

**RESOLUTIONS GENERATED FROM
THE BISHOP'S 225TH CONVENTION ADDRESS 2016
Passed by unanimous vocal acclamation, March 12, 2016**

Resolution 1

Whereas, the 14th Bishop of South Carolina begins his ninth year as our bishop, we can affirm that he has indeed been “obedient to the heavenly vision” which the Lord has given him and been faithful in leading the people of this diocese in that vision,

Further, we appreciate our Bishop’s willingness to confidently cast such a bold vision for this diocese,

Which is “Making Biblical Anglicans for a Global Age.”

Resolution 2

Whereas, this vision has included the shaping of global Anglicanism, which the good bishop set forth in his first convention address,

Be it resolved, that this Diocese renews our desire and vow to live into this vision even more fully in the coming year

Resolution 3

Whereas, the Bishop of South Carolina has likened this vision to a “railroad track,” our hearts are glad that the rails of this track can contain neither a motorcycle, sidecar, nor squirrel in a tree.

Resolution 4

Whereas, this vision contains two “rails”, one local and one global,

Be it resolved, that every congregation redouble their effort to reach out to every generation in their local community with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, recognizing that we “touch tomorrow today.” To that end,

Be it further resolved, that the 225th Convention challenge every congregation to commit to adding at least one evangelistic initiative in their parish that is for the wider community and not specifically for the local church.

Be it further resolved, that this Convention challenge every congregation to either partner with an Anglican Diocese or Church outside the United States or partner with another Church in this Diocese in such an international effort.

Further, that both of these initiatives, one local and one global, begin in each congregation before the next Diocesan Convention, and that these initiatives be reported to the Diocesan Council (local) and the Anglican Communion Development Committee (global) by each congregation before the next Diocesan Convention (226th) and be entered into its record.

Resolution 5

Whereas, the Bishop of South Carolina sees the next step in fulfilling the first “rail” (local rail) of the Lord’s vision for this Diocese in several action points, that we, the 225th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina show full-throated support for these initiatives by encouraging the Bishop and Councils of this Diocese to:

1. Develop the position of Coordinator for Mens’ Ministry; and thank Jay Crouse for his long-term dedication to this ministry
2. Continue the growth of womens’ ministries of this diocese through the Diocese Women’s Ministry
3. Form a Task Force for Church Planting and plan strategically with other Anglican Church bodies
4. Hire a Diocesan Canon Missioner, and that the Diocesan Council ensure its funding into the future

Resolution 6

Whereas, an important part of the Bishop of South Carolina’s vision for this Diocese includes leadership development, we confirm our support of

1. Mere Anglicanism; and acknowledge with gratitude The Rev. Jeffrey Miller and his staff for unprecedented success and influence in this area;
2. Next Level Leadership; and acknowledge the leadership of The Rev. Shay Gaillard;
3. Anglican Leadership Institute; and acknowledge the leadership of The Very Rev. Dr. Peter Moore;

Be it resolved, that this Diocese continue to organize and support fully the annual Mere Anglicanism Conference in Charleston, SC

Be it further resolved, that this Convention encourage the Bishop to continue formation of a Clergy Continuing Education Committee to assist diocesan clergy in life-long learning and training

Be it further resolved, that this Convention encourage the Bishop to develop clergy diocesan leaders through his mid-vocation rector’s initiative.

Resolution 7

Whereas, the Bishop has said that our Diocese’s potential affiliation with ACNA will “unleash new opportunities for our clergy to shape and to be shaped by Anglicanism in North America and help us toward a greater focus outside ourselves and alongside our brothers and sisters in Christ,” that this Convention charge the Deans of this Diocese to organize opportunities for all laypeople to discuss openly the prospect of affiliating with ACNA, with the goal of bringing said affiliation to a Diocesan vote on or before the next scheduled Diocesan Convention.

Resolution 8

Be it resolved, that we, as diocesan lay leaders and clergy, continue to follow the Bishop’s lead in this uncertain, rapidly changing, and challenging world, as we “put this Diocese into

the wind” by “running, as one not distracted from keeping an eye clearly on the goal” which is, of course the glorification of Jesus Christ and the spread of His Gospel to all people.

Respectfully submitted this 12th day of March, 2016,

The Rev. Dr. Gregory A. Snyder, Chair

The Rev. Jason Collins

The Rev. Greg Smith

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