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New Program Manager Joins the Diocesan Staff

Welcome to Nancy Igo who joined the NWT diocesan staff in January as Program Manager. In that capacity Nancy will oversee the administration of several programs including diocesan deployment, Safeguarding God's Children, insurance, and pensions. Nancy's phone number is 806.763.1370 x5 and e-mail address is nigo@nwt-diocese.org.

Nancy came to us from All Saints Episcopal School where she taught middle school science and Pre-AP biology for the past 3½ years. Nancy is a graduate of Texas Tech and did post-graduate work at West Texas A & M where she received her teaching certification. She has taught various grades and subjects since the advent of her teaching career in 1990 at St. Andrew's Episcopal School in Amarillo. Prior to teaching she was employed in various occupations including Social Services Director of a Florida nursing facility, and interior designer.

Nancy is a native of Lubbock and a lifelong Episcopalian. She was reared at St. Christopher's Church, attended St. Christopher's Episcopal School (pre-All Saints), and is a member of St. Paul's in Lubbock where she has recently served as Senior Warden, and has been active with the vestry and choir.

Nancy is married to Russell Igo of Lubbock. Russ is a financial advisor with Baker and Associates, Inc. Collectively they have three boys- Ryan, age 26; Garrett, age 20; and Gunter, age 16.

The Rev. Bill Wright New Chaplain to Retired Clergy

The Rev. Bill Wright has accepted the bishop's appointment to serve as Chaplain to Retired Clergy in the diocese. The Rev. Canon David Veal has previously served as chaplain since his retirement in 2002. Fr. Wright holds an MDiv from Sewanee and a DMin from Virginia Seminary. He served as Rector of St. Paul's, Lubbock, from 1992 to 1998, on the Executive Council, as Dean and Stewardship Chair, on the Cursillo Secretariat of the diocese, and as Chaplain (Commander) in the US Naval Reserves. He retired in 2004 in the Diocese of Arkansas. Bill and his wife Pat live in San Angelo, 3549 Clearview Drive 76904, 325.947.0686, pwbw98@suddenlink.net.

Bishop's Sabbatical begins February 1

Bishop Ohl will begin the first phase of his sabbatical on February 1 and return on May 1 though he will attend to some diocesan and national church business during those months.

The Standing Committee becomes the Ecclesiastical Authority of a diocese when a bishop is on sabbatical. The Standing Committee consists of three clerical and three lay members who are elected at diocesan convention and serve three year terms. The 2008 Standing Committee members are: the Rev. Clifton Mann, St. Andrew's, Amarillo, President; Mrs. Jackie Batjer, Heavenly Rest, Abilene; the Rev. Laura Deaderick, St. John's, Odessa; Mrs. Karen Mason, St. Nicholas', Midland; Deacon Dede Schuler Ballou, St. Peter's, Amarillo; and Mr. Leon Swift, St. Andrew's, Amarillo.

The Standing Committee acts as a Council of Advice to a bishop and has authority in accordance with the diocesan and national canons in conjunction with the bishop and in the absence of the bishop. The consent of the Standing Committee is involved in the transfer, sale and purchase of diocesan properties; creation of debt and approval of short-term loans for budgetary purposes of the diocese and from the Revolving Loan Fund, re-classification of parishes and missions; apportionment appeals; consents to the elections of bishops throughout ECUSA; approval of persons pursuing Holy Orders, and the members serve as the Diocesan Review Committee in matters of Ecclesiastical discipline. The Standing Committee will also consider re-marriage requests during the bishop's sabbatical and plans to meet monthly.

The Rev Barbara Brown Taylor ETSS Harvey Lecture - March 3

The Rev. Barbara Brown Taylor will explore "Sabbath - Self-Care or the Mending of the World?" during her March 3 Harvey Lecture. Taylor is a renowned preacher, author and teacher. After completing 15 years in full-time parish ministry, she joined the Piedmont College faculty as Butman Professor of Religion eleven years ago. She also became Adjunct Professor of Christian Spirituality at Columbia Theological Seminary in Georgia in 2001. She will preach at the 11:15 AM chapel service on March 3. The Harvey Lecture will begin at 6:30 PM in the Knapp Auditorium. Seating is limited and doors will open at 6:00 PM. There is no fee. www.etss.edu/Harvey08.shtml.

