

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
of the
ONE HUNDRED-FIRST ANNUAL COUNCIL
of the
DIOCESE OF WEST TEXAS

South Padre Island, Texas
February 17-19, 2005



FIRST DAY

Thursday
February 17, 2005

This being the day and place designated for the One Hundred First Annual Council of the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas, in accordance with Article II, Section 4 of the Constitution of the Diocese, the Council assembled in the South Padre Island Convention Center, South Padre Island, Texas, at 1:05 p.m. on Thursday, February 17, 2005, with the Right Reverend James E. Folts, Bishop of West Texas, in the Chair.

Quorum

The Bishop called on the Secretary of the Diocese, the Rev. Frank E. Fuller, to certify the quorum. Based on registrations begun at 10:00 a.m. that day, the Secretary announced that there was a quorum present of clergy entitled to seats in Council, as well as a quorum of lay delegates, of whom there were 298 eligible to be seated, and that a quorum of congregations was present in Council, in accordance with Article II, Section 7 of the Constitution. He gave notice of those congregations which had not yet certified delegates or registered those previously certified, and on behalf of the Committee on Credentials moved that all the canonically non-resident clergy licensed to serve within the Diocese be seated with voice but without vote. Seconded, the

MOTION PASSED

The Secretary then reported the reception of proposed amendments to Article II, Section 2, Article I.7, and Article I.2 of the Constitution of the Episcopal Church under consideration for action at the next General Convention, copies of which were distributed to the Clergy and Delegates. He moved that these be received and filed by title. Seconded, the

MOTION PASSED

Greetings of the Host Parish

The Bishop introduced Mrs. Judy Quisenberry and the Rev. David M. Reed, rector, of the host parish for the Council, St. Alban's Church, Harlingen, and Ralph Ayers, St. Andrew's-by-the-Sea, Port Isabel, who briefly addressed the Council with their welcome.

Mr. Ayers noted that St. Andrew's is celebrating its fiftieth anniversary.

Council Committees

The Bishop announced the appointment of the Committees of Council as listed below:

COMMITTEE ON THE BISHOP'S CHARGE

CHAIR: Mr. Robert Browning	Good Shepherd, Corpus Christi
The Rev. John Badders	St. John's, McAllen
Mr. Walter J. Buzzini	St. David's, San Antonio
The Rev. David P. Chalk	St. James', Del Rio
The Rev. Chuck Collins	Christ Church, San Antonio
Mrs. Alice Ann Fischer	Good Shepherd, Corpus Christi
The Rev. Jay George	St. Andrew's, Seguin
The Rev. Cliff Waller	St. Mark's, San Antonio

CHURCH PENSION FUND COMMITTEE

CHAIR: The Rt. Rev. Gary Lillibridge	Diocese of West Texas
Mr. David Bridges	Trinity, Edna
Mr. Jack Hatfield	St. Alban's, Harlingen
The Rev. Al Leveridge	Trinity by the Sea, Port Aransas
The Rev. John Padgett	St. Andrew's, San Antonio
Mr. Peter Stoll	Trinity, Pharr

COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND CANONS

CHAIR: The Rev. Phillip Stevenson	St. Boniface, Comfort
Mr. John Brooke	Diocese of West Texas
The Rev. Fred Brown	St. Helena's, Boerne
Mr. Drew Cauthorn	St. Mark's, San Antonio
Col. John Franco	St. Mark's, San Antonio
Mr. Wendell Hall	Christ Church, San Antonio
Mr. Jack Hebdon	St. Mark's, San Antonio
The Rev. John Lewis	St. Mark's, San Antonio
Mr. Richard Mosty	St. Peter's, Kerrville
Mr. James Norman	St. David's, San Antonio
Ms. Donna Rayes	All Saints', Pleasanton
Mr. Jeff Rochelle	St. Mark's, San Antonio
Mr. Rob Schneider	Good Shepherd, George West

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS AND PRIVILEGES

CHAIR: Mr. Ted Burkhart	St. Luke's, San Antonio
Co-chair: Mrs. Jane Cozad	St. John's, McAllen
Mr. John Brooke	Diocese of West Texas
Ms. Jennifer Brooke-Davidson	St. Stephen's, Wimberley
Mrs. Beverly Bryars	St. Mark's, San Antonio
Mr. Tom Carskadden	St. Philip's, Uvalde
The Rev. Canon Robert DeWolfe	St. Margaret's, San Antonio
Mr. Dan H. Hanke	St. Luke's, San Antonio
The Ven. Don Lee	Ascension, Montell
The Rev. James Murguia	St. David's, San Antonio
The Rev. David G. Read	St. Helena's, Boerne
Mr. Pat Townsend	St. Peter & St. Paul, Mission

COMMITTEE ON DISPATCH OF BUSINESS

CHAIR: The Venerable Don Lee
Mr. Jack Hebdon
Canon Garry Schnelzer

Diocese of West Texas
St. Mark's, San Antonio
Christ Church, San Antonio

COMMITTEE ON GREETINGS AND COURTESY

CHAIR: Mrs. Betty Mosty
The Rev. Milton Black
Mr. John Edens Carter
The Rev. Lynne Marie Coggi
The Rev. Bur Dobbins
The Rev. Jeff Hammond
The Rev. Scott Penrod
The Rev. Katy Riggs
The Rev. Judy Sessions
Mrs. Martha Steves

St. Peter's, Kerrville
St. John's, Sonora
St. Francis, Canyon Lake
Partnership in Mission, Central Convocation
St. Peter & St. Paul, Mission
St. Andrew's, Corpus Christi
St. Michael's, San Antonio
St. David's, San Antonio
St. Alban's, Harlingen
St. Mark's, San Antonio

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

CHAIR: The Rev. Ned Bowersox
The Rt. Rev. Gary Lillibridge
Mr. Jack Hebdon
The Ven. Don Lee
Mrs. Alice Sallee
Canon Garry A. Schnelzer
The Rev. Phillip M. Stevenson

Good Shepherd, Corpus Christi
Ex officio, Diocese of West Texas
St. Mark's, San Antonio
Ascension, Montell
Good Shepherd, Corpus Christi
Christ Church, San Antonio
St. Boniface, Comfort

COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF PARISHES AND MISSIONS

CHAIR: The Rev. Paul Worley
Mr. Robert Bates
Mr. John Brooke
The Rev. Nancy Coon
The Rev. Mac Keeble
The Rev. Phillip Taylor, Jr.

