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Chancellor

Mr. James Foster

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Proceedings
49th Annual Convention of the
Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon
October 18-20, 2019
Ascension School Camp and Conference Center
Cove, Oregon

Of One Mind; Creating Shared Values

Presiding: The Rt. Rev. Patrick Bell, Bishop

Friday, October 18, 2019

Friday's events were held at Ascension School Camp and Conference Center in Cove, Oregon.

Registration was held from 3:00 p.m.– 6:30 p.m. in Founder's Hall, the dining hall at Ascension School.

The following meetings were held Friday afternoon prior to the start of Convention:

- The Eastern Oregon Episcopal Foundation Annual Meeting was held from 4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Kimsey Commons Conference Room.
- The Episcopal Relief and Development parish representatives met from 4:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. in the Coe-Kerr Community Building, led by Bruce Barnes, ERD Coordinator for Eastern Oregon.
- The Eastern Oregon Episcopal Foundation Trustees met following the annual meeting from 4:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Kimsey Commons Conference Room.

Convention Call to Order and Bishop's Address:

Call to Order

At 6:00 p.m. the people gathered in the Coe-Kerr Community Building and Bishop Patrick Bell called the meeting to order. Doug Harder, Secretary of Convention, reported that a quorum in the lay order, in the clergy order, and a quorum of parishes were represented.

Welcome

Bishop Bell welcomed everyone to the 49th Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon. The Rev. Amy Jayne, Executive Director of Ascension School Camp and Conference Center, offered the opening prayer. The Bishop then offered his address titled: Of One Mind; Creating Shared Values. The printed version of the Bishop's address can be found in the pages immediately following these proceedings.

Prayers at the Close of the Day

The Rev. Kelly Mahon led the Prayers at the Close of the Day and the Convention was adjourned until Saturday morning.

Saturday, October 19, 2019

Saturday's events were held at Ascension School Camp and Conference Center in Cove, Oregon. Registration of late arrivals continued from 7:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.

Budget Review Session

Randy Heise, Treasurer of the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon, lead a budget review session from 8:00 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. in the Kimsey Commons Conference Room.

Business Session I:

Call to Order

Bishop Bell called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and asked Doug Harder, Secretary of Convention, to report on a quorum. Doug reported that a quorum in the lay order, in the clergy order, and a quorum of parishes were represented.

Welcome

Bishop Bell welcomed the delegates, clergy, and visitors to Ascension School. He asked that everyone take the time to acknowledge the peoples who historically inhabited the land, and asked Bobby Fossek, Habitat Manager for Ascension School, to speak about how the Grande Ronde Valley was once a gathering place for the Cayuse, Umatilla, Walla Walla, and Yakima nations, as well as other tribes. The Bishop also acknowledged that the land was given to the Diocese by people who were once owners of slaves, and that there were at least two slaves that accompanied Samuel French when he settled in Cove.

Announcements and Welcome

The bishop explained that conversations are open to all visitors, as well as lay and clergy delegates, however, only delegates and clergy with voting badges may vote on any motion or election.

Special guests, Juli Stratton, Pamela Lyons-Nelson, The Rev. Holladay Sanderson, and Bob Moore were all introduced. The Bishop invited Rev. Sanderson, the new dean of the High Desert School for Ministry, to tell the convention about the work that is being done by the students of the school.

Bishop Bell introduced the diocesan staff; Lisa Boquist, Diocesan Administrator, Amy Jayne, Ascension School Executive Director, Kim Lee, Operations Manager of Ascension School, and Lee Kiefer, Canon for Transition Ministry.

The current members of Standing Committee and Diocesan Council were asked to stand:

The Rev. Jed Holdorph	Standing Committee	Class of 2020
Gregg Henton	Standing Committee	Class of 2020
Barbara Reynolds Mayo	Diocesan Council	Class of 2020
The Rev. Joseph Farber	Diocesan Council	Class of 2020
The Rev. Roy Green	Standing Committee	Class of 2021
Julie S. Reynolds	Standing Committee	Class of 2021
The Rev. Aletha Bonebrake	Diocesan Council	Class of 2021

Kit Morgan	Diocesan Council	Class of 2021
Kay Sharp	Diocesan Council	Class of 2021

A special thank you was given to outgoing members of Council and Standing Committee:

Steve Winkle	Standing Committee	Class of 2019
The Rev. Mary Lujan	Standing Committee	Class of 2019
Adrienne Brown	Diocesan Council	Class of 2019
Beth Spell	Diocesan Council	Class of 2019
The Rev. Charlotte Wells	Diocesan Council	Class of 2019

The officers of the diocese were also introduced and asked to stand:

Doug Harder, Secretary of Convention
Randy Heise, Diocesan Treasurer
James Foster, Chancellor

New Positions and Assignments

The bishop announced the following new positions and assignments in the diocese:

- Sean Rogers – Lay Pastor, St. Matthew’s, Ontario
- Roberta Smythe, Lutheran Pastor at St. Peter’s, La Grande
- AnnMarie Hardin, Ordained as Priest on July 20th
- Mary Anne Gard, transferred to EDEO from Oregon
- Amy Jayne, Executive Director of Ascension School
- Students from the HDSM:
 - o Katy Nesbitt
 - o Dan Jeffery
 - o Sean Rogers
 - o Pam Miller
 - o Taylor Clark
 - o Nancy Koontz

Transitions

The following transitions happened in the diocese:

- Lee Kiefer, retiring as Canon for Transition Ministry on Dec. 31, 2019.
- Ray Jeff Spreier, will be ordained to the Diaconate on Dec. 7, 2019.

Farewells

The Bishop honored the passing of the following EDEO clergy:

- The Rev. Ken Crysler
- The Rev. Bob Herlocker

Ascension School Report

Amy Jayne, Executive Director of Ascension School presented a report on the camp and conference center.

Workshop Session 1

At 9:45 a.m. convention attendees were given the option to attend 1 of 4 different hour long workshops:

- **Engaging in Courageous Conversations:** Awakening to The Possibilities of Transformation led by Juli Stratton.
- **Calling all Lay People!** Conversations about Lay Ministry led by Members of the Commission on Ministry.
- **Tish Croom Nature Trail Visioning Session** led by Amy Jayne and Bobby Fossek.
- **A Conversation on Universal Health Care in Oregon** led by Pamela Lyons-Nelson, Convener of Diocesan Commission on Poverty and Homelessness, Chair of Diocesan-mandated Task Force for Universal Health Care.

Conversations with Bishop Bell

At 11:00 a.m. convention attendees gathered with Bishop Pat for conversations and visioning about life together in the Diocese of Eastern Oregon.

Noonday Prayer and Lunch

At noon Doug Harder and Flossie Keeler led Noonday Prayer, which included a necrology, and lunch was served at 12:15 p.m. in Founder's Hall.

Business Session II:

Resolutions

The Rev. Jed Holdorph presented the first reading of the Tish Croom Trail Resolution:

Nature Restoration and the Tish Croom Trail

RESOLVED that the 49th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon affirms the Nature Restoration and Tish Croom Trail Project on the Ascension School property; and be it further RESOLVED that the 49th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon encourages members and congregations of the Diocese to explore other ways to engage in Creation Care projects.

Explanation:

The Episcopal Church is actively engaged as a leading witness on stewardship of the environment and creation care. Our Church is a founding member of Creation Justice Ministries, whose mission is "to educate, equip, and mobilize faith communities to protect, restore, and more rightly share God's creation."

The Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon has a unique opportunity to intentionally do just that in returning agricultural lands at Ascension School to their more natural state, doing so by planting habitat that serves as a preserve for animals and plants, the latter including First Foods long gathered by our Cayuse, Umatilla, and Walla Walla sisters and brothers.

Sponsored by: The Right Reverend Patrick Bell

Courtesy Resolutions

The Rev. Jed Holdorph presented the following courtesy resolutions:

As our gathering this weekend for the 49th Convention of the Diocese of Eastern Oregon is a reminder that we are members of a larger Church, “penetrated with connectedness” and “penetrated by relatedness” in the Body of Christ, be it

Resolved, that the clergy and laity of the Diocese of Eastern Oregon extend greetings to our brothers and sisters in the neighboring Diocese of Spokane, and their bishop Gretchen Rehberg, offering our prayers for them as they gather this weekend for their Diocesan Convention in Pasco, October 18-20; and be it further

Resolved, that the laity and clergy of the Diocese of Eastern Oregon extend greetings to our sisters and brothers in the neighboring Diocese of Oregon, and their bishop Michael Hanley, offering our prayers for them as they gather for their Diocesan Convention in Salem, October 24-26; and be it further

Resolved, that the clergy and laity of the Diocese of Eastern Oregon extend greetings to our sisters and brothers in the neighboring Diocese of Idaho, our partners in the High Desert School for Ministry, and their bishop Brian Thom, offering our prayers for them as they gather for their Diocesan Convention in Burley, November 8-10; and be it further

Resolved, that the clergy and laity of the Diocese of Eastern Oregon extend greetings and appreciation to Holladay Sanderson, the dean of High Desert School of Ministry, for her work on our behalf and her invitation to us all to imagine the possibilities; and be it further

Resolved, that the laity and clergy of the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon extend greetings to our brothers and sisters in the Oregon Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and their *new* bishop Laurie Larson Caesar; and be it further

Resolved, that the clergy and laity of the Diocese of Eastern Oregon extend greetings and affection to the Rt. Reverend Bill Gregg, 6th Bishop of our Diocese; and be it further

Resolved, that the laity and clergy of the Diocese of Eastern Oregon extend greetings and affection to the Rt. Reverend Nedi Rivera, 7th Bishop of our Diocese; and be it further

Resolved, that the clergy and laity of the Diocese of Eastern Oregon extend greetings and affection to Gretchen Kimsey, giving thanks for her ongoing presence as a member of this most blessed fellowship here in God’s Country.

