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The Dalles, Oregon

Hosted by St. Paul's Episcopal Church, The Dalles
Diane Adams and Don Dickinson, Co-Senior Wardens
Dewanda Clark, Chair of Host Committee

The Right Reverend Bavi (Nedi) Rivera
Bishop

Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.

(Mark 1.14-15 KJV)

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St. Paul's Welcome Letter

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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St. Paul's extends a warm welcome to the 45th Diocesan Convention of Eastern Oregon. We are excited about the opportunity to host this event and many committees have worked hard to provide a well-organized, informative and spiritually satisfying convention. We look forward to greeting old friends and making new ones as we gather in the Lord's name.

Convention begins Friday, October 16 at St. Paul's with registration beginning at 3:00 P.M. Several committee meetings will be held that afternoon and dinner has been scheduled from 4:30 to 6:00.

As you already know, the theme chosen for Convention is based on the Gospel of Mark 1:15 "The Kingdom of God is at Hand". We are delighted that the Bishop has arranged a wonderful event for Friday evening. Our special guest will be Tom Bair, a New York actor, who will present The Gospel of Mark in an ambitious solo performance. To quote one press release about his performance "Tom Bair will be performing one of the greatest dramas ever written and it's not a play. It's St. Mark's Gospel, yes, the one from the Bible." We are sure that this is going to be a memorable evening for all of us.

Saturday's business sessions and workshops will be held at Calvary Baptist Church, 3350 Columbia View Drive. Registration will continue there at 7:30 A.M. There will be a special time to honor Bishop Rusty. A video he produced forty years ago for Diocesan Convention has been transformed into a DVD. It combines photography, music and narration into a worshipful, spirit-filled experience based upon An Order for Celebrating the Holy Eucharist, BCP page 400. This video was also presented at General Convention, 1976.

The banquet and social time that evening will be at the wonderful Columbia Gorge Discovery Center and Museum, 5000 Discovery Drive, where the exhibits will be open for you to visit. Sunday's closing sessions and Eucharist will be back at St. Paul's Church.

Please register by September 10. A late fee of \$10.00 will be charged for registrations postmarked after that date. You may contact Judy Reid (541)296-9535 (owj@gorge.net) or Jenny Curtis (541)965-1052 (damejen@qnect.net) with any questions or concerns about registration.

We look forward to putting out the welcome mat on October 16, 2015 as the Diocese of Eastern Oregon joins us here in our beautiful Columbia River Gorge.

Yours in Christ,



Dewanda Clark, Host Committee Chair



Diane Adams, co-Sr. Warden



Don Dickinson, co-Sr. Warden

Letter From the Bishop

Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, And saying, The time is fulfilled, and **the kingdom of God is at hand**: repent ye, and believe the gospel. (Mark 1.14f

KJV)

Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

For the writer of the Gospel of Mark, Jesus' ministry is about the Kingdom of God. In Mark, Jesus comes to preach the good news of this Kingdom. After hundreds of years we continue talk about the kingdom of God, but usually as a synonym for heaven and by heaven we often mean that which we hope to inherit when we die. But Jesus has a much more immediate sense of the Kingdom of God, a much more compelling understanding of what is at hand for us.

The bishops of the western dioceses found the Kingdom at hand in Navajoland – where the church has repented (has changed its heart and mind) from subscribing to the Doctrine of Discovery, to supporting people who are integrating Indian wisdom with the Good News of Jesus Christ. In Navajoland we are learning more about God's reconciling Grace than we would have imagined. We bishops were also changed, committing ourselves to supporting God's mission in Navajoland.

I recently perceived the Kingdom of God at the distribution center at the Grant County Fairgrounds in John Day. There we sorted bags and boxes of clothes and linens. Some folks had gone out and bought bags of brand new clothes and others had cleaned out their closets. One person sent shipments of clothes in several Priority Mail boxes! Every gift was a response to those in need. The Kingdom of God was known in the givers, in the sorters, and in the receiving.

Many of us have perceived the Kingdom at hand when we see the difference a water well can make in a small community. A well can change lives, set people free, give children life and health. This encounter with the Kingdom is so profound that the folks of All Saints Episcopal/Hope Lutheran in Heppner are raising money for their sixth and will dig their fifth well in three years in Haiti this November. The ***Carry The Water*** initiative of Episcopal Relief and Development is building wells all over the world.

You too have caught glimpses of the Kingdom of God in your communities: at work, in your neighborhood, in the places where you volunteer. Please share your photos and stories with us by sending them to communications@episdioeo.org. We will be focusing on the Kingdom of God at our next convention at St Paul's in The Dalles – telling your stories, showing your photos.

At our convention in The Dalles in October, we will proclaim the gospel of the Kingdom of God, the Good News of God in Christ. We will begin with the proclamation of the gospel itself. My friend Tom Bair, an actor, faithful Christian, Episcopalian, and spouse of the retired bishop of Rhode Island, has memorized the entire gospel in the King James Version. He presented excerpts at General Convention in Salt Lake City and it was stunning.

For several decades these stories were shared among the early Christians orally before they were written down. Tom's presentation of the gospel is much more in tune with the experience of the writer of Mark than our piecemeal presentations Sunday to Sunday. I suspect it will be transformative for many of us.

On Saturday we'll organize for business, hear some reports and my address and then go into workshops – many of which will not only help us catch glimpses of the Kingdom of God, but help us make the Kingdom of God more visible to the World. In the evening we will feast in mind and body at the Discovery Center in The Dalles.

Finally on Sunday, we'll worship together and share in the heavenly banquet where Christ himself is the Holy Meal and we see the face of God on one another. Our offering will go to support ministries that reveal the Kingdom of God right at hand: to ***Navajoland*** and to a local ministry in The Dalles. And, by the way the MDG budgeted offering will join the parish offerings to ERD for ***Carry The Water***. Our preacher will be Rick Felton, Executive Director of The Episcopal Network of Stewardship (TENS). Rick is another friend whose witness to 'repenting and believing the Gospel' is profound. Rick is a layman who has staked his life on Christ. I believe he will help us know The Kingdom of God is at Hand. He and Tom will also lead workshops on Saturday.

I'm looking forward to being with you in The Dalles – I see the Kingdom of God when I am with you.

Blessings!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heidi".

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29 July 2015

Bishops of Province VIII

The Rt. Rev. Bavi E. Rivera
Morris Hall, Ascension School Camp and Conference Center
1104 Church Street
Cove, OR 97824

My dear brothers and sisters:

I am deeply grateful for your interest and concern for the people of the Navajoland Area Mission. The ministry that began there so many years ago is finding new vigor and vitality under Dave Bailey's leadership. When he was consecrated five years ago, we were clear in understanding that his task was to bring the Area Mission to a new level, particularly in developing indigenous leadership, so that its long term future might be led and directed by the Navajo themselves. Dave has done wonderfully well in leading that work, and just a few more years should see that dream become reality. He has also done yeoman work in improving the accountability and communications within Navajoland, and helping to heal some of the generational trauma and reputational damage of earlier eras.

In the last four years, six congregations have grown to eleven, and a single Navajo priest now has two priests, three transitional deacons, and two postulants as Navajo colleagues. The crux right now has to do with finances, as you well know. Training and equipping leaders is always costly, and even at the abysmally low compensation levels paid in Navajoland, the need is immediate and significant. The good news is that several income-generating projects are under development, and some are beginning to produce results. The next few years are really critical, with a goal for financial stability and sustainability by 2021.

The distance between now and 2021 depends on adequate operating funds, mostly for clergy salaries and operations of the Area Mission, as the indigenous leadership develops capacity and the income-generating work begins to generate adequate funds.

Your particular help is needed now, as funds from the Area Mission and the DFMS are nearly exhausted. My understanding is that the compensation for one cleric requires about \$50,000 for basic salary and pension assessment, with health care provided by the Indian Health Service. The help you and your dioceses can offer would contribute enormously to the likelihood of success. Whatever you can give will be of immeasurable help.

The Most Reverend Katharine Jefferts Schori
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I give thanks for your passion for this work. We have an opportunity to share in the reconciliation Jesus asks of us all, to repair the world and amend some of the misdeeds of the past. This work also offers opportunity to see the fruits of innovative missional methods and sustainability initiatives from which the whole church can learn.

I hope you will join me in helping to fund the gap between what is and what might be – very soon!

With ongoing gratitude for your leadership and partnership, I remain

Your Servant in Christ,



Katharine Jefferts Schori

cc: The Rt. Rev. David Bailey

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45th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon

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Schedule

Friday, October 16, 2015

Friday events are at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, The Dalles

3:00 – 6:30 p.m.	Registration St. Paul's Narthex
3:30 – 4:30 p.m.	Eastern Oregon Episcopal Foundation Annual Meeting
4:30 – 5:30 p.m.	Eastern Oregon Episcopal Foundation Trustees Meeting
4:30 – 5:15 p.m.	Episcopal Relief and Development Coordinators Meeting
4:30 – 6:00 p.m.	Supper (Tayler Hall)
6:15-7:00 p.m.	Budget review session (Tayler Hall)
7:15– 9:00 p.m.	Program Session I: The Gospel of St. Mark-Tom Bair <i>Program will include evening worship.</i>

Saturday, October 17, 2015

Saturday events are at Calvary Baptist Church and The Discovery Center

7:30 a.m.	Registration continues at Calvary Baptist Church
8:00 a.m.	Business Session I: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Opening business• Proposed 2016 budget – First Reading – Jerry Frazier• Resolutions• Bishop's Address – <i>The Rt. Rev. Nedi Rivera</i>
9:30 a.m.	Break
10:00 a.m.	Program Session II: General Convention Report
10:30 a.m.	Announcements and Break
11:15 a.m.	Program Session III: <i>Workshops</i>
12:30 p.m.	Announcements and Lunch
1:45 p.m.	Program Session IV: <i>Workshops</i>
3:15 p.m.	Program Session V: <i>Workshops</i>
4:00 – 5:30 p.m.	12 Step meeting (Calvary Baptist Church)
5:30 p.m.	Social Time (Discovery Center)
6:30 p.m.	Dinner Served (Discovery Center)

Sunday, October 18, 2015

St. Paul's, The Dalles

8:00 a.m.

Business Session II – Tayler Hall

- Elections
- Proposed 2016 Budget – Second Reading and Vote – Jerry Frazier
- Reports
 - Ascension School Report
 - Episcopal Relief and Development Report
- Report from the Resolutions Committee
 - Floor Resolutions
 - Courtesy Resolutions
- Unfinished business

9:15 a.m.

Closing Reflection

9:45 a.m.

Break

Clergy vesting, preparation for Eucharist

10:15 a.m.

