

**101<sup>st</sup> Annual Council, Diocese of Atlanta**  
**November 9-10, 2007**  
**Cathedral of St. Philip the Deacon, Atlanta, Georgia**

**FIRST DAY**  
**Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2007**

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

**Call to order, quorum call and organization for business**

Following the singing of "When Morning Gilds the Skies" (Bishop Alexander at the mighty keyboard) and prayer, The Rt. Rev. J. Neil Alexander, Bishop Diocesan and President, called the Council to order at 10:08 a.m. The Secretary, The Rev. Herschel R. Atkinson, announced that all parishes, except St. Barnabas', Trion, had registered Lay Delegates and Clergy Members and that a quorum was present. The Council was organized for business.

**Minutes of previous council approved**

On motion, the Council dispensed with the reading of the minutes of the previous Council and approved them as published on the diocesan internet web site.

**Agenda adopted**

On motion, the Council adopted the agenda as published and distributed to the Council.

**Welcome and recognition**

The Very Rev. Dean Samuel G. Candler welcomed all on behalf of the people and parish of St. Philip the Deacon. He thanked the staff of the Diocese of Atlanta and the staff of the Cathedral for their hard work in putting the Council together.

The Chair of the Annual Council Committee, Mrs. Janet Patterson, welcomed all attending to the Council.

The Bishop asked all first time Lay Delegates and Clergy Members to stand and be recognized.

The Bishop introduced the Deans of the ten Conventions, noting that the Very Rev. William T. Deneke, East Atlanta, was absent in the hospital: Chattahoochee Valley, Douglas Hahn; Marietta, Robert Wood; Mid-Atlanta, Robert Wright; North Atlanta, Eddie Ard; Northeast Metro, Ken Branstetter; North & East Georgia, Douglas Dailey; Northwest Georgia, Dean Taylor; Southwest Atlanta, Hazel Glover; and Macon, Dan Edwards, Bishop Diocesan elect of the Diocese of Nevada.

Bishop Alexander introduced the persons on the platform: Chancellor, Richard P. Perry, Esq.; Vice Chancellor, Thomas C. Christopher, Esq.; Dispatch of Business, The Rev. Hazel Glover; Secretary, The Rev. Herschel R. Atkinson; and Assistant Secretary, Mrs. Marcia C. Jenkins.

**New diocesan clergy**

The Bishop introduced new Presbyters and the dioceses from which received: William Bennett, Canon for Administration and Finance (Western North Carolina); Martin Bagay, All Saints', Warner Robins (North Carolina); Wendy Porter, St. Anne's, Atlanta (Delaware); Rita Henault, Nativity, Fayetteville (Oklahoma); Tim Watts, St. Mary and St. Martha of Bethany, Buford (Central Gulf Coast); Allan Sandlin, Holy Trinity, Decatur (Convocation of American Churches in Europe); Hal Weidman, St. John's, West Point (Northern California); Martha Sterne, Holy Innocents', Atlanta (East Tennessee); David Stringer, St. Patrick's, Atlanta (West Texas); Harry Carlsen, St. Mary Magdalene's, Columbus (Licensed from Evangelical Lutheran Church in America); and Nancy Malloy, Holy Family, Jasper (Maryland).

The Bishop introduced new Deacons and the dioceses from which received: Kathy Kelly, Christ Church, Macon (Georgia); Judith Kalom (Michigan); and Katherine Armentout, Holy Family, Jasper (Maryland).

**Newly retired clergy**

The Bishop reported these Clergy Members of Council had retired since the previous Council: Frank Baltz, Richard Brigham, Tom Moody, and Aaron Uitti.

### **Recently deceased clergy**

The Bishop reported these clerics had died since the previous Council: Priests, Frank Bulloch, G. Hendree Harrison, Sr., and Beverley McEachern and Deacon James Martin.

### **Newly ordained clergy**

The Bishop announced the names of these clerics ordained since the preceding Council:  
Priests: Todd Bruce, Richard Game, Buff Grace, Cynthia Hizer, John Keeler, Candyce Loescher, Paul McCabe, Denise Moss, Keith Oglesby, Mariclaire Partee, Leigh Preston, David Probst, Allen Pruitt, Stephen Shaver, and Greg Tallant.

Deacons (transitional): Julio Lema, Matthew Grunfeld.

### **Major parish anniversaries**

The Bishop noted these major parish anniversaries: *Forty-five years*, Church of the Atonement, Atlanta, Church of the Transfiguration, Rome; *Forty years*, Emmaus House Chapel, Atlanta, and St Patrick's, Atlanta; *Twenty-five years*, Emory Chaplaincy, Atlanta.

### **Major ordination anniversaries**

The Bishop noted these priests' anniversaries of ordination: *Forty years*, Paul Roberts, and Robert Robinson; *Twenty-five years*, Nancy Baxter, Edward Hanson, Mwalimu Imara, Marcella Klimas, Margaret Rose, and Janice Bracken Wright.

### **Introduction of new diocesan staff members**

The Bishop introduced these new members of the Diocesan staff: The Rev. Ben Anthony, *Chaplain to the Emory University Community*; The Rev. Canon William S. Bennett, *Canon for Administration and Finance*; Muriel Diguette, *Executive Assistant to the Bishop*; Mary Job, *Receptionist and Data Manager*; Eleni Papadakis, *Associate Director of Finance*; Nan Ross, *Director of Communications*.

### **Dispatch of Business announcements**

The Rev Hazel Glover, Dispatch of Business, instructed the Council on the dispatch of Council business.

