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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.

Midwinter Gathering at BQCC Transformers: More Than Meets the Eye

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed, by the renewing of your minds... (Romans 12:2)

The annual Midwinter Gathering of high school Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors will take place at the Bishop Quarterman Conference Center January 27-19. Elections will be held for the EYC Executive Council. For registration information contact your church office or Fr. David Krause at canterbury@nwt.org or 806.765.0037.

Celebration of New Ministry for Deacon Fran Bessire St. Stephen's, Lubbock - February 5 at 10:30 AM

UTO News

The 2005 United Thank Offering Ingathering for fall was \$13,422.26. Two grant requests for 2006 UTO grants have been received by the diocesan office. Leola Rutledge of St. John's, Odessa is the new UTO Representative for the Diocese. 432.550.7529 or odie63@grandecom.net. Bishop Ohl has received two UTO grant applications for 2006.

St. Andrew's, Amarillo, Musical Program Sunday, February 10

St. Andrew's will present a program of art, music and worship. The art show begins at 4:30 PM followed by Evensong at 5 PM and concluding with a choral concert featuring the Men's Choir, First Methodist Church of Lubbock at 5:30 PM. www.standrewsamarillo.org.

Healing Mission Good Shepherd, San Angelo - February 24-26

The Rev. Mike Flynn of California will be the guest speaker at the Order of St. Luke the Physician healing mission February 24-26 at Good Shepherd, San Angelo. www.goodshepherdonline.net. 79782, mhietwilliams@yahoo.com.

2006 Executive Council Retreat

Bishop Ohl and members of the 2006 Executive Council of the Diocese met on a community building retreat at the Ranch House of the Bishop Quarterman Conference Center on December 9 and 10. New members were introduced and welcomed, the Council discussed the Constitution and Canons pertinent to their ministry, and Bishop Ohl appointed the 2006 Budget, Compensation, Finance, Insurance, and Convention Exhibits Committees. The structure of the Council and funding methods were also discussed. The Council passed the 2006 compensation resolutions for clergy paid by the diocese and the 2005 budget revisions, and heard about the National Ad Collaborative. On Saturday the Council discussed the 2006 budget, the redirected funds, and Mission in Northwest Texas. Future dates for meetings of the Executive Council are Feb 11, May 20 and Sept 9 in Lubbock.

General Convention Seeking Volunteers

The Volunteer Desk of the General Convention is open and is accepting registrations for volunteers. Information is available at www.episcopal-dso.org and navigate to GC2003. There are many volunteer opportunities to suit all schedules and skills. General Convention will meet in Columbus, Ohio from June 12 to June 21. If you would like to talk to volunteers from Northwest Texas from previous conventions, contact Carolyn Hearn at diocese@nwt.org or 806.763.1370x204.

The General Convention Deputies of the Diocese will meet at the Episcopal Center in Lubbock on February 10. The Province VII Deputies' gathering is May 13 in Oklahoma City.

2006 Cursillo Info

Cursillo #65, *Pray Without Ceasing*, February 16-19, 2006 Mercy Retreat Center, Slaton
Cursillo #66, *Servants for God*, June 1-4, Christ the King Center, San Angelo
Please send your e-mail address to jambarnes@cox.net if you wish to be included on the *Rooster Tales* newsletter list or visit nwt.org/cursillo.htm.

**Clergy Formation Event Open to All
February 3 - Addiction**

John Southern of St. Andrew's, Amarillo will lead a class on Addiction and Co-dependency on February 3 from 7 to 9:30 PM at St. Christopher's Church in Lubbock. The class is for those in deacon formation as well as others who are interested in attending. Please call 806.765.0037 or email canterbury@nwt.org
The next class is May 5, The Anglican Ethos, led by the Rev. Kelly Schneider-Conkling of Emmanuel, San Angelo.

Health Ministries and Parish Nursing

Bishop Ohl has appointed Margaret Hiatt Williams, R.N. of St. Nicholas', Midland, as National Episcopal Health Ministries Liaison. For information on health ministry in your church, contact Margaret at 432.607.2144 or 432.270.2144, PO Box 1499, Stanton TX.

Leadership Program for Musicians

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Irving, TX - February 18th
Contact Debra Loudin-McCann, 1107 Country Club Ct, Mansfield, TX 76063.

Third Austin C.S. Lewis Conference - April 29

Goodness, Truth and Beauty: Apologetics and the Winsome Christ
St. Edward's University, Austin. Contact
linenschmidt@earthlink.net

Lenten Retreat at Kanuga - March 7-10

Spiritual Exercises: Joining Body and Spirit in Prayer

The Rev. Nancy Roth, Retreat Leader
info@knauga.org or www.kanuga.org, 828.692.9136.

The Hunger Project - Women the Key to Ending Hunger

The greatest obstacle to ending hunger is the severe subjugation, marginalization and disempowerment of women in many developing countries. For information on the status of women, investing in women, African woman food farmers, South Asia Initiative and more go to www.thp.org/women/main.htm.

The Counterintuitive Church

First Presbyterian Church, Lubbock, January 28-29

The Rev. John Judson speaker

pastorbob@nts-online.net, 806.763.0401

Prayers are requested for:

Bishop Willis Henton and David Henton in the death of **Martha Henton**. The Rev. John Austin recuperating from surgery 11/17 for a broken wrist. **The Rev. Canon David Veal** recuperating from pharyngitis. **The Rev Harry Allen** in the hospital seriously ill with an infection following hip replacement. **The Rev. Mary Dean Whitfield. Brother Richard Thomas, SD.**

Anglican Cycle of Prayer 2006

The 2006 Anglican Cycle of Prayer online for printing at forwardmovement.org.

CALENDAR

January

17-18 *Clergy Small Group I, HEC

21 *Community Ministry Task Force,
St. Stephen's, Lubbock 10-2

22 *Midland, Santa Maria - Visitation

25 *Standing Committee, HEC, 10 AM

27-29 Midwinter, BQCC (senior high)

29 *Clarendon, St. John's - Visitation

31 ***Trustees, HEC, 10 AM**

February

1 *Holy Trinity, Midland

3 Clergy Formation, St. Christopher's, Lubbock, 7 PM

5 *Deacon Fran Bessire Celebration of New Ministry,
St. Stephen's, Lubbock, 10:30 AM

7-8 *Clergy Small Group II

9 Fresh Start, St. Stephen's, Lubbock

10 *General Convention Deputies, HEC, Lubbock, 10 AM

11 *Executive Council, St. Stephen's, Lubbock, 10 AM

12 *Childress, St. Luke's, Visitation

14 *ETSS Dean Search Committee, Austin

15-17 *ETSS Trustees, Austin

18-21 *Living Stones, Winnipeg

23 *Deans Meeting, HEC, Lubbock, 10 AM

23 Volunteer Youth Leader Training Day,
Holy Trinity, Midland

26 *Dalhart, St. James', Visitation

27 *2006 Convention Planning Meeting, Abilene

Send comments, suggestions, notices, and information to Carolyn Hearn, Editor, newsletter@nwt.org or
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