

**Diocese of New Jersey
224th Annual Diocesan Convention
Friday, February 29, 2008**

Call to Order:

At 1:05 p.m., the Very Rev. René Rory John, Convention Chaplain, offered opening prayer.

Bishop Councill welcomed the Clergy, Lay Deputies, Visitors, and Press.

Bishop Councill introduced those seated at the dais: The Secretary of Convention Mrs. Emma Warren; Canon to the Ordinary the Rev. Canon Lee Powers; the Chancellor, Parliamentarian, and Chair of the Committee on Rules of Order, John Wood Goldsack, Esq.; Bishop's Executive Assistant Mrs. Mary Ann Rhoads; and Assisting Bishop the Rt. Rev. Sylvestre D. Romero. At the tables in front of the Bishop: Canon for Ministry Development and Deployment the Rev. Canon Elizabeth R. Geitz; Historiographer the Rev. Canon Laurence D. Fish; the Director of Youth Ministry Canon Kep Short, Treasurer of the Diocese Mr. Peter Hausman; Chief Financial Officer Canon Wanda Greene; and the Recorder of Information Paul Ambos, Esq.

The Rev. Canon Lee Powers made opening announcements and offered thanks to those who were responsible for the preparations of this Convention.

Mrs. Emma Warren, Secretary of Convention, reported that one-fifth of the canonically resident clergy and one-fourth of the congregations of the diocese were represented, and she declared that there was a quorum. Bishop Councill called the 224th Annual Convention of the Diocese of New Jersey to order.

The Rev. Charles Sasso-Crandall, Chair of the Committee on the Credentials of Lay Deputies, reported that all parochial reports have been submitted as required by canon and all credentials of lay deputies were in order except for: St. Wilfrid's, Camden and St. Mary's, Pleasantville. A motion to accept the report of the Committee on the Credentials of Lay Deputies was made, seconded, and passed.

The Rev. John V. Zamboni, Chair of the Committee on the Classification of Congregations, reported that the following churches have changed their classification status since the close of the 223rd Convention:

All Saints' Church, Highland Park, has closed, and in accordance with New Jersey Revised Statutes § 16:12–16 Father Zamboni moved that the Convention declare the parish extinct. The motion was passed.

Pursuant to N.J. Rev. Stat. § 16:12–15 the former parishes of St. Luke's Church, Roselle, and Grace Church, Linden, have merged. The merger has been approved by the Bishop and Standing Committee and the new parish is Church of St. John the Baptist, Linden. This requires no action on the part of the Convention.

Pursuant to N.J. Rev. Stat. § 16: 12-15 the former parishes of Holy Comforter Church and St. Paul's Church, Rahway have merged. The merger has been approved by the Bishop and Standing Committee and the new parish is Church of the Good Shepherd, Rahway. This requires no action on the part of the Convention.

St. James' Church, Edison, has moved from parish status to incorporated mission status. This requires no action on the part of the Convention.

A motion to accept the report of the Committee on the Classification of Congregations was made, seconded, and passed.

John Wood Goldsack, Esq. stated that the proposed Rules of Order for Convention 2008 were to be used, with no proposed changes since last year. A copy of the Rules of Order was provided to the clergy and lay deputies in their Convention packets. Mr. Goldsack moved, on behalf of the Committee on Rules of Order, the adoption of the Rules of Order for the 224th Annual Convention of the Diocese of New Jersey. The motion was passed.

Mr. Goldsack announced that a copy of the proposed Agenda had been included in all clergy and lay deputies' Convention packets. He moved, on behalf of the Committee, the adoption of the proposed Agenda of the 224th Annual Convention of the Diocese of New Jersey. The motion was passed.

Standing Committee on Constitution and Canons:

Paul Ambos, Chair of the Standing Committee on Constitution and Canons, presented Part I of the Report of the Standing Committee on Constitution and Canons, distributed to clergy and lay deputies as Document 12.

Diocesan Convention 2007 had passed Implementing Resolution VII, a first reading of an amendment to Article II of the Constitution, to remove the six-month waiting period for priests and deacons newly canonically resident in the diocese to vote, as follows:

Resolved, That the second and third paragraphs of Section 2 of Article II of the Constitution of the Diocese of New Jersey be amended, pursuant to Article XIII, Section 1 of the Constitution, to read as follows (insertions shown by underline, deletions by strikethrough):

Presbyters who ~~have been~~ are canonically resident in the Diocese ~~for six months next preceding~~ at the opening of any meeting of the Convention shall each be entitled to have a seat and vote.

Deacons who ~~have been~~ are canonically resident in the Diocese ~~for six months next preceding~~ at the opening of any meeting of the Convention shall each be entitled to have a seat and vote.

Amendments to the diocesan constitution passed at one convention in order to take effect need to be approved by a vote by orders by ballot at the next annual convention. Accordingly, on behalf of the Committee, Mr. Ambos moved Implementing Resolution I:

Resolved, That the amendments to the second and third paragraphs of Section 2 of Article II of the Constitution of the Diocese of New Jersey as authorized by the 223rd Convention of the Diocese be approved by this 224th Convention.

The Rev. John Hain, Dcn., Chair of the Balloting Committee, gave instructions for voting on Special Question 1. Deputies cast their votes.

Mr. Ambos presented Part II of the Report of the Standing Committee on Constitution and Canons. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to waive the reading of Implementing Resolution II, which was printed in the Committee's Report, and which Mr. Ambos moved on behalf of the Committee:

Resolved, That Diocese of New Jersey Canon 57 be amended as follows (insertions shown by underlining, deletions by strikethrough):

CANON 57
Collegiate Chapels

SECTION 1. At any institution of higher learning in this Diocese it shall be lawful for the Diocese to establish a college ~~chapel~~ chaplaincy and center for ministry to college students and staff. Such establishments are to be made upon the recommendation of the Bishop and the approval of the Diocesan Council and ~~The, if financially supported by the William Alexander Procter Fund. Chapels erected Procter Foundation, such Foundation.~~ Chapels or other places of meeting or of worship established at such centers, and their congregations, shall have the status of "Chapels of the Diocese."

SECTION 2. There shall be an advisory committee for each ~~College~~ Collegiate Chapel. The members of this committee shall be communicants of this Church in good standing. It shall be the duty of the advisory committee to care for the properties of the ~~chapel~~ Chapel to which they are appointed, to make recommendations to the proper authority for needed repairs and improvements, to ascertain that the use of the Chapel is in accordance with the regulations of the local institution as well as those of the Diocese, and to assist the college chaplain in the furtherance of the ~~Church~~ church's work on the campus.

