

Executive Council Meeting
June 12-15, 2023
Providence, Rhode Island
Minutes

All present, unless otherwise noted:

Michael Curry, <i>Chair-excused</i>	Charles Graves
Julia Ayala Harris, <i>Vice Chair</i>	Scott Haight
Michael Barlowe, <i>Secretary</i>	Scott Hayashi
Kurt Barnes, <i>Treasurer</i>	Lawrence Hitt
Kent Anker, <i>Chief Legal Officer- excused</i>	Anne Hodges-Copple
Devon Anderson- <i>excused</i>	Deborah Jackson
Liza Anderson	Deon Johnson - <i>excused</i>
Gina Angulo	Anne Kitch
Annette Buchanan	Joe McDaniel
Thomas Chu	Andrea McKellar
Samantha Clare	Louisa McKellaston
Tivaun Cooper	Wilmot Merchant
Lillian Davis-Wilson	Sandra Montes
Patty Downing	Rafael Morales
Cornelia Eaton	Aaron Perkins
M.E. Eccles	Diane Pollard
Blanca Echeverry	Betsy Ridge
Alice Freeman	Rose Sconiers
Timothy Gee	Dianne Smith
Polly Getz	Sarah Stonesifer Boylan
Angela Goodhouse	Matthew Taylor
Mark Goodman	

Those with seat and voice:

Rachel Taber-Hamilton, *Vice President of the House of Deputies*
Andrew Asbil, Anglican Church of Canada - *excused*
Joanne Engquist, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America- *excused*

Monday, June 12
8:30 am EST

The Vice Chair, President Julia Ayala Harris, called the meeting to order and noted that in the Chair's absence she would be chairing the meeting. The meeting began with Morning Prayer led by and with a reflection by the Rev. Cornelia Eaton.

The Chair then called on the Secretary, the Rev. Canon Michael Barlowe, for the roll call and announcements.

The draft agenda was moved, seconded, and adopted. Minutes of the February 2023 meetings were moved and approved.

The Chair requested ratification of the actions taken by the Executive Committee of Executive Council. The actions were ratified.

The Presiding Bishop's remarks were shared via video and then President Ayala Harris gave her opening remarks.

The Chair called on the Joint Standing Committees (JSC) Chairs to state briefly what work each Committee would undertake at this meeting.

The Chair introduced Mr. Kurt Barnes for the Treasurer's Report. Treasurer Barnes presented his report, which had been posted to Council in advance of the meeting. He then welcomed two staff members, Mr. TJ Houlihan and Ms. Julia Ailing, from the Development Office, for an update.

The Chair then called on the Rev. Patty Downing, chair of the Joint Budget Committee, for an update.

The Chair called on Ms. Andrea McKellar, chair of the JSC on Finance to review the Executive Council norms. The Council agreed on the norms, and she asked members to vote to adopt them, as a sign of commitment to them, and not as an official resolution.

The Chair called on Dr. Sarah Stonesifer Boylan, chair of the JSC on Mission Within, to introduce the next speakers. She introduced Dr. Matthew Price, the Rev. Dr. Molly James, and the Rev. Meghan Froelich who presented "The Episcopal Church's Evolving Reality and Landscape". Their presentation was shared in advance in both English and Spanish, and reviewed the data collected by the Church as well as what it tells us.

The Chair thanked all presenters and called on the Secretary for announcements.

The Chair called on the chaplain, the Rev. Lester Mackenzie, to bless lunch, and then announced Council would be in recess until 2:00 p.m. when they would gather in committee.

Tuesday, June 13
2:00 p.m. EST

After a morning in committee meetings, the Chair called Council to order and called on the Secretary for announcements.

The Chair called on the Rt. Rev. Scott Hayashi, chair of the JSC on Governance and Operations, to introduce the afternoon plenary on the continuing work and conversation on racism, led by Ms. Zena Link.

After the session, the Chair thanked Ms. Zena Link as well as all members of Council for their work and called on the chaplain to pray.

The Chair announced Council would be in recess until 8:30 a.m. when they would gather in plenary.

Wednesday, June 14
8:30 am EST

The morning began with Holy Eucharist celebrated by the Rev. Charles Graves, with a homily by Ms. Louisa McKellaston. The Chair called Council to order and called on the Secretary for announcements.

The Chair called on the Rt. Rev. Scott Hayashi to continue the work and conversation on racism.

