The seal of the Diocese of Eastern Oregon is a large, faint watermark in the background. It features a central shield with a crown on top, three wheels below the crown, and a cross at the bottom. The shield is surrounded by a circular border containing the Latin text "DIOECESIS ORIGINIS PASADUMENSIS".

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**42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention of the  
Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon  
Proceedings**

***Hand in Hand into the Future***

Hosts of Convention: Trinity, Bend

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

**Friday, October 12, 2012**

Friday events were held on the Trinity campus. Registration was held from 3:00–6:45 p.m. in the Quest Room at St. Helen's Hall. Supper was served at the Family Kitchen in St. Helen's 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 the Nave of Trinity. A meeting of the parish coordinators for Episcopal Relief and Development with Diocesan ERD Coordinator, Bruce Barnes, followed in the same space from 4:30–5:15 p.m. The Foundation Trustees met following the Foundation annual meeting from 4:30-5:30 p.m. in the Trinity Library. A budget review session was held from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Nave of Trinity.

**Program Session I: "Here" Activity**

At 7:30 p.m., Bishop Nedi opened Convention by welcoming Convention attendees and introducing the Rev. Roger Fairfield, Deacon, Church of the Transfiguration, Sisters. Roger explained that the "Here" portion of the contributions to the 2011 "Haiti and Here" campaign had been used to purchase items for gift bags for homeless people in the communities of Eastern Oregon. Socks were donated by congregations for the bags. Convention attendees were invited to walk down the length of tables gathering items to fill gallon-sized plastic bags. The filled bags were collected in large trash bags for distribution to delegates to take home to their communities.

When the bags were filled and supplies had been used up, attendees moved into small groups for Bible Study of Matthew 5:38-47 and Luke 6:25-35 and reflection on homelessness.

**Worship**

At 9:00 p.m., the Rev. Ted Rodrigues, Church of the Transfiguration, Sisters, led the gathering in Compline at Trinity. The meeting recessed following Compline.

**Saturday, October 15, 2011**

Saturday sessions were held at the Boys & Girls Club of Central Oregon. Registration of late arrivals continued from 7:30-8:00 a.m.

**Worship**

Convention reconvened at 8:00 a.m. with Morning Prayer led by the Rev. Janet Warner, Deacon, and the Rev. Carol Parker, St. Andrew's, Prineville. As part of the worship, a

representative from each congregation poured water from a body of water in their community into the baptismal font. Bishop Nedi blessed the combined water. The font of water was available throughout the remainder of Convention.

### **Business Session I**

Brief announcements of Convention Committees followed the worship service. Bishop Nedi welcomed attendees and visitors and introduced the chairs of the Host Committee, Bill Brisson and Gail McGuire, Trinity, Bend.

At approximately 8:40, Bishop Nedi called the meeting 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 all parishes were represented. Terry Joakimides read a letter of greeting from the Rt. Rev. Rustin Kimsey, Bishop Emeritus.

### **Transitions**

Bishop Nedi introduced new clergy to the diocese and reviewed transitions since the 2011 annual Convention.

### **New Clergy**

- The Rev. Georgia Giacobbe, Deacon, St. Paul's, The Dalles, transferred her canonical residence from the Diocese of Alaska, as of December 5, 2011.

### **New Positions**

- The Rev. Roy Green became Interim Rector of Trinity, Bend, as of April 1, 2012.

### **Retirement**

- The Rev. Jane Dey, Deacon, Church of the Transfiguration, Sisters, retired from active ministry as of September 22, 2012.

Bishop Nedi introduced the members of Diocesan Council and Standing Committee; the Rev. Paul Morton, the Rev. Jim Mosier, the Rev. Anna Carmichael, the Rev. Roger Fairfield, Deacon, the Rev. Rich Landrith, the Rev. Kathy Macek, Arnold Coe, Laurance Kerr, Julie Sarazin, Ruth Tsu, Terry Rahmsdorff, Sue Powers, Don Dickinson, and Kim McClain; Jerry Frazier, Treasurer, and Terry Joakimides, Secretary of Convention. She mentioned Council and Standing Committee's work on the Mutual Ministry Review and listening to the members of the diocese and thanked them for their work.

### **2012 Proposed Budget – First Reading**

Bishop Nedi introduced Jerry Frazier, Diocesan Treasurer, to review the proposed budget for 2013. Jerry recognized the Finance Committee for their work and called attention to the narrative budget that was distributed at registration. Jerry commented on a few of the income line items, noting that assessment income is down 18%. He explained Duncan Farm Income on line 11. He stated that line 22 is the budget balancing item which would be a drawn from the expected excess in the Audit Reserve Account.

In his comments on expenses, Jerry called attention to line 47, Outreach, and commented that the funds might be used in exploring the potential for a Companion Diocese relationship. He

explained the change in the budgeting for Ascension School Program Support, line 57, noting that the main staff positions have been moved from the Ascension School Budget to the Staff lines in the Diocesan budget (lines 131-132). He also called attention to the increase in line 140, Total Staff, which reflects the addition of the two positions to the budget. He noted line 138, Lay Staff Compensation Increases, which reflects Bishop Nedi's request for payroll increases.

Jerry commented on reduced amount budgeted in line 66, Audit, saying that funds were budgeted and set aside each year for audits from 2005 to the present. The bill for the 2005 and 2006 audits, completed during 2012, were less than the amounts budgeted and set aside during those years. The proposal for the 2007-2008 audits remains at the same rate as that for 2005-2006, which is lower than the amount reserved during those years, thus resulting in reserve that may be drawn from (line 8) to balance the budget. He noted that there are expenses from line 66, in addition to the auditor's fee, for preparation of the financial records for audit.

No budget amount on line 90 was explained as based on the planned rental of Diocesan House with the income and costs associated with rental handled through a reserve account. It was also noted that no budgeted amount on line 102 is based on \$120,000 already reserved for Bishop's Search/Consecration.

Jerry Frazier explained General Church Apportionment (line 121) and noted that the apportionment has been reduced to 19% and the amount is determined by a formula derived from the income of two years previous.

Jerry closed his remarks by requesting year to date financial statements from the parishes.

#### Resolution on Rules of Order

Bishop Nedi called on Ruth Tsu, Chair of the Resolutions and Response to the Bishop's Address Committee. Ruth, on behalf of Diocesan Council, **moved** the Resolution for **Rules of Order for revision of the proposed budget** as printed in the Pre-Convention Journal:

Resolved that the following Rules of Order be adopted for ongoing use by Convention for revision of the proposed Diocesan budget for the coming year:

- A. Any proposed amendment that calls for new or increased spending must include an estimate of the additional costs and must specify budget line item reductions or other revenue sources that would maintain a balanced budget.
- B. Any proposed amendment that calls for reduction in spending must specify the budget line items to be affected.

Discussion was invited. The motion **passed** on voice vote with no dissenting votes.

### Resolution on Part-Time Bishop

Ruth Tsu, on behalf of Standing Committee and Diocesan Council, **moved** the Resolution for **Part-Time Bishop** as printed in the Pre-Convention Journal:

Resolved that the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon, by action of the 42nd Annual Convention, direct our Bishop, Standing Committee, and Diocesan Council to continue to live into and develop the part-time Bishop model for the Diocese of Eastern Oregon until such time as the act of the Convention is revoked.

Discussion was invited. The motion **passed** on voice vote with no dissenting votes.

### Ecumenical Presentation – David Leslie, Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon

At 9:00 a.m., Bishop Nedi introduced David Leslie, Executive Director of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon. David Leslie reflected on the theme of Convention as related to the vision and mission of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon whose subtitle is “serving together in faith.” He stated that the goal is communities of faith connected together in the Spirit attentive to all God’s people and creation.

David reviewed the work of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon during 2012: the Voter’s Guide, forums on coal transportation, immigration and resettlement issues; and events: Collins Lecture – Gary Dorrien on God’s Economy, and a Youth Summit on economy in November.

The September meeting in The Dalles of Bishops and Denominational Executives with Dr. Bruce Weber, Director of Rural Studies Program, Oregon State University, on the subject of rural communities, was highlighted. David noted the discussion of how denominations can walk together as an ecumenical body in communities. He commented that vital congregations and vital communities are about more than numbers. He stated that a vital congregation is one that makes a real and vital difference in the community and both will survive into the future. He commented on an ELCA notation of “connectional ministries” as a last resort and challenged that connectional ministries should be normative. David stated that denominations walking hand in hand in faith can produce revitalized community, the spread of the Gospel, and be a catalyst in the state for conversation and understanding. He challenged the congregations of the diocese to be bold in ministry.

David Leslie concluded his remarks by recognizing the Rev. Alison Dingley as a current board member of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, and commented that the Rev. Stephen Schafroth, Deacon, the Rev. Jim Mosier, and the Rt. Rev. Rustin Kimsey are all past members of the board. He stated that Steve Schafroth continues to serve on the Public Policy Committee and recognized Steve with a certificate for his service to Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon.

### 2012 General Convention Overview

Bishop Nedi introduced John Adams, Chair of the Diocesan Deputation to the 2012 General Convention. John presented a brief overview of the General Convention and introduced the deputation: clergy deputies - the Rev. Jim Mosier, the Rev. Nancy Green, the Rev. Ted Rodrigues, and the Rev. Alison Dingley, alternate; lay deputies – Susan Powers, Peggy Ziegler,

and Terry Rahmsdorff, alternate. The Rev. Janet Fullmer and Amy Martinez were named as deputies but were absent from Convention. John invited convention attendees to attend the workshops for more information and to speak with deputies during the breaks. Bishop Nedi encouraged attendees to attend the workshops and to invite deputies to speak to parishes about General Convention.

Convention recessed following announcements at 9:30 a.m.

### **Bishop's Address**

Convention reconvened at 10 a.m. Bishop Nedi presented her address to Convention. The text of the address will be found following these minutes in the pages of the Convention Journal.

### **Workshops**

Following a break, Convention reconvened in three sessions of workshops from 11:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. The workshop break-out sessions were held in the Boys and Girls Club and in the Trinity and St. Helen's buildings. Noonday Prayers were said in the small group sessions and attendees reconvened at the Boys and Girls Club for lunch. Clergy spouses were hosted for lunch by the Rev. Bob Moore at the Deschutes Brewery Pub in downtown Bend.

### **Worship**

Evening Prayer was held at Trinity and was led by members of All Saints of the Cascades/Sunriver Christian Fellowship. Music was provided by Barbara Brocker on the bell tree and Mitzi Putney on the piano.

### **Ascension Banner Presentation**

Following worship, Bishop Nedi introduced Patty Lindsey, Executive Director of Ascension School Camp and Conference Center. She explained that Patty would be leaving Convention to attend a board meeting of the Episcopal Camps and Conferences Center, Inc. as a member of the board.

Patty presented the Bishop's Banner for camp attendance and support to the diocese. She described how the parishes had worked together to get children to camp and stated that she felt that the entire diocese needed to be recognized for their support. The banner was accepted by Bishop Nedi and will hang in the Diocesan Office.

### **Banquet**

The evening banquet was held at the Boys and Girls Club and was catered by Tate and Tate Catering. The Rev. Bob Moore offered the grace before dinner. Entertainment was provided by the Church of the Transfiguration choir.

### **Sunday, October 14, 2012**

Bishop Nedi offered a Morning Prayer service at St. Helen's Hall at 7:30 a.m.



## **Business Session II**

The business meeting of Convention reconvened at 8:00 a.m. with opening prayer.

### **Elections**

Bishop Nedi announced that the officers of the diocese are nominated by the Bishop and elected by Convention. She announced that **Jerry Frazier, Treasurer**, has agreed to serve another term. Bishop Nedi **accepted a vote by acclamation** to confirm his election.

She announced her nomination of **Doug Harder**, Church of the Redeemer, Pendleton, to be **Secretary of Convention**. She asked for a vote to confirm his election. Doug Harder was **elected** by voice vote with no dissenting votes.

Bishop Nedi announced her nomination of the Rev. **Ted Rodrigues and Arnold Coe** to serve another term on the **Ecclesiastical Disciplinary Board**. She asked for approval of this appointment. **Approval of election** was given by voice vote, with no dissenting votes. Previously elected members of the Disciplinary Board are:

Class of 2013: The Rev. Janet Fullmer, The Dalles  
The Rev. Richard Thew, Cove  
John Adams, The Dalles  
Fabian Baker, Bonanza  
Class of 2014: The Rev. Jan Kozak, Madras

Bishop Nedi announced that her appointments to the **Commission on Ministry**, Class of 2015, are: **the Rev. Rebecca Hendricks**, Milton-Freewater, **David Silva**, Pendleton, and **Beth Spell**, Canyon City. She also appointed the **Rev. Richard Landrith**, Lakeview, to fill the unexpired term of the Rev. Janet Fullmer, Class of 2013. She asked for a vote to confirm these appointments. **Confirmation** was given by voice vote. The previously appointed and confirmed members of the Commission on Ministry are:

Class of 2013: The Rev. Mary Lujan, Hood River  
Kathy Thew, Cove  
Class of 2014: Gail McGuire, Bend  
Robert Thomson, Hood River  
The Rev. Willie Hoffer, Deacon, Bend

Candidates for **Standing Committee** were introduced. It was **moved, seconded, and passed** by voice vote to cast a unanimous ballot to elect **Ann Havill**, Bend, to the lay order, class of 2015, and **the Rev. Dan Gardner**, Canyon City, to the clergy order, class of 2015.