Convention Eucharist with Confirmations

UTO Ingathering

Clergy picture

Adjournment, Grab and Go lunch offered to all in Tayler Hall

Maps

Directions to Discovery Center:

If on I-84 going west:

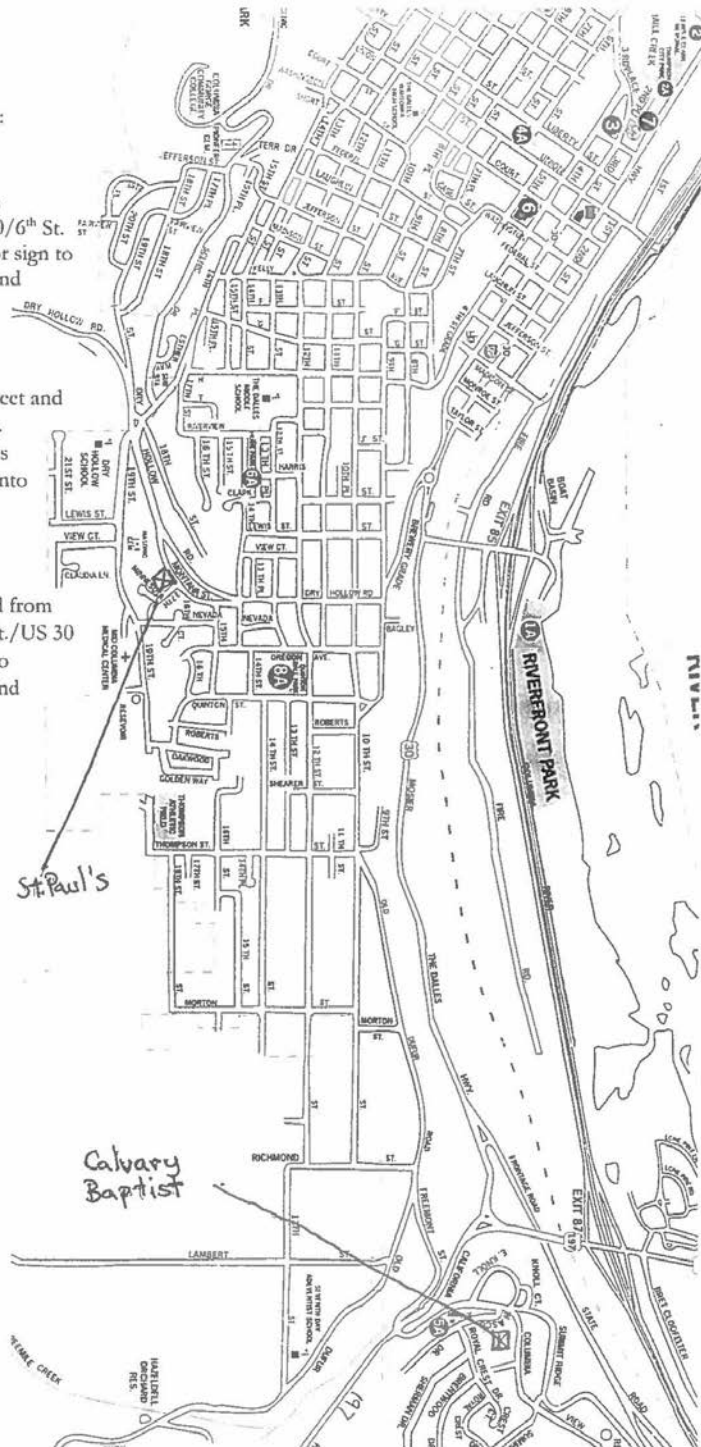
Take exit 82, turn left and cross freeway. Turn right onto US 30/6th St. and proceed 1.5 miles, watch for sign to Discovery Center. Turn right and proceed .5 miles to parking lot.

If on 2nd Street

Drive west to light at Union Street and proceed 1.1 miles to Webber St. Turn left on Webber St and pass under the freeway. Turn right onto 6th Street.

If on 6th Street

Proceed west to Webber St. and from Webber St. continue on to 6th St./US 30 for 3.1 miles. Watch for signs to Discovery Center. Turn right and proceed .5 miles to parking lot.



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.)

Ann Havill, Standing Committee	Trinity, Bend
The Rev. Dan Lediard, Diocesan Council	St. John's, Hermiston
Karly Nash, Diocesan Council	Trinity, Bend
The Rev. Ted Rodrigues, Standing Committee	Transfiguration, Sisters

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

Doug Harder, Secretary of Convention, Chair	Redeemer, Pendleton
Kim McClain	Trinity, Bend
Ann Marie Hardin	Redeemer, Pendleton
Fabian Baker	St. Paul's, Klamath Falls
Joel Bigelow	St. Stephen's, Baker City
Jim Spell	St. Thomas', Canyon City
The Rev. Anna Carmichael	St. Mark's, Hood River

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

Doug Harder, Secretary of Convention, Chair	Redeemer, Pendleton
Kim McClain	Trinity, Bend
Ann Marie Hardin	Redeemer, Pendleton
Fabian Baker	St. Paul's, Klamath Falls
Joel Bigelow	St. Stephen's, Baker City
Jim Spell	St. Thomas', Canyon City

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

Diocesan Council has accepted appointment as the Convention Offering Committee and has designated half of the 2015 Convention offering go to support Navajoland and the other half to support Columbia Gorge Habitat for Humanity and the Eastern Oregon Haiti Project.

Time and Place of Convention:

St. Peter's, La Grande	October 8-10, 2016
<i>Church of the Transfiguration, Sisters (Tentative)</i>	<i>October 13-15, 2017</i>

Treasurer's Letter

Dear Friends in Christ:

Budget preparation this year has had the overriding influence of the transition from Bishop Rivera to a new bishop in 2016. Keeping those thoughts in mind, the budget projects income and expenditures very similar to the current year being hopeful that our past and current efforts of diocesan wide support towards mission and ministry will continue with little interruption.

A few items to specifically note in the 2016 budget are:

- ❖ Assessment Income has been adjusted to the current trends. Hopefully it is a very conservative estimate.
- ❖ Theological Education – Seminary Support has been added to comply with our Canonical responsibility.
- ❖ Diocesan Commissions have become very active and are supported in 2016.
- ❖ Disaster Preparedness Workshops are also supported in the 2016 budget.

The consolidation of staff resources continues to present benefits that were not possible prior to the move of the offices to Ascension School. All of the Staff are to be congratulated for their congenial and open support of each position in order that the work of EDEO is accomplished timely and efficiently.

As in prior years we will again have time on Friday evening of Convention for a close examination of the entire budget. Please bring your specific questions to that session so that “floor time” at Convention on Saturday can be minimized on budget details.

Jerry Frazier, Treasurer

2016 Budget

EDEO Proposed 2016 Diocesan Budget

	A	B	E	F	H
1					
2					
3					
4					
10	Total Contributions	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
11					
12	Misc. Income	\$480		\$500	\$0
13					
14	Assessments	\$324,083	\$342,960	\$375,000	\$365,000
15					
17					
21	Other Income	\$15,427	\$12,057	\$12,000	\$12,000
22					
27	Grants/Loans	\$12,532	\$25,000	\$20,500	\$10,000
28					
29	Investment Income	\$31,811	\$40,003	\$40,000	\$45,000
31					
32	Rental Income	\$2,944			
33					
41	Funds Transfer	\$18,318	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$3,000
42					
44	Reimbursements	\$3,407	\$194		
45					
46	Total Income	\$440,002	\$424,714	\$452,500	\$435,000

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EDEO Proposed 2016 Diocesan Budget

	A	B	E	F	H
3		2013	2014	2015	2016
4		Year End	Year End	Budget	Budget
47					
48	Expenses				
54	Support for Larger Church	\$72,919	\$67,928	\$58,500	\$51,900
55					
61	Offerings	\$3,318	\$100	\$2,730	\$2,800
62					
81	Ministry Support	\$77,488	\$43,139	\$75,350	\$85,500
82					
87	Episcopate	\$74,807	\$87,082	\$85,600	\$96,000
88					
104	Personnel	\$143,662	\$163,483	\$172,223	\$171,467
105					
119	Administration	\$69,330	\$67,984	\$47,540	\$21,040
120					
129	Physical and Real Property	\$20,910	\$9,224	\$10,100	\$8,000
130					
131	Total Expense	\$462,434	\$438,940	\$452,043	\$436,707
132					
133	Balance	-\$22,432	-\$14,226	\$457	-\$1,707
134	Transfer from Fund 69	\$18,177			
135					
136	Adjusted Balance	-\$4,255			
137					
138					
139					

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Present Members
Standing Committee and Diocesan Council
October, 2015

STANDING COMMITTEE:

Class of 2015

Layperson:	<i>Ann Havill</i>	<i>Bend</i>
Presbyter:	<i>The Rev. Ted Rodrigues</i>	<i>Sisters</i>

Class of 2016:

Layperson:	Charles Cagle	Burns
Presbyter:	The Rev. Anna Carmichael	Hood River

Class of 2017:

Layperson:	Kim McClain	Bend
Presbyter:	The Rev. Jed Holdorph	Bend

DIOCESAN COUNCIL:

Class of 2015:

Layperson:	Doug Boone	Baker City
Layperson:	<i>Karla Nash</i>	<i>Bend</i>
Cleric:	<i>The Rev. Dan Lediard</i>	<i>Hermiston</i>

Class of 2016:

Layperson:	Randy Heise	Sunriver
Layperson:	Beth Spell	Canyon City
Cleric:	The Rev. Kathy Macek	La Grande

Class of 2017:

Layperson:	Bill Taylor	Pendleton
Layperson:	Marjorie Thelen	Burns
Cleric:	The Rev. Georgia Giacobbe	The Dalles

Ex Officio:	Mr. Douglas Harder, Secretary of Convention	Pendleton
Ex Officio:	Kim Mosier, Chancellor	Baker City
Ex Officio:	Mr. Jerry Frazier, Treasurer	The Dalles

**Members whose names are in *italics* are eligible for re-election, but they are not necessarily standing for election; see candidate roster on the following page.

Standing Committee

MEMBERSHIP: Three clerical and three lay members; one each elected to 3-year term.

DUTIES: In addition to serving on the Diocesan Council (see below), the Standing Committee normally meets separately to conduct business that is specifically theirs in connection with the Council meeting, and on call of the Bishop or President, if necessary.

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 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 the Bishop 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.

Diocesan Council

MEMBERSHIP: Members of the Standing Committee, together with three clerical and six lay members and ex-officio members: The Bishop, the Treasurer, the Secretary of Convention, and the Chair of the Finance Committee.

MEETINGS: The Diocesan Council meets four to six times per year; the meeting times are usually Friday afternoon or evening through Saturday at 3 pm.

RESPONSIBILITIES of the Diocesan Council include:

1. To be a body whose primary purpose is to carry out the program and policies adopted by the Diocesan Convention, and to have general oversight of the work of the Diocese.
2. To exercise all the powers of the Diocesan Convention, not expressly reserved to the Convention, between meetings thereof: setting goals, priorities, strategy, and program policy, overall, and for designating the appropriate bodies to implement them.
3. To be responsible for the financial stewardship of the Diocese in budgetary matters, including grants to local congregations and proposal of financial assessments to Convention.
4. To build ongoing evaluation of program, structure, and policy, and of its own functioning.
5. To provide support services to units and churches.
6. To provide effective management procedures for coordinating this work.
7. To develop a network of two-way communication among: Convention and Bishop - Diocesan Council - planning or coordinating areas - congregations.

To Be Elected At 2015 Convention

Standing Committee:

1 Lay Member	3-year term	Class of 2018
1 Cleric (Priest or Deacon)	3-year term	Class of 2018

Candidates*:

Laypersons:
Vacancy

Clergy:
Nancy Sargent McGrath Green

Diocesan Council:

2 Lay Members	3-year term	Class of 2018
1 Cleric (Priest or Deacon)	3-year term	Class of 2018

Candidates*:

Laypersons:
Karly Nash
Vacancy

Clergy:
Aletha Bonebrake

Nominations may be made from the floor of Convention. Please have the permission of the nominee before making a nomination.

* Candidates listed here are those who submitted candidate forms by the date of publication of the Pre-Convention Journal. Forms appear in alphabetical order by the last name of the candidate.

