

1. BE IT RESOLVED, that this 97TH Annual Convention of the Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania extend its thanks and gratitude to members of the Convention Host Committee of Cathedral of St. Paul, Erie for all their labors on behalf of this convention.

2. BE IT RESOLVED, that this 97th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania extend greetings and best wishes to our retired Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Robert D. Rowley, Jr. and his wife Nancy, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to them by the Secretary of Convention.

3. BE IT RESOLVED, that this 97th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania extend greetings and best wishes to the retired clergy and their spouses of the Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania and to surviving spouses of those clergy who are deceased or who have been unable to attend this 97th Annual Convention and that a copy of this resolution be sent to them by the Secretary of Convention.

4. BE IT RESOLVED, that this 97th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania express thanks to those friends who have maintained a prayer vigil throughout the proceedings of this Convention.

5. BE IT RESOLVED, that this 97th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania extend greetings and best wishes to our seminarians, Michele Hanes and Johanna Baker.

6. BE IT RESOLVED, that this 97th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania extend greetings and best wishes to the Director of Protestant Campus Ministries, The Rev. Rebecca A. McFee, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to her by the Secretary of Convention.

7. BE IT RESOLVED, that this 97th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania convey greetings to the clergy and people of the Shenango Presbytery, through its Executive Presbyter David G. Dawson; to the clergy and people of the Kiskiminetas Presbytery, through its Executive Presbyter, Wayne A. Yost; to the clergy and people of the United Methodist Church, Western Pennsylvania Conference, through its resident Bishop, the Rev. Thomas J. Bickerton; to the clergy and people of the Presbyterian Church (USA), Presbytery of Lake Erie, through its General Presbyter, the Rev. David Oyler; to the clergy and people of the American Baptist Churches of Pennsylvania and Delaware, through its Area Minister, Rev. Donald W. Girdwood; to the clergy and people of the United Church of Christ, Penn West Conference, through its Conference Minister, the Rev. Alan N. McLarty; to the clergy and people of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Erie, through its Bishop, the Most Rev. Donald W. Trautman; and to the clergy and people of the Northwest Pennsylvania Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, through its Bishop, the Rev. Ralph Jones.

8. BE IT RESOLVED, that this 97th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania convey greetings to the clergy and people of the Spanish Reformed Episcopal Church through its Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Carlos Lopez Lozano.

9. BE IT RESOLVED, that this 97th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania recognize significant ordination anniversaries during this year and last for: Frederick Haworth (60 years); Edward Lowrey (45 years); Robert McKay (40 years); Richard Elberfeld (30 years); Lawrence Scofield (20 years); Douglas Dayton (15 years); William French (15 years); Gerald Harris (15 years); Norman Field (10 years); David Fulford (10 years); Julie Nelson (10 years); Robert Reed (40 years-diaconate); Georgianna Chango (15 years-diaconate); Charl Kapp (10 years-diaconate); and Bonnie Skellen (10 years-diaconate).

WHEREAS Donald James Davis was born in New Castle, PA, and raised in Frederick, MD, and

WHEREAS from high school days on was an accomplished tenor, receiving a music degree from Westminster College and

WHEREAS he graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary in 1952, the year he married Mary Gray Schofield and

WHEREAS he was ordained deacon and priest in 1955 at Washington National Cathedral by the Rt. Rev. Angus Dun and served congregations in Washington D.C.; Carmel, IN; Toledo, OH; and Bloomington, IL and

WHEREAS he was elected Bishop of the Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania in 1973 and

WHEREAS as bishop, he actively supported the ordination of women in the Episcopal Church and led the diocese in the struggle for social justice and

WHEREAS on January 1, 1977, he ordained Jacqueline Means in Indianapolis, who was the first woman to be ordained a priest following the authorization of the ordination of women in the Episcopal Church, and

WHEREAS he served on the Standing Commission on Church Music which proposed authorizing a revision to the Hymnal 1940, which resulted in the Hymnal 1982 and

WHEREAS he worked tirelessly for the mission of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and

WHEREAS Bishop Davis retired in 1991, moving to Florida and returning to his love of music, singing in many local church choirs and choral groups, and

WHEREAS Bishop Davis entered the Church Triumphant in August of 2007 and

WHEREAS he is survived by his wife and their three children and

WHEREAS his charismatic and engaging personality, his profound and inspiring preaching, and his beautiful singing voice will be missed,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this 97th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania rise in honor and respect for Donald James Davis, Bishop of the Church of God, for his ministry and witness among us and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to Gray Davis and their children by the Secretary of Convention.

WHEREAS Thomas George Russell was born in Philadelphia, PA, and graduated from the Episcopal Theological Seminary in Kentucky and

WHEREAS he was married to Marie Causton in 1954 and

WHEREAS he was ordained deacon and priest in 1964 and

WHEREAS he served churches in Clearfield, PA; Kennewick, WA; Belle Fourche, SD; Sioux Falls, SD; and Brookville, PA, and

WHEREAS while in South Dakota he was active in working with the Lakota Nation and

WHEREAS he was active in the diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania as a member of the Standing Committee, Diocesan Council, and as a Deputy to General Convention and

WHEREAS he anticipated the later huge popularity of Texas Hold 'Em by engaging clergy gatherings in friendly hands of poker and

WHEREAS he entered the Church Triumphant on December 1, 2006 and

WHEREAS he is survived by his wife and their four children

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this 97th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania rise in honor and respect for Thomas George Russell, Presbyter of the Church of God, for his ministry and witness among us and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to Marie Russell and their children by the Secretary of Convention.

WHEREAS Andrea Lynn McManigle French married William A. French on August 9, 1959 and entered the nearer presence of our Lord in September of 2007

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this 97th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania rise in honor of Andrea Lynn McManigle French's faithful, loyal service to her community, her family, her Church and this diocese, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to her husband, the Rev. William French, and their children by the Secretary of Convention.

WHEREAS Verna Beard has served faithfully as housekeeper of the Diocesan Office since it opened at its current location on December 23, 1967, and

WHEREAS she has served under four bishops and

WHEREAS she will retire at the end of this year

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this 97th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania rise in honor of Verna Beard and her devoted and loyal work among us for the last forty years and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to Verna Beard by the Secretary of Convention.