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The Very Rev. John White (2018)
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The Very Rev. Chip Graves (2017)
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Chaplain/Daughters of the King--Linda Johnson

Women's Conference Coordinator--Nancy Tonkin

Members Emeritus--Karen Grisell & Paula Huffman

Churches and Missions

ANSTED - CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER (1879)
New Southern Deanery (Organized Mission)

BECKLEY - ST. STEPHEN'S (1888)
New Southern Deanery (Parish)

BERKELEY SPRINGS - ST. MARK'S (1878)
Eastern Deanery (Parish)

BLUEFIELD - CHRIST CHURCH (1890)
New Southern Deanery (Parish)

BRIDGEPORT – ST. BARNABAS
Monongahela Deanery (Mission)

BUCKHANNON - CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION (1887)
Monongahela Deanery (Organized Mission)

CHARLES TOWN - ST. PHILIP'S (1884)
Eastern Deanery (Organized Mission)

CHARLES TOWN - ZION (1815)
Eastern Deanery (Parish)

CHARLESTON - ST. CHRISTOPHER (2007)
Kanawha Deanery (Parish)

CHARLESTON - ST. JOHN'S (1822)
Kanawha Deanery (Parish)

CHARLESTON - ST. MATTHEWS (1892)
Kanawha Deanery (Parish)

CLARKSBURG - CHRIST CHURCH (1853)
Monongahela Deanery (Parish)

COLLIERS - OLDE ST. JOHN'S (1793)
Northern Deanery (Organized Mission)

ELKINS - GRACE CHURCH (1899)
Monongahela Deanery (Parish)

FAIRMONT - CHRIST CHURCH (1852)
Monongahela Deanery (Parish)

GLENVILLE - ST. MARK'S (1977)
Monongahela Deanery (Organized Mission)

GRAFTON - ST. MATTHIAS' (1879)
Monongahela Deanery (Organized Mission)

HANSFORD - CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD (1876)
New Southern Deanery (Parish)

Churches and Missions Continued

HARPERS FERRY - ST. JOHN'S (1849)
Eastern Deanery (Organized Mission)

HEDGESVILLE - MT. ZION (1788)
Eastern Deanery (Organized Mission)

HINTON - ASCENSION CHURCH (1874)
New Southern Deanery (Organized Mission)

HUNTINGTON - ST. JOHN'S (1955)
Southwestern Deanery (Parish)

HUNTINGTON - ST. PETER'S (1920)
Southwestern Deanery (Parish)

HUNTINGTON - TRINITY CHURCH (1896)
Southwestern Deanery (Parish)

HURRICANE - ST. TIMOTHY'S-IN-THE-VALLEY (1963)
Kanawha Deanery (Parish)

KEYSER - EMMANUEL CHURCH (1910)
Eastern Deanery (Parish)

KINGWOOD - ST. MICHAEL'S (1954)
Monongahela Deanery (Organized Mission)

LEETOWN - ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S
Eastern Deanery (Bishop's Mission)

LEWISBURG - ST. JAMES (1881)
New Southern Deanery (Parish)

LOGAN - HOLY TRINITY CHURCH (1924)
Kanawha Deanery (Parish) Southern Appalachian Yoke

MARLINTON - ST. JOHN'S (1900)
Southern Deanery

MARTINSBURG - TRINITY CHURCH (1851)
Eastern Deanery (Parish)

MIDDLEWAY - GRACE CHURCH (1851)
Eastern Deanery (Organized Mission)

MOOREFIELD - EMMANUEL CHURCH (1875)
Eastern Deanery (Organized Mission)

MORGANTOWN - ST. THOMAS à BECKET (1979)
Monongahela Deanery (Parish)

MORGANTOWN - TRINITY (1818)
Monongahela Deanery (Parish)

Churches and Missions Continued

MOUNDSVILLE - TRINITY CHURCH (1836)
Northern Deanery (Parish)

NEW MARTINSVILLE - ST. ANN'S (1851)
Ohio Valley Deanery (Parish)

OAK HILL, ST. ANDREW'S (1929)
New Southern Deanery (Parish)

PARKERSBURG – MEM. CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD (1887)
Ohio Valley Deanery (Parish)

PARKERSBURG - TRINITY CHURCH (1843)
Ohio Valley Deanery (Parish)

POINT PLEASANT - CHRIST CHURCH (1867)
Southwestern Deanery (Parish)

PRINCETON - CHURCH OF THE HEAVENLY REST (1890)
New Southern Deanery (Organized Mission)

RAVENSWOOD - GRACE CHURCH (1851)
Southwestern Deanery (Organized Mission)

RIPLEY - ST. JOHN'S (1874)
Southwestern Deanery (Organized Mission)

ROMNEY - ST. STEPHEN'S (1885)
Eastern Deanery (Organized Mission)

RONCEVERTE - CHURCH OF THE INCARNATION (1883)
New Southern Deanery (Organized Mission)

ST. ALBANS - ST. MARK'S (1814)
Kanawha Deanery (Parish)

ST. MARY'S - GRACE CHURCH (1894)
Ohio Valley Deanery (Parish)

SALEM - PRINCE OF PEACE (1981)
Monongahela Deanery (Organized Mission)

SHEPHERDSTOWN - TRINITY CHURCH (1740)
Eastern Deanery (Parish)

SISTERSVILLE - ST. PAUL'S (1868)
(Parish)

SNOWSHOE – CHAPEL ON THE MOUNT
Southern Deanery

Churches and Missions Continued

SUMMERSVILLE - ST. MARTIN'S-IN-THE-FIELD (1955)
New Southern Deanery (Organized Mission)

UNION - ALL SAINTS' (1869)
New Southern Deanery (Organized Mission)

WEIRTON - ST. THOMAS' CHURCH (1947)
Northern Deanery (Parish)

WELCH - ST. LUKE'S (1894)
New Southern Deanery (Organized Mission)

WELLSBURG - CHRIST CHURCH (1800)
Northern Deanery (Parish)

WESTON - ST. PAUL'S CHURCH (1848)
Monongahela Deanery (Parish)

WHEELING - THE LAWRENCEFIELD PARISH CHURCH (1956)
Northern Deanery (Parish)

WHEELING - ST. LUKE'S (1869)
Northern Deanery (Organized Mission)

WHEELING - ST. MATTHEW'S (1819)
Northern Deanery (Parish)

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS - ST. THOMAS' (1886)
New Southern Deanery (Parish)

WILLIAMSON - ST. PAUL'S (1899)
Kanawha Deanery (Organized Mission)

WILLIAMSTOWN - CHRIST MEMORIAL (1882)
Ohio Valley Deanery (Organized Mission)

**Clergy in Order of Canonical Residence
as of October 2016**

2001	The Rt. Rev. W. Michie Klusmeyer, Bishop
2016	The Rt. Rev. Mark Van Koevering, Assistant Bishop
Priests	
1969	The Rev. Arthur Bennett, II (Retired)
1971	The Rev. James M. Martin (Retired)
1973	The Rev. James Bercovitz (Retired)
1974	The Rev. Adeeb Khalil (Retired)
	The Rev. Gilbert Watkins (Retired)
1975	The Rev. David Bicking (Retired)
1977	The Rev. G. T. Schramm – Trinity, Shepherdstown
1978	The Rev. Dr. George Moses – Morgantown Pastoral Center
	The Rev. Arthur Chard (Retired)
	The Rev. Pamela Shier – Prince of Peace, Salem
	The Rev. Anne Kinney (Retired)
1985	The Rev. Alan Jenks (Retired)
	The Rev. James Reed (Retired)
1987	The Rev. Elizabeth (Betsy) Walker – Greenbrier Episcopal Ministries
	The Rev. Roy Gene Crist – New River Episcopal Ministries
1988	The Rev. Cheryl Ann Winter – St. Timothy's, Hurricane
1989	The Rev. John D. Alfriend (Retired)
1990	The Rev. Larry D. Jackson (Retired)
	The Rev. Mark Seitz – St. Matthew's, Wheeling
1991	The Rev. Stanley B. Jones (Retired)
	The Rev. Richard Skaggs – St. Matthew's, Wheeling
	The Rev. Gary Waple (Retired)
	The Rev. Kirk Haas (Retired)
1993	The Rev. Edward Greene (Retired)
	The Rev. John (Jack) Weise (Retired)
1994	The Rev. Canon Donald K. Vinson (Retired)
1995	The Rev. Isabel Aird (Retired)
1996	The Rev. Joseph Mackov (Retired)
1997	The Rev. Raymond Hage (Retired)
	The Rev. Stanley Holmes – New River Episcopal Ministries
1998	The Rev. Donald Raih (Retired)
	The Rev. Frederick Bird – Grace, Elkins and St. Matthias, Grafton
	The Rev. Frank Coe (Retired)
1999	The Rev. Victor Lawson (Retired)
	The Rev. William Armstrong – Church of the Heavenly Rest, Princeton
	The Rev. Teresa Wayman – St. Mark's, Glenville
2000	The Rev. Sarah Bailey
	The Rev. Hilda Kennedy (Retired)
2001	The Rev. Jean-Jacques D'Aoust (Retired)
	The Rev. George Kostas – Southern Appalachian Regional Ministries
	The Rev. Lisa Davis Heller – New Martinsville/St. Marys/Williamstown

**Clergy in Order of Canonical Residence Continued
as of October 2016**

2002	The Rev. Zachary Drennen – Elewana Project The Rev. Patricia Geerdes (Retired) The Rev. Rodgers Wood (Retired)
2003	The Rev. Marie Mulford – River Bend Episcopal Ministries The Rev. Reed Wood (Retired)
2004	The Rev. Richard Heller - New Martinsville/St. Mary's/Williamstown The Rev. David Thabet (Retired) The Rev. Canon Faith Perrizo (Retired)
2005	The Rev. Nick England – Southern Appalachian Regional Ministries
2006	The Rev. Georgia DuBose The Rev. Dale Eugene (Gene) Sheppard (Retired) The Rev. Cynthia Byers Walter – The Lawrencefield Parish, Wheeling The Rev. Joyce Wilkinson The Rev. Julie Nan Harris – Trinity, Martinsburg
2007	The Rev. Kent Higgins The Rev. Ben James (Retired)
2008	The Rev. John Valentine – Weston/Buckhannon The Rev. Paul Hicks – Trinity, Parkersburg
2008	The Rev. James Morgan – Trinity, Huntington The Rev. James Lanter (Retired)
2009	The Rev. Julie Murdoch (Retired) The Rev. Amy Porterfield Turner
2010	The Rev. Joshua Saxe – St. James, Lewisburg
2011	The Rev. Nancy Martin – Ascension, Hinton The Rev. Albert Prichard – St. Thomas à Becket, Morgantown The Rev. C. Christopher Thompson The Rev. Marjorie Bevans – Memorial Church of the Good Shepherd, Parkersburg
2012	The Rev. Bruce Bevans – Trinity, Moundsville The Rev. John Kevern The Rev. Jon Chip Graves – Trinity, Huntington The Rev. Lisa Graves – St. John's, Huntington The Rev. John Hagan (Retired) The Rev. Jon White – St. Stephen's, Beckley
2013	The Rev. Chadwick Slater – Christ, Bluefield
2014 Springs	The Rev. Brian Shoda – Mt. Zion, Hedgesville and St. Mark's, Berkeley
2014	The Rev. Melissa Remington – St. Christopher, Charleston
2015	The Rev. Marquita Hutchens – St. John's, Charleston
2016	The Rev. Elizabeth Hadaway – Christ Church, Fairmont

Bishop Klusmeyer's Official Acts
October 25, 2015 – October 25, 2016

Consents to Elections

February 9, 2016	Bishop Coadjutor	Diocese of Los Angeles
February 17, 2016	Patrick William Bell	Bishop Diocese of Eastern Oregon
March 17, 2016	Bishop Suffragan	Diocese of West Texas
April 7, 2016	Daniel G. P. Gutierrez	Bishop Diocese of Pennsylvania
July 21, 2016	Santosh Kumar Margay	Bishop Diocese of Easton
July 21, 2016 Carolina	José Antonio McLoughlin	Bishop Diocese of Western North
August 29, 2016	DeDe Duncan-Probe	Bishop Diocese of Central New York
October 19, 2016 Min.	Carl Walter Wright	Bishop Suffragan Armed Services and Federal Diocese of Southeast Florida

Consent to Resignations

January 14, 2016	Paul E. Lambert	Bishop Suffragan Diocese of Dallas
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Weddings

April 2, 2016	Melissa Remington to Kelly Merritt	Diocese of West Virginia
July 16, 2016	Lauren Ruth Allen to Sergey Shelukhin	Diocese of Olympia

Bishop W. Michie Klusmeyer

Baptisms, Confirmations, Receptions/ Reaffirmations

Baptisms

November 1, 2015	Zion, Charles Town	2
November 8, 2015	St. John's, Charleston	3
December 13, 2015	St. John's, Harper's Ferry	2
March 20, 2016	St. Matthew's, Wheeling	1
March 20, 2016	St. Matthew's, Wheeling	1
March 27, 2016	St. Christopher, Charleston	2
May 1, 2016	Emmanuel, Keyser	1
September 11, 2016	Trinity, Martinsburg	2
October 23, 2016	Olde St. John's, Colliers	1

Confirmations

November 1, 2015	Zion, Charles Town	7
November 8, 2015	St. John's Charleston	6
November 15, 2016	Trinity, Shepherdstown	7
January 17, 2016	St. Paul's, Weston	3
February 21, 2016	Christ Church, Point Pleasant	1
February 28, 2016	St. Matthew's, Charleston	21
March 6, 2016	St. Bartholomew's, Leetown	1
March 27, 2016	St. Christopher, Charleston	8
April 3, 2016	Trinity, Huntington	4
August 14, 2016	St. Andrew's, Oak Hill	2
September 11, 2016	Trinity, Martinsburg	7

Receptions / Reaffirmations

January 10, 2016	St. Paul's, Williamson	1
March 6, 2016	St. Bartholomew's, Leetown	1
March 20, 2016	St. Matthew's, Wheeling	1
April 24, 2016	St. Philip's, Charles Town	3
May 1, 2016	Emmanuel, Keyser	4
August 14, 2016	St. Andrew's, Oak Hill	1
September 11, 2016	Trinity, Martinsburg	2

Assistant Bishop Mark Van Koevering

Baptisms, Confirmations, Receptions / Reaffirmations

Baptisms

December 20, 2015	Christ Church, Bluefield	2
June 12, 2016	St. John's, Charleston	1
June 26, 2016	St. Thomas à Becket, Morgantown	1
September 25, 2016	Prince of Peace, Salem	1

Confirmations

December 20, 2015	Christ Church, Bluefield	5
April 24, 2016	Trinity, Shepherdstown	8
June 12, 2016	St. John's, Charleston	6
June 26, 2016	St. Thomas à Becket, Morgantown	5
July 10, 2016	St. Mark's, St. Albans	2
July 17, 2016	Good Shepherd, Hansford	6
August 14, 2016	Marlinton/Snowshoe	1
September 25, 2016	Prince of Peace, Salem	1
October 23, 2016	St. Paul's, Williamson	4

Receptions / Reaffirmations

June 12, 2016	St. John's, Charleston	1
June 26, 2016	St. Thomas à Becket, Morgantown	1
July 10, 2016	St. Mark's, St. Albans	2

Clergy Statistics 2016

Ordinations

The Rev. Elizabeth Hadaway to Diaconate – December 15, 2015
Trinity, Morgantown

The Rev. Elizabeth Hadaway to Priesthood – June 4, 2016
Christ Church, Fairmont

Institution

The Rev. Paul Hicks (elected – Institution will be November 19, 2016)
Trinity, Parkersburg

New Clergy to Diocese

Nora Becker, Deacon in Charge -- August 2016
Christ Church, Clarksburg/St. Barnabas, Bridgeport

Clergy Transferred to Another Diocese

The Rev. Melanie McCarley – February 2, 2016
To the Diocese of Massachusetts

The Rev. Anne West – February 8, 2016
To the Diocese of Virginia

Clergy Retired

The Rev. John Hagan – July 2016
The Rev. Julie Murdoch – October 2016

Clergy Deceased

The Rev. Dallas Shaffer – February 22, 2016
Pastor Canon Marian Mazgaj – April 7, 2016
The Rev. Robert Thomas – September 7, 2016

Candidates for Ordination

Margaret Blanchard
Robert Shives
Jordan Trumble
Kit Jenkins

Postulants for Holy Orders

Aaron Carr

Clergy Licensed to Officiate 2016

The Rev. Harold Bishop	Diocese of Maryland
The Rt. Rev. L. Alex Black	Lutheran – West Virginia
The Rev. Garrett Carskadon	Diocese of Maryland
The Rev. Frances McCoy	Diocese of Southwestern Virginia
The Rev. Stephen Haptonstahl	Diocese of Minnesota
The Rev. Walter Mycoff, Jr.	Diocese of Southern Ohio
The Rev. Roland (Randy) Nairn	Lutheran – West Virginia
The Rev. Deborah Rankin	Diocese of Ohio
The Rev. Warren Frederick	Diocese of Western Massachusetts
The Rev. Joseph T. Rivers	Diocese of Pennsylvania
The Rev. Charles Pope	Diocese of Iowa
The Rev. John Unger	Lutheran – West Virginia
The Rev. Sue Doohan	Diocese of Bethlehem
The Rev. Patrick Pierce	Diocese of Central Pennsylvania
The Rev. William Pugliese	Diocese of Pittsburgh
The Rev. Philip Van Dam	Lutheran - WV
The Rev. William Ridenhour	Lutheran - WV
The Rev. Charles Holder	Diocese of Maryland
The Rev. Muffett Barry	Diocese of Jamaica
The Rev. John C. Bethell	Diocese of Upper South Carolina
The Rev. Helen Van Koevering	Diocese of Niassa