Consent Calendar

- Confirmation of Officers of the Diocese
 - o Chancellor: James Foster
 - o Secretary of Convention: Douglas Harder 2019-2021
 - o Treasurer of the Diocese: Randy Heise 2019-2021
- Election of Ecclesiastical Disciplinary Board Class of 2022
 - o The Rev. Joyce Atchley
 - o Rev. Rebecca Hendricks
 - o G Royes

- Confirmation of Commission on Ministry members Class of 2022
 - o D. David Silva
 - o The Rev. Aletha Bonebrake
 - o Marty Nyman

M/S/C Motion to approve the Consent Calendar. (The Rev. Jed Holdorph, Barbara Reynolds)

Elections and Confirmations

Standing Committee-Clergy

The Rev. Ann Marie Hardin (nominated by The Rev. Charlotte Wells) and The Rev. Kelly Mahon (nominated by The Rev. Roy Green) were introduced as candidates for the Class of 2022 Standing Committee clergy position.

M/S/C The Rev. Kelly Mahon was elected by written ballot to the Standing Committee, Class of 2022.

Standing Committee-Lay

M/S/C Steve Winkle was elected by unanimous ballot to the Standing Committee, Class of 2022.

Diocesan Council-Clergy

M/S/C The Rev. Charlotte Wells was elected by unanimous ballot to the Diocesan Council Class of 2022.

Diocesan Council-Lay

M/S/C Adrienne Brown and Ellen Nesbitt were elected by unanimous ballot to the Diocesan Council Class of 2022.

General Convention Deputy-Clergy

The candidates for clergy deputies to General Convention 2021 were presented: The Rev. Roy Green, The Rev. Nancy Sargent Green, The Rev. Jed Holdorph, The Rev. Charlotte Wells, and The Rev. Janet Warner (nominated by Gretchen Kimsey)

M/S/C The Rev. Roy Green, The Rev. Nancy Sargent Green, The Rev. Jed Holdorph, and The Rev. Janet Warner were elected by written ballot as Clergy Deputies to General Convention 2021. The Rev. Charlotte Wells was elected as the alternate.

General Convention Deputy-Lay

The candidates for lay deputies to General Convention in 2021 were presented: Randy Heise, Helen Keefe, Patricia Knollman, Ellen Nesbitt, Barbara Reynolds, and Terry Rahmsdorff.

M/S/C Randy Heise, Helen Keefe, Barbara Reynolds, and Terry Rahmsdorff were elected by written ballot as Lay Deputies to General Convention 2021. Patricia Knollman and Ellen Nesbitt was elected as the alternates.

Workshop Session 2

At 1:45 p.m. convention attendees were given the option to attend 1 of 4 different hour long workshops – see previous session for workshop titles.

Conversations with Bishop Bell

At 3:00 p.m. convention attendees gathered with Bishop Pat for conversations and visioning about life together in the Diocese of Eastern Oregon.

Blessing From the Land

At 4:00 p.m. convention attendees gathered in Kimsey Commons for a special service titled “Blessing From the Land” to acknowledge the gifts of the land at Ascension School, particularly the newly formed Tish Croom Nature Trail.

Banquet

At 5:00 p.m. convention gathered in the Coe Kerr Community building for the annual banquet. Special guest Bob Moore spoke about the partnership between Ascension School, Trinity Episcopal Church, and the COPY program (Central Oregon Partnerships for Youth). Bishop Pat presented Bob with the Bishop’s Cross in appreciation for all that he has done to support the youth in the COPY program and for his support of Ascension School.

The Ascension Banner was presented to St. Mark’s, Hood River.

Bishop Pat also presented Melanie Tromp Van Holst and Bobby Fossek with special Pendleton Wool blankets in thanksgiving for their work on the Tish Croom Nature Trail.

Sean Rogers led Prayers at the End of the Day.

Sunday, October 20, 2019

Business Session III:

2020 Proposed Budget

Bishop Bell introduced Diocesan Treasurer Randy Heise to present the 2020 budget recommended by Diocesan Council to Convention.

M/S/C Motion to approve the 2020 Diocesan Budget as presented. (Adrienne Brown, Nod Palmer)

General Convention Resolutions

Doug Harder presented the following resolutions referred from the 79th General Convention:

The 79th General Convention proposed several changes to the Constitution of The Episcopal Church (TEC). In accordance with Article XII of the TEC Constitution, it is the responsibility of each Diocese to make known such proposed alterations to its Convention prior to the 80th General Convention in 2021, and to certify that such action has been taken.

The text of each proposed amendment can be found at <https://generalconvention.org/gc79>. The following is a summary of the amendments, many of which are technical in nature:

A063: amends Constitution Article X to permit a General Convention to approve alternate and additional liturgies as a supplement to the Book of Common Prayer.

A089: amends Constitution Articles VI and VII to ensure consistency in the Constitution and Canons with respect to referring to a Church denomination being in “full communion” with The Episcopal Church.

A122: Amends Article IX of the Constitution to delete the word “removal” in paragraph 6. In 1994, the General Convention amended Title IV of the Canons (the disciplinary canon) by eliminating “removal” as a sentence and adding Admonition as a sentence. However, the reference to “removal” in Article IX of the Constitution was not changed.

A150: Amends Article I.2 of the Constitution to make consistent the use of the term “Bishop Suffragan” throughout the Constitution and Canons. The last sentence clarifies the meaning of a bishop “exercising” or “having” jurisdiction, including jurisdiction over areas that are not dioceses such as Navajoland, the Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe (over which the Presiding Bishop exercises jurisdiction), and Guam (over which the Presiding Bishop exercises jurisdiction).

A151: Amends Article II.4-8 of the Constitution as follows:

- Section 4: To make the titles of bishops consistent throughout the Constitution and Canons.
- The amendment to Section 5 clarifies that a Bishop Suffragan may be placed in charge of a diocese and exercise jurisdiction as the Bishop Diocesan Pro Tempore until a successor is consecrated if the Bishop Diocesan dies, resigns or is removed from office or until the Bishop Diocesan returns to office if the absence is temporary.
- The amendment to Section 8 clarifies that a total of five years of combined service, served consecutively, as Bishop Coadjutor and then Bishop Diocesan is required before the bishop may be elected elsewhere.

A152: Amends Article III of the Constitution to correct a typographical error.

A153: Amends Article IV of the Constitution to make the titles of bishops consistent throughout the Constitution and Canons.

A176: Amends Article V of the Constitution with respect to procedures required to form a new Diocese.

A183: Amends Article IX to provide for the possible creation of a provincial, church-wide, or other way of providing for the discipline of Priests and Deacons, as an alternative to each Diocese maintaining its own separate disciplinary structure.

Resolutions

Jed Holdorph presented the 2nd reading of the Tish Croom Nature Trail Resolution and called for a vote.

M/S/C Motion to approve the Tish Croom Nature Trail as presented. (Alexis McCarthy, Mark Welch)

Courtesy Resolutions

Jed Holdorph presented the following courtesy resolutions:

As our gathering this weekend for the 49th Convention of the Diocese of Eastern Oregon has been an example of hospitality shared with the whole diocesan family, be it

Resolved, that the attendees of the 49th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon give thanks to Roy Green, chair of this year's Diocesan Convention Committee, and to the other members, Bill Brisson, Flossie Keeler, Vicki Kelsey, Patti Knollman, Marilyn Roth, Kelly Mahon, Sean Rogers, and Janet Warner; and be it further

Resolved, that the attendees of the 49th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon give thanks to Lisa Boquist, Kim Lee, and Amy Jayne, and to the all the staff at Ascension, for their generous hospitality this weekend; and be it further

Resolved, that the attendees of the 49th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon give thanks to those who have crafted our liturgies this weekend, and led us in worship, particularly Sean Rogers, Kelly Mahon, Roy Green, Janet Warner, and Gretchen Kimsey; and be it further

Resolved, that the attendees of the 49th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon give thanks to Maarten Tromp van Holst for the beauty he creates and the vases he has made for us; and be it further

Resolved, that the attendees of the 49th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon give thanks to Melanie Tromp van Holst for the always amazing food, providing us in abundance with food for the journeys before us.

