

The Newsletter

of the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Northwest Texas

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2007 Annual Diocesan Convention October 28-30, San Angelo

The 49th Annual Diocesan Convention began with Evensong on Friday, October 26, at Emmanuel Church in San Angelo. Due to the illness of the keynote speaker, the Rev. Creighton Robertson, Bishop of South Dakota, the Rt. Rev Wallis Ohl preached the Evensong sermon. A reception followed in the parish hall. The business session took place on Saturday, October 27, at the San Angelo Convention Center. The Rev. Rich Nelson served as the keynote speaker on Millennium Development Goals. Two resolutions were adopted, one from the Task Force on Reconciliation and the other from the Millennium Development Goals Task Force. The resolutions may be found online at nwt.org. In his last Charge to Convention, Bishop Ohl announce his sabbatical dates of February-April and August-September, 2008. He gave a time line for the election of the Fifth Bishop of Northwest Texas and talked about what has been accomplished in the past ten years and what still needs to be accomplished in the life of the diocese. Bishop Ohl thanked his staff and his wife, Sheila, for their support of his ministry. The Convention regretfully voted to close Trinity Church, Quanah which was founded in 1913. The 2008 diocesan budget was adopted as presented. A dinner and dance fiesta was held at Fort Concho Stables. Peggy Valentine of St. Mark's, Abilene, was ordained to the diaconate at the Sunday Eucharist and UTO Ingathering. The bishop's Evensong sermon, Address to Convention, Sunday Eucharist sermon, the 2008 budget, bishop's appointments and deanery election results may be found at nwt.org.

A Message from Canon Claire Cowden

Dear Friends,

As many of you now know, I am making a career change. From January through June, I will be part-time in the diocesan office, continuing and wrapping up my diocesan ministry. I am beginning a new business venture in Lubbock, *On Your Side*. The business will offer consultation and coordination for elder care issues, helping aging clients and their families negotiate the complexities, choices and logistics of their health and living options. I have been richly blessed by all the people I have worked with over the last nine years. I cherish the relationships we've built and the endeavors we've engaged together. I look forward to the coming months of work with you, and I hope you will let me know how I can assist your church during that time.

Faithfully,
Claire Cowden

Annual Diocesan Convention Elections

Synod 2008 and General Convention 2009 Deputies in the order elected (clergy then lay): the Rev. James Liggett, St. Nicholas', Midland; the Rev. Mary Glover, the Rev. Scott Mayer, Heavenly Rest, Abilene; the Rev. Linda Kelly, St. Matthew's, Pampa; Mrs. Jackie Batjer, Heavenly Rest, Abilene; Mr. Cliff Craig, Mr. Dick Davis, St. Andrew's, Amarillo; Mrs. Nancy McReynolds, St. Christopher's, Lubbock.

Synod 2008 and General Convention 2009 Alternates in the order elected (clergy then lay): the Rev. Margaret Austin, St. Stephen's, Lubbock; the Rev. David Mossbarger, St. Barnabas', Odessa; Mrs. Patsy Berry, St. Nicholas', Midland; Mr. Greg Westmoreland, Mrs. Nancy Elle Igo, St. Paul's, Lubbock.

Standing Committee to 2010, Mr. Leon Swift, St. Andrew's, Amarillo. **Board of Trustees to 2011**, Mr. David Cordell, St. Paul's, Lubbock; **Ecclesiastical Trial Court to 2011**, Mr. Mark Hernandez, St. Stephen's, Lubbock.

St. John the Baptist, Clarendon in Historic Episcopal Churches Engagement Calendar

The Historic Episcopal Churches Engagement Calendar for 2008, a week-at-a-glance, spiral-bound calendar which notes all the major feasts and fasts as well as secular holidays, includes St. John the Baptist Church in Clarendon with a photograph and historical vignette in its collection of 53 historical churches. The cost is \$15.95 plus postage. Payment by check or money order to NEHA, 509 Yale Ave, Swarthmore, PA 19081.

