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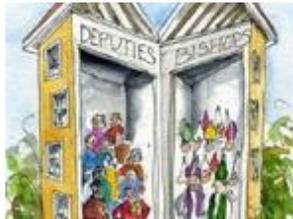
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Ready for General Convention 2015?

Have you been wondering what General Convention is all about or trying to find a way to explain everything to your congregation? Here is a source with tools to help you out!

These have been gathered together by the Episcopal Church Foundation.
<http://www.ecfvp.org/tools/learn-about-general-convention/>



The webinar on sharing the news about General Convention 78 is now available on YouTube.
<https://youtu.be/W-GwUORsog4>

Wondering how to follow the discussion? The hashtag for General Convention is **#gc78**. Beth Felice, Director of Communications for the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri, has compiled as a resource a notebook created in Spundge which pulls items tagged #gc78 from blogs, websites, twitter, flickr, Instagram, vimeo, youtube.
<https://www.spundge.com/notebook/44798/>

Praying for General Convention... The good folks at SSJE have created a page chocked full of resources for

May, 2015

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Send your stories for the **InProv 2** by the 10th of the month and they will appear!
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Sign up to get the Province II e-news:

<http://visitor.r20.constantcontact.com/manage/optin?v=001FFspMhSEL8uXOQGlzb9Buu-FxhoMPo8v>

#prayersof the people at General Convention.

Visit this site to download a ready-made #prayersof campaign for dioceses, churches or any group who wants to participate.

Ready-to-print bulletin inserts, text for bulletins or emails, Sunday school lessons, images and web content are all available for download at no cost.

<http://prayersofthepeople.org/resources/>

Bishops United Against Gun Violence

(<http://bishopsagainstgunviolence.org/>), a group of more than 60 Episcopal bishops, will sponsor a prayerful procession through the streets of Salt Lake City during the church's General Convention. The gathering is intended to urge people of faith to seek common ground in efforts to curtail gun violence.

The event, called *Claiming Common Ground Against Gun Violence*, will begin at 7:15 a.m. on Sunday, June 28, outside the Salt Palace Convention Center on the northwest corner of West Temple and South 200, said Bishop Mark Beckwith of Newark, a co-convenor of Bishops United. Read more in the ENS article:

<http://episcopaldigitalnetwork.com/ens/2015/05/14/bishops-united-against-gun-violence-plans-prayerful-procession-at-general-convention/>

Do you want to hear from the bishops who have been nominated for Presiding Bishop? On the General Convention web site there is a

page which includes links to video presentations by each of the nominees.

<http://www.generalconvention.org/pbelect>

The proposed budget for The Episcopal Church in the 2016-2018 triennium is available for viewing at <http://www.generalconvention.org/home/draftbudget>

The Blue Book - The Report to the 78th General Convention, commonly referred to as The Blue Book, is available online at the Episcopal Church General Convention website at <http://www.generalconvention.org/home/bluebook>

Resolutions from Province II to General Convention 2015

The two provincial resolutions have been assigned as Resolutions Co27 and Co28

Co27 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That Canon I.9 be amended to insert a new Section 2, to read as follows:

Sec 2. The primary purposes of the Provincial system are to provide a structure which facilitates inter-diocesan collaboration to achieve Diocesan and Episcopal Church goals, and to enable more effective communications and regional advocacy of significant programmatic efforts.

The resolution and its supporting text are on the General Convention web site at <http://www.generalconvention.org/gc/2015->

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Co28 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 78th General Convention confirm that an individual's unrestricted criminal conviction records, other than those discharged and juvenile records, shall not be considered confidential, and that such information must be made available to all persons having a role in hiring or electing the person in question; and be it further

Resolved, That the substance of this resolution be included by the Office for Transition Ministry in instructions for search/discernment committees.

The resolution and its supporting text are on the General Convention web site at http://www.generalconvention.org/gc/2015-resolutions/Co28/current_english_text

Around the Province...

Diocese of Albany

The 147th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Albany is rapidly approaching. Scheduled for



Friday, June 5th thru Sunday, June 7th, at Camp of the Woods in Speculator, New York, all clergy and laity (young and old) throughout the Diocese are invited and welcome to attend.