After this session, the Chair thanked the Rt. Rev. Hayashi for his leadership.

The Chair welcomed the Bishop of Rhode Island, the Rt. Rev. Nick Knisely, and members of his staff, to address Council and share updates on the diocese. Following presentations by the Rev. Bartholomew and Mr. Biddle, the Chair thanked the diocese and invited them to join Council for lunch.

The Chair asked the chaplain to pray, and announced Council will be in recess until 2:00 p.m. when they would gather in committee.

Thursday, June 15
8:30 am EST

The morning began with Morning Prayer led by and with a reflection by the Rt. Rev. Rafael Morales. The Chair called Council to order and called on the Secretary for announcements.

The Chair called on the Rev. Mark Goodman and Dr. Sarah Stonesifer Boylan, chairs of JSC on Mission Beyond and Mission Within, who jointly presented MBMW003.

MBMW 003 Courtesy Resolution

Resolved, that The Executive Council, meeting in Providence, Rhode Island, June 12-15, 2023, expresses its profound thanks to the Anglican Church of Canada for sharing the Right Reverend Andrew Asbil, Bishop of the Diocese of Toronto, with The Executive Council since 2019, and be it further

Resolved, that this Council thanks Bishop Asbil for his thoughtful and faithful engagement with the work of The Executive Council, contributing immeasurably to the life in community that we share, giving generously of his time, compassionate spirit, deep insights, and contagious wit, and be it further

Resolved, that this Council assures Bishop Asbil of our prayers and fondest good wishes for him as we bid him farewell.

MBMW 003 was adopted unanimously.

The Chair called on Bishop Andrew Asbil for his Companion Church report, as he completes his time on Executive Council.

The Executive Council moved into the reports from each Standing Committee.

Reports from the Joint Standing Committees:

The Chair called on the Rev. Mark Goodman, Chair of Mission Beyond the Episcopal Church, for his report. He began by thanking members of the committee. Mission Beyond heard reports from Episcopal Relief & Development's Dr. Rob Radtke, the Rev. Canon Chuck Robertson, the Rev. David Copley, and the Rev. Margaret Rose. They also heard a report from our delegates to ACC-18, the Rt. Rev. Eugene Sutton, who attended virtually, as well as Canon Annette Buchanan and the Rev. Ranjit Mathews. Joining the JSC on Mission Within, they heard reports from the Office of Government Relations and Episcopal Migration Ministries. Two resolutions were put on the Consent Calendar, and Mark offered highlights of each.

The Chair moved MB 004 and the Rev. Goodman spoke to it.

MB 004 To receive the Proposal for Exchangeability of Deacons in TEC and the ELCA

Resolved, that the Executive Council of The Episcopal Church, meeting June 12-15, 2023, in Providence, Rhode Island, welcomes the decision of the Church Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, at their meeting in April, 2023, to receive the Proposal for Exchangeability of the Diaconate, and be it further

Resolved, that the Executive Council receives this Proposal, rejoicing in the deepening life of shared ministry between The Episcopal Church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America which fulfilling this Proposal would make possible, and be it further

Resolved, that the Executive Council joyfully urges the full and timely implementation of this Proposal to affirm the moving of the Holy Spirit within, and between, our Churches.

After several clarifications in next steps were offered, MB 004 was adopted unanimously.

The Chair moved MB 005 and the Rev. Goodman spoke to it.

MB 005 Encouraging The United Methodist Church

Resolved, that the Executive Council of The Episcopal Church, meeting June 12-15, 2023, in Providence, Rhode Island, sends greetings to our siblings in The United Methodist Church as they continue to walk the Emmaus Road with our Lord, listening with their hearts and minds as Jesus interprets to them all things concerning himself; and be it further

Resolved, that, having journeyed this same pilgrimage of discernment over the inclusion of our LGBTQ siblings in the full ministries and sacramental life of the Church, we in The Episcopal Church wish to assure the leaders of The United Methodist Church of our sincere encouragement as they wrestle with questions of deep import to the Body of Christ; and be it further

Resolved, that The Executive Council prays that as you, the leaders of The United Methodist Church, wrestle with these urgent issues, you will experience the blessings that flow from the full inclusion of all of God's children in the ministry and ministrations of the Church, as we in The Episcopal Church continue to rejoice in those blessings; and be it further

Resolved, that we offer our heartfelt thanks for the growing collaboration and communion between our two churches, looking forward to the day when we will celebrate together an experience of Full Communion, a reality that will open new paths of ministry to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ through word and deed; and be it further

Resolved, that The Executive Council holds in solidarity and deep prayer those who prepare for, and will attend, the General Conference of The United Methodist Church in 2024.

