

# The Newsletter

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## *Consecration Planning Underway*

Planning for the consecration of the Rev. Scott Mayer as Fifth Bishop of the Diocese of Northwest Texas is well underway. The Planning Committee members are Mrs. Jackie Batjer, Chair; Mrs. Louise Cummins, Lubbock Chair; Mr. Michael Pullen, Facilities Chair; the Rev. Mary Glover, Liturgy Chair and the Rev. James Haney V, Master of Ceremonies. All are invited to attend the consecration which will take place at 11:00 A.M. on Saturday, March 21, at the First United Methodist Church, 1411 Broadway in Lubbock. A reception will follow the service. The chief consecrator will be Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori and the preacher will be the Rev. Charlie Cook, recently retired from the Seminary of the Southwest. Diocesan clergy and lay members of the Executive Council, Standing Committee and Trustees will be invited to process at the consecration.

***If you are planning to attend the consecration, please contact Carolyn Hearn at [diocese@nwtodiocese.org](mailto:diocese@nwtodiocese.org) or 806.763.1370 ext 1. This information will be most helpful to the Planning Committee.***

Blocs of rooms under the name "[Episcopal Consecration](#)" have been procured at the following hotels for those wishing to stay overnight on March 20:

Hawthorne Suites , 806.792.3600 (\$99)  
4335 Marsha Sharp Freeway, deadline 3/9/09  
complimentary breakfast

La Quinta Inn, 866.527.1498 (\$69)  
Bloc confirmation # 0521GRLOVV  
601 Avenue Q, deadline 2/27/09  
complimentary breakfast

Radisson Hotel, 806.747.0171 (\$69)  
505 Avenue Q, deadline 3/1/09  
headquarters

Bishop-elect Mayer will be in the diocesan office in mid-February. He and Kathy Mayer will attend the New Bishops' and Spouses' Conference January 19-23 in Richmond, VA. The bishop-elect has been invited to attend the House of Bishops meeting at Kanuga in North Carolina on March 13-18.

Please keep the consecration committee and the Mayers in your prayers as we approach the consecration date.

## *Diocesan Deacons' Retreat*

The Rev. Kenneth A. Malcolm of St. David's church in Austin will be the speaker for the annual Deacons' Retreat at the Bishop Quarterman Conference Center which will begin at 6 PM on Friday, February 27 and end after brunch on Sunday, March 1. All active deacons and persons in deacon formation are expected to attend. Retired or inactive deacons are invited. Contact Archdeacon Chris Wrampelmeier at [ckw@uwlaw.com](mailto:ckw@uwlaw.com) or 806.379.0392.

## *Ordinations and New Clergy*

The Rev. Jared Cramer was ordained to the Priesthood by Bishop Wallis Ohl on December 14 at St. Paul's Church in Alexandria, VA. Jared is serving an internship at Christ Church, Alexandria. He and his wife Bethany were married by Bishop Ohl on November 8 and are at home at 1108 Lynnhaven Drive, Alexandria, VA 22305, 703.328.4406, [jared@justapreacher.com](mailto:jared@justapreacher.com).

The Rev. Michael Caldwell was ordained to the Transitional Diaconate on December 20 at St. Mark's Church, Abilene, Texas. Michael and his wife Dawn are at home at 550 Rivendell Lane, Sewanee, TN where Michael is a seminarian at the University of the South School of Theology. 931.598.9540, [caldwm10@sewanee.edu](mailto:caldwm10@sewanee.edu).

The Standing Committee voted to license Deacon Leroy Morrison at St. Barnabas' Church, Odessa, and will receive his Letters Dimissory from the Diocese of Central New York at their meeting on February 4. Deacon Morrison served in Syracuse, NY for eight years and was ordained in 1998 in NW Pennsylvania. He and his wife Kathy are at home at 6535 Amber Drive, Odessa 79762, 432.614.1874, [leroy\\_morrison@yahoo.com](mailto:leroy_morrison@yahoo.com).

