

## The Episcopal Diocese of Northern Indiana

### MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** September 13, 2011

**TO:** Clergy and Delegates to the 113th Annual Diocesan Convention

**FROM:** Jon Adamson, Diocesan Administrator

**RE:** Important Information for the Convention

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Enclosed in this mailing are:

- Biographical sketches for each person nominated to the Standing Committee
- Resolution on reducing the diocesan assessment rate
- Resolution on changing how quorum is counted
- Reports from Diocesan Committees and Ministries
- Minutes from the 112<sup>th</sup> Convention
- Rules of Order

**Please review all of these materials carefully and bring them to the convention.** All of this information is also available on the diocesan website.

A nomination for an office may be made from the floor provided it is in writing and permission has been given by the nominee to do so.

Resolutions introduced from the floor must be in writing and will require a 2/3 vote of members of the Convention present in order to be considered, pursuant to Rule of Order 3.b.

The Treasurer's Report and 2012 Budget will be sent out in a separate mailing. Drafts of the 2012 Budget have been distributed to the Deans. Diocesan Council will produce the final draft at its meeting on September 24<sup>th</sup>.

# **BIOGRAPHIES OF THOSE NOMINATED TO SERVE**

## **STANDING COMMITTEE**

**Three persons to be elected – 2 clerical, 1 lay.**

**Clerical Order** - one presbyter to serve a three-year term

### **THE VERY REV. BRIAN G. GRANTZ**

117 N. Lafayette Blvd.  
South Bend, IN 46601  
Parish: Cathedral of St. James, South Bend

Dean Grantz has served the diocese in three distinct periods of ministry. From 1998 to 1994, he served as Diocesan Youth Ministries Coordinator under Bishop Gray and was also involved in Province V youth ministry, regional youth ministry and Christian Education, and conference center ministry at Wawasee. From 1997 to 2006, he served as Assistant to the Rector and Rector at Saint Anne's, Warsaw. During this time, he was elected to Diocesan Council, the Standing Committee (including two years as President), and Deputy to General Convention in 2000 and 2003 (Chair of the Deputation). In 2006, he was called to serve as Rector at Christ Episcopal Church in Katrina-ravaged Slidell, Louisiana. In 2008, he returned to serve as Dean of the Cathedral. His favorite role in the diocese continues to be a musician at Summer Camp. He has completed a three-year term on the Standing Committee, has participated in the Church Development Institute (CDI), and is chairing the Ministry Models Task Group.

**Clerical Order** - one presbyter to serve a one-year term

### **THE REV. DR. THOMAS P. HANSEN**

611 W. Berry St.  
Fort Wayne, IN 46802  
Parish: Trinity, Fort Wayne

Father Hansen served in the Diocese of Colorado and Wyoming following ordination in 1978. He moved to Nebraska in January 1986 where he served 20 years in three positions, Rector of St. John's, Broken Bow, Canon Missioner with the Diocese of Nebraska where he planted a church, St. Martha's, Papillion, and assisted congregations around the diocese with development concerns. His third position was as Rector of St. Luke's, Kearney, 2001 - 2006. While in Nebraska, he was elected to serve two three year terms on the Executive Council of the Diocese, two terms on the Standing Committee and was elected to serve as president of the Standing Committee by its members in 2003, 2004, and 2005. The Standing Committee oversaw the election and consecration of a new Bishop during his second term. He also served two appointed terms on the Bishop and Trustees of the Diocese of Nebraska, and was appointed to two three year terms on the Commission on Ministry. Father Hansen has served Trinity, Fort Wayne as its Rector since July 2006. Currently he is serving as co-Dean of the Eastern Deanery, as a member of the Disciplinary Board, and is a director of the Foundation of the Diocese of Northern Indiana, Inc.

He was appointed to the Standing Committee this year to fill the term of Fr. Dan Martins, who left the diocese when he was elected Bishop of Springfield. He is on the ballot to complete that term.

*Please turn over*

**Lay Order** - one layperson to serve a three-year term

MR. TIMOTHY C. GRAY

2604 S. Twyckenham Drive

South Bend, IN 46614

Parish: Cathedral of St. James, South Bend

Tim Gray has been active in diocesan activities since moving to Indiana in 1986. These activities include: diocesan summer camp (camper, staff, and co-director), Intern for Youth Ministry (Summer 1993), Youth Adult Leadership Team, Happening, New Beginnings, Gary Youth Project, and Episcopal Youth Events. Over the years, Tim has also served the Cathedral as an acolyte, LEM, and Chapter Member and Senior Warden. He previously served a three-year term on the Standing Committee from 2006 to 2008. He and his wife, Kim, have three children and are expecting a fourth.

Resolution 1 for 2011 Diocesan Convention  
Submitted by the Diocesan Council

LOWER ASSESSMENT RATE

*Resolved*, That the assessment rate in the Diocese of Northern Indiana be lowered from 15.999% to 15% until such time as the Diocesan Convention would modify it in the future.

EXPLANATION

The assessment rate was last modified in 1997, dropping from 16.999% to 15.999%. At present, both parishes and the diocesan structure are experiencing a time of diminishing resources and resulting financial stress. It is the intention of the Bishop and the Diocesan Council to lower the rate so as to increase the parishes' available operating funds while asking them to live as much as possible within those bounds and make good on their assessment payments.

Resolution 2 for 2011 Diocesan Convention  
Submitted by the Diocesan Council

AMEND CANON 2, SECTION 8 – CONSTITUING A QUORUM

*Resolved*, Canon 2.8 is hereby amended to read as follows:

A majority of priests and deacons ~~entitled to vote~~ *physically resident within the geographic boundaries of the diocese* and a majority of the lay delegates shall constitute a quorum for transaction of business, but those in attendance may adjourn.

EXPLANATION

Each year for the past few years, we have narrowly avoided failure to constitute a quorum in the clerical order. This is due to the fact that we now have several parishes sharing priests-in-charge in a yoked arrangement and a couple of parishes without regular priestly ministry. As a result, the proportion of clergy engaged in parochial ministry has diminished in relation to non-parochial and retired clergy. A number of non-parochial and retired clergy do not reside within the State of Indiana and do not attend Diocesan Convention. At the time of this writing, there are 69 clergy who have canonical residence, making 35 the number needed for a quorum. There are 58 clergy physically resident, making 30 the number needed—a much more reliably attainable standard. In no way does this change prohibit clergy who are not physically resident from attending and exercising their right to vote.

2011 STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT  
TO THE 113TH CONVENTION  
OF THE DIOCESE OF NORTHERN INDIANA

Since the last Diocesan Convention, The Standing Committee acted on the following:

- Requests for consent to hold Episcopal elections:
  - Diocese of Haiti, Bishop Suffragan – Granted
  - Diocese of Virginia, Bishop Suffragan – Granted
  - Diocese of New York, Bishop Coadjutor – Granted
  - Diocese of New Hampshire, Bishop Coadjutor – Granted
  
- Requests for consent of persons elected to the Episcopate:
  - Diocese of Springfield, The Rev. Daniel H. Martins as Bishop Diocesan – Granted
  - Diocese of Western Kansas, The Rev. Michael P. Millikin as Bishop Diocesan – Granted
  - Diocese of Eastern Tennessee, The Rev. George D. Young III as Bishop Diocesan – Granted
  - Diocese of West Missouri, The Rev. Martin S. Field as Bishop Diocesan – Granted
  - Diocese of Northern Michigan, The Rev. Rayford J. Ray as Bishop Diocesan – Granted
  - Diocese of Western New York, The Rev. R. William Franklin as Bishop Diocesan – Granted
  - Diocese of Washington, The Rev. Mariann E. Budde as Bishop Diocesan – Granted
  - Diocese of Nebraska, The Rev. Joseph S. Barker as Bishop Diocesan – Granted
  
- Requests from the Diocese of Northern Indiana for consent to Ordination:
  - The Rev. Thomas E. Haynes, Ordination to the Priesthood – Granted
  - Mr. Michael W. Dwyer, Ordination to the Diaconate – Granted
  - Mrs. Terri L. Bays, Ordination to the Diaconate – Granted
  - Mr. Dustin M. Fecht, Ordination to the Diaconate – Granted
  
- Requests from the Diocese of Northern Indiana for consent to admission to Candidacy:
  - Mr. Michael W. Dwyer, Candidate for the Priesthood – Granted
  - Mr. Dustin M. Fecht, Candidate for the Priesthood – Granted
  - Mrs. Michelle I. Walker, Candidate for the Priesthood – Granted
  
- Requests from the Diocese of Northern Indiana for consent to admission to Postulancy:
  - Mrs. Jennifer A.C. Fulton, Postulant for the Priesthood – Granted
  - Mrs. James Stanley, Postulant for the Priesthood – Granted

The Standing Committee has received the following requests to encumber or alienate property for parishes.

- St. Elizabeth's, Culver – Refinance Mortgage – Approved

The Rev. Dr. Thomas P. Hansen was appointed to serve one year of the term vacated by the Rev. Daniel H. Martin's departure for the Diocese of Springfield. He will stand for election for the remainder of the term at this Convention.

