

**Minutes of the 166th Convention
of the
Episcopal Diocese of Missouri November 18-19, 2005
Holiday Inn Select Executive Center
Columbia, Missouri**

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2005

Call to Order

Bishop Smith

Having been informed that a quorum was present, at 1:15 p.m. Bishop George Wayne Smith called to order the 166th Meeting of Convention of the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Missouri. The Rev. Dawn-Victoria Mitchell, Associate Rector, Calvary Church in Columbia, to led the Convention in an opening prayer.

The Bishop appointed the Rev. Dr. Peter Van Horne, Vicar of All Saints' Episcopal Church in Farmington, as the Secretary of Convention. Bishop Smith also appointed Harold R. Burroughs, Chancellor of the Diocese, to serve as Parliamentary Advisor to the Chair.

Report of the Committee on Lay Credentials and Admission of New Parishes

Dr. Van Horne reported that the following congregations were in arrears on their diocesan assessments and according to Article III.3, Section 6 of the Diocesan canons, two-thirds of the Convention delegates must vote to allow the lay delegates of these congregations to be seated and to vote.

St. Michael & St. George/Clayton (\$150,773)
St. Stephen's/Ferguson (\$3,972)
St. Peter's/Ladue (\$44,674)
All Saints/St. Louis (\$14,054)
St. John & St. James/Sullivan (\$2,136)
St. Matthew's/Warson Woods (\$820)
Christ Church/Cape Girardeau (\$1,427)
St. Martin's/Ellisville (\$54,421)
Trinity/Hannibal (\$3,240)
St. Luke's/Manchester (\$5,290)
Holy Cross/Poplar Bluff (\$5,171)
Good Shepherd/Town & Country (\$29,289)

It was moved and seconded to give the lay delegates of the above congregations vote in the 166th Convention. The motion was carried by majority vote with one delegate voting in the negative.

Adoption of the Rules of Order

The Rules of Order of the Convention were adopted by the delegates.

Announcement of 166th Convention Committees

Bishop Smith

Bishop Smith announced the Committees for the 166th Convention.

Lay Credentials and Admission of New Parishes

The Rev. Dr. Peter Van Horne, Chair Mr. Harold R. Burroughs

Dispatch of Business

Mr. Harold R. Burroughs, Chair; Mr. Robert Brown, The Rev. Dr. Peter Van Horne

Constitution & Canons

The Hon. Jean C. Hamilton, Chair; Ms. Theodora Rendlen, Mr. Harold R. Burroughs, The Rev. James H. Purdy, Ms. Terri Denicke, The Rev. Dr. Peter Van Horne, The Rev. Dr. Richard B. Tudor, Mr. John W. Lemkemeier, Mr. Ronald Jones, Mr. Jamieson Spencer, The Hon. Mary Russell.

Resolutions

The Rev. Dr. Warren Crews, Chair; Mrs. Kathy Dyer, Mrs. Carolyn Daniels, The Rev. Dr. Lydia Agnew Speller, The Rev. John Kenneth Blair, Ms. Ann Hogan

Nominations & Election Procedure

Mr. Raymond W. “Sandy” Peters, Ms. Midge Smith, Mr. Henry Goff, The Rev. Ann Kelsey, The Rev. David Stock, The Rev. Catherine “Kitty” Hillquist

Introduction of Guests from the Diocese of Lui

Bishop Smith introduced guests from the Diocese of Lui, the Right Reverend Dollen ***, Bishop of the Diocese of Lui.

Introduction of New Clergy and Clergy in New Cures

Bishop Smith remembered in prayer those clergy of the diocese who died in the past year. The Bishop also introduced clergy new to the Diocese since the 165th Convention and clergy ordained since the 165th Convention.

Report of the Committee on Nominations and Election Procedure and Introduction of Nominees
The Rev. Catherine R. Hillquist

Bishop Smith recognized the Rev. Catherine R. “Kitty” Hillquist, Vicar of St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, in Ironton and Chair of the Committee on Nominations and Election Procedure to give the report of the Nominations Committee and to introduce nominees for Standing Committee, Diocesan Council, and Cathedral Chapter.

Standing Committee (2 clergy and 1 lay for 4 yr. terms)

The Rev. Dr. Warren Crews, Associate at Emmanuel/Webster Groves
The Rev. Jason Samuel, Vicar at Transfiguration/Lake St. Louis
Ms. Kristi Mochow, Holy Communion/University City
Mr. Matthew Owings, Trinity/St. Louis

Diocesan Council (2 lay for 3 yr. terms)

Ms. D’Arcy Elsperman, St. Martin’s/Ellisville
Mr. Carl Muench, St. Paul’s/Sikeston
Mr. Titus Olajide, Christ Church Cathedral
Ms. Midge Smith, Ascension/Northwoods

Cathedral Chapter (1 clergy and 1 lay for 3 yr. terms)

Lay: Mr. Michael Crawford, St. Peter’s LaDue nominated by petition

Mr. James Markham, Grace Church/Jefferson City, was deemed not eligible to stand for election.

Clergy: The Rev. Dr. Carol Wesley, St. John and St. James', Sullivan nominated by petition

Nomination and Election of Trustee for the University of the South

Bishop Smith entertained a motion from the floor to nominate Mr. John Solomon to serve a three-year term as a Trustee for the University of the South. It was moved, seconded and carried unanimously to elect Mr. Solomon as a Trustee to the University of the South. His term will expire with the 169th Convention.

Other University of the South Trustees from the Diocese of Missouri:

The Rev. Llewellyn M. Heigham	Term expires with 167th Convention
Ms. Kirby Coulson	Term expires with 168th Convention
The Rt. Rev. Dr. George Wayne Smith	Ex officio

Report of Standing Committee, The Rev. Frederick Thayer, Standing Committee President

If the Standing Committee were to adopt an official song, it might be the Dovells' 1963 hit, "You Can't Sit Down." However, with rare exception, the Standing Committee sits down together every month for consecutive meetings: a Standing Committee meeting and a COEDMO meeting. Those elected to the Standing Committee also serve as the Corporation of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri which holds title to the financial assets and real property of the Diocese. According to Article IV of the Episcopal Church's Constitution: "In every Diocese a Standing Committee shall be elected by the Convention thereof ..." and "When there is a Bishop in charge of the Diocese, the Standing Committee shall be the Bishop's Council of Advice..." The Canons also stipulate a variety of duties for a Standing Committee. The most significant of them would be to "be the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese for all purposes declared by the General Convention" (Article IV) should it come to pass that "there be no Bishop or Bishop Coadjutor or Suffragan Bishop canonically authorized to act ..." (Art. IV) I am grateful that with a young and vigorous Bishop, this Standing Committee has not needed to be the Ecclesiastical Authority. What we have needed to do is advise the Bishop on various matters at his request and to carry out several tasks summarized below.

I am most grateful to the members of the Standing Committee. They are fine people who give much of themselves for the good of our diocesan life and ministry. I invite members of the Standing Committee to stand so that they may be recognized by the 166th Convention of the Diocese of Missouri when all the names have been called. The current roster is as follows.

2005	Chester Hines, Jr.	All Saints', St. Louis
2005	The Rev. Larry Hooper	St. Martin's, Ellisville
2005	The Rev. Fred Thayer, President, Standing Committee	Calvary, Columbia

2006	Ida Early, Vice President, Standing Committee/COEDMO	Emmanuel, Webster Groves
2006	The Rev. C. Greg Hein, Secretary, Standing Committee/COEDMO	Grace, Kirkwood
2006	Janet Thompson	Calvary, Columbia
2007	The Rev. Brooke Myers	Holy Communion, University City
2007	Jim Rode	Advent, Crestwood
2007	The Rev. Dr. Peter Van Horne	All Saints', Farmington
2008	Clark Davis	Grace, Kirkwood
2008	Cassie Eckhardt	St. Francis, Wildwood
2008	The Rev. Jake Owensby	Emmanuel, Webster Groves

These are thoughtful and prayerful people of good will. They have done excellent work over the past year. They can and may sit down.

