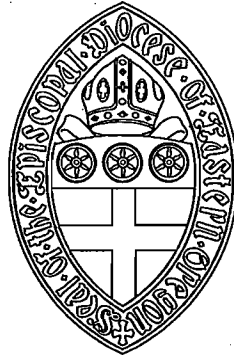


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**40th Annual Convention of the
Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon
Proceedings**

Being Christ's Hands in the World... [no excuses!]

Hosts of Convention: St. Mark's, Hood River

Presiding: The Rt. Rev. Bavi "Nedi" Rivera, Provisional Bishop

Friday, October 1, 2010

Friday events were held at St. Mark's. Registration was held from 3:00–6:45 p.m. in the chapel. A soup supper was served by the people of St. Mark's in the parish hall from 4:30–6:30 p.m. The annual meeting of the Eastern Oregon Episcopal Foundation preceded the Convention meetings at 3:30–4:30 p.m. in a meeting room at the school district office located across the street from the church. The parish coordinators for Episcopal Relief and Development met with Diocesan ERD Coordinator, Bruce Barnes, from 4:30–5:15 p.m. in another room of the school district office. The Foundation Trustees met following the Foundation annual meeting.

Opening Session

A song practice led by Bishop Nedi preceded the opening of Convention. She spoke to choosing music for Convention with the plan of introducing new music that might be used in the parishes.

At 7:00 p.m., the opening session of Convention convened in the nave of St. Mark's. Bishop Nedi Rivera opened Convention by welcoming attendees to Convention and introducing the Rev. Anna Carmichael, Rector of St. Mark's. Anna welcomed the people to Hood River and to St. Mark's and thanked the people of St. Mark's for their work and hospitality.

Bishop Nedi explained that singing and silence would mark the liturgies of Convention. She explained that silence was a way to allow space in otherwise busy lives.

Session I: Build the Church

Bishop Nedi explained the activity for the evening. Participants were invited to "build the church" in small groups using legos, tinkertoys, and other building toys. After a period of time for building, there was time for each group to talk about what they had built and why. Groups then divided with half of the group staying and the other half moving to another table. The people who stayed were asked to welcome the newcomers and explain their building. The newcomers were instructed to offer ways to make the building better.

At approximately 7:30, participants gathered again in the nave of the church. Bishop Nedi asked for comments about what they might have discovered was important to them. A few of the responses were: open doors; it doesn't matter what it looks like; it doesn't need to fit together; the smaller the number of toys, the more conversation.

Announcements were made and Convention Committee Chairs were introduced.

Worship

At 7:50 p.m., St. Mark's parishioners Julie Davis and Ruth Tsu led the gathering in Compline. The meeting recessed following Compline.

Saturday, October 2, 2010

Saturday and Sunday sessions were held at the Best Western Hood River Inn.

Worship

Convention reconvened in the Columbia Room of the Hood River Inn at 8:30 a.m. Bishop Nedi introduced keynote speaker, Sara Miles, St. Gregory of Nyssa Episcopal Church, San Francisco, author of "Take this Bread" and "Jesus Freak." She presented Sara with an Ascension School cross and explained that Sara would lead a "paperless" Morning Prayer.

At approximately 8:50 a.m., Sara Miles presented the keynote address. She spoke of her conversion experience after walking into St. Gregory of Nyssa out of curiosity. She stated that she took the breaking of bread and sharing literally which led her to start the Food Pantry. Food is distributed from the middle of the sanctuary of St. Gregory's. She spoke of Communion breaking open a space to do God's work. She said that the body of Christ takes form in the "most inappropriate people;" that regular people can be empowered to do Jesus' work. She made the point that the connection between church and outreach is "liturgy" which means the "work of the people." She stated that the "inconvenient truth" is that Christian life is a physical life; we are Christ's body and Jesus hands over authority to anyone willing to suspend self-doubt and to hear and act on His words. She ended her presentation with the words, "go and do likewise - no excuses." Questions and answers about the Food Pantry followed her presentation.

Business Session I

At 9:30 a.m., Bishop Nedi called the business session to order and asked Terry Joakimides, Secretary of Convention to report on quorum. Terry reported a quorum in the lay order and in the clergy order, and that all parishes were represented.

Bishop Nedi introduced and thanked Vicki Kelsey, Chair of the Host Committee, and again thanked the people of St. Mark's for their work on Convention.

Bishop Nedi read a letter of greeting from Mary Margaret Davis, Province VIII coordinator for National Episcopal Health Ministries (NEHM). It was noted that the Diocese of Eastern Oregon does not have a NEHM representative and the Bishop stated that anyone interested could contact her.

Bishop Nedi requested Convention to grant seat, voice, and vote to the Rev. Katy Anderson, ELCA Pastor/Rector of Hope Lutheran/All Saints Episcopal, Heppner. It was **so moved, seconded and passed** on voice vote with no dissenting votes.

Transitions

Bishop Nedi introduced new clergy to the diocese and reviewed transitions in the diocese since the 2009 annual Convention.

- The Rev. Anna Carmichael , Rector, St. Mark's, Hood River as of June 1, 2010 and husband, Matthew.
- The Rev. Katy Anderson , Rector/Pastor, All Saints Episcopal/Hope Lutheran, Heppner, as of July 1, 2010

Ordinations

- The Rev. Jim Mosier was ordained to the priesthood on May 22 and was welcomed as the new Rector of St. Matthew's, Ontario, on July 27.
- The Rev. Deacon Michelle Meech was ordained to the diaconate on April 13 at Trinity, Bend, and has been called as the director of CALL (Center for Anglican Learning and Leadership) at Church Divinity School of the Pacific. She is an Associate at St. Alban's, Albany, California, and will be ordained to the priesthood there on Oct. 14.

Other personnel changes

- Kathy Macek , summer intern at St. Peter's, La Grande and Ascension School. She is a graduate of CDSP and continues to assist at St. Peter's, La Grande and other parishes.

Retirements

- Sarah Stanton, St. Peter's, LaGrande, December, 2009
- Janis Johnson, St. John's, Hermiston, December, 2009

Transfers of Canonical Residence

- The Rev. W. Robert Totten transferred canonical residence to the Diocese of Oregon in December, 2009. He is Vicar of St. Andrew's, Florence.
- The Rev. Robert Chrisman transferred canonical residence to the Diocese of Olympia in June, 2010. He serves Christ Church in Tacoma, Washington.

Depositions

- C. Duane Bodtker, Deacon, Klamath Falls, June, 2010
- R. Michael Chase, Priest, Baker City, June, 2010

Clergy Health

- The Rev. Tish Croom , Boise, was commended to prayer. The Resolutions Committee was encouraged to include her in the resolution for greetings from Convention.

Clergy Deaths

- The Rev. Deacon Frank Cooke, St. Peter's, La Grande, died in December, 2009

- The Rev. Sue James, St. Alban's, Redmond, died in February, 2010.

Bishop Nedi introduced Ray Jeff Sprier, Trinity, Bend, as a postulant for the priesthood.

Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD)

Bruce Barnes, Diocesan and Province VIII Episcopal Relief and Development Coordinator, was called upon to give a report to Convention. Bruce reported on his travel to Belize to see the work of ERD and the effects of microloans for small businesses. He noted that donations to ERD continue to increase. He thanked the parish ERD coordinators.

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (EMO)

David Leslie, Executive Director of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, was welcomed and invited to speak to Convention. David extended greetings from EMO. He spoke about the needs within communities saying that the number of homeless children has increased, and that the needs of homeless and poor continue to increase. He also spoke of divisions in mainline churches and decreasing donations to congregations. He spoke of the hope that we have as we work and live with questions of how to respond in a way that says "no excuses" to the communities we live in.

David spoke about the Healthy Kids initiative saying that Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon is actively recruiting congregations to become Certified Application Assistance Organizations to help families in local communities through the application process for Oregon Healthy Kids insurance program.

He also extended an invitation to the annual Collins Lecture: "Who is our Neighbor? Imagining Beyond Borders," to be held in Portland on November 18. David thanked the Rev. Jim Mosier and the Rev. Dcn Stephen Schafroth for their work on EMO boards.

Ascension School Camp and Conference Center

Patty Olson Lindsay reported on the summer season at Ascension School and ran a slideshow about the camps. She reported that campers were involved in outreach projects and support of the Millennium Development Goals. She told stories of campers' realizations that their actions can make a difference. Later in her report she read an article from the La Grande Observer titled "Source of Pride" which commented on the summer program and the outreach efforts of the campers.

Patty reported on finances at Ascension and distributed reports. She commented on and thanked the parishes for the amount of funding given to send children to camp. She also noted that Ascension continues to struggle and is in "the red" for 2010. She reported on being part of the Episcopal Camps and Conferences Association and the amount of good support and information offered by the organization. She asked for continued prayers and support for Ascension School and thanked the School Board and Cove coordinators.

Resolution for Canonical Changes

Jim Foster, Chancellor, **moved** the resolution for Canonical changes as found in the Pre-Convention Journal. The motion was **seconded**. Terry Rahmsdorff reviewed the changes to the existing Canons and fielded questions. Jim reviewed the new disciplinary Canon that would take effect July 1, 2011. The motion **passed** on voice vote with no dissenting votes.

Resolutions Referred to Dioceses from the 76th General Convention

As required by General Convention, Secretary of Convention Terry Joakimides read the proposed Constitutional Amendments to Article I.4, Article II.2, and Article VIII.

Bishop Nedi explained that the reading of these proposed amendments is intended to give people the opportunity to talk to their General Convention deputies about the amendments before they are passed at a second General Convention.

2010 Proposed Budget – First Reading

At 10:35 a.m., following a break, Diocesan Treasurer Jerry Frazier presented and reviewed the proposed 2011 budget as distributed at registration. Under income, he noted the increase in requested grant from Eastern Oregon Episcopal Foundation Remington fund for retired clergy medical insurance. He also noted the contribution/subscription line for Communications and the funds (lines 23-26) from which monies could be taken to balance the budget.

Following Jerry's review of expense line items, there was a time for questions and discussion. It was noted that the references on lines 120 and 122 needed to be changed to line 62 and line 64 respectively. Patty Olson Lindsey spoke to the Ascension School Support line item stating that the 2010 expense would be over by about \$15,000. In response to a question about income from property sales, Jerry noted that the Vale property could be sold as well as property in Arlington and Klamath Falls. It was clarified that no funds have been borrowed, nor is there any longer intent to borrow from Eastern Oregon Episcopal Foundation for funding the bishop's position.

Jerry introduced and thanked the Finance Committee: Kenneth Leibham, Arnold Coe, and Edd Doorn.

Report of the Task Force on Diocesan Futures

The Rev. Chuck Christopher presented a report on the work of the Task Force on Diocesan Futures. The report outlined the history of the diocese's reliance on funding from Coalition 14 and subsequently Domestic Missionary Partnership. Chuck also outlined assumptions upon which the Task Force has agreed and the functions of a diocese. He commented that the steps outlined are being done concurrently and that the calendar and functions of the Task Force can be found on the website. A written report was distributed following the presentation and is an addendum to this document.

Bishop's Address

At 11:30 a.m. Bishop Nedi presented her Address to Convention. She began by commenting that it was wonderful to be at her second Convention of the Diocese of Eastern Oregon. She noted that she has worshipped in all but two of the congregations and has visited and seen each of the congregations. She stated that it is a privilege, honor and joy to serve with the people of Eastern Oregon and noted that the whole church is looking at the futures of the diocese.

The text of Bishop Nedi's address will be found following these minutes in the pages of the Convention Journal.

Worship

The Rev. Dcn Michelle Meech and Kathy Macek led Noonday Prayer. Following worship and announcements, clergy spouses convened for lunch with the Rev. Bob Moore, spouse of Bishop Nedi, in the Garden Room of the Hood River Inn. Lunch was served to Convention attendees in the Gorge Room of the Hood River Inn.

Workshops

At 1:15 p.m., Sara Miles offered a workshop in the Columbia Room about the Food Pantry. At 3:00 p.m., the Task Force on Diocesan Futures offered a workshop in the Columbia Room. Concurrently, Bob Thomson offered two workshops in the Riverside Room on parish websites and technology options for disbursing information.

