



THE GREEN SHEET

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(FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO MAY BE WONDERING, THERE WAS NO GREEN SHEET IN JANUARY OR FEBRUARY!).

THE THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL DIOCESAN CONVENTION - Following the theme "One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism", Christ Church, Pensacola, graciously shared its hospitality with delegates, alternates, visitors, and others from around the diocese and beyond. Everyone enjoyed a splendid week-end of worship, fellowship and food....with a little diocesan business for good measure! A grateful diocese thanks Christ Church for a wonderful convention. In addition to many other activities, the diocesan convention:

- heard The Rt. Rev. John Howard, Bishop of Florida, give an inspiring sermon at the opening service Thursday evening.
- enjoyed meditations and prayers, including noonday meditations, by the Convention Chaplain, The Rt. Rev. Charles Keyser, retired Suffragan Bishop of the Armed Forces.
- heard a stirring sermon by The Rt. Rev. Charles Duvall, retired Bishop of the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast at the closing Eucharist Saturday.
- participated in workshop presentations by Bonnie Anderson, Vice-President of the House of Deputies of the General Convention of the Episcopal Church; Wilmer Hall Children's Home; and Beckwith Camp & Conference Center.
- adopted a \$1,901,694 budget, which includes \$1,851,000 income from Parishes and Missions with \$245,675 of this amount being designated as Restricted Giving.
- designated the Convention offerings to be given to the churches in Alabama that had been recently burned
- adopted resolutions sending best wishes and prayers to The Rt. Rev. George Murray, I Bishop of the Diocese who is gravely ill; condemning the recent church burnings in Alabama, and offering prayers and support from the diocese; charging the Standing Committee and General Officers of the Diocese to study the canons regarding the designation and voting rights of clergy; supporting the work of the Church and Society in the Sudan, and asking the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to include the Feast of the Martyrs of the Sudan in the Episcopal Church USA calendar; urging the Bishop to appoint a "blue-ribbon" Congregational Development Committee until 2010, to explore and expand ministries, membership and attendance.
- designated St. Paul's, Mobile, as the Convention host for the 37th Annual Convention in 2008. The 36th Annual Convention will be held at St. James, Eufaula, February 22 - 24, 2007.
- re-elected all General Officers of the Diocese: Kathy Miller, Diocesan Chancellor for Alabama; Don Partington, Diocesan Chancellor for Florida; the Rev. S. Albert Kennington, Secretary; McGee Lorren, Treasurer; Kit Caffey, Registrar-Historiographer
- elected Palmer Hamilton, Kathy McGee, Borden Morrow, the Very Rev. Johnny Cook and the Rev. Ken Cumbie to three-year terms on the Standing Committee. At an organizational meeting following the Convention, the Rev. Thack Dyson, St. Paul's, Daphne, was elected President and Harwell Coale, Christ Church Cathedral, Mobile, was elected Secretary of the Standing Committee

LOST AND FOUND AT THE CONVENTION - The following items were found at Christ Church following the Diocesan Convention. If you can properly identify any of these as yours, you may claim them by calling Kelly Heindl at Christ Church, (850) 432-5115: One scarf (tan with an animal print); one earring (gold w/blue square in the middle); one bracelet (14 kgold with guardian angel disc); and one filigree cross w/chain.

CLERGY NEWS - Welcome to our Diocese, **The Rev. H. Ray Buchanan (Nancy)**, who has accepted the call to be Rector of the Church of the Redeemer, Mobile, effective April 1st. He was formerly the Vicar of St. Luke's, Springfield, in the Diocese of Tennessee. **The Rev. Bill Buice** has been appointed Interim Rector at St. John's, Pensacola; **The Rev. Bob Graves** has been appointed Interim Vicar at Immanuel, Bay Minette; and **The Rev. Ellis Wilkins** has been appointed Interim Rector at St. John's, Mobile.

CLERGY CONFERENCE - clergy are reminded to put **Monday - Tuesday, May 8th - 9th** (lunch through lunch) on their calendar for the Spring Clergy Conference. More information will follow.

DEATH NOTICE - We are sad to report the death of The Rt. Rev. Donis Patterson, Friday, February 3rd, 2006. The Bishop of Dallas from 1983 - 1992, Bishop Patterson was a "Rent-a-Bishop" in the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast after his retirement and was very much loved by many people in this diocese. "May the soul of the departed rest in peace!"