Members of the Bishop's staff who have provided invaluable assistance to the Standing Committee are the Rev. Canon E. Daniel Smith, the Ven. Robert Franken, Ann Tolch, and Emily Peach. Harold R. Burroughs, Chancellor has also provided invaluable assistance and, of course, so has Bishop Smith who attends Standing Committee Meetings and is President of COEDMO.

Ecclesiastical Acts:

The Standing Committee gave consents

(a) to the elections of the Rev. James Mathes as bishop coadjutor of San Diego and the Rev. Ambrose Gumbs as bishop coadjutor of the Virgin Islands.

(b) to the holding of episcopal elections as follows: a bishop coadjutor of Tennessee, a bishop coadjutor of South Carolina, a bishop coadjutor of Northern California, a bishop coadjutor of Albany, and a bishop suffragan of West Texas.

© to ordinations to the priesthood as follows: the Rev. Renee Fenner, the Rev. Beverly Van Horne, the Rev. Sally Weaver, the Rev. Doris Westfall, and the Rev. Jay Kanzler

(d) to ordinations to the diaconate as follows: Susan Bartlett; Hope Tinsley Benko (transitional), Joe Chambers (transitional), and Carrol Davenport (transitional).

(e) to the Bishop's acceptance of the renunciation of the Ministry by, and his deposition of, David Gibson.

The Standing Committee accepted by-laws for Christ Church Cathedral. We approved amended White Fund loans to St. Timothy's, Creve Coeur; Good Shepherd, Town and Country; and Trinity, De Soto. The sale of the church and rectory in St. Clair was authorized. Consent was given to a proposal to lease the property commonly known as St. Stephen's Episcopal Church at 1400 Park Avenue, St. Louis. Grants to four seminarians from the Theological Education Fund were approved. Upon Dick Clark's resignation as diocesan Treasurer, the Bishop nominated and the Standing Committee appointed Jerre Birdsong as interim Treasurer. In addition, the Standing Committee planned an excellent leadership conference at which the Rev. James Lemler was the keynote speaker.

COEDMO approved use of Future Mission Funds for the possible purchase of property for St. Francis, Wildwood. The use of Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund moneys for 2005 health insurance for a priest and the priest's family was approved. Consent was given to a proposal to lease the property known as Prince of Peace Episcopal Church, St. Louis. We approved a White Fund loan to Trinity, St. Charles. Church Assistance Endowment grants were made to Christ Church, Cape Girardeau; Advent, Crestwood; Trinity, De Soto; Grace, Kirkwood; Christ Church, Rolla; Christ Church Cathedral, St. Louis; and St. John's, St. Louis. A subsequent request by Trinity, De Soto to change the use of their Church Assistant Endowment grant was approved. Huber, Ring, Helm and Company presented to us their audit of 2004 finances. The audit indicates that "financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Diocese at December 31, 2004 and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America." As requested by the Diocesan Council, \$100,000 from unrestricted funds was approved for use in the 2006 operating budget. Two White Fund loans were written off: one for the Episcopate Transition and one for Epiphany Episcopal Church, Dougherty Ferry Road which has been closed for some time. From time to time, reports on the Thompson Center sale status were heard.

I have now completed a full term on the Standing Committee, including the past year as President. I leave the Standing Committee grateful for this opportunity to serve the Diocese and confident that the Standing Committee will continue to be faithful, insightful and diligent.

Report of the Diocesan Council, Dr. Katherine Matthews, Diocesan Council Vice-President

Council started off with, and maintained, a strong momentum during this past year. The Bishop reminded us at our first meeting that, during recesses of Convention, Council shall

alone interpret Diocesan policies; and we intentionally structured our time together to create space and energy for moving forward on the tasks at hand.

You will hear separate presentations on the program budget, so I will focus on our response to Resolution B-165 passed at Convention last year. You charged us:

To study existing congregational representation to Diocesan Convention and present a new, more equitable formula to the 166th Convention in 2005 for discussion and vote.

We worked on this task systematically throughout the year. We studied how lay representation is determined in other dioceses throughout the US. We reviewed the history of representation within our own Diocese. We analyzed the literal impact of using average Sunday attendance versus membership. And we ran projections for a number of different “denominator options”...one rep per 30, one per 50, one per 65, etc.

What was even more important than all of this detail work, however, was that we focused on being attentive to the broad range of perspectives about lay representation. Resolution B-165 identified some of these perspectives specifically in its rationale last year. They include concerns about equity, under-representation, and the impact of the current formula on church growth. We also communicated back and forth through the Convocations about our work and solicited additional input outside of those structures.

Taking all of those concerns and all of our research, we identified several key principles that translate into the proposal you have seen for a new formula.

First, we strongly agreed that we need to use average Sunday attendance as the base for this formula. Most importantly, this number is the most vital representation of who we are as the living body of Christ. It tells us who is at the table. It is also the case that membership on the books is logistically challenging to keep updated – especially for larger parishes.

Second, we listened carefully to the large churches who repeatedly told us that capping representation is troublesome. Moreover, it sends the message that we are against growth and expansion. In my own language, it is an anti-evangelism policy.

Third, we heard from smaller churches that coming to Convention as a lone lay representative is difficult. So this concern became our basis for another part of the formula that you have seen. In some ways it mirrors our national governmental formula for representation through the Senate and House in that each parish or mission shall have two delegates for the first 75 in average Sunday attendance and then one per each additional 75.

Fourth, we wanted to make sure that the changes we proposed would not make Convention too large and logistically impossible to hold outside of St. Louis.

Finally then, why the number 75? As I've told you, we ran multiple projections; and although the possible options are not infinite, they are numerous.

Despite all of these options, however, we had strong reasons for feeling confident with the number 75. For one thing, it makes sense in this Diocese. It is a clean break point. We don't see average Sunday attendance numbers clustering around increments of 75. We don't see churches that tend to sit at 74 or 151.

It's also the case that this break point is commonly used at the national level in conversations about parish size and church growth.

So, I hope this gives you a good sense of the care with which we undertook your charge to us. There is another piece of this puzzle, and you will hear about that from the group that responded to E-165 on budgeting and assessments.

I will also be available, and I invite all members of Council to be here as well, when we discuss this proposed change to Constitution and Canons at the hearing later this afternoon. Members of the Committee on Constitution and Canons will be conducting that hearing. They will also serve as a resource to make sure we understand the possible impact of these changes on our Constitution and Canons and how these changes might affect our common life.

I thank you for your attention and your prayers for us during this year. Here ends the report.

2006 Budget Presentation

Mr. Jerre Birdsong

Bishop Smith appointed Mr. Jerre Birdsong as Treasurer of the Diocese of Missouri. The appointment was confirmed unanimously.

Announcements

Bishop Smith called on Mr. Robert Brown, Director of Communications for the Diocese, for some announcements.

Closing of Plenary Session I

When the announcements were concluded at 2:07 p.m., Bishop Smith announced that the 166th Meeting of the Convention was in recess until 8:30 a.m. Saturday, November 19, 2005.