Worship

At 4:30 p.m., Convention reconvened in the Columbia Room for Evening Prayer based on Holden Evening Prayer and Evening Prayer in the Lutheran tradition. Worship was led by Lowry Browning, St. Paul's Worship Leader. Jerry Frazier and Pastor Katy Anderson read the lessons. Convention recessed following worship.

Banquet

Convention Banquet was held at 6:00 p.m. in the Gorge Room of the Hood River Inn. The Rt. Rev. Rustin Kimsey was asked to offer grace before the meal. Jeanie Senior, Sr. Warden, St. Mark's, acted as emcee. Entertainment was provided by a Chamber group comprised of Marjorie Rosemont, Roxanne Shoemaker and Nancy Roudin performing a Giuseppe Verdi piece in three movements.

Following the entertainment, Jeanie commented on Millennium Development Goal #1: Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger. She stated that the ingathering would go to Episcopal Relief and Development for microloans. Baskets were passed to collect the ingathering.

The Rev. Anna Carmichael thanked the people of St. Mark's for their work on Convention and presented a bouquet to Vicki Kelsey for her work as chair.

Patty Olson Lindsey presented the Ascension School banner to St. Paul's, The Dalles, for their fundraising for scholarships that allow children to go to camp. She presented the Ascension Cross to Bob Thomson for his work on technology at Ascension, his work on the School Board, and his support of Ascension School. Bishop Nedi announced that Thanksgiving Dinner and Advent Retreat would be offered at Ascension School if there was enough interest expressed by October 20.

Sunday, October 3, 2010

The meeting was reconvened at 8:25 a.m. with Bishop Nedi leading the singing of "Let the broken ones be healed." Morning Prayer was led by Victoria Kelsey, St. Mark's, Hood River, and other members of Daughters of the King.

Business Session II

The business session was convened at 8:45 a.m.

Elections and Confirmations

It was **moved, seconded and passed** on voice vote to elect as **Judges of the Ecclesiastical Court:**

Class of 2013: The Rev. Janet Fullmer, The Dalles
The Rev. Richard Thew, Cove
John Adams, The Dalles
Fabian Baker, Klamath Falls

Also listed on the nomination sheet for the information of Convention were those members of the Ecclesiastical Court who were previously elected to three year terms:

Class of 2012: The Rev. Theodore Rodrigues, Sisters
Arnold Coe, Cove
Class of 2011: The Rev. Jan Kozak, Madras

Confirmation of appointments to the **Commission on Ministry** was **moved, seconded and passed** on voice vote:

Class of 2013: The Rev. Jim Mosier, Ontario
The Rev. Mary Lujan, Hood River
The Rev. Janet Fullmer, The Dalles
Kathy Thew, Cove
Class of 2011: Gail McGuire, Bend

Also listed on the nomination sheet for information of Convention were those members of the **Commission on Ministry** who had been previously appointed and confirmed:

Class of 2012: The Rev. Rebecca Hendricks, Milton-Freewater
Leo Reinikka, Sunriver
Peggy Ziegler, Bend
Class of 2011: The Rev. Dcn Gaye Lawson, Bend
Leslie Weimer, Hermiston

Candidates for **Deputies to General Convention 2012, Lay Order** were introduced. Bishop Nedi asked for a unanimous ballot for the four candidates. It was **so moved, seconded and passed** on voice vote to elect **John Adams, The Dalles; Amy Martinez, Nyssa; Sue Powers, Culver; and Peggy Ziegler, Bend.**

Candidates for **Deputies to General Convention 2012, Clergy Order** were introduced and ballots distributed. Elected by ballot were:

- The Rev. Jim Mosier, Ontario
- The Rev. Nancy Green, Sunriver
- The Rev. Charles Christopher, Bend
- The Rev. Ted Rodrigues, Sisters
- Alternates:
 - The Rev. Janet Fullmer, The Dalles
 - The Rev. Alison Dingley, Klamath Falls
 - The Rev. Dcn Stephen Schafroth, The Dalles

Candidates for **Standing Committee** were introduced. It was **moved, seconded and passed** on voice vote to cast a unanimous ballot for **The Rev. Christy Close Erskine, Bend, in the Clergy Order, Class of 2013.** It was **moved, seconded and passed** on voice vote to cast a unanimous ballot for **Laurance Kerr, The Dalles, in the Lay Order, Class of 2013.** **Arnold Coe, Cove, was elected in the Lay Order, Class of 2012, by written ballot.**

Candidates for **Diocesan Council** were introduced. It was **moved, seconded and passed** on voice vote to cast a unanimous ballot for **The Rev. Dcn Ruth Brown, Redmond, in the Clergy Order, Class of 2012.** **The Rev. Anna Carmichael, Hood River, was elected in the Clergy Order, Class of 2013, by written ballot.** It was **moved, seconded and passed** on voice vote to cast a unanimous ballot for **Robert "Bobby" Fox, Bend, and Ruth Tsu, Hood River, in the Lay Order, Class of 2013.**

Reports

Bishop Nedi announced that reports could be found in the Pre-Conventon Journal and will be filed by title.

She called upon The Rev. Dcn Michelle Meech, Director, Center for Anglican Learning and Leadership (CALL), Church Divinity School of the Pacific, who spoke briefly about the program offerings and availability of information. Michelle also thanked the Diocese for their support during her seminary education.

Budget Second Reading

Jerry Frazier **moved** the budget as presented. The motion was **seconded.** Discussion followed.

Arnold Coe, Cove, **moved to amend** the budget to add \$10,000 to line 59, Ascension School support and \$10,000 to line 70, Bookkeeping/Payroll/Administration. The motion was **seconded and passed** on voice vote with dissenting votes.

Discussion continued on use of funds to balance the budget. Fred Bierig, Nyssa, **moved** to amend the budget to use property sales funds to balance the budget if necessary. The motion was **seconded**. Discussion continued. Rustin Kimsey spoke to going back to General Convention to ask for some base budget support to be restored. The motion **passed** on voice vote with dissenting votes.

Bishop Nedi called for vote on the amended budget. The **motion on the amended budget passed** on voice vote with no dissenting votes.

Jerry Frazier thanked the Finance Committee and Tiiu Vahtel, Business Manager, for their work on the budget. Applause followed.

Courtesy Resolutions

Chair of the Resolutions Committee Julie Sarazin, Nyssa, presented the Courtesy Resolutions report. The resolution for greetings was amended as follows and **passed** on voice vote with no dissenting votes.

Be it resolved that the 40th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Eastern Oregon, meeting in Hood River, from the 1st to the 3rd of October, 2010 convey our thanks to:

The Rev. Anna Carmichael, Rector; Jeanie Senior, Sr. Warden; Vicki Kelsey, host committee chair, and the congregation of St. Marks, Hood River

The management of the Best Western Hood River Inn

Nancy Roudin, Marjorie Rosemont, and Roxanne Shoemaker who provided entertainment

David Leslie, Executive Director of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon

Sara Miles, keynote presenter

Jerry Frazier for the budget report

Tiiu Vahtel and Diane Adams for their work in preparation for Convention

Be it further resolved that we convey our greetings to:

The Rt. Rev. Rustin Kimsey in person with thank you for his presence at Convention

The Rt. Rev. Bill Spofford

The Rt. Rev. Bill Gregg

The Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori

Former Presiding Bishop Edmond Browning

The Rt. Rev. Michael Hanley and people of the Diocese of Oregon

Bishop David Brauer-Rieke and members of the Oregon Synod, ELCA

Mary Margaret Davis, Province VIII NEHM Coordinator

Be it further resolved that we convey our greetings and prayers to the Rev. Tish Croom.

Be it further resolved that this Convention confer on the Rt. Rev. Rustin Kimsey the title of Bishop Emeritus.

Report of the Convention Offering Committee

Chair of the Convention Offering Committee, the Rev. Dcn Ruth Brown, Redmond, **moved** that half of the Convention offering go to the outreach choice of St. Mark's, Hood River, and that half of the Convention offering go to Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon for the Healthy Kids Program. It was stated that the choice of St. Mark's was Episcopal Relief and Development for microloans. The motion **passed** on voice vote with no dissenting votes.

Time and Place of Convention

Leslie Weimer, Hermiston, Chair of Time and Place of Convention committee, announced that the following Convention hosts and times have been designated:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Host Congregation</u>
Oct. 14-16, 2011	St. John's, Hermiston
2012	Trinity, Bend
2013	St. Matthew's, Ontario
2014	Church of the Redeemer, Pendleton
2015	St. Paul's, The Dalles

Leslie stated that the Millennium Development Goal focus for 2011 will be #4 - Reduce Child Mortality. She stated that the ingathering at the 2011 Convention will go to Episcopal Relief and Development in partnership with the Episcopal Diocese of the Dominican Republic and Clinica Esperanza y Caridad, an Episcopal medical clinic located in the city of San Pedro de Macoris.

Resolution on Open Communion

Bishop Nedi asked for a vote to bring to the floor a resolution on Open Communion proposed by Trina Sherman, Ontario. The Bishop noted that there must be a two-thirds majority. Approval was given on voice vote with no dissenting votes.

Trina Sherman **moved** the following resolution:

Be it resolved that the Diocese of Eastern Oregon propose a resolution to the General Convention [*Committee on Liturgy and Music*] striking the rubrics limiting the distribution of the Eucharist.

The motion was **seconded** and discussion followed. It was **moved, seconded, and passed** on voice vote with no dissenting votes to amend the resolution as noted in parentheses above.

The Bishop explained the process for a resolution proposed to General Convention. She noted that it could take more than one General Convention to approve such a resolution. Scott Cooper, Prineville, questioned whether this resolution could jeopardize our relationship with the ELCA. Pastor Katy Anderson, Heppner, indicated that she did not believe that it would. The Rev. Paul Morton, Redmond, commented that there could be unintended consequences in regard to the theology of Baptism. Ty Lavender, Ontario, asked about possible effects on the relationship of The Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion. Bishop Nedi

acknowledged that it would be difficult for the resolution to get through the House of Bishops but that it was worthy of being put on the table.

The motion passed **unanimously** on voice vote. Bishop Nedi appointed the Rt. Rev. Rustin Kimsey, the Rev. Anna Carmichael, the Rev. Christy Close Erskine, and Trina Sherman to a committee to write the theological rationale and background for the resolution.

Closing Business

The Rt. Rev. Rustin Kimsey asked to make an announcement. He commented on the life and recent death of the Rev. Ray Ferguson, friend of the Diocese of Eastern Oregon, former Vicar of St. Alban's, Redmond, and brother of the Rev. Larry Ferguson. He asked for prayers for Ray Ferguson's wife, Louise and their daughters.

Rustin then commented on the rebuilding of the Cursillo program in Eastern Oregon. He announced the dates for Cursillo weekend and asked for prayers for that program.

Following other announcements, Bishop Nedi adjourned Convention at 10:05 a.m.

Convention Eucharist

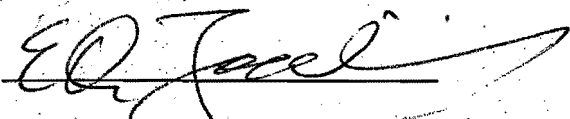
The Eucharist service was held in the Columbia Room of the Best Western Hood River Inn beginning at 10:15 a.m. Bishop Nedi was celebrant and preacher. Lectors were Diane Adams and Terry Rahmsdorff. The Rev. Dcn Ruth Brown served as Gospeler, and The Rev. Dcn Michelle Meech served as Deacon of the Mass. Bishop Nedi was assisted in the distribution of Communion by the Rt. Rev. Rustin Kimsey, the Rev. Canon Lee Kiefer, the Rev. Anna Carmichael, the Rev. Janet Fullmer, the Rev. Alison Dingley, the Rev. Dcn Stephen Schafroth, and the Rev. Dcn Larry Mahon. Music leadership was provided by keyboardist Bettie Cramblett, Hood River, and Lloyd Walworth and choir members from St. Paul's, The Dalles.

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Being Christ's Hands in the World . . . [no excuses]

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things which are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Desert

We were tightly packed into some kind of jeep, borrowed from the Red Cross. It was hot. The road was nothing more than a worn part of the desert. Our driver was a farmer. She said that's how she knew how to drive dirt roads with huge ruts and deep puddles.