Mr. James Stanley resigned his position from the Committee prior to his admission to Postulancy. The office was left vacant as the term was up at this Convention.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mrs. Pamela Barnes Harris, President

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON MINISTRY 2011

### MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION

#### EX OFFICIO

The Rt. Rev. Edward S. Little II  
The Rev. Canon SuzeAnne Silla  
The Rev. Henry Randolph-Vocations Director  
The Rev. Ted Neidlinger-Formation Group

#### 2011

The Rev. James Warnock, Gethsemane, Marion  
The Rev. Richard Miller, Christ the King, Huntington  
Mrs. Peggy Coffey, Trinity, Michigan City  
Ms. Nola Wegman, St. Andrew's, Valparaiso

#### 2012

The Rev. Michael Fulk, Holy Family, Angola  
The Rev. Corinne Hodges, St. Anne's, Warsaw  
Mr. Ervin Orban, Grace, Fort Wayne  
Ms. Nancy Noecker, Cathedral of St. James, South Bend  
Dr. Margaret Meserve, Cathedral of St. James, South Bend

#### 2013

The Rev. Canon David Hyndman, St. Augustine's, Gary  
Mrs. Charlotte Strowhorn, St. Augustine's, Gary  
The Rev. Matthew Cowden, St. Michael and All Angels, South Bend  
Dr. Jeff Cramer, Gethsemane, Marion  
Mrs. Anne Donnelly, St. Alban's, Fort Wayne – Chair

The Commission on Ministry (COM) has met five times since the last report, with Bishop Little in attendance at all five meetings. Our November and January meetings were held at St. Anne's, Warsaw and the March, May and July meetings were held at St. David's, Elkhart. The COM has interviewed four persons for entering the ordination discernment process and three persons were admitted into postulancy. Currently we have five persons in the discernment process, seven postulants and 4 candidates.

The annual meeting with the Bishop, Standing Committee, Commission on Ministry, postulants and candidates will have taken place on September 9<sup>th</sup> thru 11<sup>th</sup>.

The Rev. Thomas Haynes was ordained to the diaconate and the priesthood this past year.

The Diaconal Formation program, led by The Rev. Ted Neidlinger, assisted by Archdeacon, the Venerable George Douglas and Father William Forrest OSB meets periodically for the weekend with postulants and candidates. These weekends are for prayer, discussion and introduction into areas of practical ministry. Many distinguished guest lecturers are invited to these meetings.

The current examining chaplains for the Northern Indiana School of Theology (NISoT) are The Rev. Tony Clavier, The Rev. Michael Cover, The Rev. Henry Randolph, The Rev. Canon John Schramm and the Rev. Jim Warnock. They prepare and read exams for the candidates in local formation as well as reading over the GOE's of the seminarians.

As always, my grateful thanks to the Rev. Henry Randolph, Vocations Director, for the mounds of paperwork he is responsible for, dealing with persons entering the discernment process through ordination.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne E. Donnelly, Chair

## **Minutes of the Meeting of the Diocesan Council**

**19 February 2011**

Members Present: Lay: Kevin Warren (Western); Cindy Keck (Central); Janis Ross (Central); Bill Munn (Eastern), Dr. Edwin Woodruff-Tait (Eastern); Kevin Warren (Eastern); Lorrie Morris (Western); Jon Adamson (Diocesan Administrator); Doug Kroll (Treasurer); Clergy: David Hyndman (Western); Richard Lightsey (Eastern); Daniel K. Layden (Eastern) Jim Warnock (Secretary); Canon SuzeAnne Silla, and Bishop Little.

The meeting was called to order by Bishop Little at the Diocesan Conference Room at 10:01 a.m. with prayer.

### **Secretary's Report**

The minutes from September 2010 were approved as printed. David Hyndman moved, Richard Lightsey seconded; motion passed unanimously.

### **Election of Treasurer**

Janis Ross moved, Kevin Warren seconded, to elect Doug Kroll as Treasurer. The motion passed unanimously.

Bishop Little asked that seat and voice be extended to Jon Adamson as diocesan administrator. Richard Lightsey so moved, seconded by Edwin Woodruff-Tait. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Financial Report**

Jon Adamson reported on the status of assessment payments.

### **Housing Resolutions**

Jon Adamson presented housing resolutions for Bishop Little, Canon Silla, and Fr. Randolph, as follows:

Bishop Little: salary \$108,001.85, with a \$40,000 Housing Allowance.

Canon Silla: salary \$80,028, with a \$20,000 Housing Allowance.

Fr. Randolph: salary \$20,000, with a \$3,000 Housing Allowance.

Bill Munn moved that these amounts be accepted. Seconded by Kevin Warren, the motion passed unanimously.

## **Millennium Development Goals**

The Bishop reminded the Council that the Episcopal Church supports the Millennium Development Goals which exist to reduce poverty worldwide. The recommended assessment is .07% of the diocesan budget. The Social Outreach Committee recommends appropriate disbursements to the Council. They have recommended that one-half of this year's amount be given to the Diocese of Honduras to apply to their programs that address MDG goals; one-half should be given to Uganda's Bishop Masereka Christian Foundation which serves HIV/AIDS and orphaned children in the Kasese District of western Uganda. David Hyndman so moved, seconded by Lorrie Morris, and passed unanimously.

## **Haiti**

The Bishop noted that the Diocese of Haiti is part of The Episcopal Church, and it is numerically the largest diocese in TEC. Their infrastructure was destroyed in the 2010 earthquake. TEC's House of Bishops has made a commitment to rebuild their cathedral, and has set up a process to that end. The Bishop wants to implement this in Northern Indiana with a campaign to be run from the diocesan office. He will designate a day in late spring or early summer to have a "Haiti Sunday" at which people would be able to "buy-a-brick" for \$10. The goal is to raise \$25,000. Lorrie Morris so moved. Seconded by Janis Ross, the motion passed unanimously.

## **Michigan City Merger**

The Bishop reported Trinity Church, Michigan City, and St. Andrew's-by-the-Lake, Michigan City, have been holding talks anticipating a possible merger. The conversation has been moving forward on several levels. Fr. Matthew Cowden has been appointed to convene a task force of four people from each congregation (including Fr. Andy Hanyzewski) which has been meeting. The Bishop discussed the process, which is ongoing.

## **Bishop's Remarks**

In the Calumet region, St. Paul's Munster, St. Timothy Griffith, and St. Barnabas Gary have all lost their priest. With the diocese short of supply clergy, a cluster ministry is being discussed.

The Holy Land trip, with 35 people, begins on February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

The Bishop noted that the Presiding Bishop will be attending our Diocesan Convention in October, and he discussed the pending arrangements..

The Bishop left to preside at a funeral. Canon Silla assumed the chair in his absence.

### **CDI Relationship to Assessment Reductions**

Canon Silla reviewed the CDI program, its goals and its relation to Council.

### **Council Meeting Attendance**

Jon Adamson discussed the need for consistent attendance by Council members.

The meeting was closed in prayer by Fr. Warnock at 12:04 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at the diocesan offices.

## Minutes of the Meeting of the Diocesan Council

### 2 April 2011

Members Present: Lay: Cindy Keck (Central); Janis Ross (Central); Bill Munn (Eastern), Dr. Edwin Woodruff-Tait (Eastern); Lorrie Morris (Western); Jon Adamson (Diocesan Administrator); Clergy: David Hyndman (Western); Daniel K. Layden (Eastern) Jim Warnock (Secretary); Canon SuzeAnne Silla, and Bishop Little.

The meeting was called to order by Bishop Little at the Diocesan Conference Room at 10:04 a.m. with prayer.

### Secretary's Report

The minutes from February 2011 were approved as printed. David Hyndman moved, Janis Ross seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

### Financial Report

**2009 Audit.** Jon Adamson distributed the copies of the auditor's report.

**Assessment Income Reporting Procedure.** Jon Adamson reported that assessments will continue to be shown as they have in the past—tracking payments of the current year's amount due as well as payments of past due amounts from the prior year. The auditor recommended this procedure.

**Assessments Year to Date.** Jon Adamson distributed these. Parishes will receive a reminder once they fall three months behind in their payments.

**Budget Year to Date.** This was reviewed.

**2010 Parochial Reports.** %75 of these have been received from parishes. Attendance and plate & pledge income are holding steady.

### New Business

**Revision of Assessment Reduction Forms.** Canon Silla reported that diocesan "average Sunday attendance" is holding steady. She handed out a new form, based on CDI principles, that can be used to determine assessment reductions. She would go to congregations seeking reductions and use this model to help them in future planning.

### Old Business

**CDI Relationship to Assessment Reductions.** This was largely covered in the discussion on assessment reduction forms.

**Haiti.** The Bishop would like to raise \$23,000 from the Diocese, based on an offering to be taken at Pentecost.

**Michigan City Merger.** Conversations continue.

**Bishop's Remarks.** The Bishop addressed the state of the church.

#### **Date of Next Meetings**

The next meeting is June 11<sup>th</sup> at the diocesan offices.

Janis Ross moved, Cindy Keck seconding, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously at 12:07 p.m.

## **Minutes of the Meeting of the Diocesan Council**

**11 June 2011**

Members Present: Lay: Cindy Keck (Central); Bill Munn (Eastern); Lorrie Morris (Western); Jon Adamson (Diocesan Administrator); Clergy: Larry Biller (Central); Andrew Hanyzewski (Western); Susan Haynes (Central); Daniel K. Layden (Eastern by telephone) Jim Warnock (Secretary); Canon SuzeAnne Silla, and Bishop Little.

The meeting was called to order by Bishop Little at the Diocesan Conference Room at 10:05 a.m. with prayer.

### **Secretary's Report**

The minutes from April 2011 were approved as printed. Rev. Hanyzewski moved, Rev. Biller seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

### **Financial Report**

**Assessments Year to Date.** Jon Adamson reported that assessment income declined in May with three parishes three months or more behind. Mr. Adamson has contacted or attempted to contact these parishes. The secretary is to send a letter to St. Barnabas in the Dunes to ask them about their status.

