

Record of the 135th Annual Diocesan Convention of the Diocese of Fond du Lac 2009

1. At the Banquet and Eucharist preceding the Business Session. The Bishop's Cross was presented to The Rev. John A. Cell, SSC, Rector of Blessed Sacrament, Green Bay and Mr. Dave Natzke, Clarion Editor (outgoing) of St. John the Evangelist, Wisconsin Rapids.
2. Eucharist and Bishop's Pastoral Address. (The address appears in the Journal.) In the Offering at the Eucharist \$1,232.00 was collected to support initiatives of Episcopal Relief and Development.
3. Opening Prayer and Call to Order. Bishop Jacobus opened in prayer and called the meeting to order.
4. The Registrar reported a quorum: 52 clergy present, 104 lay delegates present, with 55 additional persons present. All congregations were represented.
5. Recognition of Guests, Retiring Clergy, Clergy new to Diocese.
 - a. Ordained priests: The Rev. Charles Daily, The Rev. Mark Evans, The Rev. Diane Murray, The Rev. Anne Schnaare, The Rev. Mary Trainor, The Rev. Geoff Ward.
 - b. Letters Dimissory received: The Very Rev. George Hillman; The Rev. J.D. McQueen.
 - c. Letters Dimissory sent: The Rev. Seth Richmond, The Rev. Anne Schnaare.
 - d. Retired: The Rev. Dcn. Arthur Good; The Rev. Michael Minter, The Rev. Ian Montgomery, The Rev. Dcn. Edmund Powless.
 - e. Deaths: The Rev. Dcn. Russell Johns; The Rev. Dcn. Faith Sanders.
 - f. Voluntary renunciation: The Rev. Dcn. Robert Frees.
6. Introduction of Seminarians, those in Ordination process and Diocesan Staff who are present:
 - a. Seminarians: Miss Meredyth Albright (Nashotah House) and Mrs. Jane Johnson (Sewanee).
 - b. Deacons' School: Mr. Brien Beck (St. Anne's, De Pere); Mr. Bruce McCallum (St. Mark's, Waupaca); Mrs. Sandra Muinde (Trinity, Oshkosh); Mrs. Susan Reimer (All Saints', Appleton); Mrs. Amanda Sampey (St. James, Mosinee); Ms. Joy Zakrzewski (St. Luke's, Sister Bay).
 - c. Diocesan staff: Mrs. Vicky Stauber-Pufall, Diocesan Office Secretary, The Rev Diane Murray, Youth Ministries Coordinator, The Rev Bill Johnston, Deployment Officer, Mr. David Natzke, Clarion Editor (outgoing). Mr. Matthew Payne, Diocesan Administrator, was absent for health reasons, and cards were circulated to be signed by those present and mailed to him at home.
7. Explanation of Decorum and Parliamentary Process. The Bishop referenced the document "Diocesan Convention Parliamentary Procedure: Basic Concepts" (included in pre-Convention mailings).
8. Election of Secretary; Treasurer; and Chancellor. One nomination received for each: Secretary: The Rev. Dr. Thomas McAlpine (*St. Peter's, Ripon*); Treasurer: Mrs. Anne Peterson (*St Thomas, Menasha*); Chancellor: Mr. Gary Dreier (*Intercession, Stevens Point*). Each elected by voice vote.

