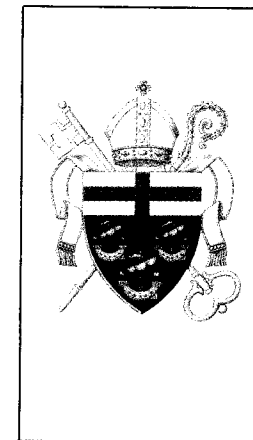
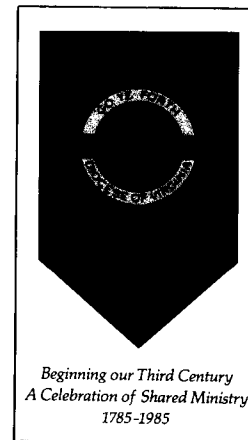


*PROGRAM*  
The Bicentennial Council  
OF THE  
DIOCESE OF VIRGINIA  
A CELEBRATION OF  
RENEWAL IN MISSION

(A CONTINUATION OF THE 190TH ANNUAL COUNCIL  
OF THE  
PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN THE DIOCESE OF VIRGINIA)



MEETING IN  
TRURO CHURCH, TRURO PARISH,  
FAIRFAX, VIRGINIA  
OCTOBER 5, 1985

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS**

Randolph F. Totten, Esquire, Grace & Holy Trinity, Richmond, Chairman

- 11:15 A.M. OVERVIEW OF THE WORK OF THE THIRD CENTURY COMMITTEE**  
William A. Johnston, III, Esquire, Christ Church, Winchester, General Chairman
- 11:30 A.M. "WHAT WE HEARD YOU SAY IN THE DIOCESAN DIALOGUE MEETINGS".**  
Russell V. Palmore, Jr., Esquire, St. Paul's Richmond  
Chairman of Sub-Committee on Dialogue
- 11:45 A.M. THE CHURCH EXISTS FOR MISSION**  
Comments, Pictorial Slide Presentation. Narrated by member of Sub-Committee on Feasibility  
The Rev'd Frank F. Fagan, St. James's, Richmond
- 12:00 NOON AN ORDER OF SERVICE FOR NOONDAY**
- 12:10 A.M. INTRODUCTION OF THIRD CENTURY COMMITTEE PROPOSAL**  
William A. Johnston, III, Esquire, Chairman
- a. Distribution of Proposed Resolutions
  - b. Resolution of Council to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider proposal of *THIRD CENTURY COMMITTEE*
- 12:15 P.M. LUNCH BREAK**  
(With the suggestion that Proposed Resolutions be discussed during luncheon period and that exhibits be visited.)
- 1:15 P.M. RESUME BUSINESS — COUNCIL SEATED AS COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE FOR DISCUSSION OF THIRD CENTURY PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS.**  
The Rt. Rev'd David H. Lewis, Jr., D.D., Chair, Committee of the Whole
- NOTE: During this block of time it is anticipated that after due and proper discussion, the Committee of the Whole will rise and make its report. Following the Report, the Bicentennial Council will take such action(s) as it desires. Following such legislative action there will be a 10 minute break prior to the Celebration of Renewal in Mission**
- 2:50 P.M. A CELEBRATION OF RENEWAL IN MISSION**  
Homily — Bishop Lee  
(See Service Program)
- 3:30 P.M. EPISCOPAL BLESSING AND ADJOURNMENT OF BICENTENNIAL SESSION OF 190TH ANNUAL COUNCIL OF THE DIOCESE OF VIRGINIA**  
*Sine die*

**THIRD CENTURY COMMITTEE OF RENEWAL IN MISSION  
DIOCESE OF VIRGINIA**

**Chairman:** Mr William A. Johnston, III

**Subcommittee on Mission and Church Expansion:**

**Chairman:** The Rev'd Canon D. Raby Edwards, D.D.  
Mr Lloyd B. Addington, Jr  
Mr A. Hugo Blankingship, Jr  
Mr T. Lee Brown, Jr  
The Rev'd Benjamin P. Campbell  
Mrs Walter W. Craigie, Jr  
The Rev'd Robert S. Denig  
The Rev'd Burtis M. Dougherty  
The Rev'd Victoria R. T. Heard  
The Rev'd Capt. Vincent S. Hodge, C.A.  
Mr Harrison D. Hutson  
Mrs Walter M. Leech  
The Rev'd Randall L. Prior  
Mr Walter R. Tinsley  
Dr Leonel Valdivia  
Mrs Anne White

**Subcommittee on Capital Drive Feasibility:**

**Chairman:** Mr John H. Ariail, Jr  
Mr James E. Covington, Jr  
The Rev'd Frank F. Fagan, III  
The Rev'd John R. Frizzell, Jr  
Mr Waller H. Horsley  
Dr Ford T. Johnson  
The Rev'd David C. Jones  
Mr E. A. Prichard  
Mrs Barbara Salsbury  
Mr Joseph Stettinius

**Subcommittee on Diocesan Dialogue:**

**Chairman:** Mr Russell V. Palmore, Jr  
The Rev'd Thom W. Blair, Jr  
The Rev'd Harold Hallock, Jr  
The Rev'd Canon Robert G. Hetherington  
The Rev'd Jennings W. Hobson, III  
Mr Andrew H. McCutcheon, Jr  
Mr Charles McKnight  
Mr Herbert E. Pearce  
Mrs Mary Page Rollins  
Mr William Rotch  
Mrs Elba H. Shoemaker  
The Rev'd Norman C. Siefferman  
Mrs Alice V. Skalnik

**Subcommittee on Bicentennial Council:**

**Chairman:** The Rev'd E. Allen Coffey  
Mr W. Perry Epes  
The Rev'd Robert C. Hall, Jr  
The Rev'd Robert W. Prichard  
The Rev'd Bill C. Reardon  
Mrs Barbara Rositzke  
The Rev'd W. Holt Souder  
Miss Nancy Warman

**Ex-Officio Members - THIRD CENTURY COMMITTEE:**

The Rt Rev'd Robert B. Hall, D.D.  
The Rt Rev'd Peter James Lee, D.D.  
The Rt Rev'd David H. Lewis, Jr, D.D.  
Brig. Gen. Joseph C. Kiefe, Jr  
Dr E. Holcombe Palmer

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
BICENTENNIAL COUNCIL  
OF THE  
DIOCESE OF VIRGINIA  
AND JOURNAL  
OF THE  
RECONVENED 190TH COUNCIL  
OF THE  
DIOCESE OF VIRGINIA  
OCTOBER 5, 1985**

The Bicentennial Council of the Diocese of Virginia met after due call and notice in Truro Church, Truro Parish, Fairfax, Virginia on October 5, 1985.