**St. Peter's, Rensselaer.** Mr. Adamson and Canon Silla have been in contact with St. Peter's. The parish has requested aid from the diocese to remain in operation, which was discussed. The parish will be flagged for possible assistance from CR&D.

**Budget Year to Date.** This was reviewed.

**2010 Parochial Reports.** These were reviewed.

**2011 Finance Committee Meeting.** A proposed budget was approved.

**Approval of 2012 Budget.** Fr. Biller moved the budget, Rev. Haynes seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

### **New Business**

**Meeting on "If Necessary" Dates.** Council should hold dates open in August and November for potential meetings.

**Meeting at St. Michael's in September.** This meeting will be held at St. Michael's and All Angels in South Bend.

**Diocesan Convention Preparations.** Jon Adamson encouraged parishes to bring people to the Saturday Eucharist, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

### **Old Business**

**Michigan City Merger.** The Bishop discussed the merger.

**Bishop's Remarks.** The Bishop asked Canon Silla to discuss the situation in the Calumet Ministry Partnership, which is going very well. The Bishop then noted that the diocesan staff has declined to three people, with a resulting shift in workload. The Rev. Corinne Hodges has been called as rector at St. Anne's in Warsaw.

### **Date of Next Meetings**

The Council will be informed as to whether or not there will be an August meeting.

The meeting adjourned with prayer at 12:29 p.m.

## Minutes of the Meeting of the Diocesan Council

**20 August 2011**

Members Present: Lay: Cindy Keck (Central); Bill Munn (Eastern); Lorrie Morris (Western); Janis Ross (Central); Jon Adamson (Diocesan Administrator); Clergy: Larry Biller (Central); David Hyndman (Western); Susan Haynes (Central); Daniel K. Layden (Eastern by telephone); Richard Lightsey (Eastern); Jim Warnock (Secretary); Canon SuzeAnne Silla.

The meeting was called to order by Canon Silla at the Diocesan Conference Room at 10:00 a.m. with prayer.

### Secretary's Report

The minutes from June 2011 were reviewed. David Hyndman moved their acceptance, Larry Biller seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

### Financial Report

**Assessments Year to Date.** Mr. Adamson reviewed the status of assessment payments, noting a deficit of almost \$28,000, a problem considering that the diocese had planned for a \$10,000 deficit (which was to be paid for out of reserves in the Operating Fund checking account). Mr. Adamson reviewed some of the details of particular parishes.

**Proposal to Temporarily Replenish Operating Fund.** The proposal is titled "Operating Fund Replenishment Schedule." Canon Silla and Mr. Adamson noted that enacting this plan should enable the Diocese to meet this year's expenses and carry over some funds for January of 2012. Acceptance was moved by Susan Haynes and seconded by Larry Biller. The motion passed unanimously.

### New Business

**Resolution #1 for Diocesan Convention – Lower Assessment Rate:** *The proposed resolution would lower Assessment Rate from 15.999% to 15% as budgeted in June.* Approval was moved by Lorrie Morris and seconded by Richard Lightsey. The motion passed unanimously.

**Resolution #2 for Diocesan Convention – Counting a Quorum:** *The proposed resolution would change standard for counting a quorum in clerical order at Convention from a majority all clergy entitled to vote to majority all clergy physically resident within geographic confines of the diocese.* Approval was moved by Larry Biller and seconded by Cindy Keck. The motion passed unanimously.

## **Old Business**

**Michigan City Merger.** Canon Silla reported that merger talks have ended. The Council emphasized that churches requesting assessment reductions should come with an audit of their finances in hand.

**Calumet Ministry Partnership.** Canon Silla reported that much progress has been made. A ¾ time priest can be employed, functioning as a team leader for the three parishes involved.

## **New Business**

St. Elizabeth's Culver is requesting a refinancing of a loan. The property committee has approved this. David Hyndman moved approval, seconded by Janis Ross. The motion passed unanimously.

## **Date of Next Meetings:**

**September 24, 2011 @ St. Michael's**

November 12, 2011 (if necessary)

February 11, 2012

April 14, 2012

June 16, 2012

August 11, 2012 (if necessary)

September 22, 2012

November 10, 2012 (if necessary)

**CAMP NEW HAPPENINGS**  
An Ecumenical Ministry of the Diocese of Northern Indiana  
A JUBILEE CENTER

Camp New Happenings was founded in 2006 and held its first camp season in 2008 with eight (8) campers and a staff of eight. In July of 2011, thirty-one (31) campers were sponsored with a staff of eighteen (18) with additional volunteers. The campers' residential areas included: East Chicago, Ft. Wayne, Goshen, Mishawaka and South Bend.

The largest number of campers reside in Ft. Wayne. The recruitment in Ft. Wayne is due to the efforts of Doug Brouwer and Micaela Fulk (CNH Board members). Deacon Roberta Ring (Grace, Ft. Wayne) coordinates the transportation of the campers (17).

In addition to male and female counselors, the staff included: two (2) chaplains, one (1) nurse practitioner, one (1) behavior support specialist, one (1) music coordinator/counselor and one (1) arts & crafts coordinator, and, of course the Camp Director, Mose Carter. We were most fortunate to have instrumental music (the auto harp—Eileen Guckengenberger and the bongo drum—Rey Hernandez).

The ethnicity of the staff included Asian, Black, Caucasian and Hispanic. The same ethnicity was true of the campers with the exception of Asian.

The daily itinerary at Camp New Happenings is a replica of any summer camp for children ages 8-11, in that it includes swimming, arts & crafts, Christian Education, sports, hiking, etc., however Camp New Happenings has the “edge” on other camps in that through Christina Nevill (St. Stephens, Hobart) Camp New Happenings is privy to visiting professors from Purdue North Central in the areas of chemistry, math, birds, bugs and astronomy. The presentations by the professors completely captivated the campers.

EACH DAY, ALL DAY is fun at Camp Mack but, in particular, the campers love the TATOO LADY and the ICE CREAM SOCIAL sponsored St. Anne's Warsaw and coordinated by Carol Bianchini. Last but not least was the arrival of five (5) Corevettes arranged by Ralph Clark (St. Augustine's, Gary).

Then comes 11:00 a.m. on Saturday and transportation arrives to take the campers home. It is then that they cry and beg to stay – “just one more day – please Miss Charlotte”. Truly at that time, we know we are “providing for the pre-teen children of prisoners, the opportunity to experience God's gifts of nature, kindness and togetherness, by sharing hopes and dreams within a positive camping experience”.

This year, Camp New Happenings received wide-spread newspaper coverage in the Goshen News, TIMES of Northwest Indiana and the South Bend Tribune. In the South Bend area, this coverage resulted in the recruitment of a staff volunteer and four (4) campers. The Rev. Tina Velthuisen is responsible for the contact at the South Bend Tribune.

We **thank** the people of the Diocese of Northern Indiana for their financial generosity, without which we could not survive. But most of all, we thank Bishop Little for his on-going financial and spiritual support!

Respectfully submitted

/s/ Charlotte A. Strowhorn  
President/Project Coordinator  
8-15-16

**2011 Diocesan Report  
COMPANEROS EN CRISTO COMMITTEE**

**MEMBERS:**

David Burden – Gethsemane  
Elaine Fazzaro – St. Alban  
Judy Gabrys – St Timothy  
Melissa Goodwin – St. Timothy  
Jim Guzikowski - St. Barbabas-in-the-Dunes  
Pam Harris – St. Andrew  
Rev. Charles Hensel – Retired  
Debra Herman - Church of the Holy Trinity  
Martha Kerr - St. Andrew  
Rev. Daniel Layden - St. Alban  
Marilyn McClure - St. Alban  
Joshua Molnar - Gethsemane  
Julie Morgan - St. Thomas  
Rev. John Schramm – St. Thomas  
David Silva – St. Timothy  
Stella Silva – St. Timothy  
Tim Skimina – St. Timothy – Chairperson  
Pam Smith – St. Timothy  
Loren Woody – Grace  
Rhonda Woody - Grace

Anyone with a heart for mission is welcome to join our committee.

**Activities:**

We have been quite active in the past year. As you can see from the membership list we have been growing both in numbers and in spirit. There are additional people participating via e-mail and prayers with hopes of attending a meeting in the future. This year marks three firsts – we have eight parishes represented on the committee, the largest membership roster ever and a mission trip blog - <http://companerosencristo.blogspot.com>. We sent out hundreds of e-mails, made many long distance phone calls, attended meetings, raised funds, visited parishes, applied for a grant and went on another mission trip. These are the events from the end of 2010 (not included in our last report) and those planned so far for 2011.

These are the committee activities from before convention 2010 through October 2011.

Date	Event	#of participant's	#of parishes
10/10 – 10/12 2010	GEMN Board meeting	1	1

1/28	2011	Submit UTO Grant – Honduras	4	4
2/19	2011	Companeros meeting	8	4
3/17 – 3/19	2011	GEMN Board meeting	1	1
4/16	2011	Companeros meeting	6	4
5/19 – 5/21	2011	"From Called To Sent" Mission Event	1	1
6/18	2011	Companeros meeting - mission planning	11	5
7/8–7/19	2011	Honduras mission trip	9	5
7/12	2011	Meet with Bishop Allen - Honduras	2	2
7/18	2011	Meet with Mike Miller SAMS missionary	1	1
8/20	2011	Mission trip reflection meeting	11	5
10/12 – 10/16	2011	Everyone, Everywhere 2011	2	2
10/12	2011	GEMN Board meeting	1	1
10/14	2011	GEMN Annual meeting	2	2
10/14 – 10/15	2011	Diocesan Convention – Table	4?	4?
Fall	2011	Companeros meeting	?	?

