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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.

Bishop Ohl Invited to Joint House of Bishops

Bishop Ohl is one of 40 U. S. Bishops invited to meet with the Canadian House of Bishops in Windsor from April 27 to May 1. The joint houses will meet with Archbishop Rowan Williams and Dr. Walter Brueggemann. The conference will conclude with a festive Eucharist on May 1 at which Archbishop Williams will preach.

Criminal Background Check Training Available through the Diocese

The Volunteer Center of Lubbock is providing training for schools and congregations to do criminal background checks for a minimal fee. Training is on Tuesday, January 25 in Lubbock from 10 AM to 12 Noon. Two people minimum required from each school or congregation. \$75. Bishop Ohl encourages all schools and congregations with staff to do criminal background checks on staff and volunteers. If you have not already registered, please do so as soon as possible. Carolyn Hearn at diocese@nwt.org.

"Safeguarding God's Children" Class Holy Trinity, Midland - January 27 St. Paul's, Lubbock - January 29

A special class on "Safeguarding God's Children" will be held at St. Paul's in Lubbock from 9 AM to noon on Saturday, January 29. The Rev. Dr. Steven Sellers, Rector of St. Paul's and a licensed trainer for the program, will lead the class. If you have staff members or volunteers in your church who need to take this course which is designed for those who work with children and youth, please call St. Paul's at 806.762.2893 to register. There is no charge for the class. The program will also be available at Holy Trinity, Midland, on January 27 from 6-7:30 PM. Contact Canon Cowden at ministry@nwt.org or Dedee Boring at 432.683.4207.

Today's Disciples in Today's World February 24-26, Kansas City Missouri

A conference on adult education and formation sponsored by Provinces VI and VII, featuring the Rev. Linda Grenz, our annual convention speaker, founder of LeaderResources, and the Rev. Rick Brewer, will build on "Growing into the Full Stature of Christ," our theme for annual diocesan convention. Embassy Suites Hotel, Kansas City Airport (\$119/room w/ breakfast. Registration to 12/31 is \$275 and after 12/31 is \$325. Grace Underwood, PO Box 6885, San Antonio TX 78209 or grace.underwood@dwtx.org.

Northwest Texas Gift Aides Tsunami Relief

The gift of \$10,000 of 2004 redirected funds from the Diocese of Northwest Texas to Breedlove Dehydrated Foods is helping to fund relief to tsunami victims and is described by the facility as a very timely gift and a "very good thing." A \$1.00 donation will sponsor 28 people a day or a family of four for a week with a serving of hot, nutritious soup. One can easily determine the relief the \$10,000 gift will provide. Breedlove is able to deliver 3-4 container loads per week and launched efforts immediately following the news of the earthquake and tsunami. Breedlove's initial assessment is that food relief will be needed for several years in the affected areas. Their production is designed specifically for use in hunger relief, and in the past ten years Breedlove has delivered 350 million servings of food worldwide. To contribute: Breedlove Dehydrated Foods, 1818 N Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd, Lubbock 78403, 806.741.0404.

2005 Youth Workers' Conference May 19-21 - Diocese of Texas

"Equipping those who minister to youth in the name of Jesus Christ." Contact the Diocese of Texas, Division of Youth, 3203 W Alabama, Houston 77098, 800.318.4452, or www.epicenter.org.

Camp Quarterman Summer Camp 2005 "High Five from Jesus"

"And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them." Mark 10:16

Senior High Camp (grades 9-12)	June 19-25
Primary Camp (grades 2-4)	June 26-July 2
Junior High Camp (grades 5-8)	July 3-9

Applications will be available March 1 and will be sent to church offices and will be available by e-mailing bqccx@aol.com or by calling 806.383.6878.

Hispanic Ministry Course ETSS - June 20-24, 2005

Province VII's Center for Hispanic Ministries at the Seminary of the Southwest will offer an intensive course this June at ETSS for those preparing for mission to Latinos living in the United States. Cost, including housing and food on campus, is \$6000 and is a two credit hour equivalent course. For information check etss.edu/HispanicJuneCourse.shtml or contact Jaime Case at jaime_case@sbcglobal.net, 512.477.2644.

