

MINUTES
One Hundredth Annual Council
Diocese of Atlanta
Macon, Georgia, November 10-11, 2006

The One Hundredth Annual Council of the Diocese of Atlanta met in the Convention Center in Macon Georgia on Friday and Saturday, November 10th and 11th, 2006, pursuant to a resolution of the Ninety-ninth Annual Council. The Rt. Rev. J. Neil Alexander, Ninth Bishop Diocesan of Atlanta, was in the chair. The Macon Convocation, The Very Rev. Dan T. Edwards, Dean, was the host.

FIRST DAY
Friday, November 10th, 2006

Registration of Lay Delegates and Clergy Members began at 8:30 a.m.

Call to order, quorum call and organization for business

The Rt. Rev. J. Neil Alexander called the Council to order at 10:07 a.m. with prayer. He thanked the Macon Convocation for hosting the Council. The Secretary, The Rev. Herschel R. Atkinson, announced that a quorum was present based on registrations, but that two parishes, St. Andrew's in the Pines, Peachtree City, and St. Barnabas', Trion, did not register either Lay Delegates or Clergy Members. The Council was organized for business.

Agenda adopted

The Council unanimously approved adoption of the agenda as published.

Minutes of previous council approved

The Bishop announced that printed minutes of the previous Council could be obtained from the Secretary, and that those minutes had been published on the Diocese of Atlanta web site. The Council unanimously approved those minutes as published.

Introductions and greetings

The Very Rev. Dan T. Edwards, dean of the host convocation, welcomed those attending Council. The Bishop noted that he had met with the President of the Macon City Council earlier this morning. She was not able to attend Council at this time but welcomes it to Macon.

The Bishop introduced and welcomed these persons:

first-time Council Lay Delegates and Members;

Deans of the ten Convocations of the Diocese, Dan T. Edwards (Macon), Douglas Hahn (Chattahoochee Valley), James Pritchett (Southwest Atlanta), Robert Wright (Mid-Atlanta), William Deneke (East Atlanta), Eddie Ard (North Atlanta), Kent Branstetter (Northeast Metro), James Nixon (Marietta), Amanda Brady (North & East Georgia) C. Dean Taylor (Northwest Georgia);

special guests, The Very Rev. Moses Matanya and Mrs. Matanya from the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Dodoma, Tanzania, and the Very Rev. Dr. Dickson Chilongani, Principal-Dean of Msalato Theological College, Dodoma, Tanzania; and

at the praesidium, Secretary of Council The Rev. Herschel R. Atkinson; Assistant

Secretary Mrs. Marcia C. Jenkins; Chancellor of the Diocese and Parliamentarian Richard P. Perry, Esq.; Vice Chancellor Thomas Christopher, Esq.; and Chair of Dispatch of Business The Rev. Hazel C. Glover.

The Bishop stated that the Rt. Rev. Wilfrido Ramos-Orench, Bishop Diocesan of Ecuador Central, was on the way to Council from the airport.

Mrs. Janet Patterson, Chair of the Annual Council Committee, made housekeeping announcements.

The Bishop introduced these new clergy in the Diocese: Patricia Grace, St. Luke's,

New Diocesan Clergy

Atlanta (from Diocese of East Tennessee); Stephen Hall, St. James', Clayton (from Diocese of Iowa); Joseph Herring, Christ Church, Norcross (from Diocese of Newark) (absent); Beth Long, St. Gregory's, Athens (from Diocese of Connecticut) (absent); William Payton, Cathedral of St. Philip, Atlanta (from Diocese of Rhode Island) (absent due to illness); William T. Sabom, Turner Clergy Center (from Diocese of Texas) (absent); Robert Salamone, Emmanuel, Athens (from Diocese of Western North Carolina) (absent); Cora Saunders, St. Michael and All Angels, Stone Mountain (from Diocese of Virgin Islands); Nancy Shepherd, St. George's, Griffin (from Diocese of Connecticut); William Shepherd (from Diocese of Connecticut) (absent); Deborah Silver, Holy Trinity, Decatur (from Diocese of Georgia) (absent); Keithly Warner, St. Mary Magdalene's, Columbus (from Diocese of the Virgin Islands); and Larry Williams, St. Teresa's, Acworth (from Diocese of Arkansas).