MB 005 was adopted unanimously.

The Chair moved MB 007 and the Rev. Goodman asked committee members the Rev. Charles Graves and Mr. Joe McDaniel to speak to it.

MB 007 Uganda Resolution

Resolved, that the Executive Council meeting in Providence, Rhode Island, June 12-15, 2023, lament the recent enactment of legislation in Uganda that criminalizes homosexual activity, which includes imposition of life in prison for members of the LGBTQ Community; and be it further,

Resolved, that the Executive Council of The Episcopal Church recognizes and adheres to the final version of the 2022 Lambeth Call document, which specifically upholds the dignity of all people, regardless of their sexuality; and be it further,

Resolved, that the Executive Council reaffirms the position that The Episcopal Church has held since 1976 “that homosexual persons are children of God who have a full and equal claim with all other persons upon the love, acceptance, and pastoral concern and care of the Church” ([1976-A069](#)); and be it further,

Resolved, that the Executive Council further reaffirm that The Episcopal Church seeks to become a church “that looks and acts like Jesus... whose way of life is the way of Jesus and his way of love... no longer shoring up... anything else that hurts or harms any child of God.” (Remarks by [Most Rev. Michael B. Curry](#)) and be it further,

Resolved, that the Executive Council laments the harm done to Ugandan LGBTQ people through this law and grieves the harm done by any church that supports the enacted law, which falls short of the way of love; and be it further,

Resolved, that the Executive Council urge the Office of Global Partnerships to work with The United Nations Human Rights Council to advocate for the human rights of all those individuals impacted by this law, including LGBTQ persons; and be it further,

Resolved, that the Executive Council direct the Office of Government Relations to advocate to the U.S. Government for the human rights for all those individuals impacted by this law, including LGBTQ persons; and be it further,

Resolved, that the Executive Council urge the Anglican Archbishop of Uganda to reconsider his endorsement of this law due to the global impact of such action, inviting conversations to establish stronger bonds of affection and better protection of all in both our churches.

MB 007 was adopted unanimously.

This concluded the report from the JSC on Mission Beyond.

The Chair called on the Rt. Rev. Scott Hayashi, Chair of the JSC on Governance and Operations (GO) for his report. He began by thanking his committee, staff, and guests. They heard updates from Ms. Jane Cislucyis, acting Chief Operating Officer, detailing her first four months in this position. They had a joint meeting with the JSC on Finance to hear a preliminary report from the Task Force on Translation and Interpretation and look forward to additional information in October. They also heard a report from the Council members representing the Episcopal Church on the Church Pension Group Memo of Understanding group, who provided an update on their progress, and the plan moving forward.

Chief Legal Officer, Mr. Kent Anker, proposed an updated Conflict of Interest Policy, which narrows the field of people who must complete it, and clarifies the policy. The updated policy was placed on the consent calendar as GO 012.

The Rev. Cn. Michael Barlowe provided an update on the Joint Standing Committee on Planning and Arrangements and two resolutions were drafted.

The Chair moved GO 013 and the Rt. Rev. Hayashi spoke to it.

GO 013 Site of 82nd General Convention

Resolved that the Executive Council, meeting in Providence, Rhode Island, June 12-15, 2023, hereby approves the recommendation of the Joint Standing Committee on Planning and Arrangements to choose Phoenix, Arizona, for the location of the 82nd General Convention to be held in 2027.

After a lengthy discussion, GO 013 was adopted.

The Chair moved GO 014 and the Rt. Rev. Hayashi spoke to it.

GO 014 Concerning General Convention Site Selection Process

Resolved that the Executive Council, meeting in Providence, RI, June 12-15, 2023 recommend that the Joint Standing Committee on Planning and Arrangements include in its proposal regarding site selection for the 83rd General Convention that the General Convention direct the Committee to prioritize sites that would advance the Church's mission of addressing and repairing harm caused by the Church as a result of its history and complicity with racism and colonialism.

After several comments, GO 014 was adopted.

This concluded the report from the JSC on Governance and Operations.

