

The Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity Welcomes Diocesan Convention to Midland

by Anne Hover, Host Arrangements Chair; Joyce Petrich, Director of Lay Ministries; The Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity

We look forward to welcoming you to Holy Trinity and the 46th Convention of the Diocese of Northwest Texas. This year marks the celebration of Holy Trinity's Seventy-fifth Anniversary. There couldn't be any better way to conclude our year of celebration than with our friends from across the Diocese at this Convention. So, come and enjoy your time in Midland with this great group of parishioners at Holy Trinity.

Anne Hover, Host Arrangements Committee Chair and a Holy Trinity parishioner, has been working with Bishop Ohl's office all summer. Many volunteers are working together in order to bring about a meaningful convention that will include education, decisions, elections, music, good food, fellowship, worship and fun!

On Friday afternoon, October 29, registration begins at the Midland Center in downtown Midland and concludes with Evensong at Holy Trinity (about 14 blocks away). We will have a reception in the Parish Hall at Holy Trinity immediately following Evensong.

Saturday begins at the Midland Center with coffee and a "Meet the Nominees" session. This year we



Anne Hover, Host Arrangements Committee Chair, center, meets with major committee chairs. Vicki Donnell, Kathy Grella, Kathy Brunner, and Janet Andrews.

have planned several "break-out sessions" for discussion and educational purposes. This should prove helpful in decision making, brainstorming, collaborating and just plain fellowship. The convention convenes at 8:30 a.m. Following Noonday Prayers at 12:30 p.m. take your box lunch, catered by Murray and the Frenchman, anywhere you want or outside to Centennial Plaza to enjoy the beautiful fall weather, we hope! The break-out sessions continue at

1:30 p.m., and the business meeting will reconvene at 2:30 and conclude by 5:00 p.m. A delicious steak dinner will be served at the Petroleum Club with dancing to a live band.

Early Sunday morning, breakfast will be served at the Midland Center. The weekend will end with Sunday morning Eucharist and an Ordination.

See you all at this 46th Annual Convention where *Growing into the full stature of Christ* will be talked about, learned, felt and celebrated.

2004 CONVENTION SCHEDULE

Friday, October 29

4:00 PM - 12:00 PM	EXHIBITS SET UP - Midland Center
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM	REGISTRATION - Midland Center Foyer
6:00 PM	Clergy Group Photo- St Francis Hall, Holy Trinity Church
6:30 PM	Musical Prelude - Holy Trinity Church
7:00 PM	EVENSONG - Holy Trinity Church, The Rev. Linda L. Grenz, Preacher
	RECEPTION FOLLOWING - Holy Trinity Parish Hall

Saturday, October 30

7:30- 8:15 AM	Meet the Nominees in the Midland Center Food Court
7:45- 8:15 AM	REGISTRATION - Midland Center Foyer
8:30 AM	Convention Convenes- Midland Center
11:30 AM	WORKSHOPS - SESSION I
12:00 noon	CLERGY SPOUSES LUNCHEON - Museum of the Southwest
12:30 PM	NOONDAY PRAYERS AND LUNCH
1:30 PM	WORKSHOPS - SESSION II
2:30 PM	RECONVENE
5:00 PM	DISMISS
6:00- 7:00 PM	SOCIAL HOUR, CASH BAR - Petroleum Club of Midland
7:00 - 11:00 PM	DINNER DANCE

Sunday, October 31

7:15 AM - 8:15 AM	BREAKFAST - Midland Center Food Court
8:30 AM	RECONVENE
11:00 AM	CONVENTION EUCHARIST AND ORDINATION- Midland Center The Rt. Rev. Wallis Ohl, Preacher

The Reverend Linda Grenz, Keynote Speaker

"We don't form communities in one hour on Sunday morning, we have to be more intentional in what it means to live a Christian life because we no longer live in a Christian society where culture automatically teaches values."

Linda's goal is to bring into focus a new vision and show and teach that there is something we can all do to build learning, growing communities in our every day lives rather than just providing Sunday morning entertainment. She will emphasize how to be engaged in and value lifelong Christian formation. As leaders of our parishes, she will show us how to take that message and learning to our parishes.

An Episcopal priest since 1977, Linda will focus on this year's convention theme *Growing into the full stature of Christ* via Christian Formation. Reverend Grenz is publisher, CEO and founder of LeaderResources and a much sought-after speaker. She is the author of such books as *The Doubleday Pocket Bible Guide* and *The Marriage Journey*, which she co-wrote with her husband, Del Glover. Linda has taught multiple courses in Christian Formation at general Theological Seminary in New York City, and she previously served as Coordinator for Adult Education and Leadership Development for the national offices of the Episcopal Church.



The Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity Celebrates its 75th Anniversary



By Betty Kemp, Holy Trinity

Little did they know back in 1884, into a three-block church complex they'd grow!

Yes! Before Midland was even created as a county in Texas, Episcopal services were held in Midland. The first regular services, however, did not commence until 1929.

In 1930, a small frame building was purchased. The name chosen was Trinity Chapel, and its first vicar was The Rev. William Martin who came once a month for Vespers. By 1935, the little chapel was moved to several lots in the 1400 block of West Illinois, which were gifted to the church by Mr. and Mrs. Joe L. Crump. In 1939, the little building had its last service as members had scraped together enough money to build the new building at a cost of slightly less than ten thousand dollars. The first service was held on October 1, 1939. In 1941, John Mabee gifted the beautiful rose window.

The following few years were devoted to fund raising for this little



First Church building in 1939

mission. In September 1943, Trinity became a full parish. By 1948 the current Parish Hall and some classrooms were added, and in 1952 the Children's Chapel was added to the west side of the Church.

By 1956, a small group of parishioners transferred membership to form the nucleus of another mission, St. Nicholas, which grew into a thriving parish.

In 1958, a small day school, Trinity School, was established. Later, the school was built on land gifted by Mr. and Mrs. William Blakemore. It is no longer owned by the Church, but is today an excellent private school in Midland.

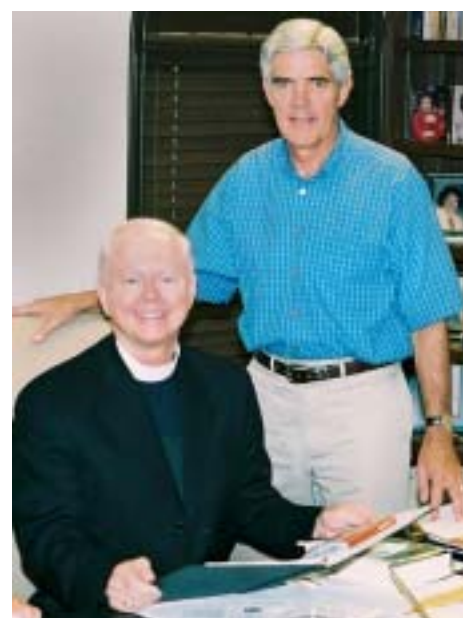
The church was renamed Church of the Holy Trinity in 1958. Growth was slower until 1968, when another building program was begun for expansion of the parish hall, kitchen and classrooms. In 1974, the interior of the Church was enlarged. The bell tower and cast bronze bells were added, a gift from Jessie B. Crump. In 1977, plans were drawn for the landscaping.

The next twenty-five years were spent wheeling and dealing in real estate purchases due to the land-locked position of the Church. After acquisition of several adjacent residences, building commenced again, first in 1990 with the addition of St. Francis Hall and again in 2003 with an

enlarged music facility, nave, parish offices and bookstore, taking up almost an entire block.

The Holy Trinity Trust Fund was established in 1980, Mother's Day Out created in 1984, a new console organ installed in 1989, a Columbarium authorized in 1992 and a parish library added in 1998.

Rectors during this growth period were Sam Hulseley, Allen Whitman and Stockton Williams. Continued development has been under Mark Cannaday.



Rector Mark Cannaday, and Tevis Herd, Senior Warden



From the Bishop's Desk

As we prepare for our annual convention I am reminded of our constant need to remember who we are as a part of the Episcopal Church of the United States of America. The history of our country and that of our Church is so intertwined that it is difficult at times to separate the two. Because of the persons involved with the founding of the country and the establishment of our own polity, it is no stretch to see the similarities of our governmental systems as almost exact copies, one of the other. An interesting historical tidbit: the authors of the Constitution of the Episcopal Church and the Constitution of the United States were largely the same individuals. Our internal government is so similar that we have two legislative houses—the House of Deputies and the House of Bishops; a system of decentralized focus—originally every diocese was contiguous with state boundaries; and an elected leadership, lay, clerical, and episcopal. Each

diocese is organized and approved under the aegis of General Convention. A diocese cannot organize itself and claim to be a part of the Episcopal Church, any more than an independent congregation can claim affiliation with our diocese without following the canons (the church laws) of a diocese and being admitted first as a congregation, then as a mission, and finally as a parish by the convention. These are the strictures that we accept in order to be a part of this community of faith. Indeed there are a variety of polities in other faith communities: congregational, presbyteral, synodical, or episcopal. However, none of the other Churches which have an episcopal base, such as Rome, Orthodoxy, the ELCA, or the Lutherans are exactly the same as us Episcopalians. In our history, I believe, we can see great strengths of our polity.

At this year's convention we will elect a number of clerical and lay leaders for ensuing years. Each year

we elect a lay and a clergy member for the Standing Committee who serve for three years. The Standing Committee is an ecclesiastical authority whose approval is required for some actions of the bishop, one set of checks and balances that we have that few other communions have. In fact, the vast majority of the worldwide Anglican Communion cannot comprehend why the bishop is not a monarchical figure who commands and controls all of the actions of the diocese.

We also will elect a member of the Trustees, our corporate board of directors. The Trustees oversee all diocesan property, including real property, endowments, and other funds owned in the name of the diocese. Each trustee is elected to serve for five years. All of the Trustees are lay members of the Diocese.

We will also elect a clergy member of the Ecclesiastical Trial

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Court to serve for three years. The Trial Court is established to adjudicate accusations against members of the diocesan clergy for a variety of offenses. The Trial Court is composed of three clergy and two lay members who are learned in the law. In the history of our diocese we have not had a trial, and by God's grace never will have a trial.

This year we will also elect four clergy deputies and four clergy alternates and four lay deputies and four lay alternates to General Convention, the every three year legislative gathering of the entire Episcopal Church. Both the lay and clergy deputies serve for three years, and in our diocese they also serve as delegates to the Province VII Synod, normally held the fall before General Convention.

