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Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori of Nevada Elected Presiding Bishop

ENS: Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori, Nevada, was elected the 26th Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church on Sunday, June 18. Her election was confirmed by the House of Deputies, as is required by church canons. Of 188 votes cast in the House of Bishops, 95 were needed to elect and Bishop Jefferts Schori received 96 votes on the fifth ballot.

Bishop Jefferts Schori was the keynote speaker at the 2005 Northwest Texas Annual Diocesan Convention. Presiding Bishop Griswold was the speaker at the NWTX Convention prior to his election as Presiding Bishop.

Bishop Jefferts Schori was ordained priest in 1994. Prior to her ordination, she was a visiting professor in the Oregon State University Department of Religious Studies; a visiting scientist in their Religious Studies Department, a visiting scientist in their Department of Oceanography; and an oceanographer with the National Marine Fisheries Service. She is an active, instrument-rated pilot. She has a BS in biology from Stanford University, an MS in Oceanography from Oregon State University and a PhD, an MDiv and DD from Church Divinity School of the Pacific. She is married to Richard Miles Schori, a retired theoretical mathematician, and they have one child, Katharine Johanna, 24, who is a second lieutenant and pilot in the US Air Force.

The Presiding Bishop is elected every nine years to serve as chief pastor and Primate of the church. The Presiding Bishop serves as the spiritual leader to more than 2.4 million Episcopalians, is responsible for leading the church, and must oversee the planning, development, implementation and assessment of its programs. The Presiding Bishop is also charged to speak God's word to the church and to the world, oversees and presides at meetings of the House of Bishops, and visits the dioceses of the church.

Bishop Jefferts Schori will be installed on Saturday, November 4, in the National Cathedral.

NWT.ORG The General Convention Experience

If you have not already discovered the General Convention link on nwt.org, please take a look at the interesting and informative site designed by our Web Minister, the Rev. Jim Liggett, Rector of St. Mary's, Big Spring. It truly is all you ever wanted to know about the General Convention. In "How We See It" each of our deputies have written on a designated day about their personal experience of the Convention. Their combined experiences gives you a taste of the vastness, variety and diversity of the Episcopal Church and the magnitude of the General Convention and its work and ministry. Photographs of the people and life of the Convention also share the experience close up and personal.

In addition to the elected Deputies and First Alternates and Bishop Ohl, many Northwest Texans are a part of the life of the Convention. David Veal, along with Sue, attends as a part of ecumenical ministry; Kelly Schneider Conkling is there promoting her new book *Prayer of the HeART*, recently published by Morehouse; Rich Nelson attended as a part of "Episcopalians for Global Reconciliation," and was involved in U2charit featuring U2 led by Bono which turned out to be an exciting and major event. (See Rich's June 18 sermon in "How We See It."); Liza Philpy serves as a volunteer in the House of Bishops. Many spouses are attending, including Sue Ann Ehmer and Sheila Ohl. The Ohls' granddaughter, Taylor, came with her grandparents. The art work of NWTexans Noland Kelley and Gary Sandford are exhibited at the Convention. Betty Gilmore is serving again as Agenda Supervisor for the House of Deputies and is a second-year member of the Secretariat, a 10-12 hour day, not for sissies. The site also features links to Episcopal News Service (ESN) which has daily coverage of the Convention. The site takes us on a journey through the Episcopal Church, its many programs and ministries, its diversity, its problems and disagreements, its prayerful hope to be a reconciling body in the world, the legislation being considered, and provides a sense of the inter-connectedness of the Episcopal Church which includes each and every person and the congregations, large and small, in the Diocese of Northwest Texas. I have yet to see a deputy return from General Convention unchanged in scope and spirit.

Prayers and Thanksgivings:

The Rev. Ryan Kuratko, presently BQCC Summer Camp Director, will be Associate Rector at St. Paul's, Lubbock beginning July 17. Ryan's ordination to the priesthood is July 22 at 11 A.M. at St. Paul's.

The Celebration of Community Ministry with the Commissioning of Lay Ministries and Ordination to the Priesthood of the Rev. Darla Jimenez of the Sandhills Episcopal Ministry will take place at 11 A.M. at Andrews Presbyterian Church, 305 NW 7th Street in Andrews.

The Rev. Mary Glover has accepted a call to become the Associate Rector of the Church of the Heavenly Rest in Abilene beginning August 15.

Dr. Philip Ray of Emmanuel, San Angelo, received the Certificate of Individual Theological Studies at commencement of the Episcopal Seminary of the Southwest June 15. Philip is a candidate for the priesthood (reading for orders).

Bishop Ohl has been appointed to the Bishops' Court of Review for a three-year term. The Court is a complaint review group which deals with misconduct of bishops.

Dick Davis, of St. Andrew's, Amarillo and NWTX Trustee, has been appointed a Trustee of the Episcopal Seminary of the Southwest.

Deacon Don Webb reports he is happy to be home from the hospital after a massive episode of Congestive Heart Failure and is grateful for your prayers and asks continued prayers. drwebb@cctc.net

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The Rev. Bruce Green's new e-mail address is brucegreen@nts-online.net.

EFM Training Sessions

An EFM training session is scheduled for July 13-15 at the Mercy Center in Slaton. The Rev. Rick Brewer of Tulsa will serve as trainer. For information contact John at 432.263.2501 or jmarshall51@cox.net.

ECW Retreat to Feature Barbara Crafton
A Closer Walk with God: For People on the Run
Sept 29-Oct 1, BQCC, featuring Barbara Crafton.
Retreat registrar is Paula Howbert, 3803 Stanolind, Midland 79707, 432.697.6536 pflowbert@prodigy.net.

Calendar

June

28 Bishop Ohl's 9th Consecration Anniversary

July

1 Darla Jimenez Ordination, Andrews, 11 AM
2 St. Barnabas', Odessa
4 Hulsey Episcopal Center Closed
13-15 EFM Mentor Training, Slaton
22 Ryan Kuratko Ordination,
11 AM St. Paul's, Lubbock
23 St. Andrew's, Amarillo - Confirmations

August

3 Budget Committee, HEC, 10 AM
12 Cursillo Secretariat,
St. Christopher's, Lubbock, 10 AM
15 Trustees, HEC, 10 AM
16 Deans, HEC, 10 AM
22 BQCC Board, HEC, 10 AM
24 Budget Committee, HEC, 10 AM

Youth Events Calendar

Aug 19 Youth Executive Council, San Angelo
Oct 20-22 Fall Fest (grades 6,7,8), BQCC
Nov 10-12 Fall Rally (9,10,11,12), BQCC
Jan 26-28, 07 Midwinter (9,10,11,12) BQCC
Mar 2-4, 07 Spring Fling (6,7,8) BQCC

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