



## DIOCESE of ATLANTA

*The Episcopal Church in Middle and North Georgia*  
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MINUTES of the 111th Annual Council of the Diocese of Atlanta, November 10 and 11, 2017, Gainesville, Georgia.

The 111th Annual Council of the Diocese of Atlanta met in the First Baptist Church, Gainesville, Georgia, Friday and Saturday, November 10 and 11, 2017. The Rt. Rev. Robert C. Wright, Bishop Diocesan, was in the chair. The Georgia Mountains and Oconee Convocations were the hosts.

### **FIRST DAY: NOVEMBER 10, 2017**

Registration began at 7:30 a.m. Bishop Wright celebrated the Holy Eucharist at 9:00 a.m. for all persons attending Council, and The Rt. Rev. Daniel G.P. Gutierrez, Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, was the preacher. The offering was designated for Absalom Jones Center or Racial Healing.

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

Bishop Wright convened the Council with prayer at 11:00 a.m. The Assistant Secretary, The Very Rev. P. Richard Game, announced that a constitutional quorum was present based on registrations and requested that all delegates who had not already done so to register. He announced that 4 parishes had not registered for Council and that 5 parishes were not in compliance with Diocesan Canon 20. The Council was organized for business.

#### **Seating of Lay Delegate from The Church of the Common Ground, Atlanta**

The Very Rev. Arlette Benoit, Dean of the Mid-Atlanta Convocation, moved the seating of the Lay Delegate from Church of the Common Ground,

**Motion seconded and carried. Lay Delegate seated.**

#### **Seating of Lay Delegate from High Point Episcopal Community Church, Atlanta**

The Very Rev. Lauren Karatko, Dean of the North Atlanta Convocation, moved the seating of the Lay Delegate from High Point Episcopal Community Church.

**Motion seconded and carried. Lay Delegate seated.**

#### **Removal of The Church of the Atonement, Sandy Springs, from union with this Council**

The Very Rev. Lauren Karatko, Dean of the North Atlanta Convocation, moved for the removal of Church of the Atonement, Sandy Springs, from union with this Council.

**Motion seconded, followed by vote by orders. Motion carried. Church of the Atonement removed from union with this Council.**

**Removal of Christ the King, Lilburn, from union with this Council**

The Very Rev. P. Richard Game, Dean of the Northeast Metro Convocation, moved for the removal of Christ the King, Lilburn, from union with this Council.

**Motion seconded, followed by vote by orders. Motion carried. Christ the King, Lilburn, removed from union with this Council.**

**Approval of the Minutes of the 110th Council**

Bishop Wright called for a motion to approve the Minutes of the 110th Annual Council.

**Motion seconded and carried. Minutes adopted.**

**Adoption of the Agenda**

Bishop Wright called for a motion to adopt the Agenda as included in Council folders.

**Motion seconded and carried. Agenda adopted.**

**Announcements and Introductions**

Bishop Wright welcomes first time delegates and new clergy members to Council.

Bishop Wright introduced the persons at the head table: Richard Perry, Esq., Chancellor and Parliamentarian; Tom Christopher, Esq., Vice Chancellor; The Very Rev. P. Richard Game, Assistant Secretary; The Rev. Canon Alicia Schuster-Weltner, Dispatch of Business.

The Rev. Canon Alicia Schuster-Weltner gave detailed instructions on the dispatch of business at Council.

**Introduction and referral of resolutions to legislative committees**

Bishop Wright referred these pre-filed resolutions to these Council legislative committees.

- R17-1 Establish a Companion Diocese relationship with the Anglican Diocese of Cape Coast (Referred to Global Missions)
- R17-2 Reunification of the Episcopal Church in Cuba with the Episcopal Church (Referred to Global Missions)
- R17-3 HIV/AIDS Prevention and Education (Referred to Community Ministries)
- R17-4 To Require Posting of the Georgia Anti-trafficking Poster (Referred to Community Ministries)

**Elections**

**Bishop Wright appoints Mr. Karl Sachsenmaier of the Cathedral of St. Philip as Chief Teller, with authority to appoint tellers for the elections from among the Vergers Guild of the Diocese of Atlanta**

Bishop Wright announced the names of the nominees for the Standing Committee, Governors of Mikell Camp and Conference Center, and Trustee of The University of the South, Sewanee. There were no nominations from the floor. Bishop Wright declared the nominations closed.