Our convention is composed of delegates from each congregation in the diocese and all of the clergy of the diocese. Every congregation is represented by the senior warden, the junior warden, and one or more lay delegates, the number being determined by the size of the congregation. We gather for two days of learning, legislation, and liturgy. Everything we do is wrapped in prayer, both organized worship services and prayer offered by groups such as the Daughters of the King for the life and work of

the convention while we are in session. In addition, I am aware each year of the prayers of the members of our diocese during the whole convention for all of us and each of us individually. Legislation comes in the form of resolutions offered by delegates, congregations, or committees of the diocese. Most of our voting is by voice vote, although elections to leadership positions is by written ballot. Closely contested resolutions may require a head count. In addition we set aside time for the "family reunion" part of convention, when delegates from the far corners of the diocese are able to reunite with brothers and sisters from all across the diocese.

If what has been described sounds somewhat like our state or federal government systems, it should. Remember the history of our constitutions. In some ways, we are unique in the world of Christian polity. Our history is like no other group within the Anglican Communion, the Protestant world, or the Catholic Church. That does not make us better or worse, just different.

I ask for your prayers in the coming days as we all prepare for our annual gathering in Midland on October 29-31. I especially ask your prayers during the convention, that we

may reflect and proclaim the Risen Lord Jesus Christ in all that we say and do.

In Christ,



Pastor, Teacher is Recalled Fondly

By Jerry Daniel Reed / Abilene
Reporter-News Staff Writer

Joan Rudolph's capacity for nurturing made her a natural for combining the ministry and teaching, her admirers say.

Rudolph, 56, who had been pastor of St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Coleman and a sixth-grade math teacher at Coleman Junior High School until she stepped down in recent months because of illness, died Wednesday [August 4] at her Coleman home.

"I think both of those professions go hand in hand," said daughter Jennifer Rudolph. "She was a nurturer, just by her nature."

A Wichita Falls native who grew up in Houston and earned a bachelor's degree at the University of Texas, Rudolph taught 18 years in Austin and Coleman. She began pastoring St. Mark's Church in 1997 after she was ordained a deacon.

In 2000, she was ordained a priest. Deacons can perform most ministries of the church with the notable exception of celebrating the Eucharist, said the Right Rev. Wallis Ohl, bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Northwest Texas.

"She loved people and shared that joy that she had in ways that were rarely approached by most people," said Ohl.

"During the years of her illness, she continued to have a deep and abiding peace that I think we could all aspire to. She had the most wonderful spirit of any Christian that I've ever met," Ohl said.

As schoolteacher, Rudolph inspired students and left memories that will last many students a lifetime, he said.

"She was also a good teacher of the faith," Ohl added.

"She was a lot of fun," said Paula Bouldin, school counselor at Coleman Junior High School. "She was one of the best teachers that I have ever known. She taught what she lived, and she lived what she taught."

Carole Horne, a member of St. Mark's, hailed her friend and pastor for her steadfast courage in the face of illness for the last several years.

"She was probably the toughest, hardest fighter I've ever seen," Horne said.

"As a spiritual adviser and counselor, she was without peer," said Nancy Jones of Abilene, a member of the Coleman church.



The Rev. Joan Rudolph

Joan's friend Deacon Melissa Wafer-Cross of St. Christopher's, Lubbock wrote Joan a series of letters during her last months. Melissa brings Joan's unique qualities to life in this excerpt of her final letter read at Joan's memorial service.

... I know as I look around at those gathered here to remember you that your great gift was to greet us all with love and warmth. When I left 901 Galveston that day, I hoped for, even prayed for, magic, a miracle, even.

What I've come to realize is that the magic was already there. The magic was in you, my dear friend. You had a way of making a space for the human spirit to grow, to connect with the rhythms and beauty that give life meaning. You could fill me up with that

mischievous smile. Your competence and self confidence made us feel safe. With you, Joan, it was okay to tell the truth and to hear the truth. Your gift of delight in observing human folly with kindness and generosity still makes me chuckle. It was your way to offer your gifts, never impose them because your life was grounded in what matters.

What I also know is that the miracle was there also—maybe not the one I prayed for but a miracle nonetheless. You modeled something deeply important for each of us gathered here today. From you we witnessed a spirit that grew stronger in adversity—fuller and multifaceted. You lived life with a grace rooted in spiritual depth. Your life reflected these spiritual depths in the gracious love and respect you showed us.

Transitions



The Rev. Jonathan Hartzler

The Rev. Jonathan Hartzler, recently ordained to the transitional diaconate in the Diocese of Florida in May, became Associate Rector at St. Nicholas' Church, Midland on July 1. He is a graduate of the University of Virginia and worked for twenty years in journalism, marketing and management before graduating from Trinity School for Ministry. He and his wife, Kristen, are the parents of three young children. Welcome to Northwest Texas!

Laurie Benavides of St. Barnabas', Odessa, **Kathleen Borsch** of St. Christopher's, Lubbock and **Gary Sanford** of Emmanuel, San Angelo were made postulants for the permanent diaconate on June 21, 2004. **Robert Klemme** of Holy Trinity,

Midland and **Philip Ray** of Emmanuel, San Angelo were made postulants for the priesthood; both gentlemen are preparing for the priesthood through the recently developed "Reading for Orders" track.

Welcome to Diana Pierce, the new Assistant Administrator in the diocesan office. Diana's responsibilities include managing insurance, benefits, payroll, accounts payable and general internal bookkeeping. Until this last year, her professional career has focused on medical care utilization, quality of care review, and claims administration. Diana has considerable experience adjudicating claims for all types of insurance, including Medicare and Medicaid.

Diana's vision for her new position is to "be available for anyone in our diocesan family who has questions or concerns about all forms of benefits and claims."

Diana graduated *Summa Cum Laude* with a BA Degree in Psychology from the University of Albuquerque. She has taken post-graduate courses



Diana Pierce

and plans to resume studies for a master's degree next year. She will complete her Certification in Human Resources Management from Cornell University on September 30. Diana's Human Resources specialty is in Benefits Administration.

Diana was born in Belmont, Surrey, England to Robert and Sarah Borrás. Robert was a dealer in rare books and catalogued private collections. He was a Deacon in the Church of England. After immigrating to the United States, they joined Ascension Episcopal Church in Silver Spring, Maryland.

Diana is married to Owen Pierce, her husband of 25 years. Owen is retired from the United States Air Force and they lived in Portales, New Mexico since 1989 until they made the decision to move to Lubbock last year.

Diana can be reached at 806-763-1370 and assistadmin@nwt.org.

Diocesan Stewardship Conference

**GROWING
CONGREGATIONS**

October 23, 2004

**St. Mary's Church
10th and Goliad
Big Spring**

Rector Jim Liggett and St. Mary's church invite you to participate in this wonderful event. There is no charge, and lunch will be provided. St. Mary's needs to know in advance who plans to attend; contact the church at 432-267-8201 or stmarys@stmarysbst.org

- 9:45 Coffee
- 10:00 Welcome
- 10:10 Gospel Based Discipleship
A small group Bible study that can help leaders discern God's hope for our lives and our congregations. At the conclusion each congregation will be asked "What is Jesus calling US to do?"

- 10:50 Break
- 11:00 Seven Secrets to AMAZING Stewardship
Three activities, one change in operational theory, one piece of folk wisdom, and a two-part theological imperative make seven ideas that will create a transformed and transforming stewardship program for any church. These are secrets eager to get out! In this workshop we will tell you what they are and you can help spread the word.

- 12:00 Lunch -Munching the Numbers
Lunch with food for thought on the side.

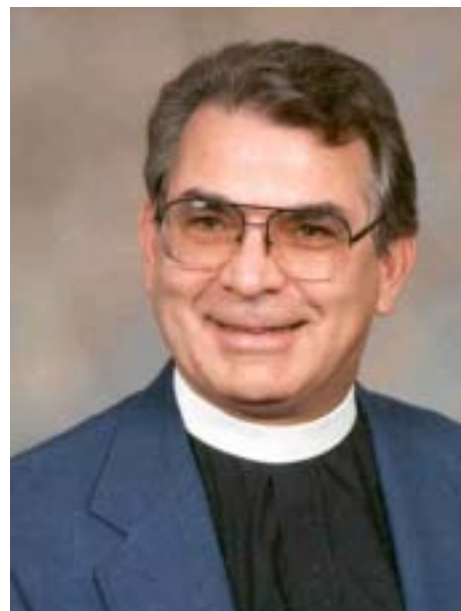
- 12:45 Stewardship for Every Generation
"The young people these days just don't get it." "What's with these older people? Don't they know the world has changed?" If you have ever heard (or uttered) either of these questions, we hope this session is a strong first step on the road to understanding how all ages can work together more effectively as stewards in the household of God.

- 2:00 What Questions Have We Not Yet Answered?
- 2:30 Closing



Ms. Terry Parsons

Presenters are The Rev. Ben Helmer, Missioner for Congregational Development, Rural and Small Communities and Ms. Terry Parsons, Staff Officer for Stewardship, both of the Episcopal Church Offices in New York. Both presenters bring a wealth of expertise and enthusiasm to the topic of Growing Congregations.



The Rev. Ben Helmer

Christian Formation Resource Center

Anna Marie Wanasek, Director of Religious Education at St. Paul's-on-the-Plains Church, Lubbock and Chair, Diocesan Christian Formation Committee, has opened a Resource Center available to all diocesan churches. Anna Marie, a participant in the Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest's Certificate Program for Youth Ministry and Christian Education, visited with other diocesan Resource Center directors in establishing the new center for Northwest Texas.

The Christian Formation Resource Center has helpful education-related materials for all age groups, children through adults. Anna Marie has currently stocked the center with both browsing and free materials. The browsing materials include the Serendipity catalogue and related books. The free materials include catalogues (from such companies as Gateway Films, Episcopal Media Center, Augsburg, and Living the Good News) publicity, and free books (with titles such as Bore No More and Teaching on Target). The center also has free copies of Ideas that Work on CD for computers. Eventually Anna Marie plans for the Resource Center to serve as a lending library for videos, books and other resources.

Other complimentary materials available for the asking are previous years' quality children's curricula donated by St. Andrew's Church, Amarillo and adult-level books from the Seabury series of the 1950's. Anna Marie has a detailed inventory of the St. Andrew's curricula in order to assist persons to find what they need.

The Christian Formation Resource Center is located within St. Paul's church building. For more information contact Anna Marie Wanasek, amwanasek@ev1.net or 806-762-2893 weekdays from 10 am to 2 pm.