Resurrection, San Antonio
St. Francis, Victoria
St. Stephen's, Goliad
Holy Spirit, Dripping Springs
St. Peter's, Rockport
St. Andrew's, Port Isabel

Committee on Credentials & Privileges

Mr. Ted Burkhart, chair, reported that the committee had met with several congregations which had not met their canonical obligations for seat in Council, either by failing to pay all previous annual apportionments in full, or by failing to submit their annual parochial reports, or their annual audit reports. On motion of Mr. Burkhart the following congregations were seated with voice and vote, having made arrangements to complete their obligations:

With reference to apportionment payments: St. Stephen's, Wimberley; Grace, Weslaco; St Margaret's, San Antonio (arrearage from 2002, referred to the Finance Committee for resolution); St George, San Antonio; St Michael's, San Antonio; Sts. Thomas and Martin, Corpus Christi; Christ Church, Laredo (referred to Finance Committee for resolution of 2003 arrearage); and Resurrection, San Antonio, pending resolution of a discrepancy in payments of the 2004 apportionment, to be complete within the week.

With reference to parochial reports: St. James, Ft McKavett; St. James, Hebronville; Holy Trinity, Carrizo Springs: all three to be directed to meet with the Committee on

Credentials before being seated with voice and vote.

With reference to submission of annual financial audits: Trinity, Pharr, to be seated in Council; Holy Trinity, Carrizo Springs, directed to meet with the Committee on Credentials before being seated with voice and vote. With respect to all the above motions, they were seconded and

MOTIONS PASSED

Agenda

The Venerable Don Lee, reporting as chair of the Committee on the Dispatch of Business, moved that the Council adopt the Agenda as printed in Section II of the Journal, except for the taking and receiving of ballots and other business which might be brought by the committee. Seconded, the

MOTION PASSED

Archdeacon Lee moved adoption of the following special rule for the conducting of business with respect to resolutions, due to the large number of controversial resolutions submitted for consideration:

“Concerning all resolutions coming before Council:

1. Debate for each separate resolution will be for a maximum of 30 minutes.
2. One microphone will be provided for speakers in favor of the resolution and one microphone for speakers against the resolution.
3. Each speaker will be limited to two minutes.
4. Speakers will alternate between microphones until the time is up.
5. The Committee on the Dispatch of Business will keep the official times.”

Duly seconded, the

MOTION PASSED

Archdeacon Lee submitted the reports of various committees and commissions, as listed in the Agenda, and moved their adoption by title. Seconded, the

MOTION PASSED

Archdeacon Lee made several announcements including a reminder that only delegates and clergy may sit on the floor of Council and must be identified by appropriate nametags, and that materials may be distributed on the floor of Council only with permission of the chair and the Committee on Dispatch of Business. He further noted that the longstanding custom of Council forbids the distribution of electioneering materials. He also pointed out the availability of simultaneous Spanish translation for any who wish to receive it and that the chapel is available for prayers.

Nominations Committee: First Report

The Rev. Rick Dunham, chair, presented the report of the Nominating Committee, expressing thanks for those who served on the committee. He submitted nominations for General Officers and other officers of the Diocese:

Secretary:	The Rev. Frank E. Fuller	Franco	
Treasurer:	Mr. Tom Carskadden	Assistant Chancellor:	Mr. Drew Cauthorn
Chancellor:	Mr. Jack Hebdon	Assistant Chancellor:	Mr. James Norman
<i>Other officers:</i>		Registrar:	Mrs. Helen M. Schnelzer
Asst. Treasurer:	Canon Garry A. Schnelzer	Historiographer:	Mr. Donald Engelking
Assistant Chancellor:	Mr. John		

There being no further nominations, each of those on the slate of nominees was elected by acclamation. Moved and seconded, each

MOTION PASSED

Mr. Dunham then presented nominations for Executive Board members and other offices to be elected except for the Standing Committee, nominations for which were made following completion of the election for Executive Board. The full report of the Committee may be found in Section II of the Journal. Nominations were received from the floor.

Appointments by the Bishop

The Bishop announced appointments of the Chairs of the Departments, Commissions and Committees of the Diocese, calling attention to the listing of the full list of appointed members in delegates' packets. The members of each such group may be found in the Official Directory, Section I of the Journal.

Department Chairs	Christian Faith in Action Department
Camps & Conferences	AIDS Awareness
Christian Education	Disability Ministry
Christian Faith in Action	Environmental Stewardship
Communications	Habitat for Humanity
Congregational Development	Jubilee Officer
Evangelism	Kairos
Finance	Recovery Ministries
Higher Education	Church Buildings Commission
Stewardship	Congregational Development
World Mission	Church Builders
Young Adults	Family Congregations
Youth	New Church Initiative
Deans of the Convocations	Pastoral Congregations
Camp Capers Summer Deans	Program Congregations
Book of Remembrance/Thanksgiving	Resource Church
Camps & Conferences Department	Spiritual Life
Camp Capers Program Division	Transitional Congregations
Camp Capers Site Division	Cursillo Movement
Mustang Island Program Division	Ecumenical Commission
Mustang Island Site Division	Episcopal Schools Commission

Evangelism Department
Finance Department
Insurance Committee
Good Samaritan Center Board
Historical Commission
Liturgy & Music Department
Scholarship Committee
Stewardship Department
Annual Giving Division
Capital Giving
Legacy
Mission Giving

Women's Ministries Commission
World Mission Department
Episcopal Relief & Development
Youth Department
Happening Movement
Youth Commission
Special Ministries
Faith Alive
Bishop Jones Center Development Comm.

Elections on Nomination by the Bishop

The Bishop nominated persons for service in the following capacities, the elections of whom were confirmed by voice vote of Council; the names of those so elected may be found in the Official Directory, Section I of the Journal.

The Commission on Ministry
Compensation Committee
Continuing Education Committee
Examining Chaplains
Interviewing Committee
Lay Ministry Committee
Directors of the Episcopal Church Foundation in West Texas

The Board of Directors, Good Samaritan Center
The Board of Directors, Morningside Ministries
Delegates to the Texas Conference of Churches
Trustees of Texas Military Institute
Charter Trustees of Texas Military Institute

Presentation of New Clergy

Members of the Clergy new to the Diocese were presented to the Bishop and Council by their rectors and the deans of their respective convocations. Those presented were

The Rev. Andrew R. Thayer, associate, St. Mark's, San Antonio
The Rev. Leslie (Les) E. Spear, Grace, Weslaco
The Rev. Jay P. Burkardt, assistant, Good Shepherd, Corpus Christi

Youth and Mission

Wesley Fletcher reported on Young Adult Service Corps (YASC), a remarkable opportunity for young adults to participate in mission and ministry work all over the globe.