The Bicentennial Council began with a festival diocesan Eucharist with the Rt. Rev'd Peter James Lee, D.D., Bishop of Virginia as the Celebrant. The Rev'd Robert W. Prichard, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Church History, The Protestant Episcopal Theological Seminary in Virginia, Alexandria, was the Preacher. Those assisting Bishop Lee were: the Rt. Rev'd Robert F. Gibson, Jr., retired Bishop of Virginia and the Clergy of Truro Church.

**RECOVERING OF THE 190TH ANNUAL COUNCIL FOR THE BICENTENNIAL SESSION**

At 11:07 a.m., the Ecclesiastical Authority and the Bishop of Virginia, the Rt. Rev'd Peter James Lee, D.D., called the reconvening of the 190th Annual Council for the Bicentennial Session to order.

Bishop Lee proceeded to advise those members of Council, that the Rt. Rev'd David H. Lewis, Jr., D.D., Suffragan Bishop of Virginia requested earlier in the week a leave of absence which was granted for reasons of health and the need to attend some personal affairs. His leave of absence will be for six (6) months.

Bishop Lee then read to the members of Council a letter that had been addressed to himself, Bishop Gibson, Mr. William A. Johnston, III, Chairman of the Third Century Committee and to members of Council to wit.

"There are no words to express my disappointment at not being present for the Bicentennial Council, but, as most of you have heard from Bishop Lee, I have requested and been granted an extended leave of absence.

This greeting brings with it my love and congratulations as our great Diocese of Virginia begins its third century with the proposal before you for Renewal and Mission. These twin themes have been a part of our heritage and history in Virginia throughout the first two-hundred (200) years. Now, there is the opportunity to move forward, boldly as the Holy Spirit guides you in whatever direction or form the commitment to the mission of Jesus Christ may take at this time.

May God continue to bless you and the diocese -- especially on this day and in the action in which you take, and in what promises to be the beginning of a bright future under the leadership of Bishop Lee.

Please keep Bishop Lee and his family and the diocese and me and my family in your prayers. David H. Lewis, Jr."

/S/ David H. Lewis, Jr.

On motion the Council unanimously expressed its affection and appreciation for Bishop Lewis and requested the Secretary to send to him our greetings and prayers. The Council rose with loud applause.

#### WELCOMING REMARKS OF HOST RECTOR

Bishop Lee expressed thanks to the Rector, Clergy, Wardens and the Congregation of Truro Church who had previously made all the preparations for the Bicentennial Council to meet on May 25, 1985, which was then delayed due to the sickness of Bishop Hall and his sad death on May 27, 1985. Once again the Rector and staff of Truro Church with its energetic people have prepared and provided the facilities for this Council and the Bishop expressed his personal gratitude and those of the Council to the Rev'd Canon John W. Howe, Rector of Truro Church.

The Rev'd Canon Howe had the following remarks to make:

"It is our privilege to welcome you and we looked forward to opening this facility and our home to the Council in May as it would have been a special thing to share that time as Bishop Hall's last Council. It's a different kind of special thing to share it as Bishop Lee's first Council, as our Diocesan, and we are just very grateful to have the privilege of having the Bicentennial Council. The only other time that the Council of the Diocese has met here at Truro was exactly twenty-five years ago, when Bishop Gibson was installed as Diocesan, so it's kind of a double pleasure for us. Welcome All!!"

The Rev'd Canon Howe advised that there were many people of his congregation present who had a ribbon on and should anyone need to ask a question or to find a location, these persons could so help them. Canon Howe then expressed grateful thanks to the Rev'd Bill C. Reardon of his staff who had been the general coordinator for all the preparations. The Rev'd Mr. Reardon then received the grateful thanks of the Bishop and the Council.

#### QUORUM

The Secretary announced that all the provisions of the Constitution and Canons had been met and a quorum was present.

#### ADOPTION OF THE PROGRAM FOR THE BICENTENNIAL COUNCIL

The Rev'd E. Allen Coffey moved and it was seconded and carried that the Program of the Bicentennial Council be adopted. Bishop Lee then announced that since this was a recessed meeting of the 190th Annual Council that all appointments such as Assistant Secretaries, Parliamentarian, Committees of Council and the Rules of Order as adopted on January 25, 1985 are the same for this Bicentennial Session.

#### INVITATION FOR HONORARY SEATS IN COUNCIL

Bishop Lee requested a resolution which was made and adopted that the Vice President of the Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese, all visiting Bishops, Ecumenical Guests, and clergy licensed since January 27, 1985, be given an honorary seat in Council with voice and vote. He then introduced the Bishop of Glasgow, Scotland, the Rt. Rev'd Derek Rawcliffe, who received an ovation from the Council.

#### INTRODUCTION OF NEW CLERGY

Bishop Lee then introduced the new clergy in the diocese since the recess of the 190th Annual Council. Those persons present and introduced were:

The Rev'd Robert M. Elder, received from the Diocese of Maryland, March 13, 1985, now the Rector of Emmanuel Church, Rapidan

The Rev'd Joseph S. Pickard, received from the Diocese of Arizona, June 6, 1985, now an Assistant at St. Dunstan's, McLean

The Rev'd Lloyd Phillip Hays, received from the Diocese of Connecticut, July 1, 1985

The Rev'd Mary Maggard Hays, received from the Diocese of Connecticut, July 1, 1985, both husband and wife, who are now Assistants at All Saints, Woodbridge.

