

Diocese of Central Pennsylvania
144th Annual Convention
June 14, 2014

The Rev. Richard Wall presenting the Report and Resolutions on the Bishop's Address to the 144th Convention of the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania.

WHEREAS we are now united and led by the Right Reverend Robert Geper;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this 144th Convention of the diocese of Central Pennsylvania embraces, encourages, supports and affirms the leadership and ministry of our Provisional Bishop as the Chief Priest of the Diocese; his work with Program Groups and Commissions, churches and individuals; and his ministry of shepherding God's people through present challenges and opportunities and into God's future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we enthusiastically receive his address to this 144th Convention, and pledge to reflectively, innovatively, and collaboratively implement the recommendations and vision contained therein. Specifically:

1. To move forward in a process of mutual formation, addressing the health of ourselves, our parishes and our diocese, as we prepare to welcome our next bishop.
2. To own the work of healing and community, taking responsibility for our own actions.
3. To use all available mission and ministry opportunities to reconcile ourselves with God and each other.
4. That we be accountable, transparent, and self-aware to promote healing in our diocese.
5. To pray the Scriptures with intentionality, co-operate, see the world beyond ourselves, sacrifice for the sake of our ministry, and stay within our roles.
6. To embrace the work of reform, promoting gospel principles, and living in to communal norms.

The Committee on the Bishop's Address respectfully request that this 144th Convention accept and adopt these resolutions in response to our Bishop's Address.

The resolutions were passed by unanimous vote.