Elections

The first ballot for the various offices for which nominations had been received was presented, with instructions for balloting by a Scantron (electronically-read) ballot. Through a series of succeeding ballots, the following were elected to the offices open to be filled at this Council:

In the Clergy Order:

In the Lay Order:

STANDING COMMITTEE:

The Rev. John Badders

Mr. Richard Mosty

EXECUTIVE BOARD:

The Rev. Ram Lopez
The Rev. Canon Bob DeWolfe

Mrs. Betty Mosty
Mr. Ted Burkhart
Mr. Herb Hill, Jr.
Mr. Ron Tribo

TRUSTEES OF THE CHURCH CORPORATION:

The Ven. Don Lee

Dr. Elizabeth Hollamon

TRUSTEES, TEXAS MILITARY INSTITUTE:

The Rev. Reese Friedman
The Rev. Richard Speer

TRUSTEE, UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH:

The Rev. Mike Marsh
(To complete a two-year unexpired term)

Mrs. Kathleen Foster

DEPUTY TO GENERAL CONVENTION

The Rev. David M. Reed
The Rev. David G. Read
The Ven. Don Lee
The Rev. Nancy Coon

Mr. Richard Mosty
Mrs. Susan Hardaway
Mrs. Alice Ann Fischer
Mr. Robert Browning

ALTERNATE DEPUTY TO GENERAL CONVENTION

The Rev. James Murguia
The Rev. Ram Lopez
The Rev. John Badders
The Rev. Ned Bowersox

Mrs. Karen Lee
Mr. John Warren
Mr. Kirk Mason
Mrs. Priscilla Murguia

DELEGATE TO PROVINCIAL SYNOD

The Rev. Ripp Hardaway
The Rev. Nancy Coon
The Rev. Dan Lauer
The Rev. Reese Friedman

Mrs. Betty Chumney
Mrs. Jane Cozad
Mr. John Cozad
Ms. Erin Shaver

ALTERNATE DELEGATE TO PROVINCIAL SYNOD

The Rev. Adrian Amaya
The Rev. Bob DeWolfe
The Rev. Milton Black
The Rev. Bill Fowler

Mr. Kirk Mason
Mr. Jay Buzzini
Mrs. Lisa Mason
Mrs. Lou Taylor

Division of World Mission

Mrs. Betty Chumney, Bishop's Deputy and chair, reported for the Division, which the Bishop pointed out he hoped would soon be a Department of the Diocese. She noted the remarkable effect of the funds—over \$341,000—re-directed last year by congregations for mission work approved by the Diocesan Executive Board, rather than being transmitted to the national church structure. She rehearsed the areas across the world where those funds have provided for ministry in Russia, Belarus, Northern and Southeastern Mexico, Honduras, Belize and Uganda, where short-term missions have allowed West Texans to have first hand experience of mission life. She called to mind the work of our long-term missionaries—Phil and Jennifer Leber in Uganda, Mary Ann Garrett Ashby in Oaxaca, Paul Carmack in Belarus. She presented Trent Timberlake, who outlined the work of our missions in the orphanages of Russia, Ukraine and Belarus. Mrs. Margaret Akers reported on the missions working in Honduras.

Episcopal Relief and Development Fund

The Bishop introduced Sandra Swan, executive director of Episcopal Relief and Development Fund of the Episcopal Church (ERD), formerly the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief. She spoke to Council, reviewing the work the Fund has done, with special attention to the response to the December tsunami in south Asia and the Indian Ocean. Following her presentation the Bishop presented a check for \$49,500, being funds recently collected in response to the tsunami disaster, and the Bishop designated all offerings received at the Council services to go to the work of the ERD.

Congregational Development

Mr. John Brooke, Bishop's Deputy for Congregational Development, addressed the Council concerning the work of the department, stressing the increasing importance of the program for restarts in congregations that have suffered loss of membership or support and the growth of the regional partnerships. He focused attention on the Partnership School for Ministry, conducted for leaders of the partnerships. He introduced the Rev. Messrs Paul Frey, Reese Friedman, and Bob DeWolfe, who briefly addressed the Council concerning their participation in restart ministry in their congregations.

Camps and Conferences

The Rev. David G. Read, Boerne, reported for the Department, and introduced the Rev. Jonathan Wickham, the new Bishop's Deputy for Youth Ministry and executive director of Camps and Conferences, who reported on the program at Camp Capers. Mrs. Lisa Mason addressed the Council about the growing work of the Family Camps at Mustang Island Adult Conference Center.

The Bishop commended to the Council the efforts of our mission teams leaving soon for Belarus to provide home-sewn dolls for each child in the orphanages they will be visiting and invited the congregations of the diocese to pitch in to produce the 200 dolls needed for that effort.

Dispatch of Business

Archdeacon Lee made several announcements, and Bishop Lillibridge explained plans for the Council Missionary Service, which followed in the Convention Center at 4:30 p.m. with Bishop Folts celebrating Holy Eucharist and Bishop Lillibridge preaching. Council stood in recess at 3:46 p.m. to meet again at 8:30 a.m. the following morning.



SECOND DAY

Friday
February 18, 2005

The Bishops of West Texas concelebrated the Holy Eucharist at the South Padre Island Convention Center Theater at 7:00 a.m., and a continental breakfast was served immediately thereafter.

The Bishop called the session into order at 8:15 a.m., and the Bishop Coadjutor led morning prayers and Bible study groups on the Gospel of St. John 1:1-18.

Task Force on the Mission and Ministry of the Diocese

Mr. Ted Burkhart reported on behalf of Mr. Richard Mosty, who had chaired the Task Force for the past two years. A video presentation by Mr. Mosty introduced the changes proposed by the group, and Mr. Burkhart outlined the long history of their efforts. Mr. Burkhart moved, on behalf of the Task Force and as submitted by the Executive Board, the adoption of Resolution 1-2005, as follows:

SHARING THE DIOCESAN VISION

Be it RESOLVED, that

1. Each church shall share in the common stewardship of the Diocese by proffering its sacrificial commitment for Support for Diocesan Operations and Support for Reaching Out in Mission and Ministry. Such share shall be tendered in equal monthly increments to the Diocesan Treasurer, as follows:

Group	Revenues	Sacrificial Commitment
Group A	Under \$100,000	10%
Group B	\$100,001 to 200,000	12%
Group C	\$200,001 to \$300,000	14%
Group D	\$300,001 to \$500,000	15%
Group E	\$500,001 to \$750,000	17%
Group F	over \$750,000	18%

2. Revenues shall be based upon the average of the past three years of each congregation's "Normal Operating Income" as declared on Line A of the Parochial Report. (For example, the 2005 commitment is based on the average of the 2003, 2002, and 2001 "Normal Operating Income" reported.)

3. No commitment shall increase or decrease in excess of 15% from the previous year.
4. This formula shall be effective January 1, 2005, and shall remain in effect until changed by Diocesan Council.

