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**REPORT ON THE 234th ANNUAL CONVENTION
THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF DELAWARE**

The convention was held on January 25 & 26 at the Princess Royale Hotel in Ocean City, MD.

The convention was presided over by The Right Rev. Kevin S. Brown, Bishop.

There were three Host Parishes:

1. All Saints' Church and St. George's Chapel, Sussex County
2. Christ Church, Delaware City
3. St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Smyrna

In addition to this written report we are turning over a copy of the Convention Book.

On Page 5 is a listing of all Bishops, Priests and Deacons of the Diocese of Delaware who have Canonical Residence. Not all those listed were in attendance.

Beginning on Page 9 is a listing of the lay persons in attendance. The 34 churches were represented by:

- a. (67) Delegates
- b. (15) Young Adult Delegates
- c. (53) Alternates
- d. (3) Young Adult Alternates.

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Our delegation was represented by Raymond C. Jung and Margaret Anne Jung. Our one Alternate Delegates were Scott Kresge and Eric Valentine. Also in attendance were Father Thomas M. Wright and The Rev. Deacon Paula Dean Waite.

Bishop the Rt. Rev. Keven S. Brown addressed the convention during the first Business Session. His remarks will be posted on the Diocese's web site.

The Keynote Address at Friday's Dinner was the Rev. Canon Chuck Robertson

Important action taken at convention:

A. Budgets

1. The 2018 Budget was approved in an unaudited report showing a surplus of just over \$13,000.00.
2. The 2019 Working Budget showing a Surplus of \$2400.00 was presented. No action was necessary.
3. The 2020 Planning Budget showing a Surplus of \$17,500.00 was presented. No action was necessary.

B. Invite Welcome Connect Program

1. Invite: How to get persons and or organizations to be active and interact with your Parish.
2. Welcome: How to make folks feel welcomed.
3. Connect: Once they are in the door, how to have them become involved with our Parish, including becoming members.

This program is our commitment to be more aggressive in presenting our local parishes to the community at large. Also it is a way to increase membership. Several Parishes gave short presentations on what they are doing with their program. A Workshop for exchange between individuals was then held.

Bishop Brown, recognizing that programs like this need start-up and/or seed monies made a surprise commitment that gave each Parish the immediate sum of \$250.00 in the form of a check by the Diocese. All monies like this come with strings attached.

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Action required by St. John's. We are to implement a program (or expand our current efforts) to put into effect our IWC Efforts. All Parishes are to report back by All Saints Day on their progress and results.

- C. Ballots: See page 15 for the proposed candidates for the various committees. The voting results are recorded on page 15.

Elections were held for the following positions:

- a. Constitution and Canons
- b. Diocesan Council
- c. Disciplinary Board
- d. Standing Committee
- e. Trustees

D. Resolutions:

1. Resolution # 1, dealing with Food for the Needy was approved as amended. This resolution encourages all Parishes to actively support food banks in your area Those Parishes that are large enough to organize their own food bank are encouraged to do so.
2. Resolution #2, dealing with Planned Giving was approved as amended. This resolution encourages all members to consider a bequest in your will to your Parish.
3. Resolution #3, (submitted from the floor), dealing with inequalities in our justice system due to station in life was referred to the proper committee for review and any action if necessary.

E. Report on the General Convention

1. Statute of Limitations on abuse by Clergy currently stands at 10 years. A resolution was passed that for a three year period there will be no limitation. At the end of the three years, it will revert back to the ten year limitation. Action required by St. John is to make this information available regarding any case that we know of that is beyond the ten year period.

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2. The General Convention in 2020 will be held in Baltimore, MD. Any interested party may attend the convention, and you are Encouraged to do so. Perhaps periodic announcements should be made in the bulletin.

F. Bylaws

1. Constitutions and Canons are in the process of reviewing Parish Bylaws. They have collected bylaws from all but one Parish.
2. The committee will present a report to the Bishop by the end of March. A final presentation will be made in the Fall of 2019.
3. The proposed new standard bylaws will be in two parts. Part I will be those clauses that must be adopted by all Parishes. Part 2 will be those clauses that will be up to the individual Parish.

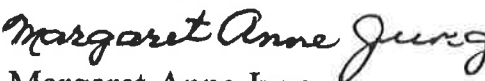
At this time there is no action required by St. John's. However , the Vestry will need to decide how to handle adoption of the new proposed bylaws.

The 235th Annual Convention will be held on January 25-26, 2020. The place is to be determined. We expect a decision by March. We again are willing to be your delegates for the 235th Annual Convention.

On a personal note, while the business sessions concern the most important items requiring action, it is the Worship Sessions that are the most uplifting, particularly the Holy Eucharist Service. We also enjoyed meeting with and socializing with the other attendees.

Respectfully Submitted,
Yours in Christ


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Votekeeper

Constitution & Canons - 1 clergy or lay 5 year term			
	Votes Cast	Votes Cast	Votes Cast
Evitts	10	7	1
Hurdle	20	21	11
Jakabcin ✓	35	54	83
Johnson	25	22	12
Miller	17	10	6

Council - 2 clergy, 3 year term			
	Votes Cast	Votes Cast	Votes Cast
Ell ✓	69		
Illueca ✓	58		
Vuono	55		

Council - 3 lay-at-large, 3 year term			
	Votes Cast	Votes Cast	Votes Cast
Benson	62		
Hellriegel	37		
Keenan ✓	65		
Pappas ✓	63		
Wood ✓	65		

Council - 1 lay, area I, 3 year term			
	Votes Cast	Votes Cast	Votes Cast
Hurdle	42		
Sophos ✓	64		

Disciplinary Board - clergy, 4 year term, clergy, 2 year term			
Dunlap ✓	100%		
Illueca ✓	100%		

2 yr.
4 yr.

Standing Committee - 1 clergy, 4 year term			
	Votes Cast	Votes Cast	Votes Cast
Phillips	44		
Weiss ✓	63		

Standing Committee - 1 lay, 4 year term			
	Votes Cast	Votes Cast	Votes Cast
Barrett	46		
Flanagan ✓	57		

Trustees - 1 clergy or lay, 6 year term			
	Votes Cast	Votes Cast	Votes Cast
Fleischer	29	18	
Reed	10	12	
Vrana ✓	36	58	
York	31	25	

Election results will be displayed on the TV monitor, announced at the beginning of each election report, and available by scanning the QR code on your name tag. You may also wish to write-in the results, by ballot, on the this page.