

87th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Eau Claire

Christ Church Cathedral, Eau Claire, Wisconsin - Host Congregation

November 13th-14th, 2015

FRIDAY, November 13

4:00 -- 6:00 pm Registration and Check-in – Plaza Hotel & Suites

1202 Clairemont Ave., Eau Claire, WI 54701

6:00 - 6:30 Plenary Session

1. Call to Order in Crystal Ballroom

Convention called to order by The Very Rev. H. Scott Kirby, Dispatch of Business. The Rt. Rev. James Adams opened with Prayer for Convention followed by brief opening remarks by the Rt. Rev. William Jay Lambert, 6th Bishop of the Diocese of Eau Claire.

2. Election of Secretary

MOTION by The Rev. George Stamm to nominate The Rev. Canon Aaron Zook as Secretary of the Convention. **Second. Carried by acclamation without dissent. So moved.**

3. The Secretary appointed Rev. Kathy Charles as Assistant Secretary.

4. Credentials Committee Report: Ms. Elaine Ellenson, CC Cathedral. 36 clergy are eligible to vote, 23 present. Laity: 47 deputies are allowed and eligible to vote, there are 28 deputies present. A majority of laity and clergy are present. In a Vote by Orders: Clergy needs a vote of 12 or greater, Laity: 15 or greater.

5. Welcome by Christ Church Cathedral:

The Very Rev. Michael Greene, welcomed Convention to Eau Claire. The Cathedral is honored to have Convention in Eau Claire and thankful for the opportunity to serve the clergy, deputies and guests of the Diocese of Eau Claire.

6. Appointments:

a. Dispatch of Business: The Rt. Rev. William Jay Lambert **Proposed the Very Rev. Scott Kirby to Convention. Response: Yes.**

b. Parliamentarian: The Rt. Rev. William Jay Lambert **Proposed Mr. Jim Pelish to Convention. Response: Yes.**

c. Council of Advice: The Rt. Rev. William Jay Lambert **Proposed Mr. Jim Pelish and the President of the Standing Committee and the Vice President of the Executive Council. Response: Yes**

7. Rules of Order, Acceptance of Agenda:

The Very Rev. Scott Kirby Presented the Rules of Order as well as the convention Agenda.

Tim Donahue MOVED to accept the Rules of Order. Rev. Tony Ring Second. Unanimous “Yes” voice vote. So moved.

Rev. Kathy Charles MOVED to accept the Agenda. Mr. Ron Hall Second. Unanimous “Yes” voice vote. So moved.

8. Minutes of the 86th Diocesan Convention:

The Very Rev. Scott Kirby Presented the Minutes of the 86th Diocesan Convention. **Rev. Ken Van Es MOVED to accept the Minutes as presented. Mr. Tim Donahue Second. Unanimous “Yes” voice vote. So moved.**

9. Convention Recesses:

Convention adjourned at 6:14 pm (social hour) to 9:30 a.m., Saturday, November 14th, 2015, the Crystal Ballroom of Plaza Hotel & Suites, Eau Claire.

Following the Dinner, the Very Rev. Steven Peay, Canon Theologian for Evangelism of the Diocese of Eau Claire and Dean of Nashotah House Theological Seminary.

Diocesan Theme Presentation: “Three Persons One God, Three Streams One Church: A Trinitarian Approach to Church Revitalization”

The Very Rev. Steven Peay:

Dean Peay began his presentation by addressing how our Evangelism is metered by how we behave within our Faith. He noted our tendency to hold the ‘Church of the 1950’s’ in our minds as a pinnacle, or Golden Age of the Faith. He stated that the Church of the 50’s was an anomaly. It was, in fact, an exercise in volunteerism rather than an engagement in Christianity. It was based on money and a false sense of security after WWII.

He noted that Modern Evangelism is simply well-considered marketing of non-profit missions, rather than expounding the gospel. He noted the historic Anglican holding of the three creedal statements of the BCP and that it is in those Trinitarian statements that we find the basis of true Evangelism. Dean Peay pointed particularly to the Great Commission from Matthew as a source of understanding for the Trinitarian basis of Evangelism.