The Rev'd Robert Dandridge Marston, received from the Diocese of North Carolina, September 1985, now the Rector of St. Thomas', Orange

The Rev'd Michael Munro and The Rev'd Machrina Blasdel, husband and wife, Assistant Rectors at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Burke, received from the Diocese of California, December 1, 1985.

#### INTRODUCTION OF DEACONS ORDAINED SINCE THE RECESS OF THE 190TH ANNUAL COUNCIL.

Bishop Lee then introduced the following

The Rev'd Carleton B. Bakkum, ordained June 8, 1985  
Trinity Church, Upperville

The Rev'd Jeanne C. Biggar, ordained June 22, 1985  
Charlottesville, Virginia

The Rev'd John J. Desaulniers, ordained June 22, 1985  
Little Fork Church, Culpeper

The Rev'd Richard H. Fife, ordained June 22, 1985  
Diocese of New York

The Rev'd R. Quigg Lawrence, Jr., ordained June 22, 1985  
Assistant, Grace Church, Kilmarnock

The Rev'd Celine A. McGrath, ordained June 22, 1985  
Diocese of Newark

The Rev'd J. John Millar, ordained June 22, 1985  
Frederick Parish, Winchester

The Rosemary G. Sullivan, ordained June 22, 1985  
Grace Church, Alexandria

The Rev'd Robert L. Tedesco, ordained August 30, 1985  
Assistant, Olivet Church, Franconia

The Rev'd Nancy James, ordained August 30, 1985  
Assistant, Lorton Reformatory

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

Bishop Lee introduced Randolph F. Totten, Esq., of Grace and Holy Trinity Church, Richmond, Chairman of the Committee on Credentials who reported that the credentials of all delegates were in order and advising that the replacement of delegates from those who attended the 190th Annual Council were duly certified. He requested discharge of his Committee. This was approved.

### OVERVIEW OF THE WORK OF THE THIRD CENTURY COMMITTEE

Bishop Lee introduced William A. Johnston, III, Esquire, Christ Church, Winchester, General Chairman of the Third Century Committee who gave the following report.

"Mr Chairman, fellow delegates, distinguished guests, friends,

One of the things that I have always enjoyed most about these meetings is the fellowship and conviviality that exists between us when we come together. An example of that occurred just a moment ago when one of my good friends in wishing me well this day, patted me on the back as we walked down the aisle and said "Do good and don't mess it up".

I'm going to try and follow his advice, and what I really want to do is to give you an understanding as best I can in a few minutes of the work that this The Third Century Committee has done with the help of many of you in the diocese who are not on the Committee, to develop and bring to you a Proposal to day of much in the same way I have come to believe this morning after listening to our Preacher as Joshua did to Israel so many years ago.

What we first did was try to understand where it is we are today. In order to gain a perception of that, we first looked backward, then having examined our heritage, we took a look forward to see what our visions of the future is and should be.

Let's look backward for just a moment. Two hundred years ago, as Bob Prichard has reminded us this morning, the Church in this place, the Church in Virginia was in some disarray. Historians have described the life of the Colonial Church in various ways. They described it as a struggle, as an exercise in frustration, as a paradox. All of those things were certainly true. Why it simply was not called a mess, I don't understand. There were no Bishops to ordain clergy, though they tried to have one as early as two hundred years ago this year. Dr. Griffith who was elected to become the first Bishop of Virginia never got consecrated. That's probably a fact that you and I would find very difficult to understand in a real way today. That's not one of the problems we deal with, but it was in that day and it presented a particular problem in the ongoing life of the Church as it struggled in those days.

James Madison who presided at the first Diocesan Convention in 1785 as its President was not elected Bishop until about 1790. He did get consecrated that same year abroad and on returning, became the first Bishop of Virginia. Its curious that the Canons of the Anglican Church were binding upon the Virginia Church until the Convention of 1785. Some of those Canons hardly fit Colonial life.

The Canon, for example which forbid forsaking clerical duties for avocations of laymen made for widespread hardship in a colony where the full support of clergy by the congregation was a virtual impossibility. Bishop Madison himself faced a early quandry. He was trained both for the ministry and for the law. He studied law at William and Mary. He wrote "the law is disagreeable, but divinity will starve a man in these times", and so even though those times don't seem conducive to a living bible church, I think the best thing we can do today is to look around us at what we have and remember that all that we have passed through that struggling age-and so our debt is to them.

Our heritage is rich. Today from a handful of clergy and a small band of Colonial Episcopalians who existed in 1785, we stand as a Diocese with over fifty-four thousand communicants. Eighty-two thousand baptized persons. A hundred and seventy-six congregations, three-hundred and forty-seven clergy canonically resident in this diocese, but these numbers are valid for only a moment in history. They measure a living ongoing church that changes as I stand before you today.

Let's look forward for a minute. Within the Diocese of Virginia many perhaps and even most of the pressing demands for mission are already known and identified. There but remains for us to seize upon, adopt, and pursue a strategy to satisfy those needs. The debate, if ever there was one, over the need for fulfilling those missionary requirements is long since over.

How do we do it is the only remaining question. At the conclusion of this morning's meeting, the Third Century Committee will present to you a "How To" Proposal for the next five years. What remains for the future in the 1990's and beyond we believe will be a function of how much has been achieved in the 80's. The church can be as exciting as we want it to be. What is today's goal ?

I think the real goal of us being here today is to try to capture the Spirit of Mission. We know what it is and we know largely what it requires to be done in this diocese, but in the words of the Old Testament charge "choose this day whom you will serve", that's the question that we really need to address to see whether in earnestness we care to respond to it as well as we can and we owe it our best effort, I submit.

On November 19, 1863 a large crowd gathered in Eastern, Pennsylvania. The principal speaker for the occasion was a gentleman named Edward Everett. He was known as the greatest speaker of his day, without question. He spoke in a very forceful style for about two hours on the subject of the day, to be followed to the podium by a tall gentlemen who spoke for just over two minutes.