Retired clergy

The Bishop announced these priests had retired since the previous Council: William Evans, Sollace M. Freeman, Paul T. Gerlock (*inhibited*), Gareth Harris, Jethro Larrie Smith, Gray Temple, Lloyd Wells, and Larry Williams.

Deceased clergy

The Bishop announced these priests had died since the previous Council and would be remembered in prayer on Saturday: John Buchanan; James Callahan; Albert (Kim) Dreisbach; Bennett Sims, Bishop Emeritus and Sixth Bishop Diocesan of Atlanta; and Douglas Winn.

Newly Ordained Clergy

The Bishop announced these clergy had been ordained since the previous Council:

Priests-Cora Saunders, St. Michael and All Angels, Stone Mountain; Scott Kidd, Christ Church, Macon; Michael Moore, St. Elizabeth's, Jacksonville, Florida; Tryggvi Aranason, Holy Innocents', Atlanta; Angela Emerson, St. Michael and All Angels, Tucson, Arizona; Elizabeth Roles, St. Mark's, Dalton; Alison Schultz, Holy Innocents', Atlanta; Chad Vaughn, St. David's, Austin, Texas; Mark Smith, St. Paul's, Macon; Michael Tanner, Holy Comforter, Atlanta; Meredith Olson, St. Peter and St. Paul, Marietta; Joseph Shippen, St. James', Marietta; Joseph Greene, St. Columba's, Johns Creek.

Deacons-Christina Dondero, Emory Episcopal Center and St. Bartholomew's, Atlanta; Louis Faucette, St. Peter and St. Paul, Marietta; Edward Fuller, Cathedral of St. Philip, Atlanta; Kathryn Holman, St. Catherine's, Atlanta; Susan Huff, St. Gabriel's, Oakwood; Carole Maddux, St. Aidan's, Alpharetta; Joseph Pearson, St. James', Marietta; Frances Rees, Grace Church,

Gainesville in Lent 2007; Bert Smith, Holy Comforter, Atlanta; Helen Thompson, St. Joseph's, McDounough.

Transitional Deacon awaiting ordination to the priesthood-John Keeler.

Major Parish Anniversaries

The Bishop noted the following parish anniversaries since the preceding Council: St. John's, College Park, 100 years; St. Jude's, Marietta, 50 years; St. David's, Roswell, 50 years.

Dispatch of Business

The Chair of Dispatch of Business, The Rev. Hazel Glover, advised the Council on procedures for conduct of business, introduction of resolutions for consideration by Council, and responsibilities of chairs of legislative committees.

. Call for election of a Bishop Suffragan

The Bishop explained that resolutions to be introduced amended procedures for the election of a Bishop Suffragan. He then called for approval of such election this date in order that the resolutions could be referred to legislative committees today and acted on the following day. The Secretary, The Rev. Herschel R. Atkinson, moved approval of the Bishop's request. The motion was seconded. A vote by show of cards was taken.

Motion carried

Request for approval of election of a Bishop Suffragan approved

Introduction and referral of resolutions to legislative committees

Resolutions R06-1 through R06-6 and C06-1 and C06-2 had been pre-filed and copies placed in the packets given to those attending Council. However C06-1 and C06-2 were not in all packets, and action was taken to have more copies made and distributed

The Secretary, The Rev. Herschel R. Atkinson, moved adoption of the following pre-filed resolutions. The motion was seconded. The Bishop referred the resolutions to the legislative committees as shown.

R06-1, Explore Feasibility of Having an Assisting Bishop: Constitution and Canons

R06-2, Observe Minute of Silence on Veterans' Day: Memorials

R06-3, Parish Support of Millennium Development Goals: Community Ministries and Global Mission

R06-4, Commend Bishop's Courage, Vision and Faithfulness to Church: Memorials

R06-5, Extend Companion Relationship with Diocese of Rio de Janeiro: Global Mission

C06-1, Amend Diocesan Canon , Section 4: Constitution and Canons

C06-2, Special Rule of Order for Election of Bishop Suffragan: Constitution and Canons

No more resolutions were moved.

Appointment of Chief teller, and elections

The Bishop appointed Mr. James W. Squire III, Cathedral of St. Philip, Chief Teller.

He appointed vergers from several parishes as Assistant Tellers. Mr. Squire explained balloting procedures. Unless otherwise indicated, the nominees for election had been announced before Council. The nominations for each office were closed when there were no further nominations.