Bishop Wright announced the following election of nominees without opposition.

*Board of Governors, Mikell Camp and Conference Center:*  
Andrew Gordon (St. Margaret's, Carrollton)  
Julie Gordon (St. Margaret's, Carrollton)

Mr. Karl Sachsenmaier, Chief Teller, instructed the Council on balloting procedure. Ballots for elections for Standing Committee (lay and clergy) and Trustee of the University of the South (lay) were interposed among other business of the Council. The results of each election are grouped together here for convenience of reference.

**First ballot cast**

Ballots were cast for the following elections from among the nominees shown:

*Standing Committee lay, elect one*

Sheryl Bowen (St. Julian's, Douglasville)

Mary Hooper (St. Margaret's, Carrollton)

Tracie Jenkins (St. Francis, Macon)

Angela Williamson (St. Martin's, Brookhaven)

*Standing Committee clergy, elect one*

Lauren Holder (St. Luke's, Atlanta)

Stephanie Taylor (St. Martin's Episcopal School)

*Trustee of the University of the South, Sewanee, lay, elect one*

Tammy Pallot (St. Francis, Macon)

Peter Rice (St. Gregory, Athens)

**Results of First Ballot**

Bishop Wright announced the following persons were elected;

*Standing Committee clergy*

Lauren Holder (St. Luke's, Atlanta)

*Trustee of the University of the South, Sewanee, lay*

Tammy Pallot (St. Francis, Macon)

**Second ballot cast**

A ballot was cast for the remaining vacancies from among the persons shown.

*Standing Committee lay, elect one*

Sheryl Bowen (St. Julian's, Douglasville)

Mary Hooper (St. Margaret's, Carrollton)

Tracie Jenkins (St. Francis, Macon)

### **Results of second ballot**

Bishop Wright announced the following persons were elected.

*Standing Committee lay*

Tracie Jenkins (St. Francis, Macon)

### **Elections to Diocesan Board of Review**

Bishop Wright nominated, and the Council elected, The Rev. Kemper Anderson (St. James', Cedartown) for a five-year term, and Ms. Ann Canipe (St. James', Marietta) for a four-year term.

### **Elections of Diocesan Officers**

Bishop Wright nominated, and the Council elected, the following Diocesan Officers: *Chancellor*, Richard Perry, Esq.; *Vice Chancellor*, Thomas Christopher, Esq.; *Secretary*, The Very Rev. P. Richard Game; *Treasurer*, Mr. Bennie King; *Registrar*, Richard Perry, Esq.

### **Creation of New Convocations**

Bishop Wright announced the creation of the Oconee Convocation and the Georgia Mountains Convocation, (formerly part of the Northeast Georgia convocation). The new convocations included the following Parishes and their respective Deans:

*Oconee Convocation, The Very Rev. Dann Brown, Dean:*

Emmanuel (Athens), St. Gregory (Athens), St. Alban (Elberton), Church of the Redeemer (Greensboro), St. Andrew (Hartwell), Church of the Advent (Madison), St. Alban (Monroe), Church of the Mediator (Washington) and St. Anthony (Winder).

*Georgia Mountains Convocation, The Very Rev. Liz Schellingerhoudt, Dean:*

St. Clare's (Blairsville), Grace-Calvary (Clarkesville), St. James (Clayton), St. Elizabeth (Dahlonega), Grace Church (Gainesville), St. Gabriel (Oakwood), Resurrection (Sautee-Nacoochee), St. Matthias (Toccoa).