Hearings

The remainder of the afternoon was spent in a 2006 budget hearing from 2:30 p.m. to 3:15 p.m., and hearings on Resolutions and a proposed canonical amendment from 3:15 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Convention Eucharist and Banquet

The Convention Eucharist was celebrated at 5:00 p.m. at Calvary Church, followed by the Convention Banquet at 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2005

Call to Order

Bishop Smith

At 8:38 a.m, there being a quorum present, Bishop Smith reconvened the 166th Meeting of Convention of the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Missouri.”

Opening Prayer

The Rev. Fred Thayer, Rector of Calvary Church, Columbia, led the Convention in opening prayers.

Representatives of the Diocese of Lui

It was moved, seconded and carried unanimously to grant seat and voice to the representatives of the Diocese of Lui.

Balloting for members of Standing Committee, Diocesan Council, and Chapter of Christ Church Cathedral, The Rev. Catherine Hillquist

The Bishop recognized the Rev. Catherine “Kitty” Hillquist, Vicar of St. Paul’s Episcopal Church - Ironton, and the Chair of the Committee on Nominations and Election Procedure, to explain the Preferential Aggregate Transfer Balloting System and to conduct the balloting. The balloting ended at 8:53 a.m.

Report of the Resolutions Committee, The Rev. Dr. Warren Crews

Bishop Smith called on the Rev. Dr. Warren Crews, Chair of the Resolutions Committee, for the Committee report.

Dr. Crews moved the adoption of Resolution A-166, Clergy Compensation. The motion was seconded. Following is the text of the resolution:

A-166 Clergy Compensation

Submitted on behalf of the Diocesan Council

1 BE IT RESOLVED that this 166th Convention of the Diocese of Missouri set the annual standard base compensation for full-time clergy in 2006 as follows:

CASH SALARY \$34,700
HOUSING ALLOWANCE \$12,500.

[The actual compensation should be determined by Resolution of the Vestry/Bishop’s Committee, in consultation with the clergy.]

And be it further

2 RESOLVED, that the Church Pension Fund assessment will be paid by the congregation; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, that \$50,000 group life will be paid by the congregation; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, that medical coverage for clergy and eligible dependents, will be paid by the congregation; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, that a standard of ten days per calendar year and \$500 will be provided for continuing education; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, that the standard auto allowance will be \$2,000 per year; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, that all parishes and missions encourage their full-time clergy to set aside two days each week for personal time.

RATIONALE

1. 2005 cash salary plus housing allowance was - Priest \$46,000. The recommendation for 2006 reflects a 2.7 percent increase.

2. The Canons of the Episcopal Church mandate that pension assessments be paid by congregations (assessment = 18 percent of cash salary plus housing and utilities allowance).

3. Provides for \$50,000 of term life insurance for active clergy. (In addition, all active clergy are eligible to receive an additional \$50,000 term life insurance benefit from the Church Pension Fund.)

4. A list of medical plans can be obtained from the Office of the Bishop.

5. Congregations are encouraged to provide both time and financial resources to assist clergy with continuing education opportunities.

6. Standard allowance for auto expense as determined by the Internal Revenue Service.

7. Congregations are urged to encourage their clergy to take two days for personal time. Effective January 1, 2004, the short-term disability benefit, previously obtained through Income Replacement Insurance, became a new benefit for clergy who are actively participating in the Clergy Pension Plan and whose pension assessments are paid to-date.

This resolution establishes a standard base compensation for clergy. Congregations are urged and invited to compensate clergy beyond the standard. It is understood that under individual circumstances and conditions internal adjustments in the compensation package may be negotiated.

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There was no discussion on the motion, and the motion was approved by a majority vote.

C-166 Moving Date of Convention to second weekend of October

Dr. Crews moved the adoption of resolution C-166, and the motion was seconded.

Following is the text of the Resolution:

C-166 Moving the Date of Diocesan Convention

Submitted by Metro II

1 BE IT RESOLVED that this 166th Convention of the Diocese of Missouri direct Diocesan Council to study moving the date of Diocesan Convention to the second weekend in October beginning in 2007; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, that Diocesan Council will report its recommendation to move Convention to the new October date to the 2006 Convention for further action.

RATIONALE

By tradition, the Diocese of Missouri has held its annual Convention on the third weekend of November. As the time around the holiday season has become more stressful for both laity and clergy, this tradition has become more difficult to sustain. Delegates face difficulties with balancing demands of work and family during this busy season.

Moving Convention to the second weekend in October would allow delegates to concentrate more fully on the important business of the Diocese. In addition, participation in the governance of the Diocese may increase and those excluded because of other commitments may find this a welcome sign of inclusion.

After discussion the question was called, and the vote on the motion failed.

D 166 Recycling Convention Materials

Dr. Crews moved the adoption of Resolution D-166, and the motion was seconded.

Following is the text of the Resolution:

D-166 Recycling of Convention Materials

Submitted by Metro II

1 BE IT RESOLVED that this 166th Convention of the Diocese of Missouri encourage future conventions to provide for the recycling of paper, glass, and aluminum during the time of its meeting; and be it further

2 RESOLVED that all members of convention commit themselves to using non-disposable tableware at future meetings of the church.

RATIONALE

As we become increasingly aware of the negative impact of consumer waste on the environment, it is our responsibility to exercise good stewardship by reducing the use of disposable products. As Christians who believe that God's goodness fills all creation, we need to demonstrate a commitment to conservation as a church community, respecting the

integrity of the earth and its people and being deeply aware that our actions affect the lives of others.

There was no discussion, and the motion was approved by a majority vote.

E 166 Balancing State Budget by Abandoning the Poor

Dr. Crews moved the adoption of Resolution E-166, and the motion was seconded. Following is the text of the Resolution.

E-166 Balancing the State Budget by Abandoning the Poor

Submitted by Metro II, Tom Rogers, Mike Clark

1 BE IT RESOLVED that this 166th Convention of the Diocese of Missouri bear witness to our baptismal covenant to “strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being ” by publicly opposing efforts to balance the budget of the State of Missouri in ways that harm children, the poor, the homeless, the destitute, the disabled, the sick, and the mentally ill citizens of this state; and be it further

2 RESOLVED that this Convention encourages the State of Missouri to balance the budget in ways that are equitable to all Missourians, such as:

- Ensuring that all monies promised from riverboat casinos are being appropriated to our state’s public schools;
- Raising taxes to upper-class and middle-class tax brackets a modest amount; and
- Creating a designated fund for voluntary contributions to offset health care costs of the underprivileged.

And be it further,

3 RESOLVED that copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Governor and our state representatives; and be it further

4 RESOLVED that this Convention calls upon all the congregations of this

diocese to conduct an adult discussion (or series) to explore our Christian responsibility to care for those less privileged than ourselves.

RATIONALE

“Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.” Matthew 25: 40

Proposals that make cuts to programs that serve “the least among us” are in direct contradiction to Christ’s mission for us to care for the poor and weak in our midst.

The Rev. Dr. Emery Washington offered a friendly amendment to the first Resolve that would bring it into agreement with the printed copy so that it would read:

1 BE IT RESOLVED that this 166th Convention of the Diocese of Missouri bear witness to our baptismal covenant to “strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being ” by publicly opposing efforts to balance the budget of the State of Missouri in ways that harm children, the poor, the homeless, the destitute, the ~~disabled~~ differently abled, those who are physically and mentally challenged

and the mentally ill citizens of this state, and; and be it further. . .

Dr. Washington moved the amendment, and the motion was seconded. During the discussion it was pointed out that the change in terminology has legal implications. The question was called and a vote was taken. The vote was inconclusive to the Chair and there was a call for a division of the house. The amendment failed and discussion returned to the original motion.

Mr. Clark David of Grace Church, Kirkwood, moved to amend the title of the Resolution to read, "Balancing the State Budget With Regard to Human Need." The motion was seconded and approved by a majority vote.