Election of unopposed nominees

The Council unanimously elected these unopposed nominees to the offices shown:
Governor, Mikell Camp and Conference Center: Timothy Lytle, Grace-Calvary, Clarkesville,
and The Rev. E. Claiborne Jones, Emmaus House, Atlanta, nominated from the floor.
Lay Member, Ecclesiastical Trial Court: Dennis Edwards, St. James', Macon

First ballot taken

The Bishop called on the Very Rev. Dan T. Edwards, Dean of Macon Convocation, to lead the Council in prayer before the ballot was taken. Thereafter, a ballot was taken for election to the offices shown from among the following persons.

Lay Member, Standing Committee: Leslie G. Callahan III, St. Anne's, Atlanta and Emily T. Cosby, St. John's, West Point

Clergy Member, Standing Committee: William Anderson, St. Christopher's, Perry; John Bolton, Our Saviour, Atlanta; Douglas Dailey, Grace Church, Gainesville; Bradford Smith, St. Matthew's, Snellville; Lori Lowe, St. Mark's, LaGrange; and nominated from the floor, Patricia Templeton, St. Dunstan's, Atlanta.

Trustee, University of the South: Miller Andress, Holy Family, Jasper; Edward Araial, Grace-Calvary, Clarkesville; Stephen Burnett, St. Luke's, Atlanta; Elizabeth Fitch, St. Bartholomew's, Atlanta; John L. Ford, St. Bartholomew's, Atlanta; and Leonard Parks.

Trustee, Cathedral of St. Philip: J. Stephen Jenkins Sr., St. Alban's, Elberton and, nominated from the floor, Robert Hardeman, Christ Church, Macon, and The Rev. Mac Thigpen, St. Bartholomew's, Atlanta.

Clergy Member, Ecclesiastical Trial Court: nominated from the floor, Camille Hegg, St. Paul's, Macon and Harold Lockett, Absalom Jones Chapel, Atlanta.

Governor, Appleton Family Ministries: Marcia A. Barnes, St. Christopher's, Perry; Anna M. Haslbauer, All Angels', Eatonton; and The Rev. Mark Smith, St. Paul's, Macon

Election of diocesan officers

The Bishop nominated, and the Council unanimously elected, these officers of the Diocese:

Chancellor: Richard P. Perry, Esq.

Vice Chancellor: Thomas Christopher, Esq.

Treasurer: Gary Pannell

Secretary: The Rev. Herschel R. Atkinson

Appointment of Diocesan Review Committee

The Bishop appointed, and the Council unanimously confirmed the appointments, these persons to the Diocesan Review Committee. Terms expire December 31st of years shown.

The Rev. Ruth Cummings, Trinity, Columbus, three year term expiring 2009; and Ruth Heppler, St. James', Marietta, two year term expiring 2008.

Continuing members are:

The Rev. John McCard, St. Martin in the Fields, Atlanta, 2008;

The Rev. Mary Johnson, Holy Family, Jasper, 2007; and

Nedra Wick, Esq., All Saints', Atlanta, 2007

Appointment of Legislative Committees

The Bishop appointed these persons to the committees shown.

Memorials: The Rev. William Anderson, St. Christopher's, Perry, Chair; The Rev. Harold Lockett, Absalom Jones Chapel, Atlanta; William Day, Holy Cross, Decatur; Lauren Benedict, Our Saviour, Atlanta; and Joyce Lassiter, St. Bartholomew's, Atlanta.

Bishop's Address: The Rev. Carri Patterson Grindon, St. Anne's, Atlanta, Chair; The Rev. William Combs, St. Thomas', Columbus; The Rev. Doris Graf Smith, Christ Church, Kennesaw; Erin Braden, Epiphany, Atlanta; Dr. Norma Givens, St. Luke's, Fort Valley; and Ramsey Myers, Incarnation, Atlanta.

Committee reports

Canon 20 Review Committee: The Rev. Hendree Harrison Sr., Chair, reported on the results of Canon 20, revised in 2006. He referred to and commented on the written report of parish pledges to the Diocesan Mission and Ministry Budget for 2007.

Diocesan Treasurer: Gary Pannell, Treasurer, reported an excess of revenues over expenditures in 2006 to date of approximately \$28,000, a first time event during his tenure, but warned this may change by the end of the year.

Finance: Stephen Burnett, Chair, reported that the auditors' report was later than usual this year because the accounting basis was changed from modified accrual to modified cash basis. The auditors gave a clean opinion. The reserve fund that had been in peril is now climbing back to a decent level.

