



# THE GREEN SHEET

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**CLERGY NEWS** - Congratulations, but farewell, to **The Rev. David Powell** (St. John's, Pensacola) and **The Rev. Betsy Powell** (St. Augustine, Navarre) who have been called to be Rector and Assistant Rector, respectively, to St. Paul's, Selma, Alabama, effective January 1, 2010. Congratulations to **The Rev. Milledge Baker** who has been named Priest at St. Monica's, Cantonment. Welcome back to **The Rev. Mark McDonald** (most recently in the Diocese of Western Louisiana) who is going to be a Priest Associate at St. Paul's, Daphne.

**STAFF NEWS** - Welcome to **Vanessa Riutta**, who has been appointed part-time Diocesan Coordinator for Youth Ministries, effective October 15<sup>th</sup>. Vanessa will be coordinating Diocesan Happenings, Jump Start, Vocare, and Campus Ministries. She can be contacted at the Diocesan office, (850) 434-7337. Congratulations to **Mary and David Poss**, on the birth of their second granddaughter, Lilly Wells, born to Courtney and Thomas Wells on December 4<sup>th</sup>. Baby Lilly and Courtney are doing well. Of course, the grandparents are ecstatic!

**RETIRED CLERGY AND SPOUSES AND WIDOWS** - have received reservation information for the annual luncheon with the Bishop, **Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup>** at Holy Cross, Pensacola. If you have not responded, please do so as soon as possible so there will be an accurate count for lunch.

**CLERGY QUIET DAY** - is scheduled for **Tuesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>**, at Holy Cross, Pensacola. The Rt. Rev. Dorsey Henderson, Bishop of Upper South Carolina, will be the guest presenter. More information will be coming soon!

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

**DIOCESAN CONVENTION INFORMATION** - The 39<sup>th</sup> Diocesan Convention will be a **one-day convention, Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup>** at Christ Church, Pensacola. The first convention packet has been mailed to all clergy and senior wardens-in-charge of congregations. The following are important deadlines for various Convention items to be in the Diocesan office:

DATE DUE

ITEM

December 15, 2009

PLEDGE REPORTS (form previously sent, if you need another, call Jennifer Barnard at the diocesan office)

December 29, 2009

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION OF LAY DELEGATES (see enclosed memo)  
Election of delegates must be held on or before December 28, 2009.

January 12, 2010

RESOLUTIONS TO CONVENTION - Our Rules of Order require that all resolutions be presented in writing to the Secretary, The Rev. Canon Beverly Gibson, Christ Church Cathedral, 115 S. Conception St., Mobile, AL 36602, forty-five (45) days prior to the Convention. **(Please provide the Diocesan office with a copy of your resolution)**

January 15, 2010

NOMINATIONS FOR THE STANDING COMMITTEE

January 15, 2010

REGISTRATION FORM (with fee) to Diocesan office.

**CONVENTION REGISTRATION** - fee is \$10.00 per participant. The registration forms included should be returned to the Diocesan office. The \$10 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 email her at [carmen@diocgc.org](mailto:carmen@diocgc.org).

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

**2010 PLEDGE REPORT** - with a personal letter from Bishop Duncan was mailed to all rectors, vicars and senior warden-in-charge, with a copy of the letter to each church treasurer. Pledge reports should be returned to Vince Currie at the Diocesan office by **December 15<sup>th</sup>**.

**BUDGET TIME** - Commission and Board chairs had been asked to get their budget request for 2010 to the Diocesan office by **November 30<sup>th</sup>**. Those who have not done so, need to respond as soon as possible so that their request will be included for consideration in the 2010 Diocesan Budget. If you have any questions about any budget items, contact Vince Currie or Jennifer Barnard in the Diocesan office.

**2010 WINTER WOODS** - is set for **December 27<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup>** at Beckwith Camp and Conference Center. This Christian education opportunity welcomes applicants currently in grades 6, 7, and 8. This year's guest musician is Fran McKendree from Hendersonville, NC. Applications have been forwarded to all congregations. For additional information contact Curt Kennington at (251) 401-5427.

**CHURCH ARCHIVES WORKSHOP** - will be held at the Church of the Epiphany in Crestview, **Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup>**, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This will be a workshop for beginners as well as those who have an archives underway in their congregation. The cost will be \$15.00 including materials and lunch. For further information and reservations, please contact The Rev. Albert Kennington, [revsak@gmail.com](mailto:revsak@gmail.com) or Kit Caffey (251) 626-0053. You may also contact the Diocesan office at (850) 434-7337 for reservations. Please register before January 11<sup>th</sup>.

**COMMISSION ON FINANCE** - will meet **Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>** at the Diocesan office at 11:00 a.m. to finalize the 2010 budget. Anyone having business to come before the Commission on Finance should contact Vince Currie by January 15<sup>th</sup>.