The Chair called on Dr. Sarah Stonesifer Boylan, Chair of JSC on Mission Within the Episcopal Church for her report. She thanked the committee, staff, interpreters, and other guests who joined MW

throughout the meeting. They heard updates from President Ayala Harris on the two groups formed to look at Indigenous Ministry, (A127 and the last Executive Council's MW062), which have been populated and are beginning their work. They heard from many staff areas about their dreams amidst budget cuts and upcoming leadership changes. Evangelism, Racial Reconciliation and Creation Care, the offices of Ethnic Ministry, Church Planting and Mission Development, the Office of Government Relations, Episcopal Migration Ministries, Formation and Transitions, all shared their work together.

Mission Within spent time on board development and ideas to make the board stronger, and ways silos could be broken down. In response to the suggestions heard during their conversation, she provided highlights of each of the resolutions Mission Within placed on the consent calendar, as well as a joint resolution written by Mission Within and Mission Beyond together.

The Chair moved MW 011, and Dr. Stonesifer Boylan spoke to it. Ms. Andrea McKellar, chair of the JSC on Finance, provided an amendment, adding the final sentence in the first resolve, clarifying the source of the funding. The amendment was adopted.

The Council voted on the amended resolution.

MW 011 EYE Covid Planning and Safety Resources

Resolved, that Executive Council allocate up to \$15,000 in additional funding to the 2023 budget for the Office of Youth Ministries to contract with a public health expert to advise the office and staff on protocol and procedures for Episcopal Youth Event (EYE), to be held July 2-8th, 2023 at the University of Maryland, College Park. The source to be determined by the Treasurer, if necessary. And be it further

Resolved, that if the Department of Formation director discerns the need that resources such as masks, testing supplies, or other support are recommended or required, these funds may be used for such resources.

MW 011 was adopted.

With a closing prayer for those attending the All About Love Conference, the report from Mission Within concluded.

The Chair called on Ms. Andrea McKellar, Chair of JSC on Finance, for her report. She began by thanking committee members, staff, and guests who joined FIN throughout the meeting. They began their committee time by hearing a report from the Office of Development. All members of Council were encouraged to donate to one of the many campaigns run by the Office of Development. They also shared the plans for the Presiding Bishop campaign. ECEC 005 was ratified earlier in the meeting, and the campaign has been approved. FIN 034, which is on the consent calendar, authorizes funds to cover the costs of the campaign. They also heard a report from Ms. Sarah Lawton, chair of the Executive Council Committee on Corporate Social Responsibility and FIN 033 was placed on the consent calendar.

The Chair moved FIN 032 and Ms. McKellar spoke to it. FIN asked for FIN 032 to be removed from the consent calendar as one company was listed incorrectly. The proposed amendment removed Li Ning Co, Ltd. The amendment passed, and Council voted on the amended FIN 032.

FIN 032 Recommend Additional Companies be Added to the DFMS No-Buy List

Resolved that due to the extreme proximity to human rights harms via each company's operations and those of its value chain partners, the securities of the following companies be added to the No-Buy list of investments maintained by the Treasurer's Office, including

- Bezeq Israeli Telecommunication Corp
- Daimler Truck Holding AG
- Mivne Real Estate
- Raiffeisen Bank International
- Southern Copper Corp

FIN 032 was adopted.

JSC on Finance had a joint meeting with the JSC on Governance and Operations to hear a report by Bishop Lucinda Ashby, on Translation and Interpretation, which the Rt. Rev. Scott Hayashi already reported on. FIN also heard a report on Diocesan Assessment Waivers, and a resolution was placed on the consent calendar. They worked on scholarship awards and placed FIN 029 on the consent calendar.

FIN reviewed the Task Force on Denomination Health Plans and the work they are doing with the Church Pension Fund, as required by General Convention Resolution 2022 D034. They reviewed four custodial trust funds and placed four resolutions on the consent calendar. FIN had a robust conversation about the use of Trust Fund 1314, created by Executive Council with the budget surplus.

The Chair moved FIN 035 and Ms. McKellar spoke to it.

FIN 035 Use(s) for Trust Fund 1314

Resolved, that Trust Fund 1314 be divided into 1314a and 1314b, and be it further

Resolved, that Trust Fund 1314a be funded in the amount of \$2,000,000 and designated for the work of Resolution A127 (2022) Resolution for Telling the Truth about The Episcopal Church's History with Indigenous Boarding Schools; and be it further

Resolved, that Trust Fund 1314b be funded by the remainder of Trust Fund 1314 and be designated for Executive Council to direct the presiding officers to conduct strategic adaptive realignment of our institutional structures through such tools as an audit of current Episcopal Church staff and Executive Council responsibilities and an analysis of our work as a granting institution; and be it further

Resolved, that any unused funds in these trust accounts by the end of the 2025-2027 triennium be distributed in equal amounts to each diocese of The Episcopal Church.

