



176th Convention of the Diocese of Vermont

Tending God's World—Now!

November 7-8, Trinity Episcopal Church, Rutland



Diocesan Convention Schedule

Friday, November 7, 2008

- 11:30 AM–2:30 PM Registration
- Noon–1:00 Convention 101
- 1:00–2:30 Open Hearings on budget, canons and resolutions
- 3:00–4:30 Forum with Bill McKibben, "Not Just Talking: Actually Taking Action on Climate Change"
- 5:00–6:00 Evensong
- 6:00–7:00 Social Hour (cash bar) and Friends of Bill Meeting Franklin Conference Center
- 7:00 Dinner, Franklin Conference Center – Guest Speaker: Bill McKibben

Saturday, November 8, 2008

- 8:00–10:30 Registration
- 8:30–9:45 Eucharist – Preacher, The Rt. Rev. Mary Adelia McLeod
- 10:00–12:30 Convention Business, beginning with Bishop Ely's annual address
- 12:30–1:00 Lunch at Trinity Church
- 1:00–3:30 Convention Business
- 3:30 Expected adjournment

Notes on Convention

All are welcome to attend part or all of the Diocesan Convention. Seating for the Forum and Convention worship services is open. While the Convention is in session, only delegates and clergy are to be seated on the floor. A special seating area will be available for visitors.

Exhibit areas in Trinity's Nourse Hall will be open Friday afternoon and Saturday morning.

Tickets (no charge) are required for the Forum with Bill McKibben. Reserve tickets at www.dioceseofvermont.org, or call the Diocesan Office, 800-286-3437.

Convention 101 is a short course on the workings of Convention for new and seasoned delegates alike.

The hearings on proposed resolutions, canon changes, and the diocesan budget provide a condensed forum for delegates to discuss briefly the issues that will come to the floor of Convention. Members of the Resolutions Committee, Canons Committee, and Diocesan Council (for budget hearings), as well as those individuals who submitted the resolutions or canon changes will be on hand to answer questions.

Convention communications, in keeping with the theme of sustainability and caring for God's creation, have been, as much as possible, by e-mail. All Convention materials are available on the diocesan Web site at www.dioceseofvermont.org.

Parking is available at conveniently located city parking garages. Limited parking at the church lot. You might also consider parking at the Franklin Conference Center on Friday afternoon and car pooling from there to Trinity (about 1 mile away).

Lodging: Special rates have been negotiated at the Red Roof Inn, the Comfort Inn and the Holiday Inn, all in Rutland. Contact information is on the Convention Schedule and General Information page on the Web site.

Candidates for Convention Offices

Clergy Alternate Deputy to 2009 General Convention

(Four to be elected)

Note: Alternate Deputies are ranked by the number of votes received. The first alternate in each order attends the Convention. In the event an elected deputy is unable to serve, the alternates move up in order, with the first alternate serving as a deputy and the second alternate attending the Convention as an alternate.

The Rev. Reid Farrell is rector at Holy Trinity, Swanton. He is a member of Diocesan Council and of its Executive Committee, the Cathedral Chapter and the planning team for the upcoming Capital Campaign. He was Clergy Alternate Deputy #4 to the 2006 General Convention. He says, "Having served in six dioceses and in parishes and communities of various sizes over the 25+ years of my priesthood, I believe I bring a unique perspective of who we are as a Church and what we have to offer through our ministries." He appreciates the involvement of both laity and clergy in the governance of this church and says he thinks an Anglican covenant "would be detrimental to our Episcopal Church." He adds, "I want to see our Church's focus move from issues of people's sexuality and return to the mission and ministry of the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

The Rev. Linda M. Maloney is priest in partnership at St. Matthew's, Enosburg Falls, and has served as dean of the Northwest Deanery. She says, "I was a 'worker bee' at Convention 2003 and saw how it works." She adds, "I am committed to a church that welcomes and values everyone, to the ministry of all the baptized and to an openness to the future and to mission. This means at the outset putting an end to any moratoria on human rights in the church. If there is to be a Covenant by which we live, let it be the Baptismal Covenant."