Candidates For Election At 2015 Diocesan Convention

Name: Aletha G. Bonebrake

Address: 2347 Campbell St. Baker City OR 97814

Congregation: St. Stephen's Baker City

Home phone: 541-519-3255 Email: alethaboneb@msn.com

Candidate for: *[circle office for which you are a candidate]*

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STANDING COMMITTEE

CANDIDATE INFORMATION

Please give a brief history of your background: (personal history, family, occupation)

I am the 2nd child in a family of 5 children, growing up in Seattle, San Francisco and Silver Spring, Maryland, which is just outside of Washington D.C. I have worked outside the home in libraries since I was 19. I attended five different universities over 20 years until I took my BA and Masters in Library Science from 1981-1983 at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. (No distance education opportunities in the 1960s & 70s). As an adult I lived in rural Maryland, Redding, California, and Madison, Wisconsin, before coming to Oregon in 1985 to become the Director of the Baker County Library District. I served in that capacity until my retirement in 2007. My aged father and mother lived with me from 2005 until their deaths in 2007 and 2009 respectively. I have been widowed since 2002, have three adult children and six grandchildren.

I have served on the Oregon State Library Board since 2010, Chair 2013-, Baker City Council, local boards, and the Northeast Oregon Regional Advisory Council of the Oregon Community Foundation, 2009-present.

Please describe your experience within the Episcopal Church and what you would offer to the position you seek:

I first experienced the beauty of liturgical worship in an Anglican Episcopal Church in Ellicott City, Maryland, when accompanying my husband's grandmother to services as a young bride. When my children were young I attended Episcopal services and taught Sunday School in Redding California, where the entire family was confirmed. We continued faithful attendance in Madison, Wisconsin. When I took the job in Baker City, I sought out St. Stephen's and have served in all capacities at various times there since 1985.

I was called to ministry in a Parish discernment process in 1999, prayed and discussed it deeply with my husband before he passed. I engaged in studies for ordination from 2002-2007 with the cohort that Bishop Gregg installed in the Diocese, taking my G.O.E. in early 2007. I was ordained to the Priesthood by The Rt. Reverend James E. Waggoner, Jr., 8th Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Spokane December 13 of that year.

I did extensive circuit riding clergy supply until Bishop Nedi installed me formally as Vicar of St. Stephens. I chose the title Vicar over Rector with Nedi's blessing because I didn't want to convey the perception that I was assuming sole responsibility or authority over tasks that had been traditionally handled in the mutual ministry model. We continue as a vibrant congregation in this mode. Also, I am very part-time.

I would bring experience in governance and leadership processes and a deep desire to serve our Diocese in any way I can in these important times.

Candidates For Election At 2015 Diocesan Convention

Name: Nancy Sargent McGrath Green

Address: 18160 Cottonwood Rd #719, Sunriver, Oregon 97707

Congregation: All Saints of the Cascades, Sunriver Christian Fellowship

Home phone: 541-593-2345 Business phone: 541-410-9173 Email: nsm2sis@gmail.com

Candidate for: *[circle office for which you are a candidate]*

DIOCESAN COUNCIL

STANDING COMMITTEE

CANDIDATE INFORMATION

Please give a brief history of your background:
(personal history, family, occupation)

Married: Roy D. Green
Children: Ian McGrath, Jessica McGrath
Step Children: Kim Tambellini, Allan Green, Kirsten Huston, Greg McGrath
Episcopal Priest: June 3, 1978-ordination, Diocese of Massachusetts
Diocese of Michigan, 1977-1991
EDEO, 1991 to the present

Please describe your experience within the Episcopal Church and what you would offer to the position you seek:

Standing Committee, Diocese of Michigan, Co-Chair
Council of Ministry, Diocese of Michigan, Co-Chair
Standing Committee, EDEO, President
Ecclesiastical Court, EDEO, 2 Terms, President
Ecumenical Ministry of Oregon, 2015
Deputy to General Convention, 2009, 2012, 2015
Standing Commission for Small Congregations, 2009-2015
General Convention, Standing Legislative Committee for Ecumenical Affairs, 2015

Rector. All Saints of the Cascades, 1991- present
Senior Pastor, Sunriver Christian Fellowship-Founding Pastor to the present
Sunriver Christian Fellowships is an ecumenical model of ministry particularly suited to sustain small congregations and honor the diversity of Christian traditions. It is a model and experience valuable for EDEO as it looks to the future.

CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION AT 2015 DIOCESAN CONVENTION

Name: Karly Nash

Address: 60982 Snowbrush Dr., Bend, OR 97702

Congregation: Trinity

Home phone: 541-728-0355 Business phone: 541-389-7723 Email: karlynash66@gmail.com

Candidate for: *[circle office for which you are a candidate]*

DIOCESAN COUNCIL

STANDING COMMITTEE

CANDIDATE INFORMATION

Please give a brief history of your background:
(personal history, family, occupation)

I grew up in the San Francisco Bay Area and moved to Oregon to attend law school, as I was interested in pursuing public interest law. While attending the University of Oregon, I took a defense clinic and felt drawn to represent the underserved in criminal and dependency cases. I practice with Crabtree and Rahmsdorff where I have been employed for 17 years. I have two wonderful children, a 9th grade daughter and a 6th grade son. I feel blessed that they have a solid faith tradition and are engaged in activities such as Family Kitchen, prep squad, and youth group.

Please describe your experience within the Episcopal Church and what you would offer to the position you seek:

After moving to Bend, I was seeking a progressive protestant church. I found my home at Trinity and was impressed by the outreach with Family Kitchen, responding to the community's need. I also appreciate the liturgically-based worship (coming from a United Methodist background) and the Book of Common Prayer.

Having served on council the past few years, I appreciate the relationships formed and hope to serve again. I bring a willingness to listen to multiple viewpoints and a tendency to view matters analytically.

2015 Convention Appointments & Nominations

Officers of the Diocese (Bishop's Appointments)

Chancellor:	Kim Mosier
Secretary of Convention:	Doug Harder
Treasurer of the Diocese:	Jerry Frazier

To Be Elected By Convention:

Ecclesiastical Disciplinary Board (Bishop's Nominees)

Intake Officer:	The Rev. Rich Landrith, Lakeview
Class of 2018:	Arnold Coe, Cove <i>Clergy Vacancy</i>

(Previously Elected)

Class of 2015:	The Rev. Theodore Rodrigues, Sisters Arnold Coe, Cove
Class of 2016:	The Rev. Richard Thew, Cove John Adams, The Dalles Fabian Baker, Bonanza The Rev. Paul Morton, Redmond
Class of 2017:	The Rev. Nancy Sargent Green, Sunriver

To Be Confirmed By Convention: **Commission on Ministry:**

Class of 2018:	The Rev. Jan Kozak, Madras <i>Lay vacancy</i> <i>Lay vacancy</i>
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(Current members previously confirmed)

Class of 2015:	The Rev. Rebecca Hendricks, Milton-Freewater David Silva, Pendleton Beth Spell, Canyon City
Class of 2016:	The Rev. Rich Landrith, Lakeview Kathy Thew, Cove Marie Gibson, Bend
Class of 2017:	Pastor Katy Anderson, Heppner The Rev. Dcn. Marilyn Roth, The Dalles Robert Thomson, Hood River

Programmatic and Task Assignments:

Assistant. Secretary of Convention: Lisa Boquist, Staff
Assistant. Treasurer: Arnold Coe, Cove

Ascension School Board:

Arnold Coe, Chair	Cove
Joel Bigelow	Haines
Ava Sue Kerr	The Dalles
Laurance Kerr	The Dalles
Julie Reynolds	Canyon City
Gretchen Kimsey	The Dalles
The Rev. Richard Thew	Cove
Robert Thomson	Hood River
Katy Nesbitt	Enterprise
Advisory to Board:	
Jean Coe, Recorder	Cove

Finance Committee:

The Finance Committee is a working committee of Diocesan Council

Jerry Frazier, Treasurer of the Diocese (ex officio)	The Dalles
Wilmalu Tomlinson, Sec/Treas, EOEF (ex-officio)	Milton Freewater
Patty Olson-Lindsey (ex officio)	Cove
Karen Bounds	Hermiston
Arnold Coe	Cove
Edd Doorn	Bend
Randy Heise (Diocesan Council)	Sunriver

Education for Ministry Coordinator (EFM)

The Rev. Gaye Lawson, Deacon	Bend
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Episcopal Relief and Development Coordinator (ERD)

Bruce Barnes	Pendleton
Assistant: Ellen Nesbitt	Enterprise

Disaster Relief Coordinator

Judy Warren	Bend
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RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions

Resolution title: **Prison Ministry Commission**

Submitted by: Resolutions Committee

On behalf of the Reverend James Mosier

Rationale:

The 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church held June 25 – July 3, 2015 at the Salt Palace Convention Center in Salt Lake City, passed several resolutions on the issues of comprehensive criminal justice reform and is a complex subject with many components at the federal, state, and local levels of government that intersect with the ministry and advocacy of The Episcopal Church in its focus on the Marks of Mission, especially Marks 3 and 4 (To respond to human need by loving service; and To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind, and to pursue peace and reconciliation). The General Convention has long committed the Church to work on criminal justice reform, and it is timely to do this work in concert with our partners.

Individuals and congregations in our diocese have for many years sponsored and supported a number of ministries to adults and youth both in and leaving Oregon jails, prisons, and other correctional facilities. However, these ministries have tended to be individual efforts that would benefit from the support of a Commission at the diocesan level. The Prison Ministry Commission of the Diocese of (Western) Oregon is seeking to provide visitations, community support and advocacy to the approximate 40% of prisoners in all of Oregon Adult prisons and jails who receive limited or no such support. Almost half of the adult correctional facilities operated by the Oregon Department of Corrections are located in the Diocese of Eastern Oregon. Therefore, the Western Oregon Prison Ministry Commission is seeking to coordinate efforts with the Diocese of Eastern Oregon in promoting criminal justice reform.

WHEREAS, the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon (EDEO) is urged to continue to serve Christ by helping to create environments of hope and healing for prisoners, victims, families, correctional staff and communities; and

WHEREAS, this Convention joins with others of good will, especially other religious communities in Oregon, to work toward improvements in both public understanding and government policy in the administration of criminal justice in Oregon; and

WHEREAS, this Convention urges EDEO to seek greater understanding, and compassionate engagement with those touched by crime: victims, criminals, public servants, and their family members, especially those who suffer.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: this Convention authorizes the creation of a Prison Ministry Commission to be appointed by the bishop; and be it further resolved that this Standing Commission is authorized and encouraged to collaborate and fully engage with the Diocese of Oregon in these efforts.

Possible Collaborative Criminal Justice Efforts

The 78th General Convention encourages each congregation and Diocese to undertake at least one specific initiative aimed at addressing the destructive consequences of the mass incarceration system. These initiatives include such possibilities as:

1. Advocating for alternatives to incarceration for those who are addicted and increased funding for treatment programs.
2. Advocating for alternatives to incarceration for those who are mentally ill and increased funding for treatment programs.
3. Advocating for protection of the civil rights and provision of appropriate support and accommodation for people with disabilities who are arrested and incarcerated.
4. Advocating for funding for job training and apprentice programs for those who are at risk of incarceration and those who are formerly released from prison.
5. Working with local businesses to create pathways to living wage jobs for formerly incarcerated people.
6. Establishing mentoring and accompaniment programs for those leaving prison.
7. Advocating for the repeal of mandatory-minimum sentences for nonviolent offenses.
8. Calling for the abolition of the sentencing disparity between crack-cocaine and powder-cocaine offenses and as an intermediate step urging the U.S. Congress, in accordance with the recommendation of the U.S. Sentencing Commission, to make retroactive the 2010 Fair Sentencing Act which reduces the disparity in sentencing from previous levels.
9. Advocating eliminating “three strikes” sentencing protocols.
10. Joining local “Ban the Box” campaigns to remove questions about arrest records in on-line and written job application forms.
11. Opposing the creation of “for profit” prisons and immigration detention centers and organizing against guaranteed nightly numbers of prisoners and detainees, and advocate for access to education and rehabilitation programs for those being incarcerated or detained.
12. Reforming monetary bail bond systems which rely upon unlicensed and unregulated bail bond agents and on conditioning release from pre-trial incarceration solely on the ability to pay.
13. Advocating for return of the right to vote for those who have served their sentences and left prison.
14. Calling for the exploration and creation of restorative justice programs to transform juvenile justice systems.

Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon Alcohol and Substance Abuse Policy

Resolution title: “Alcohol affects us all.”

Submitted by: Diocesan Council & Resolutions Committee

Rationale:

The 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church held June 25 – July 3, 2015 at the Salt Palace Convention Center in Salt Lake City, passed three resolutions on the issue of alcohol and substance abuse and recommends, a) acknowledging the church’s role in the culture of alcohol and drug abuse; b) creating a task force to review and revise policy on substance abuse, addiction and recovery and c) recommending that ordinands be questioned at the very beginning of the discernment process about addiction and substance use in their lives and family systems.

Recognizing that the “Episcopal National Policy on Alcohol and Drug Abuse” adopted by the 68th General Convention at Anaheim, California in 1985, is in need of revision and updating, a committee was tasked with offering practical recommendations on addressing these issues in the church, as well as initiating a process of discussion of the “hidden problem” of addiction that affects many Episcopalians.

These efforts are hastened in response to the arrest of a suffragan bishop who struck and killed a cyclist while driving her car in an intoxicated state. The General Convention recommends that dioceses and congregations now ensure an update of their policies.

WHEREAS, the proper use of food and beverages containing alcohol reflects God’s gifts; and the misuse of God’s gifts detracts from the human capabilities of clear thinking and responsible action; and

WHEREAS, numerous individuals may be afflicted by intemperate or uncontrollable use of alcohol;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the following guidelines shall be the policy for the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon (EDEO) and congregations herein:

1. EDEO must provide a safe and welcoming environment for all people, including people in recovery.
2. All applicable federal, state and local laws should be obeyed, including those governing the serving of alcoholic beverages to minors.
3. EDEO and our congregations may decide not to serve alcohol at events or gatherings. Others may decide to permit a limited use of alcoholic beverages at church-sponsored events. Both can be appropriate if approached mindfully.

4. When alcohol is served, it must be monitored and those showing signs of intoxication must not be served. Whenever alcohol is served, the rector, vicar, or priest-in-charge must appoint an adult to oversee its serving. That adult must not drink alcoholic beverages during the time of his or her execution of his or her responsibilities. If hard liquor is served, a certified server is required.

5. Serving alcoholic beverages at congregational events where minors are present is strongly discouraged. If minors are present, alcohol must be served at a separate station that is monitored at all times to prevent underage drinking.

6. Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages must be clearly labeled as such. Food prepared with alcohol does not need to be labeled provided the alcohol is completely evaporated by the cooking process; however, it is recommended that even in this case the use of alcohol in cooking be noted on a label.

7. Whenever alcohol is served, appealing non-alcoholic alternatives must always be offered with equal prominence and accessibility.

8. The serving of alcoholic beverages at church events should not be publicized as the primary attraction of the event, e.g. “wine and cheese reception,” “cocktail party,” and “beer and wine tasting.”

9. Ministries inside or outside of congregations will make certain that alcohol consumption is not the focus of the ministry and that drinking alcohol is not an exclusively normative activity. Food must be served when alcohol is present.

10. The groups or organizations sponsoring the activity or event at which alcoholic beverages are served must have permission from the clergy or the vestry. Such groups or organizations must also assume responsibility for those persons who might become intoxicated and must provide alternative transportation for anyone whose capacity to drive may be impaired. Consulting with liability insurance carriers is advised.

11. Recognizing the effects of alcohol as a mood-altering drug, alcoholic beverages shall not be served when the business of the Church is being conducted.

12. Clergy shall consecrate an appropriate amount of wine when celebrating the Eucharist and perform ablutions in a way that does not foster or model misuse. Clergy are encouraged to acknowledge the efficacy of receiving the sacrament in one kind and may consider providing non-alcoholic wine.

13. EDEO will review & implement recommendations from the House of Bishops regarding questioning ordinands at the very beginning of the discernment process about addiction and substance use in their lives and family systems. [Note: The bishops have created a task force to review and advise policy on substance abuse addiction and recovery.]

Resolution title: **Ascension School Advisory**
Revision to Canon IV Section 7 (a)

Submitted by: Diocesan Council & Resolutions Committee
On behalf of the Ascension School Advisory Board

Rationale:

The Diocesan Council (hereafter Council) is required to be involved in any financial decisions made by the Ascension School Advisory Board (hereafter Board) regarding capital expenditures at Ascension School.

Whereas, the Board believes that a Council member, acting as liaison between the Board and Council, is especially important during the building phase of Ascension's capital improvements and would be beneficial in general;

Therefore, be it resolved that Canon IV, Section 7 (a) of the Canons of the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon be amended to read (emendation underlined):

There shall be a minimum of 9 members, at least one whom shall be a current member of Diocesan Council.

REPORTS To CONVENTION

Archive Project of the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern 2013-2015

It has been my honor to serve as the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon's Archivist and Historiographer for the last two years. In that time, I have committed myself to creating a well-organized and functional archives. As with any long-term archival project, there is more work to be done. I welcome you to peruse the EDEO's Archives and History website (www.edeoarchivesandhistory.weebly.com) in particular the "Archives Project" page, to view updates to the project as they occur. Here is a list of tasks completed during the first two years:

- Cleaned, organized, and constructed new diocesan archives;
- Developed a diocesan archives policy and retention/disposition schedules;
- Performed collection management tasks;
- Created and maintained an archives and history website;
- Scanned and indexed diocesan records and photographs;
- Researched and wrote on the history of the diocese;
- Contributed to the Oregon Trail Evangelist;
- Conducted and transcribed multiple oral histories;
- Handled research and reference requests;
- Rehoused diocesan archives in new acid-free boxes and polyethylene enclosure;
- Conducted preservation projects, including glass plate and microfilm digitization;
- Created and maintained a collection spreadsheet and accession list;
- Presented at and attended multiple archives and history conferences;
- Joined the National Episcopal Historians and Archivists Board of Trustees.

As an online graduate student in history at Sam Houston State University, I have intentionally immersed myself in the history of Christianity, in particular, the history of Anglicanism in the Pacific Northwest. In fact, my graduate thesis will explore the history of conflict and conciliation between Protestant and Catholic missionaries, Native Americans, and the multi-ethnic communities of the Pacific Northwest during the early nineteenth century. If all goes well, I plan to graduate after the spring 2016 semester.

What an amazing two years it has been! In June 2014, I was elected to serve on the National Episcopal Historians and Archivists Board of Trustees. NEHA's board meets both in person and over the phone throughout the year to discuss how best to support the ministry of diocesan archivists and historians around the country. As a young archivist and historian - with one foot in the digital and analog world -- I am driven to discover new methods of collecting, arranging, describing and providing access to primary and secondary source material. I am humbled and honored to be part of this group and look forward to continued partnership.

After transporting diocesan records from the Bishop's Office in Cove in November 2013, I discovered an issue which has since evolved into quite a challenge. I have likened this challenge to a process of untangling an old ball of knotted twine. The EDEO's archives have evolved over time -- no doubt through normal use, wear and tear, as well as countless research projects of varying scope and size -- into one very large collection of subject files.

The collection of records which I initially and naively assumed consisted mostly of Louis and Hazel Perkins' personal material was, in fact, a hodgepodge of MDEO and EDEO records. Mixed into the Perkins-Morrison archives was a flurry of parish, bishop, clergy, and lay files. Some of the most notable discoveries to date have included a copy of Samuel French's will deeding the Cove property to Bp. Morris, Bp. Remington's personal journal and diaries (which have been divided up and misplaced), as well as requests to form new parishes, including records of many of our oldest churches in Cove, Baker City, La Grande, and The Dalles. I developed a collection spreadsheet utilizing Dublin Core's standard fifteen elements (i.e. title, author, date, description, etc.) for basic resource description. This spreadsheet could be uploaded into a collection management system should the diocese choose to invest in one. Without continued development of the diocese's archives, this collection will remain an assortment of random and unorganized subject files.

In addition to the immense task of developing a diocesan archives from scratch, I sometimes forget that I am also the historiographer. Someone asked me recently "what does a historiographer actually do"? I thought about it for a second, and said that a historiographer writes about history. As the Historiographer for the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon, I have a responsibility to research, study and write on its history. In addition to reading everything I could get my hands on regarding the history of the diocese, during the last two years, I have also conducted multiple oral histories, including an interview with Rev. Dcn. Robert Carsner, and Bp. Rusty Kimsey. I conducted the Kimsey interview in March 2014 for a class project on the legacy of the Mutual Responsibility and Interdependence Program and Coalition 14. I have taken the opportunity of combining my work for the diocese with my graduate program. Thus, my graduate program and work for the diocese have both complimented and augmented one another. Last spring, I composed an article on the history of MDEO and EDEO's bishops. The article was published in the Oregon Trail Evangelist.

I believe that the archivist and historiographer's task is vital for maintaining the cultural heritage of a community or organization. As long as the community or organization continue to function, there will always be a need for someone to maintain and provide access to its vital records. It is my hope that this project will continue to inspire others in the diocese to take connect with their history.

Matt Carmichael, MLIS
Archivist and Historiographer

Ascension School Camp and Conference Center **Report to Convention**

2015 has been a very busy year for Ascension School. The capital campaign has come to a close, capital improvements have begun, Memorial Weekend/Work Weekend was one of the biggest we've ever had, summer camp went tremendously well, and Adult Ed was beyond success with over 250 people attending the final service on Sunday. Ascension's ministry is thriving!

The Capital Campaign concluded with reaching our goal of \$400,000 and almost reaching our additional goal of \$50,000 for a total of \$437,000. Founder's Hall dining room and bathrooms have been updated and work is continuing on making parking and the Founders building entry ADA. We are excited to announce that the Ascension Site Committee met with contractors and has chosen Mike Becker Construction Company. We are optimistic that we will break ground this fall on the new building.

The updated dining room has been wonderful for our summer camp program and for our guest groups using the facility. The dining room invites community building with its round tables and brighter atmosphere.

Memorial Weekend/Work Weekend had over 50 participants who completed many projects, including painting the shop and putting up our new sign. Our new sign was made possible by Joel and Beth Bigelow and The Rev. Richard Thew, as well as many volunteers who helped install the sign. We continue to work on making Memorial Weekend/Work Weekend an opportunity to not only help with getting camp ready for the summer program but also an opportunity to come together in fellowship and enjoy Ascension's beauty and peace. The Rev. Kathy Macek and Thorman Hulse presented information over the weekend about the Grande Ronde Valley, also known as The Valley of Peace by the Native Americans who first inhabited the area. The presentation was a great way to keep our 2014 Convention resolution in our hearts and mind.

