

## STANDING COMMITTEE

Rev. Dede Ballou	St. Peter's (Amarillo)
Rev. Celia Ellery	Good Shepherd (San Angelo)
Mr. Anthony Garcia, Secretary	St. Paul's (Lubbock)
Mrs. Betty Gilmore	Heavenly Rest (Abilene)
Rev. Jim Liggett	St. Nicholas (Midland)
Mr. Leon Swift, President	St. Andrew's (Amarillo)

### CONSENTS:

1. To the ordination and consecration of The Rev. Herman Hollerith, IV to be Bishop of the Diocese of Southern Virginia.
2. To the election of a Bishop Coadjutor in the Diocese of Long island.
3. To the election of two Bishops Suffragan for the Diocese of Los Angeles.
4. To the election of a Bishop Coadjutor for the Diocese of Springfield.

### CONSENTS DECLINED:

1. To the ordination and consecration of The Rev. Kevin Lee Thew Forrester as Bishop of the Diocese of Northern Michigan.

### MINISTRY ACTIONS:

1. Approved Art Goolsby for Ordination to the Diaconate.
2. Approved Michael Caldwell for Ordination to the Transitional Diaconate.
3. Approved Jared Cramer for Ordination to the Priesthood.
4. Granted Deacon Leroy Morrison a license to serve at St. Barnabas in Odessa.
5. Approved the request for The Rev. Kara Wischmeyer to serve as supply Priest in the DNWT.
6. Approved a call to The Rev. Phillip Webster to serve as Canterbury Chaplin.
7. Granted Letters Dimissory for The Rev. Margaret Austin transferring to the Diocese of Colorado.
8. Accepted Letters Dimissory for Deacon Leroy O. Morison from the Diocese of Central New York.
9. Accepted letters Dimissory for The Rev. Kara Wischmeyer from the Diocese of Dallas.
10. Declined to grant The Rev. Richard Osborne a license to officiate in the DNWT.

### APPORTIONMENT ACTIONS:

1. Approved relief of \$36,800.52 in 2008 apportionment for St. Stephen's (Lubbock).
2. Approved relief of \$24,524.92 in 2008 apportionment for St. Mary's (Big Spring).

**The Episcopal Church in  
The Diocese of Northwest Texas  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
September 9, 2008**

1. Opening Prayer: The meeting opened at 10:05 a.m. at the Hulsey Episcopal Center, Lubbock, Texas, with prayer led by Bishop Ohl.  
  
Voting members present: Rick Chambers, Tom Choate, Dick Davis, Paul Goebel, Carrol Holley (Treasurer) and Bishop Ohl (President)  
Voting member(s) absent: Bobby Crues  
Ex-officio members (with voice only) absent: Ted Liggett (Chancellor)
2. Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the May 6, 2008 meeting were approved as presented.
3. New Members: Rick Chambers and Paul Goebel were introduced as the 2 new members who will fill unexpired terms.
4. Financial Reports: Carrol Holley highlighted the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2008 financial statements.

**Bishops Temple-Quarterman Fund**

	<u>Cost Basis</u>	<u>Market Value Basis</u>
Beginning Balance (January 1, 2008)	\$2,704,121	\$ 2,823,474
Income	46,828	46,828
Capital Gain (Loss)	23,482	23,482
Market Value Gain (Loss)	0	(139,620)
Expenses and Transfers & Bequests	(72,928)	(72,928)
Ending Balance (June 30, 2008)	\$2,701,503	\$ 2,681,236

**Conference Center Fund**

	<u>Cost Basis</u>	<u>Market Value Basis</u>
Beginning Balance (January 1, 2008)	\$660,174	\$688,853
Income	11,687	11,687
Capital Gain (Loss)	6,177	6,177
Market Value Gain (Loss)	0	(34,932)
Expenses and Transfers	(20,067)	(20,067)
Ending Balance (June 30, 2008)	\$657,971	\$651,718

## Stevenson Endowment Fund

	<u>Cost Basis</u>	<u>Market Value Basis</u>
Beginning Balance (January 1, 2008)	\$1,852,471	\$ 1,898,562
Income	31,433	31,433
Capital Gain (Loss)	7,421	7,421
Market Value Gain (Loss)	0	(46,701)
Expenses and Transfers	(52,422)	(52,422)
Ending Balance (June 30, 2008)	\$1,38,903	\$ 1,838,293

## Trustees Fund

	<u>Cost Basis</u>	<u>Market Value Basis</u>
Beginning Balance (January 1, 2008)	\$ 1,270,737	\$ 1,316,534
Income & Program Receipts	26,405	26,405
Capital Gain (Loss)	15,718	15,718
Market Value Gain (Loss)	0	(63,022)
Expenses & Program Expenses	(35,593)	(35,593)
Contributions	0	0
Ending Balance (June 30, 2008)	\$ 1,277,267	\$ 1,260,042

All of the financial reports were accepted as presented.

Money Manager's Report: Mark Ferrell from Vaughan Nelson presented his report. According to Mark, although equities were down for the quarter, overall, the portfolio had a positive return. In addition, the portfolio had a total rate of return for the 3 months ended June 30, 2008 of (9.2) % - (9.5) % for equities and 1.4% - 2.1% for fixed income investments.

### 5. Old Business:

- a. **Fund Manager Transfer:** Dick Davis gave a brief summary to the new members to apprise them of previous ongoing discussions regarding switching Fund Managers. It was decided that an investment policy should first be adopted by the Diocese of Northwest Texas then presented to Vaughan Nelson to see if they can meet requests and requirements. If not, it was agreed to continue to approach other Fund Managers.
- b. **Good Shepherd, San Angelo:** On behalf of Ted Liggett, Bishop Ohl reported that the process for a hearing is moving slowly and has been delayed by defendants. Carrol Holley pointed out that the expenses incurred to date total \$20,445 and reminded Trustees that legal expenses were approved by the Board up to \$30,000. Although previous verbal commitments to pay to this fund were made, no contributions have been received.
- c. **St. Luke's, Levelland-Sale of Property:** Bishop Ohl announced that the property that had been sold was property that St. Luke's did not need.
- d. **Draft of DNWT Investment Policy Statement:** Dick suggested that a decision on an Investment Policy should be made soon. It was agreed that the policy will be revisited and decided on at the next meeting.

6. New Business:

- a. UCM, San Angelo: Bishop Ohl mentioned that Deacon Gary Sanford currently serves as volunteer Chaplain for United Campus Ministries. An email from Celia Ellery was reviewed regarding the UCM meeting held Tuesday, June 17 and the fallout from the Methodist position taken at that meeting regarding property ownership. They are determined to buy out DNWT's 25% ownership or sell their 50%. It also referred to unpaid support from the Diocese for upkeep and insurance totaling \$8,000. Bishop Ohl advised the board that he is not interested in selling the Diocese's percentage. He also updated the Trustees of a new line item that has been added to the 2009 Budget in the amount of \$4,000 for assistance with maintenance costs.
- b. Crouch Fund Request-St. Luke's, Levelland: Trustees approved a request from the Treasurer of St. Luke's to withdraw \$1,500 from the Crouch Fund for church repairs.
- c. Request to Sell Property-St. Peter's, Borger: Trustees approved a request from the Sr. Warden of St. Peter's to sell a house that was willed to the church several years ago.
- d. Navigator Oil and Minerals Offer of Purchase: Tom Choate requested, and all agreed, not to sell at this time.
- e. \$30,000 Request for 2008 Budget Fund: Trustees approved this request to be made from the Endowment Fund.
- f. BQCC Electrical Repairs: Bishop Ohl reported BQCC's immediate need to upgrade to 3 Phase electrical capacity. Total cost of repairs is estimated at \$6,700. Some funds will be used from SADE accounts held by the Conference Center; however a request was made for the difference to be paid out of the Trustees' Maintenance Fund. Trustees approved the request.

7. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for Tuesday, October 21, 2008 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Hulsey Episcopal Center.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anna Mora (Financial Manager)  
Secretary

Approved,

C. Wallis Ohl, Jr. (the Rt. Rev.)  
President

**The Episcopal Church in  
The Diocese of Northwest Texas  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
October 21, 2008**

1. Opening Prayer: The meeting opened at 10:06 a.m. at the Hulsey Episcopal Center, Lubbock, Texas, with prayer led by Bishop Ohl.

Voting members present: Rick Chambers, Tom Choate, Dick Davis, Paul Goebel, Carrol Holley (Treasurer) and Bishop Ohl (President)

Voting member(s) absent: Bobby Crues

Ex-officio members (with voice only) absent: Ted Liggett (Chancellor)

2. Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the September 9, 2008 meeting were approved.
3. Investment Reports: Mark Farrell from Vaughan Nelson presented his report. According to Mark, since 09/30/08, the market has dropped another 10%. In addition, the portfolio had a total rate of return for the 9 months ended September 30, 2008 of (36.5) % - (36.7) % for equities and (0.3) % - (1.4) % for fixed income investments.
4. Financial Reports: Carrol Holley highlighted the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2008 financial statements.