The newspapers paid little attention to either speech, but it was Mr. Everett who the next day penned a note to the other speaker, President Lincoln, saying to Mr. Lincoln that in Mr. Everett's judgement he had captured the Spirit of the day in two minutes far more than Mr. Everett has done in the two full hours that he spoke. I don't need repeat those words we all have heard them to where we probably can recite most of them. The important thing to me is that at that time that single man speaking in simple words was able to draw together a subject, a nation, a crisis, an experience, in a way that has probably not been duplicated, for its pure elegance in the time that has passed since then, at least in my judgement, and that of many scholars. Some say its the finest piece of rhetoric in the English language.

The importance of it to me is to note that the subject or the point that was made there certainly was seized upon in a way that moved the people. Moved the people from that day to this. I believe that we have an opportunity today, if we will seize upon it, to capture the Spirit of Mission and to move forward with it in a way that can make our great church feel better for us, and we are ourselves feel better for it, too.

May I share with you briefly the history of the Third Century Committee. The Committee is convinced first of all that it's very existence leads credence to our claim that in this Diocese we are and want to be a missionary diocese! For two decades the Diocese has dealt with that part of mission which focused on church expansion within our diocesan borders to a sort of top down approach employing the good offices of the Executive Board, MOCUS, the Diocesan Missionary Society, Glebe Properties and others.

With the result that we have demonstrated the consistent map of identifying many more needs than we can meet or satisfy. The Committee has now taken the pulse of the diocese as a part of the process of examining whether there is a different or better way. No doubt we wouldn't be here today had not MOCUS two years ago started the ball rolling with a study of what a capital funds campaign might look like directed at solving certain special problems and opportunities.

The work of two successor committees one a committee called MOCUS the other a sub-committee of MOCUS and the Executive Board furthered and broadened the original MOCUS study resulting in the resolution of the 190th Council authorizing the establishment of the Third Century Committee. Today the Committee recognizes that all of us stand as the beneficiaries of the rich heritage and tradition of the church in this diocese as well as the many sacred houses of worship which have been provided for us by our forebearers.

Let us therefore salute our heritage, measure the missionary needs in our midst, marshal our strengths, and commit ourselves to the task before us in that part of the church life which we call mission.

The Third Century Committee's recommendations that will be presented at the conclusion of this morning's session are fashioned on what was heard from those Episcopalians who attended the seven area meetings which were designed and conducted by the so-called Dialogue Committee. In order that you may hear a report of these important findings, it is my pleasure to introduce to you at this time, the distinguished Chairman of the Dialogue Committee, Russell V. Palmore, Jr., Esquire."

**WHAT WE HAVE HEARD YOU SAY IN THE DIOCESAN DIALOGUE MEETINGS -  
RUSSELL V. PALMORE, JR., ESQUIRE**

Mr. Johnston then introduced Russell V. Palmore, Jr., Esquire, of St. Paul's Church, Richmond, Chairman of the sub-committee on Dialogue who gave the following report:

Bishop Lee, Bishop Gibson, Ladies & Gentlemen:

Shortly after I was asked to chair the Dialogue subcommittee I began to focus on the responsibility which had been assigned to it. As I took account of the persons that would be serving on the committee and compared their abilities with my own—an old observation came to mind which I believe was anonymously made regarding Willard Fillmore. Someone said of the former President, that what he lacked in charisma, he made up in mediocrity. With that one exception noted there was certainly nothing mediocre about the quality of membership of the Dialogue sub-committee.

From the end of February to the first part of May at least one member of the Dialogue was working on some aspect about this committee's charge. For their time, for their support, and their dedication I say thank you to the twelve members of the Committee and to Gen. Joseph Kiefe, who served as the liaison with the other three sub-committees.

As I now look back on the process and how it began to unfold and take shape, two pieces of wisdom come to mind from one of this country's most insightful philosophers over the past thirty years. Of course I'm speaking of Yogi Berra. Yogi once said, "you could observe a lot by just watching" and he was just as profound on another occasion when he said, "you gotta always know where your going or else you might end up somewhere else." Well, for the two and a half months between the organizational meetings of Dialogue and the last of the area meetings on May 5th at St. Alban's, Annandale, and Church of Our Saviour, Charlottesville, we did a lot of watching, observing and even listening. We concluded very quickly that there is nothing mediocre about this diocese either. From the Northern Neck to Charlottesville, from Fairfax, Alexandria, Arlington to Richmond, from the Valley to Richmond, you told us what you were doing, you told us what you wanted to do, and you told us you were willing to work at finding a better way for improving communication, cooperation and partnership from parish to parish, region to region and parish and region to diocese. These are the missions. Yes, there was a clear understanding of where you wanted to go.

Whether the concept for you of mission embraces the notion of winning souls for Jesus Christ, or reaching out to meet the needs of others or acquiring land in order to build new churches and expanding existing ones, the presence of a missionary Spirit was experienced at each meeting we attended and we thought that was very good news.

We were struck by the number and variety of projects which are presently in place at both the church and region level. Food banks, thrift shops, mission to the abused, the elderly, mission to hispanics, orientals, the deaf, campus ministries are just some of the activities which are presently being implemented.

Looking to the future, the areas which you want to develop are exciting and challenging. They include hospice ministry, mission to the armed forces, improving housing for the poor, creation of day care centers, developing church expansion, establishing a retreat center for the spiritual renewal of lay, clergy, and others.

Again, there was a clear understanding that for these objectives to be accomplished, a significant by-product will also be realized namely the development of a higher level of personal commitment, which can only result in a healthier diocese. At the same time you were quite candid in acknowledging the presence of competing forces and the impact they may have on accomplishing the mission opportunities.

We need to upgrade and expand budgets. Lay ministry needs to be better affirmed and strengthened. Communication, especially between the diocese and the parishes needs improvement.

Ecumenical cooperation should be better addressed. The development of a better understanding of stewardship is needed and a concept of parochialism needs to be challenged.

I attended over half of the seven area meetings and listened to the comments, observations from approximately thirty of the small break out groups. I received oral and written reports from the meetings I did not attend and over the past week, I have reviewed again the raw data from the area meetings. This data convinces me that the laity and clergy are willing to meet a challenge of a larger call to mission that will transcend parish, church, region and sectional boundaries.

