



THE GREEN SHEET

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DIOCESAN CONVENTION INFORMATION - The 39th Diocesan Convention will be a **one-day convention, Friday, February 26th** at Christ Church, Pensacola. All clergy, delegates and visitors should be registered for the Convention through the Diocesan office. If you have any questions or need forms, call Carmen Kimmons at the Diocesan office, (850) 434-7337.

CONVENTION REGISTRATION - fee is \$10.00 per participant. The registration forms and the \$10.00 fee should be returned to the Diocesan office. The \$10.00 fee will cover Convention goodies and lunch. Those who attend the Convention and have paid the registration fee, will get a ticket for lunch!

RETIREES AND OTHERS - who wish to register for the Diocesan Convention, please call Carmen Kimmons at the Diocesan office or e-mail her at carmen@diocgc.org.

CONVENTION EXHIBITORS - There will be no exhibit area at the 2010 Convention!

PRE-CONVENTION MEETINGS - There will be two pre-convention meeting to present the 2010 proposed Diocesan Budget and have an orientation opportunity for first time and small church delegates. The first is **Saturday, February 6th**, 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Epiphany, Crestview. The second pre-convention event is **Saturday, February 20th**, 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at St. Paul's, Daphne. The information regarding these events has gone to all lay and clergy delegates. We do need to know how many people are coming so that we will have enough space. Please respond to the previous emails regarding a count!

2010 CLERGY CONFERENCE - Clergy should hold the dates for 2010 clergy conference: **September 12th - 14th**. Look for more information and registration forms for this meeting.

FRESH START - The next Fresh Start is **February 18th**, at the Diocesan office in Pensacola. The remaining Fresh Start dates for 2010 are: **March 18th, April 15th, May 20th, August 19th, September 16th, October 14th, and November 18th**. If you have any questions about this program, please call Salem Saloom, (251) 867-6464, or e-mail him at sawbonz@saloom.net.

CURSILLO 2010 - weekends have been announced as follows: Cursillo #141 - **February 18th - 21st**; #142 - **April 22nd - 25th**; and #143 - **November 4th - 7th**.

DEACONS SCHOOL - The second Deacon School workshop will be **Saturday, March 6th** at St. Paul's, Daphne from 10:00 a. m. to 1:00 p.m. The first workshop was very well received. Anyone interested in the ministry of the Diaconate, please communicate that interest to their clergy or senior warden-in-charge. If you plan to attend, please notify Mary Poss at the Diocesan office (850) 434-7337 or mary@diocgc.org. At the conclusion of the meeting, the steps in the discernment process will be outlined for all who wish to prayerfully consider a call to this vocation.

MEN'S CONFERENCE - The annual Men's Conference is scheduled for **March 5th - 7th**, at Beckwith Camp and Conference Center. The theme "Living in a Community of Faith" will be presented by The Rt. Rev. D. Bruce MacPherson, bishop of Western Louisiana. Registration forms have been mailed to all congregations and past participants.

LAY EMPLOYEES PLANNING FOR TOMORROW - The Church Pension Fund (CPG) is co-sponsoring a Planning for Tomorrow Conference for Lay Employees. This event is scheduled for **Friday and Saturday, March 19th - 20th**, at St. Christopher's in Pensacola. This event begins with registration at 4:00 p.m on Friday and concludes Saturday afternoon. This program offers planning opportunities for lay employees, including retirement plans, personal savings and investing, social security and medicare issues, and provides an opportunity for all to discuss in a comfortable setting what you as individuals and married couples may wish to see for yourselves, and your families as you look to the future. Lay employees should be receiving an invitation directly from the Church Pension Fund. The cost for meals is only \$10.00 per person; and \$58.00 per person/\$68.00 per couple, if overnight stay is required. The Hampton Inn Airport Hotel is the conference hotel. CPG will handle making your room reservations, details for mailing payment will be covered on the confirmation page on the reservation website. Hotel reservations must be made by February 12th. If you are a lay employee and did not receive any invitation, please contact Vince Currie or Jennifer Barnard in the Diocesan office at (850) 434-7337. If you have questions for the Church Pension Fund, contact Sean Scheller (800) 223-6608 ext. 8357; sscheller@cpg.org

CHURCH PENSION FUND UPDATE - Church treasurers are reminded that it is the responsibility of the employing institution to notify the Church Pension Fund of any compensation adjustments (which usually takes place the first of the year). This information can be reported on the form that is being provided by the Church Pension Fund, or it can be reported on the next quarterly bill. Responses should be sent to the Church Pension Fund, 445 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10016, Attn: Active Clergy Group.

HOUSING ALLOWANCE RESOLUTIONS - Clergy and vestries are reminded that clergy should request and vestries should adopt a housing allowance resolution each year, in advance of the period covered, designating a portion of the clergy salary as a tax-free housing allowance. This can include clergy living in church-owned housing. If you have any questions about this or need a sample form, contact Vince Currie or Jennifer Barnard at the Diocesan office.

SUPPLY CLERGY TAXES - If your congregation pays a supply clergy person \$600.00 or more during the calendar year, a Form 1099 indicating the amount of wages paid during that year must be given to the supply clergy person. The Form 1099 should not include travel. If you have any questions about this or any other year-end tax matters, please contact Vince Currie or Jennifer Barnard at the Diocesan office.