The Rev. Dr. Emery Washington moved the substitute the following for the second Resolve, and the motion was seconded:

Be it further resolved that this 166th Convention of the Diocese of Missouri encourage, challenge and instruct the Episcopal members of the Missouri General Assembly in all of the budgeting and programmatic allocations of the state to be the instruments through which this diocese lives out its baptismal covenant in faithful response to the needs of children, the poor, the elderly, the homeless, the destitute, the sick, the differently abled, and the mentally and physically challenged;

After further discussion, it was agreed to strike the words "and instruct" from the above Resolve because Dr. Washing said we should encourage Episcopal members of the legislature to live out their faith. **It now reads as follows:**

Be it further resolved that this 166th Convention of the Diocese of Missouri encourage, challenge the Episcopal members of the Missouri General Assembly in all of the budgeting and programmatic allocations of the state to be the instruments through which this diocese lives out its baptismal covenant in faithful response to the needs of children, the poor, the elderly, the homeless, the destitute, the sick, the differently abled, and the mentally and physically challenged;

After further discussion it was moved, seconded and carried by a majority vote to table the motion to a time certain this afternoon.

F-166 Call for a Moratorium of the Death Penalty in Missouri

Dr. Crews moved the adoption of Resolution F-166, and the motion was seconded.

Following is the text of the Resolution:

1 BE IT RESOLVED that this 166th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri calls on the Governor and our state representatives, and the President of the United States and our representatives in Congress, to enact and adopt legislation imposing a moratorium on executions at least until this state and the nation implement policies and procedures which:

* Ensure that death penalty cases are administered fairly and impartially, in accordance with basic due process,

* Minimize the risk of that innocent persons may be executed, and

* Prevent the execution of mentally retarded persons and person who were under the age of 18 at the time of their offenses.

And be it further

2 RESOLVED that copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Governor and our state representatives and the President of the United States and our representatives in Congress

RATIONALE

There is ample evidence that the death penalty is applied in a racist manner; death sentences are reserved for the poor; prisoner appeals have been severely curtailed, increasing the risk of imprisonment and execution of innocent people; and the American Bar Association has concluded that administration of the death penalty is "a haphazard maze of unfair practices with no internal consistency" and has called for a moratorium on executions. General Convention in 1958 called on Episcopalians to oppose capital punishment on the theological basis that the life of an individual is of infinite worth in the sight of Almighty God, and the taking of such a human life falls within the providence of Almighty God and not within the right of humankind. This was reaffirmed at the General Conventions of 1969, 1979, 1991, and 2000. The 2000 General Convention also called for a moratorium on executions and asked the dioceses and parishes of the Church to study the death penalty and the reasons for the Church's opposition to it.

There was no discussion, and the motion was adopted by a majority vote.

G-166 Structured Conversations on the Windsor Report

Dr. Crews moved the adoption of Resolution G-166, and the motion was seconded. Following is the text:

1 BE IT RESOLVED that this 166th Convention of the Diocese of Missouri directs each convocation to establish a date before Easter 2006 to hold a gathering of the people of that convocation to discuss the issues defined within the Windsor Report; and be it further

2 RESOLVED that minutes from each of these discussion be disseminated to the clerical and lay deputies and alternates to the General Convention of the Episcopal Church USA to be held in 2006; and be it further

3 RESOLVED that this convention encourages each clerical and lay deputy and alternate to the General Convention of the Episcopal Church USA to be held in 2006 to attend at least one of these gatherings and as many more as possible.

RATIONALE

Recognizing that deputies to General Convention are elected as representatives of the Diocese to vote their conscience, we nevertheless urge this process to promote diocesan wide participation in the national Church deliberations. This process will also inform the deputies on the scope of opinions within the Diocese of Missouri on issues defined within the Windsor Report.

It was moved and seconded to substitute the Resolution. Following is the text of the Substitute Resolution:

G-166 Structured Conversations on General Convention Proposed substitute

1. BE IT RESOLVED that this 166th Convention of the Diocese of Missouri requests the

bishop to appoint an ad hoc committee including members of our General Convention 2006 deputation, representatives of each convocation, and others at his discretion, to design and host gatherings for interested people in each convocation during Eastertide 2006 to discuss the issues and resolutions which may come before the General Convention in June, including the Windsor Report and any actions which may have implications for the Anglican Communion; and be it further

2. RESOLVED that minutes from each of these discussions be disseminated by the convocation secretaries to our bishop and to our clerical and lay deputies and alternates to the General Convention of the Episcopal Church USA to be held in 2006; and be it further

3. RESOLVED that this convention encourages each of our elected clerical and lay deputies and alternates to the General Convention of the Episcopal Church USA to be held in 2006 to attend at least one of these gatherings and as many more as possible in order to listen carefully to the wide range of opinions within the diocese.

RATIONALE

Recognizing that deputies to General Convention are elected as representatives of the Diocese to vote their conscience, we nevertheless urge this process to promote diocesan wide participation in the national Church deliberations. This process will also allow the deputies and alternates to listen intentionally to the scope of opinions within the Diocese of Missouri on issues defined within the Windsor Report and subsequent documents and actions within the Anglican Communion, as well as on other issues coming before the General Convention. The Blue Book, which contains many committee reports and resolutions, including the report of the Special Commission on the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion appointed by the Presiding Bishop and President of the House of Deputies to receive the Windsor Report and other Inter-Anglican developments, will not be available before mid March.

The Rev. Melanie Barbarito moved to amend the first Resolve by removing the words “during Eastertide 2006” and replace them with the words, “after the Blue Book is available” so that the first Resolve will read:

1. BE IT RESOLVED that this 166th Convention of the Diocese of Missouri requests the bishop to appoint an ad hoc committee including members of our General Convention 2006 deputation, representatives of each convocation, and others at his discretion, to design and host gatherings for interested people in each convocation after the “Blue Book” is available to discuss the issues and resolutions which may come before the General Convention in June, including the Windsor Report and any actions which may have implications for the Anglican Communion; and be it further

The motion to amend was seconded. After discussion, the amendment was approved unanimously. There was no discussion, and the substitute motion as amended was approved by a majority vote.

At 9:33 a.m. the report of the Resolutions Committee was concluded.

Reports by Title Bishop Smith

Bishop Smith accepted the following reports by title:

- University of the South
- Diocesan Archives (Report of the Registrar)
- Episcopal City Mission
- Episcopal School for Ministry

Camp Phoenix
Commission on Dismantling Racism
Task Force on the Roles of the Church in Marriage
Commission on Global Reconciliation
Commission on Youth Ministries
Task Force on the Development of a Diocesan Strategic Direction

Adoption of the 2006 Budget for the Diocese

Mr. Jerre Birdsong, Treasurer of the Diocese, moved adoption of the proposed 2006 Operating Budget as adopted by the Diocesan Council October 15, 2005 and as circulated to delegates. After a brief discussion, the 2006 Budget of the Diocese was approved by a majority vote.

Bishop's Address

Bishop Smith

At 9:37 a.m. the Bishop turned over the chair to the Chancellor so he could deliver his address to the Diocese. His address concluded at 10:09 a.m.

Close of Plenary Session II

Bishop Smith

At 10:10 a.m. the Bishop recessed the 166th Meeting of the Convention.

Plenary Session III

At 10:30 a.m. the Bishop reconvened the 166th Meeting of the Convention and invited Bishop Dolli of the Diocese of Lui to address the Convention.

