COURTESY RESOLUTION 2026-C1

A Resolution of Thanksgiving for the Bishop Search Committee

Whereas, the Search Committee for the Ninth Bishop of Long Island faithfully undertook the important work of listening to the people of this Diocese, developing the diocesan profile, and discerning those called to offer themselves for episcopal leadership; and

Whereas, through many months of prayer, consultation, careful consideration, and faithful service, the Search Committee guided the discernment process that culminated in the election of the Rt. Rev. Dr. Adam J. Shoemaker as the Ninth Bishop of Long Island; therefore be it

Resolved, that the 160th Convention of the Diocese of Long Island expresses its sincere thanks and appreciation to the Very Rev. Gideon L. K. Pollach and Dr. Lena Mullings, Co-Chairs, and to the members of the Search Committee: the Rev. Jimmie Sue Deppe, the Rev. Andrew Durbidge, the Rev. Grace Flint, the Rev. Sheldon N. N. Hamblin, the Rev. John Merz, the Rev. Deacon Myldred Previl, the Rev. Deacon Katherine Schneider, the Rev. Carlos Rendon, the Rev. Keith A. Voets, Laura Beckham, Jennifer Florez, Tamara Harris, Dr. Nancy Lam, Dr. Lorna R. Lewis, James Olszewski, Karen R. Schief, and Léon M. Willis II, for their extraordinary commitment, wisdom, and faithful service to this Diocese; and be it further

Resolved, that this Convention gives thanks to Almighty God for their dedication to the discernment of God's call and for their contribution to the continuing mission and ministry of the Diocese of Long Island.

COURTESY RESOLUTION 2026-C2

A Resolution of Thanksgiving for the Bishop Transition Committee

Whereas, the Transition Committee for the Ninth Bishop of Long Island faithfully served the people of this Diocese by coordinating opportunities for clergy and laity to meet the episcopal candidates, supporting the process of discernment, and preparing for the welcoming and ordination of our new bishop; and

Whereas, through their hospitality, careful planning, and countless hours of service, the Transition Committee helped guide this Diocese through a significant moment in its common life, preparing the way for a new chapter of episcopal leadership; therefore be it

Resolved, that the 160th Convention of the Diocese of Long Island expresses its sincere thanks and appreciation to the Rev. Stephen C. Tamke, the Rev. Deacon Claire Mis, and Randal Schultz, Co-Chairs, and to the members of the Transition Committee: the Rev. Diane L. Neuls DeBlasio, the Rev. Sully Guillaume-Sam, the Rev. Deacon Brenda Marshall, the Rev. Darrell L. Tiller, the Rev. Dr. Norman Whitmire, Jr., the Rev. Lu Carrie Zhang, Charmaine G. Alleyne, Dr. Michelle A. Chester, Kevin C. Fowler, Lesly Galloway, Darleyne Mayers, Angela Sacco, Wendy Small-Brassell, and Denise Washington, for their dedication, generosity, and faithful service; and be it further

Resolved, that this Convention gives thanks to Almighty God for their ministry of welcome and hospitality, and for their efforts in preparing this Diocese to receive and begin its ministry with the Ninth Bishop of Long Island.

COURTESY RESOLUTION 2026-C3

A Resolution of Thanksgiving for the Joint Oversight Committee

Whereas, the Joint Oversight Committee, composed of representatives of the Standing Committee and Diocesan Council, was entrusted with the important responsibility of overseeing the search, election, and transition process for the Ninth Bishop of Long Island; and

Whereas, through their leadership, collaboration, careful stewardship, and faithful attention to the responsibilities entrusted to them, the Joint Oversight Committee provided guidance and continuity throughout this important period in the life of the Diocese; therefore be it

Resolved, that the 160th Convention of the Diocese of Long Island expresses its sincere thanks and appreciation to the Rev. Jason Moskal and Jacqueline Mason, Co-Chairs, and to the members of the Joint Oversight Committee: the Very Rev. Walter Hillebrand, the Rev. Lilo Carr Rivera, Sharon Brown-Veillard, Penny Grinage, the Rev. Sarah Kooperkamp, and Merrick K. Williams, for their faithful leadership, dedication, and commitment to the orderly and prayerful election and transition of our Ninth Bishop; and be it further

Resolved, that this Convention gives thanks to Almighty God for their wisdom, diligence, and service, and for their contribution to the unity, stability, and continuing mission of the Diocese of Long Island.