Candidates for **Diocesan Council lay class** were introduced. It was **moved, seconded and passed** to cast a unanimous ballot to elect **Doug Boone**, Baker City, and **Karla Nash**, Bend, to the Class of 2015, and **Charles Cagle**, Burns, to an unexpired term in the Class of 2013.

Candidates for **Diocesan Council clergy class** were introduced. It was **moved, seconded and passed** to cast a unanimous ballot to elect the **Rev. Dan Lediard** to the Class of 2015, and the **Rev. Kathy Macek** to an unexpired term in the Class of 2013.

### Recognitions

Bishop Nedi recognized the following people for their service to the diocese and presented them each with a Resurrection Cross made by Bob DeSpain, All Saints, Heppner: Terry Joakimides, Secretary of Convention; Peggy Ziegler, Commission on Ministry; The Rev. Paul Morton and Arnold Coe, Standing Committee; Terry Rahmsdorff, Susan Powers, and the Rev. Roger Fairfield, Deacon, Diocesan Council.

### Budget Second Reading

Jerry Frazier **moved** on behalf of Diocesan Council the acceptance of the proposed budget for 2013. The motion was **seconded**.

Discussion followed. Comments were made on the process and proposals regarding Companion Diocese. Comments were made regarding moving Ascension staff to the diocesan budget. Appreciation was expressed to diocesan leadership for moving forward with less.

The motion **passed** with no dissenting votes.

### Reports

Bishop Nedi announced that reports could be found in the pre-Convention Journal and asked for questions. She invited Bruce Barnes, Diocesan Coordinator for Episcopal Relief and Development, to give a report.

### Episcopal Relief and Development

Bruce thanked the diocese for their support of the Nets for Life campaign. He stated that the report of Eastern Oregon giving is \$9000. However, he noted that he is aware that some donations have not been recorded under Eastern Oregon, so the amount may be as high as \$9500. He stated that other giving to Episcopal Relief and Development from the diocese, as of July 1, was \$6000. Bruce predicted that if the giving continues at the same rate, people from the Diocese of Eastern Oregon will have contributed about \$24,000 by the end of 2012. He stated that the Nets for Life campaign would continue into 2013.

Bruce introduced Dick Burke, Diocesan Disaster Preparedness Plan Coordinator. Dick commented on his role and contact that he would have with parishes. Bishop Nedi commented that parishes and organizations with disaster preparedness plans are the best First Responders in time of disaster.

### Convention Offering

Bishop Nedi announced that Diocesan Council served as the Convention Offering Committee and determined that the offering would be divided between "House of Hope" school and orphanage in Haiti and the Episcopal Relief and Development Nets for Life campaign.

### Resolution for Meeting Policy

Bishop Nedi called on Terry Rahmsdorff, Co-chair of Diocesan Council, to present the Resolution for Meeting Policy that was derived from the Diocesan Council report. Terry Rahmsdorff **moved** the **Resolution on Meeting Policy** as it appeared in the Pre-Convention Journal:

Resolved that Convention commend Council for conducting some of its meetings via technology, encourages them to continue, and encourages other committees, commissions, and boards of the diocese to do the same.

Discussion was invited. Bishop Nedi commented that the resolution authorizes Diocesan Council to continue meeting via technology without the need to revisit decisions at a face to face meeting.

The motion **passed** on voice vote with no dissenting votes.

### Resolution on Bishop's Address

Bishop Nedi called on Ruth Tsu, Chair of the Resolutions and Response to the Bishop's Address Committee. Ruth thanked the committee for their thoughtful and prayerful work on the resolutions and invited the Rev. Ted Rodrigues to present the resolution. Ted **moved** the following resolution:

In Response to Bishop Nedi's address, be it resolved that we, the people of the Diocese of Eastern Oregon, are willing to be sent by the Holy Spirit out into the streets and beyond our walls; that we will be aware of Acts 8 moments in our daily lives and respond to them. And know that we are to be mindful of the truth that we are Christ's body, and called to continue his divine ministry and mission in the world. Knowing that we are to go forth into the world and not wait for the world to come to us, we realize that this will not be without risk, and that we are called to seek out partnerships and relationships among/with many branches of Christ's body. We will look for that which is being resurrected and not to that which is dying.

Discussion was invited. The motion **passed** on voice vote with no dissenting votes.

### Resolution on University Christian Ministries, Inc.

Bishop Nedi explained that the Resolution on University Christian Ministries, Inc., authored by the Rev. Richard Thew, the Rev. Kathryn Macek, and Val Royes, was submitted after the date for receiving resolutions for Convention and would need 2/3 majority to be considered. She further explained that she had requested some revision of the original resolution. Bishop Nedi read the amended resolution as copies were distributed.

Arnold Coe **moved** to consider the resolution. The motion was **seconded and passed** with no dissenting votes.

The Rev. Richard Thew **moved** and it was **seconded** to accept the resolution as presented.

WHEREAS: St. Peter's Episcopal Church, La Grande, is a founding member of University Christian Ministries, Inc., serving the students and staff of Eastern Oregon University; and

WHEREAS: UCM is made up of 6 Christian congregations including : Zion Lutheran Church (ELCA), Our Lady of the Valley Roman Catholic Church, St Peter's Episcopal Church, La Grande United Methodist Church, First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), and La Grande First Presbyterian Church (PCUSA), and their respective jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS: Koinonia House and its programs, operated by UCM, are available to all the students, faculty, and staff of the University including any students from the congregations of the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon; and

WHEREAS: The EDEO encourages ecumenical ministries in their congregations;

NOW, THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon recognize the value of the University Christian Ministries, Inc., as a partner in ministry at Eastern Oregon University and offer our prayers and support.

Discussion followed. In response to question, it was clarified that the resolution is not asking for monetary support. Richard commented that the diocese should know of and support this ministry as an avenue to help students maintain contact with their faith while away from home. Val Royes described the program. In response to questions about how to get the information into the communities, it was noted that Koinonia House has a website, is on Facebook, and that information would be forthcoming in diocesan publications "Ministry Matters" and the diocesan newsletter. Bishop Nedi commented that parishes should send names of students attending Eastern Oregon University to the United Christian Ministry.

**Amended language** "as a partner in ministry" was offered. Richard Thew **accepted** the amendment. Susan Powers **moved** and it was **seconded and passed** to accept the amendment.

Acceptance of the **amended resolution** was **passed** on voice vote with no dissenting votes.

### Courtesy Resolutions

The Rev. Ted Rodrigues **moved** the Courtesy Resolutions:

Be it resolved that the 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention of the Diocese of Eastern Oregon, meeting in Bend, OR, from the 12<sup>th</sup> to the 14<sup>th</sup> of October, 2012, write a letter to convey the appreciation of Convention to Bill Brisson and to Gail McGuire, co-chairs of the host committee, as well as all the people who gave untold amounts of their time and energy to prepare for convention and welcome all of us to the 42<sup>nd</sup> convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon.

Be it further resolved, that the convention:

- 1) Convey to the Rev. Roy Green, Jan Stalker, and all the other folks at Trinity who supported and assisted them in their preparation for convention at Trinity, Bend.
- 2) Convey condolences to the Rev. Jan Kozak on the death of her mother.
- 3) Convey appreciation to Tate & Tate Catering for providing the food to nourish and sustain us throughout convention.
- 4) Convey greetings to the Rev. Jane Dey, recently retired from diaconal service, who is unable to be with us at the 42<sup>nd</sup> Convention of EDEO.
- 5) Convey greetings to the Rev. Rebecca Hendricks, who is recovering from pneumonia and, therefore, unable to be with us at the 42<sup>nd</sup> Convention of EDEO.
- 6) Convey our appreciation to David Leslie for his presence and presentation at the 42<sup>nd</sup> Convention of EDEO.
- 7) Convey our appreciation to Terry Rahmsdorff, co-chair of the Diocesan Council for his leadership, calm, and patience.
- 8) Convey appreciation to Diane Adams, Assistant Secretary of Convention, for her diligence and organization to insure convention goes smoothly.
- 9) Convey our appreciation and gratitude for Deschutes Brewery's donation of beer to the convention banquet dinner that allowed us to raise funds for Condega, Nicaragua.
- 10) Convey our thanks and appreciation to the Boys and Girls Club for the use of their facility, and their assistance in helping to organize our Saturday events for the Diocesan Convention.

The addition of thanks to the Boys and Girls Club (10) was offered by the Rev. Paul Morton. Bishop Nedi asked for **approval of the resolution**. The **motion passed** on voice vote with no dissenting votes.

Ted Rodrigues **moved the second portion** of the Courtesy resolutions:

We ask that greetings be sent to the Rt. Rev. Rusty Kimsey, the Rt. Rev. Bill Spofford, and the Rt. Rev. Bill Gregg honoring and thanking them for their service and ministry to EDEO.

We also send greetings to the Rt. Rev. Katherine Jefferts-Schori, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, affirming our care and prayers for her and her ministry to the larger body of Christ.

We also send our greetings and good wishes to the Rt. Rev. Edmund Browning,

retired Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, living in Hood River Oregon.

We also send greetings to our Sisters and Brothers in the Diocese of Oregon, acknowledging our ties and deep affection for them, and letting them know that they will be in our prayers during their upcoming diocesan convention October 26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> in Portland Oregon. We specifically send greetings to the Rt. Rev. Michael Hanley, Bishop the Diocese of Oregon, and give thanks for his ministry.

We also send greetings to our fellow laborers in the vineyard of Christ in the Oregon Synod of the ELCA, and give thanks for our shared ministries in many communities of the Diocese of Eastern Oregon and for the gifted ordained ministers who serve shared congregations. We especially send greetings to the Rt. Rev. David Brauer-Rieke and for his ministry that includes the area east of the Cascades. And to express to the Oregon Synod that our prayers and thoughts will be with them as they gather for their Convocation October 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> in Welches, Oregon.

The Rev. Alison Dingley asked that the thank you to Bishop Kimsey include a thank you for his letter to Convention and support of Bishop Nedi and the resolution for part-time bishop.

Bishop Nedi asked for **approval of the resolution**. Approval was given by **acclamation**.

### **Closing Comments**

Bishop Nedi responded to comments about Companion Diocese exploration saying that the process is very slow and there are many considerations on all sides before any agreement is entered. She commented on resources listed in the e-newsletter "Ministry Matters," and mentioned upcoming events: diocesan book study of Christianity After Religion by Diana Butler Bass during Epiphany/Lent, and the Rev. Canon Marianne Borg presenter at Adult Education Camp in August.

Bishop Nedi stated that she will be using the resolution for part-time bishop and the resolution of Response to the Bishop's Address in her letter to the Church Pension Group requesting exemption to work after retirement.

### **Time and Place of Convention**

Bishop Nedi announced that the 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention will be hosted by St. Matthew's, Ontario, October 11-13, 2013.

Convention adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

### **Convention Eucharist**

The Eucharist service followed at 10:15 a.m. at St. Helen's Hall. Bishop Nedi Rivera celebrated and preached. She was assisted by the clergy of the Central Oregon Convocation. The Rev. Gaye Lawson, Deacon, served as Deacon of the Mass and the Rev. Roger Fairfield, Deacon, served as Deacon of the Word. The Rev. Roy Green, the Rev. Nancy Green, the Rev. Paul

Morton, the Rev. Ted Rodrigues, the Rev. Carol Parker, the Rev. Larry Mahon, Deacon, the Rev. Janet Warner, Deacon, and lay ministers, John Collins and Peggy Ziegler assisted with distribution of the elements.

The service included Confirmations, and the renewal of Clergy Ordination Vows.

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Holy God, no one is excluded from your love, and your truth transforms the minds of all who seek you: As your servant Philip was led to embrace the fullness of your salvation and to bring the stranger to Baptism, so give us all the grace to be heralds of the Gospel, proclaiming your love in Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

*Collect for Philip the Evangelist*

The news wasn't what we would call good. While we Pacific Northwesterners have lived in the None (N-O-N-E) Zone for a couple of generations, but we learned on Tuesday that fully 20% of the U.S. population do not claim membership in a church of any kind. Moreover, that poll doesn't take into account those who consider themselves members but don't support their church with either prayers or presence.

A friend of mine in San Francisco whose parents were friends of my parents, and whose father was one of my teachers, said he hated church as a kid. He hated having to get dressed up. He found the whole experience oppressive and no fun. So when he could he left. He's one of the rare ones who found his way back -- through his marriage and family, but he came to St Aidan's where he didn't have to get dressed up and his children were encouraged to take off their shoes so they could run on the noisy wooden floor.