Awards and Honors

Bishop's Shell Awards

George Schramm	2002
Jim Churchill	2002
Ruth Foose	2002
Mildred Holt	2003
Esber Tweel	2003
Carlyle Farnsworth	2004
Richard and Lisa Heller	2005
Jim and Theresa Kelley	2005
Mark Seitz	2005
Pat Haldeman	2006
Donald Lester	2006
Mary Ann Worst	2006
Barbara Gray	2006
Harold Stewart	2007
Linda Comins	2007
Debbie Short	2007
Dr. James Russell	2007
Mary Fish	2008
Betty Purcell	2008
Sarah Steptoe	2009
Michael Simon	2009
Joseph Warder	2009
Laura Leslie	2012
Becki Krzywdik	2013
Mayor Steve Williams	2015
John Hagan	2016
Marti Hersom	2016

Bishop's Cross

Charles Hunsaker	2012
Carlyle Farnsworth	2014

Flood Relief Certificates 2016

Rev Stan Holmes	Rev. Betsy Walker
Rev Roy G. Crist	Cathy Slemp
Rev Josh Saxe	Rev John Unger
David Lumsden	Rev Cheryl Winter
Deacon Nancy Martin	

Certificate of Appreciation for Ministry 2016

Jack & Anna Lou Sturgeon

**Duly Elected Lay Delegates and Alternates
to the 139th Convention of the Diocese of West Virginia**

Eastern Deanery

Berkley Springs, St. Mark's –Glen White, Michelle White
Charles Town, St. Philip's- Dante Willis
Charles Town, Zion – Ken Fanelli, Ken Floyd, Richard Seckinger
Harpers Ferry, St. John's –Patricia Stiles, Richard Stiles
Hedgesville, Mt. Zion – Marti Hersom, Jill Trotter
Keyser, Emmanuel – Phyllis Bruce, Nancy Clark, Spring Fertig
Leetown, St. Bartholomew's – no delegates sent
Martinsburg, Trinity – Brad Cole, Philip Steptoe, Lynne Steptoe
Middleway, Grace- Peggy Grantham, Amon Grantham, Robert Shives
Moorefield, Emmanuel – Jack Hauber
Romney-St. Stephen's- no delegates registered
Shepherdstown, Trinity – David Coe, Kirsten Dorash, Jean Jacobs

Kanawha Deanery

Charleston, St. Christopher – Wynn Young
Charleston, St. John's – Gary Frame, Raymond Lawther, Beth Marquart, Doris Redfield
Charleston, St. Matthew's –Diana Canfield, Sharon Strand, Jim Sutherland
Hurricane, St. Timothy's- Brent Maynard, Sharon Maynard, Elaine Thompson,
Frank Thompson
Logan, Holy Trinity –Dennis Trader
St. Albans, St. Mark's –Jeanette Cormack, Nancy Tonkin
Williamson, St. Paul's – George Jones, Angela Venturino

Monongahela Deanery

Bridgeport, St. Barnabas- (see Christ Church, Clarksburg)
Buckhannon, Transfiguration –Patrick Long, Susan Long
Clarksburg, Christ – Marilyn Blake, Bill Saviers
Elkins, Grace – no delegates registered
Fairmont, Christ – Jim Cormack, Diane Cormack
Glennville, St. Mark's – Nancy Wemm, Dennis Wemm
Grafton, St. Matthias' – Pat Harryman, Marcie Steadman
Kingwood, St. Michael's – no delegates registered
Morgantown, St. Thomas 'a Becket – Carolyn Deall, Jeff Fedan, Vicki Iber, Hap Rudolph
Morgantown, Trinity – Susan Elkin, Rebecca Singleton
Salem, Prince of Peace – Michael Johnson
Weston, St. Paul's – Cindy Shaver, James Shaver

New Southern Deanery

Ansted, Redeemer – Jordan McVey
Beckley, St. Stephen's – Jackie Cales
Bluefield, Christ – Susanne Pulse, Don Williams, Mary Catherine Williams
Hansford, Good Shepherd – Loretta Smith, Donald Smith
Hinton, Ascension – Patty Grady
Lewisburg, St. James' – David Lumsden, Mary Lou Lumsden
Marlinton, St. John's – no delegates registered
Mullens, St. Andrew's –Griff Callahan

New Southern Deanery continued

Oak Hill, St. Andrew's – no delegates registered
Princeton, Heavenly Rest – no delegates registered
Ronceverte, Incarnation – Betty Livesay, Tom Livesay
Snowshoe, Chapel on the Mount—Debbie Goodwin, Sue Owen
Summersville, St. Martin's – Sarah Kuhn
Union, All Saints' – Glenn Taylor
Welch, St Luke's-no delegates
White Sulphur Springs, St. Thomas' – Danny Fairfax, Dennis Mankins, Elizabeth Spangler

Northern Deanery

Colliers, Olde St. John's –Connie Kafton, Lori Wagner
Moundsville, Trinity –Al Clark, Katey Herbert
Weirton, St. Thomas' –Bruce Parish, Wendy Speer
Wellsburg, Christ – Becky Szabo, Steven Szabo
Wheeling, Lawrencefield Parish –Thomas Farnsworth, Jay Paulovicks, Nancy Paulovicks,
Richard Walter
Wheeling, St. Luke's – Don Rebich, Judy Rebich
Wheeling, St. Matthew's – Sara Barickman, Linda Comins, Judy Conkle, Carol Foose,
Floyd Jamison

Ohio Valley Deanery

New Martinsville, St. Ann's – Linda Kuenzinger, Elise McIntire
Parkersburg, Good Shepherd – Bob Crocker, David Johnson, Darlene Slusher, Josie Wildi
Parkersburg, Trinity – Jon Brownfield, Joy Brownfield, Scott Ramsay, Liz Ramsay
Sistersville, St. Paul's – Lauann Henger, Greg Henger
St. Mary's, Grace – Mary Seay
Williamstown, Christ Memorial – Kitty Riley, Jo Anne Virden

Southwestern Deanery

Huntington, St. John's – Chuck Andrus, John Hash, Kit Jenkins, Tom Wilkinson
Huntington, St. Peter's – Kathleen Fincham, Jame McCumbee
Huntington, Trinity – no delegates registered
Point Pleasant, Christ – Anna Sturgeon, Peggy Wood
Ravenswood, Grace – John Casey
Ripley, St. John's – Barbara Heckert

Resolutions and Canonical Changes as printed in the Convention Digest

Courtesy Resolutions

Presented by The Rev. Jon White and Beth Marquart

Be it Resolved that this 139th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of West Virginia sends warm and heartfelt greetings to the Rt. Rev. W. Franklin Carr, former Bishop Suffragan of West Virginia, and his wife, Lena, as we continue to express to them our deep and sincere gratitude for their years of leadership and ministry with us.

Be it Resolved that this 139th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of West Virginia sends warm and heartfelt greetings to Mrs. Rosemary Atkinson, widow of the Rt. Rev. Robert P. Atkinson, former Bishop Diocesan of West Virginia and continue to express to her our deep and sincere gratitude for her life and ministry in our midst.

Be it Resolved that this 139th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of West Virginia sends warm and heartfelt greetings to Mrs. Victoria Smith, widow of the Rt. Rev. John H. Smith, former Bishop Diocesan of West Virginia and continue to express to her our deep and sincere gratitude for her life and ministry in our midst.

Be it Resolved that this 139th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of West Virginia sends warm greetings to our companion diocese, the Diocese of Colombia, their bishop Rt. Rev. Francisco Duque-Gómez, his wife, Mrs. Blanca Lucia, and their clergy. We hold them in our prayers and express our gratitude for the mutually rewarding relationship we share.

Be it Resolved that this 139th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of West Virginia sends warm and heartfelt greetings to the West Virginia - Western Maryland Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, to their bishop the Most Rev. Matthew Riegel, and to their clergy and people on this the fifteenth anniversary of the adoption of the *Call to Common Mission* and full communion between our two churches.

Proposed Resolutions

Resolution #1: Deacon Resolution

Resolved, That this 139th Diocesan Convention of West Virginia commend and encourage the ministry of deacons, and be it further,

Resolved, That the Commission on Ministry or some other body as directed by the bishop develop a plan for encouraging and growing ordained diaconal ministry in this diocese, and be it further

Resolved, That a course of study and process for discernment and formation of vocational (or permanent) deacons be implemented within one year

Explanation:

West Virginia has only 3 active vocational deacons, which is a far lower number than equivalent dioceses. This important ministry of Word and Service is critical link for mission and ministry and would be a boon for growth in this diocese.

— *Presented by the New Southern Deanery*

Resolution #2: Health Care Resolution

Resolved,

That this diocese, the 139th meeting of the Convention of the Diocese of West Virginia concurring, submit this proposed resolution to the 79th General Convention of the Episcopal Church to remove the mandate that all domestic dioceses, parishes, missions, and other ecclesiastical organizations or bodies subject to the authority of the Episcopal Church be enrolled in the Episcopal Church Medical Trust and that a mandate for health insurance from any ACA plan be implemented in its place.

Resolved, the House of _____ concurring, That the 79th General Convention remove the mandate that dioceses must participate in the Denomination Health Plan by purchasing health insurance through the Medical Trust/Church Pension Group. All other requirements of 2009-A177 passed by the 76th General Convention remain in force, and be it further

Resolved; That a mandate requiring medical coverage compliant with the Affordable Care Act be established in its stead.

Explanation:

General Convention Resolution 2009-A177 established a denominational health plan to be administered by the Church Pension Fund and mandated that dioceses must participate in the Denomination Health Plan by purchasing health insurance through the Medical Trust/Church Pension Group. This resolution would direct the submission of a “C” resolution to the General Convention in 2018 to remove that mandate.

Proposed Resolution #2 (continued)

Since the passage of the Affordable Care Act, the intent of the original resolution to ensure equitable coverage for all church employees can be met by purchasing ACA compliant plans. Plans offered by the Church Medical Trust (CMT) are much more expensive than other plans without offering additional coverage.

The elevated costs of plans through the CMT represents a burden to many parishes that could determine their ability to call clergy or hire lay staff persons. In other parishes, the funds allocated for these plans could be more effectively used for furthering the mission and ministry of the church. The structure of the CMT plans also means that parishes in dioceses where insurance costs are high (like West Virginia) are at a greater relative disadvantage in both attracting clergy and funding mission. Elimination of this mandate would represent a better stewardship of our resources without eliminating the quality of care available to clergy and lay staff.

— *Presented by the New Southern Deanery*

Resolution #3: Action to Reduce Gun Violence

Resolved, That the 139th Annual Convention of the Diocese of West Virginia, in response to the high number of mass shootings and daily deaths from gun violence, join with other faith communities and dioceses, calling for the following steps to be taken by Federal and State lawmakers:

- A clear ban on all future sale of military-style semi-automatic weapons, high-capacity ammunition magazines and high-impact ammunition (i.e. ammunition more deadly than ordinarily used in hunting)
- Requiring universal background checks on all gun sales
- Making gun trafficking a Federal Crime; and be it further

Resolved, That the secretary of the 139th Annual Convention of the Diocese of West Virginia forward this resolution to West Virginia state and national legislators to take the above actions to reduce gun violence; and be it further

Resolved, That the 139th Annual Convention of the Diocese of West Virginia encourages all members of this Diocese to work within our churches through prayer, preaching, education, and advocacy, toward reducing gun violence in our nation and in the world.

Explanation:

The Episcopal Church, including the Episcopal Diocese of West Virginia, supports the U.S. Constitution's protections of the rights of law-abiding citizens to keep and bear arms; but, we also stand for public policies to ban gun violence and assault weapons. Access to guns with rapid fire ability and high capacity magazines are a common, deadly ingredient in repeated killings and maimings; wholesale murder and wounding which are made possible because of easy access to these assault weapons. We as a society must face these hard truths. We must have federal and local legislation to ban assault weapons, limit the capacity of gun magazines, and institute universal background checks for all purchasers of firearms.

Proposed Resolution #3 (continued)

Gun violence takes the lives of over 30,000 Americans each year and wounds more than 70,000 others, see <http://smartgunlaws.org/category/gun-studies-statistics/gun-violence-statistics/>

On December 19, 2012 the Episcopal Church Office of Public Affairs asked that each Episcopalian take this pledge* "As an Episcopalian committed in baptism to seeking justice and peace and promoting the dignity of every human being, I commit to being part of the solution to the violence in our culture that claims the lives of 2000 innocent children through gun crimes each year. I commit to the pursuit of laws that keep guns out of the hands of criminals, prioritize the needs of at-risk children, provide care for those suffering mental illness, and address the many ways in which our culture trivializes violence. I commit to holding my lawmakers, my community, and my own household accountable. I commit to being the change we need." We, the undersigned, ask that 139th Annual Convention of the Diocese of West Virginia take this pledge.

*Submitted by: Beth Marquart, St. John's Episcopal Church, Charleston, delegate to diocesan convention; Doris Redfield, St. John's Episcopal Church, Charleston, delegate to diocesan convention; Dr. Raymond Lowther, St. John's Charleston, WV, vestry member and delegate to diocesan convention ;Patricia Cahape Hammer, St. John's, Charleston, WV, vestry member; Olive Meyer, St. John's Episcopal Church, Charleston, WV, lay person; Juanita Walters Reed, St. John's Episcopal Church, Charleston, WV, lay person; Beth Hamrick, St. John's Episcopal Church, Charleston, WV, lay person; Gina Griffith, St. Marks St Albans, lay person; Beverly Steenstra, St. John's Episcopal Church, Charleston, WV, lay person; Kathy Rutledge, St. Andrew's, Oak Hill, WV, vestry member; Jeff Swing, St. John's, Charleston, WV, lay person; Carrie Swing, St. John's, Charleston, WV, lay person; Andrew Swing, St. John's, Charleston, WV, lay person; Deanna K. Lyons, St. John's, Charleston, WV, vestry member; Ray D Shackelford, St. John's Episcopal Church, Charleston, WV, lay person; Bob Rosier, St. John's, Charleston, vestry member; Donna Hamra, St. John's, Charleston, WV, Outreach Committee; Linnsey Amores, St. John's, Charleston, WV, lay person
Jon Amores, St. John's, Charleston, WV, lay person; Linda S. Comins, St. Matthew's, Wheeling, lay person; Travis F. Baldwin, St. John's, Charleston, WV, lay person
Marc Harshman, St. Matthew's, Wheeling; Valery Staskey, St. Matthew's Episcopal, Wheeling, WV, lay person; Jane Pritchard, St. John's Episcopal, Charleston, WV, vestry clerk; Melinda DiCarlo, St. John's Episcopal Church, Charleston, WV, lay person; Karen Glazier, St. John's Episcopal Church, Charleston, WV, lay person
Mark Owen, St. John's Episcopal Church, Charleston, WV, lay person; Linda K. Workman, St. John's Episcopal Church, Charleston, WV, vestry member and junior warden
Carter Blundon, St. John's Episcopal Church, Charleston, WV, lay person; Parrish Thompson, St. John's Episcopal Church, Charleston, WV, lay person; The Rev. Betsy Walker, priest-in-charge, Greenbrier Episcopal Ministries; The Very Rev. Kent Higgins, Dean, The Kanawha Deanery, Charleston; The Rev. Deacon Al Prichard, St. Thomas a Becket Episcopal Church, Morgantown; The Rev. John Valentine; The Rev. Marquita L. Hutchens, Rector, St. John's Episcopal Church, Charleston WV; The Rev. Stan Holmes, Missioner of The New River Episcopal Ministries; The Rev. Cheryl Winter ;The Rev. Pamela Shier, Prince of Peace, Salem WV*

*<http://www.episcopalchurch.org/posts/publicaffairs/holy-innocents-newtown-washington-and-way-forward>.

Resolution #4: Urge State Legislators to Repeal Legislation Allowing Concealed Carry of Firearms Without a Permit

Resolved, That the 139th Annual Convention of the Diocese of West Virginia, in response to the passage of Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 347 (SB347) by our State Legislature and made effective June 5, 2016, calls for the repeal of this legislation; and be it further

Resolved, That the secretary of the 139th Annual Convention of the Diocese of West Virginia forward this resolution to West Virginia state legislators to take action by repealing this legislation.

Explanation:

Prior to the passage of SB347 requirements for a permit to carry a concealed firearm included paying a \$100.00 fee and taking safety courses/training. Carrying a concealed firearm was considered a privilege, not a right.

SB347, as amended and passed, eliminated the requirement to obtain a concealed carry permit for those over the age of 21. Further, it did away with safety courses and background checks that were requisite to obtaining the concealed carry permit, thus allowing virtually anyone to carry a concealed weapon regardless of their record.