After a discussion, FIN 035 was adopted.

The Rev. Patty Downing, chair of the Joint Budget Committee of Executive Council, was joined by Mr. Bill Fleener and Mr. Michael Glass, in providing an update on the process for passing the budget at General Convention and managing the budget following General Convention. Conversations continue, and more information will come to Council in October.

Due to requirements for Fund Raising permissions, there were two resolutions that needed Executive Council's approval.

The Chair moved FIN 031 and Ms. McKellar spoke to it.

FIN 031 Fund-raising for Deputies of Color to meet prior to GC

Resolved, that Executive Council hereby grants permission to the deputies of color to raise \$25,000 to cover additional costs of the Deputies of Color Pre-General Convention Meeting, which is funded at \$40,000 in Line 520 of the 2023-2024 DFMS Budget; and be it further

Resolved, that the appropriate officers and other officials of DFMS are authorized to take all additional actions to accomplish the purposes of this resolution.

FIN 031 was adopted.

The Chair moved FIN 036.

FIN 036 Approval of Young Adult and Faith Formation Grant Application

Resolved, That the Executive Council supports and approves the application by the Office of Development on behalf of Young Adult and Faith Formation (YAFF), to Trinity Wall Street for a grant of \$100,000 to identify the unique charisms and challenges of ministry with and by GenZ in The Episcopal Church.

FIN 036 was adopted.

This concluded the report from the JSC on Finance.

The Chair called Ms. Andrea McKellar, a member of the audit committee, for their report. The Audit Committee reports directly to the Executive Council.

The Chair moved EC 007 and Ms. McKellar spoke to it.

EC 007 Accept Audit Committee Charter

Resolved, That Executive Council, upon the recommendation of the Audit Committee, hereby accepts, the Charter of the Joint Audit Committee of the Executive Council and the DFMS as revised by the Committee in March 2023.

EC 007 was adopted.

The Chair moved EC 008 and Ms. McKellar spoke to it.

EC 008 Accept 2022 Audit

Resolved, That Executive Council, upon the recommendation of the Audit Committee, hereby accepts, the 2022 audit as reported in the Report of Independent Certified Public Accountants to the Executive Council of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, dated June xx, 2023 ("Report").

EC 008 was adopted.

This concluded the report from the Audit Committee.

The Chair then moved the Consent Calendar.

FIN 025 Trust Fund #1328 – St. John’s Episcopal Church Philanthropy

Resolved, that Trust Fund # 1328, St. John’s Episcopal Church Philanthropy, be established as an investment account for St. John’s Episcopal Church in Fallbrook, CA, which may withdraw principal and/or income upon request and may add to the principal at its discretion.

FIN 026 Trust Fund #1329, RG - St. John’s Alamogordo

Resolved, that Trust Fund # 1329, RG - St. John’s Alamogordo, be established as an investment account for St. John’s Episcopal Church Alamogordo in Alamogordo, NM, which may withdraw principal and/or income upon request and may add to the principal at its discretion.

FIN 027 Trust Fund #1330, Cathedral Domain Capital Projects Fund

Resolved, that Trust Fund # 1330, Cathedral Domain Capital Projects Fund, be established as an investment account for the Episcopal Diocese of Lexington in Lexington, KY, which may withdraw principal and/or income upon request and may add to the principal at its discretion.

FIN 028 Trust Fund #1331, Saint Mary’s Episcopal Church

Resolved, that Trust Fund # 1331, Saint Mary’s Episcopal Church, be established as an investment account for Saint Mary’s Episcopal Church in Phoenix, AZ, which may withdraw principal and/or income upon request and may add to the principal at its discretion.

FIN 029 Awards 2023-2024 School Year

Resolved, that the Executive Council, meeting on June 15, 2023, authorizes the Treasurer to provide \$390,216 in support of students identified in the attached schedules; and be it further

Resolved, that funding of the awards is to be provided from trust funds identified in the attached schedules.