The road seemed never ending and it was really bumpy. It was hot and there was no air conditioning. We learned that in this part of Mexico, the drug dealers run the desert Monday through Thursday. If you want to cross the border without having to carry drugs, you need to try to cross on weekends. Fernando had called ahead and they knew we were coming. So we weren't in any danger.

Finally we stopped in the road behind the water truck. We piled out, squeezed between the strings of barbed wire that marked some boundary and walked a few yards to a big blue barrel set on a small saw horse that reminded me of a Christmas pageant manger. While a brother bishop brought the hose to the barrel, Fernando took the duct tape off the top of the barrel and unscrewed the bolts that held a rectangular lid over an opening. We filled the barrel until the dust floating on top of the old water was skimmed off the top through the overflow hole. We replaced the lid and sealed it with fresh duct tape.

Then we stood in a circle and reflected on all we had heard and seen that morning, particularly, what we were seeing there, right next to THE FENCE. Miles and miles of fence sometimes made of wood slats; mostly made of various kinds of wire mesh. We were at a water station in Mexico. There in the desert it was too hot to stand too close to one another. There was no real shade, and although I've done some pretty long distance walking, I knew there was no way I could survive this trip.

I reflected on Moses and the Israelites: forty years in the desert. God provided water for them – water from a rock. Fernando was being Christ's hands in that desert. Twice a week he brings water to God's people, God's precious children.

The desert is a beautiful place, and the desert is a dangerous place. Later that week Bob and I worshiped at a gorgeous, huge, well-to-do southwestern adobe church. There were notices on the outside doors reminding people to keep them closed because there were snakes about.

Dangerous. Easy to get lost. It's hard to get your bearings with so much flat land. Distances are hard to judge and if you are coming from afar, like New Englanders coming

to Oregon, you have no comprehension of these vast open spaces. We learned that once the immigrants made it safely over the border they were often disappointed to learn that they were hundreds, or even thousands of miles from their destination. Some had been told that Chicago was just *over the border*.

Dangerous. You will meet strange beasts. And you need a quart of water per hour. You don't really want to sleep on the ground, (scorpions as well as snakes), and as hard as it is to believe when it's 110 degrees, it can get pretty cold at night.

In Scripture the desert, the wilderness, the *wilderness*, is central to the story of the people of God, and it is key to Jesus' story.

The people of God, as I said earlier, had been led out of slavery seeking God's Promised Land. They left behind (as they reminded Moses more than once) leeks and onions and cucumbers. The only thing they had to eat in the desert was manna – that *stuff* that appeared every morning and turned to maggots if you hoarded it; that *stuff* called "What is it?" Stuff they tired of eating but stuff that sustained them.

They looked forward to, when they could believe the promise, of a land flowing with milk and honey, but they had trouble believing it.

They complained a lot. Murmured and mumbled against Moses and his leadership. Once, you'll remember they got tired of waiting for him to come down from the mountain – he'd been up there for *ages* (receiving the Ten Commandments as it turns out) – so they gave up on him and his God.

They convinced Aaron, Moses' older brother, to help them create an idol. An idol like all those *other* peoples had. A god you could see and touch . . . instead of a God who could hear, see, touch and care about them. They created the Golden Calf and began to dance and party and worship the god they had created . . . instead of the God who created them.

The desert. It's not an easy place. It's too easy to get lost and distracted.

For Jesus, it was no less dangerous, no less difficult. But partly because it was forty days, not forty years, and even more, because Jesus knew deep in his being that it was the Spirit who had driven him there, the desert experience was, for him, defining. It was the place where he learned what it means to be the Son of God, God's beloved, God's chosen.

Jesus learned that it didn't mean power over creation, nor was it a ministry of satisfying everyone. It didn't mean acceding to the lies of the Evil One who claimed lordship over the world, nor did it mean personal security, fame, glory nor ministry based in one's own ability. Rather, the desert was a place where he learned that his ministry was about deep, deep trust in God, being at one with those he was called to serve, and proclaiming the truth, that is first and foremost proclaiming the good news of God in Christ – the Kingdom of God has come near!

Being in The Wilderness

Of course, you know where I am going with all this.

We too are in our own desert. A time when we can be tempted to believe that we are in a barren place. A place with few or no recognizable resources. We have left the known world of business as usual, but we don't yet know where we are going. We are between what was old and what is new.

We have some time in the desert while we prepare to enter our promised land. And it may be flowing with milk and honey, or it may be inhabited by giants. Or both.

But here's what I know about the desert.

God is in the desert. It is a holy place. Jesus has hallowed it with his presence and prayers. It is a holy place, where the Israelites, led by a pillar of fire by night and a pillar of cloud by day, finally came to know God was with them and providing for them: Manna and water stations filled twice a week. God is in the desert.

God is in our wilderness too. God is with us in this journey into the unknown. God offers us our own manna, our own water stations and it is the Spirit who has led us here. So what does it take to make this journey from slavery to Promised Land? How do we move forward?

Journey

First, we have to leave Egypt. We have to throw off the shackles *and* we have to leave behind, for the time being anyway, leeks and onions and cucumbers. When immigrants leave Oaxaca, they leave the poverty, the hopelessness and the violence, but they also leave their homes, their language, their families – parents, spouses, children. They hope someday to return as new people, or to send for their families, or to help their families by sending back checks, but first they have to leave.

The story of the Exodus is formational for Jews and Christians. It teaches us something central about the life of faith. This story reminds us that faith is a journey. That life is leaving, repenting, letting go.

I have travelled thousands of miles in the short time I have been with you. I have worshiped in all but two congregations and visited every town where I am called to go, and I hear two things that I think we need to let go of: we need to let go of our nostalgia for the good ol' days and we need to let go of our sadness or anger about the hurt we have endured.

And perhaps, although I don't hear this often explicitly, but I hear it just under the surface, we need to let go of our sense that somehow we didn't, don't or won't measure up to some standard we have set for ourselves. That maybe we are to blame for having to be in the desert.

We need to forgive.

Others (to be pointed, especially) those who were called to lead us, who we believe failed us, and we need to forgive ourselves for calling them or for our part in letting the relationships break down, or for not loving them very much. We need to forgive the world, as Jesus did, not knowing what love we have to offer, and to forgive ourselves for failing to love ourselves, one another and the world as Christ has loved us.

Pillar of Fire

Forgiveness is, my friends, our pillar of fire. Forgiveness is how we will be led through the desert in the dark night of our souls, both personally and corporately. Forgiveness is the hard work of being Christian and living in Christian community.

When I told someone that I wanted us to spend some time on forgiveness this weekend they said to me, "But we've done that already." ...

One of the most helpful things I have learned about forgiveness is the seven times seventy rule. You remember Jesus telling Peter he had to forgive not seven times seven but seventy times seven. I used to think that Jesus was telling me I had to be a doormat. But now I don't think so. I think Jesus is telling me that every single time a grudge rises to the surface, every time I'm tempted to rail against a certain former president, every time I start to tell someone about how they *always do something wrong*, I am called to forgive. The same old stuff again and again – not because they *are always doing the same thing wrong*, but because once again I have picked up the garbage can and stuffed all thirty-three gallons of old stuff in my backpack.

I'm not suggesting letting someone walk all over you, that's not forgiveness, that's allowing bad behavior. I'm talking about the stuff in the past that bogs us down and makes it difficult to move forward.

We are in the redemption business. Forgiveness is not only our pillar of fire, it is our vocation. Forgiveness is how we are transformed, made new, *resurrected*. We forgive Pharaoh not because Pharaoh is sorry, or because Pharaoh didn't know, or in spite of the fact that Pharaoh doesn't have a clue about why he needs forgiveness. We forgive because we need to let go of the chains that bind us to the past, to hurt and to death.

Pillar of Cloud

So having let go of what we no longer need, we look to the promise. We have been set free for a purpose. We are set free so that we can once again become the people of God. So that we can be Christ's hands in the world. That means the Pillar of Cloud is Jesus' ministry of compassion.

The land of milk and honey is that place where we discover that life has its greatest meaning when God's love is moving through us. How many times have you, like I, done something grudgingly, because you knew you *should* only to discover that you have been bathed in Grace. A few weeks ago I found myself being the 'celebrity reader' at our local

Episcopal church literacy program. I pushed myself out of the house in the midday sun, went to a place where there were a dozen I didn't know and to have some conversation and read a couple of chapters of the Boxcar Kids. I haven't had that many loving hugs in a long time, and one of the kids told me I was a really good reader. Just a short afternoon offered and I walked with a lilt in my step the rest of the day.

When we were at the border in Arizona and Sonora, over and over we were overwhelmed by the stories of brave and gracious people, and then we were thanked *for just being present*. I was kicked in the rear by God as I listened to Chris, the border patrol agent, speak of rescues in the desert, and how he would change our immigration policy and also his profound thank you's for just listening to his side of the story.

Over and over Jesus says, "You want the kingdom of heaven? Then, Follow me." Get over yourself and be my hands in the world. Feed the hungry, give water to the thirsty, clothe the naked, visit the prisoners, welcome the strangers – and through all this, not as a reward, but as a result of your compassion -- "inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

Missional Renaissance reminds us that we are called into the world, to be Christ's hands and feet and voice and arms. We have learned that our congregations can and do make a difference in our communities, but sometimes we get sidetracked thinking that building the church is building the kingdom. We know better, but we forget.

We have been forgiven, healed, renewed, restored, redeemed so that . . . so that, empowered by the Holy Spirit, we can be Christ's hands in the world. Our congregations are about ministry. I love it when I see the community gardens, the bulletin boards with pictures of your partners in ministry in Haiti, Honduras, El Salvador, and in the cities in which you serve. I love hearing about the food kitchens, pantries, Friday Bible Schools, prison ministry. These will lead us to the Promised Land. This *is* the Promised Land.

Manna & Water from a Rock

The desert is dangerous. The wilderness is vast. But God is there.

God is *here* – leading us with the pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night. Providing manna to eat and from a rock, water to drink. We live by the grace of our sacramental life together and Jesus' self-giving life, death and resurrection.

The desert is where we will come to know who we are and who the Diocese of Eastern Oregon is called to be and become. How will we be the people of God? What partners will we need to respond to God's call to our diocese? What structures do we need to support one another and to receive faithfully the gifts God pours down upon us? Can we stop asking the consumer question of what do we 'get' for our assessment, and ask the Jesus question of what do we have to share with one another? How in our sharing will we "strengthen for service the hands which holy gifts have taken?"

There is discernment to be done, listening to the Holy Spirit in the midst of two or three or more gathered together in Jesus' name. The Commission on Ministry will in the next year be helping us become a people of discernment – which is different from decision making, and essential to it as we move into an unknown future.

We like to think of ourselves as poor, isolated and misunderstood. But the incarnation and Jesus' ministry, and the lives of the saints tell us something different. We are the beloved children of God and we are blessed by an abundance of gifts from the living God who sends a Son who lays down his life for his friends.

We need to give up the murmuring and mumbling. Let us look to those whom we are called to serve and remember how much we have, how deeply we are loved.

Tomorrow morning we will conclude this convention with the Eucharist in which will receive so many of God's gifts for the journey.

We will receive the forgiveness of sins, as we ask God to “renew a right spirit” within us. Perhaps we will also forgive ourselves, let go of regrets and trust God who redeems everything, absolutely everything – our sins, our best intentions, our good deeds gone awry, our broken hearts.

Trusting in God's power to bring new life out of death, we can forgive those we need to forgive – whoever it is that we are called to love as Christ loves us—laying down our lives for our friends, and loving our enemies (because we know that retaining sins is keeping us shackled in slavery.)

We will once again receive the joy of baptismal waters and the opportunity to reaffirm our promise to follow Jesus.

We will in holy communion with God and one another, receive the body and blood of Christ, given food more miraculous than manna and wine more refreshing than water in the desert.

And, you will have the opportunity to have your hands anointed with the oil of chrism – as a sign that Christ (the Anointed One) has no hands but ours with which to heal a broken world.

We have all that we need . . . and more. What else can we ask of God?

May these signs and all the signs of God's love and presence with us, nourish us in this time together and in shared ministry in the Promised Land.

