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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.

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

Preparations are well under way for the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Diocesan Convention, October 29-31, hosted by Holy Trinity Church.

### CONVENTION SCHEDULE

#### **Friday, October 29**

4 PM - Midnight Exhibits Set-Up, Midland Center  
4 - 6 PM Registration, Midland Center  
6 PM Group Clergy Photo, Holy Trinity Church  
6:30 - 7 PM Musical Prelude, Holy Trinity Church  
7 PM Evensong and Reception,  
Holy Trinity Church

#### **Saturday, October 30**

7:30-8:15 AM Meet the Nominees, Midland Center  
(coffee, tea and rolls)  
7:45-8:15 AM Registration, Midland Center  
8:30 AM Opening Session, Midland Center  
10:30 AM The Rev. Linda Grenz, Address  
11:00 AM Breakout Sessions I  
12:30 PM Lunch  
2:30 PM Breakout Sessions II  
5:00 PM Adjournment  
6:00 PM Social Hour, Petroleum Club of Midland  
7:00 PM Dinner and Dance (set clocks back 1 hr)

#### **Sunday, October 31**

7:15-8:15 AM Breakfast, Midland Center  
8:30 AM Reconvene, Midland Center  
10:30 AM Convention Eucharist and Ordination  
to the Diaconate of Mary Collier, United  
Thank Offering Ingathering,  
Midland Center

Contact Carolyn Hearn in the diocesan office or Anne Hover, Host Arrangements Chair (432.683.2561, e-mail [awhover@hotmail.com](mailto:awhover@hotmail.com)).

### **Bishop Quarterman Conference Center**

Our motto at the Bishop Quarterman Conference Center is "Lives Change Here." However, we are experiencing a slower year than normal in donation income. The BQCC is dependent on donations by individuals, churches and other organizations. For us to keep our commitment to excellence that "Lives Change Here," we are asking for donations to continue our ministry in a powerful manner. Please send donations to the Bishop Quarterman Conference Center, 232 East Cottonwood, Amarillo, Texas 79108.

### **Convention Break-Out Sessions** **Focus on Christian Formation**

The Rev. Linda Grenz, Publisher and CEO of LeaderResources, will preach at Evensong Friday evening and will address the Convention Saturday morning. **A Dialogue with Linda** will continue in the break-out sessions on how we can help adult Christians grow in faith throughout their lives -- especially given the increasing demands on their time and resources. What can a local congregation do? What are the key problems? Where is the energy? How can we engage adults in lifelong learning? Bring your questions and concerns to a dialogue with Linda.

**Growing Up In Christ: Diocesan Resources for Christian Formation of Children & Youth.** This break-out session presents a marketplace of ideas for children & youth formation. Learn about interesting activities, practices and curricula from around the diocese. Visit with knowledgeable persons. Take home a handout listing diocesan resources for children & youth education.

**Maturing in Christ: Diocesan Resources for Adult Christian Formation.** This break-out session presents a marketplace of ideas for adult formation. Learn about interesting activities, practices and curricula from around the diocese. Visit with knowledgeable persons. Take home a handout listing diocesan resources for adult formation.

### **Convention Edition of The Adventure OnLine** **at NWT.ORG**

The issue features convention information, including a welcome from and history of the host church, Holy Trinity, Midland, and the convention schedule, nominee photos, bios and responses to questions. Other features include Camp New Hope, Camp Quarterman, Growing Congregations, and remembrances of the Rev. Joan Rudolph.

### **Diocesan Stewardship Conference** **Saturday, October 23, St. Mary's, Big Spring**

The Rev. Ben Helmer, Missioner for Congregational Development, Rural and Small Communities, and Ms. Terry Parsons, Staff Officer for Stewardship, from the Episcopal Church Center in New York will lead the diocesan stewardship conference from 9:45 AM to 3 PM. Contact the Rev. Jim Liggett, [stmarys@stmarysbt.org](mailto:stmarys@stmarysbt.org), 432.267.8201.

**Going Forward Together - October 24-26**  
**A Conference for Clergy, Staff and Lay Leaders**  
**promoting health and unity in the Episcopal Church**  
St. Michael and All Angels, Dallas, Texas. Michael Battle, Phyllis Tickle, Mark Dyer, John Westerhoff. [goingforwardtogether.org](http://goingforwardtogether.org) or 901.682.9803.