Governor Earl Ray Tomlin vetoed this legislation, saying, “Throughout my career, I have strongly supported the Second Amendment, as demonstrated by my repeated endorsements and high grades from the National Rifle Association. However, I must also be responsive to the apprehension of law enforcement officers from across the state, who have concerns about the bill as it relates to the safety of their fellow officers. It also would eliminate the required gun safety training courses for those applying for a concealed carry permit. In light of these concerns and in the interest of public safety for all West Virginians, I have vetoed Senate Bill 347.” (<http://www.governor.wv.gov/media/pressreleases/pages/governor-tomblin-vetoes-sb347,-citing-law-enforcement-and-public-safety-concerns.aspx>)

The state legislature overturned the governor’s veto, completely dismissing the concerns of law enforcement professionals and citizens from across the state. SB347 became effective June 5, 2016. The training and knowledge law enforcement professionals possess and the lives of law enforcement professionals matter greatly. As a result we, the undersigned, urge this

139th Annual Convention of the Diocese of West Virginia to pass this resolution urging that this legislation be repealed.

This resolution submitted by: Beth Marquart, St. John’s Episcopal Church, Charleston, delegate to diocesan convention Doris Redfield, St. John’s Episcopal Church, Charleston, delegate to diocesan convention; Dr. Raymond Lowther, St. John’s Charleston, WV, vestry member and delegate to diocesan convention; Patricia Cahape Hammer, St. John’s, Charleston, WV, vestry member; Olive Meyer, St. John’s Episcopal Church, Charleston, WV, lay person; Juanita Walters Reed, St. John’s Episcopal Church, Charleston, WV, lay person; Beth Hamrick, St. John’s Episcopal Church, Charleston, WV, lay person, Gina Griffith, St. Marks St Albans, lay person; Beverly Steenstra, St. John’s Episcopal Church, Charleston, WV, lay person; Kathy Rutledge, St. Andrew’s, Oak Hill, WV, vestry member; Jeff Swing, St. John’s, Charleston, WV,

Proposed Resolution #4 (continued)

lay person; Carrie Swing, St. John's, Charleston, WV, lay person; Andrew Swing, St. John's, Charleston, WV, lay person; Deanna K. Lyons, St. John's, Charleston, WV, vestry member; Ray D Shackelford, St. John's Episcopal Church, Charleston, WV, lay person; Bob Rosier, St. John's, Charleston, vestry member; Donna Hamra, St. John's, Charleston, WV, Outreach Committee; Linnsey Amores, St. John's, Charleston, WV, lay person; Jon Amores, St. John's, Charleston, WV, lay person; Travis F. Baldwin, St. John's, Charleston, WV, lay person; Marc Harshman, St. Matthew's, Wheeling Valery Staskey, St. Matthew's Episcopal, Wheeling, WV, lay person; Jane Pritchard, St. John's Episcopal, Charleston, WV, vestry clerk, Melinda DiCarlo, St. John's Episcopal Church, Charleston, WV, lay person; Mark Owen, St. John's Episcopal Church, Charleston, WV, lay person, Linda K. Workman, St. John's Episcopal Church, Charleston, WV, vestry member & junior warden; Carter Blundon, St. John's Episcopal Church, Charleston, WV, lay person; Parrish Thompson, St. John's Episcopal Church, Charleston, WV, lay person; Karen Glazier, St. John's Episcopal Church, Charleston, WV, lay person, The Very Rev. Kent Higgins, Dean, The Kanawha Deanery, Charleston; The Rev. John Valentine; The Rev. Roy Gene Crist. St. Andrew's, Oak Hill and Redeemer, Ansted, Priest in Charge; The Rev. Elizabeth Hadaway, Priest-in-Charge, Christ Episcopal Church, Fairmont, WV, The Rev. Marquita L. Hutchens, Rector, St. John's Episcopal Church, Charleston WV; The Rev. Deacon Al Prichard, St. Thomas a Becket Episcopal Church, Morgantown; The Rev. Cheryl Winter; The Rev. Stan Holmes, Missioner of The New River Episcopal Ministries

Proposed Canonical Changes

Proposed Canonical Revision 1

Resolved that a new subsection (c) be inserted and current subsections (c) through (e) renumbered in Title I. Canon 5. Section 2. as follows:

The President shall appoint the following committees and the chairs thereof at the beginning of or prior to the Convening of the Convention:

- (a) Committee on Resolutions
- (b) Committee on Resolutions of Appreciation, Sympathy or Condolence
- (c) Committee on Constitution and Canons
- (d) Tellers for Lay Vote and the Clerical Vote
- (e) Special Committee on the Rights of Clergy to seats
- (f) Special Committee on the Rights of Lay Delegates to seats.

Purpose: To reflect in the Canons what has been the diocesan practice, to appoint a Convention Committee on Constitution and Canons of delegates and clergy in attendance at convention to deliberate and consider canonical and constitutional revisions that are presented to Diocesan Convention after review by the Diocesan Committee on Constitution and Canons.

Presented by the Diocesan Committee on Constitution & Canons

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Proposed Canonical Revision 2

Resolved that Title I. Canon 1. Section 7. (“Church Attorney”) be amended as follows:

Every third year, contemporaneous with the election of an *Ecclesiastical Court Disciplinary Board*, the Bishop shall appoint a layperson, duly licensed to practice law, to serve a three-year term as Church Attorney. *In accordance with canon IV.15 of The Episcopal Church*, The Church Attorney need not reside in or be a member of the Diocese. The Church Attorney shall not be from the same law firm as the Chancellor or the Vice Chancellor of the Diocese. If, in connection with a particular matter, the Church Attorney (i) is related to any party by blood or marriage, (ii) has knowledge of essential facts involved in the matter, (iii) has a close personal or professional relationship with the respondent, or (iv) reasonably believes himself or herself unable to fairly and independently carry out his or her duties in the matter, the Church Attorney shall be declared by the Bishop disqualified and excused from service in connection with the matter, and the Bishop shall promptly appoint a suitable person to serve as Church Attorney in that matter. In the event of a vacancy in this position, the Bishop shall appoint a suitable layperson to serve as Church Attorney for the remainder of the three-year term.

Purpose: Clerical correction to regarding the name of the body charged with enforcement of Title IV (“Clergy Discipline”) of the Episcopal Church (previously known as Ecclesiastical Court) and to eliminate an incorrect citation to the Canons of the Episcopal Church.

Presented by the Diocesan Committee on Constitution and Canons.

Proposed Canonical Revision 3

Resolved that Title II. Canon 2. Section 3 (“Diocesan Council”) be amended as follows:

(a) The Diocesan Council also referred to as “The Council” shall be composed of the Bishop, the Bishop Coadjutor, if there be one, and the Bishop Suffragan, if there be one, and the following other members with seat, voice and vote:

- (1) Convener of the Women’s Ministries Committee
- (2) President of the Episcopal Churchmen
- (3) President of the Youth Council
- (4) Chair of the *Anti-Racism Committee* ***Commission on Racism and Diversity***
- (5) One Clergy Member and one Lay Member from each Deanery, elected in

accordance with the Deanery’s by-laws and, if either position becomes vacant, replaced according to the Deanery’s by-laws

Purpose: To correct name of committee

Presented by the Diocesan Committee on Constitution and Canons.

Proposed Canonical Revision 4

Resolved that Title II. Canon 2. Section 3 (“Diocesan Council”) be amended as follows:

(b) The following shall be ex-officio members of the Diocesan Council with seat and voice, but no vote:

- (1) Chancellor, or Vice Chancellor if the Chancellor cannot be present
- (2) Treasurer
- (3) an Assistant Bishop, if there be one
- (4) any Canons, if there be one or more

Purpose: To provide permanent seat and voice to specific Diocesan Staff who provide information and advice to Diocesan Council.

Presented by the Diocesan Committee on Constitution and Canons.

Proposed Canonical Revision 5

Resolved that Title II. 6. Section 2. (“Treasurer”) be amended as follows:

This position is non-stipendiary. The Treasurer shall:

(a) be learned in accounting and finance and shall be a communicant in good standing of a Congregation of this Diocese;

(b) under the direction of the Bishop, shall be responsible for the management and accountability of all funds and fiduciary matters of the Diocese, except those reserved for the Trustees in accordance with the Constitution and other provisions of these Canons;

Purpose: Clerical correction

Presented by the Diocesan Committee on Constitution and Canons.

Proposed Canonical Revision 6

Resolved that Title II. Canon 7. Section 4 be amended as follows:

Section 4. *Ecclesiastical Court* ***Disciplinary Board***

The powers and duties of this Court Board are specified in canon IV.4 5.1 of The Episcopal Church.

Purpose: Clerical correction to correct name of body responsible for application of Title IV (“Clergy Discipline”) of The Episcopal Church and to correct reference to Canons of The Episcopal Church.

Presented by the Diocesan Committee on Constitution and Canons.

Proposed Canonical Revision 7

Resolved that Title IV. Canon 3. Section 4. (“Retired Priests”) be amended as follows:

All retired priests who meet the requirements of Article V, Section 2, of the Constitution of this Diocese, are entitled to all the rights and privileges of the Convention, and those accorded to them in the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese, except that no retired priest shall be eligible to serve in the following capacities:

- (a) As a member of the Vestry, or member of a Mission Committee;
- (b) As a member of the Standing Committee;
- (c) As a member of the Diocesan Council, unless the retired priest is actively serving in the Diocese under the direction of the Bishop, in which case he/she is permitted to serve on Diocesan Council.

Purpose: To allow retired priests who are actively serving in the Diocese be elected to serve as a Dean and represent their deaneries on Diocesan Council. In some deaneries, only two or three priests are currently eligible to serve as deans.

Presented by Diocesan Council and recommended by the Diocesan Committee on Constitution and Canons.

Proposed Canonical Revision 8

Resolved that Title II. Canon 8. (Deaneries”) Section 1. Basic Organization be amended as follows:

The Diocese may be divided by the Bishop into Deaneries, and the clergy within each such Deanery, together with lay delegates from the several Congregations therein, shall meet at least once a year in a Deanery Chapter, at such time and place as its Dean may determine. Geographical Boundaries of Deaneries shall be set by the Bishop, and changed at his/her will and pleasure, *subject to approval by the Convention.*

Purpose: To eliminate conflicting terminology regarding deanery structure. Requested by 2014 Diocesan Convention and Convention Committee on Resolutions.

Presented by Diocesan Committee on Constitution and Canons.

Proposed Canonical Revision 9

Resolved that Title II. Canon 8. Section 6. (“Deanery Representation on Diocesan Council”) be amended as follows:

Each Deanery is entitled to have one clergy and one lay delegate to the Diocesan Council, who shall have seat, voice and vote in that Council. These delegates are elected as prescribed by Section 4 above and by the bylaws of the Deanery. Deaneries may also elect alternates to the clergy and lay delegates, to assume all powers and functions of its delegates if the delegates are unable to attend Diocesan Council meetings, in accordance with its bylaws. Deanery delegates shall serve for four years, *and shall be eligible for re-election for one successive four-year term. After serving two full terms, a person is ineligible for election as delegate to Diocesan Council for four years.*

Reason: To permit members of Diocesan Council to serve two consecutive terms. Requested by Diocesan Council at 2014 Diocesan Convention.

Presented by Diocesan Council and recommended by the Diocesan Committee on Constitution and Canons.

**Minutes
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Episcopal Diocese of West Virginia
October 28-29, 2016**

**Waterfront Marriott Hotel
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**Convention Host
Trinity -- Morgantown**

Theme: "To Know Christ and to Make Christ Known"

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2016

The Rt. Rev. W.M. Klusmeyer, 7th Bishop of the Diocese of West Virginia, began the opening session of the 139th Annual Convention of the Diocese of West Virginia with prayer and a call to order at 1:00 pm on Friday, October 28, 2016.

Bishop Klusmeyer then secured from Karen Klein, Chancellor and Parliamentarian, confirmation that a quorum of 10 Clergy and 10 Lay Persons, as required by canons, was present and that the Convention could proceed.

Bishop Klusmeyer nominated John Canfield to serve as Secretary of the Convention.
**A motion was moved and seconded from the floor for approval of this nomination.
Motion passed.**

Bishop Klusmeyer then made the following Convention appointments:

- Clergy Seating Privilege Committee: The Reverend Stan Holmes, The Reverend Marquita Hutchens, and The Reverend Lisa Graves.
A motion was moved and seconded from the floor for approval of these appointments. Motion passed.

- Lay Seating Privilege Committee: Sharon Maynard, Jamie McCumbe, and Jack Hauber.
A motion was moved and seconded from the floor for approval of these appointments. Motion passed.

The Bishop then presented the following names for appointment to various committees:

- Resolution Committee: Tyler Dinsmore, Chair. The Reverend Deacon Jim Morgan, The Reverend Brian Shoda, The Reverend Julie Murdoch, The Reverend Mark Seitz, The Reverend Bruce Bevans, Carol Foose, Nancy Paulovaks, Dante Willis, Marcie Steadman, and Don Rebich.
- Convention Committee for Constitutions and Canons: Karen Klein, Chair. The Reverend Chip Graves, The Reverend Josh Saxe, The Reverend Richard Skaggs, The Reverend Julie Harris, Jordan Trumble, Dennis Trader, Elise McIntyre, Bobby Shives, Sue Owen, and Liz Ramsay.
- Board of Tellers and Pages: The Reverend Elizabeth Hadaway, The Reverend Teresa Wayman, The Reverend Pamela Shier, Greg Pennington, Diane Cormack, and Donald Smith.
- Budget Committee: Thomas C. Farnsworth, Chair. David Ramkey, The Reverend Marjorie Bevans, The Reverend Chad Slater, The Reverend Nancy Martin, The Reverend G.T.Schramm, Phil Steptoe, Elizabeth Spangler, Gary Frame, Bill Saviers, and Lori Wagner.
- Courtesy Resolutions: The Reverend Jon White and Beth Marquart.

A motion was moved and seconded from the floor for approval of all of the above listed appointments. Motion passed.

The Bishop then presented the Convention Agenda and asked if there were any changes to be made to the Agenda as printed in the Convention Digest. None were offered. **A motion was moved and seconded from the floor to accept the agenda as presented. Motion passed.**

The Bishop referenced the Necrology and led the delegates in prayer for all those in the diocese who have died in the past year, with special prayers for the clergy of the diocese.

At this time, Convention broke into small groups to discuss personal and spiritual reflections. The group then reconvened and shared several of these reflections with the larger group.

Bishop Klusmeyer recognized and thanked the Reverend Mike Hadaway and representatives of Trinity – Morgantown for hosting the 2016 Convention. The Bishop also announced that the 2017 Convention would be held in Charleston WV at the Charleston Marriott on October 27-29, 2017.

The Bishop recognized Kelly McGhee for miscellaneous convention announcements. The Bishop thanked Kelly for her dedicated service to the Diocese in her role as Convention Coordinator for the past six years.

The Bishop then called upon the Reverend Jon White and Beth Marquart for the presentation of Courtesy Resolutions:

+ Be it resolved that this 139th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of West Virginia sends warm and heartfelt greetings to Mrs. Victoria Smith, widow of the Rt. Rev. John H. Smith, former Bishop Diocesan of West Virginia. We express to her our deep and sincere gratitude for her life and ministry in our midst.

+ Be it resolved that this 139th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of West Virginia sends warm and heartfelt greetings to Rosemary Atkinson, widow of the Rt. Rev. Robert P. Atkinson, former Bishop Diocesan of West Virginia. We express to her our deep and sincere gratitude for her life and ministry in our midst.

+ Be it resolved that this 139th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of West Virginia sends warm and heartfelt greetings to the Rt. Rev. W. Franklin Carr and his wife Lena. We express to them our deep and sincere gratitude for their years of leadership and ministry among us.

+ Be it resolved that this 139th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of West Virginia sends warm greetings to our Companion diocese, the Diocese of Columbia, their Bishop the Rt. Rev. Francisco Duque-Gomez, his wife, Mrs. Blanca Lucia, and to the clergy and people in that diocese. We hold them in our prayers and look forward to the continued development of a mutually rewarding relationship.

+ Be it resolved that this 139th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of West Virginia sends warm and heartfelt greetings to the West Virginia-Western Maryland Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, to their Bishop the Most Reverend Matthew Riegel, and to their clergy and congregations, on this the 15th anniversary of the adoption of the Call to Common Mission and full communion between our two churches.

A motion was also made and seconded from the floor to approve the Courtesy Resolutions which were printed in the Convention Digest. Motion passed.

The Bishop announced that the Bishop's Visitation Offering would be designated to Diocesan Flood Relief efforts, and that the Convention Eucharist Offering would be earmarked for the Diocesan Reading Camps. UTO Blue Boxes were available at the display table during convention.

Bishop Klusmeyer called Vice Chancellor Tyler Dinsmore to the podium for the final call for Resolutions. Dinsmore reminded the Convention that, pursuant to Canon IV of the Diocese, all Resolutions should have been received 45 days prior to the opening of Convention, although the Canons do permit timely Resolutions regarding certain matters which may have occurred since the 45 day cut-off. He solicited any such Resolutions from the convention floor. None were submitted.

The Bishop then submitted to the Secretary of Convention his Canonical papers for the time period of November 2015- October 2016 for the Archives of the Diocese. These included:

- Bishop's Travel Diary for 2016
- Summary of Bishop's Official Acts for 2016
- List of Canonically Resident Clergy for 2016
- Postulants for Holy Orders
- Candidates
- Ordinations to the Diaconate
- Ordinations to the Presbyterate
- Letters Dimissory – Issued
- Letters Dimissory – Received
- List of Clergy Licensed to Officiate
- Consents of Election of New Bishops
- Consents to Resignations of Bishops
- Baptisms, Confirmations, Reception/Reaffirmations,

The Bishop asked for acceptance of all reports for inclusion in the Convention Digest. **A motion was moved and seconded to accept the Convention Digest. Motion passed.**

Bishop Klusmeyer then introduced those Clergy who either arrived in the Diocese or have been installed as Rector since last Convention: The Right Reverend Mark Van Koeving, The Reverend Elizabeth Hadaway, The Reverend Paul Hicks, and the Reverend Deacon Nora Becker.

