

# 176<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention

## Diocese of Florida

January 26, 2019

**THEME:** Living in the Spirit (Romans 8:22-27 )

**CHAPLAIN:** The Rev. Cn. Dr. Miguel Rosada

**DEACON:** The Venerable Jeanie Beyer

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

**ST. THOMAS DELEGATES:** The Rev. Robert Goolsby, Althea Robinson, Steve Wing, Ralph Yearwood (absent),

**LOCATION:** Camp Weed & Cerveny Conference Center, 8005 25th St., Live Oak, FL

### AGENDA

9:00 – 9:45am Check-in – Snell/McCarty Youth Pavilion

10:00 – 11:45am Convention Business Meeting – Youth Pavilion

11:45am – 1:00pm Lunch and fellowship

1:15 – 3:30pm Convention Business Meeting

This year, the 176<sup>th</sup> Annual Diocese Convention was a one day event held on January 26, 2019 in Snell Hall at Camp Weed, with a pre-convention live stream video broadcast outlining the convention agenda, presentation of the budget and nomination information.

*Video may be viewed at* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xSyTaswLdSM&t=1s>

The convention began with devotion after which, The Right Reverend Samuel Howard gave the convention address.

The full address may be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lcmeE54KDts>

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **The Bishop Cross Recipients were:**

- *L. Kinder “Kin” Cannon Redeemer, Jacksonville*
- *Dee Dugger Holy Trinity, Gainesville*
- *Kevin Gay St. Paul’s By the Sea*
- *Benjamin Hill St. Bartholomew’s, High Springs*

## **ELECTION AND VOTING – The results were as follows:**

### **DIOCESAN COUNCIL - Clergy**

- The Rev. Rhonda Willerer, St. Patricks, St John’s County

### **DIOCESAN COUNCIL Apalachee Region – Lay**

- Mr. Byron Green, St. Michael and All Angels, Tallahassee

### **DIOCESAN COUNCIL, River Region – Lay**

- Mrs. Courtney Carter, Emmanuel, Weleka

### **STANDING COMMITTEE - Clergy**

- The Rev. Cn. Dr. Miguel Rosada, St Lukes, Jacksonville

### **STANDING COMMITTEE - Lay**

- Ms. Rhonda Masters, St. Paul’s, Federal Point

### **DISCIPLINARY BOARD – Clergy**

- The Rev. Bert Daly, St Mark’s, Starke

### **DISCIPLINARY BOARD – Lay**

- Mr. Charlie Clark, St. Michael and All Angels, Tallahassee

### **Sewanee Board**

- Mr. Byron Green, St. Michael and All Angels, Tallahassee

**PASSED RESOLUTION:** There were 2 resolutions submitted and passed, as follows:

1. **Resolution 2019-01 Submitted As: Diocesan Council Title: Appointment of Chair of General Convention Deputation-Canon 27**

**Resolution to change a Diocesan Canon? Yes**

**Whereas**, Canon 27 (Of Deputies to General Convention and Provincial Synod) says the following: (f) The Bishop shall appoint a Clergy and a Lay Deputy to serve as Co-Chairs of the Deputation. Resolved, The Diocesan Bishop shall appoint one chair of the deputation from the four elected clergy deputies or the four elected lay deputies.

**Further Resolved**, Canon 27 shall be changed as follows to accommodate the appointment of one chair:

Section 1 (f) The Bishop shall appoint a Clergy and a Lay Deputy to serve as Co- Chairs of the Deputation. one chair of the deputation from the four elected clergy deputies or the four elected lay deputies.

Section 2 (b) The deputation chairs shall fill out the Testimonial of Deputy Selection and the Alternate Deputy Selection Forms and any necessary amendments provided by the General Convention Office. Such forms shall be signed and submitted to the General Convention Office by the Secretary of Diocesan Convention in a timely manner.

SECTION 6. Report to Diocesan Convention. The Deputation Co-Chairs will prepare a report to Diocesan Convention regarding General Convention. The report will be for the next Diocesan Convention immediately following General Convention and will be in writing, no more than two pages in length.

**Explanation:** The General Convention Office does not recognize Co-Chairs for a Deputation, only a Chair. For the past two General Conventions the Diocese of Florida has submitted the names of Co-Chairs but the General Convention Office has then changed this to only one chair. This chair is the only one authorized to sign for deputy-alternate deputy exchanges, vote-by-order form and other official business. It is therefore better that the bishop appoints only one chair.

2. **Resolution 2019-02 Submitted As: Diocesan Council and Standing Committee**

**Title:** To Honor the 15th Year of The Right Reverend Samuel Johnson Howard as Our Diocesan Bishop

Resolution to change a Diocesan Canon? No

**Whereas,** The Right Reverend Samuel Johnson Howard was instituted as the 8th Bishop of the Diocese of Florida on January 29, 2004. Whereas, Bishop Howard has served as our faithful Diocesan Bishop and Chief Pastor for 15 years.

**Whereas,** Bishop Howard has shared in the ministry of the Diocese of Florida with Marie Howard who has not only supported Bishop John but has contributed her own ministries as a good and faithful servant. Resolved, To thank Bishop Howard for his 15 years of dedicated service this 176th Diocesan Convention authorizes a 6-week sabbatical at full salary and benefits.

**Further Resolved,** A committee shall be formed to help the Howard's plan and obtain funding for this sabbatical from the Lilly Foundation and other sabbatical grant sources.

**Further Resolve,** To vote YES for this well-deserved sabbatical for Bishop Howard please stand and applaud loudly with gusto.

The convention ended with Eucharist.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Althea D. Robinson*