Bishop Wright called for and received consent of Council for the creation of the Oconee Convocation and the Georgia Mountains Convocation.

### **Committee appointments**

#### **Report of Canon 20 Compliance Committee**

The Rev. Nancy Shepherd (St. George, Griffin), Chair, reported on parishes' compliance with Diocesan Canon 20 for support of the diocese's mission and ministry: nine parishes appealed non-compliance (compared to six in 2016). Requested in appeals: \$215,964; granted in appeals: \$119,517 (compared to \$103,923 in 2016).

#### **Presentation of Financial Report and Proposed Draft Budget**

Mr. Bennie King, Treasurer, presented the diocesan financial report (published separately), made comments, and reported that the most recent audit of diocesan finances gave a "clean opinion."

Mr. Les Callahan presented the Proposed Draft Budget for 2018, noting that it will be considered by the Council Finance Committee, approved as the Draft Budget, and then referred to the Diocesan Executive Board for final adoption as the Budget for 2018.

### **Reports**

The Rev. Dr. Sharon Hiers, Epiphany (Decatur), introduced a video about The Absalom Jones Center for Racial Healing ribbon cutting.

### **Noonday prayers and recess for lunch**

Janet Patterson, Chair of the Diocesan Annual Council Committee, gave instructions on going to lunch.

Bishop Wright invited a youth to offer grace for lunch.

The Council was recessed for lunch at 12:00 p.m.

A video about Cape Coast and Atlanta companion dioceses is shown during lunch.

Bishop Wright reconvened the Council at 1:00 p.m.

### **Bishop's Address**

Bishop Wright delivered the Bishop's address to Council.

### **Miriam's Award**

Bishop Wright recognized Lisa Herring of the Commission on Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking for the presentation of the annual "Miriam's Gift" award to "Shine A Light" at St. Patrick's (Dunwoody).

### **Table Discussion**

Bishop Wright invited Council to discuss questions at their tables.

### **Council recessed for Committee Meetings**

Bishop Wright recognized Janet Patterson to give instructions about committee meetings.

Bishop Wright recessed the Council for legislative committee meetings at 2:22 p.m.

Bishop Wright called Council to order at 3:52 p.m.

### **Announcements and presentations**

Bishop Wright recognized Easton Davis, Diocesan Youth and Young Adult Missioner, for information on the council service project.

Bishop Wright recognized Lindsey Hardegree, Executive Director of Episcopal Community Foundation, for information on the ECF BBQ.

Bishop Wright recognized Vicky Partin, Jubilee Minister, who presented on that ministry.

Bishop Wright recognized Deacon Nancy Yancey, Executive Director of Rainbow Village, who presented a video on Rainbow Village.

Bishop Wright announced clergy ordination and parish anniversaries.

10 years: The Rev. Grace Burton-Edwards, The Rev. Paul McCabe,  
The Very Rev. Dick Game, The Rev. Denise (Denni), Moss, The Rev. John Keeler,  
The Very Rev. Keith Oglesby, The Rev. Simon Mainwaring,  
The Very Rev. David Probst, The Rev. Wallace Marsh, The Rev. Greg

15 years: The Rev. Dr. Bill Harkins, The Rev. Dr. Thee Smith, The Rev. Donald Tate

20 years: The Rev. Mandy Brady, The Rev. Susan Johnson, The Rev. Patricia Miller,  
The Rev. Loree Reed, The Rev. Brian Sullivan, The Rev. Canon John Thompson-Quartey

25 years: The Rev. Michael Billingsley, The Rev. Sam Buice, The Rev. Brian Davy,  
The Rev. Ruth Healey, The Rev. Beth Long, The Rev. Simeon Newbold,  
The Rev. Walton Peabody, The Rev. Allan Sandlin

30 years: The Rev. Ramon Betances, The Rev. Dorothy Brown, The Rev. Dr. Paul A. Elliott,  
The Rev. Gordon Okunsanya