- 41 9. Confirmation of Bishop's Appointments. Motion to confirm moved, seconded, carried (voice
42 vote). Appointments confirmed:
- 43 a. Asst. Secretary: Mr. Richard Wilson (*Blessed Sacrament, Green Bay*)
 - 44 b. Asst. Treasurer: Mr. James Sachs (*Intercession, Stevens Point*)
 - 45 c. Registrar: The Rev. Barry Whenal (*Retired*)
 - 46 d. Assistant Chancellor: Mr. Jerry McCormack (*St. Ambrose, Antigo*)
 - 47 e. Commission on Ministry (only 8 appointed; 2 more to be determined): The Rev. William
48 Bippus, Chair (*St. Paul's, Marinette*), The Rev. Wilson Roane (*Retired*), The Rev. Dcn.
49 Linda Schmidt (*Ascension, Merrill*), The Rev. James Trainor (*Intercession, Stevens*
50 *Point*); Mr. Richard Bidwell (*St. Mark's, Waupaca*), Mrs. Val Burg (*Grace, Sheboygan*),
51 Mrs. Winnie Hutjens (*St. Anne's, De Pere*), Mr. David Natzke (*St. John's, Wisconsin*
52 *Rapids*).
- 53 10. Bishop's Appointments not requiring action of Convention.
- 54 a. Committee on credentials: The Rev. Kristina Henning (*Holy Apostles, Oneida*); The Rev.
55 Dcn. Michael Hackbarth (*Cathedral of St Paul, Fond du Lac*).
 - 56 b. Committee on dispatch of business: The Rev. David Klutterman (*St John's, Wausau*).
 - 57 c. Parliamentarian: Mr. Gary Dreier (*Intercession, Stevens Point*).
 - 58 d. Committee on resolutions: The Rev. James Trainor (*Intercession, Stevens Point*); The
59 Rev. J.D. McQueen (*Grace, Sheboygan*); Mr. Peter Gilbert (*All Saints', Appleton*); Mrs.
60 Nancy Kuhn (*St Peter's, Ripon*).
 - 61 e. Tellers: Mrs. Kathy Knobel, head teller (*St. Matthias', Minocqua*); members of St.
62 Matthias'.
 - 63 f. Deans: The Rev. Joe Mazza (*Retired*), (Green Bay Deanery); The Rev. Dean Einerson
64 (Northwoods Deanery); The Rev. Samuel Nsengiyumva (Lake Winnebago Deanery); The
65 Rev. James Trainor (Wisconsin River Deanery).
 - 66 g. Committee on Constitution & Canons: The Rev. Peter Bird (*Holy Trinity, Waupun*); The
67 Rev. Dcn. Georgeanne Cusic (*St Alban's, Marshfield*); The Rev. Ken Guy (*Ascension,*
68 *Merrill*); The Rev. Barbara Sajna (*St Luke's, Sister Bay*); Mr. Gordon Stillings (*St*
69 *Thomas, Menasha*); The Chancellor, Mr. Gary Dreier (ex-officio).
- 70 11. Elections
- 71 Ecclesiastical Court: 1 Clergy, 3-year term.
- 72 One nomination received: The Rev. Canon William Johnston (*retired*). Moved, seconded and
73 carried to close nominations & cast unanimous ballot.
- 74 Ecclesiastical Court: 2 Laity, 3-year term.
- 75 One nomination received: Mrs. Sue Sachs (*Intercession, Stevens Point*). Nominated from
76 floor: Mrs. Mary Jo Van Gemert (*St. Anne's, De Pere*). Moved, seconded and carried to close
77 nominations & cast unanimous ballot.
- 78 Executive Council: 1 clergy, 4-year term.
- 79 One nomination received: The Rev. Peter Bird (*Holy Trinity, Waupun*). Nominated from
80 floor: The Rev. Nigel Bousfield (*St Mark's, Waupaca*). Moved, seconded and carried to close
81 nominations. The Rev. Peter Bird received the majority of votes.

82 Executive Council: 1 Lay person, 4-year term.

83 Three nominations received: Mr. Richard Ackley (*Holy Apostles, Oneida*); Mrs. Nancy Kuhn
84 (*St Peter's, Ripon*); Mr. Jim Workman (*St Anne's, De Pere*). Moved, seconded and carried to
85 close nominations. Mrs. Nancy Kuhn received the majority of votes.

86 Standing Committee: 1 Clergy for 4-year term.

87 Two nominations received: The Rev. Brian Beno (*Cathedral Church of St Paul the Apostle,*
88 *Fond du Lac*); The Rev. Wilson Roane (*retired*). Moved, seconded and carried to close
89 nominations. The Rev. Wilson Roane received the majority of votes.

90 Standing Committee: 1 Lay person for 4-year term.

91 Three nominations received: Mr. Bill Gagin (*Grace, Sheboygan*); Dr. James Memmen (*St*
92 *Anne's, De Pere*); Ms. Jane Hollander Smith (*All Saints, Appleton*). Moved, seconded and
93 carried to close nominations. Ms. Jane Hollander Smith received the majority of votes on the
94 second ballot.