The Disciplines of Discipleship

October 23 & 24
Holy Trinity, Midland

Brother Abraham
St. Gregory's Monastery
Three Rivers, Michigan

Saturday, October 23

The evening begins with a potluck supper at 5:30 PM. Brother Andrew, a native of San Angelo, will discuss the joy of growth in Christ fostered by disciplines we voluntarily undertake. The evening will include discussion on the discipline of prayer and an experience of prayer and guided meditation.

Sunday, October 24

Brother Abraham will preach at the 8 AM and 10 AM Sunday services. He will also speak at the 9 AM Education class on the history of Christian monasticism, including monastic life in the Anglican Communion and specifically at St. Gregory's Abbey, an Episcopal Benedictine community.

Contact Holy Trinity Church, ph. 432-683-4207.



Cursillo #64 A Big Success



Welcome to the seventeen newest Cursillistas in the Diocese of Northwest Texas. These 17, representing five churches in the diocese, spent the weekend of July 29 – August 1 listening to “long, (hopefully, not boring)” talks, discussing what they learned, singing songs, doing craft projects, praying and worshipping together, forming new friendships, and (oh, yes!) eating. There are really not words to describe all they gained from the experience. You just need to be there.

The seventeen new Cursillistas are:

Heavenly Rest, Abilene

Kyle & Murl Brown
Kevin & Donna Delaria
Ann Wilder

St. Peter’s, Amarillo

Bill & Barbara Doyle
Clyde Mace

St. Cyprian’s, Amarillo

Alicia Fristoe
Jane Gachuhi

St. Mary’s, Big Spring

Mary Dingus
Barbara Harris
Debbie Jensen
Adriana Kocak
Sharon Treadway

St. Christopher’s, Lubbock

Annie Bray
Jane Ann Wilson

This weekend was led by Lee and Norma Williams, members of St. Peter’s, Amarillo, and their team of 20

laypeople and 4 clergy. Many thanks to all for their hard work and long days and nights. Thanks, also, to all the members of the Cursillo Community who prayed for these candidates and team members prior to and during their weekend and to all who furnished food.

The next chance to make a Cursillo will be July 14 – 17, 2005. This weekend will be held at Mercy Retreat Center in Slaton, TX, just as #64 was. Rectora for Cursillo #65 will be Lee Brodie of St. Christopher’s, Lubbock. She is already in the process of assembling her team. If you are interested in perhaps serving on this team, or if you are interested in becoming a candidate for this weekend, contact Jane & Mel Barnes, jambarnes@cox.net or (806) 799-6721.

The Canon's Comments....

*The Rev. Canon J. Michael Ehmer
Canon to the Ordinary*

Holy or Holey?

There's a commercial on television around Lubbock that shows a woman pulling back a shower curtain and stepping into the shower while music reminiscent of the movie *Psycho* plays in the background. The camera pans back, we see the shower curtain bulge from within by a hidden hand and we hear the woman let out a loud scream. Then the screen freezes and the announcer says, "It's spider season!"

I can just imagine a similar scene at any of our congregations with a group of people going into a dark room followed by loud screams from each individual. Then the picture freezes and we hear, "It's church budgeting season!"

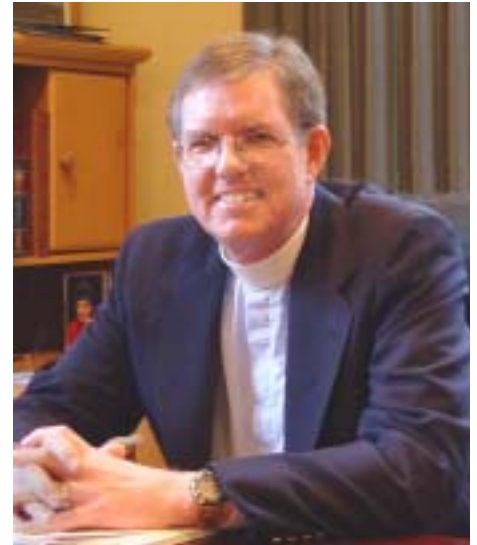
The budgeting process has frequently gotten that kind of response around the Church. And in most places the screams have tended to become even louder in recent years. Why has the budgeting process become so dreadful? What is it about church budgeting that sends shivers down people's spines?

The quick, easy answer is to look at the surface of the problem: there are too many requests for funds and not enough money available to support them all. Certainly this is true. But it will probably always be true, because we can always think of things to spend

our money on. The hard part is coming up with the money in the first place.

I think the problem, however, is actually much deeper than this surface analysis. The real issue is that the financial figures in our budget are simply representations of the mission of our church. The dollars represent a means to accomplish that mission. Therefore, the real problem is not just a lack of available funds but also a lack of an articulated mission. If we don't have a goal to aim for, if we don't have something upon which we can prioritize our decisions, we will have a sloppy and ineffective budget—a budget that will not be embraced by members of the congregation and will, consequently, not be supported financially or otherwise. In other words, we will have a holey budget.

So the very first step in the budgeting process is to articulate the congregation's mission. What is it that we hope to accomplish with the budget? How will our budget help us to accomplish the mission of the Church: "to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ" (Book of Common Prayer, p. 855). With that overarching mission in place each congregation can then refine the statement to suit their individual situations (place, size, talents, needs,



likes, dislikes, etc.). Once the specific mission is defined the job of budgeting becomes easier (though not necessarily easy).

The budgeting committee must then look closely at both sides of the budget—expenses and income. Too often we get complacent in accepting our income as a given and then trimming (sometimes slashing) expenses to fit. We forget that budgets are two-sided. We need to be creative in increasing income, not just reducing expenses. And I'm talking about more than just our annual pledge drives.

Of course, it would be great if every member of the church were to tithe—to give ten percent of his or her income to the church. If that were the case the budgeting process would still be important and even difficult, though it would also be much more fun. But let's face it, everyone does not tithe. Right or wrong, many people look at the budget of the church first and then decide how much to give. That's why it's so important not only to budget for mission but also to educate church members about the budget. Show them just how their dollars are used to facilitate the mission. That may mean

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establishing a "goals budget" before the pledge campaign begins.

Now comes the hardest part. Those dollars need to honestly facilitate the mission. It's one thing to say they do so on paper; it's quite another thing to actually make it happen. Does your budget fund a position that doesn't contribute to the mission, either by position or the individual in it? Or maybe the position contributes greatly but the members of the church don't know it. Are you being as energy conscious as possible, so that the dollar figures listed for utilities are as low as possible? Or do parishioners see energy being frivolously wasted?

These are just a couple of examples of how efficient and effective the staff and members of the congregation must be to warrant income from parishioners and others. But nobody will know about these if they are not communicated. Congregations must educate all their members about how their money is being spent—how the funds are used to further the mission. If people think their money will be wasted they certainly won't give it. Besides, it's just good stewardship to be as efficient and effective as possible with all our resources.

To use a financial term, the bottom line in budgeting is the mission. It needs to be formulated, communicated and put into practice. And all members of the congregation should be educated in how that is happening.

In fact, they should have an input into the process. Every single line in your budget should reflect your mission. Some lines will certainly be overhead items that provide base support, encompassing all mission programs. Others will be very specific. Furthermore, when push comes to shove in the budgeting process go back to your mission statement. If you must choose between two or more items to fund then determine which ones support your mission the most.

If you truly budget with a mission mindset, regardless of your budget's size, then you will indeed have a Holy budget and not a holey one!



The 2005 UTO Grant request forms have arrived at the diocesan office.

The deadline for receiving the forms in the diocesan office is Monday, January 10, 2005. No applications will be accepted after January 10.

Please contact Ms. Carolyn Hearn at 806 763-1370 or e-mail her at diocese@nwt.org if you would like a grant request form.

Apportionment Contributions

As of August 31, 2004

Congregation	2004 Apportionment	Total Received	Balance Due	Percent Complete
Abilene, Heavenly Rest	120,304.00	80,202.64	40,101.36	66.67%
Abilene, St Mark's	10,263.00	6,735.63	3,527.37	65.63%
Albany, Trinity	1,110.00	1,110.00	0.00	100.00%
Amarillo, St Andrew's	91,734.00	61,156.00	30,578.00	66.67%
Amarillo, St Peter's	55,801.00	32,550.56	23,250.44	58.33%
Andrews, St. Matthias	1,790.00	0.00	1,790.00	0.00%
Big Spring, St. Mary's	37,325.00	21,772.94	15,552.06	58.33%
Borger, St Peter's	16,380.00	10,920.00	5,460.00	66.67%
Brownfield, Good Shepherd	5,289.00	3,000.00	2,289.00	56.72%
Canyon, St. George's	8,212.00	4,790.31	3,421.69	58.33%
Childress, St. Luke's	973.00	730.00	243.00	75.03%
Clarendon, St John's	1,620.00	1,000.00	620.00	61.73%
Coleman, St. Mark's	7,131.00	4,991.00	2,140.00	69.99%
Colorado City, All Saints'	3,468.00	1,734.00	1,734.00	50.00%
Dalhart, St. James'	19,128.00	12,752.00	6,376.00	66.67%
Dumas, St. Paul's	4,069.00	2,720.00	1,349.00	66.85%
Hereford, St. Thomas	9,782.00	1,000.00	8,782.00	10.22%
Kermit, St. Peter's	680.00	0.00	680.00	0.00%
Levelland, St. Luke's	3,835.00	2,560.00	1,275.00	66.75%
Lubbock, St. Christopher's	40,293.00	8,500.00	31,793.00	21.10%
Lubbock, St. Paul's	71,263.00	47,508.64	23,754.36	66.67%
Lubbock, St. Stephen's	52,431.00	34,947.36	17,483.64	66.65%
Midland, Holy Trinity	183,680.00	137,759.73	45,920.27	75.00%
Midland St. Nicholas	105,808.00	70,538.64	35,269.36	66.67%
Monahans, St. James'	3,867.00	2,576.25	1,290.75	66.62%
Odessa, St. Barnabas	40,377.00	26,920.00	13,457.00	66.67%
Odessa, St. John's	41,567.00	27,711.36	13,855.64	66.67%
Odessa, San Miguel	1,541.00	0.00	1,541.00	0.00%
Pampa, St. Matthew's	39,564.00	26,376.00	13,188.00	66.67%
Perryton, All Saints'	1,070.00	1,024.00	46.00	95.70%
Plainview, St. Mark's	12,158.00	7,092.15	5,065.85	58.33%
Quanah, Trinity	1,074.00	574.00	500.00	53.45%
San Angelo, Emmanuel	87,395.00	58,263.36	29,131.64	66.67%
San Angelo, Good Shepherd	49,940.00	32,711.66	17,228.34	65.50%
Shamrock, St Michael's	204.00	204.00	0.00	100.00%
Sweetwater, St Stephen's	25,761.00	17,174.00	8,587.00	66.67%
Vernon, Grace	3,082.00	2,311.56	770.44	75.00%
TOTALS	1,159,969.00	751,917.79	408,051.21	64.82%

The figures presented here are the checks received as of August 31, 2004. Any past months payments received in the Diocesan offices after August 31, 2004 will not be reflected on this report. If you have any questions or corrections, please call Diana Pierce at 806-763-1370 Ext. 201.



