

Courtesy Resolution 7

Thanking the Participants in the Saturday Session of “The THRIVING Spirit of Koinonia”

RESOLVED, That the 193rd Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Vermont thank all participants responsible for a successful in-person day of Convention Saturday, October 25, 2025, at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul in Burlington, with special thanks to:

- [Communities for Spiritual Vitality](#) program director, the Rev. adwoa Wilson, and Hannah Cooper, project administrator, for meditative and quietly interactive opening devotions focused on Isaiah 43:19 and Matthew 14:13 that gave spiritual grounding for the day’s theme of “The THRIVING Spirit of Koinonia;”
- Members of the Calvary, Underhill, and St. James, Essex Junction, Constellation (Jack Manning, Jenny Ogelby, Nancy Todd, and the Rev. Kim Hardy) for their inspiring story of constellation formation, overcoming apprehensions, and finding new partnerships in community service and worship;
- Organizers and participants in Noon Prayers, in which all were invited to renew their Baptismal Vows and commitment to their particular order of ministry;
- Diocesan Trustee Sarah Cowan, for her thoughtful explanation of the genesis and work of the Distressed Congregations Task Force;
- Members of the North East Kingdom Constellation (the Rev. Ann Hockridge, Diane Montague, Anna Kennedy, and Ann Amos) for their very honest story of moving from trauma through survival mode to thriving in new and creative ways;
- Organizers and participants in the closing Eucharist, with its Celebration and Recognition of Constellation ministries;
- The Very Rev. Greta Getlein, and members of the Cathedral congregation for their gracious hospitality; and be it further

RESOLVED, That those able to attend Saturday give thanks for the opportunity to come together as an embodied diocesan community to consider what it means to be church and to find purpose in uncertain and troubling times.