Unfinished Business

Nancy Condron from St. Andrew's in Prineville gave an update on their new church location and invited members to an open house on November 2nd. She also invited members to the ordination to the diaconate of Ray Jeff Spreier at Meadow Lakes Country Club on December 7th.

Bishop Pat brought the Convention Committee members to the front and thanked them for their service, with a special thank you to The Rev. Roy Green, The Rev. Marilyn Roth, and Patti Knollman who are finishing their term on the committee.

Time and Date of Convention

The 2020 Diocesan Convention will be held on October 16-18 in Pendleton.

The 2021 Diocesan Convention will be held on October 15-17 in Central Oregon.

Bishop Pat expressed his hope that the 2024 Convention will be held back at Ascension School, not only to commemorate 100 years of camp at Ascension School, but also because it will be his last convention as Bishop of Eastern Oregon.

He addressed the concerns that many smaller dioceses within the Episcopal Church share and talked about ways that some are creatively addressing those concerns. One possibility that has been discussed would be the possibility of sharing a bishop between two dioceses. A logical choice for that scenario in Eastern Oregon's case would be to explore that possibility with the Diocese of Idaho. Not only do we share a border, but also the diocese is very similar in size and culture. It will require further discussion, but the bishop wished to share the possibility with convention.

Convention Offering

The Convention Offering will be got to purchase prayer books for Grace Chapel and to support the Tish Croom Nature Trail project at Ascension School.

Adjournment

Convention was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Convention Eucharist

The Eucharist service was held at 10:00 a.m. in the Coe Kerr Community Building. The Rev. Roy Green preached the sermon and Bishop Bell presided.

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Douglas Harder
Secretary of Convention

Bishop's Address

OF ONE MIND: Creating Shared Values

From Hildegard of Bingen, a German Benedictine abbess, writer, composer, philosopher, Christian mystic, visionary, and polymath) comes this prayer. Let us pray:

“Holy Spirit, you are the mighty way in which everything that is in the heavens, on the earth, and under the earth, is penetrated with connectedness, is penetrated with relatedness.” Amen

Our focus for this weekend is the ongoing practice of becoming of one mind, an intentionality we will address more thoroughly tomorrow during our active sessions together. I chose this theme based on my reading of Tod Bolsinger's book, Canoeing the Mountains: Christian Leadership in Uncharted Territory, in which I was struck by his emphasis on the strategic importance of organizations identifying and living by shared values, which in Christian terms is synonymous with shared mind.

I believe the themes of my Convention addresses I have shared with you over the last three years are important, but until we together find what directs us as one into our future even those concepts will be but sounds of silence, written on subway walls or only as flashing lights without substance. Bolsinger's words seem fitting to begin us on our three-day journey:

In *The Starfish and the Spider*, Ori Brafman and Rod Beckstrom write about decentralized “starfish: organizations of the future that run more like “networks” than “corporations.” Brafman and Becstrom sight what they call Rule 8 (or what I have called the “Really, Really Important Rule #8”). I have already mentioned it: shared values *are* the organization. IF “leadership shaped culture by default or design,” then whether it is a more traditional hierarchical organization or an emerging network, in a world that is now increasingly diverse, decentralized, post Christendom and fat, this work of instilling and protecting shared values is more important than ever. Indeed, the *primary* work of technical leadership is clarifying and reinforcing shared values.

We are going to work together tomorrow on a process of identifying our shared values.

As I pondered our effort to do this, I realized we can only begin this process when we understand how critical it is that we begin by embracing the truth of Hildegard's spiritual insight - the essential connectedness of all things - of God with us, of us with each other, and us with all people and all creation.

“Relation is the essence of everything that exists.”

Meister Eckhart (13th century German theologian & mystic)

Our society, our world is fractured. In the midst of our separation, and because of it, people are suffering and dying, our earth is being degraded, our future is placed in peril. As followers of Jesus, we have as a central theme the hope of an antidote - reconciliation and connection,

through the process of inviting and embracing people who are walking without connection under the flickering neon lights.

A recent article in the Atlantic asserted this truth:

“Across generations, Americans seem to be suffering from, and dying of, new levels of loneliness in an age of crumbling institutions.”

(“Elite Failure Has Brought Americans to the Edge of an Existential Crisis

The nuclear family, God, and national pride are a holy trinity of the American identity. What would happen if a generation gave up on all three?” SEP 5, 2019. in The Atlantic, by Derek Thompson)

The award-winning author Maya Angelou captured this well in her 1970’s era poem:

Alone

Lying, thinking
Last night
How to find my soul a home
Where water is not thirsty
And bread loaf is not stone
I came up with one thing
And I don't believe I'm wrong
That nobody,
But nobody
Can make it out here alone.

Alone, all alone
Nobody, but nobody
Can make it out here alone.

There are some millionaires
With money they can't use
Their wives run round like banshees
Their children sing the blues
They've got expensive doctors

To cure their hearts of stone.
But nobody
No, nobody
Can make it out here alone.

Alone, all alone
Nobody, but nobody
Can make it out here alone.

Now if you listen closely
I'll tell you what I know
Storm clouds are gathering
The wind is gonna blow
The race of man is suffering
And I can hear the moan,
'Cause nobody,
But nobody
Can make it out here alone.

Alone, all alone
Nobody, but nobody
Can make it out here alone.

(From Oh Pray My Wings Are Gonna Fit Me Well by
Maya Angelou. Copyright © 1975 by Maya Angelou.)

It is incumbent on us to connect with one another in moving forward into our future through shared values that guide us in our mission of serving one another and the world. We in Eastern Oregon have a solid basis on which to continue this work, but we can always do better. And that is the work we are about this weekend.

This is a new time for us as Church, as we have tried to make clear over the last several years, a time of uncertainty and a time of possibility. We need to be clear about our task. The Celtic writer familiar to many other of you, John O'Donohue, speaks to this clearly, when he writes:

“We have fallen out of belonging. Consequently, when we stand before crucial thresholds in our lives, we have no rituals to protect, encourage, and guide us as we cross over into the unknown. For such crossings we need new words.”

John O'Donohue in *To Bless the Space Between Us*

Our task this weekend is to begin to find those words in identifying what it means to be of one mind, to share values that guide our mission and life together - to recognize our connection to one another and how life giving that connection is.

Allow me to share a story about life giving, or at least life serving, connectedness. And this story comes from what might have been an easily dismissed teacher.

Marsha Owen, known also as Sally Stanford in later years, was a madam, restaurateur, a Council member and the mayor of Sausalito, California. Born Mabel Janice Busby, in Baker City, Oregon in 1903, Stanford moved to San Francisco in 1924. From 1940 to 1949, she operated a famous bordello at 1144 Pine Street, on Nob Hill, in a house designed by architect Stanford White.

This story is shared by Bishop John Thornton in his new book, *The Brooks Brothers Suite*:

At exactly eleven, I walked into the chapel. There was a closed casket, handsome as caskets go. There was a large flowered wreath on a stand. Thought there were at least fifty folding chairs, only one of them was occupied. Marsha Owen was sitting on it. The Keaton brothers stood at the back. To honor the man who had died, it was Marsha Owen, the Keaton brothers and I. I read the burial service from the 1928 Book of Common Prayer. Marsha and the Keatons chimed in with the responses. You could tell they were practiced at this. Having no knowledge about the dead man, I hadn't prepared a eulogy. Marsha stood and told us his story.

He was the dishwasher at Valhalla. Everything meaningful in his life took place at that restaurant. He washed dishes with the exactitude of a neurosurgeon. He stacked the clean dishes with the flare of a juggler. He hated to go home. He lived in a cramped basement apartment in Sausalito. He never married. He had no family. He had no friends. He was

unsociable and uncommunicative. His sole connection to the human race was through Marsha Owen, his goddess. His heart was as pure as soapsuds.

(It was one of the Keaton brothers who told me that, when the dead man was diagnosed with cancer and that it had spread throughout his organs, Marsha moved him into her house. She cooked for him, had some meals sent up from Valhalla, washed his dirty dishes. She did his laundry. Paid for the doctors. Paid for the nurses. Paid for anything he wanted in the last weeks and days of his life. He wanted nothing more than he already had. And in advance, Marsha paid the Keatons and the cemetery and the florist for what they would do to make the burial of the greatest dishwasher who ever lived a beautiful thing.)

Marsha and I rode to the cemetery in the back seat of the family car, right behind the hearse. A motorcycle cop led the way, headlights flashing. At the cemetery, the Keatons and two grave-diggers and Marsha and I doubled as the pall-bearers. We said prayers. The casket was lowered into the grave. Our voices were lowered to a stillness. We stood there, thinking. I thought about all the expense Marsha had gone to. I turned to her and said, "Marsha, it cost you a lot of money to do this. But love doesn't keep a ledger, does it?" Her answer was in the tears that welled up in her eyes.

