Bishop Mark Van Koeverying welcomed all deputies to the 124th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Lexington on October 24, 2020 at 9:10 AM, by way of Zoom from Mission House.

Tony Haigh officiated Convention Worship Part 1.

Bishop Van Koeverying called the meeting to order. Secretary Ann Davis McClain reported that there were 40 clergy and 100 deputies present, and declared a quorum.

Bishop Van Koeverying appointed Scott Casey of Vistacom as Chief Teller for the Virtual Convention. All voting was done by VPOLLL on line.

On motion made and seconded, Ann Davis McClain, St. Peter’s, Paris, was elected Secretary for a one-year term. PASSED.

On motion made and seconded, Jim Kimbrough, Ascension Frankfort, was elected Treasurer for a one-year term. PASSED.

Bishop Van Koeverying appointed Mary T. Yeiser as Parliamentarian and Chairman of Dispatch of Business. She presented the Agenda and Proposed Rules of Order. Chancellor Yeiser reviewed the Rules of Order and voting procedures with all present. On motion made and seconded, the Agenda and Rules of Order were ADOPTED.
On motion made and seconded, the minutes of the 123rd Annual Convention held in March of 2019, the Special Convention of November 2019 and the Special Convention of August 2020 were all APPROVED.

**SEAT AND VOICE**
Bishop Van Koevering issued seat and voice to the following:

The Rev. Jon Hall, Assistant to the Rector, Good Shepherd, Lexington
The Rev. Laura Masterson, Associate Rector for Outreach and Welcome, Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington
The Rev. Deacon Charles Halton, Associate for Digital Formation, Diocese of Lexington and Curate, St. Raphael’s, Lexington
The Rev. Steve Hines, Interim Rector, Trinity, Danville
Sarah Razor, Good Shepherd, Lexington, Chair of Diocesan Budget Committee
Rob Coulston, Lay Campus Minister, St. Augustine’s Chapel, University of Kentucky
Ruth Lawton, Missioner for Finance, Diocese of Lexington
Melanie Yankey, Administrative Assistant, Diocese of Lexington
Courtney Buterbaugh, Missioner for Communications, Diocese of Lexington
Andy Sigmon, Director of the Cathedral Domain
Cindy Sigmon, Youth Missioner
Scott Casey, Vistacom, Chief Teller

Seat and voice were GRANTED.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT**
The Rev. Margaret Shanks submitted names of persons who agreed to stand for election.

**EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**
CLERGY: Vote for 2
The Rev. Deacon Sue Kurtz, Ascension, Frankfort
The Rev. Deacon Paula Ott, St. Peter’s, Paris/CCC, Lexington
The Rev. Deacon Kenneth Pierce, St. Michael’s, Lexington
The Rev. Dr. Jennifer Woodruff-Tait, Ph.D., St. John’s, Corbin.

LAY: Vote for 4
Sean Farrington, Calvary, Ashland
Steven Osborne, St. Peter’s, Paris
Kay Scarborough, St. Michael’s, Lexington
Chris Vogel, St. Andrew’s, Ft. Thomas

STANDING COMMITTEE
CLERGY: Vote for 1
The Rev. Bro. Aelred Dean, St. Mary’s, Middlesboro

LAY: Vote for 1
Leah MacSwords, Ascension, Frankfort
Dave Sevigny, St. Raphael’s, Lexington

UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH BOARD OF TRUSTEES,
SEWANEE, TN
CLERGY: Vote for 1
The Rev. Canon Christian Brady, D. Phil, Good Shepherd,
Lexington

LAY: Vote for 1
Kristin Harrison, Good Shepherd, Lexington
Janis Rosebrook, St. Raphael’s, Lexington

Seeing no nominations from the floor for any category, Bishop Van Koevering declared the nominations CLOSED.

RESOLUTIONS
No resolutions were forthcoming from the floor.