SECTION 3. There shall be provided for each ~~collegiate chapel~~ Collegiate Chapel a standard register in which shall be recorded all official acts as provided in the canons for parishes. The Chapel communicant register shall consist only of those persons who have been confirmed or received into ~~the~~ The Episcopal Church at the Chapel. It shall be a special duty of the chaplain to seek to transfer such members upon their permanent departure from the institution.

SECTION 4. It shall be lawful for the college chaplain to organize from the faculty and student body of the institution to which the chaplain has been assigned such student vestries, choirs, auxiliaries, guilds, and societies as the chaplain may think advisable for the furthering of the ministry of ~~the~~ The Episcopal Church on the campus.

SECTION 5. Any ~~collegiate chapel~~ Collegiate Chapel congregation operating under the provisions of this canon may, ~~at an annual meeting,~~ elect from among its regular communicants a communicant in good standing of ~~the~~ The Episcopal Church to be its ~~representative~~ deputy to the Diocesan Convention. ~~It shall be the duty of the chaplain to provide to such an annual meeting a list of persons who qualify as regular communicants, who shall be entitled to seat, voice, and vote at Diocesan Convention. The chaplain and any member of the advisory committee shall certify the election of the deputy to the Secretary of Diocesan Convention.~~

SECTION 6. The chaplain and the advisory committee shall make annual reports to the Bishop of the Diocese in such form as the Bishop may direct.

See also: Canon 47, Section 4

The motion was passed. Bishop Councill directed the representatives from the Princeton and Rutgers Collegiate Chapels to obtain ballots from the Balloting Committee. A round of applause was received.

Bishop Councill announced that the balance of the Constitution and Canons Report will be presented on Saturday.

Bishop's Appointments:

Bishop Councill noted that the Bishop's Appointments to committees and commissions effective at the close of this Convention were included in deputies' Convention packet, Document 27, the reading of which was waived on consent.

Nominations:

The Rev. Petrina Pyatt, Chair of the Nominating Committee, reported the following nominations on behalf of the Committee:

Office A. Standing Committee (Vote by Orders)

1 Clergy Member, 4-year term

The Rev. Gail L. Bennett, Dcn.
The Rev. Dr. Patrick R. Close
The Very Rev. René John
The Rev. Salvador Ros
The Rev. Mark Van Sant

There were no nominations from the floor. A motion to close the nominations was made, seconded, and passed.

Office B. Standing Committee (Vote by Orders)

1 Lay Member, 4-year term

Annette Buchanan
Christine N. Hoehn

There were no nominations from the floor. A motion to close the nominations was made, seconded, and passed.

Office C. Alternates to General Convention (Vote by Orders)

4 Clergy Alternates

The Rev. Mark H. Chattin
The Rev. Philip H. Kasey
The Rev. Gail L. Bennett, Dcn.
The Rev. Peter A. Molnar, D.D.
The Rev. Terry L. Martin
The Rev. Andrea Rose-Marie Hayden
The Rev. Dr. Cipher Deavours, Dcn.
The Rev. Ronald N. Pollock

There were no nominations from the floor. A motion to close the nominations was made, seconded, and passed.

Office D. Alternates to General Convention (Vote by Orders)

4 Lay Alternates

Alicia Graham
Christine N. Hoehn
Georgeanne Dorney
Paul Ambos, Esq.
Carole Forsythe

There were no nominations from the floor. A motion to close the nominations was made, seconded, and passed.

Office E. Diocesan Council

3 Clergy Members, 3-year terms

The Rev. Arthur Pierce Powell
The Rev. Johnine Byrer, Dcn.
The Rev. Derrick H. Wedderburn
The Rev. Dr. Gina Walsh-Minor
The Rev. Pedro S. Guzman

There were no nominations from the floor. A motion to close the nominations was made, seconded, and passed.

Office F. Diocesan Council

3 Lay Members, 3-year terms

Robert J. McGonigle
Elsa M. Fuentes
James Bathurst

There were no nominations from the floor. A motion to close the nominations was made, seconded, and passed.

Office G. Cathedral Chapter

1 Clergy Members, 3-year term

The Rev. Margaret Sterchi

There were no nominations from the floor. A motion to close the nominations was made, seconded, and passed.

Office H. Cathedral Chapter

1 Lay Member, 3-year term

Donna Devlin

There were no nominations from the floor. A motion to close the nominations was made, seconded, and passed.

Office I. Standing Commission on Clerical Compensation

2 Clergy Members, 3-year terms

The Rev. Dr. W. Kenneth Gorman

The Rev. Denise B. Cavaliere, Dcn.

There were no nominations from the floor. A motion to close the nominations was made, seconded, and passed.

Office J. Standing Commission on Clerical Compensation

2 Lay Members, 3-year terms

David E. Magee

Edith Rohrman

There were no nominations from the floor. A motion to close the nominations was made, seconded, and passed.

Office K. Standing Committee on Constitution and Canons

2 Members, 3-year terms, one of whom must be Clergy

The Rev. Terence Blackburn

The Rev. Petrina M. Pyatt

There were no nominations from the floor. A motion to close the nominations was made, seconded, and passed.

Office L. Trustees of Diocesan Trust Funds

1 Lay Trustee, 5-year term

Robert E. Diemar, Jr.

David F. Hoyt

There were no nominations from the floor. A motion to close the nominations was made, seconded, and passed.

Office M. Finance and Budget Committee

3 Members, Clergy or Lay, 3-year terms

Timothy D. Collins

The Rev. Derrick H. Wedderburn

Richard M. Engle

The Rev. Frederic F. Guyott, III

There were no nominations from the floor. A motion to close the nominations was made, seconded, and passed.

Office N. Diocesan Investment Trust

1 Member, Clergy or Lay, 4-year term

George J. Mullen, Jr.

There were no nominations from the floor. A motion to close the nominations was made, seconded, and passed.

Office O. Audit Committee

2 Members, Clergy or Lay, 3-year terms

Richard S. Ellwood
Charles H. Perfater

There were no nominations from the floor. A motion to close the nominations was made, seconded, and passed.

Office P. Diocesan Review Committee - 5 Clergy Members

1 Clergy Member - 3 year term

2 Clergy Members - 2 year terms

2 Clergy Members - 1 year term

The Rev. Denise B. Cavaliere, Dcn.
The Rev. Polly McWilliams Kasey
The Rev. Debra Brewin-Wilson
The Rev. Peter A. Molnar, D.D.
The Rev. Denise P. Mantell
The Rev. Margaret Sterchi

There were no nominations from the floor. A motion to close the nominations was made, seconded, and passed.