My sister says she left because of all the guilt.

Another friend in Seattle left because he didn't and doesn't believe in God yet when he does come to church with me, his tears flow when he sings.

Some people are just plain bored. They won't give it their precious time.

You know these stories. You know each of these people and more like them.

And some have never been to church at all.

From another perspective we can see the trend in the declining income numbers in our budget.

We can bemoan this trend. We can be sad and wring our hands . . .

or we can wonder what God is up to. If church *as we know it* is dying, then how will it be resurrected into a new thing? For the Church is the Body of Christ, and resurrection is what characterizes the Body of Christ.

### **Acts 1-7**

Thursday was the feast day of Philip the Deacon. To the consternation of some of the folks leading worship, I decided we would celebrate that feast today. ("The lesson from Isaiah is so sad and depressing.") Yes it is, but what Philip does with that lesson is amazing. But I'm a little ahead of myself. Let's back up to the beginning of the book of Acts.



Or even a little before Acts. This morning want to remember Jesus' ministry and mission; to remember that he said he came not to destroy the Law but to fulfill it – that he worshipped in synagogues and celebrated the sacred feasts of the Jews. Jesus never stopped being a faithful Jew. He seemed to believe that faith in God had been so overlaid with interpretation that it had been buried. For instance, when he was challenged for healing folks on the Sabbath, his answers were about trying to help folks bring the Sabbath back to its roots of a being a day of faith and liberation. What had been given by God as a gift (a day of to enjoy and love creation, family, friends, and Torah study) and a sign of faith (trust that God will be with you and working harder will *never* save you) had become an onerous list of rules and boundaries.

So after Jesus' death, resurrection and ascension, the disciples gathered for prayer and more prayer. For ten days they prayed until the Holy Spirit came down upon them and sent them into the streets in charismatic zeal. They baptized 3000 people right there in the streets of Jerusalem. This was followed by more preaching, healing and baptizing as well as mounting pushback by the ecclesiastical authorities.

But they were still Jews. Eugene Peterson translates the end of Acts 2 this way:

Everyone around was in awe—all those wonders and signs done through the apostles! And all the believers lived in a wonderful harmony, holding everything in common. They sold whatever they owned and pooled their resources so that each person's need was met.

They followed a daily discipline of worship in the Temple followed by meals at home, every meal a celebration, exuberant and joyful, as they praised God. People in general liked what they saw. Every day their number grew as God added those who were saved.

The movement grew and the folks gathered daily *in the Temple* and then afterwards for potluck suppers and sharing of resources. Sharing what they had so that everyone had what they needed.

The apostles' attendance at Temple, their daily worship (probably both morning and evening) is noted over and over. In fact they preached there. Remember the Temple was more than a nave and sanctuary. It was a market place, a gathering place. So in the third chapter of Acts at the entrance to the Temple, we see Peter heal a man who has been lame from birth. Once healed, the unnamed man follows Peter and John into the Temple and causes a scene with his rejoicing. Peter takes the opportunity to invite people to repent and follow Jesus.

The apostles and these thousands of new disciples were a pretty rag tag group. Some were Jews from birth and some were converts. Some were locals and some were the faithful who came to Jerusalem for the pilgrimages. And as often as Luke asserts they were of one mind, there were disagreements. The folks who spoke "the language of the Jews," were in charge

of the distribution and the folks who spoke Greek, those who were immigrants and converts, thought their widows and orphans were being overlooked. So the Twelve (Matthias had replaced Judas) gathered together said "Well we can't quit preaching in order to *wait on tables* so we need to find another solution." What they did was ask the Greek speakers to choose seven men [!] of good reputation from the Greek speaking party, "men full of the Spirit and of wisdom" and "appoint them to deal with these matters."

You've probably only heard of two of the six. Stephen was full of grace and power and became a preacher himself and then he was healing and performing miracles and got himself in trouble. They brought him up before the board – the muckity mucks of the Temple:

““This man never stops saying things against this holy place and the law; for we have heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth will destroy this place and will change the customs that Moses handed on to us.” Acts 6.13-14 (NRSV)

All the muckity mucks – those ecclesiastical authorities – stared at Stephen.

Luke says Stephen's face appeared to them like the face of an angel.

Then the High Priest said, "Is this so?"

And Stephen answered with a sermon recounting the history of the Jews from Abraham forward that demonstrates the fact that the Temple wasn't necessary. Nor does he flinch from calling them out on not following the Law themselves. Not a sermon designed to get him acquitted, rather as you know, it led to his death.

And this, I believe, is the end of the beginning. . . and the beginning of the end.

## **Acts 8**

In Acts 8, Saul held the coats of those who stoned Peter and started his own persecution of the followers of The Way. Then we get to know Philip, the second of those first seven deacons.

And with Saul and Philip, the game begins to change.

Before I get to Philip a couple of things about Saul (later Paul) we need to hold in our mind for this address. Saul was a Jew *par excellence*. He'll tell you that himself. A Pharisee trained under the most famous rabbi of his time. And as far as he is concerned these followers of The Way are left wing, radical, dangerous, 'make it up as you go along' kooks who are trying to destroy his beloved faith. With Stephen's death and Saul's determination, it is beginning to be dangerous to be a follower of Jesus.

Back at the upper room, or rather out of the Upper Room, Philip too puts down his apron and dishtowel.

One of the things I've learned over the years is that you can't keep a good deacon boxed in! Deacons live on the boundaries and are constantly breaking down walls. Philip, who is (as I said) the only other of these original seven deacons we know anything about, was, like Stephen, a prototype of one of these deacons. He too left waiting tables and began to preach.

And he did something new. *He left town.* He went to Samaria. You'll remember from Jesus' encounter with the woman at the well that she spoke to Jesus as 'you Jews.' While the Samaritans came from the same stock, they weren't considered *real* Jews. They didn't worship at *the* Temple and had a divergent history from their distant cousins.

But look at Philip down in a city in Samaria: he's preaching, proclaiming the Messiah to Samaritans – to *those people* who had, like most Jews, and especially those in power – rejected Jesus. And he's performing miracles, making the lame walk and exorcising demons; and baptizing in the name of Jesus. When John and Peter got word of Philip's success they made their way down to join him and they laid hands on all those newly baptized folks who then received the Holy Spirit. On their way home they brought the Good News to many a Samaritan village.

Peter and John that is. God had other plans for Philip. An angel said to him, "Head over to the road that leads from Jerusalem to Gaza." (It's a desert road.)

So he went and while he was walking he saw an Ethiopian in a chariot. The man was a eunuch and the treasurer of the Queen of Ethiopia. He was on his way home from a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. So he was a probably a Jew or one who lived by Jewish law, but because he was a eunuch, he would never have been allowed into the inner courts of the Temple.

He was riding in a chariot and reading aloud. Philip started running alongside the chariot and recognized the passage he heard being read. He asked the man if he understood what he was reading. He didn't, so Philip hopped in the chariot and they did Bible Study together. Now Luke makes it clear what the text was. It was from Isaiah:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. <sup>33</sup>In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth."  
*Isaiah 53.32b-33*

The eunuch asked Philip "Who is this about: Himself or someone else?"

Philip witnessed to the saving grace of the suffering servant, who in his willingness to lay down his life was called to take it up again in resurrection. His ability to take this sad and humiliating passage and open up new possibilities for this stranger was remarkable. So remarkable that when they came to a stream he asked to be

baptized; they jumped down out of the chariot and Philip baptized a new disciple who by tradition brought Christianity to Ethiopia.

Then by the power of the Holy Spirit Philip was whisked off to a place called Azotus from where he continued to walk north proclaiming the Good News of God in Christ all the way to Caesarea.

This is, as I said, the beginning of the end – or the end of the beginning. Philip, by listening to the Holy Spirit, and by the power of that same Spirit, has taken the gospel (for the first time!) out of Jerusalem and out of the community of practicing, ordinary Jews. He has broken barriers and the church has become something new.

### **Acts 8 Moment.org**

There is a movement of young people who can see the writing on the wall. They hear us remembering the church of 1962, but they're not longing for that church. They are longing for something new, something more like what they believe Jesus intended: more alive, more dependent on God and more tuned to the Holy Spirit.

The movement seemed to get feet at General Convention – it's called *Acts 8 Moment.org*. They are excited by the fact that the church by its very polity can be open to the leading of the Holy Spirit, they don't talk about the church dying but about a church being born, they write blogs and connect on Facebook. They want a church more open, freer, more transformative.

They understand that Jesus wasn't about establishing religion but about a movement for building the Reign of God. The Reign of God isn't Christendom. The Reign of God is life lived for others, a world where we understand as long as we are focused on ourselves we are losing our very souls. And what can we give in return for our souls?

They can see that a lot of church (not here in EDEO, but I will assure you it is true in other places) is boring, doesn't enliven the heart or one's faith. (Now perhaps some of those places I visit on my travels aren't boring to the folks who belong, who experience that church as a warm and loving community, but for me, who happens to drop in on the seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost, it's boring.) They can see that the church is mostly grey headed and that their friends are going to brunch, reading the NY Times and listening to Public Radio and Will Shortz on Sunday mornings.

On the other hand they also see some of these same folks looking for a deeper spirituality, but don't have a good metaphor for making meaning in their lives, or they have little or no knowledge of the depth and breath of God's presence in their lives, nor of the opportunities to share that journey with others asking similar questions.

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The Acts 8 Movement folks know the old forms are dying and they aren't afraid or even sad as much as they are excited because they really believe in resurrection.

They know there are new possibilities. They look to Philip and to Saul who became Paul.

It is no accident that the Ethiopian Eunuch is reading the Suffering Servant passage. Again, to the extent that we are willing to die to self, as individuals and as a church, we are allowing the Spirit to raise us up and we can see hope for the Church.

They and we see that these guys (Philip first and Paul eventually) got out of Dodge as soon as they could. They let go of the constrictions of what was past and took a chance on they knew not what. They went to strange places and reached out to strangers and while they were at it they changed the church and the world.

They know that in order to proclaim the gospel, they will have to do some running—running alongside – where they can have a conversation on the hard questions: pain and sorrow, life and death, broken promises, hope in the unseen. They are willing and we can be willing to listen to what people say responding from both our deepest experiences and our knowledge of The Story of God's love for the World.

I said Acts 8 (Saul & Philip) was the beginning of the end. It wasn't long before Jesus' followers were being asked to leave the synagogues and were being persecuted in earnest. Now what? Everything about their lives was being called in to question and challenged. And more, they didn't know what the future would bring.

What they didn't do was come up with a plan for fixing it.

What they did do was trust God and follow Jesus.

What they did do was preach the gospel, respond to the needs of the world, and shine a light on the Reign of God emerging like a crocus through snow in this broken world. They lived in the Spirit, consulted with one another, found a partner and set off.

EDEO has been living in an Acts 8 Moment for several years and look at where it has taken us: into schools, into warm places, into cities and prisons. We are getting to know *those people*. We have laid hands on them and we have been healed.

While there has always been a part of our mission and ministry that we called Outreach, we have now become Missional. By Missional I think we mean that the purpose of the church is to bring, promote, proclaim, God's love through *our* love and care for the world that God loves so much. We discovered that church isn't about making sure there's a venue for our funerals, rather it's about being equipped to bring life to the world.

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We have found our souls. We are (from my reading of the Mutual Ministry Review responses) less worried about money and more concerned about being Christ's Hands in the world. While we would love to have more folks in the pews (especially young folks) we are more focused on the difference those of us who are already in those pews can make in our communities and the world. We are feeding the hungry, loving children, welcoming the homeless, sewing dresses, pasturing animals, growing community gardens . . . among so many other ministries! I brag on you all the time.

There are a series of e-mails right now among the bishops, canons and other diocesan staff members about small congregations and how to get them to close or merge or whatever. Luckily someone else wrote a response similar to what I needed to say but didn't have time to write: there's a difference between small and stuck, between languishing and vibrant. There are small congregations that can and do make a huge difference. Size isn't the variable that counts. Faithfulness counts. Imagination counts. Loving counts. Partnerships count.

For all those thousands of folks that were baptized, it really was a handful of men and women who took the gospel to the ends of the known world. But they went out almost all the time two by two and made Christ known wherever they went. In our partnerships we boost our power. Have I sung this song to you every year?

If you believe and I believe and we together pray,  
The Holy Spirit must come down and set God's people free.  
(recorded on *God Never Sleeps* by The Iona Community)

Until chapter 8 we're stuck in Jerusalem.

How will we get to Samaria? To Corinth and Athens?

The Holy Spirit will take us where we need to go.

To Samaria, on the Gaza road and to Azotus.

Azotus? Which may be what W H Auden describes in *For the Time Being*,

He is the Way.  
Follow Him through the Land of Unlikeness;☒  
You will see rare beasts, and have unique adventures.