Lost in the moment and waiting for the big catch of the day, young fisherman waits for that tug on live bait.

By Deacon Roland Rose, Chair of the Diocesan Committee on Prison Ministry and Director of Northwest Texas' Promise Camp. He and the Venerable Dana Wilson, Archdeacon of Northwest Texas, attended Camp New Hope this summer.

Camp New Hope is a summer program for children who have a parent in prison. This camp is held at Camp Crispin in the Diocese of Oklahoma. As an observer at both last year's Camp Good News hosted by the Diocese of Texas and this year's Camp New Hope, I noticed that both programs provide positive experiences for the children using a unique variety of solutions and methods. Oklahoma's

camp uses "Grannies:" adults who work with children on grievance issues and one-to-one art instruction. Another interesting fact was that all of Camp New Hope's management and activities were the responsibilities of various deacons from throughout the Oklahoma diocese. Camp New Hope provided the children with a wide array of experiences including fishing, canoeing, swimming, pottery and other craft activities, a snake exhibition, a magic show and trained animals that acted on command.

Arthur Thompson presented the major program by playing African drums while singing, instructing and telling about his life on the "mean streets" and the consequences he had

to deal with as a teenager. Mr. Thompson currently provides enrichment education to the Tulsa Independent School District. He also serves as a church music minister and teaches private lessons. Mr. Thompson ministers to individuals in prison, bringing music and the love of Jesus Christ in a method that is a gift of grace. During his presentation he shows the children how to build instruments to produce musical rhythms in worship and praise. Mr. Thompson will be present at Promise Camp 2005 to be held at Camp Quarterman near Amarillo.

Camp Good Hope



Arthur Thompson, native of Oklahoma, the “Piped Piper” with drums, instructs those gathered around him the finer points of rhythm.

The Oklahoma program has two phases: Camp New Hope for 8 to 11 year old participants, and Camp Start for 12 to 15 year old students. You must have attended Camp New Hope before you can become involved with Camp Start. In time, graduates of this program may come back and become counselors for Camp New Hope. Beyond the tattoos and body piercing seen on some of the older campers, true love and compassion are shown to those who are just entering the program. There is also an “after care” program to aid both counselors and adult mentors. Camp Good News in the Diocese of Texas also uses this type of after care program.

You can become part of the promise! You could contribute financially to Northwest Texas’ Promise Camp. You could become a volunteer for those five days in July of 2005 and be that special person for a moment in a child’s life. You can pray for our success at Promise Camp and for the thousands of children left behind in the shadows of prison walls. We can’t promise that we will reach all children in need. What we can promise is that we will share our time, our talents and our love with those we meet. We can promise to give five good days of activities and hopefully a lifetime of memories to those children that we meet. Promise Camp, a place where promises are kept. That’s a promise!

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As in any program there is not a 100% success rate. Emotional immaturity, lack of social skills, aggressive behavior, and low self-esteem are constantly hindering the potential of an individual’s success. Children have the opportunity to come back the following year to recognize familiar faces, gain trust and find success so desperately desired and needed.

We all have a great opportunity to aid the children whose lives have been twisted with events over which they have no control. As it is said in Rainbows, a program for children with grief issues, the children did not cause it and they can’t change it, but they can learn to cope with their existing situations.



Lost in concentration, young drummer pounds out his beat while another shakes and rattles a musical craft device.



by Brant and Courteney Gill,
Summer Camp Coordinators

Summer camp begins not when the campers come but when the counselors arrive. They arrive at camp for a week filled with workshops, training, team building, preparation and plain old fun.

We were blessed with a last minute camp director, Chris Trammell from Denton, TX. He brought with him a strong sense of leadership and faith. He was outgoing, fun and outrageously funny.

Along with Chris, we had a great group of young adults to serve as counselors for the summer: Sam Thompson, Ben Carpenter, Jonathon Brack, Benson Njuaguna, Colin Pierce, Sarah Riley, Tamea Hemphill, Hannah Walker, Elizabeth Basham

and Katie Nelson (Sr. High only). They worked hard to ensure the kids were safe, having fun and learning at the same time. A job well done by all.

Along with a great staff we are blessed with Clergy who were willing to give their time and talent to our camp program. The Clergy serve as spiritual leaders for the week focusing on our theme "Be My Witnesses." They lead chapel, Eucharist, teachings, bible studies and group discussion time. They share themselves with the camp community and help when they were needed. Thanks to: Bishop Wallis Ohl, Senior High camp; Fr. Ken MacKenzie, Primary camp; Fr. David Mossbarger and The Rev. Laura Deaderick, Jr. High camp. We thank you tremendously for your commitment to the youth in this Diocese.

Of course, without campers we

wouldn't have a camp. The campers arrive on Sunday afternoon and begin their journey through the week. This year we hiked, played volleyball, tennis, bucky ball, fun-noodle hockey, human clue, counselor hunt and many other games. There was always time for swimming, singing and daily arts and crafts. The kids met in family groups after chapel to learn about the scriptures for the day and talked about what it meant to be a "witness" to Jesus' teachings. What a great group of campers we had this summer. They make it all worth the while!

Being behind the scenes at camp is sometimes the least praised and most difficult job. The volunteers who come to camp and give of themselves to the camp deserve a big pat on the

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back. Those serving as volunteers: Mary MacKenzie, Sheila Ohl, Bonnie Snell, Cindy Bridges and Mrs. Huteson. Those serving as camp nurse: Joel Martinez, Nancy Elle, and Josh Brack. Those serving as Jr. Counselor: Kaitlyn Lillick, Caitlin Pierce, and Will Liggett. An especially big thanks to Deacon Roland Rose for again dedicating his time and tremendous talent to the arts and crafts program at camp. He not only prepares the daily craft but works behind the scenes on preparation of the theme and program. He is truly a blessing to the entire camping program.

Now that Summer Camp is over it is time to begin looking toward the future and what lies in store for next summer. The foundation is being laid for the program and the big picture is being painted. Please consider giving of yourself to the camp. We are always in need of adults to serve as volunteers at camp, especially Sr. High camp. The difference you can make is unlimited and well worth every minute. Also please encourage the kids in your church to attend summer camp. Ask a child in your church about their experiences at camp to see what an impact it can make on their lives. We would love to be able to reach all the children in our Diocese and give them the chance to be a part of a Christian community of worship and praise.



Our mission is to provide an opportunity for young people to live in a Christ-centered community that teaches life tools, builds strong friendships and exercises creativity in a safe and structured manner.



Bishop Quarterman Conference Center *Lives Change Here*

by Carolyn Perry,
Conference Center
Governing Board

As a member of the Bishop Quarterman Conference Center's Governing Board, and most importantly as a former camper, I feel compelled to let you know that lives really do change as a direct result of happenings going on there. It's hard to believe it at first glance. But that area of patchy buffalo grass, sweltering heat without air conditioning and wide-open skies unadulterated by trees has had an indelible impact on my life. My realization of the Conference Center's impact was primed by Bishop Wallis Ohl's address in 1998 at the 50th Anniversary Celebration. In his address, Bishop Ohl discussed the vision of Bishop George Quarterman in 1948 at the establishment of the Conference Center. Bishop Quarterman envisioned the Conference Center as being a "missionary outpost" including ALL persons, not just Episcopalians. This forward-thinking vision summarizes my impressions of the Conference Center's impact in my life: First, preparing us as missionaries and, second, including ALL of God's creation- not just the Episcopalians.

Although I might not have fully appreciated it at the time, sharing the Eucharist with my fellow campers daily or reading Compline each night exposed me to the rich opportunities that our liturgy provides. Singing my favorite camp songs to myself in my car on a bad day constantly rekindles the fond memories of our voices being raised (in perfect harmony) in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit. I even learned to play the guitar just so I could experience that sense of peace those songs invoke. I learned the healing power of touch through backrubs and hugs. Spending a week with various clergy of the diocese exposed me to their interpretations of theology, church history and biblical

scholarship that laid a firm foundation for my own spiritual journey that I continue today. I learned the importance of the church from the parish and diocesan levels through our Mid-Winter business meetings (something akin to the Annual Convention) and our own mock election of a bishop one summer. (I campaigned hard for my sister, but she still lost.) I also gained access to understanding the church at the provincial and national levels through participation in youth events that gathered Episcopal youth from across the world. It was amazing to see what a large and varied group we were and more astonishing that we all shared one cup...one God.

As a result of those experiences, my "missionary" role has continued through service in my home, my local parish and in the diocese. I am raising my two future campers in hopes that they may begin their spiritual journeys with the knowledge that God plays an active role in their lives too. In my local parish, my camp experiences have prepared me to serve on the altar guild, Mission and Outreach committee, and Stewardship committee, as a Sunday school teacher and as a Vestry member. Even more importantly, I have come to believe that my choice of vocation as a speech-language pathologist provides me with countless opportunities to bring persons together into community with each other through improved communication or sharing a meal. I learned that my ministry is to help with building community- both giving and receiving the Word.

This leads to my second point- that ALL of us are precious in God's eyes... not just the Episcopalians. How could Bishop Quarterman have known almost 54 years ago what pains people would take to try and define just who was good enough in God's

eyes? All are welcome at the Lord's Table. All were welcome at the Conference Center. The most poignant example of that came to me at camp in the summer of 1985. The theme had something to do with the body of Christ and how all parts of the body were equally important when they served as one. The culmination of the camp week led us to an outing at the local amusement park, Wonderland. As we all spun, bumped and whirled our way across the park, some "evangelist" stood on his soapbox and condemned one of my fellow campers to hell. He didn't know this boy from Adam but he was certain that because of the boy's long hair, earring and ratty jeans he HAD to be heading straight to the fiery pits. The camp community slowly gathered around to support our friend- ALL of us; the geeks, the jocks, the preppies or whatever labels you choose. At that moment the entire camp knew what it was to be loved and supported no matter what you looked like or listened to... we became ONE. It was a powerful message that still speaks to me. Through our great diversity the church gains much strength. All divisions cease when we look through God's eyes.