The Bishop thanked the Messrs. Pannell and Burnett for their work.

Bishop Child Heritage Circle and Bishop Child Legacy Society: Archdeacon Charles Gearing, Chair, reported on these new activities. They are designed to invigorate planned giving within congregations. Next year, Council will celebrate and acknowledge founding members.

Personal privilege

The Rev. Patricia Templeton, St. Dunstan's, Atlanta, noted that St. Dunstan's was listed in the written report of the Canon 20 Committee as not complying with Canon 20. She stated that the parish missed the reporting deadline, there were extenuating circumstances and the parish intends to support the Diocese's mission and ministry.

Tanzania Mission: The Rev. Dr. Sandy McCann reported on the three years she and her husband spent in Tanzania. The Rev Paul Elliot taught in the theological school last year and organized donation of needed items and money, including money from St. Dunstan's, Atlanta. Bishop Alexander visited Tanzania and ordained her to the priesthood. His daughter Kelly is teaching in Africa. The Diocese of Atlanta truly has helped. There are many needs: education, medical care, clean water and agricultural needs. Her husband, Dr. Martin McCann, is a practicing pathologist in Tanzania.

The Rev. Paul Elliot introduced the Very Rev. Dr. Dickson Cholongani, Principal-Dean of Msalato Theological College, Dodoma, Tanzania, who brought greetings from his family, seminary and bishop. He gave thanks for the partnership between the two dioceses, stating that in

Africa, one becomes a full human being in community. Because we are different we can enrich each other. A trust has been established for the Bennett Sims Scholarship program to be administered by the Rev. Paul Elliot. Ten thousand dollars have already been received to start the program.

Janet Patterson, Chair of the Annual Council Committee, gave instructions on receiving lunch.

The Rev. B. Carl Buice, St. James', Macon, led noonday prayers.

Introduction of Resolution R06-7

The Rev. Douglas Hahn, St. Thomas, Columbus, moved Resolution R06-7, Thanks for the Ministry of Presiding Bishop Griswold. The Bishop referred it to the Memorials Committee.

The Bishop recessed the Council for lunch at 12:18 p.m., to reconvene at 1:15 p.m.

The Bishop reconvened the Council at 1:24 p.m.

Announcements

The Bishop announced that the name of the Rev. Donald Caron, St. Stephen's, Milledgeville, was omitted from the list of new diocesan clergy. He was received as a priest from the Roman Catholic Church.

St. Alban's, Monroe, should have been listed as in compliance with Canon 20 on the report of that committee.

The Rt. Rev. Wilfrido Ramos-Orench, Bishop Diocesan of Ecuador Central, was present and recognized.

The Rt. Rev. Frank K. Allan, Eighth Bishop Diocesan of Atlanta, was present and recognized. The members of the Centennial Planning Committee were recognized and thanked for their two years' planning for the Centennial observance.

Results of the first ballot

The Bishop announced that the following persons were elected to the offices shown.

Lay Member, Standing Committee: Leslie G. Callahan III, St. Anne's, Atlanta

Clergy Member, Ecclesiastical Trial Court: Camille Hegg, St. Paul's, Macon

Second ballot taken

As second ballot was taken for election to the offices shown from among the nominees shown.

Clergy Members, Standing Committee: Douglas Dailey and Lori Lowe

Trustee, Cathedral of St. Philip: J. Stephen Jenkins Sr. and the Rev. Mac Thigpen

Trustee, University of the South: Stephen Burnett and John L. Floyd

Governor, Appleton Family Ministries: Marcia Barnes, Anna Haslbauer and The Rev. Mark Smith

Bishop's address to the Council

The Bishop relinquished the Chair to the Secretary at 1:40 p.m., who called for the Bishop's address. After his address, the Bishop resumed the Chair at 2:25 p.m.

Reports

Millennium Development Goals: The Rev. Canon Debra Shew spoke about support for the MDG and gave a Power Point presentation on the subject.

University of the South: Elizabeth Fitch, retiring Trustee, reported on the University's operations. The Rev C. Dean Taylor, Trustee, also reported.

Results of the second ballot

The Bishop announced the following persons were elected to the offices shown.