STAFF NEWS – Congratulations to Carmen Kimmons (and Tony), Staff Secretary at the Diocesan office, on the birth of their second son, Manuel Angel Kimmons on February 20th. We thank Manuel for waiting until the Monday after the Diocesan Convention to join us! All are well!

NEW COASTLINE EDITOR - The "Coastline" has a new editor! The Rev. Jerald Hyche is inquiring "What in God's name are you doing?" Please contact Mr. Hyche at email: coastline@diocgc.org; phone (251) 928-2912 (office); (251) 233-0922 (cell); fax (251) 928-3889 or just mail: The Coastline, 860 North Section Street, Fairhope, Alabama 36532;. A flyer reminding all this information is included in this Green Sheet mailed to congregations.

RENEWAL OF ORDINATION VOWS - is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 11th**, 10:30 a.m., at St. Simon's, Fort Walton Beach, FL

ORDINATIONS - The following ordinations of Deacons to the Priesthood have been scheduled:

The Rev. Jeff Gibson	May 6 th	11:00 a.m.	St. Mark's, Troy
The Rev. Beverly Gibson	May 13 th	11:00 a.m.	Christ Church Cathedral, Mobile
The Rev. John Coleman	May 20 th	11:00 a.m.	St. Mary's, Andalusia
The Rev. Betsy Powell	May 27 th	11:00 a.m.	St. Simon's, Fort Walton Beach
The Rev. Stuart Shellby	June 10 th	11:00 a.m.	St. James, Fairhope

DEACONS' ORDINATIONS - will be held **Saturday, June 3rd**, at 11:00 a.m. at Christ Church Cathedral, Mobile, AL for the graduating seminarians: **Luke Jernagan, Ede Plovanich, and Nancy Threadgill.**

PAROCHIAL REPORTS - should have been completed, filed online directly with the Episcopal Church Center, and a copy sent to the Diocesan Office by March 1, 2006. Those unable to file on line can send their Parochial Report to the diocese, will file them online. Even if you file your Parochial Report online with the Church Center, you must send the signed original to the Diocesan Office! Otherwise, there should be sufficient instructions in the Parochial Report for you to have the capability to do all that is requested. If you have not filed your Parochial Report, please do so immediately!

COMMISSION ON FINANCE - will meet **Thursday, March 30th**, at St. Christopher's Episcopal Church, Pensacola, at 11:00 a.m. Any matters to come before the Commission on Finance should be submitted to the attention of Vince Currie at the Diocesan Office by March 25th.

STANDING COMMITTEE - will meet **Monday, April 10th** at 11:00 a.m. at Christ Church Cathedral, Mobile. Any matters to come before the Standing Committee should be submitted to the attention of Vince Currie at the Diocesan Office by April 4th.

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL LENTEN TEACHING SERIES -featuring The Rev. Dr. Frederick W. Schmidt will be **Saturday, April 1st**, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Entitled "The Spiritual Vision of Jesus", the teaching will focus on Jesus' vision for his own life and that of his followers. The cost of the series is \$25.00; please make checks payable to Christ Church Cathedral to reserve a spot. Lunch will be on your own. If you have any questions, please call Carolyn Jeffers at (251) 438-1822.

GRACE AND ELEGANCE OF FLOWERS FOR CHURCH AND HOME - is scheduled for Christ Church Cathedral and St. Paul's, Daphne. Marion Zimmerman and Sue Morriss, members of the Flower Guild of the National Cathedral in Washington, will present three sessions on flower arranging. Session I is at Christ Church Cathedral, **Monday, April 3rd**, from 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. demonstrating "flowers for the home". Session II will be **Tuesday, April 4th** at St. Paul's, Daphne from 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. demonstrating "flowers for the home" and Session III will be at St. Paul's from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. demonstrating "flowers for the church". Between the two sessions on Tuesday, there will be a gourmet lenten luncheon in the Parish Hall at St. Paul's. The charge for this event is \$45.00. Reservations are required. For more information, or to register, call (251) 438-1822

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL SPEAKER LENTEN SERIES - will be each Wednesday at noon, during Lent. The remaining speakers are: (**March 29th**) The Rev. Thack Dyson, Rector of St. Paul's, Daphne; and (**April 5th**) The Rev. Canon Curt Dunkle, Canon to the Ordinary, Diocese of Florida. Eucharist is at 11:30 a.m. each Wednesday, the speaker at noon, and lunch served at 12:30 p.m. On all of these things, if you have any questions, please call Carolyn Jeffers at (251) 438-1822.

