

Looking to Jesus Christ, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith

The 203rd Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Maine



The 203rd Convention of the Diocese of Maine met via Zoom on Saturday, October 22, 2022 to conduct the diocese's third virtual convention. We elected diocesan leaders, approved the 2023 budget, and adopted seven resolutions while rejoicing in being the Body of Christ.

New clergy were formally welcomed to the diocese and those whose ministries have concluded were celebrated. Departing Canon to the Ordinary, the Rev. Michael Ambler was celebrated as we learned about his new ministry, Restoration Laos.

Throughout convention, we participated in a prayerful and spirit-filled liturgy featuring the participation of the faithful throughout the diocese. It included Bishop Thomas Brown's Convention Address which focused on the theme of Jesus as the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. Click here for a video of the address and here for a transcript of the address.

The convention was blessed by incredible musicians sharing their gifts. The virtual choir offerings were "All Creation Danced" and "O Wondrous Souls of Light," a world premiere performance of this hymn written by the Rev. Victoria Sirota, a recently retired priest and professionally trained musician now living in Searsmont, Maine.

ELECTION RESULTS & APPOINTMENTS

General Convention Deputation for 2024: Clergy order: Rev. Joshua Hill, Rev. Cn. Lisa Fry, Rev. Kerry Mansir, Rev. Lauren Kay
Lay Deputies: Mark Spahr, John Hennessy, Karen Perka, Dick Rozene
Standing Committee Member in the Lay Order: Patricia Ryan
Registrar and Archivist: Barbara Martin
Assistant Secretary for Resolutions: Lisa Lindsay
Assistant Registrar for Credentials: Seth Stewart
Lay Reps Elected to Diocesan Council:
Acadie (A)- Ted Fletcher, Southwest Harbor
Aurora Borealis (B) - Ben Barr, Millinocket
The Heart of Maine (C) - Matt Bear-Fowler, Gardiner
Midcoast (D) - Lucia Elder, Rockland
Presumpscot (E) - Emma Bond, Portland
The Southern Gateway (F) - Julie Littlefield, York Harbor

RESOLUTIONS

(Details can be found here)

- 1 - Tribal Sovereignty (Adopted)
- 2 - Native Residential Schools (Adopted)
- 3 - Deacons' Day (Adopted)
- 4 - Celebrating Evangelism (Adopted)
- 5 - Tribal Sovereignty Includes Gaming (Adopted)
- 6 - Calculation of Lay Delegates to Convention
(Withdrawn)
- 7 - Clergy Compensation for 2023 (Adopted)
- 8 - Minimum Lay Compensation for 2023 (Adopted)

Courtesy Resolutions

Click here and here for links to the livestream recordings