95 Trustee: 1 Cleric, 3-year term.

96 One nomination received: The Rev. Nigel Bousfield (*St Mark's, Waupaca*). Moved,
97 seconded and carried to close nominations & cast unanimous ballot.

98 Trustee: Lay (2 for 3-year terms & 1 for 1-year term).

99 One nomination received: Mr. Larry Langohr (*St Thomas, Menasha*). Nominations from
100 floor: Mr. John Eggers (*St Anne's, De Pere*); Mr. Donn Proven (*St. Mary of the Snows, Eagle*
101 *River*). Moved, seconded and carried to close nominations. At the chair's suggestion, the two
102 candidates receiving the most votes would be considered elected to the 3-year terms. Mr.
103 Larry Langohr and Mr. John Eggers were elected to 3-year terms; Mr. Donn Proven to a 1-
104 year term.

105 12. Open Forum (Limited to 15 minutes) for comments, concerns, questions

- 106 a. Mrs. Karen Powers: please contact me for information regarding Church Periodical Club
107 (CPC).
- 108 b. The Rev. Brian Beno: Presentation of proposal for production of Advent/Lenten materials
109 (referencing information provided in Delegate Packet.
- 110 c. The Rev. Paul Feider: update on upcoming trip to Africa for workshops on healing
111 ministry. Request for prayer for Nigel Mumford (health).
- 112 d. Mrs. Jeanne Marg: We don't know background of people being nominated from the
113 floor.
- 114 e. The Rev. Nigel Bousfield: a pilgrimage to Rome is in the process of being planned; I
115 need to know if people want to go, otherwise it won't happen.
- 116 f. The Rev. Samuel Nsengiyumva. Update regarding Hannah Ministries: we are looking for
117 someone to send as a short-term missionary.
- 118 g. Mrs. Kathleen Blankenburg: a description of the committees and current members of
119 these committees would be helpful. (Bishop: this material came out in 1st mailing.)
- 120 h. Mrs. Karen Powers: CPC box contributions are going to our two seminarians. (The
121 Church Periodical Club collected over \$500 that has been distributed to our two current
122 seminarians, Meredyth Albright [Nashotah House] and Jane Johnson [Sewanee] to assist
123 them with book expenses.)

- 124 i. The Rev. Kristina Henning: briefing regarding celebration of diversity event (diverse
125 cultures) in 2010.
- 126 j. Winona Johnson (*St. Peter's, Ripon*): Thanks to all for a positive 1st Convention
127 experience.
- 128 k. The Rev. Diane Murray: Announcement of upcoming website: fdlresources.com
- 129 l. Mrs. Sue Sachs (*Intercession, Steven's Point*): Thank you, Bishop, for the Pastoral
130 Address.

131 13. Reports (as printed in Advance Reports). Moved, seconded and carried to receive advance
132 reports.

133 14. Announcements

134 a. Embroidered Polo or Sweat Shirt flyer.

135 b. Flyer "How to Prevent the Spread of Infection and Illness" in packet.

136 15. Resolution 2009-01 "Pledge to National Church."

137 The Rev. Jim Trainor, Chair of Resolutions Committee recognized of other members of
138 committee and presented this resolution (and subsequent resolutions). Submitted by Bishop
139 Jacobus. The Committee recommends adoption of the resolution. Resolution **passed** by voice
140 vote.

141 Be it resolved, by the 135th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Fond du Lac, that the system
142 used for 2009 to adjust the diocesan pledge to the national church through individual restrictions
143 be continued for 2010; and

144 Be it further resolved that subsequent to the calculation of the "restricted" pledge, that ten
145 percent of the non-restricted operating diocesan income for 2008 become our pledge to the
146 national church for 2010.

147 16. Resolution 2009-02 "Diocesan Response to the 76th General Convention."

148 The Committee recommends adoption of the resolution. The Ven. Dr. Ed Smith moved amend
149 the 6th paragraph: delete words "through it,". Motion seconded; amendment passed by voice
150 vote. Correction to typographical errors on line 17 to read "sisters and brothers in". Vote re
151 2009-02 as corrected and amended: **passed**.

