

# **90<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Diocese of Eau Claire**

Grace Church, Rice Lake, Wisconsin - Host Congregation

November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018

**Saturday, November 10**

**8:30 a.m.** Convention Eucharist, Grace Church, Rice Lake

Registration and Check-in – WITC Conference Center

**9:00-10:00 a.m.**, Registration Convenes at WITC Conference Center.

**10:15 a.m. Plenary Session, Convention Reconvenes at WITC Conference Center,  
Rice Lake**

**1. Call to Order in CWITC Conference Center**

Convention called to order by The Very Rev. H. Scott Kirby, Dispatch of Business. The Rt. Rev. William Jay Lambert, 6<sup>th</sup> Bishop of the Diocese of Eau Claire, having offered an opening prayer.

**2. Election of Secretary**

**MOTION** by The Rev. James Lorenze to nominate The Rev. Kathy Charles as Secretary of the Convention. **Second. Carried by acclamation without dissent. So moved.**

**3.** The Secretary appointed Rev. Charles Carter as Assistant Secretary.

**4. Credentials Committee Report:**

See Addendum

**5. Welcome by Grace Church Cathedral:**

The Rev. Christian Senyoni, welcomed Convention to Rice Lake. The parish is honored to host Convention and is thankful for the opportunity to serve the clergy, deputies and guests of the Diocese of Eau Claire.

**6. Secondary 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.

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

**Rev. Russ Tate MOVED to accept the Agenda. Mr. Ben Anderson Second. Unanimous “Yes” voice vote. So moved.**

**8. Minutes of the 89<sup>th</sup> Diocesan Convention:**

The Very Rev. Scott Kirby Presented the Minutes of the 89<sup>th</sup> Diocesan Convention.

**Mr. James Glasser MOVED to accept the Minutes as presented. Mr. Ben Anderson Second. Unanimous “Yes” voice vote. So moved.**

**9. 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:

**Uncontested Elections:**

**Standing Committee:**

Diane Bilderback

**Executive Council:**

Tanya Scheff+

Paul Chase

Alexandra Lorenz

**COM:**

Dn. Steven Russell

Debbie Conover

**Secretary:**

Aaron Zook+

**Treasurer:**

Bob Weathers

**Trustees:**

Drew Lorenze  
C.R. Hackworthy

**Ecclesiastical Disciplinary Board:**

Bruce Gardner+  
Carla Marcou

**Contested Elections:**

Standing Committee:

Clergy: Steven Burns+

**10. Trustees of the Diocese of Eau Claire:**

**Presentation of 2018 Financial Reports and 2019 Budget-** Bob Weathers presented the report. All clergy and deputies received this report and the accompanying Budget Proposal in Advance. The Budget for 2019 is based on apportionment asking of 10%. Mr. Weathers pointed particularly to the budgetary implications of late Parochial Reports and the importance of making Apportionment payments in a timely manner. He noted a particular emphasis in the Budget for funding youth activities.

**Ms. Lee Donahue MOVED ACCEPTANCE of the 2019 Budget. Rev. George Stamm Second. Unanimous “Yes” voice vote. So moved.**

**11. 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 asked individuals to stand and share their thoughts on the future of the Diocese of Eau Claire, especially as it pertains to the community in which they reside. He responded to specific comments and questions from delegates and visitors.

**12. Resolutions:**

Very Rev’d H. Scott Kirby, on behalf of the Standing Committee, presented

**Resolution 2018-1 (Ammended)**

**Be it resolved, that the 90th Convention of the Diocese of Eau Claire amend Diocesan Canon 15 to read as follows:**

**Canon 15: Of the Deputies to the General Convention and the Provincial Synod**

**Section 1.** The Deputies to the General Convention shall consist of four priests or deacons and four laypersons, each of whom shall be elected for a period of three years. The Secretary of Convention shall certify the names and contact information of all deputies for each order to the General Convention Office immediately following the electing Diocesan Convention.

**Section 2.** The Deputies to the Provincial Synod shall consist of one priest or deacon and two laypersons and their respective alternates, each elected for a period of three years.

**Section 3.** Each Deputy-elect to the General Convention or the Provincial Synod shall confirm in writing the Deputy-elect's intention to attend the Convention or Synod to the Ecclesiastical Authority no less than sixty days prior to the opening of the Convention or Synod. If any Deputies are unable to attend, the Ecclesiastical Authority and Standing Committee shall certify that there is an insufficient number of Deputies available to complete the deputation of the Diocese, and the Ecclesiastical Authority shall fill any remaining vacancies by appointment. Such appointments shall give preference to individuals who were candidates for the election in the order of their electoral finish who did not receive sufficient votes to become a part of the initial Deputation. Such appointments are subject to the confirmation of the Standing Committee and shall be certified to the General Convention Office by certificate.