Bishop George Quarterman had a great vision when he established the Episcopal Church Conference Center. My fellow campers have continued their ministries across the globe as parents, teachers, soccer coaches, lawyers, businessmen and, yes- even clergy. It is my belief that our experiences out in that hot and dusty land helped prepare us for the next leg on our spiritual journeys. Thank you to Bishop Ohl for your unfailing support for the Conference Center. Thank you, also, to the diocese for touching my life and the lives of countless others through your support of the Conference Center.

2004 NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Standing Committee to 2007 - one clergy

1. **THE REV. MARGARET AUSTIN.** Rector, St. Stephen's, Lubbock.
Church Activities: Executive Council, Compensation Committee.

1. My vision for the Church is that we continue the struggle to seek God's face through Scripture, Tradition, Reason and Experience, and that we cooperate with God's grace in living the Gospel imperative to love God, our neighbors and ourselves.

2. The two greatest challenges I see facing the Church today are moving toward such a vision in the face of a challenging and changing world, and moving toward such a vision in the face of the institutional church. I am responding to these challenges by staying connected to the changing and challenging world through the people who make up and live in that world; by preaching, teaching and attempting to live the Gospel imperative as it is revealed through Tradition, Reason, and Experience; by being actively involved in the institutional church.

3. I am interested in serving the Diocese of Northwest Texas in this elected role because I have great interest in, energy for and enthusiasm about this diocese, and I want to serve toward its continuing strength.



Standing Committee to 2007 - one lay

1. **MRS. MARILYN POOL ALLEN.** Communication/Theatre. Holy Trinity, Midland. Languages spoken: some Spanish. Civic: AAUW (life member) past President, Program Vice-President Texas, Texas Community Theatre (Prof. Theatres, "TNT" Cofounder and past President, Midland Community Theatre Board and Vice-President, Globe Theatre Vice-President, Director and actress, Maverick Theatre (actress). Church: LEM, Choir, ECW (past President and Outreach Chair), Daughters of the King, EFM, Cursillo, Santa Maria Food Pantry, Convention Delegate, speech teacher for young perspective lay readers at Santa Maria. Diocesan: Companion Diocese Co-Chair, mission trips to Spain and Honduras (Our Little Roses), ECW Outreach and Mission Committees, Women of Vision.

1. My vision for the Church is to help the Church to grow in membership and attendance by spreading the word and love of God and Christ through outreach projects and church endeavors.

2. The two greatest challenges I see facing the Church today are keeping unity in the Episcopal Church and commitment to Christian ideals in community and home. I am responding to these challenges by trying to understand issues from all sides. Communication with love is so important! I am trying to be a better example, and I have just become a neighborhood "shepherd."

3. I am interested in serving the Diocese of Northwest Texas in this elected role because with God's help, I think I can bring financial and organizational experience and an open mind to the discussion table.



2. **MRS. JOANN GRIFFIN.** Homemaker. St. Paul's, Lubbock.

Civic: Louse H. Underwood Center for the Arts Board Secretary, Symphony Guild, Museum League, and Lubbock Lake Landmark Docent. Church: ECW President, Thrift House Director, Stewardship Campaign Chair, Play School Board, Christian Education Committee, Altar Guild, Martha's Guild. Diocese: Executive Council, Convention Delegate, Diocesan Convention Planning Committee Co-Chair (1996 and 2001), Bishop Coadjutor Nominating Committee, Budget Committee.

1. My vision for the Church is to keep us united in the Anglican Communion with consideration and compromise, if necessary, on all sides.

2. The two greatest challenges I see facing the Church today are the controversy over same sex unions and the lack of promoting the Episcopal Church in more ways than word of mouth. I am responding to these challenges by working in the Diocese of Northwest Texas to promote more time for people to consider how funds are spent rather than lose parishes or individuals. I will work for more missions in suburban areas with consideration for Hispanic ministries.

3. I am interested in serving the Diocese of Northwest Texas in this elected role because of my experience on the parish and diocesan levels, I feel I have knowledge that would be an asset to this committee. Also, I am a good listener and feel I could be fair on any issue.



3. **MRS. LINDA SCARBOROUGH.** Artist. Church of the Heavenly Rest, Abilene. Languages spoken/read: Spanish.

Civic: Center for Contemporary Arts Board, Thrift House volunteer, Just People volunteer. Church: Vestry, Vestry Clerk, Altar Guild President, ECW President, Search Committee (2). Diocese: ECW Board, ECW President, BQCC Board, ECW Nominating Committee.

1. My vision for the Church is that we extend a welcome to all people to work with us toward Christ. That we strive through love, commitment, encouragement, inclusiveness, education and prayer to act our part in Christ and in His work.

2. The two greatest challenges I see facing the Church today are inclusion versus exclusion and overcoming half-heartedness. I am responding to these challenges by being willing to serve, to do my part whatever that may be, and by being willing to help others.

3. I am interested in serving the Diocese of Northwest Texas in this elected role because serving is part and parcel of all the above - I, an imperfect Child of God, must seek through love, commitment, education and prayer to realize and act on my part in the living Body of Christ. Besides that, I was asked to submit my name.

Trustee to 2006, Trustee to 2009 - two lay

1. **MR. NEAL R. ALLEN.** Attorney. Holy Trinity, Midland.

Languages spoken and read: Spanish. Civic Activities: Midland Downtown Kiwanis (past President), Midland Community Theatre, Maverick Players, and Globe Theatre (actor and donor), Yale University Alumni Schools Committee Area Chairman. Church Activities: Lay Reader and LEM, Choir. At former parish: Clerk of the Vestry, Choir, Lay Reader and LEM, Sunday School teacher. Diocesan Activities: Diocesan Convention Delegate, Companion Diocese Committee Co-Chair, Cursillo.

1. My vision for the Church is to spread (and live up to) the teaching of Jesus Christ. To extend fellowship to those who accept these teachings. To lead by precept and example. To be ever mindful of the needs of others, especially in our communities.

2. The two greatest challenges I see facing the Church today are loss of membership, factionalism and splinter groups. I am responding to these challenges by attempting to make the Church as attractive and meaningful to others as possible. Adhering to the teaching of Jesus.

3. I am interested in serving the Diocese of Northwest Texas in this elected role because I think I can make a difference in the life of the Church.



2. **MR. DAVID H. BASHFORD.** Independent oil and gas producer. Church of the Heavenly Rest, Abilene.

Civic: formerly Kiwanis Club officer. Church: Junior Warden, Senior Warden, Brotherhood of St. Andrew Director, EMC Chair, Stephen Ministry, Lay Reader, various committees. Diocesan: Convention Delegate, Executive Council, Long Range Planning Committee Chair, Eagle Cove Deanery Chair.

1. My vision for the Church is to continue to provide, in a spirit of love and forgiveness, an Episcopal liturgical style and place of worship to all who come our way, and to reach out to those in need.

2. The two greatest challenges I see facing the Church today are secular pleasures that keep people from addressing their spiritual needs and how to communicate to the unchurched the spiritual peace they are missing by not joining in the corporate worship of the Trinity. I am responding to these challenges by offering my time and talents to the activities of the church.

3. I am interested in serving the Diocese of Northwest Texas in this elected role because I want to aid the diocese in administering its resources for the best return (in support of diocesan programs).



3. **MR. GAYLON H. SIMMONS.** Private Investor. Cofounder and Chair of TriFact Solutions, Inc. St. Stephen's, Lubbock.

Civic: Numerous civic boards and committees, United Way, American Red Cross, Habitat for Humanity. Diocese: Current Northwest Texas Episcopal Board of Trustees.

1. My vision for the Church is growth in all aspects - spiritually through more group participation such as DOCC programs, and in membership to strengthen the base, financial growth, to help meet the needs of the other two goals.

2. The two greatest challenges I see facing the Church today are divisiveness stemming from political issues and indifference or loss of focus on spiritual life. I am responding to these challenges by emphasizing at every opportunity the need to respect others' opinions, and settle differences in a Christian-like manner and focusing on Christian responsibilities of assisting those who need help and doing it in groups to foster togetherness.

3. I am interested in serving the Diocese of Northwest Texas in this elected role because my background in finance, investments, and business ventures will hopefully assist in guiding the diocese's business decisions.



Ecclesiastic Trial Court to 2009 - one clergy

DEACON CHRISTOPHER K. WRAMPELMEIER. Attorney. St. Andrew's, Amarillo

Civic: Amarillo-Panhandle Humane Society, Downtown Women's Center, Helping One Student to Succeed, Panhandle Family Law Association Treasurer. Diocese: Constitution and Canons Committee, Nominating Committee.

1. My vision for the Church is: The Church should be the means by which the world becomes reconciled with God. Reconciliation is achieved by loving God devoutly and loving our neighbors as ourselves. All acts of the Church need to be related to these Commandments.

2. The two greatest challenges I see facing the Church today are: One great challenge is loss of focus on the two great Commandments - loving God and loving our neighbor. We are allowing ourselves to become sidetracked and thus divided. Another great challenge is the war causing us to lose the love we are called to have for others, including our enemies. I am responding to these challenges by trying to focus the attention of our church on those who are neglected and different from us, to see them as our brothers and sisters, and to live out our baptismal vows through service to them.

3. I am interested in serving the Diocese of Northwest Texas in this elected role because as an attorney and a deacon, I have some gifts that I can offer to this diocese. These gifts that I am blessed to have may be of use in this position.



Deputies and Alternates to General Convention 2006 and Provincial Synod 2005 - four clergy deputies and four clergy alternates

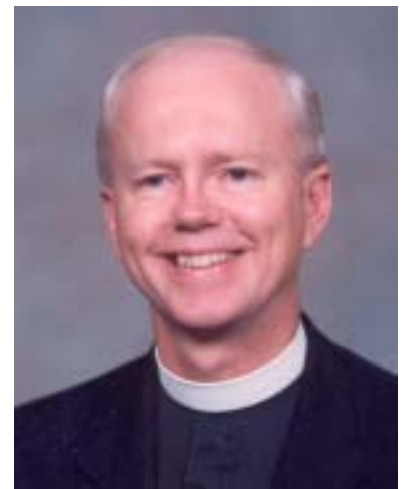
1. **THE REV. MARK L. CANNADAY.** Rector, Holy Trinity, Midland.

