

CR-1 The Reverend Lynda S. Hergenrather

Whereas, Lynda Hergenrather has faithfully served the Lord Jesus Christ in our midst for 37 years,

And whereas, Lynda was one of the first women to be ordained to the priesthood in the Episcopal Church in June of 1979,

And whereas, Lynda has served at Saint Luke's in the capacities of Assistant to the Rector, Priest-in-charge, and Priest Associate,

And whereas, Lynda has also been a close friend and advisor to so many in this parish through the years,

And whereas, Lynda has decided to retire and to move to Florida to be closer to her brothers and their families,

And whereas, she leaves Saint Luke's taking with her the gratitude and affection of the parish,

Therefore be it resolved, that Sunday, July 3, 2016, is to be known as The Reverend Lynda Hergenrather Sunday at St. Luke's, Alexandria.

Submitted by the vestry of Saint Luke's Episcopal Church.

CR-2 Courtesy Resolution on the Occasion of the Retirement of the Rev. Laura D. Inscoe

Whereas, the Reverend Laura D. Inscoe, a priest of this Diocese recently retired after 14 years of ordained ministry; and

Whereas, Laura served as assistant rector of St. Mary's Goochland for 7 years; and

Whereas, Laura was called as the 24th rector of St. John's Church, Church Hill in 2009 and as the first female rector of St. John's Church since its founding in 1611; and

Whereas, Laura lived into her baptismal and ordination vows through her pastoral presence, her insightful preaching, and her warm and gracious welcome to all; and

Whereas, Laura, throughout her ministry, empowered laity, mentored clergy and those in the process towards holy orders, and encouraged and strengthened many; and

Whereas, Laura created a collegial body of associated clergy at St. John's; and

Whereas, Laura models the emptying out of one's life for Christ and for God; and

Whereas, Laura worked ecumenically with other churches in Church Hill on different ministries, especially in the creation and funding of the Armstrong Priorities Academy; and

Whereas, Laura assisted with racial reconciliation at St. John's through Conversations in Black and White; and

Whereas, Laura will enter her retirement, filled with joy and excitement, to be with the Rev. Ray Inscoe, her beloved husband, and her family; and

Whereas, we at St. John's will miss her greatly; now therefore be it

Resolved, the 222nd Annual Convention of the Diocese of Virginia thanks the Reverend Laura Inscoe for her service to date and commends its prayers for her continued service to all; and

Be it further resolved, that a copy of this resolution be provided to Laura and that it be recorded in the minutes of the 222nd Annual Convention.

Submitted on behalf of the congregation of St. John's Church by the vestry, staff, and associated clergy of St. John's

CR-3 Honoring the Christian Service of Ms. Harriet Witt Moore, St. Thomas, Orange, Parishioner

Whereas, Harriet W. Moore has been an active and devoted member of the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia for over 64 years, 49 of those years serving in historic St. Thomas's Parish, of Orange, Virginia, and on various commissions and ministries of the Diocese of Virginia;

Whereas, Harriet Moore served as a knowledgeable, faithful, and compassionate reader of countless General Ordination Examinations [GOE] for over ten years, thus serving the ministry of the wider Church;

Whereas, Harriet Moore has patiently served as a Spiritual Director, counselor, and guide to numerous persons in the Church, both clerical and lay, most notably to young men and women considering a path to ordination in the Episcopal Church of the United States, and where she has demonstrated the noteworthy spiritual gift of encouragement as a counselor and guide, for 15 years, from its inception through 2015 with the Young Priest Initiative [YPI];

Whereas, despite her routine commitments to: teaching Sunday School and Vacation Bible Schools, attending Bible Studies, serving on church Vestries and as Senior Warden, on altar guild, serving as a Lay Eucharistic Minister and Visitor, as a GOE reader, and serving the diocesan YPI program, she also displayed her Christian commitment to serving the incarcerated when she created and managed for over ten years a jail ministry and worship program in the Central Virginia Regional Jail, a program which included Sunday weekly worship for all inmates and an additional Monday night program for female inmates; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, the 222nd Annual Convention of the Diocese of Virginia join with the Vestry and congregation of historic St. Thomas Episcopal Church and with the diocesan Young Priest Initiative program in honoring Ms. Harriet Witt Moore for her extraordinary example of dedicated Christian leadership, faithful discipleship, and patient servanthood to Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and be it further,

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to Ms. Harriet Moore and that it be recorded in the minutes of the 222nd Annual Convention.

