The Episcopal Church in Delaware
242nd Annual Convention
Courtesy Resolutions

WHEREAS, the members of this 242nd annual convention of the Episcopal Church in Delaware are thankful for this year of life together in Christ, for this convention, and for the strength and hope we receive as we support our ministries in the coming year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this convention recognizes and celebrates Rick Hollingsworth on his retirement after nearly three decades of faithful and joy-filled service caring for Camp Arrowhead. Rick's contribution to the camp is about more than buildings and projects. His steady presence, practical knowledge, and willingness to pitch in wherever he was needed have helped make Arrowhead the place it is today. Rick, the Episcopal Church in Delaware thanks you for your wonderful, thoughtful, and passionate care of Camp Arrowhead. You have been a blessing, and your ministry here has been a true act of love for this special place and those who have attended over the years. 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 wife, Dina, Godspeed; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, WHEREAS, this convention recognizes and celebrates Pam Smith, who has served our diocese faithfully as office manager for the Mission Support Office these past 7 years. Pam is often the person behind the scenes, making sure what needs to happen happens. She has an extraordinary ability to anticipate needs, attend to countless details, solve problems, care for people, and simply get things done. Her skill, dedication, and work ethic have been a remarkable gift to the Mission Support Office and to congregations and people throughout the Episcopal Church in Delaware. Pam approaches her work with a servant's heart. Pam serves with kindness, compassion, generosity, and genuine love for others. As she steps into the next chapter of her journey, this convention gives thanks for Pam's deep faith, grace, and tireless devotion, and we wish her every blessing in the seasons ahead; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this convention expresses its heartfelt thanks to Jon Barrett for diligent service for the past three years as Secretary of Convention; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this convention expresses deep gratitude to the Rev. Dr. Luke Zerra for sharing his wisdom and insights during Friday evening's keynote address, and for leading an inspiring workshop on Licensed Lay Ministries on Saturday morning; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this convention expresses its gratitude to members of the Worship Committee, the Rev. Christopher P. Keene, Liturgical Officer; Musicians David Zipse and Laurie Jackson of Saint Nicholas' Episcopal Church, Newark, and the Altar Guild of Saint John the Baptist Episcopal Church, Milton, for the Eucharist this morning; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this convention expresses its gratitude to the members of All Saints' Church and St. George's Chapel, Rehoboth Beach, St. John the Baptist, Milton; St. Peter's Church, Lewes; and St. Martha's Church, Bethany Beach 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, his wife, Carly; and their daughter, Lauren, our retired bishop the Rt. Rev. Wayne P. Wright and his wife, Holly; with our best wishes to all 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 gratitude and thanksgiving to the Daughters of the King for providing a place of prayer during the 242nd Annual Convention and for offering prayers for our Bishop, the people of the Episcopal Church in Delaware, and especially for those gathered in convention; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Convention expresses its heartfelt gratitude to those completing their terms of office for their faithful and diligent service as members of the Standing Committee, Trustees, Diocesan Council, Disciplinary Board, and Constitution and Canons; and be it further recognized that their leadership and commitment have strengthened the life and ministry of the Episcopal Church in Delaware, and that this Convention offers them Godspeed and God's abundant blessings in their continuing ministries and vocations; 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 242nd Annual Convention of the Episcopal Church in Delaware.

Bishop, I so move.
All in favor, if you would applaud.