**Bishops Temple-Quarterman Fund**

	<u>Cost Basis</u>	<u>Market Value Basis</u>
Beginning Balance (January 1, 2008)	\$2,704,121	\$ 2,823,474
Income	69,123	69,123
Capital Gain (Loss)	(96,643)	(96,643)
Market Value Gain (Loss)	0	(280,936)
Expenses and Transfers & Bequests	(139,226)	(139,226)
Ending Balance (September 30, 2008)	\$ 2,537,375	\$ 2,375,792

**Conference Center Fund**

	<u>Cost Basis</u>	<u>Market Value Basis</u>
Beginning Balance (January 1, 2008)	\$ 660,174	\$ 688,853
Income	17,375	17,375
Capital Gain (Loss)	(21,942)	(21,942)
Market Value Gain (Loss)	0	(69,109)
Expenses and Transfers	(30,053)	(30,053)
Ending Balance (September 30, 2008)	\$ 625,554	\$ 585,124

**Stevenson Endowment Fund**

	<u>Cost Basis</u>	<u>Market Value Basis</u>
Beginning Balance (January 1, 2008)	\$ 1,852,471	\$ 1,898,562
Income	44,818	44,818
Capital Gain (Loss)	(27,486)	(27,486)
Market Value Gain (Loss)	0	(108,773)
Expenses and Transfers	(78,602)	(78,602)
Ending Balance (September 30, 2008)	\$ 1,791,201	\$ 1,728,519

### Trustees Fund

	<u>Cost Basis</u>	<u>Market Value Basis</u>
Beginning Balance (January 1, 2008)	\$ 1,270,737	\$ 1,316,534
Income & Program Receipts	39,258	39,258
Capital Gain (Loss)	(26,655)	(26,655)
Market Value Gain (Loss)	0	(118,154)
Expenses & Program Expenses	(41,047)	(41,047)
Contributions	0	0
Ending Balance (September 30, 2008)	\$ 1,242,293	\$ 1,169,936

All of the financial reports were accepted as presented.

5. Old Business:

- a. Fund Manager Transfer: It was agreed that a decision will not be made at this time to change fund managers and to remove this item from the agenda.
- b. Good Shepherd, San Angelo: Bishop Ohl stated that there was no new information to report.
- c. Draft of DNWT Investment Policy Statement: The Investment Policy Statement was approved with 1 revision and was given to Fund Manager, Mark Farrell, for review and comments. If any amendments are needed, it can be done at the next meeting held in February 2009.

6. New Business:

- a. Offer to purchase St. Luke's, Childress building: Bishop Ohl reported that the congregation was down to 1 or 2 members. Recently, 2 inquiries have been made to purchase the building. One, being an attorney who would like to use it as office space. The second, being a Hispanic church that may continue to use the building as a congregation. Bishop Ohl asked for permission to close the mission at the upcoming Diocesan Convention and to explore offers for selling the property.
- b. Division Order from Clear Water, Inc: Before it is agreed to have Bishop Ohl sign the division order, the board requires clarification of type of tax due which is mentioned in the THIRD section. As long as it is for a tax in which DNWT is not exempt, Bishop Ohl has permission/authority to sign the division order. Tom will contact Clear Water and report back to Bishop Ohl and the board.

7. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 12:36 p.m.

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for Tuesday, February 10, 2009 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Hulsey Episcopal Center.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anna Mora (Financial Manager)  
Secretary

Approved,

C. Wallis Ohl, Jr. (the Rt. Rev.)  
President

**The Episcopal Church in  
The Diocese of Northwest Texas  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
February 10, 2009**

1. Opening Prayer: The meeting opened at 10:10 a.m. at the Hulsey Episcopal Center, Lubbock, Texas, with prayer led by Bishop-elect Scott Mayer.

Voting members present: Rick Chambers, Paul Goebel, Carrol Holley (Treasurer), David Stidham and Bishop-elect Scott Mayer (President)

Voting member(s) absent: Bobby Crues

Ex-officio members (with voice only): Tom Choate (Chancellor)

- a. Tom Choate was introduced as Diocesan Chancellor, replacing Ted Liggett. Bishop-elect Mayer recommended Ricky Bowman from St. Stephen's, Sweetwater to fill vacant seat as Trustee. A motion was made by Carrol Holley and seconded by Rick Chambers. Motion was passed.
- b. David Stidham from St. Andrew's, Amarillo was introduced as a new Trustee.
- c. Bishop-elect Mayer reported that trustee Bobby Crues will be out another 6 months undergoing rehab for a fall that shattered his right leg.

2. Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the October 21, 2008 meeting were approved.
3. Investment Reports: Mark Farrell from Vaughan Nelson presented his report. According to Mark, 2008 had the worst 12/31 reporting in S&P history. In addition, Mark reported that the portfolio had a total rate of return for the 12 months ended December 31, 2008 of (7.1) % for Stevenson Endowment Fund, (19.7) % for Trustees Fund, and (21) % for BTQ and Conference Center Funds.
4. Financial Reports: Carrol Holley highlighted the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2008 financial statements.

**Bishops Temple-Quarterman Fund**

	<u>Cost Basis</u>	<u>Market Value Basis</u>
Beginning Balance (January 1, 2008)	\$2,704,121	\$ 2,823,474
Income	92,670	92,670
Capital Gain (Loss)	(272,872)	(272,872)
Market Value Gain (Loss)	0	(388,190)
Expenses and Transfers	(175,174)	(175,174)
Ending Balance (December 31, 2008)	\$ 2,348,745	\$ 2,079,908

**Conference Center Fund**

	<u>Cost Basis</u>	<u>Market Value Basis</u>
Beginning Balance (January 1, 2008)	\$ 660,174	\$ 688,853
Income	23,136	23,136
Capital Gain (Loss)	(61,922)	(61,922)
Market Value Gain (Loss)	0	(102,223)
Expenses and Transfers	(39,933)	(39,933)
Ending Balance (December 31, 2008)	\$ 581,455	\$ 507,911

**Stevenson Endowment Fund**

	<u>Cost Basis</u>	<u>Market Value Basis</u>
Beginning Balance (January 1, 2008)	\$ 1,852,471	\$ 1,898,562
Income	64,677	64,677
Capital Gain (Loss)	(82,868)	(82,868)
Market Value Gain (Loss)	0	(111,017)
Expenses and Transfers	(104,570)	(104,570)
Ending Balance (December 31, 2008)	\$ 1,729,710	\$ 1,664,784

**Trustees Fund**

	<u>Cost Basis</u>	<u>Market Value Basis</u>
Beginning Balance (January 1, 2008)	\$ 1,270,737	\$ 1,316,534
Contributions & Program Receipts	123,030	123,030
Income	45,177	45,177
Capital Gain (Loss)	(83,879)	(83,879)
Market Value Gain (Loss)	0	(151,323)
Expenses & Program Expenses	(57,456)	(57,456)
Ending Balance (December 31, 2008)	\$ 1,297,609	\$ 1,192,083

All of the financial reports were accepted as presented.

5. Old Business:

- a. Good Shepherd, San Angelo: Tom Choate, Chancellor, was recognized to discuss the status of litigation pending in San Angelo, Tom Green County, Texas and to report to Board of Trustees about the pending litigation.
- b. Offer to Purchase St. Luke's, Childress building: Greg Buckley, county attorney in Childress, is interested in purchasing the property. A motion made David Stidham, and seconded by Rick Chambers, was unanimously approved by the Trustees to dispose of the property at the best negotiated price. Carrol Holley, Treasurer, and Tom Choate, Chancellor, will discuss final details of DNWT note.
- c. Draft of DNWT Investment Policy Statement: Rick Chambers and Paul Goebel will work together with Fund Manager, Mark Farrell, to finalize Investment Policy Statement.

6. New Business:

- a. Property Retention Fund: Tom Choate, Chancellor, presented information as to fees and expenses related to litigation involving the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, about the prior establishment of a property retention fund by the Board of Trustees, and about current and anticipated fees and expenses related to such litigation. After discussion and upon motion made by Paul Goebel, and seconded by David Stidham, the Trustees unanimously approved an increase in the property retention fund from \$30,000.00 up to \$70,000.00, with said fund to be used to pay fees, expenses and costs related to the Good Shepherd litigation, and authorized the Diocese, in conjunction with the Treasurer, to identify sources of funds and to pay current charges.
- b. Apportionment Task Force Report: Bishop-elect Mayer reported that the Apportionment Task Force has recommended that apportionments for 2009 be reduced from 21% to 18% for churches, and 10.5% to 9% for congregations. To help with apportionment reductions, the following transfers to the Operating Budget were requested:
  - i. From SADE Account:
    1. \$24,674 from line item ST. LUKE'S, CHILDRESS
    2. \$10,000 from line item CONTINGENCY RESERVE

- ii. From Trustees Account:
  - 1. \$6,167 from line item ST. JOHN'S, LAMESA
- c. Upon a motion by Paul Goebel, and seconded by Rick Chambers, the Trustees unanimously approved the proposed apportionment reductions for 2009 and the transfer of designated SADE and Trustees funds to the Operating Budget.
- d. St. Stephen's, Sweetwater: Carrol Holley presented a request from Nikki Jones, Acting Clerk for St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Sweetwater, for monthly distributions from the Fred Stevenson Trust Fund in the amount \$7,515.83; totaling \$90,190.00 during the year of 2009. Upon motion made by Paul Goebel, seconded by Rick Chambers, the Trustees unanimously approved the request for the 2009 Stevenson Trust Fund distribution.

7. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for Tuesday, May 5, 2009 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Hulsey Episcopal Center.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anna Mora (Financial Manager)  
Secretary

Approved,

The Rev. J Scott Mayer (Bishop-elect)  
President

# The Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Northwest Texas

## Executive Council Minutes

September 6, 2008

Members present: The Rt. Rev. C. Wallis Ohl, Jr., Carrol Holley, Liza Philpy, Nancy McReynolds, Deacon Gary Sanford, Rev. Allan Conkling, Katy Hoskins, Deacon Les Jackson, Phil Rapstine, Deacon Kathleen Borsch, Rev. Linda Kelly, M.J. Coats, Rev. Josie Rose, Patsy Berry, Rev. David Mossbarger.

Others present: Anna Mora, Jamie Goldston.

The Council was called to order at 10am by the Bishop with a prayer. A motion was made by the Rev. Allan Conkling to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion was seconded and passed.

The Bishop thanked the retiring members: Nancy McReynolds, ECW President, St. Christopher's, Lubbock; Deacon Gary Sanford, Emmanuel, San Angelo; Deacon Les Jackson, St. Christopher's, Lubbock; The Rev. Josie Rose, Santa Maria Virgen, Midland. It was announced that Phil Rapstine, St. Stephen's Lubbock will be the Vice-President for the 2009 year for the Executive Council.

The Bishop continued with the parish reports of Good Shepherd, San Angelo; Holy Trinity, Midland; St. Peter's Amarillo; St. Stephen's, Lubbock; St. Mary's, Big Spring; St. John's, Odessa; St. Matthew's, Pampa; Canterbury, Lubbock. Deacon Gary Sanford discussed his involvement in United Campus Ministries at Angelo State University in San Angelo.

The Bishop also updated the Council on upcoming events:

- 1) Haney Installation, St. Paul's, Lubbock 9/13
- 2) Clergy Conference Day, 9/15
- 3) House of Bishops, Salt Lake, 9/16-19
- 4) Pat Russell and Jean Scott Transitional Diaconate Ordinations, St. Paul's, Lubbock-9/20
- 5) Provincial Synod, Oklahoma City, 9/25-26
- 6) Title IV Task Force, New Orleans-9/28-10/2
- 7) ECW Conference, BQCC, 10/3-5

- 8) Sewanee Trustees, 10/5-9
- 9) Phil Corbett Ordination to the Priesthood, Brownfield, 10/18
- 10) Annual Diocesan Convention, Abilene, 10/31-11/1

The Bishop announced his retirement will be the 31<sup>st</sup> of December 2008. He will take November and December of 2008 as a Sabbatical.

The election of a new Bishop will be November 11 or 22 at St. Paul's, Lubbock. The Consecration will be March 21, 2009.

Jamie Goldston, Bishop Quarterman Conference Center Director, updated the council on continued maintenance issues. Forty-three events were planned during 2008, not including the six weeks of summer camps.

The Bishop circulated Nancy Igo's written report.

Carrol Holley, Diocesan Treasurer, discussed the proposed amended 2008 Operating Diocesan Budget dated 6/10/08. The Rev. Allan Conkling made a motion to ratify the email notification of these proposed amendments. The motion was seconded and passed. Carrol also reviewed the Diocesan Statement of Operations, dated July 31, 2008. He also reviewed the Surplus and Deferred Expenditure Account report dated July 31, 2008. He also reviewed the July 31, 2008 BQCC Budget. Deacon Gary Sanford moved to accept the presented financial reports. The motion was seconded and passed.

The Bishop adjourned the council to lunch with a prayer.

Carrol Holley continued his financial report with the presentation of the proposed 2009 Diocesan Operating Budget. The Rev. Allan Conkling moved to reduce line 5170 by \$500 and increase line 5970 by \$500. The motion was seconded and passed. The Rev. David Mossbarger moved to approve the apportionment schedule of 2009, as presented. The motion was seconded and passed. The Deacon Gary Sanford moved to accept the proposed 2009 Diocesan Operating Budget, as amended. The motion was seconded and passed.

The Rev. David Mossbarger moved to ask the Insurance Committee to look at bids for the property insurance for the missions of the Diocese for the 2010 calendar year, especially considering Church Insurance of Vermont, to report their findings to the Executive Council at the proposed September 12, 2009 meeting. The motion was seconded and passed.

The next meeting will be at BQCC for the overnight retreat December 5-6, 2008. The Bishop closed the meeting with a prayer at 2pm.

**The Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Northwest Texas**

**Executive Council Minutes**

**March 7, 2009**

**St. Stephen's Church, Lubbock, Texas**

Members present: Bishop-elect Scott Mayer, Carroll Holley, Tom Choate, Deacon Peggy Valentine, Phil Rapstine, Deacon Kathleen Borsch, Rev. Linda Kelly, M.J. Coats, Mark Lang, Patsy Berry, Deacon Roland Rose

Members absent: Liza Philpy, Melinda McCarty, Rev. Allan Conkling, Katy Hoskins, Jim Brown, Debra Burnett, Rev. Dru Ferguson, Rev. David Mossbarger, Charles Chambers

Bishop-elect Scott Mayer called the Council to order with a prayer at 10:15am.

Deacon Kathleen Borsch moved to accept the minutes of the September 6, 2008 meeting. The motion was seconded and passed.

The Bishop-elect welcomed attending new Council members Peggy Valentine, Mark Lang and Deacon Roland Rose. The Council members were referred to Constitution and Canons of the Diocese of NWT that define the roles of the Executive Council.

Bishop-elect Mayer gave a parish report on Good Shepherd, San Angelo. Chancellor Tom Choate gave an update on property litigation at Good Shepherd. The Bishop-elect discussed the search processes at several Churches (see attached report from Nancy Igo on deployment).

The Council was updated on new Clergy in the Diocese:

The Rev. Barbara Kirk-Norris, Rector, St. Mary's, Big Spring

The Rev. Philip Webster, Chaplain, Canterbury at Texas Tech, Lubbock and Vicar at St. Luke's, Levelland

The Rev. Kiah Webster, Assoc. Rector, St. Paul's, Lubbock

The Rev. Robert Taliaferro, Rector, St. Peter's, Amarillo

The Rev. Kara Wischmeyer, non-parochial, Lubbock

The Bishop-elect updated the Council on upcoming events:

House of Bishops, Kanuga, NC

Safeguarding God's Children class, St. Paul's, Lubbock, 3/14/2009

Consecration of the Fifth Bishop of Northwest Texas, 3/21/2009

Ordination to the Priesthood of Jean Scott, St. Stephen's, Lubbock, 7pm, 3/27/2009

Ordination to the Priesthood of Pat Russell, St. Paul's, Lubbock, 11am, 3/28/2009

Risk Management Seminar, St. Paul's, Lubbock-10am, 5/1/2009

Stewardship Conference, St. Paul's, Lubbock, 5/9/2009

#### Staff reports

Reports from Diocesan Programs Manager, Nancy Igo and Jamie Goldston, BQCC Director were reviewed and discussed (see attached reports).

#### Finances

Carroll Holley gave a brief recap of the final budget for 2008 and reported that the Diocese closed the year in good shape particularly considering some of the problems experienced during the year. Carroll and Anna are available if Council members desire additional information on the budget. The Council was reminded that the 2008 amended budget, along with a year-end transfer of the balance line item 5510 (Diocesan conferences) and four compensation resolutions, were approved by email (on-line) on January 7, 2009 when a majority of the Council members had voted "yes". (Copies attached).

Carroll discussed the Quarterman Conference Center and recommended that this governing board hold regularly scheduled meeting to address the problems facing the facility and to finalize a budget for 2009. Carroll and Anna Mora are available to assist if needed.

