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Vision Statement: The Diocese of Northwest Texas is a community of mission outposts which invite in and welcome people who are seeking Jesus, train them to be his disciples, and send them into the world to do the work God has called them to do. **Mission Statement:** The Diocese of Northwest Texas will provide the energy, resources and support necessary to help all our communities become mission outposts and, where needed, to help plant new ones.

46th Annual Diocesan Convention **October 29-31, Midland, Texas** ***Growing into the Full Stature of Christ***

Registration packets are in the mail. If you have not received your packet please contact Carolyn Hearn. Please note the **registration deadline is September 27. Hotel registration deadline is October 14.** The Midland Hilton (432.683.6191) is the "headquarters" hotel with the Midland Center just across the street. Other hotels are the Comfort Suites (432.620.9191) and the Hampton Inn (432.520.9600).

Convention registration is from 4 to 6 PM Friday, October 29, at the Midland Center. A group clergy photo will be taken at Holy Trinity Church at 6 PM. Convention will begin with a musical prelude at 6:30 PM followed by Evensong at 7 PM. The Rev. Linda Grenz, Publisher and CEO of LeaderResources, will preach at Evensong and will address the Convention Saturday morning prior to the breakout sessions. Convention convenes at 8:30 AM at the Midland Center, 105 N Main, just north of the Hilton.

Highlights of the Convention include dozens of vendors, three breakout sessions, the bishop's charge, elections of new officers and deputies and alternates to the 2006 General Convention, adoption of the 2005 budget, a sit-down dinner and dance at the Petroleum Club of Midland (sport coat, tie optional), and the Convention Eucharist and ordination to the diaconate of Mary Collier of Holy Trinity. Holy Trinity Church will also be celebrating its 75th anniversary amidst the convention festivities.

Midland attractions include the American Airpower Heritage Museum, Museum of the Southwest, Fredda Turner Durham Children's Museum, Marian Blakemore Planetarium, and the Permian Basin Petroleum Museum.

The 2004 Convention Hosts have been hard at work in preparation for the Convention. If you have any questions please contact Carolyn Hearn in the diocesan office or Anne Hover, Host Arrangements Chair (432.683.2561, e-mail awhover@hotmail.com). Bishop Ohl and his staff, Host Rector Mark Cannaday, the Rev. Josie Rose, Archdeacon Dana Wilson, Music Director Darryl Knapp, and the staff and parishioners of Holy Trinity Church (432.683.4207) welcome you to Holy Trinity and Midland for the 46th Annual Convention of the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Northwest Texas.

Christian Formation **Focus of 2004 Annual Diocesan Convention**

Three Break-out Sessions will be offered Saturday, October 30, at Annual Diocesan Convention. The three sessions will run concurrently from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM and again from 1:30 PM to 2:30 PM, allowing delegates and guests to attend two sessions of their choice. Each break-out session will address Convention's theme of "Growing into the Full Stature of Christ" through Christian Formation. The Rev. Linda Grenz's session will follow-up with practical advice related to her keynote address. The other two break-out sessions will focus on resources available around the diocese to support Christian Formation for Children and Youth and Christian Formation for Adults. The Break-out Sessions Planning Committee members are Mrs. Dedee Boring, Director of Children's Ministries at Holy Trinity, Midland; Mrs. Amy Kitten, Director of Religious Education at Emmanuel Church, San Angelo; the Rev. Rich Nelson, Associate Rector at St. Stephen's and Chaplain at All Saints' School, Lubbock; the Rev. David Mossbarger, Rector of St. Barnabas', Odessa; Mrs. Anna Marie Wanasek, Director of Religious Education at St. Paul's, Lubbock; Dr. Mark Waters, Exec. Dir. of Just People and member of Heavenly Rest, Abilene; and Ms. Claire Cowden, Diocesan Ministries Coordinator.

Episcopal Center News

Edna Chambers, former Business Manager for the Diocese, has resigned effective October 1. Diana Pierce began her ministry as Assistant Administrator full time on September 1. You may reach Diana at assistadmin@nwt.org or 806.763.1370 ext. 201.

Medical Insurance Workshops

Thursday, Oct. 7, 2004, 1-4 PM, St. Andrew's, Amarillo
Tuesday, Oct. 12, 2004, 9 AM-12 Noon, Holy Trinity, Midland
Wednesday, Oct. 13, 2004, 9 AM-12 Noon, Heavenly Rest, Abilene
Thursday, Oct. 14, 2004, 9 AM-12 Noon, St. Stephen's, Lubbock

Annual Convention Edition of The Adventure **available at NWT.ORG - October 1**

Highlights in the upcoming issue are: Diocesan Convention including bio, photos and written responses from nominees for elections; the history of convention host church, Holy Trinity; summer youth camps; Camp New Hope; *Growing our Congregations*, a stewardship consultation on October 23 hosted by St. Mary's, Big Spring, with staff officers of the Episcopal Church, the Rev. Ben Helmer and Ms Terry Parsons.

