



CLERGY NEWS

WELCOME to The Rev. LeBaron Taylor, who has retired from the Diocese of Southwest Virginia and has moved to the Mobile, AL area. LeBaron will be licensed to officiate and will begin supply work at St. Andrew's, Mobile in March.

2022 CONGREGATIONAL PLEDGES

Please send in your 2022 diocesan pledge request form; about 1/3rd are still outstanding. Pledge requests were mailed, reminders emailed; included was a message from the Bishop that we ask you to share with your vestry. The mailed hard copy included your pledge form with the past two years of plate/pledge data. Please do your best in determining your annual pledge commitment for 2022; a majority of the annual diocesan mission/ministry budget (88%) is through your direct financial support.

NEW 2021 PAROCHIAL REPORTS (to be filed in 2022)

Remember that 2021 Parochial Reports are due March 1, 2022. The Parochial Report is completed online at: <https://reports.dfms.org>. Beginning in January 2022, everyone will login into this site with a unique login (an email) and password. If you need your login name, please contact the diocesan office. Instructions and a helpful screencast can be found at: <https://www.generalconvention.org/forms-and-instructions>

The 2020 Parochial Report was changed due to the COVID-19 pandemic to include both quantitative and qualitative data. To help share last year's results of the 2020 Parochial Report, two new reports were published:

[2020 Parochial Report Data Summary](#)

[2020 PR Narrative Response](#)

UPDATE VESTRY AND OTHER LEADERS DIRECTORY FOR DIOCESAN DATABASE

Help keep our diocesan database up-to-date. If your congregation has newly elected vestry members or appointed ministry leaders since May of 2021, please submit these changes as soon as possible by completing this [JOURNAL DIRECTORY FORM](#).

It is important that we have current contact information for church leaders so that we can communicate information effectively to all our congregations.

DIOCESAN CONVENTION

****IMPORTANT MESSAGE****

Registrants are receiving incorrect convention details in the registration confirmation sent by Eventbrite. The incorrect information is from *last year's convention*. There was an unfortunate glitch in Eventbrite's system which duplicated that information when the form was copied from last year's event. We are working with Eventbrite's developers to resolve this issue. **REGISTRANTS ARE ASKED TO DISREGARD INFORMATION FROM EVENTBRITE THAT SITES INCORRECT CONVENTION DATES AND ASSOCIATED DETAILS.** We assure you that our diocesan convention is February 17-19!

Correct and current information regarding convention details will always be posted on our website at www.diocgc.org/2022-diocesan-convention. *The recording for the Pre-Convention Meeting held on January 30 on Zoom is available on the convention webpage.*

The 51st Annual Diocesan Convention will be held February 17-19, 2022 at the Emerald Coast Convention Center in Fort Walton Beach, located at 1250 Miracle Strip Parkway SE, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548.

At the bottom of this document you will find an ongoing timeline for important items due leading up to the convention. Note items with an asterisk are established per diocesan canons.

CURSILLO RESCHEDULED

Cursillo #166 is rescheduled to March 10-13, 2022 (originally planned for January 20-23). The Pilgrims have been asked to email the Cursillo Registrar at cursillocgc@gmail.com if they wish to attend the rescheduled Cursillo.

[See the Cursillo website](#) for more information.

PUBLIC SERVICE LOAN FORGIVENESS PROGRAM

Recent changes now allow for clergy & faith-based entity employees to be eligible for Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program. Clergy members and others engaged full-time at faith-based entities are now included in a program designed to forgive the federal student debt for public service and many not-for-profit workers. Learn more about who qualifies for the program, the application process, and what it could mean for prior years' payments by viewing the Jan. 26 webinar online.

MOURNER'S PATH FACILITATOR TRAINING

The Episcopal Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast is hosting a Mourner's Path facilitator's training at Beckwith, March 17-19, 2022. Walking the Mourner's Path is a grief program founded out of the need to answer the question, "Where is God in my pain?" The program partners with faith communities around the country to help them reach out and serve those who grieve in their church and their communities. To learn more about the program and training, visit www.mournerspath.com or contact the Rev. Dr. Joy Blaylock at joyblaylock@diocgc.org.

[REGISTRATION FORM](#)

[BECKWITH ACCOMMODATIONS FORM](#)

Registration fee:

- \$250 early registration for registrations made before ~~January 27, 2022~~ **extended to February 7**
- \$350 for registrations received after ~~January 27, 2022~~ **extended to February 7**
- \$400 for registrations received after February 7, 2022

Beckwith Accommodations fees:

- \$325 single occupancy hotel room
- \$255 double occupancy hotel room

CHANGES TO THE ONLINE SAFEGUARDING / RISK MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Our Safeguarding system has migrated to a new platform. The name of this program changed from "Armatus" to "Praesidium Academy." Administrators and anyone who has taken modules in the system with an active email should have received an email directly from Praesidium Academy with login information. Courses have been updated and you will find the system easier to navigate. If your coursework is over 4 years old, it may be considered dated/expired and may not have been moved over into your new account.