He pointed to the work of Richard of St. Victor to note that a Perfect God, must have a subject of His perfect Love and that, with that subject, he must also share an object of that perfect Love. We humans, he noted, are that object (or secondary subject,) loved into existence as evidence of God’s perfected Love shared with the Son. Most Christians, he noted, tend to focus on one persona of the Trinity, to the total lack of the others. This pushes us to a naïve, Unitarian type of individualism, preventing unity and community. He further noted that the current “spiritual, not religious” movement is based unconsciously on the same flawed foundation. Citing Lancelot Andrewes, Dean Peay noted that if we do not assume the foundational truth of the Trinitarian faith, then we cannot hold as true any variation that has grown from that Truth.

The means of Salvation and Sanctification, then, are the Words and Sacraments that the Church Catholic has been built around. He noted that just as in a regular dinner, the sacramental food of the Eucharist is meant to bring the same feelings of fullness, completeness, satisfaction and the enjoyment of our 'table-mates.' He further cited Richard Hooker to state that we needn't know the very details of the mysteries of Christ, but merely participate joyfully in them. We must recover the essence of mystery in God. We must understand why we exist and be clear about what we believe and minister from our institutional strengths of Word and Sacraments. "The Church is not called to Relevance; it is called to be the Body of Christ. And couldn't it possibly be that that is enough?"

SATURDAY, November 14th

7:00-8:00 a.m., Registration Continues at the Plaza Inn & Suites.

Diocesan Theme Presentation: “Three Persons One God, Three Streams One Church: A Trinitarian Approach to Church Revitalization”

The Very Rev. Steven Peay:

Dean Peay began by considering “who we are” in terms of scriptural revelation. He stated that we are “God’s People who see the world through the lens of God’s Revelation to the world.” In response, we must ‘learn to fall in love with God.’ Using Corinthians, Dean Peay suggested that because of this, Christian Spirituality is not based on a set of techniques, but on a life-changing understanding of that foundation. However, Spiritual techniques do provide a regular resource of examples and methods of reflecting that love.

Dean Peay noted that the first question that appears in Genesis is God calling for Adam and Eve, saying “Where are you?” This search for humanity is the continual effort of God and, by extension, the continual effort of those who love Him. “Intimacy is a gift and a practice.” That is the base of growing in a spiritual life and it must be engaged in intentionally. He noted that “Humility is an understanding of who we really are.” It is an acceptance of ‘being’ instead of controlling and appeasing. “Detachment,” he further stated, “is a state of seeking the common good in every action. It must be carefully, consciously and painfully cultivated.” It “frees us to love and engage in new ways, because we love them for who they are.”

“Are our hearts focused on God?” Christians are, by definition, ‘Christ-centered,’ becoming aware of God’s presence through sacramental engagement with God. It requires living in the present and relinquishing control and obsession over the past and the future. It takes discipline, but “undertaking the journey leads us to deeper oneness with God, each other and ourselves.

Dean Peay continued through a series of particular Spiritual exercises meant to develop a personal Spirituality, or (more accurately) methods for becoming “One with God.” In short, they are a “deliberate and methodical effort to develop ‘Christian Virtues.’” He promoted a simple Rule of Life built upon The Daily Office, The Mass and Private Devotions. This Rule literally *regulates* our day, making continual commune with God habitual. He further promoted the specific Private Devotions of *Lectio Divina*, Discursive Prayer, and Hesychastic Prayer. Ultimately, he suggested that we “Pray as you can, not as you can’t” in order to build up our spiritual lives and engage in the Love that is the core of Evangelism. He concluded by saying “Be who you are and live, but be sure that who you are is centered in Christ.”

9:15 AM Convention Reconvenes at Plaza Hotel & Suites.

The Rt. Rev. Jim Adams opened with prayer.