Prayers and Thanksgivings:

Welcome to the Rev. Russell Fisher, semi-retired, who began his ministry at **St. Mark's, Coleman** on September 1st. Fr. Russ, who is retired from the Diocese of Fort Worth and formerly served the church in Brownwood, and his wife Lou Ann live in Santa Anna.

Congratulations to Bishop Wallis Ohi who celebrated the 30th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood on July 1, and to **Bishop and Sheila Ohi** who celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary with a family gathering at the BQCC over Labor Day.

Pat Smart, wife of the Rev. Jim Smart, St. Mark's, Abilene, is recuperating from breast cancer surgery at home in Abilene. **The Rev. Don Hungerford**, retired, has been diagnosed with ALS disease. He and Edie reside in Canyon Lakes. The **Rev. Marshall Mason** (retired, Midland) is at home under Hospice care. **Karen Mason** is successfully recuperating from bypass surgery. **The Rev. Roz Thomas**, Heavenly Rest, Abilene, continues chemotherapy for breast cancer.

Errata:

The Rev. Dr. Steven Sellers and Dixie are at home at 3316 58th Street, Lubbock 79413, 806.797.1321, revdrsellers@aol.com. **New e-mail for the Rev. Charles Wilson**: cawilson3@cox.net. **New e-mail for the Rev. Bill Nix**: nix.ranch@prodigy.net. **New address for the Rev. Charles Bowyer**: 5806 Emory, Lubbock 79416.

Cultural Issues Facing the Church

The DDO of Michigan, John Keydel's synopsis of some of the cultural issues facing the church:

"We operate from a predominantly Hellenistic Cosmology, with late Roman Empire administrative units (diocese), under the authority of an early mediaeval political structure, attempting to convey a Reformation theology, using pastoral images (and especially hymnody) drawn from 18th Century England and 19th Century America, with a local organizational culture that is solidly 20th Century Modernist/managerial, as we seek to communicate the transformative power of the timeless Gospel to 21st Century Post-Christendom Post-Post Modernists... is it any wonder we're a bit confused from time to time?"

Send comments, suggestions, notices, and information to Carolyn Hearn, Editor, newsletter@nwt.org or The Newsletter, 1802 Broadway, Lubbock TX 79401, 806.763.1370, fax 472.0641 -OCTOBER 10.

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Upcoming Events:

Blandy Lectures, Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson, ELCA, at ETSS, 9/28-29, bkinney@etss.edu, 41512.472.4133 x 343.

Seeing the Face of God in Each Other, Prov II Convocation on racism, 9/30-10/1, Norman, OK, vycke@sbcglobal.net, 405.570.2483

Going Forward Together, a conference for lay leaders and clergy, 10/24-26, St. Michael's and All Angels, Dallas, 214.363.5471.

Diocesan Stewardship Consultation, St. Mary's, Big Spring, 10/23, stmarys@stmarysbst.org, 432.267.8201

Wrestling with the Culture: C.S. Lewis and J.R.R. Tolkien as Spiritual Mentors, 11/19-21, Camp Allen, campallen.org.

CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

- 15 *Stephen Sellers Installation, St. Paul's, Lubbock, 7 PM
- 18 Fresh Start, HEC, 9 AM 4 PM
- 17-19 *ECW Conference, BQCC
- 19 *St. Michael's, Shamrock, Visitation
- 19 Ultreya, St. Christopher's, Lubbock, 3-5 PM
- 20-29 *House of Bishops, Spokane
- 25 Llano Estacado Deanery, St. Stephen's, Lubbock, 10 AM
- 29 Thirty days to Convention
- 30-10/1 *Province VII Convocation, Norman, OK

OCTOBER

- 1-2 *Province VII Convocation, Norman, OK
- 1-2 Deacon Formation, St. Christopher's, Lubbock
- 2 Permian Basin Deanery, St. Mary's, Big Spring
- 3 *St. James', Dalhart, Visitation
- 4-7 *Clergy Conference
- 10 *St. James', Monahans, Visitation
- 16 *Amber Sturgess Ordination, St. Stephen's, Lubbock, 10 AM
- 17 *St. Mark's, Abilene, Visitation
- 19 *Trustees, HEC, 10 AM
- 23 Diocesan Stewardship Conference, Big Spring
- 29 *Standing Committee, Midland, 3 PM
- 29-31 *Annual Diocesan Convention, Midland

NOVEMBER

- 9-12 *ETSS Board, Austin
- 12-13 Deacon Formation
- 12-14 *Fall Festival, (Jr. High), BQCC
- 13 Cursillo Secretariat, St. Christopher's, Lubbock, 10 AM
- 14 *Grace, Vernon, Visitation
- 20 *Jim Smart Ordination and Commission of Lay Ministers, St. Mark's, Abilene
- 21 *St. Mark's, Coleman, Visitation
- 25-26 HEC Closed, Thanksgiving Weekend

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