JOURNAL OF THE 188TH CONVENTION OF THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF INDIANAPOLIS

The 188th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Indianapolis was convened at the CRG Center in Plainfield, Indiana by The Rt. Rev. Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows, Bishop of the Diocese of Indianapolis, and President of Convention, on Saturday, November 8, 2025.

The Convention business was preceded with a celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

The President called the Convention to order at 11:15 a.m. EST.

The Chair welcomed those seated on the dais:

The Rev. Canon Giulianna Cappelletti Gray (Dispatch of Business).

Mr. Todd Relue (Chancellor of the Diocese),

Ms. Connie Betts (Secretary of the Diocese and the Convention).

Bishop Baskerville-Burrows reminded delegates and guests that all documents are available on the diocesan website.

Bishop Baskerville-Burrows was notified by the Secretary of Convention that a quorum was present. Without objection, the convention unanimously consented to dispense with the roll call.

The Chair welcomed clergy who had become canonically resident since the 2024 convention; clergy who accepted a new call at a new congregation since the 2024 convention; canonical clergy who had a change in title, in place, since the 2024 convention and; non-canonical resident clergy who had a voice but no vote, joining since the 2024 convention.

Bishop Baskerville-Burrows welcomed special guests from The Diocese of Northern Indiana, who are members of the Reunification Discernment Team: Mr. Evan Doyle, Ms. Stephanie Pawlowski, Ms. Brenda Rigdon

A special welcome was also extended the Youth Delegates of the Convention.

Crossroads: Charlotte Wagner, St. Paul's, Indianapolis; with Alternate Vera McConnell, Trinity, Indianapolis

Wabash: Lilly Carter, St Francis, Zionsville. with alternate, Ellie Fortner, St Peter's, Lebanon and St. John's, Crawfordsville

The Edge: Isabella Asmus, Holy Family, Fishers

Bishop Appointees: Callie Carpenter, St. Paul's, Indianapolis; Charlotte Moser, St Christopher's, Carmel; and Francesca Gray, a junior youth delegate

The Chancellor of the Diocese, Mr. Todd Relue, directed the delegation to review The Rules for Diocesan Convention Decorum & Debate located on the diocesan website. With no questions or debate, these rules were adopted.

Canon Brendan O'Sullivan-Hale conducted a test vote. A second test vote was also successful.

Bishop Baskerville-Burrows referred the delegation to the proposed agenda and Order of Business available to review on the diocesan website. These were adopted without objection.

Bishop Baskerville-Burrows reminded the delegation that the draft Journal of the 187th Convention was available to review on the diocesan website. A motion was made to approve the Journal of the 187th Convention and seconded. Without any question or discussion, the motion was approved.

Bishop Baskerville-Burrows reported that there were no nominations from the floor. Without objection, nominations from the floor were closed.

The Rev. Kirstin Springmeyer presented a report from the Committee on Nominations, a motion to elect:

- Ms. Connie Betts for the Office of Secretary of the Diocese and Secretary of Convention
- Mr. Todd Relue for the Office of Chancellor
- Dr. Laurel Cornell for the Office of Treasurer
- Mr. Lee Little for the Office of Registrar and Historiographer

Canon Brendan O'Sullivan-Hale conducted an electronic vote. The Dispatch announced that all offices were elected.

Without objection, Bishop Baskerville-Burrows declared the 188th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Indianapolis to be organized for business.

Bishop Baskerville-Burrows recognized The Rev. Kirstin Springmeyer to continue the report from the Nominations Committee.

- STANDING COMMITTEE - Clergy
    - The Rev. Canon Vicar Monique Ellison, Christ Church Cathedral
- STANDING COMMITTEE - Lay
    - Mr. Greg McClure, St. John's, Lafayette
- DISCIPLINARY Board - Clergy
    - The Rev. Jeff Bower, St. Paul's, Indianapolis
- DISCIPLINARY Board - Lay
    - Ms. Beth Dingman, St John's, Mount Vernon
    - Mr. David Sloane, Christ Church, Madison
- COMMISSION ON MINISTRY - Clergy
    - The Rev. Dr. Hilary Cooke, Good Shepherd, West Lafayette
    - The Rev. Jason Fortner, St. John's, Crawfordsville