PSG EASTER QUIET RETREAT - is scheduled for **Friday, April 21st - Sunday, April 23rd**. For more information contact Karen Jackson at (334) 793-4472 or e-mail dbj48@aol.com

NATIONAL EPISCOPAL HISTORIANS & ARCHIVISTS - will meet in Mobile, **April 25 - 29, 2006**. Hosted by Kit Caffey, a member of the NEHA Board, and Registrar-Historiographer of the Diocese, the meeting will include workshops, scholarly papers, and tours. This is a good time to get training in how to preserve records, pictures, and storage in congregations. For more information, please contact Kit Caffey (251) 626-0053, or Carolyn Levensailor (251) 342-3275.

BAYOU OAKS RUN - This seventh annual run sponsored by St. Christopher's Episcopal Church is set for **Saturday, April 29th**, in Pensacola. The activities include a 5K run/walk. Proceeds benefit the Special Ministries at Beckwith. Earlier registration is \$17.00; late registration is \$20.00. All donations gratefully appreciated. For more information, contact St. Christopher's Church, (850) 433-0074.

ECW SPRING DAY AWAY - mark your calendar for **Saturday, May 6th** at St. Mary's, Andalusia. More information to follow.

TRINITY TOUR OF HOMES - The 14th Annual Apalachicola Historic Tour of Homes which benefits Trinity Episcopal Church's restoration and preservation fund will be **Saturday, May 6th**, in Apalachicola. Registration begins at 10:00 a.m. (Eastern Standard Time) at Trinity Church, 79 6th Street. Tickets are \$15.00 at the door; reserved tickets are \$12.00. Lunch for an additional \$9.00 is served at Trinity's Benedict Hall from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., with the tour following from 1 - 5 p.m. The tour includes 19th Century homes and churches of historical architectural significance. For more information, or to make reservations, contact Trinity Church, (850) 653-9550.

2006 SUMMER DISCERNMENT INSTITUTE - is scheduled for **June 5 - July 27, 2006**, at the University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee. Founded by the Lilly Theological Exploration of Vocation, young people are invited to explore vocations in ordained ministry or service with non-profit organizations. The Institute is designed for undergraduate students at colleges and universities. Applications for 16 placement openings in the Institute will be due February 20, 2006. More information and a copy of the application form can be found at www.sewanee.edu/lillyproj/lstdi.html or call (931) 598-1869.

RESOURCE CENTER FOR PASTORAL EXCELLENCE - at Sanford University, Birmingham, Alabama, offers a sabbatical or study leave program for both lay and ordained ministers. The program can be as short as two weeks or as long as the entire academic semester (15 weeks). Application for the Fall program are due by June 1, 2006. This is a great way to refresh and refuel for the challenge of ministry. For more information, go to www.sanford.edu/group/rcpe, or call (205) 726-4067.

2006 BECKWITH SUMMER CAMP - it's time to register for camp! The following is the 2006 Camp schedule. Applications may be downloaded from the Beckwith website: www.BeckwithCCC.org, or obtained from your church office.

9th thru 12th Grade - Friday, June 2 - Thursday, June 8
8th & 9th Grade - Saturday, June 10 - Friday, June 16
7th & 8th Grade - Monday, June 19 - Sunday, June 25
Special Ministries - Tuesday, June 27 - Saturday, July 1
* 3rd & 4th Grade - Wednesday, July 5 - Saturday, July 8

4th & 5th Grade - Monday, July 10 - Saturday, July 15
5th & 6th Grade - Monday, July 17 - Saturday, July 22
6th & 7th Grade - Tuesday, July 25 - Monday, July 31
* 2nd & 3rd Grade - Thursday, August 3 - Saturday, August 5
* arrival time 1:00 - 2:00 pm and departure time 1:00 - 2:00 pm

GOOD FRIDAY OFFERING - The 2006 Good Friday Offering is designated for the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem in 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. Good Friday Offering materials are available through Episcopal Books and Resources at the Episcopal Church Center in New York, by calling 800-903-5544.

COMMISSION ON CONFLICT TRANSFORMATION - is offering their help. Established by Bishop Duncan, this Commission is available to assist parishes experiencing conflict. Do not allow conflict to escalate to a point where it is out of control. This is a confidential process that the Bishop has directed he not be involved in unless specifically invited. The Commission does not have any contact with the Bishop or the Diocesan Office. You may contact them directly and be assured of an atmosphere of confidentiality. For more information, contact The Rev. Fred Lindstrom, St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Greenville, AL (334) 382-8914.