Remarks from the delegation from the Diocese of Lui, Bishop Dolli

Bishop Dolli reviewed the priorities of his diocese for us to remember in prayer:

1. Development services: There is an awareness to the need empower parishes and communities. They are working at building the capacity of the mandate to reach all people, to help all people physically and spiritually. They are able to mobilize the Christian community to effect changes, and to help foster self-reliance. The Christian community has shown evidence that will help sustain development, for example, through the planting of citrus fruit crops.
2. Educate to help sustain those initiatives.
3. Women workers: The diocese has female clergy, and they also have a Mothers's Union that is working within their diocese.
4. Education. The civil war caused families to lose hope. Loved ones were lost, and the young were deprived of the opportunity for education. The conflict also affected the clergy, and there was little opportunity for theological education. Funds are needed to support this education. They will do local training and the diocese has identified a site for a bible college. They also have started a girl's grammar school. There also is a need to alleviate the problem of illiteracy, even for those beyond school age.
5. Rehabilitation. With the end of the civil war, many displaced people have started to return to their homes. This led to some tribal conflict. In the eastern part of diocese people were killed and churches burned. The diocese has a plan for action to rehabilitate and settle people, and to provide seeds and tools to aid returnees. This will be a long term project. They also want to provide counseling facilities because people have been traumatized. This and clothing are a short term project.
6. Partnership with diocese of Missouri. We want to learn from each other. We in Lui

value your partnership. Your bishop visited us. We look forward to more visits so we can have a two way partnership. As situations get back to normal, male and female staff will be needed to help with development work. They have just come out of a war that affected every part of their life, so they are starting from nothing.

Bishop Dolli said, "Change, change. If you don't change, change will change you. The Dioceses of Lui and Missouri (miserable). In Swahili, Missouri means good. May our partnership be a blessing and advance to the glory of God."

Presentation of the Diocesan Council Task Force on Assessments and Committee on Constitution and Canons

The Bishop called on the Diocesan Council Task Force on Assessment and the Committee on Constitution and Canons for a presentation to the Convention led by The Rev. Dr. Warren Crews, Chair, Committee on Resolutions, The Rev. Dr. Richard Tudor, Harold R. Burroughs, members of the Committee on Constitution and Canons and Vander Corlis, Task Force on Assessments

Diocesan Task Force for the Study and Review of the Budgeting and Assessment Processes.

11:00 am Warren Crews, Rich Tudor, Vander Corlis.

Bishop Smith called on the Diocesan Task Force for the Study and Review of the Budgeting and Assessment Processes.

Further Report of the Resolutions Committee

The Rev. Dr. Warren Crews

Bishop Smith recognized the Rev. Dr. Warren Crews for a further report from the Resolutions Committee.

Resolution I-166 Formula for Assessments and Constitutional Amendments

Dr. Crews moved the adoption of Resolution I-166 and the motion was seconded. The text of the resolution is as follows:

I-166 Formula for Assessment of Congregations for Support of the Diocese Submitted by the Task Force for Budget and Assessment

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this 166th Convention of the Diocese of Missouri sets assessment for support of the Diocese at a flat rate to be determined by each Parish or Mission in the range of a minimum of 12.5 percent and a maximum of 15 percent of Net Disposable Budget Income following a deduction of \$750 and based on the previous year's parochial report.

RATIONALE

The current assessment formula is eight (8) percent for a net disposable income (NDI) of \$25,000 or less; 10 percent for NDI of \$25,001 to \$75,000; and 15 percent for NDI of \$75,001 and above. The adjusted assessment is the lesser of the assessment as determined by the formula or 100 percent of the previous year's adjusted assessment.

The committee solicited feedback from parish clergy and lay leadership. Responses indicated that there was nothing broken in the rules that determine how much each parish was assessed. There was general confusion about how the system operated, creating a level of distrust. There was also concern expressed for the age of the financial figures that were being used in the calculations (two-years-old when calculations are done to determine

assessment). Systems that are used in other dioceses were reviewed and found to mostly be based on a flat rate.

Assessments would be determined by the congregation with a minimum of 12.5 percent and maximum of 15 percent after a \$750 exemption. The range of 12.5 to 15 percent was used in order to come up with a final value that would get us to a more ideal level than present day.

If all congregations give at 12.5 percent it would be less than the current assessed level. If all congregations give at the 15 percent level it would fund the Diocese at a level greater than the current assessed level. The motivation of funding at a level greater than 12.5 percent is for a show of support for the programs of the Diocese. This also provides an opportunity for discussion at the parish level as to whether to fund at the full 15 percent level.

It was moved and seconded to amend the Resolution by adding the following as a second Resolve:

and be it further resolved that this resolution be extended until repealed or changed by Convention

The motion was approved by a majority vote. The amended Resolution reads as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this 166th Convention of the Diocese of Missouri sets assessment for support of the Diocese at a flat rate to be determined by each Parish or Mission in the range of a minimum of 12.5 percent and a maximum of 15 percent of Net Disposable Budget Income following a deduction of \$750 and based on the previous year's parochial report;

and be it further resolved that this resolution be extended until repealed or changed by Convention.

During the discussion it was noted that it would go into effect at the close of Convention, and that Line A of 2004 will be used to calculate the next assessment. After discussion, the Resolution was approved by a majority vote.

Resolution L-166, Lay Delegates to Convention

Moves and seconded to Consider Resolution L-166. Motion approved, resolution is before us.

The text of the Resolution is as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED that this 166th Convention of the Diocese of Missouri approve an amendment to Article III.3, Section 6 of the Constitution of the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Missouri by deleting the first three sentences thereof and substituting therefor the following text:

Every canonically organized Mission of the Diocese and Parish in union with Convention of this Diocese shall be entitled to be represented in Convention by a minimum of two Lay Delegates. Each Parish and Mission shall be allowed one additional Lay Delegate for

every seventy-five persons in Average Sunday Attendance at such Parish or Mission as reported on its annual Parochial Report for the immediately preceding calendar year. Such Parochial Report shall be prepared on the then current form provided by the Secretary of Convention and Average Sunday Attendance shall be calculated in the manner prescribed by such Parochial Report form.

RATIONALE:

This proposed Constitutional change responds to Resolution B-165 adopted by the 165th Convention of the Diocese which reads as follows:

“BE IT RESOLVED that the 165th Convention direct Diocesan Council to study existing congregational representation to Diocesan Convention and present a new, more equitable formula to the 166th Convention in 2005 for discussion and vote.”

Following the adoption of this resolution by Convention last year, the Diocesan Council discussed the issue of congregational representation and focused on the actual and perceived and fairness of the existing mechanism. Council unanimously adopted a resolution which outlined the proposal set forth above. The Council’s stated purpose was to make the system of allocating lay delegates to Convention more equitable. Council believed that representation based upon average Sunday attendance, a more reliable statistical measure, was a better basis for the system of determining lay representation to Convention.