Our 2015 summer program was a great success! The theme was "Universal Love: Religions Around the World" where campers had the opportunity to learn about some of the major religions of the world including Native American Spirituality, Buddhism, Islam, Judaism, and Christianity. Ascension's resident staff prepared for their summer by spending four days learning about five different religions with Willis Moore, formerly from Redeemer Pendleton, and Ruth ????. Willis and Ruth generously traveled from Hawaii to teach our young adult, and were a wealth of information about these world religions.. Bishop Nedi was also able to spend a day with staff challenging them to go deeper in understanding their own faith and what it means to respect our neighbors.

At the end of their time with Willis the summer staff chose to approach their summer teaching by using the five senses- taste, smell, touch, hearing, and sight. Campers had the opportunity to taste Challah bread, smell frankincense, experience Islamic prayer traditions, learn about meditation, participate in Eucharist, and much more.

EDEO was blessed to have Presiding Bishop-elect Michael Curry as the presenter for the Adult Education weekend at Ascension. We were also fortunate to have Dent Davidson,

composer and musician join Bishop Curry to inspire and teach us new songs. We concluded the weekend with a moving Tent Revival Eucharist. As I said at the closing Eucharist there aren't words adequate to thank Bishop Michael Curry and Dent Davidson for the gifts they brought to the Diocese.

New News:

The Ascension Chapel Memorial Garden planning is well under way. Kathy Thew and Nod Palmer have taken this project on and are working with a local landscape designer, who has donated her time, to design the garden. Next steps include making sure we have all of the infrastructure in place to begin working on putting the garden together and raising funds. If you would like more information contact Kathy Thew at 541-910-0771.

Bisbee Fund Ministry Partnership Grant – 2015
St. Andrew's, Burns

St. Andrews/Peace Lutheran stove replacement project was completed by May 1 of this year thanks to the Bisbee Foundation grant. The actual cost for this project which included adding more outlets in the kitchen, removal of Lang commercial cook stove, rewiring for two conventional double oven cook stoves, and the purchase of a 21 cu/ft freezer was \$ 6,430.00. This project was funded by Bisbee Foundation , Oregon Food Bank, MEB, and local donations.

Because we came in under budget, \$ 200 was returns to EDEO and \$ 200 to the Oregon Food Bank.

Sincerely,

Charles Cagle
Senior Warden
St. Andrews /Peace Lutheran
Burns, OR
Charles558@centurytel.net

Bisbee Fund Ministry Partnership Grant – 2015
St. Mark's, Hood River

On behalf of the St. Mark's community, the Emergency Voucher Program volunteers and clients, I give thanks for the Bisbee Grant that supported the program with \$500 in the 2015 year. Our annual operating budget is approximately \$12,000 and without the support of the Bisbee Grant, we would not have been able to continue to serve those in need in our community.

The Emergency Voucher Program's mission is to support and empower people in crisis, to provide immediate relief, refer them to appropriate safety net resources, assist in identifying natural resources, and assist in empowering self-sufficiency. By partnering with other organizations and churches in the Hood River area, we are able to provide clients with vouchers for food, lodging, and gas.

The Emergency Voucher Program is operated out of St. Mark's Monday-Friday, 12pm-2pm and is staffed by volunteers. The Hood River Police Department distributes vouchers during the evening and on weekends, and Providence Memorial Hospital provides administrative support for the program. Other partners include the United Way, the Salvation Army, Gorge Ecumenical Ministries, Riverside Community Church, and Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of the Gorge, Asbury Methodist /Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, and Bethel United Church of Christ. We were pleased to add the Bisbee Grant of the Diocese of Eastern Oregon to our list of partners this year.

Again, I thank you for supporting this important outreach ministry in our community.

Sincerely,

The Rev. Anna Carmichael

Bisbee Fund Ministry Partnership Grant – 2015
St. Matthew's, Ontario

The Four Rivers Community Garden, Ontario, OR

The Four Rivers Community Garden (FRCG) was originally started thru the Ford Family Foundation Leadership in 2007. It now operates under the Next Chapter Food Pantry's 501(c)(3). We grow fresh produce for the Next Chapter Food Pantry. We also host a number of classes and field trips throughout the growing season focusing on food and gardening.

We purchased an 8X12' greenhouse with \$1500 from the Diocese and another \$200 from St. Matthew's Church. We paired this with another \$300 in grant money from the FRCG to install and outfit the greenhouse. We also had generous donations of heating pads, space heaters and pots from the community. The greenhouse allowed us to at least double our seedling production this year. The first seedlings were transplanted to the greenhouse in late March with subsequent plantings through April. The greenhouse also allowed us the opportunity to take donated plants this year. We were also able to grow extra plant starts for donation to participants in a "Mothers with Children" class we hosted at the garden this year. All this adds up to nearly \$400 saved in plant costs that we would have had to purchase in previous years. Over the past few weeks we continue to grow warm season seedlings for planting in the garden.

Thank you so much for the grant from the Katharine Bisbee II Fund of Oregon Community Foundation.

Commission on Celebrating Diversity

Report to Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon 2015

Diocesan Convention meeting in Pendleton October 12, 2014, approved a Resolution:

Responding to Níix Náknui Tiicham: Taking Good Care of the Land A Native Perspective on American Indian History in response to the Convention theme of Renouncing the Doctrine of Discovery.

In that resolution, we committed to:

- Learn who first lived on the land on which we live, work and pray, how that land came into the hand of others and where those original families are today, and then we will reflect and pray about what we have learned from this.
- Figure out how to begin and sustain a relationship, on terms that are mostly determined by the tribe not by us, with the tribe nearest to our congregations.
- Read, watch, and learn from five books and/or films over the next year that will help us more deeply grasp the nature of the conflicts and serve to guide our prayerful reflections as to how God is calling us to respond, and
- Each congregation will submit a report on its response to this resolution to the 45th Diocesan Convention.

The Commission on Celebrating Diversity has taken this resolution seriously and it has provided the focus for our work. We have individually read books and articles, and watched documentaries and films and when we have met together (mostly electronically) we have shared what we are learning and activities we have been engaged with in our communities and congregations. We are working to learn more about the people who first lived on the land where we live, work, and pray.

We spent two days together at Ascension where we learned more about the history of Ascension when Thorman Hulse presented research on the history of the Grande Ronde Valley and evidence that it has served as a valley of peace for thousands of years. Kathy Macek shared a presentation she made to the congregation of St. Peter's, La Grande on the Doctrine of Discovery. We developed a mission statement for the commission:

We recognize and acknowledge all people are equal and honored children of God.

We believe strong communities are made with a broad diversity of people.

We support and encourage congregations and communities to expand their diversity and we offer resources and education.

We are preparing materials to have available at convention including a bibliography of resources we have found beneficial for our learning, photographs of events that have taken place throughout the diocese during the year, and a workshop to share ideas and explore possibilities for congregations to continue to work toward the goals stated in the Resolution. The current members of the commission are: the Rev. Anne Scissons, the Rev. Jan Kozak, Beth and Jim Spell, the Rev. Matthew Littau, Doug Harder, and Ruth Tsu, chair, and Bishop Nedi meets with us whenever it is possible for her to do so. If you are interested in becoming a part of the commission, please talk with one of us.

2015 Diocesan Council Convention Report

Since the 2014 Diocesan Convention, Council has met six times: three online meetings using Adobe Connect, and three face-to-face meetings. As a rule, each meeting begins with prayer, followed by the approval of the agenda and of the minutes of the previous meeting.

The following is a summary of our 2014-15 meetings.

November 14 & 15 – Adobe Connect (The annual November retreat weekend at Ascension was cancelled, due to the weather.)

- Bishop Nedi read two letters of thanks: one from Jayce Hafner and one from Elsie Dennis regarding their participation in the 2014 convention.
- Doug Harder will be submitting a report to General Convention regarding the resolutions from GenCon 2012 that required action from the dioceses.
- Approved three annually-recurring Resolutions: check-signers on the diocesan US Bank Checking Account and the diocesan CB Financial Account; and Bishop Nedi's housing allowance.
- Reviewed the Diocesan Convention surveys.
- Approved a tentative schedule for meetings in 2015.
- After hearing a presentation by Ken Quigley from the Episcopal Church Foundation (ECF), agreed to begin a review of EDEO's investment policy and possibly move funds from Wells Fargo to ECF.
- The Bisbee Grant committee made the following recommendations:
 - St. Andrew's/Peace Lutheran: \$3810.00 to assist with the purchase of a new stove and freezer, which would aid in their outreach to their community through their monthly meal program.
 - St. Mark's, Hood River: \$500.00 to assist in the Emergency Voucher Program which has recently been moved to their parish.
 - St. Matthew's, Ontario: \$1272.00 to assist with the purchase and supplies for a new greenhouse which will become part of a program to teach people about growing their own food and will supply the Food Pantry. (Bishop Nedi indicated that she would give St. Matthew's \$228.00 from the Bishop's Discretionary Fund to make up for the shortfall in the grant request funding.)
 - Recommended that Trinity Bend's application for \$1500 for their Family Kitchen program be denied. The purpose of the Bisbee Grant is to fund new projects and Outreach and Family Kitchen has been funded by the Bisbee Grant on several other occasions.
- Randy Heise, All Saints of the Cascades, Sunriver, was appointed as the council representative on Finance Committee.
- The council discussed the election process for bishop and agreed that the January meeting agenda would focus on that.

January 30-31 – Meeting in Bend

- Kathy Macek was elected Co-Chair of Council; Doug Harder was elected Vice-Chair.
- Financial Report
 - Jerry Frazier reviewed the bookkeeping procedures that are currently in place for EDEO; and the updated Investment Policy that Finance Committee and several members of council worked on in January. Ken Quigley, from The Episcopal Church Foundation (ECF) also sent in some request for changes. The revisions and changes can be found in the minutes from the meeting, on the EDEO website.
 - Arnold Coe was added as a signer to the diocesan US Bank Checking Account.
 - The auditors in Bend are working on the 2009 audit. ‘Friend and Reagan’ is preparing 2010’s documents to be sent to the auditors.
 - Currently there are no terms listed in the Canons with regards to Finance Committee; a motion was adopted to present a resolution to Convention to add a statement on term limits to the Canons.
 - Council approved a resolution proposed by St. Andrew’s, Burns, to join Peace Lutheran in support of Living Waters Indian Ministry.
- Heard reports from Ascension School, the Environmental Justice Commission and the Commission on Celebrating Diversity.
- Bishop Search:
 - The four remaining slots on the Search/Nominating Committee were filled, pending acceptance by the nominees.
 - Doug Harder, Karly Nash, Kim McClain and Georgia Giaccobe volunteered to be on the Profile Committee; they will work on a diocesan profile and also craft a “charge” to the Search Committee.
 - Council reviewed the Appreciative Inquiry work done in preparation for calling a new bishop and made recommendations to the Profile Committee.
 - The budget and timeline were discussed.

February 14 – Adobe Connect

- Report from Jerry Frazier on a conversation with Ken Quigley of the Episcopal Church Foundation: Jerry reviewed the Enabling Resolution, with the changes that were advised by Kim Mosier. It was decided that further conversation with ECF needed to happen regarding how EDEO’s money would be invested.
- The Search/Nominating Committee is now complete. Each convocation is represented.
- Bishop Nedi spoke with Bishop Clay Matthews from the national church office, informing him of the upcoming search for the next Bishop of Eastern Oregon. Bishop Matthews will send a document that has the best practices for a search process.
- Council approved the “charge” to the Search Committee.