Phil reported that the Bishop-elect had appointed a task force of member of the Standing Committee, the Trustees and the Executive Council to identify means by which to reduce apportionment. Carroll Holley, our Treasurer, studied the budget to identify changes in revenue and expenses in the 2009 budget to fund a short-term strategy to reduce apportionment. The Apportionment Task Force unanimously recommended reducing apportionment from 21% to 18%. Subsequently the Trustees and Standing Committee both unanimously approved the changes needed to support the 3% reduction. Carroll Holley moved, with the recommendation from the Apportionment Task Force, the Trustees and the Standing Committee to amend the 2009 Diocesan Budget to reflect a 3% reduction of apportionment. The motion was seconded and passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30pm.

Liza Philpy

Scribe of the Executive Council

**The Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Northwest Texas**

**Executive Council Minutes**

**June 11, 2009**

**Canterbury, Lubbock, Texas**

Members present: Carroll Holley, Liza Philpy, Rev. Allan Conkling, Katy Hoskins, Phil Rapstine, Jim Brown, Rev. Linda Kelly, M.J. Coats, Patsy Berry, Rev. David Mossbarger, Deacon Roland Rose

Members absent: Rt. Rev. Scott Mayer, Tom Choate, Anne Hover, Melinda McCarty, Deacon Peggy Valentine, Deacon Kathleen Borsch, Debra Burnett, Rev. Dru Ferguson, Mark Lang, Charles Chambers

Others present: Anna Mora, Rev. Phil Webster.

The Rev. Phil Webster, new Canterbury chaplain, gave the opening prayer at 10am. After the roll call, the minutes of the March 7, 2009 minutes were approved with corrections.

Rev. Phil Webster was introduced by Phil Rapstine, acting president of the Council. Rev. Phil Webster talked about his goals for the Canterbury Ministry and directed the Council to the website [texastechcanterbury.org](http://texastechcanterbury.org).

The Programs Manager report to the Executive Committee was discussed. David Mossbarger moved to request the Insurance Committee to investigate competitive bids between Guide One, Church Mutual and Church Insurance of Vermont and any other insurance companies they deem proper concerning diocesan property and to report to the Executive Council at its next meeting on August 22, 2009. The motion was seconded and passed. Carroll Holley will pass this request on to the Insurance Committee.

The Court hearing in San Angelo concerning Good Shepherd is happening at this time.

Upcoming events:

Celebration of New Ministry for Robert Taliaferro, St. Peter's, Amarillo, 6/14

Commission on Ministry, HEC, 6/25

100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, St. Michael's and All Angel's, Shamrock, 7/3-4

General Convention, Anaheim, CA, 7/8-17

Budget Committee, HEC, 8/18, 10am

Executive Council, St. Paul's, Lubbock, 8/22, 10am

Celebration of New Ministry for Phil Ray, St. James', Dalhart, 8/30

Annual Diocesan Convention, Amarillo, 9/11-13

ECW Conference, BQCC, 9/18-20

A written report from Jamie Goldston, BQCC Director, was distributed.

The Council recessed for lunch.

Carroll Holley reported on current 2009 apportionments and 2009 Diocesan Budget through March. Jim Brown moved to approve the 2009 proposed amended operating budget. The motion was seconded and was passed.

Phil Rapstine suggested there be communication between the Diocese and the individual vestries and the deaneries. As members of the Executive Council we are required to offer a suggestion(s) for improving communication between the laity/vestry and the Diocese at the next meeting.

The next meeting will be August 22, 2009, 10am, at St. Paul's, Lubbock. The meeting was adjourned at 1:50pm.

Liza Philpy

Scribe of the Executive Council

## Programs Office/ Ministry Coordinator 2009

The Program Manager position was created in 2007 as a means of incorporating several tasks within the diocesan office. The primary tasks included deployment officer, insurance administrator, and diocesan Safeguarding coordinator. Over the past year this position has "morphed" into a slightly different concept than previously intended, which I will highlight by area. This change also includes a change in my position title from Programs Manager to *Ministry Coordinator*. As Bishop Mayer aptly described my position, I serve more as a Diocesan "equipment manager—" I help equip others for ministry. Thus, my new title was conceived.

**DEPLOYMENT** Several new rectors have begun their new ministries in our diocese this year including the Rev. Barbara Kirk- Norris at St. Mary's in Big Spring; the Rev. Robert Taliaferro as St. Peter's in Amarillo; the Rev. Phil Ray at St. James' in Dalhart; and most recently the Rev. Layne Smith at St. John's in Odessa. Holy Trinity is very near the end of their search process and hope to announce their new rector in September. St. Stephen's in Lubbock and Heavenly Rest in Abilene will also enter the calling process for their next rectors soon.

The Church Deployment office has also recently undergone an official name change. As of General Convention 2009, the official name for the national office will be the Office of Transition Ministry. We will, therefore, be dropping the use of the term "deployment" in our office as well. It will now be termed Transition Ministry in our diocese.

Finally, as an additional component of Transition Ministry, I will be attending training for the Fresh Start program in October, 2009. Fresh Start is a collaborative ministry of The Episcopal Church that "seeks to foster healthy relationships among clergy, their congregations and their dioceses during critical periods of transition in clergy leadership." Our hope is to utilize some of the Fresh Start curriculum with vestries and congregations as they experience the transitioning of clergy. New clergy in our diocese already participate in the Fresh Start program facilitated by Rev. Kelly Conkling.

**INSURANCE** In order to streamline office procedures, March 1, 2009 I officially relinquished the insurance duties in our diocese to Anna Mora, diocesan Finance Manager, leaving additional time for me to devote to ministry-related duties. I will still continue to assist Anna during opening enrollment period, and will still oversee Risk Management for the diocese.

In May 2009, the diocese hosted a Risk Management Conference at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Lubbock. Regional Manager Ed Sherrill of Guide One Insurance, the Diocesan property and liability carrier, presented a wonderful program centering on risk management as related to disaster preparedness. His presentation was both timely and fact-filled. Watch for us to have another conference in May of 2010, and please plan to join us!

**SAFEGUARDING** Our diocese has done exceptionally well with maintaining certifications in *Safeguarding God's Children*. Numerous training sessions were held around the diocese, and vestries have been very compliant! Thank you for the efforts I've seen this past year! The *Safeguarding Online* program has been up and running since January of '09 with great success. It is currently being utilized for persons requiring re-certification. We will still require the initial training in a classroom format, but permission may be given for use of the online format with permission from this office, and on a case-by-case basis. *Safeguarding God's People* is still in the works, however, development of Diocesan policies on sexual harassment and misconduct is a necessary first step. Watch for more news as the year progresses.

**WELLNESS** With the recent approval of a Denominational Health Plan for diocesan employees secured, the Medical Trust will begin actively implementing their wellness ministry throughout the Church. This office has become involved with that effort through yearly attendance at the annual Medical Trust Wellness Conference. There are plans to link a Wellness webpage with the Diocesan web site to make wellness tips and information on health issues more available for our diocese. Additionally, as Diocesan Facilitator, I will be attending a special *SignChiDo™* facilitator workshop/retreat in Arizona in October. A *SignChiDo™* class has formed in Lubbock and is held every Thursday at St. Christopher's Episcopal Church at 5:30pm. Anyone is welcome to attend regardless of age or physical abilities. If you are interested in knowing more about *SignChiDo™* or how to begin a class at your parish, please contact this office for information.

**ADDITIONAL DUTIES** The Hulsey Center is in great shape! Prior to the consecration and arrival of our new Bishop the interior of the Center was given a fresh coat of paint and a deep cleaning. The only major repair done this year was the unexpected replacement of one of the 20+ yr. old furnaces which had rusted through due to age. Of course, we will still have the minor repairs to the ancient sprinkler system as needed, but all in all, the Center looks terrific! Additionally, I am happy to report that all Diocesan churches have been wonderful about renewing their Lay Minister licenses this year. Everyone is in great shape!

I continue to feel abundantly blessed to work with the Diocese and look forward to working with our new Bishop for a long time! Thank you for the support and friendship shown as I have visited parishes in the Diocese this past year.

Nancy Igo  
Ministry Coordinator

## **CONSTITUTION AND CANONS 2009**

There have been no requests for Constitutional or Canonical amendments this year. Changes made at the 2009 General Convention are not yet ready for publication and will be handled at the 2010 Diocesan Convention. The extensive amendments to Title IV, Ecclesiastical Discipline, will go into effect July 1, 2011, allowing ample time for a revision of our Diocesan Canon 44. "Model canons" and educational material for the changes will be available in coming weeks and should be quite helpful in the diocesan process.

Betty Gilmore, Chair

## **MISSION COMMITTEE 2009**

The Mission Committee of the Diocese of Northwest Texas is responsible for establishing clear and equitable guidelines for submission of supplement funding requests, for reviewing the requests submitted, for making a recommendation to the Budget Committee, for encouraging all manner of Christian formation in our mission churches, and serves as an advisory group to the bishop on mission strategy and planning. In 2009 the Mission Committee recommended to the Budget Committee approval of four (4) supplement requests for the fiscal year 2010 (see diocesan budget for specifics).