Perhaps more exciting is a vision that as we gather today are the words of Bishop Lee to celebrate the life God has given us in these two hundred years as a diocese and to review our mission. We the people of this diocese will begin to develop a renewed relationship with each other and that is best captured for me by Emily Griffith, in her book, "Clinging".

Between Christians there is a magnetic field. An attraction more powerful than any merely human passion, but like human passion. The passion of this friendship drives us to Holyness. That is its distinguishing mark. This friendship, this friendship with God and with others because of God. It is a friendship not of the flesh, but of adoption. A spiritual bond that echoes Shakespeare's words "those friends thou hast and their adoption tried grapple them to thy soul with hoops of steel. But the grappling is not done by us, but by grace. In the steel that holds us together, the metal of faith and reverence we know ourselves not only as brothers and sisters, but joint heirs in Christ. The steel is invisible, but tried in the fire and very safe to lean on. Thank you very much."

#### SLIDE PRESENTATION

At 11:47 a.m., Mr. William Johnston introduced the Rev'd Frank F. Fagan, Rector of St. James's Church, Richmond, who was in charge of a committee to put together a slide presentation showing something of the mission of the diocese. The title of the presentation is "Growing in Mission in the Third Century in the Diocese of Virginia".

Mr. Fagan commented that the committee had commissioned Mr. Roland Antonelli to take pictures of what could be possible slides for this presentation. Mr. Robin Smith of Columbia, South Carolina, a close friend of Mr. Fagan's helped develop the three projector slide desolve show which the Council saw which took nine minutes. Mr. Fagan advised that this would be done on a video tape and available for individual church use. This dramatic showing was well received and special congratulations and thanks were given to the Rev'd Mr. Fagan and Mr. Robin Smith.



### NOON DAY PRAYER

At 12:06, the Council was led in an Order of Service for Noon Day by the Rev'd Canon John W. Howe.

At 12:10, Bishop Lee recognized Mr. William A. Johnston, III, Chairman of the Third Century Committee who advised that all members of the Council had received in the mail and had before them A Proposal which he then read as follows:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the BICENTENNIAL COUNCIL OF THE DIOCESE OF VIRGINIA supports the Bishops' call to adopt such procedures as are appropriate to establish the latter half of the current decade as a time for recommitment to mission as a central focus of Diocesan life; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Rector and Vestry of each congregation develop a mission opportunities and resources plan for 1986-1990, such assessment to be made in collaboration with the Dean and President of its Region, a brief written statement of which shall be presented to its Regional Council by March 1, 1986; Regional Councils shall study and forward all such reports (with comments for collaboration and integration where appropriate) to the Bishop by June 1, 1986; the Bishop is requested to communicate to each Region and congregation by September 16, 1986, with such guidance, comment and advice as is deemed appropriate; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that in order to facilitate this process, Council specifically authorizes the Bishop and Executive Board to create a MISSION DEVELOPMENT SERVICE to:

Link resources and mission opportunities,

Identify mission directions appropriate to the Diocese

Assist in review of congregational and regional mission plans,

Identify those mission needs requiring long-term capital development

The MISSION DEVELOPMENT SERVICE shall be accountable to the Bishop. The structure and staff of the MISSION DEVELOPMENT SERVICE will be developed by the Bishops and the Executive Board and submitted to the Bishop as part of the staff restructuring to be included in the proposed 1986 Budget. In addition to such other responsibilities as shall be assigned by the Bishop, the MISSION DEVELOPMENT SERVICE shall provide liaison among the Stewardship Committee, MOCUS, the Executive Board, the Diocesan Missionary Society and other bodies engaged in mission planning.

Mr. Johnston then moved adoption of the Proposal and that the Council resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the proposal of the Third Century Committee following the luncheon hour. This was seconded and by vote adopted.

### LUNCHEON

At 12:14 p.m., Bishop Lee declared the Council in recess for luncheon and advised that he had appointed the Chancellor of the Diocese, A. Hugo Blankingship, Jr, Esquire, to chair the Committee of the Whole when the Council resumes its business.

### THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

At 1:15 p.m, A. Hugo Blankingship, Jr., Esquire, Chairman of the Committee of the Whole advised that the Council was now seated as the Committee of the Whole for discussion of the Proposal presented by the Third Century Committee. Chancellor Blankingship asked the Rev'd Charles E.B. Gill to act as Secretary and as Chaplain to the Committee of the Whole and to open this session with prayer.

The Chancellor as the Presiding Officer of the Committee of the Whole advised the Committee that its function was to consider the Proposal put before the Council, to discuss it and to come to a recommendation, via, a resolution of the Committee of the Whole. The Committee will operate some what like a family and all speakers are urged to use the microphones available to them by identifying themselves, and their church and that the Chair would now hear from the Committee.

He recognized Mr. Herbert Pierce, Region VII, Church of the Apostles, Fairfax, who commented that he was thrilled in what he was seeing and that certainly this was a historical time to observe for our new Bishop. Certainly God has been with this Diocese throughout our history and recalled the Committee to remember the words that were spoken to the Delegates this morning by the Rev'd Dr. Robert Prichard. He commented that having served on the Committee on Dialogue he had personally witnessed a new zeal and a new enthusiasm within the communicants of this diocese to move forward. He quoted from the second chapter of St. James....."faith without works is a dead faith". He urged the Proposal to be adopted and that the churches respond financially to make the staff and the resources necessary for the extension of mission.

The Chairman then recognized the Rev'd Victoria R. T. Heard, Region XIII, St. James's, Leesburg, who had a question of the Committee and wondered why in the last paragraph of the Proposal where it talks about liaison with the Stewardship Committee, MOCUS, the Executive Board, etc., that two other large bodies and very important ones, were left out, namely, the Committee on Lay Ministry and the Commission on Ministry, for certainly mission is largely a matter of specific individuals that are really concerned about mission. The Chairman of the Committee called on Mr. Johnston to make whatever response and Mr. Johnston advised that in framing the Proposal, the selection centered really and basically on those official bodies who currently are most directly involved in mission extension. As the Mission Development Service begins to develop its self undoubtedly other important diocesan bodies will be included in the liaison and thrusts. Mr. Johnston suggested that this recommendation and question be targeted for further consideration.