Number of eligible lay delegates by congregational ASA based on the revised formula:

<u>Average Sunday Attendance</u>	<u>Number of Lay Delegates</u>
1-75	2
76-150	3
151-225	4
226-300	5
301-375	6
376-450	7
451-525	8
526-600	9

	<u>Current System</u>	<u>Proposed System</u>
Total Number of Delegates Authorized	114	142
Distribution by Size		
Number of Small Congregations	28	26
Number of Delegates	32	52

Percentage of Total Delegates	28.1%	36.6%
Number of Medium Congregations	8	16
Number of Delegates	27	53
Percentage of Total Delegates	23.7%	37.3%
Number of Large Congregations	11	5
Number of Delegates	55	37
Percentage of Total Delegates	48.2%	26.1%
Distribution by Area		
St. Louis (25 congregations)		
Number of Delegates	78	93
Percentage of Total Delegates	68.4%	65.5%
Outside St. Louis (22)		
Number of Delegates	36	49
Percentage of Total Delegates	31.6%	34.5%
Distribution by Convocation		
West (6 congregations)		
Number of Delegates	14	16
Percentage of Total Delegates	12.3%	11.3%
South (6)		
Number of Delegates	8	12
Percentage of Total Delegates	7.0%	8.5%
Kemper (8)		
Number of Delegates	17	19
Percentage of Total Delegates	14.9%	13.4%
Metro II (8)		
Number of Delegates	25	32
Percentage of Total Delegates	21.9%	22.5%
Metro III (10)		
Number of Delegates	23	29
Percentage of Total Delegates	20.2%	20.4%
Metro IV (9)		
Number of Delegates	27	34
Percentage of Total Delegates	23.7 %	23.9%

It was moved and seconded the amend the Resolution by adding the words, “A congregation with 74 or fewer persons in Average Sunday Attendance shall be entitled to two lay delegates” after the sentence ending with the words “two Lay Delegates” and before the sentence beginning, “Each Parish. . . .” The amended portion would read as follows:

Every canonically organized Mission of the Diocese and Parish in union with Convention of this Diocese shall be entitled to be represented in Convention by a minimum of two Lay Delegates. A congregation with 74 or fewer persons in Average Sunday Attendance shall be entitled to two lay delegates. Each Parish and Mission shall be allowed one additional Lay Delegate for every seventy-five persons in Average Sunday Attendance at such Parish or Mission as reported on its annual Parochial Report for the immediately preceding calendar year. Such Parochial Report shall be prepared on the then current form provided by the Secretary of Convention and Average Sunday Attendance shall be calculated in the manner prescribed by such Parochial Report form.

After discussion, the question was called and the vote on the amendment failed. The original resolution was approved by a majority vote. It was noted that this would be a change in the diocesan constitution and requires approval by two consecutive convention.

Resolution M-166 Correcting Amendment to Article III.3, Section 9

Dr. Crews moved to have the Convention consider Resolution M-166, and the motion was seconded and approved unanimously. Following is the text of the Resolution:

RESOLUTION M-166: Correcting Amendment to Article III.3, Section 9

Submitted on behalf of the Committee on Constitution and Canons

BE IT RESOLVED that this 166th Convention of the Diocese of Missouri approve an amendment to Article III.3, Section 9 of the Constitution of the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Missouri which shall amend said Section 9 in its entirety to read as follows:

“Subject to the limitations set forth in Section 6 above, every Lay Delegate shall have seat, voice and vote in Convention.”

After discussion the motion was approved unanimously.

Resolution N 166 Payment of Assessments and Congregational Representations at Convention

Dr. Crews moved to have the Convention consider Resolution N-166, and the motion was seconded and approved by a majority vote. The Rev. Dr. Rich Tudor proposed a friendly change at the recommendation of the Chancellor by change the word “two” in paragraph 1 to “four.” The motion to amend was seconded and approved. Following is the text of the amended Resolution:

RESOLUTION N-166: Payment of Assessments and Congregational Representations at Convention.

Submitted on behalf of the Committee on Constitution and Canons

BE IT RESOLVED that this 166th Convention of the Diocese of Missouri approve an amendment to Article III.3 of the Constitution of the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Missouri to as follows:

1. Identify the first ~~two~~ four sentences of Section 6, as amended by Resolution L -166, as subsection “a”.

2. Delete the remainder of Section 6 and substitute therefor the following two new subsections “b” and “c” as follows:

2. Subject to the limitations set forth below, every Lay Delegate shall have seat, voice and vote in Convention. The Lay Delegates from a Congregation shall have no vote until the Secretary shall have been presented with satisfactory evidence as to the amount of assessments that the Lay Delegates’ Congregation has paid during the preceding fiscal year for support of the Diocese and for the Church Pension Fund. In the event a Congregation shall not have paid the full amount of such assessments for the previous year, the number of Lay Delegates from such Congregation entitled to vote in Convention shall be reduced in direct proportion to the percentage deficiency in such Congregation’s payment of its assessment obligations. The number of Lay Delegates with vote in Convention from such Congregation shall be rounded up to the nearest whole number, with a minimum of one Lay Delegate with vote in Convention for each Parish and canonically organized Mission.

3. Under extraordinary circumstances, the Diocesan Council may recommend to the Convention that all of the Lay Delegates of a Parish or canonically organized Mission have vote, without regard to the limitations set forth in subsection b. above. The Diocesan Council’s recommendation shall be subject to approval by a simple majority vote of the Convention.

3. Delete Section 9 in its entirety and renumber Sections 10 through 13 as numbers 9 through 12.

After discussion the motion was approved by the required majority.

Close of Plenary Session III

At 12:31 pm Bishop Smith closed Plenary Session III for lunch recess.

Plenary Session IV

Ay 1:30 p.m. Bishop Smith called the Convention to order. The Rev. Frederick W. Thayer of Calvary Church, Columbia, led the Convention in prayer.

The report of the Resolutions Committee continued and the Convention resumed consideration of Resolution E-166. After considerable debate the Rev. Dr. Emery Washington withdrew his amendment because, as he said, “The matter has become too complicated.” The Rev. Dr. Lydia Agnew Speller called the question, and the original Resolution was approved by a majority vote.

Resolution K-166 The Teaching of Intelligent Design in Public Schools

Dr. Crews moved that the Convention consider K-166, and following is the text of the Resolution:

1. Be it resolved that inasmuch as “Intelligent Design” is a religious concept, the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri strongly recommends that it should be taught in a religious context and in a religious setting and not mandated as an official part of the public school science curriculum in the state of Missouri; and be it further
2. RESOLVED that copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Governor and our state senators and representatives, and to the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

The motion to consider the resolution failed by the required majority.

Courtesy Resolutions

Dr. Crews moved the adoption of the following Courtesy Resolutions, all of which were adopted by the Convention:

Convention Committee

WHEREAS, the members of the Planning Committee for this 166th Convention of the Diocese of Missouri has worked hard to provide this convention with a focus on the legislative work of the task forces created by the 165th Convention and the convocations of the Diocese, as well as a delightful banquet and their sense of propriety in scheduling our meetings in the Windsor Room; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the 166th Convention of the Diocese of Missouri express their appreciation to the Convention Planning Committee: Robert Brown, Hal Burroughs, the Ven. Robert Franken, the Rev. Dr. Peter Van Horne, and the Rt. Rev. George Wayne Smith.

Host Congregations

WHEREAS, the clergy, staff, and members of Calvary Church, Columbia with assistance from the congregations of West Convocation planned and executed a splendid Eucharist, including the ordination of Susan Bartlett to the diaconate, with special thanks going to the Revs. Fred Thayer, Dawn-Victoria Mitchell, and Wallace Caldwell, as well as Scott Alberts, choir director, and Sheryl Mehroff, organist, and the Altar Guild of Calvary Church, Owen Teague, President;

WHEREAS, Calvary Church has reminded us of the vitality and promise of the Episcopal Church in mid-Missouri with all of the festivities of their Sesquicentennial and their beautiful new facilities, recognizing the hard work of their Sesquicentennial Committee, Laura Bullion, Chair; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the members of this 166th Convention of the Diocese of Missouri extend to the clergy, staff and people of Calvary Church, Columbia, and to the other congregations of the West Convocation our deep appreciation for their efforts at this Convention to make us welcome and comfortable.

Standing Committee

WHEREAS, the members of the Standing Committee have attended faithfully to the ecclesiastical acts of this Diocese and as a council of advice to the Bishop, and

WHEREAS, they serve at the same time as officers of the Corporation of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri, and

WHEREAS, they have assisted greatly the ministries of our congregations through an annual Leadership Workshop; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the members of this 166th Convention of the Diocese of Missouri express their gratitude to retiring members: Chester Hines, Jr., The Rev. Larry Hooper, and The Rev. Fred Thayer.