Office Q. Diocesan Review Committee - 4 Lay Members

2 Lay Member - 3 year term

1 Lay Member - 2 year term

1 Lay Member - 1 year term

Elizabeth H. Papp
Christine N. Hoehn
Stephen P. Sroka
Andrea M. Nowack
Donna Devlin

There were no nominations from the floor. A motion to close the nominations was made, seconded, and passed.

Office R. Trial Court - 4 Clergy Members, 3-year terms

1 year as a member, 2 years as alternate

The Rev. Walter F. Hartt
The Rev. Canon John A. Van Sant
The Rev. Stephen Wisner
The Rev. J. Connor Haynes
The Rev. Dr. Gina Walsh-Minor

There were no nominations from the floor. A motion to close the nominations was made, seconded, and passed.

Office S. Trial Court - 3 Lay Members, 3-year terms

1 year as a member, 2 years as alternate

Dawn Donahue
John A. Hoehn
Martin F. Nelson

Elizabeth H. Papp
Christine N. Hoehn

There were no nominations from the floor. A motion to close the nominations was made, seconded, and passed.

Office T. Church Attorney - 1-year term

Steven Lewis, Esq.

There were no nominations from the floor. A motion to close the nominations was made, seconded, and passed.

Office U. Treasurer - 1-year term

Reginald Whitman

There were no nominations from the floor. A motion to close the nominations was made, seconded, and passed.

Office V. Secretary - 1 Clergy or Lay - 3-year term

Emma Warren

There were no nominations from the floor. A motion to close the nominations was made, seconded, and passed.

Mother Pyatt stated that this concluded the Nominating Committee's Report. Bishop Councill thanked Mother Pyatt and the members of the Nominating Committee for their work.

Acknowledgements:

Bishop Councill recognized the Rt. Rev. G. P. Mellick Belshaw, Retired IX Bishop of New Jersey; the Most Rev. Martin de Jesus Barahona, Primate of the Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central America ("IARCA") and Bishop of El Salvador; and the Reverend E. Roy Riley, Jr., Bishop of the New Jersey Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Bishop Councill acknowledged other bishops unable to be with us: The Rt. Rev. Joe Morris Doss, Retired X Bishop of New Jersey, and the Rt. Rev. Herbert A. Donovan, Jr., and the Rt. Rev. David B. Joslin, former Assisting Bishops in the diocese.

Mrs. Emma Warren, Secretary of Convention, moved that greetings be sent to retired bishops, assisting bishops who served in the Diocese of New Jersey, and members of the clergy who were unable to be present due to illness. The motion was seconded and passed.

Greetings:

Bishop Councill introduced Bishop E. Roy Riley, Jr., of the ELCA New Jersey Synod. Bishop Riley noted that we are truly one church. He could take Bishop Councill's Convention Address to his Synod in June. Bishop Riley reflected on some of the tensions and struggles in the ELCA regarding intercommunion with TEC, and suggested that we put discussion of our joint understanding of each other on the front burner. We should work together on a journey of mission.

Bishop Councill introduced the Most Rev. Martin Barahona, Primate of IARCA and Bishop of El Salvador, and noted that we have been in partnership with El Salvador for nine years. Bishop

Barahona brought greetings from the church and people in El Salvador and thanked the Diocese of New Jersey for their commitment to El Salvador.

Special Resolutions:

The Rev. Canon Laurence D. Fish presented the following Special Resolution:

Whereas, St. John’s-by-the-Sea, Avalon, celebrates the centennial of its organization in 1908;

Be it therefore resolved that the 224th Annual Convention of the Diocese of New Jersey, assembled in Wildwood, tenders congratulations to the clergy and congregation, wishing them God’s blessing in the years ahead.

Canon Fish moved the resolution. It was seconded and passed.

Balloting Results for Special Question 1:

Deacon Hain reported the results of Special Question 1.

Total Ballots:	465	
Clergy Votes Cast:	142	Clergy majority: 72
Lay Votes Cast:	323	Lay majority: 162

	Clergy	Lay
Yes	139	317
No	3	6

Bishop Councill declared that the Resolution passed. Bishop Councill instructed the Rev. Timothy Holder, the Rev. Dr. Hugh Brown, the Rev. William C. Parker, the Rev. Debra K. Bullock, the Rev. Kent Walley, the Rev. James Leroy Saunders, and the Rev. David L. Snyder to report to the Balloting Room for their ballots.

Voting Instructions and First Ballot:

Deacon Hain gave voting directions and reminded deputies that a sheet of voting directions was included in their Convention packet.

Deacon Hain asked that the offices where there is no contest be declared elected by acclamation. They are: Office F. Diocesan Council - Lay, Office G. Cathedral Chapter - Clergy, Office H. Cathedral Chapter - Lay, Office I. Standing Commission on Clerical Compensation - Clergy, Office J. Standing Commission on Clerical Compensation - Lay, Office K. Standing Committee on Constitution and Canons, Office N. Diocesan Investment Trust, Office O. Audit Committee, Office T. Church Attorney, Office U. Treasurer, and Office V. Secretary. Bishop Councill asked if there were any objection. Hearing none, the bishop declared these persons elected by acclamation.

The first ballot was cast.

Keynote Speaker:

Bishop Councill introduced the Rev. Dr. Ian T. Douglas, a member of the Design Group for the 2008 Lambeth Conference. Professor Douglas is with us today compliments of the G. P. Mellick Belshaw Theological Fund. The text of Professor Douglas' address is available on the Diocesan website. Following his address, Professor Douglas entertained questions.

Bishop Councill announced that the Diocese of New Jersey has budgeted for Bishop Councill and Bishop Romero and their spouses to attend the Lambeth Conference this summer. He noted, however, that there are bishops who cannot afford to attend, since the cost is approximately \$7,000. Bishop Councill said that New Jersey is a very generous diocese and asked deputies to assist a bishop who is unable to attend Lambeth. A loose plate collection was taken.

Bishop Councill declared a 15-minute break.

The business session resumed.

Results of the First Ballot:

Deacon Hain reported the results of the first ballot:

**Office A. Standing Committee (Vote by Orders)
1 Clergy Member, 4-year term**

Total Ballots: 500
Clergy Votes Cast: 156 Clergy majority: 79
Lay Votes Cast: 344 Lay majority: 173

	Clergy	Lay
The Very Rev. René John	52	99
The Rev. Mark Van Sant	26	102
The Rev. Dr. Patrick R. Close	27	54
The Rev. Gail L. Bennett, Dcn.	34	47
The Rev. Salvador Ros	17	42

Bishop Councill declared there was no election.

**Office B. Standing Committee (Vote by Orders)
1 Lay Member, 4-year term**

Total Ballots: 502
Clergy Votes Cast: 154 Clergy majority: 78
Lay Votes Cast: 348 Lay majority: 175

	Clergy	Lay
Annette Buchanan	129	267
Christine N. Hoehn	25	81

Bishop Councill declared Annette Buchanan elected.

