

Resolutions
Report to the 222nd Diocesan Convention

Whereas, St. John's Church, Elizabeth, celebrates the tercentenary of its organization in 1706; and

Whereas, St. Peter's Church, Spotswood, celebrates the 250th anniversary of its organization in 1756; and

Whereas, St. Barnabas' Free Church, Burlington, celebrates the sesquicentennial of its organization in 1856; and

Whereas, St. Andrew's Church, Camden, celebrates the centennial of its organization in 1906;

Be it therefore resolved that the 222nd Annual Convention of the Diocese of New Jersey, assembled in Cherry Hill, tenders congratulations to the clergy and congregations of these churches, wishing them God's blessings in the years ahead.

Whereas, the Rev. Richard E. Trask, retired, celebrates the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination and canonical residency in this diocese; and

Whereas, the Rev. Raymond E. Buntaine, retired, celebrates the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination and canonical residency in this diocese,

Be it therefore resolved that the 222nd Annual Convention of the Diocese of New Jersey, assembled in Cherry Hill, offers heartfelt congratulations and warmest thanks for their dedicated ministry.

Commission on Church Architecture
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During 2005 the Commission responded to inquiries for assistance as needed.

Looking ahead, the Commission, meeting with the Loan and Grant Committee, is developing a program to methodically assess the structural needs of the churches throughout the diocese.

This program will include a basic assessment of physical condition, carried out by a competent professional at no cost to the churches, and the creation of a list of reliable contractors in various specialties. The Commission hopes to inspect about thirty churches each year until all have been completed.

The Commission also will create a maintenance manual to help churches carry out a methodical check-up and maintenance program, in order to reduce preventable problems, and to identify and carry out essential repairs before the situation becomes acute.

Submitted by John A. Sully, Chairperson