Submitted by: The Rev. Dr. Linda Hutton, Rector, on behalf of the Vestry and Parish of St. Thomas Church, Orange, Virginia, and by the Rev. Laura M. Lockey, Diocesan Campus Minister on behalf of the Young Priest Initiative.

CR-4 Courtesy Resolution for The Rev. Jim Papile

Resolved, that the 222nd Annual Convention of the Diocese of Virginia gives thanks for the service and ministry of The Rev. James ("Jim") Papile: especially,

- for his 17 years of inspirational stewardship and spiritual leadership as Rector of the St. Anne's Episcopal Church parish community in Reston from 1999 until his retirement in 2016;
- for his fostering of a deep sense of community and welcome wherever he has served;
- for his role in shepherding St. Anne's growth as a caring, welcoming, inclusive and progressive spiritual home for all its people;
- for his commitment to helping St. Anne's grow as an especially welcoming and nurturing place for families and children to flourish and thrive;
- for his leadership and commitment to outreach at St. Anne's – both in parish programs and partnerships working in the local community - and in mission trips within this country and abroad, through which the people of St. Anne's have formed new relationships and have provided assistance to more distant communities;
- for his sympathetic pastoral ear, counsel and help, always ready for those in any kind of need or trouble;
- for his many services to this Diocese, including his ministry to other clergy in the Fresh Start program;
- for his probing and inspired insights in preaching, as a teacher, and in the Education For Ministry ("EFM") program – both as an EFM mentor at St. Anne's and nationally in helping shape the EFM curriculum and in training EFM mentors;
- for being a bold and prophetic voice - at St. Anne's, in this Diocese, and in the broader church as deputy at General Convention - in support of social justice, inclusivity, equality and a loving respect for all persons; and be it further

Resolved, that the Secretary of the Diocese be requested to send a copy of this Resolution to The Rev. Jim Papile and that it be recorded in the Journal of the 222nd Convention.

Submitted by:

The Rev. John C. N. Hall (Rector, St. Anne's, Reston)
The Rev. Laura Cochran (St. Anne's, Reston)
Katrina Alexander, Lay Delegate, St. Anne's, Reston
Paul Jones, Lay Delegate, St. Anne's, Reston
Sheila Sandford, Lay Delegate, St. Anne's, Reston

Endorsed by The Vestry of St. Anne's Episcopal Church, Reston

CR-5: Mildred “Millie” Lofton

Whereas, Ms. Millie Lofton served for twenty years as a dedicated staff member of the Diocese of Virginia; and

Whereas, her efforts as Bookkeeper made her a valued colleague to staff members and a key resource for clergy and parishioners across the Diocese; and

Whereas, Millie supported the ministries of many bishops of Virginia: Peter Lee, Clay Matthews, David Jones, Frank Gray, Shannon Johnston, Ted Gulick, and Susan Goff; and

Whereas, Millie made each day at Mayo House sweeter by greeting each person as “Sugar” and enriched our lives with her irreverent sense of humor, incisive commentary, and Oscar-worthy performances; and

Whereas, Millie offered honest counsel and keen insight delivered from a fullness of life experience and with knowing love of the person confiding in her; and

Whereas, Millie departed this life, limboing into the arms of Jesus, June 10, 2016; therefore be it

Resolved, that the 222nd Annual Convention of the Diocese of Virginia offer its profound thanksgiving for the life of Millie Lofton and her dedicated and compassionate service to this Diocese; and be it further

Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be sent to her son, Mr. Rodney Lofton, as a gesture of thanksgiving for the joy and inspiration she brought to so many in the Diocese and beyond.

Submitted by the Mayo House Staff

CR-6 The Rev. James Mauney

WHEREAS, the Rev. James Mauney is retiring after eighteen years of devoted service as the Bishop of the Virginia Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and,

WHEREAS, during his episcopate he has not only served his synod with distinction, but has been a leader in the Virginia Council of Churches, the Lutheran Anglican United Methodist and Roman Catholic (LARCUM) fellowship in Virginia, and the Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy, and

WHEREAS, his ecumenical vision, devotion to the Gospel, passion for justice, and sublime gifts as a preacher have built up the entire Christian community in Virginia, and

WHEREAS, he has been a consistently encouraging and sustaining partner in our full communion relationship, be it resolved

That this 222nd Annual Convention of the Diocese of Virginia wishes him Godspeed in this next season of his ministry, and assures him of our prayers as the Virginia Synod chooses his successor.

Submitted by the Rt. Rev. Edwin "Ted" Gulick