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in the
EPISCOPAL DIOCESE
OF THE RIO GRANDE

PHOTO BY RAYMOND RANEY
The waters of the Rio Grande wind through our Diocese from North to South and all along the way it brings LIFE. If you fly into El Paso or Albuquerque, or if you're lucky enough to see the Big Bend from the air you can see it clearly - a stripe of green through the desert. Along the banks of the river trees are growing, trees which have no business growing in the desert, trees which are only growing because of that grand river.

And what trees! As the cottonwoods grow they stretch out their branches, reaching for the sunlight. As they reach out, they create shade beneath their branches and in that shade grasses grow, and smaller bushes. Animals and birds live in those grasses, bushes and trees. And when the cottonwoods drop their leaves about this time of year they add organic matter, minerals and nutrients to the sandy desert soil - creating mulch for yet more life next spring.

A tree's root system is as wide as the tree is tall - there are at least as many roots under the ground as branches reaching up and out! The vast root structure anchors the tree - keeping it from being toppled by strong winds. And when water is scarce the roots go deeper and deeper until they find water deep in the earth. The habitat along rivers like our Rio Grande is called the Bosque. Bosque means forest, but it refers particularly to the kinds of forest created beside riverbeds. The Bosque is a place of abundant life in the desert - a habitat that is only possible because of the steady flow of the water.

We are the Diocese of the Rio Grande. We take our name from that great life-giving river. As I was in the discernment process wondering if God were calling me to be your next bishop I prayed every day for the Diocese of the Rio Grande, its people and clergy, its congregations, cities and towns. As I prayed I kept seeing that river - and the Bosque along it.

Each one of us Episcopalians in the Diocese of the Rio Grande are called to be like trees standing beside streams of water - reaching out, and digging deep! Jesus said “whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life.” - John 4:4-26

If we would follow the way of Jesus, we must depend on him like the cottonwoods depend on the Rio Grande. We get our very LIFE from God in Jesus Christ. Without Him we die - it's that simple. But as we follow Jesus, our faith will DEEPEN. Our spiritual roots will reach deep. When times are tough -- when there is spiritual drought in our lives -- we dig deeper, reaching for the living water. If our spiritual roots are deep and strong we are able to weather the storms of life. We are grounded. We stand strong.

And if our roots are deep we cannot help but reach out. Like the cottonwoods whose shade creates space where animals and plants and birds can live in the desert, so Christian people who are in touch with the Living Water of Jesus Christ cannot help but create space for others to LIVE. Like trees standing beside streams of water, groups of Christians (we call those churches) create shelter and safe places for others to grow. And like the cottonwoods, which don’t insist that all life they nurture be cottonwood life, Christian people make room for those who are different from us.

We’ve got some growing to do! And it will be a wonderful adventure! Over the course of the next year our diocese will be focusing on ways to deepen the faith of each Episcopalian in the diocese. I have asked your clergy to begin imagining ways to help our people deepen their faith - by teaching the practice of prayer, but offering spiritual direction in our congregations, by emphasizing the teaching of scripture, not just on Sunday morning, but as a daily spiritual practice.

As your new bishop, it is my joy to come and meet you, to get to know you and your life. I want you to tell me what you need to help deepen your faith, so I'll be asking you about that when I visit. I want you to know that God loves you - and your bishop loves you - and I know in my heart that our faith will deepen and we will grow together in Christ in the many years we have to serve this beautiful diocese together!

Faithfully,

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### 2018 COURTESY RESOLUTIONS

**RESOLUTION #1: CENTENARY OF THE GREAT WAR**

Be it resolved; that this 2018 Convention of the Diocese of the Rio Grande expresses its gratitude for the life and contributions of the Rev. Dr. Francis Edward Williams, known to us all as Fr. Frank, in honor of his 67 years of ordained ministry in service of our Lord, and for more than twenty years as assisting priest at St. James Episcopal Church, Mesilla Park. It must be noted that Fr. Frank holds the distinction as the longest serving priest still active who graduated from Nashotah House. His life is witness to the Grace of God and devotion of a true Man of God.

**RESOLUTION #4: MRS. LISA KATZ-RICKER**

Be it resolved; that this 2018 Convention of the Diocese of the Rio Grande extends its heartfelt gratitude to Mrs. Lisa Katz-Ricker for her twenty years of devoted service to this Diocese. Her experience and knowledge continues to provide guidance and assurance to the congregations of the Rio Grande to ensure continued success in matters of finance and management.

**RESOLUTION #5: WELCOME THE REV. MICHAEL BUERKEL HURN AND FAMILY**

Be it resolved; that this 2018 Convention of the Diocese of the Rio Grande extends its heart and soul in welcome to the Rev. Michael Buerkel Hurn, his wife, the Rev. Maggie Buerkel Hurn, their daughter, Dossie, and their son, Dexter Murray. This Convention raises its voice in praise for the workings of the Holy Spirit in this election and in the promise of the coming years of the Episcopacy of our next Bishop, Michael Amert Allaker.

**RESOLUTION #6: WELCOME THE MOST REV. MICHAEL BRUCE CURRY**

Be it resolved; that this 2018 Convention of the Diocese of the Rio Grande welcomes once again our beloved Presiding Bishop, the Most Rev. Michael Bruce Curry, and expresses our hearty gratitude for his presence in Orders and Consecrate the Rev. Michael Buerkel Hurn as the next Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of the Rio Grande.

**RESOLUTION #7: CONVENTION HOSTS**

Be it resolved; that this 2018 Convention of the Diocese of the Rio Grande offers its thanks to the clergy and people of St. Michael and All Angels, Albqqueque, and St. Francis Episcopal Church, Rio Rancho, for hosting the Diocesan Convention this year. Our particular gratitude goes to convention committee co-chairs, Marcus Milner, Matthew McFeely, and Hugh Anne Maxwell Louis, and to the members of the committees and volunteers for their hospitality and for all their work on our behalf.

**RESOLUTION #8: ANNUAL CONVENTION 2019**

Be it resolved; that this 2018 Convention of the Diocese of the Rio Grande expresses its gratitude to the clergy and people of Church of the Good Shepherd, Silver City, for hosting the upcoming Annual Convention, October 17-19, 2019.

**RESOLUTION #9: ELECTING CONVENTION 2018**

Be it resolved; that this 2018 Convention of the Diocese of the Rio Grande commends the Clergy and People of the Diocese of the Rio Grande for the election of the Rev. Michael Buerkel Hurn as our next Bishop, and we commend the members of the Electing Subcommittee, especially Dr. Morag Smith, for the organization and execution of the Electing Convention on May 5, 2018.

