

The Newsletter

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3% Apportionment Relief for All Congregations

The diocesan Apportionment Task Force, formed to consider the possibility of apportionment relief, recommended to the Trustees, Standing Committee and Executive Council that 2009 apportionments be reduced by 3%. In a letter to all vestries, bishop's committees and treasurers, Bishop Mayer expressed his happiness that all three unanimously approved the relief. Bishop Mayer stated, "I would like to make two points. First, the newly-modified diocesan budget will not affect the current mission of the diocese, nor any diocesan personnel. And secondly, I want to make a distinction between apportionment relief and apportionment reduction. Relief, as I understand it, is temporary and based on circumstances beyond an imagined forecast. Reduction... emerges out of a process to discern our new diocesan vision and mission. That has yet to come."

Bishop Mayer expressed his gratitude to the Apportionment Task Force members Leon Swift, Phil Rapstine, Tom Choate and Carrol Holley.

Happy Camp/Promise Camp

Promise Camp (for children with an incarcerated parent or family member) will take place this summer from June 29-July 3 and Happy Camp (for non-Episcopal children who cannot afford to attend camp) will begin July 6 and end July 10. Many hours of preparation have gone into the planning for this year's camps by dedicated volunteers Katy Hoskins, Roland Rose, Todd Baxley, Jamie Goldston and many others. The camps are supported solely by contributions from you, the members of the diocese. Please prayerfully consider supporting these camps and mail your contributions to the Diocese of Northwest Texas, 1802 Broadway, Lubbock 79401 and indicate one or both of the camps on your check. The cost to send one child is \$460. Promise Camp alone has over sixty applicants this year.

Canterbury TTU News

The Rev. Phil Webster, **Canterbury Chaplain at Texas Tech**, has announced a new web site for Canterbury at Texas Tech which is **www.texastechcanterbury.org**. Bishop Mayer is requesting the name, address and e-mail address of Episcopal students headed to Texas Tech for the summer and next fall in order that he and Fr. Webster may be in touch with returning and new students. Please send information to diocese@nwdiocese.org.

St. James', Dalhart Calls New Rector

St. James', Dalhart, has called the Rev. Philip C. Ray to serve as its part-time rector beginning May 31. Fr. Ray serves as a dentist through Texas Tech at the state prison in Dalhart. He is a graduate of Kansas State University, BS '65, University of Missouri KC, DDS '69, Angelo State University, MS '91 and Seminary of the Southwest CITI '06. He was ordained to the priesthood at Emmanuel, San Angelo in 2007. Phil and Sally married in 1995.

St. Stephen's, Lubbock, Calls Interim

The Rev. Canon David Veal, retired, Lubbock, is serving as part-time interim priest at St. Stephen's, Lubbock. The Rev. Kara Wischmeyer is assisting as part-time supply.

The Rev. Michael Caldwell Called to Trinity Church, Fort Worth

The Rev. Michael Caldwell, a native of Abilene, has been called to serve as Curate at Trinity Church in Fort Worth beginning in July. Michael will be overseeing youth ministry and establishing an Episcopal presence at TCU. Michael is a graduate of Trinity University, BS '90, Schiller International University in Germany, MBA '91, and the School of Theology at the University of the South, MDiv '09. He was ordained to the transitional diaconate on December 20, 2008 at St. Mark's, Abilene. Michael and Dawn married in 2002.

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episcopalnewsonline.com is featuring comprehensive coverage leading up to General Convention and throughout the Convention in Anaheim, July 7-18. An excellent article appears in this week's edition covering the webcast on May 13 featuring Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori and other church leaders and discussion on how General Convention affects churches and members. The Northwest Texas General Convention deputation attended the Province VII deputation meeting in Dallas May 2, and met at Hulsey Episcopal Center on May 14 to study the resolutions to be presented at General Convention. The NWTX deputation in the clergy order is the Rev. Jim Liggett (Chair), the Rev. Mary Glover, the Rev. Linda Kelly, the Rev. David Mossbarger, and the Rev. Pat Russell (first alternate); in the lay order is Mrs. Jackie Batjer, Mr. Cliff Craig, Mr. Dick Davis, Mrs. Nancy McReynolds, and Mr. Greg Westmoreland (first alternate).

New Cursillo Lay Director Appointed

Sister Edie DiTommaso of St. Andrew's, Amarillo, has been appointed the new Lay Director of Cursillo. She made Cursillo #84 in the Diocese of Southern Virginia and has served on five teams there, a Kairos team, and one team in Northwest Texas. Sr. Edie has recently served as 4th Day chair on the NWTX Secretariat. She has been a member of the Franciscan Community of the Holy Cross for three years and was very active in her parish in Virginia Beach and in the diocese there serving as first alternate to the 2006 General Convention. Sister Edie is a retired special education teacher currently working as an Early Childhood Specialist in Amarillo.

4th Day Fiesta, August 21-23 Bishop Quarterman Conference Center

The 4th Day Fiesta is calling you back to the place where God showered you with His unconditional love and grace. Come to the Quarterman Conference Center August 21-23 and enjoy the keynote speaker, a choice of spiritually enriching workshops, healing and Eucharist, the Episcopal Parish Bookstore, BBQ, and fellowship. Weekend price is \$95, Saturday only is \$45. A deposit of \$25 is required with the application to be mailed to Patti Nabors, 2502 Allendale, Big Spring TX 79720, phone 432.267.2256, pleasingc@suddenlink.net.

St. Paul's, Lubbock, Annual Book Sale June 6-14

All Episcopalians and their friends are invited to a preview reception on Saturday, June 6, 5 to 8 PM with wine and snacks. The sale features used books, music and art work. Contact John Akard at 806.797.1608 or JohnCAkard@aol.com for information or if you have donations.

Save the Date!

St. Michael's and All Angels' in Shamrock will celebrate its 100th Anniversary on July 4 with a celebration of the eucharist and lunch. All are invited to attend. Contact Ken Baxter at kenbaxter47@gmail.com.

The Newsletter Deadline: June 10

Please note: St. Peter's, Amarillo's new mailing address is 4714 NW Fourth Street 79106 (the post office box has been closed). New general e-mail is linda@stpetersofamarillo.org.

The updated **Churches and Clergy Directory** and **2009 Diocesan Calendar and Parayer Calendar** are available on the web site at nwt.org.

Diocesan Calendar

May

15-17 Happening, BQCC
17-22 +Living Our Vows, College of Bishops, NC
25 Diocesan Office Closed, Memorial Day
26 +BQCC Board, HEC, 10:30 AM
27 +Standing Committee, HEC, Lubbock, 10 AM
28 +Panhandle Clericus, St. Andrew's, Amarillo, 12 Noon
+St. Andrew's School Commencement 7:30 PM
30 Mission Committee, HEC, 10 AM
30-31 +Heavenly Rest, Abilene, Visitation

June

7 +Celebration of New Ministry, St. Mary's, Big Spring
13 Cursillo Secretariat, Lubbock
14 +Celebration of New Ministry, St. Peter's, Amarillo
14-20 High School Camp, BQCC
20-21 +St. Nicholas', Midland, Visitation
21-27 Primary Camp, BQCC
25 +Commission on Ministry, HEC, Lubbock
29-7/4 Promise Camp, BQCC

July

3-4 +St. Michael and All Angel's, Shamrock
100th Anniversary Celebration
6-10 Happy Camp, BQCC
12-18 Middle School Camp, BQCC
7-18 +General Convention, Anaheim, CA

Aug

18 +Budget Committee, HEC, 10 AM
22 +Executive Council, St. Paul's, Lubbock, 10 AM

+indicates Bishop Mayer in attendance

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