**Office C. Alternates to General Convention (Vote by Orders)
4 Clergy Deputies**

Total Ballots: 484
 Clergy Votes Cast: 151 Clergy majority: 76
 Lay Votes Cast: 333 Lay majority: 167

	Clergy	Lay	Clergy %	Lay %	Combined %
The Rev. Ronald N. Pollock	111	229	73.5	68.8	142.3
The Rev. Gail L. Bennett, Dcn.	96	220	63.5	66.1	129.6
The Rev. Mark H. Chattin	67	204	44.4	61.3	105.6
The Rev. Andrea Rose-Marie Hayden	84	183	55.6	55.0	110.6
The Rev. Philip H. Kasey	84	141	55.6	42.3	97.9
The Rev. Terry L. Martin	77	142	51.0	42.6	93.6
The Rev. Peter A. Molnar, D.D.	40	127	26.5	38.1	64.6
The Rev. Dr. Cipher Deavours, Dcn.	45	86	29.8	25.8	55.6

Bishop Councill declared the Rev. Ronald N. Pollock elected as first alternate, the Rev. Gail L. Bennett, Dcn., as second alternate, and the Rev. Andrea Rose-Marie Hayden as third alternate.

**Office D. Alternates to General Convention (Vote by Orders)
4 Lay Deputies**

Total Ballots: 477
 Clergy Votes Cast: 147 Clergy majority: 74
 Lay Votes Cast: 330 Lay majority: 166

	Clergy	Lay	Clergy %	Lay %	Combined %
Georgeanne Dorney	131	294	89.1	89.1	178.2
Alicia Graham	133	283	90.5	85.8	176.2
Paul Ambos, Esq.	124	271	84.4	82.1	166.5
Carole Forsythe	112	268	76.2	81.2	157.4
Christine N. Hoehn	88	204	59.9	61.8	121.7

Bishop Councill declared Georgeanne Dorney elected as first alternate, Alicia Graham as second alternate, Paul Ambos, Esq., as third alternate, and Carole Forsythe as fourth alternate.

**Office E. Diocesan Council
3 Clergy Members, 3-year terms**

Total Ballots: 1,314 Votes Necessary to Elect: 220

	Votes
The Rev. Dr. Gina Walsh-Minor	326
The Rev. Arthur P. Powell	281
The Rev. Pedro S. Guzman	262
The Rev. Johnine Byrer, Dcn.	243
The Rev. Derrick H. Wedderburn	202

Total Ballots: 1,860

Votes Necessary to Elect: 233

	Votes
Andrea M. Nowack	413
Stephen P. Sroka	386
Donna Devlin	380
Elizabeth H. Papp	362
Christine N. Hoehn	319

Bishop Councill declared Andrea M. Nowack and Stephen P. Sroka elected to three-year terms, Donna Devlin elected to a two-year term, and Elizabeth H. Papp elected to a one-year term.

**Office R. Trial Court - 4 Clergy Members, 3-year terms
1 year as a member, 2 years as alternate**

Total Ballots: 1,924

Votes Necessary to Elect: 241

	Votes
The Rev. Walter F. Hartt	420
The Rev. Dr. Gina Walsh-Minor	395
The Rev. Canon John A. Van Sant	371
The Rev. Stephen Wisner	370
The Rev. J. Connor Haynes	368

Bishop Councill declared the Rev. Walter F. Hartt, the Rev. Dr. Gina Walsh-Minor, the Rev. Canon John A. Van Sant, and the Rev. Stephen Wisner elected.

**Office S. Trial Court - 3 Lay Members, 3-year terms
1 year as a member, 2 years as alternate**

Total Ballots: 1,359

Votes Necessary to Elect: 227

	Votes
Martin F. Nelson	348
Dawn Donahue	337
John A. Hoehn	294
Elizabeth H. Papp	229
Christine N. Hoehn	151

Bishop Councill declared Martin F. Nelson, Dawn Donahue, and John A. Hoehn elected.

Second Ballot:

Deacon Hain gave the balloting instructions for the second ballot. The second ballot was cast.

Right Onward Visioning Committee Report:

Ms. Annette Buchanan, Chair of the Right Onward Visioning Committee, reported on the work of the Committee since the Vision of the Diocese was adopted at last year's Convention and plans for the upcoming year. She stated that the committee is focusing on an initiative from the vision each year and in 2008 the focus will be on "Growth through Welcoming and Inclusion". She

highlighted upcoming diocesan events planned as well as congregational activities currently underway that support this initiative and urged all to share their own ideas. She concluded her presentation with a prayer for our Diocesan Vision created by Bishop Romero and asked all to visit the Right Onward Visioning Committee booth for their great giveaways.

Diocesan Investment Trust:

Mr. Richard Ellwood, member of the Diocesan Investment Trust, reported that the DIT is a mutual fund operated by the Diocese. The annual return is remarkably good. Contact Canon Wanda Greene for information about investing in the DIT.

Standing Commission on Clerical Compensation:

Mr. Martin Nelson, Chair of the Standing Commission on Clerical Compensation, reported that the commission's objective is to assure that all clergy are adequately and correctly compensated.

Mr. Nelson presented the following resolutions:

(1) *Resolved:* That the cost of living adjustment (COLA) for the schedule of mandatory minimum cash salaries beginning January 1, 2009 shall be based on the Northeast Urban Consumer Price Index for the twelve month period ending May 2008.

Mr. Nelson moved the resolution on behalf of the committee. The resolution was passed.

(2) *Resolved:* That all clergy receive an increase in cash salary for 2009 in an amount not less than the COLA which is applied to the schedule of mandatory minimum cash salaries.

Mr. Nelson moved the resolution on behalf of the committee. The resolution was passed.

(3) *Resolved:* That all other compensation components for 2009 remain at the 2008 level with the exceptions of the continuing education allowance and Housing Equity Allowance which are automatically increased according to the COLA rate.

Mr. Nelson moved the resolution on behalf of the committee. The resolution was passed.

Budget:

Mr. Peter Hausman, Treasurer of the Diocese, referred deputies to Financials Exhibit 1, The Revised Preliminary Budget for 2008 and Proposed Preliminary Budget for 2009. On behalf of the Finance and Budget Committee, Diocesan Council and the Financial Office of the Diocese, Mr. Hausman moved the adoption of the Revised Preliminary Budget for 2008. The motion was passed. On behalf of the Finance and Budget Committee, Diocesan Council and the Financial Office of the Diocese, Mr. Hausman moved the Proposed Preliminary Budget for 2009. The motion was passed.