- COMMISSION ON MINISTRY- Lay
    - Ms. Leigh Anne Naas, Trinity, Indianapolis
- WAYCROSS BOARD
    - Ms. Meg Booth, Christ Church Cathedral, Indianapolis
    - Mr. Tim Dinger, St. Augustine, Danville
    - Ms. Juliana Hulsey, Christ Church Cathedral, Indianapolis
    - Mr. Wesley Powell, St Paul's, Indianapolis
- GENERAL CONVENTION DEPUTY- Clergy
    - The Rev. Drew Downs, St. Stephen's Terre Haute
    - The Rev. Peter Gray, St. Phillips, Indianapolis and Butler University
    - The Rev. Spencer Ruark, St. Christiopher's, Carmel
    - The Rev. Allan Wallace, St. Paul's, New Albany
    - The Rev. Holly Rankin Zaher, St. Paul's, Evansville
- GENERAL CONVENTION DEPUTY- Lay
    - Mr. Zachary Anderson, St. Stephens, Terre Haute
    - Ms. Connie Betts, Trinity, Lawrenceburg
    - Ms. Michaela Flash, St Philip's, Indianapolis
    - Ms. Meghan McConnell, Trinity, Indianapolis
    - Canon Mariann Scott, St. Timothy's, Indianapolis
- GENERAL CONVENTION ALTERNATE DEPUTY- Lay
    - Ms. Connie Betts, Trinity, Lawrenceburg
    - Ms. Meghan McConnell, Trinity, Indianapolis
    - Mr. Brendan O'Sullivan-Hale, Trinity, Indianapolis

Bishop Baskerville-Burrows recognized The Rev. Kirstin Springmeyer to introduce the new Neighborhood Executive Council members for 2026, to be confirmed by this convention.

Confluence (Lay): Mr. Mike Staubitz, St. Stephen's, New Harmony

Crossroads (Clergy): The Rev. Adam Pierce, Trinity, Indianapolis (2-year term)

Crossroads (Lay): Ms. Louise Boling, All Saints, Indianapolis (1-yr term)

The Edge (Lay): Mr. Steve Lawson, St. Christopher's, Carmel

Riverbend (Lay): Mr. Benjamin Sapp, St. Paul's, Jeffersonville

Wabash (Lay): Ms. Natalie Rodriguez, Good Samaritan, Brownsburg

Bishop Baskerville-Burrows noted that any neighborhood vacancies for Executive Council will be appointed following the convention.

Canon Brendan O'Sullivan-Hale conducted the elections.

Canon Cappelletti Gray recognized The Rev. Allan Wallace, to deliver the report on Global Missions.

Bishop Baskerville-Burrows recognized all members of the Reunification Discernment team.

From the Diocese of Northern Indiana:

- Rt. Rev. Douglas Sparks
- The Rev. Clay Berkley
- Mr. Evan Doyle
- Mr. Paul Kincaid
- The Rev. Ted Neidlinger
- Ms. Stephanie Pawlowski
- Ms. Brenda Rigdon

And from the Diocese of Indianapolis:

- The Rt. Rev. Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows
- Ms. Joan Amati
- The Rev. Dr. Hilary Cooke
- Mr. George Eastman
- The Rev. Allen Rutherford
- Ms. Katherine Tyler Scott
- Mr. Greg Seamon

Bishop Baskerville-Burrows recognized Mr. Evan Doyle, The Rev. Dr. Hilary Cooke, and Ms. Katherine Tyler Scott to deliver the report of the Reunification Discernment Committee. Bishop Baskerville-Burrows thanked the committee for their dedication.

Rt. Rev. Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows gave her address.

Canon Cappelletti-Gray made announcements before the lunch break.

Rt. Rev. Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows offered a prayer before lunch.

Recess: 12:30 p.m.

The convention was reconvened at 2:07 p.m.

