

The Newsletter

of the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Northwest Texas

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Committee for the Nomination of Bishops to be Meet September 12 in Lubbock

The Committee for the Nomination of Bishops will meet with the Standing Committee to begin their work on September 12. The Llano Estacado Deanery completed its election on August 11. The Panhandle Deanery will meet on August 18 at the Bishop Quarterman Conference Center (10 AM), the Eagle Cove Deanery will meet at Heavenly Rest in Abilene on August 25 (10:30 AM), and the Permian Basin Deanery will meet at St. Nicholas in Midland on August 25 at 1:30 PM. New members of the Executive Council will also be elected at the deanery meetings.

Diocesan Survey Report

Mr. Russ Crabtree of Holy Cow! Consulting is compiling the results of the diocesan survey which was sent to all active clergy, 2007 vestry members and convention delegates, those in process for Holy Orders, and members of diocesan committees and commissions. The survey was e-mailed to approximately 300 people and to date over 200 have responded. If you are a member of one of these groups and have not received or completed they survey please contact Carolyn Hearn at diocese@nwtodiocese.org or 806.763.1370.

Nominations for Diocesan Offices Due August 30

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**. Forms are available online at nwt.org and from the diocesan office at diocese@nwtodiocese.org.

2007 Diocesan Convention Reports Due September 7

Reports for diocesan committees, commissions, task forces, etc. are due in the diocesan office no later than Friday, September 7, in order to be included in the convention report packet. Please send all reports in 12 point, single spaced, as an attachment to or in the body of an e-mail to diocese@nwtodiocese.org.

***Dreams as a Way to Know Christ* A Weekend Retreat for Women September 28-30 at BQCC**

To register contact Paula Howbert at pflowbert@prodigy.net, 432.697.6536, or Nancy McReynolds at mcrey@arn.net or 806.765.7084.

***Safeguarding God's Children* September 22**

St. Stephen's, Lubbock, 9 to Noon

Area churches are invited to attend **Safeguarding God's Children** which is required by the diocesan *Policy for the Protection of Children and Youth* for all who minister in any way with children, whether paid or volunteer. The training is appropriate for ages 15 and older. Please RSVP by September 29 if you plan to attend. Childcare available by RSVP. ststephens@sbcglobal.net or 806.799.3439. Contact Canon Claire Cowden at ministry@nwtodiocese.org for information on who should attend.

Diocesan Finance Manager Accepts Position with Church Medical Trust

Jennifer Porter, Diocesan Finance Manager for the past year, has accepted a position as Associate Account Specialist on the Client Relations Team for the Episcopal Church Medical Trust located in New York. Jennifer departs for three weeks training in New York on September 10. While she will continue to live in Lubbock, she will spend 50% of her time traveling in connection with her work for the Medical Trust. Congratulations, Godspeed and best wishes to Jennifer as she continues to serve the Episcopal Church.

Millennium Development Goals Commission Wants Your Stories

The **MDG Commission** is hard at work developing ways for the diocese (you) to meaningfully engage in this movement to eradicate extreme poverty and to deepen our relationships with the poorest of our brothers and sisters in Christ. They want to know what you are doing and how others in the diocese might support you or join you in your good work in the following areas: combating hunger; universal primary education; gender equality; reducing child mortality; improving maternal health; combating HIV/AIDS, malaria or other deadly diseases; environmental sustainability; and partnerships for aid, trade and debt relief. Please send your information to revrichnelson@gmail.com.

Diocesan Convention Registrations in the Mail

Registration materials for the 49th Annual Diocesan Convention will be in the mail on Monday, August 20. If you are a clergy, delegate or ex-officio member of convention or want to register as a guest and do not receive your registration materials next week, contact Carolyn Hearn at diocese@nwtodiocese.org or 806.763.1370 x 1.

Camp Capers Reunion

Camp Capers in the Diocese of West Texas is holding its 60th anniversary celebration and reunion for former campers, conference attendees and staff on September 15-16 at the camp. Contact stacy.dowdy@dwtx.org, 210.824.5387, campcapers.org. For ages 18 and older.

