

The Newsletter

of the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Northwest Texas

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Bishop Nominating/Transition Committee

Deanery convocations elected members of the Bishop Nominating/Transition Committee at their August meetings. Those elected are: Eagle Cove - the Rev. Mary Glover, Mr. Tom Choate, Mr. Don Griffis. Llano Estacado - Mr. Christian Rabone, the Rev. Lauren Kuratko, the Rev. Ryan Kuratko. Panhandle - the Rev. Jo Mann, Mrs. Annelle Cockrell, the Rev. Dru Ferguson. Permian Basin - the Rev. Jim Liggett (Vice-Chair), the Rev. Josie Rose, Mrs. Sondra Hubble. Four members of the committee are appointed by the Standing Committee and those members are: Mr. Michael Pullen, Mr. Ricky Bowman, Mr. Karl Wehner and Mr. Clif Craig (Chair).

The committee met with the Standing Committee and Mr. Russ Crabtree of Holy Cow Consulting on August 29 to discuss the results of the Diocesan Survey and the work of the committee. The committee will meet again on October 6 with Mr. Crabtree to work on a standard nominee visitation procedure for the visitation teams.

SAFEGUARDING GOD'S CHILDREN TRAINING

Saturday, November 5

St. Barnabas' Church

4141 Tanglewood, Odessa

9 AM - 10:30 AM - Part 1: For Parents & Congregations

10:30 AM - Noon - Part 2: For Ministries

All area Episcopalians who need training for *Safeguarding God's Children* are invited to attend.

Part 1: For Parents and Congregations is required training for **ALL** Vestry and Bishop's Committee Members and substitute nursery workers, teachers or youth workers who help out three or fewer times per year. *Part 1: For Parents and Congregations AND Part 2: For Ministries* are required of all clergy, volunteer or paid church staff, Sunday School Teachers, Youth Ministers, Mentors of youth Confirmants, and anyone who works with children or youth at three or more events per year. You must be present for the entire portion of the training to receive credit for your participation.

For questions related to diocesan training requirements, contact Canon Claire Cowden, ph. 806-763-1370 or ministry@nwt.org

To register for the training, call St. Barnabas' Church, ph. 432-362-3881.

2007 Annual Diocesan Convention

October 28-30, San Angelo

The 49th Annual Diocesan Convention will begin with Evensong on Friday, October 26, at Emmanuel Church in San Angelo. The business session of convention will convene at 8:30 AM on Saturday, October 27, at the San Angelo Convention Center. The Rt. Rev. Creighton Robertson, Bishop of South Dakota, will preach at Evensong and is the keynote speaker on Saturday. Bishop Creighton will share his experience of the Body of Christ in South Dakota and will address the Millennium Goals Development project. Table talk will follow his presentation. Two resolutions have been submitted, one from the Task Force on Reconciliation and the other from the Millennium Development Goals Task Force. Nominees have been received for elections for the Standing Committee, Trustee, Ecclesiastical Trial Court, Deputies to 2009 General Convention, the Secretary of Convention and Treasurer. Reports will be given on the Conference Center, Fresh Start, Restorative Justice, Promise and Happy Camp, Jubilee and Health Ministries, and delegates will see the results of the remodel at Canterbury at Texas Tech. A dinner and dance fiesta will be held at Fort Concho Stables. Peggy Valentine of St. Mark's, Abilene, will be ordained to the diaconate at the Sunday Eucharist and UTO Ingathering.

Update to Diocesan Policy

for the Protection of Children and Youth from Abuse

At its September meeting, the Executive Council made a significant change to the Diocesan Policy for the Protection of Children and Youth from Abuse. One item in the definition of those who **regularly** work with Children and Youth was revised (Appendix A, Section D). 2. All paid or volunteer Church Personnel whose work regularly takes the throughout the facility or grounds. (Delete - Or who has keys or codes giving them access to the building on the grounds). Those who have keys or codes to a church building no longer **automatically** qualify as **Regular** workers with children and youth. **Regular workers** must participate in the full training and must undergo criminal background checks. **Occasional workers**, including Vestry and Bishops Committees, are required to attend the first half of training and complete and Application and Criminal History Authorization; a background check is optional and at the discretion of the parish or diocesan office for **Occasional** workers. The revised Diocesan Policy is available on the diocesan web site, nwt.org. Questions? Canon Claire Cowden, 806.763.1370 x2 or ministry@nwt-diocese.org.

