

On the Bishop's Annual Address
Reaching Rising Generations: Mission Imperatives of a Post-Covid Church
155th Convention of the Diocese of Easton

Resolved that the 155th Convention of the Diocese Easton, assembled in-person for the first time since the start of the Covid pandemic in 2020, gives thanks for the Bishop's vision and leadership during these difficult and challenging times, and commends his bringing together talented and dedicated clergy and lay persons from throughout the diocese to serve on committees, boards, task forces, councils, and ministries as partners in bringing God's church on the Eastern Shore of Maryland through a global pandemic; and be it further

Resolved that we support his call to promote God's vision for the church, to continue reimagining diocesan life through the initiatives of Invite-Welcome-Connect, and to focus on areas of mission and spiritual formation as we extend our reach to rising generations; and be it further

Resolved we support and endorse the establishment of a Joint Task Force on the Cathedral in conjunction with the leadership of Trinity Cathedral, with the Rt. Rev. James J. "Bud" Shand as chair of the sub-task force to discern the cathedral's role in the diocese, the wider Episcopal Church and Anglican Communion, and of presenting a report to the 157th Diocesan Convention in 2025; and be it further

Resolved that we commend the Bishop's plan to give the convocational deans a more prominent role in the diocese as leaders, and we endorse the concept of Annual Convocation Synods for prayerful support, worship, sharing of and implementing ideas for the common mission and ministry of the member parishes; and be it further

Resolved that we acknowledge and support the commissioning of the Diocesan Finance Committee to conduct a two-year diocesan-wide conversation to discern the most appropriate apportionment formula, and to present its report to the 157th Convention of the Diocese in 2025; and be it further

Resolved that we support and encourage the Bishop to establish two separate exploratory committees to investigate diocese-to-diocese partnerships, one with the Diocese of Brechin of the Scottish Episcopal Church, and one with the Diocese of Kapenguria in Kenya, and to present their reports to the 156th Convention in 2024; and be it further

Resolved that we support Bishop San's decision to take a four-month sabbatical during 2023, and offer our prayers that this be a time of refreshment and renewal for him; and be it further

Resolved that our Diocesan family offers our support and our prayers of thanksgiving for the clergy and lay leadership of our diocese as well as all members of the Diocese, and prays that God will continue to "renew our strength" (Isaiah 40:31) and bless us with "treasures new and old." (Matthew 13: 52).

The Reverend. Dr. Darcy Williams, Victor Evans, Mary Goodwin, John Phillips, the Reverend Deacon Chris Sabas.