### **Introduction of resolutions**

The Rev. Herschel Atkinson, Secretary, moved the following pre-filed resolutions for action by the Council. The Bishop referred them to the Council legislative committees as shown for consideration.  
R07-1, Accessibility for all, from R.P.M. Bowden, St. Luke's, Atlanta: Community Ministries  
R07-2, Companion Diocese, from Diocesan Global Mission Committee: Global Mission  
R07-3 Commitment to Mission and Ministry, from Clergy of the Marietta Convocation: Congregation Growth and Development  
R07-4, Episcopal Charities Foundation, from The Rev. Jim Nixon, St. Catherine's, Marietta and The Rev. Canon Debbie Metzgar Shew: Community Ministries  
R07-5, Assistant Bishop, from The Rev. Herschel Atkinson, Secretary to Council: Ministry  
R07-6, Support of House of Bishops, from The Rev. Jim Curtis, St. John's, College Park, The Rev. Barry Griffin, St. Augustine's, Morrow and The Rev. Wm. McCord Thigpen, St. Bartholomew's, Atlanta: Congregation Growth and Development.

The Bishop referred the following resolutions to Constitution and Canons:

C07-1, Amend Constitution Article 2, Lay Delegate Numbers, from the Rev. Canon Richard Callaway  
C07-2, Amend Canon 10-Of Trustees of the University of the South, from The Rev. Herschel Atkinson, Secretary to Council

C07-3, Amend Canon 11-Of Church Construction, from the Diocesan Commission on Church Architecture and Construction

C07-4, Amend Canon 41-Of the Cathedral Board of Trustees, from Raymond D. Hill, Cathedral of St. Philip the Deacon

No other resolutions were introduced.

### **Election of diocesan officers**

The Bishop nominated and the Council elected the Officers of the Diocese:

*Chancellor*, Richard P. Perry, Esq.; *Vice Chancellor*, Thomas C. Christopher, Esq.;  
*Treasurer*, Mr. H. Gary Pannell; *Secretary*, The Rev. Herschel R. Atkinson

The Secretary appointed *Assistant Secretary to Council* Mrs. Marcia C. Jenkins, St. Alban's, Elberton.

### **Appointment of Diocesan Review Committee**

The Bishop appointed the following members of the Diocesan Review Committee, and the Council consented thereto.

The Rev. Mary Johnson, Holy Family, Jasper, second term ending 2010

Nedra Wick, Esq., second term ending 2009

*The other members, previously appointed, are*

The Rev. Ruth Cummings, nonparochial; second term ending 2009

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

Ruth Heppler, St. James', Marietta, first term ending 2008

The Bishop appointed the Committee on Memorials and Courtesy Resolutions and the Committee on the Bishop's Address.

### **Appointment of Chief Teller and election instructions**

The candidates for the following elections who were present stood when the Bishop called their names. The Bishop appointed James Squire, Cathedral of St. Philip, Atlanta as *Chief Teller*. Mr. Squire was empowered to appoint tellers for election from among the member of the Diocesan Vergers Guild. The Bishop instructed the Council on voting procedures, including those for the election of Alternate Deputies for the next General Convention.

The Rev. Canon George Maxwell led the Council in prayer.

### **Elections**

Unless otherwise indicated, the candidates were announced before Council. After opportunity for nominations from the floor for the several offices was given and no further nominations were made, on motion and second, nominations were closed.

### **Election of unopposed nominees**

The Council unanimously elected these persons to the offices shown.

*Ecclesiastical Trial Court Lay Member:* Lauren Benedict, Esq., St. Paul's, Macon, three year term ending 2010, (second term), nominated by The Rev. Camille Hegg, St. Paul's, Macon

*Ecclesiastical Trial Court Clergy Member:* The Rev. Anne Meroney, nonstipendiary, four-year term ending 2011 (second term)

*The other serving members of the Court are*

The Rev. Paul Roberts, first term ending 2008

Paul Davison, Esq., second term ending 2008

The Rev. Jamie Stewart, first term ending 2009

Edward Huthnace, first term ending 2009

The Rev. Camille Hegg, first term ending 2010

*Cathedral Board of Trustees:* Columbus Ward Jr., Emmaus House, Atlanta, six year term ending 2013

### **First ballot taken**

A ballot was taken for the offices shown from among the following persons.

*Standing Committee Lay Member:* John Andrews, Ramsey C. Myers, Jane Parker, and Timothy Raasch.

*Standing Committee Priest Member:* John Bolton, Patricia Templeton

*Mikell Camp and Conference Center Governor:* John Ballard, Joel Kunkler, Edith Teal

*Trustee, University of the South:* The Rev. Dorothy Brown, The Rev. C. Dean Taylor

*Lay Deputy to 76<sup>th</sup> General Convention:* John Andrews, R.P.M. Bowden, Leslie Callahan, Bruce Garner, Vicky Partin, Janet Patterson, Richard Perry, and Dr. Norma Givens, nominated by the Rev. Brian Davy.

*Clerical Deputy to 76<sup>th</sup> General Convention:* Herschel Atkinson, John Bolton, Richard Callaway, Samuel Candler, Claiborne Jones, Alicia Schuster Weltner, Wesley Smith, Dean Taylor, W. McCord Thigpen, Robert Wood, Janice Bracken Wright, and Lori Lowe, nominated by The Rev. Douglas Hahn and Benjamin Anthony nominated by The Rev. Benno Pattison.

### **Report of Canon 20 Review Committee**

The Rev. Douglas Dailey, Chair, reported that the Committee is accomplishing the goals for which it was designed. It is funding our common ministry. Last year twenty-one parishes appealed their commitment, but this year only eleven did so. The appellants are committed to our diocese. He introduced the Rev. Bran Jemmott, Holy Cross, Decatur, who stated the parish is now paying the difference of last year's shortfall and who presented a check to the Bishop. The committee Chair thanked the members of the Review Committee: Carey Dumas, Bill Dafoor, and the Revs. Paul A. Elliott, Hazel Glover, Camille Hegg and Dean Taylor.

### **Reports by the Treasurer and by the Chair of the Finance Committee**

The Treasurer, Gary Pannell, discussed the reports distributed to the Council. He thanked the Bishop for bringing two new people into the diocesan finance office staff.

