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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.

Nominees for Presiding Bishop Announced

The 29 member Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the 26th Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, announced on January 25th its nominees. The committee is chaired by Bishop Peter J. Lee of Virginia and Diane B. Pollard of New York. The nominees are: the Rt. Rev. J. Neil Alexander, Bishop of Atlanta; the Rt. Rev. Edwin F. Gulick, Jr., Bishop of Kentucky; the Rt. Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori, Bishop of Nevada (and keynote speaker at the 2005 NWTX Diocesan Convention); and the Rt. Rev. Henry N. Parsley, Jr., Bishop of Alabama. The nominees will be presented to the General Convention at a joint session on June 18 for election on June 19, 2006. The new Presiding Bishop will be installed on Saturday, November 4, at the Cathedral of St. Peter and St. Paul (the National Cathedral) in Washington, DC. For biographical information on the nominees go to episcopalchurch.org.

**Province VII Daughters of the King
Retreat/Assembly in Lubbock, March 24-26**

The 2006 Daughters of the King Province VII Assembly will be hosted by Northwest Texas in Lubbock. The Rev. Canon Greg L. Riley, Rector of Grace Church in Monroe, LA will lead the conference. The Rt. Rev. Bruce MacPherson, Bishop of Western LA and Province VII DOK Chaplain, will celebrate Friday evening at 7PM at the Holiday in Park Plaza, Lubbock, and will celebrate and preach Sunday morning at 10:30 AM at St. Paul's. Bishop Ohl will attend part of the conference. Mrs. Roberta Caffrey of St. John's, Odessa serves as President of the NWTX DOK and the Rev. David Mossbarger of St. Barnabas', Odessa serves as NWTX DOK Chaplain. Northwest Texas has ten chapters of senior Daughters and one official and two beginning chapters of junior Daughters. The DOK sponsors a prayer chapel at each diocesan convention. Contact Anna Marie Wanasek at amwanasekstpaul@nts-online.net.

**Five NWTX Congregations Chosen for
National Congregational Life Survey**

In fulfillment of a request made by the General Convention for a comprehensive census, the DFMS and Church Pension Group are conducting a sample-based church census which it is hoped will provide for the first time an accurate and diverse portrait of Episcopal worshipers and congregations from the perspective of the person in the pew. Congregations for the census were selected by random, and the Northwest Texas congregations selected are: Heavenly Rest, Abilene; St. Peter's, Borger; St. Mark's, Coleman; All Saints', Perryton; and Emmanuel, San Angelo.

UTO News

An additional check in the amount of \$4,466.24 has been sent from the Diocese of Northwest Texas in addition to the \$13,422.26. sent earlier this year. Two requests for 2006 UTO grants have been received by the diocesan office and have been sent to the UTO. Please keep these requests for funding for ministry in Northwest Texas in your prayers. For information on UTO contact Leola Rutledge of St. John's, Odessa. 432.550.7529 or odie63@grandecom.net.

BQCC Summer Camp Dates for 2006

June 4 - Happy Camp
June 11 - Promise Camp
June 18 - Senior High Camp
June 25 - Primary Camp
July 2 - Junior High Camp
Please put these dates on your calendar.

2006 CURSILLO INFO

Please keep in your prayers Cursillo #65, February 16-19, at the Mercy Retreat Center, Slaton. The next Cursillo is #66, *Servants for God*, June 1-4, Christ the King Center, San Angelo. Contact jambarnes@cox.net.

**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. Fr. Flynn's gifts center on teaching, discipling and leadership in renewal and healing. www.goodshepherdonline.net.

**St. Mark's, Coleman
Quiet Day - March 18**

The Rev. Dr. Gareth Lloyd Jones from Wales will lead a Quiet Day at St. Mark's, Coleman on March 19. Contact Fr. Russell Fisher, 325.625.4995 or fr_russ@yahoo.com

**Visitors Weekend
ETSS, March 24-26**

Are you considering attending seminary to prepare for lay or ordained ministry? Visitors Weekend at ETSS gives you the opportunity to join fellow seekers in exploring a renewed vision of what it means to live out the Gospel in our changing world. Visit etss.edu/VisWeekend06. Deadline for registration is March 10.

**Sister Helen Prejean Featured Speaker
at Just People, Inc. Benefit on April 6**

Just People, Inc., a Jubilee Ministry of the diocese, will feature Sister Helen Prejean (Sister Helen was played by Susan Sarandon in the movie "Dead Man Walking") at its benefit dinner on April 6 at the Abilene Civic Center. Contact Mark Waters, 325.672.8834, mwaters@justpeopleabilene.org.

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
www.thp.org/women/main.htm.

Prayers are requested for:

Deacon Herb Pijan (retired) still hospitalized for complications following surgery. Please continue in your prayers **the Rev Harry Allen, the Rev. Mary Dean Whitfield and Brother Richard Thomas, SD.**

Anglican Cycle of Prayer 2006

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

CALENDAR

February

14 *ETSS Dean Search Committee, Austin
15-17 *ETSS Trustees, Austin
17-19 Cursillo #65, Slaton
18-21 *Living Stones, Winnipeg
23 Volunteer Youth Leader Training Day,
Holy Trinity, Midland
26 *Dalhart, St. James', Visitation
27 *2006 Convention Planning Meeting, Abilene

March

3-5 *Spring Fling, (Junior High), BQCC
4 Community Ministry Presentation,
St. Peter's, Amarillo
5 *Perryton, All Saints', Visitation
6-9 *ETSS Dean's Search Committee, Austin
9 Fresh Start, St. Matthew's, Pampa
10-11 BQCC Board, BQCC, Amarillo
16-23 *House of Bishops, Kanuga
24 Commission on Ministry, HEC, 10 AM
224-26 Province VII Daughters of the King, Lubbock
24-26 Deacons' Retreat, BQCC
26 *Canyon, St. George's, Visitation
April
1 Cursillo Secretariat, st. Christopher's, Lubbock
1 ECW Board, HEC, 10AM - 2 PM
2 *Vernon, Grace, Visitation
6 *Fresh Start, HEC, Lubbock
7 *Deacon Formation, Lubbock
9 *Shamrock, St. Michael's and All Angels', Visitation
16 Easter
18 *Trustees, HEC, 10 AM

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