### **How we spent our money in 2011.**

We spent \$16,952.72 so far in 2011 in combined Companeros en Cristo account funds (\$13,856.48) and donations (\$3,096.24). In addition, the Social Concerns committee donation of \$2,466.88 (a portion of the diocesan MDG commitment) was used to send a girl (daughter of a Honduran priest) to bilingual school. We used \$3,912.28 of the Companeros en Cristo account funds to build stoves, pilas (cisterns) and latrines – continuing the Health Infrastructure Project in Delicias del Norte. We donated discretionary funds to San Lucas and Rev. Barbara Boghetich totaling \$3,811.27. So far, the discretionary funds have been used to repair a home badly damaged in a storm with hurricane force winds, repair and upgrade the water line to the village of Delicias del Norte, send several girls and a boy to school, paint the church of San Lucas, repair the church ceiling and pay for health training for 120 people – 30 people four times over the next year. Seeds and plants were donated to Mike Miller. Mike is a SAMS missionary who is running an orphanage and farm in Honduras. The farm income supports the orphanage with a goal of one third of the expenses coming from the farm income. \$1,887.60 was spent so far to attend mission meetings and \$500 for GEMN dues.

### **Goals for the upcoming year.**

God willing we plan on continuing to support the mission work in Honduras. We applied for a joint UTO grant to house a sewing co-op, but we learned we did not receive the grant. We continue working with missionaries in Virginia to help develop projects to continue the expansion of the women’s sewing co-op. While in Honduras, we made preliminary measurements for a bridge to cross the river running through Delicias del Norte. During rainy weather the river is not passible cutting off about one half of the village until the water recedes. We are evaluating the possibility of a mission trip for late summer or fall of 2012. With other mission groups across the US and Province 9, we are exploring the possibility for an international mission-training event in Honduras in 2013.

We will continue to build on the relationships formed over the fourteen years we have been working in Honduras.

We will continue to promote the Millennium Development Goals as a way to help the poor – especially in Honduras. We discussed with Bishop Allen the need for micro enterprise loans. The national church cut the funding to the Diocese of Honduras by 40%. Each parish will need to start a micro enterprise to pay the clergy and parish expenses. We are exploring grant opportunities to support our mission work - perhaps we will again submit a joint application with the Diocese of Honduras.

Respectfully submitted Tim Skimina...

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN  
DIOCESE OF NORTHERN INDIANA  
1904-2011

2011 ANNUAL REPORT

The past year has been a year in which we have continued to fulfill our mission, plan for the 2012 Annual Episcopal Church Women's Conference, adapt to changes in the Board's responsibilities and participate in priorities set by the National ECW board.

For the past many, many years, Kathleen Fluhrer (Gethsemane – Marion) has served and served ably as our Treasurer. Although for sometime, Kathleen had indicated a desire to relinquish this responsibility, we chose not to take action on it. However in early spring of this year, we did acquiesce to her request, with regret. Christina Nevill (St. Stephens (Hobart) subsequently willingly accepted the appointment as Treasurer. We thank Kathleen for her many years of service and we thank Christina for accepting this responsibility.

Almost immediately after the above change took place, Kathleen fell and sustained a hip injury requiring surgery and rehab. We might add, that Kathleen has been named the Diocesan ECW's Woman of Distinction and, hopefully she will be able to travel to Indianapolis to the Triennial Meeting and receive this distinction.

On the diocesan level, Dolores Bada (Grace) Chairman of our Memorial & Scholarship Fund announced the following recipients of \$500 each: Kelli Sigrey (St. Anne's, Warsaw) Neuroscience (Indiana University); Sarah Sims (Grace, Ft. Wayne) Social work and Psychology (Ball State); and Eliza Smith (Grace, Ft. Wayne) Child Life Specialist (Ohio University). Also on the Diocesan level we continue to support Camp New Happenings.

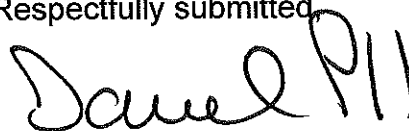
On the level of the wider church, financial support has been given to the Disaster Relief for Japan and Nets for Life.

The major emphasis, work and concentration has and continues to be hosting the **2012 Province V Episcopal Church Women's Conference**. We last hosted this conference in 2000. **The Conference Headquarters will be the Ramada Inn Downtown (South Bend) April 27-29.** The keynote speaker and moderator will be **The Rev. Gary Manning. Conference Theme: Interdependence – Sisters In Spirit Moving Toward Mission.** A Conference website is being developed for registration. Registration has been adapted to accommodate **ANYONE** and **EVERYONE (SINGLE MEALS, SLEEPING ROOMS ETC.)**

## DIOCESEAN FOUNDATION REPORT

Attached is the Financial Report for August 1, 2010 through July 31, 2011. During the August 25, 2010 meeting a loan to St. Michael's & All Angels in the amount of \$5,000.00 was approved. It was anticipated that a grant in the amount of \$5,000.00 would be approved by the CR&D committee also. It was approved and the grant was issued to St. Michael's & All Angels.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel Pfeifer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "P" and "I".

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Daniel H. Pfeifer  
Treasurer

**DIOCESE OF NORTHERN INDIANA FOUNDATION, INC.**  
**August 1, 2010 through July 31, 2011**

**Profit and Loss Statement**

**Interest Income:**

Merrill Lynch (Invest. Acct.)-----	<u>\$35,987.86</u>	
General Foundation-----	\$ 1,981.75	(05%)
Cong. Revitalization-----	\$11,506.38	(32%)
New Congregation-----	\$ 8,563.15	(24%)
Outreach-----	\$ 4,539.23	(13%)
Growth Fund-----	\$ 5,969.37	(17%)
Munster-----	\$ 3,427.98	(7%)
		<b>\$35,987.86</b>

**Expenses:**

Total Income **\$35,987.86**

**Other Receipts and Disbursements**

**Receipts of Principal:**

St. Paul Episcopal Church	\$15,810.13
Munster Bequest	\$1,498.46

**Total Cash Received \$53,296.45**

**Disbursements:**

**Grants**

St. Michael's & All Angels Church \$5,000.00

**Loans**

St. Michael's & All Angels Church \$5,000.00

**Total Disbursements \$10,000.00**

**Net Cash Increase \$232,650.89**

Cash Balance 7-31- \$1,510,095.70

Cash Balance 7-31- \$1,742,746.59

**BALANCE SHEET 7-31-11**

**Assets:**

Merrill Lynch:

Investment Pool Accounts -----**\$1,742,746.59**

General Foundation \$ 89,324.89 (05%)

Cong. Revitalization \$533,151.54 (31%)

New Congregation \$404,356.83 (23%)

Outreach \$214,213.07 (12%)

Growth Fund \$281,876.66 (16%)

Munster Foundation \$219,823.60 (13%)

**Assets: Balance 7-31-11 \$1,742,746.59**

Report of the Vocations Director  
The 113<sup>th</sup> Convention of the Diocese of Northern Indiana  
14 & 15 October 2011  
Saint James Cathedral, South Bend IN

The first thing I want to note in this report is my gratitude to Mrs Anne E Donnelly, from Saint Alban's, Fort Wayne, for her able chairmanship of the Commission on Ministry over the past eleven years. With graciousness and care, she has overseen three major revisions of the ordination process guidelines for the Diocese, and provided a model for the task of shepherding aspirants, postulants, and candidates through the canonical maze. Mrs Donnelly has been a joy to work with, and I am grateful for her support and encouragement for all of us who work together on the Commission on Ministry. All this is evidence of her love of the Lord Jesus Christ and her commitment to the Church. It should be noted also that, at each meeting of the Commission, she successfully leaps an incredible linguistic barrier by deftly doing mental translations from American to Queen's English. With no apologies to Gilbert & Sullivan, she is the very model of a modern ministry commission chair!

Already a member of the Commission, the Rev'd Dr James H Warnock, from Gethsemane, Marion, will become the chair in January 2012. He brings pastoral sensitivity and leadership, as well as academic acumen and accomplishment, to the chairman's task. Father Warnock's service to the Church has included terms on the Standing Committee of the Diocese, General Convention Deputy, and work at the international level in reconciliation dialogues and ministries.

Three of my other colleagues in this work are the Rev'd Theodore P Neidlinger (Saint Andrew, Kokomo), the Venerable D George Douglass (Saint Mark's, Howe), and the Rev'd William G Forrest OSB (Saint Gregory's Abbey, Three Rivers MI). Father Ted has been overseeing the Formation Group for postulants and candidates in our local ordination training program for the past nine years. Archdeacon George provides a valuable and demonstrable resource to them in his diaconal ministry. Father William serves as spiritual guide and instructor for the members of the Formation Group. All of those who have been through the local training program can attest to the mentoring, encouragement, and friendship that these three offer in postulancy, candidacy, and beyond.

The Diocesan Board of Examining Chaplains includes the Rev'ds Anthony FM Clavier, Michael Cover, John E Schramm, and James H Warnock. They bring the benefits of sound learning and considerable teaching talents to the important work of designing, administering, and evaluating the diocesan canonical examinations which are given to candidates in the local formation program. They also read and evaluate the General Ordination Examination (GOE) which our seniors in seminary take.