**Section 4.** The term limit provisions of these canons shall not apply to the offices of Deputy or Alternate to General Convention or Provincial Synod.

**Section 5.** The Executive Council shall determine the number of Alternate Deputies of each order to join the Diocesan Deputation to General Convention and the Provincial Synod. As part of that process, the Executive Council shall determine the cost of sending Alternate Deputies and determine the source of funding the Alternate Deputies.

**Resolution 2018-1** was **Unanimously** accepted by **Voice Vote** as **amended**. **So Moved.**

**Resolution 2018-2 (Ammended)**

**Be it resolved, that the 90th Convention of the Diocese of Eau Claire create a Diocesan Canon to read as follows:**

**Canon x: Of Digital Communication and Social Media Use**

**Section 1.** Digital Communication considered under this canon shall consist of any electronic communication expressly claiming or purported to be representative of a parish, vestry, committee, or college within the Diocese of Eau Claire, including, but not limited to, the following:

- a) Direct emails
- b) Listserv emails or newsletters
- c) Blogs or other personal sites that formally or informally reference the writer as a representative of the Diocese of Eau Claire or any group therein
- d) Wikis, or any other website, that allow content to be collaboratively modified
- e) Podcasts, or any other digital audio or video services available for download or subscription including, but not limited to, YouTube and Flickr

- f) Social Media sites, including, but not limited to, Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, and Tumblr
- g) Videoconferencing sites that allow direct video or audio interaction including, but not limited to, Zoom, GoToMeeting and GlobalMeet

**Section 2.** The Lay and Clergy leaders in the Diocese of Eau Claire considered under this canon shall consist of the following:

- a) all active and retired clergy
- b) any individuals who have begun the canonical process toward ordination
- c) any individuals who have engaged in ministerial leadership for the Diocese of Eau Claire, or any parish therein, including, but not limited to, youth ministries, Camps and Conferences, Adult Education forums, and the Family Retreat Board and Cursillo Secretariat
- d) any individuals who have been duly elected to any diocesan or congregational board or committee, including, but not limited to, the Standing Committee, the Executive Council, the Trustees, the Commission on Ministry, parish vestries, and Bishop's Committees

**Section 3.** All Lay or Clergy leaders in the Diocese of Eau Claire as defined in Section 2, shall read and agree to this canon concerning "Digital Communication and Social Media Use" before they begin service in any leadership role within the Diocese of Eau Claire.

**Section 4.** No Lay or Clergy leaders in the Diocese of Eau Claire as defined in Section 2, shall engage in discourse using Digital Communication as defined in Section 1, to defame any person or group.

**Resolution 2018-2** was **Unanimously** accepted by **Voice Vote** as **amended. So Moved.**

### **Resolution 2018-3**

Be it resolved that this convention direct the Diocesan Office and Standing Committee to retain the services of a nationally recognized consultant recommended by the Presiding Bishop's offices to conduct preliminary research into the work and function of the diocese and to make recommendations to the convention and to the Standing Committee about the various feasible and workable models the Diocese may choose to use in the selection of its seventh bishop, or for use after the retirement of the current bishop without election of a successor. This research is to be conducted on a diocese-wide basis with at least one point of contact for each congregation in the diocese.

Be it further resolved that the 2019 budget set aside \$10,000 from the Bishop Search funds to provide for the retainer and associated fees of this consultant.

Be it further resolved that this consultant shall be instructed to present a final report to the

Diocesan Office and to the Standing Committee no later than 1 July 2019.

**Resolution 2018-2 was Not Accepted by Voice Vote as amended.**

**13. Advance Reports by Title:**

No Advance Reports were presented from the floor.

**14. 2018 Clergy Changes**

- Mr. **Andrew Cruz Lillegard** was ordained as a Transitional Deacon at Christ Church Cathedral, Eau Claire on Thursday, **November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017**.
- The **Reverend Andrew Cruz Lillegard** was ordained as a Priest at Christ Church Cathedral, Eau Claire on Saturday, **June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018**.
- The **Reverend Charles Carter** was ordained as a Priest at St. Mary's, Tomah on Saturday, **February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018**.
- The **Very Reverend H. Scott Kirby** resigned as Priest in Charge at Grace Church, Rice Lake on Sunday, **May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018**.
- The **Reverend Andrew Cruz Lillegard** transferred his Letters Dimissory from the Diocese of Eau Claire to the Diocese of Wyoming on **July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018**.
- The **Reverend Christian Senyoni** was named Priest in Charge at Grace Church, Rice Lake on Monday, **October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018**.