The next item of business was receiving Deanery Nominations for Diocesan Council Representation as follows:

- Eastern Deanery -- The Reverend Julie Harris
- Monongalia Deanery -- Diane Cormack
- New Southern Deanery -- Margaret Wessel Walker

A motion was made and seconded from the floor for the approval of these Deanery Nominations. Motion passed.

Bishop Klusmeyer made the following appointments to the Commission on Ministry: The Reverend John Valentine, The Reverend Julie Harris, The Reverend Albert Pritchard, Harriette Cyrus, Carol Beall, Travis Baldwin, and Michael Roberts.

A motion was made and seconded from the floor to approve these appointments to the Commission on Ministry. Motion passed.

Bishop Klusmeyer called Convention's attention to the Convention Digest and announced those candidates nominated for the elected offices of Trustees, Standing Committee, Constitution & Canons, Sandcrest Board and Delegates to 2018 General Convention. He inquired if there were any further candidate nominations from the floor. None were made. **A motion was made and seconded from the floor that nominations be closed. Motion passed.**

The Reverend Paul Hicks (Head Trustee) provided the convention with the Trustees' Report.

David Ramkey (Chief Financial Officer) provided the convention with the financial report for 2015. Ramkey reported that the Diocese again received another clean, unqualified audit opinion for 2015. Ramkey reviewed the highlights of the audit and the Diocesan investment returns. He reminded parishes of the requirement to conduct periodic audits. He reminded convention attendees of the opportunities for parishes to use the Diocesan pooled investment funds. Ramkey reviewed various expenditures, investment returns, missionary apportionments, as well as health insurance rate increases. **A motion was made and seconded from the floor to approve the financial report (including the audit report) as given by Mr. Ramkey. Motion passed.**

Convention then broke into Committee Hearings at 2:00 p.m. Meetings of the Resolutions, Constitution & Canons, and Budget Committees were held in separate rooms from 2:00 until 4:30 p.m.

Convention recessed for the day at 4:30 p.m. Convention participants rode buses to attend the Eucharist service conducted at Trinity – Morgantown at 5:30 p.m.

Upon the conclusion of the Eucharist service at Trinity, participants returned to the Waterfront Hotel for the Convention Dinner, which began at 7:00 p.m. Bishop Klusmeyer presented Jack and Anna Lou Sturgeon with the Cross of Appreciation Award. The Bishop also recognized the following individuals for their leadership with flood relief efforts in the aftermath of the devastating floods throughout the Diocese in June 2016: The Reverend Stan Holmes, The Reverend Roy Gene Crist, The Reverend Josh Saxe, The Reverend John Unger, The Reverend Betsy Walker, The Reverend Cheryl Winter, David Lumsden, Nancy Martin, Bill Saviers, and Cathy Slemp.

Convention adjourned for the day, to resume the next morning on Saturday, October 29th.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2016

Eucharist was celebrated at 7:15 a.m. in Salon A of the Platinum Ballroom.

Following the Eucharist and breakfast, convention re-convened at 9:30 a.m.

Bishop Klusmeyer invited Becky Szabo to conduct the United Thank Offering (UTO) in-gathering from Diocesan parishes.

The Bishop called forward the Board of Tellers and balloting was announced for elected positions to General Convention, Standing Committee, Constitutions and Canons Committee, Sandscrest Board, Disciplinary Board, and Diocesan Trustees. Ballots were distributed among voting delegates and collected by the Tellers for tabulation.

The next order of business was the Bishop's Address. The text of Bishop Klusmeyer's remarks during his Address will be printed in the Convention Journal.

Bishop Klusmeyer then presented The Reverend John Hagan and Marti Hersom with the 2016 Bishop's Shell Award for their flood relief efforts in West Virginia.

Upon the conclusion of the Bishop's Address, Bishop Klusmeyer called upon Treasurer Tom Farnsworth and CFO David Ramkey to provide the proposed Diocesan Budget for 2017. Ramkey advised that the proposed budget had been reviewed and approved by Diocesan Council, with its recommendation and Motion to convention that the budget be approved. Ramkey explained that it is a balanced budget of \$1.8 million in revenues and expenditures for 2017. **The Motion to approve the 2017 budget came from a Committee, so no second was needed. Upon a voice vote, the Motion passed.**

The Bishop next announced the results of the balloting for elected positions, with the following persons having been elected by the Convention:

- Trustee -- Lance Koury
- Standing Committee -- The Reverend John Valentine and Doris Redfield
- Constitution and Canons Committee -- The Reverend Paul Hicks, John R. McGhee Jr., and Richard Seckinger.
- Sandscrest Board -- Bruce Parrish, Linda Comins, Lisa Martin, Sarah Barickman, and Elise McIntire.
- Disciplinary Board - The Reverend Marquita Hutchens
- Clergy Deputies to 2018 General Convention -- The Reverend Paul Hicks, The Reverend Chad Slater, The Reverend Stan Holmes, and The Reverend John Valentine. (Alternate is The Reverend Mark Seitz.)
- Lay Deputies to 2018 General Convention -- Kelly McGhee, Beth Marquart, Karen Klein, and Linda Comins. (1st Alternate is Phil Steptoe, and 2nd Alternate is William Saviers).

Convention recessed for Lunch, and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

The Bishop called Vice-Chancellor Tyler Dinsmore to the podium to give reports from the Resolutions Committee.

Dinsmore presented Resolution #1 to the convention and briefly explained its purpose (encouraging the ministry of Deacons within the Diocese). The Resolutions Committee submitted this Resolution with amendments and with a recommendation that it should pass. Since this Motion came from a Committee, no second was needed. **Upon a voice vote, the Motion to approve Resolution #1 passed.**

Dinsmore presented Resolution #2 to the convention and briefly explained its purpose (urging General Convention to repeal the mandate for enrollment in the Church Medical Trust, and instead allowing parishes to enroll in health care plans thru ACA exchanges). The Resolutions Committee submitted this Resolution with no recommendation regarding its passage. Several Delegates spoke to the Resolution. Since this Resolution came from a Committee, no second was needed. The Reverend Mike Hadaway moved on the floor that the vote on this Resolution be conducted by Orders. The motion to vote by Orders was sustained on the floor with at least 3 Clergy and 3 lay delegates from at least 3 different congregations. The Clergy voice vote was uncertain and division was called. By a show of hands, the Clergy voted 13-11 in favor of Resolution #2. The lay delegates voted in favor of the Resolution on a voice vote. **With both Orders having voted in favor of the Resolution, the Motion to approve Resolution #2 was passed.**

Dinsmore presented Resolution #3 to the convention and briefly explained its purpose (urging actions to reduce gun violence, including a ban on the sale of semi-automatic weapons and a mandate for universal background checks). The Resolutions Committee submitted this Resolution with an amendment and made no recommendation regarding its passage. Several Delegates spoke to the Resolution. Since this Motion came from a Committee, no second was needed. After an uncertain voice vote, the Chair was in doubt and division was called. By a show of hands, the vote among all Delegates was 56 votes in favor and 43 votes against. **With a majority of Delegates voting in favor, the Motion to approve Resolution #3 was passed.**

Dinsmore presented Resolution #4 to the convention and briefly explained its purpose (urging the West Virginia Legislature to repeal the concealed carry law Senate Bill 347). The Resolutions Committee submits this Resolution with a recommendation that it should pass. Several Delegates spoke to the Resolution. Since this Motion came from a Committee, no second was needed. **Upon a voice vote, the Motion to approve Resolution #4 passed.**

Bishop Klusmeyer then called Chancellor Karen Klein to the podium to present reports from the Constitution & Canons Committee. The Committee recommended passage of all of the proposed canonical changes, with the exception of proposed canonical change #7, which it referred back to the permanent Committee on Constitution and Canons for further consideration.

Klein presented proposed authorized change #1 -- convention committees. Since this Motion came from a Committee, no second was needed. **Upon a voice vote, the Motion passed.**

Klein presented proposed canonical change #2 -- changing name of the Disciplinary Board. Since this Motion came from a Committee, no second was needed. **Upon a voice vote, the Motion passed.**

Klein presented proposed canonical change #3 -- name of CORD for Council. Since this Motion came from a Committee, no second was needed. **Upon a voice vote, the Motion passed.**

Klein presented proposed canonical change #4 -- adding Assistant Bishop to Council. The Committee modified the proposed canonical change as printed in the Convention Digest to replace the language of subsection (4) with "specific Diocesan staff who provide information and advice to Diocesan Council." Since this Motion came from a Committee, no second was needed. **Upon a voice vote, the Motion to adopt canonical change #4 as modified passed.**

Klein presented proposed canonical change #5 -- treasurer clerical correction. Since this Motion came from a Committee, no second was needed. A motion was made from the floor to make further technical and clerical corrections in Title II, Section 2, which motion was received and accepted by the Committee. **Upon a voice vote, the Motion to adopt canonical change #5 as amended passed.**

Klein presented proposed canonical change #6 -- Ecclesiastical Court becomes Disciplinary Board. Since this Motion came from a Committee, no second was needed. **Upon a voice vote, the Motion passed.**

Klein presented proposed canonical change #7 -- allowing retired priests to serve on Diocesan Council. **The Committee referred this proposed canonical change back to the permanent Constitution & Canons Committee for further review. No action was taken on proposed Canonical change #7.**

Klein presented proposed canonical change #8 -- Deaneries to be determined by Bishop. The Committee modified the proposed canonical change from what was printed in the Convention Digest to replace the word "may" in the third line of Section 1, and rewrote the second sentence to state that "The Bishop shall set geographical boundaries of Deaneries subject to approval by the Convention." Since this Motion came from a Committee, no second was needed. An amendment was offered from the floor which would delete the language requiring that any Deanery changes must be approved by the Convention. Upon a voice vote, the proposed amendment was defeated. **Upon a voice vote, the Motion to adopt canonical change #8 as amended by the Committee passed.**

Klein presented proposed canonical change #9 -- allowing Deanery reps to Council to serve two consecutive terms. **Since this Motion came from a Committee, no second was needed. Upon a voice vote, the Motion passed.**

Assistant Bishop Mark Van Koevering addressed the Convention with brief remarks.

Bishop Klusmeyer announced that General Convention 2018 would be held in Austin, Texas.

Final results of the elections and balloting during Convention were as follows:

Trustee: (5-year term)

Lance Koury

Standing Committee: (4-year terms)

The Reverend John Valentine

Doris Redfield

Constitution and Canons: (3-year terms)

The Reverend Paul Hicks

John R. McGhee Jr.

Richard Seckinger

Sandscrest Board: (all are 3-year terms)

Bruce Parrish

Linda Comins

Lisa Martin

Sarah Barickman

Elise McIntire

General Convention 2018 Deputies:

The Reverend Paul Hicks

The Reverend Chad Slater

The Reverend Stan Holmes

The Reverend John Valentine

Kelly McGhee

Beth Marquart

Karen Klein

Linda Comins

(Clergy Alternate – The Reverend Mark Seitz)

(Lay Alternates – Phil Steptoe and William Saviers)

With no further business to conduct and pursuant to a Motion from the floor, the 139th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of West Virginia adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Canfield

Convention Secretary 2016

Necrology

Ansted, Redeemer

James Miller

Beckley, St. Stephen's

James "Jim" Holliday

Jackie Covington

William "Bill" James

Sheena Prentiss

Dorothy Puckett

Berkeley Springs, St. Mark's

Kenneth McBee

Bluefield, Christ

Marla Creasy

Donald Kersey, Sr.

Buzzy Wilkinson

Ann Hillier

Creighton Lilly

Carol Cole

John Brookins Taylor

James Earl Steorts

Charles Town, Zion

Nancy May Dinges Bowers

D. Katherine "Kitty" Burr Jackson

Myra Lane Ransick

Edwin "Perry" Wilbur

Jacqueline Calkins

Marvin Morgan Lowman

Jeffrey Edward Pickwick

Carol Grace Painter

Cecil "Speedy" Lloyd

Charleston, St. Christopher

Charlotte Coley

Marian Fesler

Clarksburg, Christ and St. Barnabas Chapel Bridgeport

Dr. John Thompson

Dotson Cather

Mary Jean "Polly" Duncan

Betty Buchanan

Emily Cather

Fairmont, Christ

Elizabeth (Betsy) Haislip

Hansford, Good Shepherd

Lillian Faye Williams

Carla Ervin

Harpers Ferry, St. John's

Ryan Keith Mumaw
Jim Close

Huntington, St. Peter's

Kay Ellen Joy
Ray Malcolm Hess
Becky McKenzie Rankin

Huntington, Trinity

Dr. John A Hunt
Joyce Hamric Barnett Thomas
Stephen W Enslow
Lynda Elliott Bumpas
Elizabeth Smith Holley
Robert Randolph Proctor
Rev. Robert L Thomas
Virginia P Ford

Hurricane, St. Timothy's

Mark Wingate
William "Bill" Byus
Thomas Midkiff II
Beryl Hearnshaw

Lewisburg, St. James'

Mitch Scott
Kim McIlhenney

Logan, Holy Trinity

Florence Backus
Jane Peterson

Martinsburg, Trinity

Dr. Clifford Sperow, II
Virginia Mae Schools
Douglas "Jack" Miller
Albert Henry Utterback
Marvin Matthews
Richard Lee Lewis
David Trundle Jones
Doris Wilson Small

Moorefield, Emmanuel

Effie Lucille Thomas
Elizabeth Jo "Betty" Berrett
Lenora Virginia "Sis" Charlton

Morgantown, St. Thomas á Becket

Constance L Harward
James "Jack" L Frost
Steven A Fedan

Moundsville, Trinity

John Zwolensky
Ray King
Joe Williams
Art Younger
Tommy Pongola

New Martinsville, St. Ann's

Dorreen Coin
Nonnie Anderson

Parkersburg, Good Shepherd

Kathleen Ann Flinn
Gregory Berry
Charles "Chuck" Loose

Parkersburg, Trinity

Jack Bailey
Linda K Brantner
J. Robert Klinck
LaVerne W Marshall

Point Pleasant, Christ

Lavenia W Jackson
Samuel Nicholas III
William Reeble
Lora "Jenny" Neal
John W. Nibert

Ravenswood, Grace

Uda Marie Wiggins
Edward Roe

Saint Mary's, Grace

Charles Landsettle

Sistersville, St. Paul's

Marilyn Collett
Nancy Miller

Weirton, St. Thomas'

Ella May Knierim

Wellsburg, Christ

Bess Marie Smith
William "Bill" Lloyd Eckles
Lola Bullock
Stephen Gagliard
Susan Carnahan Lindsey

Weston, St. Paul's

Lucille Weber
John Law
Brenda Sue Stalnaker
James R. Anderson
Robert Allen Horn
William P. King, Jr

Wheeling, St. Matthews's Episcopal Church

Thomas Eider
Ruth T Goose
Eloise S Wolfson
Sarah "Sally" Edgington Franzheim Hobbs
Alice McCoy

Wheeling, Lawrencefield

Carlyle Farnsworth
Antoinette Murphy
Sallie Shaw

White Sulphur, St. Thomas

Barbara Carolyn Reynolds
Wayne Herkness, III
Ouranos Argyria's

Williamson, St. Paul's

Mildred McCoy Spaulding
Una Gene Younger
Harry Gerald Millard

Opening Prayers used at Convention

Below are several. The first was written by a Lutheran Pastor - Herbert Brokering. The others are from the Book of Common Prayer.

Lord,
give us the gift of fantasy,
The gift of the child
to go by imagination
 where cars cannot travel
 where danger will keep us out,
 where we are too rich or too poor to enter,
 too great or too small,
 too black or too white,
 too weak or too strong.

Give us the gift of mind
 to join with those in generations before
 and generations to come.

Give us the free imagination to join
 the three bears who eat porridge
 the three pigs who build houses,
 the 5,000 who eat two fish,
 the resurrected Jesus, who comes in the sacraments.

Give us the heart to join the living and the dead
 and to be as sure of the life to come
 as we are of this very day.

Give us the gift to marvel
 at the new life of Jesus
 and the new life to come.

Amen.

FOR PEACE

ETERNAL GOD, IN WHOSE PERFECT KINGDOM NO SWORD IS DRAWN
BUT THE SWORD OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, NO STRENGTH KNOWN BUT THE
STRENGTH OF LOVE: SO MIGHTILY SPREAD ABROAD YOUR SPIRIT, THAT ALL
PEOPLES MAY BE GATHERED UNDER THE BANNER OF THE PRINCE OF PEACE,
AS CHILDREN OF ONE FATHER; TO WHOM BE DOMINION AND GLORY, NOW AND
FOR EVER. *AMEN.*

Opening Prayers used at Convention Continued

FOR OUR COUNTRY

Almighty God, who hast given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly beseech thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of thy favor and glad to do thy will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in thy Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to thy law, we may show forth thy praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in thee to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

2016 Diocesan Convention Address
Delivered by The Rt. Rev. W. Michie Klusmeyer

Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Grace to you, and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Another year has come and gone. We gather here to do the work of the Lord, which is to praise God, and to give thanks to the Lord, for all the blessings we have received.

Several years ago, the Diocese gathered in Martinsburg for our Convention. It took place on about these same dates, because I remember asking if anyone knew what happened on October 28.