10. Seat and Eligibility Report by Credentials Committee:

Ms. Elaine Ellenson Christ Church Cathedral. 36 clergy are eligible to vote, 21 present. Laity: 47 deputies are allowed and eligible to vote, there are 42 deputies present. A majority of laity and clergy are present. In a Vote by Orders: Clergy needs a vote of 12 or greater, Laity: 22 or greater.

Roll Call:

Clergy Present at Call to Order: Very Rev. Patrick Augustine, Rev. Irene McDaniel, Rev. Georgia Agner, Rev. Kathleen Charles, Rev. William Radant, Very Rev. Scott Kirby, Rev. Tony Ring, Rev. Eleanor Michaud, Rev. George Stamm, Rev. Vernon Barber, Very Rev. Guy Usher, Very Rev. Art Hancock, Rev. Canon Aaron Zook, Rev. Mark Ricker, Rev. John Rasmus, Rev. Steven Burns, Rev. James Lorenze, Rev. Jackie Broughton, Rev. Charles Farrell, Very Rev. Maichael Greene.

Bishops Present: The Rt. Rev. William Jay Lambert, The Rt. Rev. James Adams.

Laity Present: Lucia Haskell, Art Carpenter, Claire Fliess, Irma Oster, Crista Becker, Bonita Aude, Sandra Ricker, Bob Rosolowski, Don Mataczoski, Evelyn Usher, Eileen Hennen, Mary Decker, Elaine Ellenson, Sarah Letke, William Barnett-Lewis, Lisa Singerhouse, Martin Frank, Kris Granberg, Jane Conover, Tim Donahue, Mary Veldey, Carla Corbin, Lora Stefanski, Lee Donahue, Robert Lynn, Nancy Osgood, Edith Korporetz, Connie Usiak, Ray Anderson, Connie Nelson, Diane Anders, Liz Archibald, Eileen Yeakley, Jim Pelish, Ann Nugent, Barbara Buswell, Carol Rohde, Dan Durand, Jean Neste, Ron Neste, Ben Anderson, Kristin Hilliker, Sandra Norwick.

Rev. Tony Ring MOVED to accept the Report as presented. Rev. Ellie Michaud Second. Unanimous “Yes” voice vote. So moved.

11. Elections for Diocesan Leadership Positions:

For all positions that had only one nominee, Convention voted in favor of election for each by Voice Vote. All individuals who ran unopposed were unanimously elected.

Rev. George Stamm MOVED to elect all nominees for unopposed election. Second. Unanimous “Yes” voice vote. So moved.

The Very Rev. Scott Kirby announced the results of the elections for Diocesan Leadership Positions as follows:

Standing Committee:

Clergy: Rev. Art Hancock

Lay: Ms. Nancy Firth

Executive Council:

Clergy: Rev. Art Hancock

Lay 3 year term: Ms. Lynn Fowler, Mr. Paul Chase

Lay 2 year term: Mr. Robert Lynn

Lay 1 year term: Ms. Jenö Love

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Clergy: Rev. Kathy Charles

Lay: Ms. Nancy Firth

Secretary:

Rev. Canon Aaron Zook

Treasurer:

Bob Weathers

Trustees:

Lynn Fowler

Bob Weathers

Ecclesiastical Disciplinary Board:

Clergy: Rev. Canon Bruce Gardner

Lay: Ms. Stephanie Power

12. Trustees of the Diocese of Eau Claire:

Presentation of 2015 Financial Reports and 2016 Budget- Bob Weathers presented the report. All clergy and deputies received this report and the accompanying Budget Proposal in Advance. The Budget for 2016 is based on apportionment asking of 10%. Mr. Weathers pointed particularly to the budgetary implications of late Parochial Reports and the importance of including support of Camp Horstick from parishes.

Ms. Lee Donahue MOVED ACCEPTANCE of the 2016 budget. Rev. Patrick Augustine Second. Unanimous “Yes” voice vote. So moved.