The Chair recognized Mrs. Mary Paige Rollins, Region IV, Immanuel Church-On-The-Hill, Alexandria. Who remarked that she was a member of the Dialogue Committee and clearly heard the readiness for the diocese of Virginia to be linked to the world and beyond ourselves and the time has come ..... "to go into the world and preach the Gospel, however that might be" and urged support of the Proposal for adoption.

Mrs. Phebe Hoff, Region XII, St. Mary's, Richmond, moved to second, what both the previous speakers said but urged that the Ecumenical movement which is geared entirely for Mission and Renewal in the world is vitally important and that whatever committees are set-up under the Mission Development Service, she urged that the Ecumenical aspects be strongly considered.

The Chair recognized Col. George Bixby, Region VI, Pohick Church, Lorton, who commented that he was in favor of the thrust of the proposal, but had a question as to its procedure in the second resolve which calls for a collaboration with the Deans and Presidents of Regions to prepare a brief statement which shall be presented to the Regional Councils by March 1, 1986. Col. Bixby felt that such a collaboration with the Dean and President within the Region which he is most familiar with with nine churches would not be workable. He had a draft of an amendment if the Chair would receive it. Mr. Blankingship said that he would ask him to hold off on any amendment, but inquired of Col. Bixby was his concern with the timetable. He response was no and that it was not possible to collaborate in a meaningful way with the nine churches in Region VI.

The Chair recognized the Very Rev'd Jere Bunting, Region II, Rector of Christ Church, Christchurch, who commented that one of the meaningful things in his judgement that has happened within the life of the diocese was the restructure in 1972, which brought into being the Regions. He advised that in Region II, of which he is the Dean, consists of twenty-two congregations and that he genuinely felt that there was a sense of genuine cooperation and that this really has been a pyramid to unity right from the individual church up to the Diocese. There would be no problems of collaboration in Region II and urged adoption of the Proposal as written.

The Chairman recognized the Very Rev'd Randolph M. Bragg, Region XIV, Emmanuel, Harrisonburg, who advised that he had two inquiries. The first dealt with the fact that the Regions must do this ground work for if they do not do it there will be many blank spaces for as it is, there is some misunderstanding even now as to what the diocese does wish. He felt that the Dean and the President of the Regions were the proper persons to write the statement which the Proposal calls for.

He did inquire as to whether there would be precise guidelines sent out as to what questions were desirable to be answered. Without such a guideline, it could be a mishmash of information. The Chair called on Mr. Johnston who commented that the Committee who prepared the Proposal had not created or prepared any guidelines or questions but that he felt that this would be a logical next step to prepare such guidelines and to send them out in order that the Bishop would have a standard type of format upon which to evaluate and link our resources and identify our mission directions. He thanked the Rev'd Mr. Bragg for targeting this need.

The Chair recognized Mr. Henry Burke, Region VIII, The Falls Church, who said that he certainly supported the Proposal, but that he did not understand the third resolve where the Mission Development Service will assist in review of congregation and regional mission plans. There is no other mention of regional mission plans explicitly stated anywhere in the material made available. The concern that he had with the Proposal has to do with its connection to SWEEP. SWEEP was a comparable planning effort, yet it was done in a very mixed way by various churches and in some instances perhaps not at all.

In others it may be a forefront of what they are doing and he thought that the Mission Development Service Proposal seems to look to harmonizing these efforts and making them be in step with each other which is something that seems to be lacking in the area of planning.

Mr. Blankingship commented that the discussion so far seems to be centering around the mechanical process of how this will evolve and a fear that there will be some log jam at the regional level and perhaps the thrust of the Proposal will get stuck at that level. Is there any further clarification appropriate about that, inquired the Chairman.

The Chair recognized the Rev'd Claud W. McCauley, Region XII, All Saints, Richmond, who indicated that there is some confusion about the words in the second resolve with relation to the word "assessment" and wondered whether the assessments should be done with Dean and President with each Vestry prior to the original consideration or whether the intent is for each church to make its own assessment, the take it to the Regional Council for collaboration with the President and Dean. It appears that the latter of the two processes makes more sense. Let the Region as a body consider a corporate plan for the region.

The Chair recognized Mr. DuVal Dickinson, Region I, Trinity, Fredericksburg, who spoke with a strong voice saying that he sincerely hoped the Committee does not bog down in details at buying the process and this Proposal. This Proposal that can lead us to the greatest things that has ever happened within this diocese. These plans ought to come from the individual churches and from there to the Region and from Regions to the Diocese. "Let's don't bog down with a little bit of detail of whether somebody is getting left out here or whether we have one word in the Proposal that is not exactly the way everybody understands it. Let's get on with the opportunity we have to do our Lord's work." There was applause.

The Chair recognized the Rev'd Jean L. Milliken, Region IV, Church of the Resurrection, who inquired whether it would be helpful to her to know what was the vision and the reason for the shift in the philosophy which represents the top down vs. the bottom up approach which relates to mission.

Mr. Johnston spoke and said.. "I'm not sure that question can be answered by me ,however, I'm not certain that I reflect the opinion of the whole Committee, but I'll give you what I assure you is my opinion and what I believe to be the compelling tracks that lead us to the conclusion.

If you go back to where we started, we started as an effort by MOCUS, a Committee of the Executive Board, who having a inventory a number of needs and not being able to provide funding through the diocesan processes, i.e., through DMS, through the Executive Board, etc. After a long period of time MOCUS turned to the option of a Capital Funds Campaign. Immediately they found that in any realistic assessment of the capacity of this diocese to raise capital funds in an intensive campaign, that they could not raise but a small fraction of the total money required to meet the demands that were on the table at that time. This has consistently been the experience of MOCUS, and the Executive Board and Diocese for a number of years. It's against that background that we thought - is there a different way to do it?

