

# The Newsletter

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## BISHOP NOMINATION UPDATE

April 17, 2008

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Yesterday, at our April meeting of the Standing Committee, we received a report from the Nominating Committee stating that they had been unsuccessful in securing the requisite minimum of three (3) nominees as required by the Canons of the diocese of Northwest Texas and the charge of the Standing Committee.

In response, the Standing Committee reaffirmed its confidence in the Nominating Committee and renewed its charge to that committee.

In practical terms, that means that the Nominating Committee will have to request additional names from the Church while hopefully retaining the names of the two Nominees who have agreed to be presented.

That process involves a number of steps. It is likely that we will be able to elect a bishop sometime in late summer or early Autumn, but it's impossible to say more than that.

This diocese faces some important challenges in the area of redefining our Mission, stabilizing our finances and reconciling our people to each other. I am confident that God will raise up the Bishop we need and empower that bishop with the clear eye of the Holy Spirit and the strong back of the Apostle to lead us where God would have us go.

Clifton Mann  
Standing Committee President

## Prayer for the Election of a New Bishop

*Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a bishop for this diocese that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

## BQCC Summer Camp Schedule

### Camp Quartermen

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

### Outreach Camps

Promise Camp I - June 9-13  
Promise Camp II - June 15-18 (girls)  
Promise Camp II - June 18-21 (boys)  
Happy Camp - July 7-15  
contact [bqcc@nwt.org](mailto:bqcc@nwt.org)

## CHURCH AND CLERGY NEWS

**The Rev. Laura Deaderick**, Rector of St. John's, Odessa, will assume a teaching assistantship at Church Divinity School of the Pacific in Berkeley, California. She will also work to complete her doctoral study and research and will assist seminary faculty in the Department of Pastoral Theology. Laura's last Sunday is May 4. St. John's Parish is hosting a reception honoring Laura on Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2-4:30 PM at The Willows, 11200 WCR 127.

**Jared Cramer** of Heavenly Rest, Abilene, a seminarian at Sewanee, was ordained to the transitional diaconate by Bishop Ohl on Sunday, April 20, at Heavenly Rest, Abilene. Jared will serve as "clergy resident," at Christ Church, VA, a position funded by the Lilly Corporation in a program called "Foundations for Spiritual Leadership."

**Kim Seidman** of Heavenly Rest, Abilene, a seminarian at Virginia Seminary, will be ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Ohl on Thursday, June 26, at Christ Church, Alexandria, VA, where she will serve as "clergy resident," a position funded by the Lilly Corporation in a program called "Foundations for Spiritual Leadership."

**Edson Way**, a seminarian at ETSS, will be ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Ohl at 11 AM on Saturday, June 28, at St. Christopher's, Lubbock. Edson has accepted the call from St. Christopher's to serve as their rector following his ordination.

**Kevin Dellaria** of Heavenly Rest, Abilene, a seminarian at ETSS, will be ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Ohl at 7 PM on Tuesday, July 1, at St. Mary's, Big Spring. Kevin has accepted St. Mary's call to serve as rector following his ordination. Kevin will attend the "Preaching Excellence Program" sponsored by the Episcopal Preaching Foundation, June 1-6, at Villanova University.

## Church and Clergy News Continued:

**Jennifer Rowley**, formerly of the Diocese of Dallas, is serving as deacon at Heavenly Rest, Abilene (her hometown) and on the pastoral care staff of Hendrick Medical Center. Jennifer served as deacon at St. Anne's, DeSoto, and worked as the palliative care chaplain for Baylor University Medical Center. She completed her M.Div. and D.Min. degrees at Brite Divinity School in 2006. Jennifer and her husband Lyle, a retired architect, have four grown children and four grandchildren.

### St. Peter's, Amarillo Celebrates 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:

You are invited to join St. Peter's Parish as it celebrates 50 years of ministry on Sunday, April 27 at 10:30 AM with a celebration of the Eucharist by Bishop Ohl. Following the service there will be a luncheon, fellowship, sharing of memories, and dreams of the future. Former clergy and parishioners of the parish have also been invited to participate in the celebration. 4714 NW Fourth, Amarillo, 806.353.9594, [linda@stpetersofamarillo.com](mailto:linda@stpetersofamarillo.com).

### Youth Event Calendar:

Please note the following dates for your youth event calendars:

**Senior High Fall Fest** (grades 9-12), **October 17-19** and **Junior High** (grades 6-8) **November 7-9**. Contact Susanna Brosseau, Chair, Diocesan Youth Committee, [susanna@emmanuel-sa.org](mailto:susanna@emmanuel-sa.org), 325.653.2446

### Prayers and Thanksgivings:

Additional **UTO Ingatherings** for the diocese amounted to \$2,763 for a total of 10,863 for the fall ingathering.

**The Rev. Keith Adams** is at home recovering and regaining strength follow cancer treatment. Please keep Keith and his family in your prayers. 6029 Winners Circle, San Angelo, 76904. [revkadams@suddenlink.net](mailto:revkadams@suddenlink.net).

**The Rev. Richard Thayer**, who served Heavenly Rest, Abilene; St. Paul's, Dumas; and as Director of the Quarterman Conference Center, died suddenly February 26. Richard played in the Longhorn Band at UT and was a navigator in the US Air Force. Dick was retired and was serving as Interim Rector of St. Philip's in San Antonio. He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Ann, and two children. Ann's address is 403 Mahogany Chest, San Antonio, TX 78249-1524, phone 210.699.0720.

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## Happy Camp and Promise Camp Need Your Support

April means it is time once again to share your blessing with the staff and children of Happy Camp and Promise Camps, both important outreach ministries of the Diocese of Northwest Texas. Happy Camp is for non-Episcopal children whose families are unable to afford the cost of a camp and Promise Camps are for children whose lives are impacted by the incarceration of a parent (or parents). These camps are funded by you, the people of the diocese, through your generous donations. Please send your donation to 1802 Broadway, Lubbock TX 79401.

### Diocesan Calendar:

#### April

27 St. Peter's, Amarillo, 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration  
30 Confirmations, St. Christopher's, Lubbock, 7 PM

#### May

3 Local Priests' Gathering, HEC, 10 AM - 2 PM  
4 Visitation, Heavenly Rest, Abilene  
6 Trustees, HEC, 10 AM  
Fresh Start, Canterbury, Lubbock, 10 AM  
7 Confirmations, St. Matthew's, Pampa  
11 Visitation, Emmanuel, San Angelo  
12-13 ETSS Trustees and Commencement, Austin  
14 Standing Committee, HEC, 10 AM  
Confirmations, Holy Trinity, Midland, 5:30 PM  
17 Executive Council, Canterbury, Lubbock, 10 AM  
18 Visitation, St. Andrew's, Amarillo  
26 Memorial Day, HEC Closed  
29 Graduation, St. Andrew's School, Amarillo

#### June

1 Visitation, All Saints', Perryton  
6 Commission on Ministry, HEC, 10 AM  
8 Visitation, St. John's, Odessa  
11 Standing Committee, HEC, 10 AM  
14 Preaching Class, HEC, 10:30 AM - 3 PM  
15 Visitation, St. Paul's, Lubbock  
18-20 House of Bishops, Salt Lake City  
23-25 Standing Commission on Ministry Development, Atlanta  
26 Kim Seidman Ordination, Alexandria, VA, 7 PM  
28 Edson Way Ordination, St. Christopher's, Lubbock, 11 AM

#### July

1 Kevin Dellaria Ordination, St. Mary's, Big Spring, 7 PM