13. Bishop Lambert’s Address:

The Bishop’s Address was disseminated after which Bp. Lambert read the address to the Convention, which was met with a loud ovation. Convention broke into small groups to discuss the content and message of the Address. The floor was opened for comments and responses to the questions raised within Bishop Lambert’s Address. Bp. Lambert and Dean Peay responded to specific comments and questions from delegates and visitors.

14. Resolutions:

None.

15. Advance Reports:

Advance Reports Received by Title

- i. Commission on Ministry
- ii. Standing Committee
- iii. Executive Council
- iv. The Haiti Project
- v. Cursillo Secretariat
- vi. Mission to Zimbabwe
- vii. General Convention Deputation

16. 2015 Clergy Changes

- Mr. **David Bauer** was ordained as a Transitional Deacon at Ascension Church, Hayward on Saturday, **December 14th, 2014**.
- The Rev. **Jo Glasser** was installed as Archdeacon at Christ Church Cathedral on Sunday, **November 23rd, 2014**.
- The Rev. **Steven Peay** was installed as Canon Theologian for Evangelism at Christ Church Cathedral on Sunday, **November 23rd, 2014**.
- Ms. **Mary Larson** was installed as Lay Canon for Music at Christ Church Cathedral on Sunday, **December 7th, 2014**.
- The Rev. **Aaron Zook** was installed as Canon to the Ordinary at Christ Church Cathedral on Sunday, **December 7th, 2014**.
- The Rev. **David Bauer** was ordained as a Priest at Ascension Church, Hayward on Thursday, **May 14th, 2015**.
- Ms. **Marlene Hogue** was ordained as a Permanent Deacon at Ascension Church, Hayward on Thursday, **August 8th, 2015**.
- The Rev. **Peter Augustine** was named Priest in Charge of St. John's, Sparta.
- The Rev. **Robert Hoekstra** resigned as Priest in Charge of St. Simeon's Church, Lafayette.
- The Rev. Canon **Aaron Zook** resigned as Priest in Charge of St. Alban's, Spooner and St. Luke's, Springbrook and was named Priest in Charge of Christ Church, Chippewa Falls and St. Simeon's, Lafayette.

17. Bishop's Appointments

COM:

Clergy:

Dn. Jo Glasser

Lay:

Dr. Paul Chase

Ms. Mary Ellen Filkins

Ms. Evelyn Usher

Assisting Bishop

The Rt. Rev. James Adams

Bishop's Council of Advice

President of the Standing Committee

Vice-President of the Executive Council

Camps & Conferences

Mr. Drew Lorenz

Chancellor

Mr. Jim Pelish

Constitution & Canons/Resolutions

The Bishop (ex officio)

Mr. Jim Pelish, Chancellor (ex officio)

The Rev. Guy Usher

The Rev. Canon Aaron Zook

Mr. Bill Smith

The Rt. Rev. James Adams

Cursillo Secretariat

Ms. Cinders Pogalz, Convener

Ms. Ellen Allison

Ms. Alice Brown

Ms. Jany Chumas

Mr. Ron Hall

The Rev. Kathleen Charles

Ecumenical Relations

The Rev. Mark Ricker

Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD)

Ms. Alice Brown

Historiographer

Ms. Heather Kirby

Examining Chaplains

The Very Rev. H. Scott Kirby

The Very Rev. Michael Greene

The Rev. Canon Bruce N. Gardner

Liturgy & Worship

The Very Rev. H. Scott Kirby

The Rev. Canon Bruce N. Gardner

The Very Rev. Michael Greene

The Rev. Canon Aaron Zook

Nominating Committee

*President of Standing Committee
Vice-President of Executive Council
Diocesan Administrator*

Peace & Justice; Anti-racism

*Mr. Michael Newago
The Rev. Peter Augustine*

United Thank Offering (UTO)

Ms. Anita Olds

Wisconsin Council of Churches

*The Bishop
The Rev. Aaron Zook
Ms. Carla Corbin*

18. Advance Reports

Dispatch of Business Called attention to the Advanced Reports with no call for approval.