Dennis Bosley, Chair

## **CHRISTIAN FORMATION COMMITTEE**

In September of 2008 I attended a meeting in Oklahoma City of the Province VII Christian Formation Network. I was able to meet with other Christian educators and share ideas and information. We discussed our provincial website, effective ways to network and future conferences.

I want to encourage those of you involved in Christian education, to become a member of the National Association of Episcopal Christian Education Directors (NAECED). It has proven to be invaluable to me. As always, please don't hesitate to contact me with questions or concerns. I am available to assist your parish with Christian formation at any time.

Jane B. Lewis, Chair

## **RESTORATIVE JUSTICE COMMITTEE 2009**

The Restorative Justice Committee for Northwest Texas is chaired by Rev. Roland Rose of Santa Maria, Midland. Committee members include Katy Hoskins, Deacon Tom Burns, Mrs. Valinda Jackson, Mr. Greg Clark, and Deacon Jessie Vaughn. Roland and Katy represent the Diocese of Northwest Texas on the Province VII Restorative Justice Network. Katy traveled to Oklahoma City last September for the Provincial Meeting, and corresponded throughout the year with Rev. Ed Davis, Diocese of Texas, and chairman of the RJN. Rev. Davis forwarded names of recent released prisoners who were relocating to our diocese. These names were then sent to the appropriate organizations or ministries for support.

Within the Diocese, Restorative Justice work focused on the ministry to families done through Promise Camp. Both Roland and Katy worked throughout the Diocese to identify families with children that could benefit from the camp. Roland continues to work within the prison system as a visiting chaplain, and works with the Kairos ministry.

Goals for the upcoming year include expanding the Promise Camp ministry to include mini-reunions in camper's home towns that would invite campers and their families to meet in a central location to visit with camp counselors, adult volunteers, and each other.

Katy Hoskins, Chair

## **FRESH START 2009**

Fresh Start, a ministry of the Episcopal Church, is a resource for clergy and congregations in transition. We define transition as the period of time beginning when a clergy person announces his or her departure plans until a new clergy person has been in place in the congregational system for two years. Fresh Start is designed to help ensure that new ministries begin well by strengthening the bonds between clergy new to their positions, congregational leaders and diocesan personnel.

The Fresh Start curriculum is made up of numerous modules designed to help participants explore issues of transition. Four modules are considered "Core". Three of these modules cover the three underlying principles upon which Fresh Start's content is based: the theory of transition, the importance of relationship-building, and the need for self-care. The fourth, "Entering a New System" provides guidance on how to effectively become part of a new congregation.

In our diocese, Fresh Start includes all newly ordained, clergy new to the diocese, first-time rectors or assistants, and anyone the Bishop feels would benefit from the program. Participants meet as a group with the Fresh Start facilitators on a monthly basis for two years. This past year we had four participants – three in their first year, and one in his second year of participation.

Respectfully submitted

Kelly Schneider Conkling, Diocesan Coordinator

## **Bishop Quarterman Conference Center 2009**

The Conference Center has experienced another full year. The Center is being utilized more and more by groups. A few examples include: Freedom Ministries, Boys Ranch, Central Church of Christ, Amarillo Realtors Association, Camp Cactus, Catholic Student Services from WT, First Church of the Nazarene Women's Ministries, Christ covenant Presbyterian Church, CareNet, Amarillo College Student Government, Canyon Baptist Church Praise Band, Valley View Church of the Nazarene, Sweet Adelines, and various local school field trips. Within the Diocese we have hosted the following: Cursillo, Happening, ECW Conference, Deacons Retreat, St. Peter's and St. Andrew's Vestry Retreats, Happy Camp and Promise Camp. We have also enjoyed housing Fr. Robert Talliaferro in his family's transition from Tulsa to Amarillo. People that utilize the Center enjoy the peace, solitude and general escape from the outside world that we have to offer.

We don't really experience "down time" very much. We have had to block off time that we won't book the center just to have some time for employees and myself to catch up and rejuvenate ourselves.

The issues we have experienced this past year have to do with the general maintenance of the center. We are working with old equipment that is showing its age. We had the walk-in freezer go out this Spring. The hardest part was losing all of the food that we had in it. Rodney was able to fix it. While it was empty, we were able to clean and repaint the racks. Right before Christmas we had the pilot light in the Infirmary go out. We were experiencing freezing temperatures and had a water line break in the ceiling. Once again the Infirmary has been redone. All of the work except the installation of new flooring was done by Rodney. He is a tremendous asset to the center.

Thank you once again for allowing me the opportunity to serve the Diocese in this important ministry offered at Bishop Quarterman Conference Center.

## **Camp Quarterman 2009**

This year's theme was from 2 Corinthians 5:17 – "If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!"

We had a T-Shirt contest again this year. We had nine entries. Luke McKay from St. Andrew's won the contest and received a scholarship to attend camp this summer!

Monday's theme was "I am His treasure" from Deuteronomy 7:6. Family group discussion included writing down three words that each camper would use to describe themselves and on the other side writing three words that they would think God would use to describe them. They sealed these in an envelope. The envelopes were returned to them at the end of the week.

On Tuesday we discussed how "In Christ I am made new" from 2 Corinthians 5:17. Family groups discussed what distracts us from God. Each family group was given a box of material objects and

asked to make them into something new for God. Each group was later given the opportunity to show everyone their creations.

Wednesday's theme was "In Christ I am complete from Colossians 2:9-10. Our group discussion centered around what we try to fill the void in ourselves with besides God and how we let God make us whole instead of using earthly things. The snack for this day was donuts and donut holes which everyone referred to the donuts as us and God as the donut hole.

I am set free of all my sins, they are all forgiven from 1 John 1:9 was our theme for Thursday. The discussion included how sin affects our identity with Christ and what makes it difficult for us to let go of sin. Each family group then created a skit about how sin affects our lives.

On Friday our theme was "I am a saint, a holy one." Our discussion was about how we defined saint before our talk, who are the saints in your life, and how can we demonstrate to the world that we are a saint/a holy one.

Throughout the week we had been including parts of Psalm 139. The entire daily themes were combined along with the complete Psalm 139 in our service on Saturday morning.

The sidewalk that we are making between Temple and Quarterman was extended by another 15 feet by the campers. The campers mix the concrete and then leave their mark in the sidewalk. The kids really enjoy doing this project. We now have 45 feet of sidewalk and are heading up the hill to Quarterman. Make sure you check this out when you are here!

The **2010 Summer Camp Schedule** has been set. Mark your calendars!

- June 9 – 12                      Counselor Training
- June 14 – 18                    Happy Camp
- June 20 – 26                    High School Camp Quarterman (completed grades 9 – 12)
- June 27 – July 3                Primary Camp Quarterman (completed grades 2 – 4)
- July 4 – 10                        Middle School Camp Quarterman (completed grades 5 – 8)
- July 12 – 16                      Promise Camp

Jamie Goldston, Director of Operations

## Promise Camp 2009

This was the fifth year for Promise Camp in Northwest Texas. Thirty-eight campers enjoyed five days at the Bishop Quarterman Conference Center. Rev. Roland Rose, founder and director for the last four years, named Katy Hoskins to take over duties as director. Roland continued to be an invaluable asset as the chaplain for the camp and organizer for the children from the western part of the Diocese. The program for the week was led by musician Arthur Thompson, who has been with camp since its beginning. Arts and crafts were inspired by the music program, and the campers enjoyed yoga in addition to outdoor games and swimming.

Many, many volunteers are vital to the success of Promise Camp. Dr. Suzanne Brent, Ph.D., (Amarillo) once again provided a day of counselor training prior to camp. Rebecca Benes, M.P.S., (San Angelo) helped with counselor training as well. Johnnye Montgomery (Midland), Susanna Brosseau (San Angelo), Lori Barton (San Angelo), Lisa Karp (San Angelo), Jennifer Swearingen (San Angelo) and Valinda Jackson (Lubbock) worked diligently throughout the week assisting campers, counselors, and Roland and Katy with everything. Todd Baxley (Amarillo), Michael Pelfrey (Amarillo) and Rev. Bob Taliaferro (St. Peter's Amarillo) joined us for several activities throughout the week. THANKS TO ALL FOR YOUR HELP! Our very able junior volunteer team included Savanna, Laura Beth, and Anita from San Angelo and A.J. and Blake from Tulsa, Oklahoma.

We are very blessed and grateful for the outpouring of support received by individuals and parishes in the Diocese. Carol Wolf and Nancy McReynolds of St. Christopher's in Lubbock provided lunch and a place to meet with campers and their families on our travel days to and from the conference center. Sharon Oeschger of Amarillo contributed gift bags for each camper with several beautiful books and games. Art supplies were given to us this year by several generous benefactors. As always, Jamie Goldston provided a fun and safe facility for campers to enjoy the week, with excellent food and leadership.