## Prayers and Thanksgivings:

The Diocese of Northwest Texas family has lost two faithful and dedicated members of the Body of Christ in the past few weeks. **Mrs. Leslie Boykin** of Heavenly Rest, Abilene, our Episcopal Relief and Development Fund Coordinator and member of the Commission on Ministry, died October 1 after a brief illness with cancer. **Mrs. Harriet Herd** of Holy Trinity, Midland, former diocesan ECW President, Convention Parliamentarian, and member of many committees and commissions of the diocese, died October 5. Both Leslie and Harriet were long-time dedicated members of their home parishes and devoted to the Episcopal Church. Please keep their families in your prayers.

*Rest eternal grant to Leslie and Harriet  
and may light perpetual shine upon them. Amen.*

**New postulants** for the diaconate are **Laurie Benavides**, St. Barnabas', Odessa; **Kathleen Borsch**, St. Christopher's, Lubbock; **Ingrid Zeeck**, St. Barnabas', Odessa; and **Gary Sanford**, Emmanuel San Angelo. New postulants for priesthood in the reading for orders track are **Robert Klemme** of Holy Trinity, Midland, and **Philip Ray** of Emmanuel, San Angelo.

**Upcoming ordinations:** **Amber Sturgess** of St. Stephen's, Lubbock and seminarian at CDSP, will be ordained by Bishop Ohl to the transitional diaconate Saturday, October 16 at 10 AM at St. Stephen's Church, Lubbock. **Jim Smart** of St. Mark's, Abilene, will be ordained to the priesthood (local) by Bishop Ohl on Saturday, November 20, at 11 AM at St. Mark's, Abilene. **Rich Nelson**, Assistant at St. Stephen's and Chaplain at All Saints' School, Lubbock, will be ordained to the priesthood on Saturday, December 11 at St. Stephen's, Lubbock.

**Brother Richard-Thomas** made his first profession in the Order of the Solitaries of de Koven on September 14 at Vigeat Radix Hermitage near Santa Anna. Brother Richard-Thomas was born in New York City, taught religion in private schools and has a Masters in Theology.

Please continue to keep in your prayers for healing: **the Rev. Marshall Mason** and **the Rev. Roz Thomas**.

## Upcoming Events:

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

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

**Youth Events:** **Fall Fest, Jr. High, Oct. 15-17 at BQCC**  
**Fall Rally, Sr. High, Nov. 12-14 at BQCC**

## CALENDAR

### OCTOBER

- 15-17 Fall Fest, Jr. High, BQCC
- 16 \*Amber Sturgess Ordination, St. Stephen's, Lubbock, 10 AM
- 17 \*St. Mark's, Abilene, Visitation
- 19 \*Trustees, HEC, 10 AM
- 21 \*All Saints' School, Lubbock
- 23 Diocesan Stewardship Conference, Big Spring
- 29 \*Standing Committee, Midland, 3 PM
- 29-31 \*Annual Diocesan Convention, Midland

### NOVEMBER

- 1-3 \*Title IV, Minneapolis
- 5 Commission on Ministry, HEC, 10 AM
- 6 \*Reading for Orders, HEC 9 AM - 2 PM
- 9-12 \*ETSS Board, Austin
- 12-13 Deacon Formation
- 12-14 Fall Rally, Sr. High, BQCC
- 13 Cursillo Secretariat, St. Christopher's, Lubbock, 10 AM
- 14 \*Grace, Vernon, Visitation
- 20 \*Jim Smart Ordination and Commissioning of Lay Ministers, St. Mark's, Abilene
- 21 \*St. Mark's, Coleman, Visitation, 11 AM
- 25-26 HEC Closed for Thanksgiving
- 29-30 \*Houston, Meeting of Bishops

### DECEMBER

- 3-4 \*Executive Council Retreat, BQCC
- 3-4 Deacon Formation, Lubbock
- 6-9 \*Bishops of Tiny Dioceses, Memphis
- 11 \*Rich Nelson Ordination, St. Stephen's, Lubbock
- 12 \*Heavenly Rest, Abilene, Visitation
- 17 \*Jonathan Hartzler Ordination, St. Nicholas', Midland 7 PM
- 18 \*Celia Ellery Ordination, Emmanuel, San Angelo, 11 AM
- 19 \*St. Peter's, Borger, Visitation
- 23-31 \*HEC Closed for Christmas

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