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Vision Statement: The Diocese of Northwest Texas is a community of mission outposts which invite in and welcome people who are seeking Jesus, train them to be his disciples, and send them into the world to do the work God has called them to do.

Mission Statement: The Diocese of Northwest Texas will provide the energy, resources and support necessary to help all our communities become mission outposts and, where needed, to help plant new ones.

“Just People, Inc.” Receives UTO Grant

Just People, Inc., a Jubilee Ministry Center of the Diocese of Northwest Texas, has received a United Thank Offering Grant of \$15,000 for its “Helping Families to Work” program. *Just People* “equips and empowers the working poor - and the poor who want to work - through education, training, employment assistance, support services and through believing in client potential.”

According to Mark Waters, PhD, Executive Director of *Just People* and Jubilee Officer for the Diocese, “Helping Families to Work” is a new project to empower impoverished families to function (work) by becoming healthier and increasingly self-sufficient from a family systems perspective, and to find and keep jobs (work) by overcoming employment barriers. “Impoverished” is defined by the federal poverty level based on family size. The project is designed to work in helping the entire family to make positive changes that will reinforce individual changes and commitments thus stabilizing the entire family system.

In 2003 over 300 homeless clients received various support services including counseling, life-skills, and employment assistance, approximately 150 homeless clients remain in stable employment, 77 disadvantaged youth received personal, academic, and vocational support services, 13 high school drop-outs received GEDs and another 14 are expected to successfully complete GED testing in the near future, and one in-school student received his diploma from Cooper High School.

For additional information on *Just People, Inc.* and Jubilee Ministry Centers contact Mark Waters at mwaters@justpeopleabilene.org or 325.672.2118. For information on the United Thank Offering contact Carolyn Goebel at carolyngoebel@sbcglobal.net or 806.795.2975.

2004 Nominations Deadline August 2

Nominations for Standing Committee, Trustee, Ecclesiastical Trial Court, and Deputies and Alternates to General Convention 2006 and Provincial Synod are due in the diocesan office August 2. For forms and information please contact your church office or Carolyn at diocese@nwt.org.

Happy Camp Shares the Creation Story

Happy Camp was held June 7-11th at Bishop Quarterman Conference Center. Applications were sent to 30 children, but only 21 were able to attend. It was a great week and we thank God for all those who helped us with their presence and/or their financial gifts. This year we were able to charter a bus from Midland to Amarillo and back home. This made the traveling much safer and more comfortable for everyone. The children enjoyed swimming, arts and crafts, chapel and their annual trip to Wonderland Park. The Creation Story was used throughout the week to stress that we are all created by God and God tells us that the Created world is good - that they are good. They also enjoyed having their friends and counselors autograph their Happy Camp Memory Books. We celebrated Thursday night with a Luau. And before leaving on Friday morning, each child received an award for their contributions to Happy Camp - kindness, friendliness, smiles, artwork etc. Again, I offer thanks to God for all of you who make this important ministry happen. In Christ, Dana Wilson Contact dana@marshill.com

Safeguarding God's Children

Church Pension Group has just published an excellent new program for preventing sexual abuse of children, *Safeguarding God's Children*. You do not need to pay for a copy for your local church since the diocesan office has five copies available for loan. Ministries Coordinator Claire Cowden recently attended a two-day training for *Safeguarding God's Children*, and she plans to organize regional workshops. If you are interested in receiving this training for your church staff or volunteers who work with children and youth or to know more about this superb program, contact Claire at 806-763-1370, ext. 206 or ministry@nwt.org

ECW Conference and Retreat September 17-19 at BQCC

Led by Sylvia Maddox, co-author of *Praying with the Celtic Saints*, who says, “Prayer doesn’t have to be just one way. There’s a whole treasure chest of ways to pray. If one isn’t working, use another one.” Contact skimbrough3109@cox.net or 806.745.7740.

**Acting Assistant Administrator
Joins Diocesan Staff**

Welcome to Diana Pierce, Acting Assistant Administrator, who has joined the diocesan staff while Edna Chambers continues on extended disability leave. Diana was born in England and her family emigrated to the US when she was a child. Diana has over 30 years experience in management, medical claims adjudication, and has been a consultant in medical insurance services. She has a BA in Psychology and is currently studying with Cornell University to obtain her certification in Human Resources Management. She will begin her Master's Degree in Management this Fall. Diana is married to Owen Pierce, USAF retired, who works for Dariconcepts. Diana's principle duties are accounts payable and insurance and her hours are 8:30-1:30 M-Th. Please contact her at assistadmin@nwt.org or 806.763.1370 x 201.

New Assistant joins St. Nicholas', Midland

John Hartzler, recently ordained to the transitional diaconate in the Diocese of Florida in May, will become the new assistant at St. Nicholas', Midland, on July 1. He is a graduate of the University of Virginia and worked for twenty years in journalism, marketing and management before graduating from Trinity School for Ministry. He and his wife, Kristen, are the parents of three children ages 3, 5 and 7.

Prayers and Thanksgivings:

The Rev. Joan Rudolph, Coleman, is at home in the care of Hospice. Please continue to keep Joan and Baker and their family and those who minister to her in your prayers. **The Rev. Marshall Mason** (retired, Midland) has returned to MD Anderson in Houston for further treatment. Please keep Marshall and Karen in your prayers and **Edna Chambers**, diocesan Business Manager as she continues treatment for Crohn's disease.

Updates: Deacon Roland and the Rev. Josie Rose have a new address: 2907 Emerson Place, Midland 79705.

**New Intensive Hispanic Ministries Course
for Lay and Ordained**

ETSS, Austin, June 21-25
Jaime Case, 512.477.2644 or Jaime_case@sbcglobal.net.

Dallas Benedictine Experience Retreat
June 23-27 - Contact lynn.witherspoon@gpisd.org

CALENDAR

JUNE

- 13-19 Senior High Camp (completed grades 8-12)
- 18 Commission on Ministry, HEC, 10 AM
- 20-26 Primary Camp (completed grades 2-4)
- 27-7/3 Junior High Camp (completed grades 5-7)

JULY

- 1 120 Days to Convention
- 4 *St. Paul's (Bishop Ohl supply)
- 29-8/1 Cursillo #64 - Mercy Retreat Center, Slaton

AUGUST

- 1 Loaves and Fishes Grant Deadline
- 4 *Standing Committee, HEC 10 AM
- 7 Cursillo Secretariat, St. Christopher's, 10 AM
Permian Basin Deanery, St. Barnabas', Odessa
- 12 Budget Committee, HEC 10 AM - 4 PM
- 14 *St. Stephen's, Lubbock, Men's Group, 7:30 AM
Eagle Cove Deanery, Good Shepherd,
San Angelo, 10 AM
- 21 BQCC Board, HEC
- 22 *St. Peter's, Borger - VISITATION
- 24 *Trustees, HEC, 10 AM
- 26 Budget Committee, HEC, 10 AM (if needed)
- 28 Fresh Start, HEC, 9 AM - 4 PM
- 30 60 Days to Convention

SEPTEMBER

- 3 Commission on Ministry, HEC, 10 AM
- 12 *St. Matthew's, Pampa, Visitation
- 14 45 days to Convention
- 18 Fresh Start, HEC, 9 AM 4 PM
- 19 *St. Michael's, Shamrock, Visitation

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