**RESOLUTION #10: COMMENDATIONS TO THE SEARCH COMMITTEE**

Be it resolved; that this 2018 Convention of the Diocese of the Rio Grande expresses its deepest and most heartfelt gratitude to the co-chairs, Dr. Roy Benavides and the Rev. Elizabeth Noland, and the members of the Search Committee for their work in selecting the slate of candidates for consideration as the next Bishop of the Diocese of the Rio Grande.

**RESOLUTION #11: COMMENDATIONS TO THE TRANSITION COMMITTEE**

Be it resolved; that this 2018 Convention of the Diocese of the Rio Grande extends its gratitude to the co-chairs, Ms. Cindy Davis and the Rev. Dale Rummer, and the members of the Transition Committee for their tireless efforts in the work of presentation, election and transition of the next Bishop of the Diocese of the Rio Grande.

**RESOLUTION #12: CONGRATULATIONS TO CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY**

Be it resolved; that the 66th Annual Convention of the Diocese of the Rio Grande extends its felicitation to the Church of the Holy Family, Santa Fe, for the marking of twenty-five years of ministry to the southside of Santa Fe and wish them Godspeed as they move forward in the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**RESOLUTION #13: IN THANKS FOR THE LIFE OF THE REV. WILLIAM H. MARTIN**

Be it resolved; that the 66th Annual Convention of the Diocese of the Rio Grande expresses its gratitude for the life and ministry of the Rev. William H. Martin for his devoted service to the Diocese of the Rio Grande. He served his Lord in St. Mary’s, Livingstone, Christ the King, St. Alban’s, Holy Spirit, St. Luke’s, St. Francis on the Hill, St. Christopher’s and All Saints, El Paso, as the embodiment of a true man of God.

And be it further resolved that we, as a convention, send our condolences to Mrs. Joan Harrington Martin in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection.

**RESOLUTION #14: IN THANKSGIVING FOR THE LIFE OF THE REV. ARTHUR D. TRIPP**

Be it resolved; that the 66th Annual Convention of the Diocese of the Rio Grande celebrates the life and ministries of the Rev. Arthur D. Tripp. He served at the congregations of St. Christopher’s in El Paso, the Church in Lincoln County and Holy Trinity in Raton, and he and his wife, Nita, devoted themselves to the education of aspiring clergy through the diocesan School for Ministry from 1996 to 2007.

And be it further resolved that we, as a convention, send our condolences to the Children in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection.

**RESOLUTION #15: IN THANKSGIVING FOR THE LIFE OF THE REV. J. PHILIP CORBETT**

Be it resolved; that the 66th Annual Convention of the Diocese of the Rio Grande expresses its gratitude for the life and devoted ministry of the Rev. J. Philip Corbett, for his service as Deacon to St. Thomas the Apostle, Roswell, and St. Paul’s, Artesia, before his ordination to the priesthood in the Diocese of Northwest Texas.

And be it further resolved that we, as a convention, send our condolences to his wife, Eunice, and their children in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection.

**RESOLUTION #16: COMMENDATIONS TO TREASURER DR. GUY GRONQUIST**

Be it resolved; that this 2018 Annual Convention of the Diocese of the Rio Grande commends Dr. Guy Gronquist, PhD., for his dedication in serving this Diocese as our Treasurer for these past four years, and for guiding us in matters financial to the betterment of our Diocese.

**RESOLUTION #16: RECOGNITION OF CANON ED BALE**

Be it resolved; that this 66th Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of the Rio Grande expresses its gratitude for the life and contributions of Canon Ed Bale, and expresses its deep appreciation to his family for his many contributions to this Diocese.

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**Lay and Clergy Elected to Diocesan Offices**

Lay and Clergy delegates to the 66th Annual Diocesan Convention gathered at Embassy Suites November 1-2 cast ballots to fill elected diocesan offices. Elected on the first ballot, with 218 ballots cast, included these office holders.

**ELECTED BY BALLOT:**

- **Diocesan Treasurer:** Dr. Guy Gronquist, 88 votes, Mr. John Perner, 128 votes.

**DISCIPLINARY BOARD, CLERGY ORDER, 1 FOUR-YEAR TERM, 1 THREE-YEAR TERM:**

- The Rev. Dr. Richard Murphy, 136 votes, will fill the four-year term.
- The Rev. Jim Hunter, 93 votes, will fill the three-year term.

**STANDING COMMITTEE, CLERGY ORDER:**


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- First ballot: 218 ballots cast – 110 votes required for election.
- The Hon. Joseph Alarid, 82 votes, Mr. John Gaige, 74 votes, Dr. Roy Benavides, 80 votes.
- Second ballot: 205 ballots cast – 103 votes required for election.
- The Hon. Joseph Alarid, 54 votes, Mr. John Gaige, 74 votes, Dr. Roy Benavides, 74 votes.
- The Hon. Joseph Alarid, 27 votes, Mr. John Gaige, 93 votes, Dr. Roy Benavides, 87 votes.
- Alarid, withdrew. Mr. John Gaige, 109 votes, Dr. Roy Benavides, 84 votes.
The Diocese gathered in the ballroom of Embassy Suites for the 66th Annual Convention.

Bishop Vono is wrapped with a Navajo blanket after prayers of the Blessing Way were given by the Rev. Cornelia Eaton and Bishop David Bailey of the Diocese of Navajoland in appreciation of the relationship of the two dioceses.

Mary Jewell confers with Bishop Vono on the order of the convention agenda.

Bishop Vono displays the lapel pin given to him by Presiding Bishop Michael Curry at General Convention 2018. “I’m under your authority now.”

Music at the Convention Eucharist was provided by Mont Childers, who was appointed Canon for Music by Bishop Vono. Ms. Kathleen Ritch provided chanting and descants for the celebration.

Dr. Guy Gronquist presents an exact copy of the certificate of ordination of the Rev. Dr. Colin Ferguson to Elizabeth Coreblith, the multiple great granddaughter of Ferguson, who was the first priest ordained by the first bishop of the Episcopal Church, the Rt. Rev. Samuel Seabury. Dr. Evan Davies’ presentation at Convention detailed the history of Fr. Ferguson and a copy of the ordination certificate also was presented to Bishop-Elect Michael Hunn.

Paula Mote displays Camp Stoney wares as an exhibitor at Convention.