The Chair of the Finance Committee, Stephen Burnett, reported that the audit report is complete, there were no adverse findings, and the auditors attested to the fund balance. It has been a tough year, financially. He will present the Proposed Mission and Ministry Budget to the Council Finance Committee today; after committee review, it will be presented to the Council tomorrow for approval and then sent to the Executive Board for adoption as the Mission and Ministry Budget. In response to a question from a Delegate, he said the funding for an Assistant Bishop for the first year would come from trust funds. In response to a question, he said the funding for the expected \$229,000 shortfall would come from fund balances.

The Bishop thanked the financial experts who serve the diocese.

### **Bishop Child Legacy Society**

Archdeacon Charles Gearing discussed the Society. He said the Bishop Child Heritage Circle now has over 500 members. He discussed planned giving. The Legacy Society will be formally dedicated after the Council recesses this afternoon.

### **Kids for Peace**

Archdeacon Charles Gearing introduced Nancy Brockway. She said this is the seventh year of the Kids for Peace program and showed a video presentation of a peace camp that included Christians, Jews, and Muslims.

### **Centennial celebration**

The Bishop called the people present from Christ Church, Macon, to the front. Their Rector, The Rev. J. Wesley Smith, presented a banner for the Centennial Celebration made by the women of Christ Church. The Bishop thanked all those involved in the Centennial Celebration Committee, noting several aspects of the celebration. Outreach was a major objective, with a goal of \$160,000 to support new and old programs. The goal has not been reached, but gifts will be received through the end of the year. He recognized especially Angela Williamson, the Centennial Celebration Committee Chair, and presented her a Hans Fraebel glass sculpture and other gifts to the other Committee members

The Rev. Canon Carolynne Williams led noonday prayers.

The Council was in recess from 12:25 p.m. until 1:05 p.m.

### **Announcements**

The Rev. Canon Debra Shew spoke about Love Made Manifest and gave 202-225-3121 as the Capitol switchboard number.

Deborah Betsill, diocesan coordinator for Episcopal Relief and Development, spoke about the work of the organization worldwide.

The Rev. Dr. Sandra McCann brought greetings from our mission in the Diocese of Central Tanganyika.

Joan McCumber, Diocesan ECW President, announced the award of the Rosa Woodbury Scholarship to The Rev. Penny Nash, senior seminarian at the Candler School of Theology in Atlanta who is an intern at the Church of Our Saviour in Atlanta.

She also reported the ECW chose Mikell Camp and Conference Center as their Centennial fund raising project. She presented a check for \$8,500 to the Rev. Kenneth Struble, camp director.

Georgia White, Diocesan UTO coordinator, reported that 32 of the 93 parishes in the diocese took part in the UTO. She reported that grant requests had been made to Mikell Camp and Conference Center and to Hands of Hope, McDonough. She presented a grant of \$18,500 to the Rev. John Bancroft, St. Joseph's, McDonough.

#### **Bishop's Address**

The Bishop addressed the Council at 1:40 p.m.

#### **Elections on the first ballot**

The Bishop announced the following elections.

*Standing Committee Priest Member:* The Rev. Patricia Templeton

*Mikell Camp and Conference Center Governors:* John Ballard and Edith Teal

*Trustee, University of the South:* The Rev. C. Dean Taylor

#### **Second ballot taken**

A ballot was taken for the offices shown from among the following persons.

*Standing Committee Lay Member:* John Andrews and Jane Parker

*Clerical Deputy to 76<sup>th</sup> General Convention:* Benjamin Anthony, Richard Callaway, Samuel Candler, Claiborne Jones, Alicia Schuster Weltner, Wesley Smith, Wm. McCord Thigpen, Robert Wood and Janice Bracken Wright

*Lay Deputy to 76th General Convention:* John Andrews, R.P.M. Bowden, Bruce Garner, Vicky Partin, Janet Patterson, Richard Perry, Gini Peterson, Arthur Villareal and Angela Williamson

#### **Announcements**

Deacon Edith Woodling, St. Martin's Episcopal School, Atlanta, and Sam Preston, Nativity School at Holy Cross, Atlanta, spoke about Nativity Schools. There are Nativity Schools across the country. They are tuition free middle schools across the country serving grades 5-8. The one at Holy Cross will open in September.

The Rev. Kenneth Struble, Mikell Camp and Conference Center Director, said the past year was one of great sadness and joy: sadness at the death of the Rev. G. Hendree Harrison Sr., Chair of the Board of Governors, and joy at the increase in the number of campers. The goal was 100 new summer campers, and the number was 140. He reported that the Rev. Roger Ard is the new Chair of the Board of Governors.

Vicky Partin, Director of Chattahoochee Valley Episcopal Ministries, reported that a new infusion program is in place. It involves high school students learning leadership to do and study outreach and issues of poverty. It is in a small house, but a house in mid-Columbus that would serve well has been found.

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

The Council was in recess from 3:15 p.m. until 9:00 a.m., November 10, 2007.

*Council legislative committees met to consider resolutions and other matters at 3:30 p.m.*

*Bishop Alexander celebrated the Centennial Celebration Eucharist at 5:00 p.m. The Rt. Rev. Henry I. Louttit, Bishop Diocesan of Georgia, preached.*

**Second Day**  
**Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2007**

Bishop Alexander convened the Council at 9:00 a.m.  
The Rev. Canon Todd Smelser led the Council in prayer.

**Elections on the second ballot**

The Bishop announced the following elections.

*Standing Committee, Lay Member:* John Andrews

*Clerical Deputy to 76<sup>th</sup> General Convention, in order of number of votes received:* Claiborne Jones, Samuel Candler, Richard Callaway, and Alicia Schuster Weltner

*Lay Deputy to 76<sup>th</sup> General Convention (in order of number of votes):* Vicky Partin, John Andrews

**Third ballot taken**

A ballot was taken for the following offices from among the persons shown.