We need to be connected - what happens in Bonanza should matter in Bend, and what happens in Hood River matters in Heppner, and what in LaGrande, so in Lakeview.

So tomorrow we begin working on shared values - and let me draw your attention to a definition of our work that you have in your packets. Before you retire tonight, please read this again. Let your thoughts and dreams in the darkness tonight begin to focus on the words you want others to hear which you see as guides for our future.

A WORKING DEFINITION OF SHARED VALUES

Shared values are the articulated beliefs that provide the framework to guide actions and judgments within an organization. These values represent a unique cultural philosophy, not a program.

From "WHY YOUR NONPROFIT VALUES MATTER MORE THAN YOU THINK" on website Pursuant

Minutes from the EOEF Annual Meeting

The Eastern Oregon Episcopal Foundation
October 18, 2019 Ascension School in Cove

Present

The Rt. Rev. Patrick Bell		Trustee Chair
Jerry Frazier	St. Paul's, The Dalles	Trustee Treasurer
Dave Keeler	Redeemer, Pendleton	Trustee Vice Chair
Gretchen Kimsey	St. Paul's, The Dalles	Trustee Secretary
Joel Bigelow	St. Stephen's, Baker City	Trustee
Laurance Kerr	St. Paul's, The Dalles	Trustee
Pat Brim-Williams	St. Paul's, The Dalles	Trustee

Absent

Charles Cagle	St. Andrew's, Burns	Trustee
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Certified voting members who signed in for the Annual Meeting

Beth Bigelow	St. Stephen's	Baker City
Terry Rahmsdorff	Trinity	Bend
Beth Spell	St. Thomas	Canyon City
Cyde Estes	Hopeful Saints	Heppner
Alexis McCarthy	St. John's	Hermiston
Vicki Kelsey	St. Mark's	Hood River
Kerry Forman	St. Paul's	Klamath Falls
Marty Nyman	St. James's	Milton Freewater
Dave Keeler	Redeemer	Pendleton
Nancy Condron	St. Andrew's	Prineville
Mike Fowler	St. Paul's	The Dalles

Other annual meeting attendees (visitors are always welcome)

Janet Warner	EDEO	
Julie Reynolds	St. Thomas	Canyon City

Meeting was called to order by Bishop Pat with a prayer.
Eleven congregations were present with a required quorum of eleven.
Minutes were accepted as read.

Financial Report

Jerry Frazier reviewed assets and liabilities. A report is attached.
Dave Keeler reported about the Duncan farm, a 221 acre parcel of dry land wheat and peas in alternating years, located SE of Adams, OR. Dave suggested the wheat in storage should be sold as the market is now strong again, which will bring to the Foundation approximately \$46,327.98 in the year 2020 with 1/3 going to Ascension School, 1/3 going to the Foundation and 1/3 going to EDEO.

The subject of where our total investments should be held will be discussed at the Trustee's meeting which will follow the Annual Meeting.

Jerry assured those attending an audit will be at least started if not completed by the next Annual Meeting in October of 2020 in Pendleton.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gretchen Kimsey, Secretary

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 region of the diocese.

Adrienne Brown, Diocesan Council	Transfiguration, Sisters
The Rev. Mary Lujan, Standing Committee	St. Mark's, Hood River
Beth Spell, Diocesan Council	St. Thomas, Canyon City
The Rev. Charlotte Wells, Diocesan Council	Redeemer, Pendleton
Steve Winkle, Standing Committee	St. Mark's, Hood River

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 address the resolutions that are introduced with various reports. The Committee also prepares Courtesy Resolutions. The Committee may respond to the Bishop's Address, proposing action by Convention and the Diocese in the form of recommendations or resolutions, as appropriate.

The Rev. Jed Holdorph-Chair	Trinity, Bend
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Tellers: Task: to distribute items including ballots, to count ballots, and report elections to the President of the Convention.

Amy Jayne	Ascension School, Cove
The Rev. Aletha Bonebrake	St. Stephen's, Baker City
Jim Spell	St. Thomas, Canyon City
Beth Spell	St. Thomas, Canyon City

Convention Committee: Task: to recommend recipients of the Convention offerings.

Diocesan Council has accepted the recommendation of the Convention Committee and has designated the 2019 Convention offering to support the purchase of *Hear My Voice*, a prayer book for Grace Chapel and the Tish Croom Trail Project.

Time and Place of 2020 Diocesan Convention:

Church of the Redeemer, Pendleton	October 16-18, 2020
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2020 Budget

2020 Proposed EDEO Budget

	A	B	C	D	H	J	M
					2018 Actuals	2019 Budget	2020 Budget
1		Ordinary Income/Expense					
2		Income					
3		Assessments					
4			Prior Year Assessments				
5			Current Year Assessments		\$339,189	\$389,092	\$345,000
6		Total Assessments			\$339,189	\$389,092	\$345,000
7							
13		Other Income					
14			Duncan		\$10,000	\$4,000	\$10,000
15			HDSM		\$0	\$0	\$10,565
16			Convention Income		\$14,866	\$10,000	\$10,000
17			Donations		\$0	\$0	\$600
18		Total Other Income			\$24,866	\$14,000	\$31,165
19							
20		Grants /Loans					
21			Found. Grant Retired Clergy Ins.		\$8,400	\$8,400	\$8,400
23		Grants/Loans			\$8,400	\$8,400	\$8,400
24							
25		Total Investment Income			\$45,000	\$44,000	\$44,000
26							
27		Transfers In					
28			Ministry Formation		\$12,700	\$12,500	\$10,000
29			Strategic Dev. Fund		\$4,000	\$0	\$11,500
30			Medical Reserve		\$11,000	\$11,000	\$11,000
31		Total Transfer In			\$27,700	\$23,500	\$32,500
32							
33		Total EDEO Income			\$445,155	\$478,992	\$461,065

2020 Proposed EDEO Budget

	A	B	C	D	H	I	M
					2018 Actuals	2019 Budget	2020 Budget
1		Ordinary Income/Expense					
34							
35		Expense					
36		The Larger Church					
37			EMO-Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon		\$0	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
38			Province VIII		\$1,700	\$1,890	\$0
39			TEC - The Episcopal Church		\$36,600	\$40,165	\$43,000
40			Theological Education - HDMS		\$7,820	\$8,000	\$8,000
41		Total The Larger Church			\$46,120	\$52,055	\$53,000
42							
43		Offerings					
44			SDG's - Sustainable Dev. Goals		\$3,000	\$3,000	\$2,100
45		Total Offerings			\$3,000	\$3,000	\$2,100
46							
47		Ministry Support					
48			Diocesan Commissions				
49			Diversity Commission		\$0	\$500	\$100
50			Environmental Justice Commiss.		\$0	\$500	\$100
51			Prison Ministry		\$0	\$500	\$100
52		Total Diocesan Commissions			\$0	\$1,500	\$300
53							
54		Total Commission on Ministry			\$4,068	\$6,000	\$4,000
56							
57		Conferences & Memberships					
58			Lambeth Reserve		\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
59			Chancellor		\$2,331	\$2,500	\$2,500
60			The Epis. Network for Stewardship (TEN)		\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
61			Conferences- Other		\$1,063	\$0	\$1,750
62		Total Conferences & Memberships			\$6,394	\$5,500	\$7,250
64							
66		Total Convention			\$19,227	\$10,000	\$10,000
67							
68			Diocesan Council/Standing Committee		\$4,819	\$10,000.00	\$6,000.00
69			Finance Committee		\$203	\$500	\$300
70		Total Diocesan Council/Standing Committee			\$5,022	\$10,500	\$6,300

2020 Proposed EDEO Budget

A	B	C	D	H	J	M
	Ordinary Income/Expense			2018 Actuals	2019 Budget	2020 Budget
1						
71		Faith Formation/Continuing Ed				
72		Clergy		\$849	\$2,500	\$1,000
73		Collegium		\$9,748	\$14,000	\$10,000
75		Lay		\$1,500	\$2,000	\$500
76		Resource Library/Publications		\$273	\$200	\$200
78		Total Faith Formation/Continuing Ed		\$12,371	\$18,700	\$11,700
79		Canonical Training				
80		Background Checks		\$42	\$100	\$100
81		Total Canonical Training		\$42	\$100	\$100
82						
83		General Convention Reserve		\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000
84						
85		Youth Reserve		\$500	\$500	\$300
86						
87		Total Staff Expense		\$10,298	\$7,000	\$7,000
88						
89		Total Ministry Support		\$69,921	\$71,800	\$58,950
90						
91		Total Bishop Expenses		\$60,169	\$44,000	\$50,000
92						
93		Personnel				
94		Payroll				
94		Bishop		\$23,585	\$23,585	\$23,585
95		Bishop Housing		\$10,760	\$10,761	\$10,761
96		SS Premium		\$2,845	\$2,846	\$2,846
98		Ascension Executive Director		\$43,905	\$49,470	\$48,960
99		Ascension Operations Manager		\$38,500	\$39,270	\$40,055
100		Executive Secretary		\$51,000	\$52,020	\$53,091
101		Total Payroll		\$170,595	\$177,952	\$179,298
102		Total Payroll Expenses		\$3,984	\$3,559	\$3,586
103		Total Payroll Taxes		\$12,010	\$12,457	\$12,551
104		Pension				
105		Lay Staff Pension		\$11,675	\$12,750	\$9,185
106						
107						