Languages spoken: English, German and French. Diocese: Commission on Ministry, Spirituality Committee Chair.

1. My vision for the Church is the same as the definition - one part - that I share with others: The Church is (should be) the action of "ChristLife" with and for the other(s).

2. The two greatest challenges I see facing the Church today are stability and obedience. I am responding to these challenges by living an example of frequent prayer and action as a training for my spirit and for those looking for a direction or pattern.

3. I am interested in serving the Diocese of Northwest Texas in this elected role because I want to speak for the sake of the Church represented in the Diocese of Northwest Texas and provide a voice for those who want to be heard.



2. **THE REV. LAURA M. DEADERICK.** Rector, St. John's, Odessa
Languages spoken: French. Read: some Spanish and French. Civic: Rotary, Police Chaplain, Police Athletic League, Ector County Independent School District Campus Improvement Team, Medical Center Ethics Committee, American Red Cross Executive Search Committee. Diocesan: Mission Committee, Summer Chaplain at BQCC, The Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Northwest Texas, Reading for Holy Orders Committee, Diocesan Convention Host Rector. Province/National: General Convention Alternate (2003).

1. My vision for the Church is of a reconciling community in Christ. It seems to me that we have an opportunity to humbly offer to God the complexity and difficulty and change of the present, that by God's grace we bear witness to the cycle of death and resurrection that signals the coming of Christ's Kingdom.

2. The two greatest challenges I see facing the Church today are to look outward - to hear the challenges of the Church and the world as a whole, at home and throughout the Anglican Communion. I believe in a post 9/11 world that the Episcopal Church has a unique opportunity to articulate a message of hope as we are challenged to embody Christ to one another and to the world. The other is to calm the fears - I hear fears about membership, about identity, about leadership, about the future. Again, this

time of insecurity and fear presents an opportunity to embrace again the saving power of the Gospel and to become more deeply grounded in our identity as Anglicans, people of difference whose unity traces to Jesus Christ. I am responding to these challenges by praying; by trying to become informed about the Anglican Communion, the Episcopal Church, our history and current life; and through local ministry, to be a presence in the St. John's community and the surrounding community that honors and fosters hope and healing.

3. I am interested in serving the Diocese of Northwest Texas in this elected role because I had the privilege of serving as an Alternate Clerical Deputy in the 2003 General Convention. This was a positive experience that I would feel blessed to build upon. It was an honor to serve alongside Bishop Ohl and the fine deputation from Northwest Texas and I would do my best to represent our diocese prayerfully and thoughtfully should I be granted another opportunity.

3. **THE REV. CANON J. MICHAEL EHMER.** Canon to the Ordinary, Diocese of Northwest Texas.

Civic: Former: Boy Scout leader, PTA President, volunteer at high school academic competitions, member of several community ministerial alliances. Church: Former: Vestry, Treasurer; Senior Warden, Search Committee member; Pastor; Priest and Teacher. Currently: Not serving in a congregational setting. Diocesan: Deployment Officer, Board of Trustees Secretary, Executive Council, BQCC Governing Board, Constitution and Canons Committee; Convention Planning Committee; Adventure Editor; Cursillo Secretariat, Deanery Chair (former), Dean, Budget Committee, Insurance Committee, Fresh Start Facilitator; General Convention Alternate; Diocesan Vestry Workshop Instructor; Guest Preacher & Celebrant throughout the diocese. Provincial/National: Conference of Diocesan Executives (CODE) Board Member, Diocesan Administrator's Workshop Participant, National Network of Episcopal Clergy Association Member.

1. What is your vision for the Church? My hope and dream is to return our focus to the mission of the Church. That is, "to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ." Too many people in the Church seem to have forgotten this mission and are, instead, focusing on much smaller, and far less important issues.

2. What are the two greatest challenges you see facing the Church today? First and foremost is to make the Gospel of Jesus come alive to people—both members and nonmembers of the Church. To show them, by word and example, the relevance of the good news of Christ in today's world, and how it can bring comfort and strength to their daily lives. The second greatest challenge for the Church is to be united. Not in the details of our specific beliefs, but in our commitment and service to God and our neighbor, as we have promised in our Baptismal Covenant. How are you responding to these challenges? As a Christian, I try to live by all the promises of the Baptismal



Covenant. As a priest in the Episcopal Church, I try to nourish all of Christ's people equally—as pastor, priest and teacher—under the guidance and direction of my Bishop and the doctrine, discipline and worship of the Episcopal Church. As the Canon to the Ordinary in this diocese, I try to assist the Bishop to the best of my ability in ministering to the diocese. This also means assisting its laity and clergy, enabling them to better live out their responsibilities under the Baptismal Covenant and their ordination vows.

3. Why are you interested in serving the Diocese of Northwest Texas in this elected role? Deep down in my heart, I am an Episcopalian, and have been all my life. I have a profound interest in the well being of this diocese and the Episcopal Church. Because of my experience as a leader, both within and outside of the Church, I have the ability to analyze data and situations and make tough decisions. Furthermore, my current position enables me to stay up to date on most of the issues that will come before the next General Convention. I believe my background and current situation will make a valuable contribution to our diocesan deputation.

4. **THE REV. DAVID K. KRAUSE.** Chaplain, Canterbury Association at Texas Tech. Languages read: Hebrew. Civic: part-time instructor, Texas Tech University Department of Philosophy. Church: Chaplain at Texas Tech University, Cursillo, EFM. Diocese: Council for the Diaconate, Diaconal Formation Director, former Cursillo Secretariat, Youth Committee Chair. Provincial/National: Episcopal Society for Ministry in Higher Education Treasurer and Board of Directors; Province VII Ministry in Higher Education Coordinator and Treasurer.

1. My vision for the Church is where all God's people gather to celebrate and proclaim God's goodness and where a variety of gifts are offered for the good of the community. It is a healthy gathering of the faithful - where synergy means that together we are more than the sum of our parts.

2. The two greatest challenges I see facing the Church today are how to be an indigenous Catholic, i.e., how do we nurture the Anglican plant in Texas soil? How do we remain together while allowing deep and fundamental disagreement? The world is watching . . . this is our moment. I am responding to these challenges by teaching, and hopefully modeling, respect and encouragement for even those with whom I disagree; or even fail to understand. I am firmly committed to the militant middle - not from compromise, but from conviction.

3. I am interested in serving the Diocese of Northwest Texas in this elected role because I believe our diocese has a wonderful sense of balance - open inclusiveness with a firm commitment to the Gospel as proclaimed and lived within Anglicanism. I want us to stay the course: being a beacon of hope and life.

5. **THE REV. JIM LIGGETT.** Rector, St. Mary's, Big Spring.

Languages read: some NT Greek. Civic: School Board Drug/Alcohol Advisory Commission, Canterbury Retirement Community Board, Rotary, teaching at the local community college, Emmaus Board. Diocesan: Current Standing Committee, Commission on Ministry Chair, Deacon Formation Program Director, Webminister (nwt.org), Budget Committee, EFM Mentor, Cursillo Secretariat. Previous Permian Basin Dean, Executive Council, Confirmation.COM design group, Insurance Committee, Mission Committee, Long Range Planning Committee. Province/National: Current General Ordination Exam Reader, Province VII Commission on Ministry Chairs Convener, Province VII representative to the Council for the Development of Ministry, Alternate Deputy to General Convention (2 times).

1. My vision for the Church is that the Church on Earth is called to be a place which, by its corporate words and deeds, and by the words and deeds of its members, reveals the Lord Jesus Christ, draws others to Him, and is deeply involved in discerning and responding to the needs of the world.

2. The two greatest challenges I see facing the Church today are related. The first is discovering and developing effective, respectful, and honest ways of revealing, sharing, and proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ as this Church has received it. We are facing the first truly un-churched generation in American history; we are in the midst of a vast intellectual shift, and both our assumptions and our methods for making and forming Christians need radical review and creative reinterpretation. The second is that our



Church needs to live together in a way that gives us the energy, the focus, the charity and the compassion necessary for reaching out to each other and to a world dying for Christ's love within a radically changing culture. The complex and delicate vocation of balancing a variety of perspectives and convictions within a shared faith and practice is central to our genius and our witness as Anglicans; it needs renewal and rediscovery. I am responding to these challenges through active focus on issues of ministry, communications, renewal, leadership discernment and development, and I am striving to connect the content of my ministry to these central challenges. Our parish is involved in innovative methods of outreach, evangelism, and witness.

3. I am interested in serving the Diocese of Northwest Texas in this elected role because I love our Church, our Diocese, and our people. I believe my experience at all levels of the Church and my concern for mission can help me to be an effective Deputy who cares deeply about our Diocese and its needs.

6. THE REV. SCOTT MAYER. Rector, Church of the Heavenly Rest, Abilene.

Civic: Various boards and youth baseball coach. Diocese: Standing Committee, BQCC Board Co-Chair, Budget Committee, Compensation Committee, Commission on Ministry, Executive Council, Mission Committee Chair. Province/National: General Convention Deputy 2003.

1. My vision for the Church is: Jesus Christ is the outward, visible sign of God's love to the world, the ultimate sacrament. It is my understanding that the Church is called to be an extension of Christ, manifesting God's transforming love to the world.

2. The two greatest challenges I see facing the Church today are: I suppose the greatest challenge is the same for all times and places, and that is trusting God. Obviously, the front burner challenge regards Christian unity, the question being, "How are we going to live together in disagreement?" I am responding to these challenges by: A family that eats together (and yes, prays together) has a better chance to stay together. We need to keep gathering at God's table, remember that Christ is the Host.

3. I am interested in serving the Diocese of Northwest Texas in this elected role because if I am called by the Diocese of Northwest Texas to serve as a Deputy to General convention, I will prayerfully and openly serve, believing that God is working in and through all of the church's elected deputies.



7. THE REV. DR. STEVEN A. SELLERS. Rector, St. Paul's, Lubbock.

Languages read: Spanish and Greek. Civic: Rotarian, former ARC Board President. Diocese: Former diocese: Convocation Dean, Communication Division Chair, Spiritual Director for 6 Cursillos, 7 Vocares, and 7 Discovery weekends.

1. What is your vision for the Church? My prayer - and my vision- for the Church is for us to become a more loving and Christ-centered community, where the gifts of the Holy Spirit are made manifest on a daily basis for the miraculous transformation of lives. My prayer - and my vision - is for the Church to make headlines around the world for our single-minded devotion to the Lord Jesus, and not for our family quarrels.