Tony Haigh officiated Convention Worship Part 2.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW CLERGY
Bishop Van Koevering announced the following new positions since the last annual convention.
New Clergy:
The Rev. Jon Hall, Assistant to the Rector, Good Shepherd, Lexington
The Rev. Laura Masterson, Associate Rector for Outreach and Welcome, Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington
The Rev. Michael Henderson, Priest in Charge, St. Andrew’s, Lexington
The Rev. Sherilyn Pearce, Grace, Florence
The Rev. Steve Hines, Interim Rector, Trinity, Danville
The Rev. Chris Brannock, Priest-in-Charge, St. Patrick’s, Somerset
The Rt. Rev. Larry Maze, Priest-in-Charge, St. Philip’s, Harrodsburg
The Rev. Peter Doddema, Priest-in-Charge, Ascension, Frankfort
The Rev. Will Berry, Associate Rector for Young Adults and Families, Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington
The Rev. Gretchen Weller, Priest-in-Partnership, St. Alban’s, Morehead
The Rev. Keila Thomas, Priest-in-Charge, St. Peter’s, Paris
The Rev. Karen Booth has now been called as the Rector of Holy Trinity, Georgetown
The Rev. Carol Ruthven has now been called as Rector of Our Savior, Madison County

Diaconal appointments since March 2019:
The Rev. Deacon Emily Cardwell, solely at St. John’s, Versailles
The Rev. Deacon Paula Ott additionally serving at St. Peter’s, Paris
The Rev. Deacon Kenneth Pierce serving at St. Michael’s, Lexington
The Rev. Deacon Charles Halton serving at St. Raphael’s, Lexington

Ordinations in Diocese of Lexington since March 2019:
The Rev. Deacon Sue Kurtz, Ascension, Frankfort
The Rev. Deacon David Goodpaster, serving at Otey Parish in Sewanee TN, in the Diocese of Tennessee

**BUDGETS**
Treasurer Jim Kimbrough placed the following **PROPOSED** budgets for 2021 on the floor:
Mission and Ministry Budget
Cathedral Domain Budget
Reading Camp Budget
Other Budgeted Funds

**VIDEO PRESENTATION** - Sewanee

**VIDEO PRESENTATION** - Mini Grant presentation

**REPORT ON VOTING**
The following persons were **ELECTED**:

**Executive Council Clergy** – 3-year term
The Rev. Dr. Jennifer Woodruff-Tait, St. John’s, Corbin
The Rev. Deacon Paula Ott, St. Peter’s, Paris/CCC, Lexington

**Executive Council Lay** – 3-year term
Sean Farrington, Calvary, Ashland
Steven Osborne, St. Peter’s, Paris
Kay Scarborough, St. Michael’s, Lexington
Chris Vogel, St. Andrew’s, Ft. Thomas

**Standing Committee Clergy** – 3-year term
The Rev. Bro. Aelred Dean, St. Mary’s, Middlesboro

**Standing Committee Lay** – 3-year term
Dave Sevigny, St. Raphael’s, Lexington

**Sewanee Trustee Clergy** – 3-year term
The Rev. Canon Christian Brady, D. Phil, Good Shepherd

**Sewanee Trustee Lay** – 2-year term
Kristin Harrison, Good Shepherd, Lexington
VIDEO PRESENTATION – 5 Spiritual Practices

VIDEO PRESENTATION – Cathedral Domain

Tony Haigh officiated Convention Worship Part 3.

Bishop Van Koevering gave a 10-minute address citing all the Diocese has been involved with in the year.

VIDEO PRESENTATION – Reading Camp

BUDGETS
Treasurer Jim Kimbrough, Sarah Razor, Chair of the Budget Committee, Ruth Lawton, Missioner for Finance and other members of the Budget Committee were available for any questions regarding the proposed budgets. The Rev. Bro. Aelred Dean, Sarah Razor and Ruth Lawton spoke on the budget procedure. Seeing no questions, they recommended that the following proposed budgets be adopted.

2021 Mission and Ministry Budget **PASSED.**
2021 Proposed Cathedral Domain Budget **PASSED.**
2021 Proposed Reading Camp Budget **PASSED.**
2021 Proposed Other Budgeted funds **PASSED.**

VIDEO PRESENTATION – Collation of Archdeacon

Tony Haigh officiated Convention Worship Part 4.

