

## **175th Annual Diocesan Convention**

**The Diocese of Florida**

**January 26-27, 2018**

**THEME:** "Be Transformed ..." ( Romans 12:2)

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Dr. John M. McCardell, Jr.,  
Vice-Chancellor of Sewanee -The University of the South

**CHAPLAIN:** The Rev. Teresa Seagle, Chaplain of the Episcopal School of Jacksonville

**BISHOP:** The Right Reverend Samuel Johnson Howard

**ST. THOMAS DELEGATES:** The Rev. Dr. & Mrs. Reed Freeman, Steve Wing, Ralph Yearwood,  
Althea Robinson

The 175<sup>th</sup> Annual Diocese Convention was held on January 26, 2018 through January 27, 2018 with a pre-convention live stream broadcast on Friday, January 16, 2018. The live stream video outlined the convention agenda and presented budget and nomination information.

*Video may be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pPoXvtbPsJU&feature=youtu.be>*

### **January 26, 2018 - Omni Jacksonville Hotel/St John's Cathedral, Jacksonville, FL.**

Registration & check-in was held from 9am-3pm, at the Omni Hotel, located in Downtown Jacksonville.

- Ministry Fair, opened at 11am at the Omni Jacksonville, and remained open throughout the convention. The vendors were located throughout the 2nd Floor outside of the main ballroom where the convention events were held.
- Evensong Service was held at St. John's Cathedral, located in Jacksonville, FL
- Social/Reception followed by dinner and the Bishop's Cross Awards, at the Omni Hotel. The banquet and awards ceremony conclude the day's events.

Video of the Evensong Service may be viewed at <https://www.facebook.com/EpiscopalDioceseOfFlorida/>

## **January 27, 2018 - Business Meeting - Omni Jacksonville Hotel, Jacksonville, FL**

The business meeting moderated by The Right Reverend Samuel Howard, Bishop of Florida (the Bishop), convened at 9:00am and included a Eucharist Service led by Chaplain, The Rev. Teresa Seagle.

A video presentation highlighting the thirteen schools in the diocese after which Bishop Howard's address included:

- A report on the role of the Episcopal schools, The Bishop's Institute and Camp Weed in promoting growth and evangelism in the diocese.
- Nine new missions formed within the past few year. Growth experienced of St. Christopher, Flagler Beach (100%) since its inception.
- A continuation of last years convention theme "A New Day" and asked us to continue to be more inviting. He requested us to be humble and in prayer as we continue to share the good news. Praying for a new understanding of how to bring others into a relationship with Christ.
- Diversity and change to service format will will impact the church as it figures out how to minister to those who need it.
- Emphasis on continued growth. Conversations on evangelism and growth continue, with a schedule series of summits around the diocese to enable vision and idea sharing.
- Training to equipt laity for ministry continues. Upcoming "Wisdom Calling" conference to be held on February 8 – 10 at Camp Weed. Information may be found at <http://campweed.org/calendar/calendar-of-events/wisdom-calling-a-conference-on-local-formation.aspx>
- The national church's request to increase diocesan giving to 15% but The Bishop has decided that we remain at 10%.

**Video of this session is on Facebook and may be viewed at**

<https://www.facebook.com/EpiscopalDioceseOfFlorida/videos/vb.257468581014477/1746996772061643/?type=2&theater>

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

The Bishop of Cuba, *Griselda Delgado del Carpio* greeted the convention via a translator and made a presentation to Bishop Howard.

**Election and Voting** - Initially took place electronically but was replaced with paper ballots due to electronic glitch. The results were presented after lunch and is as follows:

**DIOCESAN COUNCIL**

- The Rev. Hugh Chapman, St. Michael and All Angels, Tallahassee
- Jack Tull, Christ Church, Ponte Vedra Beach - First Coast East
- Hank Wilson, St. Mark's, Jacksonville - First Coast West
- Jim Salter, Holy Trinity, Gainesville - Santa Fe

**DISCIPLINARY BOARD**

- The Rev. George Hinchliffe, St. Luke's, Live Oak
- The Rev. Michael Ellis, St. Francis in the Field, Ponte Vedra
- Lauren Hoffman, Church of the Redeemer, Jacksonville
- Bill Erwin, Jr., St. John's Cathedral, Jacksonville

**STANDING COMMITTEE**

- The Rev. Remington Slone, Christ Church, Ponte Vedra Beach
- Pam Jordan Anderson, St. John's, Tallahassee

**SEWANEE BOARD OF TRUSTEES - LAY**

- Felicia Bullock, Christ Church, Ponte Vedra Beach

Respectfully Submitted,

*Althea D. Robinson*