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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.

HAPPY CAMP AND PROMISE CAMP PLANNING UNDERWAY

He took a little child and had her stand among them. Taking her in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me." Mark 9:36-37

The joint Happy Camp and Promise Camp Board of the Diocese of Northwest Texas will meet in Midland Sunday, March 6 at the home of Sandra Tisdale, Chair, to provide input for the two camps.

The theme for this year's Happy Camp, scheduled for June 3 through 10, is **"Christmas in June. How God Lived Among Us."** The camp is designed for non-Episcopalian 4th-6th graders who would otherwise be unable to attend a camp. The campers are recruited from schools and community agencies across the diocese. The entire cost of the camp is sponsored by donations from Northwest Texans. Contact Archdeacon Dana Wilson at dana@marshill.com or 432.699.4322.

The inaugural Promise Camp, for children ages 8 to 11 who have a parent in prison, will be held June 13-17. In a life filled with broken promises, the five-day Promise Camp will be a time of great discovery, offering loving fellowship and a safe place to build trust and mend hurting hearts. Contact Deacon Roland Rose at dnrose@cox.net or 432.689.7790.

There are several ways you can support these two exceptional camp ministries:

1. Sponsor a camper for either camp for \$300.
2. Make a donation of any size.
3. Help recruit campers in your community.
4. Volunteer your time and talent during one of the camps.
5. Pray for those attending and staffing the camps.

Please send your donation to Happy Camp or Promise Camp to the Diocese of Northwest Texas, 1802 Broadway, Lubbock, TX 79401.

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 available March 1 from church offices or by e-mailing bqccx@aol.com or by calling 806.383.6878.

Standing Committee Recommends Inhibition of the Rev. John Githiga

The Standing Committee of the Diocese of Northwest Texas at its January 26 meeting determined that the Rev. John Githiga has abandoned the Communion of this Church by an open renunciation of the Doctrine, Discipline, or Worship of the Church. In a letter to Bishop Ohl dated November 24, 2004, Fr. Githiga informed the bishop that both he and his congregation, St. Cyprian's, Amarillo, had chosen "to be affiliated to the Anglican Church of Kenya." Fr. Githiga stated that his choice was a matter of conscience and that he realizes the consequences of his actions. The Standing Committee stated to Bishop Ohl, "It is with sad hearts that we recommend you take actions in accordance with Title IV, Canon 10 to inhibit and, if necessary, depose Fr. Githiga." A letter of inhibition was sent to Fr. Githiga with copies to the Clergy and Vestries of the Diocese of Northwest Texas, the Presiding Bishop, the Recorder of Ordinations, and the Ecclesiastical Authorities of the Dioceses of Episcopal Church on January 26.

Northwest Texan Chosen for Leadership Team

Andrew Davis, a sophomore student from Texas Tech, has been appointed to the Episcopal Student Leadership Team, the planning committee for the biennial national gathering of Episcopal college students, chaplains, faculty, and support of campus ministries. Mr. Davis, a member of St. Paul's on the Plains in Lubbock, was nominated at the recently held National Gathering. The Diocese of Northwest Texas had one of the largest groups in attendance. For more information about this gathering contact episcopalchurch.org/province_VII.htm.

Christ Church Oxford Men and Boys Choir to Perform in Northwest Texas

Christ Church Oxford Men and Boys Choir will perform at St. Andrew's, Amarillo on Thursday, March 31 at 7:30 P.M. There will be an abbreviated concert in the morning for St. Andrew's School at 10:30 A.M. St. Andrew's newly acquired Aeolian-Skinner Opus 1024 organ will be dedicated by Bishop Ohl on Sunday, April 10 at 5 PM. The organ was recently obtained from the School of Music at the University of Texas where it was affectionately known as "Mother."

The Oxford Choir will also perform in Lubbock on April 1 at 8 PM at First United Methodist Church as a part of their Vesper Concert Series. No ticket required but doors open at 7 PM for this popular series. For information on the choir go to www.concertartists.com.

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.

Northwest Texans Attend Living Stones

Bishop Wallis Ohl, Canon Claire Cowden, Mrs. Pat Russell and the Rev. Larry Spannagel will attend the February Living Stones Diocesan Partnership Conference in Detroit. Living Stones is dedicated to providing mutual support for those engaged in developing mutual ministry. Northwest Texas is a partner along with 22 other American and Canadian dioceses. The heart of the annual meeting is case study presentation within small groups. Canon Cowden serves on the national planning committee for Living Stones

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
pflowbert@prodigy.com

Vergers' Guild Seminar in Houston

The 3rd Annual Vergers' Guild Seminar will be held Saturday, Marcy 12 at St. Christopher's Church in Houston. For more information contacm1fm1943@yahoo.com.

Prayers and Thanksgivings:

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

The Rev. Marshall Lee Mason, retired, died in Midland on January 23 following a long and valiant battle with cancer. His burial office at Holy Trinity Church was Wednesday, January 26. Bishop Ohl presided, the Rev. Allen Whitman preached, and the Revs. Josie Rose and Mark Cannaday assisted. Marshall served Holy Trinity Church from 1986-1995 and non-parochial in the diocese beginning in 1977. Karen Mason's address is 2603 Terrace, Midland, TX 79705.

Pat Sellner, mother of the Rev. Laura Deaderick, died at her home in Odessa on Thursday, February 3. Funeral services were held February 10 at St. Anne's Episcopal Church in Ankeny, Iowa. Laura's address is 111 Casa Grande, Odessa, TX 79763.

2004 Journal of Convention Available On Line

The pdf format edition of the 2004 Journal of the Annual Diocesan Convention is now available soon on line at nwt.org.

Youth Conference Dates

Fall Fest (Jr. High) Conference, BQCC, October 21-23
Fall Rally (Sr. High) Conference, BQCC, November 11-13
Midwinter (Sr. High) Conference, BQCC, January 27-29, 2006
Spring Fling (Jr. High) Conference, BQCC, March 3-5, 2006

Calendar

FEBRUARY

12-15 *Living Stones, Detroit
14-17 HEC Closed for repairs
15-18 *ETSS Board, Austin
19 Youth Protection Task Force, HEC, Lubbock, 10-2
20 *San Angelo, Good Shepherd, Visitation
21 *The Adventure* deadline
22-23 *Clergy Small Group I, Lubbock
23 *Canterbury, Lubbock, 6 PM
24-27 Province VII Christian Education Conference, Kansas City
27 *Kermit, St. Peter's, Visitation

MARCH

3 Fresh Start, St. Barnabas', Odessa, 10-2
4 Commission on Ministry, HEC, Lubbock, 10 AM
4-5 Deacon Formation, Lubbock
4-6 *Spring Fling, BQCC
5 Permian Basin Deanery, Santa Maria Virgen, Midland
8-9 *Clergy Small Group II, HEC
10-17 *House of Bishops, Camp Allen
19 *Deacons' Day with the Bishop, St. Paul's, Lubbock
20 *Albany, Trinity, Visitation
28 HEC Closed

APRIL

1-2 Deacon Formation, Lubbock
3 *Dumas, St. Paul's, Visitation
9 Youth Task Force, HEC, 10-2
10 *Amarillo, St. Andrew's, Visitation
*Organ Blessing, 5 PM
14 *Fresh Start, HEC, 9-2

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