Who will be our partners in this world of unique adventures?

When my father was dying I spent his last week with him in the other bed of his room in the nursing home. One night I awakened and looked over to see Dad waving at someone. I knew that wave: "Get the boat back into shore!" or "Get over here, we're trying to leave." I watched for a few minutes realizing he was seeing folks I could not see, then said to him, "Dad, you have to go to them, they won't come to you."

We can't wait for the world to come to us. We have to go to them – because that's what Christians do. Because how else will we understand the full implications of the Good News of God in Christ? Because how else will we receive the blessings that await us there?

**And so I wonder ...**

I was making my way through the exhibits at General Convention when I was stopped by an old dancing partner of my from Executive Council days of The Episcopal Church. He introduced me to some folks. He was manning the Global Partnerships booth. As the conversation continued I offered that I'd loved a diocesan partnership with the diocese of Madras (Chennai) and missed that shared ministry.

Pounce!

"Well," I was told, "have we got a deal for you!" The diocese of Salisbury (England) where my friend June Osborne (who I met in South Africa!) is Dean of the Cathedral was looking for a third partner with them and the Diocese of Wau in Sudan. Here's some information. Read this. Here's a CD. They gave me the CD."

A bit overwhelmed I only recently got to it, but then I was in contact with people from Salisbury. I ended up buying plane tickets to Nairobi so I could go on a mission/teaching trip with the Salisbury folks and then the trip was cancelled. It may happen in the New Year. I've made it clear we (EDEO) are financially poor, but what I am learning over and over in my life is that what people want is to know someone cares about them, that they are connected, part of the whole: "Do you know we are here – sometimes suffering, sometimes struggling, sometimes just wanting to have someone with whom to sing or laugh or talk about Jesus."

In fact the Companion Diocese people discourage beginning with a project. Make it a partnership – a global partnership – where each partner can discern what they are called to bring to and receive from the friendship, the partnership.

Paul became one of the greatest theologians of the whole history of Christianity – because he was constantly bumping up against folks who thought, worshipped and felt differently than he did. What could happen to us and to our understanding of God if we were to know the church, the Body of Christ in Wau, and in Salisbury?

**What is our Acts 8 moment?**

Where are we called to go?

What do we need from one another to be properly equipped for the journey? For life here and now?

The followers of the Way were excommunicated from the synagogues for back to basics understanding of the Law and their wild-eyed flights of fancy about resurrection, ascension

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and Pentecost. They might have been depressed or sad that someone was killing them. But instead they were willing servants. Willing to die to what they had expected, even hoped for, for the sake of resurrection to *new* life. And they received life abundant!

God is faithful. God needs us – goes, and will go hand in hand with us – to make God’s self, and love and Son known to the world.

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!



**Forty-second Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon**

**Resolution in Response to the Bishop's Address**

**October 14, 2012**

In Response to Bishop Nedi's address, be it resolved that we, the people of the Diocese of Eastern Oregon, are willing to be sent by the Holy Spirit out into the streets and beyond our walls; that we will be aware of Acts 8 moments in our daily lives and respond to them. And know that we are to be mindful of the truth that we are Christ's body, and called to continue his divine ministry and mission in the world. Knowing that we are to go forth into the world and not wait for the world to come to us, we realize that this will not be without risk, and that we are called to seek out partnerships and relationships among/with many branches of Christ's body. We will look for that which is being resurrected and not to that which is dying.

**Eastern Oregon Episcopal Foundation**  
**Annual Meeting**  
 October 12, 2012  
 Trinity Episcopal Church  
 Bend, Oregon

**Present:**

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

**Certified voting members who signed in for the Annual Meeting**

1. Fabian Baker	St. Barnabas	Bonanza
2. Charles Cagle	St. Andrew's	Burns
3. Jim Spell	St. Thomas	Canyon City
4. Ann Hayes	St. Patrick's	Enterprise
5. Cyde Estes	All Saints	Heppner
6. Ruth Tsu	St. Mark's	Hood River
7. Anthony Walz	St. Paul's	Klamath Falls
8. G. Royes	St. Peter's	LaGrande
9. Pat Phillips	St. Luke's	Lakeview
10. Diana Garcia	St. Matthew's	Ontario
11. Dave Keeler	Redeemer	Pendleton
12. Don Scott	St. Alban's	Redmond
13. Doris Brannon	All Saints	Sunriver

**Other Annual Meeting attendees (visitors are always welcome)**

Bruce McCoy	St. Barnabas	Bonanza
Sally Lovins	St. Andrew's	Burns
Diane Denstedt	St. Andrew's	Burns
Maria Walz	St. Paul's	Klamath Falls
Jean Schadler	St. Luke's	Lakeview
John Bunch	St. Luke's	Lakeview
Flossie Keeler	Redeemer	Pendleton
Nan Berger	All Saints	Sunriver

**I. Call to Order and Opening Prayer**

The Chairperson, The Right Reverend Bavi Edna “Nedi” Rivera, Provisional Bishop, called the meeting to order with a prayer.

**II. Minutes of the Annual Foundation meeting of October 14, 2011**

The minutes of last year’s annual meeting held in Hermiston were read. A motion was made to accept the minutes as written. This motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

**III. Election of Trustees**

Dave Keeler, Church of the Redeemer, Pendleton, and Don Scott, St. Alban’s, Redmond, were elected to four-year terms as Trustees. Doris Brannan, All Saints of the Cascades, Sunriver, was elected to a one-year term to fill the unexpired term of Fred Wade, St. Paul’s, Klamath Falls, who has resigned as a Trustee. Kenneth Leibham, retiring Secretary-Treasurer, was applauded for his efforts.

**IV. Financial Report and Audit**

Kenneth Leibham reviewed the Financial Statements as of December 31, 2011 in detail. A motion was made to accept the audited Financial Statements. The motion passed unanimously

**V. Adjournment and Closing Prayer**

The meeting was adjourned with a prayer by the Bishop.

	A	B	C	D	E
1	<b>EDEO 2013 Budget</b>				
2	<b>Approved by Convention 10/14/2012</b>				
3				<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>
4		<b>12/31/10</b>	<b>12/31/11</b>	<b>Modified</b>	
5		<b>Actual</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>
6	<b><u>INCOME</u></b>				
7					
8	Assessments Current Year/Prior Year	\$434,850	\$412,138	\$416,303	\$400,000
9	Distribution from Endowment Funds	\$42,947	\$36,588	\$40,000	\$31,738
10	Domestic Missionary Partnership	\$19,000			\$0
11	Duncan Farm Income	\$10,000	\$6,000	\$10,000	\$14,000
12	Foundation Grant for Retired Clergy Med. Insurance	\$5,000	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$7,000
13	Office Services for EOEf	\$4,000	\$4,000		\$0
14	Miscellaneous Income	\$584	\$480	\$480	\$480
15	Reimbursements: retired clergy/staff/oxdocs/dio.house				\$2,500
16	<b>Total Operating Income</b>	<b>\$516,381</b>	<b>\$466,206</b>	<b>\$473,783</b>	<b>\$455,718</b>
17					
18	<b>Fund Transfer Income:</b>				
19	McGourty/Dielschneider Undesignated Funds	\$17,800			
20	Strategic Development Fund			\$5,000	
21	Shelk Fund	\$1,000	\$1,000		
22	Audit Reserve Account Draw				\$5,225
23	Proceeds of Property Sales	\$35,000	\$23,637		
24	<b>Total Fund Transfer Income</b>	<b>\$53,800</b>	<b>\$24,637</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>	<b>\$5,225</b>
25					
26					
27	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$570,181</b>	<b>\$490,843</b>	<b>\$478,783</b>	<b>\$460,943</b>
28					

	A	B	C	D	E
29					
30	<b>EXPENSES</b>			<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>
31		<b>12/31/10</b>	<b>12/31/11</b>	<b>Modified</b>	<b>\$0</b>
32		<b>Actual</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>
33					
34	<b>Millenium Development Goals (MDG's)</b>	\$3,946	\$3,200	\$3,316	\$3,227
35					
36	<b>DMP Grants distribution</b>	\$19,000			
37					
38	<b>Direct Ministry Support</b>				
39	Collegium	\$2,017	\$5,635	\$4,000	\$4,000
40	Clergy Support	\$805	\$664	\$800	\$800
41	Commission on Ministry	\$2,169	\$2,762	\$2,500	\$2,500
42	Convention (with Journals)	\$3,024	\$5,400	\$3,000	\$3,000
43	Congregational Ministry incl.EFM	\$1,945	\$2,276	\$2,500	\$2,500
44	Continuing Education Scholarships	\$307	\$681	\$2,000	\$2,000
45	Chancellors Conference	\$1,839	\$2,612	\$2,500	\$2,500
47	Outreach	\$500			\$500
48	Resource Library	\$570	\$250	\$500	\$250
49	Standing Committee/Diocesan Council	\$9,818	\$15,407	\$14,100	\$14,000
50	Youth	\$575	\$270	\$2,000	\$2,000
51	Facilitator for New Clergy Group		\$876	\$2,600	\$0
52	Safeguarding Trainers		\$2,783	\$5,000	\$3,500
53	Conferences & Memberships		\$4,282	\$5,900	\$2,500
54	Consultants/Convention Speakers		\$1,400	\$5,000	\$4,000
55	<b>Total Direct Ministry Support</b>	<b>\$23,569</b>	<b>\$45,298</b>	<b>\$52,400</b>	<b>\$44,050</b>
56					
57	<b>Ascension School Program support</b>	<b>\$66,684</b>	<b>\$67,874</b>	<b>\$70,000</b>	<b>\$17,992</b>
58					
59	<b>Communications</b>				
60	Public Information Administrator	\$21,423	\$27,090	\$35,214	\$34,338
61	Executive Secretary one quarter time (including benefits)	\$5,881	\$11,008	\$11,008	\$11,008
62	<b>Total Communications</b>	<b>\$27,304</b>	<b>\$38,098</b>	<b>\$46,222</b>	<b>\$45,346</b>
63					
64	<b>Institutional Support</b>				
65	Legal Expenses	\$490	\$0	\$500	\$500
66	Audit	\$15,000	\$17,541	\$8,000	\$8,000
67	Bookkeeping/Payroll/Administration		\$20,473	\$38,800	\$35,000
68	<b>Total Legal/Accounting</b>	<b>\$15,490</b>	<b>\$38,014</b>	<b>\$47,300</b>	<b>\$43,500</b>
69					
70	<b>Insurance</b>				
71	Property/Liability Insurance	\$5,810	\$5,804	\$6,200	\$6,200
72	Diocesan Vehicle Insurance	\$1,517	\$1,517	\$1,600	\$1,600
73	Retired Clergy Insurance	\$9,720	\$11,522	\$10,000	\$10,280
74	<b>Total Insurance</b>	<b>\$17,047</b>	<b>\$18,843</b>	<b>\$17,800</b>	<b>\$18,080</b>

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75				2012	2013
76		12/31/10	12/31/11	Modified	0
77		Actual	Actual	Budget	Budget
78	<b>Office expenses</b>				
79	Equipment expense	\$1,000	\$599	\$2,000	\$1,000
80	Miscellaneous office expense	\$455	\$367	\$300	\$300
81	Office supplies	\$908	\$1,330	\$1,500	\$1,000
82	Photocopy expense including copier lease	\$1,793	\$1,913	\$2,000	\$2,000
83	Postage	\$2,406	\$2,878	\$2,500	\$2,500
84	Publications	\$126	\$394	\$300	\$300
85	Telephone/fax/email	\$3,980	\$3,336	\$3,500	\$3,500
86	<b>Total Office expenses</b>	\$10,668	\$10,817	\$12,100	\$10,600
87					
88	<b>Maintenance &amp; Repair</b>				
89	Office Cleaning	\$1,340	\$1,300	\$1,500	\$1,500
90	Diocesan House	\$3,180	\$2,453	\$4,000	
91	Electricity	\$2,357	\$2,373	\$3,000	\$2,700
92	Property: Tax & Miscellaneous Expense	\$983	\$979	\$1,200	\$1,100
93	Repair & Maintenance	\$2,694	\$1,388	\$3,000	\$2,500
94	Water/sewer/garbage	\$1,244	\$1,216	\$1,350	\$1,400
95	<b>Total Maintenance &amp; Repair</b>	\$11,798	\$9,709	\$14,050	\$9,200
96					
97	<b>Reserve Accounts</b>				
98	Equipment Replacement Reserve	\$3,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
99	Property Maintenance Reserve	\$3,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
100	Staff Development Reserve	\$4,453	\$4,477	\$2,500	\$2,500
101	General Convention Deputies	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$8,000
102	Bishop's search/consecration Reserve	\$6,500			
103	Lambeth Conference Reserve	\$800		\$1,000	\$500
104	<b>Total Reserve Accounts</b>	\$25,753	\$14,477	\$13,500	\$13,000
105					
106	<b>Total Institutional Support</b>	\$80,756	\$91,861	\$104,750	\$94,380
107					
108	<b>Bishop</b>				
109	Stipend	\$29,600	\$43,750	\$45,000	
110	Medical/Dental Insurance	\$17,149	\$19,728	\$19,788	
111	Travel/Cell phone reimbursements	\$19,845	\$26,392	\$23,240	
112	Continuing education	\$1,253			
113	Payroll Taxes	\$100	\$671	\$700	
114	<b>Total Episcopacy</b>	\$67,947	\$90,541	\$88,728	\$88,728
115					