Desert Mothers: Spiritual Practices from the Women of the Wilderness

A Lenten gathering for the Women of Province VII led by the Rev. Mary Earle will be held March 7-9 in Oklahoma City. Please contact Nancy McReynolds for registration materials. 806.928.7734 cell, mcrey@arn.net.

National Cathedral Great Choir Northwest Texas Cushion Replacement Project

The Northwest Texas cushion in the Great Choir at the National Cathedral has been removed due to its condition. The NWTX ECW would like to replace the cushion which costs \$2500. Please send donations to ECW Treasurer Beth Clark, 1321 Terra Court, Midland TX 79705.

PRAYERS AND THANKSGIVINGS:

The Rev. Lauren Browder, Canterbury at Texas Tech Chaplain and Priest at St. Luke's, Levelland, and **the Rev. Ryan Kuratko**, Interim Priest at St. Paul's, Lubbock, were joined in marriage on September 14 at the Bishop's Lodge in Santa Fe, NM. They are at home at 5528 91st Street, Lubbock 79424.

The Rev. Jim Liggett will be installed at a Celebration of New Ministry on December 6, at 6 PM at St. Nicholas', Midland.

Jacob Edson Way, III, a seminarian at ETSS, Austin, has accepted the call of St. Christopher's, Lubbock to become their rector this summer following his graduation from seminary. Edson holds a PhD in Physical Anthropology from the University of Toronto, has served as the director of museums in New Mexico and President of the New Mexico Association of Museums, and has served on university faculties. He is married to Jean Ellwood Chappell. They have three children and three grandchildren.

Kevin Dellaria, Kim Seidman and Edson Way will be ordained to the Transitional Diaconate on December 20 at 7 PM at the Church of the Heavenly Rest in Abilene. Kevin and Edson are seminarians at ETSS in Austin and Kim is a seminarian at Virginia Seminary.

The Rev. Kelly Schneider Conkling is serving as Interim Rector of St. Mary's, Big Spring.

The Rev. David Veal (Interim at St. Christopher's, Lubbock) continues chemotherapy for colon cancer (2519 55th St, Lubbock 79413, veald@sbcglobal.net).

Congratulations to the Reverends Jo and Clifton Mann who have a new granddaughter, their 12th grandchild.

2008 Diocesan Dates

Clergy Conference: 9/29-11/2, BQCC
Commission on Ministry: 3/7, 6/6, 9/5, 11/7, HEC
Diocesan Convention: 10/31-11/2, Abilene
Electing Convention for 5th Bishop, 5/3, St. Paul's, Lubbock
Episcopal Churchwomen's Conference: 10/3-5, BQCC
Executive Council: 2/9, 5/17, 9/6, 12/5-6, tba
Trustees: 2/5, 5/6, 8/26, 10/21, HEC

2008 Conference Center Camp Dates

High School Camp: June 1-7 (grades 9-12 completed)
Middle School Camp: June 29-July 5 (grades 5-8 completed)
Primary School Camp: June 22-28 (grades 2-4 completed)

Promise Camp I: June 9-13
Promise Camp II Girls: June 15-18
Promise Camp II Boys: June 18-21
Happy Camp: July 7-15

CALENDAR

November

17 Local Priests Gathering, HEC, 10 AM-2 PM
18 *Childress, St. Luke's, Visitation*
22 Thanksgiving, HEC Closed
26 Fresh Start, HEC, 10 AM
29 Deans, HEC, 10 AM - 2 PM
30-11/1 Executive Council Retreat, BQCC

December

1 Executive Council Retreat, BQCC
6 Celebration of New Ministry, St. Nicholas', Midland
16 *Canyon, St. George's, Visitation*
20 2008 Convention Planning Committee, 10 AM
Ordination to the Transitional Diaconate
Kevin Dellaria, Kim Seidman and Edson Way
Heavenly Rest, Abilene, 7 PM
24-31 HEC Closed, Christmas Holiday

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