2. The two greatest challenges I see facing the Church today are to keep our focus on God, and not on the various issues that threaten to divide us. Along with this, we also face the challenge to continue reaching outward to all sorts and conditions of people, especially the unchurched, and to avoid the temptation to beat each other up over the various issues facing us. I am responding to these challenges by: In my almost 20 years in the ordained ministry (in the Diocese of Texas), I have worked diligently to keep my thoughts, words, and actions - and those of my parishioners - focused on the saving and healing works of our Lord Jesus Christ. When we keep our minds and hearts on God, and when we reach out to others in the power of the Holy Spirit, miracles take place and the transformation of lives occurs.

3. I am interested in serving the Diocese of Northwest Texas in this elected role because I believe that the simple message of the Gospel - that God loves us and has a plan for us through Jesus His Son - is contagious. And I would love to serve this diocese by sharing and encouraging all of us (myself included) by means of it. I would love to help all of us (myself included) to become beacons of the Light of Christ. For the Light still shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it... no matter what the headlines say.



8. **DEACON MELISSA WAFER-CROSS.** High School English Teacher. St. Christopher's, Lubbock.

Languages spoken/read: Spanish. Civic: March of Dimes, South Plains Food Bank, Habitat for Humanity, Ronald McDonald House, Hospice Chaplain. Church: ECW, WHAM Camp, Vestry, Lay Reader, LEM, Convention Delegate. Diocese: Hispanic Ministries, BACAM, Executive Council, Diaconate Formation Committee, Resolutions Committee. Province/National: Province VII Deacons' Group, Volunteer in the House of Bishops at 2000 General Convention.

1. My vision for the Church is a reaffirmation of our Baptismal Covenant. We are united in committing ourselves to God: His teaching, His community, His work in the world, His love and gift of redemption.

2. The two greatest challenges I see facing the Church today are reconciliation and unity. I am responding to these challenges by trying to become a new person in Christ and to act as a "personalized" face of the church - as the Rev. Mark McIntosh suggested, "to let the Spirit transform my life from possession to gift."

3. I am interested in serving the Diocese of Northwest Texas in this elected role because being a deputy is a unique opportunity to listen to people across the diocese, as well as across the Episcopal Church, express their vision for the church and to be a part of the body that moves toward the future.



9. **THE REV. JOHN R. WATSON, III.** Rector, St. Peter's, Amarillo.

Civic: Chair of Interfaith Campaign for the Homeless, FEMA Agency Board Member. Diocesan: Executive Council, former Youth Committee Chair.

1. My vision for the Church is: the Episcopal Church as a place where all people are encouraged to worship God together... Where different points of view can be expressed and respected.

2. The two greatest challenges I see facing the Church today are an ever-growing rift between conservative and liberal factions of the church that is destroying the concept of the "via media," and declining membership in our smaller communities. I am responding to these challenges by trying to bring a force of reason to our conversations about the "hot" topics of the day, and seeking ways to increase the growth of mutual ministries.

3. I am interested in serving the Diocese of Northwest Texas in this elected role because I would like to represent the Diocese of Northwest Texas in seeking ways to strengthen the Episcopal Church.



Deputies to General Convention 2006 and Provincial Synod 2005 - four lay deputies and four lay alternates

1. MRS JACKIE BATJER. Church of the Heavenly Rest, Abilene.

Civic: Abilene Regional Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Board of Directors President, Sears Methodist Foundation board of Directors, Sears Methodist Retirement Systems, Inc. Church: Vestry, Outreach Committee, Vacation Bible School, Lay Eucharistic Minister, Lay Eucharistic Visitor, Lay Reader, Mission Trip to Mexico. Diocese: Executive Council Vice President, Episcopal Compensation Committee Convener, Commission on Ministry. Province/National: Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest Board of Trustees, Deputy to General Convention and Provincial Synod, General Convention Social and Urban Affairs Committee, Standing Commission for Anglican and International Peace with Justice Concerns.

1. My vision for the Church is a church that shows God's love to the world by loving each other and all God's creation.

2. The two greatest challenges I see facing the Church today are evangelism and stewardship. I am responding to these challenges by giving my time and financial resources to the church.

3. I am interested in serving the Diocese of Northwest Texas in this elected role because of my knowledge of and experience in my parish, this diocese and the General Convention.



2. MR. CLIFF CRAIG. Insurance Broker. St. Andrew's, Amarillo

Civic: United Way, Salvation Army, Better Business Bureau, Children's Rehabilitation Center, Convention and Visitors Activities Board, Kiwanis, Amarillo Airport Board, Chamber of Commerce Board. Church: Junior and Senior Warden, Stewardship Chair, Building Construction Committee, LEV, Lay Reader, Catechumenate Team Member, Usher, Capital Fund Co-Chair, St. Andrew's Trust Trustee. Diocesan: Board of Trustees, Standing Committee, Insurance Committee, BQCC Board Co-Chair, Finance Committee. Provincial/National: Deputy to General Convention 2000 and 2003.

1. My vision for the Church is probably best described by its mission as outlined in the catechism: "... to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ." Within the context of the statement, I envision Christian communities inclusive of all God's children.

2. The two greatest challenges I see facing the Church today are outreach and mission and Christian stewardship. I am responding to these challenges by: Christian stewardship allows each of our communities to better reach out to others with the Good News of Jesus Christ. Through education and teaching I have come to better understand that Christian stewardship is not defined by "should do," "ought to," or "conditional giving." Instead, it is a joyous response to our loving God. The giving feeds and nurtures my soul and brings joy to my life.

3. I am interested in serving the Diocese of Northwest Texas in this elected role because: For the deputation from Northwest Texas to more fully participate in the affairs of our church's General Convention, continuity and experience within the deputation is important. Committee appointments are most frequently available to those having attended prior conventions. Having been a deputy to the 2000 and 2003 conventions has better prepared me to be an effective delegate on behalf of our diocese. I remain vitally interested in participating in our church's discernment process of determining who we are and how we better serve our Lord.



3. **MR. DICK DAVIS.** Retired. St. Peter's, Amarillo.

Civic: Chamber of Commerce, Rotary, Harrington Regional Medical Center Inc. Board.

Church: Vestry, Senior Warden, Treasurer, Choir, Search Committee Co-Chair, Liaison with building expansion contractor, Diocesan Convention Delegate, EFM Graduate. Diocese: Trustee, Standing Committee Long Range Planning Committee Chair, Loaves and Fishes Fund Board, Commission on Ministry, and other offices. Provincial/National: General Convention and Synod Deputy 1997, 2003, First Alternate 2000, Alternate 1991, 1994.

1. My vision for the Church is people of "all sorts and conditions" coming together in community to worship, pray and work to bring Jesus' message to the world.

2. The two greatest challenges I see facing the Church today are overcoming the extreme polarization that exists in the church that makes it difficult to work together and how the church will respond to the demographic changes that are occurring in our country and communities. I am responding to these challenges by helping others to see that we have a lot in common with each other which can allow us to work together even if we have some differences and helping people to see possible opportunities for mission and outreach that exist because of demographic changes.

3. I am interested in serving the Diocese of Northwest Texas in this elected role because I have an intense interest in and concern about the whole church and the issues and opportunities it faces, and how these affect our diocese. Our diocese needs deputies who will bring a thoughtful, thorough and prayerful approach to studying these issues and opportunities, and who can explain them to us. I believe I have demonstrated these qualities in my past areas of service to the diocese, and I have a sincere desire to continue to serve.

4. **MS. KELSEY KEMP.** College student. St. Stephen's, Lubbock.

Languages spoken/read: Spanish. Civic: United Way of Lubbock, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Habitat for Humanity, National Honor Society. Church: EYC, Eucharistic Minister, Lay Reader. Diocese: Executive Youth Committee, Bishop Quarterman Conference Center Board - Youth Representative, BQCC Camp junior counselor. Province/National: Province VII delegate to the Official Youth Presence for the 2003 General Convention, current member of the Standing Commission on Stewardship and Development.

1. My vision for the Church is that we see ourselves as faithful stewards of God's intended mission for us all. I would also like to see strong children's education programs in dioceses because it is also our responsibility as a church to continue teaching what it means to be a steward in the church. I hope to see more young persons considering seminary as it is vital in continuing the posterity of the Episcopal Church. As more and more clergy age, it has become even more important for young adults and mature adults alike to understand the unique calling to serve in the church, whether as lay persons, deacons, or priests. I also believe that during our present situation, it is important that the church remember that sexuality is not the main focus of the church. It is essential for us, as a Christian community to convey what the Episcopal Church stands for, especially in the eyes of those in need of a church community. I envision that our main focus should never be sexuality; instead it should be what makes our church special and unique as a Christian denomination.

2. The two greatest challenges I see facing the Church today are: One challenge I see facing our church today is stewardship and tithing, especially since General Convention 2003. It is important to teach congregations where their money goes within the church; whether to the parish, the diocese, the province, or the national church. Although many disagree with what precedents the national church has set forth, it is also important to realize that many important programs, both nationwide and in the home of the diocese, can be in great danger of having budgets cut because there is just not enough funding to cover them. I see many of these problems as I continue my work with the Stewardship and Development Committee. Fund-raising in the church is vital in continuing with God's mission. It is a blessing to know how to use our resources for the benefits of our neighbors, our children, and our churches. A second challenge I see concerns the



epidemic of teen and college-aged youth who have left the Episcopal Church to join more mainstream, usually larger, youth groups. There is a joke in the church that, “. . . a flourishing youth group has five children.” Although humorous, it is hardly far from the truth. Episcopal churches and college campuses each see the problems and are anxious to draw more youth to the church. Many college-aged youth from eighteen to twenty-five are leaving the church to find more popular youth groups. While some return to the church after having children, many will permanently leave the church because they do not feel that they make a difference in the church. This is a great concern and challenge because the church is missing youth in their prime, when they are seeking career possibilities and opportunities. As young seminarians and lay persons are greatly needed in today’s church, it is important to draw more Episcopal youth in and refuse to overlook this age group in the church. This age group is truly needed for our church to continue “a church with a pulse” throughout the next decades. I am responding to these challenges by: As I said previously, I am continuing my work on the National Commission on Stewardship and Development through 2009. We have many goals to improve stewardship and tithing and to teach others the importance of these missions. More often than not, I am learning about such challenges facing the church concerning stewardship and development. In college, I plan to speak at Canterbury and explain what stewardship is all about. Concerning the teen and college-aged youth, I made an in depth speech at General Convention 2003 explaining the necessity for a structural program as a plan to help these youth find their place within the church and teaching them to be active adults within the church. Youth was set as a top priority at the 2003 convention, and \$1 million was designated for youth groups and college campuses throughout the nation. I am fortunate that I have a place in the church as a college-aged youth, and I look forward to using my position as an advantage and helping others my age that are looking for a place in a loving, Christian community.