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116				2012	2013
117		12/31/10	12/31/11	Modified	0
118		Actual	Actual	Budget	Budget
119					
120	<b>Beyond the Diocese</b>				
121	General Church Apportionment	\$77,046	\$83,412	\$77,425	\$69,419
122	Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon	\$2,500	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
123	Province VIII Support	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
124					
125	<b>Total Beyond the Diocese</b>	<b>\$81,046</b>	<b>\$86,912</b>	<b>\$80,925</b>	<b>\$72,919</b>
126					
127	<b>Staff</b>				
128	Canon	\$85,350	\$9,059		n/a
129	Executive Secretary	\$33,624	\$33,007	\$34,793	see line 137
130	Business Manager	\$61,698	\$18,878		n/a
131	Ascension Executive Director				see line 137
132	Ascension Hospitality/Office Manager				see line 137
133	Lay Pension	\$6,846	\$4,670	\$3,131	\$7,136
134	Medical Reimbursement Reserve	\$10,392	\$9,264		\$5,616
135	Life Insurance	\$768	\$766	\$384	\$768
136	Payroll Taxes including Workers' Comp	\$8,267	\$8,486	\$4,175	\$12,496
137	<b>Total Staff - less the \$11008 in Communications (Line #61).</b>	<b>\$121,595</b>	<b>\$64,063</b>	<b>\$31,475</b>	<b>\$64,785</b>
138	Lay Staff Compensation Increases				\$3,500
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140	<b>Total Staff</b>	<b>\$206,945</b>	<b>\$73,122</b>	<b>\$31,475</b>	<b>\$94,301</b>
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142	EOEF Loan repayment	\$9,129			
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144	<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$586,326</b>	<b>\$496,906</b>	<b>\$477,817</b>	<b>\$460,943</b>
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## CONVENTION COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

**Nominations Committee:** (Task: to recruit and encourage candidates for open positions on Diocesan Council and Standing Committee, with a focus on encouraging representation from each Convocation.)

Terry Rahmsdorff, Chair  
Sue Powers  
The Rev. Roger Fairfield  
Arnold Coe

Trinity, Bend/Diocesan Council  
St. Mark's, Madras/Dioc. Council  
Transfiguration, Sisters/Dioc. Cncl  
St. Peter's, La Grande/Dioc. Cncl

**Resolutions/Response to Bishop's Address:** (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. The Committee will also respond to the Bishop's Address, proposing action by Convention and the diocese in the form of recommendations or resolutions, as appropriate.)

Ruth Tsu, Chair  
Terry Joakimides, Secretary of Convention  
Peggy Ziegler  
Val Royes  
The Rev. Ted Rodrigues

St. Mark's, Hood River  
St. Paul's, Klamath Falls  
Trinity, Bend  
St. Peter's, La Grande  
Transfiguration, Sisters

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

Jan Uffelman, Chair  
Dan Sharp  
Sally Lovins  
Pamela Warren  
Bob Thomson

St. Andrew's, Prineville  
All Saints, Heppner  
St. Andrew's, Burns  
St. Luke's, Lakeview  
St. Mark's, Hood River

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

Diocesan Council has accepted appointment as the Convention Offering Committee.

**Time and Place of Convention:** (Task: *to decide host congregations and time and place of future conventions.*)

As of 2010, place of Convention has been determined through 2015.

2013	St. Matthew's, Ontario	October 11-13, 2013
2014	Church of the Redeemer, Pendleton	October 10-12, 2014
2015	St. Paul's, The Dalles	October 9-11, 2015



Ascension School Camp and Conference Center  
*An essential ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon*

2012 Convention Report

Our theme for the 2012 summer was Catch the Wave. Campers and staff had fun exploring scripture focused on water. They looked at the many ways God uses water to teach us lessons and how to apply those ideas to our everyday lives. They also learned about global issues that deal with water and how they can be creative and make a difference for those that don't have water. And, I know campers and staff alike had a great time swimming in our local warm springs, also known as the Cove Pool and canoeing at a lake nearby.

Campers also continued Ascension's work with our many community partners to make a difference! Their hands got dirty in our camp garden, growing food for Ascension School and the Cove Food Pantry. Their hearts grew volunteering at the Cove Farmer's Market, selling their crafts to community members, raising money to help feed the hungry. And their minds are full of ideas for helping each other and their communities. Ask a camper what he or she did this summer.

Our summer camp programs incorporate worship, small group activities, games and curriculum focused on caring for God's creation and stewardship of the environment. We do this by using the Episcopal Relief and Development curriculum, taking field trips, meeting with local professional that work in natural resources, like Department of Fish and Wildlife and others.

**We served 220 children, youth and adults this summer!**

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.

- The Diocese raised over \$7000 to send kids to camp this year.
- Ascension School alone gave over \$15,000 in camperships this year and each congregation sent kids on local scholarships too.
- We continue to partner with the Central Oregon Partnership for Youth and Trinity, Bend to "get kids to camp" through our "Caring and Sharing" program. They sent 14 campers this year.
- In addition to contributing financially, over 30 people volunteered at camp this summer.

Scholarships funded by the people of the Diocese of Eastern Oregon specifically target children of military families and children whose parents are incarcerated, as well as providing financial aid for children from parishes and communities of the Diocese.

Ascension School enjoys many community partnerships, for example: Our program partners with Eastern Oregon University Writing Project to put on Film Camp and Mirrors of Me and Film Camp. In addition, we partner with Clover Haven Equine Therapy and ESTEAM, to put on Mirrors of Me, a girls writing and arts camp. These camps are examples of our efforts to develop programs based on local needs and partnering with secular organizations to serve children and families. We've also provided scholarships for these camps with funds from the La Grande Rotary and La Grande Soroptimist Clubs.

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. [www.coveascensionschool.com](http://www.coveascensionschool.com) or check us out on Facebook.

Our outside rentals continue to be an important ministry and revenue source for Ascension School. This year Ascension School served over 1200 people, from quilting retreats to weddings to educational workshops. We also continue to be a vibrant part of the community, by serving as the location for the annual Cove Cherry Fair, the Masonic Lodge Easter Egg Hunt, Cove School projects, and a meeting location for community meetings and senior services, like Senior Meals. We provide senior meals twice a month to over 50 people.

**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](http://www.coveascensionschool.com)
- Recommend Ascension School as a place to hold retreats or meetings to your friends and colleagues.

Sincerely,

Patty Lindsey  
Ascension School Executive Director

2012 Annual Report - Commission on Ministry for the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon

The Diocesan Commission on Ministry, having read their applications and letters of recommendation, met with John Collins and Sherry Hartley and after considerable prayer and discernment, recommended them both for postulancy to the sacred order of priests. We also met with Marilyn Roth. After considerable prayer and discernment, the COM recommended her for postulancy to the sacred order of deacons. Each postulant has a Companion on the COM who will be the postulants' go to persons for questions, concerns and ongoing discernment, however each of us and their congregation has responsibility to provide spiritual, emotional and material support for their continuing discernment, education and formation.

The Diocesan Commission on Ministry also revamped what was our annual four day Ministry Education weekend into four one day "Continuing Education for the Baptized" offerings throughout the year. We hope to present these in various locations around the Diocese in the hope that more people would then be able to attend, as both travel time and cost might be more manageable.

The first of these was held in April in Bend, presented by Canon Charles K. Robertson, who wrote *Conversations With Scripture, Acts of the Apostles*, and focused on Act's message for parishes today.

A second was offered in September on "Caring in the World" presented by Illa Reynolds, Barry Heath, and Roy Green, focusing on grief, spiritual pain, and finding hope in everyday relationships.

One more opportunity is scheduled on November 10, as Trinity Institute with Joan Chittister and Richard Rohr, will be down-loaded (mostly live) at Trinity Bend, where tools will be shared for contemplative discernment, personal and communal spiritual practices, and faithful engagement in social action. (In home over-night accommodations are available).

We are also producing a monthly on-line magazine, *Ministry Matters*, in support of the ministry of the laity in their everyday lives. We thank Bob Thomson for the technical support for this project and welcome ideas for content from readers.

Rev. Mary Lujan

Rev. Willie Hoffer

Rev. Rebeca Hendricks

Rev. Janet Fullmer

Gail McGuire

Kathy Thew

Bob Thomson

David Silva

Peggy Ziegler, Chair

## Diocesan Council

Over the past few years Council has heard repeated requests for better communication within the diocese. In response, Council has funded both print and online communications about the various people and ministries within our diocese. Bishop Nedi has begun writing a regular report of her travel and meetings throughout the diocese called "Blessings!" As Council listened to feedback from individuals and congregations at our Mutual Ministry Reviews held in the convocations this spring and summer, we were very pleased to hear many positive responses to our efforts to keep the people of the diocese informed about the ministries going on within our diocese. We will continue to keep those lines of communication open and to look for new ways to share our news and encourage feedback.

During the past two years, members of Council and Standing Committee went to each congregation to seek feedback. This year we went to convocations. We hope to strengthen convocations and encourage partnerships where the Spirit is moving.

Council has also changed the way it meets. In addition to our traditional face to face meetings we have added meetings by video conferencing. This has resulted in reduced travel time and costs.

For many years, Council has heard requests for help in developing programs to engage young people. At General Convention, Bishop Nedi learned of a resource which will enable each of our congregations to have a curriculum at the ready.

Finally, Council is pleased to report that audits from years long passed are getting completed. Our thanks to the many people who have made this long overdue process possible.

We look forward to new members and new energy as we continue to work together!  
Thank you for your support!

Terry Rahmsdorff, Co-Chair, Diocesan Council

## 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 three EFM groups up and running in Pendleton, The Dalles and Bend.

Because of our distance from educational opportunities, members 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.

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 vitally important to the continuation of EFM in the Diocese of Eastern Oregon that the program continue to be sponsored by diocesan funds.

The Rev. Gaye Lawson, EFM Diocesan Coordinator

## Episcopal Relief & Development Report to Convention, 2012

Our diocese has been conducting a campaign over the last 10 months to raise funds for Episcopal Relief & Development's NetsforLife program. The program provides anti-malaria bed nets and training to people in 21 countries in Africa. We anticipate winding up the campaign at convention, though there may be some congregations with projects yet to complete. Though we may not reach our goal of over \$17,000, I expect we will come close, and the funds will save the lives of many in the world's poorest regions. Our ERD Parish Representatives throughout the diocese deserve the credit for what I consider a successful campaign.

Looking forward, it is time to shift our focus regarding the work of Episcopal Relief & Development in this diocese. Disaster relief in our own country is an important part of the organization's mission. That includes disasters which may occur in Eastern Oregon.

As I write this, the people in Lakeview who had to leave their homes due to the approaching fire there, have now been allowed to return home, and no structures have been destroyed. I called the ERD Parish Representative in Lakeview, Jean Schadler, and asked her to call me if things changed, and if there was a need for funding to help families in the community. I pray that the fire there will soon be out and that other communities won't be impacted before the summer is over. At the same time I know our congregations are ill-prepared to take a leading role when disaster strikes.

All our congregations need to begin preparing disaster plans. Once a congregation has a disaster plan, they will know what needs they can meet and how to go about it – who to call and coordinate with, which members have skills that may be needed, where supplies are located, and how to access funds that may be required. For Episcopal Relief & Development to be most effective they need a well-prepared partner (parish) on the ground where the emergency is. Ever since Katrina, ERD has been working hard to assist dioceses with plans, and provide training and resources for doing that.

I was asked once what disasters were possible or likely in Eastern Oregon, and I had to think about it for a while. In our diocese, disasters are basically unheard of; we just don't think about it. The last time there was a major disaster in Eastern Oregon as far as I know was the flash flood in 1903 that wiped out most of Heppner with no warning, killing 247 people. As in Lakeview, and in several towns in the last 20 years where fires came close, we are reminded it could happen again. And not just from floods or fires.

We now have a new Disaster Coordinator for our diocese, Richard Burke. In the coming months he will be contacting congregations around the diocese, providing assistance and materials to begin the planning process. I encourage all of you to support, encourage, and help your own congregation prepare your disaster plan.

Bruce Barnes, ERD Diocesan Coordinator

## General Convention 2012- Indianapolis

Attending from EDEO: Lay Deputies: John Adams *Chair of the Deputation*, Amy Martinez, Terry Rahmsdorf *alt*, Sue Powers, Peggy Ziegler; Clergy Deputies: Alison Dingley *alt*, Nancy Sargent Green, Janet Fullmer, Jim Mosier, Ted Rodrigues; Bishop Nedi Rivera. Not in the photo, but present for several days of volunteering, Ron Fullmer, who did everything asked of him, from registering deputies, to delivering messages, to moving boxes.