*Lay Deputy to 76<sup>th</sup> General Convention:* Janet Patterson, Richard Perry, Gini Peterson, and Arthur Villareal

*Alternate Clerical Deputy to 76<sup>th</sup> General Convention:* Benjamin Anthony, Herschel Atkinson, John Bolton, Lori Lowe, Wesley Smith, Wm. McCord Thigpen, Robert Wood and Janice Bracken Wright. C. Dean Taylor withdrew his name from consideration before the ballot was taken.

**Announcements**

Joan McCumber, President of the Diocesan ECW held a drawing for the award of the ECW Episcobear [plush toy], and awarded it to The Rev. Dan Edwards, St. Francis', Macon, and Bishop Diocesan-elect of Nevada.

The Rev. Jim Nixon, Chair of Episcopal Charities Foundation, noted this is the twenty-fifty year of its service and spoke of the need to increase its corpus.

**Legislative committee reports**

*Finance:* Steve Burnett, Chair, reported the committee had approved the Proposed Mission and Ministry Budget and moved its adoption. If adopted it will go to the Executive Board for consideration, possible amendment and adoption as the Mission and Ministry Budget.

**Motion carried**

**Proposed Mission and Ministry Budget adopted**

*Community Ministries:* The Rev. Canon Debra Shew, Chair, recommended adoption of Resolution R07-1 with committee amendment, to read as follows:

**R07-1a**

*Resolved,* that this 101<sup>st</sup> Council of the Diocese of Atlanta convene a committee on disability concerns; and be it further

~~*Resolved,* that vestries be engaged to conduct accessibility surveys of their buildings with the assistance of people trained in this field and to designate a person or persons to be particularly responsible for disability concerns; and be it further~~

~~*Resolved,* that all diocesan properties and all Episcopal Church meeting places be made accessible to persons with disabilities and barrier free and report to the 102<sup>nd</sup> Council.~~

*Resolved,* that the Committee engage vestries to conduct accessibility surveys of their buildings and all aspects of their Parish with the assistance of people trained in this field, to share the results with the Diocesan Committee, and to designate a person or persons to be particularly responsible for disability concerns; and be it further

*Resolved, that the Committee undertake a survey of all that would be necessary to make all diocesan properties and all Episcopal Church meeting places accessible to persons with disabilities and barrier-free, and report such findings to the 102d Council.*

**Motion carried**  
**Amendment adopted**  
**Resolution R07-1 adopted with amendment**

The Rev. Canon Debra Shew recommended adoption of Resolution R07-4 with committee amendment, to read as follows.

**R07- 4a**

*Resolved, that this Council commend Episcopal Charities Foundation for its quarter century of making certain that the Good News of God in Christ is shared with the poor in every corner of the diocese; and be it further*

*Resolved, that every parish of the diocese be encouraged to share the regular support of its prayer and financial resources with ECF and commend its members to do the same *and to designate a person responsible for ECF concerns.**

**Motion adopted**  
**Amendment adopted**  
**Resolution R07-4 adopted with amendment**

*Global Mission:* Gini Peterson, Chair, recommended adoption of R07-2, reading as follows.

**R07-2**

*Resolved, that the 101<sup>st</sup> Council of the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta extend its Companion Diocese Relationship with the Diocese of Ecuador Central for a period of three years.*

**Motion carried**  
**Resolution R07-2 adopted**

*Congregation Growth and Development:* The Rev. Trawin Malone, Chair, recommended adoption of Resolution R07-3 with committee amendment, to read as follows.

**R07-3a**

*Resolved that we, the people and clergy of the Diocese of Atlanta, ~~thank the House of Bishops for their pastoral ministry,~~ affirm our desire to remain members of the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion, and pledge to participate in the listening process across the Anglican Communion; and be it further*

*Resolved, that as we acknowledge the health, missional direction, and faithfulness of our Diocese and of our Bishop, we, for our next hundred years and beyond, resolve to set our hope on Christ and ~~“determinedly turn our energies”~~ continue our commitment to the Great Commandments and Great Commission—thereby sharing the Good News with all people, raising up people for ministry and discipleship at all levels, and building strong and faithful congregations in the name of Christ.*

**Motion carried**  
**Amendment adopted**  
**Resolution R07-3 adopted with amendment**

*Congregation Growth and Development:* The Rev. Robert Wood recommended adoption of R07-6, reading as follows.

**R07-6**

*Resolved, that this 101st Council of the Diocese of Atlanta supports the House of Bishops in its “passionate desire to remain in communion [with the Anglican Communion]” (House of Bishops*

statement, September 25, 2007), and also shares with the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church its concern for “the additional pain and estrangement inflicted on lesbian and gay members of the church” (Executive Council Resolution NAC026, October 28, 2007).

The Council debated the resolution.

David Wöhr, Ascension, Cartersville, moved to table the resolution. The Council voted on the motion to table by show of cards.

**Motion to table failed to carry**

Linda Light, St. Patrick’s, Atlanta moved to amend the phrase in the third line above to read as follows, and also shares with ~~the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church its concern for “the additional pain and estrangement inflicted on lesbian and gay members of the church”~~ the whole Church all those who have suffered due to our strife with the issue of sexual orientation.

The motion was seconded. The Council debated the amendment and voted on it.

**Motion to amend failed to carry  
Amendment defeated**

The Council voted on the motion to adopt the resolution.

**Motion carried  
Resolution R07-6 adopted**

*Ministry:* The Rev. Robert Wright, Chair, recommended adoption of Resolution R07-5 with committee amendment, to read as follows.

**R07-5a**

*Resolved, that when the Bishop Diocesan so requests* in response to the request of the Bishop Diocesan with the consent of the Standing Committee and before the next Annual Council, this 101<sup>st</sup> Annual Council of the Diocese of Atlanta (hereafter, this Council) hereby approves the creation of the position of Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Atlanta; and be it further

*Resolved, that this Council hereby authorizes the Bishop Diocesan to appoint a Bishop for this position, with the consent of the Standing Committee of this Diocese, under such conditions as the Bishop Diocesan may determine.*

The Council debated the resolution.