Eastern Oregon Episcopal Foundation
 Annual Meeting
 October 1, 2010
 St. Mark's Episcopal Church
 Hood River, Oregon

Present:

The Right Reverend Bavi Edna "Nedi" Rivera		Trustee, Chairperson
<i>G. Royes</i>	<i>St. Peter's</i>	<i>La Grande</i>
Kenneth Leibham	St. Paul's	The Dalles
Jerry Frazier	St. Paul's	The Dalles
Doug Harder	Redeemer	Pendleton
Laurance Kerr	St. Paul's	The Dalles
Wilmalu Tomlinson	St. James'	Milton-Freewater
Gail Hughes	All Saints	Heppner
Fred Wade	St. Paul's	Klamath Falls
		Trustee, Vice-Chair, absent
		Secretary-Treasurer
		Trustee
		Trustee
		Trustee
		Trustee
		Trustee

Certified voting members who signed in for the Annual Meeting

1. Helen Brisson	Trinity	Bend
2. Fabian Baker	St. Barnabas	Bonanza
3. Ann Thew	St. Andrew's	Burns
4. Jim Spell	St. Thomas	Canyon City
5. Chester Markley	St. Patrick's	Enterprise
6. Leslie Weimer	St. John's	Hermiston
7. Gail Wade	St. Paul's	Klamath Falls
8. Jean Schadler	St. Luke's	Lakeview
9. Al Kozak	St. Mark's	Madras
10. G. Lynn Crawford	St. James'	Milton-Freewater
11. Barbara Brandt	Redeemer	Pendleton
12. Donald R. Scott	St. Alban's	Redmond
13. Lindsay Simmons	Transfiguration	Sisters
14. Leo Reinikka	All Saints	Sunriver
15. Pat Fowler	St. Paul's	The Dalles

Other Annual Meeting attendees (visitors are always welcome)

Virginia Scott	St. Alban's	Redmond
Ann Hayes	St. Patrick's	Enterprise
Sam Weimer	St. John's	Hermiston
Dr. Willis H.A. Moore	St. Paul's	Klamath Falls
Matt Baker	St. Barnabas	Bonanza

I. Call to Order and Opening Prayer

Chairperson, The Right Reverend Bavi Edna "Nedi" Rivera, Provisional Bishop, called the meeting to order with a prayer at 3:37 P.M... Minutes of the Annual Foundation meeting of October 9, 2009 were distributed. These minutes were amended to reflect the meeting having taken place on that date at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Klamath Falls. The minutes, as corrected, were then unanimously approved.

II. Financial Report and Audit

Kenneth Leibham distributed and discussed the audited Financial Statements as of December 31, 2009. A motion was made to accept the audited Financial Statements. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Report of the Chair

The chair reported that during 2010, discussions had taken place between members of St. Patrick's Parish (Enterprise) and the Bishop and the Bishop and various Foundation Trustees of a possible Eastern Oregon Episcopal Foundation grant or loan to address one of the needs of St. Patrick's Parish. While further progress may be made on this issue, no Foundation action has been taken.

IV. Absence of the Vice-Chair

The Bishop shared that G. Royes, the Vice-Chair, sent his regrets about his absence at today's meetings due to the recent death of a friend.

V. Adjournment and Closing Prayer

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 PM with a prayer.

	A	B	C	D	F
1	EDEO 2011 Budget Adopted by Convention				
2					2011
3		2008	2009	2010	Adopted
4		Actual	Actual	Budget	Budget
5					
6	Income				
7	Assessments Current Year	\$413,427	\$409,910	\$396,114	\$420,000
8	Assessments Prior Year	\$39,181	\$34,577	\$28,000	
9					
10	Diocesan Endowment	\$0	\$16,500	\$23,604	\$22,000
11	Investment/Interest Income	\$3,212	\$24,017	\$19,350	\$15,000
12					
13	Domestic Missionary Partnership	\$15,000	\$19,000	\$19,000	
14	Duncan Income	\$4,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$6,000
15	Foundation Grant for Retired Clergy Med. Insurance	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$7,000
16	Office Services for Eastern Oregon Episcopal Foundation	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000
17					
18	Communications income				\$10,000
19					
20	Miscellaneous Income/Grants	\$872	\$525	\$480	\$480
21	Transferred Funds	\$43,943	\$52,958	\$17,000	
22	Funds from Eastern Oregon Epis. Foundation Loan		\$0	\$64,000	
23	From Auto Fund (\$59,000)				
24	From Strategic Development Fund (\$51,000)				
25	From Proceeds of Property Sales (\$113,000)				\$51,438
26	From Bishop's Search/Consecration Fund (\$114,000)				
27					
28					
29	Total Income	\$528,634	\$576,487	\$586,548	\$535,918
30					
31					

	A	B	C	D	F
32	Expenses	2008	2009	2010	Adopted
33		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>
34					
35	Millenium Development Goals	\$3,514	\$3,132	\$3,946	\$3,200
36					
37	DMP Grants:				
38	2008: Ascension Grants/Circuit Riders/Summer interns	\$15,488			
39	2009: Circuit Riders/Summer interns		\$19,000		
40	2010: Trinity,Bend Family Ministries/PYE			\$19,000	
41					
42	Direct Ministry Support				
43	Burns Base Budget support	\$1,500	\$1,500		
44	Collegium	\$602	\$3,643	\$5,000	\$3,500
45	Clergy Support	\$225	\$100	\$1,200	\$1,200
46	COM	\$2,130	\$2,094	\$4,000	\$3,500
47	Convention (with Journals)	\$2,294	\$2,186	\$3,000	\$3,000
48	Congregational Ministry incl.EFM	\$2,087	\$2,068	\$2,500	\$2,500
49	Continuing Education Scholarships		\$363	\$2,000	\$2,000
50	Chancellors Conference	\$1,506	\$2,150	\$2,300	\$2,300
51	Living Stones Exploration		\$1,057	\$1,200	
52	Outreach	\$661	\$500	\$500	
53	Resource Library		\$1,806	\$500	\$500
54	Staff Development	\$4,033	\$3,532	\$4,500	\$4,500
55	Standing Committee/Diocesan Council	\$9,598	\$9,777	\$8,500	\$8,500
56	Youth	\$2,352	\$2,745	\$2,500	\$1,500
57	Total Direct Ministy Support	\$26,988	\$33,520	\$37,700	\$33,000
58					
59	Ascension School Program support	\$80,873	\$84,033	\$50,000	\$60,000
60					
61	Communications				
62	Communications Coordinator/website including OTE	\$20,813	\$22,065	\$31,240	\$30,445
63	Executive Secretary one quarter time (including benefits)			\$11,008	\$11,008
64	Canon one fifth time (including benefits)			\$17,192	\$17,192
65	Total Communications	\$20,813	\$22,065	\$59,440	\$58,645
66					
67	Institutional Support				
68	Legal Expenses	\$948	\$550	\$500	\$500
69	Audit	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
70	Bookkeeping/Payroll/Administration		n/a	n/a	\$22,000
71					
72	Insurance				
73	Property/Liability insurance (2008 includes Umbrella coverage)	\$5,612	\$4,494		
74	Auto insurance: Diocesan vehicle		\$1,517		
75	Retired Clergy Insurance	\$9,190	\$6,487		
76	Total Insurance	\$14,802	\$12,498	\$16,850	\$17,600
77					
78	Office expenses				
79	Equipment Expense	\$1,827	\$2,000		
80	Miscellaneous Office Expense	\$366	\$227		
81	Office Supplies	\$2,009	\$1,250		
82	Photocopy expense including copier lease	\$2,114	\$1,635		
83	Postage	\$3,906	\$3,969		
84	Publications	\$299	\$317		
85	Telephone/fax/email	\$3,948	\$4,265		
86	Total Office expenses	\$14,469	\$13,662	\$17,320	\$13,720

	A	B	C	D	F
87					
88					2011
89		2008	2009	2010	Adopted
90		Actual	Actual	Budget	Budget
91	Maintenance & Repair				
92	Cleaning	\$1,318	\$1,335		
93	Diocesan House	\$3,945	\$4,022		
94	Electricity	\$2,506	\$2,932		
95	Property: Tax & Miscellaneous Expense	\$1,003	\$982		
96	Repair & maintenance	\$3,979	\$1,805		
97	Water/Sewer/Garbage	\$1,248	\$1,375		
98	Total Maintenance & Repair	\$14,000	\$12,450	\$15,450	\$14,550
99					
100	Equipment/Property Maintenance Reserves				
101	Equipment Replacement Reserve	\$2,000	\$2,000		
102	Property Maintenance Reserve	\$4,000	\$4,000		
103	Total Reserves	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$2,000
104					
105					
106	Total Institutional Support	\$65,219	\$60,161	\$71,120	\$85,370
107					
108	Bishop (2008/09/10 includes Search/Consecration reserve)	\$49,480	\$80,102	\$81,500	\$75,000
109					
110	Beyond the Diocese				
111	General Church Apportionment	\$78,211	\$73,993	\$77,046	\$83,412
112	General Convention Deputies	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$8,000	\$8,000
113	Lambeth	\$800	\$800	\$800	
114	Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,000
115	Province VIII Support	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
116	Total Beyond the Diocese	\$89,011	\$84,793	\$89,846	\$94,912
117					
118	Staff				
119	Canon for Transition	\$75,560	\$83,740	\$68,766	\$68,766
120	for 2010 & 2011 add 1/5 time included in Communications line #58				
121	Office Staff	\$98,436	\$103,778	\$95,934	\$57,025
122	for 2010 & 2011 add 1/4 time included in Communications line #57				
123	Total Staff	\$173,995	\$187,518	\$164,700	\$125,791
124					
125	EOEF Loan repayment (final payment in 2010)	\$8,840	\$8,840	\$9,296	n/a
126					
127	Total Expenses:	\$534,222	\$583,164	\$586,548	\$535,918
128					
129		(\$5,588)	(\$6,677)	\$0	\$0

CONVENTION COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Resolutions: (Task: to evaluate resolutions and present them to the Convention, with recommendation for action, or , in some cases to return them to their makers. The Committee does not have to deal with the resolutions that are introduced with various reports. The Committee also prepares Courtesy Resolutions.)

Julie Sarazin, Chair	St. Paul's, Nyssa
Marcia Black	St. Mark's, Madras
Larry Cramblett	St. Mark's, Hood River
Jim Philips	St. James', Milton-Freewater
Amy Holweger	St. Paul's, Klamath Falls

Tellers: (Task: to distribute items including ballots and to count ballots and to report elections to the President of the Convention.)

Diane Denstedt, Chair	St. Andrew's, Burns
Lynn Burroughs	St. Stephen's, Baker City
Ken Sandine	Trinity, Bend
Cyde Estes	All Saints, Heppner
Mike Warren	St. Luke's, Lakeview

Convention Offering: (Task: to recommend recipients of the Convention offerings.)

The Rev. Ruth Brown, Deacon, Chair	St. Alban's, Redmond
The Rev. Stephen Schafroth, Deacon	St. Paul's, The Dalles
Fabian Baker	St. Barnabas, Bonanza
Ty Lavender	St. Matthew's, Ontario
Sydney Harrison	Transfiguration, Sisters

Time and Place of Convention: (Task: to decide host congregations and time and place of future conventions; to confirm locations decided at previous conventions.)

Leslie Weimer, Chair	St. John's, Hermiston
Jack Crowell	Trinity, Bend
Julie Van Matre	St. Matthew's, Ontario
Bruce Barnes	Church of the Redeemer, Pendleton
Monte Dickinson	St. Paul's, The Dalles

2010 Ascension School Report

As I considered what to write for my report on Ascension School I looked back to last year's goals. In those goals I talked about making Ascension School more sustainable and increasing programming. I'm happy to report that we have increased our programming options and have a rough draft of 2011's schedule ready. We are also gaining a better understanding of what it will take financially and programmatically to make Ascension School more viable and financially sustainable. Diocesan Council has recently given Ascension School the go ahead to begin planning for an Annual Giving Plan, which we feel is an essential piece for the success of our camp and conference center. Diocesan Council will need to review and approve the plan to determine how to proceed.

The 2010 Visioning Retreat, led by Tom Cashman, was a great success. We came out with clear objectives and who would take the lead on those objectives. We have programming, funding and maintenance objectives that we will be working on over the course of the next two years. The Visioning Retreat objectives and strategies will be available at Ascension School's Convention booth.