Respectfully submitted,
The Rt. Rev. Dr. Adam J. Shoemaker
Bishop of Long Island

COURTESY RESOLUTION 2026-C4

A Resolution of Thanksgiving and Celebration for the Episcopacy of the Right Reverend Lawrence C. Provenzano

Whereas, the Right Reverend Lawrence C. Provenzano faithfully served as the Eighth Bishop of Long Island from 2009 until the conclusion of his episcopal ministry on September 18, 2026, offering seventeen years of devoted episcopal leadership, pastoral care, and joyful proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ; and

Whereas, throughout his episcopacy, Bishop Provenzano led with courage, conviction, compassion, and an abiding love for the people of God, encouraging the clergy and congregations of this Diocese to embrace their calling with renewed imagination, generosity, and hope; and

Whereas, his ministry has been marked by a profound commitment to the dignity of every person, a passion for justice and reconciliation, and a conviction that the Church is called not merely to gather within its walls, but to bear witness to the transforming love of Christ in the world; and

Whereas, throughout these years, his beloved wife, Jeanne Provenzano, has offered her own generous gifts of faith, hospitality, encouragement, and friendship, enriching the common life of this Diocese and sharing in the many blessings and demands of episcopal ministry; and

Whereas, with the conclusion of Bishop Provenzano's episcopal ministry, the people of the Diocese of Long Island rejoice in the many blessings of his seventeen years among us and give thanks for the friendships, ministries, and enduring bonds of affection that have grown through his faithful service; therefore be it

Resolved, that the 160th Convention of the Diocese of Long Island offers its heartfelt gratitude, profound affection, and joyful thanksgiving to the Right Reverend Lawrence C. Provenzano for his extraordinary ministry as our Eighth Bishop, and to Jeanne Provenzano for her gracious and loving presence in the life of this Diocese; and be it further

Resolved, that this Convention gives thanks to Almighty God for the abundant gifts of their ministry among us, and extends to Bishop Provenzano and Jeanne its warmest congratulations upon his retirement, together with its prayers for a new season filled with rest, laughter, adventure, and the continuing joy of God's abundant grace; and be it further

Resolved, that this resolution be recorded in the minutes of this Convention and that a copy be presented to Bishop Provenzano and Jeanne as a lasting expression of the love, gratitude, and affection of the people of the Diocese of Long Island.

COURTESY RESOLUTION 2026-C5

A Resolution of Thanksgiving for the Ministry of the Right Reverend William R. Franklin

Whereas, the Right Reverend William Franklin has faithfully served the Diocese of Long Island as Assisting Bishop for seven years, offering his wisdom, pastoral care, and generous gifts of leadership to the clergy and people of Brooklyn, Queens, Nassau, and Suffolk; and

Whereas, Bishop Franklin has enriched the life of this Diocese through his ministry of teaching and theological education, particularly at the Mercer School of Theology, and through his commitment to ecumenical relationships and the breadth and diversity of the Church; and

Whereas, his thoughtful preaching, scholarly insight, gracious presence, and deep affection for the people of God have strengthened the bonds of fellowship among our congregations and encouraged us in our common calling to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ; and

Whereas, although Bishop Franklin concluded his service as Assisting Bishop in September 2026, we rejoice that his gifts and ministry will continue to bless the Church through his teaching and his service as Bishop-in-Residence at the Pro-Cathedral of St. Ann and the Holy Trinity in Brooklyn; therefore be it

Resolved, that the 160th Convention of the Diocese of Long Island expresses its heartfelt gratitude and deep appreciation to the Right Reverend William Franklin for seven years of faithful episcopal ministry, generous service, and devoted pastoral leadership among us; and be it further

Resolved, that this Convention gives thanks to Almighty God for Bishop Franklin's many gifts and extends to him its warmest affection, prayers, and blessings as he enters this new chapter of ministry, rejoicing that his wisdom, friendship, and faithful witness will remain part of our common life; and be it further

Resolved, that this resolution be recorded in the minutes of this Convention and that a copy be presented to Bishop Franklin as an expression of the gratitude, respect, and affection of the people of the Diocese of Long Island.

COURTESY RESOLUTION 2026-C6

Resolved**,** that the 160th 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 the Right Reverend Dr. Katrina Foster, Bishop of the Metropolitan New York Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; the Most Reverend John O. Barres, Roman Catholic Bishop of Rockville Centre; the Most Reverend Robert J. Brennan, Bishop of Brooklyn; and the Reverend Dr. Janice Moore, Chair of the Long Island Council of Churches.

COURTESY RESOLUTION 2026-C7

Resolved**,** that the 160th 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 and prayers of this Convention to our brothers and sisters in Cape Coast, Ghana; Torit, South Sudan; and Ecuador Central, assuring them of our continued gratitude for their partnership in our shared ministry of proclaiming Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

COURTESY RESOLUTION 2026-C8

Resolved, that the 160th Convention of the Diocese of Long Island expresses its sincere thanks and appreciation to Denise Fillion, Ivette Fernandez, Teddy Byrne, the entire Staff of the Diocese, and the Committee on Dispatch of Business for their efforts in planning for and executing this convention.

Respectfully submitted,
The Rev. Cn. Jenn Pilat
Secretary of Convention
On behalf of the people of the Diocese of Long Island