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9:00-9:15 p.m. Compline	St. Pat's Ballroom

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2007

Call to Order - Plenary Session II

There being a quorum present, Bishop Smith reconvened the 168th Meeting of Convention of the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Missouri at 8:30 a.m.

The Rt. Rev. Don E. Johnson, Chaplain of Convention, led the Convention in prayer.

Explanation of Voting System

Bishop Smith called on the Rev. Anne Kelsey, Rector of Trinity Episcopal Church, St. Louis, and the Chair of the Committee on Nominations and Election Procedure, to explain the Preferential Aggregate Transfer Balloting System and to oversee the balloting. After voting concluded, the Bishop declared the balloting closed.

Report of the Resolutions Committee:

Consideration of Resolutions A-168, B-168, C-168, D-168, F-168

The Bishop Chair recognized Mrs. Kathy Dyer, St. Timothy's Church, Creve Coeur, and Chair of the Committee on Resolutions, for the report of the Resolutions that Committee.

Resolution A-168 Minimum Clergy Compensation

Submitted on behalf of the Diocesan Council

Mrs. Dyer moved the adoption of Resolution A-168:

1. BE IT RESOLVED that this 168th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri set the annual standard base compensation for full-time clergy in 2008 as follows:

CASH SALARY \$37,100

HOUSING ALLOWANCE \$13,365

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

2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Church Pension Fund assessment will be paid by the congregation;

3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that \$50,000 group life will be paid by the congregation;

4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that medical coverage for clergy and eligible dependents, will be paid by the congregation;

5. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a standard of ten days per calendar year and \$500 will be provided for continuing education;

6. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the standard auto allowance will be \$2,000 per year; and

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

The resolution was approved by a majority vote.

Resolution B-168: Call for a Moratorium for the Death Penalty in Missouri
Submitted by Episcopal Peace Fellowship, Missouri Diocese Chapter

Mrs. Dyer moved adoption of Resolution B-168

1. BE IT RESOLVED that this 168th 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:

- Insure that death penalty cases are administered fairly and impartially, in accordance with basic due process
- Minimize the risk that innocent persons may be executed and
- Prevent the execution of persons with mental retardation and persons who are under the age of eighteen at the time of their offense.

2. BE IT FURTHER 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.

The resolution was approved by a majority vote.

Resolution C-168: Convocation System,
Submitted by Metro III Convocation

Mrs. Dyer moved the adoption of Resolution C-168

1. BE IT RESOLVED that this 168th Convention of the Diocese of Missouri request the Diocesan Council to conduct a comprehensive review of the current goals and structure of the convocation system and make recommendations to better enhance the goals of communication and information sharing, and to deepen a sense of Christian fellowship among clergy and laity both in the convocations and in the diocese;

2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the various convocations be requested to participate in this review;

3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Diocesan Council be requested to consider what human and fiscal resources might be necessary to enable the convocations to best fulfill their assigned functions; and,

4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Diocesan Council be requested to report to the 169th Convention of the Diocese of Missouri the results of its review and recommendations regarding these matters.

The resolution was approved by a majority vote.

Resolution D-168: Disabilities

Submitted by the Vestry of St. Mark's/Metro III

Mrs. Dyer moved the adoption of Resolution D-168

1. BE IT RESOLVED that this 168th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri affirm Resolution C-030 of General Convention 2000

Resolved, That the 73rd General Convention adopt the "National Council of Churches Policy Statement on Disabilities, the Body of Christ, and the Wholeness of Society"; and be it further Resolved, That every diocese study this document and implement its points in their life.

and encourage a diocesan-wide study of the NCC Policy Statement "Disabilities, the Body of Christ and the Wholeness of Society";

2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this convention encourages a renewed awareness of the need for full inclusion of people with disabilities;

3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this convention requests every congregation to study the issue of the full inclusion of people with disabilities, and

4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that diocesan services be held in settings which allow for independent participation by people with visual, hearing and physical disabilities and that diocesan committees should meet in settings which accommodate the needs of disabled committee members.

