THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF CALIFORNIA

Special Convention
To Elect the Eighth Bishop of California
May 6, 2006

Grace Cathedral
San Francisco, California
AGENDA
SPECIAL CONVENTION
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8:00 AM Registration: tables are open 8:00 - 9:30 AM Cathedral Nave
9:00 Call to Order, Liturgy of the Word
9:30 Welcome
Cathedral Nave
Credentials Report
Announcements of the Convention Secretary
Instructions from the Standing Committee
9:45 First Ballot
10:05 Polls close
10:30 Reconvene for music and prayer
10:45 Announcement of results of the First Ballot
Second Ballot
11:05 Polls close
11:30 Reconvene for music and prayer
11:45 Announcement of results of the Second Ballot
Third Ballot (if needed)
12:00 PM Lunch (after voting; electors are on their own for lunch) Plaza
12:05 Polls close
1:00 Reconvene Cathedral Nave
Announcement of results of the Third Ballot
Fourth Ballot (if needed)
1:20 Polls close
1:45 Reconvene for music and prayer
2:00 Announcement of results of the Fourth Ballot
Fifth Ballot (if needed)
2:20 Polls close
2:45 Reconvene for music and prayer
3:00 Announcement of results of the Fifth Ballot
Sixth Ballot
3:20 Polls close
3:45 Reconvene for music and prayer
4:00 Announcement of results of the Sixth Ballot
Seventh Ballot (if needed)
4:20 Polls close
4:45 Reconvene for music and prayer
5:00 Announcement of results of the Seventh Ballot
Eighth Ballot (if needed)
5:20 Polls close
5:45 Reconvene for music and prayer
6:00 Announcement of results of the Eighth Ballot
If an election is declared, the agenda concludes with:
   Bishop-elect’s Acceptance
   Liturgy of the Table
   Certification Ceremony
   Adjournment

If an election is not completed by 6:00 PM:
   A motion to extend the time is in order (requires two-thirds)
   Additional ballot(s) if motion passes

If the motion to extend the time fails or there is still no election:
   Adjournment until 9:00 AM PDT, Saturday, May 13, 2006
Officers of the Convention
Board and Committee Members

The Rt. Rev. William E. Swing, President
Nigel A. Renton, Secretary
James C. Wall, Treasurer

Committee on Credentials:
Mary Louise Gotthold, Registrar
Jane Kallgren

Nigel A. Renton, Secretary

Credentials Review Board (appointed by the Standing Committee)
Malcolm Fleming
Virginia Fox

Peggy Greene

Standing Committee
Jack Eastwood, President
Kathy Henry, Vice President
David Frangquist, Secretary
Carolyn W. Gaines

Stacey Grossman
Anna M. McHargue
Chad Smith
Steven R. Strane

Thomas Schultz, Chaplain

Suzanne Foucault, Consultant

Search Committee
Jim McKnight, Co-Chair
Helen Sause, Co-Chair
Margalynne Armstrong
Roulhac Austin
Phil Brochard
Arlinda Cosby
Jane Cropper
Rod Dugliess
Charles Gompertz

Christopher Hayes
Leonard W. Johnson
Anna Lange-Soto
David Lui
Jay Luther
Craig Martin
David Ota
Bruce Smith
Dianne Smith

Denise Obando, Administrative Assistant

Transition Committee
Robbin Clark, Co-Chair
Warren Wong, Co-Chair
Barbara Bender-Breck
Hailey Delmas
Betsy DeRuff
Paul Evans
Malcolm M. Fleming
Virginia Fox

Peggy Greene
Julia K. Jensen
Mary Kimball
Matt McDermott
Leslie Nipps
Richard Reynolds
James Stickney
MINUTES
SPECIAL CONVENTION OF THE
EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF CALIFORNIA
TO ELECT THE EIGHTH BISHOP OF CALIFORNIA
Saturday, May 6, 2006
Grace Cathedral
San Francisco, California

Bishop Swing called the Special Convention of the Diocese of California to order in the nave of Grace Cathedral at 9:00 AM on Saturday, May 6, 2006. The convention began with the service of the Word of God for the Holy Eucharist, prepared by the Transition Committee. The Rev. Jack Eastwood, President of Standing Committee, delivered the homily.

At 9:30, Bishop Swing recognized Fr. Eastwood, who welcomed the members of convention and thanked them for being willing to devote the day to the important work of electing a bishop. He also expressed the profound thanks of the Standing Committee for the work of the Search Committee; the Transition Committee; the consultant to the search process, Ms. Suzanne Foucault; the chaplain to the search, Fr. Tom Schultz; and the administrative assistant, Ms. Denise Obando.

Bishop Swing recognized the Secretary of the Convention, Mr. Nigel Renton, who declared that a quorum was present.

REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Mr. Renton then read the report of the Credentials Committee, which noted that the following canonically resident clergy were ineligible to vote, having become canonically resident after November 1, 2005:

Mehrdad Abidari
Carolyn M. Bolton
Nancy H. Bryan
Ronald D. Culmer
Melanie S. Donahoe

Jay E. Johnson
Richard B. Luoni
John Harvey Porter
Salying Wong

He then announced that the following canonically resident clergy were ineligible to vote because they had not submitted a non-parochial report to the Bishop for 2005:

John R. Archer
Brian R. Bailey
Lynn Mroczkowski Baird
Becca F. Barnett
Gwendolyn H. Butler
Robert D. Clifton
John R. Coats

Robert T. Coolidge
Jessica Hansen Fellows
Charlton Harvey Fotch, Jr.
Matthew Timothy Fox
John Gordon Gardner
Tamara M. Green
Timothy Greene
Gail Ellen Kertland  
Theron H. Kinsey  
Amy Lawrence  
Wendy Taylor Manley  
Joseph Lee McInerney  
John B. Phillips  
Kevin T. Putnam  
Marjory K. Quinn  
Eliezer Risco-Losada  
Fran McIver Sweet

He also reported for the Credentials Committee that all congregations except one had filed their certification of lay delegates by the canonical deadline. A late certification from St. Francis of Assisi in Novato was found to be in order, and the Credentials Committee recommended that the convention allow their delegation to be seated. On behalf of the Credentials Committee, Mr. Renton moved that this Special Convention grant seat, voice and vote to the lay delegation from St. Francis of Assisi in Novato, as reported in their delegate certification form. Having been moved by a committee of the convention, the motion did not require a second. The motion was carried on a voice vote.

INSTRUCTIONS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE

Bishop Swing recognized Mr. David Frangquist, Secretary of Standing Committee, who delivered the following voting instructions to the members of convention:

Each of you has a registration packet containing a voting card, a pencil, and the first four ballots. The ballots look like the answer sheets from the kinds of standardized tests you took in school. That’s because we are using the same technology. The ballots will be counted using a Scantron tabulating machine that was also used at last fall’s convention.

Each ballot has a large number printed at the bottom indicating which ballot it is. Please make sure you are using the ballot with the correct number. If you try to turn in a ballot with the wrong number, the tellers will refuse it. Now, please take out the ballot with the large number ONE at the bottom. That is the ballot you will use for the first ballot.

We will be voting by number. The names of the nominees are listed in the white area on the right side of the ballot in the order determined by drawing lots at the Standing Committee meeting in April. Next to each name is a number. That is the number you will use to cast your vote. Now look at the left side of the ballot. There is a column of little rectangles with numbers in them. They are in the white stripe between the two blue areas. You need to find the rectangle with the number of your choice and fill it in with your pencil. Be sure to fill the rectangle in completely, just like you used to do on standardized tests. Please don’t use anything but a #2 pencil. If you use something else, we cannot be sure that the Scantron will count it properly. (You may keep the pencils when the convention is over.)

The Standing Committee has adopted two special rules regarding the counting of ballots:

1. Any ballot which cannot be counted unambiguously by the Scantron tabulating machine shall be deemed a blank ballot. The tellers shall make no attempt to include such ballots in the total for any nominee.
2. In determining the number of votes required to constitute a "concurrent majority vote of each order present" as required by Article XII, Section 4 of the Constitution of the Diocese of California, the number present shall be deemed equal to the number of ballots submitted, including all valid ballots for nominees and all blank ballots.

The first rule means that the definition of a valid ballot is one which can be read by the Scantron. We will have no "hanging chads." The tellers will not examine your ballot to decide what you really meant. If your ballot can't be read, it will not be counted. So mark your ballots carefully.

The second rule means that you are present if you turn in a ballot, and you are not present if you do not. The winner needs a majority of those present in each order; in other words, a majority of the ballots turned in, whether blank or not. You may abstain by turning in a blank ballot, but that will affect the number of votes needed for a majority.

After you have marked your ballot, go back to the same table where you registered this morning. There you will need to show your voter card, initial the register indicating that you have voted, and then turn in your ballot. You must turn in your ballot personally. You will not need to show any other ID when you vote.

After you vote, you may go outside, discuss the voting with others, take care of personal matters, or return to your seats for prayer. We believe that the Holy Spirit works through our heads as well as our hearts. Discussion between ballots is appropriate. We do ask that you help us maintain an atmosphere of prayer in the nave. Please hold discussions in a quiet voice or else go outside. If you want a quieter, more meditative setting, the Chapel of Grace will be available all day. It is located beyond the south transept, behind the altar area, on your left.

The polls will be open for twenty minutes. If you are standing in line when the polls close, you will be allowed to vote. Approximately twenty-five minutes after the polls close, we ask that you be in your seats for singing, prayer, and to receive the results of the voting.

If we do not have a bishop-elect, we will do it all again. We have planned one hour for each ballot. The Standing Committee will monitor the progress of the balloting, and we may make an adjustment in the schedule in the afternoon if that seems practical.

If we go past four ballots, you will receive additional instructions at that time about the fifth ballot and beyond.

When we do have a bishop-elect, we will notify the winner and give him or her an opportunity to address this convention, by phone patch, if necessary. All seven nominees have already signed letters declaring their intent to accept if elected.
After that we will conclude this convention with the rest of our Eucharist. If we are unable to elect today, we will still conclude with Eucharist.