Thanks to Jeanie Senior for sending out all of our updates and photos from the convention- that was great! Here is a more general summary to fill in some of the blanks our postings may have left behind:

The triennial convention of the Episcopal Church convened in Indianapolis, July 4, 2012, amidst Midwestern heat, drought, and storms. Several thousand Episcopalians converged to worship together, meet people from around the world, talk about issues from politics to ministry to faith, greet old friends, and in it all, do the business of the church. We met in hotel rooms, hallways, the Bishops' and Deputies' business meetings, restaurants, and the ballpark. A moving meeting!

In a large room just down the hall from the House of Deputies and House of Bishops, The Marketplace provided glimpses of Everything Episcopalian: from vestments to books, to seminaries, to missions to homeless peoples to people's in the third world, to children's and campus ministries, to mission in the Sudan, to Kenyan, African and Palestinian ministries, to ethical eating, to Armed Forces ministries to those on active duty as well as to those returned to the States, to Cursillo, to pension fund, to jewelry, to....shall I just say, literally hundreds of booths, with people willing, ready and able to remind each guest that the work of the church takes many forms, and to invite us to work with them, pray with them, and support this good work... God is alive, well, and doing amazing things in and through this crusty institution we call TEC- The Episcopal Church.

Although many of us met for the first time in Indianapolis, the work of preparing us for the convention had been ongoing for months before that. New deputies had received orientation materials, committees had been meeting and completing work assignments from the last convention, and dioceses and individuals had been submitting information and resolutions on everything from structural reform of the church, to calls for support of Palestine, to liturgical additions including A Service at the Loss of a Beloved Animal, and EDEO's own resolution on "Open Table." When convention began, all of these resolutions were assigned to committees for hearings, consideration, and eventual disposition by vote or reassignment. The notebook for

convention with the texts of the resolutions, and the record of daily business was a back-breaking 6 inches thick, and I'm guessing, weighed about 10#!

With that hint of the sheer volume of work, and breadth of topic, let me add right away that most of the resolutions were presented by people who cared deeply about the issue presented, and most people cared and respected the reality that not everyone agreed with them- but they were committed to giving voice to their understanding, and to bringing to light information and people that they felt should be heard. The passion, caring and love with which difficult topics were spoken to and considered in, revealed the value in the coming together to be heard, and understood, if not agreed with.

Each day began with committee hearings, with some folks meeting by 7:00 am; at 9:00 we met for worship, and prayed, sang, heard incredibly beautiful and diverse music and powerful sermons, and shared Eucharist. We then would disperse, and the House of Deputies convened in one large hall, the House of Bishops in another, the vendors and representatives of ministries went to their hall, and lots of people continued the logistical work of copying and distributing resolutions, fliers and position papers, newspapers, entertaining guests, etc. Each work day ended with more meetings and hearings...some going late into the night. Repeat. Repeat...

Highlights of the convention for me (Janet) included the vote to restructure the church...a vote for hope for the future, and the House of Deputies was, in this one vote, unanimous and hopeful! Other highlights included a powerful sermon by the Bishop of North Carolina, Michael Curry; worship the St. Augustine Steel Band; meeting representatives from Sudan, Liberia, and Kenya, and Haiti; the articulate participation of the youth delegation as they expressed their opinions, concerns and hopes for our church; hearing the sincere differences of opinion and belief about the role and administration of sacraments of the church- particularly, baptism, communion, blessings of unions- but seeing a commitment to proceed together despite those differences; finding connections everywhere!

Three years from now, at the General Convention in Salt Lake City in 2015, we will elect a new Presiding Bishop. I urge anyone who can possibly do it to consider going to the convention- there are four clergy slots, and four lay slots to fill, as well as alternate slots. While one or two slots should be filled with returning deputies who "know the ropes", the more people who go and participate and are part of this process of making the church live into the future God is leading us into, the better able we will be to understand and accept the changes ahead...so, GO! It is a great privilege and an enlightening experience...you will not regret it. I promise! Go, too, to observe, if you can, even for a day or two...you will leave heartened and encouraged that hard work- and good work- is being done...in love, sometimes with tears and sometimes with laughter, and always with Christ at the fore. We cannot ask for more!


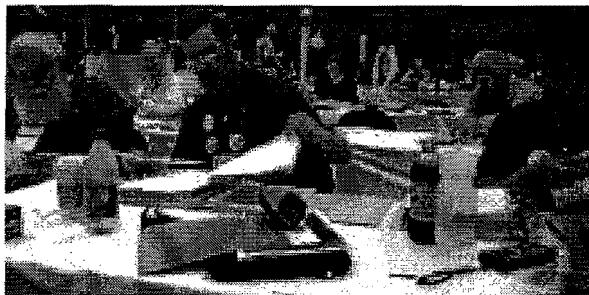
Capturing a sense of the convention in photos and titles:

**Voting to terminate debate on the amendment to the amendment as amended.**



C029  
Vote By Order

	Lay Members Present 17%	Clergy Members Present 27%
Yes	85	70
No	16	24
Divided	9	14
No + Divided	25	40

## **Bisbee Grant Update – Family Kitchen**

Recipient of a \$1000 grant for the beginning of Family Food and Fun Night

The Board of Trustees of the Family Kitchen would like to thank the Diocese of Eastern Oregon and the Bisbee Grant Committee for the \$1000 we were awarded to help start Family Food and Fun Night.

We are happy to report that Family Food and Fun Night began in October of 2011. We began with about 50 people attending on the first Friday of the Month. In January of 2012 we changed our service to the last Friday of the month. At that time the number of diners quickly rose to 150 +. We now serve, on average, 150 people each last Friday of the month. This is over and above those served lunch on Friday afternoon.

Due to this expansion and the reputation of Family Kitchen, we are now serving 500 more people per month.

The expansion was made possible by adding a new team of volunteers from the Church of the Latter Day Saints, working with Family Access Network to notify families of the program and the financial support of the Bisbee Grant and Deschutes County Community Grant program.

The Family Food and Fun night is the time to have “kid friendly” nutritious food and a good time for families to have dinner out with wait service at the end of the month when all the Food Stamps have run out. Games and learning activities are provided for children and we are still developing the educational program for adults. We have shared nutritious recipes that are inexpensive but feel that there is more to be done in this area.

Family Kitchen is an ecumenical program that serves about 4500 meals per month on the campus of Trinity Church, Bend.

Our space is on the First Floor of St. Helen’s Hall. We will be happy to welcome all Convention attendees on the first night of Convention for a typical lunch service as soon as folks have checked in. Our lunches include a choice of soup, salad, sandwiches and desserts.

We are excited to say that in 2013 we will be adding another Friday evening dinner. The last piece of good news is that during our last health inspection we received at 99% which puts us in the category of the top 12% of restaurants in Bend.

Members of the Diocese are always welcome to join us for meals. We serve a hot lunch on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday and dinner on Tuesday, Thursday and the Last Friday of the Month.

Bisbee Grant Report  
St. Barnabas Episcopal Church for  
The Learning House

The Learning House is comprised of a preschool and after school program in the Town of Bonanza. The Learning House is sponsored by the Bonanza Community Association and has been in operation for 3 years. St. Barnabas has been a supporter of the programs from their inception.

The Bisbee grant allowed us to purchase a new notebook computer, copy machine and software. The technical upgrade allowed us to enhance our homework tutoring program and helps us to prepare to offer adult classes in the near future. We are making great strides in equipping youth to better understand difficult school subjects. The majority of the attendees of the after school program are Hispanic and parents send them to the after school program so they can have English speaking teachers to assist them with their homework.

Our gratitude to the Episcopal Diocese for their support of such a worthwhile program.

Respectfully Submitted,  
The Rev. Sherry Hartley, Deacon

## **Bisbee Ministry Partnership/Diocesan Ministry Development Grants to the Shared Ministry of All Saints Episcopal Church and Hope Lutheran Church, Heppner**

Two outreach programs sponsored by the shared ministry of All Saints Episcopal Church and Hope Lutheran Church were the grateful and delighted recipients of two grants to help fund the following local outreach programs in 2012:

### Thanksgiving Food Boxes

A grant of \$500 was awarded to help offset expenses associated with filling food boxes for needy families at Thanksgiving 2012, a gift that is still on the horizon.

We launched this annual project in November 2011, when we learned that our local Neighborhood Center had discontinued giving away food baskets for the Thanksgiving holiday. We had initially anticipated a need for 20 to 25 boxes, but we soon learned the need was far greater. Thanks to local donations and countless hours of volunteer labor in collecting, packing and distributing boxes last November, we filled 44 boxes of food, each containing canned fruit and vegetables, soup, chili, tuna, peanut butter and jelly, dry cereal and oatmeal, fresh apples and oranges, a loaf of bread, and a \$10 grocery gift certificate for the purchase of fresh meat. Signs were posted around town alerting community members that this gift could be picked up the Sunday before Thanksgiving in the All Saints parking lot---no questions asked, no strings attached.

All of our boxes were quickly claimed, many by families who struggle but are ineligible for Neighborhood Center assistance because of income or residency restrictions, or are too embarrassed to ask for help. This experience opened our eyes to the level of need in a community where hunger and poverty are largely invisible, and inspired us to repeat the effort on the eve of Spring break when many families are trying to stretch a short February paycheck all the way to the end of a long March when hungry kids aren't eating lunch at school. With the help of nearly all the churches in Heppner, we were able to pack and distribute 60 food boxes in March.

When Thanksgiving 2012 arrives, we expect the need to be at least as great. The grant assures that we will be able to purchase 50 grocery gift cards, our largest out-of-pocket expense, whether or not we receive the same outpouring of community support a second year.

### First Friday Friends of Jesus

A grant of \$1500 was awarded to help fund the purchase of a projector and related equipment for primary use by our Friday monthly children's program, which is entering its third year. It is our goal to bring the good news about God's love to as many children as possible in a fun and friendly way, and it has been a real treat to have new attention-keeping tools to use for that purpose.

First Fridays is offered free of charge for children ages 4 through 12 on the first Friday of each month from 8 am to noon. This program replaces a poorly attended weekly Sunday School with a high energy morning filled with a month's worth of *One Room Sunday School* stories, plus skits, crafts, games, music, snacks and lunch. We typically serve 16 to 28 children (with a total enrollment of 44). Few of these children are directly connected with the shared ministry, and many have no church affiliation. In Heppner, school is not in session most Fridays, so for some working parents we are providing free child care in addition to Christian education and a free lunch.

The program is staffed by multi-generational volunteers, including retired teachers, mothers, high school students, and community members who take time off work to participate. The shared ministry covers the cost of printed materials and some craft supplies. Other expenses are covered through volunteer efforts, donation of meals and supplies, and special fundraisers that have allowed us to gift a hard cover NIV large print Bible to every child who attends.

The beginning, middle and end of every session includes singing in the sanctuary. Prior to our receipt of the grant, lyrics for new songs were being laboriously hand-written and propped up on an easel that was always in the way. Now we can project lyrics and video clips that everyone can see easily. We were also able to project the Ascension School power point slides at our last session in May, to stimulate interest in summer camp.

Of course, use of the projection equipment is not limited to First Fridays. It has opened up countless other possibilities we didn't previously have. For example, in the few months since the equipment was acquired, it's been used to project Vacation Bible School music videos and a collage of photos taken during the week, several adult Bible study video series, a YouTube clip for vestry-council devotions, the Ascension School power point before worship on "Ascension Sunday" and a well-attended viewing of a DVD presenting the entire Gospel of Mark as a story told from memory.

Like First Friday, our VBS program and the Mark video reached members of the community beyond our shared ministry. The ability to access current technology has already been a welcome addition to our ministry tool bag, and it's a gift that will keep on giving as we discover more ways to make use of it in our efforts to serve the people of Heppner.

Report to the Diocese of Eastern Oregon, from Helping Hand, 246 SE 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Pendleton,  
Oregon 97801

August 14, 2012

We would like to thank the Diocese for the Bisbee grant to Helping Hand. These funds have enabled the program to help 12 households who received eviction notices or that were already homeless, to obtain or remain in housing. These are 12 families we would not have been able to help without the Bisbee grant. Households that receive rental assistance participate in a class on budgeting. The class consists of a PowerPoint presentation and work sheets to help each household maintain their budget for a full year.

Helping Hand has continued to see an increase in households needing assistance. This year we have been able to provide a total of 39 households with rental assistance as of today, with 4 ½ months yet to go. With the recession hitting Eastern Oregon quite hard, we have seen many new faces needing emergency services of all types. Many of these are newly unemployed.

Thank you very much for your generosity.

