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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.

47TH ANNUAL DIOCESAN CONVENTION

The 47th Annual Diocesan Convention of the Diocese of Northwest Texas began on October 28 with a beautiful Evensong at First Presbyterian Church, Lubbock. The sermon on the Proper for St. Simon and St. Jude was preached by the Rt. Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori, Bishop of Nevada (posted at nwt.org*). A reception followed. Convention convened on October 29 at the Christian Life Center of First United Methodist Church, Lubbock. Bishop Ohl introduced the new Director of the Bishop Quarterman Conference Center, Ms Jamie Goldston of St. Andrew's, Amarillo, and new clergy: the Rev. Rich Nelson, Associate Rector at St. Stephen's, Lubbock and Chaplain at All Saints' School; the Rev. Allan Conkling, Rector at Emmanuel, San Angelo, and his wife the Rev. Kelly Schneider Conkling, part-time Assistant Rector; the Rev. Celia Ellery, Assistant Rector at Good Shepherd, San Angelo; and the Rev. Linda Kelly, Rector of St. Matthew's, Pampa (to be installed November 30); and Mrs. Nancy McReynolds of St. Christopher', Lubbock, new diocesan ECW President.

Motion to Close St. Cyprian's, Amarillo

The Mission Committee presented a motion to close St. Cyprian's, Amarillo. The motion passed.

Elections Results and Bishop's Appointments

Standing Committee to 2008: The Rev. Clifton Mann, St. Andrew's, Amarillo and Mrs. Jackie Batjer, Heavenly Rest, Abilene. **Trustee to 2010** Mr. Bobby J. Crues, St. Nicholas', Midland. **University of the South Trustees to 2008:** The Rev. Jim Liggett, St. Mary's, Big Spring; Dr. Charmazel Dudt, St. Andrew's, Amarillo; and Mrs. Patricia Russell, St. Paul's, Lubbock. **Ecclesiastical Trial Court to 2008:** The Rev. Richard Nelson, St. Stephen's, Lubbock and Mr. Robert Nebb, St. Paul's, Lubbock. The Bishop's 2006 Appointments were presented and the bishop's appointment of the Commission on Ministry was affirmed by the convention (posted at nwt.org*). Bishop Ohl appointed Mrs. Cora McGowan of Emmanuel, San Angelo, as the Episcopal Relief and Development Fund Diocesan Coordinator, and Ms Margaret Hiett Williams of St. Nicholas', Midland, as Diocesan Liaison to National Episcopal Health Ministries.

Keynote Address

The Rt. Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori addressed the convention on Community Ministry, sharing her experiences of how community ministry works (posted at nwt.org*), and lively table discussions followed the address.

Safeguarding God's Children

Deacon Chris Wrampelmeier of St. Andrew's, Amarillo presented the report of the Task Force on the Protection of Children and Youth and discussed the new diocesan policy adopted by the Executive Council (posted at nwt.org*).

Diocesan Apportionment Resolution

The following resolution was defeated on Saturday (91 for and 103 against) but passed on Sunday morning after the Rev. Laura Deaderick, Rector of St. John's, Odessa, moved to reconsider the resolution. After much discussion, the resolution was passed (101 for and 71 against).

Resolved, that for the calendar year 2006, any member of a parish, mission, or congregation may elect in writing not to have any portion of his or her pledge paid from the Diocese for the benefit of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society (DFMS). Notice of such election shall be made in writing on or before January 15, 2006, to the parish, mission, or congregation. On or before January 30, 2006, the parish, mission, or congregation shall notify the Diocese of the total amount of such elections.

Affirming our Place in the Anglican Communion Resolution

The following resolution failed (86 for and 99 against):

Resolved, that the Diocese of Northwest Texas, a part of the Episcopal Church in the United States of America, hereby affirms its responsibility for being a constituent member of the worldwide Anglican Communion, based upon the Preamble of the Constitution of the Episcopal Church in the United States, and encourages the General Convention of the Episcopal Church in the United States of America to do the same.

Bishop's Charge and Sunday Sermon/Eucharist/Ordination

The Bishop presented his Charge to the 47th Convention on Saturday afternoon and preached (both posted at nwt.org*) at the Sunday Eucharist and Ordination to the Diaconate of Mrs. Fran Bessire of Holy Trinity, Midland.

