

**Minutes of a Meeting of the  
COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF KANSAS, INC.**

**June 11, 2002**

The Council of Trustees of the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas, Inc. met in the Bubb Room at Grace Cathedral, Topeka, Kansas, on June 11, 2002. The Rt. Rev. William E. Smalley, Bishop of Kansas and Chairman, convened the meeting at 10:10 a.m. The Rev. Matthew Cobb led opening prayers. Trustees present were:

The Rt. Rev. William E. Smalley, Bishop of Kansas and Chairman  
The Rev. Jo Ann T. Smith, President  
The Rev. Barbara K. Bloxsom  
The Rev. Matthew Cobb  
Mr. Frank Connizzo  
Ms. Jean Crutchfield  
The Rev. Dr. Donald F. Davidson  
Mr. Harry Denman  
The Rev. Richard W. McCandless  
Mr. Michael B. Morehead  
Mr. Michael Morrow  
The Rev. Dr. Darrel D. Proffitt  
Mr. Robert W. Skaggs  
The Rev. William J. Wood

Trustees absent were:

Mrs. Linda Bemis

Advisors to the Council of Trustees present were:

Mr. L. Franklin Taylor, Chancellor and Clerk  
Mr. Larry J. Bingham, Treasurer  
The Rev. Canon David W. Kent, Canon to the Ordinary  
Mr. James C. Stankiewicz, Diocesan Administrator

Also present was Melodie Woerman, editor of *Plenteous Harvest*.

Bishop Smalley presented the minutes of April 16, 2002, for approval. The minutes were approved as submitted with thanks to David Kent for acting as assistant clerk. The minutes of May 10, 2002, were presented. One correction was noted and the minutes were approved as corrected.

In accordance with Article III, Section 3 of the Constitution of the Diocese, Bishop Smalley called for a special convention on July 12, 2003, for the purpose of electing a Bishop

Coadjutor. He noted that the request of the Council of Trustees acting in its capacity as Standing Committee of the Diocese recorded in the minutes of the meeting of May 10, 2002, constitutes the consent of the Standing Committee to the calling of a special convention.

Mthr. Smith reported for the Ecclesiastical Relations Committee:

1. The committee recommends that the Council of Trustees acting as the Standing Committee of the Diocese consent to the election of a Bishop Coadjutor for the Diocese of New Hampshire. Fr. Davidson seconded the recommendation, which was approved unanimously.

2. Mthr. Smith noted that she intends to circulate forms in July to be signed by elected members of the Council of Trustees to document prior consents and approvals by the Council of Trustees since the 143rd Diocesan Convention.

3. Bishop Smalley presented his report. He noted that he has approved an arrangement under which the Rev. Kay Dagg, a Transitional Deacon, will provide leadership for St. Aidan's Parish, Olathe. There was also a brief discussion of the recognition of the Sudanese Community Church, which has an ongoing relationship and ministry with Christ Church, Overland Park. It was noted that this congregation presents some interesting issues because its place of worship is in the Diocese of West Missouri, its primary relationship with the Episcopal Church is with a parish in the Diocese of Kansas and its clergy are ordained in the Diocese of Wau in the Sudan. That parish will probably be a mission in the Diocese of Kansas or the Diocese of West Missouri or a campus of Christ Church, Overland Park, with an agreement between Bishop Howe of West Missouri and Bishop Smalley for appropriate Episcopal oversight.

There followed a discussion of diocesan boundaries and the fact that adjustments to the boundaries of the Dioceses of Kansas, West Missouri and Western Kansas are suggested on a recurring basis on the occasion of the election of a bishop. Fr. Davidson suggested it would be appropriate to adopt a common resolution in these Dioceses to appoint an ad hoc committee to consider this issue. Fr. Wood suggested that it would be appropriate to integrate ministries of the various dioceses without changing diocesan structure if economies are available through cooperation among them. Mr. Denman volunteered to act as the convener of a task force to draft and propose such a resolution. Mthr. Smith moved, seconded by Mthr. Bloxson, to authorize Mr. Denman to convene a task force for this purpose. The motion carried unanimously.

Fr. Davidson reported for the Finance, Loan and Apportionment Committee.

1. The committee recommended approval of a request for St. David's Parish, Topeka, for exemption from apportionment of capital funds to be raised to repay a line of credit to be used to purchase additional property, noting that the request falls within the guidelines of the Canons. Mthr. Smith seconded the recommendation, which carried unanimously.