**Motion carried  
Amendment adopted  
Resolution R07-5 adopted with amendment**

*Constitution and Canons:* Richard Perry, Chair, recommended adoption of Resolution C07-1, reading as follows.

**C07-1**

*Resolved, the Constitution of the Diocese of Atlanta, Article 2, “Of the Council of the Diocese”, Section 2, “Lay Members” be amended as follows;*

In paragraph (a.), the phrase “Confirmed Communicants in Good Standing” be deleted, and be replaced with “Communicants”.

Subsequently, the wording of the chart in this section is replaced with “Communicants”, following the form in the text.

Paragraph (b.) replace “confirmed communicants” with “communicants.”

**Changes in the text are shown below**

## **2. Lay Members:**

(a). Every Parish and Aided Parish in the Diocese shall be entitled to Lay Delegates and Alternate Lay Delegates elected as provided by the Canons of the Diocese. The number of Lay Delegates and Alternate Lay Delegates from each Parish or Aided Parish is determined by the number of ~~Confirmed Communicants in Good Standing~~ Communicants reported on the latest available Parochial Report from

the Parish or Aided Parish. Each Parish or Aided Parish shall be entitled to the following number of Lay Delegates:

**Number of reported ~~Confirmed~~-Communicants, Number of Delegates  
In Good Standing**

More than 3, but not more than 200, 2;  
More than 200, but not more than 400, 3;  
More than 400, but not more than 600, 4;  
More than 600, 5;  
and a like number of Alternates.

(b). Any group of ~~confirmed~~-Communicants of the Episcopal Church which has a definite organization recognized by the Ecclesiastical Authority and which conforms to the minimum requirements for a Parish may, upon annual request, and approval by the Council, thereafter have one Lay Delegate and one Alternate Lay Delegate to the Council of the Diocese.

(c). [unchanged; authorizes Convocation Youth Delegates.]

(d) [unchanged; authorizes certain campus ministries' Lay Delegates.]

The Council debated the resolution and voted on it.

**Motion carried  
Resolution C07-1 adopted**

Mr. Perry noted that this is a change to the Constitution of the Diocese, and the next Diocesan Council must adopt it without amendment in order to be effective.

*Constitution and Canons:* Richard Perry, Chair, recommended adoption of Resolution C07-2, reading as follows.

**C07-2**

*Resolved*, that Canon 10, Of the Trustees of the University of the South, be rescinded *in toto* and a substitute be adopted to read as follows.

~~Section 1. Initially there shall be elected one cleric and two lay persons to serve as Trustees of the University of the south: one lay person to serve for one year, one lay person to serve for two years; on cleric to serve for three years. Thereafter, at each Annual Council, one Trustee shall be elected of the same order as the retiring Trustee to serve for three years.~~

~~Section 2. A Trustee may be elected to no more than four successive terms, after which one year must elapse before that Trustee is eligible for election.~~

~~Section 3. Trustees shall report annually to the Diocesan Council on conditions and affairs of the University of the South.~~

~~Section 4. In case a vacancy occurs, the Executive Board of the Diocese shall be authorized to appoint a successor to fill the unexpired term.~~

*Section 1. The Bishop shall nominate candidates and the Annual Council shall elect one presbyter and two lay communicants of the Diocese of Atlanta to be Trustees of the University of the South for three year, staggered terms. The order of nominations and elections shall follow the order in effect at the time of adoption of this canon. The proposed Trustees shall meet the following criteria:*

*(a) Trustees shall be personally committed to the aims and purposes of the University as set forth in its Mission Statement and Constitution, Ordinances and other governing documents.*

*(b) Each Trustee shall demonstrate his or her personal commitment to the University by, among other things, attending the Board of Trustees annual meeting, such other special meetings as may be called, and one orientation session for new Trustees, which sessions are held immediately prior to each annual meeting. Trustees shall also familiarize themselves with the Trustee Handbook and the University's governing documents, including its Charter, as amended, Constitution and Ordinances.*

(c) Trustees shall serve as direct communicators between the University and the Diocese from which the Trustee was elected, and shall timely inform that Diocese of the actions of the Boards of Trustees and Regents and the University administration.

(d) Trustees shall provide a meaningful level of annual financial support to the University as a symbol of their commitment to its mission and financial well being.

*Section 2. In the event a Trustee becomes unwilling or unable to serve, the Bishop shall appoint a qualified lay communicant or presbyter, as appropriate, to complete the remainder of the term.*

*Section 3. A Trustee may be elected to no more than four consecutive terms, after which, one year must elapse before that Trustee is eligible for election.*

*Section 4. Trustees shall report annually to the Diocesan Council on conditions and affairs of the University of the South.*

**Motion carried  
Resolution C07-2 adopted**

*Constitution and Canons: Richard Perry, Chair, recommended adoption of Resolution C07-3 with committee amendment (in bold face), to read as follows.*

**C07-3a**

*Resolved, Canon 11 Of Church Construction, be amended to read as follows:*

### **CANON 11 *Of Church Construction***

**Section 1.** There shall be a Commission on Church Architecture and Church Construction appointed annually by the Bishop. *Members will be appointed for a three-year term, and are eligible to serve successive terms.*

**Section 2.** *The Commission on Church Architecture and Church Construction provides assistance to parishes beginning construction projects of all types as well as exploring how to best utilize their campus and/or existing buildings. The Commission can assist parishes in all areas of project design, site master plan, building programming, fundraising feasibility studies, architect, contractor, and sub-contractor referral listings, and plan review. The Commission's role shall be primarily to function as a resource to parishes and make recommendations to the parish and Bishop regarding construction, renovation, and architectural matters.*

**Section 3.** The governing body of any Parish or Aided Parish or Diocesan owned property shall not erect a new building, or make structural alterations or additions requiring a building permit to any present building on its Church property without first securing the advice of the Commission for such proposed construction. ~~The governing body of any Parish or Aided Parish or diocesan owned property desiring such construction shall submit, under rules and regulations promulgated by the Commission and approved by the Bishop, the following:~~ **Parishes shall consult with the Commission before the project begins specifically,**