Mr. Charles Perfater and Canon Wanda Greene offered thanks to Mr. Hausman for his service as Treasurer. On behalf of Diocesan Council, Father Philip Kasey, Father John Thompson-Quartey, Mr. Ronald Sheay, and Ms. Debra Kirk offered a song, which Donna Devlin had helped write, in appreciation for Mr. Hausman's service. On behalf of the Diocese, Bishop Councill offered thanks to Mr. Hausman and presented him with a gift. Deputies rose to a standing ovation. Mr. Hausman offered his thanks and appreciation to the members of the Diocese.

Assistant Bishop:

The Rev. Terrence Rosheuvel, President of the Standing Committee, read the text of Title III, Canon 12, Section 5(a) of The Episcopal Church:

Sec. 5. Assistant Bishops

(a) When a Diocese, in the opinion of its Bishop, requires additional episcopal services, the Bishop may, with the consent of the Standing Committee of the Diocese, ask the Convention of the Diocese to approve the creation of the position of Assistant Bishop and to authorize the Bishop to appoint a Bishop for the position, with the consent of the Standing Committee of the Diocese, and under such conditions as the Bishop may determine.

Father Rosheuvel reported that at the January 24, 2008 meeting of the Standing Committee, a motion was made, seconded, and unanimously passed to consent to create the position of Assistant Bishop and seek the approval of Diocesan Convention in accordance with Title III, Canon 12, Section 5(a).

Father Rosheuvel moved the following Resolution:

Resolved, That the Convention of the Diocese of New Jersey, pursuant to Title III, Canon 12, Section 5(a) of The Episcopal Church, approve the creation of the position in the Diocese of Assistant Bishop, and that it authorize the appointment by the Right Reverend George E. Councill, with the consent of the Standing Committee of the Diocese, of a qualified person to serve in such position, under such conditions as the Bishop may determine.

The motion was seconded and passed.

Bishop Councill announced his appointment of the Rt. Rev. Sylvestre D. Romero as Assistant Bishop. Deputies rose to a standing ovation.

Bishop Romero addressed Convention. He is very proud to be a part of the Diocese of New Jersey and is very excited about the vision of the diocese.

Results of the Second Ballot:

Deacon Hain reported the results of the second ballot.

Office A. Standing Committee (Vote by Orders)

1 Clergy Member, 4-year term

Total Ballots:	488		
Clergy Votes Cast:	150	Clergy majority:	76
Lay Votes Cast:	338	Lay majority:	170

	Clergy	Lay
The Very Rev. René John	57	123
The Rev. Mark Van Sant	40	120
The Rev. Gail L. Bennett, Dcn.	25	31
The Rev. Dr. Patrick R. Close	13	38
The Rev. Salvador Ros	15	26

Bishop Councill declared there was no election.

**Office C. Alternates to General Convention (Vote by Orders)
4 Clergy Deputies**

Total Ballots:	480		
Clergy Votes Cast:	148	Clergy majority:	75
Lay Votes Cast:	332	Lay majority:	167

	Clergy	Lay
The Rev. Mark H. Chattin	41	147
The Rev. Philip H. Kasey	45	83
The Rev. Terry L. Martin	36	51
The Rev. Peter A. Molnar, D.D.	8	37
The Rev. Dr. CIPHER Deavours, Dcn.	18	14

Bishop Councill declared there was no election.

Bishop Councill asked if anyone wished to withdraw their name from nomination. The Rev. Gail L. Bennett, Dcn. withdrew her name from Office A. Standing Committee - Clergy and the Rev. Peter A. Molnar, D.D. withdrew his name from Office C. Alternates to General Convention - Clergy.

Third Ballot:

Deacon Hain gave the balloting instructions for the third ballot. The third ballot was cast.

Introductions:

The Rev. John C. Belmont thanked Bishop Councill for the honor of serving on the Commission on Ministry and thanked Bishop Councill and Bishop Romero for their pastoral care in the formation of people in the ordination process in the Diocese of New Jersey.

Ms. Connie White thanked the members of the Committee on the Priesthood for their dedicated service and acknowledged the people in the ordination process:

Postulants for Ordination to the Priesthood

Lisa Hoffman	St. Peter's, Freehold
Maria Sanzo, Dcn.	St. Raphael's, Brick
Edwin Chinery	St. Luke's, Metuchen
Robert Fitzpatrick	St. George's-by-the-River, Rumson
Susan Ironside	St. John-on-the-Mountain, Bernardsville
Stephanie Shockley	St. Mary's, Haddon Heights

Candidates for Ordination to the Priesthood

James Brent Bates	Trinity Church, Princeton
Justin Falciani	Trinity Church, Vineland
Charlotte Wells	St. Mark's, Basking Ridge
John Hartman	Grace Church, Plainfield
Matthew Tucker	Trinity Church, Red Bank

The Rev. Linda Moeller acknowledged the members of the School for Deacons, Class of 2009:

Rose Broderick	St. Mark's, Keansburg
Christopher Cox	Grace-St. Paul's, Mercerville
Susan Cushinotto	Holy Trinity, Ocean City
Judith Krom	Christ Church, Toms River
David Lawson-Beck	Trinity Church, Princeton
Joseph Sweeney	St. Andrew's, Mount Holly
Carmen Viola	Atonement, Laurel Springs

Retiring Clergy:

The Rev. Canon Ronald G. Albury acknowledged clergy who have retired since the 223rd Convention or who have announced their intention to retire prior to the 224th Convention

RETIRING CLERGY IN 2007

The Rev. Lewis McCrum, Dcn.	June 9, 2007
The Rev. George E. Deatrick	June 30, 2007
The Rev. Canon Henry L. Atkins, Jr.	July 1, 2007
The Rev. Dr. John T. Koenig	September 1, 2007
The Rev. John Langston, Dcn.	September 1, 2007
The Rev. C. Edward Pritts	November 1, 2007
The Rev. Eugene Rabe, Dcn.	November 30, 2007
The Rev. Frank C. Strasburger	December 31, 2007
The Rev. Dr. Jean R. Smith	December 31, 2007

RETIRING CLERGY IN 2008

The Rev. Frederic F. Guyot, III	January 1, 2008
The Rev. Polly McWilliams Kasey	January 1, 2008
The Rev. Joseph Reed Peter Nelson	January 1, 2008
The Rev. Richard A. D. Benedict	April 1, 2008

Campus Ministry:

The Rev. Gregory Bezilla, Episcopal Chaplain at Rutgers University, reported for Campus Ministry. He highlighted initiatives around the diocese and also the creation of an on-line survey form for the purpose of connecting college students to campus ministries and parish churches: newjersey.anglican.org/campusministry.php. He invited all to the vital work of evangelism of young adults in our Church.