National Acolyte Festival - October 6

Washington National Cathedral

www.nationalcathedral.org/worship

202.537.3122

PRAYERS AND THANKSGIVINGS:

Congratulations to **Santa Maria Virgen, Midland**, which has received a Jubilee Grant in the amount of \$1,200 for its Food Pantry Ministry. And congratulations to **Family Promise** of Lubbock which has been awarded a Jubilee Center designation. Congratulations to **Margaret Williams**, National Health Ministry Diocesan Liaison, who is to be the new Regional Representative for Province VII. Leola Rutledge, **United Thank Offering** Diocesan Coordinator, has sent a check to UTO of Northwest Texas offerings for \$6,128.52. Contact Leola at 432.550.7529 odie63@grandecom.net.

David Veal (Interim at St. Christopher's, Lubbock) is at home recuperating from surgery for colon cancer (2519 55th St, Lubbock 79413, veald@sbcglobal.net).

Larry Spannagel (Priest, Interim at St. Peter's, Amarillo and Panhandle Regional Missioner) underwent a stent procedure last week and is now in Alaska to officiate at the marriage of his granddaughter.

Deacon Jessie Vaughn (Grace, Vernon - 3303 Bacon, Vernon 76384) continues with physical therapy following shoulder replacement surgery earlier this summer.

Godspeed and best wishes to **Rich Nelson** (Associate, St. Stephen's, Lubbock) and his wife Karen and children who have moved to Burton, Texas to assist in the care of Karen's father. Rich will continue for now to serve MDG in Northwest Texas and for that we are grateful. Their new address is PO Box 82, Burton 77835, revrichnelson@gmail.com.

Errata: New address for Sewanee seminarian **Jared Cramer** of Heavenly Rest, Abilene, is 371 New College Dr, #3, Sewanee, TN 37375, jared@justapreacher. New address for **St. Peter's, Borger**, is 628 Hemlock, Borger 79007. The post office box will be closed Oct 1.

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UPCOMING DEADLINES AND IMPORTANT DATES

Sept 7 Convention Reports, Nominations due to HEC
Sept 14 Convention Resolutions due to HEC
Sept 28-30 ECW CONFERENCE, BQCC
Oct 1-4 CLERGY CONFERENCE, BQCC
Oct 26-28 ANNUAL DIOCESAN CONVENTION,
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CALENDAR

August

17 Diocesan Survey Deadline
18 Panhandle Deanery, BQCC, Amarillo, 10 AM
21 BQCC Board, HEC, 10 AM
18-22 *Standing Committee on Ministry Development,
Memphis TN
23 Convention Agenda Committee, HEC, 10 AM
25 Eagle Cove Deanery,
Heavenly Rest, Abilene, 10:30 AM
Permian Basin Deanery,
St. Nicholas', Midland, 1:30 AM
26 *Clarendon Visitation
27 *All Saints', Lubbock, Faculty Eucharist, 10 AM
28 *Trustees, HEC, 10 AM
29 *All Saints', Lubbock, Opening Eucharist, 8 AM
29 *Standing Committee, HEC 10 AM
30 *Deans, HEC 10 AM

September

3 *Labor Day, HEC Closed
5 *St. Andrew's School, Amarillo, 8 AM
7 *Commission on Ministry, HEC, 10 AM
7-8 *Deacon Formation, Lubbock
8 *Executive Council, St. Christopher's, Lubbock
9 *San Angelo, Emmanuel, Visitation
11-12 *Clergy Small Group VI, HEC
13-16 *Oklahoma Consecration
20-25 *House of Bishops, New Orleans
22 Safeguarding God's Children, St. Stephen's,
Lubbock
27 Fresh Start, HEC, 10 AM - 2 PM
28-30 *ECW Conference, BQCC
29 30 days to Diocesan Convention
30 *Pampa, St. Matthew's, Visitation