35 years: The Rev. Nancy Baxter, The Rev. Bob Dannals, The Rev. Dr. Marcella Klimas,  
The Rev. Janice Bracken Wright

40 years: The Rev. Chris Hannum, The Rev. Pat Merchant, The Rev. Tom Mustard,  
The Rev. John Via, The Rt. Rev. Keith Whitmore

45 years: The Rev. Michael McCann, The Rev. Dwight Ogier, The Very Rev. Rick Pocalyko

50 years: The Rev. Paul Benjamin Roberts

Parish Anniversaries: (celebrated this year):

St. James, Marietta: 175th anniversary

St. Mark's, Dalton: 150th anniversary

Holy Trinity, Decatur: 125th anniversary

Emmaus House: 50th Anniversary

**Award and Presentation**

Bishop Wright recognized Julie Groce, Missioner for Appleton Episcopal Ministries, who announced that the ministry had been awarded an Enterprise Zone Grant from The Episcopal Church for the Freedom School in Macon.

Bishop Wright recognized The Rev. Ken Struble, Director of Mikell Camp and Conference Center, for a report on the operations of Mikell.

Bishop Wright called the Council to recess at 4:27 p.m. until 9:00 a.m. the next day.

**COUNCIL IN RECESS**

**SECOND DAY: NOVEMBER 11, 2017**

Bishop Wright convened the Council at 9:00 am.

Diocesan Youth led morning worship until 9:15 am.

**Awards**

Bishop Wright announces the winners of the ECF BBQ competition.

Bishop Wright announces the recipients of the Bishop's Cross, by convocation:

Northeast Georgia Convocation

Lay Recipient: John Andrews                      Clergy Recipient: The Rev. Mary Demmler

Chattahoochee Valley Convocation

Lay Recipient: Martin McCann                      Clergy Recipient: The Rev. Sandy McCann

North Atlanta Convocation

Lay Recipient: Dr. May C. Brown                      Clergy Recipient: The Rev. Ruth Pattison

Southwest Atlanta Convocation

Lay Recipient: Angela Mankin                      Clergy Recipient: The Rev. Hazel Glover

Mid Atlanta Convocation

Lay Recipient: Tahir Murray                      Clergy Recipient: The Rev. Mary Wetzel

East Atlanta Convocation:

Lay Recipient: Claudia Fedarko                      Clergy Recipient: The Rev. Jenna Strizak

Northwest Georgia Convocation

Lay Recipient: Lola Thomas                      Clergy Recipient: The Rev. Janice Bracken Wright

Middle Georgia Convocation

Lay Recipient: Julie Groce

Clergy Recipient: The Rev. Ben Wells

Northeast Metro Convocation

Lay Recipient: Luis Ramos

Clergy Recipient: Deacon Nancy Yancey

Marietta Convocation

Lay Recipient: Stephanie Timm

Clergy Recipient: Deacon Lesley Ann Drake

Bishop Wright recognized The Rev. Herschel Atkinson for his 28 years of service as Secretary of Council and announced that the diocese had made a donation to the School of Theology at The University of the South, Sewanee, in his honor.

Bishop Wright recognized The Rev. Rich Sanders, St. David's (Roswell), for a presentation on a survey tool offered by the diocese, and other matters.

Bishop Wright recognized The Rev. Dr. Donna Mote, Chaplain at Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport, who reported on the mission and ministry there.

### **Legislative agenda**

Bishop Wright called for reports from legislative committees as shown.

**Global Missions:** The Rev. Grace Burton Edwards, Chair, moved adoption of Resolution R17-1, reading as follows:

#### **R17-1 Establish a Companion Diocese relationship with the Anglican Diocese of Cape Coast**

*Resolved*, that the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta enter into a Companion Diocese Relationship with the Anglican Diocese of Cape Coast in Ghana in West Africa, and that the relationship last for three years, commencing with the approval of such a relationship by the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Cape Coast at their quarterly meeting in December 2017.