Our outside and diocesan rentals continue to be an important part of our ministries here at Ascension School. Our rentals didn't decrease this year but the numbers of people attending decreased. I do think the economy has affected those numbers. We distribute evaluations at the end of each event and feedback on events and rentals remain positive.

Bob Thomson, Ascension School board member and the chair of the Communications Committee, will be updating Ascension School's website to incorporate a "Conference Center" site and to bring a continuous look to our site that will match the Diocesan site. Keep your eye out this fall for our new look, www.coveascensionschool.com. These kinds of improvements will help with our communication and marketing.

Summer Camp 2010, To Love and To Serve

Another great camping season came to a close this summer. The kids had an amazing summer connecting with each other, our wonderful earth and our communities. The campers participated in many activities this summer designed to teach them about what it means to love and to serve.

Some Activities Included:

- Building and selling birdhouses to raise money for the United Nations MDGs and La Grande's Community Garden, an activity done in partnership with Oregon Rural Action, a grassroots community organizing group.
- Gardening and harvesting food for the Cove Food Pantry (run by the Cove United Methodist Church).

- Hiking and learning about aquatic life in our local rivers with help from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.
- Tai Chi with Resource Staff, learning to love and take care of ourselves.
- Eucharist with Bishop Nedi Rivera, learning to take care of each other.

Ascension School and the Diocese of Eastern Oregon have a strong tradition of supporting “getting kids to camp” no matter what their family’s financial situation might be and this summer was no exception.

- We raised over \$10,000 to send kids to camp this year.
- Ascension School alone gave over \$7000 in camperships this year and each congregation sent kids on local scholarships too.
- We continue to partner with the Central Oregon Partnership for Youth to “get kids to camp” through our “Caring and Sharing” program.
- In addition to contributing financially, over 40 people volunteered at camp this summer.

It was a wonderful summer and we are already looking forward and planning for next summer. Please remember to check our website for upcoming events and camping opportunities. Remember you can support Ascension School throughout the year.

Ways to Support Ascension School

- Make an annual gift to Ascension School appropriate to your ability.
- Say a prayer for Ascension School.
- Be a spokesperson for Ascension School in your parish and around the Diocese.
- Invite a friend to come an Ascension School program.
- Post the camp schedules and retreat schedules in your parish newsletters.
- Hold fund raisers to send kids to camp on camperships.
- Place a link to Ascension School on your website: www.coveascensionschool.com
- Recommend Ascension School as a place to hold retreats or meetings to your friends and colleagues.

Commission On Ministry Annual Report for 2010

The commission has reaffirmed its intention to continue to be a resource to the laity and parishes and to provide opportunities that encourage lifelong learning and equip the laity in mission and ministry inside and outside of the the church.

A brochure listing some resources in the diocese was posted on the diocese's web site.

Each parish was asked for recommendations of members to serve on the commission and plans have been made for members of the commission to be liaisons to parishes.

Carla Robinson from the Diocese of Olympia presented an inspiring and informative training for preachers at our annual ministry weekend. We worked with Ascension School to plan Adult Programming for 2011. The theme for 2011 is Nourish Your Soul. Plans were made for ministry weekend next spring to "Nourish Your Soul" through time management and discernment.

The commission continued to clarify guidelines for discernment committees for laity seeking licenses in the parish as well as for those seeking ordination and to advise the bishop on qualifications for special ministry licenses. We are encouraging laity to engage with discernment committees in the quest to become aware of their gifts and ways that they can best reflect God's Kingdom in the world.

During the past year the COM saw the ordination of Michelle Meech to the transitional Diaconate, and Rev. James Mosier to the Priesthood. Ray Jeff Spreier entered postulancy for the priesthood.

Rev. Rich Attebury
Rev. Rebecca Hendricks
Rev. Gaye Lawson
Rev. Janet Fullmer
Leslie Weimer
Gail McGuire
Leo Reinkka
Peggy Ziegler, chair

Eastern Oregon Cursillo Community Report – 2010

Due to the fact that the 2008 and 2009 Cursillo's had a very low attendance of new people, the Secretariat decided to not have a Cursillo in 2010. Instead we used our energies to research how we could better advertise and reach more people who might be interested in attending this special weekend event at Ascension School.

Along these lines, with the help of Jerry Lear, we produced a survey which was sent by electronic mail to everyone whose address we had on file, and who had previously attended a Cursillo in Eastern Oregon. About 140 people responded to the survey, which provided us with a great deal of very useful information. One of the questions asked was if we should consider letting Cursillo rest for a few years, or if we should continue offering it on a yearly basis. It was definitely unanimous that we should continue offering a Cursillo on a yearly basis as it has been done for the past 30 years.

I am happy to report that Cursillo 2011 will be held at Ascension School April 28-May 1st. If you have not yet attended a Cursillo, we would encourage you to consider doing so. If you would like more information, please contact your parish Priest or someone from your parish who has previously attended a Cursillo. You may also contact one of the following Secretariat members: Jerry or Julie Lear, Rita Bowne, Riki Strong, Fr. Paul Morton, Sandy Holtz, Kait Skyler, Robanai Disque, Larry Weeden, or myself.

Phyllis Jerome, President
Eastern Oregon Cursillo Community

Diocesan Council

Diocesan Council has had a productive year. Our year began with our retreat at Cove in November. We were led by Bishop Nedi and prayerfully developed a plan for the year. This process has been very successful in meeting our goals. In our March meeting it was decided that members of council would visit each parish in the diocese to discuss the transformation going on within our diocese. We obtained copies of a chapter of *Missional Renaissance* by Reggie McNeil to help stimulate discussion. As a result, we visited each congregation in the diocese and using a synthesis of the information gathered, Council has a draft mission statement for the diocese which will be taken to each of the convocations between now and convention.

These are exciting transformative times for our diocese. Council invites your prayers that we may have the strength and wisdom to do the Lord's will.

DMP Grant 2010 - Convention Report
The Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon
October 1-3, 2010
Respectfully submitted by Donna Jacobsen, Youth and Family Ministries Leader

Greetings from the Youth and Family Ministries program at Trinity in Bend.

I am beyond thrilled to be reporting to you on the status of our programs. There is a lot of activity surrounding the start of our 2010/2011 program year and the excitement is palpable.

Aside from moving into my office and settling in a bit, my first activity in this position was to attend the planning session for the Provincial Youth Event in Salt Lake City. One of our high school youth, Savannah Stalker, and I traveled to SLC and met the amazingly well-oiled machine that was in place as the Design Team: Kathy Hamilton, Fr. Earl Gibson, Karl and Katie Akesson, Alison Lehner, Alex Kirkorian, and Greg Tuttle. We spent three days working through the agenda and details for the gathering, which was to be held July 19 – 23.

Upon my return, I assisted with editing the registration materials and the Facebook page. I made contact with our Diocese about getting the word out for scholarships for attendees, and called or e-mailed parishes to encourage participation. With that, we had only one youth sign up with another possible in the wings. That would have brought our Eastern Oregon contingent to four – which beats the zero number of attendees since 1999.

Unfortunately, registrations were slow and the Provincial Leaders made the decision to cancel the event.

We will request that the unused funds (approximately \$4,200) be allocated to encouraging Diocesan attendance at the Episcopal Youth Event (EYE) June 22-26, 2011 in St. Paul, Minnesota. EYE attendees are also of high school age, and with some earlier promotion about the event, we should be able to encourage more attendance.

Meanwhile, efforts were focused on providing Godly Play start-up support to other congregations. A Godly Play CORE training was set up in cooperation with the First Presbyterian Church here in Bend. Information was sent to the Diocese to encourage participation. Follow up with several congregations was made. The training took place August 13 – 15 with attendees only from Trinity and 1st Pres. We intend to continue to build our support base here together with the intention of helping other congregations in our respective areas.

Last Spring, Marsha Landrith of our Lakeview congregation visited our Godly Play program leaders. In July, Stephanie Hicks and Gail McGuire traveled to Lakeview to give a presentation and Q&A session for both the Episcopal and Presbyterian congregations

there. The two came back with the wonderful idea to provide videos to congregations that will demonstrate the stories and film sample Q&A sessions so that interested folks can view them at their leisure. Convening a group over this topic has proven difficult, yet maybe the flexibility of video can help spread the word. We will begin this project with the start of the program year.

In other news, we confirmed three youth members on Pentecost. A new Wednesday afternoon program began June 2 – the Family Kitchen Prep Squad. Our J2A Pilgrims had a successful trip to Ireland. Plans for full Sunday Morning Education Classes, Youth Group gatherings, and an Adult Education – Parenting Track are falling into place. We are also making plans for a youth mission trip to Condega, Nicaragua and an “urban immersion” trip to Los Angeles – both for the Summer of 2011.

We, of course, welcome involvement in any of our programs, whether it be as a participant or an information-gatherer or both! We look forward to keeping interested parties informed via email, Facebook (TECBend for Youth and Trinity Episcopal Church - Bend, OR for general news) or snail mail.

Education for Ministry

EFM is a four year program covering the Hebrew Bible, the New Testament, Church History and theologians and philosophers. Currently, we have one EFM group up and running in Pendleton, with another taking root in Central Oregon, which will begin in September of 2010.

Because of our distance from educational opportunities, member of our diocese have taken advantage of EFM for their foundational learning when in discernment about the diaconate or the priesthood. For others, it has been a vehicle to enhance and deepen their personal ministry, allowing them to become more deeply involved in their parish and also in their wider community.

The opportunity to do theological reflection in community is invaluable in shaping those who may be isolated in a small place. And now that EFM is available on-line, those members of our diocese who cannot find a face-to-face EFM group will be able to access a group wherever they may live. I will be involved in co-mentoring an on-line group in the fall, and hope to recruit people in that situation.

Those who have taken advantage of this excellent program have benefitted from our Diocesan support. Even with that support, however, EFM, it is a costly program. It is \$350 a year, which can be aided with scholarship funds. The program without diocesan sponsorship would be \$460 a year, so it is important to the continuation of EFM in the Diocese of Eastern Oregon that the program continue to be sponsored.

Episcopal Relief and Development in Eastern Oregon

I have served as Episcopal Relief and Development Diocesan Coordinator for our diocese the past 9 years, and continue to be excited and impressed by the tremendous work of Episcopal Relief and Development in our world. And I am equally excited and impressed by the response of our diocese to the ongoing calls for donations which make possible this critically important work. Literally hundreds of lives have been saved and improved over these 9 years by the donations from our diocese alone. In 2009, we gave \$32,752 to Episcopal Relief and Development, a bit less than in 2008 but significant considering the worsening economy in 2009. We are one of the few Episcopal dioceses with ERD Parish Representatives active in every congregation, and I am grateful and appreciate the work they do.

This past May I had the opportunity to attend a Network Meeting in Belize for Episcopal Relief and Development. It was the first time that this meeting was held outside the U.S., to give the diocesan coordinators a chance to visit ongoing community development projects funded by Episcopal Relief and Development. Belize in many ways is typical of the 46 countries currently served by ERD. It is a very poor country, and is also one where the Anglican Church has taken on many programs to serve those in need regardless of their beliefs or affiliations. The Diocese of Belize provides 22 schools throughout the country, including a large high school in Belize City. We visited two schools, including a class for deaf children, and a school without a supply of clean water. We also visited three small successful businesses started by a micro-loan program, including a farm, a wood-carver, and a small store. I came away from that trip with a deeper appreciation of what it means to live in abject poverty in a country where abject poverty is pervasive, where you and your family don't have enough to eat, and neither do your neighbors. And I came away with a more personal understanding of how much can be done with very little money to give people hope, health, and self-esteem.

Episcopal Relief and Development is a major means through which we are the hands of Christ in the world, serving those most in need. We are Episcopal Relief and Development; without our donations its work would not happen.

Bruce Barnes

Episcopal Relief and Development Coordinator for the Diocese of Eastern Oregon and Province VIII.



May 20, 2010

Dear Diocese of Eastern Oregon,

Thank you so much for the grant of \$1423 you have given to Alpha Communities Mongolia to help with our work among pre-primary children in one of the most poverty-stricken districts of Ulan Bator. As you know from the material sent, the meals the children receive at our kindergartens are their only regular nutritious meals, and the curriculum prepares the children for success in their subsequent schooling.