Happening 28 - for teens 9-12th grades

Feb 18-20,

Good Shepherd & Emmanuel, San Angelo

Contact June Smith, 325.653.5540 or
june.smith@angelo.edu or Paula Howbert, 432.697.6535 or
pfhowbert@prodigy.com

The Adventure deadline is February 10.

Contact Canon Claire Cowden at ministry@nwt.org.

Please note: St. Luke's, Levelland's new address is
1103 West State Road 300, Levelland, TX 79336.

Prayers and Thanksgivings:

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

Deacon Les Jackson's mother, Lucille, died January 10
in Lubbock. **Congratulations to the Rev. David Scott** of
Perryton who has been asked to serve as a chaplain for the
Dallas Benedictine Retreat this summer. And
congratulations to Dr. Philip Ray of Emmanuel, San
Angelo, who has begun studies in the master of arts in
pastoral ministry at the Seminary of the Southwest.

The Magnetic Church

January 28-29

Trinity Presbyterian Church, Midland

To help your church attract, welcome and retain new
members. Contact magnetic-church.com. Bobby Rose at
432.570.1259, Jrosemidland@aol.com or Trinity
Presbyterian Church at 432.682.2514, tpc@apex2000.net.
Registration \$30, deadline Jan. 24.

ETSS Visitors Weekend

April 1-3, ETSS, Austin

The Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest will
provide an opportunity for those discerning a call to ministry,
lay or ordained, to join fellow seekers exploring a vision of
what it means to live out the Gospel in our changing world
on April 1-3. There will be opportunities to learn about the
seminary and to examine discernment and formation in a
seminary setting. Registration deadline is March 18.
Contact admissions@etss.edu, 512.472.4133,
www.etss.edu.

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 - deadline is February 10.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Sewanee Bridge Program

Invites Minority Applicants

Minority high school juniors interested in careers in science and
math are invited to apply to the Summer 2005 Bridge Program at
the University of the South in Sewanee, TN scheduled for June
19-July 9. Interested students should apply for the full \$2,500
scholarship program by March 15. Contact Ms Robin Hille,
931.598.1997 or rhille@sewanee.edu, or
www.sewanee.edu/BridgeProgram.

Calendar

JANUARY

- 15 *Rio Grande Consecration, Albuquerque
- 15 EYE Executive and Youth Committees, Canterbury,
Lubbock
- 17 Martin Luther King Day - HEC Closed
- 18 ***Allan Conkling Installation, Emmanuel, San
Angelo, 7 PM**
- 19 Youth Protection Task Force, St. Stephen's, Lubbock, 1
AM
- 20 *2005 Convention Planning Committee, HEC, 10 AM
- 23 *Canyon, St. George's, Visitation
- 25 Background Check Training, Lubbock 10 AM
- 27 Safeguarding God's Children, Holy Trinity, Midland, 6-
7:30 PM
- 28-30 Midwinter, BQCC
- 29 Safeguarding God's Children, St. Paul's, Lubbock

FEBRUARY

- 1 Trustees, HEC, 10 AM
- 3 Fresh Start, Permian Basin
- 4-5 Deacon Formation, Lubbock
- 5 *Executive Council, St. Christopher's, Lubbock
- 6 *Odessa, St. John's, Visitation
- 7 *Odessa, St. John's School, Visitation
- 9 *Lubbock, All Saints' School, Visitation
- 10 The Adventure deadline
- 12-15 *Living Stones, Detroit
- 15-18 *ETSS Board, Austin
- 19 Youth Protection Task Force, HEC, Lubbock
- 20 *San Angelo, Good Shepherd, Visitation
- 22-23 *Clergy Small Group I, Lubbock
- 24-27 Province VII Christian Education Conference,
Kansas City
- 27 *Kermit, St. Peter's, Visitation