

Notes on the 234th Annual Convention

Convention theme was “Say it Aloud: The Power of the WORD”

The Bishop’s Address and the Keynote Address by the Rev. Canon Chuck Robertson dealt with how we may say it aloud. Both talks and other appropriate videos should be available on the diocesan website by this weekend.

A secondary theme of Convention was Growing Delaware: A common framework for how to organize our work, as a follow-up to the Invite, Welcome and Connect workshop held in the fall. Using the image of our church as a garden, we sow the seeds, tend the garden and share the harvest. 24 parishes shared with us how they are implementing what they learned in the workshops. You will be hearing more from us on our work as a church, although after watching reports from many of the churches, we are doing many of the things that have been suggested. One surprise was the Bishop’s seed money of \$250 for every church in the Dioceses to encourage this work of Evangelism.

Much business of the Diocese is conducted at Convention. The business and finance items included balanced budgets for 2018, 2019 and 2020.

Elections were held and results announced during the Business Sessions. You can see any of us for the results, or check the website.

Constitutions and Canons are reviewing parish by-laws and working on guidelines for those by-laws. They hope to have the guidelines to Bishop Kevin for review in March, and available to other committees in June and a final unveiling in the Fall.

Camp Arrowhead is making a good start on its capital campaign.

The next General Convention will be held in Baltimore, MD.

The 235th diocesan convention will be January 24 and 25th, 2020, and will be held in Delaware. The location will be announced when negotiations are complete.