I retired from federal service in December 2010 after 36+ years supporting the US Navy in a combined uniformed and civilian capacity. At Good Shepherd, I am currently the parish treasurer, director of acolytes, a chalice bearer, reader and have volunteered for church sponsored functions such as the Alpha Course, Faith Alive and several fundraisers throughout the years. I am active in the Cursillo movement within the diocese, was rector of Cursillo three-day weekend #127 in April 2010. I am the current president of the Cursillo Secretariat in the diocese and a member-at-large on the Episcopal Cursillo ministry board. I was first alternate lay deputy for the 2018 General Convention and as a first timer, learned a lot. I again submit my name to be a candidate for lay deputy for the General Convention 2021 in Baltimore and continue serving Christ in his church.



Ms. Hanh Tran
Member, St. Peter's, Del Mar

Nominee's Statement in Favor of Their Candidacy: For over 25 years Hanh Tran has walked her faith using her gifts and professional business experiences to serve St. Peter's in various leadership roles for capital campaign, vestry, eucharistic minister, lector and president of Hilda of Whitby chapter of the order of the Daughters of the King. She also served on Bishop Mathes' strategic planning committee in 2006. Hanh was a selected delegate of the Episcopal

Church attending the United Nations Commission on the status of women in 2007. She was also elected to serve as national convener for women of the Episcopal Asiamerica Ministry (EAM) participating in the planning for the international EAM consulting working with the Anglican Communion in Taiwan in 2008. In 2017 she initiated and served as convener for the EAM in San Diego to honor cultural diversity and build community. Hanh has effectively worked with clergy and lay leaders of St. Peter's, Good Samaritan, St. Philip's, St. Mark's, St. Luke's and St. Matthew's organizing the multicultural children's fall festival at the same time raising funds for the refugee children of St. Luke's. Hanh served as a lay deputy to the General Convention in 2018. She feels the call to serve again in 2021 using her voice and experience for social justice and care of creation.



Mr. Clarence Woods
Member, St. Timothy's, San Diego

Nominee's Statement in Favor of Their Candidacy: I have been a member of this diocese since 1986, first as a member of St. Andrew's by-the-Sea, Pacific Beach and presently as a member St. Timothy's, Rancho Penasquitos. During my time as a member of these congregations, I have served as a vestry member several times, usher, vergger, acolyte, acolyte trainer, warden, and other duties as

assigned. As a convention deputy, I believe I can further contribute to the mission of this diocese.

Nominations are still open for all of these positions. When called for by the president of the convention, nominations may be made from the floor. Copies of the completed nomination form must be provided for every delegate in order to be considered.

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