

*Resolutions of Courtesy of the 209th Convention:*

*Former Bishops & Spouses of the Diocese of Ohio (Hollingsworth; Grew; Moodey; Williams):*

*Resolved*, that the 209th Convention of the Diocese of Ohio extend warm greetings and continued good health to the retired bishops of Ohio, including the Eleventh Bishop of Ohio, the Right Reverend Mark Hollingsworth, Jr., and Sue Hollingsworth; the Tenth Bishop of Ohio, the Right Reverend J. Clark Grew II, and Wendy Grew; to Penny Moodey, widow of the Ninth Bishop of Ohio, the Right Reverend James R. Moodey; and to the Right Reverend Arthur B. Williams and Lynette, offering special joy and congratulations on the occasion of Bishop Williams's 90th birthday this year and 40th anniversary of his consecration to the episcopate in 2026.

*Persell Family Greetings and Condolences:*

*Resolved*, that the 209th Convention of the Diocese of Ohio extend warm greetings and heartfelt prayers to the Right Reverend William D. Persell, Eleventh Bishop of Chicago and Assisting Bishop of Ohio, offering deep sympathy on the death of his beloved wife, Mrs. Nancy Persell. We give thanks for Nancy's faithful life and ministry, shared alongside Bishop Persell, and for the many ways her spirit of joy, hospitality, and compassion enriched this diocese and the wider Church. We remember her loving presence at diocesan gatherings, her warmth of friendship, and her steadfast witness to Christ's love. We offer our prayers of comfort to Bishop Persell and their family, giving thanks for Nancy's life and for the hope of resurrection promised to us in Jesus Christ.

*Companion Dioceses:*

*Resolved*, that the 209th Convention of the Diocese of Ohio express warm greetings to our companion dioceses: To the Most Rev. Dr. Maimbo Mndolwa, Bishop of Tanga and Archbishop and Primate of the Anglican Church of Tanzania, and his spouse, Frida; and to the Rt. Rev. Philip Wright, Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of Belize and newly elected Archbishop of the Province of the West Indies, and his spouse Carla.

*Southern Ohio Greetings:*

*Resolved*, that the 209th Convention of the Diocese of Ohio extends warm greetings and congratulations to our neighbor diocese of Southern Ohio on the 150th anniversary of its

founding. We give thanks for our shared beginnings and for the enduring bonds of faith, friendship, and common mission that continue to unite our two dioceses in service to Christ and the Church.

*Kenyon College:*

*Resolved*, that the 209th Convention of the Diocese of Ohio extend warm greetings to Kenyon College, giving thanks for its historic and enduring relationship with this diocese. We celebrate Kenyon's commitment to building strong foundations for lives of purpose and consequence, and for harnessing the transformative power of a liberal arts education to deepen understanding of the world and all who inhabit it. We offer greetings to its president, Dr. Julie Kornfeld, and to the entire Kenyon community.

*Bexley Seabury Seminary:*

*Resolved*, that the 209th Convention of the Diocese of Ohio extend warm greetings to Bexley Seabury Seminary on the appointment of the Rev. Dr. Mark C. Lee as its next President. We offer our congratulations and prayers for his leadership and give special thanks to the Rev. Anna Sutterisch, priest of this diocese and Chair of the Presidential Search Committee, for her faithful service in guiding this transition.

*Historic St. John's, Ohio City:*

*Resolved*, that the 209th Convention of the Diocese of Ohio give thanks for the faithful and prophetic witness of Historic St. John's, Ohio City, on the 175th anniversary of its ministry as a station on the Underground Railroad. We give thanks for this legacy of liberation—beginning with those who sheltered enslaved persons seeking freedom, continuing with the Indigenous rights organizing of the late 1960s that helped launch the American Indian Movement, and extending to the early 1970s, when one of the nation's first Metropolitan Community Churches gathered there to affirm the dignity and faith of LGBTQ+ people.

As we honor this lineage of courage and compassion, we give thanks for all who have sustained the spirit of justice and welcome at St. John's, and we pray that the same Spirit will guide discernment about the next chapter of ministry in this sacred space.

*Trinity Commons:*

*Resolved*, that the 209th Convention of the Diocese of Ohio give thanks for the vision and ministry that shaped Trinity Commons, on the 25th anniversary of its groundbreaking in 2000. We celebrate this milestone in the life of Trinity Cathedral and the Diocese of Ohio, giving thanks for the ways Trinity Commons has served as a center of gathering, worship, and connection for the people and ministries of this diocese and for the wider Northeast Ohio community.

*Transformative New Ministries Launched:*

*Resolved*, that the 209th Convention of the Diocese of Ohio celebrate with joy the faith communities that have launched transformative new ministries of service and connection in the past year. We give thanks for the Church of the Redeemer, Lorain, on the opening of Ship to Shore; for Old Trinity, Tiffin, on the opening of its Community Kitchen; for the Church of Our Saviour, Akron, on the launch of its Mobile Pantry; and for St. Timothy's, Perrysburg, on the ribbon-cutting and expansion of its Clothesline ministry space. We rejoice in these signs of the Spirit's work among us, drawing the Church ever outward in love and service to our communities.

*Church of the Ascension, Lakewood:*

*Resolved*, that the 209th Convention of the Diocese of Ohio extend warm greetings and heartfelt congratulations to the Church of the Ascension, Lakewood, on the occasion of its 150th anniversary. We give thanks for Ascension's long and faithful witness in the Lakewood community, for its steadfast commitment to welcome, worship, and service, and for the generations of ministry that have shaped the life of this diocese. We offer prayers of gratitude for all who have sustained this parish across a century and a half, and blessings for joy and renewal as Ascension enters its next chapter of mission and ministry.