The Convention is truly intended to be a family event with plenty of activities and events planned for all ages. This year's theme: "Three Persons, One God – Three Streams, One Church," (Anglo-Catholic, Evangelical and Charismatic), will be reflected in the various workshops and plenary sessions, as well as each of the worship services. The current issue of the Albany Episcopalian has more information and a reflection on the theme by the Very Rev'd. Steven A. Peay, PhD. <http://www.albanyepiscopaldiocese.org/download/AlbanyEpiscopalianMay2015.pdf>

The honored guest for this year's Convention will be the 103rd Archbishop of Canterbury, The Right Reverend and Right Honourable The Lord Carey of Clifton and his wife, Lady Eileen Carey. Lord Carey will be the preacher at the Saturday afternoon Holy Eucharist as well as the preacher at the Saturday evening Healing Service.

The Very Reverend Dr. Steven Peay, Dean of Nashotah House, will be the Saturday morning Plenary Speaker. The Saturday afternoon Plenary Session will comprise a panel discussion by four missionary bishops - the Rt. Rev. Dr. Grant LeMarquand (Area Bishop for the Horn of Africa in the Diocese of Egypt with North Africa and the Horn of Africa), the Rt. Rev. Todd McGregor (Bishop of Toliara, Madagascar), the Rt. Rev. Darren McCartney (Bishop Suffragan of the Arctic) and the Rt. Rev. Fanuel Magangani (Bishop of Northern Malawi).

The moderator of the panel discussion will be the Rt. Rev. Harold Miller (Bishop of Down and Dromore, Northern Ireland).

Diocese of Central New York

Congratulations to Christopher Williams, the new Editor of The Messenger eNewsletter!

Thank You from Fayetteville & South Africa



Trinity Church, Fayetteville, and Holy Cross School, Grahamstown, South Africa, extend our gratitude to the Central New York Diocese and its Global Mission Fund Matching Grant Program. This grant matches parish donations to organizations around the world that are addressing the Millennium Development Goals. Trinity Church began its relationship with Holy Cross School in 2013. In addition to Parish Outreach donations to the school, our children have raised money through bake sales and toy sales. Their "Children Helping Children" endeavor has been successful in raising awareness of the needs of those who live in extreme poverty. They have begun exchanging notes with the Holy Cross School children, and they recently had a toothbrush/pencils/stickers drive for their new friends in South Africa.

In the 1990's, the Order of the Holy Cross, an Episcopal religious community of men based in West Park, New York, answered the call to come to South Africa's Eastern Cape, one of the country's poorest provinces, and work with the rural Xhosa people, who had suffered much and were in great need. Medical care and education were the top priorities. Substandard farm school buildings were being closed, and there was no way for children to get to schools in the cities. The monks established a scholarship fund to send promising students to public and private schools. Some of those students have now completed college.

A few years ago, Holy Cross School was built and now serves children through Grade 3. Dedicated certified teachers present a superior curriculum, which has resulted in academic scholarships for most of the Grade 3 graduates to continue their education. The school provides a holistic program addressing learning needs, nutrition, dental and health care, as well as emotional needs through family and child counseling. Without an education and all of the supporting programs, the children would be locked into a lifetime of poverty.

The school is in great need of funding to continue its work. Trinity's gratitude for the diocesan matching grant is exceeded only by the deep gratitude expressed by the Order of the Holy Cross and the children and teachers of Holy Cross School. By the way, there is an interesting connection

between the monks and Central New York. Fr. James Sargent Huntington, who founded the Order in 1884, spent some time here while his father, Frederick Dan Huntington, was Bishop of our Diocese. Fr. Huntington's words are now the community's motto: "Love must act, as light must shine, as fire must burn."

Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe

Migrant Lives Matter



St. Paul's Within the Walls and Joel Nafuma Refugee Center are hard at work in the midst of this crisis of migrants and refugees from the chaos in Africa. On 24 April 2015, the Joel Nafuma Refugee Center (JNRC), and friends from Centro Astalli and the US Embassy to the Holy See hosted a Migrant Lives Matter art project and vigil. Thanks to all those who participated in this vigil, in person and in spirit, to mark the loss of migrant lives in the Mediterranean and to call for action as it relates to creating safe channels for migrants to escape persecution, poverty, and violence. This vigil also served as a broader call to welcome the strangers in our midst as commended by the major religious traditions that we hold dear. This welcoming of refugees ranges from a policy level, to a community level, and also extends into our personal lives. People of different faith

traditions (and none) gathered and opened their hearts in a beautiful way...showing what is possible in the world despite our differences.

Organizers spoke in Bambara, Dari, Hausa, French, Italian, and Pashto -- "We are refugees and our lives matter." Participants responded, borrowing from the words of Archbishop Desmond Tutu: Our humanity is bound up in yours, for we can only be human together.

<https://www.facebook.com/JoeINafumaRefugeeCenter>

Diocese of Haiti

Food For The Poor-Haiti



**Names
New
Executive
Director**
Board of
Directors
for Food

For The Poor-Haiti has named Bishop Ogé Beauvoir as Executive Director/FFP Haiti Office. He will be responsible for the charity's operations within the country and provide a vital link to the organization in the United States. The appointment is effective on May 1. Read the whole story... <http://www.foodforthe poor.org/newsroom/news/bishop-oge-to-lead-haiti-office-032615.html>

Diocese of Long Island

Gansett Summer Chapel Overhaul - Episcopal bishop envisions a mission to serve the Latino community

St. Thomas Chapel in Amagansett may become a base

from which to build a year-round congregation serving the South Fork's Latino community.

Bishop Lawrence C. Provenzano of the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island is planning to



create a year-round ministry serving the South Fork's Latino

community at St. Thomas Chapel, the historic church at the corner of Montauk Highway and Indian Wells Highway in Amagansett. Read the article... <http://easthamptonstar.com/to/news/2015416/Gansett-Summer-Chapel-Overhaul>

Diocese of New Jersey

Come to the Table: A Celebration of Our Various Abilities

Saturday, June 20, 2015, Trinity Cathedral, Trenton, NJ, 11:00 a.m.
Preacher and Celebrant: The Right Reverend William H. Stokes, Bishop of the Diocese of New Jersey

Welcoming and celebrating the differing gifts and abilities of members of parishes and congregations of the Diocese of New Jersey, this Eucharist is for all of us, beloved of God, in all our various shapes and forms. Each of us, made in the image of a gracious God, hold high our dignity and joy in service to our Church and our Lord. This will be a time to support and uphold the many ways we may be called to serve, be it as ushers, singers, deacons, acolytes, etc. utilizing our many different abilities and gifts. Reception to

follow. Sponsored by the Commission on Ministry with the Disabled. Watch the video: https://youtu.be/URWx_VyL2T4

Diocese of New York

The spring issue of the *Episcopal New Yorker* is the *Money Issue*. The magazine opens with the Bishop's Column: ***Whenever We Are Not Talking About Money, We Are Not Talking About Jesus*** By the Rt. Rev. Andrew M.L. Dietsche. Articles include several on money and life and money as love.

Money Lies By Rick Hamlin: "The biggest challenge for well-off Christians is how we handle money. I squirm as I say that. Well-off Christians? That wouldn't be me. I've got a home equity line of credit to pay off; I've got to save for my retirement; I might live in one of the most expensive cities of America, but I certainly don't live in a posh neighborhood..."

Bishop Dietsche has a larger article on the need to participate fully—including financially—in the diocese's common life.

Others topics include: *Parish Money* - a successful request for an assessment deferral; what happened when a parish treasurer of 20 years suffered a stroke; *Money and Power* -the dynamics of power and oppression; *Jesus vs. Adam Smith*- what Jesus taught about money; how capitalism fits in with Christian ethics; *Giving and Tithing*-approaches to tithing; what motivates major donors; *Investing and Banking* - the diocese's Task Force on

Socially and Environmentally Responsible Investing; proposed diocesan credit union; the recently-launched Church Investment Group; *Use and Abuse of Money* - why money is a hopeless way to measure what really matters; Jim and Tammy Faye Bakker.