(a). ~~Intention to Initiate;~~ *During master plan design, site utilization planning, project scope definition, and budgeting; and before commencing Schematic Design; and, the Commission may request further consultation with the parish, depending on the scope of the project. Additional consultation may be requested at the following points of the project:*

(b). ~~During schematic design development;~~ *and before commencing the development of Construction Documents and Specifications; and,*

(c). **During Design Development Drawings and Specifications, before reaching 100% completion of Construction Documents. ~~;~~ and**

~~(d). Such other Plans as shall be required by the Commission.~~

~~**Section 3.** After each submission, the Commission will, within thirty (30) days, meet with such Rector, Vicar, Wardens and Vestry as it deems appropriate. If the Commission does not within sixty (60) days after such submission offer its advice, then such submissions shall be taken as approved by the Commission.~~

**Section 4.** Following construction, as-built drawings and specifications shall be furnished to the Diocese as soon as practicable.

**Section 5.** Should any dispute arise as to the application of this Canon, such dispute shall be referred to the Bishop for resolution.

The Council debated the motion.

John Bancroft, St. Joseph's, McDonough moved amendment of the last sentence in Section 2 to add the word, "major" before the word, "construction".

The Council debated the motion.

**Motion to amend failed to carry  
Amendment defeated**

The Council voted on the original motion.

**Motion carried  
Resolution C07-3a adopted**

#### **Elections on the**

The Bishop announced the following elections.

*Lay Deputy to 76<sup>th</sup> General Convention:* Janet Patterson

*Clerical Alternate Deputy to 76<sup>th</sup> General Convention, in order of number of votes received:* Robert Wood, Wm. McCord Thigpen, Benjamin Anthony, and Janice Bracken Wright

#### **Third ballot taken**

A ballot was taken for the following office from among the persons shown.

*Lay Deputy to 76<sup>th</sup> General Convention:* Richard Perry, Gini Peterson, and Arthur Villareal

#### **Legislative committee reports resumed**

*Constitution and Canons:* Richard Perry, Chair, recommended C07-4 be adopted with substitute amendment by the committee.

Original text of Resolution **C07-4**

*Resolved,* that Canon 41 Of the Cathedral Board of Trustees be repealed; and be it further

*Resolved,* that the Chancellor of the Diocese take the appropriate steps to transfer, before June 30, 2008, title to the real property now held by the Cathedral Board of Trustees to the parish of the Cathedral of St. Philip's which shall hold such property in trust for The Episcopal Church and the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta; and be it further

*Resolved,* that the oversight of the Lorida's Fund and McDougall Fund, both established for the benefit of St. Philip's Cathedral, be transferred from the Cathedral Board of Trustees to the Board of Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Philip's.

Text of committee substitute amendment of Resolution C07-4:

**C07-4s**

*Resolved,* that Canon 41-Of the Cathedral Board of Trustees be repealed; and be it further

*Resolved,* that the Cathedral Board of Trustees be dissolved at the earliest practical time consistent with effectuating the purposes of this Resolution; and be it further

*Resolved, that the Cathedral Board of Trustees take the appropriate steps to transfer, before June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008, title to the real property now held by the Cathedral Board of Trustees to the Parish of the Cathedral of St. Philip, which shall hold property in trust for The Episcopal Church and Diocese of Atlanta; and be it further*

*Resolved, that the oversight of the Loridan's Fund and McDougall Fund, both established for the Benefit of the Cathedral of St. Philip, be transferred from the Cathedral Board of Trustees to the Board of Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Philip's; and be it further*

*Resolved, that the Cathedral Board of Trustees take all action necessary to effectuate this Resolution, including dissolution of the Board and any corporate entity constituting the Board at the earliest practical time; and be it further*

*Resolved, that Canon 41-Of the Cathedral Board of Trustees be deemed repealed as of the time that all of the following have occurred:*

- (a) Title to the real property now held by the Cathedral Board of Trustees is transferred to the Cathedral of St. Philip in trust for The Episcopal Church and the Diocese of Atlanta; and*
- (b) The entity constituting the Cathedral Board of Trustees has been dissolved or abolished.*

The Council voted on the resolution with committee amendment.

**Motion carried**  
**Resolution C07-4 adopted with amendment**

#### **Other reports**

The Rev. Lori Lowe reported on the status of DYVE, a program for college students exploring a vocation to ordination.

*Committee on Bishop's Address:* The Rev. Amanda Brady reported as follows:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ!

That's how you started your address yesterday. It was fitting, because grace and peace are both needed in good measure these days.

Your frank and honest assessment of the concerns of the wider church was refreshing. We appreciate your passion and humanity, your love of this diocese and the church, your articulation of how difficult it is to live in the tension in this in-between time, and your commitment to stay at the table regardless of how messy and uncomfortable that may be. We want you to know that we stand with you and will do our best to put up with you when you are cantankerous and fussy! And we ask that you do the same for us.

You addressed the adverse issues facing the wider church with hope and a call to unity. Indeed, unless we are committed to staying at the Table and intentional about making space for everyone else to be there too, we are diminished. It is through word and sacrament in the midst of the gathered faithful that we are empowered to do the work of the Kingdom. Our common mission stems from our common life—we cannot have one without the other.

It has been some years since the Strategic Planning Committee met and discerned the Connect-Grow-Transform direction for the diocese. We have come a long way in the intervening years, but there is still much to accomplish. You bring the areas of children, youth and young adults; leadership development; growing the church; environmental initiatives; and global mission to our attention.

We agree that our children and young people deserve our best efforts. Offering diocesan resources is one way to strengthen each parish's commitment and offerings with age appropriate formation opportunities. We particularly like how you supported the network of young adults who forged a community and created websites and such, celebrating their accomplishments and gathering them deeper into the arms of the church they love. All our younger members are indeed the church of today, and they have much to teach us about our life of faith and how to be together.

