

Special Convention of the Diocese of Milwaukee
July 16, 2020
St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church
Pewaukee, Wisconsin
Virtual

Thursday, July 16th

The Rt. Rev'd Steven A. Miller, President of the Convention and Presiding Officer, convened the Special Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Milwaukee at 4:00 p.m. on July 16, 2020 in the outdoor chapel of St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, Pewaukee, Wisconsin.

Bishop Miller opened the session with a prayer for the Mission of the Church, for the Diocese and for a Church Convention or Meeting.

Roll Call & Determination of a Quorum

Bishop Miller inquired of Mr. John Washbush, Acting Chair of the Committee on the Certification of Credentials, regarding the presence of a quorum and the certification of members. Mr. John Washbush reported that a quorum was present, and gave an account of the members present by order.

Voting Members in the Clerical Order

The Rt. Rev. Steven Miller, Bishop, Diocese of Milwaukee
The Rev. Joel Prather, VP of Exec. Council, (St. Bartholomew, Pewaukee)
The Very Rev. Steven Peay, Canon to the Ordinary (Interim)

Voting Members in the Lay Order

Mr. John Washbush, Selected Deputy, Trinity, Wauwatosa
Ms. Melissa Eriksen, St. John Chrysostom, Delafield

Bishop Miller declared the Convention organized for business.

Background for Motion and Resolution

Bishop Miller inquired of Mr. John Washbush the background for the motion before the convention. Mr. John Washbush explained that due to the pandemic, in-person meetings could not be held and that Canon 4 does not allow for virtual meetings. The sole item for consideration at this convention is the amending of Canon 4 to allow the fall convention to be held by virtual or electronic means.

Mr. John Washbush put the resolution before the Convention.

The Resolution reads as follows:

The Convention of the Church in the Diocese shall be held at such time and place as the Bishop, or the Ecclesiastical Authority, shall designate; provided that the annual Convention of the Diocese to be held in the calendar year 2020 shall be conducted through the use of remote meeting services designated by the Bishop, or the Ecclesiastical Authority, in consultation with the Dispatch of Business, the Parliamentarian and the Chancellor, that support anonymous voting and support visible displays

identifying those participating, identifying those seeking recognition to speak, showing (or permitting the retrieval of) the text of pending motions, and showing the results of votes. The electronic meeting of such Convention shall be subject to all rules of order adopted by such Convention to govern them, which may include any reasonable limitations on, and requirements for Members' participation. Any such rules shall supersede any conflicting rules in the parliamentary authority, but may not otherwise conflict with or alter any provision of the Constitution or Canons of this Diocese. An anonymous vote conducted through the designated internet meeting service shall be deemed a ballot vote, fulfilling any requirement in the Canons or rules of order that a vote be conducted by ballot.

Bishop Miller asked if there was any debate on the resolution. Hearing nothing, Bishop Miller put the resolution to a vote.

It passed in the Lay Order.

It passed in the Clerical Order.

Having passed in both orders, the resolution amending Canon 4 carried.

Bishop Miller expressed his appreciation to the technical crew. He thanked each deputy of the Lay and Clerical order.

Blessing and Dismissal

It was moved and seconded to adjourn.

Bishop Miller offered a final prayer and his blessing.

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Margaret M. Kiss,
Executive Secretary/Recorder of the Minutes