The resolution was approved by a unanimous vote.

F-168: Department of Peace and Nonviolence

Submitted by Russel P. Breyfogle, Jr., Calvary/Columbia

Mrs. Dyer moved the adoption of Resolution F-168

1. BE IT RESOLVED that this 168th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri calls on the United States Congress to enact and adopt legislation in order to create a "Department of Peace and Nonviolence" (H.R. 808). This Department would be headed by a Secretary of Peace and Nonviolence, appointed by the President of the United States with the advice and consent of the Senate and serving a ten year term. The mission of this department would be to:

- hold peace as an organizing principle
- endeavor to promote justice and democratic principles to expand human rights and
- develop policies that promote national and international conflict prevention, nonviolent intervention, mediation, peaceful resolution of conflict, and structured mediation of conflict

2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the President of the United States and our representatives in Congress, along with members of the following Congressional committees:

- House Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Government Management, Organization, and Procurement
- House Foreign Affairs
- House Judiciary
- House Education and Labor, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education

After discussion the motion was defeated.

Reports Received by Title

Bishop Smith accepted the following reports by title:

- Making Disciples Cluster Report
- Supporting Congregations Cluster Report
- Communications Cluster Report
- Administrative Cluster Report
- Missioner to Jerusalem Report
- Commission on Ministry Report
- Paseo Con Cristo Report
- St. Luke's Hospital Report
- University of the South
- Diocesan Archives (Report of the Registrar)
- Episcopal City Mission
- Grace Hill Neighborhood Services
- St. Andrew's Resources for Seniors

Budget Vignette - St. John's Church – Tower Grove, St. Louis

Bishop Smith called on The Rev. Emily Mellott for a brief presentation on St. John's Church, Tower Grove, St. Louis, as an aspect of the proposed Diocesan budget for 2008.

Close Plenary Session II

Bishop Smith recessed the meeting of Convention until 10:45 a.m.

Plenary Session III

St. Pat's Ballroom

There being a quorum present, Bishop Smith reconvened the 168th Meeting of Convention of the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Missouri at 10:45 a.m.

Bishop's Address

Bishop Smith gave his Address to the Convention and it was received with applause by the members of Convention.

Budget Vignette – Church of the Ascension, Northwoods

The Rev. Emily Mellott offered a presentation regarding the Church of the Ascension, Northwoods, as an aspect of the proposed Diocesan budget for 2008.

Report of the Companion Diocese Committee

At the request of Bishop Smith, the Rev. Susan Naylor, Emmanuel Church, and members of the Companion Diocese Committee presented a report on the work with our Companion Diocese of Lui.

Report of the Committee on Constitution & Canons

The Chair recognized the Hon. Jean C. Hamilton, Church of St. Michael & St. George, Clayton, and Chair of the Committee on Constitution and Canons, for the report of the Committee.

Resolution E-168: Prohibition on Proxy Voting

Submitted by the Very Rev. Ronald H. Clingenpeel, Dean, Christ Church Cathedral

Judge Hamilton introduced Resolution E-168.

RESOLVED, That the following addition be made to Canon III.4 of the Canons of the Diocese of Missouri:

Sec. 4: Voting by proxy shall not be allowed in the Convention of the Diocese of Missouri, any of the bodies of that convention, or the Standing Committee. No parish vestry, mission bishop's committee or annual meeting of a congregation shall allow voting by proxy.

After discussion the resolution was withdrawn with a recommendation that congregations amend their bylaws as needed.

Resolution G-168 Episcopal Campus Ministries: Representation at Convention

Submitted by the Rev. Andrew Benko

Judge Hamilton introduced Resolution G-168.

Each Campus Ministry of this Diocese with a full-time chaplain, and any other Campus Ministries of the Diocese designated by the Bishop and Standing Committee, shall be entitled to be represented by one Lay Delegate, selected from among the student

communicants of that ministry. Such Campus Ministries shall be allowed additional Delegates in the same manner set forth in Article III.3, Section 6, subsection a., for Parishes and Missions.