Imagine my shock when I first found out that children could fail the first grade in Mongolia and be through with their schooling before they had really even started. Children from families who could not afford the state run kindergartens just didn't seem to stand a chance against those who already knew the alphabet, some basic math, and could even read simple stories. What chance of any kind of future did the unprepared children have, except for a future scraping a living off the streets? Not only do the children who attend our kindergartens grow up strong physically through the good meals and regular health check ups, but they have also proven themselves to be well prepared for schooling, with a failure rate of nearly zero, and many excelling beyond all expectations.

It has been one of the great privileges of my life to have made a difference in so many children's lives, and with them, their families' lives, and I appreciate your support both financially and in prayer.

May the Lord bless you richly for your kind gift.

Molly Deatherage

Eastern Oregon Haiti Project

Objective: Improve educational opportunities for children in Cap Haitien, Haiti so that they will be able to contribute to the sustainability and vitality of their country.

Thanks to the generosity of the Diocese of Eastern Oregon, the people of St. Paul's The Dalles, and the hard work of many volunteers involved in fund raisers, St. Paul's will be sending two teams to Cap Haitien in January 2011.

The educational team will be observing and modeling in schools and will provide professional development workshops to help teachers improve their teaching skills. The educational team will also be working to train Haitian literacy coaches to provide ongoing support for the teachers. The literacy coaches will receive advanced training from the team and will also be provided scholarships to attend the International Reading Association conference in Orlando. In addition the team will purchase quality children's books for the library and provide professional books for the teachers.

The medical team will do well child check-ups and immunizations. They are consulting with the Colorado Haiti Project to learn what is needed most acutely.

This is a long term project with many smaller projects and objectives as well as the main projects. A relationship with Cap Haitien priest Fr. Noe Bernier has been established. Fr. Bernier visited with the team and St. Paul's in August.

The Eastern Oregon Haiti Project is still seeking volunteers. In particular they need trained medical personnel and experienced elementary teachers, especially those who have experience conducting professional development workshops.

**Report to the 40th Convention of the Diocese of Eastern Oregon
Bisbee Grant Funded Program to Feed the Hungry by St. Paul's, Klamath Falls in
Partnership with First United Methodist Church**

St. Paul's Klamath Falls started helping First United Methodist Church with their Tuesday night feed the hungry program in September 2009. Initially the Methodists were doing dinners every Tuesdays by themselves. Now St. Paul's and other church and community groups provide meals each Tuesday.

The Methodists put out a 'Free Dinner Tonight' sign, and we feed whoever comes through the door. This includes many street people, young teens out of their homes - in Klamath Falls we have between 300-400 youth who sleep on the street every night - elderly , young mothers with children and others.

After the Methodists had been running this program themselves for several months, they decided to offer a Tuesday to other churches, and civic groups. At present Sacred Heart Catholic Church, The Friends Church, the Klamath County Democratic Party, and St. Paul's serve meals each month with the support of the United Methodist Church.

We were asked to join a year ago September. We have 15 members of St. Paul's who help on a regular basis. We set up around 3 pm and start serving at 5 and are usually cleaned up and out by 7pm. Each person is assigned a task and given space to complete it. The Methodist kitchen is well equipped with good serving and work space.

During the school year the Methodists have an afterschool program with two retired principals and several teachers to tutor students, help them complete their homework, and work on several computers. The church also gives each child a snack. The children leave about 4pm and many will come back with their families to have dinner.

We enjoy our customers. They not only come in hungry, but when they leave will stop and tell us thank you and how much they enjoyed their meal.

The church is in an ideal position to create this program as it is in the middle of down town and near to the school. It is also only three blocks from St. Paul's.

We thoroughly enjoy getting to know the members of the Methodist Church and are privileged to share with them in their outreach into the community.

When we first began our dinner night we served between 50 and 75 meals. In the last three months the head count has increased to 130. If we have leftovers that do not keep well, we donate them to the Klamath Gospel Mission to help them with their outreach feeding program. We are developing dinners that are easy to serve, high in protein and fresh fruit and/or vegetables. We serve milk, coffee, tea, lemonade and water. In cold weather we also serve coffee and hot chocolate.

Our costs are between \$150 and \$200 each month depending on what we serve and what parts of the meal are donated by members. St. Paul's members have donated goods ranging from paper goods to desserts.

We so appreciate the \$2,000 grant given for this outreach program from the Bisbee Fund. It has made it much easier for us to serve good, hot, nourishing meals for those who have so little.

Thank you from all of us at St. Paul's Church Klamath Falls.

Penny Hamilton, Coordinator

Bisbee Grant report for Helping Hand, Pendleton

Helping Hand is a jointly operated program of the Church of the Redeemer, United Methodist Church, 1st Presbyterian Church, St. Mary's Outreach, and the Community Action Program of East Central Oregon. The 2010 grant was originally for purchase of food supplies for the pantry, but was amended this summer with approval of Diocesan Council to allow some of the funds to be spent for emergency housing for clients.

The pantry as of August this year has served 176 households for a total of 477 individuals. With the Bisbee funds the program has purchased cereals, canned vegetables and fruit, sauces and pastas, meats, margarine, and children-friendly soups. The program was also able to provide through other funds and sources hygiene products, diapers, an additional wide variety of donated food items, and fresh bread.

In addition, we utilized funds to provide emergency rental assistance for 3 households with 13 individuals, including 4 children under the age of six, 4 school-age children ages 7-18, and 5 adults.

With the recession experienced in Eastern Oregon, we have seen many new faces needing food and emergency services. Thank you so much for this gift.

Bruce Barnes
Church of the Redeemer
Helping Hand Board Member



Sunriver Christian Fellowship

An ecumenical and interdenominational fellowship sponsored by
the Episcopal and Lutheran Churches

The Reverend Nancy Sargent Green, Senior Pastor

November 4, 2010

Diane R. Adams
Secretary to the Diocesan Council
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Dear Members of the Diocesan Council,

On behalf of the Sunriver Christian Fellowship, especially the Up Close and Personal (UPCAP) Ministry, we thank you for the 2010 Bisbee grant we received. The grant award of \$2558 was to provide:

- Additional milk for our monthly Care and Share Program
- Emergency Assistance to families in poverty, or financial crisis with basic food, clothing, shelter, utilities, transportation and medical support.

In 2010 the Bisbee grant funds have provided:

- \$1000 for additional milk for an average of 191 families per month through the Sunriver Care and Share Program
- \$1558 for Emergency Assistance for 14 families, with 29 children, providing clothing, rental and utility assistance, funds for gas and driver's license renewal, and medical expenses. (If you want specific details on these expenses they are available for your review.)

The current economic crisis in Deschutes County, and particularly southern Deschutes County, our area of service, has created a demand for services, unparallel in recent history. With the unemployment in our area above 14% many families are struggling, many have declared bankruptcy, lost their homes, and live on the edge or in poverty. Your support of our Outreach and Up Close and Personal (UPCAP) programs has been deeply appreciated. Together we continue to spread the Good News of God's grace and love.

Sincerely,

Jane Boubel, Co-Chair
UPCAP Ministry
Sunriver Christian Fellowship

CC: Senior Pastor, Rev. Nancy Sargent Green; Ellie Luba, Sr. Warden
Rita Copp, Marilou Reinikka, Jan Bull, Doris Brannan, and Lynn Hornbuckle

Prison Ministry Report – 2010

I will be offering Education for Ministry for the 12th year at Eastern Oregon Correctional Institution in Pendleton beginning in September. The six men in the class will all be graduating from Year 4 next spring, making a total of 20 inmates who have completed all four years. Because of financing, and because I feel it is time to step down, this will be my last year of mentoring EFM at the prison.

Two inmates who completed all four years of EFM and have since been released from prison, have kept in contact with me. One of them is attending college, maintains a 4 point and is on the Dean's List. The other is working at his previous job, and is reportedly doing very well. Both of them attribute part of their success since their release to their participation in the EFM program. Another inmate who completed the program tells me that he is able to stay in touch with God since he completed EFM.

In addition, I continue to offer a monthly communion service, as well as special services on Christmas and Easter at the prison.

I appreciate the opportunity I have been given to reach out and serve God in this way.

Your Servant in Christ,
Doug Jerome

Roanridge Grant – Seminary Intern Program

Thanks to a generous grant from the Roanridge Trust, The Diocese of Idaho and the Diocese of Eastern Oregon formed a partnership to jointly sponsor and administer an internship program for the summer of 2010. Originally we imagined the program would offer a summer internship placement for three seminarians. We expected those seminarians would have completed their middler year as that is often a time for exploring new possibilities and ministries. Much to our surprise not one seminarian responded to our invitation. The good news is we had several other possibilities presented. As a result we had not three but four interns. Two were recent seminary graduates. Another is currently a candidate for priesthood in the Diocese of Idaho who is attending classes offered through the Diocese of Utah as well as locally. The fourth is in aspirant for Holy Orders and is finishing his final semesters of college and planning to apply to be a seminarian next year.

Two of those persons served as Camp Chaplains. One served at Paradise Point the camp in the Diocese of Idaho and one at Ascension School in the Diocese of Eastern Oregon. This was the first time either of our dioceses had an intentional, full-time, chaplain and we found them to be invaluable assets to our campers and resource staff. Aside from providing spiritual formation and guidance they were able to provide basic structure for the worship life of camp. Our camp directors are enthusiastically requesting we seek ways of continuing this ministry for and with them in the future. We are partnering with the Diocese of Idaho in applying for a DMP grant to continue and expand this ministry as well including additional dioceses in the partnership.

The other two interns had varying responsibilities through the summer. Idaho's other intern participated in a dual project this summer. One of those was to do an ethnographic study of the area where an older, established, but diminishing congregation is located in a mid-size Idaho community. He additionally served as a resource staff person in a migrant labor village in Idaho. He was also instrumental in organizing and staffing a camp specifically designed for Latino families for whom English is a second language.

The fourth of our interns served as a resource staff person at Ascension school and has offered worship leadership in various of our congregations in northeast Oregon.

While the program evolved into something quite different than we expected it was a wonderfully challenging experience that has moved us to think in new directions for the future. The grant stimulated the emergence of a strong partnership with the Diocese of Idaho. Additionally, it has helped us see the wisdom of including persons in the discernment process as potential interns. We expect to partner with the Diocese of Idaho in applying for another Roanridge Trust grant to further the internship program and, hopefully, to expand it in future years.

Faithfully

The Rev. Canon Lee Kiefer

**Standing Committee
2010 Annual Report
40th Convention of the Diocese of Eastern Oregon**

This year was the first full year that the Standing Committee served with Bishop Rivera. Our primary function by canon is to serve as the Bishop's council of advice and serving in that capacity with Bishop Rivera has been a pleasure.

We spent much of our meeting time revising our letter of agreement with Bishop Rivera following her resignation as Suffragan Bishop of the Diocese of Olympia. The agreement provides for her serving the Diocese of Eastern Oregon one third time, about eight to ten days a month. We have had several discussions clarifying our expectations for her ministry with us so that we have concrete objectives on which to base a mutual ministry review with her next year.

Those goals are:

Development of Diocesan Models: Bishop to facilitate with the Futures Committee the development of various models for the future operation of this Diocese.

Goal: Bishop and Committee to present to 2011 Convention 2-3 models for Diocese future and their anticipated annual financial costs.

Congregational Development: Bishop to facilitate local parish examination of their ministries and their impact on their local communities and explore other models of being a congregation in community.

Goals: By February 2011, the Bishop will have assigned clergy oversight to every congregation in the Diocese and by Pentecost 2011 every congregation have a plan for their future development.

Ministry Development: Bishop will work with the Commission on Ministry to clarify its role and responsibilities in the recruiting and development of professional clergy for the diocese as well as providing support and development of ministries of the baptized.

Goal: By June 2011 the Commission on Ministry will have goals, objectives, and strategies to meet their objectives

Resource Development: Bishop will help facilitate the development of best practices for Diocesan personnel and financial management and will also help in the development of stewardship initiatives.

Goals: By Convention develop a set of standards in compliance with National Church standards for the annual review of all Diocesan employees. Identify both internal and external opportunities for stewardship including grants, internal financial and energy efficiencies.

The following are other actions we took:

We approved the deposition of two members of the clergy who had resigned their orders.

We discussed to possible sale of the property of the former Trinity Church in Vale.

We recommended the Rev's William Robert Totten, Jim Mosier for ordination to the priesthood and Michelle Meech for ordination to the transitional diaconate.