Is there a way over time in which we can change the process with the hope of satisfying a greater number of those identifiable needs. It was when we heard from the diocese, thru our Dialogue meetings, that there is a yearning, an anxiety, and anxiousness to go about missionary work a large number of the voices were saying. We like to be able to do those things we can see. We like to do it not on the other side of the hill so much, but what we can see from here. Things we can do, accomplishing a job and know that we have do it. Things that we may need to do with our neighbor, accomplishing a job and know that we have done it."

The Chair recognized the Rev'd Charles Cooke, Jr., Region IX, Church of the Messiah, Highland Springs, who suggested a change in the wording of the second resolve. The Chairman of the Committee of the Whole said that he would only take the recommendation as a suggestion and Mr. Cooke then suggested that the wording of the second resolve be changed to read "assessment to be presented to and discussed with the Dean and President of its Region, etc., etc.

The Rev'd John M. Smith, Region XIII, St. James', Leesburg, was recognized by the Chairman who inquired whether or not the dates set in the proposal were those for the original Bicentennial Council to meet in May.

Mr. Johnston advised no. That the dates appearing in the proposal were set following the original May meeting.

The Rev'd Mr. Smith then said that he had a real concern with the specified dates as he had just gone through a similar process of dealing with a five year long range mission plan, and doubted the adequacy of time as specified in the Proposal.

Mr. Johnston replied that these dates had been set and that the Committee felt that they were sound and that the work could be accomplished in this time frame. However, if it appears that the time frame as listed in the Proposal will not work out, then it will be up to the Bishop's Office to make an extension, but at this time it is felt that the dates as cited can allow sufficient time to do the job as expected.

The Rev'd John D. Anderson, Executive Director, Virginia Diocesan Center-"Rostlyn", had a concern that the Committee has already discussed, namely that there is a danger of creating one more level of bureaucracy in our diocese and it seemed to him that an attempt ought to be in order to simplify his concern. His concern was that by creating this super Mission Development Service, and designating its function in relationship to

MOCUS, Stewardship Committee, etc., implies the continued existence of those other committees and his perception is that part of the difficulty already is that there is not a smooth interface between these existing Committees and here comes one more layer. He inquired whether the Committee is entertaining the idea of simplifying those relationships.

Again, Mr. Johnston responded by saying that it is the hope to satisfy the speaker's wish ultimately, but that cannot happen overnight because the existing policy of the diocese includes all of these bodies that have been enumerated and as the Rev'd Victoria Heard pointed out a number that probably should be and weren't.

The Chair recognized the Rev'd Dr. Mark Anschutz, Region IV, Rector, Christ Church, Alexandria, who commented that he was perfectly comfortable with the motion and hoped that we will speedily act upon it. The Rev'd Dr. Anschutz indicated that this is so important to lift our eyes about the mission of this diocese and to set a whole new vision. There is great deal that has presently taken root in our life and as we leave here and as we talk with vestries and move on to the regional level, "I hope that in our minds what already exists will be fertilized specifically so that the new great opportunities that exist - may be recognized. It is a crucial time in our life that new churches be built Virginia."

The Rev'd Dr. Anschutz said, "I think we could also leave here today and loose sight with the fundamental responsibilities for mission which relates every parish to the life of the diocese. The Diocese is the framework from which all of this mission will be built and its success achieved. I think that as a Diocese, we have in some sense in recent years been remiss. I don't like to deal in negatives, but when it comes to our fundamental support to the administrative life of this diocese and if we look at our giving in recent years we have at that level suffered. I recall this to your mind so as we leave here, let us not get the whole idea of mission set so far in front of us that we lose sight of our responsibilities of that mission which involves our responsibility to the diocese of Virginia. I would remind you that we have a responsibility to the Bishop and to all those on the diocesan staff and those who will come in new, to give them a sense that financially they are supported so that they are not constantly burdened by the worry of money. That is part of our mission and I hope that we will see it amongst all the other wonderful things as we go forth." There was applause.

The Chairman recognized the Rev'd Llewellyn Fairchild, Region XIII, Leeds Parish, who moved that the Committee of the Whole accept the report and respond to the Bicentennial Council favorably endorsing the Proposal of the Third Century Committee. This was seconded.

The Chancellor, as Chairman of the Committee of the Whole, said that there is now a formal motion for the Committee of the Whole to make to the Bicentennial Council, however, there has been a very good Spirit throughout the Committee's debate, and now is the time should any member of the Committee wish to make an amendment it should be done at this time. There were no recommendations to amend. The Committee, said Mr. Blankingship, has now done its work, it will rise and a report will be made to the Bicentennial Council.

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

The President assumed the chair and thanked the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole who now wished to offer his report to the Bicentennial Council.

Mr. Blankingship said, "Mr. President and members of the Council, the Committee of the Whole has met and had before it the document entitled Beginning Our Third Century - A Proposal. The matter was discussed in reasonable length with enthusiasm and with inquiring prospective. It is the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole to the Council of this Diocese that the Proposal be adopted.

If the Chairman of the Committee may be permitted one observation, the proposal if taken in a dry form it will be yet another collection of bones, but if Spirit is breathed into this Proposal, we stand an outstanding chance of making a truly forward march in God's movement in this Diocese. So let us receive this Proposal and pray to the giver of this Spirit that new life will manifest itself within our selves and in our diocese. There was ringing applause.

The motion to adopt was seconded.

The President advised that the Proposal as recommended by the Third Century Committee and now the Committee of the Whole of this Bicentennial Council has been moved and duly seconded. He called for discussion. There was none. The Bicentennial and the recovered 190th Annual Council did by unanimous vote adopt the Proposal - with Spirit.

The Bishop declared the Council in recess for ten minutes after which the Celebration of Renewal in Mission Service would take place.

At 2:31 p.m., the Council participated in A Service of Celebration of Renewal in Mission with the Rt. Rev'd Peter James Lee, as the Officiant and also the Preacher. The Rev'd E. Allen Coffey, Rector, St. Peter's Parish, New Kent was the Reader and the Litanist was Mrs. Harold Thomasson of St. George's, Arlington.

