

# The Newsletter

of the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Northwest Texas

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## **Bishop Ohl Calls for Episcopal Election**

On April 25, Bishop Ohl wrote the Presiding Bishop and the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Northwest Texas calling for the election of the Fifth Bishop of Northwest Texas and announcing his plans for resignation/retirement in the fall of 2008. In a letter to the clergy and parishioners of the diocese, Bishop Ohl stated, "As I write this, I am filled with a mixture of emotions: joy at having been able to serve among you for the past ten years; grief at seeing the closing of our time together; love for all of you, both those who have been supportive and those who have opposed me personally or in the direction of ministry development; wonder at what may lie ahead in the years to come; hope for the future of the diocese; amazement that I am as old physically as I am...; excitement about being able to dig into some projects that have lain fallow for many years; and finally, optimism because Jesus Christ is Lord of all." (The complete text of Bishop Ohl's letter is available at [nwt.org](http://nwt.org).)

## **Standing Committee Designs Time Line for Election and Consecration**

On April 25, the Standing Committee of the diocese met with the Rt. Rev. Clay Matthews, Office of Pastoral Development, and designed a time line for the orderly succession for the fifth Bishop of Northwest Texas. The time line calls for a questionnaire to be sent to the people of Northwest Texas in June 2007 and a profile of the diocese to be developed in July 2007. In August, each deanery will elect three members (at least one clergy and one lay) and the Standing Committee will appoint four members to the Nominating/Transition Committee. The Standing Committee will present the diocesan profile and give its charge to the N/T Committee which in turn will accept nominations for bishop in October. The nominees will be screened November-December 2007 and on-site visits will take place January-February 2008. Nominees will be announced in March, an introduction/walk about will take place in April with the election planned for late April and the consecration in late October 2008. Canon 45, [Nomination and Election of Bishops](#), is the diocesan canon covering the process which may be found at [nwt.org](http://nwt.org).

## **Two Ordinations Scheduled for June**

Marquita Hutchens will be ordained to the transitional diaconate at 10 AM on Saturday, June 2, at St. Christopher's Church, Lubbock. Philip Ray will be ordained to the priesthood at 11 AM on Saturday, June 9, at Emmanuel Church, San Angelo. Your prayers and presence are requested.

## **The Standing Committee of**

**The Diocese of Northwest Texas**

**Cordially Invites You to**

**A Celebration of the Tenth Anniversary of the Consecration of**

**The Right Reverend Wallis Ohl**

**June 28, 2007**

**St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Lubbock, Texas**

**Holy Eucharist at 11:00 A.M.**

**The Right Reverend Robert Moody, Preacher**

**Followed by a Reception and Light Lunch**

**Please R.S.V.P. to**

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## **Nominations for Diocesan Offices**

Nominating forms for diocesan offices are being mailed this week and will be available at [nwt.org](http://nwt.org) for elections to be held at the 2007 Annual Diocesan Convention in San Angelo in October. Nominees are being accepted for the following offices: Standing Committee: 1 lay and one clergy to 2010; Trustee: 1 lay to 2012; Ecclesiastical Trial Court: 1 lay to 2011; Delegates and Alternates to General Convention 2009: 4 lay and 4 clergy delegates and 4 lay and 4 clergy alternates. The nomination receipt deadline is August 30. The 2007 Nominating Committee appointed by Bishop Ohl in accordance with Canon 5, Section 7 consists of Mrs. Pat Russell, St. Paul's, Lubbock, Chair; Mr. David Bashford and Deacon Nikki Jones, Eagle Cove Deanery; The Rev. Steve Sellers and Mr. Greg Westmoreland, Llano Estacado Deanery; The Rev. Larry Spannagel and Mrs. Judy Flanders, and Deacon Dede Schuler Ballou, Panhandle Deanery; and the Rev. Jim Liggett and Mr. Charles Chambers, Permian Basin Deanery.

## **Happy Camp/Promise Camp Fund Drive Under Way**

The 2007 Happy Camp/Promise Camp fund drive has begun for three camps that will take place at the Bishop Quarterman Conference Center this summer under the direction of Deacon Roland Rose of Santa Maria Virgen, Midland, and Todd Baxter of St. Andrew's, Amarillo, and their dedicated team. Happy Camp (June 4-8) is for non-Episcopalian children who would not otherwise be able to afford camp and Promise Camp (June 11-15 and July 9-14) is for children whose lives are impacted by the incarceration of a parent. If you would like to support these two exceptional camps in our diocese, please send your contribution made out to the Diocese of Northwest Texas and note Happy and/or Promise Camp in the memo.