Clergy Member, Standing Committee: Douglas Dailey, Grace Church, Gainesville

Trustee, Cathedral of St. Philip: The Rev. Mac Thigpen, St. Bartholomew's, Atlanta

Trustee, University of the South: John L. Ford, St. Bartholomew's, Atlanta

Governor, Appleton Family Ministries: Anna Haslbauer, All Angels', Eatonton and The Rev. Mark Smith, St. Paul's, Macon

Reports continued

Committee to Study Same Sex Blessings: The Rev. Roger Ard, Chair, reported on the Committee's work and discussed its forty-five page written report.

Dispatch of Business: The Rev. Hazel Glover, Chair, noted scarcity of parking spaces near Christ Church, Macon, location of the Council Eucharist following recess.

Annual Council Committee: Janet Patterson, Chair, announced locations of legislative committee meetings.

The Bishop recessed the Council at 3:07 p.m. to reconvene at 9:00 a.m., November 11th, 2006.

Legislative committees met to consider resolution referred to them and other matters.

The Rt. Rev. J. Neil Alexander celebrated the Council Eucharist at Christ Church, Macon beginning at 5:00 p.m., and The Rt. Rev. Frank K. Allan preached.

A reception and Centennial Celebration Dinner began at 7:00 p.m. at the Macon Ramada Plaza Hotel.

SECOND DAY

November 11th, 2006

The Bishop reconvened the Council at 9:07 a.m. with prayer.

Election of Registrar

The Bishop nominated and the Council elected The Rev. William McLemore, St. John's, West Point, as Registrar and Archivist of the diocese.

Announcements

Ann Burr, member of the Centennial Planning Committee, announced that yard signs for each parish are available in the display area.

The Bishop asked the eight Convocation Youth Delegates present to stand and be recognized. Northeast Metro and Mid-Atlanta Convocations had none registered.

The Bishop announced these priests' ordination anniversaries.

Twenty-five years: Roger Ard, John Dukes, Stephen Hall and Halley Wilcox

Forty years: Sollace "Mike" Freeman, William McLemore, Jeffrey Cave, Tom Jones, Ralph Marsh, William Payton and Tom Stubbs

Fifty years: C. Dean Johnson, Gerry Linz and Charles Roper

Address by Bishop Ramos-Orench

The Bishop invited the Rt. Rev. Wilfrido Ramos-Orench, Bishop Diocesan of Ecuador Central, to come before Council and presented him a copy of the Centennial book about the Diocese of Atlanta. Bishop Ramos-Orench addressed the Council.

Reports of ministries

Appleton Family Ministries: The Rev. Claiborne Jones, Governor-elect, Vicky Partain of Chattahoochee Valley Convocation Episcopal Ministries and The Rev. William Anderson, President of the Board of Governors, reported.

Chattahoochee Valley Convocation Episcopal Ministries: Vicky Partain, Missioner, reported on a project called Infusion, a work in progress.

Mikell Camp and Conference Center: The Rev. Ken Struble, Director, reported, noting the progress in the facilities and program. He solicited support for the Kids for Peace.

Emmaus House: The Rev. Claiborne Jones, Director, reported considerable activity this year and noted that Emmaus House is raffling off a boat and a quilt that was made by Emmaus House seniors.

Holy Comforter's Ministry: The Rev. Mike Tanner, Vicar, reported on this parish's offering of dignity to the poor and disabled. He thanked volunteers and the parish and private contributions that enable the parish to pay its pledge to the Diocesan Ministry and Mission Budget.

Appleton Family Ministries follow up: The Rev. William Anderson, President of the Board of Governors, noted that the Thanksgiving Offering is designated by diocesan canon to support of Appleton.

The Council was in recess from 10:16 to 10:35 a.m.

The offering at the Council Eucharist was \$5,018.68.

The Bishop led the Council in prayer for the Diocese of Arkansas and the Diocese of Southern Ohio that are electing bishops this day.

Episcopal Church Women: Joan MacCumber, President of the Atlanta ECW, reported on the national UTO, announcing grants of \$8,900 to replace the roof on Absalom Jones Chapel, Atlanta and of \$7,000 for the Good Samaritan Health Center at Holy Family, Jasper.

Legislative Committee reports

Finance: Stephen Burnett, Chair, discussed the Draft Proposed Budget for Ministry and Mission of the Diocese. He moved the draft proposed budget be approved and forwarded to the Executive Board for final action as required by Canon 20.