New Deans were instituted at the Convention Eucharist, the Very Rev. Laurie Benavides of the Southwest Deanery, and the Very Rev. Kristin Kopren of the Northeast Deanery.
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**THE CONSECRATION**

The Venerable Patty Soukup instructs the Laity, Bishops, Priests and Deacons during the Friday afternoon rehearsal. (Photo by Jim Frost)

Rev. Hunn stands before the Presiding Bishop. (Photo by Jim Frost)

Murphy, Meg, Dosie and Michael Hunn. (Photo by Jim Frost)

The Procession lines up at the entrance.

About 100 guests gathered at the Cathedral of St. John Friday evening for the rehearsal dinner.

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry preaches the message of the Love. (Photo by Jim Frost)

Gary Williams of Windfire Productions live-streamed the Consecration. More than 20,000 views were recorded from all over the country, including Hawaii and as far as South Africa.

Members of a number of choirs of diocesan congregations, including the Cathedral choir, joined in the service of Ordination and Consecration of Bishop Hunn under the direction of Canon Precentor Maxine Thevenot.
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THE PILGRIMAGE

THE SEATING AT THE CATHEDRAL

Bishop Hunn takes his seat in the Cathedral to the applause of Interim Dean the Very Rev. Daniel Webster (right) and the Rev. Chuck Jones (Photo by Janis Fensterer)

Bishop Hunn congratulates and thanks his youthful companions at the end of the pilgrimage. Pilgrims were escorted by police as they walked the street to pray for the city.

Bishop Hunn knocks on the door of the Cathedral of St. John with the assistant of Cathedral Sexton Ken Davis. (Photo by Janis Fensterer)

Bishop Hunn stands before a Cathedral filled with well wishers. (Photo by Janis Fensterer)

The Bishop's Pilgrimage to the Cathedral

Cathedrals have long been sites of pilgrimage. Since ancient times people have traveled to cathedrals, sometimes traveling for many miles over many months to reach them.

It is sometimes the custom or a new bishop to arrive at the cathedral as a pilgrim, walking on foot through town as a sign of the spiritual journey which we all share as disciples of Christ.

Bishop Hunn's journey to the Cathedral of St. John as our bishop has taken many years. Sunday, November 4, Bishop Hunn led a pilgrimage of more than 20 youth and adults to the Alvarado Transportation Center to pray for the city and those who live therein, and to bless the police officers who offered escort through the streets.

The pilgrims returned to the Cathedral for the service of the seating of the Bishop, which included the confirmation and reaffirmation of faith.

Festival streamers marked the sky as pilgrims trekked to the Alvarado Transportation Center and then on to the Cathedral.

Bishop Hunn displays his Crosier made by a shepherd in Scotland and topped by a ram's horn.

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Photos by Paula Mote
More than 100 of the Diocese's Seniors were celebrated at Bishop Vono’s Octoberfest September 14 at the Bosque Center. Bishop Vono welcomed all to a German cuisine luncheon served in the Bosque dining room by the diocesan and Bosque staff, followed by an afternoon of Polka and Swing music by Die Polka-Schlingel, the New Munich Polka Band, and all joined in a bit of dancing.

The gatherings at the Bosque and in the southern deaneries have become a fixture for Bishop Vono’s calendar for the past several years, and this marked his last gathering to honor those who have given so much to the Diocese.

BISHOP VONO’S EXPECTATION FOR RETIREMENT: Like a Sabbatical But Even Better
By James L. Overton

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Bishop Michael Vono expects retirement to bring the freedom of being busy – without the paperwork. “It does really feel wonderful,” he said during a recent interview. “It’s like being on a sabbatical but that only lasted four months. I loved the freedom of spending more time reading, studying and traveling around. I feel absolutely prepared and ready.”

Bishop Vono is looking forward to helping out in other dioceses when their bishops take sabbatical or need a hand with confirmations and other pastoral work. He’s open to working with refugees, migrants and other displaced souls who may be seeking comfort and counsel from clergy. And he’s interested in education or teaching by participating in seminary programs. “I’m not going to do nothing, like sit at home and watch TV all day. I hope to be engaged somewhere but not where it’s stressful or full time,” he said. “These are the plans. But you know how it is – we make plans, the Lord laughs, then we do something else.”

The bishop was elected April 24, 2010, and was consecrated on October 22 of that year as the ninth bishop of the Diocese of the Rio Grande following the resignation of Bishop Jeffrey Steenson, who had resigned after just three years, renounced his orders, and sought ordination in the Roman Catholic Church. His departure left the diocese in chaos. Bishop Vono said, “When I came the diocese was so fractured, broken in spirit and morale. But I’m one of those people who loves a challenge and has a better life when I am challenged.”

He set about creating a task force of some 20 people. Recognising the diversity of views and goals, he sought guidance from old clergy, young clergy and gay clergy. “Some said, ‘This is dangerous. It could all blow up.’ I said, no, it won’t. This will bring us together.” We created a covenant of understanding that we use to this day. Then, the peace began.”

Vono reorganized the decision-making processes to be more participatory. He involved himself in the purchase and renovation of The Bosque Center, which houses the Diocesan offices and provides retreat and conference facilities. He also oversaw the revitalization of Camp Stoney into Bishop’s Ridge to provide year-round ministries. He is also pleased with Diocesan outreach in reconciliation and building community, especially the covenanted relationship with the ministries in Navajoland, as well as reaching out to Hispanic communities in New Mexico and far West Texas.

He leaves behind a legacy of improved unity, organization and stability. And he still champions the idea that diversity and the middle way is at the heart of Anglicanism.

“Diversity is the unity that Anglicans have and appreciate. We don’t see diversity as the impetus for division and separation but rather we see it as a way to unity.” He is hopeful that the ordination of the Reverend Michael Hunn, who will be consecrated in November as the next bishop of the diocese, will continue the focus on congregational and clerical life. “I would say to him, like our diocesan newsletter, stay together, just as the disciples had to stay together with Christ. Michael is very pastoral. And he has a great sense of humor. Sometimes, that’s half the battle.”

SENIOR FEST:
Matriarchs and Patriarchs Honored at Octoberfest

Bishop Vono welcomes Seniors to the luncheon.

Chef Jerry and the staff serve up delicious German cuisine.

Celebrating
Members of St. Luke’s Episcopal Church gathered on Sunday, September 30, to welcome Bishop Michael Vono.

During his last visitation to the Deming church, Bishop Michael Vono dedicated the bell tower, in which the bell has hung for 125 years. The tower had experienced water damage to structure that held it up. Repairs were completed just few months ago. The bell was rung 25 times before service by Jane Borman. St. Luke’s Vicar, the Rev. Susan Hutchins, rang the bell after it was dedicated, finding Jane has mastered the technique.