As we will be reviewing the new courses and updating the landing pages once we have access, additional information will be sent to parishes shortly. In addition, we'll check in with all Safeguard Administrators once they have had the opportunity to take tutorial videos and review the system. After we get up to speed, we'll be available to answer any additional questions on how to navigate, run reports, sign new members including updates on our overall Safeguarding/Risk Management Policy currently being modified.

If you have any questions, please contact Mary Poss or Dwight Babcock at 850-434-7337.

2022 LOGIN CREDENTIALS FOR TENS STEWARDSHIP MATERIALS

We are a diocesan member of TENS, [The Episcopal Network for Stewardship](#). With our membership comes the ability for all of our churches to use the materials advertised by TENS. They include all the printable materials and resources for an eight-week giving campaign. This year's materials combined with the ZOOM workshops in July and August will help you and your congregation navigate these new times, using technical and pastoral best practices. Please download the tools through the members portal and invite your stewardship teams to sign up for workshops.

The login credentials change each year for members. LOGIN at:

<https://www.tens.org/annual-pledge-campaigns/every-perfect-gift-2021/>

2022 password: Luke9:17 (Note: a username is no longer required.)

In addition, TENS is offering several free webinars to all members. You may find those at

<https://www.tens.org/webinars-events/tens-webinars/>

INSURANCE UPDATES

- Please visit our website for additional insurance info:
 - [CONGREGATIONAL RESOURCES](#)
 - [Risk Management & Insurance Basics for Religious Organizations \(recommended\)](#)
 - [Safety and Insurance Handbook for Churches \(recommended\)](#)
 - [2021 Federal Reporting Requirements for Episcopal Churches](#)

REMINDERS:

- Annual Imputed Income Letters were mailed out early December to the attention of “payroll” for clergy W-2’s.
- As noted earlier, your annual church financial audit was due to the diocesan office by September 1 (per Canons). We fully understand if you are delayed due to COVID closure/distancing difficulties. We ask that you notify Kim or Dwight to provide a status of when you plan to complete your audit. Thank you to those churches that have completed your audit or checked in with us. Remember that without a current Audit on file, you might not be approved to take out a church loan or conduct a property transaction.

CONGREGATIONS IN TRANSITION (as of 2/1/2022)

Andalusia, St. Mary’s	Interim in place, receiving names
Gulf Breeze, St. Francis	Interim in place - profile on parish website
Magnolia Springs, St. Paul’s Chapel	Interim in place, developing profile
Niceville, St. Jude’s	Interim in place - profile on parish website
Pensacola, Holy Cross	Seeking associate

Please do not contact the openings directly. For information, please contact:

The Rev. Massey Gentry, Canon to the Ordinary, at mgfairhope@gmail.com or (251) 459-4169.

JOB POSTINGS [Submit a job posting](#)

There are no job postings at this time.

LEARN - PRAY - ACT RESOURCES

As a recommitment to our work of Becoming Beloved Community, the Commission on Racial Justice & Reconciliation gathered resources for us to do this work. You can find the resources at www.diocgc.org/learn-pray-act.

LINK TO SUBSCRIBE TO DIOCESAN EMAIL LIST

We would be so grateful if you would consider adding the link below to your regular church communications and on your websites so that members can subscribe and stay connected to news from around the diocese. Thank you! [SUBSCRIBE TO DIOCESAN COMMUNICATIONS](#) or Text DIOCGC to 22828.

MUSIC LICENSING

If your church offers music during services, it is important to follow all copyright guidelines, which include maintaining a license to perform, broadcast, or print copyrighted music. Review your church’s licensing agreements, and be sure to add the streaming option if you are broadcasting services online. Recommended licensing companies include [One License](#), [Christian Copyright Licensing International](#)(CCLI), [Christian Copyright Solutions](#).

CYCLES OF PRAYER FOR DIOCESE AND PRISON MINISTRY

Congregations are asked to include both our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer and our Prison Ministry Cycle of Prayer in their Prayers of the People, newsletters, and/or bulletins. Both are available at www.diocgc.org/cycle-of-prayer.

BOOKMARK THE DIOCESAN CALENDAR

Stay up-to-date on diocesan events by bookmarking our calendar: <https://www.diocgc.org/calendar-of-events>.