2010 STANDARD MILEAGE RATES - The IRS has released the 2010 mileage rates for reimbursement, to be used by employees, self-employed individuals, and other taxpayers to compute deductible cost of operating an automobile for reimbursable business purposes. The following are the rates beginning January 1, 2010:

- 50¢ per mile for business
- 16.5¢ per mile for medical or moving purposes
- 14¢ per mile in service of charitable organizations (including volunteer church work!)

2010 BECKWITH SUMMER CAMP - The 2010 camp sessions for Beckwith Camp and Conference Center have been announced. Schedule and applications are on the Diocesan website (www.diocgc.org). For additional information contact Beckwith Camp and Conference Center at (251) 928-7844; fax (251) 928-7811; e-mail beckccc@bellsouth.net:

Junior High	Sunday, May 30 th - Saturday, June 5
3 rd & 4 th Grade	Tuesday, June 8 th - Friday, June 11
Senior High	Monday, June 14 th - Sunday, June 20 th
Special Ministries	Wednesday, June 23 rd - Sunday, June 27 th
2 nd & 3 rd Grade	Wednesday, June 30 th - Friday, July 2
8 th & 9 th Grade	Tuesday, July 6 th - Monday, July 12 th
6 th & 7 th Grade	Thursday, July 15 th - Wednesday, July 21 st
5 th & 6 th Grade	Saturday, July 24 th - Friday, July 30 th
4 th & 5 th Grade	Monday, August 2 nd - Friday, August 6 th

APPLICATIONS FOR THE BECKWITH 2010 SUMMER CAMP STAFF - are also on the Diocesan website (www.diocgc.org) If you need additional information, contact Beckwith Camp and Conference Center.

LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE - Province IV Congregational Development and Evangelism Network is promoting three Leadership conferences as follows: **April 8th - 10th** at Camp McDowell, near Birmingham, Alabama; **April 29th - May 1st** at Canterbury Conference Center near Orlando, Florida; **June 9th -11th** at Kanuga Conferences in Hendersonville, North Carolina. Registration cost is \$30.00 per person. The cost of lodging and meals will vary by conference site. The theme for these conferences is “Leadership Marks for Creating and Growing Vital Congregations” which will address the concern of many church leaders to “create a leadership culture” within dioceses and congregations by equipping clergy and laity with skill proven to be key to the guidance and development of ministries. Principal speakers will be Bishop Leo Frade of Southeast Florida and Bishop William Gregg of North Carolina; Charles Fulton, former Director of Congregational Development for TEC; Thomas Brackett, Program Officer for TEC in Church Planting and Redevelopment; Archdeacon Bryan A. Hobbs, Director of the Nehemiah Process in the Diocese of Southeast Florida; Mary MacGregor, Director of Leadership Development in the Diocese of Texas. For additional information and to register go to “www.marksofleadershipregistration.org”

PLANNED GIVING QUOTE - “Ultimately, takers lose and givers win!”

HEALTH TIP - “Never eat more than you can lift!” ...Miss Piggy, Muppet character

ANNOUNCEMENTS TO BE PUBLICIZED IN THE *GREEN SHEET* SHOULD BE SENT TO CARMEN KIMMONS BY THE FIRST OF THE MONTH PRIOR TO THE *GREEN SHEET* PUBLICATION!

SINCE THERE IS A LIMITED NUMBER OF JANUARY RECEIPTS, THERE IS NO TREASURER’S REPORT WITH THE *GREEN SHEET* THIS MONTH.

COMING EVENTS

Pre-Convention meeting - East	Feb 6	Epiphany, Crestview
Seniorfest 2010	Feb 13	University of West Florida
Fresh Start	Feb 18	Diocesan office
Cursillo	Feb 18 - 21	Beckwith
Pre-Convention meeting - West	Feb 20	St. Paul's, Daphne
Diocesan Convention	Feb 26	Christ Church, Pensacola
Men's Conference	Mar 5 - 7	Beckwith
Deacon's School Informational Workshop	Mar 6	St. Paul's, Daphne
Fresh Start	Mar 18	Diocesan office
Planning for Tomorrow-Lay employees	Mar 19 -20	St. Christopher's, Pensacola

BISHOP DUNCAN'S CALENDAR

Visitation	Feb 7	St. Anna's, Atmore (Poarch)
Visitation	Feb 14	St. Francis', Dauphin Island
Ash Wednesday service	Feb 17	Christ Church Cathedral, Mobile
Visitation	Feb 21	St. John, Robertsedale
Diocesan Convention	Feb 26	Christ Church, Pensacola
Cursillo Closing	Feb 21	Beckwith
Diocesan Convention	Feb 26	Christ Church, Pensacola
Visitation	Feb 28	St. Andrews', Destin
Jewish-Christian Dialogue honorary dinner	Mar 1	St. Paul's, Mobile
Deacon's School Informational Workshop	Mar 6	St. Paul's, Daphne
Visitation	Mar 7	St. Agatha's, DeFuniak Springs
Visitation	Mar 14	Trinity, Apalachicola
Commission on Ministry w/Seminarians	Mar 15	Diocesan Office
House of Bishops' pre-meetings	Mar 16 - 18	Camp Allen, TX
House of Bishops' meeting	Mar 19 - 24	Camp Allen, TX
Visit Seminary of the Southwest	Mar 25 - 27	Austin, TX
Palm Sunday Visitation	Mar 28	Epiphany, Crestview

QUOTE FOR THE MONTH:

A quote from a 14 year old: "I learned that it is easier to stay out of trouble than to get out of trouble!"