

## Report on the 2018 Diocese of Olympia Convention held at the Double Tree by Hilton Hotel, Seattle Airport on October 26 and 27, 2018.

**Link to Convention website:** [2018 Diocese of Olympia Convention](#) and all documents. Please review this online document which has many other items that may be of interest that are not addressed in this report.

Theme of Convention: **This is Us – Looking Back - Moving Forward.**

**Link to the Bishops Address:** [Bishop Rickel's 2018 Convention Address.](#)

### THE GRACE DELEGATION

This year Grace was represented at Convention by our Rector-Wren Blessing, by our Grace member who is the President of the Bishops Standing Committee – Karen Casey, and our Delegates - Marcus Lang, Nancy Peregrine, J. Mike Scott, Dusty Collings, Carolyn Leigh, Carolyn Morrison, Ted Cozine, Eric Matthews

Also, a huge thank you to our Alternate Delegates Liz Powell, Jack MacArthur, Amanda Grossman, Jon Quitslund, Shannon Russell, Tom Leigh, Taylor Hall, Peter Zapf.



Back Row-L to R – Marcus Lang, Nancy Peregrine, J. Mike Scott, Dusty Collings. Center-Karen Casey. Front Row-L to R – Wren Blessing, Carolyn Leigh, Carolyn Morrison, Ted Cozine, Eric Matthews.

## VISION STATEMENT

Select this link: [The Vision Statement](#) for the 2018 Diocese of Olympia Convention.

## NOMINATIONS / ELECTIONS

Select this link: [Nominations Report](#) for the 2018 Diocese of Olympia Convention.

There were only four elections to positions that had more than one person standing for election. The elections were completed with just one ballot. The list of those who won election are not yet up on the Diocesan web site.

## BUDGET

Select this link: [Budget Narrative](#) for the 2018 Diocese of Olympia Convention.

The 2018 Budget **PASSED** - Of note is that it is a balanced budget and over 50% goes to supporting programs for ministry and empowering congregations.

## RESOLUTIONS

Select this link: [Resolutions Report](#) for the 2018 Diocese of Olympia Convention.

**Resolution #1** – 2019 Diocesan Assessment Rate – **PASSED** – Rate set at 14.5% of real-time NDI calculations. **Note** - this is **DOWN** from the 2004 rate of 20% and last year's rate of 15%.

**Resolution #2** – 2020 Diocesan Assessment Rate – **PASSED** – Rate set at 14.5% of real-time NDI calculations. **Note** - this is **DOWN** from the 2004 rate of 20% and last year's rate of 15%.

**Resolution #3** – Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) to Clergy Salary Scale for 2019 – **PASSED** – The rate of the increase was 3.3%.

**Resolution #4** – Adoption of the Model Policy for the Protection of Children & Youth – **PASSED** - LINK to [Model Policy for the Protection of Children & Youth](#). This is a significant change to the policy of protecting children and youth and is worth a review.

**Resolution #5** – Adoption of the Model Policy for the Protection of Vulnerable Adults – **PASSED** – LINK to [Model Policy for the Protection of Vulnerable Adults](#). This is a significant change to the policy of protecting vulnerable adult and is worth a review.

**Resolution #6** – Absurd Translation of the Nicene Creed – **PASSED** – LINK to [Background document: NICENE CREED](#). The submitter is asking for the Bishop to ask the Standing Commission on Music and Liturgy to review Asian language texts of the Nicene Creed being used in the Asian community, he is concerned that some of the characters that are intended to be speaking of the Holy Spirit are more accurately interpreted as family member’s spirits.

## **SIX-HOUR RESOLUTIONS**

There were two (2) Six-Hour Resolutions

Recognition and Affirmation of the Inherent Dignity of Transgender and Nonbinary Persons as Beloved Children of God – **PASSED**

Preventing Sexual Harassment and Discrimination – **PASSED**

## **COURTESY RESOLUTIONS -**

See this link: [Courtesy Resolutions](#) for the 2018 Diocese of Olympia Convention – **ALL PASSED**

## **CONSTITUTION & CANONS COMMITTEE REPORT**

See the link: [Constitution & Canons Committee Report](#) for the 2018 Diocese of Olympia Convention.

All of the minor wording changes to the Constitution & Canons were **PASSED**.

## **TABLE WORK DISCUSSION SESSIONS**

Our table discussions focused on Presiding Bishop Curries vision of The Way of Love – Practices for a Jesus-Centered Life. [PAMPHLET LINK](#) and [WEBSITE LINK](#)

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