At this writing the following individuals are in the ordination process:

*Aspirants*

Diaconate                      Joshua Molnar (Gethsemane, Marion)  
   Kathy Townley (Trinity, Michigan City)

Priesthood                      David Pearson (St Andrew's, Valparaiso)  
   Amy Peeler (Gethsemane, Marion)  
   Susan Tiffany (St Michael's, South Bend)

*Postulants*

Diaconate                      Clayton Berkley (St David's, Elkhart)  
   Kathleen Christensen (Trinity, Ft Wayne)  
   Paul Greve (Trinity, Ft Wayne)  
   Anne Wietstock (St James, South Bend)

Priesthood                      Jennifer Fulton (St Paul's, Mishawaka)  
   Mary Soto (St Paul's, Munster)  
   James Stanley (Grace, Ft Wayne)

*Candidates*

Priesthood                      Terri Bays (Trinity, Michigan City)  
   Michael Dwyer (St Christopher's, Crown Point)  
   Dustin Fecht (Gethsemane, Marion)  
   Michelle Walker (St Andrew's, Michigan City)

There are others who are considering entering the formal discernment process. We are thankful that God is raising up vocations for the diaconate and priesthood in our Diocese. Please continue to pray for these people and for others who would answer the Lord's call to serve the Church and the world in diaconal and presbyteral ministries.

We customize the formation of each postulant. At present, we have two candidates who are seniors at divinity schools (Berkeley / Yale and Duke). The rest are in our local formation program.

The Northern Indiana School of Theology (NI SoT) is the local formation program. Nine of our postulants and candidates are 'enrolled' in NI SoT. The academic work is a three year course of study which includes correspondence-style courses and three weekend colloquies each academic year. We are fortunate to have some very good teachers with various connections to the Diocese. They have graciously committed to offering presentations during these weekends.

We are grateful for their contributions to our program of formation. There is also a basic bibliography which serves as the reading list for our candidates in local formation. This bibliography serves as the basis for the canonical examination which must be passed before ordination.

Some of the NI SoT postulants and candidates have chosen to seek degrees in nearby institutions like Notre Dame, Chicago Theological Institute, and Nashotah House. So, they have a combined program.

We have a strong commitment to the complete formation of our postulants and candidates for ordained ministry. We seek to nurture their spiritual lives and liturgical training, academic and intellectual pursuits, and practical skills for pastoral ministry. It is our hope that our candidates, whether away in seminary or in local formation, develop a keen desire to continue their theological educations with both reading projects and institutional course work, in order to continue the Anglican tradition of a learned clergy.

The harvest is plentiful, Jesus said. We are well aware that there is much work to be done for the sake of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the holy Church. Please continue to pray for vocations.

Faithfully submitted,

The Rev'd Henry G Randolph Jr

**Report to the Diocese of Northern Indiana**  
**St. Margaret's House**  
**September 2011**

The mission of St. Margaret's House (SMH) is to empower women who struggle with poverty to make transformational changes so as to improve the quality of their lives for themselves, their children and the community.

Founded by and working in partnership with the Cathedral Church of St. James and the Diocese of Northern Indiana, St. Margaret's House is day center for women and children committed to the value of hospitality as expressed in these words: *"I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me..."* (Mt. 25:35-36). St. Margaret's House improves the lives of women and children by responding to immediate needs and by helping guests (clients) acquire skills and long-term solutions to improve their lives. SMH provides specific individualized attention in the context of a supportive community.

On August 31, 2011, St. Margaret's House was awarded the Leighton Award for Nonprofit Excellence given by the Community Foundation of St. Joseph County. This is a wonderful award of a \$10,000 grant as well as a \$100,000 challenge endowment grant. So, we will be working hard over the next year to raise that \$100,000 so as to get the match. This is an award for excellence that we share with the parish family of the Cathedral of St. James and members of the Diocese of Northern Indiana. It is the vision, generosity, hard work and commitment of this faith community that helped us to reach this point. We are grateful to all who have supported this work over the last 21 years.

In 2011, we are serving an average of 80 women and children a day. We expect to give out over 40,000 pieces of clothing and small household items and 2400 sets of toiletries in 2011. This summer, we helped children prepare to go back to school by partnering with local groups to provide basic school supplies to 275 children, school uniform help for 225 children, basic eye exams for 30 children, access to a mobile dental clinic and back to school haircuts. We participated in the Department of Education summer nutrition program and served 1450 meals to children during the summer months. In 2010, volunteers worked 10,746 hours valued by Independent Sector at \$214,122.

### **Programs and Services**

St. Margaret's House programs are designed to help women to acquire the tools they need to make concrete, transformational changes in their lives. The programs we provide include:

#### **Crisis intervention**

- Hot nutritious lunch and a light breakfast. 22,400 meals were served in 2010. Much more than a nutritional program, the noon meal also fosters a sense of support and inclusion in a community. Both the body and spirit are fed. Each day St. Margaret's House prepares a continental breakfast and a hot, nutritious meal meant to be the main (and for some the only) meal of the day. Before the noon meal, everyone gathers and newcomers are introduced by name, welcomed and applauded. Victories as well as burdens are shared. Announcements are made. Volunteers prepare the meal and guests set the tables, help deliver meals to the children and do the dishes.
- Access to clothes, toiletries, showers, telephones, computers and laundry facilities.

#### **Individual self-empowerment programs**

- *Silk Creations: an art, education and empowerment program.*
- *Fashioning Our Lives: a 12-week life skills workshop.*
- Confidence and skills workshops: writing, poetry, book clubs, and Zumba instruction.

### **Financial solvency and economic stability**

- St. Margaret's House holds a 45-hour seminars utilizing the workbook *Getting Ahead in a Just-Getting-by World, Building Your Resources for a Better Life* as part of the Bridges Out of Poverty Initiative.

*"Luanne" suffered from depression and had not worked for over ten years. After finishing the Getting Ahead Seminar, she realized her talents and options and found a job. Three years later, she is still working, rents her own apartment, and drives her own car. When asked about her depression, she says, "Yea, I don't have that anymore, poverty is depressing."*

- On-site individualized budget, credit and banking counseling.
- Steps for Success program teaches resume writing, interviewing skills, hidden rules of the workplace, dress for success and financial literacy.

### **Health programs**

- Crisis and short-term counseling at no cost.
- A weekly sobriety group entitled "Lean on Me." 8 to 12 women regularly attend.
- Professionals from area hospitals and colleges conduct classes in first aid, breast cancer detection, asthma and diabetes education, nutrition, smoking cessation and AIDS prevention. They also provide on-site flu shots, blood pressure and sugar monitoring, dental work (mobile unit for children) and primary health care provider information.

### **Education programs**

- St. Margaret's House provides GED pretesting, tutoring and information about GED prep courses. SMH provides three computers with internet access for the exclusive use of SMH guests.

*"Holly", a 45-yr-old St. Margaret's House guest was frustrated that her children were choosing to drop out of school. After participating in the Getting Ahead seminar of the Bridges Out of Poverty program at SMH, she decided to obtain her GED to inspire her children. She has attended classes for one year and is taking her GED test at the end of the month. Her son who was going to drop out, graduated from Washington High School in June.*

- SMH helps pay for GED testing and celebrates every graduation.

### **Programs that treat the whole person**

- St. Margaret's House offers a weekly Open Art Studio led by the SMH art director.
- SMH offers a weekly non-denominational spirituality discussion group.

**Parenting program:** A Child's Place in the Family: There are six courses focusing on children from birth through adult. Each course consists of six two-hour sessions.

- Part 1, A Child's Place in the Family focuses on basic parenting knowledge of child development, active listening, stress reduction and using discipline to teach rather than punish.
- Part 2, A Child's Place in the Family Challenges and Opportunities, parenting two through twelve year olds. Active listening is reviewed and the principles of positive

- Part 3, Parenting Teens explores the challenges of raising teens.
- Part 4, Building Self-Esteem in Your Child helps mothers encourage and help their children to discover their best and strongest selves.
- Part 5, Parenting from the Inside Out explores how the past experiences of the mother affects the way she now parents and helps her to be more conscious about the way she treats her child. Mothers learn to understand triggers that cause them to react harshly to their children by using Heart Math, a biofeedback technique that helps them to calm themselves and relieve their stress.
- Part 6: Talk with Your Baby helps mothers talk intentionally to infants to spur brain development.

*“Mary” began attending our parenting classes to support her sister. However, she began to realize that her parenting techniques could be considered abusive. She went to each of her adult children and asked forgiveness. She dedicated herself to raising her grandson differently and to mentoring her children so as to break the cycle of abuse that had lasted in her family for generations.*

#### **New in 2011**

- St. Margaret’s House received a grant to make renovations to the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor and basement. We installed a new heating and air-conditioning system on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor so that the St. James youth center area and the St. Margaret’s House program area have adequate and independent units. We have renovated the SMH space to create an art studio to house our Silk Creations empowerment program, our in-kind donation distribution center and a small office. In the basement, we installed some new lighting, a heater and a telephone. A portion of the basement is being used as our in-kind donation sorting center.
- With the help of a grant from an anonymous foundation, we were able to hire our long time art director as a regular, part-time employee. She will continue to direct an expanded version of our Silk Creations empowerment program. Silk Creations helps women to discover their gifts and talents and gives them tools to develop skills that will enable them to succeed in the workplace. It is an empowerment program that teaches women in poverty the process of painting on silk, creating one-of-a-kind hand painted pieces of art in the form of scarves, ties and cards to be sold to the public. Through this program, women learn the rules of the workplace and gain skills in decision-making, marketing, financial literacy, maintaining inventory and working as a team. They earn money through their work, gain confidence in themselves and learn to define themselves as artists and entrepreneurs.
- In March, we renovated our stairwell by installing safe and attractive tile on the landings and runners over the cement stairs.
- Our Assistant Director, Patricia Marvel, LCMC attained her license as a Clinical Addictions Counselor.