It represents the anniversary of the Battle of the Milvian Bridge, and Constantine. But I won't go back into that, I invite you to do your own Church History homework, if you don't recall it.

Instead, I want to begin by thanking all those who have worked so hard for the building up of the Kingdom of God in this Diocese. The priests and deacons of this Diocese, the faithful laity, who continue to give, pray and work for the spread of the Gospel.

I want to thank Mollie, for her hard work in the office. She has continued to be faithful, hardworking and rather humorous.

Someone asked her why 'the Bishop' wouldn't allow her to come to Conventions. The reality is...she prefers to stay away from Conventions, and to work in the office. She is there, making sure all things take place, in good order.

Thanks to David and Annette, for their hard work, for their oversight of the finances, and the attention to all of the details.

Special thanks to Bishop Mark, for coming into our lives this past year. In Bishop Mark, I have not only a colleague, but I have a friend. It's great having you here! He has come to know and love the people of West Virginia. He has traveled the roads, the mountains and the hollers, and knows the joys of being in 'Almost Heaven.' It truly is. He has been a gift to me, and I am thankful to God for his ministry and presence.

Last year, you voted to approve the position of 'Assistant Bishop.' Since then, he has moved back to the US. We have applied to the House of Bishops for his inclusion in the House of Bishops, and it has been granted - unanimously.

Coming to West Virginia, he is taking Parish Visitations, taking his role working with the Commission on Evangelism, Stewardship, Flood Recovery and working with a group focused on resettlement of refugees. A full plate, to be sure.

Along with Bishop Mark, comes his wife, Helen. We are thrilled to have you here, and thank you for your ministry. God bless you, both!

I thank Tom Farnsworth, the Treasurer. I thank you for your time, your insight and wisdom. Your keen guidance in the areas of finances has been invaluable to me, the Trustees and this Diocese. Thank you!

thanks to Karen Klein, my Chancellor. The first female Chancellor of the Diocese of West Virginia. Thank you for all the little extras you provide...for looking over documents, and using your connections around the legal world, for our benefit. Thanks to John Canfield, the Vice-Chancellor and Tyler Dinsmore, the Chancellor of Vice. This past year, I have needed you three more than in years past. Thank you!

The Diocesan Trustees continue to be a blessing to me, and to the people of the Diocese. They take their responsibilities very seriously, and serve Christ and the Diocese well. They see the Diocesan resources, not as money, but as a part of the ministry of the Church. Paul Hicks has served as the Head Trustee, and is now going off the team, but will still be around as the newest Rector of the Diocese. Thank you all.

Thanks to the members of Diocesan Council, the COM, the Standing Committee, and the various committees. I thank you all for your gift of time, support and enthusiasm. Life here is better because of all of you!

I want to thank Daisy McBride, for her work at Peterkin.

Sarah Lydick, Director of Sandscrest.

Linda Comins, Editor in Chief of Dayspring.

Lori Osborne, Director of HEP

Kim Javins, Director of Vocations, and COM liaison.

And, most especially, I want to thank Marsha, for her love, her faith, her support, her willingness to work with my travels and schedule, and I thank her for her ministry. Thank you, my love.

As I travel around the Diocese, I am often asked, "How's the Diocese doing?" Certainly, a very broad question.

"How's the Diocese doing?"

Let's talk about the Diocese.

Let's first put this in perspective:

The State of West Virginia is the only state in the Union that has lost population since the 1950's.

West Virginia has the lowest percentage of college degree holders, per capita, in the Union.

West Virginia has been noted, often, to be the unhealthiest state in the Union.

We are one of the oldest populations in the Union.

Fewer than 50% of the eligible working age appropriate, persons are in the work force.

In West Virginia, we are faced with the challenges of education, population decline, unemployment and age. this makes it difficult.

However, in 2014, out of more than 100 dioceses of the Episcopal Church, only 20 dioceses had any growth. The overall decline of the Episcopal Church from 2013 to 2014 was 49,754, or 2.6%. (Domestic Dioceses, not including overseas) Mainline denominations of all stripes experienced at least as significant a decline. From 2013 to 2014, the Diocese of West Virginia experienced growth! Hear that clearly! The Diocese experienced growth! We grew by .1%, or 11 people! Now, when I've said that to people they sort of smile and giggle. But let me say, an increase of 11 people is 12 more than a decline.

From 2014 to 2015, the Episcopal Church (again, the Domestic Dioceses) declined from 1,817,004 Baptized Members to 1,779,335, for a decline of 37,669 people, or 2.1%.

During the same period of time, the Diocese grew by another 11 people, or .1%! It's not much, but let me say again, it is growth! In a State that has consistently lost population, we have grown!

That's the large picture.

But let me tell you about some of my more stories within the Diocese:

First, Grace Church, Ravenswood. In 2015, their Average Sunday Attendance was 11 or 12 people. A small congregation, to be sure.

I made my parish visitation a few weeks ago, and they were proud to announce that they had 5 new members! These 5-people introduced themselves to me, and proudly told me why they were there, and that they were inviting others to come and join them! Immediate increase from 11 or 12, to 16 or 17!

Approximately a 30% increase! Not bad.

So, how's the Diocese doing?

There's another Church in our Diocese.

15 years ago, they had attendance of about 8 people.

A couple of months ago, while on a regular Sunday visit to a nearby parish, the Rector of the 'small' congregation asked if I would make time on Monday, for a weekday visit, with Confirmations. I said that I'd love to.

That evening, I confirmed 7, received 2 and baptized an adult...all in front of a congregation of 60+ people! On a Monday night! And this has now become something of the norm at Mt Zion, Hedgesville!

Growth is taking place.

So, how's the Diocese doing?

The Church of the Incarnation, Ronceverte continues to be a strong visible witness in the community. Outreach, presence and witness are all a part of who they are. A small, but mighty community, proud to be Episcopalians, active in the region, continues to bear the Light of Christ.

So, how's the Diocese doing?

Earlier this year, St Matthew's, Charleston presented the largest confirmation class in recent history, more than 20 Confirmands.

But that's only a part of the Diocese. And numbers aren't everything.

So, how's the Diocese doing?

The Diocese is made up of a variety of parishes, missions, agencies, committees, activities, people and places, that in some way, comprise the Diocese of West Virginia.

Most of us have a limited view of what the Diocese is. We think about 4 particulars that appear to make up the Diocese.

our congregations;

The Highland Educational Project;

Sandscrest, and

Peterkin.

The Highland Educational Project, or HEP, was founded more than 70 years ago, to assist the residents in McDowell County with education and literacy. Over the decades, it has morphed. At one point, it was trying to teach people how to build canoes. Unfortunately they were lake canoes, to be used on the rivers. After the floods of 2001 and 2002, HEP moved, with the assistance of the State of West Virginia, to the top of a mountain, and now provides a variety of resources for the many needs of the local residents. Lori has been the Director of HEP, and while seemingly unorthodox in her approach, she continues to do what's needed in the region. She provides assistance to those come show up on her doorstep, and we welcome various groups from near and far, to do work camps during the Summer. People's lives are being transformed. They are experiencing the unconditional love of Christ, by the hands of strangers.

Sandscrest was the family farm of Harry and Helen Sands. They turned the farm over to a family Trust, and the Trustee turned it over to the Sandscrest Foundation and Board.

Legally, the Diocese does not own Sandscrest, but the Sandscrest Foundation and Board does. However, we elect and control the Foundation and Board. Over the years, it has been more and more difficult to run a small conference center, without significant outside support.

The support from the Trust had been decreased over the years, and Sandscrest operations were strongly encouraged (by the Then Trustee) to get into the business of selling dinners and doing more weddings and receptions. In 2016, we finally arrived at an agreement with the new Trustee, supporting Sandscrest to the fullest need, and thus allowing us to get back to being what we were always supposed to do: Be a center for Spiritual life and Spiritual Formation. We are a retreat and Conference Center for the Diocese, and others.

Sandscrest may be far away for some people, but I want to tell you, it is well worth the journey. Sarah continues to provide great hospitality, and fantastic food! Come and join us there!

Peterkin was the dream of Bishop Strider. Under his episcopacy, the Diocese bought the old hunting grounds, and turned it into a camp and conference center for the Diocese.

Bishop Campbell built mightily upon that vision, and made Peterkin a phenomenal place for people to find Christ, and to learn to live under grace. There are many in the Diocese, and beyond, who love Peterkin, while there are many who do not strongly support it. That's a given. In addition, the changing realities of society cause us to have to rethink the approach to Summer Church Camp. Summers are shortened by school calendars. The future shows us that 'year-round' education is inevitable. Vacation time is more valuable, and the desire to advance one's education or athletic abilities at specialty camps, all play a part in the changing and challenging roles of Church camps.

In 2016, while our largest camp decreased, due to scheduling conflicts and other issues, our overall number of campers at Peterkin increased. In 2015, we had 212 campers. In 2016, 230 faithful Christians took off their shoes, and walked the sacred grounds of Peterkin. They experienced the presence of Christ in the hills and valleys of Hampshire County. Those who serve, and those who attend at Peterkin always come away more blessed and appreciative of the ministry we provide there.

Again, come for a visit, and stay for a camp.

so, how's the diocese doing?

Do you know about other ministries and institutions of the Diocese?

Reading Camps.

They have now become a growing ministry of the Diocese. Begun under the vision of Canon Donald Vinson, we partnered with the Diocese of Lexington, who started Reading Camps. Within a few years, we had more sites and more students than the Diocese of Lexington.

Upon Canon Vinson's retirement, we were able to hire Ms Sally Lane to continue the oversight and administration of these camps.

this past year, we had 10 sites. For 2017, we have already had 2 new locations request to conduct new Reading Camps.

They do not follow any governmental requirements. There are no tests administered, and no grades offered. This is reading, for the sake of reading. children who arrive reading below grade level, leave at the end of 5 days, reading well above grade level.

I believe that one of the primary solutions for many of our society's ills, is a good solid education, that promotes curiosity and self-worth. Reading skills are fundamental to this, and we are actively engaged in promoting a good education!

Let's keep it up!

so, how's the Diocese doing?

Then, did you know that we are also in the business of low income, subsidized housing for senior citizens?

Back in the 1980's, St Paul's Church, in Elm Grove, began the ministry of St Paul's Terrace.

St Paul's Terrace has always been something of a ministry of St Paul's, and a corporation that was spun off, to operate this institution: Narthex Incorporated. It is managed by a manager in Columbus, Ohio. Since St Paul's closed, the oversight has been transferred to St Luke's, Wheeling Island, but it is fully a part of the Diocese of West Virginia. Providing shelter to those who could not otherwise afford it. We take care of those who would otherwise have no place else to live.

so, how's the Diocese doing?

You may have read about this next ministry in the news.

Back in the late 1800's, Archdeacon Benjamin Spurr, who served in Moundsville, began a hospital in Glen Dale. Reynolds Memorial Hospital.

Back in the 1970's, Bishop Campbell donated the hospital to the community. As part of the donation, the Diocese retained certain rights, including that the Bishop shall always be the Honorary Chair of the Board; the Trustees of the Diocese must always approve the membership of the Board; if the hospital ever ceases to operate, the assets come back to the Diocese, and there is a separate Trust to support healthcare in Marshall County. The Trustees of this Fund are appointed by the Diocesan Trustees.

Well, in early October, Reynolds Hospital was bought by West Virginia Health Systems. In the negotiations, we retained all of our rights, including the continued promotion of the relationship of the Hospital to the Episcopal Diocese, AND we negotiated hard for the residents of Marshall County. Originally, we were told that WVUH would guarantee operation of the hospital for 5 years. We were told that this was something of a gift, as in other places, guarantees were only for 3 years. We were concerned about what would happen, if the hospital closed in 5 years, so we pressed to get a guarantee of 10 years. We got it! We have now promised the people of Marshall County that a local hospital presence will be around for not less than 10 years! And, if it should close after that, they will provide certain core services in the county. Given the speed that healthcare is changing, this is an impressive victory for the people of Marshall County! I'm proud of the work we did on their behalf!

We have made an impact on the lives of others, as well.

We care for the sick.

So, how's the Diocese doing?

Outside of White Sulphur Springs, lies an old church, on about an acre of land. Emmanuel, Oakhurst.

It has been closed for longer than I have ever known. Some interest had been shown, by a local developer, but I didn't feel we could sell it to a commercial venture. Eventually, that developer closed up shop. Fortunately, we did not sell it.

A few years ago, another individual came to me, and asked if they could lease the property to be used as a home for women coming out of addiction. They offered to lease the property for \$1 a year, but I felt that was too little. We talked for some time, and eventually agreed that the lease for the property from the Diocese should be a whopping \$10 a year, for some set period of time.

The organization has raised state and federal funds, and have rehabbed the old parish hall. (Callahan Hall, which had fallen into disrepair).

Today it is a beautiful home that would rival the homes in which any of us live. It houses 6 women who have found employment, and are gaining skills to have life and job skills that will carry them when they leave the program.

While we are not on the name plate of the Oakhurst Outreach Ministries, it is a ministry that we are clearly associated with, and we get credit for our participation.

Lives are being saved.

So... How's the Diocese doing?

In June, torrential rains came, and soaked parts of West Virginia. Floods became rampant, and more than 25 people died. Homes were ruined. Lives were destroyed.

Within days, St James', Lewisburg was running about the only distribution site in the County. St Thomas, White Sulphur Springs came in immediately on their heels.

Father Josh Saxe, Mother Betsy Walker, Father Stan Holmes, Father Roy Gene Crist, Father John Unger, Mr. Bill Saviers, Mother Cheryl Winter, Ms. Marti Hersom, Mr. Dave Lumsden and others stepped up, and lead many of our communities to resurrected life.

Clay County, for the most part, was an unknown. No word was heard from the residents, and Marti Hersom and Bill Saviers came in, and made a difference. They brought life and hope.

I asked Father John Hagan to be our Disaster Relief Coordinator, and he took the bull by the horns. He, and others, went to each of the counties, and as they were forming Long Term Recovery Committees. Father John and Father John Unger stood up at most of the County Recovery meetings, and said that the Episcopal Diocese pledged \$10,000 for recovery, immediately. Shock and awe was in each room, I'm told, as this pledge was made. In other counties, we pledged (and gave) less than that, but still substantial gifts, to get the process started.

The Episcopal Church was the first to step up and help fund these Committees...leading the way forward - through the waters of destruction, into the Land of Hope and Promise.

We are here to stay for the foreseeable future. Dr. Cathy Slemp has agreed to oversee the Recovery Program and the Development area of flood relief, from the Episcopal perspective.

How's the Diocese doing?

Several months ago, Mother Marquita Hutchens called me, and said that she and others were being led to work, in an interfaith fashion, to address the rising need of refugee resettlement.

Working with Episcopal Migration Ministries, St John's, the Synagogue, the Muslim Community and others are cooperating to bring Syrian refugees to the Charleston area. As of today, the State Department has the petition, and is evaluating the merits of the application and the local resources. It may or may not happen...but so far, it has brought Christians, Muslims, Jews and others together to better the lives of strangers.

I am reminded of the petition from Form V of our intercessory prayers - dating back prior to 1971, that calls us to pray "for the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord."

The Episcopal Church is again leading the way for those whose lives have been destroyed in their own land, and is leading an interfaith venture to bring hope.

So, How's the Diocese doing?

When I first arrived, there had been a bequest to the Diocese for the benefit of the elderly in Cabell County. After conversations with the family of the donor, it was decided to give the money to the Woodlands, in Huntington.

The Woodlands is a retirement community, of high regard, with many Episcopalians living there.

The money was given, and the home built a new wing for furthering their continuum of care. Outside is a plaque that named it the Edwards/Episcopal Wing, with recognition to the Diocese of West Virginia. While we don't get any special benefit from this gift, our name is on it, for furthering the care of our seniors.

So, how's the Diocese doing?

A few years ago, the Boy Scouts of America bought property outside of Beckley, for their National Jamborees. More than 30,000 youth and adults showed up. Certainly, a large opportunity to bring our name to those who visit West Virginia. One part of those Jamborees is an area to display the various faiths, and to teach something about one another.

A number of active volunteers stepped up, and provided a display of the Episcopal Church, for people to get to know us better.

Quite honestly, it was just a series of easels, with written history of the Episcopal Church. Other denominations and faiths had:

wood chips, with images burned onto them

badges/patches

laser engraved walking sticks

turban wrapping, and more.

Following that Jamboree, I have spoken with a few Scout leaders in West Virginia, and they have stepped up to lead the next Episcopal Presence at the upcoming Jamboree.

With the help of Johnny McGhee and John Canfield, we have gotten \$5,000 from the Episcopal Bishop of the Armed Forces, who heartily endorses this project. More money is being promised, and we will have a strong presence, as we welcome Scouts and especially Episcopal Scouts from around the world.

So, how's the Diocese doing?

We have various properties around the State of West Virginia, which are being reviewed for potential use, or sale. What is the best and proper use of each of these properties?

Some of the properties, such as St Andrew's, Mountain Mission, have been used as community centers...St Andrew's, Barboursville has been used for various community groups - scouts, AA, etc.

A small advisory group is up and running, to get a handle how to best use the properties that we have. We have an opportunity to be central points of ministry in various communities, if we work with the leadership of communities, and work to meet the various needs in each.

so, how's the Diocese doing?

As many of you know, we have brought about 19 new clergy into the Diocese. Rather than going through protracted search processes, an appointment process has (usually) shortened the length of time for bringing in a new priest, and has drastically reduced the cost from tens of thousands, to literally a thousand dollars, or so (plus moving expenses).