New Missions

1. New Missions shall contribute to the common stewardship as follows:

Year	Sacrificial Commitment
1	\$100/month or 2% of actual monthly income (whichever is less)
2	4% of actual monthly income
3	6% of actual monthly income
4	8% of actual monthly income
5	10% of actual monthly income
6	Diocesan apportionment formula applies

2. Apportionments shall be paid monthly to the Diocese
3. No increase/decrease cap will apply until year 6 when the Diocesan formula applies.

Special Case

1. In the event the income of a congregation drops 15% or more from one year to the next, the congregation may apply for Special Case consideration.
2. Application to this program must be made to the Executive Board through the Finance Department no later than December 1 of the year prior to the proposed Special Case year.
3. The Executive Board shall consider, and act upon such application prior to the next Diocesan Council.
4. The Executive Board, in consultation with the Finance Department, Stewardship Department, Congregational Development, or such other departments as it deems proper, shall promulgate policies and procedures for Special Cases, which shall be provided to the applicant.

Being seconded, on a voice vote the

MOTION PASSED

Mr. Burkhardt then moved, on behalf of the Task Force and as submitted by the Executive Board, the adoption of Resolution 2-2005, as follows:

PERTAINING TO EPISCOPAL CHURCH USA ASKING

Be it RESOLVED, that for the 2005 budget year:

Each congregation, as a part of the payment of its full 2005 apportionment, shall have the option of redirecting the Episcopal Church USA Asking percentage of its apportionment;

Such redirection may be up to 9.45 % of its apportionment, in whole or in part, to a choice, or combination of choices exclusively among the Episcopal Church USA Asking, or a list of specific diocesan opportunities designated by Executive Board;

If no redirection is made by March 31, 2005, then the congregation's share shall go to Episcopal Church USA Asking.

Each Vestry or Bishop's Committee shall provide for individuals, in their personal pledges, the same option with respect to the Episcopal Church USA Asking percentage of their pledge.

Being seconded, on a voice vote, the

MOTION PASSED

Mr. Burkhardt then moved, on behalf of the Task Force and as submitted by the Executive Board, the adoption of Resolution 3-2005, as follows:

SUPPORT FOR THE DIOCESAN VISION

Be it RESOLVED, that

I. Annual Budget

The Executive Board shall present the Annual Budget for approval to Diocesan Council each year, which shall consist of two parts:

- a. Support for Diocesan Operations and
- b. Reaching Out in Mission and Ministry

A. SUPPORT FOR DIOCESAN OPERATIONS shall include:

1. Support for the Episcopacy
Office of Bishop
Administrative support to the Bishop(s)
2. Support for the Ordained Ministry

- Senior Staff
- Administrative support to Senior Staff
- Commission on Ministry
- Seminarian Educational Aid
- Clergy Conferences
- Clergy Recruitment and Deployment
- Clergy Relief
- Prevention of Sexual Misconduct Training
- Retired clergy group insurance
- TMI Chaplain
- Chaplain to the Military

3. Support for Ministry Programs

- Senior staff as necessary to implement Reaching Out
- Administrative staff as necessary
- Program staff as necessary

4. Support for Diocesan Offices at Bishop Jones Center

- Bishop Jones Center physical plant and staff
- Other (Council and Journal; General Convention and Province VII deputies; University of South Trustees; Lambeth Conference; Annual Audit; Contingencies)

B. REACHING OUT

Reaching Out in Mission and Ministry shall consist of the other mission and ministry opportunities available through our Diocese, including:

1. Reaching Out in Mission beyond Ourselves

- Episcopal Church USA Asking Province VII
- World Mission Division
- Christian Faith in Action
- Ministry for Higher Education
- Episcopal School Commission
- Good Samaritan Center

2. Reaching Out in Ministry to Congregations

- Pastoral Churches
- Family Churches
- Church Restarts
- New Church Starts
- Congregational Development Department Expenses
- Partnership ministries
- Camps and Conferences (includes salaries of full-time, on-site personnel)
- Christian Education
- Bishop's Youth Commission
- Evangelism
- Communication
- Stewardship
- Ecumenical Commission
- Historical Commission
- Liturgy and Music Commission
- Commission for Women's Ministries

Other opportunities approved by the Executive Board

II. EXECUTIVE BOARD

- A. The Executive Board, with the advice of the Finance Department, shall be responsible for the preparation, oversight, and accountability of the budget of Support for Diocesan Operations including Support for the Episcopacy, Support for The Ordained Ministry, Support for Ministry Programs and Support for Diocesan offices at Bishop Jones Center.
- B. The Bishop shall appoint a committee of the Executive Board to oversee and implement the design of the Reaching Out plan.

III. THE BUDGET PROCESS

- A. The Executive Board shall prepare a recommended annual budget of Support for Diocesan Operations on or before October 1 of each year.
 1. All costs and expenses incurred at, by, or through the Diocese or the Bishop Jones Center shall be included within the Diocesan budget.
 2. Diocesan salaries shall not be allocated or charged to programs in the Diocesan or Reaching Out budget.
 3. Diocesan staff shall account for the time allocated to programs for information and management purposes only, and shall report such allocations and the cost thereof to Council annually.
 4. All actual costs and expenses (excluding salary allocation) incurred by or through any program shall be set forth in detail and included within its budget.
 5. Department operating budgets shall not budget reserves as line items.
- B. After receiving the designations from the congregations, the Executive Board shall prepare and recommend approval of the annual budget for Reaching Out, in accordance with the designations, on or before January 15 of each current budget year.
 1. In the event that congregational Reaching Out designations do not fully fund an opportunity, then any undesignated funds shall be held in reserve pending further recommendation of Executive Board to Diocesan Council.
 2. The Executive Board may recommend allocations to any underfunded opportunity (except Episcopal Church USA Asking) or to the Diocesan Operating Fund Reserve.

- C. The proposed budgets shall be publicized to all congregations and Council delegates and shall be submitted to Diocesan Council for approval.
- D. In addition to the current year's budget, the Executive Board shall prepare and submit to Diocesan Council, a proposed budget for the next year.
- E. The Executive Board shall require all programs that are included within the operating budget to adequately account for all funds received and disbursements made.

IV. PROGRAM BUDGETS AND REPORTING

- A. All diocesan activities that are not included within the Annual Budget, such as the Diocesan Development Program, and any other diocesan program that holds or receives funds or that incurs expenditures, shall submit a proposed operating budget to the Executive Board not later than October 31 of each year.
- B. In addition, all such programs shall provide the Executive Board, not less than semi-annually, a statement of all receipts and expenditures, as well as a balance sheet itemizing all assets, including pledges or commitments.
- C. Every expenditure or cost of any program, direct or indirect, shall be reflected within that program's reporting and not charged to any other program. No department or program may create or maintain a reserve fund separate from the Diocesan Operating Fund Reserve. Any operating reserves shall be maintained in the Diocesan Operating Fund Reserve, subject to control by the Executive Board.
- D. All future diocesan capital development programs shall report at least semi-annually to the Executive Board, and annually to Council, all income received or pledged, and all expenditures made and expenditures planned for the next year, and a balance sheet listing all assets, reserves and liabilities of such development program.
- E. The Episcopal Church Corporation, and included within it, the Episcopal Church Foundation in West Texas, shall report to Council annually a statement of all receipts and expenditures, as well as a balance sheet itemizing all assets.