Diocesan Council

WHEREAS, the members of Diocesan Council work between Convention on issues of program and budget, and seek to help us to gain a unified sense of purpose, now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that this 161st Convention of the Diocese of Missouri express its gratitude to those members who have completed their terms: Bob Daniels, The Rev. Kitty Hillquist, The Rev. Anne Kelsey, Katherine Matthews, Vicki Myers, Titus Olajidae, and The Rev. Robert Rhodes.

Diocesan Staff

WHEREAS, the Bishop's Staff assists the Bishop in administration, making disciples and supporting our congregations, and

WHEREAS, they minister both to us and in our name, exercising their ministries with grace and efficiency in times of transition, now therefore it be

RESOLVED that the members of this 166th Convention of the Diocese of Missouri express our appreciation to the continuing work of Robert Brown, Heidi

Clark, Michael Kinman, Emily Peach , Sue Rehkopf, Dan Smith, Anne Tolch, Desirée Viliocco, and Susan Wegner, as well as welcoming Robert Franken, Tracy Grigsby, Ralph McMichael, and Cory Hoehn to the staff. I move the resolution.

All Others

WHEREAS, the strength of our Diocese is a result of all its members offering God-given talents to the glory of God,

BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the 166th Convention of the Diocese of Missouri express their gratitude to Sue Eastes, Nathaniel Pyron, Harvel Sanders, Clifford Smart, and James D’Wolf for their long service as priest of this Diocese, and to Theresa Denicke and Georgia O’Brien for their dedicated service in the Offices of the Bishop, and wish them well in the retirement, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this Convention extend their best wishes to Pauline Kohler of St. Peter’s, Bonne Terre, thanking her for long and faithful service in that congregation, and, finally,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the 166th Convention of the Diocese of Missouri express their gratitude for a job well done to Harold R. Burroughs, Chancellor; The Hon. Jean C. Hamilton, Vice Chancellor; Jerre Birdsong, Treasurer; the Rev. Dr. Peter Van Horne, Secretary; as well as to St. Luke’s Hospital for their generous assistance in printing diocesan materials, and any others whom we might have overlooked.

Further Report from the Committee on Nominations and Election Procedure
Bishop Smith called on the Rev. Kitty Hillquist to report the results of the elections. She reported the following:

Diocesan Council, Lay: D’Arcy Elsperman, Titusd Olajide

Standing Committee, Clergy: Warren Crews, Jason Samuel

Standing Committee, Lay: Matthew Owings

Cathedral Chapter, Clergy: Carrol Wesley

Cathedral Chapter, Lay: Michael Crawford

At 2:05 p.m. Bishop Smith recessed the Meeting of the Convention. During the Recess there was a presentation of the Global Reconciliation Committee and Hearings on Resolutions B and J led by Tammy King, St. Michael and St. George/Clayton and the Rev. Michael Kinman.

Plenary Session V

At 2:18 p.m Bishop Smith called the Convention to order. The Bishop called on Dr. Crews to resume the report of the Resolutions Committee.

Resolution B-166, Increased Media Coverage of Global Crisis

Dr. Crews moved the adoption of Resolution B-166 and the motion was seconded. Following is the text of the Resolution:

1 BE IT RESOLVED that this 166th Convention of the Diocese of Missouri call upon television outlets within the diocese's boundaries to increase coverage of global crises and the U.S. response to them, particularly:

- * efforts to realize the Millennium Development Goals,
- * the ongoing peace process between north and south Sudan, and
- * the ongoing genocide in Darfur.

And be it further

2 RESOLVED, that this convention call on all television network affiliates to convey to their parent companies the desire of Episcopalians in this diocese to receive greater and more in-depth coverage of these issues and situations; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, that the secretary of this convention send a copy of this resolution to every television station within the diocese's borders, to the programming offices of CNN, MSNBC, CNBC, and FoxNews and to the news divisions of NBC, ABC, CBS and FOX; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, that all congregations and individuals in the Diocese of Missouri are strongly urged to lobby their local news media to increase the breadth and depth of coverage of these issues; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, that the following resolution be sent to the 75th General Convention of the Episcopal Church:

RESOLVED, the House of _____ concurring, this 75th General Convention of the Episcopal Church calls upon all television news outlets in the United States to increase coverage of global crises and the U.S. response to them, particularly:

- + efforts to realize the Millennium Development Goals,
- + the ongoing peace process between north and south Sudan, and

+ the ongoing genocide in Darfur.

And be it further

RESOLVED, That the secretary of this convention send a copy of this resolution to the programming offices of CNN, MSNBC, CNBC, and FoxNews, and to the news divisions of NBC, ABC, CBS and FOX; and be it further

RESOLVED, That all dioceses, congregations and individuals in the Episcopal Church are strongly urged to lobby the news media on local, regional and national levels to increase the breadth and depth of coverage of these issues.

It was moved and seconded to add the words “Closed Captioning” to the third resolve. During the discussion it also was moved and seconded to add the words “and the Corporation for Public Broadcasting” to the third resolve. The motion was approved by a majority vote. The amended resolution was approved by a majority vote. The amended third Resolve reads as follows:

3 RESOLVED, that the secretary of this convention send a copy of this resolution to every television station within the diocese’s borders, to the programming offices of Closed Captioning, CNN, MSNBC, CNBC, and FoxNews and to the news divisions of NBC, ABC, CBS and FOX and the Corporation for Public Broadcasting; and be it further

Resolution J-166 Reaffirm Commitment to Millennium Development Goals

Dr. Crews moved the adoption of Resolution J-166, and the motion was seconded. Following is the text of the Resolution:

1 BE IT RESOLVED that this 166th Convention of the Diocese of Missouri reaffirms its commitment to the realization of the Millennium Development Goals to:

1. Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger
2. Achieve universal primary education
3. Promote gender equality and empower women
4. Reduce child mortality
5. Improve maternal health

6. Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases
7. Ensure environmental sustainability
8. Develop a global partnership for development

And be it further

2 RESOLVED that this Convention celebrates our commitment to the realization of these goals by the giving of 0.7% of its 2005 program budget to be used toward their achievement in the Diocese of Lui in Sudan and the dedicating of 0.7% of the 2006 program budget toward work that promotes the Millennium Development Goals; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, that this Convention strongly urge every congregation and Episcopalian in the Diocese of Missouri to engage in God's mission of global reconciliation by dedicating a minimum of 0.7% of their program budgets and individual incomes toward international development work; and be it further

4 RESOLVED that the following resolution be sent to the 75th General Convention of the Episcopal Church:

RESOLVED the House of _____ concurring, this 75th General Convention of the Episcopal Church

1. Establish the work toward the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals as a mission priority for the coming triennium,
2. Direct the General Convention Treasurer and the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to create a line item in the Budget for the Episcopal Church containing no less than 0.7% of that budget for work that supports the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals,
3. Designate September 11 a special day of prayer, fasting and giving in the Episcopal Church toward global reconciliation and the Millennium Development Goals,
4. Request that all dioceses establish a diocesan global reconciliation commission dedicated to mobilizing Episcopalians toward the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals.

There was no discussion, and the resolution was approved by a majority vote.

Courtesy resolutions, continued:

Dr. Crews moved the adoption of the following Courtesy Resolutions, and each was approved unanimously.

Resolved that the 166th Convention of the Diocese of Missouri expresses to the Staff of the Offices of the Bishop its gratitude for the work of the old and new members of the staff.