Elizabeth Hadaway

Nora Becker

Josh Saxe

Chad Slater

Jon White

Betsy Walker

Chris Thompson

John Valentine

Lisa Graves

Chip Graves

Charles Pope

Marquita Hutchens

Ann West

Melissa Remington

John Hagan

Paul Hicks

Fran McCoy

Marie Mulford

Brian Shoda

God willing, Jordan Trumble will be ordained, and will continue to serve at Emmanuel, Moorefield and St Stephen's, Romney.

And the Called to Common Mission, with the ELCA has helped us tremendously, as well:

Phil Van Dam

Randy Nairn

John Unger

Bill Ridenour, all serve our Churches.

Our newest appointment comes to us from the Diocese of Southwestern Virginia. The Rev Kim Webster will become the Priest in Charge of St Matthew's Church, Charleston, in early January.

A host of new clergy, loving and caring for the people of God in the Diocese.

God willing, and the Commission on Ministry and Standing Committee consenting, we have 4 people who will soon be ordained to begin sacramental and priestly ministries in our Diocese. All 4 have seminary training, and are offering themselves for the life and work of the Church here in West Virginia.

I am working hard to find new clergy for both Zion, Charles Town and St Thomas a Becket, Morgantown. So, almost all of our churches have regular sacramental presence.

So, How's the Diocese doing?

I think pretty well.

We're doing well, but...

We certainly have our challenges. We cannot be discouraged or fearful.

The words from Jesus resonate with us: Fear Not! Fear not, for I am with you always. What more comforting words can we hear?

We must continue to press onward to the upward call of Christ. We must continue to be God's faithful witnesses to Christ's sacrificial life, ministry, death and resurrection.

Our theme for this Convention is "To know Christ and to make Christ known."

We do this by first spending time, getting to know Christ. By reading and meditating on God's holy word, and by 'seeking Christ in all persons, loving our neighbors as ourselves.'

We must first work to have the mind of Christ. To know Christ, not just to know about Christ.

But once we have come to have a glimpse of who Jesus is, we must be compelled to go out into the world, and make Jesus known to the world.

We do this by word and by action.

We speak about Christ, and we take actions that point beyond ourselves, to the One who created each of us.

"Go in peace to love and serve the Lord," the Deacon or Celebrant says, at the end of Eucharist.

Go! Get out of here...don't stand around, and certainly, don't let the door hit you on the backside, as you leave. Go, witness to the love of Christ, by what you say, and by what you do. Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ? (Baptismal Covenant) In other words, by what you say, and by what you do.

As a Diocese, we can be proud of what we do. We feed the poor, we have housed those who struggle for shelter. We provide visitation for the sick and shut-ins. We have met the stranger, and welcomed them.

But there is more we can do.

Until each and everyone of us dives headlong into the depths of Jesus' mission, we have so much more to do.

to know Christ and to make Christ known.

Bear witness to Jesus' love for each of us.

In a State with so many challenges, I do believe that the people of West Virginia long to hear the Good News of Jesus Christ actively lived out in a real, incarnational, physical way.

But too often, our doors are opened, only at inopportune times.

We must rethink what doing Church looks like.

We must go out.

Jesus tells us that faith without works is...DEAD.

I think one of the problems in the world around us is that so often, the Christian Church is all about making ME feel better. It's about MY feeling good about MY relationship with Christ.

But, if it doesn't move us out. If it does not cause us to take risks, to go out into the streets and homes and shelters of our communities, and bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to the people in ways we've never imagined.

It's a scary road we travel. In some cases, road signs have not been placed there. Detours and road blocks will be everywhere.

But the light that draws us. The Light that gives us a sense of direction, and focus is the Light of Christ, that allows us to fear not.

Let us continue to reach out. To stretch toward the call of Christ. Let us risk, as we have never risked before. Let us take the challenges, like we have never done before. Let us trust Christ, as our very lives depend upon it...for they do.

Let us risk all we have, in the name of Jesus, so that others will see our good works, and give Glory to our God in Heaven.

So, how's the Diocese doing?

I hope you see that we're doing pretty darned well, God alone being our Helper.

I think we're doing pretty damned well, and pretty damned good.

Amen.

2015 Diary for The Rt. Rev. W. Michie Klusmeyer

January

- 1 - Feast of the Holy Name
- 2 - Home
- 3 - Home
- 4 - St John's, Ripley, for my visitation
- 5 - Back in the office, after a break. Meeting in office, then drove to Parkersburg, to have lunch with the Rev Paul Hicks, and to talk about oil and gas interests that are the same for Trinity and the Diocese.
- 6 - a variety of meetings in the office, along with phone conference calls. (Province III phone conference)
- 7 - Drove to Sandscreech, for a Board meeting
- 8 - Meetings in Wheeling, regarding Sandscreech and Reynolds Memorial Hospital
- 9 - meetings in office, and then phone conversations to work on the Summer programs at Peterkin
- 10 - home
- 11 - Grace Church, Ravenswood visitation. Flew to Baltimore, for a meeting at the Maritime Sea Institute.
- 12, 13, 14 - Meeting of the Joint Nominating Committee for the Presiding Bishop, in Baltimore
- 15 - Meetings in Charleston and in the Diocesan House
- 16 - Took the day off, with a teleconference from home.
- 17 - Home
- 18 - Visitation at Grace Church, St Mary's.
- 19 - office work
- 20 - meetings at Diocesan House
- 21 - Meetings at Diocesan House
- 22 - meetings, and lunch with Deanery Clergy
- 23 - West Virginia Council of Churches meeting, Charleston
- 24 - Went to Eastern Panhandle
- 25 - Visitation at St John's, Harper's Ferry. Came home.
- 26 - Doctor's appointment, and catch up in the office
- 27 - meetings in Diocesan House. Begin conversation about an evangelism program and marketing
- 28 - Trustees' meeting at Diocesan House.
- 29 - meetings at Diocesan House, including the Pension Committee
- 30 - Lunch with Monika, to talk about the Commission on Ministry
- 31 - Home

February

- 1 - Holy Trinity, Logan. Visitation
- 2 - Standing Committee, and a luncheon meeting with David Pitts.
- 3 - Teleconferences and meeting with Kelly McGhee, regarding Convention
- 4 - West Virginia Council of Churches Executive Committee, and then a meeting with the Peterkin Board
- 5 - Teleconference with GTS Board, and then went to House of Delegates to speak on behalf of proposed legislation.
- 6 - GTS Board, via Teleconference
- 7 - Funeral at Trinity, Parkersburg, for the Rev Jack Neilson. Drove to Elkins for my visitation the next day
- 8 - Visitation at Chapel on the Mount, Snowshoe.
- 9 - Went to the hearing on Water, for Charleston and surrounding region

- 10 - meeting in DH, and then went to Weston for lunch with The Rev John and Bertha Valentine
- 11 - Office work, and then a meeting with the Council of Advice for the PB
- 12 - Bexley-Seabury meeting
- 13 - Bexley-Seabury meeting, in Chicago
- 14 - Home with my wife, for Valentine's Day. Drove to Morgantown for next day Visitation
- 15 - Visitation at St Thomas a Becket. Terrible weather over the weekend.
- 16 - In Diocesan House. Supposed to have an eye doctor appointment, but due to weather, it got canceled.
- 17 - Meeting at Christ Church, Point Pleasant, to talk about their future and ministry leadership
- 18 - Ash Wednesday - did Ashes to Go at the State House. While I disagree with this concept, it is amazing how it does touch people where they live, from their earlier lives.
- 19 - A quiet day in the office
- 20 - In the office, and dinner with the Hagans in Charleston
- 21 - home
- 22 - Visitation at Prince of Peace, Salem.
- 23 - Office
- 24, 25, - Virginia Seminary Board meeting, Alexandria VA
- 26 - Mark Stevenson, from DFMS came to visit St John's, Huntington, after they received a good grant from DFMS. Drove to Huntington, and then had phone conferences in the office
- 27 - meetings, and then lunch with Bishop Dunkin (ELCA) in Williamstown
- 28 - College Retreat was canceled. Went to Morgantown. Dinner with the Hadaways

March

- 1 - Visitation at Trinity, Morgantown
- 2 - Dentist appointment, and then meetings at Diocesan House
- 3, 4 - Back to Alexandria, for a meeting with Bishops regarding VTS. Advisory Council
- 5 - Meetings in the office, including one regarding Peterkin and support from former campers.
- 6 - Meetings in Office
- 7 - 17 - House of Bishops and the International Bishops' Conference, at Kanuga
- 18 - 22 - Joint Nominating Committee for the Presiding Bishop, Lake Logan, NC
- 23 - Catch up in the Office, and phone meeting
- 24 - Meeting in office, to talk about grant possibilities from DFMS
- 25 - Meetings in Office
- 26 - Up to Wheeling for meetings. Reception for Reynold's Memorial Hospital, along with their Board Meeting.
- 27 - Took the Day off
- 28 - In the afternoon, drove back to Wheeling
- 29 - Palm Sunday. Visitation at St Luke's, Wheeling Island
- 30 - Skype with Bishop Duque, Bishop of Colombia.
- 31 - Clergy Day, and then met with Vestry of Christ Church, Fairmont

April

- 1. In the office, with phone meetings.
- 2. Maundy Thursday - at Good Shepherd, Hansford
- 3. Good Friday - St Stephen's, Beckley
- 4. Morgantown, for the Great Vigil. Began at the Lutheran Campus Ministry building, and walked to Trinity.
- 5. Trinity, Morgantown for Easter Celebration. Returned to Charleston, and had Easter dinner with the Charleston clergy.
- 6. Day off.
- 7. Doctor's appointment in the afternoon.
- 8. Appointments in the Office, all day. Called Carlyle Farnsworth for follow up.
- 9. Meetings in office. Lunch with Marquita, and then to Point Pleasant to work with their Discernment Committee

11. Meeting with the General Convention Deputation, to plan for the upcoming General Convention.
12. Visitation at St Paul's, Williamson
13. Standing Committee in my office, followed by various phone conversations.
14. Various errands around town, along with a Doctor's appointment.
15. Appointments with clergy in the Diocesan House
16. Met with Thomas Balch, to talk about Young Adult Service Corp, for his mission to Africa.
17. Stayed home, and packed for upcoming trip
18. Traveled to Dallas for a meeting with the Search and Nominating Committee for the Presiding Bishop
- 19, 20, 21 - meeting of the Joint Nominating Committee. Flew home on the 21st.
22. Met with Sara Gunter, and others in the office
23. Various meetings with clergy, and then Diocesan Trustees met in my office.
24. Stewardship Conference at Flatwoods. Came home on Saturday, 25
25. At home, after Conference, and then Marsha had a concert with WomanSong, in Charleston
26. Visitation at Redeemer, Ansted
27. Went to Eastern Panhandle, for meeting with Province III Synod.
28. Finishing up the Synod meeting
29. Flew to Chicago for a meeting of Bexley-Seabury Board
30. Flew Home

May

1. Home for packing for next trip
2. Flew to San Pedro Sula, Honduras, to be with Bishop Allen.
- 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 Visit to the Diocese of Honduras A fantastic trip, to an exciting Diocese.
8. Meetings in and around Charleston
9. Home
10. Visitation to St Mark's, St Albans.
11. Calls and work in the Office
12. Meetings in the office
13. Meetings and paperwork in Office
- 14, 15 - Bexley-Seabury Board meeting, in Columbus
- 16, 17 Women's Conference, Peterkin
- 18, 19, 20 General Seminary Board meeting
- 21 - Visit with the Van Koeverings, all week
- 24 - Visitation at Good Shepherd, Parkersburg
- 25 - 29 - Office work, and spending time with the Van Koeverings
- 30 - at home
- 31 Visitation at St Mark's, Glenville

June

1. Budget Committee meeting
2. Institution of the Rev Brian Shoda, as Rector of St Mark's, Berkeley Springs, and Mt Zion, Hedgesville
3. Meeting with the Rev John Unger, and others in Eastern Panhandle
4. Calls, from office. Meeting with Auditors, and then the Corpus Christi Festival, at St John's, Charleston
5. Diocesan Council, in Sandscrest
6. Diocesan Council, in Sandscrest, then to the Strawberry Festival in Wierton.
7. Visitation at St Anne's, New Martinsville, and then to the Revs Lisa and Richard Heller, for lunch.
8. Sully and Hattie came for a visit. Oh, and Emilie, and Patrick came along.
9. Visit at St James', Lewisburg. Met with the Vestry.

10. Stayed at home, and played Legos with Sully
11. Lego day!
12. Sully, Hattie, Emilie, Patrick and I all got on a plane to Charlotte. From there, they flew to Milwaukee, while I got on a plane to London, and then on to Prague for a meeting of the International Bishops Conference, of the Old Catholics.
- 13 - 19, International Bishops Conference, in Prague. The Czech Bishop gave me as much duck as I could eat. A wonderful opportunity.
20. Few home from Prague
21. Institution and Induction of the Rev Marquita Hutchens, as Rector of St John's, Charleston.
22. Left for Salt Lake City, for pre-meetings, and then for General Convention. For the first time in 9 years, I am not on the Program, Budget and Finance Committee. Should mean that I have a little free time. I was on the Constitution and Governance Committee. A later appointment.
- 23 - July 3 - General Convention

July

- 4 - Flew to Milwaukee to visit the kids
- 9 - 10 Officiated at a wedding for a young lady who grew up at my previous parish. Returned to Trinity, Wheaton, for the wedding.
- 11 - Back in Milwaukee.
- 12 - With the kids
- 14 - phone meeting with the Church Investment Group
- 15 - Sully's Birthday!
- 16 - Home from Milwaukee
- 17 - In Charleston, but on Vacation
- 21 - Dinner at Paterno's, Charleston, for Debby Hagan's birthday
- 24 - to Lewisburg, for dinner with the Saxes.
- 25 - In Lewisburg
- 26 - Church at St James', Lewisburg
- 27 - Back in Charleston
- 28 - Executive Committee Call, and then sort through mail, and make a few phone calls.
- 29 - Home
- 30 - Home
- 31 - Home

August

- 1 - Home
- 2 - Home
- 3 - In office, to catch up after vacation
- 4, 5, 6 - In the office for meetings.
- 7 - conference calls
- 8 - drove to Moundsville
- 9 - Visit to Trinity Moundsville. Thank you, Father Bruce!
- 10 - Visit to St John's, Huntington
- 11 - at home waiting for some furniture to be delivered. Why don't they give a firm time?
- 12 - Variety of meetings, including talk about Camping Task Force, and meeting to discuss the Harper Fund grants.
- 13 - Wedding Anniversary! Thank you, Marsha!
- 14 - Went to Martinsburg
- 15 - Funeral for Sarah Steptoe, a devoted member of the Diocese. Served on a variety of Boards, as well as a Deputy to General Convention (several times) and Diocesan Rep to VTS.
- 16 - Visitation to Trinity, Martinsburg. Thank you, Mother Julie. Then came home
- 17 - Standing Committee meeting in my office.
- 18 - Meetings in my office. Phone meetings, and then in the late afternoon, the Peterkin Board met in my office

- 19 - Meeting with Monika, to talk about COM.
- 20 - took the day off
- 21 - Diocesan Council - Sandscrest
- 22 - Diocesan Council - Sandscrest, then a farewell celebration for the ELCA Bishop Ralph Dunkin. He is a good friend, who was present at my Consecration, and we have had a good time together ever since. God speed, my friend.
- 23 - Visitation to Christ Church, Wellsburg. Thank you, to everyone.
- 24 - In office
- 25 - Sally Lane in my office, to talk about Reading Camps. Other business, as well
- 26 - a meeting in Charleston, regarding drug and alcohol addiction. A good forum, but much work to be done.
- 27 - meetings in my office, to talk about parish life and congregational development
- 28 - in office, for some reason, a lot of papers and letters to be written
- 29 - went to Trinity, Huntington for a n opportunity to see their urban ministry, with Marshall med students, and bikers. Fascinating...and well done!
- 30 - Visitation to Summersville. Thanks for the good work.
- 31 - phone calls in the morning, and then in the afternoon, a self-proclaimed Old Catholic bishop came to talk about his role in the Old Catholic Church - which is none.