FIN 030 Diocesan Assessment Waivers

Resolved, that the Executive Council approves partial waivers from the 15% assessment for 2023 for the following dioceses:

Diocese of Colombia: commitment of 2.5% based on income calculations (\$2,500)

Diocese of Southwest Florida: commitment of 12.3% (\$100,000 reduction)

and be it further

Resolved, that the **Diocese of Los Angeles** accepts to pay \$198,545.40 over the course of three years (2023, 2024, and 2025) to reach a 15% commitment for their 2023 obligation; and be it further

Resolved, that the Executive Council denies the waiver requested by the Diocese of the Dominican Republic.

FIN 033 Recommend Clarification of Military Contracting Companies to be included on the DFMS No-Buy List

Resolved, that due to language in an Executive Council resolution in 2003 (EXCo42003.18), the following correcting language shall be introduced.

Resolved, that the No Buy List includes any company (a) among the top five U.S. defense contractors, measured in dollar volume of sales, or b) any company among the top 50 defense contractors that receives more than fifty percent of its revenues from military contracts: and be it further

Resolved, that companies that make controversial weapons (e.g., cluster bombs, anti-personnel land mines, chemical and nuclear weapons), if not captured by the Resolve above, be placed on the No-Buy list; and be it further

Resolved, that this list be reviewed annually by the Committee on Corporate Social Responsibility; and be it further

Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be sent to any company from which this Church disinvests in accordance with this policy; and be it further

Resolved, that other church investors, including the Church Pension Fund, congregations, and dioceses, be urged to adopt a similar policy to the extent permissible under laws governing fiduciaries.

FIN 034 Campaign for PB Legacy Fund

Executive Council authorizes up to \$200,000 not currently budgeted, to be used to support the campaign for the Presiding Bishop Legacy Fund. The source to be determined by the Treasurer.

GO 011 Resolution regarding Trust Fund 35 and 88.

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church recognized that “the abomination and sin of racism continue to plague our society and our Church at great cost to human life and human dignity [and] we formally acknowledge our historic and contemporary participation in this evil and repent of it,” Resolution 2015-C019, 78th General Convention, and

Resolved, That the 80th General Convention of The Episcopal Church affirmed that “every Episcopalian is called to a lifelong vocation of racial justice and equity and the dismantling of white supremacy, Resolution 2022-A125, 80th General Convention, and

Resolved, That we need to “[c]onduct a fearless and searching corporate moral inventory of the harm cause by white supremacy and the legacies of colonialism and imperialism ... [and] [d]evelop a set of accountabilities for amendment of life, including financial, emotional, spiritual, and moral restitution at every level of the church,” Report to the 80th General Convention of the Presiding Officers’ Working Group on Truth-Telling, Reckoning, and Healing, p. 10, and

Resolved, That “we ... need to be open to new ways of organizing our participation in God’s mission unencumbered by the historical manifestations of racism,” Report to the 80th General Convention of The Presiding Officers’ Working Group on Truth-Telling, Reckoning, and Healing, p. 29 and

Resolved, That restrictions of trust funds to “white” beneficiaries perpetuate white supremacy and the sin of racism and are contrary to our commitment to dismantling racism and promoting racial healing, justice, and reconciliation in the Church, and

Resolved, that trust funds 35 (the Lucy Nichols Trust Fund) and 88 (the Margaret Ann Thompson Trust Fund) be modified in the following manner:

- (1) the income for trust fund 35 shall be used for “work among people” as opposed to “work among white people,” and
- (2) the income for trust fund 88 shall be used “to aid weak parishes in the United States” as opposed “to aid weak parishes of the white population in the United States.”

GO 012 Updated Conflict of Interest Policy

Resolved that the Executive Council, meeting in Providence, Rhode Island, June 12-15, 2023, hereby adopts the updated Conflict of Interest Policy presented to the Joint Standing Committee on Governance and Operations.