**Motion carried. Resolution R17-1 adopted**

**Global Missions:** The Rev. Grace Burton Edwards, Chair, moved adoption of Resolution R17-2, as amended in committee, reading as follows:

#### **R17-2 Reunification of the Episcopal Church in Cuba with the Episcopal Church**

*Resolved*, that the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta at its 111th Council meeting at First Baptist Church in Gainesville, Georgia, commend the full participation and partnership of the Episcopal Church in Cuba as a diocese of The Episcopal Church; that our support for the full participation and partnership with the Episcopal Church in Cuba be communicated to the Task Force on the Episcopal Church in Cuba formed by General Convention 2015 to study legal and canonical



issues associated with reunification; and that we encourage General Convention 2018 meeting in Austin, Texas to say to the Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement in Cuba, "Welcome home."

**Motion carried. Resolution R17-2 adopted**

**Community Ministries:** The Rev. Jane Weston, Chair, moved adoption of Resolution R17-3, as amended in committee, reading as follows:

**R17-3 HIV/AIDS Prevention and Education**

Resolved, the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta, meeting in Annual Council in Gainesville, Georgia, November 10 and 11, 2017, notes with grave concerns the fact that per the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ([www.cdc.gov/hiv/statistics/overview/index](http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/statistics/overview/index)) the State of Georgia continues to rank among the ten states with the highest HIV/AIDS incidence in the nation and that the City of Atlanta continues to rank among the ten cities with the highest rates of HIV/AIDS in the nation, and be it further resolved,

That because the Diocese of Atlanta has been engaged in ministry, pastoral care and HIV/AIDS prevention efforts since 1987, be it further resolved,

That while the use of quarantine is often useful in preventing the spread of communicable diseases, HIV/AIDS is transmitted through unprotected sexual activity, the sharing of unclean needles, but not through casual contact, and quarantine is NOT an appropriate mechanism for preventing its spread. And be it further resolved,

That such mechanisms as quarantine only contribute to further stigmatization of those with HIV/AIDS and drive them away from treatment and prevention resources. And be it further resolved,

That HIV/AIDS prevention (and treatment) involves more than epidemiology and mortality and must include addressing the issues of illiteracy, poverty, racism, homophobia, transphobia, stigma and ignorance. And be it further resolved,

That the Diocese of Atlanta urges the Georgia Legislature to direct state agencies tasked with HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment and related education, to engage in realistic, explicit efforts to prevent the further spread of HIV/AIDS. And be it further resolved,

That any prevention/education efforts must include Georgia's public schools and must be age appropriate and MUST include resources other than so-called "abstinence only" curricula. And be it further resolved,

That the Secretary of Annual Council be directed to send copies of this resolution to the Governor and Lieutenant Governor of Georgia, the Speaker of the Georgia House of Representatives, the Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Public Health, the Secretary of Education for the State of Georgia, and the Editor of the Atlanta Journal Constitution.

**After parliamentary debate, motion was made and seconded to adopt the amended resolution, as amended on the floor, reading as follows:**

### **R17-3 HIV/AIDS Prevention and Education**

*Resolved*, that the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta, meeting in Annual Council in Gainesville, Georgia, November 10 and 11, 2017, notes with grave concerns the fact that per the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ([www.cdc.gov/hiv/statistics/overview/index](http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/statistics/overview/index)) the State of Georgia continues to rank among the ten states with the highest HIV/AIDS incidence in the nation and that the City of Atlanta continues to rank among the ten cities with the highest rates of HIV/AIDS in the nation; and be it further

*Resolved*, that because the Diocese of Atlanta has been engaged in ministry, pastoral care and HIV/AIDS prevention efforts since 1987; be it further

*Resolved*, that while the use of quarantine is often useful in preventing the spread of communicable diseases, HIV/AIDS is not transmitted through casual contact, and quarantine is NOT an appropriate mechanism for preventing its spread; and be it further