After closing announcements, Bishop Councill declared that the Convention would be in recess until 10:00 a.m. tomorrow morning.

The Very Rev. René Rory John, Convention Chaplain, closed the session with prayer.

Saturday, March 1, 2008:

Convention resumes, morning session:

The Very Rev. René Rory John, Convention Chaplain, opened the session with prayer at 10:00 a.m.

Results of the Third Ballot:

Deacon Hain reported the results of the third ballot.

Office A. Standing Committee – Clergy (Vote by Orders)

1 Clergy Member, 4-year term

Total Ballots:	492		
Clergy Votes Cast:	154	Clergy majority:	78
Lay Votes Cast:	338	Lay majority:	170

	Clergy	Lay
The Very Rev. René John	93	171
The Rev. Mark Van Sant	47	119
The Rev. Dr. Patrick R. Close	8	28
The Rev. Salvador Ros	5	19

Bishop Councill declared the Very Rev. René Rory John elected.

Office C. Alternates to General Convention (Vote by Orders)

4 Clergy Deputies

Total Ballots:	484		
Clergy Votes Cast:	152	Clergy majority:	77
Lay Votes Cast:	332	Lay majority:	167

	Clergy	Lay
The Rev. Mark H. Chattin	66	217
The Rev. Philip H. Kasey	50	65
The Rev. Terry L. Martin	26	37
The Rev. Dr. CIPHER Deavours, Dcn.	9	13

Bishop Councill declared there was no election.

Bishop Councill asked if anyone wished to withdraw their name from nomination. The Rev. Terry Martin withdrew his name from Office C. Alternates Deputies to General Convention - Clergy.

Fourth Ballot:

Deacon Hain gave the balloting instructions for the fourth ballot. The fourth ballot was cast.

Dare To Be Fair:

The Rev. Philip Kasey, Chair, and the Rev. John Thompson-Quartey, member of the Dare To Be Fair Committee reported that they are striving for 90 in '09. Three million is great, but it's not 80 in '08, so what would be real fine would be 90 in '09. Father Thompson-Quartey encouraged all congregations to increase their fair share giving. We are people of faith. We hope next year that we will be able to stand here and say that 90 parishes will have pledged their full fair share asking for 2009.

Province II Report:

Mr. Charles Perfater, Province II Executive Coordinator, extended greetings from Province II of The Episcopal Church. Province II, one of nine provinces of The Episcopal Church, is composed of eight dioceses in New Jersey and New York, plus the Virgin Islands, Haiti, and the Convocation of American Churches in Europe. Bishop Councill is President of the Province II Bishops and Vice-President of Province II. Bishop Councill and other Province II Bishops held their Provincial meeting in January in the Diocese of Haiti. Province II sent \$20,000 with the bishops for the seminary in Haiti.

The Lambeth Reflections Day will be held at Trinity Cathedral, Trenton, at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 4. Featured presenters will include the Rt. Rev. Bill Love, Diocese of Albany, the Rt. Rev. Gene Robinson, Diocese of New Hampshire and Professor Gordon Graham, Henry Luce III Professor of Philosophy and the Arts at Princeton Theological Seminary.

The Diocese of Rochester recently elected the Rev. Dr. Prince Singh as Diocesan Bishop. Provincial Synod will meet May 7-9, 2009 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Albany, New York. Check the website, www.province2.org, for news and events.

Board of Missions Report:

On behalf of the Rev. Canon Lee Powers, the Rev. Canon Elizabeth Geitz reported that the Board of Missions, consisting of 20 members, assists the mission congregations and makes recommendations to Diocesan Council for mission assistance. Each member serves as a liaison to 2-3 congregations to provide a personal linkage between the Board and each mission church.

Over the past nine years, Diocesan Council has approved \$3,740,000 in mission assistance to 25 different mission churches. We reached a peak of \$491,000 in assistance to 18 churches in 2001 and are at \$337,500 in assistance budgeted for 12 churches in 2008. During these nine years, four mission churches closed, one reopened under a different name, five have come off assistance, and three churches have been added since 2001.

The Board of Missions has developed a missionary strategy including exploring ways to expand Hispanic ministry, an active Camden Strategy Group, ways to expand multicultural ministry, and encourage mission churches to attend Ministry Institute programs.

Mission churches struggle with scarce financial resources and limited building facilities. We have been concerned about the care of mission church properties and proper financial reporting and practices. To address these concerns, we are glad to point to the following resources: Audit assistance now being developed by the Audit Committee (see Document 10C) and building inspections paid for by grants from the Loan and Grant Committee.

Canon Powers wished to express his gratitude to all of the members of the Board of Missions and to the congregations in the diocese who help our smaller churches continue to offer the ministry of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in our cities and in other poor and remote communities.

Results of the Fourth Ballot:

Deacon Hain reported the results of the fourth ballot.

Office C. Alternates to General Convention (Vote by Orders)**4 Clergy Deputies**

Total Ballots:	417		
Clergy Votes Cast:	117	Clergy majority:	59
Lay Votes Cast:	300	Lay majority:	151

	Clergy	Lay
The Rev. Mark H. Chattin	72	228
The Rev. Philip H. Kasey	38	56
The Rev. Dr. Cipher Deavours, Dcn.	7	16

Bishop Councell declared the Rev. Mark H. Chattin elected as the fourth alternate clergy deputy.

Bishop Councell thanked Deacon Hain and the members of the Balloting Committee for their work.

Standing Committee on Constitution and Canons:

Paul Ambros, Esq., Chair of the Standing Committee on Constitution and Canons, referred deputies to the Report of the Standing Committee on Constitution and Canons, Document 12, Part III, relating to a proposed amendment to the diocesan constitution to allow voting rights to clergy ordained by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America or other churches similarly in communion with The Episcopal Church who were serving Episcopal parishes within the diocese. On behalf of the Committee he moved Implementing Resolution III:

Resolved, That Section 2 of Article II of the Constitution of the Diocese of New Jersey be amended, pursuant to Article XIII, Section 1 of the Constitution, to insert a new fourth paragraph to read as follows:

Members of the clergy ordained by bishops of churches in communion with The Episcopal Church shall have seat and vote to the extent provided by canon.

The Rev. Dr. Deborah Meister, rector of Christ Church, New Brunswick, proposed an amendment to the text to be inserted by substitution as follows:

Members of the clergy who are serving parishes in this Diocese at least half time with the consent of the bishop and who are ordained by bishops of churches in communion with The Episcopal Church shall have seat and vote to the extent provided by canon.

