



THE GREEN SHEET

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CLERGY NEWS - Farewell and best wishes to **The Rev. De Freeman** (and family) who has accepted a call to be Rector of Chapel of our Savior, Colorado Springs, CO, effective January 11, 2011... **The Rev. Massey Gentry** (retired Diocese of Texas) has been appointed part-time Vicar at St. Peter's, Bon Secour, and also part-time interim director of Beckwith Camp and Conference Center. Massey and Jan reside in Fairhope. Congratulations to **The Rev. Susan Sowers**, Curate at St. Christopher's, Pensacola who will be ordained Priest at St. Christopher's, Saturday, December 18th at 10:30 a.m. All are invited. Clergy red stoles.

RETIRED CLERGY AND SPOUSES AND WIDOWS - should have responded to the Bishop's invitation for this year's event at Christ Church Cathedral, Mobile, **Friday, December 10th**. If not, get your reservations in immediately so that we will have an accurate count for lunch.

CLERGY QUIET DAY - is scheduled for **Tuesday, February 22nd**. More information will be coming soon!

DIOCESAN CONVENTION INFORMATION - The 40th Diocesan Convention is scheduled for **Thursday, February 10 - 12, 2011** at St. James' Church and Beckwith Camp and Conference Center, Fairhope. 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

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| November 12, 2010 | 1. | Due date for resolutions amending the Canons has passed. Proposed resolutions to amend the Canons will be forwarded to all congregations in the next couple of weeks. |
| December 10, 2010 | 2. | PLEDGE REPORTS (form previously sent, if you need another, call Jennifer Barnard at the diocesan office) |
| December 13, 2010 | 3. | CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION OF LAY DELEGATES Election of delegates must be held on or before December 12, 2010. |
| December 27, 2010 | 4. | RESOLUTIONS TO CONVENTION - Our Rules of Order require that all resolutions be presented in writing to the Secretary, Gary Moore, 409 S. Mobile St., Fairhope, AL 36532, forty-five (45) days prior to the Convention. <u>(Please provide the Diocesan office with a copy of your resolution)</u> |
| January 7, 2011 | 5. | NOMINATIONS FOR THE STANDING COMMITTEE |
| January 7, 2011 | 6. | NOMINATIONS FOR DEPUTIES TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION |
| January 7, 2011 | 7. | REGISTRATION FORM (with fee) to the Diocesan office. |

CONVENTION HOTEL INFORMATION - is coming to all congregations, along with a welcoming letter from St. James' and Beckwith. Convention goers will be encouraged to make hotel reservations as early as possible to assure Convention rates.

CONVENTION REGISTRATION AND/OR CONVENTION "GALA" REGISTRATION - Included in the information mailed from the Diocesan office, are registration forms for the 40th Annual Diocesan Convention. The registration fee is \$75, which includes registering for the Convention and a ticket for the Gala Friday evening at Beckwith Camp and Conference Center. Duplicate the form for as many registrations as are required and submit them to **Diocesan office**. If you plan to attend the **"Gala" only**, please complete the ticket portion of the registration form and return to the Diocesan office with a check for \$50. **ALL REGISTRATION FORMS AND FEES ARE DUE BEFORE JANUARY 7, 2011.**

RETIREES AND OTHERS - who wish to register for the Diocesan Convention, please call Carmen Kimmons at the Diocesan office (850) 434-7337, or e-mail carmen@diocgc.org, for a form.

SO THAT EVERYONE UNDERSTANDS - Those registering for the Convention (\$75 per person) will get a name tag, Convention packet information, Convention refreshments, and a ticket to the Friday evening Gala. Those registering for the Gala Friday evening only, will get a ticket to that event only and will not be registered for the Convention and will not get a Convention name tag or other Convention materials, or refreshments!

CONVENTION EXHIBITORS - A request form will be mailed to all those known to be interest in having an exhibit at the Diocesan Convention. If you plan to have an exhibit at the Diocesan Convention and did not receive this information, please contact Carmen Kimmons at the Diocesan office. **Exhibitor space is limited and will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.**

2011 PLEDGE REPORT - with a personal letter from Bishop Duncan, has been mailed to all rectors, vicars, and senior wardens-in-charge of congregations, with a copy of the letter to each church treasurer. Pledge reports should be returned to Vince Currie at the Diocesan office by **December 10th**.

BUDGET TIME - Commission and Board Chairs are asked to get their budget requests for 2011 to Vince Currie at the Diocesan office by **December 15th**. The Commission on Finance is beginning to develop the 2011 Budget and will need all expense requests to complete this work. If you have any questions about any budget items, contact Vince Currie or Jennifer Barnard in the Diocesan office.

SALARY RECOMMENDATIONS - The Standing Committee reviewed the minimum salary for clergy with 0 - 4 years of service, and opted not to recommend an increase for 2011. This is in keeping with the Social Security Administration announcement that there will be no cost-of-living adjustment for Social Security Administration recipients. However, the Standing Committee strongly encourages congregations and Diocesan institutions to reward meritorious service with additional merit pay increases where possible. **The supply clergy rate** is to remain the same at \$175 for one Sunday and \$200 for two services on the same Sunday. **The mileage reimbursement rate** is the IRS allowable rate established for mileage reimbursement (currently 50¢ per mile). This information has been mailed to all clergy, senior wardens and treasurers.

MEDICAL/DENTAL INSURANCE PREMIUMS FOR 2011 - If participants use the same plan (optional plans are available at different premiums):

- Medical Insurance (High Option PPO) - Single coverage \$584 per month
- Medical Insurance (High Option PPO) - Family coverage \$1,342 per month
- Dental & Orthodontia Insurance - Single \$64 per month; Family \$152 per month
- Basic Dental Insurance - Single \$53 per month; Family \$125 per month
- Preventive Dental Insurance - Single \$19 per month; Family \$45 per month

GROUP LIFE INSURANCE PREMIUMS - will remain the same for 2011, \$26.40 per month.