2020 Proposed EDEO Budget

A	B	C	D	H	J	M
	Ordinary Income/Expense			2018 Actuals	2019 Budget	2020 Budget
1						
108		Total Pension		\$11,675	\$12,750	\$9,185
109		Medical and Life Insurance				
110		Bishop		\$13,827	\$13,100	\$15,792
111		Lay Staff		\$23,415	\$29,500	\$19,056
112		Life Insurance		\$1,088	\$1,200	\$1,200
113		Retirees Supplemental Med. Ins.		\$8,460	\$8,400	\$8,400
114		Total Medical and Life Insurance		\$46,790	\$52,200	\$44,448
115						
116		Total Total Personnel		\$245,054	\$258,918	\$249,067
117						
118		Contracted Services				
119		Audit		\$0	\$6,500	\$6,500
120		Communication and Promotion		\$1,635	\$3,000	\$3,000
121		Bookkeeping/Payroll Services		\$6,439	\$4,020	\$4,000
122		Legal Fees		\$150	\$500	\$500
123		Archive Project		\$0	\$0	\$300
124		Misc. Contracted Services		\$0	\$0	\$0
125		Transition Minister		\$12,395	\$15,000	\$13,500
126		Total Contracted Services		\$20,619	\$29,020	\$27,800
127						
128		Administration				
129						
131		Technology		\$2,701	\$4,500	\$2,500
132		Other Expense		\$64	\$0	\$0
133		Office Supplies		\$1,557	\$1,500	\$1,500
134		Photocopies and Printing		\$3,368	\$3,000	\$3,500
135		Postage		\$793	\$1,000	\$1,000
136		Telephone		\$240	\$240	\$240
137		Credit Card Fees		\$393	\$0	\$0
138		Total Administration		\$9,115	\$10,240	\$8,740
139		Total Administration/Contracted Ser.		\$29,734	\$39,260	\$36,540

2020 Proposed EDEO Budget

A	B	C	D	H	J	M
				2018 Actuals	2019 Budget	2020 Budget
1	Ordinary Income/Expense					
140						
141	Physical & Real Property					
142			Repair and Maintenance	\$478	\$500	\$500
143			Repair and Maintenance Reserve	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$500
144	Total Maintenance			\$1,478	\$1,500	\$1,000
145						
146	Insurance and Taxes					
147			General Insurance Package	\$7,893	\$9,000	\$8,666
148			Property Taxes	\$1,430	\$1,300	\$1,500
149	Total Insurance and Taxes			\$9,324	\$10,300	\$10,166
150						
151	Total Expense			\$464,800	\$480,833	\$460,823
152						
153	Total EDEO Income			\$445,155	\$478,992	\$461,065
154	Total EDEO Expense			\$464,800	\$480,833	\$460,823
155	Balance			-\$19,645	-\$1,841	\$242
156						
157	Ascension School Total Income			\$224,914	\$271,400	\$321,250
158	Ascension School Total Expense			\$285,497	\$305,093	\$321,030
159	Balance			-\$60,584	-\$33,693	\$220
160	Transfers Approved by Council			\$58,427	\$33,333	
161				-\$2,157	-\$359	
162						
163	Total Combined Budget Income			\$728,496	\$783,725	\$782,315
164	Total Combined Budget Expenses			\$750,297	\$785,925	\$781,853
165	Balance			-\$21,801	-\$2,200	\$462
166						

Reports To Convention

Archives/Historiographer Project Report

With so much of our information transmitted digitally these days, it continues to be a challenge to track our important digital files. This year I continued reorganizing the digital files we already had stored for the archives, especially newsletters that are no longer hard copy but digital, including *Connections* and Bishop Nedi Rivera's *Blessings*. While researching a project, I noted that our listing of the digitized microfilm collection did not match what was on the physical listings of the actual microfilm, so that was totally scrutinized and updated with a more accurate listing for any future access. Also, in the digital realm, when I came across a particularly old document, I scanned it to ensure a record was kept of it.

Fortunately, our former archivist left behind many scanned photos. This year I continued to add to that collection by scanning clergy photos that had hung in The Dalles Diocesan Office and others that were located in a photo box. Digital formats are easier to manipulate and provide to others interested in the photographic record. You can see some of these on the display table at this year's convention.

I continued research of Eastern Oregon's history in order to extend the book *Episcopal Mission and Ministry in Eastern Oregon Country*. In order that the communities and churches are not forgotten, I refocused my attention on churches that had been formed but closed down for various reasons, including Cross Keys, Vale, and Summer Lake. The Antelope Community Church has played a unique role in Eastern Oregon history, and I have begun work on that perhaps as a separate story or article.

Ongoing cataloging and preserving of our collection continues and work will always need to be done. What remains after that initial move in 2013 is almost completed, but the collection continues to grow. Most recently I brought back large old bibles from the Kimsey Commons conference room, and they were reviewed and packed away carefully for the future.

And one local project that needs historical support is the upcoming November celebration of the 140th anniversary of the consecration of the original St. Paul's, The Dalles on Union Street. It was a joy to discover the enthusiasm of that original congregation to retire the debt of the church and move forward as the Episcopal Church in The Dalles.

This year Lisa Boquist of the Diocesan Office has challenged me with a question from time to time to answer archival questions that come up. As historian, I am always happy to answer any questions or provide information needed for the mission of our diocese. Always feel free to contact me.

Dcn. Georgia Giacobbe

Ascension School Report

Check out our Fall 2019 Edition of The Circle for more details!

New Executive Director – The Search Committee worked through winter and early Spring of 2019 and in June, Amy Jayne was hired to serve as Executive Director. This feels like old news now! She is loving the position (and her new home in Barton House) and Jason, Jonah, and Micah are enjoying life in Cove.

Summer Camp 2019 – We had incredibly gifted summer staff and volunteer team and were able to host Discovery, Beginners, Senior High and Combined Camp (for a total of 124). As many are aware, near the end of the Combined Camp, noro-virus swept through staff and campers, and we made the tough (but right!) decision to send campers home a day early. Under the advisement of Public Health, we closed camp for the remaining of the season. We were so sad not to have our Junior Highers come this year but are excited to offer a **Junior High Spring Break Retreat from March 21-24, 2020**. Stay tuned for registration details!

If you are interested in serving as volunteer staff in 2020, contact amy@coveascensionschool.com.

Camperships – We want to celebrate the incredible generosity of those throughout our Diocese who gave to various campership funds. Thank you for your partnership in ministry!

- Through Local Parishes: 27 camperships
- Through the Cove COPY Program (Trinity in Bend): 29 camperships
- Through Ascension School: 29 camperships

Facility and Grounds – In late 2018, the Advisory Board made the wise decision to bring an outside assessor onsite to evaluate all of our structures and create a comprehensive engineering report. This is becoming an important document for facility decisions with the staff and advisory board.

Check out some of our facility projects in 2019:

- Kimsey, Chapel and Barton Painting and Repairs
- Acoustics, Sound and Visual Installation in Coe-Kerr
- Kimsey Parking Lot and Sidewalk Extensions
- Cement pathway connecting Coe-Kerr and Founders – including ADA ramp
- Siding, Painting and Roofing of White House and adjacent Pump House
- Installation of Drip Irrigation System on Founders, Morris, Kimsey and Coe-Kerr
- Fiber-Optic Installation for the improvement of internet services

Renting and Sharing our Facility – Ascension School is rented and/or utilized by dozens of organizations throughout the year. Here are a few that we hosted in 2019:

- Quilting Groups and Guilds
- AA Retreats and Meetings
- Diocesan Meetings and Retreats
- Cove Cherry Fair
- Monthly Senior Meals
- High Desert School of Ministry
- Silent Retreats
- Cove School District's Theatre Program
- Adult Education
- North Powder Outdoor School
- OSU Summer Agriculture Institute
- Family Reunions
- Weddings

Bisbee Fund Ministry Partnership Grant – 2019
St. James' Episcopal Church – Milton-Freewater, OR

Thanks to the generous Bisbee Fund Ministry Partnership Grant of \$800, our local Breadbasket Emergency Food Center has installed a large stainless-steel sink and faucet with a back splash and counter. This new sink accommodates the cleaning and packaging of fresh produce for distribution, as well as the cleaning of tubs and crates used for transporting food. This replaces a small, nearly unusable sink.