The Dispatch, Canon Cappelletti-Gray, presented the **results of the first ballot**:

- STANDING COMMITTEE – Clergy
    - The Rev. Canon Vicar Monique Ellison, Christ Church Cathedral
- STANDING COMMITTEE – Lay
    - Mr. Greg McClure, St. John's, Lafayette
- DISCIPLINARY Board -Clergy
    - The Rev. Jeff Bower, St. Paul's, Indianapolis
- DISCIPLINARY Board -Lay
    - Ms. Beth Dingman, St John's, Mount Vernon
- COMMISSION ON MINISTRY-Clergy

    - The Rev. Dr. Hilary Cooke, Good Shepherd, West Lafayette
- COMMISSION ON MINISTRY-Lay
    - Ms. Leigh Anne Naas, Trinity, Indianapolis
- WAYCROSS BOARD
    - Ms. Meg Booth, Christ Church Cathedral, Indianapolis
    - Mr. Wesley Powell, St Paul's, Indianapolis
- GENERAL CONVENTION DEPUTY-Clergy
    - The Rev. Peter Gray, St. Phillips, Indianapolis and Butler University
    - The Rev. Spencer Ruark, St. Christiopher's, Carmel
    - The Rev. Allan Wallace, St. Paul's, New Albany
    - The Rev. Holly Rankin Zaher, St. Paul's, Evansville
- GENERAL CONVENTION DEPUTY-Lay
    - Ms. Connie Betts, Trinity, Lawrenceburg
    - Ms. Michaela Flash, St Philip's, Indianapolis
    - Ms. Meghan McConnell, Trinity, Indianapolis
    - Canon Mariann Scott, St. Timothy's, Indianapolis

Canon Cappelletti Gray also announced the confirmations of the Neighborhood Executive Council members for 2026.

- Confluence (Lay): Mr. Mike Staubitz, St. Stephen's, New Harmony
- Crossroads (Clergy): The Rev. Adam Pierce, Trinity, Indianapolis (2-year term)
- Crossroads (Lay): Ms. Louise Boling, All Saints, Indianapolis (1-yr term)
- The Edge (Lay): Mr. Steve Lawson, St. Christopher's, Carmel
- Riverbend (Lay): Mr. Benjamin Sapp, St. Paul's, Jeffersonville
- Wabash (Lay): Ms. Natalie Rodriguez, Good Samaritan, Brownsburg

Canon O'Sullivan-Hale held a second ballot. He gave instructions and opened the vote.

Ms. MacKeller delivered the report of the Province V. She explained the provincial structure, reported on activities over the last year, and presented opportunities for involvement in Province V.

Canon Cappelletti Gray welcomed Ms. Jolene Johnston, the new Program Director of Centering All Children in Worship. Ms. Johnston thanked the Diocese of Indianapolis for the opportunity to serve in this role and described some of the work this role entails.

Bishop Baskerville-Burrows recognized the Rev. Kirsten Guidero, the new Ecumenical and Interreligious Officer for The Episcopal Church to give her report. She outlined her role and described the work that is being done.

Bishop Baskerville-Burrows thanked the co-conveners of the neighborhoods who served this year.

> Confluence: The Rev. Holly Rankin Zaher from St Paul’s, Evansville, Ms. Sheila White from St Stephen’s, New Harmony

Crossroads: The Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick from Trinity, Indianapolis

The Edge: Mr. Steve Lawson from St. Christopher's, Carmel

River Bend: The Rev. Allan Wallace from St Paul's, New Albany, Ms. Cindy Wood from St Paul's, New Albany

Wabash: The Rev. Jim Said from Good Samaritan, Brownsburg, Ms. Jessica Short from St. John's, Crawfordsville

Waycross: Ms. Yvonne Oliger from St. David's, Bean Blossom

Next, Bishop Baskerville-Burrows introduced the co-conveners of the neighborhoods who will serve in the coming year.

Confluence: The Rev. Allen Rutherford, St. John's, Mt. Vernon, Ms. Sheila White, St. Stephen's, New Harmony

River Bend: The Rev. Jason Haddox, Trinity, Lawrenceburg; Ms. Cindy Wood, St. Paul's, New Albany

Wabash: The Rev. Drew Downs, St. Stephen's, Terre Haute

Bishop Baskerville-Burrows explained that the remaining openings would be appointed at a future date.

Ms. Heather Campbell and youth gave the report of the Diocesan Youth Ministry. They reviewed the status of the ministry's 5-year goals and reviewed activities that took place in 2025.

Canon Cappelletti Gray presented the **results from the second ballot**.