152 Be it resolved, by the 135th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Fond du Lac, that this
153 Convention express its gratitude for the faithful ministry of the members and leaders of the
154 House of Bishops and the House of Deputies at the 76th General Convention of the Episcopal
155 Church, especially in the efforts of both Houses to recognize, respect, and accept differing
156 viewpoints in matters where consensus does not exist; and for the faithful ministry of our Bishop
157 and Deputies at General Convention; and

158 Be it further resolved that this Convention express gratitude to Bishop Russell E. Jacobus for his
159 efforts, in his own words, to "make the diocese broad enough for all to feel comfortable as
160 members, no matter what your leanings"; and

161 Be it further resolved that this Convention encourage our Bishop to guide our Diocese to live in
162 honesty and clarity as Christian sisters and brothers, especially in matters where Christians of
163 good conscience are not of one mind and where theological diversity exists in such matters; to
164 continue strengthening relationships and ministry between this Diocese, The Episcopal Church,
165 and the Anglican Communion; and

166 Be it further resolved that this Convention urge all members and clergy of the Diocese to support
167 our Bishop in such actions, and to take personal and corporate responsibility to live together as
168 Christian sisters and brothers in areas where unanimity is not present, and;

169 Be it further resolved that this Convention affirm General Convention Concurred Resolution
170 2009-D020 regarding the proposed Anglican Covenant; in commending the current and any
171 successive drafts to all dioceses for study and comment; in committing the Executive Council of
172 The Episcopal Church to prepare a report and draft legislation for consideration at the next
173 General Convention; and

174 Be it further resolved that this Convention affirm our commitment to The Episcopal Church and
175 our membership in the Anglican Communion; acknowledge the importance of careful
176 development of an Anglican Covenant; commit this diocese to broadly study and comment on
177 Covenant draft(s) as requested in General Convention Concurred Resolution 2009-D020; and

178 Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution, certified by the Secretary, be sent to the
179 offices of the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies, the Executive
180 Council of The Episcopal Church, and the Office of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

181 17. Noonday Prayers included installation of the Deans.

182 18. Resolution 2009-03 "Affirmation of Votes at the 76th General Convention." The Committee
183 makes no recommendation. Moved (Klutterman) and seconded to postpone indefinitely. After
184 brief debate: the motion to **postpone indefinitely** passed.

185 Be it resolved, by the 135th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Fond du Lac, that this
186 Convention affirms our Bishop's vote against the 76th General Convention's Resolutions D025
187 and C056 which rescinded two of the three Windsor Report moratoria requested of us by the
188 Instruments of Communion; and

189 Be it further resolved that this Convention affirms our Bishop's becoming as a signatory to the
190 "Anaheim Statement" that honors the calls for restraint made by the Archbishop of Canterbury
191 and the Anglican Communion by continuing the commitment to the three moratoria of the
192 Windsor Report, specifically restraint from consecrating Bishops living in a same gender union,
193 restraint from giving permission for Rites of Blessing for Same Sex unions and restraint from
194 interventions in Anglican Provinces; and

195 Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution with its affirmation of our Bishop's actions,
196 certified by the Secretary, be sent to the offices of the Presiding Bishop, the President of the
197 House of Deputies, and the Secretary of the General Convention of the Episcopal Church.

198 19. Announcements

199 a. Blessing of Prayer Shawls

200 b. Thanks to The Rev. Dcn. Anne Lang and The Rev. Dcn. Linda Schmidt for their
201 *Diaconate in the Diocese* presentation last night.

202 c. Last year's Convention included discussion regarding Mission and Youth. Subsequently
203 the Bishop created task forces to deal with each issue, who reported to Executive
204 Council. The Executive Council assembled task forces to continue this work. These task
205 forces reported back to the Executive Council; the two displays now in the meeting hall
206 summarize the work to date by these two task forces. The original task force reports were
207 put online prior to the special convention in February.

208 20. Treasurer's Report (2010 Proposed Budget). Vote to adopt budget: passed by voice vote.