V. MISCELLANEOUS

- A. The Office of the Bishop is called upon to create an organizational chart for the Diocese, which is consistent with and illustrative of this resolution, and to make recommendations as to organizational changes as seem advisable.

- B. The Finance Department and Executive Board shall see to it that budgets are organized and categorized in a manner consistent with this resolution.
- C. The Constitutions and Canons Committee is called upon to recommend appropriate canonical changes which are consistent with this resolution.

The motion was seconded. The Rev. Alan Conley rose on a point of information to inquire if the procedure proposed is intended to include a two-year budget. He was answered in the affirmative. Following a short series of speakers, on a standing vote, the

MOTION PASSED

Second Report of the Nominating Committee

The Rev. Rick Dunham, chair, presented nominations for the Standing Committee; nominations were received from the floor. Results of all elections are reported above.

Department of Finance

Mr. Tom Carskadden, treasurer of the Diocese, reported that the accounts for 2003 had been audited and the recommendations of the auditor acted upon. He then presented the finance report for the department for 2004 with supporting slides and commentary, the substance of which may be referenced in Section V of the Journal. He then moved adoption of the 2004 Financial Report, which being seconded, the

MOTION PASSED

2005 Budget Report

Mr. Carskadden submitted the proposed budget for 2005, the detail of which may be found in Section V of the Journal. Mr. Carskadden detailed proposed changes to the 2005 budget in light of the resolutions passed above. He noted the adoption of the Resolution 3-2005 precludes adoption, for this year only, of a budget for the subsequent year. A two year budget will be forthcoming for the next meeting of Council. On behalf of the Finance Department, the Treasurer moved adoption of the 2005 budget. The motion being seconded, the

MOTION PASSED

The Commission on Ministry—Interviewing Committee

The Rev. Doug Storment, chair, presented an extended report for the committee, noting the need for the participation of all our members in the calling and discernment of young persons as candidates for ordained ministry.

The Rev. Chuck Woehler called attention to a new mission initiative in Ecuador from St. Thomas Church, San Antonio, and presented a gift to the wives of the Bishops produced by the congregation's mission effort.

Necrology Committee and Noonday Prayers

The Right Reverend Gary Lillibridge, Bishop Coadjutor, then presented the report of the Necrology Committee with prayers for those who had served in the Councils of the Diocese and died in the past year, and he led the Council in Noonday Prayers. Following announcements, the Council stood in recess at 11:16 a.m., dispersing to a combined luncheon of the Clergy Association and the Lay Ministry Committee, with the Rev. Dr. Eddie Gibbs as speaker.



AFTERNOON SESSION

Following lunch, the Bishop reconvened the plenary Council session at 1:30 p.m.

The Bishop's Charge

The Bishop presented his tenth and final annual Charge to Council as diocesan bishop, the full text of which may be found immediately appended to these minutes in Section I of the Journal. In the course of his comments—during which he announced his intention to retire effective January 31, 2006—he welcomed to the Council and recognized his predecessors in the episcopate in West Texas: the Right Reverend Messrs Scott Field Bailey, John MacNaughton, and retired Bishops Suffragan Earl McArthur, and Robert B. Hibbs. He also introduced the Right Reverend Benito Juarez, bishop of Southeast Mexico, and Mr. John Rayls, the new missionary for the mission being begun at Zarzamora and Loop 410 in San Antonio. His recognition of the contributions of his lady, Mrs. Sandy Folts, brought a standing ovation from the Council. He also called on Council to recognize the presence of the Rev. Leonardo Cespedes, who has shared the ministry in Brownsville for many years since his putative retirement, and he too was greeted with an ovation from the Council.

Episcopal Church Foundation in West Texas

Mr. Dan Butt reported for the Episcopal Church Foundation in West Texas, summarizing the model portfolios managed by the Foundation, which had grown to 63 accounts with \$20.8 million at the end of last year. Diocesan accounts comprise \$14.2 million of that total amount. Investment gains were 8.3%, amounting to \$1.6 million.

Following announcements, the Council recessed at 2:30 p.m. to proceed to the workshops provided for the education and inspiration of the delegates, which were followed by the Council Banquet at the South Padre Island Convention Center.



THIRD DAY

Saturday
February 19, 2005

The Holy Eucharist was con-celebrated by the Bishops of West Texas at the South Padre Island Convention Center Theater at 7:30 a.m., and a continental breakfast was served immediately thereafter.

The Bishop called the Council to order at 8:49 a.m., with prayers and Bible study led by the Bishop Coadjutor. The Bishop called attention to the Diocesan Chancellor sitting to his left, Mr. Jack Hebdon, who is the senior diocesan chancellor in the American Church and has served each Council of this diocese since 1965, completing his 40th year of service.

Diocesan Development Program

Mrs. Alice Sallee, chair, presented the report of the committee. She noted that since the work of the first steering committee began in 1999, the Diocese had raised \$12.1 million toward the original “Now” phase goal of \$11.7 million, and she reviewed the achievements of that effort. She then detailed the process by which the committee was reconstituted to prepare for the “Next” phase of their work. The details of their report may be found in the text of the committee report. She introduced several members of the committee who outlined the objectives of the new cycle of development work. The Rev. Chuck Collins spoke of the Episcopal Community Services that can grow out of the work begun by Good Samaritan Center in San Antonio to encompass the far wider fields of the Diocese at large. Bishop Lillibridge spoke of plans for new land acquisitions for mission plantings, a revolving loan fund for churches, the prospects of Christ Chapel, a center for ministry in higher education shared with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, on the campus of Texas State University, San Marcos. The Rev. Jonathan Wickham and the Rev. David G. Read advised of the needs for further improvements to Camp Capers. Mr. Kirk Mason presented the case for further development of the Adult Conference Center on Mustang Island, acknowledging the constraints placed on Camp Capers by housing development in neighboring subdivisions. Mr. Ron Tribo, acting headmaster at Texas Military Institute, and Mrs. Jane Cozad reported the hopes and plans for that institution, especially in regard to facilities for the residential student population and for need-based scholarships. Mrs. Sallee reviewed the opportunities and needs for leadership training and summarized the goals of the Development Plan as they presently stand, with an objective of \$19,750,000 for the Next phase of the program.