- DISCIPLINARY Board-Lay (2-year term)
  - Mr. David Sloane, Christ Church, Madison
- COMMISSION ON MINISTRY-Clergy (2-year term)
  - The Rev. Jason Fortner, St. John's, Crawfordsville
- GENERAL CONVENTION ALTERNATE DEPUTY-Clergy
  - The Rev. Drew Downs, St. Stephen's, Terre Haute
  - The Rev. Ben Sternke, The Table, Indianapolis
- GENERAL CONVENTION ALTERNATE DEPUTY-Lay
  - Mr. Brendan O'Sullivan-Hale, Trinity, Indianapolis
  - Mr. Zachary Anderson, St. Stephens, Terre Haute

Bishop Baskerville-Burrows recognized The Rev. Dr. Hilary Cooke, The Rev. Ed Bird, and The Rev. Peter Gray to deliver the report for Campus Ministries.

Canon Cappelletti Gray announced that the next order of business was a resolution made from the floor. It is "A Resolution from the Reunification Discernment Committee Regarding Continued Collaboration between the Dioceses". Bishop Baskerville-Burrows

called for a voice vote to allow debate of the resolution (Appendix A) to be considered by convention. Ayes prevailed. The Rev. Allen Rutherford read the resolution and discussion of the resolution proceeded. Bishop Baskerville-Burrows conducted a voice vote to accept the resolution. **The resolution passed unanimously.**

Bishop Baskerville-Burrows shared a video message from the Rt. Rev. Douglas Sparks who expressed gratitude for the work of the Reunification Discernment Committee. He looked forward to a continued relationship of the two dioceses of Indiana.

Canon Cappelletti Gray announced that the matter before the convention was a Resolution made from the floor. It is "A Resolution Celebrating the Life and Work of The Rt. Rev. Catherine M. Waynick." Bishop Baskerville-Burrows called for a voice vote to allow discussion of the resolution (Appendix B) to be considered by convention. Ayes prevailed. Rev. Frank Impicciche and the Rev. Cathy Scott read the resolution. Bishop Baskerville-Burrows conducted a voice vote to accept the resolution. **The resolution passed unanimously.** The Rt. Rev. Baskerville Burrows invited the Rev. Jason Haddox to lead the Convention in singing the Doxology.

Rt. Rev. Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows recognized Ms. Sara Gunter, Executive Director of the Waycross Camp & Conference Center to offer a report on Waycross.

Rt. Rev. Baskerville-Burrows recognized Ms. Valeria Phillips to deliver the report for the Racial Justice Education Team.

Rt. Rev. Baskerville-Burrows recognized Dr. Laurel Cornell to present the Treasurer's report. Dr. Cornell explained the various funds and gave update on 2025 happenings. Rt. Rev. Baskerville-Burrows received the report with gratitude.

Rt. Rev. Baskerville-Burrows recognized the Rev. C. Davies Reed who presented the proposed budget for the coming year. The budget was submitted by Executive Council, and therefore the motion did not need a second. After brief discussion, a voice vote was conducted. The 2026 Budget was **approved unanimously**.

Rt. Rev. Baskerville-Burrows recognized those who have served on diocesan committees this year, and have completed their term:

Executive Council: Mr. Mike Staubitz, Mr. Dick Frey, Ms. Amy Dobbs. Ms. Joan Amati

Standing Committee: The Rev. Monique Ellison, Ms. Sue Murray, The Rev. Dr. Matt Seddon

Commission on Ministry: Ms. Leigh Anne Naas, The Rev. Allan Wallace, The Rev. Kate Wilson

Waycross Board of Directors: Mr. Jeffery Dreyer

Disciplinary Board: The Rev. Jen Oldstone-Moore

The Rt. Rev. Baskerville-Burrows recognized The Rev. Peter Gray who presented the Courtesy Resolutions. These resolutions **passed with acclamation**.

The Rt. Rev. Baskerville-Burrows announced the 189th Convention is scheduled to be held on November 6 and 7, 2026.

Rt. Rev. Baskerville-Burrows closed the 188th Convention with a closing prayer and the Rev. Jason Haddox offered a closing hymn.

Without objection, the President declared the 188th Convention closed.

The convention was adjourned at 4:16 p.m.