**You are Invited to Change the World  
3<sup>rd</sup> International Women's Peace Conference  
July 10-15 - Dallas Texas**

Meet and strategize with Nobel Peace laureates, elected officials and grassroots peacemakers from other countries, faiths and backgrounds. Adams Mark Conference Center. For registration details and more information go to [peacemakersincorporated.org](http://peacemakersincorporated.org).

**Solo Flight  
Kanuga - August 31-September 3**

The national Episcopal conference for single adults - Solo Flight - will assemble at Kanuga August 31-September 3. The theme, "Flying Solo – on pilgrimage," will offer singles opportunities to grow spiritually, learn, and network with those who share similar values. Participants will hear from the Rev. Dr. Brett Webb-Mitchell, author, founder and director of the School of the Pilgrim, and listen to music from the Rev. J. Bruce Stewart of the Center for Liturgy and the Arts in Virginia. Attendees will join in workshops, presentations, fun and worship. Cost is \$415. Call 828.692.9136 or e-mail [info@kanuga.org](mailto:info@kanuga.org).

**Senior High Mission Trip  
Emmanuel, San Angelo**

For grades 9-12 begins July 16 returning July 20. Contact Susanna Brosseau at [susanna@emmanuel-sa.org](mailto:susanna@emmanuel-sa.org).

**Prayers and Thanksgivings:**

**Deacon Fran Bessire**, Lubbock, is recuperating well at 5005 104<sup>th</sup>, Lubbock 79424 from a hysterectomy on May 10. Fran's mother, Ruth Florey, died April 29 and a memorial service was held at St. Barnabas', Odessa on April 31. May light perpetual shine upon her. **The Rev. Keith Adams**, San Angelo, is recuperating at home, 6029 Winner's Circle, San Angelo 76904, from surgery. **The Rev. Celia Ellery**, Good Shepherd, San Angelo, will have knee surgery June 1.

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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

**BQCC Summer Youth Camps - grades correction**  
June 4-8 Happy Camp - grades 4-6 **completed**  
June 11-15 Promise Camp I  
June 17-23 Senior High - grades 9-12 **completed**  
June 24-30 Primary - grades 2-4 **completed**  
July 5-7 Middle - grades 5-8 **completed**  
July 8-14 Promise Camp II

Contact Jamie Goldston, [bqccx@ao.com](mailto:bqccx@ao.com), 806.383.6878.

**CALENDAR**

**May**

14-16 \*ETSS Commencement and Trustees, Austin  
16 \*San Angelo, Good Shepherd, confirmations  
17 \*Odessa, St. Barnabas', confirmations  
19 \*Executive Council, Canterbury, Lubbock, 10 AM  
20 \*Shamrock, Visitation (Rogation)  
21 \*St. Stephen's, Lubbock (vestry)  
23 \*Standing Committee, HEC, 10 AM  
24 \*Amarillo, St. Andrew's School Graduation, 7:30  
26 \*Reconciliation Task Force, St. Paul's, Lubbock  
28 HEC Closed - Memorial Day  
30 \*Odessa, St. John's, Confirmations, 6:30 PM  
31 \*Deans, HEC, Lubbock, 10 AM

**June**

1 Commission on Ministry, HEC, 10 AM  
2 \*Marquita Hutchins Ordination, 10 AM  
St. Christopher's, Lubbock  
3 \*Holy Trinity, Midland, Visitation  
4-9 Happy Camp, BQCC  
6 \*St. Paul's, Lubbock, Confirmations, 6 PM  
9 \*Philip Ray Ordination, 11 AM  
Emanuel, San Angelo  
10 \*Heavenly Rest, Abilene, Visitation  
11-15 Promise Camp I, BQCC  
17-23 Senior High Camp, BQCC  
20 \*Standing Committee, HEC, 10 AM  
21-24 \*Niobrara Convocation  
25-30 Primary Camp, BQCC

**July**

1-7 \*Middle School Camp, BQCC  
8-14 Promise Camp II, BQCC  
12-14 EFM Mentor Training, Slaton