The Rev. Jud Pealer is rector at St. Paul's, Windsor and part-time chaplain at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center. He serves on the Committee on Christian Formation and the Resolutions Committee. He was Clergy Alternate Deputy #3 to the 2006 General Convention. He notes that alternates serve in a supportive role to the bishop and deputies and says he would help explore and discuss theological, biblical and political issues "with humor and diplomacy."

Lay Alternate Deputy to 2009 General Convention

(four to be elected)

Mary Carlson, a member of St. James', Essex Junction, is retired from the University of Vermont. She chairs the Ecumenical Lunch Bunch, a ministry among five churches in Essex Junction, and is a former board member of the Cathedral Square Corp. She has chaired St. James' Sole Mates and the Outreach Committee and co-chaired the recent rector discernment committee. She says, "I am committed to seeing The Episcopal Church (TEC) move forward in the 21st century, continuing to strengthen its ministry to all people, sharing the Gospel and bringing all people to Christ." She says that good stewardship of God's generous gifts of time, talent or treasure "should be a guiding principle of our lives."

Scott A. Paul, a member of St. Michael's, Brattleboro, serves on Diocesan Council and on the St. Michael's vestry. He chairs the parish Stewardship Committee and is a past senior warden. He attended the 2006 General Convention and says he believes he is "well-informed about the issues our church faces," and "I believe I can give every viewpoint on the issues equal opportunity before making any decisions." He adds that he hopes the worldwide Communion can be preserved, "But I also hope TEC will not shy away from being an example of Jesus' commandment to love one another and uphold a spirit of inclusion for all people who desire simply to walk in peace to love and serve the Lord."

Steven J. Smith, a vestry member and administrative warden at St. James', Arlington, is treasurer of the diocese

His interests include baptismal ministry, the environment and energy, racism, sexism, gay rights, Anglican relations, relations with other Christians and religions and the arts.

The Rev. Craig Smith is rector at Trinity Church, Shelburne, and a member of the Dispatch of Business Committee. He has served three terms on Diocesan Council, been a member of the Stewardship Committee, as a director and staff member of the Rock Point Summer Conferences and as president of the Brookhaven Board. He led the 2007 diocesan Advent Retreat. He says, "I have experience listening carefully and representing a wider perspective that fits Christ's mission of reconciliation. I believe the church needs to pursue new models and organizational forms as we adopt to our present limits in financial resources." He is interested in music and liturgy, Celtic Christianity and family systems theory.

The Rev. Carole Wageman is associate rector at Trinity, Shelburne. She serves with the group developing the diocesan Resource Center and as an alternate member of the Ecclesiastical Court. She served on the task force that led to the creation of two groups of the Commission on Ministry and chaired the Committee on Christian Formation from its inception, helping to shape its initial work. She says her experience in the human service field with marginalized youth and participation in a variety of church settings give her "an awareness and compassion for people living in very different circumstances." She notes that the current struggle in The Episcopal Church and Anglican Communion may be "less a discussion about 'identity' and more a discussion about discerning God's will for us. This discussion needs to be large enough to ensure that the needs of the world are not drowned out in the heat of any particular individual issue."

and a member of the diocesan Insurance Committee. He serves *ex officio* on Diocesan Council and the Oversight and Audit Committee. He is the former executive vice president of the Episcopal Church Pension Group (CPG) and has attended two General Conventions in that capacity. He says, "I love the polity of TEC, in which clergy and laity come together and work together to discuss and discern how God wishes to lead us forward." He opposes "the currently discussed 'Anglican Covenant' that would diminish this process and the authority of our General Convention..." and says, "Let's affirm ourselves as inclusive and then move on to address more of the other needs that God calls so urgently to our attention, among them the MDGs, the oft parallel needs of those less fortunate in our own country, and the greening of our churches and our lives."

