Courtesy Resolution #1

Honoring the Life and Legacy of Nanci Gordon

RESOLVED, That this 194th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Vermont give thanks for and acknowledge the many ministries of Nanci Gordon over so many decades (in the larger church, 5-time General Convention attendee, member of the General Convention Joint Standing Committee on Nominations twice, member of the Courtesy Resolutions Committee at the 80th General Convention, Province I Synod Delegate; on the diocesan level: Courtesy Resolution writer extraordinaire, member of this body, Diocesan Council member, lay reader and preacher at Trinity, Rutland) and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Standing Committee and the Diocese of Vermont join Nanci's family and friends in grieving her sudden death while expressing its confidence in the knowledge that Nanci now knows fully those ineffable joys that are promised to all of us in our baptism.

EXPLANATION

Nanci's life was one lived as an exemplary model of Christian charity and love. It seemed there was never a room Nanci could enter and not know someone there. This was due to her effervescent personality that saw everyone as a friend; it was also due to Nanci's willingness to always step up and serve where she heard God calling her to be.

Born on 5 October 1962, in Miller Place, New York, Nanci attended the College of St. Joseph the Provider and earned a BA in Liberal Arts in 1978; she attended the New School of Contemporary Radio in 1987. Radio was her passion.

Nanci was a pillar of the Rutland community. A long-beloved voice on local radio at WJJR and WCVT, she connected with listeners through her convivial, authentic personality. She was active on the local storytelling circuit as well, in particular, the Rumpus, spinning yarns that made audiences laugh and reflect fondly on the shared experiences she delivered with her tales.

Nanci loved and cared for the Rutland community through her various charitable endeavors, in particular Stuff a Bus. She ministered to the community as well, delivering sermons that resonated with the people of Trinity Episcopal Church in Rutland. At Convention, Nanci's dulcet voice was well known to delegates as she wrote and read courtesy resolutions so eloquent that people made a point to abruptly halt conversation and listen to her deliver them.

To meet Nanci, was to meet a friend for life. Nanci approached everyone she met with kindness, charity, and stories one could never forget. Upon news of her passing, people who

never used their social media, took to those platforms to recount their love and admiration for their dear friend Nanci.

Our loss is Heaven's gain, as Nanci has been called home to glory, where she is likely spinning her favorite Beatles albums on vinyl and forging new and eternal bonds. We give thanks for her ministry and friendship. May she rest in peace and rise in power.

Courtesy Resolution #2

Thanking Mrs. Sarah Cowan for Her Service to the Board of Trustees

RESOLVED, That this 194th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Vermont acknowledges and thanks Mrs. Sarah Cowan upon her retirement from the Trustees after nearly ten years of faithful and exemplary leadership in service to the Diocese; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this 194th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Vermont expresses their deepest respect, affection, and admiration for Mrs. Cowan's years of dedicated service, and their gratitude for the grace, integrity, and generosity with which she carried out her duties; and be it further resolved

RESOLVED, That this 194th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Vermont records their thanks for Mrs. Cowan's gifts of time, talent, and faithful service, and extends our heartfelt gratitude and every good wish for health, happiness, and fulfillment in the years ahead.

EXPLANATION

The Trustees, the Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Vermont, and the Diocese of Vermont wish to express our deepest respect, affection, and admiration for Sarah's years of dedicated service. Throughout her tenure, she has skillfully navigated the often complex and challenging responsibilities entrusted to the Board of Trustees, bringing exceptional expertise in real estate, finance, and stewardship to the benefit of both the Trustees and the Diocese.

We are grateful not only for Sarah's professional competence and sound judgment, but also for the grace, integrity, and generosity with which she carried out her duties. Sarah's effective leadership fostered collaboration, inspired confidence, and brought out the best in her fellow Trustees and Diocesan colleagues. Sarah's wisdom, patience, and commitment strengthened the work of the Trustees and contributed significantly to the well-being and vitality of the Diocese.

As she retires from this role, we offer our sincere thanks for Sarah's many gifts of time, talent, and faithful service. The Episcopal Diocese of Vermont has been enriched by her contributions and better prepared for the future because of the leadership of Sarah Cowan.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude and every good wish for health, happiness, and fulfillment in the years ahead.