19. Resolutions of Courtesy

Presented by The Very Rev. H. Scott Kirby

RESOLUTIONS of COURTESY

November 14, 2015

Be it resolved, that the 87th Convention of the Diocese of Eau Claire extend our appreciation to the Dean, Ellen Allison, Jany Chumas, the convention committee, and members and clergy of Christ Church Cathedral, Eau Claire, Wisconsin whose singular efforts and diligence provided for the worship and dining arrangements for this Convention;

Be it further resolved, that this 87th Convention recognize the Reverend Canon Aaron Zook, and Mr. Robert Weathers whose time and efforts provided the detailed materials dispersed to the delegates of this Convention;

Be it further resolved, that this 87th Convention express our grateful thanks to all those who have served on diocesan committees and commissions and all others who have served the diocese in this past year.

Be it further resolved, that this 87th Convention send our greetings and best wishes to the Rt. Reverend William and Mrs. Jan Wantland, the Rt. Reverend Keith and Mrs. Suzie Whitmore, The Rt. Reverend Edwin and Mrs. Ira Leidel, and to all the retired clergy, spouses, and widows of clergy who have served this diocese, but were unable to attend.

Be it further resolved, that this 87th Convention send our prayers and greetings to those clergy and delegates who were unable to attend this Convention;

Be it further resolved, that this 87th Convention send greetings to the Most Reverend Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop, the Right Reverend Chad Gandiya, the Right Reverend Jean-Zachè Duracin, the Right Reverend Ogè Beavoir, and the Reverend Gay Jennings, President of the House of

Deputies;

Be it further resolved, that this 87th Convention express our thanks to the Very Reverend Steven Peay for his presence and teaching at this convention, and the Reverend Cleophas Marundu for his sermon and presence at the convention Eucharist;

Be it further resolved, that this 87th Convention send greetings to the bishops and people of the Dioceses of Fond du Lac and Milwaukee wishing them God's richest blessings in this coming year;

And be it further resolved, that the Bishop Lambert's Pastoral Address to this 87th Convention be published or read in all the congregations of the Diocese of Eau Claire.

Respectfully Submitted by,
The Very Reverend H. Scott Kirby
Dispatch of Business for the 87th Convention of the
Diocese of Eau Claire
Dean Emeritus, Christ Church Cathedral

The Resolutions of Courtesy were Unanimously accepted by Voice Vote. So Moved.

20. Invitation to 2016 Convention

2016 Convention invitation extended by The Rev. Steven Burns, Priest-in-Charge of St. Alban-the-Martyr, Superior, WI. Date to be determined.

Invitation accepted.

10:58 AM Rt. Rev. Jay Lambert announced the completion of Convention business and asked for a motion to adjourn the 87th Convention of the Diocese of Eau Claire.

Tim Donahue MOVED to close Convention. Second. Voice Vote. Unanimous. So Moved.

Bishop Adams gave a final blessing and dismissed the 87th Convention of the Diocese of Eau Claire.

The Holy Eucharist followed at 11:30 AM at Christ Church, Cathedral. The Rev. Cleophas Marundu of the Diocese of Harare preached. The Rt. Rev. William Jay Lambert and the Very Rev. Michael Greene and the Very Rev. Scott Kirby concelebrated and Dn. Charles Farrell and Dn. Jim Lorenze served as Deacons. The Very Rev. Scott Kirby was presented with a medal sent from the Rev. Gay Clark Jennings, President of the House of Deputies. The medal was given in recognition of Rev. Kirby's many years of service to the House of Deputies and General Convention. The Offering from the service was given to the Haiti Project.

Following the Eucharist, lunch was served at Christ Church Cathedral, Eau Claire.

**Respectfully Submitted,
The Rev. Canon Aaron Zook
Secretary of the 87th Convention of the Diocese of Eau Claire**

Minutes Reviewed by:
The Rev. Kathy Charles
The Rt. Rev. William Jay Lambert