MB 006 Ratification of Elections to the Episcopal Relief and Development Board

Resolved, that in accordance with Episcopal Relief and Development’s (ERD) bylaws (section 3.02 paragraph a), by which elections to the ERD Board must be ratified by The Executive Council of The Episcopal Church, and having received notice of elections that transpired on June 2, 2023, the Executive Council, meeting in Providence, Rhode Island, on June 12-15, 2023, receives the election results, and be it further

Resolved, that The Executive Council ratifies the election of Ms. Blanca Tomás Famadas and Mr. David Washer are to serve terms ending 12/31/26, having been duly nominated by The Presiding Bishop and Chair of the ERD Board, and be it further

Resolved, that The Executive Council ratifies the re-election of Mr. Kenneth Jones II and Ms. Karen Longenecker to serve terms ending 12/31/26, having been duly re-nominated by The Presiding Bishop and Chair of the ERD Board, and be it further

Resolved, that The Executive Council ratifies the re-election of Ms. Shirley Allen, Mr. Rob McCouch, and The Rev. Steven Paulikas to serve terms ending 12/31/26, having been duly re-nominated by The Presiding Bishop and Chair of the ERD Board.

MB 008 Trust Funds of Class 225 - China Fund Request from EDNY Church of Our Savior To Support the Ah Foo Community Center

Resolved, That the Executive Council wishes to enable the expansion of ministries to people of Chinese descent; and be it further

Resolved, that because certain board directed trust funds, those of Class 225, have been restricted for ministry to Chinese of the Dispersion (post-Communist takeover); it is hereby

Resolved, that the Executive Council directs the Treasurer to grant \$40,000 during 2023 and 2024 to the Church of Our Savior (EDNY) to support the revival of Ah Foo Community Center which provides education and training services to the Chinatown community in New York City.

MW 009 UTO Grants 2023

Resolved, That the Executive Council, meeting from June 12-15, 2023, approve and authorize the following, as recommended by the United Thank Offering Board and reviewed and recommended by the Joint Standing Committee on Mission Within The Episcopal Church. Payment comes from available United Thank Offering Ingathering funds and the Emery Trust fund as indicated.

MW 010 2023 New Episcopal Community Grants

Resolved, That the Executive Council, meeting June 12-15, 2023 in Providence, Rhode Island, approve and authorize the following New Episcopal Communities Grants, as recommended by the Task Force on Church Planting and Congregational Revitalization reviewed and recommended by the Joint Standing Committee on Mission Within The Episcopal Church. The 19 grants listed below total \$500,000.

The distribution of the grants is subject to the full payment of the 2022 diocesan assessment or granted diocesan waiver.

Discernment Grants (\$5,000)

All Saints Sunnyside, Diocese of Long Island
EDOLA Latino, Diocese of Louisiana
Nebraska NEC, Diocese of Nebraska
Sterling Ranch Community, Diocese of Colorado

Seed Grants (up to \$30,000)

Estación de Predicación Santa Maria Virgen, Diocese of Colombia
Oceanside Church Plant, Diocese of San Diego
Spirit Dinner, Diocese of Vermont
The Brood, Diocese of Southern Ohio
The Journey, Diocese of Missouri

Growth Grants (\$30,000)

Abundant Life and Healing, Diocese of North Carolina
Calling the Circle from the Four Winds, Diocese of Arizona
Episcopal Mission of Franklin, Diocese of New Hampshire
Grace African Christians Connection, Diocese of Missouri
Haitian Outreach Ministry, Diocese of New Jersey
Saint Thomas Pakistani Church, Diocese of Albany

Harvest Grants (\$40,000)

Creche, Diocese of Massachusetts
Episcopal Church of the Epiphany, Diocese of Georgia
West Central Abbey, Diocese of Spokane
Wild Church UP, Diocese of Northern Michigan

MW 012 Create Multi-Cultural Church Grants

Resolved, that Executive Council, meeting June 12-15, 2023, in Providence, Rhode Island, affirms the importance of church planting and revitalization efforts across The Episcopal Church. As recommended by the Advisory Group on Church Planting and Revitalization and the Executive Council Joint Standing Committee on Mission Within the Episcopal Church, that \$75,000.00 be designated from the Church Redevelopment Budget line to run a grants process specifically for multi-cultural church programs and ministries embracing emerging and historically underrepresented cultures. And be it further

Resolved, that the Advisory Group on Church Planting and Revitalization and the staff liaisons will determine the appropriate timeline and application process for this specific grant cycle within the remaining 2022-2024 biennium.

The distribution of the grants is subject to the full payment of the 2022 diocesan assessment or granted diocesan waiver.

MW 013 2023 Care of Creation Grants

Resolved, That the Executive Council, meeting June 12-15, 2023 in Providence, Rhode Island, approve and authorize the following, as recommended by the Task Force on Care of Creation and Environmental Racism and reviewed and recommended by the Joint Standing Committee on Mission Within The Episcopal Church. The twelve grants listed below for a total of \$183,267.00.