Sincerely,

Shannon Greer  
Helping Hand Emergency Services Specialist

Bruce Barnes  
Helping Hand Board Treasurer

## Standing Committee

### Introduction:

The persons serving on standing committee are:

Arnold Coe, The Rev. Paul Morton, Laurance Kerr, Julie Sarazin, The Rev. Anna Carmichael, and, The Rev. Jim Mosier.

Most often we gather as a committee of the whole with Diocesan Council. Our duties as a separate committee are limited and specific.

We relate directly to the Episcopate (Bishop) in matters confirming elections to the office of Bishop and we are to act as resource and advise to the bishop serving our diocese.

We provide or cause the provision of oversight of diocesan property

### **RESPONSIBILITIES** of the Standing Committee include:

1. Approval of each transaction involving the sale, mortgaging, or encumbrance of church-owned real estate, which leads to a review of any construction or transfer of real property of any church in the Diocese.
2. Consent to the election of Bishops anywhere in the Episcopal Church, which leads to concern for the structures and distribution of authority in the Church.
3. Consent to certification of Canonical Requirements met for Ordination to the Diaconate or the Priesthood, which leads to a concern for the Ministry generally throughout the Church.
4. Serve as a Council of Advice for the Bishop in such matters as she/he may choose to bring before the Committee; and, rarely, of matters which the Diocese, through the Standing Committee, wishes to bring before the Bishop.
5. Serve as the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese in the case of prolonged absence or disability of the Diocesan, if there be no other Bishop to whom authority has been temporarily given.
6. Serve as the Diocesan Review Committee in cases of Title IV Presentments.

#### 1. Property:

Rental of the diocesan house;

The diocesan house: Laurance Kerr has been doing yeoman's work on making arrangements to rent the diocesan house as there have been some costs related to maintenance and repair. I will call on Laurance to make a few comments on what has transpired on that front while we are convened at convention. Overall, it is the plan to use income from rent to pay costs of maintenance and repair and eventually use the property as a source of revenue for the diocese.

Rental agreements;

St. Stephen's Baker City, brought a matter to our attention concerning the rental of their rectory. Their rectory had not been used as a residence for many years. Seeing the need to put the property to productive use, they dutifully inquired if they might use the property as a rental, thereby assuring repair, maintenance, and possible income for the parish. My first response to this question; "Why ask us? Just do it." Then I was reminded that the diocese owns all of these properties and so the standing committee does have some fiduciary responsibility. So how many parishes have a rectory that is used as an income producing property? St. Matthew's does and has had for a number of years. We are now asking that a copy of the rental agreement be given to the diocese for the purpose of review by our Chancellor. We encourage such use of the property where it appears to be the best benefit for the parish.

While the standing committee wants to meet its responsibilities for property oversight, it is clear that we must rely on the parishes of the diocese to do the business needed as a landlord. The Chancellor of the diocese, therefore, becomes a resource for a review of the rental agreements we enter as a parish.

2. Episcopate approval: We have had a few consents to the election of a bishop presented to us they are:

- Gregory Orrin Brewer, Diocese of Central Florida
- Andrew M.L. Dietsche, Diocese of New York
- Ogé Beauvoir, Suffragan, Diocese of Haiti
- C. Andrew Doyle, Diocese of Texas

From a personal point of view; unless I am aware of some kind of malfeasance on the part of the person elected, I will always approve a person who has been legitimately elected bishop within the canon of the church. My personal theology, ecclesiology and views of skills and abilities will not be a basis for voting against the election of any other diocese.

### 3. Mutual Ministry Review

One of the most significant things this diocese has engaged in this year is what has been called the MMR or Mutual Ministry Review. The purpose of this process has been for us to get our bearings for going forward as a church. We began with addressing specific questions that were developed at the standing committee and council level. This was done parish by parish throughout the diocese. The parishes then met together through representatives to their convocation. The Convocational discussions will then roll forward to our discussions here at convention.

Some but not all of the Common "take away" learning's:

A. There is an amazing amount of service in the name of our Lord being accomplished by the parishes of the diocese. It would be a loss for the Kingdom if we ceased to be.



B. The successes and the struggles of each parish is unique. In the convocational discussions it became clear that all had much to give and all had much to receive from one another.

C. The model of being the church we have held in the past is no longer with us at any level. In us, God is making something new.

D. Ascension School is seen as a spiritual center for the diocese for many people in the diocese. Much as a cathedral would be in a larger diocese.

#### 4. Episcopal Recommendation.

For the Standing Committee, Bishop Nedi, asked that we view the outcomes of our MMR in the light of her Episcopal presence with us. Out of that aspect of our work during this past year, you will find a resolution proposed by the standing committee and diocesan council.

In it is expressed genuine and heartfelt appreciation for the leadership and support provided by Bishop Nedi.

In it is expressed an understanding that we will not be returning to the bishop diocesan model we have known in the past. Indeed, there are those of us who, that if we could go back to that model, would choose not to.

In it is expressed an understanding that a bishop can be completely present to us though live far away.

In it is expressed the faith that the Holy Spirit is working something new in us.

Submitted by

The Rev. James Mosier, Chairperson

## STEWARDSHIP

In June of 2010 I represented the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon at The Episcopal Network for Stewardship's (TENS) annual conference in Texas. Upon returning to EDEO I offered my assistance to any congregation looking for consultation in the stewardship arena.

I was pleased to be asked to present a workshop at our diocese's 2011 Annual Convention in Hermiston. I did so for two large groups, receiving positive feedback and number of "we will be in touch with you" comments.

Early in 2012 Bishop Rivera formally appointed me as the diocese's "Stewardship Officer." In that capacity I wrote a series of short articles for Bishop Nedi's "Blessings."

Our diocese joined TENS early this year. As a consequence our congregations have direct access to a substantial amount of high quality material on the subject of stewardship. Bishop Nedi has circulated this information *via* her "Blessings" on a number of occasions. I am hopeful that this resource is being used widely.

Only one of the "we will be in touch with you" comments has flowered into a continuing effort to improve one congregation's approach to stewardship. The lack of any other follow through has been a bit disappointing.

My original commitment to Bishop Nedi was for a two year stint, so I will retire (again) at 2013's Convention. Please be in touch if I can be of service to you before then.

The Rev. Dr. Jerry Reynolds  
(541) 647-2333

BISHOP'S REPORT TO THE  
42nd 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. Bavi "Nedi" Rivera from October 1, 2011 to September 30, 2012, since the 41st Annual Convention.

VISITATIONS/EUCHARISTS : 20  
OTHER PARISH VISITS : 5  
DIOCESAN MEETINGS : 17  
BAPTISMS : 0  
CONFIRMATIONS : 20  
RECEPTIONS : 5  
REAFFIRMATIONS : 1  
LITURGIES AT ASCENSION : 2  
DIOCESAN CHAPEL : 9  
APPROVAL OF POSTULANCY : 3  
ORDINATIONS : 1

The Rev. Kathryn Macek

Priest

10/12/2011

Celebrations of New Ministry:

Church of the Redeemer, Pendleton/The Rev. Alison Dingley

02/27/2011

Diocesan Meetings and Events:

Collegium : 2  
New Beginnings clergy group : 1  
Planning for Tomorrow Conference, Bend  
Diocesan Council : 6  
Standing Committee : 6  
Ascension School Board : 1  
Ascension Capital Funds meetings with Episcopal Church Foundation: 2  
Finance Committee : 1  
Commission on Ministry : 2  
House blessing, Church of the Redeemer rectory  
Memorial service for Jean Gardner, Ontario  
Participant, Eric Law Anti-racism Training, Hermiston  
Host Thanksgiving at Ascension School  
Participant, Continuing Ed Event with Canon C.K. Robertson, Trinity, Bend  
Participant, Adult Education Camp, Ascension School  
Convention planning meeting, Trinity, Bend  
Clergy/Lay Music Event with Dent Davidson, Trinity, Bend

Meetings and Events Outside the Diocese:

Presiding Bishop's Council of Advice, NY: 1  
Episcopal Camps and Conferences, Florida  
DMP Grant/Chaplaincy wrap-up, Camp Galilee, NV  
Growing Food and Faith Conference, London, OH  
Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, Bishops and Executives: 5 (1 as host)

Province VIII House of Bishops, Los Angeles  
Province VIII Leadership Conference, Phoenix  
Province VIII Transition Officers, Salt Lake City  
Province VIII Synod, Indianapolis  
Chair, House of Bishops Planning Committee - 4  
House of Bishops , Camp Allen, TX  
General Convention, Indianapolis  
Bishops of Small Diocese, Salt Lake City  
Lutheran Episcopal Coordinating Committee : 2  
Family Systems Group : 3  
Sisters of the Community of St. Francis, Bishop Protector  
Order of the Community of the Paraclete, Bishop Visitor  
Ordination of The Rt. Rev. Jacob W. Owensby, Diocese of Western Louisiana

Diocese of Eastern Oregon

Vital Statistics of Congregations and Missions

— Baptisms —

Year in parentheses is last year of filing if not 2011

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	102	42	1	27	26	0	2	4
Bend	Trinity Episcopal Church	662	458	0	191	153	1	3	3
Bonanza	St Barnabas Episcopal Church	58	31	0	18	23	4	5	4
Burns	St Andrews Episcopal Church	17	17	17	29	52	0	0	0
Canyon City	St Thomas Episcopal Church	60	60	1	17	23	0	1	0
Enterprise	St Patricks Episcopal Church	26	25	0	9	23	0	0	0
Heppner	All Saints Memorial Epis Church	106	48	42	31	49	0	0	1
Hermiston	St Johns Episcopal Church	117	135	18	44	64	9	3	15
Hood River	St Marks Episcopal Church	194	91	36	53	93	0	0	0
Klamath Falls	St Pauls Episcopal Church	118	81	1	45	96	0	0	4
La Grande	St Peters Episcopal Church	81	71	0	40	46	0	0	0
Lakeview	St Lukes Episcopal Church	16	16	0	11	51	0	1	2
Madras	St Marks Episcopal Church	18	17	0	35	47	0	0	0
Milton Freewater	St James Episcopal Church	38	38	4	20	28	0	0	0
Nyssa	St Pauls Episcopal Church	44	41	0	15	38	0	1	8
Ontario	St Matthews Episcopal Church	157	161	7	55	42	0	0	0
Pendleton	Church of the Redeemer	141	99	1	56	53	0	0	3
Prineville	St Andrews Episcopal Church	63	59	0	28	34	0	0	0
Redmond	St Albans Episcopal Church	27	27	0	22	52	0	0	0
Sisters	Church of the Transfiguration	199	190	0	117	67	1	0	2
Sunriver	All Saints of the Cascades	83	321	238	162	52	0	0	1
The Dalles	St Pauls Episcopal Church	206	120	12	70	106	1	0	1
Total		2,533	2,148	378	1,095	1,218.00	16	16	48.00

Diocese of Eastern Oregon

Financial Statistics of Congregations and Missions

Year in parentheses is last year of filing if not 2011

City	Congregation	REVENUE			EXPENSE			
		Plate & Pledge Income	Operating Revenue	Total Revenue	Operating Expense	To the Diocese	Outreach & Development	Total Expense
Baker City	St Stephens Episcopal Church	48,198	56,827	60,072	55,582	12,006	4,020	59,897
Bend	Trinity Episcopal Church	385,288	456,227	666,126	497,966	110,432	115,767	631,246
Bonanza	St Barnabas Episcopal Church	10,247	11,416	18,774	20,109	2,854	6,063	24,772
Burns	St Andrews Episcopal Church	13,475	23,475	23,850	60,177	2,960	31,378	91,555
Canyon City	St Thomas Episcopal Church	19,309	19,516	34,836	19,912	4,667	12,123	34,445
Enterprise	St Patricks Episcopal Church	12,818	13,482	13,682	13,369	3,205	0	13,611
Heppner	All Saints Memorial Epis Church	25,635	59,940	62,702	64,903	6,331	2,339	67,242
Hermiston	St Johns Episcopal Church	57,599	57,599	63,603	62,524	15,200	5,349	67,412
Hood River	St Marks Episcopal Church	98,118	149,439	177,164	148,446	32,360	26,737	175,684
Klamath Falls	St Pauls Episcopal Church	74,188	86,285	100,205	85,769	17,063	9,923	101,759
La Grande	St Peters Episcopal Church	84,295	84,295	105,705	55,646	20,483	12,372	68,526
Lakeview	St Lukes Episcopal Church	9,766	13,268	18,448	12,723	4,988	696	13,615
Madras	St Marks Episcopal Church	11,224	11,224	12,965	11,549	2,772	1,660	13,290
Milton Freewater	St James Episcopal Church	22,902	27,120	34,442	28,301	6,389	4,568	33,053
Nyssa	St Pauls Episcopal Church	11,785	12,640	16,517	14,728	3,182	6,593	23,419
Ontario	St Matthews Episcopal Church	64,165	64,165	67,311	67,337	16,240	1,200	67,337
Pendleton	Church of the Redeemer	133,172	135,368	147,897	149,974	28,405	31,646	189,554
Prineville	St Andrews Episcopal Church	44,996	50,749	56,377	52,346	9,838	4,107	56,974
Redmond	St Albans Episcopal Church	34,185	55,430	58,774	51,915	12,205	9,042	56,735
Sisters	Church of the Transfiguration	250,334	250,334	278,666	252,890	56,405	28,232	281,222
Sunriver	All Saints of the Cascades	45,472	45,472	52,954	45,798	11,368	3,934	49,005
The Dalles	St Pauls Episcopal Church	118,525	189,241	217,125	189,240	43,341	40,061	227,408
Total		1,575,696	1,873,512	2,288,195	1,961,204	422,694	357,810	2,347,761

