



THE GREEN SHEET

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CHRIST CHURCH, PENSACOLA - deserves a hearty thank you for hosting the 39th Diocesan Convention, Friday, February 26th, and on such short notice! Approximately 300 clergy and lay delegates, alternates, and visitors gathered for a day of fellowship and Diocesan business. Among other things, the Diocesan Convention:

- heard two rousing sermons from The Rt. Rev. Michael Curry, Bishop of North Carolina, who was guest speaker and Convention chaplain;
- adopted a resolution urging the Alabama legislature to allow the people of Alabama to vote on calling a Citizen's Constitution Convention to write Alabama's 7th Constitution;
- adopted a resolution changing the name of the Diocese to "The Episcopal Church in the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast, Inc.";
- adopted a resolution commending the work of the Standing Committee and Operation Redesign and encouraging congregations and Diocesan institutions to engage in a five-year plan;
- adopted a \$1,277,360 budget which is balanced after severe cuts in Diocesan programs and personnel;
- designated the Convention offerings to be given to Episcopal Relief and Development, designated for earthquake aid to Haiti;
- accepted the invitation of Christ Church Cathedral, Mobile for the 41st Annual Convention to be held February 9 -11, 2012. The 2011 Convention had previously been set for St.James', Fairhope and Beckwith Camp and Conference Center, February 10 -12, 2011;
- elected Gary Moore, Secretary of the Diocese; and re-elected the other General Officers: Hal Major, Treasurer; Kathy Miller, Esq., Diocesan Chancellor for Alabama; Scott Remington, Esq., Diocesan Chancellor for Florida; Kit Caffey, Registrar-Historiographer;
- elected Lynn Ferren, St. Patrick's, Panama City; Ed Garrison, St. James', Eufaula; Mac Walcott, St. James', Fairhope; The Rev. De Freeman, Epiphany, Crestview and The Rev. Ede Plovanich, Nativity, Dothan to three-year terms on the Standing Committee. The Standing Committee subsequently elected The Rev. Greg Hein, president and Lynn Ferren, secretary for the 2010 year.

CLERGY NEWS - Congratulations to **The Rev. Anthony MacWhinnie** who has accepted the call to be Rector of St. Augustine, Navarre effective February 17th. Best wishes to Anthony in his new ministry.

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.

PASSED MARCH 1ST DEADLINES! - The following reports or information were due in the Diocesan office on or before March 1st. **Parochial Reports** and **Journal Directory Forms**.

The following congregations have not submitted a Parochial Report:

Atmore, Trinity	Marianna, St. Luke's	Niceville, St. Jude's
Brewton, St. Stephen's	Milton, St. Mary's	Ozark, St. Michael's
Chickasaw, St. Michael's	Mobile, All Saints	Pensacola, Holy Cross
Coden, St. Mary's	Mobile, Good Shepherd	Pensacola, Holy Trinity
Destin, St. Andrew's	Mobile, St. John's	Pensacola, St. Christopher's
Enterprise, Epiphany	Mobile, St. Matthew's	Pensacola, St. Cyprian's
Eufaula, St. James'	Mobile, St. Paul's	Port St. Joe, St. James'
Gulf Breeze, St. Francis'	Mobile, Trinity	Robertsdale, St. John
Gulf Shores, Holy Spirit	Monroeville, St. John's	Santa Rosa Beach, Christ the King
Magnolia Springs, St. Paul's	Navarre, St. Augustine	Troy, St. Mark's

The following congregations have not submitted a Journal Directory form:

Atmore, Trinity	Fairhope, St. James'	Mobile, Good Shepherd
Cantonment, St. Monica's	Gulf Breeze, St. Francis'	Mobile, St. Matthew's
Chickasaw, St. Michael's	Laguna Beach, St. Thomas'	Mobile, Trinity
Crestview, Epiphany	Magnolia Springs, St. Paul's	Panama City, St. Patrick's
Destin, St. Andrew's	Milton, St. Mary's	Pensacola, Holy Cross
Enterprise, Epiphany	Mobile, All Saints	Santa Rosa Bch, Christ the King
	Mobile, Christ Cathedral	Troy, St. Mark's