There is some anxiety around the call to access the needs of the diocese in regards to camp and conference ministry. There is a deep and abiding love of Camp Mikell, and Ken Struble and his staff continue a vital ministry there even in the face of the challenges of an aging facility. But I am convinced that in faithful and honest conversations we will discern a way forward that will both honor the good work already happening in Toccoa and meet the growing needs of the diocese for a conference facility.

Leadership development was your next item. We agree that strong healthy congregations require leadership development at all levels—for lay leaders as well as clergy. The vital life and ministry of our parishes, our diocese, and the wider church depend on it. We look forward to the conversation and the possibilities.

Growing the church, the planting of congregations, and the equipping and strengthening of congregations to live out the Great Commission is difficult to argue with. Sharing with others the Good News in true Anglican style is part of what continues to make the diocese of Atlanta a vibrant missionary outpost in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Practicing good stewardship of the environment is important to our understanding of what it means to be stewards of all that God has given us. The recent publicity about the diminished water levels in our reservoirs is indicative of how critical faithful stewardship of our natural resources is. Providing our parishes with the means to educate and support folks in their daily endeavors to conserve will be a big help—not to mention critical to our health and the long-term viability of the planet. I figure the first order of business will be to figure out who is going to receive the Georgia Interfaith Power and Light award for next year so we can keep it in the family!

Last but not least are global mission and the Millennium Development goals. Good things are going on in various parts of the world, with our 3 companion dioceses, as well as people on the ground in many places around the world spending weeks, months and even years at a time—building relationships, building a better future for our brothers and sisters around the world, and witnessing to the good things that happen when people of faith step forward in faith at home and abroad. Even more is possible with our continuing and growing support.

Your Grace, having met our goals from the first Strategic Planning Group, you are not content to let us rest on our laurels. You have set the bar good and high in a variety of areas important to the common life in our parish communities and in the wider community.

You have cast a vision. It is for the rest of us, those sitting around these tables and the good people we represent to take the next step, to join you in carrying it forward. Because no one of us can accomplish this work alone. We must pray, reflect, discern, shape and finally claim the vision as our own. Only then will it become reality.

May our Lord Jesus draw us together in one holy fellowship, and give us the grace to accomplish the ministries set before us. To God be the glory!

**There were no elections on the third ballot**

**Fourth ballot taken**

A ballot was taken for election as shown.

*Lay Deputy to 76<sup>th</sup> General Convention:* Arthur Villareal and Richard Perry

**Committee reports resumed**

*Annual Council Committee:* Janet Patterson, Chair, reported, on behalf of The Very Rev. William Deneke, Dean of East Atlanta Convocation, who is in the hospital. The East Atlanta Convocation will host the 102<sup>nd</sup> Annual Council November 14-15, 2008. The location will be announced later.

*Memorials and Courtesy.* The Rev. Brian Jemmott, Chair, moved the following resolutions severally. Each was seconded and adopted unanimously by voice vote.

*Resolved,* the 101<sup>st</sup> Annual Council of the Diocese of Atlanta, meeting in Atlanta, Georgia on November 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, 2007, recognize and prayerfully acknowledge these who have departed this life since the last Annual Council: Frank Bulloch, priest; G. Hendree Harrison Sr., priest; Beverly McEachern, priest; Dudley Colhoun, priest; and James Martin, deacon.

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; and be it further

*Resolved,* that we remember those laity who have departed this life since the last Annual Council: Dr. Mary Stone; Hubert Hutcherson; Langston George; Willis Johnson; Rudy Brantley; Tom Smith; R. Dean Branstetter; Gladys Richardson; Janie G. Garner; and Bob Keith; and be it further

*Resolved,* that this action be spread upon the minutes of this Council, a permanent record of our love and gratitude to these servants of God.

*Resolved,* that this 101<sup>st</sup> Council of the Diocese of Atlanta expresses its deep gratitude to the Dean, Canons, Chapter and people of the Cathedral of St. Philip for hosting this annual council and for their customary hospitality on this occasion and throughout the year.

*Resolved,* that this 101<sup>st</sup> Council of the Diocese of Atlanta expresses its deep gratitude to Canon Bruce Neswick, Brad Hughley and all of the musicians across the Diocese of Atlanta who have enriched our life together in particular ways during our Centennial Year and whose ministry made our Council Eucharist a grand event to be long remembered.

*Resolved,* that this 101<sup>st</sup> Council of the Diocese of Atlanta is profoundly grateful for the presence among us of the Bishop of Georgia, our mother diocese, The Right Reverend Henry Irving Loutitt, Jr., and his wife Joy, and we wish them good health and joyful work for many years to come.

*Resolved,* that this 101<sup>st</sup> Council of the Diocese of Atlanta is once again exceedingly thankful for the talents and commitment of Janet Patterson, Chair of Annual Council Committee, for the year round work she does to make our annual meeting efficient, cost effective and joyful.

*Resolved,* that this 101<sup>st</sup> Council of the Diocese of Atlanta is profoundly grateful to the work of the Centennial Celebration Committee and its chairperson, Angela Williamson, along with the outreach efforts of many clergy and laity around the Diocese whose work will bear fruit for many years to come.

*Resolved,* that this 101<sup>st</sup> Council of the Diocese of Atlanta gives thanks to God for the twenty-five years of service and outreach of the Episcopal Charities Foundation of the Diocese of Atlanta and for the multiple ministries that the ECF supports in every convocation of the Diocese.

*Resolved,* that this 101<sup>st</sup> Council of the Diocese of Atlanta give thanks to God for the establishment of the Bishop Child Heritage Circle and to all who ensure the ministry of the Diocese of Atlanta will continue in the years ahead; and be it further

*Resolved*, that this Council calls upon all laity and clergy in the Diocese of Atlanta to consider prayerfully participating in the Bishop Child Heritage Circle.