Following the Celebration of this service the Bishop declared of the Bicentennial Session of the 190th Annual Council of the Diocese of Virginia adjourned. Sine die.

Respectfully submitted

E. Holcombe Palmer, Secretary

**CHANGES IN DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES SINCE THE RECESS  
OF THE ANNUAL COUNCIL, JANUARY 25 - 27, 1985, AS LISTED IN THE  
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<b><u>REGION I</u></b>			
I	ST. STEPHEN'S St. Mark's Parish Culpeper	JOSEPH JESSUP	C. EDGAR BRYANT, DEL
I	ST. LUKE'S Remington	EDWIN B. CURRIE	DWANE PELAN, DEL
I	ST. JOHN'S King George	VINCENT PUGLIELLI	HOWARD YARUS, DEL
I	CHRIST CHURCH Spotsylvania	BARBARA T. WAKHAM	RONALD MAGIN, DEL
I	ST. GEORGE'S Fredericksburg	R. LEIGH FRACKELTON	ROBERT CADOW, DEL
I	ST. MARY'S Colonial Beach	CHARLES D. CORWIN	JACK GAINES, DEL
I	LITTLE FORK Culpeper	NO REPRESENTATION	DICK BROWN, DEL
<b><u>REGION II</u></b>			
II	ST. MARY'S Whitechapel	MRS HENRY WOOTON	MRS MELVIN RANSOME, DEL
II	COPE PARISH Hague	MRS LLOYD GRIFFITH	MRS OSWALD ANDERSON, DEL
II	ST. PETER'S Oak Grove	PHILLIP SEMSCH	MRS EUGENE GOULDMAN, DEL
<b><u>REGION III</u></b>			
III	ST. DUNSTAN'S McLean	CATHERINE BEAUCAMP	JANET MALCOLM, DEL
<b><u>REGION IV</u></b>			
IV	CHRIST CHURCH Alexandria	GEORGE ALBRIGHT	JUSTIN LOGSDON, DEL
IV	GRACE Alexandria	DAVID CROSBY	BILL DORNEMANN, DEL

REGION NO.	CHURCH	DELEGATE	REPLACEMENT
<b><u>REGION V</u></b>			
V	ST. FRANCIS Great Falls	CHARLES B. JACKSON	CARL B. AMTHOR, DEL
V	HOLY CROSS Dunn Loring	LEE TYRELL	E. STANLEY MURPHY, DEL
<b><u>REGION VI</u></b>			
VI	ALL SAINT'S SHARON, Alexandria	NO REPRESENTATION	ELIZABETH PARLETT, DEL
VI	POHICK Lorton	ROBERT CLEMENT	GEORGE BIXBY, DEL
<b><u>REGION VII</u></b>			
VII	APOSTLES Fairfax	PHILLIP HAGUE	WILLIAM BLATZ, DEL
VII	TRURO Fairfax	HARRY STRONG JOHN VANDER VOORT	DICK MAJOR, DEL BILL EDMUNDS, DEL
<b><u>REGION VIII</u></b>			
VIII	ST. ALBAN'S Annandale	MAURICE VOUT MRS. WILLIAM BEEBE ROBERT CLAGETT	FRANK C. WHITE, DEL CLARENCE ZUVEKAS, DEL MRS. WILLIAM BEEBE, DEL
VIII	THE FALLS CHURCH Falls Church	MRS T. VICCELLIO SAMUEL B. THOMSEN	WILLIAM GOODRICH, DEL PATRICIA DRESSLER, DEL
<b><u>REGION IX</u></b>			
IX	VARINA CHURCH Henrico	MRS. FORREST PARKER	MRS. ESTELLE JONES, DEL
IX	ST. PAUL'S Richmond	H ST. GEORGE TUCKER MRS BENJAMIN HARMON MRS BUFORD SCOTT S. BUFORD SCOTT	JOHN B. ASHTON, DEL DONALD T. COWLES, DEL ROBERT G. NIXON, DEL BETTY BOOKER, DEL
<b><u>REGION X</u></b>			
X	GRACE & HOLY TRINITY, Richmond	LUCILLE GAINES	VIRGINIA TOTTEN, DEL
X	ST. JAMES' Richmond	ALEXANDER SLAUGHTER	MRS. CHARLES TERRY, DEL
X	ST. MARK'S Richmond	WILLIAM BROADDUS	ALFRED TYLER, DEL

<b><u>REGION XI</u></b>			
XI	EPIPHANY Richmond	J. MEL EVANS	RAY LOVELACE, DEL
XII	ST. MARY'S Richmond	RICHARD WORTHINGTON	PHEBE M. HOFF, DEL
XII	ALL SAINTS Richmond	JAMES A. CARLETON BARBARA D. HUGHES STANLEY D. SMITH	FRED PALMORE, DEL WILLIAM NOFFSINGER, DEL DANIEL R. SMITH, DEL
XII	ST. MATTHEW'S Richmond	MRS GARLAND HARWOOD W. TIMOTHY LOUGH JOHN S. GRAHAM	ANDREW McCUTCHEON, DEL J.B. JACKSON, DEL NO REPLACEMENT
XII	ST. STEPHEN'S Richmond	MRS. WALTER CRAIGIE	HARTWEL H. ROPER, DEL
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XIII	ST. PETER'S Purcellville	EDWARD M. POE	MRS C. LYNN ADAMS, DEL
XIII	OUR SAVIOUR Oatlands	DONNA L. TRUSLOW	ROGER BANNER, DEL
<b><u>REGION XIV</u></b>			
XIV	EMMANUEL Harrisonburg	W. RUSSELL SMITH	CHARLES McNULTY, DEL
XIV	EMMANUEL Woodstock	RICHARD A. PENCE	BARBARA J. DONALD, DEL
<b><u>REGION XV</u></b>			
XV	ST. THOMAS Orange	MRS. ROLAND YOUNG	W. PERRY EPES, DEL
XV	PIEDMONT Madison	GEN ROBERT W PORTER	C. MICHAEL ROBERTSON, DEL

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