It was seconded and discussion followed. Paul De Sarno, Esq., a member of the Committee on Constitution and Canons, proposed a friendly amendment by substitution to Dr. Meister's proposal that he advised had been previously approved by members of the Committee:

Members of the clergy ordained by bishops of churches in communion with The Episcopal Church who are serving in the Diocese but who are not canonically resident in the Diocese shall have seat and vote to the extent provided by canon.

Dr. Meister accepted such amendment with the consent of her seconded and withdrew her original amendment. Following further discussion, the amendment was passed and the resolution as so amended was passed:

Resolved, That Section 2 of Article II of the Constitution of the Diocese of New Jersey be amended, pursuant to Article XIII, Section 1 of the Constitution, to insert a new fourth paragraph to read as follows:

Members of the clergy ordained by bishops of churches in communion with The Episcopal Church who are serving in the Diocese but who are not canonically resident in the Diocese shall have seat and vote to the extent provided by canon.

Mr. Ambos presented Part IV of the Committee's report and moved Implementing Resolution IV on behalf of the Committee:

Resolved, That Diocese of New Jersey Canon 23, Section 4 be amended as follows (deletions shown by strikethrough):

SECTION 4. The salary, housing, and expense allowance of the Administrative Assistants shall be provided for by the Diocesan Council in the Diocesan Budget ~~in accordance with Canon 14, 3.~~

The resolution was passed. Mr. Ambos presented Part V of the Report and moved Implementing Resolution V on behalf of the Committee:

Resolved, That Diocese of New Jersey Canon 5, Section 1 be amended as follows (deletions shown by strikethrough):

SECTION 1. In all elections, a majority of the votes cast shall be necessary for a choice, ~~excepting as provided in Canon 7.~~

The resolution was passed. Mr. Ambos presented Part VI of the Report and moved Implementing Resolution VI on behalf of the Committee:

Resolved, That Diocese of New Jersey Canon 48, Section 5 be amended as follows (insertions shown by underlining, deletions by strikethrough):

SECTION 5. After the expiration of said thirty days, the Standing Committee shall proceed to the consideration of the application and of any objections thereto and shall advise the Bishop of their conclusions. If approval be given, the Bishop may then give Canonical consent in the following form:

The formation of a new Parish (or the erection of a new Church or Chapel) in the city (or town) of, County of to be known as Church (or Chapel), having been duly considered by the Standing Committee and approved by them, I do hereby give my Canonical consent to the formation of said Parish (or the erection of said Church or Chapel).

Given under my hand this day of in the year of our Lord, ~~one~~ two thousand ~~nine hundred and~~

Bishop of New Jersey

Attest:

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Secretary of Standing Committee

The Resolution was passed. Mr. Ambos presented Part VII of the Report and moved Implementing Resolution VII on behalf of the Committee:

Resolved, That Diocese of New Jersey Canon 73, Section 2(a) be amended as follows (insertions shown by underlining, deletions by strikethrough):

(a) Every Minister in charge of a Congregation, or, if there be no such Minister, a Warden thereof, shall prepare annually for the year ending December 31st preceding, a report of the Congregation, upon the ~~blank form adopted in accordance with the provisions of Canon 5 of the General Convention of 1943~~ form as provided by National Canon I.6.1, and shall send the said report, not later than ~~February~~ March 1st, to the Bishop.

and be it

Further resolved, That Diocese of New Jersey Canon 73, Sections 2(b), (d), and (e) be amended by replacing the date "February 1st" or "February 1" by "March 1st" in each such subsection.

The resolution was passed. Mr. Ambos presented Parts VIII through X of the Report, which required no action by Convention at this time. He thanked the Rev. Dr. Henry Jansma, who was rotating off the Committee, for his service. He reminded members of Convention that proposals for amendments to the constitution or canons must be submitted to the Committee at least sixty days prior to the opening day of the next convention, or by around the beginning of January 2009.

Bishop Councill thanked Mr. Ambos and the members of the Standing Committee on Constitution and Canons.

Resolutions:

Paul Ambos, Esq., Chair of the Committee on Resolutions, presented the Resolutions Committee Report, Document 28 and moved Resolution 2008-1 on the subject of Darfur for the Committee on behalf of its proposer, Mr. Glendon Bell of St. Thomas Church, Glassboro:

Be It Resolved, That The Episcopal Church in the Diocese of New Jersey join with the government of the United States, the United Nations, and a host of other countries, organizations, and individuals from around the world to call and work for an end to the genocide in Darfur; and be it

Further Resolved, That the Diocese immediately establish a committee, the members to be appointed by the Bishop, to study the situation in Darfur and provide information to member parishes and others about the crimes against humanity taking place there along with recommendations of actions that can be taken by parishes and individuals to bring these violations and actions to an end at the earliest possible opportunity and to provide support to Darfur refugees; and be it

Further Resolved, That this committee recommend such steps as are necessary to encourage and seek the support of the national church, this diocese, other dioceses, other denominations, and individuals in this endeavor.

He noted that the Committee had made no recommendation as to this proposal. The Rev. Dr. Deborah Meister proposed an amendment to the end of the second paragraph to insert "and other displaced persons" after "to Darfur refugees". The amendment was seconded. Dr. Meister explained that one of her parishioners, currently serving in a U.N. position in The Sudan, had noted that the number of "displaced persons" exceeded the number of "refugees" there. The amendment was passed.

Dr. Meister proposed a further amendment to the first paragraph to replace the word "genocide" with "violence". It was seconded. The amendment was passed.

The resolution as so amended was then passed. Mr. Ambos then moved Resolution 2008-2 on the subject of Timely Publication of the Journal of the Diocese for the Committee on behalf of its proposer, the Rev. Elmer L. Sullivan:

Be it Resolved, That the Diocesan Convention respectfully request that the President of the Convention and the Secretary take appropriate action to implement the timely publication of the Journal of each annual convention, so that the 2007 Journal be distributed no later than July 1, 2008, and that Journals for 2008 and ensuing years be distributed no later than six months after the close of the Annual Convention.

There was no discussion. The resolution was passed.

Bishop Councill thanked Mr. Ambos and the Committee for their work.

Bishop Councill asked if there were any resolutions from the floor. No resolutions were presented.

Trinity Cathedral:

The Very Rev. René Rory John, Dean of Trinity Cathedral, reported that 2007 was a wonderful year for the Cathedral. He has learned a lot about the love of the Cathedral. Dean John referred deputies to his report on his first year as Dean. He encouraged deputies to become a Friend of the Cathedral and to participate in the Trinity Cathedral Community Day Golf Outing in the fall. Deputies viewed a DVD on the ministry of Trinity Cathedral. Ms. Dot Cellini and Ms. Loretta Barton were responsible for the production of this DVD. Dean John would like to invite 50 congregations to invite 10 members of their congregation to donate \$50 to Trinity Cathedral.