#### **Dates to Remember:**

- November 15, 2011, 11:30-1:00 Fashioning Our Lives luncheon and talent show. Hilton Garden Inn, Campus of Saint Mary’s College.
- Winter Walk 2012, February 19, 2012

## Sr. High Youth Report

### Diocesan Convention 2011

Winter Retreat - We began this year with our Winter Retreat, "Building Christian Friendships" held at the Wawasee Retreat Center January 14-16. We had 34 youth and 9 adults who attended this retreat. Our Youth Design Team gave the talks and led discussions during the weekend. On Friday evening Danielle Martindale led our first session about "Making Friends". On Saturday morning Jesse Grantz spoke to us about "Welcoming a Friend". The afternoon sessions were led by Robert Frede who spoke with us about "Understanding your Friend" followed by Megan Spice who shared with us about "Walking beside a Friend". The evening session was led by Michalina Badur who spoke to us about "Helping a Friend". The Youth Leadership Design Team did a wonderful job sharing how to bring Christ into our friendships. We also had 9 adults in attendance for the weekend. Thank you to Tom Adamson, Fr. Larry Biller, Fr. Dan Layden, Polly Gabbett, Cindy Spice, Aubree Schenkel, Lisa Rodenberg, Shawn Bianchini and myself. Saturday evening we shared together a most powerful healing service during Compline. I walked away with the feeling that "Surely the Presence of the Lord was in that place."

The expenses for the weekend were as follows: The cost of the Wawasee Retreat Center was covered by a generous gift. The amount collected from the youth for the weekend was \$620.00. After covering the expenses for the weekend of \$1038.72, the amount used from the Diocesan Youth Budget was \$202.42 for the retreat.

Episcopal Youth Event - June 26-30 was the Episcopal Youth Event held at Bethel University in St. Paul/Minneapolis, Minnesota. The Diocese of Northern Indiana was represented by 9 youth, Michalina Badur, Megan Spice, Robert Frede, Jesse Grantz, Thaddeus Grantz, Katie Fischbach, Will Petro, Chase Gibson and Brittany Wilson. The adult chaperones were Fr. Larry Biller, Dean Brian Grantz and myself. Bishop Little was able to join us for a couple of the days while we were there. The theme for the Episcopal Youth Event was "Come Together". EYE is a Leadership Conference for youth who have completed 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade. We traveled by 15 passenger van contracted through C & C Coach Xpress, Inc. Each of the youth was responsible to cover the cost of EYE through fund raising in their own parish and covering the remaining balances for themselves. The cost for travel expenses, meals to and from along with cost for the adult chaperones was covered by funding in the Diocesan Youth Budget. The Diocesan Budget for EYE was \$5000.00. The amount spent from the Diocesan Youth Budget for the Episcopal Youth Event was \$3337.65

**Sr. High Camp** - Sr. High Camp was held July 24-30 at Camp Alexander Mack in Milford, IN. Sr. High Camp had 30 youth in attendance along with 10 adults. Our theme for the week was "A Journey with Christ". Our program was led throughout the week by several clergy. **Monday** – Daily Theme: Creation Story "Where we started & why" we had Fr. Matthew Cowden who led our program and Bishop Little came to celebrate Eucharist. **Tuesday** – Daily Theme: was "Where we have been" led by Fr. Richard Kallenberg as our program speaker and Pastor Corinne Hodges came to celebrate Eucharist. **Wednesday** – Daily Theme: was "Where are we today" our program was led by Fr. Dan Repp and Fr. Roger Bower joined us to celebrate Eucharist. **Thursday** – Daily Theme: "Dangers along the way" was our topic of discussion led by Dean Brian Grantz as our program speaker he also stayed and celebrated Eucharist with us. The last day, **Friday** – Daily Theme: "Where do we go from here?" Shawn Bianchini was our program speaker and on Friday evening Fr. Larry Biller celebrated Eucharist. We had 10 adults on staff along with 6 adults who came to camp for an evening shift. Those people stayed up through the night and are known as our "Shepherds, keeping watch over our flock". Adults were, Tom Adamson, Fr. Larry Biller, Steve Richards, Shawn Bianchini, Daniel Kallenberg, Cindy Spice, Cynthia Burns, Bobbie Shelby, Molly Lewis, Lisa Philippsen and myself. Shepherds were Butch Schapson, Tim Gray, Diana Creech, Cathy Carter, Katy White and Kirk Philippsen.

To keep the costs down for Sr. High Camp, I have gotten many things donated. A majority of the Arts and Crafts supplies were donated this year. We did Mosaic Tile circles along with a Wrought Iron Table that was crafted by Steve Shelby. The

table was given as a gift to Camp Alexander Mack for their new John Kline Welcome Center. The tiles for the project were mostly donated from Brower's Carpet and Furniture in Warsaw. Our snacks for the evenings were provided by The Cathedral of St. James – South Bend, St. Anne's – Warsaw, St. Michael and All Angels - South Bend, St. James - Goshen and All Saints - Syracuse. Thank you to every person and parish that make camp a possibility for our young people. The budget allowed \$4000.00 for camp along with the amount collected from campers \$9580.00 which totals \$13,580.00. The total cost for Sr. High Camp was \$11,372.46 leaving \$2,207.54 as an unused budget amount.

It is due to many generous donations given by individuals and parishes that keep the costs down for campers and enabling our budget to be in the black. So thank you to everyone who supports and holds the Diocesan Youth Ministry for Northern Indiana up in prayer and through your generosity.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Bianchini

Sr. High Diocesan Youth Coordinator

## **Social Outreach Committee Annual Report – 2011**

The primary responsibility of the Diocesan Social Outreach Committee is to receive, evaluate, and respond to requests for funds from parishes within the diocese. A grant application form is posted on the diocesan website. A secondary task of the Committee is to make recommendation to the Diocesan Council of possible recipients for the money set aside by the diocese to help achieve the U. N. Millennium Development Goals.

Our Committee met with Bishop Little on February 12, 2011. We reviewed the outreach grants approved during 2010 and the responses received. The bishop shared some reflections about the work of the Committee and his appreciation of the projects to help the needy undertaken by several of the parishes in the diocese. He also told us about the effort throughout the Episcopal church to raise funds to rebuild the cathedral in Haiti which was destroyed by the earthquake in January of 2010.

The Millennium Development Funds dispersed in 2010 totaled \$4,066.15: \$1,212 to our Companion Diocese of Honduras; \$1,426.72 to the Anglican Diocese of Eldoret, Kenya; and \$1,26.72 to Episcopal Relief and Development earmarked for disaster relief in Haiti. We received an extensive report from Tim Skimina on behalf of Companeros en Cristo about the use of funds in Honduras. The Diocese of Eldoret did not send us a report this year, and Episcopal Relief and Development does not respond to individual donors since use of funds received is posted on their website. We did receive a belated response from the Bishop Masereka Christian Foundation regarding the funds sent to them in 2009, indicating that our diocese's assistance had helped pay the salary of one of the nurses in the Foundation's medical clinic.

We discussed four possible recipients for the 2011 MDG funds: our Companion Diocese of Honduras; the Anglican Diocese of Eldoret, Kenya; Haiti; and the Bishop Masereka Foundation which sponsors an orphanage for children whose parents have died of AIDS and a clinic in Uganda. The situation in Kenya has improved, and our diocese will be participating in a fundraiser this year to help the Diocese of Haiti rebuild the cathedral there. With these considerations, our recommendation to Diocesan Council was to divide the funds equally between our Companion Diocese of Honduras and the Bishop Masereka Foundation.

One of our Committee members, Dr. Timothy Malchow, is now on a two-year assignment in Germany and will be unable to continue to serve with us. Bishop Little and the other Committee members present expressed our gratitude for Tim's presence on the Committee these past two years and wished him God's blessings in his new assignment.

As of this writing, there has only been one request for Social Outreach Funds thus far in

2011, a grant request for \$2,000 from Camp New Happenings to help fund the week-long summer camp for boys and girls (ages 8-11) who have a parent incarcerated in a state and/or federal prison. This leaves \$4,000 still available for ministries within the diocese that fit within the parameters of helping those in need which our Lord articulated in **Matthew 25:35, 36: "I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was in prison and you visited me."**

Respectfully Submitted,

Deacon Janice Miller, Committee Chair

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# Diocesan Summer Camp 2011

## Report for Diocesan Convention

Respectfully Submitted by Tamisyn Grantz, Kim Gray, and Tim Gray  
Co-Camp Directors, Cathedral of St. James

Summer camp ministry continues to be a dynamic ministry **TO** our diocese.

- \* In the past five years, camp ministry has reached over 350 individuals, and 80% of campers and staff have returned for more than one year.
- \* In 2011, camp ministry welcomed twenty-three 1<sup>st</sup> time participants.

Summer camp ministry continues to be a dynamic ministry **OF** our diocese.

- \* An average of 10% of all campers come from other church communities or are not connected with a church.
- \* Campers are given opportunities to participate in leadership opportunities at camp, often come back as camp staff members, and return to their churches and communities to participate as leaders in other activities.

### **In The Land of Giants**

“For mortals it is impossible, but for God, all things are possible.”

Matthew 19:26

Besides daily camp activities of swimming, boating, crafts, field games, worship, and general merriment, each camper (grades third through ninth) spends time learning about God’s love for us within a daily theme. This year’s theme (crafted throughout the year by a design team that met monthly) was created to teach campers about God’s majesty...through giants of the faith and giant adventures. God remains the giant behind the scenes (and sometimes not quite so behind the scenes) that graces our giant faith and giant community. Daily Themes for the week were:

**Giant Faith (David and Goliath)**

**Giant Trust (Jonah and the Whale)**

**Giant Forgiveness (Jacob and Esau)**

**Giant Joy (Prodigal Son)**

**Giant Love (Feeding of the Multitude)**

**You are a part of something GIANT!**

Our response to God’s GIANT LOVE is our Christian mission.

