

The Second Province  
Also known as The International Atlantic Province  
of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America  
Synod 2021

Persons Elected and Resolutions Passed

The following persons were elected at the Synod held September 9, 2021:

President (three-year term): The Rt. Rev. DeDe Duncan-Probe, Bishop of the Diocese of Central New York

Vice-President (three-year term): The Ven. Walter Baer, the Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe

Secretary (three-year term): The Rev. Jimmie Sue Deppe, Diocese of Rochester

Treasurer (three-year term): Canon Phyllis Jones, Diocese of New Jersey

Lay Representative to the Provincial Council (three-year term): Ms. Yvonne O'Neal, Diocese of New York

Clerical Representative to the Provincial Council (three-year term): The Rev. Canon Johnnie E. Ross, Diocese of Rochester

Episcopal Representative to the Provincial Council (three-year term): The Rt. Rev. Carlye Hughes, Bishop of the Diocese of Newark

Lay Representative to the Executive Council of The Episcopal Church (six-year term): Thomas K. Chu, Esq., Diocese of New York

The following resolutions were passed:

Resolution 2021-1:

*Be it resolved*, That The International Atlantic Province – the Second Province of The Episcopal Church – recognizes (a) the passage of Resolution 2018-A238 of the General Convention of The Episcopal Church, which joyfully accepted the request of *La Iglesia Episcopal en Cuba* to reunite with The Episcopal Church, effective upon the adoption by The Executive Council of a resolution certifying the completion of various ministerial tasks, and (b) the passage of Executive Council Resolution EXC022020.03, which approved such task completion, and (c) notes that said Resolution 2018-A238, pursuant to Canon I.9.3(a), directed that, following such effective date, the Episcopal Diocese of Cuba be annexed to The Second Province; and be it

*Further resolved*, That the Province, meeting in Synod this ninth day of September 2021, officially welcomes with open arms our siblings of the clergy and laity of the Episcopal Diocese of Cuba as a member in good standing of the Province, looking forward to collaborating with them walking forward to achieve the ongoing goals of the Church.

Resolution 2021-2:

*Be it resolved*, That the 2021 Synod of the Second Province of the Episcopal Church, the International Atlantic Province, expresses its sincere gratitude and appreciation to the Rev. Dahn Dean Gandell, of the Diocese of Rochester, for her longstanding commitment and leadership in The Episcopal Church, having served the Province as a Clergy Representative to Provincial Council, member of Executive Council, Provincial Representative of Episcopal Relief and Development, and President of the Province, notably supervising the Haiti Court of Review process and discerning vigorously with the Provincial Council the question of the role of the provinces within The Episcopal Church, her service spanning more than a dozen years as a compassionate and dedicated ambassador of Province II. We thank her for her willingness to serve, and we send her our prayers and best wishes in her future professional and personal endeavors.

Resolution 2021-3:

*Be it resolved*, That the 2021 Synod of the Second Province of the Episcopal Church, the International Atlantic Province, expresses its gratitude and appreciation to Philip R. Fileri, Esq. for his service as Chancellor of Province II from 2018-2021 and publicly recognizes the outstanding leadership he has provided as the Chancellor. His counsel in navigating multiple uncharted matters by giving of his time, talent and legal expertise to further the mission and effectiveness of Province II over the past triennium distinguishes him, honors the Province, and marks a deep commitment to the Episcopal Church. Province II tenders its appreciation and many thanks for a job well done, and we wish him well in all future personal and professional endeavors.

Resolution 2021-4:

*Be it resolved*, That the 2021 Synod of the Second Province of the Episcopal Church, the International Atlantic Province, expresses its gratitude and appreciation to Canon Paul Ambos, Esq. of the Diocese of New Jersey, for his service as Secretary for two terms, and in particular for his leadership and participation in the revision and drafting of revised Ordinances adopted September 1, 2020, which enabled virtual meetings, for his service as Chair of the September 1, 2020 Special Synod, and for his general wealth of knowledge on matters canonical. We thank him for his willingness to serve, and we send our best wishes for his future professional and personal endeavors.

Resolution 2021-5:

*Be it resolved*, That the 2021 Synod of the Second Province of the Episcopal Church, the International Atlantic Province, expresses its gratitude and appreciation to the Rt. Rev. Dr. DeDe Duncan-Probe, Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of Central New York, for her service as Vice-President and her gracious and effective assumption of the Acting President role over the past nineteen months, acting with an innovative and positive spirit within the challenges of the pandemic, overseeing the unique Special Synod process to amend the Ordinances, and her continued commitment to all dioceses within Province II, especially those offshore, including provincial visits with longstanding member the Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe and newest member Cuba, to enhance and create bonds of communication within the Province.

Resolution 2021-6:

*Be it resolved*, That the 2021 Synod of the Second Province of the Episcopal Church, the International Atlantic Province, expresses its gratitude and appreciation to Canon Noreen Duncan of the Diocese of New Jersey for her service and publicly recognizes the outstanding leadership she has provided as Lay Representative to Executive Council. Her leadership distinguishes her, honors the Province, and marks a deep commitment to the Episcopal Church, particularly in the areas of race relations and inclusivity as she has served, and continues to fulfill her term, as Province II's Lay Representative to Executive Council from 2015 until 2022. Province II tenders its appreciation and many thanks for a job well done, and we wish her well in all future personal and professional endeavors.

Resolution 2021-7:

*Be it resolved*, that The International Atlantic Province – the Second Province of The Episcopal Church – under Canon I.9.3(b) of The Episcopal Church, hereby mutually agrees with the Ninth Province of The Episcopal Church, that the Diocese of Puerto Rico be transferred from the Ninth Province to the Second Province, subject to the approval of the General Convention for such transfer.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Ambos, Secretary