After discussion, the resolution was amended as follows:

Sec. 13. Each campus ministry of this Diocese with a full-time chaplain and each other campus ministry of the Diocese recognized by the Bishop and Standing Committee shall be entitled to be represented in Convention by one representative who shall have seat, voice and vote in Convention. Each such representative shall be appointed on an annual basis by the Bishop after consultation with the Bishop's clergy presence in that community of faith.

The resolution as amended was approved by a majority vote. Because this is an amendment to the Constitution of the Diocese, it requires an affirmative vote of the 169th Convention.

H-168 Amendment to Article III.1 of the Constitution regarding designation of Convention time and place

Submitted by the Committee on the Dispatch of Business

RESOLVED that Article IV.1 of the Constitution of the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Missouri be amended in its entirety to read as follows:

Article III.1 Annual Meeting of Convention

The Convention of the Church in this Diocese shall assemble annually. The 169th annual meeting of Convention shall designate the time and place for the 170th and 171st annual meetings of Convention. The 170th annual meeting of Convention and each annual meeting of Convention thereafter shall designate the time and place for the second succeeding annual meeting of Convention. The Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese may, however, change the time or place, or both, upon at least ten days' notice to the Senior Warden of every Parish, the Bishop's Warden of every Mission and every Clerical Member of Convention.

After discussion the resolution was approved by a unanimous vote. Because this is an amendment to the Constitution of the Diocese, it requires an affirmative vote of the 169th Convention.

Resolution I-168: Amendment to Section 1 of Canon IV.16 Regarding Dissolution or Merger of Congregations

Submitted by Harold R. Burroughs, Chancellor

Judge Hamilton introduced Resolution I-168.

RESOLVED, That Section 1 of Canon IV.16 of the Canons of the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Missouri be amended in its entirety to read as follows:

Canon IV.16 Dissolution or Merger of Congregations

Section 1. A Parish may merge with another Parish or Mission or dissolve by closing its operations completely only with the approval of the Bishop and by resolution of Diocesan Council. A Mission may merge with a Parish or another Mission or dissolve by closing its operations completely only with the approval of the Bishop.

The Chancellor presented the rationale for this proposed amendment. After discussion, the resolution to amend Canon IV.16 was defeated.

Introduction of the Executive Director of Episcopal City Mission

Bishop Smith introduced Ms. Mary Kay Digby, Church of St. Michael & St. George, Clayton as the new executive director of Episcopal City Mission.

Report from the Diocesan Investment Trust

Bishop Smith recognized Mr. Jerry Cooper, Emmanuel Church, Webster Groves and Chair of the Trustees of the Diocesan Investment Trust for a report on the DIT's operations.

Further Courtesy Resolutions from the Resolutions Committee: Mrs. Kathy Dyer

Mrs. Dyer presented resolutions concerning the opening and closing of churches, congratulating the Church of the Advent, Crestwood, on their 50th anniversary, congratulating St. Barnabas' Church, Florissant, on their 50th anniversary, and expressing gratitude for the timely issuance of a Convention Journal. The resolutions were approved with applause.

Noonday Prayers

Bishop Johnson led the Convention in Noonday Prayers.

Close Plenary Session III

Bishop Smith recessed the meeting of Convention until 1:00 p.m.

Plenary Session IV

There being a quorum present, Bishop Smith reconvened the 168th Meeting of Convention of the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Missouri.

The Chair called upon The Rt. Rev. Don E. Johnson to lead the Convention in prayer.

Budget Vignette – Church of the Good Shepherd, Town & Country

Bishop Smith called on the Rev. Emily Mellott for a brief presentation regarding the Church of the Good Shepherd, an aspect of the proposed Diocesan budget for 2008.

Further Report from the Committee on Nominations and Election Procedures:

Election Results

The Rev. Anne Kelsey, Chair of the Committee on Nominations and Election Procedure, reported on the results of the elections.