The Breadbasket Emergency Food Center is a community based, all-volunteer, non-profit organization which began in 1986 by ministers and concerned citizens to provide for individuals and families experiencing food insufficiency. This ministry also offers assistance in locating appropriate resources along with providing food. The Breadbasket operates through cash and food donations received from our area churches, community groups, local businesses, and individuals who partner together in this ministry.

Nearly 27% of our residents in Milton-Freewater live below poverty level, compared to 11% statewide. Since our economy is agriculturally based, many jobs in our area are seasonal. This makes the Breadbasket a vital resource. In 2017, 2,463 households were served, and this included 168 new households. Of the total of 8,915 people served, 3,433 were children. Nearly 14,000 bags of groceries were distributed.

The board president of the Breadbasket sends the following message: “Our ability to provide a cleaner and more sanitary space to prepare food for our clients has improved 100%! Thank you so much for your generosity!”

On behalf of our community, we deeply appreciate the Bisbee Fund Ministry Partnership Grant in helping to feed those who are hungry.

Blessings,

The Rev. Rebecca Hendricks
St. James' Episcopal Church
Milton-Freewater, OR

Commission on Ministry

The Commission on Ministry for 2018-2019 was comprised of the following people: John Collins, Beth Spell, Kathy Thew, Katy Anderson, David Silva, Jan Kozak, Diane Adams, Aletha Bonebrake, Linda Quinn, and Marilyn Roth. Lee Kiefer and Bishop Pat.

Since our last convention COM has met four times, with one of those meetings taking place by phone and one on the morning of the 2019 EDEO Convention. The commission has focused on the following priorities: (1) The partnership between the Diocese of Idaho and EDEO continued their efforts to offer training for the diaconate and priesthood. High Desert School of Ministry was administered by the Rev. Canon Lucinda Ashby this last year (2) Lay ministry forms were updated and a Lay Ministry Guidebook was mailed to all parishes (3) The fall of 2019 the following people will be enrolled in the High Desert School of Ministry: Katie Nesbit (Yr. 2), Dan Jeffrey (Yr. 2), Sean Rogers (Yr. 2), and Pam Miller (Yr. 1) (4) COM will continue to follow these four people as they continue their discernment process for ordination.

Ann Marie Hardin, from the Episcopal Church of the Redeemer in Pendleton, Oregon graduated with a Masters in Divinity from the Church Divinity School of the Pacific in June of 2019. Ann Marie was ordained a Transitional Deacon in January of 2019 and ordained a priest in July 2019.

EDEO will be in their second year of partnership with the Diocese of Idaho this fall to expand current ways to offer a cost-effective way for people to become academically trained as deacons and priests. This partnership has benefited both dioceses, but thus far all students attending HDSM have come from the Diocese of Eastern Oregon.

The current description for High Desert School of Ministry can be seen on the web sites of each diocese, giving the following brief description: The High Desert School of Ministry (HDSM) is a local three-year program of formation for ordained ministry—diaconate or priesthood.

HDSM is a partnership between the dioceses of Eastern Oregon and Idaho. The partnership is a part of the Iona Collaborative, which is a local formation program developed out of the Seminary of the Southwest. Iona originated as a formation program out of the Diocese of Texas.

Our current Dean, The Reverend Canon Lucinda Ashby from the Diocese of Idaho, will be exchanging a canon role for a bishop role in the Diocese of El Camino Real in January of 2020. Once again Idaho has brought forth an excellent replacement by the name of The Rev. Holladay Sanderson. Holladay was a priest originally from the Diocese of Spokane and recently retired from the Diocese of Idaho. Holladay has committed to serve as the HDSM dean for 2 to 3 years, and we welcome her expertise and commitment.

Once again, I offer a brief summary of the schedule for the High Desert School of Ministry. Students entering the program will meet for 10 months under The Rev. Holladay Sanderson's instruction, with training beginning the 3rd weekend of September 2019 at Ascension School and

Conference Center in Cove, Oregon. Please visit the EDEO web site to gain more information about the High Desert School of Ministry.

Diane Adams and Jan Kozak, and Aletha Bonebrake updated the Lay Licensed Ministry forms, and finished this task during the summer of 2019. A Lay Ministry notebook was compiled.

Once again 2018-2019 was a busy year for the Commission on Ministry, but much was accomplished with this wonderful group of people. There is future hope that the High Desert School of Ministry will begin to offer certain lay training classes in the future, but this idea is still in the planning stages.

During the June 2019 meeting, Diane Adams replaced Marilyn Roth as Chair of the Commission on Ministry.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Marilyn Roth

Cursillo Report

The word Cursillo means 'short course'....a short course in Christianity and is a Spanish word reflecting the nation where Cursillo began many years ago. Cursillo in Eastern Oregon was born in the mid-seventies when a neighboring diocese brought it to our diocese as a gift. And such a gift it has been....helping Christians learn more about Jesus and His Gospel....the Way of Love.... through example and action. Today there are over four hundred names on Eastern Oregon's Cursillo Community mailing list.

During this past year the governing board of Cursillo here in EO has been working hard in an effort to revise its by-laws. This has been a big job, but with the guidance and perseverance of Cyde Estes, this latest revision will hopefully be affirmed by the Community when it meets in Pendleton the last weekend in September.

Over the past two years a new DVD has been produced and made available to each of our parishes in Eastern Oregon. It is also available on YOU TUBE by typing in Eastern Oregon Cursillo Community and scrolling down to the video symbol. Feel free to watch it and share it with others.

For the first time in Eastern Oregon's Cursillo history a Spring Retreat was held at Ascension School in May of 2019. It was designed for those people who had already made their Cursillo and was a time for refreshment and renewal. It was well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by all who came. Future plans are to have a Cursillo weekend every other year and the Spring Retreat on alternating years. The next Cursillo will be at Ascension School April 30-May 3. For more information about Cursillo you may call me at 541-296-5628 or email me at gretchenbk@gorge.net.

Cursillo continues to have a strong life here in EO despite challenges over the years. I am grateful for the leadership in place and for all those who have kept the Cursillo movement alive. I would like to close with our Mission Statement. "Cursillo is an ecumenical community of faith, love and hope, that supports and energizes individuals in their search for discovery of and renewal in Christ".

In Christ,
Gretchen Kimsey

Diocesan Council Report

Diocesan Council met in retreat at Ascension School and Conference Center in Cove on November 1-3, 2018. Bishop Pat led the council through a workshop centered around The Way of Love. Beth Spell was elected Co-chair to serve with Bishop Pat and Joseph Farber was elected Vice-chair. Reports from Standing Committee, Ascension School and the Financial committee were shared.

A Zoom meeting was held on January 26, 2019. Council voted to approve the recommendations of the Bisbee Grant Committee grant \$1500.00 to St. Peter's, La Grande for their K House college ministry and \$800.00 to St. James, Milton Freewater for a new sink for their Breadbasket ministry. Reports from Standing Committee, Ascension School, and the financial committee were given. Bishop Pat reported on his work and the recent staff retreat and Innovative Leadership Initiative at Lutheran Seminary.

Diocesan Council met May 16-17, 2019 at the church of the Redeemer in Pendleton. Amy Jayne, newly hired Executive Director of Ascension School was introduced. The Ascension School Nature Restoration and Tish Croom Trail Project was discussed. Reports were heard from the Standing Committee, the Financial committee and the convention planning committee. Bishop Pat reported on the upcoming Lambeth Conference and led a discussion on diocesan commissions.

Council met at St. Andrew's Burns, Oregon on September 6-7, 2019. Prior to the meeting was a tour of the new Biomass facility. Ascension advisory board appointments were made. Reports were presented by the Standing, Financial and Convention committees and from the Ascension School Executive Director, Amy Jayne. Bishop Pat reported on the ongoing work of the diocese, the Faithful Innovative Leadership Conference and recognized outgoing members of council.

Respectively submitted,
Beth Spell
Outgoing Diocesan Council Co-chair

Episcopal Relief & Development

Activities regarding Episcopal Relief & Development in Eastern Oregon rolled fairly smoothly this past year for the most part. However, from about May on, our diocese has been, in effect, without the presence of an Episcopal Relief and Development Coordinator.

First, I resigned the role of Province 8 Episcopal Relief & Development Coordinator, but this has minimal effect on my role as coordinator for the diocese.

Second, it happened that my wife and I had been planning and building a new home, with the move-in falling into place about May 1st. This date unfortunately collided with the Episcopal Relief & Development Annual Network Meeting. So, I canceled my trip to the network meeting. Shortly after move-in, hauling too many boxes caught up with me on June 4th with a hernia (lesson learned - never skip the Network Meeting meeting!) Complications kept me in the hospital 26 days. I'm on the mend, and am so thankful for those who have prayed, sent wishes and helped us.

Where things stand now:

Communications:

A major part of our role in the diocese is to keep a flow of information going to our church members about the ongoing and ever-broadening work of Episcopal Relief & Development. My part in this chain of communications has been about zero since May. However, I know that our local parish representatives do a great job in their role, and often receive information directly through email news, from postal mailings, and through checking the latest news on the episcopalrelief.org website. I am grateful for the work of these local representatives.