March 21 – Adobe Connect

- Jerry Frazier discussed his findings regarding investing with the Episcopal Church Foundation and his correspondence with Ken Quigley. Several options were discussed including tabling the move to ECF, investigating investing with TEC, and remaining with Wells Fargo; Council decided to maintain our funds with Wells Fargo until we can get clarification on ECF's socially responsible investment options; a subcommittee was formed consisting of Randy Heise and Doug Harder will assist Jerry with this work.
- The council reviewed the draft profile from the Profile Committee; after offering some suggestions and corrections a motion was approved to accept the distributed profile as a draft with the caveat that minor changes will be made.
- DeWanda Clark, chair of the Diocesan Convention committee in The Dalles, is requesting that council choose a theme for convention as soon as possible. Bishop Nedi will call and talk to DeWanda regarding this process.

May 8-9 – Meeting in Burns

- Ascension School Report:
 - Patty Olson-Lindsey and Arnold Coe presented a report on the status of Ascension School including an update on Founders Hall and the new building project. Resolutions were passed regarding oversight of the contract and disbursement of funds.
 - At Patty's request, Council will write a resolution to amend Ascension School board membership language in the Canons to the effect that there should be a member of Council on the board at all times.
- Judy Warren presented a report on her work as the Diocesan Disaster Coordinator.
- Standing Committee gave a report on their discussion about EDEO's search process with Bishop Clay Matthews from the Office of Pastoral Development at TEC. SC recommends that the October convention be a normal convention and that there be a special convention for the election of a new bishop.
- Jerry Frazier gave a brief report on the Finance Committee meeting. He presented a budget with the 2014 year end numbers. There was a discussion on the Bishop's compensation.
- Beth Spell gave a report on the Commission on Celebrating Diversity and the work they have been doing.
- Convention planning: This year's Diocesan Convention theme will be *The Reign of God is Near* (Mark 1:15) with a focus on justice, highlighting elements of Environmental Justice while tying in the work of previous conventions dealing with Hispanic and American Indian ministry in our diocese. Doug Harder will chair the Resolutions Committee
- Bishop Nedi reported that Angela Gorham has resigned. A job description is being created and the position will be posted. In the interim Reilley Boquist will be working as the office assistant for EDEO and Ascension school and will take on more responsibility until someone is hired.
- John Collins will be ordained to the priesthood on June 6th at 11:00AM at St. Helen's Hall in Bend. Katherine Brick from Madras will be ordained as a pastor

- in the Lutheran Church at 3:00PM at St. Mark's in Madras on the same day. A Collegium is planned for June 5th in Bend so clergy can be present.
- Point of order from Standing Committee: nominations for bishop will close on July 20th (following General Convention) and a separate electing convention will happen on December 12, 2015.

August 7-8 – Meeting in Bend

- John Collins presented a report on the status of the search for the new bishop of EDEO, which included an adjusted timeline. the committee has narrowed the candidates to 8. A petition period will take place after the finalists are announced. The Transition Committee will be in charge of the details and planning of the walk-about.
- Financial Report:
 - Jerry Frazier presented the 2016 budget recommended to council by Finance Committee. Council recommended that a new line be added to the budget called “Carryover.”
 - Council determined how to allocate funds to the Environmental Justice Commission, The Commission on Celebrating Diversity, and Disaster Preparedness
 - Council recommended the budget to Diocesan Convention.
 - Finance Committee recommends that council consider revising the EDEO policy on Medical Insurance Benefits for Retired Clergy; Jerry requested volunteers from Council to assist members of Finance Committee with reviewing this policy. Kathy Macek and Randy Heise volunteered.
- Heard reports from the Environmental Justice Commission, Ascension School, the Commission on Celebrating Diversity, and Standing Committee. Details of these reports can be found in the minutes from the meeting, on the EDEO website.
- Approved a motion that Standing Committee will generate a Letter of Agreement for Bishop Nedi, from the end date of her last Letter of Agreement through the date of the consecration of the new bishop.
- Approved a motion to name Redeemer Church, Pendleton, as the site of the December 12, 2015 convention to elect a new bishop. December 19, 2015, was named as an alternate date, in the event of bad weather.
- Heard a report on St. Paul's, Nyssa: the congregation is considering whether or not to close and is having discussions with Bishop Nedi and with the Nyssa City Council.
- Diocesan Convention Planning:
 - Approved a motion to present a formal resolution to Convention changing the language of the Canon for the Ascension School Board, stating that the Board will always include a current member of Diocesan Council. Kathy Macek volunteered to attend the October Board meeting.
 - Nominating Committee will be comprised of this year's outgoing Diocesan Council and Standing Committee members: Dan Lediard, Ted Rodrigues, Ann Havill, Karla Nash.
 - Resolutions Committee: Doug Harder will serve as chair of the resolutions committee; members are: Kim McClain, Ann Marie Hardin, Fabian Baker,

Joel Bigelow, Jim Spell and Anna Carmichael. This committee will also serve as tellers at convention.

- Offering Designation: Half will go to Navajoland; half to ERD's "Carry the Water" campaign.
- St. Peter's, La Grande will host 2016's convention.
- Pending approval and acceptance the 2017 convention will be held at Church of the Transfiguration, Sisters.
- Jerry Frazier indicated that he will be retiring from his position as Diocesan Treasurer when Bishop Nedi retires.
- The November Diocesan Council meeting agenda will include a review of the resolutions that General Convention has asked dioceses to consider, particularly the diocesan policy on alcohol; and a discussion of how Diocesan Convention is hosted and by whom.

Respectfully submitted, *The Rev. Kathryn Macek, Co-chair*

Disaster Preparedness

This year there are several accomplishments to report for the Diocesan Disaster Preparedness Project:

- **Diocesan Disaster Plan.** A diocesan disaster plan, “In God’s Hands . . . and Ours,” was written, and has been approved by both Bishop Nedi and the members of the Diocesan Disaster Preparedness and Response Team. The plan delineates a three-pronged approach to prepare for and respond to the disasters that may come our way:
 - Coordinate a diocesan response if a parish or mission is involved in a disaster. The parishes in Pendleton and Canyon City were contacted to ascertain if they needed diocesan assistance during the recent fires (they did not).
 - Encourage and facilitate each parish and mission to create their own disaster plan (1) to identify their resources and property assets, and (2) to consider how those assets might be utilized in times of disasters to assist both their parishioners and the wider community
 - Encourage parishioners to participate in the workshop, “Disaster Preparedness 101 – for Individuals and Families” (see below)
- **Diocesan Disaster Preparedness and Response Team.** The following persons have accepted the call to be members of the Diocesan Disaster Preparedness and Response Team: Bruce Barnes (Pendleton), Randy Heise (Sunriver), Fr. Rich Landrith (Lakeview), Peter Lovering (Bend), Jean Schadler (Lakeview), and Jim Spell (Canyon City).
- **Brief Parishes and Missions.**

All of the missions and parishes in the diocese were contacted to introduce clergy and parish leaders to the Diocesan Disaster Project, to encourage them to create their own parish disaster plans, and to consider sponsoring the Disaster Preparedness 101 workshop for their parishioners (and the wider community if they chose).

 - Clergy and/or parish leaders from the following parishes and missions accepted the invitation to meet with the Diocesan Disaster Coordinator and members of the Diocesan Disaster Preparedness and Response Team:

Baker City — St. Stephen’s	Lakeview — St. Luke’s
Bend — Trinity	Ontario — St. Mathew’s
Enterprise — St. Patrick’s	Pendleton — Church of the Redeemer
Hood River — St. Mark’s	Redmond — St. Alban’s
Klamath Falls — St. Paul’s	Sisters — Church of the Transfiguration
La Grande — St. Peter’s	Sunriver — All Saints of the Cascades
- **Parish Disaster Plans.** The following parishes have completed, or are in the process of completing, their parish disaster plans:

Bend — Trinity	Lakeview — St. Luke’s
Enterprise — St. Patrick’s	Pendleton — Church of the Redeemer
Hood River — St. Mark’s	Sunriver — All Saints of the Cascades

- **Create and Present “Disaster Preparedness 101 — for Individuals and Families.”**
The 2.5 hour workshop has been presented in Hood River, Klamath Falls and Pendleton, with events scheduled in Bend and Sunriver.
- **Participate in ER&D Training.** Jean Schadler, Randy Heise and Judy Warren participated in Episcopal Relief and Development’s US Disaster Program training in Albuquerque.

Judy Warren
Disaster Planning Coordinator
Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon

EDEO Environmental Justice Commission Report

2014 – 2015

The Environmental Justice Commission of EDEO is currently comprised of 16 people throughout the Diocese who are interested in making a difference in caring for God's creation. Regular email alerts to the group highlight areas of concern for action which can be shared within our parishes. Topics this year included: Fast Track/Trans Pacific Partnership; energy lobby collusion with State Attorney Generals; expiring federal tax incentives for renewable energy, energy efficiency, and clean vehicles; GMO labeling; ocean pollution; divestment from fossil fuels; proposed Nestle plant in the Gorge; and Oregon carbon pricing. In April, some of us participated in the national church's 30 Days of Action addressing the Climate Change Crisis. Chair Kim McClain attended an Interfaith Open Space day in Portland hosted by Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon to dialogue about denominations coming together to work on justice issues of all kinds.

Education about how sustainable living can reduce negative impacts on our environment is part of our mission and we had a table at the 2014 Diocesan Convention with materials and information, and Kim McClain presented a workshop on what it means to care for the environment as a people of faith entitled Nature and the Sacred: To Bless the Space Around Us." Tips for reducing our daily impact on the earth and its resources were published in the weekly EDEO Connections e-newsletter.

It is important for parishes to be role models for their congregations and communities. Along these lines, each parish was sent information in August about assessing their church buildings to determine energy use and loss, and will receive recommendations on cost effective actions they can take to reduce their energy usage and lower their carbon footprints – thereby doing their part in caring for God's creation.

If you are interested in joining the Environmental Justice Commission or have any questions about what we do, please contact:

Kim McClain, Chair
Desertsoul222@gmail.com
480-518-7789

Episcopal Relief & Development

We are currently about 75% of the way through a 15-month celebration of the 75th anniversary of the beginning of Episcopal Relief & Development. It was started to help refugees fleeing World War II, later expanded to other efforts as the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief, and in 2000 was renamed Episcopal Relief & Development to better reflect the nature of the organization it had become. At the same time as the last name change, it became a non-profit, 501(c) 3 organization, independent of though affiliated with the Episcopal Church. That affiliation is formalized by the chairperson of the board of directors being chosen by the Episcopal Church, and by the Presiding Bishop also being an ex-officio member of the board of directors. Notably, the current board chair of Episcopal Relief & Development is the new Presiding Bishop Elect, the Rt. Rev. Michael Curry, who will step down from that position when he becomes Presiding Bishop.

I assume nearly all congregations have been participating in our diocesan "Carry the Water" campaign since January. This campaign is to raise funds to provide sanitation and clean water for places in the world that do not now have access to clean water – arguably the most basic of necessities for a healthy life. As of June 30th, Episcopal Relief & Development has received a total of \$5,857.73. \$800 from one congregation was for sanitation and clean water and the rest was undesignated or for other needs. I'm assuming most congregations had not yet sent in any funds for the campaign, or did not designate the purpose of the donation. Some of the donations sent in were for other specific needs. Many have been holding the funds collected for the campaign to submit at convention. I probably won't have data for the third quarter until after convention. Most years the total received in the first six months is about one fifth of the total given for the year, with the rest coming in the second six months.