2. The Finance Committee has been provided no information in support of requests received by e-mail today at the Diocesan office for exemptions for apportionment by St. Alban's Church, Wichita and St. Andrew's Church, Derby. These requests will be referred to the committee to present its recommendations at the July Council of Trustees meeting.

3. Trinity Parish, Atchison, requested exemption from apportionment for \$5,000.00 to be raised to repair its heating system. Fr. Davidson noted that although the Northeast Convocation Board recommended approval of the request, the committee concluded that it does not comply with the provisions of the appropriate canons and recommended that it be denied. After discussion, during which Mr. Skaggs presented the Convocation Board's and the Parish's rationale for recommending approval, the motion to deny was approved with Fr. Proffitt voting against.

4. The committee does not yet have a transition budget recommendation prepared because the June Council of Trustees meeting was accelerated from its original scheduled date. The committee expects a proposed transition budget to be a part of the proposed 2003 diocesan budget and is considering recommendations about how to deal with funding requirements for the election and consecration of a new Bishop.

Mr. Denman reported for the Mission and Planning Committee:

1. He presented a request for funding of mission initiatives to be considered in the budget. His request was referred to the Finance, Loan and Apportionment Committee.

The Bishop noted that the Alleluia Fund: Build My Church is conducting a conference on July 12-14, 2002 to which the Diocese of Kansas should send delegates. Fr. Davidson moved, seconded by Mr. Denman, to refer this matter to the Stewardship Commission to determine whom to send to the conference, with funding to come from the Tocher Fund for Clergy and the Lay Education Fund.

The Council of Trustees recessed at noon for lunch and reconvened at 12:35 p.m. Mr. Denman continued his report:

2. He presented *A Paper on Ideas for the Future* expressing concerns about organization for ministry in the Southeast Convocation and requested feedback from members of the Council of Trustees to his report.

Bishop Smalley presented a request from St. Thomas Parish, Overland Park, for funding in the amount of \$5,000.00 from the Bishop's Fund for Mission to fund consultation and a presentation by the Rev. Caroline Fairless on how to fully integrate children into the worship life of the parish community. Fr. Proffitt moved, seconded by Fr. Cobb, to recommend funding of this request. The motion carried unanimously and the Bishop agreed to provide funding from the Bishop's Fund for Mission.

Canon Kent reported on the funding of moving expenses for two diocesan interns assigned to St. Aidan's Parish, Olathe, and Good Shepherd Parish Wichita. Mthr. Bloxson moved that funds be allocated from the Shideler Trust and the Rutan bequest for these moving expenses. The motion was seconded and failed to pass on a six to six vote. Fr. Proffitt moved, seconded by Mr. Morrow, to fund moving expenses for the Rev. Kay Dagg and her husband to Olathe and to advise Good Shepherd Parish, Wichita, that it would need to arrange for payment

of moving expenses on its own because it is an incorporated parish. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Connizzo reported for the Administration and Personnel Committee that Church Insurance Company has proposed that property and liability coverage be transferred to Church Insurance Company of Vermont, which exists in a less restrictive regulatory environment, with the expectation that premiums would increase in general by about 10% rather than by 18% if coverage remains with Church Insurance Company. The Council of Trustees agreed that a decision needed to be made whether to provide information concerning this program to the parishes of the Diocese and also whether to transfer Diocesan coverage to Church Insurance Company of Vermont. Mthr. Smith moved, seconded by Ms. Crutchfield, to authorize circulation of information about the opportunity to transfer to Church Insurance Company of Vermont, but to defer a decision by the Council of Trustees concerning Diocesan insurance until the July meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Canon Kent reported on the Ministry Fair conducted at the Memorial Union of Emporia State University on Saturday, June 8. It was generally agreed that the Ministry Fair was successful and well attended. The Council of Trustees expressed its thanks to Canon Kent for his work in organizing the Ministry Fair.

Bishop Smalley noted that he will be appointing a search committee for a Canon to the Ordinary to assume that position at David Kent's retirement at the close of the 144th Diocesan Convention on terms and conditions described in the minutes of May 10, 2002. He circulated for feedback a position description for the Canon to the Ordinary, a profile of the Diocese and an application form. He noted that three applications from within the Diocese are pending and that he expects additional applications from without the Diocese.