W. Duncan Tingle, a member of St. John's in the Mountains, Stowe, is a retired school principal. He is a member of the Standing Committee, the Commission on Ministry Committee on Discernment and chair of the parish discernment committee to seek a new rector. He is president of the board of the Laraway School for children with special needs. He is a graduate of the Diocesan Study Program and has been involved in parish and diocesan leadership for many years. He says, "I believe Vermont has been on the cutting edge of new forms of ministry in rural areas for the 21st century. I would like to advocate for this on behalf of the diocese."

Candidates for Convention Offices (continued)

Standing Committee

(One clergy and one lay member to serve to 2013)

The Rev. H. Paul Brannock-Wanter is rector at St. Luke's, Chester, and a member of the Ecclesiastical Court. He is a past member of Diocesan Council and served on the Commission on Ministry in his previous diocese. He says, "I have been an ordained clergy person of TEC for almost 24 years of both change and continuity, and still have a deep love of, and adherence to, its polity and the present and continuing witness to Christian faith that arises out of this Church." He adds, "I try, whether successfully or unsuccessfully, to give precedence to grace over law, and mercy over judgment, and hope that justice and God are served therein."

C. Elizabeth Van Dyk, a member of Zion Church, Manchester, is retired from a career of administrative and university teaching. She currently serves as vice president of the board of the Southern Vermont Council on Aging. She says her experience has "honed my ability to analyze information, negotiate and communicate in person and in writing." She adds, "I have a serious commitment to my Church and Faith. Unity of all people in and out of the Episcopal community and assisting them is paramount."

Trustee of the Diocese

(One member to serve to 2015)

Stephen A. Reynes, a member of Christ Church, Montpelier, is an attorney and partner at Primmer, Piper, Eggleston & Cramer. He is a member of Diocesan Council and its Executive Committee and a former member of the Rock Point and Bishop Booth Conference Center boards. He has also served as senior and junior warden and vestry member at Christ Church. He is a graduate of the Diocesan Study Program, a participant in the Education for Ministry (EFM) program and part of an active baptismal ministry discernment group at Christ Church.

Oversight and Audit Committee

(One clergy and one lay member to serve to 2011)

The Rev. Peter D. MacLean, a retired priest who attends St. Andrew's, Colchester, is a current member of the Oversight and Audit Committee. He has served as a member of the audit team for several congregations and says "23 years of experience as a parish auditor and one-time instructor on financial management for the Parish Resource Center in New York" qualify him to serve.

Cynthia Watters, a member of St. Stephen's, Middlebury, and librarian at Middlebury College, is completing her first term on the Oversight and Audit Committee. She is a past treasurer at St. Stephen's, and she says her experience in her first term will allow her to continue to make a contribution to the committee's work.

Brookhaven Trustees

(Three members to serve to 2011)

Howard D. Clarke is a member of St. Paul's, White River Junction. He is a current member of the Brookhaven Board and has been involved in several mission trips to Honduras.

The Rev. Diana G. Collins is a deacon at St. Mark's, Springfield. She is a member of Diocesan Council and serves as chaplain to the Brookhaven Board. She is past chair of the board and a member of the advisory board of the Latin American Mission and Bible Institute in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. She is concerned about decreases in funding for children in need and the decreasing number of programs, such as that of Brookhaven, that "can offer children who have been marginalized and who are hurting hope and a caring environment."

Sue Rogers is a Chelsea resident who works in the local public school. She is a past member of the Brookhaven Board. She says, "I believe in Brookhaven and its worth in the State of Vermont" and she would like to participate in continuing its work.

Diocesan Council

(Four at-large members to serve to 2010)

The Rev. Victor Horvath is a priest/preacher member of the Ministry Support Team at Immanuel, Bellows Falls, and an administrator at Brattleboro Memorial Hospital. He is a current member of Diocesan Council, the Committee on Discernment of the Commission on Ministry and the Nominating Committee. He has served on the Standing Committee and as a vestry member and says that his previous experience on the Council and in the diocese qualify him to serve a second term.