Bishop Blesses Bell Tower at St. Luke’s

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Holy Family Celebrates 25 Years of Ministry

Canon Raymond Raney represented Bishop Vono at the celebration of the 25th anniversary of Church of the Holy Family, Santa Fe on October 14. The celebration led by Vicar Corinne Hodges included children sharing their gifts of bagpipe and guitar playing, worship, a community meal and hymn sing.

The Southwest Deanery gathered at St. Andrew’s, Las Cruces, on Saturday, September 29 for a gala party. Grace Church in Carlsbad was the gathering site for the Southeast Deanery’s celebration on Saturday October 6.
Taos Teens March in Solidarity With Immigrants During Vigil in El Paso
By Ms. Jill Cline

“There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.” - Galatians 3:28

Bishop Vono invited clergy and laity in the DRG to join him in El Paso on July 20-21 for an Interfaith event to pray in vigil and march to demonstrate our support for migrants at the border. The event was coordinated by Bishop Mark Seitz of the Roman Catholic Diocese of El Paso.

There was a Procession and Interfaith Vigil in Solidarity with Migrants on Friday night. On Saturday, Hope Border Institute sponsored a “Teach-in.” When Bishop Vono sent the call to join, some of the Taos Common Grounds Teens responded.

As we were pulling into El Paso, after a six-hour drive, the teens noticed the big fence under the highways. All of a sudden, they realized that was “The Wall” that has been talked about so much. It was an odd feeling to realize that this “Wall” ...literally cuts a city in half, leaving people from the same family on opposite sides of the fence in some cases. After all the media coverage of the summer, there was a stark reality to witness in the moment of first seeing that line of separation.

While I was trying to find a parking spot near Cleveland Square, the teens bolted, as a group, to the gathering area in search of Bishop Vono. We found him, and were close behind as the march started. We were all duly impressed with the vigil and St. Patrick’s Cathedral in El Paso, and the standing-room-only attendance, as well as the large variety of clergy representing so many faiths and denominations, including Catholic, Episcopal, Lutheran, Jewish, Muslim... I can’t remember them all.

Several people shared their personal witness of how immigration laws have been so damaging. It was a powerful evening. On Saturday, 300 or so folks gathered for the workshops and teach-in.

Fr. Robert Stark, of the Vatican’s Migrants and Refugees Section, was the keynote speaker, bringing a message directly from the Pope. Our teens participated in an art workshop, where they made bracelets and prepared prayers for giving to children who had been separated from family members.

On the trip home, our group discussed the idea of planning a mission trip next summer. More to be discussed on that! Thank you, Bishop Vono, for issuing the call to join you in this effort.

Taos youth stand with Bishop Vono in El Paso

Be Thankful for the Little Things
By Ms. Madeleine Faiznabaker

It’s the time of year when we are often asked what we are thankful for. When you are a kid, you see the things that are hard, sad or life changing events in your life, and wish for life to return to what you know as normal. When life is going along smoothly, you don’t think of what you should be thankful for. For most of us, the things that are normal in our lives, those little, seemingly unimportant things we take for granted daily, are the things that we would miss the most if they were lost or taken away. I am going to give you a list of the little things I take for granted, that I am thankful for this year.

I am thankful for my eyesight. We depend on it every day, all day to do everything. My grandmother who is 81 has had a lot of trouble seeing through eye infections and illnesses for the past year. Without it she can do very little. I am also thankful for the use of my hands, my mind, and my body – more things my grandmother is losing.

I am thankful for youth and physical ability. I have my whole life ahead of me and I can do anything. I set my mind to. What a huge gift that is! The possibilities of my life are so wide and varied. I am also thankful that I live in this particular time in history. I can’t imagine what life was like for a kid my age in the day, time, situations and places that my grandparents lived when they were my age. I am thankful for the memory of others who can share stories with me of days, times and places that I will never see or witness myself. I hope I can remember the stories they tell me.

I am thankful for the family that has raised me. I could not have picked a better family. My parents have taught me love, patience, self-sacrifice, honesty, tolerance, charitable giving, and service to others and to God. They have given me a love for learning, and have supported every chance I have for self-expression, every project, activity, and artistic endeavor I have chosen to dedicate myself to. They have taught me the difference between following a whim and fulfilling a dream – the difference between being dedicated to a good cause and looking for self-gratification. They have taught me to know that dreams and people change and that is alright when it happens. They have shown me that “might does not equal right,” and sometimes, it’s best just to walk away rather than let someone continue to mess you into the ground or take advantage of you. And in that case, it is not wise to fight someone with the wrong motivation. God will sort them out later in their lives. The old adage, “what does not kill you makes you stronger” is a learning opportunity. It is about the second chance to be stronger, smarter, or choose who or what to be or not to be involved with if it comes into your life again. They have also taught me that retribution against those who treat us badly is wrong. We are to leave it to God, and not enjoy it when what they have done to others comes back to haunt or hurt them.

I am thankful that in a day in our country’s history, where there is such divisiveness and plain meanness in our society, that my family has surrounded themselves and me with consistently good people who are good examples to me of Christian living. I hope that one day the kindness I witness in my life will spread and motivate our country to change. It starts with kids who care and grow up to be adults who continue to care, and learn how to do more, and teach caring to the following generations. And if you care – prove it. Good actions for what you care about are required to provoke change.

Thanksgiving is an American tradition – every school kid knows how it was started. The people that settled this country changed not only their own family history, but history for all of us Americans. If this country had not settled the way it did, my father’s ancestor may not have immigrated here, my mother’s father wouldn’t have been stationed overseas and met my grandparents, and my parents may not have met. There may have been no United States for any of those ancestors of mine to defend at home and abroad. And I would not be here, in this country, state, town – living the life I have – which I am very thankful for.

If we could all be simply thankful for simple things, we would all be more balanced throughout the year.

Vocabulary words for the week: self-gratification, retribution, artistic endeavor, whim, divisiveness, witness, adage, episode

“The Tour de Church Signs” continue. We are still on the road quite often, and I’ll keep a list of the really good messages we see along the way – so stay tuned for the next episode.
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REACHING OUT IN MINISTRY

Recovery Ministries Serenity Retreat on Theme “Come Go With Me”
By the Very Rev. Christopher Adams and Ms. Jill Cline, Co-Chairs for Recovery Ministries

“The only mountain is the one in your mind.”

On Sunday, September 30, Church of the Holy Spirit hosted its 5th annual Serenity Retreat at the end of August. Eighteen folks joined in. Our theme this year was “Finding Serenity in the Steps.” We typically begin with a guided meditation to “Set our Intentions” for the weekend. Friday night, we started with a workshop on Steps 1-3 and how to apply the Serenity Prayer. Saturday continued with Steps 4-6 and a laybathroom-based experience “God Who Enters.” Lector Divine Listening for Clarity, a traditional Benedictine practice of scriptural reading, meditation and prayer, took us through Steps 7-9.