Convention Business

The 2006 Budget and 2006 Apportionments were adopted as proposed by the Executive Council. Reports of the committees and commissions were accepted as presented. Dr. Mark Waters of Heavenly Rest, Abilene, announced that **Santa Maria Virgen, Midland, has been accepted as a Jubilee Center.**

Convention Offerings

The Evensong offering and ½ of the Sunday Eucharist offering totaling \$2461 will be sent to Episcopal Relief and Development Hurricane Relief, and \$1231 will be sent to Deacon Fran Bessire for her discretionary fund.

BQCC Contact Information

For questions or to contact new Quarterman Conference Center Director Jamie Goldston, call 806.383.6878 (office); 806.670.6162 (cell), 806.356.9185 (residence) or bqccctx@aol.com.

Safeguarding God's Children Training

Emmanuel, San Angelo, November 19 - 325.235.8498
St. Stephen's, Sweetwater, November 19 - 325-653.2446
St. Christopher's, Lubbock, November 20 - 806.799.8208

St. Andrew's Day Celebration

St. Mary's, Big Spring, November 20 - 7 PM

Prelude music at 6:35 PM in the courtyard by the Thorn and Thistle Pipe Band. Service music includes organ, pipes and drums, flute, harp, violin, brass ensemble, St. Mary's and St. Nicholas', Midland combined choirs. Reception following in the parish hall.

Happening #29 - December 9-11, 2006

Holy Trinity Church, Midland, Texas and

Volunteer Youth Leaders Training Day

Holy Trinity Church, Midland - February 24-25, 2005

Contact Karen Sutton, 432.683.4207, eyc@holymidland.org.

Pathways to Ministry 7th National High School Conference

St. Michael and All Angels, Dallas - April 21-23, 2006

www.saintmichael.org/pathways

2006 United Thank Offering Grant Forms Available

Contact Carolyn Hearn at diocese@nwt.org or 806.763.1370 x 204 for 2006 grant applications. The application must be submitted to the diocesan office by **January 3** to be eligible for consideration.

**All items posted at nwt.org are available in print from Carolyn Hearn at 806.763.1370x204 or diocese@nwt.org.*

Episcopal Relief and Development

Gifts for Life Catalog

Browse the catalog online at er-d.org/waystogive or call 800.334.7626x5129. Care for children and families, help in times of greatest need, strengthen communities and build hope. Tax deductible. Give a special gift of life in honor of a friend, associate or loved one. E-cards also available. Or contact Cora McGowan at coram56@aol.com.

Prayers and Thanksgivings:

Please keep in your prayers for healing: Kathleen Liggett, wife of the Rev. Jim Liggett (Big Spring), who is doing well and at home recuperating from hip surgery. The Rev. John Austin (retired, Lubbock) undergoing surgery 11/15 for a broken wrist.

The Rev. Monte Jones. Brother Richard Thomas, SD.

CALENDAR

November

14 *ETSS Dean Search Committee, Austin
14-18 *ETSS Trustees, Austin
23-25 *HEC Closed - Thanksgiving
30 *The Rev. Linda Kelly Installation,
St. Matthew's, Pampa. 7 PM

December

3 *Darla Jimenez Ordination, Andrews, 11 AM
4 *St. Nicholas', Midland, Visitation
5-6 *Bishops of Small Dioceses Conference, BQCC
7 *St. Paul's, Lubbock, Confirmations, 6 PM
9-10 *Executive Council Retreat, BQCC
11 *St. Matthew's, Pampa, Visitation
12 *St. Matthew's School, Pampa, Visitation
16 *St. Nicholas', Midland, Pastoral Visit
17 *St. Nicholas', Midland, Quiet Day
18 *Brownfield, Good Shepherd, Visitation
22-30 HEC Closed - Christmas

January

7 Permian Basin Deanery, St. John's, Odessa
8 *St. Luke's, Levelland, Visitation
9 *ETSS Dean Search Committee
12 Fresh Start, Good Shepherd, San Angelo
13 Clergy Formation (Theology), Lubbock, 7 PM

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