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## COURTESY RESOLUTIONS 2023

### **Courtesy Resolution 2023-C1**

**Resolved**, that the 157th Convention of the Diocese of Long Island gives thanks for the witness and ministry of its leaders who faithfully served this diocese in the past; and be it further,

**Resolved**, that the Secretary of Convention send greetings on behalf of this Convention to the spouses of Bishops Robert Witcher and Orris G. Walker Jr., and Bishops Rodney Michel and James Ottley.

### **Courtesy Resolution 2023-C2**

**Resolved**, that the 157th Convention of the Diocese of Long Island gives thanks for all our ecumenical relationships; and be it further,

**Resolved**, that the Secretary of Convention send the greetings of this Convention to Bishop Paul Egensteiner of the New York Metropolitan Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; to The Most Reverend John Barres, Roman Catholic Bishop of Rockville Centre; The Most Reverend Robert J. Brennan, Bishop of Brooklyn; and, to The Reverend A. Erik Rasmussen, Chair of the Long Island Council of Churches.

### **Courtesy Resolution 2023-C3**

**Resolved**, that the 157th Convention of the Diocese of Long Island gives thanks for our brothers and sisters, both inside and outside of the Episcopal Church, in whom God draws us into ever deeper bonds of friendship and affection, and be it further

**Resolved**, that the Secretary of Convention send the greetings, prayers of this Convention to our brothers and sisters in *Cape Coast, Ghana; Torit, Sudan; and Ecuador Central*, also assuring them of our continued thanks for their part in our shared ministry of proclaiming Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

### **Courtesy Resolution 2023-C4**

**Resolved**, that the 157th Convention of the Diocese of Long Island expresses its sincere thanks and appreciation to members of the Reparations Committee Penny Grinage, Dorothy Laffin, Merrick Williams, the Rev. John Shirley, Rebecca Maines, Linda Watson-Lorde and the Very Rev. Gideon Pollach for their efforts in continuing to implement the Bishop Barbara C. Harris Scholarship and planning for and executing the Juneteenth Celebration.

### **Courtesy Resolution 2024-C5**

**Resolved**, that the 157th Convention of the Diocese of Long Island expresses its sincere thanks and appreciation to Denise Fillion, Ivette Fernandez, the entire Staff of the Diocese and the Committee on Dispatch of Business, for their efforts in planning for and executing this convention.

### **Courtesy Resolution 2023-C6**

**Resolved**, that the 157<sup>th</sup> Convention of the Diocese of Long Island convening for its second day on 11 November, Veterans Day, gives thanks to all who have served in the Armed Forces of this nation. We especially recognize and thank God for those present at this Convention who have served, for those in our congregations and communities and for their families. And we continue to pray steadfastly for the day when we live into the promise of lasting peace.

### **Courtesy Resolution 2023-C7**

**Resolved**, that the 157<sup>th</sup> Convention of the Diocese of Long Island acknowledge and recognize the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the ordination of women to the priesthood at Church of the Advocate in 1974. We thank God that in response to the Spirit and call to follow Jesus, these 11 brave women The Reverends Merrill Bittner, Alla Bozarth-Campbell, Alison Cheek, Emily Hewitt, Carter Heyward, Suzanne Hiatt, Marie Moorefield, Jeanette Piccard, Betty Schiess, Katrina Swanson, and Nancy Wittig, those who participated in that service, helped move the church into a new era of dignity, equality, and a fuller expression of ordained ministry.