And we found creative expression in how we live daily and carry the message of spiritual awakening in steps 10-12. Sunday was always a 12-Step Eucharist focused on incorporating the spiritual experience of the steps into the relational experience of coming to the table with Christ. Recovery Ministries is open to participation from folks in any aspect of recovery. Over the years we’ve had folks from a variety of 12-step groups involved (AA, Alanon, NA, OA, GA, DA, Alateen, CODA, Adult Children) as well as those simply seeking to learn what recovery means.

For more information, to get involved, or to make a request for a presentation about recovery in your parish, please email: drgrecoveryministry@gmail.com. We have set up a website/blog: drgrecoveryministry.blogspot.com, and are using it for connectivity and access to resources throughout the Diocese. Co-Chairs for Recovery Ministries are Jill Cline, of St. James, Toa, tcjline@cybermesa.com and Fr. Christopher Adams, Trinity on the Hill, cadams@latoth.org. Current committee members are Sandra Jones, Linda Round-Richards and Alison Bailey. For those not familiar with The 12 Steps, they are:

1. We admitted we were powerless over alcohol/addiction/other things, and that our lives had become unmanageable.
2. Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.
3. Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him.
4. Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.
5. Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.
6. Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.
7. Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.
8. Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.
9. Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.
10. Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.
11. Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.
12. Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics/addicts/others, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.

Looking Ahead to 2019!

Pilgrimage is the theme for our 2019 Lenten Retreat, to be held at Camp Stoney on March 29-30, facilitated by Bishop Michael and the Rev. Meg Hunn. Open to both women and men of the diocese, the event will feature an optional pilgrimage to Chimayo. The pilgrimage will be on March 29 and the actual retreat will be March 30. You can come to one or both days of the event. Information about cost and lodging will be available after Christmas. In the summer, we will have a retreat focusing on forms of personal spiritual refreshment so we can be Blessed to be a Blessing. And the 7th Annual Bosque Center Weekend on November 17-18 will consider how we Enter into the Unknown. Information about all these will be on the Women’s Ministry website as it is available.

Native Jazz and Hip-Hop Resounds at Church of the Holy Spirit
By Jonathan Iralu, MD

On Sunday, September 30, Church of the Holy Spirit in Gallup, New Mexico, rocked to the sound of Native Jazz/hip-hop band DDAT—Departure from Alcoholism and Total Abstinence. A band based in Farmington, NM, consists of Navajo rapper De-Fi (aka Chris Biton) and the Delbert Anderson Trio featuring Delbert Anderson on trumpet, Nicolas Lusco on drums, and Mike McLuhan on bass. The band played all original tunes, many based on Native melodies, in a Sunday afternoon concert to raise melodies, in a Sunday afternoon concert to raise money for ATD Fourth World—New Mexico.

DDAT Fourth World (All Together in Dignity) is an international non-profit organization founded in 1956 by Catholic priest Joseph Wresinski in an emergency housing camp near Paris, France. Dedicated to serving the poor, the organization grew in the International Movement ATD Fourth World, a non-sectoral volunteer corps. This concert was part of Church of the Holy Spirit’s annual music series. In this series, the church sponsors regional musicians to perform and an offering is taken to go directly to local and international charitable organizations such as ATD, a joint venture with UNICEF’s New Mexico Preventive Health Initiative, Battered Families Service and a local shelter for persons experiencing homelessness.

This was the third appearance of DDAT at Church of the Holy Spirit. They especially love coming to Gallup to support local organizations that serve those in need. Their music can be heard at https://delbertanderson.com/music.

ATD Fourth World has served in the Gallup community since 1999. ATD maintains an intergenerational family literacy space called the Story Garden at the weekly Gallup Flea market. Books, crafts, and other educational resources are made available to families selling and buying goods in the market. ATD also provides in-depth accompaniment to a small number of families in need of support related to housing, food security, education, employment and family cohesion.

National ATD director, Karen Stornelli writes: Parents have told us that they see big changes in their children from participating in Story Garden’s artistic activities: it makes their children more curious about the world, more open-minded, more able to think critically, more resourceful and more proud of themselves! Your generous support has made it possible to bring these great benefits to hundreds more children each year! THANK YOU!”

For more information about ATD Fourth World or Story Garden, please contact Karen Stornelli at 505-488-3624 or email newmexico@4thworldmovement.org.

Women Minister to the Diocese with Cookies, Stuffed Animals, Blankets, and Crayons!
By Mrs. Cindy Davis, Women’s Ministry Missioner

The Women’s Ministry of the Diocese encourages all women to join in donating ‘comfort backpacks,’ or their contents, for children in foster care this holiday season. These children often don’t have anything except a plastic bag to carry personal items from home to home. They don’t have any special stuffed toys or blankets to provide solace in this traumatic time. The Women’s Ministry is reaching out to these children by decorating and filling comfort backpacks this Christmas. Information about these bags is at https://tinyurl.com/ycwwx06h. There will be two Christmas parties where you can bring your donations, or you can do this as a parish or women’s group study. You can also donate online toward this Women’s Ministry project on the Women’s Ministry website or at https://tinyurl.com/YaPyba8. The first of the Christmas parties will be at the Holy Family, 10 Bisbee Court in Santa Fe, on December 8 at 3:00 pm. Bring your favorite Christmas cookies. We will decorate the comfort backpacks for kids in the NM foster care system. Coffee, tea and cocoa will be provided, along with fabric markers to decorate your bag. Cost is $10.00 to cover the cost of the backpack. Supplies to go in the bags will be provided by participants at the Northwest Deanery party - see below. Please RSVP to Camille Donoghue, camille@donoghue.net, 505-577-6830. The second of the Christmas parties will be at the Cathedral, 318 Silver in Albuquerque, on December 15 at noon. We will have a soup luncheon, cookie exchange and collect items for the comfort backpacks. A list of items is available on the Women’s Ministry website www.VarietiesofGifts.blogspot.com. For the cookie exchange bring a couple dozen of your favorite cookies, homemade or store bought, and we’ll share so everyone goes home with a bag. You are invited to come at 10:30 am to hear the Children’s Messiah, presented by the Cathedral choir and members of the Santa Fe Opera. This is a performance for all ages, and Handelian wigs or costumes are encouraged.