We consented to the election of the following as bishops of the Church:

The Rev. Scott A. Benhas as Bishop of the Diocese of Georgia

The Rev. Mary Douglas Glasspool as Suffragan Bishop of the Diocese of Los Angeles

The Rev. Ian Douglas as Bishop of the Diocese of Connecticut

The Rev. Brian Prior as Bishop of the Diocese of Minnesota

The Rev. Michael Hanley as Bishop of the Diocese of Oregon

The Rev. Canon Diane Bruce as Suffragan Bishop of the Diocese of Los Angeles

The Very Rev. Morris Thompson, Jr. as Bishop of the Diocese of Louisiana

The Rev. William Waldo as Bishop of the Diocese of Upper South Carolina

The Rev. David Earle Bailey as Bishop of Navajoland Area Mission

The Rev. James Beattie Magness as Suffragan Bishop for Federal Ministries

The Rev. John Sheridan Smylie as Bishop of Wyoming

The Rev. Mark Lattine as Bishop of the Diocese of Alaska

The Rev. Michael Vono as Bishop of the Diocese of Rio Grande

The Rev. Terry Allen White, Bishop of the Diocese of Kentucky

The Rev. Scott Hayashi, Bishop of the Diocese of Utah

Due to the untimely illness and retirement of the Rev. Janis Johnson we have been short a clergy member. Nevertheless, we have worked together well. I am grateful for the service of our lay members, Messrs Laurance Kerr, G Royes, and Paul Steblein. I am especially grateful for the willingness of my fellow clergy member, the Rev. Paul Morton who stepped up to serve as our secretary. We look forward to continuing to serve God and this Diocese as your Standing Committee.

Faithfully submitted,

The Rev. Alison M. Dingley

President

BISHOP'S REPORT TO THE
40th ANNUAL CONVENTION
OF THE
EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF EASTERN OREGON

In compliance with Title III, Canon 24, Section 1, the following is a resumé of official functions by The Rt. Rev. Nedi Rivera from October 11, 2009 to September 30, 2010 , since the 39th Annual Convention,.

VISITATIONS/EUCHARISTS	: 19		
OTHER PARISH VISITS	: 13		
DIOCESAN MEETINGS	: 27		
MEETINGS WITH STAFF AND OTHERS	: 19, plus weekly phone meetings with staff		
CONFIRMATIONS	: 16		
RECEPTIONS	: 5		
REAFFIRMATIONS	: 5		
LITURGIES AT ASCENSION	: 6		
DIOCESAN CHAPEL	: 1		
ORDINATIONS	: 2		

Michelle Meech	Deacon	04/13/2010
James Mosier	Priest	05/22/2010

Sentence of Deposition Upon Renunciation of Ministry		
C. Duane "Dewey" Bodtker		06/18/2010
Roger Michael Chase		06/18/2010

Letters Dimissory:		
William Robert Totten	to Diocese of Oregon	01/03/2010
Robert E Chrisman	to Diocese of Olympia	06/17/2010

Acceptance of Letters Dimissory:		
Anna Katherine Carmichael	from Diocese of Los Angeles	07/13/2010

Celebrations of New Ministry:		
St. Matthew's, Ontario/The Rev. Jim Mosier		07/27/2010
St. Mark's, Hood River/The Rev. Anna Carmichael		08/14/2010

Diocesan Meetings and Events:		
Collegium	3	
Diocesan Council	4, 1 by teleconference	
Standing Committee	5, 2 by teleconference	
Ascension School Board	3	
Circuit Riders	2	
Commission on Ministry	3	
Eastern Oregon Episcopal Foundation		
Task Force on Diocesan Futures	2	
Participant at Lenten Retreat, Ascension School		
Ministry Weekend, Ascension School		
2 day staff retreat, May, 2010		

Participation in Work Weekend, Ascension School
Participant in Discovery Camp, Ascension School
Participant, Adult Education Camp, Ascension School

Meetings and Events Outside the Diocese:

Trip to Jerusalem, October, 2009

Presiding Bishop's Council of Advice

Chair, House of Bishops Planning Committee

Vice-President, Province VIII

Province VIII House of Bishops, January, 2010

House of Bishops, March, 2010 & September, 2010

Lutheran-Episcopal Coordinating Committee, April, 2010

Consecration of the Rt. Rev. Michael Hanley, Diocese of Oregon

Family Systems Group

Consecration of the Rt. Revs. Mary Glasspool and Diane Jardine Bruce,

Diocese of Los Angeles

House of Bishops Curriculum Committee, June, 2010

Consecration of the Rt. Rev. David Bailey, Navajo Area Mission

Consecration of the Rt. Rev. Mark Lattime, Diocese of Alaska

Province VIII Leadership Conference

Diocese of Eastern Oregon

Vital Statistics of Congregations and Missions

— Baptisms —

Year in parentheses is last year of filing if not 2009

City	Congregation	Active Members	Communicants in Good Standing	Others	Average Sunday Attendance	Sunday Eucharists	16 yrs and Older	Under 16 Years	Confirmed or Received
Baker City	St Stephens Episcopal Church	103	50	4	24	37	1	2	0
Bend	Trinity Episcopal Church	642	437	38	204	162	1	4	0
Bonanza	St Barnabas Episcopal Church	66	29	2	17	21	0	1	1
Burns	St Andrews Episcopal Church	23	23	0	26	18	0	0	0
Canyon City	St Thomas Episcopal Church	62	62	0	17	27	0	2	0
Enterprise	St Patricks Episcopal Church	30	22	0	14	26	0	1	0
Heppner	All Saints Memorial Epis Church	136	76	5	33	23	0	0	0
Hermiston	St Johns Episcopal Church	107	87	12	40	45	0	0	0
Hood River	St Marks Episcopal Church	195	111	42	60	94	0	0	4
Klamath Falls	St Pauls Episcopal Church	124	87	0	47	100	0	2	3
La Grande	St Peters Episcopal Church	155							0
Lakeview	St Lukes Episcopal Church (2006)	13	18	0	7	48	0	0	1
Madras	St Marks Episcopal Church	25	23	0	32	29	0	0	0
Milton Freewater	St James Episcopal Church	38	38	6	16	26	0	0	0
Nyssa	St Pauls Episcopal Church	40	31	0	14	34	0	1	0
Ontario	St Matthews Episcopal Church	157	37	0	37	51	0	2	0
Pendleton	Church of the Redeemer	154	154	0	54	54	0	4	3
Prineville	St Andrews Episcopal Church	58	58	1	29	24	0	0	0
Redmond	St Albans Episcopal Church	54	54	0	23	49	0	0	3
Sisters	Church of the Transfiguration	197	192	0	115	68	2	0	3
Sunriver	All Saints of the Cascades	90	333	57	165	52	0	1	0
The Dalles	St Pauls Episcopal Church	205	115	0	71	105	0	0	4
Total		2,674	2,037	167	1,045	1,093.00	4	20	22.00

Diocese of Eastern Oregon

Financial Statistics of Congregations and Missions

Year in parentheses is last year of filing if not 2009

City	Congregation	REVENUE			EXPENSE			Total Expense
		Plate & Pledge Income	Operating Revenue	Total Revenue	Operating Expense	To the Diocese	Outreach & Development	
Baker City	St Stephens Episcopal Church	49,730	53,517	57,550	55,199	12,703	7,232	62,056
Bend	Trinity Episcopal Church	377,548	467,458	661,432	522,692	116,864	175,252	719,016
Bonanza	St Barnabas Episcopal Church	11,080	14,038	18,900	16,719	3,620	350	18,714
Burns	St Andrews Episcopal Church	13,334	15,424	20,361	10,439	3,420	9,490	18,569
Canyon City	St Thomas Episcopal Church	17,732	18,989	23,181	17,483	4,497	3,281	20,378
Enterprise	St Patricks Episcopal Church	14,475	14,475	14,975	15,305	3,619	12,605	28,256
Heppner	All Saints Memorial Epis Church	26,164	98,064	98,064	78,572	6,518	598	79,170
Hermiston	St Johns Episcopal Church	51,029	54,759	55,238	44,277	13,284	8,260	49,976
Hood River	St Marks Episcopal Church	93,755	103,625	138,906	83,072	25,906	49,740	140,231
Klamath Falls	St Pauls Episcopal Church	76,225	84,431	114,363	100,249	19,572	12,108	122,183
La Grande	St Peters Episcopal Church	98,490	101,598	144,390	98,490	27,481	18,909	119,778
Lakeview	St Lukes Episcopal Church (2006)	2,532	2,532	2,532	7,317	2,207	0	7,317
Madras	St Marks Episcopal Church	9,332	9,332	22,032	2,292	2,292	0	2,492
Milton Freewater	St James Episcopal Church	22,072	30,012	31,490	18,181	7,337	7,692	21,669
Nyssa	St Pauls Episcopal Church	13,425	19,788	25,788	17,906	3,121	9,998	22,391
Ontario	St Matthews Episcopal Church	46,876	46,876	60,122	54,043	11,716	5,920	65,409
Pendleton	Church of the Redeemer	142,338	142,338	191,942	155,323	34,633	57,941	218,097
Prineville	St Andrews Episcopal Church	36,622	44,599	55,965	43,794	8,876	9,802	53,533
Redmond	St Albans Episcopal Church	19,205	53,857	54,857	85,614	22,775	11,604	94,747
Sisters	Church of the Transfiguration	263,986	265,472	325,862	260,490	66,892	29,064	346,904
Sunriver	All Saints of the Cascades	45,978	46,271	48,845	50,810	11,495	5,918	54,296
The Dalles	St Pauls Episcopal Church	116,605	148,746	176,535	176,484	37,187	21,175	198,717
Total		1,548,533	1,836,201	2,343,330	1,914,751	446,015	456,939	2,463,899

**Canonically Resident Clergy
and Clergy of the 40th Annual Diocesan Convention
October 1-3, 2010**

The Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon

Those persons listed in italics were not present at Convention. Dates indicate the dates of canonical residency in the Diocese of Eastern Oregon.

* Asterisk beside the names denotes those canonically resident clergy, in accordance with Diocesan Canons, who are **not** qualified clerical delegates, entitled to seat, voice and vote in Convention. According to Diocesan Canon V.6, "All actually and canonically resident clergy, of whatever Order, who have a regular or congregational assignment, and are in good standing, and who are performing the duties of their office, and who are not under ecclesiastical discipline, have the right to seat, voice and vote in the Convention. Retired clergy, canonically resident in the Diocese, shall be entitled to seat and voice, but no vote in Convention."