Resolved that the 166th Convention of the Diocese of Missouri sends its greetings to the clergy of the Diocese of Missouri and staff people who have retired and wish them well in their retirement.

Resolved that the 166th Convention of the Diocese of Missouri sends its best wishes to Pauline Kohler for her long and faithful service in St. Peter's, Bonne Terre.

Resolved that the 166th Convention of the Diocese of Missouri send its greeting the Presiding Bishop Frank Griswold as he concludes his term and assures him of our prayers.

Resolved that the 166th Convention of the Diocese of Missouri send its greetings to retired bishops Caddigan, Jones and Mrs. Jones, and the Rockwells, wishing each a long and healthy retirement.

The Rev. Dr. Lydia Agnew Speller moved the adoption of the following Courtesy Resolutions and each was approved unanimously.

Resolved that the 166th Convention of the Diocese of Missouri extends to Bishop Smith our fond good wishes and our support as we work alongside him to live into our future, making disciples and supporting congregations. The motion was approved unanimously with a standing ovation.

Resolved that the 166th Convention of the Diocese of Missouri express to Camp Phoenix our gratitude to the volunteer staff, parents and campers for a great summer, and extend good wishes for summer of 2006.

Resolved that the 166th Convention of the Diocese of Missouri send its best wishes to the Rev. Canon John Danforth and express our gratitude because of the manner in which he has written and spoken on behalf of the place for moderate Christianity, and is a model for how faithful people of integrity can engage in government and politics.

Close Plenary Session V

Bishop Smith recessed the Meeting of the Convention, and during the recess there was a presentation of the Companion Diocese Committee and a Hearing on

Resolution H led by Christy Boyle, Grace/Kirkwood.

Call to Order

After the recess Bishop Smith called to order the Meeting of the Convention.

Selection of Site for the 167th Convention

In accordance with Article III.1 of the Constitution of the Diocese, Bishop Smith entertained a motion to set November 10-11, 2006, as the date and site for the 167th Convention in St. Louis as guests of the Metro III Convocation. It was moved and seconded to do so, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Appointments of Committees for the 167th Convention

Bishop Smith made the following appoints to committees for the 167th Convention.

LAY CREDENTIALS AND ADMISSION OF NEW PARISHES

The Rev. Dr. Peter Van Horne, Chair

Mr. Harold R. Burroughs

DISPATCH OF BUSINESS

Mr. Harold R. Burroughs, Chair, Mr. Robert Brown, *ex officio*, The Rev. Dr. Peter Van Horne

CONSTITUTION & CANONS

The Hon. Jean C. Hamilton, Chair, The Rev. James H. Purdy, Mr. Harold R. Burroughs, The Rev. Dr. Peter Van Horne, Mr. Ronald Jones, Ms. Theodora Rendlen, The Honorable Mary Russell, Mr. Jamieson Spencer, The Rev. Frederick W. Thayer, The Ven. Robert Franken, *ex officio*

RESOLUTIONS

Mrs. Carolyn Daniels, The Rev. John Kenneth Blair, Mrs. Kathy Dyer, Chair, The Rev. Dr. Lydia Agnew Speller, Ms. Ann Hogan, The Rev. Robert Towner, The Rev. Teresa Mithen

The Convention voted unanimously to confirm the above appointments.

Affirmation of Bishop's Appointments to the Diocesan Commission on

Ministry In accordance with Canon III.14, Bishop Smith nominated the following persons to serve on the Diocesan Commission on Ministry.

For four year terms: Mr. Carl Muench (2009)
The Rev. Susan Bartlett (2009)
The Rev. Jacob Owensby (2009)
The Rev. Dr. John B. Musgrave (2007)
Ms. Sylvia Thomas (2007)

Joseph Adams (2006)

Mr.

The above appointments were affirmed unanimously.

The continuing members of the Commission on Ministry are:

The Rev. Melanie Barbarito

(Vicar, St. Francis - Wildwood) (2008)
Dr. James Hood (Trinity – St. Charles)
Ms. Rory Walsh (2008)
The Very Rev. Ronald H. Clingenpeel
(Dean, Christ Church Cathedral) (2008)
The Rev. Dawn - Victoria Mitchell (2007)
Dr. Rick Cotner (2007)
Ms. Eve Van Sice (2006)
Ms. Anne Hogan (2006)
The Rev. Marylen Stansbery (2006)
The Rev. Teresa Mithen

Affirmation of Bishop’s Appointments to the Committee on Nominations and Election Procedure

Bishop Smith nominated the following persons to serve a three-year term on the Committee on Nominations and Election Procedure.”

Mr. James Markham
The Rev. Beverly Van Horne
The Rev. Dr. Warren Crews

The continuing members of the Committee are:

The Reverend Anne Kelsey (Rector, Trinity - St. Louis)
(2007), Chair
Mr. Harry Goff (St. Barnabas’ – Florissant) (2007)
Raymond W. (“Sandy”) Peters (St. Peter’s - Ladue) (2006)
Ms. Midge Smith (St. Stephen’s – St. Louis) (2006)

The appointments were affirmed unanimously.

Election of Bishop’s Nominees to the Ecclesiastical Court

Bishop Smith announced that the following persons continue to serve on the Ecclesiastical Court, having been elected by a prior Convention:

Mr. Carl Muench	The Rev. Jack Fleming
Dr. Harry Richter	The Rev. Dr. Lydia Agnew Speller
Ms. Virginia Benson	The Rev. Harvel L. Sanders
	The Rev. Stephen Weissman

The appointments were affirmed unanimously.

At 2:39 p.m. the Bishop recessed the Meeting of the Convention for presentation from Companion Diocese Committee.

Companion Diocese Committee

The Committee reported that they were charged with finding two relationships: one close and easy to get to, and one far away. The first will be allowed to emerge, and the second will be discussed today.

Continuation of Report from the Resolutions Committee

Resolution H-166, Relationship with the Diocese of Lui, Sudan

Bishop Smith called on Dr. Crews to continue the report of the Resolutions Committee. Dr. Crews moved the adoption of Resolution H-166, Relationship with the Diocese of Lui, Sudan. The text of the Resolution is as follows:

1 BE IT RESOLVED that this 166th Convention of the Diocese of Missouri endorses entering into a Covenant of Companion Relationship between this diocese and the Diocese of Lui, beginning November 2005 and continuing until November 2010 or terminated by mutual consent; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, that the Rt. Rev. George Wayne Smith be empowered to set up a representative Companion Relationship Commission to implement this relationship, including the recruitment of persons and congregations in the diocese to participate in this relationship.

During the discussion it was asked how individuals and congregations could contribute to the Diocese of Lui. The Venerable Robert Franken noted that contributions could be sent through the Offices of the Bishop of Missouri with a notation that it is for the diocese of Lui, and allow the Diocese of Lui to determine how to spend the funds, and they will report back to diocese on how the funds were used.

The motion was carried unanimously.

Commissioning of Deb Goldfeder, Advent, Crestwood, as Missioner of Lui

Bishop Smith called on the Rev. Dr. Lydia Agnew Speller who offered a Courtesy Resolution concerning the work of Ms. Deb Goldfeder as a Lay Missioner in the Diocese of Lui. The Resolution was adopted unanimously.

Other Business

Bishop Smith expressed the gratitude of the 166th Convention for the work of the Interpreters in assisting the Lay Delegates from St. Thomas Church for the Deaf.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Convention, Bishop Smith called for a motion to adjourn. It was moved and seconded to adjourn, and with the unanimous approval of the motion, Bishop Smith adjourned the 166th Meeting of the Convention of the Diocese of Missouri at 3:01 p.m. The Meeting concluded with a blessing from Bishop Bullen.