Recruitment of campers was a bit more successful this year. We had 60+ nominations from counselors and various organizations. From those nominations 50 completed applications were sent to the director. Several of the campers planning on attending could not do so due to summer school requirements. A final count of 38 campers brings our five year total to over 150 children served. We can improve our recruitment process, and have ideas for additional avenues for recruitment. Promise Camp will be moved to a later date next year to avoid the summer school issue.

Transportation continues to be our biggest single expense, with bus charter costs averaging \$138 per child. Having more children this year allowed our per-child program costs to go down. The financial gifts received from individuals and the grant received from the Advocacy Center of the National Church (\$1000) are absolutely imperative to the camp's existence.

Rev. Rose and Katy made several trips on behalf of the camp. Katy met with camp directors from the Dioceses of Texas and Oklahoma at the Province 7 meeting in Oklahoma City last September. Roland and Katy attended the National Prisoner's Family Conference in El Paso last February to promote Promise Camp. Katy is working with Rev. Chris Johnson with the Advocacy Center of the EC-USA to create a directory and eventually a network of all 23 similar camps within the United States. To that end, Katy attended Camp New Hope in Stillwater, Oklahoma in July to work with the Rev. Judy Gann.

Promise Camp now has web site: [www.promisecamp.org](http://www.promisecamp.org). The web site is hosted and maintained with no cost to our Promise Camp budget, and has had over 1,100 hits since launching in April this year. It provides a good place for campers to access forms and schedules, and see photos from previous years.

Promise Camp Board members include Rev. Rose, Katy Hoskins, Fred Newman, Rev. Tom Burns, Gwen Burns, Sue Veal, Todd Baxley, and Jamie Goldston. Our annual meeting was last September in Midland.

**Respectfully Submitted,  
Katy Hoskins, Director  
St. Stephen's, Sweetwater**

## HAPPY CAMP 2009

The volunteers and supporters of Happy Camp 2009 produced the largest Happy Camp since its inception in the early nineties. The camp not only served nearly fifty children, but also had a total volunteer staff of twenty five adults. The volunteers were from parishes spread out across the diocese. The camp was a huge success not only in size, but also in the number of smiles and happy faces of children from all over West Texas.

The camp would not have been possible and certainly would not have run as efficiently and safely if it had not been for its dedicated volunteers! The volunteers were the key to everything we did this year at Happy Camp. I cannot emphasize enough the importance of everyone who helped the camp this year! We hope that this is a sign of things to come in the future for Happy Camp and that we can build an even stronger future for the camp with such a high quality group of support staff.

As always, the camp would not be able to function without the help of Jamie Goldston, the BQCC Staff, and the summer counselors at BQCC. They truly are a blessing for Happy Camp and cannot be celebrated enough! We had a Christian Rock Concert Monday Night when the children first arrived at camp. This was followed the next morning with a trip to a local dude ranch, where in the words of one of the eight year old campers, "I have always wanted to go to a ranch.....I want to be a bull rider when I grow up." On Wednesday we had a Luau and on Thursday we continued the Happy Camp tradition of taking all of the children to Wonderland Amusement Park. All of these events and more were in addition to the daily chapel service led by Fr. Bob Taliaferro, from St. Peter's in Amarillo. Fr. Bob has an amazing talent to teach and connect with the youth of West Texas. We are all truly better for having the privilege of spending time with Fr. Bob!

This year could not pass without praising the Deacon Roland Rose for his help and talent with the children and their art projects! Roland is a gift for this diocese and will always hold a special place in the heart of Happy Camp! The plans are already being made for Happy Camp 2010 and we hope that each of the members of the diocese will consider not only giving financially, but also in their time and talents.

In Christ,



Todd Baxley, Director

## CANTERBURY CAMPUS MINISTRY 2009 LUBBOCK, TX

This is a time of change for the Canterbury ministry in Lubbock. Change is a good thing – it provides an opportunity to see new ways of living and learning, to clarify our vision and our mission, and to let go of unfruitful or unhealthy methods. Yet change without an appreciation of the past is incomplete and dangerous. We are most grateful for the support of this diocese, and in particular the support of St. Christopher's, St. Paul's On The Plains, and St. Stephen's, Lubbock, as well as St. Luke's, Levelland and Good Shepherd, Brownfield for their direct involvement in our outreach to young adults. We are also most grateful to the members of the Canterbury Advisory Board and the Student Leaders for their commitment of time and talent this past year.

Since March of 2009 the Lay leadership – both student and parishioners – have worked closely with the Chaplain to reorganize our financial records, to update and streamline our means of communication with a new website, and to carefully consider the implementation of a new leadership structure. The purpose of these changes has been to enable this ministry to more effectively engage the student and young adult population of the Lubbock area with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Our ministry model is rather simple: **Gather, Grow, & Go**. As a community of disciples we **gather** together for worship and fellowship. A key program initiative that reflects this commitment is our FUEL program on Sunday evenings – a contemporary worship experience coupled with food and fellowship. We seek to **grow** in our faith and friendship through opportunities for intentional faith development and community building such as our Upper Room Lectionary Group – an exploration of mutual discernment incorporating the weekly readings. And as the first disciples themselves, we **go** into the surrounding community to share God's good news with others by word and deed. An expression of this ministry is our engagement with local congregations as we join with them in mission. In each of these actions of **gathering, growing, and going**, Canterbury Campus Ministry seeks to connect God's blessings and love with human need.

In the year to come we hope to continue a ministry of presence in which we literally engage young adults with the Gospel on their campuses and the crossroads where they gather. We will also seek to clarify God's vision for this ministry and to further define, as a group, the scope of this ministry. This is a process that has already begun in that we are presently expanding our base of congregations who are directly sharing in our ministry with young adults – a trend we hope to continue. In the meantime, it is our prayer that we might be good stewards of the blessings with which we have been entrusted, not the least of which is the gift of God's grace that has been poured into our hearts and lives.

The Rev. Phillip L. Webster, II JCL  
Chaplain, Canterbury Campus Ministry  
[www.texastechcanterbury.org](http://www.texastechcanterbury.org)

## JUBILEE MINISTRIES 2009

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor, He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord (Luke 4:18-19).*

With these words, we at Jubilee Centers throughout Northwest Texas begin our mission work in our communities. Each Jubilee Center provides for the needs of its community as best can be done with too often limited resources and facilities.

Through our ministries with the most needful in our communities we demonstrate the good news, using words if necessary. Our desire to improve the quality of life for the individuals we serve very often releases them from their captivity of extreme poverty and diminished self-esteem. A simple act of improving their diets and providing them with training and education that will give them access to employment leads them to recover their sight, seeing themselves as worthy children of God and productive citizens of their communities.

As stated at the 1982 General Convention, "The Jubilee Ministry draws no distinctions between 'domestic' and 'overseas' or 'world' mission, or between rural, suburban, or urban mission. Those distinctions no longer matter on a small planet, which has become one neighborhood. The new ministry will engage the needs and issues of poverty and oppression wherever parishes are willing to become involved in those needs and issues." The goal of Jubilee Ministry Centers is to bind together the drama of the streets and the inner silence in which God speaks ("Jubilee Ministry: Peace and Justice Since 1982" 1-2).

Just People, Inc. in Abilene, Texas continues to empower people and change their lives by providing educational and training opportunities that will enhance employment fitness. Under the direction of Ms. Alana Maddox, Just People Inc., has recently incorporated a commercial cleaning business and a landscaping business.

The Jubilee Ministries Center at The Episcopal Church of Santa Maria Virgen in Midland, Texas is presently serving over 360 pantry clients on a bi-monthly basis. We also provided educational classes for diabetics in cooperation with Casa de Amigos, and for the past two years we have provided school supplies for over 200 children. The Center is now involved in the recently formed "Southwest Cooperative Ministries." This newly formed organization, which includes Church on the Journey, Midland Lutheran Church, Santa Maria Virgen, Saint Luke Methodist Church and Trinity Presbyterian Church, will work to provide outreach ministries to the neighborhood in the southwest part of Midland. Working together rather than competing with each other and duplicating services, we hope to become a nucleus of resource and service in order to provide outreach ministries that will empower and improve the life of the community.

Family Promise of Lubbock, Inc., is now under the direction of Ms. Lisa Karnes. They continue their fine work with the Lubbock Community, addressing each need as they become aware of the situation that needs the greatest attention. Mr. Darrell Vines serves as president of their board.

Thank you to all who support our local Jubilee Centers with your gifts of time, talent and treasure. Keep us in your prayers, and consider us as one of your outreach recipients as you prepare your budgets for the coming year.

The Rev. Josie Rose, Jubilee Officer Pro Tem

## ECW TRIENNIAL 2009

The Episcopal Church Women's Triennial, held concurrently with General Convention, with the theme "Grow in Grace" featured major addresses by writer Phyllis Tickle and Bishop Steven Charleston, president and dean of Episcopal Divinity School, Cambridge, Massachusetts. We also heard from notables in the area such as the Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams, Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori and Anglican Observer to the United Nations Helen Wangusa, who serves on the UN Commission on the Status of Women.