209 21. Courtesy Resolutions. The Resolutions Committee presented the Courtesy Resolutions, passed
210 individually by voice vote.

211 Resolved the 135th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Fond du Lac extend its appreciation
212 and gratitude to the people of the St. Matthias Episcopal Church, Minocqua and to the Rev.
213 Edgar Wallace for hosting the convention.

214 Resolved the 135th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Fond du Lac extend its appreciation
215 and gratitude to Holy Family Catholic Church, Minocqua and to Fr. Jim Hoffman, for the
216 gracious provision of our meeting space.

217 Resolved the 135th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Fond du Lac extend its deepest
218 gratitude, support and love to the Rt. Rev. Russell E. Jacobus and his wife Jerrie for their
219 faithfulness, dedication and passion in leading this diocese and the Church and offers its prayers
220 for them in the coming year.

221 Resolved the 135th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Fond du Lac extend its appreciation
222 and gratitude to the Diocesan Staff, especially Lay Canon Matthew Payne and Office Secretary
223 Vicky Stauber-Pufall for preparing, communicating and organizing the Convention's logistics,
224 and we add our prayers for Matthew's healing.

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226 Resolved the 135th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Fond du Lac extend its appreciation
227 and gratitude to Deputies from the Diocese of Fond du Lac to the 76th General Convention of
228 the Episcopal Church, convened in Anaheim, California this year, especially clergy delegates:
229 the Rev. Peter Bird, the Rev. Tom McAlpine, the Rev. Wilson Roane, and the Rev. Ed Smith;
230 and lay delegates Mr. Bill Gagin, Dr. Anne Schuette, Mrs. Sue Roane and Mr. Ray Dodge.

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232 Resolved the 135th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Fond du Lac extend its greetings and
233 congratulations to the people of St. James, Mosinee and Fr. David Klutterman, as they celebrate
234 their 125th anniversary this coming year.

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236 Resolved the 135th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Fond du Lac extend its greetings and
237 congratulations to the people of St. Peter's, Ripon, and Fr. Tom McAlpine, as they celebrate their
238 150th anniversary this coming year.

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240 Resolved the 135th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Fond du Lac extend its greetings and
241 congratulations to the people of St. Anne's, De Pere, and Fr. Wilson Roane, as they celebrate
242 their 75th anniversary this coming year.

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244 Resolved the 135th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Fond du Lac extend its greetings and
245 prayers to the people of the Diocese of Eau Claire.

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247 Resolved the 135th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Fond du Lac extend its greetings and
248 prayers to the people of the Diocese of Milwaukee and the Rt. Rev. Steven Miller their bishop.

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250 Resolved the 135th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Fond du Lac extends its greetings to
251 the Most Rev. Dr. Katharine Jefferts Schori, assuring her of our prayers as she continues serving
252 our Lord.

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254 Resolved the 135th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Fond du Lac extend its greetings and
255 prayers to the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Rev. and Rt. Honorable Rowan Williams,
256 especially as he and the whole Church attempt to resolve our differences and heal the wounds of
257 the Anglican Communion.

258 Resolved the 135th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Fond du Lac extend its greetings and
259 affirmation of fellowship to the people of the East Central Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran
260 Church in America and Bishop James Justman; to the people of the Nicolet and Winnebago
261 Districts of the Wisconsin Conference of the United Methodist Church, and the Reverend
262 Gordon Lind, their District Superintendent; to the people of the Winnebago Presbytery of the
263 Presbyterian Church of Wisconsin, and the Reverend Lucy Rupe, their Executive Presbyter; to
264 the people of the Moravian Church, Western District, and the Rev. James Hicks, their President;
265 to the people of the United Church of Christ, Northeastern Wisconsin Association and the Rev.
266 Art Willie, their Associate Minister; and to the people of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Green
267 Bay, and the Most. Rev. David L. Ricken, Bishop and the Most Rev. Robert F. Morneau,
268 Auxiliary Bishop.

269 22. Blessing and Adjournment. The Convention sang "It is well", received the Bishop's blessing,
270 and adjourned at 2:30 PM.

271 Respectfully submitted,

272 The Rev. Dr. Thomas H McAlpine