

**The Episcopal Church in Delaware**  
**240<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention**  
**Courtesy Resolutions**

**WHEREAS**, the members of this 240<sup>th</sup> annual convention of the Episcopal Church in Delaware are thankful for this year of life together in Christ, the occasion of this convention, and the strength and hope we receive in support of our ministries in the coming year.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, WHEREAS**, The Very Reverend William B. Lane III, has served faithfully and effectively in this diocese and beyond, first as Vicar and later as Pastor of Saint Nicholas Church, in Newark, as Interim Dean of the Cathedral Church of Saint John, in Wilmington, as an Associate Priest of Christ Church Christiana Hundred, as the Program Officer for the Diocese of Delaware, and has also served as the Dean of the Cathedral Church of the Nativity, in Bethlehem Pennsylvania. In his more than sixty years of ministry, Bill has rendered laudable service to many agencies and ministries in the church and in the world as President of Saint Michael's Day School and Nursery, President of the Board of the North American Committee for St. George's College, Jerusalem, member of the Board of the Wilmington Housing Partnership, Incorporated, member of the Board and Executive of Interfaith Housing Delaware, Incorporated, Chair of the Race and Religion Task Force of the Christian Council of Delaware and as member of the Delaware Churches for Middle East Peace.

This convention honors Bill as a treasure to this diocese and to the church universal and uplifts him for his faithful service. The bishop, trustees, and convention of the Episcopal Church in Delaware offer heartfelt gratitude to Bill, and offer blessings upon him in his retirement, wishing him a wonderful and blessed future. And

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this convention expresses gratitude to The Reverend Canon Dr. Stephanie Spellers for sharing her wisdom with us last night. And for her ministry of Evangelism throughout the Episcopal Church and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this convention recognizes and celebrates the fifteen year anniversary of the ordination of it's first class of Deacons from 2009, Deacon Cecily Sawyer Harmon, The Venerable Pat Malcolm, Deacon Susan Phillips, Deacon Sheila Sharpe, and Deacon Dorothy Vuono. They have all served our diocese faithfully and have been a witness of the Episcopal Church in Delaware throughout our communities.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this convention expresses its gratitude to members of the Worship Committee, the Rev. Christopher P. Keene, Liturgical Officer; John Rania and members of the choir of Saint Peter's Episcopal Church for the Eucharist this morning.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this convention sends warm and affectionate greetings to our Presiding Bishop, the Most Rev. Sean Rowe and his wife, Carly; and our retired bishops, the Rt. Rev. Cabell Tennis; the Rt. Rev. Wayne P. Wright and his wife, Holly; with our best wishes to all of these friends for good health and the continued blessings of the Holy Spirit; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this convention sends its greetings to the Honorable John Carney, Governor of Delaware, and his wife, Tracy Quillen Carney with our continued prayers for his leadership of the state where we live and serve; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this convention expresses its gratefulness and offers thanksgiving to Daughters of the King for providing a place of prayer during this 240<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention, and offered prayers for our bishop, all members of the Episcopal Church in Delaware, and especially for those meeting in convention; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this convention expresses its heartfelt thanks to all those who are now retiring after diligent service as members of the Standing Committee, Trustees of the Diocese, Diocesan Council, Disciplinary Board, and Constitution and Canons wishing them Godspeed and blessings in their lives and continuing ministries; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this convention expresses its profound gratitude to our bishop, the Rt. Rev. Kevin S. Brown, his wife, Caroline, and their daughters, Emily and Margaret, for their friendship and ministry. We wish them many blessings in the years to come.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that these messages and sentiments will be communicated to the individuals and chairpersons of the organizations named herein, to make known these actions as voted by this 240<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Episcopal Church in Delaware.

Bishop, I so move.

All in favor, if you would applaud.