Motion carried
Proposed Budget approved

Global Ministries: Gini Peterson, Chair, recommended adoption of Resolution R06-3.
Text of resolution:

R06-3

Resolved, that all congregations of the Diocese of Atlanta prayerfully consider allocating at least 0.7% of their 2007 operating budgets for the Millennium Development Goals.

Motion carried
R06-3 adopted

Gini Peterson, Chair, recommended adoption of Resolution R06-5. Text of resolution:

R06-5

Resolved, that the 100th Council of the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta extend its Companion Diocese Relationship with the Diocese of Rio de Janeiro for a period of three years.

Motion carried
R06-5 adopted

Bishop rescinds request for election of a Bishop Suffragan

The Bishop addressed the Council. A summary of his statement follows. A bishop is a symbol and embodiment of unity within a diocese, part of the one, holy, catholic and apostolic church. Election of bishops should be characterized by the values of unity, joy, common purpose and common expectation. To elect or to propose to elect a bishop when these values are not clear would not be a faithful move. "It has become clear since my address that to proceed with the election of a Bishop Suffragan at this time would be divisive, and therefore I rescind my call for the election of a Bishop Suffragan."

Legislative Committee reports resumed

Constitution and Canons: Richard P. Perry, Esq., Chair, recommended rejection of Resolution R06-1. In view of the Bishop's just announced action, he moved the Committee be discharged from further consideration of all resolutions dealing with the Election of a Bishop Suffragan. [*Resolutions R06-6, C06-1 and C06-2.*]

The Rev. Dan T. Edwards, Dean of Macon Convocation, proponent of Resolution R06-1, moved its withdrawal.

Texts of the resolutions follow.

C06-1

Resolved, that Section 4, Canon 43 of the Canons of the Diocese of Atlanta is amended to read as follows:

Section 4(a.) For the election of a Bishop Diocesan or Bishop Coadjutor, a Committee for Nominations will be formed of one clergy and one lay representative elected from each convocation and one person elected by the Standing Committee from among its members. [Phrase added and Section 4 renumbered Section 4(a).]

Section 4(b) For the election of a Bishop Suffragan, The Diocesan Council that consents to such election shall establish Rules of Order for that election. [added]

R06-2

Resolved, that a Special Rule of Order for the Election of a Bishop Suffragan be adopted, to read as follows:

Sec. 1. In consultation with the Office of the Presiding Bishop of the Church, the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Atlanta will seek the required canonical consents of the Bishops of this Church with jurisdictions, and the Standing Committees of the dioceses of this Church, for the election of a Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of Atlanta.

Sec. 2. After the consents have been received, and in consultation with the Right Reverend Clayton F. Matthews of the Office of Pastoral Development of the House of Bishops, the Standing Committee will provide to the Diocese a timeline for nominations, interviews, background checks, and related matters by no later than February 1, 2007.

Sec. 3. Because the Canons of the Church require that the Bishop Diocesan set forth the duties that will be assigned to the Bishop Suffragan and because the Bishop Suffragan serves to support the ministry of the Bishop Diocesan, the Standing Committee will carry out its duties under this Rule of Order in close association with the Bishop Diocesan. Persons will be nominated for election as Bishop Suffragan with the consent of the Bishop Diocesan.

Sec. 4. The Standing Committee will present no less than three candidates for election as Bishop Suffragan to the 101st Annual Council as part of its regular proceedings. The Standing Committee shall provide in its timeline an appropriate procedure for additional nominations. Such additional nominees will be added to the slate only after all required reference and background checks have been thoroughly conducted and the consent of the Bishop Diocesan of Atlanta is obtained.

Sec. 5. It is anticipated that the Bishop Suffragan will take office upon her or his ordination to the episcopate. The ordination will take place at the Cathedral of Saint Philip at the earliest possible time under the provisions of the Canons of the Church, and in consultation with the Presiding Bishop, the Bishop of Atlanta, and the Dean of the Cathedral of Saint Philip.

Sec. 6. This Special Rule of Order will expire upon the first to occur of the ordination or installation of the Bishop Suffragan or the withdrawal of the request for a Bishop Suffragan by the Bishop Diocesan.

R06-1

Resolved, that the 100th Council of the Diocese of Atlanta meeting November 10-11, 2006 in Macon, Georgia ask the Standing Committee and the Executive Board, in consultation with the Finance Department, to explore the near term feasibility of providing for a full time Bishop Assisting in the Diocese of Atlanta.