COMMUNICATIONS QUICK LINKS

[Submit an article for publication](#)

[Submit a church/community event](#)

[Submit a job posting](#)

UPCOMING DIOCESAN EVENTS

WHAT	WHEN	WHERE
51st Diocesan Convention	Feb 17-19	Zoom and Fort Walton Beach
Men's Conference	Mar 4-6	Beckwith REGISTRATER HERE
Whitney Plantation Pilgrimage Pre-meeting (Part 1 of 3) sponsored by Commission on Racial Justice & Reconciliation	Mar 5	Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Daphne REGISTRATION & DETAILS
Selma Bridge Cross Jubilee sponsored by Commission on Racial Justice & Reconciliation	Mar 6	Depart Daphne, AL DETAILS
Mourner's Path Training	Mar 17-19	Beckwith REGISTRATION DETAILS
Whitney Plantation Pilgrimage Visit (Part 2 of 3) sponsored by Commission on Racial Justice & Reconciliation	Mar 19	Depart Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Daphne REGISTRATION & DETAILS
Happening #59	Mar 25-27	Beckwith REGISTRATION & DETAILS

BISHOP RUSSELL'S SCHEDULE

WHAT	WHEN	WHERE
Standing Committee mtg	Feb 1	Duvall Center & ZOOM
Chapel Program	Feb 2	Episcopal Day School, Pensacola
SfM Lay Leadership training class	Feb 5	St. Cyprian's, PNS
Visitation	Feb 6	Holy Spirit, Gulf Shores
Baptized for Life Workshop	Feb 8	Virtual
General Convention Commission on Governance mtg	Feb 9	ZOOM
Visitation	Feb 13 am	St. James, Eufaula
Celebration of New Ministry [Neil Kaminski]	Feb 13 pm	St. James, Eufaula
Baptized for Life Workshop	Feb 15	Virtual
51st Annual Diocesan Convention	Feb 17 - 19	Virtual & Destin-FWB Convention Center
Visitation	Feb 20	St. Agatha's, DeFuniak Springs
Florida Bishops meeting	Feb 22	Virtual
General Convention Commission on Governance mtg	Feb 23	ZOOM
Consecration The Very Rev. Daniel Richards, Bishop-elect	Feb 26	Diocese of Upper South Carolina
Visitation	Feb 27	St. Paul's, Magnolia Springs
Ash Wednesday service	Mar 2	Christ Church Cathedral, Mobile
SfM Lay Leadership training class	Mar 5	St. Cyprian's, PNS
Visitation	Mar 6	St. John's, Pensacola
Wednesday Visitation	Mar 9	St. Mark's, Troy
Cursillo #166 - on staff	Mar 10 - 13	Beckwith
Visitation	Mar 13	Holy Cross, Pensacola

Spring House of Bishops meeting	Mar 14 - 22	Camp Allen
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51ST ANNUAL DIOCESAN CONVENTION TIMELINE

WHAT	WHEN	WHERE/HOW
Initial Convention Information Packet sent	Early November	Emailed by Diocesan Office to Clergy and Senior Wardens
90 Days Until Convention		
*Resolutions to Amend Canons due	November 19	CLOSED
Convention Registration opens	December 3	www.diocgc.org/convention-registration
60 Days Until Convention		
*Certificate of Lay Delegates due	December 19	Certify using Registration link
*Resolutions to Amend Canons posted	December 19	No resolutions submitted
45 Days Until Convention		
*General Resolutions due	January 3, 2022	CLOSED
30 Days Until Convention		
Standing Committee Nominations due	January 10, 2022	NOMINATION FORM
*General Resolutions posted	January 18, 2022	No resolutions submitted
Other Items		
Commission/Committee Budget requests	TBD	Submit to dwright@diocgc.org
Pledge Reports mailed		Hard copy mailed: 12/3. Emailed 12/6 by Diocesan Office to Clergy and Senior Wardens
Pledge Reports due	Due by end of January	Submit to dwright@diocgc.org and /or kim@diocgc.org
Commission/Committee Nominations due	TBD	Link will be provided
Commission/Committee Reports due	January 17, 2022	Submit to jenn@diocgc.org
Pre-Convention Meeting	January 30, 2022, 4pm	Zoom
Convention Study Packet sent	February 8	Emailed by Diocesan Office to Clergy and Lay Delegates; posted on diocgc.org

*denotes canonically required item

**Episcopal Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast
Green Sheet 2022**

Treasurer's Report - January 2022

(Please Note: Report reflects funds received as of January 31, 2022)