Attest:
Connie Betts
Secretary of Convention

Appendix A

Resolution 1:

The Episcopal Church in Indiana

Submitted by: The Rt. Rev. Douglas Sparks, The Rt. Rev. Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows and the Reunification Discernment Committee of the Episcopal Dioceses of Northern Indiana and Indianapolis

Whereas, the Episcopal Dioceses of Northern Indiana and Indianapolis, led by a Discernment Committee composed of Bishops Sparks and Baskerville-Burrows along with six appointed representatives from each diocese, have since February 2023 engaged in "intentional exploration of the possible reunification as one diocese"; and

Whereas, the Committee acknowledged three possible outcomes of this process: remaining entirely separate dioceses, enhancing collaboration in various areas of mission and ministry while remaining separate dioceses, and reunifying as one diocese; and

Whereas, the Committee has felt blessed to be able to steadily and faithfully work on the charge given them to "explore opportunities" in all areas of diocesan life, to "consider a plan for full reunification as well as any interim sharing of resources"...and, "if feasible, to provide a draft timetable for those efforts," recognizing these aspects to be critical to this discernment; and

Whereas, with shared mission priorities as their guide, broad input from both dioceses considered, and learnings from dioceses around the Episcopal Church to draw upon, the Committee developed and shared draft models for a potentially reunified diocese including models for the Ministry of the Episcopate, Diocesan Staffing, Constitution and Canons, Healthcare, an Operating Budget, and more; and

Whereas, the Committee has articulated and distributed those technical aspects which remain within reach of completion, the Committee acknowledges that the relational foundation critical to healthy and participatory reunification requires greater participation, intention, and growth before a decision on reunification should be made; and

Whereas, the Dioceses of Northern Indiana and Indianapolis have already begun a relational Season of Collaboration which has resulted in efforts like Church Buildings for Collaborative Partnerships, joint leadership and clergy retreats, joint actions for social justice and prayer vigils, and visitations made by Bishop Sparks in the Diocese of Indianapolis and Bishop Baskerville-Burrows in the Diocese of Northern Indiana; therefore

Be it Resolved, that the Diocese of Indianapolis continue and expand this Season of Collaboration with the Diocese of Northern Indiana for the sake of enhancing shared mission and strengthening relationships among leadership bodies, ministry groups, lay persons, and the clergy of our dioceses; and be it further

Resolved, that the Executive Council is charged with the responsibility of continuing and coordinating these collaborative efforts, and reporting back to the Diocesan Convention in 2026 on the progress of these efforts; and be it further 3

Resolved, that the Reunification Discernment funds in the 2026 budget be utilized to support staffing and other infrastructure for furthering this Season of Collaboration; and be it further

Resolved, that the possibility for future reunification be acknowledged and embraced during this Season of Collaboration with a "timeline for these efforts" remaining open, allowing the Spirit to do further work within and between our dioceses and trusting the canonical bodies and Ecclesiastical Authorities of both dioceses to mutually address formal decisions around reunification when there is broader readiness, willingness, and capacity to do so.

Appendix B

Resolution 2:

A Resolution Celebrating the Life and Work of The Right Reverend Catherine M. Waynick

Whereas our Diocesan family is richer in compassion, deeper in faith, and stronger in vision, discipleship, and outreach because of the leadership of the Rt. Rev. Catherine M. Waynick, the 10th Bishop of the Diocese of Indianapolis,

Whereas Bishop Waynick faithfully reminded us that our baptism is the foundation upon which all ministry – lay and ordained – is built and she empowered the laity by encouraging deep theological reflection and inspiring us by her example to a deeper spiritual life

Whereas, Bishop Cate as the Chief Shepherd of the diocese for two decades, shaped many of the vocations of the clergy under her care, with a special attention to inspiring, calling, and forming many deacons in the diocese

Whereas, Bishop Cate as the 7th woman to be consecrated Bishop in the Episcopal Church and 10th woman bishop in the Anglican Communion, guided our beloved church through a pivotal time in the history of the Episcopal Church, helping pave the way to broader inclusion, and expanding the mission and vision of God's holy, catholic Church

Whereas, Bishop Cate faithfully served as a beacon of God's love here in this Diocese and throughout the Anglican Communion – bringing her imaginative leadership, her clarity of thought, compassion, generosity, and her ability to discern all angles of an issue when weighing difficult decisions.

Be it resolved that this 188th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Indianapolis and the entire Diocesan family express our love, respect, and deepest gratitude for the Gospel life and witness of Bishop Cate Waynick, the 10th Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Indianapolis 4

Be it further resolved, that this 188th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Indianapolis express our heartfelt love and support to Larry, their children and grandchildren, as they navigate their lives without her presence.

As we mourn the passing of Bishop Cate, we rejoice in her experience of the power of the Resurrection and the embrace of our loving God. May her memory inspire our work and strengthen our discipleship in furthering the Gospel of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.