

## **A note from the President of the House of Deputies to those invited to serve on the House of Deputies Committee on the State of the Church**

This triennium, I am asking the House of Deputies State of the Church Committee to do a new thing—to be an energetic think tank and incubator for adaptive thinking, innovative ideas, and fresh approaches to the church's leadership, organizational thinking, and common life. Rather than issuing a charge to explore specific issues, I am instead asking the committee to identify, study and report on the Episcopal Church's most significant opportunities to innovate and experiment so that we are equipped for 21st century mission and ministry in our congregations, communities, and countries.

Part of your work will be to fulfill Resolution 2018-A053, which directs the design of a new parochial report "relevant to the diversity of the Episcopal Church's participation in God's mission in the world." The rest of your time will be spent exploring how we can find new ways to foster the participation of all Episcopalians in that mission. As a mark of my commitment to fostering innovation, exploration and fresh leadership, I have appointed no Baby Boomers to this committee; it may be the first churchwide body since the 1960s to carry that distinction!

I hope that serving on this committee will be a lively and fulfilling experience, and I will be grateful for your ideas, your energy, and your service to the church.

**The Rev. Gay Clark Jennings**

### **A053 RESOLUTION TEXT**

*Resolved*, That the 79th General Convention charge the House of Deputies Committee on the State of the Church to work with the Office of the General Convention and Executive Council to design a simplified parochial report relevant to the diversity of the Episcopal Church's participation in God's mission in the world, and be it further

*Resolved*, That the House of Deputies Committee on the State of the Church solicit input from critical parochial report stakeholders including: (1) data providers to ensure that the data is easily collected and compiled and (2) data users to ensure that the data collected is relevant to their work, and be it further

*Resolved*, That the user interface be improved both for entering data and downloading data and to provide an application programming interface to allow data to be integrated into other networked tools for broader sharing and analysis.