In general, the Triennial focused on the Millennium Development Goals, featured several workshops and had an "Honored Women" ceremony, which recognized the ministry of women nominated by their dioceses. Kay Meyer, our National ECW President from Province IV/Diocese of Atlanta, presided at each session which was opened and closed by beautiful prayers and reflections from our Chaplain for the Triennial, The Rev. Dr. Ellen Sloan, who is chaplain and dean of community life at General Theological Seminary in New York. Daily, we participated in a Community Eucharist for over 10,000 communicants from the General Convention.

Election of the new 2009-2012 ECW Board was held in the afternoon. The following were elected:

President – Marcia Himes, Diocese of Wyoming  
VP- Program- Cordelia Burt, Diocese of San Joaquin  
VP- Information- Marilyn Rishkofski, Diocese of New Hampshire  
Secretary- Kathy Mank, Diocese of Southern Ohio  
Treasurer- Sandra Powers, Diocese of Arkansas  
Member-at -Large Social Justice- Irene Radcliff, Diocese of Southern Ohio  
Member-at-Large Media- Christine Budzowski, Diocese of Los Angeles

Wednesday July 15, The Province VII breakfast was at 7:30AM with The Rt. Rev. Andy Doyle of the Diocese of Texas as the keynote speaker.

We heard a report from the Rev. Ian Douglas from the Diocese of Long Island, chairman of the Study Committee INC 055 with 5 members of the committee in attendance. This 10 member committee appointed by Presiding Bishop Katherine Jefferts Shori and the House of Deputies President Bonnie Anderson will undertake a study of how the UTO handles its grant distribution process and its contributions. The past Triennium contributions totaled over \$7 million. After a question and answer session with the committee it was apparent that the ECW delegates wanted more representation from ECW and UTO members. As a result, we decided to go into special session that afternoon to consider a motion made by Anne Hover of the Diocese of Northwest Texas regarding the makeup of the Study Committee. So I tackled the Parliamentarian and took her to lunch. With her help I fashioned a motion that would be accepted by our ECW delegates.

That afternoon, in the special session, I presented the motion about the INC 055 Study Committee. As a result of the discussion of the motion, the delegates agreed to present their wishes in a Resolution rather than a motion. So I agreed to withdraw my motion and work with the Resolutions Committee to draft a Resolution to be presented as part of the plenary session the following morning.

That evening, I met with the Resolutions committee and several other interested delegates to create a Resolution to be presented to the House of Deputies and the House of Bishops.

On Thursday July 16 I presented Resolution #1 which was co-signed by Diane Gabbard, Diocese of Lexington, Province IV and Lynn Tyler, Diocese of New Hampshire, Province I.

It read as follows:

Whereas, The United Thank Offering and the Episcopal Church Women have been in ministry together for over 120 years; and

Whereas, The Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies have appointed ad hoc Study Committee INC 055 to study the relationship of the United Thank Offering to the Episcopal Church; and

Whereas, Study Committee INC 055 has limited representation from United Thank Offering and has no specific representation from the Episcopal Church Women; be it

RESOLVED, That the Delegates of the Triennial Meeting 2009 strongly recommend the Presiding Bishop and President of the House of Deputies increase the membership of Study Committee INC 055 by adding one additional United Thank Offering representative and two Episcopal Church Women representatives from current leadership; and be it further

RESOLVED, That in the Spirit of Ubuntu the findings and report of the Study Committee INC 055 be presented to the 2012 General Convention and the 2012 Triennial Meeting simultaneously.

The Resolution was past unanimously less one.

All signers to the resolution were then directed by the delegates to deliver the Resolution to the House of Bishops and to the House of Deputies immediately. So as a delegation, we met with the "gate-keepers" of the HOB and HOD. They assured us that the resolution would be delivered.

After all this excitement, I left the Triennial to catch my plane back to Midland.

I believe that Episcopal Church Women are a diverse community striving to be faithful. I found myself listening more than contributing to the conversation. My voice was quieted by so much that was heard at the Triennial and the daily Eucharists by the many speakers and presenters. Many wonderful things were said about inclusion, about social issues and the Ubuntu theme; a Zulu term for "I in you and you in me". But, I missed the conservative voices that have walked away from the conversation.

We live in challenging times, but by the grace of God, our life together as Episcopal Church Women will continue to demonstrate the true power of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Anne Hover, ECW President

## CHURCH PERIODICAL CLUB 2009

*Mission: Make Christ Known throughout the World*

It was my great pleasure to represent the Diocese of Northwest Texas at the Church Periodical Club's Triennial Convention in Anaheim, California. Our Diocese received two certificates of appreciation for donating one mile of pennies between the 2006-2009 triennium and for donating eight miles of pennies in our Diocesan history.

As of the start of the CPC Triennial Convention our Diocese had collected \$2,048.40. \$501.22 was collected for Miles of Pennies. These funds will be used for books, workbooks, training manuals, audio-visual materials, and computer software for children from kindergarten through high school. \$77.36 went to our Province VII CPC Representative, Connie Osborne, to help pay for her expenses to attend the CPC Triennial Convention, \$309.44 went to Administrative Funds at the New York office to pay for free materials, Quarterly's to Bishops and salary for the administrative person in New York.

In addition, because of the money that has been donated from various parishes to our Diocesan Church Periodical Club, I had the privilege of donating some of our funds toward requested grants by the Episcopal Seminarians of the United States and the Dominican Episcopal Church in the Dominican Republic.

It is now our Diocesan goal to use remaining funds to help pay for books for our Diaconate students. These dedicated individuals must attend Deacon Formation each month in Lubbock. This requires that they pay for their transportation expenses, lodging and some meals each month in addition to a yearly tuition, the increasing prices of required books and recommended educational materials.

If you would like to contribute to this worthy cause, you may send your donations to Gwen Burns, 3402 West Ohio, Midland, Texas 79703.

Gwen Burns, Church Periodical Director

## 2008 BISHOP'S REPORTS

2008 VISITATION OFFERINGS		conf/rec	baptisms
6-Jan Vernon, Grace	45.00	2	
13-Jan Andrews, St. Matthias'	50.00	4	1
20-Jan Odessa, St. Barnabas'	88.00		
27-Jan Dumas, St. Paul's	100.00		
3-Feb Midland, St. Nicholas'	327.00	3	
30-Apr Lubbock, St. Christopher's	80.00		
4-May Heavenly Rest, Abilene	#NAME?	18	
7-May Pampa, St. Matthew's	370.00	5	
11-May San Angelo, Emmanuel	-		
14-May Midland, Holy Trinity	489.00		
18-May Amarillo, St. Andrew's	264.58	11	
27-May Amarillo, St. Peter's	216.00		
28-May Amarillo, St. Andrew's	-		
1-Jun Perryton, All Saints'	400.00		
8-Jun Odessa, St. John's	55.00		
15-Jun Lubbock, St. Paul's	-		
12-Oct Brownfield, Good Shepherd	100.00	1	
15-Oct Lubbock, St. Stephen's	-		
19-Oct Colorado City, All Saints'	475.00		
26-Oct Odessa, San Miguel	-	22	6
9-Nov Lubbock, St. Stephen's	-		
16-Nov San Angelo, Good Shepherd	-		
23-Nov Borger, St. Peter's	-		
7-Dec Lubbock, St. Christopher's	-		
14-Dec Abilene, St. Mark's	-		
<b>TOTAL CONFIRMED/RECEIVED/BAPTIZED</b>		<b>66</b>	<b>7</b>
 <b>TOTAL VISITATION OFFERINGS</b>	 <b>3,059.58</b>		
 <b>Balance 12/31/07</b>	 1,746.77		
22-Nov Electing Convention Offering	2,646.00		
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>7,452.35</b>		
Distributions	(4,609.11)		
<b>BALANCE 12/31/08</b>	<b>2,843.24</b>		

If your church's name does not appear on the list, no visitation was made in 2008.  
 If your church's offering is -, no offering was sent to the diocesan office.