On Saturday, December 22, there will be a retreat for the Women’s Ministry known as the 7th Annual Bosque Center Weekend. Information about the retreat is available online. The event will feature an optional pilgrimage to Chimayo. To register, contact Cindy Davis, Coordinator of Women’s Ministries (cdavis@latoth.org) or visit the Women’s Ministry website www VarietiesofGifts.blogspot.com. Contact Cindy Davis, Coordinator of Women’s Ministries (cdavis@latoth.org) if you have ideas for speakers, topics, and even locations that would be fun and inspirational for upcoming events.

For more information about ATD Fourth World or Story Garden, please contact Karen Stornelli at 505-488-3624 or email newmexico@4thworldmovement.org.
Chama Blesses New Parish Hall

More than 50 people gathered at St. Jerome’s Episcopal Church in Chama, October 27 to bless the Mary Jean Miller Parish Hall. The ribbon was cut, and a service of blessing was led by Vicar Fr. Colin Kelly and the Rev. Canon Raymond Raney.

Gifts were presented to Don Goedjen and Bill Hastings, both former Navy Seabees, both donated their talents and unbelievable time to the project. Lisa Jo Dunham, a member of Trinity on the Hill, who donated her skills and time as the architect, as she did 18 years ago for what became the kitchen and multipurpose room, and to Jane Wood, who as Treasurer kept a tight budget!

Margaret Palmer and Mary Jean related the history of St. Jerome’s dating back to 1981 when Richard and Wilma Boyles first proposed establishing an Episcopal Church in Chama. “It began as an ecumenical hodgepodge. Very few of us had been raised as Episcopalians,” Margaret told the gathering. “In fact, after that first Sunday service, Mary Jean’s granddaughter, Sherrie, called her father and said “This is the neatest service, Mary Jean!”

The church building was moved to its present location, which eventually was donated by Jeb and Ed Binkle, and it became the “Little Church in the Wildwood,” she said.

Renovations began in 2003, the front porch was added in 2005, and in 2008 the kitchen and bathroom were added, which was short of the dream of adding a parish hall. Over the past three years the congregation has saved and planned. The project was completed this fall and more than doubled the size of the space available for gatherings opening to the community.

“Over the past 37 years a lot of changes have taken place in the development of this church,” Margaret said. “People have died, moved away, burned out, gotten their feelings hurt or left because they were mad at somebody.” The one who has always been at St. Jerome’s has been Mary Jean Miller. Jesus may have told Peter that he was the rock on which he would build his church.”

Margaret said, “but here at St. Jerome’s the rock on which we have built our church is Mary Jean Miller.”

News from the Northeast Deanery

Holy Faith, Santa Fe, Donna Lukacs

A Spiritual Pilgrimage to England and Wales: Fr. Robin Dodge will lead a pilgrimage to England and Wales Sept. 13-24, 2019, which includes visits to St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol Cathedral, Malmesbury Abbey and Gardens, Bath, Wells Cathedral, Tintern Abbey, St. David’s Cathedral, Ramsey Island, Stonehenge, Salisbury and Oxford. An informational session with Fr. Robin and Darren Herring of Faith Journeys is online, and you can watch it at attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2599704377938282498.

St. Paul’s, Las Vegas

Many thanks were extended to everyone who donated books to St. Paul’s Peace for the Literacy Project that gives books to the children of Las Vegas and Mora. Through all the generosity, many children and youth received books of science, history, poetry, inspiration and exploration...

More books are being collected for the Christmas-time book giving and the general book fair, when books are given according to age and ability. Parents are encouraged to read with their children and be partners in book selection. If you have books in good-to-excellent condition, please call Rev. Madeleine Johnston, Vicar at 505-425-8479.

St. James, Taos, Gwenneth Glenn

Katie Pacheco and Kadius Rose Sweet cut the October birthday cake at St. James, Taos. Every month the children and youth of St. James gather to wish each other a happy birthday and enjoy a piece of cake.

Trinity on the Hill (TOTH), Los Alamos, Claire Singleton

TOTH’s Vestry has continued the Strategic Visioning process, an ongoing process that will significantly affect the way the Vestry makes decisions about our parish life and its activities. The mission statement, “The mission of Trinity on the Hill is to share the power and joy of God’s love within our community and throughout the world, to fully embrace all God’s children, and to respond to the needs of our community and the world in the spirit of Jesus Christ” has been finalized. The Vestry has now formulated a strategic filter, which will be used to analyze and review current and future programs at TOTH.

As of mid-September, TOTH now has a Chime Choir, directed by Valerie Fassbender, aimed at younger singers aged 4 1/2 to 11. The Chime Choir meets on Wednesdays and rehearsals are followed by a family-friendly dinner. The Chancel Choir is now under the leadership of Dr. Nelly Case, who became Choirmaster in September.

Plans are underway for the Children’s Christmas Bazaar, to be held this year on December 1. This is an enormously successful outreach event, bringing many children (K-6) into our church, and giving them the opportunity to shop for very reasonably priced Christmas gifts, while their parents and younger siblings enjoy refreshments elsewhere in the church. It is always a very popular event!

TOTH will again be forming a team for the CROP Hunger Walk, a community-wide event sponsored by Church World Service, that will be held Sunday, November 18 in Los Alamos.

A TOTH parishioner has established a fund, and will match all donations up to $2500, to raise the amount needed to send the Very Rev. Christopher Adams on the Diocesan pilgrimage to Israel in February of 2019.
St. Bede’s Comes Home to Renovated Beginnings

By Alba Blondis

On October 7, St. Bede’s parishioners returned home...home to a newly renovated and expanded St. Bede’s...home to space designed to serve the greater Santa Fe community through worship, through music, through events and as a place for reflection, contemplation and prayer in our outdoor labyrinth, our pathway and our landscaping.

Sunday, October 14, 2018 Bishop-Elect Michael B. Hunn and The Reverend Canon Raymond Raney celebrated St. Bede’s Homecoming with a 4:00 pm service of Thanksgiving and Rededication. This was a celebration of the faith that led St. Bede’s to undertake the renovation and the blessings received by the beautiful new space for worship and service.

Linda Rice Beck, a local musician and composer, was commissioned to write a special piece of music of thanksgiving based on Psalm 27 that celebrates the light Christ brings to our world. “The Lord Is My Light” was sung by St. Bede’s Choir during the service.

Former clergy, area clergy colleagues, and former parishioners received special invitations to attend the service. As our rector The Reverend M. Catherine Volland stated, this space was created on the hopes and dreams of those who preceded today’s congregation, and they too are remembered in the Rededication of St. Bede’s to God’s glory. Special guest among many was The Reverend William E. Crews, St. Bede’s first Rector, and John Alan, artist and Sanctuary designer.