New changes:

There is a new Episcopal Relief & Development Campaign being rolled out this summer and fall, called "ONE THOUSAND DAYS OF LOVE." Episcopal Relief & Development's work with children is essential to our integrated programs and partnerships with local churches and communities in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. This campaign will help us empower more families in more places, enabling more Children to reach their full potential. We hope to have materials regarding the campaign at the convention.

Also, please note on the website and on Episcopal Relief & Development literature, the new Logo for the organization which was released this past spring.

Last winter we pulled together a Disaster Team for our diocese, to help our communities and congregations prepare for and in emergencies to facilitate communications with the diocese, the congregations and the disaster office at Episcopal Relief & Development. This team never quite got to the first meeting when my "perfect storm" hit, and it is my full intent to make sure this gets fully off the ground this fall.

Prayerfully,

Bruce Barnes

Episcopal Relief & Development Coordinator

Standing Committee Report

The six members of your Standing Committee - Mary Lujan, Steve Winkle, Jed Holdorph, Gregg Henton, Julie Reynolds and Roy Green – offered counsel for the Bishop and work with the Chancellor and Diocesan Staff to support the work of the Church in Eastern Oregon. We supported the move of St Andrew's, Prineville, to their new location, considered maintenance proposals for diocesan-owned property in The Dalles, continued grounds care for the property at Nyssa, and briefly considered alternate uses of that property. Members of the Standing Committee also serve on Diocesan Council, and that report details actions taken by the full body.

Canonical responsibilities of Standing Committees include serving council of advice for the bishop, certification of persons in the ordination process, approval of transactions concerning property in the diocese, consenting to election of bishops in other dioceses, reviewing cases of misconduct presentments and to serve as Ecclesiastical Authority in the absence of a diocesan bishop.

The Standing Committee:

Elected Steve Winkle of St Mark's, Hood River, to fill the unexpired Standing Committee term of Mary Link, All Saints of the Cascades, Sunriver.

Endorsed the ordination to the Diaconate and subsequently to the Priesthood of Ann Marie Hardin, Church of the Redeemer, Pendleton.

Endorsed, on recommendation of the Commission on Ministry, Ray Jeff Spreier for Candidacy.

Gave consent to the elections of:

The Rev Phoebe A. Roaf as Bishop of the Diocese of West Tennessee,
The Rev Thomas James Brown as Bishop of the Diocese of Maine,
The Rev Canon Kathryn McRossen Ryan as Bishop Suffragan of Texas,
The Rev Megan Traquair as Bishop of the Diocese of Northern California,
The Rev Canon Susan Brown Snook as Bishop of the Diocese of San Diego,
The Rev Dr Cathleen Chittenden Bascom as Bishop of the Diocese of Kansas,
The Rev Jennifer Ann Reddal as Bishop of the Diocese of Arizona,
The Rev Canon Cristobal Olmedo Leon Lozana as Bishop of the Diocese of Ecuador Litoral,
The Rev Mark D. W. Eddington as Bishop of the Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe,
The Rev Kimberly D. Lucas as Bishop of the Diocese of Colorado,
The Rev Dr Jonathan H. Folts as Bishop of South Dakota,
The Rev Dr Shannon MacVean-Brown as Bishop of Vermont,
The Rev Dr Bonnie Anne Perry as Bishop of the Diocese of Michigan,
The Rev Canon Lucinda Ashby as Bishop of the Diocese of El Camino Real,
The Rev Dr Martha E. Stebbins as Bishop of the Diocese of Montana, and
The Rev Dr Lennon Yuan-Rung Chang as Bishop of the Diocese of Taiwan.

Respectfully submitted, The Rev Roy Green, President

UTO Coordinator Report

Continuing to maintain a connection between our diocese and the United Thank Offering (UTO) was my focus for this past year. By following their information, I am happy to announce that the total ingathering from all dioceses increased, and the UTO board awarded thirty-three grants. Our diocesan ingathering in 2018 totaled \$2472.38.

Along with awarding deserving grants, your generous donations of thankfulness also go to other ministries. One is the Julia Chester Emery intern. In 2019-2020, Isabelle Watkins of Shreveport, Louisiana has been named and began her internship July 1. These interns act both as a liaison with the UTO board and staff and are supported with this internship with a specific ministry. Isabelle will be working in Jasmine Road, in South Carolina, a UTO grant site and facility to help women who have been victims of abuse.

In 2019, no congregation or mission from EDEO applied for a United Way Grant. Nevertheless, I still followed the grant process calendar and deadlines to ensure none of us missed the opportunity. The process usually opens up in February of each year, so if you need to apply, look toward the early part of next year.

As UTO coordinator I continue to receive e-mails from the missioner for United Way, Heather Melton, and from the Province VIII UTO representative. The newest Province VIII representative is Kate Mietus, who resides in Spokane, Washington.

In the past I have tried to include some messages of thankfulness and gratitude in the *Connections*. With fewer issues of the diocesan newsletter, I will seek new ways to convey the UTO message to our congregations. This year at convention look once again for a table of UTO information and materials. All will be available for anyone to use and take. I have had a year to be grateful for and I hope you have, too.

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Requested reports were not received from the following:

- Bisbee Grant Report – St. Peter's, La Grande
- Commission on Celebrating Diversity
- Prison Ministry

Statistical Reports

Diocese of Eastern Oregon

Vital Statistics of Congregations and Missions

Year in parentheses is last year of filing if not 2018

— BAPTISMS —

City	Congregation	Active Members	Communicants in Good Standing	Others Active	Average Sunday Attendance	Sunday Furnishings	16 yrs and Older	Under 16 Years	Confirmed or Renewed
Baker City	St Stephens Episcopal Church	62	44	3	17	29	0	1	0
Bend	Trinity Episcopal Church	498	401	5	149	106	0	2	1
Bonanza	St Barnabas Episcopal Church	27	13	0	6	11	0	0	0
Burns	St Andrews Episcopal Church	15	15	0	17	47	0	0	0
Canyon City	St Thomas Episcopal Church	66	50	0	18	26	0	0	0
Enterprise	St Patricks Episcopal Church	20	20	0	11	11	0	1	0
Heppner	All Saints Memorial Epis Church	98	46	27	30	46	0	0	0
Hermiston	St Johns Episcopal Church	71	71	0	3	52	0	0	2
Hood River	St Marks Episcopal Church	95	80	6	52	104	1	0	0
Klamath Falls	St Pauls Episcopal Church	65	65	0	21	27	0	0	0
La Grande	St Peters Episcopal Church	38	34	9	20	22	0	1	2
Lakeview	St Lukes Episcopal Church	32	0	8	8	13	0	0	0
Madras	St Marks Episcopal Church	10	7	80	34	45	0	0	0
Milton Freewater	St James Episcopal Church	32	32	0	15	26	0	1	0
Ontario	St Matthews Episcopal Church (2017)	106	39	5	35	40	0	0	0
Pendleton	Church of the Redeemer	141	83	0	67	48	0	0	3
Prineville	St Andrews Episcopal Church	36	36	0	16	33	0	1	0
Redmond	St Albans Episcopal Church	20	20	0	11	0	0	0	0
Sisters	Church of the Transfiguration	206	206	15	99	62	0	0	0
Sumner	All Saints of the Cascades	61	61	0	139	52	1	2	0
The Dalles	St Pauls Episcopal Church	191	98	6	52	104	0	0	0
Total		1,890	1,421	164	820	904	2	9	8

Diocese of Eastern Oregon

Financial Statistics of Congregations and Missions

Year in parentheses is last year of filing if not 2018

City	Congregation	Plate & Pledge Income	REVENUE			EXPENSE		
			Operating Revenue	Total Revenue	Operating Expense	To the Diocese	Outreach & Development	Total Expense
Baker City	St Stephens Episcopal Church	40,446	42,446	54,392	44,186	7,676	13,863	57,136
Bend	Trinity Episcopal Church	413,528	424,326	739,990	441,764	95,473	253,660	733,786
Bonanza	St Barnabas Episcopal Church	5,387	5,562	5,562	8,824	1,228	500	8,824
Burns	St Andrews Episcopal Church	13,374	13,374	48,435	15,607	3,024	35,602	50,971
Canyon City	St Thomas Episcopal Church	15,450	18,300	25,630	17,460	3,400	5,400	22,460
Enterprise	St Patricks Episcopal Church	13,622	13,622	15,659	15,104	3,067	800	15,687
Heppner	All Saints Memorial Epis Church	24,331	107,962	119,190	111,240	5,169	20,356	129,596
Hermiston	St Johns Episcopal Church	58,896	62,157	63,203	43,991	13,129	17,625	61,462
Hood River	St Marks Episcopal Church	125,862	135,112	137,773	106,905	30,400	3,309	109,566
Klamath Falls	St Pauls Episcopal Church	39,651	68,832	72,551	55,589	7,910	3,066	59,815
La Grande	St Peters Episcopal Church	54,510	54,893	61,922	51,335	12,093	6,368	58,883
Lakeview	St Lukes Episcopal Church	5,284	5,883	10,083	2,397	2,347	1,174	3,571
Madras	St Marks Episcopal Church	3,758	3,758	3,758	1,016	1,016	0	1,016
Milton Freewater	St James Episcopal Church	21,068	38,645	40,912	31,175	8,618	16,074	44,183
Ontario	St Matthews Episcopal Church (2017)	46,810	48,810	48,810	52,901	10,289	1,626	52,901
Pendleton	Church of the Redeemer	152,091	159,565	181,272	137,152	40,654	17,449	165,994
Prineville	St Andrews Episcopal Church	22,422	30,036	33,770	29,486	5,112	6,262	36,044
Redmond	St Albans Episcopal Church	31,840	31,840	31,840	32,474	4,475	4,540	32,474
Sisters	Church of the Transfiguration	244,986	244,986	270,167	238,825	56,389	8,528	267,353
Sunriver	All Saints of the Cascades	240,264	325,863	603,134	306,276	9,786	63,242	353,137
The Dalles	St Pauls Episcopal Church	120,272	177,686	199,990	163,835	27,490	24,187	191,966
Total		1,693,852	2,013,658	2,768,043	1,927,542	348,745	503,631	2,456,825