The Rev. Mark Cannaday, Holy Trinity, Midland, has announce his resignation as rector. His last day will be February 29 when he begins a three- month paid leave of absence. Fr. Cannaday has served as Rector of Holy Trinity since February of 2003 coming from the Diocese of Fort Worth.

Deacon Ruth Jones and St. Paul's, Lubbock, will celebrate Ruth's retirement after 22 years of ministry in the diaconate with a reception following the 10:30 AM service on January 20. Deacon Ruth was ordained October 25, 1985, at diocesan convention in Abilene as one of the first five vocational deacons in the diocese. She has served at St. Christopher's and St. Paul's, Lubbock, as a chaplain at Covenant Hospital, an EFM mentor, and on the Board of Family Promise as well as many other ministries throughout the years. Ruth states, "It has been an interesting, enlightening, sometimes painful, sometimes glorious and, I hope, a fruitful time."

Prayers and Thanksgivings:

The Fall **UTO Ingathering** for the diocese amounted to \$8,100.

Please keep in your prayers **Debbie Mossbarger**, St. Barnabas', Odessa, who will be on a medical mission to West Uganda Jan 25 - Feb 8. For more information www.mercytrips.org. And **David Morrow**, Santa Maria Virgen, Midland, who will lead a mission trip to the Dominican Republic in February.

The Rev. Keith Adams has been diagnosed with stomach cancer and is being evaluated for surgery at M. D. Anderson. Please keep Keith and his family in your prayers. 6029 Winners Circle, San Angelo, 76904. revkadams@suddenlink.net.

The Rev. Margaret Austin, St. Stephen's, Lubbock, will undergo surgery on January 28 for repair of a rotator cuff tear, Lamen tear, dislocated shoulder, impingement and carpal tunnel syndrome followed by therapy for a number of weeks. 5115 Second Street #1, Lubbock 79416. maustinsts@stcglobal.net.

Sister Brigit-Carol, SD is recuperating from pneumonia and pleurisy at home at Vigeat Radix Hermitage, 1101 CR 204, Santa Anna TX 76878, bright.carol@gmail.com.

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Please continue your prayers for **David Veal**, **Kathleen Liggett**, **Rhonda Aveni**, and **Charles Considine**, son of the Rev. Jim Considine.

January

- 19 Odessa, St. Barnabas' Vestry
- 20 Odessa, St. Barnabas', Visitation
- 21 HEC Closed, Martin Luther King Day
- 24 Camp Planning, HEC, 10 AM
- 26 Amarillo, St. Peter's, Town Hall Meeting, 9 AM
- 27 Dumas, St. Paul's, Visitation
- 30 Lubbock, St. Stephen's, Confirmations, 5:30 PM
- 31 Quanah, Trinity, 11 AM

February

- 1 Preaching Class, HEC, 11 AM- 5 PM
- 2 *Midland, St. Nicholas' Vestry, 6 PM
- 3 Midland, St. Nicholas', Visitation
- 4 Bishop's Sabbatical begins
- 5 Trustees, HEC, 10 AM
- 6 Ash Wednesday
- 8-9 Canterbury Board Retreat, Lubbock
- 9 Executive Council, St. Paul's, Lubbock, 10 AM
- 12 *Amarillo, St. Andrew's School Dedication, 8 AM
- 13-15 ETSS Trustees, Austin
- 19 Fresh Start, HEC, 10 AM
- 27-29 *Standing Committee on Ministry Development, CDS

March

- 1-2 *Standing Committee on Ministry Development, CDSP7 Commission on Ministry, HEC
- 3 Harvey Lecture, ETSS, Austin
- 7-12 *House of Bishops, Camp Allen
- 12 Standing Committee, HEC, 10 AM
- 21 Good Friday
- 16 Palm Sunday
- 23 Easter Day
- 24 HEC Closed

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