

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

March 1, 2005

The Council of Trustees of the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas, Inc. met on March 1, 2005, at Grace Cathedral, Topeka, Kansas. The Right Reverend Dean E. Wolfe, Bishop and Chairman, opened the meeting with prayer using Daily Devotions for Individuals and Families from the Book of Common Prayer.

Members of the Council of Trustees present were:

Bishop Wolfe
Mr. Mike Morrow, President
Mrs. Linda Bemis
The Rev. Barbara K. Bloxsom
The Rev. Denis B. Ford
The Very Rev. R. Steve Lipscomb
The Very Rev. Michael G. Munro
Mr. Richard Norman
The Rev. William J. Wood

The following members of the Council of Trustees were present by telephone conference call:

The Very Rev. Jerry D. Adinolfi, Jr.
Mr. Michael W. Murphy
Ms. Rogene Schille
Ms. Wendy Sheedy
Mr. Robert Skaggs

The Rev. James Haney was absent.

Advisors to the Council of Trustees present were:

The Rev. Canon Jo Ann T. Smith, Canon to the Ordinary
Mr. L. Franklin Taylor, Chancellor and Clerk
Mr. Douglas K. Anning, Treasurer
Mr. Michael Francis, Vice Chancellor
Mr. C. Jay Currie, Comptroller
Mrs. Dorothy Emory, Diocesan Administrator
Mrs. Melodie Woerman, Diocesan Communications Director

Mr. Richard V. Foote, Vice Chancellor, participated by telephone conference call.

Bishop Wolfe asked Mr. Anning to make a presentation on behalf of the negotiating group representing the Council of Trustees in negotiations with Christ Church, Overland Park. Mr. Anning read the Executive Summary of Proposed Agreement Regarding the Separation of Christ Church, Overland Park from the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas and the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America and provided copies of the Executive Summary to members of the Council of Trustees present in the room; a copy of the Executive Summary is attached to and made a part of the minutes of this meeting. After reading the document, primarily for the benefit of members participating by telephone, Mr. Anning explained the various terms of the document. There followed an extended discussion among the members of the Council of Trustee.

In the course of the discussion, it was noted that Christ Episcopal Church would, pursuant to the terms of the negotiated agreement, be dissolved pursuant to the Canons of the Diocese and state law with the Diocese assuming its ecclesiastical responsibilities.

Bishop Wolfe noted that the discussion reflected no substantial objection to the proposed agreement and suggested that the Council of Trustees proceed with action dealing with the agreement.

Mr. Morrow moved, seconded by Mr. Norman, that the Council of Trustees, both in its capacity as the Governing Body of the Diocese and in its capacity as the Standing Committee of the Diocese, approve in substance the transaction reflected in the Executive Summary. Bishop Wolfe called for a vote of the members of the Council of Trustees present in the room and polled the members participating by telephone conference call. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Morrow moved, seconded by Mthr. Bloxsom, that the Council of Trustees, both in its capacity as the Governing Body of the Diocese and in its capacity as the Standing Committee of the Diocese, delegate to Bishop Wolfe the authority to approve a final agreement reflecting the terms set out in the Executive Summary and such additional terms as may be necessary to effect the agreement. Bishop Wolfe called for a vote of the members of the Council of Trustees present in the room and polled the members participating by telephone conference call. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Morrow moved, seconded by Mr. Norman, that the Council of Trustees, acting both in its capacity as the Governing Body of the Diocese and in its capacity as the Standing Committee of the Diocese, authorize the Bishop, the President and the Clerk of the Council of Trustees to execute the final agreement reflecting the terms of the Executive Summary and such other documents as may be necessary to implement the terms of the agreement. Bishop Wolfe called for a vote of the members of the Council of Trustees present in the room and polled the members participating by telephone conference call. The motion carried unanimously.

Bishop Wolfe outlined how the agreement with Christ Church will be communicated on behalf of the Diocese:

1. He will promulgate a pastoral letter to be published in each Parish of the Diocese at all services on Saturday, March 5, and Sunday, March 6, 2005.

2. He will provide a list of anticipated questions and answers to those questions for use by Diocesan Clergy and other leaders in responding to individual inquiries.

3. Specific information will be provided to the Deans of the four Convocations.

4. Specific information will be provided to Rectors, Vicars, Priests in Charge and in Parishes without clergy, to Senior Wardens.

5. Contemporaneously with the promulgation of the pastoral letter and other information, the Diocesan Communications Officer will issue a press release. Bishop Wolfe noted that all press inquiries should be directed to the Diocesan Office.

Bishop Wolfe informed the Council of Trustees that the Vestry of Christ Episcopal Church had unanimously approved the Executive Summary (in a version excluding the background information) at its meeting on Monday evening, February 28, 2005.

The Rev. James P. Haney V announced that he had joined the meeting in progress by telephone conference call and affirmed his support for each of the motions adopted by the Council of Trustees.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Bishop Wolfe adjourned the meeting with prayer at 11:23 a.m.

L. Franklin Taylor, Clerk