Canonically Resident Clergy

The Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon

Bishop:

The Rt. Rev. Patrick Bell

Diocesan Assignment

Bishop

Canonically Resident Priests:

09-21-85	James D. Mosier	Prison Ministry Commission
09-01-93	*Alfred F. Miller	Damascus, Oregon
03-09-95	*Daniel W. Gardner	Greenwood, Arkansas
03-23-96	Charles R. Barnes	St. John's, Hermiston
09-16-97	Nancy Sargent Green	All Saints of the Cascades, Sunriver - Honorary Canon
05-01-02	Janet M. Kozak	COM
11-18-03	Mary R. Lujan	Non-parochial, Hood River
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	Silverton, Oregon
02-04-09	Roy D. Green	Standing Committee President
05-19-09	*John "Jack" Erskine	Sisters, OR
02-24-11	*Kenneth V. King, Jr.	Johnstown, PA
05-28-14	Marilyn Roth	St. Paul's. The Dalles
11-19-14	Jed Holdorph	Trinity, Bend
06-06-15	John Collins	Church of the Transfiguration, Sisters
12-11-15	Charlotte Wells	Church of the Redeemer, Pendleton
05-19-16	Willa Goodfellow	St. Andrew's, Prineville
05-16-17	Joseph Farber	Church of the Transfiguration, Sisters
11-17-18	P. Kelly Mahon	St. Mark's, Hood River
07-30-19	Ann Marie Hardin	Non-parochial, Pendleton
09-05-19	Mary Anne Gard	Non-parochial, Sunriver

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
06-06-15	Katherine Brick	St. Mark's Episcopal + Good Shepherd Lutheran, Madras
05-01-16	Jack Coffey	St. Paul's, Klamath Falls
09-10-19	Roberta Smythe	St. Peter's, La Grande

Canonically Resident Deacons:

06-16-99	Jean S. Cupp	Church of the Redeemer, Pendleton
05-01-02	Janet L. Warner	St. Matthew's, Ontario
06-10-06	Roger L. Fairfield	Church of the Transfiguration, Sisters
01-05-08	Gaye Hauk Lawson	Trinity, Bend
11-09-17	Joyce Atchley	St. Thomas, Canyon City

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)
01-17-70	Richard H. Thew	St. Patrick's, Enterprise	(priest)
08-03-75	Lawrence E. Fredrick	Sunnyvale, CA	(priest)
09-24-78	Carol B. Rose	Casa Grande, AZ	(priest)
10-15-86	Gary J. Young	Hood River, OR	(priest)
07-13-88	John A. Langfeldt	The Dalles, OR	(priest)
01-04-89	Robert J. Crum	Portland, OR	(priest)
04-29-91	Robert P. S. Kaye	College Place, WA	(priest)
03-15-92	Carol A. Parker	Prineville, OR	(priest)
05-22-94	Janet C. Schiering	Hood River, OR	(priest)
04-22-95	Stephen P. Uffelman	Prineville, OR	(priest)
06-10-98	Richard E. Attebury	Moscow, ID	(priest)
10-11-98	Carol J. McClelland	Vancouver, WA	(deacon)
08-10-99	Wilma M. Hoffer	Bend, OR	(deacon)
09-26-99	John W. Gilsdorf	Athena, OR	(priest)
11-30-99	Serita V. Smith-Allen	Hood River, OR	(priest)
01-06-02	Connie Boone	Cutting, CA	(deacon)
06-05-03	Mikel McClain	Portland, OR	(priest)
06-16-03	Sarah M. Stanton	Lacey, WA	(priest)
07-16-03	Richard S. Landrith	Lakeview, OR	(priest)
06-24-06	Martha Cornue Hurlburt	Walla Walla, WA	(priest)
09-23-15	John Nesbitt	Enterprise, OR	(priest)
03-19-11	Dan Lediard	Kennewick, WA	(priest)
05-23-11	Kathryn Macek	Colorado Springs, CO	(priest)
03-22-16	Richard (Red) Stevens	The Dalles, OR	(priest)
12-05-11	Georgia Giacobbe	St. Paul's, The Dalles	(deacon)
09-29-99	Stephen L. Schafroth	St. Paul's, The Dalles	(deacon)
09-09-16	Lee Kiefer	Canon for Transition Ministry	(priest)

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

* Asterisk beside the names on pages G-1 and G-2 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."

Lay Delegates
Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon
49th Annual Convention, October 18-20, 2019

SW – Senior Warden

JW - Junior Warden

D – Elected Delegate

A – Elected Alternate

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

St. Stephen's, Baker City

Joel Bigelow, SW

Molly Larsen, JW

Beth Bigelow, D

Carol Harley, A

Trinity, Bend

Deborah Welch, SW

David Depew, JW

Mark Welch, D

Terry Rahmsdorff, D

Jean Bissell, D

Carolyn Richardson, D

Cathy Ann Douglass, D

Bill Brisson, A

St. Barnabas, Bonanza

Delana Heidrich – SW

St. Andrew's, Burns

Charlie Cagle, SW

St. Thomas, Canyon City

Julie Reynolds, SW

Jim Spell, JW

St. Patrick's, Enterprise

Ann Hayes, SW

Katy Nesbitt, JW

All Saints, Heppner

George Nairns, SW

Bill McDowell, JW

Cyde Estes, D

Cody High, A

St. John's, Hermiston

Thomas Ditton, SW

Lester McMasters, JW

Alexis McCarthy, D

Kerry Tassie, A

Angela Pursel, A

St. Mark's, Hood River

Victoria Kelsey, SW

Nealya Cargill, JW

Sally Goeke, D

Susan Lalor, D

Jasinta Rajamoney, A

Linda Bitter, A

St. Paul's, Klamath Falls

Anthony Walz, SW

Kerry Tingley, JW

Penny Hamilton, D

St. Peter's, La Grande

G Royes, SW

Nod Palmer, JW

Meleah Sheehy, D

Najaria Esty, A

St. Luke's, Lakeview

Deborah Watts, SW

Lisa Ackerman, JW

Joann Dickson, D

St. Mark's, Madras

Marcia Black, SW

Linda Jackson, D

St. James', Milton-Freewater

Marty Nyman, SW

Terry Nyman, JW

Homer Bozarth, D

Lynn Crawford, A

St. Matthew's, Ontario

Bob Quinn, SW

Randy Miles, JW

Trina Sherman Martinez, D

Vicki Mosier, A

Grace Chapel, Ontario

Linda Quinn, D

Church of the Redeemer, Pendleton

David Neslon, SW

Diane Groff, JW

Sarah Hardin, D

Liz Cahill, A

Flossie Keeler, A

St. Andrew's, Prineville

Nancy Condron, SW

Richard Potter, JW

Jan Uffelman, D

St. Alban's, Redmond

Larry Abney, SW

Gard Eriksen, JW

Susan Burgess, D

Church of the Transfiguration, Sisters

Cory Bradshaw, SW

Marjorie Tipton, JW

Terry Buchholz, D

Marsha Lewis, D

Helen Keefe, A

All Saints of the Cascades, Sunriver

Randy Heise, SW

Bob Sharp, JW

Patti Knollman, D

Mary Link, A

St. Paul's, The Dalles

Mike Fowler, SW

Jill Darrow, JW

Patricia Fowler, D

Mike Nagle, D

Phil Swartz, A

Diocesan Council, Lay Delegates

Kay Sharp

Kit Morgan

Beth Spell

Barbara Mayo

Adrienne Brown

Standing Committee, Lay Delegates

Julie Reynolds

Secretary of Convention

Doug Harder

Treasurer

Randy Heise

Chancellor

James Foster