

Voices and Resolutions: My Journey Through General Convention

By Maggie Brown



General Convention occurred in Louisville, KY, from June 20-29, 2024, the 20th and 29 being our travel days. During the start of the Legislative Session, President Julia Alaya Harris selected sixteen Deputies who were delegated for several years to GC, starting from 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and so on. Me being selected from Navajoland Area Mission, having attended four GCs, which I felt honored. We marched to HOB and appeared before the Bishops to let them know that “the HOD is organized for business.” The delegation’s march to the House of Bishops “shows the HOB the strength and the diversity of our experiences and readiness to work.”

I attended forums for nominees for President for HOD and Presiding Bishop. The majority of time was in the Legislative Sessions, where many resolutions came before us to be considered

passing or not to pass. Most of the resolutions about Indigenous people passed unanimously. I believe the passing of Resolution C009 was the highlight of this GC for me. Most of our delegation spoke to the resolution. This resolution is for the Navajoland Area Mission to become a Missionary Diocese. Many deputies and bishops gave us congratulations and encouraging words.

There were many meetings between legislative sessions, such as budget hearings/sessions, people of Color, and the Indigenous Caucus. Another memorable moment was catching PB Curry, who greeted me with open arms and willingly signed one of the books I had purchased from the exhibit hall. We had a chance to offer a Tadidin (corn pollen) prayer to the Ohio River nearby.

Lastly, I want to thank the individuals who participated in

the Silent Auction. Navajoland ECW put four items up for auction: a Navajo Rug, a Navajo Wedding Basket, a Turquoise Bracelet, and a necklace. The winners were Fr. Joe Hubbard, SD; Edgar Wallace, KY; Sandra Corp, UT; and Carol Gallagher, MA. Rev. Ann Halisey matched the total proceeds made. I am beyond grateful for Ann’s match, which all returned to ECN’s travel account.



Maggie Brown from Coalmine, NM, and the Church of the Good Shepherd in Ft. Defiance, AZ, shares a joyful selfie with Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, celebrating a moment of inspiration and connection.