There will be one more thing to do when we have a bishop-elect. For the election to be valid, a canonical majority of this convention must sign the testimonial of election. You will be given instructions about the testimonial as we begin the Eucharist. The wording of the testimonial is in your convention guides. Depending on how the election turns out, you may not want to sign. It is not required. But we do hope that most of you will be willing to do so as a sign of the unity of our diocese and our support for the bishop-elect.

THE FIRST BALLOT

At 9:45, Bishop Swing declared the polls open for twenty minutes for the first ballot.

At 10:45, Mr. Renton received the results of the first ballot from the Standing Committee and announced the following totals:

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Needed to elect 130

Because no nominee received a majority in either order, there was no election.

Bishop Swing then asked Br. Robert Hale, chaplain of the convention, to lead the convention in meditation and prayer.

At this time, the results of the first ballot were also displayed on a large screen behind the altar.

THE SECOND BALLOT

Bishop Swing recognized Mr. Frangquist, who noted that the first ballot had taken longer than expected to be counted. He asked that members help speed the voting by handing their ballots to the tellers, who were asked to place them in the ballot boxes facing all the same way. He asked that members not fold their ballots as that interferes with machine counting. He then announced that the convention would reconvene at 11:45 to receive the results of the second ballot.

At 10:55, Bishop Swing declared the polls open for twenty minutes for the second ballot.
The convention reconvened at 11:45. Bishop Swing asked Br. Hale to lead the convention in meditation and prayer.

Mr. Renton then received the results of the second ballot from the Standing Committee and announced the following totals:

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The results of the second ballot were also displayed on the large screen.

Because no nominee received a majority in the lay order, there was no election.

**THE THIRD BALLOT**

Bishop Swing recognized Fr. Eastwood, who announced that the Standing Committee had received the withdrawal of the Rev. Bonnie Perry.

Bishop Swing recognized Mr. Frangquist, who asked members to be careful to mark their ballots only using the numbered rectangles. Several ballots had to be counted as blank because they were not properly marked. He then announced that the convention would reconvene at 1:30 after lunch to receive the results of the third ballot.

At 12:00, Bishop Swing declared the polls open for twenty minutes for the third ballot.

The convention reconvened at 1:30. Bishop Swing asked Br. Hale to lead the convention in meditation and prayer.

Bishop Swing then recognized Fr. Eastwood, who declared, “We have a new bishop: Mark Andrus.” His announcement was greeted with sustained applause.

The following final vote totals were received by Mr. Renton from the Standing Committee and displayed on the large screen:
Fr. Eastwood then announced that Bishop Andrus would address the convention by telephone patch through the public address system. Bishop Andrus' remarks follow:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Sheila and I are gladdened, and humbled, by the trust you have placed in me, in us.

Publicly, I want to say that my heart is with the other nominees and their partners. They are uniformly splendid people, and I was honored to be in their number.

Also, to all of you who have been so prayerfully working to bring this moment for your diocese, the election of a new bishop, you must know that you have exhibited every trait of a Christian community. You are witness to the vitality of the Church in your very way of being.

We must all understand, and here I address the Diocese of California and those listening from elsewhere, that your vote today remains a vote for inclusion and communion – of gay and lesbian people in their full lives as single or partnered people, of women, of all ethnic minorities, and all people. My commitment to Jesus Christ's own mission of inclusion is resolute.

And I share with you your strongly expressed commitment to youth, to those who do not yet know Christ, our calling as evangelists, and to God's waiting, expectant creation.

I take this election to be an expression of our common desire to be part of the whole, the Communion and the world, in what may be a new way. We will work together in the listening process, lending the unique voice of the Bay Area Episcopalians to this great conversation and working to end global human suffering.

Finally, let me say that being nourished as a bishop by the Episcopal Diocese of Alabama, fed by the historic and living witness of so many heroes of the struggle for human rights, whose words and deeds of compassion and justice have inspired and
sustained me, I say to you the words of a West Coast hero: "In the cause of peace, we cannot be sprinters, we must be long distance runners."

Please join me in prayer. God be with you.

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light; look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things are made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bishop Swing then recognized Mr. Frangquist, who gave instructions for the signing of the testimonial documents during communion. A canonical majority of the convention signed the testimonials containing the following words, as prescribed by canon:

We, whose names are hereunder written, fully sensible of how important it is that the Sacred Order and Office of a Bishop should not be unworthily conferred, and firmly persuaded that it is our duty to bear testimony on this solemn occasion without partiality, do, in the presence of Almighty God, testify that we know of no impediment on account of which the Right Reverend Mark Handley Andrus ought not to be ordained to that Holy Office. We do, moreover, jointly and severally declare that we believe the Right Reverend Mark Handley Andrus to have been duly and lawfully elected and to be of such sufficiency in learning, and of such soundness in the Faith, and of such godly character as to be able to exercise the Office of a Bishop to the honor of God and the edifying of the Church, and to be a wholesome example to the flock of Christ.

Bishop Swing declared that at the end of communion the Special Convention would stand adjourned. Bishop Swing presided over the Holy Communion to conclude the Holy Eucharist and end the convention.