**Trinity Church Wall Street on Religion and Violence
January 21-23, 2008**

Religion and Violence, Untangling the Roots of Conflict, an Interfaith Dialogue is the topic of the 38th Trinity Institute National Theological Conference at Trinity Church, New York and at partner sites. A conference can be arranged in your area. Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori will be the preacher at the conference. Visit www.trinitywallstreet.org/institute or call 800.457.0224.

Parish Nurse Preparation Course - April 6-10, 2008

Health Ministries of the Diocese is sponsoring a Parish Nurse Preparation Course in April 2008. RN's will receive Nursing Contact Hours and become Commissioned Parish Nurses. Contact Margaret Williams at 432.270.2144 or mhiettwilliams@hotmail.com.

PRAYERS AND THANKSGIVINGS:

David Veal (Interim at St. Christopher's, Lubbock) is at home after being hospitalized for a blood clot in his leg and he continues chemotherapy for colon cancer (2519 55th St, Lubbock 79413, veald@sbcglobal.net).

Kathleen Liggett is at home following hospitalization for an auto-immune disease. Kathleen's and Jim's new address is 3518 Hyde Park, Midland, 79707, liggetts@liggetts.org. 432.699.1631.

Rhonda Aveni, wife of **Jim Aveni** (St. John the Baptist, Clarendon), has been diagnosed with breast cancer. PO Box 1064, Clarendon 79226, 806.874.2511.

The Rev. John and Lesley Watson's son, John, died in California. His memorial service was last week at St. Andrew's, Amarillo. PO Box 10142, Amarillo 79116, 806.381.4361, jrlmwatson3@arn.net.

Congratulations to the Rev. Jo Roberts Mann who was honored with a resolution of profound thanks and deep appreciation for her eleven years as a seminary trustee at ETSS and her work on the alumni/ae and capital campaigns committees of the seminary. **Welcome to the Rev. Dr. Suzi Robertson**, new Head of School and St. John's, Abilene. 1302 Sayles Blvd, Abilene, TX 79604, 832.723.3129.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

**UPCOMING DEADLINES AND IMPORTANT DATES
Oct 26-28 ANNUAL DIOCESAN CONVENTION,
SAN ANGELO**

CALENDAR

October

- 1-4 Clergy Conference, BQCC
- 7 *Levelland, St. Luke's, Visitation*
- 7-11 University of the South Trustees, Sewanee
- 14 *Sweetwater, St. Stephen's, Visitation*
Suzi Robertson Installation, St John's, Abilene, 5 PM
- 17 St. Mary's, Big Spring, 6 PM
- 21 *Midland, Santa Maria, Visitation*
Canterbury at Texas Tech, Lubbock, 6 PM
- 23 Trustees, HEC, 10 AM
- 26 Standing Committee, San Angelo, 3 PM
- 26-28 Diocesan Convention, San Angelo**
- 29 HEC Closed
- 29-31 *Family Systems, St. Louis

November

- 4 Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 7-9 ETSS Trustees, Austin
- 11 *Coleman, St. Mark's, Visitation*
- 13-14 Clergy Small Group VII, HEC
- 16 *Canyon, St. Georges, Visitation*
- 17 Local Priests Gathering, HEC, 10 AM-2 PM
- 18 *Childress, St. Luke's, Visitation*
- 22 Thanksgiving, HEC Closed
- 29 Deans, HEC, 10 AM - 2 PM
- 30-11/1 Executive Council Retreat, BQCC

December

- 1 Executive Council Retreat, BQCC
- 3-5 *Bishops of Small Dioceses, Lexington KY
- 9 *Midland, St. Nicholas', Visitation*
- 10 *Midland, Trinity School, Visitation*
- 16 *Canyon, St. George's, Visitation*
- 24-28 HEC Closed, Christmas Holiday
- 31 New Year's Eve, HEC Closed