Find the whole issue: http://episcopaldioceseofnewark.org/new_yorker_editions

Diocese of Newark

Being with Our Neighbors
By Ginny Dinsmore, part of the ***Vestry Papers*** issue on ***Facing Leadership Challenges*** (May 2015)

This is an exciting time in the life of the church. It is a time of hope and promise, of new life, yet it is also a challenging and frightening time to many of us. As leaders, we are charged with leading in this time of transition from the "way it has always been" into, well, we have no idea. But, here's the thing: In the messiness and chaos of our lives and in the life of the Church, and even when things are unraveling in this transition, the Spirit of God is at work. Where is the Spirit of God at work? Everywhere. And if that is true, the Spirit of God is not only at work among the people in our church community but among the people in our neighborhoods – in the places where we work, play, study, and live.

We have spent a lot of time, energy, and money in the past several years trying to attract people to our churches. While we need to continue to be places of hospitality, we also need to be aware and

understand that simply trying to make what we do more attractive will not compel people to come. At the same time, it is not simply about looking outward and adding more outreach. We need to learn how to be with our neighbors –taking care to enter into relationship from a place of vulnerability and availability instead of power. As we are vulnerable to each other and available to God and all God has in store for us, we open ourselves to the Spirit of God. If you think that sounds scary – it is!

Going Local

This past March, the Episcopal Diocese of Newark held a workshop introducing the diocesan initiative Going Local to a group of congregations and clergy. Going Local is a process that helps congregations and clergy develop new attitudes, habits, practices, and values as they seek and join God's work in the neighborhood. During one segment, we posted general statements that may characterize many churches. Participants were given five dots and asked to place them on any of the statements that best characterized their congregation. Two statements that received many dots stood out for me as ones vestry and wardens may struggle with on a regular basis:

"Energy is directed inwardly – we are trying to figure out how to attract people."
"We're struggling to find people to do what needs to be done."

Read the rest of the article at <http://www.ecfvp.org/vestryapers/facing-leadership-challenges/being-with-our-neighbors/>

Diocese of Rochester

SM&SJ launches 3rd community garden



On May 14, more than 40 United Way Day of Caring volunteers helped install 20 raised garden beds at St. Mark's & St. John's Garden of E.D.E.N. III (Every Day Eat Naturally) in partnership with Foodlink. Garden of E.D.E.N. I is on the church property, while Garden of E.D.E.N. II is on Merchants Road. The gardens produce food that is distributed to those in need.

The two lots belong to the City of Rochester and are leased for \$1 each. The City also provides water access and wood chips for creating paths around the beds. Last year, St. Mark's & St. John's was Foodlink's most productive gardening partner.

The garden includes a Little Free Library - one of three built by talented members of Trinity Episcopal Church in Greece. Members of Trinity installed them at St. Mark's and John's three Garden of E.D.E.N sites. Friends caravanned to each site, blessing the gardens and libraries on May 6. See more at <https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.1001624386514>

[874.1073741953.118658858144769&type=3](http://www.facebook.com/StAndrewsVI?rf=155012854553262)

An interactive celebration of the 25/7 anniversary of ordination and consecration of Bishop Prince Singh

“ As Easter people, we invite you to come together to hear and tell stories of resurrection to each other as beloved community. Afterward, we will share a celebratory Eucharist in thanksgiving to God for Prince's 25 years of ordained ministry as a pastor/priest and 7 years as Bishop in the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester”

– Eklan, Ned , Roja and Prince. ”

You are invited...On Saturday, June 13, 2015, we will gather at 10 a.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church in Greece. There, we will learn a storytelling framework to help us develop and share our stories.

This will be followed by Bishop Singh telling a few stories of resurrection from his life. We will all then have an opportunity to work on and share stories of resurrection from our lives. In lieu of gifts, offerings may be made to Episcopal Relief and Development.