The Standing Committee also voted to license the Rev. Kara Wischmeyer and will accept her Letters Dimissory from the Diocese of Dallas at their meeting on February 4. Kathy was ordained priest in April of 2006 and holds an MDiv from Candler School of Theology, a Masters of Educational Psychology from Texas Tech University, a BA in Sociology from Emory University and Associate of Arts from Oxford College of Emory University. She served as a Methodist minister from 1998-2005. Kathy is married to Dr. Jason Wischmeier and their children are Blair (3) and newborns Kris and Jake. They are at home at 226 Chuck Wagon Road, Lubbock 79494, 806.252.7916, [karawisch@swbell.net](mailto:karawisch@swbell.net).

### ***Mid-Winter and Spring Fling Happening***

The Mid-Winter weekend for high school students will take place this weekend, January 23-25 at the Bishop Quarterman Conference Center. The theme of Mid-Winter is "Rebirth" and there will be a renewal of the baptismal covenant and healing service during the weekend. The Executive Council will be elected as well. The Spring-Fling weekend for middle school students will take place on May 6-8. Happening, for high school students, is scheduled for May 15-17. Contact Jamie Goldston at 806.584.1995, [bqcctx@aol.com](mailto:bqcctx@aol.com).

### ***Seminary of the Southwest Visitors Weekend***

The Seminary of the Southwest is hosting Spring Visitors Weekend March 6-7 for those interested in exploring educational opportunities in lay and ordained ministry. Staged annually by seminarians, the event gives a feel for the seminary community, campus and Austin. There will be ample opportunity to talk with seminarians and faculty. [ssw.edu](http://ssw.edu), 512.472.4133 ext 357, [admissions@ssw.edu](mailto:admissions@ssw.edu).

### ***World Mission Sunday February 22, 2009***

World Mission Sunday this year will be dedicated to the support of missionaries of the Episcopal Church. The International Concerns Committee of the Episcopal Church is encouraging groups within dioceses to learn about their missionaries and the dioceses in which they are serving and to become a part in developing relationship with our missionaries. The Rev. Dr. Michael and Mrs. April Floyd, formerly of NWTX, serve in the Dominican Republic, [floydsinthedr.com](http://floydsinthedr.com), and Michael Young of Heavenly Rest, Abilene, serves in Japan, [hikewithmike.blogspot.com](http://hikewithmike.blogspot.com). Take a look at their websites and the ministries they provide and consider developing a relationship with our missionaries.

### ***Safeguarding God's Children Online***

Our new Safeguarding Online website is operational and may be used for anyone requiring re-certification in Safeguarding God's Children. Safeguarding God's People will be implemented sometime in 2009. For more information contact Nancy Igo, Diocesan Safeguarding Coordinator, at [nigo@nwt diocese.org](mailto:nigo@nwt diocese.org) or (806) 763-1370 x5.

### ***Diocesan Calendar***

#### ***January***

19-23

\*College for Bishops, Richmond, VA

23-25

Mid Winter, High School, BQCC

#### ***February***

4

\*Standing Committee, HEC, 10 AM

6-7

\*Deacon Formation, Lubbock

7

\*Apportionment Task Force, HEC, 10 AM

10

\*Trustees, HEC, 10 AM

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Fresh Start, HEC, 10 AM

#### ***March***

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\*St. Stephen's, Lubbock

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\*Standing Committee, HEC, 10AM

6-8

Spring Fling, Middle School, BQCC

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\*Executive Council, St. Stephen's, Lubbock

11-18

\*House of Bishops, Kanuga, NC

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\*Consecration of Scott Mayer, First United Methodist Church, Lubbock, 11 AM

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\*St. Christopher's, Lubbock

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\*Standing Committee

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\*Ordination to the Priesthood of Jean Scott, St. Stephen's, Lubbock, 7 PM

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\*Ordination to the Priesthood of Pat Russell, St. Paul's, Lubbock, 11 AM