Bishop:

The Rt. Rev. Bavi "Nedi" Rivera

Diocesan Assignment

Provisional Bishop

Canonically Resident Priests:

08-03-75	<i>*Lawrence E. Fredrick</i>	
09-21-85	James D. Mosier	St. Matthew's, Ontario
09-01-93	<i>*Alfred F. Miller</i>	
03-09-95	Daniel W. Gardner	Circuit Rider (St. Thomas, Canyon City)
03-09-95	Roger V. Williams	St. Paul's, Nyssa
09-16-97	<i>Nancy Sargent Green</i>	All Saints of the Cascades/Sunriver Christian Fellowship
06-16-99	<i>Douglas D. Jerome</i>	Eastern Oregon Correctional Institute
11-30-99	<i>*Serita V. Smith-Allen</i>	
05-01-02	Janet M. Kozak	St. Mark's Episcopal/Good Shepherd Lutheran, Madras
08-27-02	Lee R. Kiefer	Canon for Transition Ministry
07-16-03	Richard S. Landrith	St. Luke's, Lakeview
11-18-03	<i>*Mary R. Lujan</i>	
05-16-06	Theodore E. (Ted) Rodrigues	Church of the Transfiguration, Sisters
06-10-06	Rebecca Lanham Hendricks	Circuit Rider (St. James', Milton-Freewater)
06-24-06	Martha Cornue Hurlburt	Circuit Rider (St. Paul's, Klamath Falls)
11-19-06	<i>Aletha G. Bonebrake</i>	Circuit Rider (St. Stephen's, Baker City)
04-14-08	Christine E. Close Erskine	Trinity, Bend
08-27-08	Alison M. Dingley	St. Paul's, Klamath Falls; St. Barnabas, Bonanza
09-23-08	William Paul Morton	St. Alban's, Redmond
12-17-08	Janet M. Fullmer	St. Paul's, The Dalles
05-19-09	John "Jack" Erskine	Trinity, Bend
07-13-10	Anna K. Carmichael	St. Mark's, Hood River

ELCA Clergy serving Episcopal parishes

07-01-10	Katy Anderson	All Saints Episcopal and Hope Lutheran, Heppner
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Canonically Resident Deacons:

07-10-93 *Sherry L. Hartley*
03-23-96 *Charles R. Barnes*
10-11-98 **Carol J. McClelland*
06-16-99 Jean S. Cupp
09-29-99 Stephen L. Schafroth
01-06-02 Connie Boone
05-01-02 Laurence F. Mahon
05-01-02 Janet L. Warner
08-10-04 *Charlotte Jane Dey*
06-10-06 Roger L. Fairfield
07-11-07 Ruth Ellen Brown
01-05-08 Gaye Hauk Lawson
04-13-10 **Michelle M. Meech*

Diocesan Assignment

St. Barnabas, Bonanza
St. John's, Hermiston

Church of the Redeemer, Pendleton
St. Paul's, The Dalles
St. Stephen's, Baker City
St. Mark's, Madras
St. Andrew's, Prineville
Church of the Transfiguration, Sisters
Church of the Transfiguration, Sisters
St. Alban's, Redmond
Trinity, Bend
St. Alban's, Albany, CA

Retired canonically resident clergy entitled to seat and voice in Convention:

06-16-60	<i>Rustin R. Kimsey</i>	The Dalles, OR	(bishop)
12-09-60	<i>Lawrence C. Ferguson</i>	Prineville, OR	(priest)
12-01-66	<i>William G. Greenfield</i>	Kamloops, B.C.	(priest)
01-17-70	<i>Richard H. Thew</i>	Cove, OR	(priest)
10-27-70	<i>Daniel R. Thompson</i>	Vancouver, WA	(priest)
06-15-73	<i>Thomas E. Stevenson</i>	Fruitland, ID	(priest)
06-01-74	<i>Letitia C. Croom</i>	Cove, OR	(priest)
09-29-76	<i>Kenneth W. Crysler</i>	Pendleton, OR	(priest)
09-24-78	<i>Carol B. Rose</i>	Casa Grande, AZ	(priest)
10-15-86	<i>Gary J. Young</i>	Hood River, OR	(priest)
07-13-88	<i>John A. Langfeldt</i>	The Dalles, OR	(priest)
01-04-89	<i>Robert J. Crum</i>	Portland, OR	(priest)
04-29-91	<i>Robert P. S. Kaye</i>	Walla Walla, WA	(priest)
03-15-92	<i>Carol A. Parker</i>	Prineville, OR	(priest)
05-22-94	<i>Janet C. Schiering</i>	Hood River, OR	(priest)
04-22-95	<i>Stephen P. Uffelman</i>	Prineville, OR	(priest)
10-31-96	<i>Lonalee A. Hamlin</i>	Redmond, OR	(deacon)
06-10-98	<i>Richard E. Attebury</i>	La Grande, OR	(priest)
05-23-99	<i>Albert E. Wintermute</i>	Prineville, OR	(deacon)
06-16-99	<i>Ivan E. Pointer</i>	Pendleton, OR	(deacon)
08-10-99	<i>Wilma M. Hoffer</i>	Bend, OR	(deacon)
09-26-99	<i>John W. Gilsdorf</i>	Athena, OR	(priest)
09-29-99	<i>Robert J. Carsner</i>	The Dalles, OR	(deacon)
06-05-03	<i>Mikel McClain</i>	Portland, OR	(priest)
06-16-03	<i>Sarah M. Stanton</i>	Lacey, WA	(priest)
01-24-07	<i>Janis L. Johnson</i>	Olympia, WA	(priest)
10-22-08	<i>Charles Christopher</i>	Bend, OR	(priest)
02-04-09	<i>Roy D. Green</i>	Sunriver, OR	(priest)

Lay Delegates
Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon
40th Annual Convention, October 1-3, 2010

SW – Senior Warden
JW - Junior Warden

D – Elected Delegate
A – Elected Alternate

Persons whose names are in italics were **not** present as voting delegates.

St. Stephen's, Baker City

Doug Boone, SW
Rob Palmer, JW
Lynn Burroughs, D
Beth Bigelow, A

Trinity, Bend

Jack Crowell, SW
Helene Lulich, JW
Helen Brisson, D
Bill Brisson, D
Randy Jones, D
Ellen Jones, D
Carol Luther, D
Ken Sandine, D
Riki Strong, A
Terri Rahmsdorff, A
Ray Jeff Spreier, A

St. Barnabas, Bonanza

Deedee Heidrich, SW
Fabian Baker, SW
Matt Baker, D

St. Andrew's, Burns

Ann Thew, SW
Susan Hurlburt, JW
Diane Denstedt, D
Sally Lovins, A
Marjorie Thelan, A

St. Thomas, Canyon City

Beth Spell, JW
Jim Spell, D

St. Patrick's, Enterprise

Ann Hayes, SW
Monica J. Martin, JW
Chester Markley, D

All Saints, Heppner

Charlie Anderson, SW
Dan Sharp, JW
Cyde Estes, D
Diana Sharp, A

St. John's, Hermiston

Leslie Weimer, SW
Diana Henderson, JW
Tom Ditton, D

St. Mark's, Hood River

Jeanie Senior, SW
Larry Cramblett, JW
Ruth Tsu, D
Pamela Krause, D
Karen Myers, A
Bettie Cramblett, A

St. Paul's, Klamath Falls

Marley Osgood, SW
Connie Moran, JW
Amy Holweger, D
Ralph Eccles, A
Gail Wade, A

St. Peter's, La Grande

Sam Royes, SW
Gerry Duberow, JW
Arnold Coe, D
Kathy Thew, D
Val Royes, A
Jean Coe, A

St. Luke's, Lakeview

Jean Schadler, SW
Mike Warren, JW
Pamela Warren, D
Pat Phillips, A

St. Mark's, Madras

Ken Black, SW
[vacant], JW
Marcia Black, D
Al Kozak, A

St. James', Milton-Freewater

Wilmalu Tomlinson, SW
Barbara Coddington, JW
Jim Phillips, D
Lynn Crawford, A

St. Paul's, Nyssa

Julie Sarazin, SW
Joe Wood, JW
Fred Bierig, D
Lucy Bierig, A

St. Matthew's, Ontario

Julie Van Matre, SW
Ty Lavender, JW
Roberta Barrie, D
Megan Lavender, D
Trina Sherman, A

Church of the Redeemer, Pendleton

Bruce Barnes, SW
Larry Weeden, JW
Barbara Brandt, D
Dale Brandt, D
Margie Simonson, A
Jan Stewart, A
Frank Cupp, A

St. Andrew's, Prineville

Nancy Wiggins Condron, SW
Scott Cooper, JW
Pat Tennant, D
Jan Uffelman, A

St. Alban's, Redmond

Carol Maszk, SW
Don Scott, JW
Virginia Scott, D
Dick Brown, A

Church of the Transfiguration, Sisters

Lee Henrich, SW
Sydney Harrison, JW
Lindsay Simmons, D
none, D
Jim Seymour, A
Sandy Seymour, A

All Saints of the Cascades, Sunriver

Ellie Luba, SW
Rita Copp, JW
Marilou Reinikka, D
Leo Reinikka, A

St. Paul's, The Dalles

Monte Dickinson, SW
Laurance Kerr, JW
Jill Durow, D
Ron Fullmer, D
Pat Fowler, A
Ava Sue Kerr, A
Lloyd Walworth, A

Diocesan Council, Lay Delegates

Terry Rahmsdorff
Edd Doorn
Robert Fox
PolliAnne Grover
Susan Powers
Bob Thomson

Standing Committee, Lay Delegates

George (G) Royes
Laurance Kerr
vacant

Secretary of Convention

Terry Joakimides

Treasurer

Jerry Frazier

Chancellor

James Foster – seat and voice

CONGREGATIONS ENTITLED TO LAY REPRESENTATION

From each congregation, two wardens, plus an elected delegate or alternate for each 100 members or major fraction thereof, are entitled to seat, voice and vote in Convention. An alternate may serve as a delegate in place of one warden's position.

NORTHWEST CONVOCATION

HOOD RIVER, St. Mark's

THE DALLES, St. Paul's

NORTHCENTRAL CONVOCATION

HEPPNER, All Saints

HERMISTON, St. John's

MILTON-FREEWATER, St. James'

PENDLETON, Church of the Redeemer

NORTHEAST CONVOCATION

BAKER CITY, St. Stephens

ENTERPRISE, St. Patrick's

LA GRANDE, St. Peter's

CENTRAL OREGON CONVOCATION

BEND, Trinity

MADRAS, St. Mark's

PRINEVILLE, St. Andrew's

REDMOND, St. Alban's

SISTERS, Church of the Transfiguration

SUNRIVER, All Saints of the Cascades

SOUTHEAST CONVOCATION

BURNS, St. Andrew's

CANYON CITY, St. Thomas'

NYSSA, St. Paul's

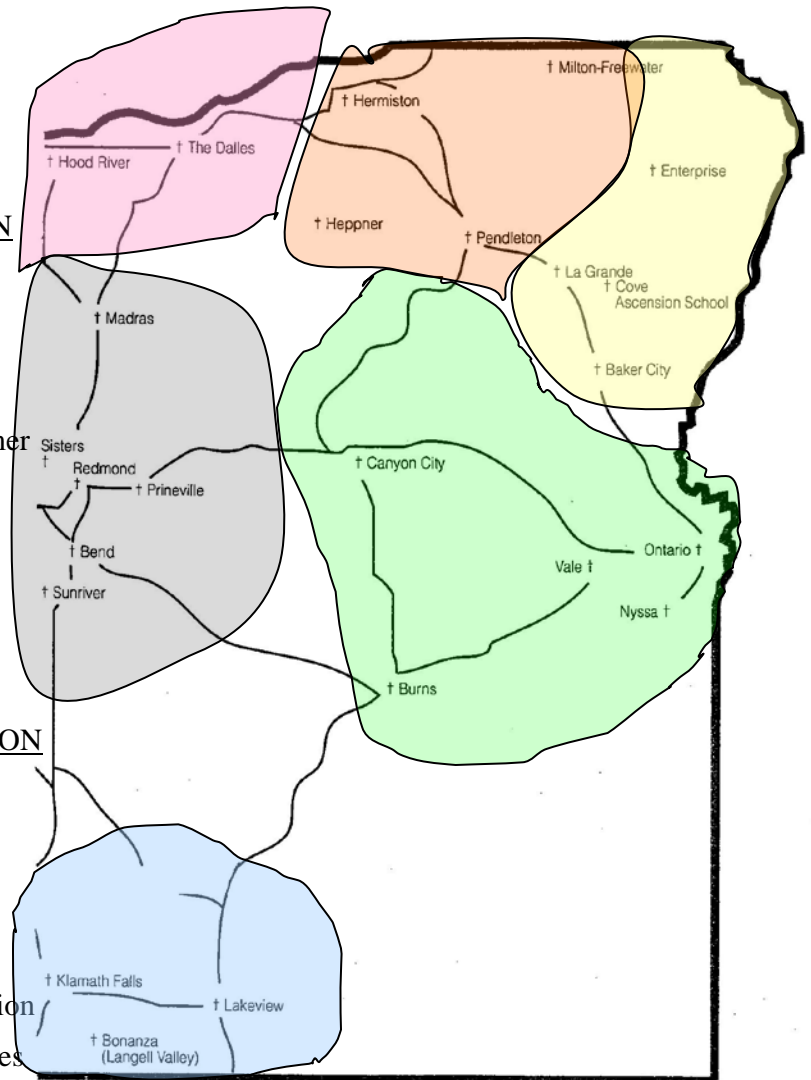
ONTARIO, St. Matthew's

SOUTHWEST CONVOCATION

BONANZA, St. Barnabas'

KLAMATH FALLS, St. Paul's

LAKEVIEW, St. Luke's



OTHER MEMBERS OF CONVENTION

Seat, voice and vote: Lay Members of Diocesan Council
 Secretary of Convention
 Treasurer of the Diocese