Diocese of the Virgin Islands

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church VI has a Facebook page! On May 17 they posted: “Another wonderful day of worship. Today we are joined by

members of Emergency Medical Services and Health Commissioner Designer Phyllis Wallace, the members of the Senior League AllStars and Pearls of the VI. For those who missed you can join in as we broadcast on <http://lucky13wsta.com> at 1:00 PM”. Check them out at <https://www.facebook.com/StAndrewsVI?rf=155012854553262>

Diocese of Western New York

Niagara County Parishes Share Resources

The eight Episcopal congregations in Niagara County have joined in partnership to share resources with each other, with community agencies, and with our communities. We now have a new brochure that lists resources and community ministries of this Niagara Episcopal Partnership and some of the agencies and organizations with whom we partner.

The brochure accomplishes several purposes: It is a vehicle that allows our individual parishes to be aware of the offerings of the others in our area; it will better equip us to offer physical support when appropriate and prayer support at all times; it will give agencies, organizations and individuals a more “concrete” connection with the Episcopal churches by providing information on hand for quick and easy reference; it will be used as a resource to direct those in need of a service or who wish to donate time or goods to a particular ministry.

By educating ourselves, local organizations, and individuals, this brochure will make the Web of Grace more visible and more expansive because opportunities to inspire hope, create, maintain and grow relationships will be more readily accessible. As we seek and serve, we may discover new opportunities to build up our partnerships.

The churches in the Niagara Episcopal Partnership hope that this brochure will make it possible for us to connect more easily as we work to promote and ensure justice and dignity for all.

<http://episcopalwny.org/379-niagara-episcopal-partnership-brochure/file>

Presiding Bishop Nominees

(note from Bishop Franklin to the Diocese of Western NY)

The Rt. Rev. Thomas Breidenthal, Bishop of Southern Ohio, The Rt. Rev. Michael Curry, Bishop of North Carolina, The Rt. Rev. Ian Douglas, Bishop of Connecticut, and The Rt. Rev. Dabney Smith, Bishop of Southwest Florida have been nominated for election as the next Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church.

It has been an honor for me to be a member of the Nominating Committee who put these names forward to the Church. I believe this is an exciting time for the Episcopal Church. All of these bishops are leaders with ability, vision, and commitment to sharing the Gospel with the World. Any of the candidates would make an excellent Presiding Bishop.

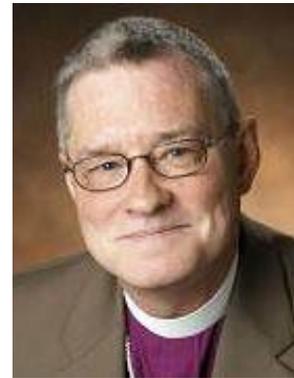
Of course I am so proud of the fact that The Rt. Rev. Michael Curry, Bishop of North Carolina, grew up in Buffalo. His father, the Rev. Kenneth Curry was rector of St. Philip's Church in Buffalo. Bishop Curry was ordained a deacon by Bishop Harold Robinson of the Diocese of Western New York. Josephine Robbins, a long-time member of St. Philip's, remembers, "When I met Michael at the age of ten, his chapel in the attic was set and fully equipped for Mass. The congregation (his sister Sharon's dolls) was always in place, and he was always prepared to conduct service to perfection. Michael has continued to be an excellent Priest and Bishop. He is totally committed to giving his all to the Church. Whatever the outcome is, I could never be more proud of his accomplishments."

If Bishop Curry is elected, he will be the first African American to head the Episcopal Church as its Presiding Bishop.

The election of the Presiding Bishop will take place on June 27 at the Cathedral Church of St. Mark in Salt Lake City Utah at the General Convention of our Church.

The House of Bishops will elect the Presiding Bishop. The House of Deputies must confirm the election.

The new Presiding Bishop takes office on November 1, 2015. Please keep the nominees in your prayers.



The Rt. Rev. Thomas Breidenthal



The Rt. Rev. Michael Curry



The Rt. Rev. Ian Douglas



The Rt. Rev. Dabney Smith