We are called to change the world.

**Summer Camp continues to be successful in large part because of the people who volunteer throughout the diocese and beyond. Thank you for the many ways you support your campers prayerfully through your time, talent, and treasure!**

**DIOCESAN SUMMER CAMP 2012**

**June 17<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>**

## Camp Numbers By Parish

	Staff	Campers
Cathedral, St. James – South Bend	14	8
Gethsemane - Marion	0	4
Holy Trinity, South Bend	0	2
St. Alban’s – Fort Wayne	7	5
St. Andrew - Kokomo	2	1
St. Andrew’s - Valparaiso	0	7
St. Anne’s - Warsaw	6	5
St. Barnabas in the Dunes - Gary	0	2
St. Christopher’s - Crown Point	0	4
St. James’ - Goshen	0	2
St. John of the Cross - Bristol	1	3
St. John the Evangelist – Elkhart	2	2
St. Michael & All Angels – So. Bend	5	12
St. Paul’s - Munster	1	2
St. Paul’s - Mishawaka	1	1
Trinity – Ft. Wayne	1	1
Trinity - Logansport	1	2
Trinity - Michigan City	1	2
Other:	4	9
Totals:	46	75
Total diocesan parishes participating:		18

### **Recommendations for Action 2012**

- Camp promotion and publications through mail, the diocesan website, and other social media continue to be a successful way to maintain a vibrant camp community. Parish visits are directly responsible for new campers.
- Due to possible diocesan budget constraints in the future, conversations have started around ideas for fundraising.
- Suggestions have been made to inquire what other churches in our area are doing for summer camp and might there be room to do some direct invitations, making camp a more intentional ecumenical ministry.

### **Financial Summary – See next page**

#### **Camp Alexander Mack – Our partner in ministry**

Camp Alexander Mack, run by the Church of the Brethren, is located in Milford, IN and is gifted in providing a ministry of hospitality. In 2011, they will be breaking ground on a new retreat center. Please consider them for your ministry needs, or visit [www.campmack.org](http://www.campmack.org) for updates and details.

## Diocesan Summer Camp 2011 Financial Summary

**Staff Costs:**

Medical - \$500.00 (2@250.00)

Music (lead) - \$500.00

**Camp Mack Costs:**

Food and Lodging	30,734.50
17 @ 126.50 to reach min. contract #	2,150.50
Nature Center	50.00
Evening Water Games	225.00
<b>Total Camp Mack Costs:</b>	<b>\$33,160.00</b>

**General Camp Costs:**

Tshirts	1216.60
Office supplies (plus batteries and walkies)	274.14
Pre-camp expenses (printing, meetings, all staff mtg)	432.11
Camp Snacks and Beverages	(1 donated) 1,267.12
Music supplies	0.00
Medical supplies	200.00
Arrival lunch	donated
Liturgy supplies	113.45
Post camp gathering	donated
Bibles	194.22
Program and Activity Supplies	988.43
<b>Total General Camp:</b>	<b>\$4,686.07</b>

<b>Staff Costs:</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>
<b>Camp Mack Costs:</b>	<b>\$33,160.00</b>
<b>General Camp Cost:</b>	<b>\$4,686.07</b>

<b>Total Camp Costs:</b>	<b>\$38,846.07</b>
<b>Total Monies Collected from Participants and Parishes:</b>	<b>\$15,335.00</b>
<b>Diocesan Budget:</b>	<b>\$24,000.00</b>

<b>Final Amount (left over):</b>	<b>\$488.93</b>
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## WAWASEE EPISCOPAL CENTER 2010

Census for 2010: Episcopal Church Groups-12, Other Church Groups-8, Families-25

Work continues on the center and property. The centers well samples of water continue to test normal. Income for the Center for rental was \$30,105.69. The Diocese gives the Center \$3,000.00 from the budget so total income is \$33,105.69. Expenses for 2010 were \$40,398.86. This includes the cost of 3 new roofs on the Center totaling 9,000.00.

The seawall is still in need of repair. Remember the Wawasee Episcopal Center in planning your vestry retreats or family gatherings.

### NEW RATES EFFECTIVE 1-1-2011

Weekend Rate	
(Friday-Sunday)	\$510.00
(Friday-Monday)	\$615.00
1 Night Rate	\$258.00
(Sept-May)	
Hourly (minimum of 6 hours)	\$ 35.00
Youth	\$206.00
Vestry, Theology School	
And, Curisollo	\$206.00
Summer Weekly	\$2,367.00

Come and enjoy the Center on beautiful Lake Wawasee.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sharon Katona

## **Minutes of the 112<sup>th</sup> Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Indiana**

### **Convention Mass**

The Diocesan Convention began 22 October 2010 at St Paul's Episcopal Church, Munster, at 6 PM CDT, with the Eucharist. A departure from the single day conventions of recent years, the festive Mass, celebrated by The Right Reverend Edward S. Little, II, Bishop of Northern Indiana, took place amid a blended musical repertoire of modern praise music and traditional hymns and service music. The Rector of the parish, the Reverend Bennett G. Jones II, was the Master of Ceremonies; the Reverend Canon SuzeAnne Silla, Canon to the Ordinary, was the Bishop's Chaplain. Musicians from the parish of St Paul were assisted by others from St Michael and All Angels, South Bend, as well as St Andrew's, Valparaiso. The Bishop was also assisted by The Reverend Andrew Hanyzewski, of St Francis, Chesterton and St Andrew's, Michigan City, and the Reverend Roger Bower, of St Andrew's, Valparaiso. After the Eucharist, the company re-gathered in the splendid parish house for the convention banquet. The Bishop introduced members of the planning committee of the parish, some of whom were serving and cooking the banquet meal.

### **Business Session: Opening**

The business session of the convention got underway at St Paul's parish hall on Saturday morning, 23 October. Bishop Little called the convention to order at 1003 with an opening prayer. The Bishop first called attention to housekeeping matters, such as the order of the business of the day. Then the Bishop called upon The Rev'd Ben Jones to welcome the company and introduce the pages. Mrs Kim Frank was introduced as the chair of the committee which planned the convention locally, including cooking the banquet food.

The secretary reported that out of a possible 74 clergy able to vote, 40 were present; out of a possible 101 possible lay delegates, 93 were present. Hearing this, the Bishop declared a quorum and the convention organized for business.

The rules of order were then affirmed without attempt to modify or rescind them. The Bishop then introduced members of the high table. First, Mr Joe Weaver, Parliamentarian; The Rev'd Canon John Schramm, Secretary; The Rev'd Jim Warnock, who is to take over the position of secretary; Canon Sharon Katona, Treasurer; and The Rev'd Canon SuzeAnne Silla, Canon to the Ordinary. Finally, Mr Jon Adamson was introduced, who is the secretary to the bishop. The Chancellor of the Diocese was absent because of previous obligations.

The Bishop then recognized the Rev'd Canon John Schramm for 26 years of secretarial work for the Convention and Council and made a presentation of a plaque and an heirloom lamp in honor of his work, as he retired from the position. Then the Bishop recognized Canon Sharon Katona, also retiring from her treasurer's position, with a plaque memorializing her long work of 23 years and an heirloom chair. Both lamp and chair were emblazoned with the diocesan seal.

The Bishop then asked the convention to re-elect Canon Sharon Katona as Treasurer to the end of the current year, when other arrangements will be made by council, and the Rev'd Dr Jim Warnock as Secretary to Convention. These nominations of the Bishop were moved and seconded and passed.

The Bishop directed the attention of the convention to the Minutes of the 111<sup>th</sup> Convention, contained in the delegates' packets, and that they had been certified.

The Bishop then welcomed clergy new to the Diocese since last convention: The Rev'd Roger Bower, Rector, St. Andrew's, Valparaiso [ wife: Barbara], The Rev'd Ralph Patston, Retired (formerly of our diocese and moved back from Western Michigan [wife: Nancy], The Rev'd Daniel Repp, Rector, St. John the Evangelist, Elkhart [wife: Miranda], The Rev'd Clark Miller, Priest-in-Charge, Trinity, Logansport [wife: Deb], and the Rev'd Dcn Thomas Haynes, Deacon-in-Charge, St. Elizabeth's, Culver [ wife: Susan].

The Bishop also announced the departure of The Rev'd Dan Martins, who has been elected Bishop of Springfield, The Rev'd Steve Schunemann who has been elected to a parish in Chicago, The Rev'd Ben Jones and The Rev'd Carolyn Jones who have been elected to serve a parish in Massachusetts, and The Rev'd David Yaw who has been elected as rector of a parish in Alaska. The Bishop then asked that The Rev'd Spencer Thiel, St. Christopher, Crown Point, The Rev'd Wally Griesmeyer, assisting, Good Shepherd, East Chicago, and The Rev'd Michael Cover, assisting, St. Paul's, Mishawaka, be seated with the delegations of parishes where they serve with voice but not vote, since they are not canonically resident in the diocese.

## **The Bishop's Address**

At 0930 the Bishop proceeded to his annual address. This year he announced plans to publish the full script but presented in its place a version of it based on notes.

A brief recess was ordered at 1025. Convention resumed at 1040.

## **Resolutions**

The Secretary called attention to the fact that the National Canons and Constitution of the Church were in the process of revision: the details are on the Diocesan Website.