I'm tempted to call this the Year of Disaster Planning, with the great efforts of Judy Warren getting congregations into the mode of preparing disaster plans. On July 21st, Redeemer had an opportunity to put their disaster plan into operation when a major fire broke out in an old 3-story brick building about 80 yards from the back corner of the church. Though our property was not threatened, we set up a "rehab" center for fire personnel to take breaks away from the heat and smoke. This was a valuable service to our community, and the firefighters were grateful. If we hadn't done the plan, we wouldn't have provided the service. Lesson learned: if you haven't started yet, Write a Plan – Start Now! There have many tangible benefits we've received since completing ours last December, just ask me, I'd be glad to share.

If you haven't yet met Ellen Nesbitt, she and her husband are new transplants to Enterprise from Portland, and she is the former coordinator for Episcopal Relief & Development for the Diocese of Oregon. She has offered to be available to visit congregations to speak about the organization, so please talk with her if you'd like to invite her to make a visit.

Bruce Barnes
Episcopal Relief & Development Coordinator
for the Diocese of Eastern Oregon and Province VIII

General Convention Deputation 2015 Report

The deputation from the diocese included the following members: Doug Harder, Helen Keefe, Terry Rahmsdorff, Peggy Ziegler, The Rev. Nancy Sargent-Green, The Rev. Anna Carmichael, The Rev. Dcn. Janet Warner, The Rev. Ted Rodrigues (chair), and alternates Ann Havill, and The Rev. Kathy Macek. It is important to remember that this is the legislative gathering of the Episcopal Church, and its impact is very important to the life of the Church. There are reports, legislative actions both great and small (497 items to be exact), committee hearings, special presentations, etc. that were part of the 9 days of business. Through those 9 days, members of the deputation swapped between the alternates and deputies to make sure everyone had an opportunity to know what it was like to be on the floor of convention.

There were several things that made this convention special. The hospitality of the Diocese of Utah and the people of Salt Lake City was wonderful. As was the hearing of the powerful shared ministry between the diocese and the LDS church to meet the needs of the homeless. There was the historic election of Bishop Michael Curry as our next presiding bishop, the celebration of 230 years since the founding and first meeting of the House of Deputies, the approval of liturgies for the blessing and marriage of same sex couples (which tied in with the Supreme Court's decision on the legality of same sex marriage), the first steps of streamlining the operations of the Episcopal Church, and the General Convention specifically. As part of this last item, even before coming to General Convention, there was the elimination and combining of some committees. Legislative committees kept those who were assigned to committees busy, while those of our deputation who weren't assigned were able to attend hearings in other committees and report back to the group on items that they saw coming up for action on the floor. However, the real change will be felt in the next GC when there will have been only 2 Standing Commissions working for 3 years and specific committees appointed by Executive Council for particular tasks.

Along with the legislative actions and committee meetings there was also the time to gather for daily Eucharist where we were blessed to start the day with great and varied music, and inspiring sermons.

There were also times to gather for Kathy Macek was able to attend the joint United Thank Offering/Episcopal Church Women convention dinner, celebrating the 125th anniversary of UTO! Three of the young adult UTO grant recipients gave presentations on their projects and Bishop Michael Curry delivered an inspirational message. Anna Carmichael worked with the Environmental Stewardship and Creation Care legislative committee. There was also the establishment of a Task Force developed to work towards more intentional focus on the 5th Mark of Mission (A030), and a commitment to begin the divestment from Fossil Fuels in our endowments/investments. Ted Rodrigues and Helen Keefe attended separate presentations by the Church Pension Fund on the health of the fund, and the services they provide the church, with one presentation touching on their listening to the church, and seeking ways to support clergy in small congregations.

It was noted by members of the deputation that The ambiance of the GC was far more peaceful and mellow than what I remember from the last two. President Gay Jennings did a superb job in her 1st GC as president. Presiding Bishop Katharine was acknowledged a

number of times in immense gratitude for her leadership in some turbulent times for the Episcopal Church. The budget was passed with some differing opinions but little discord.

Of all the pieces of legislation we have decided to highlight those that we feel have a direct relationship with our diocese. If you would like to review all actions of General Convention 2015, you can go to this link: <http://www.generalconvention.org/home/legislative-resources> And if you would like to see the Episcopal News Services summary you can go to this link: <http://episcopaldigitalnetwork.com/ens/2015/07/07/general-convention-wrap-up-historic-actions-structural-changes/>

A075- Having the Episcopal Church Website provide a “button” on which to click that will lead to a list and linking of suitable Christian formation (education) sites.

D009- Revitalization of Congregations. “Promotes the revitalization of existing congregations within The Episcopal Church through the creation of a congregational revitalization network and creates a staff position to facilitate the creation of this network and coordinate training opportunities for congregational leaders. Calls for a Congregation Revitalization Venture Fund to be created to fund grants to existing congregations.”

D072- New Visions “Approves funding for continuing the New Visions initiative for Congregational Renewal and Vitality.”

D005- Creating a Capacity to Plant Churches. Directs creation of a church-wide network for planting congregations, training and recruiting planters, and establishing new congregations each triennium.

A054- Adopt Resources and Rites from “Liturgical Resources I: I Will Bless You and You Will Be a Blessing, Revised and Expanded 2015”

A045- Appoint Task Force for Clergy Leadership Formation in Small Churches

A061- Support Leadership Program for Musicians in Small Churches

A025- Support Native American Ministries Engaging At-Risk Teens Calls for the establishment of a rapid response to Episcopal Ministries that are engaged in intervention to prevent ongoing crises with at risk teens in Native American communities. Also calls for the Executive Council’s Committee on Indigenous Ministry’s Subcommittee on Adolescent Ministries to develop and administer a support system and financial resources that the Church can provide to these local communities.

A159 The Role of the Church in the Culture of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Recognizes the role of the Church in the culture of alcohol and other drug abuse and the need to update the current policy last updated at the 68th General Convention. Directs dioceses to work in partnership with The Episcopal Church Medical Trust, Recovery Ministries of The Episcopal Church, and community-based organizations in order to address and educate on the issues engendered by alcohol and other drug abuse.

D014 Question Ordinands About Addiction

Directs that sponsoring Clergy, Vestries, Commissions on Ministry, Standing Committees, and Bishops interviewing and evaluating Nominees, Postulants, and Candidates for Ordination explore directly issues regarding substance use in their lives and family systems.

A169 Establish a Process for the Revision of the Book of Common Prayer 1979

Requires the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music (SCLM) to prepare a plan for the comprehensive revision of the current Book of Common Prayer and present that plan to the 79th General Convention.

D060 Establish a Process for the Revision of the Hymnal 1982

Prison Ministry Report

This past year I have continued to offer a monthly communion service at Eastern Oregon Correctional Institution in Pendleton, on the fourth Wednesday of each month. There are generally from 10-14 inmates who attend on a regular basis, and occasionally a new inmate joins us. The inmates participate by reading the lessons, and they feel honored when asked to do so.

It is a privilege to be able to offer these services, and I am thankful to those people who take time out of their busy schedules to get me there and pick me up. They know who they are, and without them I would not be able to provide this service.

In addition to the above services, Phyllis and I continue to offer an Easter Morning Eucharist and a Christmas Morning Eucharist at EOIC. These services are very well received by the inmates, and we have an average attendance of between 60-80 inmates at each of these services.

Inmates in the woodshop at EOIC continue to cut out wooden pocket crosses for me, which I finish and send out to our military troops. This, I believe, helps them to feel like they are providing a ministry to our military personnel.

I am thankful to God for the opportunity to serve Him in this manner.

Doug Jerome
Prison Ministry Coordinator

Standing Committee Report
Diocesan Convention, October 2015

I would like to thank the members of this year's Standing Committee for their hard work and faithfulness as we continued in the process of planning for the transition of episcopal leadership. The ministry and leadership of Rev. Jed Holdorph, Rev. Ted Rodrigues, Ann Havill, Charlie Caglel and Kim McClain, the administrative assistance of Lisa Boquist, and the support of Rt. Rev. Bavi "Nedi" Rivera has been invaluable during this process.

This year the Standing Committee met in January, February, March, May, August, and September either in person or via Adobe Connect. Much of our focus this year has been on the search and transition process of calling a new bishop to the Diocese. We have been working in conjunction with the Search Committee under the leadership of the Rev. John Collins, and the Office of Pastoral Development of the House of Bishops. Currently we are preparing for the special electing convention which will take place in December. While we have accomplished much this year, we still have a lot of work ahead of us.

As all Standing Committees are charged to do, we gave consents as appropriate to other diocese in The Episcopal Church for starting the search for episcopal leadership, as well as the election of episcopal leadership. We also unanimously supported the ordination of John Collins to priesthood in June.

During the 2014-2015 year, Standing Committee continued to oversee property issues and concerns in the diocese, including but not limited to the sale of the Vicarage connected to St. James Milton-Freewater, and the continued use of 601 Union Street for the diocesan archives.

The other business of Standing Committee is to provide support to the Bishop. We do this part of our ministry by providing compassionate care and listening when there are confidential clergy disciplinary issues, as well as opportunities for healing and reconciliation that the Bishop can facilitate.

It has been my great pleasure and honor to serve as the President of Standing Committee this year.

God's Peace,

The Rev. Anna Carmichael
St. Mark's, Hood River

Bishop's Report
To The
45th 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, 2014 to September 30, 2015, since the 43rd Annual Convention.

VISITATIONS/EUCCHARISTS:	22
OTHER PARISH VISITS:	20
DIOCESAN MEETINGS:	38
BAPTISMS:	1
CONFIRMATIONS :	3
RECEPTIONS:	7
REAFFIRMATIONS:	1
LITURGIES AT ASCENSION:	2
APPROVAL OF POSTULANCY:	0
ORDINATIONS:	1

John Collins	Church of the Transfiguration, Sisters	06/06/2015
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CELEBRATIONS OF NEW MINISTRY:	3
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The Rev. Jed Holdorph,	Trinity Episcopal Church, Bend	11/30/2015
Pastor Katherine Brick,	St. Mark's, Madras	06/06/2015
The Rev. Jack Coffey,	St. Paul's, Klamath Falls	08/05/2015

CLOSING OF PASTORAL RELATIONSHIP:	2
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The Rev. Alison Dingley	Church of the Redeemer, Pendleton	10/15/2013
The Rev. Jim Mosier	St. Matthew's, Ontario	05/31/2015

DIOCESAN MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

Collegium	
Diocesan Council:	5
Standing Committee:	5
Ascension School Board:	1+
Finance Committee:	2
Commission on Ministry:	2
CTUIR Meeting, Pendleton	
Rededication of Trinity Church, Bend	
Ascension Camp Planning Meeting:	4
Worship Leader Training, Enterprise	
Ascension Capital Campaign Kick Off Events:	5
Church of the Redeemer Search Committee:	2

Discernment Meeting with St. Stephen's, Baker City
 Thanksgiving at Ascension School
 Appreciative Inquiry, St. Matthew's, Ontario
 Commission on Celebrating Diversity online meetings: 2
 Commission on Celebrating Diversity Retreat
 Adult Education, Ascension School
 Memorial service for Marcus Borg, Bend
 Memorial services for Bishop Kimsey, The Dalles and Cove
 Memorial Service for the Rev. Jerry Reynolds, Bend

MEETINGS AND EVENTS OUTSIDE THE DIOCESE:

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, Bishops and Executives: 1
 Province VIII House of Bishops, Navajoland
 Province VIII Transition Officers, Salt Lake City
 Province VIII Transition Ministers, Los Angeles
 House of Bishops, North Carolina,
 General Convention, Salt Lake City
 Bishops of Small Diocese, Salt Lake City
 Lutheran Episcopal Coordinating Committee, Chicago
 Family Systems Group: 2
 Memorial service for Marcus Borg, Portland
 Katrina Remembrance and Day of Service
 Ordination of Bishop of Diocese of Northwest Pennsylvania
 Sisters of the Community of St. Francis, Bishop Protector
 Order of the Community of the Paraclete, Bishop Visitor

Days spent in Diocese: 163

Days spent working while outside of the Diocese: 69 (House of Bishops, Bishops of Small Diocese, Transition Ministers, LECC, Province VIII, Etc.)