Mrs. Alice Sallee then moved the adoption of Resolution 5-2005, as follows:

PERTAINING TO THE DIOCESAN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 101st Annual Council of the Diocese of West Texas accepts and endorses the program of the Diocesan Development Committee for the NEXT phase.

The motion being seconded, on a voice vote, the

MOTION PASSED

Committee on the Bishop's Charge

Mr. Robert Browning, chairman, led the committee in presenting five resolutions based on the Bishop's Charge, as follows:

I. ON THE TASK FORCE FOR MISSION AND MINISTRY

WHEREAS, in response to the Bishop's call, the Task Force for Mission and Ministry has for two years met, surveyed, organized, and otherwise plumbed the depths of the hearts and consciences of the people of the Diocese of West Texas; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force has thereby determined new and more effective ways of supporting the mission and ministry of local congregations and has searched out ways and means by which we can use the financial resources of the diocese even more effectively in the building up of the church; and

WHEREAS, this Diocese has embraced these efforts and findings by adopting new models for apportionment and finding mission and ministry; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that this 101st Council of the Diocese of West Texas joins with the Bishop in expressing our gratitude to Richard Mosty, Ted Burkhardt and the whole Task Force for their diligent and faithful work.

Being seconded, by a voice vote, the

MOTION PASSED

II. ON THE GODLY ADMONITIONS

WHEREAS, the Bishop has admonished each of our congregations to focus more clearly on our central purpose as the Church by sharing our congregational mission and ministry plans with the Diocese at large; and

WHEREAS, the purpose, being two-fold, first to encourage us being diligent and determined in our mission and ministry planning; and second, to give us one more opportunity to learn from one another; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that each congregation report to the Bishop and the Executive Board by Thanksgiving of this year their updated plans for the mission

and ministry, and a reflection on the progress they have made toward living those plans.

Being seconded, by a voice vote, the

MOTION PASSED

III. ON THE CAMP CAPERS STUDY

WHEREAS, the Cathedral of the Diocese of West Texas finds itself situated amidst ever-expanding land development; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Department of Camps and Conferences is hereby directed to embark upon a detailed and thorough study of the issues raised by this increased development; and be it further

RESOLVED, that upon completion of their study the Department of Camps and Conferences would report their findings to this body at our annual meeting next year; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Diocesan Development Committee put a temporary hold on any further major improvements to Camp Capers until at least such time as this body receives the above-mentioned report from the Department of Camps and Conferences.

Being seconded, by a voice vote, the

MOTION PASSED

IV. CALLING FOR THE ELECTION OF A BISHOP SUFFRAGAN

WHEREAS, we have learned with surprise of Bishop Folts' plan to enter into his *jubilado*, or 48 hours of retirement; and

WHEREAS, it has been the privilege and high honor of this diocese to have had Bishop Folts in leadership; and

WHEREAS, we have also not always loved you wisely or well, and yet, we would have you know of our deep and abiding love for you; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge our corporate witness to Christ and Bishop Folts' large role in the direction the Diocese of West Texas has taken in mission and ministry; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that we receive Bishop Folts announcement of retirement; and be it further

RESOLVED, that we, the 101st Council of the Diocese of West Texas, call for a special session of this Council to convene on Saturday, October 15, 2005, for the purpose of electing and calling forth a Bishop Suffragan for this diocese; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the 101st Council of the Diocese of West Texas direct the Standing Committee to oversee this election process in the manner normally used by this diocese.

Being seconded, by a voice vote, the

MOTION PASSED

V. ON MARRYING UP

WHEREAS, James Folts “married up” some forty years ago; and

WHEREAS, Sandy Folts has been a faithful and loyal friend and companion to our Bishop for so many years, thus by extension, to our whole diocese; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that this 101st gathering of the Diocese of West Texas acknowledges with gratitude the anointed ministry of Sandy Folts, and the wisdom of James Folts in choosing such a life partner.

Being seconded, by a voice vote and with a standing ovation, the

MOTION PASSED

Committee on Resolutions

The Rev. Philip Stevenson presented the report of the committee, noting that Resolution 6-2005 (Windsor Report Response #2) had been withdrawn, so that there was only one resolution for consideration, that being Resolution 4-2005, co-sponsored by St. Peter’s Church, Kerrville, Good Shepherd, Corpus Christi, and St. Mark’s, Corpus Christi, as follows:

WINDSOR REPORT RESPONSE

WHEREAS, this 101st Council of the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas urgently desires that The Episcopal Church (in the United States of America) remain “a constituent member of the Anglican Communion, a Fellowship within the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church, ...in

communion with the See of Canterbury,” as provided by the Preamble of the Constitution of The Episcopal Church; and

WHEREAS, actions of The Episcopal Church, its 74th General Convention and numerous bishops not of this Diocese have threatened this unity; and

WHEREAS, this Council desires to be agents of unity within The Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion, in agreement with the recommendations of the Windsor Report 2004; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that this Council welcomes the Windsor Report 2004 and urges that it be received as the agreed basis for proceeding with reconciliation within The Episcopal Church and among the churches of the Anglican Communion; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Council acknowledges and expresses its regret that in consenting to the election and consecration of V. Gene Robinson as Bishop of New Hampshire, and in seeming to encourage the development of public rites for the blessing of unions of persons of the same sex, The Episcopal Church has acted in ways incompatible with the communion principles of interdependence and mutuality set forth in the Windsor Report, and be it further

RESOLVED, that we call upon the House of Bishops of The Episcopal Church likewise to express their regret for these violations of communion principles and, as a good faith expression thereof, to effect a moratorium on similar actions as prejudicial to the Church’s continuing to walk together within the Anglican Communion; and be it further

RESOLVED, that we call upon those Anglican bishops who, believing it their conscientious duty to intervene in provinces, dioceses, and parishes not their own, to express regret for the consequences of their actions and to effect a moratorium on future interventions; and be it further

RESOLVED, this Council affirms the commitment of the Diocese of West Texas so to live that our ministries may be worthy of the communion we share in Christ, submitting ourselves to the common counsel of the Anglican Communion on matters touching the greater body and respecting the Instruments of Unity as defined in the Windsor Report to uphold the bonds of our mutual affections.

The motion was made and seconded. Peggy Miller, St. Francis, Victoria, moved to

delete the second “Whereas” clause and the second, third, and fourth “Resolve” clauses, and the motion was seconded. Following a short debate, the question was called and on a standing vote on the amendment, the

MOTION FAILED

The Rev. Mike Chalk moved to table the resolution. Seconded, on a voice vote, the

MOTION FAILED

Several speakers addressed the main motion. On a standing vote on Resolution 4-2005,

MOTION PASSED

Committee on Constitution and Canons

The Rev. Phil Stevenson, chairman, presented the report of the committee. In each of the below, proposed changes in the text are in italics and underlined.