The distribution of the grants is subject to the full payment of the 2022 diocesan assessment or granted diocesan waiver. This grant funding is also contingent upon the project's ability to secure remaining funding and all other requirements identified in the accepted proposals.

Solar Equity Project in Peoria, IL
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Diocese of Chicago
\$9,000.00

Energy Literacy, Advocacy, and Connection
Holy Spirit Episcopal Church, Waco, Texas, USA
Diocese of Texas
\$9,700.00

Environmental Repair: Eco-theology and the care of our common home
(Curso de Reparación Ambiental mediante la cartilla: La eco teología y el cuidado de nuestra casa común, un aporte para el eco ministerio en Colombia y el Mundo.)
Diócesis Episcopal de Colombia
\$10,000.00

Food Justice for Upper South Carolina
St. Martin's in-the-Fields Episcopal
Episcopal Diocese Upper South Carolina
\$13,387.00

The Big Book of Creation and Environmental Racism
Christ Church Glendale
Episcopal Diocese of Southern Ohio
\$14,700.00

Gardens and Pollinators: Enhancing Sustainability Awareness Among Youth Who Are Incarcerated
St. James Episcopal Church and Grace Episcopal Church
Episcopal Diocese of Central New York
\$15,000.00

HOPE - Faith and Resilience in Marginalized Communities
St. James House of Prayer Episcopal Church
Episcopal Diocese of Southwest Florida
\$15,000.00

Sustainable Renewal of Navajo Agriculture Lands
Texas Water Mission with St. Christopher's Mission
Navajoland Area Mission
\$15,000.00

Green Refuge: Tackling Environmental Racism in an Urban Environment through Refugee Empowerment
St. Paul's Within the Walls, Rome, Italy
Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe
\$18,480.00

Rhode Island Episcopal Relief and Resilience Pilot Project- Aquidneck Island
Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island - Creation Care Ministry
\$18,000.00

An Episcopal Path to Creation Justice (EPCJ) Pilot Program
The Creation Care Justice Network (CCJN) in the Episcopal Dioceses in Massachusetts
\$20,000.00

Answering the Call for Climate Justice: Planning for Carbon Neutrality by 2030
Episcopal Diocese of Northern California, Commission on the Environment
\$25,000.00

EC 006 Appointment to the Consultation on Common Texts

Resolved, That the Executive Council, meeting in Providence, Rhode Island from June 12-15, 2023, upon nomination by the Chair and Vice Chair of the Executive Council appoint The Rev. Bob Prichard to the Consultation on Common Texts until December 31, 2027.

MBMW 002 Biodiversity Resolution

Resolved, that the Executive Council, meeting in Providence, Rhode Island, from June 12-15, 2023, affirms the statement “[Multi-Faith Response to the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework](#)” put forward by the multifaith organization Faiths at Conference of Parties (COP) 15, from the United Nations Biodiversity Conference in 2022; and be it further

Resolved, that the Executive Council establishes biodiversity as a central priority for the Episcopal Church’s creation care strategies at church-wide, diocesan, congregational, and institutional levels; and encourage partnerships with other Anglicans around the Communion in supporting biodiversity; and be it further

Resolved, that this Council directs the Office of Government Relations to advocate for policy priorities that protect both biodiversity and the rights of indigenous and local communities, such as those priorities reflected in the Faiths at COP 15 statement, including a rightsbased approach to biodiversity management and aggressive and enforceable conservation goals; and be it further

Resolved, that the Executive Council calls the Task Force for Care of Creation and Environmental Racism to support further interdisciplinary research into and discussion of the importance of biodiversity, the strengths and limitations of biodiversity as an ethical value, and strategies for churches and organizations to protect and promote biodiversity; and be it further

Resolved, That the Executive Council commends to its Committee on Corporate Social Responsibility and the Church Pension Group the World Bank Group report on biodiversity financing, “[Mobilizing Private Finance for Nature](#),” and calls on them to report back to the Executive Council before General Convention 2024 with recommendations for appropriate implementation of the insights of the report.

The Consent Calendar was adopted.

President Ayala Harris, acting as chair, gave her closing remarks. Following her remarks, the Secretary was called upon for announcements.

President Ayala Harris asked for a motion to adjourn with prayer, and called upon the chaplain, the Rev. Lester Mackenzie, for the closing prayer.