*Resolved*, that such mechanisms as quarantine only contribute to further stigmatization of those with HIV/AIDS and drive them away from treatment and prevention resources; and be it further

*Resolved*, that HIV/AIDS prevention (and treatment) involves more than epidemiology and mortality and must include addressing the issues of illiteracy, poverty, racism, homophobia, transphobia, stigma and ignorance; and be it further

*Resolved*, that the Diocese of Atlanta urges the Georgia Legislature to direct state agencies tasked with HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment and related education, to engage in realistic, explicit efforts to prevent the further spread of HIV/AIDS; and be it further

*Resolved*, that any prevention/education efforts must include Georgia's public schools and must be age appropriate and MUST include resources other than so-called "abstinence only" curricula; and be it further

*Resolved*, that the Secretary of Annual Council be directed to send copies of this resolution to the Governor and Lieutenant Governor of Georgia, the Speaker of the Georgia House of Representatives, the Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Public Health, and the Georgia State School Superintendent, and this body asks the Diocesan communications office to release this statement pursuant to the current policy protocol for press releases.

**Motion carried. Resolution R17-3 adopted as amended**

**Community Ministries:** The Rev. Jane Weston, Chair, moved adoption of a committee substitute for Resolution R17-4, reading as follows:

### **R17-4 To strongly recommend parishes and worshiping communities of the Diocese of Atlanta post the Georgia Anti-Trafficking Poster**

*Resolved*, the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta meeting in Annual Council in Gainesville, Georgia, November 10 and 11, 2017, notes that our parishes and worshiping communities have the opportunity to combat sex trafficking, be a safe place for those victimized by its grips, and raise awareness in our local communities to the endemic problem; and be it further

*Resolved*, that in our promise to proclaim by word and example the Good News of Jesus Christ and to strive for justice among all people, we as a Diocese have committed to do all in our ability to eliminate sex trafficking in all its forms; and be it further

*Resolved*, that inspired by the words of Bishop Daniel Gutierrez we acknowledge that “when anyone suffers we all suffer” and that we challenge ourselves not only to love like Jesus but also to be the light in the darkest places in the world; and be it further

*Resolved*, that each parish, ministry, and worshipping community of the Diocese join with those businesses, hospitals, rest areas, hotels, bus and rail stops currently required by law and voluntarily post in their restrooms and/or other prominent areas the Georgia Anti-Trafficking Poster (<https://gbi.georgia.gov/documents/human-trafficking-notice>) and also ask any hotels and conference centers where church functions may be held to post the Georgia Anti-Trafficking Poster, if they have not already done so.

**Motion carried. Substitute resolution R17-4 adopted**

### **Presentation of Diocesan Proposed Draft Budget for 2018**

Dispatch of Business called on Bennie King, Treasurer, and Les Callahan, Chair of the Committee on Finance, for Budget presentation and vote.

Les Callahan moved that the Proposed Draft Budget for 2018 be adopted in principle and be referred to the Diocesan Executive Board for final action.

**Motion carried. Draft Budget referred to Executive Board**

The Dispatch of Business announced the end of the legislative session.

### **Place and date of 112<sup>th</sup> Annual Council**

Bishop Wright recognized Janet Patterson, Chair of Annual Council Committee and The Very Rev. Lauren Karatko, St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Brookhaven, Georgia, for a Report on the Committee on Annual Council, who moved that the 112<sup>th</sup> Annual Council be hosted by the North Atlanta Convocation on November 9-10, 2018, in Sandy Springs, Georgia.

### **Report and Resolutions of Memorials and Courtesy Committee**

The Rev. Wallace Marsh, Chair, moved the following resolutions that were seconded.