Consideration was now given to the revision of Canon 12, in order to conform it to the revisions in Title IV of the national canons. [See Resolution #1: Amend Canon 12] The Rev'd Canon SuzeAnne Silla moved the adoption of the resolution. It was seconded as well. Discussion followed. Ms Pat Smith moved an amendment to the resolution: "We propose that we charge our delegates to the General Convention 2012 to investigate Title IV and the National Canons as revised for possible amendments relating to issues of due process: including 1. The disciplinary board and committee structures 2. The admission of hearsay evidence and 3. The lack of documentation required in the informal conference panel." After parliamentary consultation, it was ruled that the resolution would function better as a separate resolution than an amendment to this resolution, and so out of order. The chair was willing to reconsider it later. A further time of discussion and questions took place. The resolution passed unanimously. And now Ms Pat Smith was invited to resubmit her resolution [See Resolution #2: Investigate Title IV

For Possible Amendment]. For permission to consider this resolution, the bishop asked for a vote, which was unanimous. Now discussion ensued regarding the resolution, especially with regard to the resources needed to implement it. The Bishop advised that there is a growing body of such information and that the Canon to the Ordinary and the Chancellor would be available. When the time for voting came, the resolution passed without dissent.

## Elections

Now convention turned to the balloting for the following offices:

**Ecclesiastical Trial Court** (temporary until June 2011). There being no further nominations, Mr David Wright was declared elected. **The Disciplinary Board.** In the clerical order, The Rev'd Dr Thomas Hansen and The Rev'd Henry Randolph were nominated, with two to be elected. There being no further nominations, the two were declared elected. In the lay order, Mr Stephen Drendall and Mr David Wright were nominated and since there were no further nominations, they were declared elected.

**Standing Committee.** The Rev'd Matthew Cowden was the sole nominee and so declared elected. In the lay order Mrs Cynthia Guzzo was the sole nominee and declared elected.

**General Convention Deputies.** To the list of clerical nominees—The Rev'd Anthony Clavier, The Very Rev'd Brian Grantz, The Rev'd Susan Haynes, The Rev'd Richard Lightsey, The Rev'd Henry Randolph, and The Rev'd Dr James Warnock—was nominated the Rev'd Dcn Gloria Taylor. To the list of lay nominees—Mrs Pam Harris, Mrs Celeste Hilliard, Mr Ted Kimball, Mr Tim Skimina, Mr Jim Stanley, Mrs Charlotte Strowhorn, and Mr Scott Wright—were added Mrs Pat Kinkaid, and Mr Bill Munn.

Before the balloting, the Bishop took the opportunity to thank Ms Lorrie Morris from St. Andrew's, Valparaiso. This is the 20th convention in which she has served as head teller.

The Bishop also noted that by canon, the election of directors of the Foundation and members of the Greater Cathedral Chapter are done by those two bodies with ratification by the annual diocesan convention. The Foundation has elected the Rev'd Canon SuzeAnne Silla and Mr Tom Cassidy. The Cathedral Chapter has elected the the Rev'd Larry Biller and Mr William Wandland. Convention concurred in the election of these persons without dissent.

The Bishop also noted that by canon, the Ecclesiastical Authority appoints members to the Finance Committee which are confirmed by the annual diocesan convention. The Bishop appointed the following people to serve on the Finance Committee: Mr Doug Kroll (as its Chairman), Mr Ted Mullett, Mr Harley Snyder, the Rev'd Daniel Martins, and Canon Sharon Katona. Convention unanimously approved these appointments.

## Resolutions

Convention found itself ahead of schedule and moved on to further resolutions, #3 and #4. Resolution #3 was submitted by council, dealing with the inability to cover medicare supplements for any new clergy coming into the diocese. It passed unanimously. Resolution #4 came from the Eastern Deanery and dealt with the time frame for submitting resolutions. There was not enough time for resolutions to be presented given the required time frame for

pre-convention deanery meetings. The new resolution date would be September 1. The also passed unanimously.

## Treasurer's Report

Canon Sharon Katona presented the report for 2009 (audited) and up to the end of the third quarter 2010 (unaudited). The investment reports were also included.

## Budget

The budget for 2011 was now presented by the chair of the Finance Committee, Mr Doug Kroll. After his presentation, he moved the budget and convention approved it without dissent.

## Noon Day Prayers

Since the newly elected officers were not completely determined, their commissioning was ordered to take place later. For now, prayers were offered and convention recessed at 1150 for lunch, reconvening at 1230.

## Ballot

Preliminary ballot results were announced: General Convention Deputies, clerical order: elected in this order: the Very Rev'd Brian Grantz, the Rev'd Susan Haynes, the Rev'd Dr Jim Warnock, and the Rev'd Henry Randolph, deputies; the Rev'd Tony Clavier, the Rev'd Richard Lightsey, and the Rev'd Dcn Gloria Taylor, alternates. In the lay order: Mr Bill Munn was removed as lowest vote-getter, and a second ballot was taken. [These results were reported later in the afternoon, but are inserted here to maintain ease of reference. Elected in the Lay Order and in this order: Mrs Charlotte Strowhorn , Mrs Celeste Hilliard, Mr Ted Kimball, and Mr Tim Skimina, deputies; Mrs Pam Harris, Mr Scott Wright, Mr Jim Stanley, and Mrs Pat Kinkaid, alternates.

## Reports

The Very Rev'd Brian Grantz reported from the **Ministry Models Task Group**. In the midst of reports of distress coming in from all sides, the basis for this task force was the desire to be proactive towards these forces. Three lay members—Ms Linda Buskirk, Dr Tom Gresik, Mrs Michelle Walker—and three clergy—the Rev'd Andy Hanyziewski, the Rev'd Canon John Schramm, the Rev'd Kathy Thomas—along with the Very Rev'd Grantz as chair and diocesan staff, including the Bishop, have been meeting for the last year. Can we figure out a way to do creative ministry in days of scarcer resources so that it energizes our parishes and missions? [The full text of the report is included in the Web Site Journal.]

The Rev'd Canon SuzeAnne Silla reported on the **Holy Land Pilgrimage and the Legacy Planning Group**. There is a new brochure which outlines the work of the planned giving committee of the diocese and offers information about how local parishes can take advantage of its work. With regard to the pilgrimage, the deadline for registration is 31 October. Only a few seats are left for the trip.

Mrs Charlotte Strowhorn came to make a presentation about the **Diocesan ECW**. She also presented the annual contribution to the Bishop's discretionary fund.

A video presentation was offered about **Camp New Happenings**, which was also honored as a Jubilee Site by the National Church Executive Council. The Director of the Camp was introduced and spoke for a while about the camp.

There was then an announcement from Ms Ruth Wivell from Holy Trinity, South Bend, in regard to the development of the community garden at the church three years ago—**the Garden of St Therese**—a local community outreach—which has begun to have a real impact.

Mr Tim Skimina came to talk about the Companion Diocese Committee. It was a good year for outreach to Honduras. By combining with Virginia over \$20,000 was raised for the water purification plant in Delicias del Norte. He talked about the stoves and cisterns and latrines that were also built—with more still to be built. He also talked about the Millennium Development Goals and encouraged parish giving towards these efforts to eliminating extreme poverty. The goal is 0.7% of income for these goals.

As convention business drew to a close, the Bishop announced that our Presiding Bishop, the Most Rev'd Katherine Jefferts Schori, will be our guest at Convention on October 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, next year. The business meeting of the convention will be on Friday afternoon, so that the Saturday can be free for meeting with her.

After some concluding remarks and thanks to the host parish, the Bishop adjourned the convention with prayer and his blessing at 1350, after having commissioned the newly elected officers of the diocese.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Rev'd Canon John E Schramm  
Secretary to Convention

## Rules of Order

### For Conducting the Business of the Convention of the Diocese of Northern Indiana

1. The schedule and agenda of the Convention shall be determined by the Bishop as the presiding officer reflecting the requirements of Canon 2.9, and to the extent practicable shall be announced prior to the opening of the Convention.
2. The Convention shall have the right, however, by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Convention present and voting to change such schedule or agenda, except those items mandated under 2.9.
3. a. All nominations for office shall be completed and circulated to the Convention delegates at least twenty-one days prior to the Convention. All resolutions shall be submitted to the Diocesan Office by September 1<sup>st</sup>. *Amended 2010*  
b. Any resolutions submitted after this date, other than courtesy resolutions, will require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members of the Convention present in order to be considered by the Convention.
4. No motion shall be considered as before the House unless it is seconded and reduced to writing.
5. All main motions and amendments thereto shall require a majority vote of those present and voting, except for the following which shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote:
  - a. Suspension of the rules.
  - b. The previous question.
  - c. Changing the time limit of debate.
  - d. Reconsideration, if proposed by one of the majority, of the first decision.
6. A member may not speak more than once on any motion until all other delegates have had an opportunity to speak.
7. Speeches shall be limited to no more than three minutes in length, unless the member is speaking on behalf of a motion from a deanery, when the member may speak for no more than four minutes.
8. All statements shall be delivered from the floor except for:
  - a. Reports by officers, committee chairpersons, or their representatives.
  - b. Special guests of the Convention.
9. Clergy of the Church not entitled to seats, and Candidates for Holy Orders in this Diocese shall be admitted to the sittings of the Convention, and their names entered in the Journal on their reporting themselves to the Secretary, but without the right to take part in the proceedings.
10. In case a parliamentary problem should arise, which is not covered by existing rules, the authority shall be *Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised*.
11. The above shall be the Rules of Order of all future Conventions, unless altered or rescinded, and shall be published in the Journal of each Convention.