### **Bishop's Reports - Services**

Daily Offices and Weekday	46
Dedications	0
Eucharists - Sunday	23
Eucharists - Weekdays	4
Other and Private	0
Visitations	22
Marriages	1
Ordinations	7
Burials	0
Consecrations	0

### **Clergy Received by Letters Dimissory or Ordination**

1-Apr Jennifer S. Rowley	Dallas
20-Apr Jared Clair Cramer	Ordination
28-Apr Mary Ann Garrett	Southeast Mexico
19-Aug James Paul Haney, V	Kansas
20-Sep Patricia Griffith Russe4ll	Ordination
20-Sep Jean Pearson Scott	Ordination
31-Oct Arthur Leon Goolsbee	Ordination
20-Dec Michael Lee Caldwell	Ordination

### **Clergy Transferred by Letters Dimissory**

23-Aug Kenneth Ward MacKenzie	Fort Worth
Laurie Pauline Benavides	Rio Grande
17-Oct Jared Cramer, Heavenly Rest	Priesthood

### **Candidates for Holy Orders**

16-Apr Michael Lee Caldwell	Priesthood
16-Apr Lee Brodie Sinclair	Priesthood

### **Ordinations**

20-Apr Jared Clair Cramer	Transitional Deacon
26-Jun Kimberly Anne Seidman	Priesthood
26-Jun Jacob Edson Way	Priesthood
20-Sep Patricia Griffith Russell	Transitional Deacon
20-Sep Jean Pearson Scott	Transitional Deacon
18-Oct John Phillip Corbett	Priesthood
31-Oct Arthur Leon Goolsbee	Deacon
14-Dec Jared Clair Cramer	Priesthood
20-Dec Michael Lee Caldwell	Transitional Deacon

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**Financial Statistics of Congregations and Missions**

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City	Congregation	REVENUE				EXPENSE			
		Plate & Pledge Income	Operating Revenue	Total Revenue	Operating Expense	To the Diocese	Outreach & Development	Total Expense	
Abitene	Church of the Heavenly Rest	697,571	697,642	697,642	748,586	141,820	0	748,586	
Abitene	St Marks Episcopal Church	26,301	35,690	42,933	37,211	9,012	4,243	44,320	
Albany	Trinity Episcopal Church	13,830	13,936	13,936	16,007	1,637	0	16,672	
Amarillo	St Andrews Episcopal Church	639,453	650,600	705,272	821,721	135,681	33,184	876,528	
Amarillo	St Peters Episcopal Church	261,037	274,489	291,171	238,806	55,984	55,066	300,058	
Andrews	St Matthias Church	2,660	3,016	3,016	4,929	914	0	4,929	
Big Spring	St Mary the Virgin Episcopal Church	132,493	141,378	148,526	129,274	14,500	8,742	141,103	
Borger	St Peters Church	31,277	45,468	47,778	45,257	14,890	6,304	47,567	
Brownfield	Good Shepherd Mission	19,702	22,497	22,497	21,661	4,862	2,010	23,873	
Canyon	St Georges Episcopal Church	23,570	29,844	30,500	22,804	5,665	10,121	34,168	
Clarendon	St John the Baptist Mission	2,868	4,417	4,417	4,800	1,000	0	4,800	
Coleman	St Marks Episcopal Church	38,896	41,616	42,886	43,288	6,815	1,821	45,709	
Colorado City	All Saints Episcopal Church	14,927	39,337	55,803	38,035	3,073	15,673	54,809	
Dalhart	St James Church	94,784	95,414	100,459	138,138	27,216	2,300	140,438	
Dumas	St Pauls Episcopal Church	16,686	21,438	22,190	21,424	5,016	1,312	22,635	
Hereford	St Thomas' Episcopal Church	29,941	30,586	30,586	49,313	5,734	1,039	49,313	
Kermit	St Peters Church (2004)	5,387	9,487	9,487	3,926	600	155	3,926	
Levelland	St Lukes Episcopal Church	20,112	27,112	34,097	23,984	4,962	2,617	24,751	
Lubbock	St Christopher's Episcopal	178,775	182,775	191,324	195,955	31,989	15,800	215,868	
Lubbock	St Pauls Church on the Plains	460,414	545,814	606,864	539,790	95,369	37,350	606,899	
Lubbock	St Stephens Episcopal Church	266,518	266,518	437,954	258,780	36,801	419,502	680,282	
Midland	Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity	486,503	499,405	501,467	215,839	17,629	1,403	256,973	
Midland	Santa Maria Virgin	43,471	69,828	74,360	64,757	8,624	1,250	69,194	
Midland	St Nicholas Episcopal Church	387,221	387,221	448,459	339,853	51,940	5,764	343,278	
Monahans	St James Mission	3,879	14,985	14,985	14,902	3,206	415	14,902	
Odessa	San Miguel Arcangel Episcopal Church	5,780	5,780	5,780	928	928	0	928	
Odessa	St Barnabas Episcopal Church	210,150	237,107	300,803	228,171	49,691	55,646	285,247	
Odessa	St Johns Episcopal Church	200,960	225,597	342,740	255,315	44,722	52,473	327,363	

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		Plate & Pledge Income	Operating Revenue	Total Revenue	Operating Expense	To the Diocese	Outreach & Development		
Pampa	St Matthews Episcopal Church	189,677	189,702	333,785	182,260	27,880	55,082	240,604	
Perryton	All Saints Mission	29,500	33,567	39,352	39,627	4,398	18,606	54,441	
Plainview	St Marks Episcopal Church	35,707	35,781	35,821	35,691	8,393	750	36,191	
San Angelo	Emmanuel Episcopal Church	314,370	499,986	754,256	499,896	120,036	77,740	567,569	
San Angelo	Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd	95,529	95,529	95,529	93,065	1,600	1,563	93,382	
Shamrock	St Michaels & All Angels Church	13,600	13,600	13,600	11,801	1,393	1,678	12,645	
Sweetwater	St Stephens Episcopal Church	37,873	128,059	128,059	113,076	22,169	1,200	113,076	
Vernon	Grace Episcopal Church	14,061	28,015	28,255	22,331	4,245	800	22,571	
Total		5,045,483	5,643,236	6,656,589	5,521,201	970,394	891,609	6,525,598	

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City	Congregation	Active Members	Communicants in Good Standing	Others	Average Sunday Attendance	Sunday Eucharists	16 yrs and Older	Under 16 Years	Confirmed or Received
Abilene	Church of the Heavenly Rest	1,236	988	50	240	106	0	6	16
Abilene	St Marks Episcopal Church	33	41	6	28	34	0	0	0
Albany	Trinity Episcopal Church	20	20	7	10	36	0	0	0
Amarillo	St Andrews Episcopal Church	995	778	39	251	157	1	9	11
Amarillo	St Peters Episcopal Church	169	169	0	71	86	0	0	0
Andrews	St Matthias Church	3							0
Big Spring	St Mary the Virgin Episcopal Church	239	170	8	77	85	0	1	0
Borger	St Peters Church	18	20	0	13	43	0	1	0
Brownfield	Good Shepherd Mission	59	33	2	11	33	0	0	1
Canyon	St Georges Episcopal Church	21	26	5	13	36	0	0	0
Clarendon	St John the Baptist Mission	32	6	0	6	0	0	0	1
Coleman	St Marks Episcopal Church	55	51	0	21	35	0	0	0
Colorado City	All Saints Episcopal Church	33	33	0	14	48	0	0	0
Dalhart	St James Church	157	104	0	45	53	0	4	0
Dumas	St Pauls Episcopal Church	45	45	0	40	24	0	0	0
Hereford	St Thomas' Episcopal Church	35	35	0	14	22	0	0	0
Kermit	St Peters Church (2004)	14	12	4	5	29	0	0	0
Levelland	St Lukes Episcopal Church	19	19	0	10	34	0	0	0
Lubbock	St Christopher's Episcopal	540	366	0	123	104	1	1	0
Lubbock	St Pauls Church on the Plains	797	300	30	185	106	0	3	6
Lubbock	St Stephens Episcopal Church	553	399	23	138	95	9	0	4
Midland	Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity	447	383	22	101	119	1	3	6
Midland	Santa Maria Virgen	11	11	9	13	54	0	0	0
Midland	St Nicholas Episcopal Church	173	173	1	89	52	0	2	3
Monahans	St James Mission	5	5	0	5	14	0	0	0
Odessa	San Miguel Arcangel Episcopal Church	305	149	101	88	80	0	24	24
Odessa	St Barnabas Episcopal Church	175	133	7	71	52	0	6	4
Odessa	St Johns Episcopal Church	184	154	2	71	51	1	3	0
Pampa	St Matthews Episcopal Church	273	205	12	62	88	0	2	5
Perryton	All Saints Mission	14	16	5	16	31	0	0	0
Plainview	St Marks Episcopal Church	47	41	1	18	48	0	0	0
San Angelo	Emmanuel Episcopal Church	471	400	8	155	106	1	10	12
San Angelo	Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd	44	46	11	45	26	0	0	0

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City	Congregation	Active Members	Communicants In Good Standing	Others	Average Sunday Attendance	Sunday Eucharists	16 yrs and Older	Under 16 Years	Confirmed or Received
Shamrock	St Michaels & All Angels Church	11	9	1	9	27	0	0	0
Sweetwater	St Stephens Episcopal Church	40	36	0	14	46	0	0	0
Vernon	Grace Episcopal Church	24	24	0	14	10	0	1	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>7,297</b>	<b>5,400</b>	<b>354</b>	<b>2,086</b>	<b>1,970.00</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>93.00</b>