3. I am interested in serving the Diocese of Northwest Texas in this elected role because the Diocese of Northwest Texas is my home. I have served the diocese faithfully throughout my high school career, and I am looking to serve the diocese as a young adult throughout my college career. Because I have served on the Official Youth Presence to the General Convention of 2003, I am greatly familiar with the internal workings of the national church as we completed a four-day training course in March of 2003. I believe that the OYP has taught me the seriousness of the work as a deputy, and I am prepared for the work and the challenges that deputies face in preparing for General Convention

5. MR. JACK LINK. Safety Consultant. St. Stephen’s, Lubbock.

Civic: Lubbock Chamber of Commerce Agriculture Committee, Maid of Cotton Committee Chair, Rotary. Church: Junior and Senior Warden, Search Committee, EMC Committee, Care Committee, LEM. Diocese: Executive Council, Secretary of Convention, Deanery and Convention Delegate, Annual Convention Co-Chair.

1. My vision for the Church is to end the division brought about by the election of a gay bishop. To affirm the beliefs as stated in resolution and in our Book of Common Prayers. To work together to remain in communion across the world.

2. The two greatest challenges I see facing the Church today are to solve the problems brought about by the controversial decision of New Hampshire and to avoid more division by approving public blessings of same sex marriages and acknowledging same sex unions. I am responding to these challenges by helping to grow our communion and spread God’s word through outreach at home and throughout the world and by becoming more involved in church activities in the parish, diocese and national church.

3. I am interested in serving the Diocese of Northwest Texas in this elected role because I believe the Diocese of Northwest Texas needs a more conservative voice that more closely follows the beliefs and desires of the diocese.



6. **MR. WILLIAM G. MORRIS.** College Dean and Professor. St. Nicholas', Midland.

Civic: Literacy Agency Board, Leadership Midland, politically active. Church: Usher, Altar Guild, Small Group Facilitator, EFM Mentor, Sunday School Teacher, Vestry, Junior Warden. Diocese: Convention Delegate, Deanery Chair, various committees.

1. My vision for the Church is: I see the Church as the collection of believers in the humanity and divinity of Jesus. I see that collection in all its diversity of individuals - diverse in heritage and appearance and ritualistic practices, but united in Creed. For the part of the Church in the United States that is Episcopal, I see an opportunity that through differing individual visions will be discerned a clearer understanding of God's will. I believe that only through prayer, dialog, and more prayer can that happen.

2. The two greatest challenges I see facing the Church today are: I am not sure that I can speak for the entire Church, but for myself, as part of that Church, I am constantly challenged to discern what is truly important and not to be distracted by what is unimportant. I am challenged to find ways to share that vision with others. In a book that I just read was a statement that had great meaning for me: "You can't be lazy and believe in God; He just doesn't make it that easy." I am responding to these challenges by praying a lot. I listen closely to others - to their concerns, to their visions, to their pain, to their joys. I attempt to articulate what I understand, and I attempt to remain receptive to the voice of God and to my fellow Christians. I am currently on the side of caution and I am following the wise counsel of my bishop.

3. I am interested in serving the Diocese of Northwest Texas in this elected role because I really do believe that I am open to insight and revelation and that I am an effective voice for moderation. I believe that this is the time for deliberate leadership, rather than a rush to judgment.



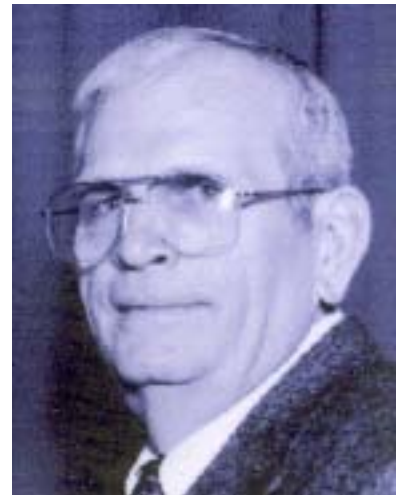
7. **MR. FRED NEWMAN.** Inventor. Holy Trinity, Midland.

Civic Activities: Midland School Board Past President 5 years, Past Scout Master 5 years, Rotarian, numerous civic boards. Church Activities: Past Senior Warden, Fiscal Affairs Committee, Past Acolyte Warden, Youth Sunday School teacher, Youth Bible teacher, Bethel Bible course teacher, EFM graduate, Choir, and Boy Scout leader of church-sponsored troop. Diocesan Activities: Diocesan Convention Delegate, Happy Camp Board.

1. My vision for the Church is for the Episcopal Church to maintain a common, biblically based theology that would allow all to worship together and carries forth the mission of the church.

2. The two greatest challenges I see facing the Church today are going back to our roots and finding our heritage again. Our youth program is suffering. We must find a way to attract and involve youth and get them and their parents back in the church. I am responding to these challenges by listening and learning.

3. I am interested in serving the Diocese of Northwest Texas in this elected role because our Church is fragmented and membership is dropping. I want to do my part to unite our community in God's love.



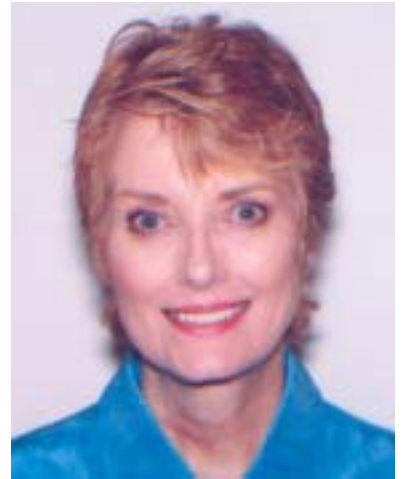
8. **MRS. PATRICIA G. RUSSELL.** Retired. St. Paul's, Lubbock.

Civic: Junior League of Lubbock Sustainer, Chi Omega Alumnae. Former Habitat for Humanity Building Coordinator, Legacy Village Volunteer Committee and Team Leader, Ransom Canyon POA Board. Church: Guild of Christ the Child chair, High School Sunday School Teacher, Godly Play Initiation Team, LEM, LEV, Lay reader, ECW (past Board Member), Christian Formation Committee, Thrift House Volunteer; The Academy for Spiritual Formation. Diocese: Standing Committee (past President), Nominating Committee Chair, Compensation Committee, Northwest Texas Episcopal Board of Trustees Ex-Officio, Executive Council Ex-Officio.

1. My vision for the Church is that we can learn to focus on the love and worship of God and that we can learn to love our fellow man and live in peace.

2. The two greatest challenges I see facing the Church today are: The pain that has been caused by a difference of opinion is fracturing the Anglican Communion. We are challenged to heal the rift. We are also challenged to reach out to the great population of unchurched and witness Christ to them through our lives. I am responding to these challenges by: I am attending a two-year program called The Academy for Spiritual Formation to try and learn how to help people tear down the walls built by dogma and build communities that live in the Spirit and teach the Spirit.

3. I am interested in serving the Diocese of Northwest Texas in this elected role because I would like to be active on a provincial and national level to help and try to heal the rift that has occurred in the Anglican Communion so we can begin to witness to the world about the love of Christ and begin to extend His Kingdom.



9. **MRS. ANNA MARIE WANASEK.** Director of Religious Education/Music Teacher. St. Paul's, Lubbock.

Civic: Lubbock Music Teachers Association, Lubbock Music Club, SW Dallas County Branch, AAUW, Founder and past President, Duncanville Regional Arts Association, past president. Church: DRE, St. Brigid Chapter of the Daughters of the King President, (elsewhere) former Senior Warden, Convention Delegate, ETSS Certificate Program, Christian Education, Youth Ministry. Diocese: Christian Formation Committee Chair, established Diocesan Christian Education Resource Center, Daughters of the King Diocesan Secretary.

1. My vision for the Church is: I envision the Episcopal Church as a revitalized, energetic body of believers interested in growing deeper into their own faith and actively doing so. I also hope we overcome our reticence and become eager to share our unique viewpoint as (Anglican) Christians to the multitude of those in our communities who have no church home and no faith in the future. Episcopalians have to learn not to fear that other "E" word . . . evangelism. Our ultimate destination is not this world but the next. The kingdom of God can be experienced in the present world when we do love our neighbors as we love ourselves and practice that love daily.

2. The two greatest challenges I see facing the Church today are: (A) The first challenge I see is the growing division of the church in regard to canon law and the disregard for tradition as one of the three "legs" of Anglican theology. The serious disagreements of the conservatives vs. the liberals in our Body of Christ threaten the fabric of church life. That we "agree to disagree" with one another may not be possible in this controversial matter. (B) The increasing secularism of society with disregard for standards of decency, modesty, propriety and consideration is alarming to me. It is becoming difficult to live in a God-fearing society when most think little or nothing about God. Our children are exposed to a very distorted and disturbing view of what is permissible and acceptable behavior by the "arts," by the marketplace and by their peers. In comparison, their exposure to the Gospel is minimal at best. How best to give them the tools to become Christ like and live their lives in His image is a real dilemma. I am responding to these challenges by: (A) I have a "wait and see" attitude about the growing division in the Anglican Body of Christ. We are known to be broad-minded, but I feel there is a limit to what is acceptable and remain true to the Faith, as I understand it. I am a conservative and believe only the best will do for God. Standards of behavior are provided as examples for us to follow. We all fall short of the Glory of God, but to confer leadership to anyone whose behavior does



not uphold the best he/she can be is unacceptable. (B) I currently serve as Director of Religious Education at my parish and am serving as chair of the Diocesan Christian Formation Committee. I am completing my three-year study for certification in Christian Education and Youth Ministry of the Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest.

3. I am interested in serving the Diocese of Northwest Texas in this elected role because I am one of those fortunate ones who chose the Episcopal Church many years ago, finding my true home of faith. In my lifetime I've lived in many places and traveled to others, finding the Episcopal Church wherever I went. I have experienced the best (and the worst) of facilities, clergy and worship experiences. I offer my experience and my dedication to a lifetime of service for consideration.