September

- 1 - Amazing how the day shifts: Lawyers in the morning, followed by congregational development conversations, followed by an individual in discernment for ordination.
- 2 - Met with people, and had lunch with the Rev Paul Hicks, at a new restaurant in Charleston. The Block.
- 3 - Campus ministry conversation. Meet with auditors, and then a fine dinner with Father John Kevern
- 4, 5, 6, 7 - Labor Day weekend. A quiet time with Marsha!
- 8 - 45 days to Convention. Lunch with the Rev Marquita Hutchens.
- 9 - meeting in the office, and off to St Mary's, for lunch with the Revs Lisa and Richard Heller
- 10, 11, 12 - Flew to Harrisburg, to visit my mother, and to be at the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania, for the Consecration of the Rt Rev Audrey Scanlan, as Bishop. on the 13th, I flew to NY, for dinner with the Rev Canon Carl Gerdau
- 13 - flew to NY, for dinner and meetings
- 14 - 15 - meeting at 815, for a meeting to discuss Episcopal Seminaries
- 16 - Lunch with Bishop Steiner Ball, of the UMC District. Then meetings in the afternoon
- 17 - meetings in the office
- 18 - a meeting with some people in Morgantown
- 19 - Acolyte Festival at Trinity, Morgantown! A great time! Thanks...and then, off to Huntington, for my visitation.
- 20 - Visit to St John's Huntington. Thank you, Mother Lisa, and the good people.
- 21 - 22 - 23 - LARCUM - Lutharan, Anglican, Roman Catholic and United Methodists, meeting in Charleston. A small, but good group. Speaking about ecumenism, and personal experiences.
- 24 - Lunch with one of the Vice Chancellors.
- 25 - Took the day off
- 26 - 'Consecration' of the new ELCA Bishop (Matthew Weigel) at WV Wesleyan College. It was more of a recognition and investing, than a consecration. then down to Lewisburg, for dinner with the good people there.
- 27 - Visitation at St James'. Thank you, Father Josh!
- 28 - From time to time, bishops are asked to get involved in various situations within the larger church and communion. I was asked to join 8 other bishops, for work with some bishops. We were in Virginia.
- 29 - continued
- 30 - continued

October

- 1 - Clergy Day at Christ Church, Fairmont
- 2 - work in the Office, and Executive Committee meeting
- 3 - home in the morning, drove the Clarksburg in the afternoon, for my visit the next day
- 4 - Visitation at St Matthias, Grafton
- 5 - Meeting with Rector and Sr Warden of Zion, Charles Town, regarding upcoming transition
- 6 - Anti-Racism and Diversity discussion and then work on Peterkin
- 7 - Phone meetings with several Sr Wardens around the Diocese
- 8 - Marsha's Birthday! Happy birthday, dear!
- 9 - 10 - Commission on Ministry at Sandscrest
- 11 - Visitation at St Peter's, Huntington. Thanks, Mother Rankin
- 12 - meetings in office
- 13 - Virginia Seminary Board, then
- 14 - on to Milwaukee to see the kids
- 15 - 16 Bexley-Seabury Board Meeting
- 17 - Williamson Homecoming
- 18 - Visitation at Good Shepherd, Hansford. Thanks, Father Holmes
- 19 - West Virginia Council of Churches Annual Conference, in Charleston
- 20 - phone meetings
- 21 - Meeting of the Diocesan Trustees at Diocesan House
- 22 - Prep for Diocesan Convention
- 23, 24, 25 - Diocesan Convention at Pipestem. At this Convention we welcomed the Choir from Alderson, and we voted to create the position of Assistant Bishop.
- 26 - Day off
- 27 - Office work
- 28 - Sandscrest Board meeting at Sandscrest
- 29 - Went to the Eastern Panhandle
- 30 - various trips and visits in the Eastern Panhandle, dinner with Senator/Pastor John Unger
- 31 - Visit with Zion's Vestry, some potential clergy for WV, and met with the Rev Julie Harris

November

- 1 - ON this day, The Episcopal Church installed the new Presiding Bishop at the National Cathedral. Meanwhile, we celebrated the 200th Anniversary at Zion, Charles Town. congratulations
- 2 - came home from Eastern Panhandle
- 3 - In the office
- 4 - meetings, and phone calls
- 5 - home for leaf blowing
- 6 - 7 - Diocesan council at Sandscrest
- 8 - Visitation at St John's, Charleston
- 9 - Standing Committee in the morning, the meetings in the afternoon, then on to Christ Church, Point Pleasant.
- 10 - 11 - 12 - VTS Board meeting, and Province III meeting of the Bishops, in Martinsburg. I chose to be with the Bishops.
- 13 - home
- 14 - Dinner in Shepherdstown
- 15 - Visitation at Trinity, Shepherdstown, and then meet with Sr Warden at Zion.
- 16 - home
- 17 - Dr's appointment in the morning, and then Peterkin Board meeting in the afternoon
- 18 - morning meetings in the office, then off to Baltimore, for a meeting of the CCAB's (Committees, Commissions, Agencies and Boards of The Episcopal Church).
- 19 - 20 - CCAB meeting in Baltimore
- 21 - 29 - In Milwaukee for Thanksgiving Week, with the kids...then home

30 - Dec 1, 2 - meeting of the Presiding Bishop's Council of Advice, in NYC, at 815. I was 'elected' the President of the Council of Advice.

December

3 - 4 - home and chores

5 - met with Elizabeth Hadaway in Morgantown, and then dinner with Donetta and Fred Bird

6 - Visitation with Grace, Elkins.

7 - meetings in office

8 - Meetings in office, and then WVCC Executive Committee. Meeting in the afternoon

9 - Meeting regarding Evangelism,

10 - meetings in office. Met with Donald Vinson in afternoon. Lunch with COM chair

11 - home

12 - Meetings in Shepherdstown and Charles Town

13 - Visitation at St John's, Harpers Ferry. Thanks, Father John!

14 - Meetings back in Charleston.

15 - Doctor in the morning, and then Congregational life task force, for a particular congregation

16 - More congregational health conversations, and meetings with individuals

17 - Bishop Mark came into the office...welcome. Then, Marsha and I left for Springfield IL, for the funeral of my priest, when I was in college. Rest eternal, Father William Mallotke.

18 - Phone conference, from the car, with the Presiding Bishop, and his Vice Presidents.

19 - Funeral in Jacksonville, IL, for Father Mallotke, then drove to Milwaukee. Along the way, had dinner with some former parishioners from Freeport, IL

20 Bishop Mark was welcomed to Christ Church, Bluefield, so I could be in Illinois for the funeral, and then family time.

21 - 31 - off...time with the grandkids and family...then back to Charleston.

TO GO BE THE GLORY.

Committee/Commission Reports

Altar Guild

Ms. Hollie Mitchell –Altar Guild Directress

This is our 7th year of being a Diocesan Altar guild. We have been active and helpful and sharing and caring with in our Guilds, as well as with those who just need information and guidance.

We are learning and finding new ways of doing things that pertain to our Ministry.

We are thankful for the priest,who adds so much to our learning curve.

We are thankful for those who enlighten us and who join us in our daily prayers and duties.

Our last meeting had us concentrate on disaster kits for communion and for looking deeper into Baptism

This is something that is ongoing and will be part of our continued activities.

I try to travel to a new church for our meetings each year.

We support the local animal shelter that is near each meeting place.

Come join us!!!!

BOARD OF EXAMINING CHAPLAINS

The Board of Examining Chaplains examines candidates for ordination in the six areas of proficiency required by Canon. We are responsible for preparing a written test to cover these areas, usually including the traditional “Coffee Hour” questions, and administering the test. After reviewing the test, the candidate is interviewed and a recommendation submitted by the Board to the Bishop and the Commission on Ministry. As of this writing we are in the process of examining one person, Maggie Blanchard for candidacy into the priesthood of The Episcopal Church.

Campus Ministry Report
The Very Rev. Michael Hadaway

Campus ministry continues in our Diocese. During the 2015-2016 academic years we had two official Canterbury Fellowships: one at Marshall, led by Sara Gunter and Johnathan McQuerey, as a part of their positions as Diocesan Youth minister, and one operated by Trinity Episcopal Church, with me as point person for WVU. Both Canterbury groups meet weekly and include programs for fellowship, meals, and worship. These gatherings also provide a basis for connections to local parishes and regular and emergency pastoral care for college students and their families. This year, we also held our first College/Young Adult Camp at Peterkin, which had a good response and served to reconnect many people with their faith. Members of these ministries provided 50% of the councilor staff for Peterkin this summer.

There is a perception that young people are not seeking God and, to me, that perception has been proven to be false. Campus ministry requires that we recognize that we are dealing with young adults; these people do not have to be involved in these ministries, but choose to do so. They are, and should be, asking questions and we need to be there to join in the questioning with them.

These ministries serve three related groups of people: (1) members of our own parishes who are away from home; (2) members of Episcopal churches and parishes from the rest of the Anglican Communion that are in our Diocese for educational purposes, and; (3) other Christians and seekers from within West Virginia and beyond.

Certainly, there are people who “take a break” from Church in college, but I have known others whose faith has deepened and been strengthened by Christian fellowships in college; mine was. A number of the priests in our Diocese and the lay leaders in our parishes were actively involved in Canterbury or other campus ministry during their years of higher education. This is an important focus as we seek to bring in younger clergy.

Here at WVU, we have already begun to see new members as we start the new semester. We are planning a retreat for the spring, looking at plans for the next years of College and Young Adult Camp, and working with the bishops to develop a Diocese-wide plan for Campus ministry to be strengthened and expanded.

We thank the Diocese and each of you for your support. Please remember to send the names of college students to the Diocese and the local parishes!

Education for Ministry

The Episcopal Diocese of West Virginia
EfM Coordinator: The Rev. Julie N. Harris

Education for Ministry (EfM) is a four-year adult education program sponsored by the Diocese. It is administered and accredited by the School of Theology at the University of the South in Sewanee, TN. The course covers the Old and New Testaments, Church History, and Theology as well as Theological Reflection. The seminar style classes are usually held once a week for two or three hours with students at all levels sharing their experiences with the readings, exercises, and reflections.

The students and graduates experience a maturation of their ministry through the program and become confident leaders in their parishes. Sponsorship by the Diocese allows for two Mentor Training events annually and reduced tuition for students. EfM Mentors are trained and certified by Sewanee.

In 2015-16, we had three groups meeting throughout the Diocese: Charleston, Eastern Panhandle, and Alderson Prison. I invite interested persons to contact me for additional information.

Grants for Mission

Mollie Bailey

The Grants for Mission Committee met with Bishop Klusmeyer on March 18, 2016 and reviewed the applications we had received for 2016 grants. After an in-depth discussion of each request, a total of \$51,000 was awarded, as follows:

- \$10,000 was awarded to New River Episcopal Ministries
- \$20,000 was awarded to St. Stephen's Church, Beckley
- \$7,000 was awarded to St. John's Church, Harper's Ferry
- \$7,000 was awarded to Christ Church, Bluefield
- \$7,000 was awarded to St. James' Church, Lewisburg

We realize the importance of Grants for Mission, and the Diocese is committed to the continuation of the program. However, due to budgetary concerns, we urge those making future grant applications to plan their programs in such a way that most of their financial needs are met by other methods.

HEALTH MINISTRIES COMMISSION

Debbie Ventura, Chairperson
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The purpose of the Health Ministries Commission of the Diocese of West Virginia is to assist local congregations and diocesan staff in claiming the gospel mission of health and wholeness.

General Convention 2009 passed a resolution stating that every congregation will have a health ministry presence by 2012. This acknowledges the holistic health of clergy, staff and congregations. Holistic health includes spiritual, physical & emotional wellness. Our Lord wishes for each of us to care for ourselves – so we can go forth and reach out to others. **Every congregation** should have a Health & Wellness Coordinator & this person does not need to have a medical background – only an interest in wellness.

This person will often serve their congregation in identifying their needs, organizing events, services, etc. Thirty-seven individuals have volunteered to assist their congregations at this time. We are striving to reach out to the remainder of the congregations that do not presently have a coordinator.

We are currently sending “Backdoor Readings” monthly to all of the coordinators. These readings contain information presented in an interesting format and are typically posted in rest rooms. We have also created a brochure to assist local congregations & the coordinators. This brochure has caught the attention of the National Episcopal Health Ministries. It is posted on their website and we have given other dioceses’ permission for its use.

In the past, commission members have organized and held workshops at various locations in the diocese. The object of these endeavors is for the commission members to meet with Health & Wellness Coordinators & other interested people in the area where they live. At these workshops information, resources and support are offered.

The Commission attempts to have a strong presence at Diocesan Conventions. Members have volunteered their time & talents to reach out to those attending, in providing health centered information.

This group meets by conference call and meetings held at the diocesan office. Members include: Bonnie Bailey, St. Timothy’s, Hurricane, Wanda Myers Heavenly Rest, Princeton, Anna Lou Sturgeon Christ Church, Point Pleasant, Debbie Ventura St. Stephen’s, Beckley, and David Ramkey, Diocesan CFO. We welcome all inquiries from interested persons.



HIGHLAND EDUCATIONAL PROJECT

Lori Osborne, Director

Let me apologize for starting this report on a less than happy note. The next little bit is going to show what it has been like here in McDowell County for the past year, and it's not good.

Some of you know that McDowell County has been slowly sinking in to a pit of despair and hopelessness, and this past year it has done so more quickly. In January we lost Wal-Mart, which is a devastating blow in an area with limited options, there are only one or two mines in the county still operating, and they are on shaky ground. Teachers are being laid off when there was a significant shortage to begin with. S.A.F.E. and the jail laid employees off, the Ambulance Authority laid 40 people off, and on 9/14/16 they idled the remaining 25 and locked the place down.

We have been working harder than ever to try to make the lives of the people here a little easier, and are looking at new ways to help.

The Highland Educational Project is unique to McDowell County in the fact that we are the only mission based organization that has regular business hours 5 days a week and is available 24 hours a day and 7 days a week. People can contact us at any time if they need assistance of any sort and we will be there for them. If I can't come to the center personally, my assistant can.

We are the only organization that has clothing and household donations available every day and no appointment is needed. We are the only organization that will help people in all ends of the county, and not just in one set area. We reach people that other places can't or won't. If they can't come to us, we go to them.

Here is a small overview of what we have going on which will be followed by more detail.

HEP now has between 8 and 14 Work Learn Share groups each year, and new ones' book all the time. We have also accepted volunteer groups from Youth Works, and are now going to allow people from the DHHR to volunteer here to meet the requirements to keep getting assistance. We have been doing a Reading Camp for a week each summer for the past 4 years, we had a food pantry until the food bank closed the 6 pantries, but we are trying to get ours going on our own again for the people that the food bank doesn't serve. We are in our 3rd year with Grow Appalachia and the garden program. We have a steady stream of donations coming in and out of the center. We are a Red Cross Shelter, and are part of the Long-Term Recovery Team. We also offer a varied selection of classes here and are planning on adding more. We have helped many people fill out various packets of paperwork, from custody and divorce papers, to Social Security applications. We have helped write resumes and cover letters for people that were trying to find work. We have held Nutrition classes here. We have done minor vehicle repairs and oil changes for people that can't do it themselves. We have hauled fire wood for people to keep them from freezing to death during the winter and hauled water to people that didn't have any. We don't do utility assistance any more, but we have helped people with the electric company to keep their power on. If there is something that we can't do, we can usually find someone to refer them to.

Work Learn Share Home Repair: As you are aware, we have groups from other churches in other states come here each year, from spring to fall. While they are here, they do a lot of construction work on the homes of people that are in desperate need of help. They provide all the labor and materials to make a family's home warm, safe, and dry. They have done things as small as patching holes in walls and painting to building huge ramps and

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bridges. They have done roof work and floors, as well as plumbing and electrical work. There is not only significant impact on the families they help, but there is also an impact on the group themselves. The families have safe means to get in their homes, and safe homes to go into. They also connect with people of different backgrounds and learn a little about them, and many maintain contact with the groups after they are gone. They also learn that there are people that truly do care about them. The groups learn what it is like for people here that are struggling and learn to appreciate better what they have. They also learn a skill that they may not have had when they arrived. We taught many youth how to safely and properly use power tools and how to build different things. They also learn their limits and learn that changing someone's life for the better doesn't take heroic efforts, sometimes all it takes is a hug and encouraging words. We have prayed and cried with a lot of our families. We also learn a lot from the groups and the people they are helping. We learn skills that we may not have known, and we learn patience.

This year we had 7 groups, they worked on a kitchen rebuild, built a couple porches and porch roofs, did floor repair, and completely set up a mobile home. One did a new goat lot here and another built a new hog pen. They also helped out a lot on our community garden spots. Part of one group helped out at the animal shelter and another part of the same group helped a ministry in Caretta make up their food boxes, and help wrap Christmas gifts for a Christmas Program to be held in December.

Grow Appalachia Garden Program: This is the third year that we applied for and got a grant from Berea College. The grant allows us to grow a community garden at the center, and allows us to help families start their own home gardens. We provide all the seeds and tools they need, as well as support throughout the growing season and beyond. Their only requirements are they must provide us with their harvest numbers, attend the 6 mandatory classes, and maintain their gardens. The grant also allows for a stipend for the program coordinator which is DJ Bowen this year and Keith Harrison which is his assistant. It's a small amount of money for a lot of work, but it has employed 2 people.

The impact for this program is multi-faceted. They first year we had a smaller community garden at the center and 18 home gardeners. Together we grew 5800 pounds of fresh organic produce. The home gardeners kept and used or gave away what they grew and we gave what we grew to those that needed it. We also canned a lot to give out and sell for fundraising. The second year we could supply bees and chickens to our repeat families. We had a larger community garden and 21 participants. We grew almost 6500 pounds of food, and provided 2 hives and bees to 3 families. This year we have 35 families, and 2 more families that will have 2 hives of bees, and an even bigger community garden area. The classes that we have are planning a garden and planting a garden. These two teach our participants how to lay their garden spots out, when to plant, and what can and can not be planted together. This helps them get the best yield for their work. Another class is garden maintenance, which deals with weeding, fertilizing, trellising and pest control. We have a healthy cooking class which of course teaches heart healthy meal preparation. We have food preservation classes that include freezing, dehydrating, and canning. This class shows them how to give their produce a longer shelf life and will last them hopefully through to the next growing season. The last class will be season extension, and they tell them how to grow longer, whether with high tunnels or row covers, cold frames or green house. The great thing about all these classes is that we open them to the public so anyone that wants to learn can come. We also do beekeeping classes for the one who have bees. This is a minimum of 74 families that are able to provide fresh vegetables to their families, not counting the ones they share with and the ones we provide vegetables for. Not to mention the skills they can pass on to their children and others. Self-sufficiency is more important now than ever before. After doing our report for July and August, we harvested 6,799.5 lbs. of produce, and we have plenty of

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season left to grow and harvest more. We have already harvested more this year than we did the whole season last year.

