

# ANDREWGRAM

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## Resolutions Adopted At Last Weekend's Diocesan Convention



St. Andrew's Church was ably represented at the 140th Convention of the Diocese of Easton by Father David, Delegates Kat Harting and David Warren, and Alternates Kelli Michaud and Deborah Parker. A report on the convention was given at both the 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. services this past Sunday by Father David, Kat and David.

Before the convention were a number of resolutions, most of which were approved on the floor of convention. Below is a synopsis of what was passed.

First, there were a few resolutions dealing with deadlines of submitting resolutions for consideration by convention. The deadlines for submitting resolutions changing the constitution and canons were extended from 90 to 120 days before convention. Also passed was a resolution extending the deadline for resolutions on issues from 7 days to 120 days prior to convention.

Next, there was a resolution passed to allow a convention to determine the boundaries of our three convocations. Previously boundaries were spelled out in a canon (a diocesan church law) which required a more involved process to change. Also, a resolution passed removing oversight by the diocese's Department of Finance and Diocesan Council of the financial operations of Trinity Cathedral. There was some debate on this resolution, but in the end it was approved.

Resolutions generating little debate and overwhelming support included a resolution extending the exploration of a companion diocese relationship between the Diocese of Easton and the Diocese of the Northeastern Caribbean and Aruba (NECA); a resolution calling for a report to account for the activity of the Diocese's clergy vacation funds; a resolution supporting the 400th anniversary on the landing of Captain John Smith in Shrewsbury Parish on the Sassafra River this August; and a resolution establishing a diocesan Task Force to study and make recommendations on the latest draft of the Anglican Communion Covenant, referred to as the St. Andrew's Draft. This draft will most probably be a topic of conversation at this summer's Lambeth Conference, a once every ten years meeting of all the bishops of the Anglican Communion at the residence of the Archbishop of Canterbury, Lambeth Palace. A resolution regarding the upcoming November referendum facing Maryland voters on whether or not to change the state constitution to permit legalized slot machine gaming did face some debate. Father David introduced a substitute amendment to the resolution which was adopted by the convention to encourage all parishes to come together in Christian community to study the moral and theological aspects, as well as the benefits and costs of this referendum so that Episcopalians will have opportunity to understand its implications prior to voting. While the amendment was adopted, the entire resolution was then tabled and so no action was taken on this issue in convention. Nevertheless, Father David has indicated that we would still like the people of St. Andrew's to host a study on the issue of gambling and the upcoming referendum in the months leading up to the November election. Information about the results of elections for Diocesan Council, Standing Committee, Board of Managers, Ecclesiastical Court, General Convention Deputies, and Provincial Synod Deputies can be found at the Diocesan website at [www.dioceseofeaston.org/Elected.pdf](http://www.dioceseofeaston.org/Elected.pdf). Two elections of note: Father David ran for Deputy for General Convention but was not elected; the Venerable Reese Rickards ran for Ecclesiastical Court and was elected.

Please contact Father David or Delegates Kat Harting and David Warren for more information on the Diocesan Convention.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 2/28 HOLY EUCHARIST WITH HEALING SERVICE, 12:00 NOON,  
ST. ANDREW'S CHAPEL
- 2/29 AA MEETING, 8:00 P.M., PARISH HALL
- 3/3 PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING, PARISH HALL,  
12:00 NOON
- 3/4 OUTREACH COMMITTEE MEETING, PARISH HALL,  
5:30 P.M.
- 3/4 LENTEN EDUCATION SERIES: THE PASSIONS OF OUR  
LORD: THE PASSION ACCORDING TO LUKE.  
POTLUCK 6:30 P.M., CLASS 7:00 P.M., PARISH HALL
- 3/5 SOMERSET MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION LENTEN SERVICE,  
12:00 NOON, METROPOLITAN U.M.C.,  
SOUP LUNCH FOLLOWS
- 3/7 STATIONS OF THE CROSS, 7:00 P.M.,  
ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH
- 3/7 AA AND AL ANON MEETING, 8:00 P.M., PARISH HALL

Ministers for this week's service are:

LECTORS

Richard Kirby and Don Cornforth

INTERCESSIONS

Carroll Lentz

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Becky Boston

ALTAR GUILD

Jerry and Barbara Lilley

USHER

John Nicholson and Nancy Stade

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