

**The Episcopal Church in Delaware
241st Annual Convention
Courtesy Resolutions**

WHEREAS, the members of this 241st 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, that this convention recognizes and celebrates the Venerable Patricia Malcolm, Archdeacon who has served our diocese faithfully as a deacon these past 16 years and has been an extraordinary witness of the Episcopal Church in Delaware throughout our communities. “Pat” has been a compassionate leader, a steady companion, and a true servant of Christ. Her ministry has touched countless lives through her work in hospital chaplaincy, her guidance on the Commission on Ministry, and her leadership as archdeacon. As she steps into the next chapter of her journey, this convention gives thanks for Pat's deep faith, grace, and tireless devotion, and we wish her and her husband Walter every blessing in the seasons ahead; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this convention expresses deep gratitude to the Right Reverend Scott Anson Benhase, 10th Bishop of the Diocese of Georgia, for sharing his wisdom with us last night, and his inspiring preaching at this morning's Eucharist, and for his decades of faithful ministry throughout the Episcopal Church; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this convention recognizes and celebrates Dina Hollingsworth on her retirement of nearly two decades of faithful and joy-filled service, Dina's ministry of hospitality and welcome has touched countless guests and organizations as steward of Memorial House. Dina, the Episcopal Church in Delaware thanks you for your wonderful, thoughtful, and passionate care of Memorial House. You have been a blessing, and your ministry here has been a true act of hospitality and love. We pray that your next chapter is filled with peace, joy, and the same abundant grace you have shared with so many. We wish you and your husband Rick “Godspeed”; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this convention expresses its heartfelt gratitude to Col. Frank Daniels (U.S. Army, Ret.) on his retirement as Treasurer of the Episcopal Church in Delaware. A role he's led with integrity, clarity, and commitment for the past five years. During his tenure, Frank worked to strengthen the collaboration between the Finance Committee, Trustees, and parish leaders. He also introduced the Small Church Audit Program in conjunction with the University of Delaware. Now in its fifth year, the program has been a tremendous improvement to the financial understanding and

stability of those parishes who are involved. He also established pre-convention financial briefings, opening diocesan finances to greater understanding and transparency. Frank guided the diocese through a significant period of transition, following the retirement of long-serving finance staff. As Frank and his wife Susan begin a new season of travel and renewal, we give thanks for his dedicated ministry and wish them both every joy and blessing; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this convention expresses its gratitude to members of the Worship Committee, the Rev. Christopher P. Keene, Liturgical Officer; Martha De Luna and members of the choir of Saint Barnabas's Episcopal church, and the Altar Guild of Saint David's Episcopal Church for the Eucharist this morning; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this convention expresses its gratitude to the members of Saint Thomas's Parish and Saint Nicholas' Church for their volunteer assistance over the last two days; and

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 Matthew Meyer, Governor of Delaware, and his wife, Lauren Meyer 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 241st 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; and

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 241st Annual Convention of the Episcopal Church in Delaware.

Bishop, I so move.

All in favor, if you would applaud.