I. PROPOSAL TO AMEND CANON 1.1(b)

BE IT RESOLVED TO AMEND CANON 1, entitled “The Diocesan Council,” specifically amending Section 1(b). The voting membership of the Council, in both its annual and its special meetings, shall consist of the following ... lay delegates, as follows:

- (b) LAY. Delegates and alternates shall be men or women communicants of the congregation which they represent, in good standing, sixteen years of age or older. Each congregation, in union with the Council, shall be entitled to one delegate for every 50 persons, or portion thereof, reported for Average Sunday Attendance in the Annual Parochial Report, except that every parish and mission shall be entitled to at least two delegates and two alternates, *and each parish shall be entitled to one additional delegate and alternate.*

Mr. Stevenson reported the proposal on behalf of the committee without the endorsement of the committee and moved the proposal, which was seconded. After one speaker, on a standing vote by both orders with the lay order voting first, the

MOTION PASSED

II. PROPOSAL TO AMEND CANON 1.15(a) AND CANON 25

BE IT RESOLVED TO AMEND CANON 1, entitled “The Diocesan Council,” Section 15(a) as follows:

- (a) All resolutions presented to the Council for action shall be

reduced to writing and a copy thereof presented to the Secretary of the Diocese no later than December 31st. Any resolution presented later may not be considered by Council unless approved at Council by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) majority of the authorized voting membership.

AND BE IT RESOLVED TO FURTHER AMEND SAID CANON 1, specifically the first paragraph of Section 15(b), first deleting the words “at least 30 days” and substituting therefor the words “on or before December 31st”, so that the amended first paragraph of Canon 1, Section 15(b) will read as follows:

(b) Unless specifically exempt from this Canon by a two-thirds majority of the voting delegates present, any resolution dealing with serious moral issues that deeply concern national or international affairs must be submitted to the Secretary of the Diocese on or before December 31st prior to annual Council and must be printed and in the hands of the delegates to the annual council no less than one week prior to the convening of that Council.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED TO AMEND CANON 25, entitled “Amendment of these Canons,” to read as follows:

A proposal for altering or amending these canons shall be presented in writing to the Committee on Constitution and Canons and to the Chancellor no later than December 31st. It shall be presented in Council as a part of the report of the committee, with or without their endorsement. If it be approved by a majority of each of the two Orders voting thereon separately, it shall become effective upon adjournment of the Council.

Mr. Stevenson reported that the Committee submitted the proposal with their endorsement and moved its adoption. Mr. Tom Hardin, Christ Church, San Antonio, moved to amend the proposal for Canon 1.15(b) to delete the words “by a vote of two thirds (2/3)”. The motion to amend was seconded, and after discussion, by a voice vote, the

MOTION FAILED

Returning to the main motion, Tipton Ross, Canyon Lake, inquired as to who determines the status of resolutions as to whether they concern serious moral issues—to which the answer of the Chair was “The Bishop does.” On a voice vote by orders, beginning with clergy, the

MOTION PASSED

III. PROPOSAL TO AMEND CANON 15

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE PRESENT CANON 15, entitled “Commission for Episcopal Schools,” be deleted AND THAT A NEW CANON 15 entitled “Of Episcopal Schools” be substituted therefor, such new Canon 15 to read as follows:

Canon 15 Of Episcopal Schools

Section 1. Any school providing education for young people at any and all levels from pre-school through high school, and located on the premises used for the benefit of or operated under the control, auspices, or approval of any parish, mission, organization, or institution of the Diocese, or any combination or group thereof (the “Church”), shall be defined as an Episcopal School within the Diocese of West Texas (the “Diocese”). No such school shall be established, maintained, or operated without the written approval and consent of the Bishop of the Diocese of West Texas.

Section 2. There shall be a Commission for Episcopal Schools in the “Diocese” (the “Commission”), which shall consist of not less than seven (7) or more than fifteen (15) members appointed by the Bishop.

- (a) It shall be the duty of the “Commission” to establish guidelines and standards for the establishment, recognition, and certification of any and all Episcopal Schools now, or in the future, operating within the “Diocese.”
- (b) Schools recognized by the “Diocese” shall base their religious instruction on *An Outline of the Faith* as contained in The Book of Common Prayer of the Episcopal Church.
- (c) With the consent of the Bishop, this “Commission” shall establish by-laws in order to carry out the intent of this canon.
- (d) This “Commission” shall report annually in writing to the Bishop and to the Council of the “Diocese.”
- (e) All Episcopal schools in this diocese shall be subject to

periodic or special review by the Trustees of the Episcopal Church Corporation in West Texas, in coordination with the Commission for Episcopal Schools, to ensure that the schools remain in compliance with diocesan canons, policies, guidelines, and directives.

Section 3. Any educational facility that operates in conjunction with, upon the property of, or under the sponsorship of the Diocese of West Texas, or any parish, mission, or institution thereof, shall comply with all health, safety, fire, and sanitation standards at least equal to those required by state, municipal, and county health, fire, and sanitation codes.

Section 4. Episcopal Schools related to or sponsored by the “Church” (as defined in section 1 of this canon) in the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas may, but are not required to, incorporate under the provisions of the Texas Non-Profit Corporation Act. When a school chooses to incorporate, The Articles of Incorporation and/or By-Laws shall clearly state that the ownership of the school is vested in the “Church”. Copies of all such Articles of Incorporation and/or By-Laws shall be kept on file with the permanent records of the “Diocese” and the “Commission.”

- (a) Parishes and missions, which already have Episcopal Schools at the time of the passage of this canon, will insure that they are in compliance with these policies, guidelines, and directives. Articles of Incorporation and By-laws, if any, will be reviewed by the Diocesan Chancellor.
- (b) The relationship of the governing body of the school and the governing body of the “Church” shall be clearly stated in the Articles of Incorporation. For those schools that opt not to incorporate there shall be a clearly worded statement of the relationship between the governing body of the school and the governing board of the “Church.” Such Articles or statements and subsequent changes to them shall be approved by the Bishop’s office.

Section 5. Each Episcopal school shall have insurance sufficient to protect the property of the “Church” utilized by the school. The school will also have liability and other appropriate insurance related to the operation of the school that names as

additional insured both the “Church” and the “Diocese.”