MURRAY HOUSE NEEDS LIST - Murray House, the Diocese's assisted living facility in Mobile, is in need of **funds for the purchase of** five room air conditioners (at \$750 each) and two computers (at \$1,000 each). Anyone that can help, contact Posey Cook at Murray House (251) 432-2272.

2006 PRESCRIPTION DRUG PLAN - medical insurance participants can review the 2006 prescription drug benefit online by logging on to **www.medco.com**. This is a helpful tool that all participants are encouraged to use for clarification of the mail-order and retail plans.

YOUTH VESTMENTS - St. John's, Mobile has a large number of youth red cassocks and youth cottas to give to any congregation that can use them. If you have need for these, please call St. John's at (251) 479-5474.

The Rev. Laurie Brock - Curate at Trinity, Mobile, is a contributing essayist in the new release from Pilgrim Press, "My Red Couch and Other Stories on Seeking Feminist Faith". In the book, 34 writers share their experiences of seeking an authentic life of Christian faith and social justice as women in various faith traditions. The book is available through Pilgrim Press, book stores, or online booksellers.

PLANNED GIVING QUOTE - "Fail to plan and the government takes its due."

DIOCESAN OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED - Friday afternoon, **April 14th** (Good Friday), and **Monday, April 17th** (Easter Monday).

COMING EVENTS

Commission on Finance	Mar 30	St. Christopher's, Pensacola
Lenten Teaching Series	Apr 1	Christ Church Cathedral, Mobile
Grace and Elegance of Flowers	Apr 3	Christ Church Cathedral, Mobile
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Speaker Lenten Series	Apr 5	Christ Church Cathedral, Mobile
Standing Committee	Apr 10	Christ Church Cathedral, Mobile
Renewal of Ordination Vows	Apr 11	St. Simon's, Fort Walton Beach
PSG Easter Quiet Retreat	Apr 21 - 23	Visitation Monastery
National Episcopal Historians & Archivists	Apr 25 - 29	Christ Church Cathedral, Mobile
Bayou Oaks Run	Apr 29	St. Christopher's, Pensacola
The Rev. Jeff Gibson ordination	May 6	St. Mark's, Troy
ECW Spring Day Away	May 6	St. Mary's, Andalusia
Trinity Tour of Homes	May 6	Trinity, Apalachicola
Spring Clergy Conference	May 8 - 9	Beckwith
The Rev. Beverly Gibson ordination	May 13	Christ Church Cathedral, Mobile
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Deacons' Ordinations	Jun 3	Christ Church Cathedral, Mobile
2006 Summer Discernment Institute	Jun 5 - Jul 27	Sewanee
The Rev. Stuart Shelby ordination	Jun 10	St. James, Fairhope

BISHOP DUNCAN'S CALENDAR

Visitation	Mar 26	St. John's, Pensacola
ECW installation of officers	Mar 28	St. Mary's, Milton
Visitation	Mar 29	Trinity, Atmore
Commission on Finance	Mar 30	St. Christopher's, Pensacola
Visitation	Apr 2	Good Shepherd, Mobile
Visitation	Apr 5	St. Matthew's, Mobile
Walk in Faith	Apr 7	Redeemer, Mobile
Palm Sunday service	Apr 9	Christ Church Cathedral, Mobile
Standing Committee meeting	Apr 10	Christ Church Cathedral, Mobile
Renewal of Ordination Vows	Apr 11	St. Simon's, Fort Walton Beach
Vacation	Apr 12 - 18	Paris
Methodist Commission meeting	Apr 19 - 23	Geneva, Switzerland
General Convention Committee meeting	Apr 24	Columbus, Ohio
Province IV Bishops meeting	Apr 25 - 26	Kanuga
Synod meeting	Apr 27 - 28	Kanuga
National Historiographers' meeting	Apr 29	Christ Church Cathedral, Mobile
Visitation	Apr 30	Trinity, Mobile
Cursillo closing	Apr 30 pm	Beckwith

CANON DUNNAM'S CALENDAR

Visitation	Mar 26	All Saints', Mobile
Visitation	Apr 2	St. Patrick's, Panama City
Visitation	Apr 9	St. Francis, Dauphin Island
Visitation	Apr 23	St. Mark's, Troy
Visitation	Apr 30	St. John's, Monroeville
Visitation	May 7	St. James, Eufaula
Visitation	May 14	St. Peter's, Jackson

QUOTE FOR THE MONTH: "If at first you don't succeed, skydiving is not for you"

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