**15. Bishop's Appointments**

**Commission on Ministry**

The Reverend Deacon Jo Glasser

Dr. Paul Chase

Ms. Mary Ellen Filkins

Ms. Evelyn Usher

**Bishop's Council of Advice**

President of the Standing Committee

Vice-President of the Executive Council

**Camps and Conferences**

Ms. Alex Lorenz

Mr. William Broughton

**Chancellor**

Mr. James Pelish

**Constitutions and Canons/Resolutions**

Bishop (ex officio)

Chancellor (ex officio)

The Reverend Guy Usher

The Reverend Canon Aaron Zook

Mr. Bill Smith

**Ecumenical Officer**

The Reverend Steven Burns

**Episcopal Relief and Development**

Ms. Alice Brown

**Examining Chaplains**

Bishop

The Reverend Canon Bruce Gardner

The Very Reverend Michael Greene

The Very Reverend Scott Kirby

**Liturgy and Worship**

The Reverend Canon Bruce Gardner

The Very Reverend Michael Greene

The Very Reverend Scott Kirby

The Reverend Canon Aaron Zook

**Nominating Committee**

President of the Standing Committee

Vice-President of the Executive Council

Canon to the Ordinary

**United Thank Offering (UTO)**

Ms. Anita Olds

**Wisconsin Council of Churches**

Bishop

**16. Advance Reports**

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

**17. Resolutions of Courtesy**

Presented by The Very Rev. H. Scott Kirby

**RESOLUTIONS of COURTESY**

November 10, 2018

Be it resolved, that the 90th Convention of the Diocese of Eau Claire extend our appreciation to the Reverend Christian Senyoni, Eileen Yeakley, Paul Chase, Mary Marsh, Jane Bender, Janelle Gruetzmacher and numerous volunteers, and the clergy of Grace Church, Rice Lake Wisconsin whose singular efforts and diligence provided for the business, worship, and dining arrangements for this Convention;

Be it further resolved, that this 90th 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 90th 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 90th Convention send our greetings and best wishes to the Rt. Reverend William Wantland, the Rt. Reverend Keith and Mrs. Suzie Whitmore, the Rt. Reverend Edwin and Mrs. Ira Leidel, Mrs. May Ruth Lambert, 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 90th Convention send greetings to the Most Reverend Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop, the Right Reverend Chad Gandiya, and the Reverend Gay Jennings, President of the House of Deputies;

Be it further resolved, that this 90th Convention express our thanks to the Venerable Jo Glasser for her sermon at the convention Eucharist;

Be it further resolved, that this 90th Convention express our grateful thanks to the Reverend Art Hancock for his service to the Church of Ascension in Hayward and to the Diocese of Eau Claire for more than two decades, and extend the richest blessings on his future ministries.

Be it further resolved, that this 90th Convention express our grateful thanks to the Very Reverend H. Scott Kirby for his service to Christ Church Cathedral, Grace Church Rice Lake, the Diocese of Eau Claire, and the Episcopal Church and extend our wishes for a happy and restful retirement.

Be it further resolved, that this 90th 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 90th Convention be published or read in all congregations of the Diocese of Eau Claire.

Respectfully Submitted by,  
The Very Reverend H. Scott Kirby  
Dispatch of Business for the 90<sup>th</sup> 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 2019 Convention**

2019 Convention invitation extended by The Rev. Patrick Augustine, Rector of Christ Church, La Crosse. Date to be determined. 2020 invitation was not yet extended.

**Invitation accepted.**

**11:15 AM Rt. Rev. Jay Lambert announced the completion of Convention business and asked for a motion to adjourn the 90<sup>th</sup> Convention of the Diocese of Eau Claire.**

**Rev. George Stamm MOVED to close Convention. Second. Voice Vote. Unanimous. So Moved.**

**Bishop Lambert led the Doxology and dismissed the 90<sup>th</sup> Convention of the Diocese of Eau Claire.**

**Following Convention, lunch was served at WITC Conference Center, Eau Claire.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**The Rev. Canon Aaron Zook**

***Secretary of the Diocese of Eau Claire***

**The Rev. Kathy Charles**

**Secretary of the 90<sup>th</sup> Convention of the Diocese of Eau Claire**