

MINUTES OF SPECIAL SESSION OF THE TRINITY ANNUAL CONFERENCE



September 6, 2025

Meeting via Zoom Webinar

Bishop Scott Jones, Presiding Bishop

Rev. Clark Atkins, Recording Secretary

Conference called to order by Bishop Scott Jones at 9:02 am on September 6, 2025.

Devotional given by Bishop Scott Jones from Ezekiel 34:1-6. Devotional ended with prayer.

Bishop Jones presented rules to be voted upon and asked if there were any objections to the presented rules. No objection, so the rules were adopted as presented.

Rev. Jason Burnham reviewed instructions on how to use vpoll to elect delegates for the 2026 General Conference.

Bishop Jones presented vote to elect Rev. Clark Atkins as the conference recording secretary and asked if there were any objections. No objections were made, so Rev. Atkins was elected as the conference recording secretary.

Bishop Jones presided over practice ballots for laity and clergy practice.

- Lay practice vote on ice cream flavors.
- Clergy practice vote on candy bars.

Bishop Jones reviewed the voting rules, and he explained that ballots will alternate between clergy and lay delegates. Then Bishop Jones also explained that the exact number of delegates allotted to the Trinity Conference will be established in January 2026, because new annual conferences are still being formed around the world. However, based on current projections, the Trinity Conference believes that electing 13 delegates and 7 alternate/reserve clergy and lay delegates, the Trinity Conference will have a sufficient number of lay and clergy representatives to General Conference 2026.

Bishop Jones prayed before ballots.

Bishop Jones called for Lay Ballot 1

124 votes were cast with 63 being necessary for election.

13 lay delegates were elected on Ballot 1 as follow:

Oscar Garza	114	91.94%
Sarah Kreutziger	104	83.87%
John Dawson	102	82.26%
John Campbell	101	81.45%
John Agee	98	79.03%
Elizabeth Fink	91	73.39%
Jan Floro	90	72.58%
Anna Vargas	86	69.35%
Buck Thornton	81	65.35%
David Eikner	80	64.52%
Frankie Watson	77	62.1%
Catherine Sue Sullivan	76	61.29%
Mary Barron	75	60.48%

This completed the lay delegation.

Bishop Jones called for Clergy Ballot 1

162 votes were cast with 82 being necessary for election.

11 clergy delegates were elected on Ballot 1 as follow:

Jason Burnham	149	91.98%
Ben McGehee	131	80.86%
Jessica LaGrone	128	79.01%
Arturo Cadar	123	75.93%
Burt Palmer	112	69.14%
Clark Atkins	96	59.26%
Wendy Heinemann	96	59.26%
Chappell Temple	95	58.64%
Heather Sims	94	58.02%
John Wayne McMann	89	54.94 %
Jim Bass	86	53.09%

Bishop Jones called for Lay Alternates/Reserves Ballot 1

Technical challenges occurred resulting in Lay Alternates/Reserves Ballot 1 being invalidated.

Bishop Jones called for Lay Alternates/Reserves Ballot 2

123 Votes were cast with 62 being necessary for election.

Seven alternate and reserve lay delegates were elected on Ballot 2 as follow:

Emily Hobson	99	80.49%
Trevor Guidry	91	73.98%
Kristie Wright	91	73.98%
Patricia Garcia-Monet	76	61.79%
Filoteo Gomez Martinez	73	59.35%
David Amend	70	56.91%
Melanie Goodwin	62	50.41%

This completed the lay alternate/reserve delegation.

This concluded the balloting for laity.

Bishop Jones called for Clergy Ballot 2

165 votes were cast with 83 being necessary for election.

No Election

Bishop Jones called for Clergy Ballot 3

162 votes were cast with 82 being necessary for election.

No Election

Bishop Jones called for Clergy Ballot 4

162 votes were cast with 82 being necessary for election.

Two clergy delegates were elected on Ballot 4 as follow:

Tim Turner	95	58.64%
Enid Henderson	85	52.47%

This completed the delegation for clergy.

Bishop Jones called for Clergy Alternate/Reserve Ballot 1

164 votes were cast with 83 being necessary for election.

Four clergy alternate/reserve delegates were elected on Ballot 1 as follow:

Susan Kent	123	75%
Vivian Kinnear	107	65.24%
Jonathan Bynum	106	64.63%
Jerry House Jr.	96	58.54%

Bishop Jones called for Clergy Alternate/Reserve Ballot 2

159 votes were cast with 80 being necessary for election.

One clergy alternate/reserve delegate was elected on Ballot 2 as follow:

John Robert Black	80	50.31%
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Bishop Jones called for Clergy Alternate/Reserve Ballot 3

159 votes were cast with 80 being necessary for election.

Two clergy alternate/reserve delegates were elected on Ballot 3 as follow:

Brad McKenzie	86	54.09%
Jeffery Warwick	83	52.2%

This completed the clergy alternate/reserve delegation.

This completed the clergy balloting.

Bishop Jones reminded participants that the exact number of lay and clergy delegates allotted to the Trinity Conference has not yet been determined.

Bishop Jones thanked all of those who submitted their names for the election and everyone who was elected as delegates and alternate delegates.

Bishop Jones offered a closing prayer.

Bishop Jones adjourned the Conference at 10:28 AM CDT.