This program has opened up a couple of whole new ways for us to help other become more self-sufficient. We were approached by a lady from Pittsburgh that is a volunteer for DIG, heard about our garden program, and wants to work with us. DIG is a garden program that was set up for people in Africa, and what she is wanting to do is start a program like that here in Appalachia. We will be a pilot site here in West Virginia for it, and DJ and myself are helping to rewrite the manuals for this area. Once the manuals are approved and complete, we will be able to write grants to expand our garden program and reach more people. We also have a new Extension Agent that wants to work with us to promote more Agriculture here in McDowell County. Partnering with them will be a great opportunity to provide more fresh food for people, and they have a mobile poultry processing station they will let us use until we can get our own. We have a lady from Penn State that is a candidate for a PHD in Rural Sociology and Dual Title Human Dimensions of Natural Resources and the Environment, that is using our site for a study for her thesis. The Director of Grow Appalachia sent her to us because he said we are one of their best sites. Another lady that lives in Florida but has been coming to McDowell County for 17 years has recommended us for an agricultural grant from a college in Florida. We are working on that now. We have submitted our grant request to Grow Appalachia again and are waiting for word on that. We know we will be funded for the 4th year, the amount is what we're waiting on.

The Food Pantry: Since we no longer get food from the Food Bank, we have been trying to do our own with limited success. The garden program helps a lot, and one of our work groups have bought a lot of groceries for the past two years. We also get some donations here and there. That's where the animals that are here come in. Like them or not they all serve a purpose. The chickens provide eggs for us to give out, as of the last day of April, we collected 101 dozen eggs to give out. we have sold 19 dozen and given the rest away. That's 41 families that have gotten fresh eggs in the past 4 months. The ducks are also for eggs, we have gotten 10 dozen eggs from them, 2 dozen were sold, and 8 families got a dozen fresh duck eggs. The quail are for eggs, we have gotten 5 dozen from them and have given them away. Eventually the chickens, ducks and quail will be used for meat that will be given to families that need it. We are hatching our own chickens to sell. The money from the eggs and chicks will be divided between the garden program and the food pantry. The pot belly pigs will be used for meat the piglets that they had are being sold. We have sold 4 already and like the eggs and chick money it will be split between the garden program and the pantry. The 4 hogs we have will be sent to the butcher in November and will go into the food pantry. That's a potential 2000+ lbs. of pork. The goats are for milk only to be used to teach soap and cheese making. The rabbits are for meat. All the chickens, ducks and quail were donated to us, as were the pot belly pigs. St. Paul's Pittsburgh bought us the goats, and I purchased the hogs and rabbits. The llama is for protection of the other animals and for the wool that can be sold for yarn making. The feed for all these animals is either covered by the grant, donated, or purchased by me personally. I had donated a butchered hog this past fall to put in the pantry, it was approximately 300lbs of pork. Food wise, we managed to round up enough food to feed 275 families, excluding repeat families. We no longer have the ducks, or quail, an animal helped themselves to those. We had the 4 hogs sent to the butcher earlier than planned, and had 800 lbs. of fresh pork to sell or give out. We sold quite a bit and have a lot more to give out. The money from that was split between the food pantry and garden program. We have gotten 3 hogs to replace those four and I purchased a breeding pair which we will raise the piglets for meat.

HIGHLAND EDUCATIONAL PROJECT Continued

Clothing and Household Donations: We process tons (literally) of clothing, shoes, toys, and various other household items each year and give them out. We provided clothing for 602 families last year alone, excluding repeat people, and the 12 families we assisted after their homes burned down. We have had an increase in the number of people coming for assistance, we have provided these things to 422 families from January through July, compared to the 602 for all last year. That isn't counting the repeat families. On average we are getting 25 people per week coming in now.

Reading Camp: This was our fourth year of Reading Camp, and it was great. The dates of the camp were July 25-28. We had 12 campers, and two new junior counselors, one of which was a former camper. The theme was Down on the Farm. The kids loved it and the volunteers did as well. Their afternoon activities included swimming, a trip to the library and fire department, and they went to the Kimball War Museum. Every day they got to visit with the animals here at the center which they really enjoyed. They got to have fresh HEP raised pork and eggs for some of their meals. We even used the ground pork for their walking tacos. I think the sausage was their favorite. The last day we did a pancake brunch instead of the usual cook out. It was wonderful.

Other things we have done and things we want to do: We have had Concealed Carry classes here, and hunters' safety classes. We are looking to start ZUMBA classes with a certified instructor, we are going to expand our food classes to include chicken processing. We also have people that want to learn how to tan hides, so we will be working on starting that as well. We are working on starting a Yard Maintenance Program, using the volunteers we are getting from the DHHR. There are a lot of elderly or handicapped people that could use the help. We have the tools needed and will have the work force.

As always, we invite you to come visit some time and see for yourself what's happening. We couldn't do all this without the support of the Diocese as a whole, individual people and organizations.

We can't say Thank You enough for all you do for our people here. HEP is the middle man, we take no credit but all the blame.

Peterkin Camp & Conference Center

Daisy McBride, Peterkin Director

Greetings from Peterkin. It is my hope that you will get an opportunity this year to visit this special place. Since 1945, Peterkin has enriched the lives of countless Episcopalians and others.

Located in the beautiful hills of the Romney WV, with more than 1300 acres, the grounds include hiking trails, swimming pool, basketball, tennis, Disk Golf and the beauty of surrounding trees, the whispering of the clear stream water.

Peterkin continues to be blessed with the ministry of a dedicated staff Daisy McBride Director, Gary McBride maintenance. The year 2016 also brought a new member to our staff Jordan Trumble. Jordan is our marketing person and heads up our summer camps.

Peterkin is a wonderful ministry. We encourage all to come visit with us and experience, (Living under Grace) the presence of God. We thank everyone for their continuing prayers, love and support.

Peterkin Camp & Conference Center Continued

In 2016 Peterkin has had its review for the five-year goal and we are awaiting to continue being accredited by the American Camping Association. This is a very good benefit Peterkin in many ways. We also thank the Bishop W.M. Klusmeyer for his support of the program. Peterkin received a new roof on the bathhouse porch. We also received new table tops for our dining room tables. Thanks to all for the support.

Our camping season was great. We had 230 campers. Thanks to all the leaders and their staff for your help and ministry to Peterkin. We thank everyone that helped us out with the camps. We had great counselors.

As we all know there are still many projects to be completed here at Peterkin. With God's help all will be done in days to come. We thank everyone for their prayers, love and support. We invite you to visit with us at this special place called Peterkin.

Standing Committee Report

Dave Lumsden, President

The 2016 Standing Committee began its year immediately after adjournment of the 2015 Diocesan Convention at Pipestem Resort.

2016 Committee membership includes Reverend's Chip Graves, Pamela Shier, Chad Slater, and John Valentine; and lay-members John Beall, Ray Lowther, Dave Lumsden, and Jack Sturgeon.

Since last October, the Standing Committee met five times and gave its consent to:

- the elections of four bishops in dioceses of the Episcopal Church;
- establishing Bishop Suffragan and Bishop Coadjutor positions in the Dioceses of West Texas and Los Angeles (respectively);
- the selection of Bishop Mark Van Koevering as Assistant Bishop for the Diocese of West Virginia;
- the ordination of Reverend Elizabeth Hadaway;
- the candidacy of Maggie Blanchard to Holy Orders;
- and the sale or proposed sale of six parcels of property across the Diocese.

In addition to consents listed above, the Standing Committee discussed and advised Bishop Klusmeyer on a wide variety of governance matters.

Commission on Stewardship

Linda Crocker, Chairperson

The Stewardship Commission is currently working on a program for the 2017 Diocesan Convention. We will keep everyone aware of our plans as they develop via WV Mission and the Diocesan Facebook page. We encourage each congregation to take a fresh look at their entire stewardship program: annual giving, planned giving and capital campaigns on a regular basis. Various resources are available in the stewardship section of the diocesan website. If you need fresh ideas or encouragement, please contact any member of the Commission and we will try to help.

The Diocese has a membership in TENS (The Episcopal Network for Stewardship). They produce resources each year for annual giving programs. The 2016 theme is "Living Generously". The resources are now available exclusively for TENS members. To access these materials, visit www.tens.org. Log into member resources with the user id "living" and the password "generously". View the resources (bulletin inserts, sample letters, prayers of the people and pledge cards) and choose how you will customize them to fit your own situation.

This Commission is composed of a variety of lay and clergy members. Current (2016) Commission members include: Mrs. Linda Crocker (Chair), Mr. Ken Fanelli, The Rev. Lisa Graves, The Rev. Stan Holmes, Mr. Kit Jenkins, Ms. Sally Lane, Ms. Monica Miller, Mr. Bruce Moss, and The Rev. John Valentine. If this is an area of ministry which challenges or excites you, please consider joining us. Contact Linda (304-210-5591) or Bishop Klusmeyer to express your interest.

Trustees

the Reverend Paul L. Hicks, Head Trustee

The Trustees of the Diocese are responsible for the oversight of the property and funds belonging to the Diocese to support and enhance the Diocesan purposes and goals. Additionally, each parish has the opportunity to invest some or all of their financial assets with the Diocese. Each parish account is managed as specified by the parish and is invested with the funds of the Diocese. All the parish funds are "pooled" together with the various funds belonging to the Diocese. All these funds usually have specific purposes or uses that were set at the time they were established. Each fund is accounted for separately and reported quarterly. WesBanco Trust Department in Wheeling handles this accounting of all the Funds. Security National Trust Company is our investment consultant, and with this group we have formulated an investment strategy for these pooled funds. As of August 1, 2016, our diversified portfolio is invested in the following percentages: fixed income 30.91%, Equity investments 67.02%. and cash and equivalents 2.07%. The equity investments are invested as follows: large domestic corporations 71.95%, small capitalization corporations 7.10%, international companies 14.10%, mid-size corporations 7.10%.

On August 1, 2016 our investments at market value were as follows:

New Dynamics	\$6,780,339
Diocesan Account	\$7,283,722
Congregations	\$5,158,675

Women's Ministries'

The Book of Remembrance

Darlene Slusher *Chairperson*

For many of our young women, the excitement of their graduation from high school is now over and they are seeking a higher education in either college or trade school this fall.

Do you know of a young woman in your congregation who would benefit from some financial assistance with her post high school education? Do you know that there is help available through the Book of Remembrance?

Educational Loans: Each year up to three (3) low interest loans are awarded to our young Episcopal women based on the funds we have available. Beginning this year, the application process is slightly different from previous years.

Young women can initiate the application process by requesting a letter of recommendation from their rector, and writing a letter herself to the Book of Remembrance Chairperson. To help in the selection process it would be helpful to know: 1) the church she attends; 2) the school she will be attending; 3) the education she is seeking; 4) how long she anticipates that the schooling will take; 5) and how she sees herself using this education.

Once applications for the educational loans have been received, the Chairperson and Women's Ministries Convener will review them and submit their recommendations along with copies of all applications received to the Bishop of West Virginia for his input and recommendations.

Recipients of loans will be contacted to confirm the name of their chosen school and given letters of agreement for the repayment of the loan. These "repayments" go back into the Book of Remembrance funds to help other young women in future years with their education.

Book Grants: Up to three (3) book grants are also available to male and female students each year. Amounts of the book grants will depend on the number of applicants and funds available. There is no repayment for these grants. Application can be made directly to the Chairperson.

Where do these funds come from and how can I be part of this ministry? The Book of Remembrance is funded entirely on Memorial Gifts. These gifts can be given in any amount and at any time. If you would like to help our young women with continuing their education while at the same time honoring the memory of a loved one, friend, or member of your congregation, please consider making a Memorial Gift to the Book of Remembrance. The name(s) of your loved ones will be added into the beautiful leather-bound book which currently resides at the Memorial Church of the Good Shepherd, Parkersburg where they are prayed for on a regular basis. When sending a gift, please include the name of the person being remembered, their family member's name and address and your name and address so that acknowledgments of your gift can be made. Your gifts can be sent to:

Book of Remembrance
Memorial Church of the Good Shepherd
903 Charles St.
Parkersburg, WV 26101

The Book of Remembrance is a wonderful way to remember how thankful we are when there is a Birth in our family; A Baptism; Collage graduation; Wedding and of course the Remembrance of a life well lived.

Funds donated to the Book of Remembrance can be as small as five (5) dollars or the sky is the limit. Let's remember it is the Lord who gives us everything and donations to the Book of Remembrance is an opportunity to give Him thanks with a lasting memory for the wonderful gifts He offers to us every day.

Donations and load repayments come in every month. What is it that the Lord has given you that you want to give thanks for?

Church Periodical Club

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The purpose of CPC is to promote the word of God thru the printed word. It was established in 1888 by Mary Ann Fargo. She would ask her husband, when he traveled out west to take books and bibles with him & distribute them to the less fortunate. Now CPC has two primary programs. Miles of Pennies for children's material and National Book Funds assist with domestic and foreign needs. More information and grant forms are available on our diocesan web site. On the diocesan level, the second Sunday in October has been traditional designated as "CPC Sunday". If this does not work for your congregation – make it any Sunday you choose. These monies are used to help provide book grants to each of our seminarians every semester, Forward Day by Day to the Highland Educational Project in McDowell County and the Woman's Prison in Alderson, WV. We also pledge monies to applicants of NBF grants as our treasury allows. If you have any needs you feel the Church Periodical Club may be able to assist with – please contact me.

United Thank Offering (UTO)
Becky Szabo

NAME 2015	2015	Offering	2016	Offering
Diocesan Convention Boxes	#####	\$ 554.15		
Ansted, Church of the Redeemer	#####	\$ 125.00		
Beckley, St. Stephen's	#####	\$ 406.00		
Berkeley Springs, St. Mark's	#####	\$ 381.00		
Bluefield, Christ Church	#####	\$ 316.00	2/24/2016	\$ 25.00
Bridgeport, St. Barnabas				
Buckhannon, Transfiguration	7/1/2015	\$ 226.23		
Charles Town, St. Philip's	#####	\$ 125.00		
Charles Town, Zion				
Charleston, St. Christopher	#####	\$ 130.00		
Charleston, Good Shepherd				
Charleston, St. John's	#####	\$ 213.00		
Charleston, St. Matthew's	#####	\$ 100.00		
Clarksburg, Christ Church	#####	\$ 242.00		
Colliers, Olde St. John's				
Elkins, Grace				
Fairmont, Christ Church	#####	\$ 553.37	1/15/2016	\$ 1,819.00
Glenville, St. Mark's	#####	\$ 50.00		
Grafton, St. Matthias				
Hansford, Good Shepherd	#####	\$ 785.00	5/20/2016	\$ 450.00
Harpers Ferry, St. John's	#####	\$ 75.00		
Hedgesville, Mt. Zion	#####	\$ 375.16		
Hinton, Ascension	#####	\$ 283.49		
Huntington, St. John's			4/25/2016	\$ 439.46
Huntington, St. Peter's	8/1/2015	\$ 451.90	7/25/2016	\$ 486.54
Huntington, Trinity				
Hurricane, St. Timothy's in the Valley				
Keyser, Emmanuel	#####	\$ 361.91		
Kingwood, St. Michael's	#####	\$ 415.00		
Leetown, St. Bartholomew's				
Lewisburg, St. James	#####	\$ 564.00		
Logan, Holy Trinity	#####	\$ 315.30		
Marlinton, St. John's				
Martinsburg, Trinity	#####	\$ 250.00		
Middleway, Grace	#####	\$ 309.00		
Moorefield, Emmanuel				
Morgantown, St. Thomas-a-Beckett				
Morgantown, Trinity	#####	\$ 140.06		
Moundsville, Trinity	#####	\$ 350.00		
Mullens, St. Andrew's	#####	\$ 200.00		
New Martinsville, St. Ann's				
Oak Hill, St. Andrew's	#####	\$ 650.00		
Parkersburg, Good Shepherd	#####	\$ 362.95		
Parkersburg, Trinity	#####	\$ 394.32		
Point Pleasant, Christ				
Princeton, Heavenly Rest				
Ravenswood, Grace				
Ripley, St. John's				
Rippon, St. John's				
Romney, St. Stephen's	#####	\$ 91.89		
Ronceverte, Incarnation	#####	\$ 155.74		
St. Albans, St. Mark's	#####	\$ 421.00		
St. Mary's, Grace	#####	\$ 60.00		
Salem, Prince of Peace	#####	\$ 700.00		
Shepherdstown, Trinity				
Sistersville, St. Paul's				
Snowshoe, Chapel On The Mount	#####	\$ 240.00		
Summersville, St. Martin in the Field	#####	\$ 75.00		
Union, All Saints	#####	\$ 200.00		
Weirton, St. Thomas	#####	\$ 60.00		
Welch, St. Luke's				
Wellsburg, Christ Church	#####	\$ 217.22		
Weston, St. Paul's				
Wheeling, Lawrencefield Parish	#####	\$ 240.64		
Wheeling, St. Luke's	#####	\$ 100.00		
Wheeling, St. Matthew's	#####	\$2,063.22		
White Sulphur Springs, St. Thomas				
Williamson, St. Paul's				
Williamstown, Christ Memorial	#####	\$ 20.00		
Diocesan Office				
Total		#####		\$ 3,220.00