R06-6

Resolved, that the 100th Annual Council of the Diocese of Atlanta consents to the election of a Bishop Suffragan for the Diocese of Atlanta.

Motion carried

Discharge from further consideration of C06-1, C06-2, R06-1 and R06-6 approved

Kids for Peace arrive

The group from the Kids for Peace program arrived, singing and waving the wings of a giant white cloth dove. They shared the words and thoughts of eleven and twelve year-olds at Camp Mikell. They are evangelists for peace, especially in the Middle East. They and the Council joined in the Prayer for Peacemakers. They departed, singing.

Committee reports continued

Committee on Bishop's Address: The Rev. Carri Patterson Grindon, Chair, reported as follows.

Greetings, sisters and brothers in Christ! Grace and peace to you, Bishop Alexander. In preparation for this address, I spoke with a friend who encouraged me, and said to me, "Brief is Beautiful". I will try to be as beautiful as I can be.

Right Reverend Sir, first let me say on behalf of my committee that we appreciated both your episcopal address and your episcopal dress.

Bishop, we heard from you yesterday a call to offer ourselves, our souls and bodies, to the work of Christ in the Church and in the world, and we are proud to have a bishop who leads by example. We are so grateful for the way you gave yourself, in spite of your being scared to death, to the possibility of serving as our Church's Presiding Bishop, and all that the process meant for your life, and we are equally grateful it brought you back home. We give thanks that your cincture is tethered to our altar.

A week ago today, at the investiture of our new Presiding Bishop, Katharine Jefferts Schori, the greater Episcopal Church, our Church, ushered in a new season of ministry with power and beauty. And now, here in Atlanta, a week later, with your feet firmly planted on red soil, we hear you calling us to a new season of ministry, a new century of faithfulness to our baptismal vows and to the life of the Gospel.

Bishop, we hear in your words to us a call simply to remember who we are: to remember that we are people for whom a passion for social justice is in our DNA and, as such, people who will always live in solidarity the poor and the marginalized, and will work to bring about a more just society for all people. We accept your call to be about this work actively, through our parishes, our boot camps for the New Jerusalem, and we accept your call to engage seriously in the work of achieving the Millennium Development Goals. And we encourage the Diocese to lead us in this commitment by pledging .7% of its resources to this important work.

We hear you calling us to remember who we are, people who, to our marrow, are people of reconciliation, calling people to the center. We hear this, not as a call to be wishy-washy, but as a call to stand in the center, to live in the tension, to be in relationship with those with whom we disagree, to stay there, holding on to one another, stretching our arms out as wide as they will go.

We hear you calling us to remember that we are the living, breathing Body of Christ. Living things grow. You call us to remember that we are alive in Christ—and so we will grow, we must grow. We say yes to you, Bishop—changing lives is reason enough to grow, and we accept your challenge.

I was struck last weekend in the investiture liturgy by the audacity of our faith—the things we claim we can do with God's help. As Bishop Jefferts Schori received gifts for her ministry, she responded with bold words of challenge.

We are equally struck, Bishop Alexander, by your faith in us and by your audacious call to us here in the Diocese of Atlanta to lead the Church, to lead the Anglican Communion, to make a difference, to change the world.

But you have reminded us who we are and, as Christians, we are nothing if audacious. So we accept your challenge:

To remember who we are, people of audacious hope; and

To get busy changing the world and hawking commemorative coffee table books. Thank you.

Annual Council: Janet Patterson, Chair reported the 101st Annual Council will be held at the Cathedral of St. Philip in Atlanta, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, November 9th, 10th, and 11th, 2007. Because of the invitation to Presiding Bishop Jefferts Schori to attend, Dean Candler invited Council to be at the Cathedral.

Centennial Planning Committee: Angela Williamson, Chair, asked Council to take the Centennial packets and to take a case of Centennial coffee table books back and sell them.

Personal privilege

The Rev. John Bolton, Our Saviour, Atlanta, noted he had been omitted from the ordination anniversaries and that he was ordained forty years ago by a non-juring bishop of the Episcopal Church of Scotland. The Bishop noted, "Not actually. On the demise of Charles Edward Stuart in the Eighteenth Century, the Scottish bishops renewed their fealty to the English crown."

Personal privilege

Mr. Ralph NeSmith, St. Matthew's, Snellville asked if a bishop qualified to be Assistant Bishop should become available, could the Bishop bring that person on board. The Bishop replied it would be possible but unlikely.