Presentation:

Bishop Councill and Bishop Romero presented the Bishop's Cup to representatives of St. George's Church-by-the River, Rumson, the winners of the Trinity Cathedral Community Day Golf Outing last fall. Bishop Councill thanked them for participating and congratulated them for being victorious.

Clergy Introductions:

The Rev. Canon Elizabeth R. Geitz, diocesan Deployment Officer, acknowledged and thanked the transitional consultants, Mr. Robert Bostock, the Rev Richard Kirk, the Rev. Edward Martin, Ms. Kathy O'Hagan, and Ms. Connie White. She also thanked the Assistant Deployment Officer, Ms. Cecilia Alvarez.

Canon Geitz introduced the newly ordained clergy, new clergy in the diocese, clergy in new cures, and interim clergy:

Newly Ordained:

The Rev. Frank Castellon, Dcn.	St. Matthew's, Pennington
The Rev. Peter Cornell, Dcn.	Christ Church, New Brunswick
The Rev. Joanna George, Dcn.	St. John's, Somerville
The Rev. James Gowland, Dcn.	Holy Trinity, Wenonah
The Rev. Sharon Sutton, Dcn.	St. Stephen's, Riverside
The Rev. Richard Wisniewski, Dcn.	St. David's Cranbury
The Rev. Deborah Cook	Associate Rector, Grace Church, Haddonfield
The Rev. Lisa Caton	Christian Education Director, All Saints', Princeton
The Rev. David Snyder	Christ the King, Willingboro
The Rev. Christopher Wendell	Assistant Rector, St. Andrew's, Wellesley, MA

Priests in New Cures:

The Rev. Jennifer Adams-Massmann	Associate Chaplain, Princeton University
The Rev. Jane Brady	Rector, Grace Church, Pemberton
The Rev. Debbie Brewin-Wilson	Priest-in-Charge, All, Saint's, Lakewood
The Rev. Hugh Brown	Priest-in-Charge, All Saint's, Princeton
The Rev. Debra Bullock	Assistant, St. Mary's, Stone Harbor, and Vicar, St. Barnabas, Villas
The Rev. Sheelagh Clarke	Assistant, St. Paul's, Westfield,
The Rev. Philip Kasey	Rector, Holy Trinity, South River
The Rev. Jill McNish	Priest-in-Charge, Trinity Church, Swedesboro
The Rev. Ifeanyi Obiechefu	Rector's Vicar, St. Augustine's, Atlantic City
The Rev. Susan Osborne-Mott	Assistant, Trinity, Asbury Park
The Rev. Polly McWilliams Kasey	Associate, Holy Trinity, South River
The Rev. William Parker	Rector, Epiphany, Ventnor City
The Rev. Valerie Redpath	Rector, St. James, Long Branch
The Rev. Kent Walley	Rector, St. Luke's, Gladstone
The Rev. Gina Walsh-Minor	Priest-in-Charge, Trinity, Cranford
The Rev. Paul Westman	Priest-in-Charge, St. George's, Pennsville

Interim Clergy in New Cures:

The Rev. Joan Jackson	Interim Rector, Church of the Advent, Cape May
The Rev. Fred Miller	Interim Rector, Christ Church, Somers Point
The Rev. Anne Wrede	Interim Rector, Grace Church, Merchantville

Deacons in New Cures:

The Rev. Frances Clark, Dcn.	Good Shepherd, Berlin
The Rev. Daniel Hall, Dcn.	Church of the Advent, Cape May
The Rev. Robert Mellon, Dcn.	Holy Trinity, Ocean City

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Kep Short, Canon Cynthia McFarland, the Rev. Debi Clarke, Dcn., Mr. Roy Fithen, Mrs. Mary Ann Rhoads, Ms. Sarah Paige, Mr. Michael Wilkes, Ms. Cecilia Alvarez, Ms. Debbie Crall, Mr. Ron Gritz, Mr. Curtis Wilson, and in particular on this occasion, Bishop Councill recognized Ms. Ann Notte, our Convention Coordinator.

Annual Reports by Title:

Bishop Councill requested that the following Annual Reports be received by title. Deputies have received these reports by mail or in their Convention packet, or they have been made available at the information table.

- Doc 6 – Altar Guild
- Doc 22 – Anti-Racism Commission
- Doc 9 – Audit Committee
- Doc 18 – Bishop’s Journal
- Doc 17 – Bishop’s Parochial Visits
- Doc 3 – Board of Missions
- Doc 25 – Canonical Clergy
- Doc 26 – Canonical Churches
- Doc 10 – Commission on Ministry
- Doc 10A – Committee on Priesthood
- Doc 10B – Committee on the Diaconate and School for Deacons
- Doc 10C – Committee on Life Long Christian Formation
- Doc 10D – Ministry Institute
- Doc 15 – Commission on Ministry with the Disabled
- Doc 5 – Companion Diocese
- Doc 21 – Dean of Trinity Cathedral
- Doc 16 – Diocesan Council
- Doc 20 – Episcopal Church Women
- Doc 23 – Historiographer
- Doc 13 – Insurance Committee
- Doc 14 – Planned Giving
- Doc 24 – Restorative Justice Task Force
- Doc 19 – Standing Committee
- Doc 11 – Trinity Cathedral
- Doc 8 – Youth Council
- Statistics I Necrology
- Statistics II Diocesan Statistics
- Statistics III Official Acts

A motion to accept these Annual Reports as filed was made, seconded, and passed.

Necrology:

The Rev. Canon Ronald G. Albury read the Necrology Report for the year 2007:

The Rev. John G. Bryant	April 8, 2007
The Rev. W. Perry Winterrowd	April 9, 2007
The Rev. Canon Edward Daley	April 14, 2007
The Rev. Canon Ronald Henstock	August 12, 2007
The Rev. Gareth Conley Holford	November 13, 2007
The Rev. Daniel W. Hardy	November 15, 2007
The Rev. Canon James L. Moore	December 14, 2007

Adjournment:

Bishop Council announced that the 225th Annual Convention of the Diocese of New Jersey is scheduled to take place on February 27-28, 2009, at the Wildwoods Convention Center in Wildwood. Bishop Council made closing announcements.

Evensong will be celebrated on April 12, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. at Trinity Cathedral for the institution of the Rt. Rev. Sylvestre D. Romero as Assistant Bishop.

Bishop Council thanked the Rev. Arthur Powell for the frontal and flower arrangements.

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and passed.

The Very Rev. René Rory John, Convention Chaplain, closed with prayer. Bishop Council gave a blessing. The Convention stood adjourned at 11:59 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ann Rhoads
Assistant Secretary