**CANONICALLY RESIDENT CLERGY**  
**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 canonically resident clergy, of whatever Order, who have a regular diocesan 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:

01-17-70	Richard H. Thew	St. Patrick's, Enterprise
09-21-85	James D. Mosier	St. Matthew's, Ontario
09-01-93	<i>*Alfred F. Miller</i>	
03-09-95	Daniel W. Gardner	St. Thomas, Canyon City
03-09-95	Roger V. Williams	St. Paul's, Nyssa
09-16-97	Nancy Sargent Green	All Saints of the Cascades/Sunriver Christian Fellowship
11-30-99	<i>*Serita V. Smith-Allen</i>	
05-01-02	<i>Janet M. Kozak</i>	<i>St. Mark's Episcopal/Good Shepherd Lutheran, Madras</i>
07-16-03	Richard S. Landrith	St. Luke's, Lakeview
11-18-03	Mary R. Lujan	Non-parochial, Hood River
05-16-06	Theodore E. (Ted) Rodrigues	Church of the Transfiguration, Sisters
06-10-06	<i>Rebecca Lanham Hendricks</i>	<i>St. James', Milton-Freewater</i>
06-24-06	Martha Cornue Hurlburt	St. Paul's, Klamath Falls/St. Barnabas, Bonanza
11-19-06	Aletha G. Bonebrake	St. Stephen's, Baker City
04-14-08	<i>*Christine E. Close Erskine</i>	
08-27-08	Alison M. Dingley	Church of the Redeemer, Pendleton (as of 10/1/2011)
09-23-08	William Paul Morton	St. Alban's, Redmond
10-22-08	<i>Charles Christopher</i>	<i>St. Alban's, Redmond</i>
12-17-08	<i>Janet M. Fullmer</i>	<i>St. Paul's, The Dalles</i>
02-04-09	Roy D. Green	Trinity, Bend
05-19-09	<i>*John "Jack" Erskine</i>	
07-13-10	Anna K. Carmichael	St. Mark's, Hood River
02-24-11	<i>*Kenneth V. King, Jr.</i>	
03-19-11	Dan Lediard	St. John's, Hermiston
05-23-11	Kathryn Macek	St. Peter's, La Grande

ELCA Clergy serving Episcopal parishes

07-01-10	Katy Anderson	All Saints Episcopal and Hope Lutheran, Heppner
07-01-11	<i>Matthew Littau</i>	<i>St. Andrew's Episcopal and Peace Lutheran, Burns</i>

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  
 06-10-06 Roger L. Fairfield  
 07-11-07 \*Ruth Ellen Brown  
 01-05-08 Gaye Hauk Lawson  
 12-05-11 Georgia Giacobbe

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  
  
 Trinity, Bend  
 St. Paul's, The Dalles

Retired canonically resident clergy entitled to seat and voice in Convention, in accordance with

Diocesan Canons:

06-16-60	Rustin R. Kimsey	The Dalles, OR	(bishop)
12-09-60	Lawrence C. Ferguson	Prineville, OR	(priest)
06-15-73	Thomas E. Stevenson	Alsea, OR	(priest)
06-01-74	Letitia C. Croom	Boise, ID	(priest)
08-03-75	Lawrence E. Fredrick	Sunnyvale, CA	(priest)
09-29-76	Kenneth W. Crysler	Pendleton, OR	(priest)
09-24-78	Carol B. Rose	Casa Grande, AZ	(priest)
10-15-86	Gary J. Young	Hood River, OR	(priest)
07-13-88	John A. Langfeldt	The Dalles, OR	(priest)
01-04-89	Robert J. Crum	Portland, OR	(priest)
04-29-91	Robert P. S. Kaye	College Place, WA	(priest)
03-15-92	Carol A. Parker	Prineville, OR	(priest)
05-22-94	Janet C. Schiering	Hood River, OR	(priest)
04-22-95	Stephen P. Uffelman	Prineville, OR	(priest)
10-31-96	Lonalee A. Hamlin	Redmond, OR	(deacon)
06-10-98	Richard E. Attebury	Moscow, ID	(priest)
05-23-99	Albert E. Wintermute	Prineville, OR	(deacon)
06-16-99	Ivan E. Pointer	Pendleton, OR	(deacon)
06-16-99	Douglas D. Jerome	Pendleton, OR	(priest)
08-10-99	Wilma M. Hoffer	Bend, OR	(deacon)
09-26-99	John W. Gilsdorf	Athena, OR	(priest)
09-29-99	Robert J. Carsner	The Dalles, OR	(deacon)
06-05-03	Mikel McClain	Portland, OR	(priest)
06-16-03	Sarah M. Stanton	Lacey, WA	(priest)
08-10-04	Charlotte Jane Dey	Redmond, OR	(deacon)

*Dates are of canonical residency in the Diocese of Eastern Oregon.*



**Lay Delegates**  
**Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon**  
**42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention, October 12-14, 2012**

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**

*Lynne Pryse, SW*  
*Joel Bigelow, JW*  
*Beth Bigelow, D*  
*Sandy Pryse, A*  
*Doug Boone, A*

**Trinity, Bend**

*Peter Lovering, SW*  
*Gail McGuire, JW*  
*Larry Bird, D*  
*Wendy Hoover, D*  
*Ann Havill, D*  
*Jim Roberts, D*  
*Pat Gibson, D*  
*Sara Johnson, D*  
*Donna Jacobsen, D*  
*Jerry Lear, A*  
*Connie McCracken, A*  
*Wendy Seems, A*  
*Jon Williams, A*

**St. Barnabas, Bonanza**

*Deedee Heidrich, SW*  
*Fabian Baker, SW*  
*Bruce McCoy, JW*  
*Linda Hammerich, A*

**St. Andrew's, Burns**

*Charles Cagle, SW*  
*Dorothy Blackburn, JW*  
*Sally Lovins, D*  
*Diane Denstedt, A*

**St. Thomas, Canyon City**

*Beth Spell, SW*  
*Jim Spell, D*  
*Darwin Thompson, A*  
*Carol Thompson, A*

**St. Patrick's, Enterprise**

*Ann Hayes, SW*  
*Monica J. Martin, JW*

**All Saints, Heppner**

*Charles Anderson, SW*  
*Dan Sharp, JW*  
*Bill McDowell, D*  
*Merilee McDowell, A*  
*Gail Hughes, A*  
*Cyde Estes, A*  
*Virginia (George) Nairns, A*

**St. John's, Hermiston**

*Angela Pursel, SW*  
*Diana Henderson, JW*  
*Jayne Dewees, D*  
*Denise Johnston, A*  
*Daniel Jeffrey, A*

**St. Mark's, Hood River**

*Ruth Tsu, SW*  
*Nick Kirby, JW*  
*Jeanie Senior, D*  
*Beth Hartwell, D*  
*Lois Butler, A*  
*Bob Thomson, A*

**St. Paul's, Klamath Falls**

*Sandra Lake, SW*  
*Ron Johnson, JW*  
*Tony Walz, D*  
*Penny Hamilton, A*  
*Fred Wade, A*

**St. Peter's, La Grande**

*Meleah Sheehy, SW*  
*Gerry Duberow, JW*  
*Val Royes, D*  
*Jean Coe, A*

**St. Luke's, Lakeview**

Pat Phillips, SW  
John Bunch, JW  
*Pamela Warren, D*  
*Elizabeth Roark, A*  
Jean Schadler, A

**St. Mark's, Madras**

*Ken Black, SW*  
Marcia Black, D

**St. James', Milton-Freewater**

Marty Nyman, SW  
*Barbara Coddington, JW*  
Jim Phillips, D  
Terry Nyman, A

**St. Paul's, Nyssa**

*Julie Sarazin, SW*  
Lucy Bierig, JW  
Calen Holmes, D

**St. Matthew's, Ontario**

Julie Van Matre, SW  
Tim Lanterman, JW  
Trina Sherman, D  
*Rose Novotny, D*  
David Cox, A

**Church of the Redeemer, Pendleton**

David Keeler, SW  
*Larry Weeden, JW*  
*Frank Cupp, D*  
Mark Torgerson, A  
*Bruce Barnes, A*  
*Dale Hilding, A*  
Flossie Keeler, A

**St. Andrew's, Prineville**

Nancy Wiggins Condron, SW  
Jan Uffelman, JW  
Jerry Parker, D  
*Pat Tennant, A*

**St. Alban's, Redmond**

Don Scott, SW  
Gene Langworthy, JW  
Virginia Scott, D  
*Maria Langworthy, A*

**Church of the Transfiguration, Sisters**

John Collins, SW  
Joe Gunterman, JW  
Lee Henrich, D  
Dell Henrich, D  
*Margaret Doke, A*  
*Adrienne Brown, A*

**All Saints of the Cascades, Sunriver**

Doris Brannan, SW  
Nan Berger, JW  
Jan Bull, D  
*Brenda Chapin, A*

**St. Paul's, The Dalles**

Monte Dickinson, SW  
*[vacant], JW*  
Amy McIlvenna, D  
Rosemary Ross, D  
Jeff Krier, A

**Diocesan Council, Lay Delegates**

Terry Rahmsdorff  
Susan Powers  
Ruth Tsu  
Don Dickinson  
Kim McClain  
*Vacant*

**Standing Committee, Lay Delegates**

Arnold Coe  
Laurance Kerr  
Julie Sarazin

**Secretary of Convention**

Terry Joakimides

**Treasurer**

Jerry Frazier

**Legal Advisor to the Bishop**

Bergen Bull – 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

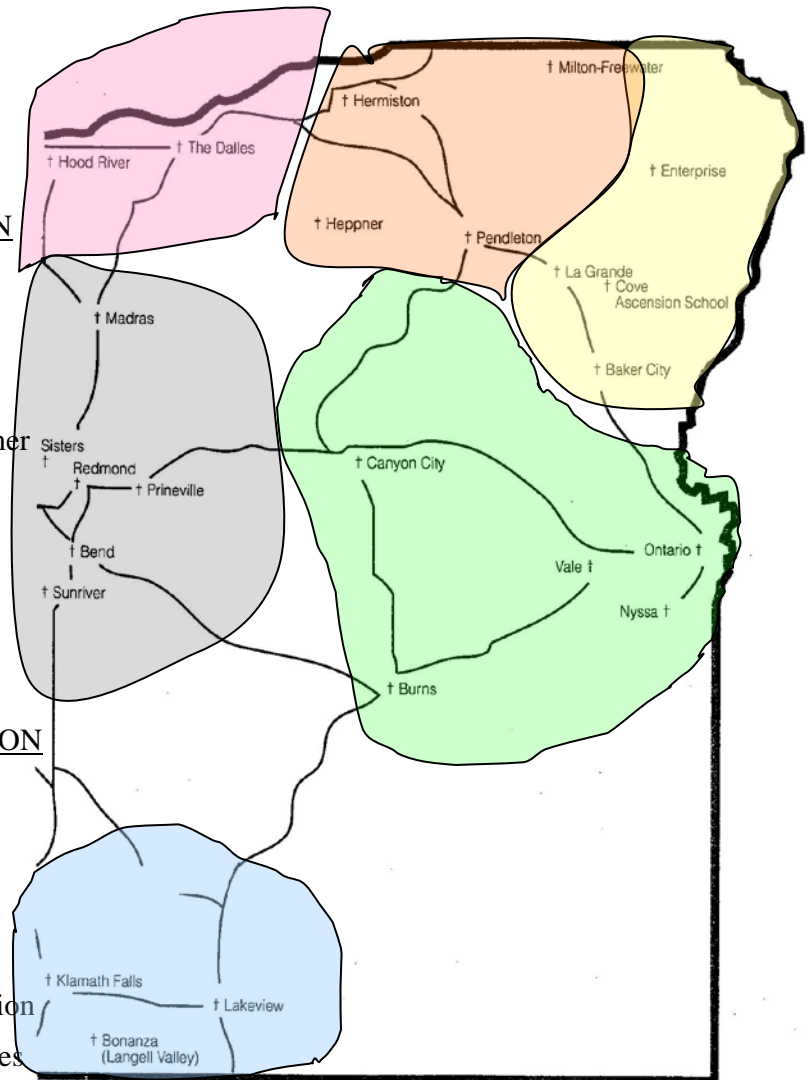
ONTARIO, St. Matthew's

### 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