CHURCH AUDITS - All congregations are required by Canon to file a financial audit with the Bishop's office by September 1st of the following year. **Church audits for the year ending December 31, 2009 were due in the Bishop's office on or before September 1, 2010.** The following congregations have not submitted an audit for the year ending December 31, 2009, and should do so immediately.

Atmore, St. Anna's
Atmore, Trinity
Bay Minette, Immanuel
Cantonment, St. Monica's
Chickasaw, St. Michael's
Citronelle, St. Thomas'
Crestview, Epiphany
Destin, St. Andrew's
Enterprise, Epiphany
Fairhope, St. James'

Greenville, St. Thomas'
Gulf Breeze, St. Francis'
Jackson, St. Peter's
Lillian, Advent
Magnolia Springs, St. Paul's
Milton, St. Mary's
Mobile, All Saints
Mobile, Good Shepard
Mobile, St. Andrew's

Mobile, St. Matthew's
Monroeville, St. John's
Navarre, St. Augustine
Ozark, St. Michael's
Panama City, Holy Nativity
Panama City, St. Patrick's
Pensacola, Holy Cross
Pensacola, St. Christopher's
Wilmer Hall

If you have any questions about audit requirements, or need an audit form approved by the Commission on Finance, please contact Vince Currie or Jennifer Barnard at the Diocesan office.

WINTER WOODS - is set for **December 28th - January 1st** at Beckwith Camp and Conference Center. This Christian education opportunity welcomes applicants currently in grades 7th - 10th. Applications have been forwarded to all congregations and are available online www.campbeckwith.org. For additional information contact Ann Ernst at (251) 928-7844.

COMMISSION ON FINANCE - will meet **Monday, January 10th** at the Diocese office at 10:00 a.m. to finalize the 2011 budget. Anyone having business to come before the Commission on Finance should contact Vince Currie by January 6th.

STANDING COMMITTEE - will meet **Tuesday, January 18th** at Nativity, Dothan at 10:00 a.m. Anyone having business to come before the Standing Committee should contact Vince Currie prior to January 13th.

TALLAHASSEE CHURCH MUSIC CONFERENCE - Musicians in the Diocese are reminded of the annual Tallahassee Church Music Conference at Florida State University scheduled for **January 27-29, 2011**. Clergy are also welcome to this conference which helps promote mutual understanding in the practice and theology of church music. Co-sponsored by Florida State University College of Music and Department of Religion, and American Guild of Organists, the 2011 conference will also benefit from partnerships with the Leadership Program for Musicians, and the Church Music institute. For more information about the conference, including faculty bios, schedules, etc., visit the conference website: www.churchmusicconference.org.

CURSILLO 2011 - weekends are as follows: **February 23rd - 27th** and **November 2nd - 6th**.

MEN'S CONFERENCE - The annual Men's Conference is scheduled for **March 4th - 6th** at Beckwith Camp and Conference Center. More information will be coming soon!

PLANNED GIVING QUOTE - **“Year end and new year planning presents a golden opportunity to strategize about planned giving!”**

HEALTH TIP (for the Holidays!) - **“Limit the amount of sweets you eat or serve. Having healthier snacks around will help prevent gaining those ‘holiday pounds.’ Fruit is a wonderful alternative to cookies!”**

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 - Monday, December 27th through Friday, December 31st. We will reopen on Monday, January 3rd. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!

COMING EVENTS

Retired Clergy & Spouses & Widows luncheon	Dec 10	Christ Church Cathedral, Mobile
UTO Grant Review meeting	Dec 15 pm	Diocesan office
Winterlight 2010	Dec 27 - Jan 1	Kanuga, NC
Winter Woods	Dec 28 - Jan 1	Beckwith
Commission on Finance	Jan 10	Diocesan office
Martin Luther King Day	Jan 17	Office Closed
Standing Committee	Jan 18	Nativity, Dothan
Tallahassee Church Music Conference	Jan 27 - 29	Florida State University
Diocesan Convention	Feb 10 - 12	St. James' & Beckwith, Fairhope
Clergy Quiet Day	Feb 22	TBA
Cursillo	Feb 23 - 27	Beckwith
Men's Conference	Mar 4 - 6	Beckwith

BISHOP DUNCAN'S CALENDAR

Visitation	Dec 5	Nativity, Dothan
Standing Committee meeting	Dec 6	St. Jude's, Niceville
Miscellaneous Meetings	Dec 8 - 9	Houston, TX
Retired Clergy & Spouses & Widows luncheon	Dec 10	Christ Church Cathedral, Mobile
Staff Christmas Party	Dec 10 (6pm)	Bishop's home
Deacons School Retreat	Dec 11	Beckwith
Visitation	Dec 11 - 12	St. Paul's, Foley
Day with the Deacons	Dec 15	Diocesan office
Ordination to the Priesthood - Sowers	Dec 18	St. Christopher's, Pensacola
Visitation	Dec 19	St. Paul's, Magnolia Spring
Commission on Ministry mtg for Deacon graduates	Dec 20	Diocesan office
Visitation	Jan 9	Holy Trinity, Pensacola
Episcopal Community installation	Jan 15	St. Simon's, FWB
Visitation	Jan 16	Holy Nativity, Panama City
Standing Committee meeting	Jan 18	Nativity, Dothan
Visitation	Jan 23	St. Cyprian's, Pensacola
Celebration of New Ministry - MacWhinnie	Jan 26	St. Augustine's, Navarre
Visitation	Jan 30	St. Thomas', Greenville

QUOTE FOR CHRISTMASTIDE:

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