Section 6. When a parish or mission wishes to establish an Episcopal school, it shall apply in writing to the Bishop for consent to continue the application process. Upon receiving the consent of the Bishop, the school may then begin the application process through the “Commission.” Final approval of a new school will be granted by the Trustees of The Episcopal Church Corporation in West Texas. The Trustees of the Episcopal Church Corporation in West Texas shall have the responsibility of making a final determination as to the future establishment of Episcopal Schools in this diocese, consistent with the guidelines and standards established by the Commission for Episcopal Schools and approved by the Trustees within their canonical authority regarding the structure under which Episcopal schools in this diocese will operate and their relationship to the sponsoring parishes or missions. Application by a new school shall require all legal, foundational documents including proposed Articles of Incorporation and/or By-Laws, or other organizational statements, to be forwarded to the “Commission” and Trustees in sufficient form and detail to demonstrate that the “Church” and school will function in a manner consistent with Diocesan canons, policies, guidelines and directives.

Mr. Stevenson reported that the Committee had worked closely with the Commission for Episcopal Schools for several years to prepare the proposed amendment, and he and Dr. Hollamon, chair of that commission, submitted the proposal with their endorsement and moved its adoption. There was brief discussion; the Rev. Rick Dunham raised the question of whether opening a Mothers Day Out program would fall under the purview of the new canon, and he was referred by the Chair to the Commission for Episcopal Schools and the Church Corporation for further information and advice. On a voice vote by orders, with the lay order voting first, the

MOTION PASSED

IV. PROPOSAL TO AMEND CANON 5

BE IT RESOLVED THAT CANON 5, entitled “Executive Board Departments,” be amended to add a new Section 9 to be entitled “The Department of World Mission,” to read as follows:

Section 9. The Department of World Mission

- (a) Mission. It shall be the duty of the Department of World Mission to seek to find ways to implement the diocese’s

vision statement; to work to expand the Diocese's involvement in world mission; to be Christ Jesus' witnesses to the ends of the earth; and, to actively recruit members of the diocese to participate in world mission in three ways: as mission team members, as financial supporters of mission, and as people dedicated to the undergirding of all mission activities with prayer.

- (b) Structure. The World Mission Department's structure is as follows:
- (1) There will be a Bishop's Deputy for World Mission, appointed by the Bishop, whose responsibility is to develop, coordinate and assist in the various mission activities of the diocese, to chair this Department, and to report all activities to the Bishop and to the Executive Board.
 - (2) There will be a World Mission Committee appointed by the Bishop, composed of persons who, at the time of their appointment, are each actively involved in some area of mission work. The Committee's duties include implementation of mission policy and missionary activities, and reporting, through the Bishop's Deputy, to the Bishop and the Executive Board.
 - (3) Each Rector and/or Vicar shall appoint a mission Representative, to work with the World Mission Department. These representatives, under the guidance of the Department, will be responsible for distributing information about world mission to their individual congregations.
- (c) Financial Needs. The World Mission Deputy will present annually a budget to the Finance Committee for the approval of the Executive Board and Annual Council.

Mr. Stevenson reported that the Committee submitted the proposal with their endorsement and moved its adoption. On a voice vote by orders, beginning with the clergy order, the

MOTION PASSED

Following a first ballot for the election alternate delegates to Provincial Synod and alternate deputies to General Convention, the Chair entertained a motion that on the next ballot for delegate to Provincial Synod, that the four persons in each order who receive the highest number of ballots be declared the elected alternates. Being seconded, on a voice vote, the

MOTION PASSED

The Chair then entertained a motion that on the next ballot for alternate deputy to

General Convention, that the four persons in each order who receive the highest number of ballots be declared the elected alternates. Being seconded, on a voice vote, the

MOTION PASSED

Various Reports

Mr. J.C. Stromberger reported for the Recovery Ministries Commission, highlighting in particular the opportunity presented for liturgy and program within our congregations for a Recovery Sunday observance. The Rev. Jonathan Wickham and Wesley Fletcher presented on the Department of Youth Ministries and the Youth Commission, including a recognition of the service of our Council pages, which was greeted by the Council with a standing ovation. Mrs. Lisa Mason spoke on behalf of the Department of Christian Education. Karen Lee presented the Pennies from Heaven drawing from the donations for scholarships for Uganda clergy children, with Bishop Benito Juarez conducting the drawing “since he was leaving the country shortly.” Winners of the weekend at the Robertson condominium on Mustang Island were Chase Lee (grandson of Don and Karen Lee, raising calls for an investigation) and John Warren (who also somehow won a goat from the Lee ranch in the deal).

Invitation for the 102nd Council

The Rev. James Murguia, St. David’s Church, San Antonio, addressed the Council with an invitation to meet in San Antonio on February 23-25, 2006. He presented Mr. Frank Schweers who outlined the plans for the Council. The Council responded enthusiastically, and the invitation was accepted.

Report of the Committee on Greetings & Courtesy

Mrs. Betty Mosty and others of the Committee presented Courtesy Resolutions, which were duly adopted, expressing the affection and thanks of the Council to:

- (1) Bishop Lillibridge
- (2) South Padre Island
- (3) Our hosts for their hospitality and to the Council pages
- (4) St. Andrew’s, Port Isabel on their 50th anniversary
- (5) Cookie makers
- (6) Sandra Swan
- (7) Those involved with the process toward ordination, by the Rev. Bur Dobbins—whom the Bishop caused to invite the entire Council to his projected wedding, D.v., to Melissa Gallander at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Corpus Christi, 16 April 2005
- (8) Bishop Folts, with intentions to retire in his honor the phrase “more and more more”
- (9) Bishop Folts, celebrating his servant ministry for the next full year
- (10) The Executive Board, in completing the work added to its duties by the Task Force on Mission and Ministry, to be fulfilling the ministry of the ass the Lord rides in on

- (11) Committing the Diocese to a process of thoughtful communication
- (12) The bishops with additions to their Episcopal beachwear
- (13) Bishop Folts and Sandy—that they may know we love them too

The Rev. Adrian Amaya made a presentation to the Bishop.

Following announcements by the Committee on Dispatch of Business and request for evaluations, the Bishop offered closing prayers and a blessing, with which the Council stood adjourned at 12:36 p.m.



SUMMARY
of Certification and Registration
101st ANNUAL COUNCIL

February 17-19, 2005

CERTIFIED:

Of the 92 eligible parishes and missions in the Diocese, 89 submitted certified delegate lists. No Certificate of Election of Delegates and Alternates was received from the following: Carrizo Springs, Ft. McKavett and Hebbroville.

REGISTERED:

Delegates	271
Alternates	<u>181</u>
Total	452
Lay Delegates certifiable	298
Clergy in attendance*	73

Of the 56 parishes of the Diocese, all were represented by delegates in Council. Of the 36 missions, 33 had delegates in Council. All congregations which had certified a delegate were represented in Council.

Respectfully submitted,

(The Rev.) Frank E. Fuller,
Secretary

ATTEST:

(The Right Reverend) James E. Folts, D.D.
Bishop of the Diocese of West Texas

* Seven members of the Clergy not canonically registered but licensed and serving in congregations were also present with seat but not vote.