

A Resolution of Thanksgiving and Appreciation for the Work of the Assisting Bishops, the Standing Committee, and the Diocesan Staff of the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth during Bishop Mayer's Sabbatical.

Whereas, the Assisting Bishops stepped out of retirement, taking up the mantle of service to guide the Diocese in her continued spiritual growth while Bishop Mayer was on a long awaited and well earned sabbatical;

Whereas, The Standing Committee took up the task of continuing to work on the day to day operations of the Diocese so that she could continue to grow and thrive while also allowing Bishop Mayer the needed time to pray, grow and meditate in order to strengthen and fortify his gifts from the Holy Spirit for the tasks that remain ahead;

Whereas, the Diocesan Staff worked longer days and made great personal sacrifices to ensure the Diocese continued to not only maintain status quo but to markedly grow in spiritual depth and presence, positively affecting the life of the broader community of Fort Worth;

Therefore, let it be resolved that this 34th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth extends the sincerest and most profound gratitude to the Right Reverends Rayford B. High, Jr. and Bishop Sam B. Hulsey, to the members of the Standing Committee, and to the Diocesan Staff for sacrificially sharing their time and talent with the Diocese and Fort Worth while Bishop Mayer was on sabbatical.

A Resolution of Thanksgiving and Appreciation for the Speakers at the 34th Convention of the Diocese of Fort Worth.

Whereas, the speakers have given of their time to share their vast knowledge with the delegates and guests of the 34th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth;

Whereas, they have provided encouragement and inspiration to help our congregations move forward in new and dynamic ways;

Whereas, the insightful and timely topics are particularly relevant to the core values of outreach and respect for human dignity to which this diocese is firmly committed;

Whereas, the obvious preparation and execution by the speakers, as well as those who helped foster their engagement, contributed immensely to a convention that has left people feeling renewed and refreshed to go out and do the work in which God has called us to share;

Therefore, let it be resolved that this 34th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth extends the sincerest and most profound gratitude to Catherine Lillibridge, Eric Law, and David Rice for their time spent this week edifying the members of the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth and also offers its thanksgiving for their larger contribution to the life of the Church.

A Resolution of Thanksgiving and Appreciation for Mrs. Kathy Mayer for her ministry in the Dioceses of Fort Worth and Northwest Texas.

Whereas, Kathy Mayer, who has historically navigated with grace the balance between her role in the Church and in the world, now finds herself navigating in both the Diocese of Northwest Texas and the Diocese of Fort Worth;

Whereas, Kathy navigates her roles with the gifts of humor and hospitality making all in her presence comfortable and welcome;

Whereas, Kathy very generously sacrifices time with her spouse, Bishop Mayer, supporting his service to the people of both Dioceses;

Therefore, let it be resolved that this 34th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth express our affection and appreciation for Kathy Mayer and make known our gratitude for her ministry and presence.

A Resolution of Thanksgiving for All Saint's Episcopal School and the Fort Worth West Deanery.

Whereas, All Saints' Episcopal School has once again provided the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth with a beautiful setting for its 34th Annual Convention, and has allowed us use of facilities for timely and important educational seminars, business meetings, and most importantly a beautiful and inspiring sacred space in which to worship together;

Whereas, the Fort Worth West Deanery has so graciously accepted the responsibility for acting as hosts for this 34th Annual Convention, providing nourishment for our bodies and our spirits through their care of all those in attendance;

Therefore, let it be resolved that this 34th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth extends its heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to All Saints' Episcopal School of Fort Worth and to the Fort Worth West Deanery for their generosity and hospitality.

A Resolution of Thanksgiving for the Presiding Bishop, President of the House of Deputies, and the Executive Council of The Episcopal Church for walking alongside us on our journey of resurrection.

Whereas, the witness and life of Jesus the Christ clearly teaches that the path to Resurrection first passes through the locus of death;

Whereas, for some years it seemed as if the death toll was ringing and a quiet darkness had settled down upon our beloved diocese;

Whereas, like Christ walking forth from the grave, the Diocese of Fort Worth is also experiencing glorious resurrection as indicated by events such as renewed and new community outreach activities, new mission starts, an increase in average Sunday attendance of 19%, and stronger bonds of mutual love and support between the various congregations;

Whereas, this resurrection journey could not be happening without the continued, resolute support of the Presiding Bishop, the President of the House of Deputies, and the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church who have pledged their prayers, friendship, and financial resources;

Therefore, let it be resolved by this 34th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth that it be known that the People of the Diocese are tremendously grateful for the support of the Most Reverend Michael Curry, the Reverend Gay Jennings, and the members of the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church and in response to this gratitude pledge ourselves to live as icons of the Resurrection.