*Resolved*, that this 101<sup>st</sup> Council of the Diocese of Atlanta gives thanks to God for the lives and ministry of all bishops and clergy who have served the Diocese of Atlanta for the past 100 years.

*Resolved*, that this 101<sup>st</sup> Council of the Diocese of Atlanta expresses our love, prayers and best wishes to Bishop-elect Dan Edwards and his wife Linda as they move to Las Vegas and Dan takes up the episcopate among our sisters and brothers in the Diocese of Nevada; and be it further  
*Resolved*, that we are grateful to Dan for his service among us as Rector of St. Francis' Church, Macon and Dean of the Macon Convocation.

*Resolved*, that this 101<sup>st</sup> Council of the Diocese of Atlanta expresses its profound gratitude to Thomas C. Harney, Esq., a faithful communicant of St. Dunstan's Parish for his extraordinary efforts on behalf of St. Andrew's in the Pines Episcopal Church, Peachtree City, and the Diocese of Atlanta. Mr. Harney spearheaded the legal proceedings on behalf of St. Andrew's to preserve its property and assets, to bolster the ability of the parish and Diocese to minister to members of the Episcopal Church in the area, all with a minimal disruption in parish life. By generously giving much of his time and talent, *pro bono*, he contributed substantially to the financial health of both St. Andrew's and the Diocese. With profound gratitude, the Diocese of Atlanta acknowledges the faithfulness to our common life of our brother in Christ, Thomas C. Harney, Esq.

*Resolved* further, that this Resolution be spread upon the minutes of the 101<sup>st</sup> Annual Council of the Diocese of Atlanta as a permanent record of this action, and the Bishop and Secretary of Annual Council are hereby directed to convey this Resolution to Mr. Thomas C. Harney.

*Resolved*, that this 101<sup>st</sup> Council of the Diocese of Atlanta expresses its profound gratitude to Joni Woolf as she retires to the Diocese of Georgia, for her 43 years of service to the Diocese of Atlanta on various committees and commissions, including the Commission on Ministry, The Standing Committee, the Bishop Selection Committee, The Centennial Celebration Committee, and her steadfast love and support of Camp Mikell and to St. Paul's Church, Macon, as Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Search Committee Chairperson, Vestry Member, Lay Eucharistic Minister, and choir member.

*Resolved*, that this 101<sup>st</sup> Council of the Diocese of Atlanta give thanks to God for the strong bonds of affection we treasure with Bishop Mdimi Mhologolo in the Diocese of Central Tanganyika, Bishop Wilfrido Ramos-Orench in the Diocese of Ecuador Central, and Bishop Celso de Olivera Franco in the Diocese of Rio de Janeiro, together with all their clergy and people, and we assure them of our continuing prayers, support and partnership in the work of the Gospel of Jesus.

*Resolved*, that this 101<sup>st</sup> Council of the Diocese of Atlanta expresses its deep concern and offers its prayer for the victims of the California wildfires and of the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, and that we pray for the continuation of resources and support to relieve the suffering of our fellow human beings following natural disaster.

*Resolved*, that this 101<sup>st</sup> Council of the Diocese of Atlanta directs the Secretary of Annual Council to send our love and greeting to Bishop Frank and Mrs. Elizabeth Allen, Mrs. Mary Page Sims, Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori, and Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams.

*Resolved*, that these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the 101<sup>st</sup> Annual Council of the Diocese of Atlanta as a permanent record of these actions.

The Bishop led the Council in hymn singing, presiding from the keyboard, while waiting the report of the fourth ballot.

### **Election on the fourth ballot**

The Bishop reported Richard Perry was elected *Lay Deputy to 76<sup>th</sup> General Convention*.

### **Fifth ballot taken**

A ballot was taken from among the following persons for *Lay Alternate Deputy to 76<sup>th</sup> General Convention*: R.P.M. Bowden, Leslie Callahan, Bruce Garner, Norma Givens, Gini Peterson, Arthur Villareal, and Angela Williamson.

The Bishop again led hymn singing while the tellers counted the ballots.

### **Bishop's personal thanks**

The Bishop thanked these persons:

Janet Patterson, *Chair of Annual Council Committee*, for hours of preparation and planning;

The Rev. Herschel Atkinson, *Secretary*, and Mrs. Marcia Jenkins, *Assistant Secretary*, for hours of organization of our business, noting that their work extended through the year and not just on two days of Council;

Richard P. Perry, Esq., *Chancellor*, and Thomas C. Christopher, Esq., *Vice Chancellor*, for their work not only at Council but through the year;

Members of the Diocesan staff, all of whom put their shoulders to the task of getting ready for Council and especially to Linda Scott, Wynn Callaway, Mary Job, Ieasha Barrow and Muriel Diguett;

The Budget Committee, the Finance Committee, and the staff at the finance office for all the work in preparing the 2008 Ministry and Mission Budget;

Brad Hughley and Canon Bruce Neswick and all of the musicians who contributed to the Eucharist; and

Canon Todd Smelser and the worship at the Cathedral for preparing the liturgy and tending to many details of our worship.

### **Kids for Peace**

Kids for Peace processed in. They sang a song, Shalom, Shalom, to guitar accompaniment by one of the girls.

*Archivist*: The Rev. William McLemore reported he has finished an index of Council Journals to the 1984 Journal and of Diocesan newspapers from 1893 to 2000.

### **Election on the fifth ballot**

The Bishop reported the following election.

*Lay Alternate Deputy to 76<sup>th</sup> General Convention (in order of number of votes received)*: Arthur Villareal, Gini Peterson, Angela Williamson and Bruce Garner

### **Adjournment**

The Bishop led the Council in a closing hymn and prayer.

The Bishop adjourned the Council *sine die* at 11:45 p.m., November 10, 2007.

The Rt. Rev. J. Neil Alexander, President

The Rev. Herschel R. Atkinson, Secretary