**FRESH START** - resumes **Thursday, January 21<sup>st</sup>** at the Diocesan office in Pensacola. The remaining Fresh Start dates for 2010 are: **February 18<sup>th</sup>, March 18<sup>th</sup>, April 15<sup>th</sup>, May 20<sup>th</sup>, August 19<sup>th</sup>, September 16<sup>th</sup>, October 14<sup>th</sup>, and November 18<sup>th</sup>**. If you have any questions about this program, please call Salem Saloom, (251) 867-6464, or e-mail him at [sawbonz@saloom.net](mailto:sawbonz@saloom.net).

**STANDING COMMITTEE** - will meet **Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup>** at St. Anna's, Poarch. Anyone having business to come before the Standing Committee should contact Vince Currie prior to January 22<sup>nd</sup>.

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

**MEN'S CONFERENCE** - The annual Men's Conference is scheduled for **March 5 - 7, 2010** 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.

**CHURCH AUDITS** - were due in the Bishop's office on or before September 1<sup>st</sup>. If your church has not responded to the Bishop and the treasurer's personal appeal please do so ASAP. If you have any questions about the audit or need an audit form, contact Vince Currie or Jennifer Barnard in 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!)

**PLANNED GIVING QUOTE** - "If you give away your money to the church while you are alive, your parents won't have to fight over it when you are dead!"

**HEALTH TIP** - "Keeping hands clean is one of the most important ways to prevent the spread of infection and illness!"

**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!**

**DIOCESAN OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED - Thursday, Friday and Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>,  
and 28<sup>th</sup> in celebration of Christmas, and Friday, January 1, 2010 in celebration of New Year's.  
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!!!**

**COMING EVENTS**

Retired Clergy, Spouses, Widows luncheon	Dec 11	Holy Cross, Pensacola
OFFICE CLOSED	Dec 24, 25, 28	Diocesan office
Winter Woods	Dec 27 - 31	Beckwith
Wintertalk	Jan 14 - 17	St. Anna's, Atmore (Poarch)
OFFICE CLOSED	Jan 18	Diocesan office
Fresh Start	Jan 21	Diocesan office
Fresh Start	Feb 18	Diocesan office
Cursillo	Feb 18 - 21	Beckwith
Diocesan Convention	Feb 26	Christ Church, Pensacola
Men's Conference	Mar 5 - 7	Beckwith

**BISHOP DUNCAN'S CALENDAR**

Retired Clergy luncheon	Dec 11	Holy Cross, Pensacola
Visitation	Dec 13	Redeemer, Mobile
ARC Meeting	Dec 13 p.m.	Mobile, AL
Ecumential & Interfaith Luncheon	Dec 16	Mobile, AL
Deacon Ordination - Butterbaugh	Dec 19	Christ Church Cathedral, Mobile
Commission on Ministry	Dec 19	Christ Church Cathedral, Mobile
Visitation	Dec 20	Grace Church, Panama City Beach
Christmas Eve service	Dec 24 4:30 p.m.	Christ Cathedral, Mobile
Christmas Eve service	Dec 24 9:30 p.m.	St. Francis, Gulf Breeze
Christmas Day service	Dec 25	St. Francis, Gulf Breeze
Visiting ETSS and family	Dec 26 - Jan 4	Austin, TX
Comm on Ministry w/Vocational Deacons	Jan 9	Diocesan office
Visitation	Jan 10 a.m.	St. Mark's, Mobile
Blessing of Church Building	Jan 10 3:00 p.m.	St. Mary's, Coden
Comm on Diocesan Missions	Jan 12	Diocesan office
Brotherhood of St Andrew meeting	Jan 16	Christ Church, Pensacola
Visitation	Jan 17 a.m.	St. John's, Monroeville
Wintertalk	Jan 17 p.m.	St. Anna's, Atmore (Poarch)
Martin Luther King Jr Holiday	Jan 18	Office closed
Commission on Finance	Jan 20	Diocesan office
Consecration of Bishop of Georgia	Jan 22 - 23	Savannah, GA
Visitation	Jan 24	St. Luke's, Marianna
Standing Committee	Jan 25	St. Anna's, Atmore (Poarch)
Institution of new Chancellor	Jan 26	Sewanee, TN
Bishop's Systems Group meeting	Jan 26 - 28	Sewanee, TN
Deacon's School Informational Workshop	Jan 30	St. Matthew's, Chipley
Visitation	Jan 31	St. Jude's, Niceville
Clergy Quiet Day	Feb 2	Holy Cross, Pensacola
GTS Board meeting	Feb 4 - 6	New York, NY
Ash Wednesday service	Feb 17	Christ Church Cathedral, Mobile

**QUOTE FOR CHRISTMASTIDE:**

“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom he is pleased!” Luke 2:14