The dream for building expansion and renovation began in 2014, with discussion, hope and prayer about such a possibility. Throughout the early stages, parishioners gathered to consider ministries, discuss wishes, review architect drawings, and to dream. Fundraising began in earnest, the battle to obtain permits in a city notorious for its challenges started, and in 2017, St. Bede’s assumed residence at St. John’s United Methodist as demolition and subsequent construction began. Artist John Alan, a nationally renowned architectural artist, created a mosaic design based on the creation story that would be installed behind the altar. Many parishioners worked diligently to cut the glass and set the tiles to fulfill John Alan’s design over a 15-month period. The mosaic is now a focal point in the Sanctuary.

In January 2018, parishioners gathered again to consider an expansion in renovation from Phase I, the Common Room, to Phase II, the Sanctuary. Earlier, renovation costs had seemed prohibitive, but it was time for reconsideration thanks to donations, and a beautiful, majestic design offered by our mosaic artist John Alan, who once found a church home at St. Bede’s, and wanted to give back to a church who welcomed him during a difficult time. Along with architect John Padilla, plans were drawn and the Sanctuary renovation began. Our original eight-sided design, drawn by Native American drafting students in the late 50s, suggests a Navajo hogan, was preserved. Our mission bell, cast in 1881 and brought here by Archbishop Jean-Baptiste Lamy, was donated by a local family, and now rings the parish to Sunday services.

From St. Bede’s beginnings as a mission of Holy Faith in the late 50s until today, parishioners have believed in, supported and welcomed the greater Santa Fe community through its doors. St. Bede Episcopal Church is at home once more, and welcomes all who are curious, exploring, searching or moving from another parish church. Welcome in and welcome Home.

Rector Catherine Volland, Canon Raney and Bishop Elect Hunn stand at the altar for blessings of the rededicated worship space.

Bishop Elect Hunn leads the congregation in prayer.

Bishop Elect Hunn grasps the meaning of the reading describing Solomon’s dedication of the Temple.

The Rev. M. Catherine Volland, Rector of St. Bede’s, leads the blessing liturgy.

Canon Raney reflects on the significance of the rededication as the fulfillment of the dreams of all those who came before.

Bishop Elect Michael Hunn gazes upward as he blesses the interior of the nave.

“Throughout the early stages, parishioners gathered to consider ministries, discuss wishes, review architect drawings, and to dream.”

Photos by Doug Weiss
**Lay Leaders Honored as Canons in Anglican Church of Kenya**

by Ms. Anne Marie Werner-Smith, St. Thomas of Canterbury, Albuquerque

Anne Marie Werner-Smith and Warren Smith of St. Thomas of Canterbury Episcopal Church, Albuquerque will be named Lay Canons of the Anglican Church of Kenya, Diocese of Malindi, in a ceremony Sunday, November 18, in Mtwapa, Malindi. The announcement was made by the Rev. Lawrence Dena, Bishop of Malindi.

The Malindi Diocese is one of two dioceses in the Coastal Province of Kenya. The other is the Diocese of Mombasa. Anne Marie and Warren worked extensively in both. In 2005 the couple traveled to the Coastal province of Kenya to revisit where Anne Marie had worked as an English teacher 25 years earlier, to take a safari and to meet the leaders of the Anglican Church of the Coastal Province. Since that trip, a strong relationship has developed not only between the Diocese of the Rio Grande and the Dioceses of Mombasa and Malindi, but also between Anne Marie and Warren and Bishop Lawrence Dena and his wife, Jane, as well as the Bishop of the Mombasa Diocese, Julius Kalu. Both Bishops Kalu and Dena have visited the Diocese of the Rio Grande in recent years. Bishop Dena preached at the Cathedral in Albuquerque as well as at the diocesan convention in Carlsbad, and he and his wife Jane stayed at Camp Stoney.

To define a Lay Canon of the Anglican Church of Kenya, Diocese of Malindi, we would quote Bishop Lawrence Dena’s input. A lay Canon is appointed by the Diocesan Bishop in consultation with the Diocesan Pastoral Team. A lay Canon is licensed by the Bishop to serve the Diocese as a Canon and work with orphans throughout the Coastal Province. Finally, in 2016 Warren wrote a book on the history of the Anglican Church in East Africa and the martyr Bishop Hannington, titled, “A Colony Of Heaven: Bishop Hannington and Freretown.”

DRG honored by appointments

Two members of the Rio Grande deputation to General Convention 2018 have been honored with appointments to committees of The Episcopal Church General Convention. The Honorable Joseph Alarid was appointed to a three-year term on the Joint Standing Committee on Nominations, and Mr. Mark Childers was appointed a six-year term on the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music. The appointments recognize the appointees’ gifts, experience and commitment to the ministry and mission of The Episcopal Church.”

Rest in Peace

The Rev’d Arthur (Art) Tripp died Saturday, September 29, at his home of natural causes. He was 86 years old. Father Art and his wife, Nilah who died last year, served their congregations of St. Christopher’s in El Paso, the Church in Lincoln Count and Holy Trinity in Raton. They also served the Diocese as the dean and administrator of the School for Ministry in the Rio Grande from 1996 to 2007.
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NEWS OF CLERGY

Fr. Frank Williams Honored for 67 years of Ordained Ministry
By the Rev. Dr. Jeanne Lutz

Sunday, October 14, was a special day for St. James in Las Cruces. Two days previously, our assistant priest, The Rev. Dr. Francis Edward (Frank) Williams, celebrated the 67th anniversary of his ordination to the Episcopal priesthood, making him the longest-serving priest in the Diocese of the Rio Grande, and the longest-serving priest still active who was graduated from Nashotah House.

Fr. Frank was born November 29, 1926, in Omaha, Nebraska. He credits his love of the Lord and love of the Episcopal Church to his parents, particularly his father, who was the son of an Irish Anglican priest. Fr. Frank joked with the congregation during his sermon on Sunday that as a youth he “rebelled against everything but the Church!” At the age of 16 and at the suggestion of his rector, he decided to follow in his grandfather’s footsteps. He earned a Bachelor of Arts from Harvard in Classics in 1947 and a Masters from Nashotah House in 1950. After two years at Hebrew Union Seminary, he attended Oxford University on a Fulbright, where he obtained a PhD in 1953 and met his future wife, Charlotte.

Fr. Frank began his sermon at both services on October 14 by thanking the people of St. James for their support and gifts over the 20 years he has been assisting priest, especially during recurring bouts of pneumonia this past summer. Fr. Frank has exercised primarily a ministry of teaching and preaching at St. James, currently holding mid-week and Sunday Bible studies, as well as an evening Greek class, and presiding or preaching as needed.