Statistical Reports

Diocese of Eastern Oregon

Vital Statistics of Congregations and Missions

Year in parentheses is last year of filing if not 2014

— Baptisms —

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	70	53	1	22	26	0	2	4
Bend	Trinity Episcopal Church	430	317	113	138	103	0	5	2
Bonanza	St Barnabas Episcopal Church	49	23	0	13	14	0	1	0
Burns	St Andrews Episcopal Church	18	18	0	25	48	0	0	0
Canyon City	St Thomas Episcopal Church	58	50	8	14	25	0	0	0
Enterprise	St Patricks Episcopal Church	20	19	1	10	22	0	1	0
Heppner	All Saints Memorial Epis Church	100	51	36	29	43	1	3	0
Hermiston	St Johns Episcopal Church	72	72	0	36	52	0	0	6
Hood River	St Marks Episcopal Church	185	100	30	56	102	0	0	1
Klamath Falls	St Pauls Episcopal Church	92	83	0	38	62	0	0	0
La Grande	St Peters Episcopal Church	51	40	5	21	48	0	0	0
Lakeview	St Lukes Episcopal Church	20	20	6	13	47	0	0	0
Madras	St Marks Episcopal Church	17	17	0	34	49	0	0	0
Milton Freewater	St James Episcopal Church	31	31	0	15	27	0	0	0
Nyssa	St Pauls Episcopal Church	32	32	0	9	39	0	1	0
Ontario	St Matthews Episcopal Church	89	40	5	35	58	0	1	1
Pendleton	Church of the Redeemer	129	84	3	52	48	3	3	2
Prineville	St Andrews Episcopal Church	38	38	1	20	29	1	0	0
Redmond	St Albans Episcopal Church	25	25	1	19	54	0	0	0
Sisters	Church of the Transfiguration	196	186	0	119	52	1	0	0
Sunriver	All Saints of the Cascades	67	67	0	157	52	0	0	0
The Dalles	St Pauls Episcopal Church	210	125	6	60	96	0	0	2
Total		1,999	1,491	216	935	1,096.00	6	17	18

Diocese of Eastern Oregon

Financial Statistics of Congregations and Missions

Year in parentheses is last year of filing if not 2014

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	51,471	52,062	60,748	56,403	11,565	5,016	61,359
Bend	Trinity Episcopal Church	360,945	361,634	671,240	433,200	81,215	223,977	674,545
Bonanza	St Barnabas Episcopal Church		0	0	0		0	0
Burns	St Andrews Episcopal Church	13,671	14,671	15,702	40,067	3,076	2,969	42,136
Canyon City	St Thomas Episcopal Church	19,672	22,081	35,480	20,141	4,410	12,915	30,879
Enterprise	St Patricks Episcopal Church	10,483	11,154	11,558	11,153	2,336	0	11,363
Heppner	All Saints Memorial Epis Church	21,277	65,779	74,369	64,667	5,948	6,440	73,257
Hermiston	St Johns Episcopal Church	57,350	57,566	80,640	57,566	12,881	7,315	63,719
Hood River	St Marks Episcopal Church	112,598	144,216	191,640	154,428	30,198	3,987	186,039
Klamath Falls	St Pauls Episcopal Church	60,066	78,206	107,114	70,540	14,327	5,870	80,977
La Grande	St Peters Episcopal Church	70,577	70,577	104,150	81,177	15,764	479	102,132
Lakeview	St Lukes Episcopal Church	7,494	8,497	12,697	9,822	1,763	6,257	15,640
Madras	St Marks Episcopal Church	2,476	2,476	2,476	557	557	0	557
Milton Freewater	St James Episcopal Church	19,621	23,343	29,727	25,987	5,406	4,724	32,371
Nyssa	St Pauls Episcopal Church	11,446	19,030	20,115	13,357	2,592	11,318	23,697
Ontario	St Matthews Episcopal Church	65,835	67,835	74,537	69,914	15,376	26,357	94,296
Pendleton	Church of the Redeemer	130,316	132,639	164,234	143,160	30,593	9,036	163,041
Prineville	St Andrews Episcopal Church	34,069	36,701	41,012	38,636	8,581	608	39,412
Redmond	St Albans Episcopal Church	25,467	26,395	28,849	29,731	6,748	10,407	30,171
Sisters	Church of the Transfiguration	251,807	280,217	280,617	277,196	65,311	28,410	305,606
Sunriver	All Saints of the Cascades	39,293	39,313	91,593	25,201	4,356	1,790	32,184
The Dalles	St Pauls Episcopal Church	124,761	163,927	193,810	144,768	36,884	50,124	198,676
Total		1,490,695	1,678,339	2,292,308	1,767,671	359,887	417,999	2,262,057

Canonically Resident Clergy
The Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon

Bishop:

The Rt. Rev. Bavi (Nedi) Rivera

Diocesan Assignment

Bishop

Canonically Resident Priests:

01-17-70	Richard H. Thew	St. Patrick's, Enterprise
09-01-93	*Alfred F. Miller	
03-09-95	*Daniel W. Gardner	
09-16-97	Nancy Sargent McGrath Green	All Saints of the Cascades/Sunriver Christian Fellowship
06-16-99	Douglas D. Jerome	Eastern Oregon Correctional Institute
11-30-99	*Serita V. Smith-Allen	
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	Rebecca Lanham Hendricks	St. James', Milton-Freewater
11-19-06	Aletha G. Bonebrake	St. Stephen's, Baker City
09-23-08	William Paul Morton	St. Alban's, Redmond
10-22-08	Charles Christopher	St. Alban's, Redmond
02-04-09	Roy D. Green	
05-19-09	*John "Jack" Erskine	
07-13-10	Anna K. Carmichael	St. Mark's, Hood River
02-24-11	*Kenneth V. King, Jr.	
03-19-11	Dan Lediard	St. John's, Hermiston
05-23-11	Kathryn Macek	St. Peter's, La Grande
11-13-14	Jed Holdorph	Trinity, Bend
06-06-15	John Collins	Transfiguration, Sisters

ELCA Clergy serving Episcopal parishes

07-01-10	Katy Anderson	All Saints Episcopal and Hope Lutheran, Heppner
07-01-11	Matthew Littau	St. Andrew's Episcopal + Peace Lutheran, Burns
07-01-14	Katherine Brick	St. Mark's Episcopal/Good Shepherd Lutheran,
	Madras	

Canonically Resident Deacons:

Diocesan Assignment

07-10-93	Sherry L. Hartley	St. Barnabas, Bonanza
03-23-96	Charles R. Barnes	St. John's, Hermiston
10-11-98	*Carol J. McClelland	
06-16-99	Jean S. Cupp	Church of the Redeemer, Pendleton
09-29-99	Stephen L. Schafroth	St. Paul's, The Dalles
05-01-02	Janet L. Warner	St. Andrew's, Prineville
06-10-06	Roger L. Fairfield	Church of the Transfiguration, Sisters
07-11-07	*Ruth Ellen Brown	
01-05-08	Gaye Hauk Lawson	Trinity, Bend
12-05-11	Georgia Giacobbe	St. Paul's, The Dalles
05-28-14	Marilyn Roth	St. Paul's, The Dalles

* 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."

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

12-09-60	Lawrence C. Ferguson	Prineville, OR	(priest)
08-03-75	Lawrence E. Fredrick	Sunnyvale, CA	(priest)
09-29-76	Kenneth W. Cryslar	Pendleton, OR	(priest)
09-24-78	Carol B. Rose	Casa Grande, AZ	(priest)
09-21-85	James D. Mosier	Ontario, OR	(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)
03-09-95	Roger V. Williams	Nyssa, 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)
08-10-99	Wilma M. Hoffer	Bend, OR	(deacon)
09-26-99	John W. Gilsdorf	Athena, OR	(priest)
01-06-02	Connie Boone	Cutting, CA	(deacon)
05-01-02	Janet M. Kozak	Madras, OR	(priest)
05-01-02	Laurence F. Mahon	Salem, OR	(deacon)
6-05-03	Mikel McClain	Portland, OR	(priest)
06-16-03	Sarah M. Stanton	Lacey, WA	(priest)
06-24-06	Martha Cornue Hurlburt	Walla Walla, WA	(priest)

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

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

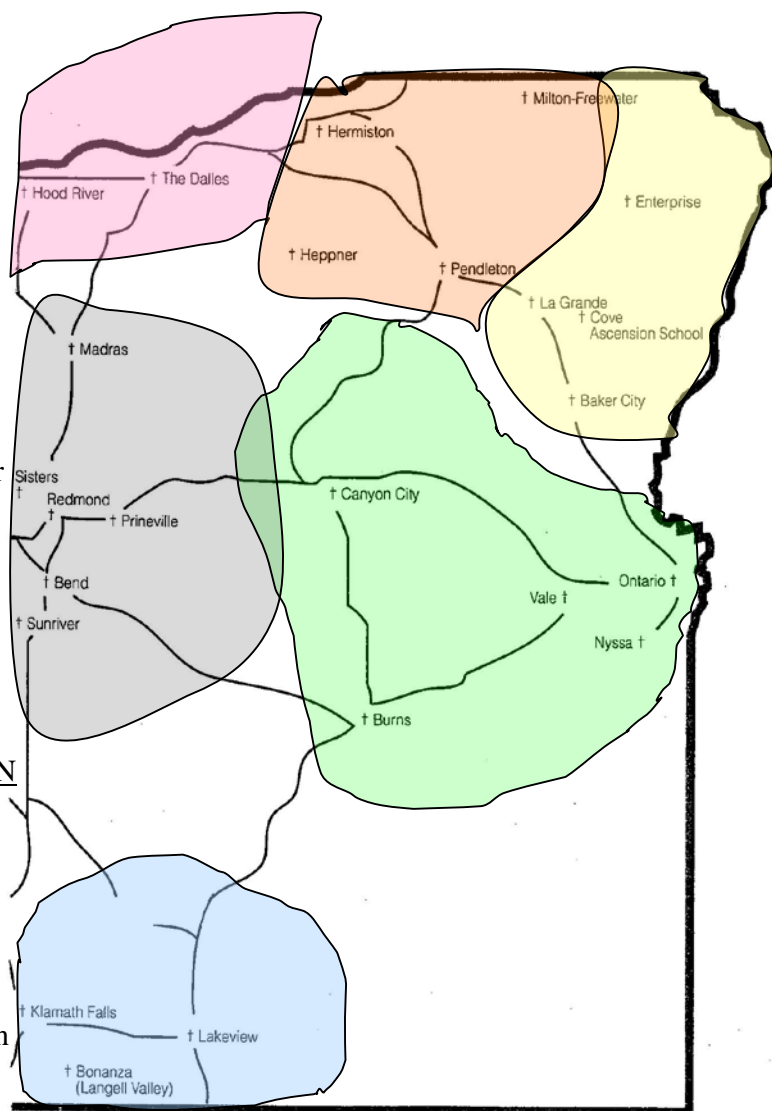
ONTARIO, St. Matthew's

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