APPOINTMENTS
Bishop Van Koevering made the following appointments:

Disciplinary Board –
(3-year term) The Rev. Karen Booth, Holy Trinity, Georgetown
(3-year term) Jack Bates, Ascension, Frankfort
Cathedral Domain Board -
(3-year term) Jimmy Insko, St. Peter’s, Paris
(3-year term) Abbey (Vogel) McCoy, St. Andrew’s, Ft Thomas
(3-year term) Rebecca Saager, Ascension, Frankfort
(3-year term) Derek Churchill, Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington
(2-year unexpired term) Rebecca Robbins, St. John’s, Versailles

Reading Camp Steering Committee -
Layla Plakosh-Angeles
The Rev. Margaret Shanks, Resurrection, Jessamine County

Commission on Ministry -
Jeff Davis, St John’s, Corbin

St. Augustine’s Board -
(3-year term) Wendy Humphrey VanMeter, Good Shepherd, Lexington
(2-year term) Susan Stark, Good Shepherd, Lexington
(1-year term) The Rev. Canon Helen Van Koevering, St. Raphael’s, Lexington

All appointments were ACCEPTED.

VIDEO PRESENTATION – Reconciliation

SPECIAL THANKS
Bishop Van Koevering thanked the outgoing members in Diocesan leadership rolls whose terms have ended.

Executive Council:
   Susan Leo, St. Mary’s, Middlesboro
   Jemima Roberts, St. Andrew’s, Lexington
   Doug Smith, St. Andrew’s, Ft. Thomas
   Zachary Horn, Ascension, Frankfort
   The Rev. Margaret Shanks, Resurrection, Jessamine Co
   The Rev. Bro. Aelred Dean, St. Mary’s, Middlesboro
Standing Committee:
The Very Rev. Amy Meaux
Carolyn Witt Jones, Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington

Sewanee Trustee:
Allison Moreman, Good Shepherd, Lexington
The Rev. Karen Booth, Holy Trinity Georgetown

OTHER BUSINESS
The Boy Scouts of America organization is filing for bankruptcy. Bishop Van Koeevering spoke on the possibility of a lawsuit possibly being filed against any of our diocesan churches that allow boy scouts to meet in their facilities. A poll was offered on a chat box to be taken by deputies whether boy scouts or cub scouts meet in various churches. More information will be forthcoming.

The 125th Convention of the Diocese of Lexington will occur on October 30, 2021. If we can be vaccinated, and safely gather, we have the convention for a 1-day event in person at Berea College. If it is still unsafe for us to have an in-person convention, our diocesan leadership bodies along with Bishop Van Koeevering will deliberate and we will likely gather next fall via video conference, still on October 30, 2021.”

Executive Council: The next meeting of the council is via Zoom on Thursday, November 5, 2020 at 7:00 PM.

Standing Committee: The next meeting is via Zoom on Monday, November 2 at 10 AM.

General Convention of the Episcopal Church is scheduled for Summer of 2021. An announcement is expected very soon on whether the convention will be held as normal or by some other fashion.
Chancellor Yeiser narrated a power point presentation concerning options for parishes and missions to have annual meetings. Annual meeting for parishes must be held by January 31 each year or in the previous quarter. Annual meetings are the **ONLY** place where vestry members be elected, along with convention deputies. Annual meetings can be held in person in 2020 if the guidelines are followed – CDC, Kentucky, Diocese of Lexington, and A Way Forward. Virtual annual meetings can only be held if the parish’s By-Laws state it. Vestries can amend By-Laws to reflect the change. Virtual meetings should be the exception, **NOT** the norm. Model By-Laws are on the diocesan website that contain the necessary language to make the change. Absentee voting is **NOT** acceptable. Chancellor Yeiser offered her email for questions concerning virtual meetings. Software option questions can be answered by Canon Johnstone. Tech support questions can be answered by Courtney Buterbaugh. The power point presentation will be loaded on the diocesan website and can also be sent out to those requesting same.

Rick Brockmeier officiated in Convention Worship Part 5.

There being no further business, on motion made and duly seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 12:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Davis McClain
Secretary