

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**  
of the  
**SPECIAL SESSION OF THE 102<sup>nd</sup> COUNCIL**  
of the  
**DIOCESE OF WEST TEXAS**  
for the

**ELECTION OF A BISHOP SUFFRAGAN**



San Antonio, Texas

Saturday  
March 25, 2006

This being the day and place designated by action of the 102<sup>nd</sup> Council for the Special Session for the election of a Bishop Suffragan, in accordance with Article II, Section 3(a) of the Constitution of the Diocese, the Council assembled in the Frost Athletic Center of TMI—The Episcopal School of Texas, San Antonio, Texas, at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 25, 2006. The Right Reverend Gary R. Lillibridge, Bishop of West Texas, celebrated and preached at the Holy Eucharist. Upon completion of the Eucharist, the Bishop called the Council to be in order and offered the opening prayers of the Session.

**Purpose of the Special Session**

The Bishop noted that the sole purpose of business for this Session of Council was the election of a Bishop Suffragan.

**Quorum**

The Bishop called on the Secretary of the Diocese, the Rev. Frank E. Fuller, to certify the quorum. Registrations having begun at 4:00 p.m. the previous day, the Secretary certified that all three quora were present: (1) of Clergy entitled to seats in Council, in sufficient number to avoid the requirement of Canon 22.2 for a two-thirds majority among the Clergy, should less than two-thirds of those eligible be present; (2) of lay delegates, of whom there were 348 eligible to be seated; and (3) of congregations represented in Council. He gave notice of those congregations that had not yet certified delegates or registered those previously certified.

Mr. Ron Tribo, chair of the host committee for the Special Session, welcomed the Council on behalf of St. Helena's, Boerne, and TMI.

**Nominating Ballot**

The Bishop described the process for the receiving and taking of ballots, in accordance with Canon 22.

Persons then wishing to place a name in nomination submitted a nominating ballot for that purpose. Upon certification by the Standing Committee and the Secretary, the following

clergy were placed in nomination:

The Rev. Ned F. Bowersox  
The Rev. Nancy G. Coon  
The Rev. Willie R. Davila  
The Rev. Donald D. Lee  
The Rev. David G. Read  
The Rev. David M. Reed  
The Rev. Charles G. Woehler  
The Rev. Paul Worley

While the nominations were being certified, Dr. James Freeman, headmaster of TMI, welcomed the Council to the campus, and the Bishop expressed his thanks to the faculty and staff for their welcome.

### **Balloting**

Three ballots were taken in succession, first from the Clergy and then from the Laity, with results as shown in the accompanying chart. The Council recessed for lunch following the first ballot, returning to session for the second ballot at 1:09 p.m.

Between the ballots the Bishop reported the results of discussion groups at the regular session of the Council the prior month concerning ways the church may build community and reach out to grow the church in the local community.

### **Election**

On the third ballot, the Rev. David M. Reed, rector of St. Alban's Church, Harlingen, was elected by concurrent majorities 63 of 109 clergy (57%) and 230 of 329 lay delegates (69%) then present.

The Bishop called the Rev. Mr. Reed and his wife Patti to come forward, and they received a standing ovation. Mr. Reed addressed the Council, accepting the election and expressing his appreciation to the Council and asking the continuing prayers of all present.

There being no further business, the Council stood adjourned at 2:48 p.m. with the blessing of the Bishop and the singing of the Doxology. Upon adjournment, delegates and clergy present signed the Testimonials of Election.



**SUMMARY  
of Certification and Registration**

SPECIAL SESSION  
of the  
102<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL COUNCIL

March 25, 2006

**CERTIFIED:**

Of the 92 eligible parishes and missions in the Diocese, 89 submitted certified delegate lists and 88 had lay representation in Council. No Certificate of Election of Delegates and Alternates was received from Carrizo Springs, Ft. McKavett, or Yoakum.

**REGISTERED:**

Delegates	300
Alternates	<u>122</u>
Total	422
Lay Delegates certifiable	348
Clergy canonically qualified in attendance	110

All congregations which had certified a delegate were represented in Council, except San Saba.

Respectfully submitted,

(The Rev.) Frank E. Fuller,  
Secretary

**ATTEST:**

(The Right Reverend) Gary R. Lillibridge, D.D.  
Bishop of the Diocese of West Texas

**BALLOTING FOR ELECTION OF A BISHOP SUFFRAGAN  
Diocese of West Texas**

March 25, 2006

	<u>Ballot 1</u>		<u>Ballot 2</u>		<u>Ballot 3</u>	
	<u>Clergy</u>	<u>Laity</u>	<u>Clergy</u>	<u>Laity</u>	<u>Clergy</u>	<u>Laity</u>
The Rev. Ned Bowersox	21	51	21	50	13	20
The Rev. Nancy Coon	6	21	2	5	0	0
The Rev. Willie Davila	13	25	6	12	0	0
The Rev. Don Lee	24	62	30	77	32	69
The Rev. David G. Read	8	39	5	19	1	6
<b>The Rev. David M. Reed</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>230</b>
The Rev. Charles Woehler	5	15	1	2	0	1
The Rev. Paul Worley	3	16	1	4	0	3
<b>Totals</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>329</b>
<b>Majority required</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>165</b>

Certified:  
Frank E. Fuller, Secretary