

DIOCESAN COUNCIL REPORT TO CONVENTION

THE DIOCESE OF UTAH 2015

The on-going work of Diocesan Council in 2015 consisted of preparing and overseeing the Diocesan budget, reviewing the audits and operating statements, dispersing grants, working with mission, parishes, agencies, and ministries of the Diocese of Utah while serving as the Diocesan Convention in recess. Much of Council's time was spent preparing for General Convention. A special budget was developed for Convention and Council worked diligently to ensure that General Convention 2015 was a success and reflected the best light possible on the smallest Diocese ever to host General Convention in modern history.

Our Bishop, The Rt. Rev, Scott B. Hayashi, in his capacity as our President, headed the Executive Committee of Council which consisted of Vice President, The Very Rev. Raymond Joe Waldon, and members: The Rev. Mary Janda, Mrs. Nancy Tanner, and ex-officio member, The Rev. Canon Mary June Nestler. From time to time Council was assisted by our Chief Financial Officer, The Rev. Canon Steve Anderson, our Chancellor, Canon Steve Hutchinson, our Communication Officer Canon Craig Wirth, our Treasurer Ms. Sandy Garrard, our clerk Ms. Monica Daly, our General Convention Volunteer Coordinator, The Rev. Deacon Libby Hunter, and many other staff and volunteers.

Regional Representatives made numerous trips to our various ministries, parishes, and missions with Council holding a meeting in the Uinta Basin. Council served as a clearing agency and resource for the various needs of General Convention as we heard reports and had special presentations. This year Council continued the tradition of hearing reports from each Regional Representative at every meeting and receiving reports from various leadership members of the Diocese like the Executive Officer and the Chancellor.

Council established a procedure for the filing, acceptance, and distribution of funding grants, special grants (like roof repair for a parish), incentive grants for ministry, and emergency aid as needed. Council posted its minutes on the WEB and made minutes available to any member of the Diocese.

The Bishop appointed the Very Rev. Raymond Waldon to chair two co-committees: Policy Review Task Force and Size of Council Task Force. He also appointed a special grants committee and other committees as needed.

Your Council worked diligently to ensure the on-going health of the Diocese as we worked with our Bishop to further his vision for mission. It is a joy to report how well the Council performed its duties with candor, sincerity, laughter, grace, and Godly passion.

Respectfully Submitted on Behalf of Diocesan Council,
The Very Rev. Raymond Joe Waldon, Vice- President 2015