GROUP LIFE, DISABILITY, DENTAL, MEDICAL INSURANCE BILLING PROCEDURE - will change effective April, 2010. Effective with the April group life, disability, dental, medical premiums, the billings will come to each employing unit for their employees, from the Medical Trust of the Church Pension Fund in New York. **The Diocese will no longer bill employers on a quarterly basis for their employees insurance! There will be no increase in the premiums.** The bill that comes from the Medical Trust will for one monthly premium and will be due directly back to them. Hopefully there will be sufficient instructions with the first and subsequent billings to make the transition fairly seamless. There will be some employing units that have not completed their payment to the Diocese for the January, February, and March, 2010 premiums. In such cases, those premiums should be remitted to the Diocese, as the Diocese has already paid the Medical Trust for January, February and March billings. Any questions about this new procedure, please contact Carmen Kimmons or Vince Currie in the Diocesan office.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE PREMIUMS - Beginning with the month of April, Workers' Compensation premiums will be billed directly to the employing units, on a quarterly basis (April-June; July-September; October-December). When the Diocesan Convention adopted the 2010 Diocesan budget, it included a provision that going forward, each employing unit will pay its own Workers' Compensation premiums on its employees. The bills will come directly from the Church Insurance Agency and payment should be remitted directly to Church Insurance Agency. Hopefully in the next week or so, a more formal letter advising employers of this new procedure will be mailed, and this letter will include an estimated balance of the Workers' Compensation premium. If you have any questions about this new procedure, please contact Vince Currie at the Diocesan office.

GOOD FRIDAY OFFERING - The 2010 Good Friday Offering (GFO) is designed for the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East, symbolizing unity with and passionate concern for those who witness to Christ throughout that region. Good Friday Offerings are collected and transmitted through the Diocese to the Episcopal Church who transmits all funds to the designated recipient. More information on this offering is available online at www.episcopalchurch.org/gfo. There you can access the Good Friday Offering Bulletin Shell and Poster.

FRESH START - The next Fresh Start is **March 18th**, at the Diocesan office in Pensacola. The remaining Fresh Start dates for 2010 are: **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.

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. 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

COMMISSION ON FINANCE - will meet **Wednesday, April 7th** at the Diocesan office. Anyone having business to come before the Commission on Finance should get that information to Vince Currie by April 2nd.

STANDING COMMITTEE - will meet **Monday, April 19th** at St. Jude's, Niceville. Anyone having business to come before the Standing Committee should get that information to Vince Currie by April 14th.

CURSILLO 2010 - the remaining weekends for 2010: #142 - **April 22nd - 25th**; and #143 - **November 4th - 7th**.

ECW SPRING DAY AWAY - is scheduled for **Saturday, April 24th** at St. Andrew's, Panama City. The theme is "Through the Looking Glass". Registration fee is \$15. Please make checks payable to Marilyn Hermansen, 2412 St. Andrews Road #23, Panama City, FL 32405 and mail by April 10th. Registration forms have been mailed to all congregations. Flyer available on online at www.diocgc.org.

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.

THE REV. DR. TILDEN EDWARDS - senior fellow and founder of the Shalem Institute for Spiritual Formation, known internationally for his retreats and workshops on Christian meditation and contemplative practice, will be speaking at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Mobile at 7:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, April 14th**. Father Edward's theme will be "Finding Receptive Spaciousness for God in a Mentally Overcrowded Culture". His book, Sabbath Time is ideal Lenten reading.

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 - "It's easy to make a buck. It's a lot tougher to make a difference!" Tom Brokaw

HEALTH TIP - "Health and cheerfulness naturally beget each other!"

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!

<p>DIOCESAN OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED - Friday afternoon, April 2nd (Good Friday) and Monday, April 5th (Easter Monday).</p>

COMING EVENTS

Fresh Start	Mar 18	Diocesan office
Planning for Tomorrow-Lay employees	Mar 19 -20	St. Christopher's, Pensacola
Commission on Finance meeting	Apr 7	Diocesan office
Leadership Conference	Apr 8 - 10	Camp McDowell, AL
The Rev. Dr. Tilden Edwards	Apr 14	St. Paul's, Mobile
Standing Committee meeting	Apr 19	St. Jude's, Niceville
Cursillo #142	Apr 22 - 25	Beckwith Camp
ECW Spring Day Away	Apr 24	St. Andrew's, Panama City
Leadership Conference	Apr 29 - May 1	Canterbury Conf Ctr, Orlando, FL

BISHOP DUNCAN'S CALENDAR

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 24 - 25	Austin, TX
Palm Sunday Visitation	Mar 28	Epiphany, Crestview
Easter Sunday service	Apr 4	Christ Church Cathedral, Mobile
Commission on Finance meeting	Apr 7	Diocesan office
Chelsea Study Group	Apr 9 - 14	Asheville, NC
United Methodist & The Episcopal Church Bi-Laterals	Apr 14 - 16	St. Louis, MO
Visitation	Apr 18	St. Matthew's, Chipley
Standing Committee meeting	Apr 19	St. Jude's, Niceville
Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge	Apr 21 - 22	Philadelphia, PA
Visitation	Apr 25	St. Paul's, Mobile
Cursillo closing	Apr 25 4pm	Beckwith Camp
Bishops' Systems Group	Apr 27 - 30	Ellenton, FL

QUOTE FOR THE MONTH:

"If you give a pig and a boy everything they want, you will get a good pig and a bad boy!"