Congregational Pledges	MTD Actual (2022)	YTD Rec'd (2022)	YTD Budget Variance	Annual Pledge (2022)
Pledges				
Andalusia, St. Mary's (131)	\$0.00	\$0.00		Pending*
Apalachicola, Trinity (120)	\$1,333.00	\$1,333.00		Pending*
Atmore, St. Anna's (114)	\$0.00	\$0.00		Pending*
Atmore, Trinity (27)	\$200.00	\$200.00		Pending*
Bay Minette, Immanuel (29)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$282)	\$3,382.00
Bon Secour, St. Peter's (165)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$571)	\$6,846.00
Brewton, St. Stephen's (168)	\$0.00	\$0.00		Pending*
Cantonment, St. Monica's (118)	\$0.00	\$0.00		Pending*
Chickasaw, St. Michael's (45)	\$0.00	\$0.00		Pending*
Chipley, St. Matthew's (46)	\$1,107.03	\$1,107.03	\$657	\$5,400.00
Citronelle, St. Thomas (4)	\$120.00	\$120.00	\$91	\$350.00
Coden, St. Mary's (33)	\$0.00	\$0.00		Pending*
Crestview, Epiphany (40)	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0	\$2,400.00
Daphne, St. Paul's (675)	\$5,110.00	\$5,110.00	\$0	\$61,307.00
Dauphin Isld, St. Francis (55)	\$850.00	\$850.00	\$0	\$10,138.00
DeFnk Spgs, St Agatha's (52)	\$0.00	\$0.00		Pending*
Destin, St. Andrew's (83)	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00		Pending*
Dothan, Nativity (511)	\$0.00	\$0.00		Pending*
Enterprise, Epiphany (47)	\$850.00	\$850.00	\$24	\$9,916.00
Eufaula, St. James' (196)	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00	\$0	\$15,000.00
Fairhope, St. James' (1453)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$10,833)	\$130,000.00
Foley, St. Paul's (263)	\$1,666.70	\$1,666.70	(\$709)	\$28,507.00
Ft. Wltn Bch, St. Simon (516)	\$0.00	\$0.00		Pending*
Greenville, St. Thomas (130)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$1,761)	\$21,136.00
Gulf Breeze, St. Francis (243)	\$0.00	\$0.00		Pending*
Gulf Shores, Holy Spirit (375)	\$2,812.50	\$2,812.50	\$0	\$33,750.00
Jackson, St. Peter's (29)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$117)	\$1,400.00
Laguna Beach, St. Thomas (96)	\$504.80	\$504.80	\$41	\$5,565.00
Lillian, Advent (75)	\$910.83	\$910.83	\$0	\$10,930.00
Magnolia Spgs, St. Pauls (201)	\$0.00	\$0.00		Pending*
Marianna, St. Luke's (132)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$1,192)	\$14,300.00
Milton, St. Mary's (160)	\$4,250.00	\$4,250.00	\$2,986	\$15,165.00
Mobile, All Saints' (418)	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00		Pending*
Mobile, Christ (607)	\$3,483.33	\$3,483.33		Pending*
Mobile, Good Shepherd (146)	\$0.00	\$0.00		Pending*
Mobile, Redeemer (270)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$1,104)	\$13,250.00
Mobile, St. Andrew's (37)	\$0.00	\$0.00		Pending*
Mobile, St. John's (119)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$1,175)	\$14,100.00
Mobile, St. Luke's (331)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$1,667)	\$20,000.00
Mobile, St. Mark's (6)	\$0.00	\$0.00		Pending*
Mobile, St. Paul's (2033)	\$14,584.00	\$14,584.00		Pending*
Mobile, Trinity (215)	\$0.00	\$0.00		Pending*
Monroeville, St. John's (45)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$782)	\$9,384.00
Navarre, St. Augustine's (127)	\$461.10	\$461.10		Pending*
Niceville, St. Jude's (238)	\$2,364.92	\$2,364.92	\$0	\$28,379.00
Ozark, St. Michael's (44)	\$0.00	\$0.00		Pending*
Pnma City, Holy Nativity (706)	\$2,750.00	\$2,750.00	\$0	\$33,000.00
Panama City, St. Andrews (250)	\$0.00	\$0.00		Pending*
Panama City, St. Patrick's (64)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$557)	\$6,684.00
Panama City Beach, Grace (123)	\$877.50	\$877.50	\$0	\$10,524.00
Pensacola, Christ (1307)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$10,592)	\$127,100.00
Pensacola, Holy Cross (211)	\$1,900.00	\$1,900.00	\$17	\$22,600.00
Pensacola, Holy Trinity (90)	\$951.05	\$951.05	\$732	\$2,625.00
Pcola, St. Christopher's (603)	\$5,638.37	\$5,638.37	\$0	\$67,660.00
Pensacola, St. Cyprian's (45)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$283)	\$3,395.00
Pensacola, St. John's (104)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$917)	\$11,000.00
Pt St. Joe, St. James' (125)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$125)	\$1,500.00
Robertsdale, St. John (61)	\$135.00	\$135.00	\$0	\$1,700.00
SRB, Christ King (255)	\$11,483.61	\$11,483.61		Pending*
Troy, St. Mark's (116)	\$0.00	\$0.00		Pending*
Wewahitchka, St. John's (16)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$167)	\$2,000.00
Total Pledges	\$68,294	\$68,294		\$750,393

*2022 Church Pledge form is outstanding - Please notify Dwight or Kim if you need another copy.