### **R17-4 Memorials and Courtesy Resolutions**

*Be it Resolved*, that this 111th Council of the Diocese of Atlanta extend greetings to the Rt. Rev. Neil Alexander and the Rt. Rev. Frank Allan and Mrs. Allan; and

*Let it be Resolved*, that we also extend greetings to the Rt. Rev. Keith Whitmore and Mrs. Whitmore, giving thanks for their ministry in the Diocese of Atlanta; and

*Let it be Resolved*, that we extend our greetings to the Presiding Bishop, the Most Reverend Michael C. Curry, as we join in the Jesus Movement; and

*Let it be further Resolved*, that we express our gratitude to the Rt. Rev. Robert C. Wright, Tenth Bishop of Atlanta, who inspires us “to challenge ourselves and the world to love like Jesus as we worship joyfully, serve compassionately and grow spiritually.”

*Be it Resolved*, that we extend our thanks to the Rt. Rev. Don Wimberly for his faithful leadership and continued service to our diocese; and

*Let it be Resolved*, that we express our appreciation for the presence of the Rt. Rev. Daniel G.P. Gutiérrez, 16<sup>th</sup> Bishop of the Diocese of Pennsylvania. We affirm his appreciation for tater tots and will challenge ourselves to see the cross and God's love in our lives; and

*Let it be Resolved*, that we extend our greetings to the Rt. Rev. Victor Atta-Baffoe and his wife Dorcas. We look forward to partnering with the Anglican Diocese of Cape Coast in Ghana for the next three years; and

*Let it Be further Resolved*, that we express our gratitude to the Dean, clergy and people of the North East Georgia Mountain & Oconee Convocations for hosting Annual Council, along with expression of gratitude to the Diocesan Staff, Chancellor, and Officers of Annual Council.

*Be it resolved*, that we received the letters dimissory and welcome the following clergy: Debora Adinolfi, Sarah Fisher, John Hamilton, Scott Harding, Lauren Holder, Cynthia Knapp, Simon Mainwaring, Michelle Ortiz, and Reginald Simmons; and

*Let it be resolved*, that we commend the following clergy to ministries in other dioceses: Alan Cowart, Aelred Dean, Jody Greenwood, Geoffrey Hoare, Nicholas Hull, John McCard, Virginia Royalty, Zachary Thompson, Hal Weidman, Noelle York-Simmons; and

*Let it be resolved*, that we send our appreciation and prayers to clergy who have retired; and

*Let it be further Resolved*, that we express our appreciation for the faithful clergy and laity who love, care, and serve parishes and worshipping communities in the Diocese of Atlanta.

*Be it resolved*, that we remember those in this country who have lost their lives by an act of violence. We pray for those who have died, those who are impacted by their deaths, and for those who committed these acts. May we do the work to create communities where we strive for justice and peace, and respect the dignity of every person; and

*Let it be resolved*, that on this Veterans Day, we remember those who have served in the Armed Forces.

*Let it be further resolved*, that we remember those who have participated in Council and died in the past year:

*Clergy: Milton Wood, Herbert Wentz, Robert Robinson, Robert (Bob) Rickard, King Oehmig, Hank Myers, Kenneth Kinnett, Vernon Jones, Reginald Gunn, Kenneth Eade, Thomas Conley, David Collins, William (Bill) Boyd, Gene Owens, and Robert Eckard.*

*Lay: Allison Pritchett, Archer Smith, Dave Huston.*

**Motion carried. Resolution adopted**

Bishop Wright offered prayer for the departed persons.

**Closing announcements and adjournment**

Bishop Wright gave his recognition and thanks to: the Chair of the Annual Council Committee; the Secretary; the Chancellor and the Vice Chancellor; the Dispatch of Business; the Bishop's Staff; the Budget and Finance Committee and all who worked on the 2018 Mission and Ministry Budget; all who led worship and music; and the hosting Georgia Mountains and Oconee Convocations, its clergy, staff, musicians, and volunteers for their hospitality, and the youth who led the morning's music and all who helped with the lock-in.

Bishop Wright introduced a video on the Prayer of St. Teresa.

Bishop Wright adjourned the Council *sine die* at 11:18 a.m.

Bishop Wright blessed the participants at Council prior to their departure.

The Very Rev. P. Richard Game, Secretary