

**House of Bishops Interim Meeting
Taiwan
September 23, 2014**

The business meeting was called to order at 11:55 by the Presiding Bishop, the Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori. The Presiding Bishop noted that the opening Eucharist this morning constituted the devotions offered for this meeting. It was moved that the registration list of the conference suffice for the roll call. The assistant secretary announced that the original attendance consisted of 112 bishops and the number still present more than constituted a quorum. It was announced that the Rt. Rev. Bob G. Jones was the Senior Bishop present.

Changes of Status of Bishops in the House

New consecrations/elections

1. Matthew A. Gunter, Fond du Lac, 04/26/2014 (attended spring meeting)
2. Allen K. Shin, New York, 05/17/2014 (attended spring meeting)
3. Heather Cook, Maryland, 09/06/2014
4. Alan Gates, Massachusetts, 09/13/2014
5. Brian R. Seage, Mississippi, consecration scheduled for 9/27/2014
6. Robert Skirving, East Carolina, consecration scheduled for 11/8/2014

Necrology since last meeting

E. Don Taylor, resigned Vicar Bishop of New York, 05/24/2014
Daniel L. Swenson, resigned Bishop of Vermont, 05/24/2014
Gerald N. McAllister, resigned Bishop of Oklahoma, 06/10/2014
Andrew F. Wissemann, resigned Bishop of Western Massachusetts, 08/20/2014

Resignations since last meeting

William Gregg, Assistant Bishop of North Carolina, effective 02/01/2014
Nathan Baxter, Bishop of Central Pennsylvania, effective 05/31/2014
James Stanton, Bishop of Dallas, effective 05/31/2014
Bud Shand, Bishop of Easton, effective 07/01/2014
Tom Shaw, Bishop of Massachusetts, effective 09/13/2014

Changes in Status

Bob Gepert, Bishop Provisional of Central Pennsylvania, effective June 2014
Henry Parsley, Bishop Provisional of Easton, effective July 2014

Carol Gallagher, Assistant Bishop of Montana, effective September 2014

Communications from the Presiding Bishop

The Presiding Bishop had no additional communications for this meeting.

Special Business of Meeting

Robert Fitzpatrick, Bishop of Hawaii put forward a resolution (Appendix A). It was moved and seconded. Bp. Fitzpatrick then spoke to the resolution. After his speaking to the resolution, the House voted unanimously to take up the resolution. It was unanimously PASSED and is attached in **APPENDIX A**.

A point of personal privilege was taken by Jay Lambert of Eau Claire, regarding the document he circulated earlier to many members of the House via email. Two-thirds of the House voted to take this up as a resolution from the House. It was moved and SECONDED to consider this resolution. Discussion from the House followed. Nick Knisely MOVED, and it was SECONDED that an amendment be made to the resolution to include only the third paragraph, which was PASSED. Stephen Lane offered a further amendment to the resolution. It was MOVED and SECONDED, and PASSED. Discussion followed. The motion was made by Steve Miller to POSTPONE this resolution indefinitely. It was SECONDED and APPROVED. The Presiding Bishop agreed to take this issue up with the Archbishop of Canterbury when she speaks with him in a few weeks.

Nathan Baxter asked for a point of personal privilege and spoke briefly to persecution of Christians throughout the world.

Dan Daniels presented a resolution to this this House honoring the Presiding Bishop. It was moved and SECONDED. It was unanimously PASSED and is attached in **APPENDIX B**.

Dorsey OConnell asked for a point of personal privilege, requested the HOB Planning Committee to consider giving more time to the conversation regarding the findings of the Marriage Task Force.

Report from the Committee on Resignation of Bishops

The Presiding Bishop reported for the House of Bishops Committee on Resignations moved the following resignation:

The Rt. Rev. James Curry, to resign as Bishop Suffragan of Connecticut for reason of advanced age effective October 1, 2014. The resignation was **AFFIRMED**.

Reading of the Minutes

It was moved and **APPROVED** that the reading of the minutes of the last meeting be dispensed with.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:25.

Respectfully submitted,

Attested,

The Rt. Rev. Diane M. Jardine Bruce

The Rt. Rev. Kenneth L. Price

Assistant Secretary

Secretary

Appendix A
Resolution
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Sponsor: The Rt. Rev. Robert Fitzpatrick, Bishop of Hawaii
Re: Support for the Archbishop of Hong Kong

Be it resolved that the House of Bishops of the Episcopal Church meeting in Taipei, Diocese of Taiwan, offer thanks to the Reverend Peter Koon, the General Secretary of the Hong Kong Sheng Hui, for joining us to share about the current context for mission and ministry in that Province; and

Be it further resolved that this House respectfully offer its support and promise of continued prayers for the Most Reverend Paul Kwong, Primate of the Hong Kong Sheng Hui, and our Brothers and Sisters in Christ in that Province as their society continues to evolve during a time of sensitive political transition.

The resolution PASSED.

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Sponsor: The Rt. Rev. Clifton Daniel, Bishop of Pennsylvania
Re: Good wishes for the Presiding Bishop.

Resolved, that this House express its thanks to our Presiding Bishop for her ongoing ministry as our Presiding Bishop and wish her Godspeed as her tenure in this office continues.

This resolution PASSED.