Memorials: The Rev. William Anderson, Chair, moved the following substitute resolution for Resolutions R06-2, R06-4, and R06-7:

R06-8

Resolved, the Council of the Diocese of Atlanta, meeting in their Centennial Session in Macon, Georgia on November 10th and 11th, 2006, recognize and prayerfully acknowledge those who have departed this life since the last Annual Council: Bishop Bennett Jones Sims and the following clergy; John Buchanan, James Callahan, James Cole, Albert "Kim" Dreisbach, Douglas Winn; and we ask the Secretary of Annual council to express to the families of these clergy the love and support of the Bishop, clergy, and people of the Diocese of Atlanta. We remember those laity who have departed this life since the last Annual Council: Joe Barnes, Lois Bouis, Polly Bradbury, Dorothy Brewster, Bruce Bridges, Millie Corwin, Grif Callahan, John Dillon, Michael Evans, COL William Gibbons, Charlotte Hightower, Charles Hixon, Jordan Jelks, Patty Lippfort, Bill Loudermilk, Dr. Cyril Moore, Jean Shipp, and members from St. Bartholomew's; and be it further [*The Bishop led prayers for the departed*]

Resolved, that the Council of the Diocese of Atlanta, meeting their Centennial Session in Macon, Georgia, November 11th, 2006 observe a minute of silence and prayer on this Veterans' Day; and be it further

Resolved, that this Council express thanksgiving for the lives and service of all military veterans, past and present, who honorably serve our nations, and that this expression be included in the minutes of the Council and sent to the Rt. Rev. George Packard, Bishop Suffragan for Chaplaincies for The Episcopal Church; and be it further

Resolved, that the Clergy Members and Delegates of this 100th Annual Council commend the Bishop's courage, vision and faithfulness to the Church; and be it further

Resolved, that we gladly join our Bishop in working to fulfill the mission and the ministry of this diocese as articulated in his pastoral letter dated July, 2006 and in his address at the 100th Council of the Diocese of Atlanta, meeting November 10th-11th, 2006; and be it further

Resolved, that this Council extends gratitude for the work of the Dean and the Clergy and the parishes of the Macon Convocation, the Rector and people of Christ Church, Macon, the musicians from across the diocese, the Chair of Annual Council, the Chair and Members of the Centennial Celebration Committee and all of its subcommittees; and be it further

Resolved, that we give thanks to God for the Rev. Jim Kee-Rees and his ministry among us; we wish him well and the abundance of God's blessing upon him as he accepts the call to be the Missioner to the Native American Peoples of the Diocese of Oklahoma; and be it further

Resolved, that we offer love and support for The Rev. Sandra and Dr. Martin McCann, Maggie Griffin and Kelly Alexander, our mission personnel in Tanzania; and be it further

Resolved, that we ask the Secretary of Annual Council to extend greetings and thanksgiving to Bishop and Mrs. Allan, Mrs. Mary Page Sims, Bishop and Mrs. Frank Griswold for their ministry to the Church, Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori and Mr. Richard Schori, and the bishops diocesan of our companion dioceses: The Rt. Rev. Celso Franco de Olivera, Rio de Janeiro and The Rt. Rev. Wilfrido Ramos-Orench, Ecuador Central; and to our Friends in Christ in the Diocese of Central Tanganyika, The Rt. Rev. Mdimi Mhologo, Bishop Diocesan.

**Motion carried unanimously
R06-8 adopted**

Personal privilege

The Rev. Benno Pattison, Epiphany, Atlanta, asked if there is a process where we engage the Bishop in the well articulated need for a Bishop Suffragan. The Bishop replied it took three years to get to where he was yesterday, but it needs to take longer.

A Delegate from St. Edward's, Lawrenceville, asked recognition of the 55th year of ordained ministry of The Rev. J. Victor Nickelson who had served as a chaplain on the cruiser USS Macon, a model of which is outside in the entrance hall of the Convention Center. He entered the Council meeting area. Long applause followed.

The Bishop adjourned the Council *sine die* at 11:45 a.m., November 11th, 2006.

The Rev. Ruth Tate, St. Mary's, Montezuma, led noonday prayers.

The Bishop blessed the assembly.

The Rt. Rev. J. Neil Alexander
Chair of Council

The Rev. Herschel R. Atkinson
Secretary to Council