The Rev. Scott B. Neal is rector at St. James', Arlington, and a former long-time member of St. Mary's, Northfield, where he served as choir director. He also served on the diocesan Music and Liturgy Committee. He says, "I have been in the Diocese of Vermont for over 40 years. I have experienced the unique challenges of family-sized parishes as a lay person, choir director and now rector." He adds that he fully supports the ministry of the diocese and "its many contributions and connections to The Episcopal Church."

Veronika Travis is a member of the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Burlington, and a Web site project manager. She is

a lay eucharistic minister and a member of the Committee on Christian Formation of the Commission on Ministry. As a former member of St. Michael's, Brattleboro, she was a member of the parish's Outreach Committee, a planner of mission trips and chair of the Christian Formation Team. She has experience in budgeting and planning and has worked in customer support for an Episcopal publisher. She says, "I have a strong belief that dioceses can support the mission of individual congregations effectively. It most often happens in the realms of communication and networking, and resources of the diocese should support the growth of communities and networks that work toward its stated mission."

Note: Four at-large positions are open. Additional nominations may be made from the floor at Diocesan Convention.

(Two Youth to serve to 2009)

Nominations to fill the two youth positions may be made from the floor at Diocesan Convention. None had been received as of the August deadline.

Rock Point Board

(Three members to serve to 2011)

Laurel Broughton, a member of Trinity, Shelburne, is a retired lecturer in English at UVM. She is a current trustee of the diocese and has previously served on the Rock Point Board, the Rock Point Task Force and as part of the diocesan strategic planning process. She has been associated with the Rock Point property since she was eight, and she says, "I am firmly committed to responsible stewardship of the property and its preservation for the benefit of future generations." She is also committed to "helping create ways in which to use the property to further the diocese's strategic plan."

Travis S. Lamberton, an artist, is a member of St. John's in the Mountains, Stowe, who serves the parish in many capacities, including the Building and Grounds Committee (St. John's has just completed a new church building), the Pastoral Care Committee and the Altar Guild, as a eucharistic minister and in the areas of hospitality and stewardship.

The Rev. Craig Smith is rector at Trinity Church, Shelburne, and a member of the Dispatch of Business Committee. He has served three terms on Diocesan Council, been a member of the Stewardship Committee, as a director and staff member of the Rock Point Summer Conferences and as president of the Brookhaven Board. He says, "I care deeply for Rock Point as a spiritual center and a holy place and have been involved with Rock Point all my life in multiple capacities." He stresses the need for both a capital campaign and a planned giving program for Rock Point.

Rock Point School Trustees

(Four members to be elected to 2011)

Marylen Grigas, an English teacher, potter and poet who lives in Burlington, has devoted much of her life to education and working with students with special needs. She says that her 31 years of teaching at RPS "would provide a useful perspective as a board member."

Barbara Grimes is general manager of the Burlington Electric Department, a member of the United Way Board and the Lake Champlain Chamber of Commerce. She is a former school board member and served two terms in the Vermont Legislature as chair of the Education Committee. She says The Episcopal Church has played a big role in her life and, "I look forward to joining the Board and hope to give something back."

Lindsey Huddle, an attorney, is a member of St. James', Essex Junction. She is a current member of the board and the diocesan Canons Committee, and a former member of the Diocesan Council, St. James' vestry and delegate to Diocesan Convention. She says, "I have experience with the relationship between Rock Point School and the diocese... and commitment to the students and staff. I believe passionately in the mission of RPS."

The Rev. Canon Tanya R. Wallace is canon educator at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Burlington, and a current member of the RPS board. She is a deputy to the 2009 General Convention and chair of the Committee on Discernment of the Commission on Ministry. She previously served on Diocesan Council. She believes the RPS board "is a good match for my skills and passions."



Nominees for elective offices are introduced at the 2007 Diocesan Convention.

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