Fr. Frank based his sermon on Matthew 7:13-14: “Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the road is easy that leads to destruction, and there are many who take it. For the gate is narrow and the road is hard that leads to life, and there are few who find it.”

Among the points he made in the sermon were: 1) Stay on the path—the Way (the first name for Christianity that we know of), 2) If you have to miss church on a Sunday, have a good reason; 3) Do not leave the Church just because you do not like what someone has said or what “New York” has done. Fr. Frank concluded his sermon by saying that when he presides at a funeral, he tells the family that he does not know any more than they do about what comes next. One thing he does know, Jesus Christ has risen from the dead! “I do not know if God will say to me, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant!’ but I expect a merciful judgment. May we all get the same.”

After each service, a reception was held in the parish hall, complete with numerous cards and notes of congratulations! A highlight of the announcements during services was the reading of a proclamation which stated, in part:

The Bishop and the Diocese of the Rio Grande recognize with thankfulness your sixty-seven years of service in the ordained ministry as a Priest of Holy Orders ... and the over forty years of ministry in Diocese of the Rio Grande, in her parishes, missions and schools. We celebrate with you this great moment and congratulate you on the love, patience, and Christian charity, which has been part of the remarkable witness you have given to the Church and the world, especially at the University of Texas at El Paso and St. James’ Church in Mesilla Park.

The letter was signed by both The Reverend Michael B. Hunn, Bishop Elect, and The Right Reverend Michael L. Vono, Bishop, Diocese of the Rio Grande.
Ted Howden Honored in 2018 Services
There will be four memorial services throughout the Diocese on December 11 to honor the life and ministry of the Rev’d Frederick B. “Ted” Howden. Jr. All who are able are encouraged to make room in your busy schedules to attend one of the following services.

**Southeast Deanery** – 12:00 p.m. St. James Episcopal Church, 1117 North Main Street, Clovis, New Mexico.

**Southwest Deanery** – 11:00 a.m. St. Albans’ Episcopal Church, 1810 Elm Street, El Paso, Texas.

**Northeast Deanery** – 11:00 a.m. Trinity on the Hill Episcopal Church, 3900 Trinity Drive, Los Alamos, New Mexico.

**Northwest Deanery** – Noon, Cathedral of St. John, 318 Silver Avenue SW, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

**NOTE:** Howden Deadline Submissions
The deadline for submissions for the January/February issue of Together has been moved to December 15 to provide time for the Area Deans to provide stories and photos from the December 11 Howden observances for publication.

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Inscriptions abiertas para las próximas sesiones de Capacitación para el Ministerio Latino Episcopal

Enero y agosto de 2019

(24 de octubre de 2018) Ya han abierto las inscripciones para las dos sesiones de Capacitación para el Ministerio Latino Episcopal, un curso intensivo e innovador de ocho días diseñado para que el personal diocesano, los líderes laicos y los seminaristas aprendan sobre las aptitudes y competencias culturales para ministrar a la comunidad latina.

Los participantes tienen la opción de dos sesiones:

- De domingo a domingo, del 20 al 27 de enero, en el Seminario Teológico de Virginia en Alexandria, Virginia.
- De lunes a lunes, del 12 al 19 de agosto, en el Escuela de Teología de la Universidad del Sur en Sewanee, Tennessee.

Estas muy conocidas sesiones son ofrecidas por la oficina del Ministerio Latino/Hispano de la Iglesia Episcopal. Las cursos serán dictados por profesores del seminario, líderes laicos de la iglesia y clérigos con amplia experiencia en ministrar a comunidades interculturales y latinas.

“Este variado e intensivo curso, que combina el aprendizaje académico con la experiencia práctica, tiene como propósito ofrecer las competencias relacionadas con la historia, la cultura y los aspectos socio-demográficos y religiosos de los latinos (hispanos) en los Estados Unidos”, dijo el Rdo. canónigo Anthony Guilling, misionero del Ministerio Latino/Hispano de la Iglesia Episcopal. “Este curso también ofrecerá las herramientas fundamentales necesarias para que los líderes de la iglesia disciernan y exploren qué tipo de ministerio latino o hispánico encaja mejor en el marco y contexto de una congregación”.

El curso se realizará en inglés, pero algunos profesores bilingües servirán de intérpretes si fuera necesario. La inscripción incluye el costo de la matrícula, hotel, comidas y transporte de ida y vuelta al aeropuerto, y transporte durante el curso. La inscripción no incluye los libros de texto.

Para obtener más información comuníquese con Anthony Guilling en aguillen@episcopalchurch.org.

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Registration open for upcoming sessions of Episcopal Latino Ministry Competency

**January and August, 2019**

(October 24, 2018) Registration is now open for the two 2019 sessions of the Episcopal Latino Ministry Competency, an innovative eight-day intensive course designed for diocesan staff, clergy, lay leaders, and seminarians to learn cultural competency for Latina ministry.

Participants have three choices of sessions:

- Sunday to Sunday, January 20 – 27 at Virginia Theological Seminary (VTS), at Alexandria, VA.
- Monday to Monday, August 12 – 19 at the School of Theology, the University of the South in Sewanee, TN.

The popular sessions are offered by the Episcopal Church Office of Latino/Hispanic Ministries. The courses will be taught by senior faculty, lay church leaders, and clergy with extensive experience in Latino and intercultural ministry.

“Combining academic learning with hands-on experience, the purpose of this multi-faceted intensive course is to provide cultural competency of the history, culture, socio-demographic, and religious aspects of the Latinos/Hispanics in the United States,” noted the Rev. Canon Anthony Guilling, Episcopal Church Misioner for Latino/Hispanic Ministries. “Also this course will provide the foundational tools necessary for church leaders to discern and explore the type of Latino/Hispanic ministry that best fits a congregational setting and its context.”

The course will be conducted in English. Bilingual faculty will interpret as needed. Registration includes tuition, hotel accommodations, meals, transportation to and from airports, and transportation during the course. Registration does not include textbooks. For more information, contact Guilling at aguillen@episcopalchurch.org.

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A Service of Advent Lessons & Carols
Sunday December 2, 2018 at 3:00pm

Advent readings and carols by composers including Bob Chilcott, Anton Bruckner, Philip Moore, Jonathan Dove, and New Mexican composer Frederick Frahm.

The Cathedral of St. John
318 Silver Ave SW, 87102 • stjohnabq.org

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The Rev. Frederick B. ‘Ted’ Howden Jr.
Priest—Soldier—Martyr, d. December 11, 1942

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