Canon Kent presented a request from Shawn Svoboda-Barber, Youth Leader at St. Thomas Parish, Overland Park, for a stipend of \$1,900.00 to complete advanced youth ministry certification at the Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest. Fr. Cobb moved, seconded by Mr. Morrow, to authorize this stipend. The motion carried with Fr. Wood abstaining.

Bishop Smalley presented a proposed policy on the creation of a context for Holy Matrimony and the blessing of other committed relationships in the Diocese of Kansas in response to General Convention Resolution D039. After extended discussion, the Bishop noted that he intended to release this policy to rectors, priests in charge and senior wardens later in the week.

The meeting recessed at 2:17 p.m., at which time Bishop Smalley and Canon Kent left the meeting. The Council of Trustees reconvened at 2:27 p.m. with Mthr. Smith presiding.

Mthr. Smith noted that the 144th Convention of the Diocese of Kansas begins on November 7, 2003, rather than October as previously understood. The date reserved for consecration of the Ninth Bishop of Kansas on the Presiding Bishop's calendar is November 7, 2003.

Mthr. Smith noted that the Presiding Bishop's Canon raised the issue whether the election of the Ninth Bishop of Kansas should be moved to an earlier date to facilitate getting appropriate documentation to the General Convention in 2003. There was some discussion, but no action was taken on this matter.

Mthr. Smith announced that the Convocations have elected the following members to the Diocesan Search Committee in response to the request of the Council of Trustees:

Northeast Convocation: Larry Bingham, St. Michael's, Mission  
The Rev. Michael Munro, St. Paul's, Leavenworth

Northwest Convocation: Gary Griffiths, St. Paul's, Clay Center  
The Rev. Canon Dean Kellerhouse, Grace Cathedral, Topeka

Southeast Convocation: June Mendenhall, Epiphany, Sedan  
The Rev. Barbara Bloxsom, Epiphany, Sedan

Southwest Convocation: Ann Elizabeth Bishop, St. James, Wichita  
The Rev. Sam Criss, St. James, Wichita

After discussion, the Council of Trustees appointed the following additional members to the Search Committee:

The Rev. Larry Valentine  
Sarah Knoll, Trinity, Lawrence  
Mary Ann Lawing, St. Stephen's, Wichita  
Jesse Milan, St. Martin in the Fields, Edwardsville  
Mike Morehead, Christ Church, Overland Park  
Rogene Schille, St. Paul's, Coffeyville  
Jullian Small, Good Shepherd, Wichita  
Paul Van Dyne, St. Thomas, Overland Park  
The Rev. Chrystle Whitaker, St. Alban's Wichita

The Council of Trustees designated Larry Bingham as Chair of the Search Committee. The Rev. Earl Cavanaugh, Retired Dean of Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral, Kansas City, Missouri, was designated as Search Committee Chaplain and the Very Rev. Ron Clingenpeel, Dean of the Cathedral of the Diocese of Missouri in St. Louis was designated as Search Consultant.

Mthr. Smith announced that the following members were elected by the various Convocations to the Transition Committee:

Northeast Convocation: Judy Gerling, St. Michael's, Mission

Northwest Convocation: The Very Rev. Steve Lipscomb, Grace Cathedral, Topeka

Southeast Convocation: Beverly Winston, St. Paul's, Coffeyville

Southwest Convocation: Deacon Deedee Evans, St. James, Wichita

The Council of Trustees appointed the following additional members to the Transition Committee:

The Rev. George Wiley (Bishop Smalley's designee), Baker University  
Barbara Fizer, St. Steven's, Wichita  
Deacon Charles Pearce, St. Paul's, Manhattan  
Phyllis Cunningham, Ascension, Neodesha  
Zack Lawrence, St. Francis Canterbury at Kansas State University

The Council of Trustees designated Dean Lipscomb as Chair of the Transition Committee.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was adjourned at 3:32 p.m. with the following Diocesan Prayer prepared by Fr. Cobb and Mthr. Bloxson for the Search Committee:

Diocesan Prayer

Patient and gentle God:

You are the ultimate seeker and intimate tender of souls;  
seek patiently our longing hearts, tend gently our grieving hearts,  
as we continue in the apostolic grace of your Son, Jesus  
Christ.

Grant to us a glimpse of who we are in your loving gaze and whom  
you are selecting for us to tend and seek our hearts as the  
next Bishop of Kansas.

Inspire our conversation; deepen our prayer. Make us a community  
of discernment open to your will and united in Christ, who  
with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God,  
now and forever. Amen.

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L. Franklin Taylor, Clerk