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2018 Provincial Synod
The Desmond Hotel, Albany New York



Synod Edition
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Getting Ready for General Convention 2018

The General Convention is the governing body of The Episcopal Church that meets every three years. The 79th General Convention will take place Thursday, July 5th through Friday, July 13th, 2018 at The Austin Convention Center in Austin, Texas. The theme is *The Jesus Movement: Loving, Liberating and Life-Giving*. A draft agenda and other details are now available at generalconvention.org.

To help prepare for General Convention, the province holds a Synod meeting in the preceding spring. This year the Provincial Synod will be held **Thursday, April 12 and Friday, April 13, 2018** at The Desmond in Albany, NY. This is the opportunity for deputies to get to know each other across the dioceses of the province and to become more familiar with the issues that may be coming up at the General Convention. This is also the occasion for the election of Provincial officers.

To facilitate the preparation for synod and convention, the Province II website has gathered resources that may be helpful, both to deputies and to others seeking to understand the issues.

Here is what you can find on the website:

Resources:

- Link to a PDF document *An Introduction to The 79th General Convention The Episcopal Church for Deputies and Bishops*
- General Convention Resource Blog
- Link to the Draft Budget 2018-2021
- Links to the House of Deputies and House of Bishops Committee Assignments

The Nominees for Provincial Office

Registration information for the Synod meeting

Links for Media Credentials and the Overview Calendar for Convention

The Resource Blog contains information about the coming Prayer Book revisions, the invitation to provide feedback on the proposed budget, coming Provincial Leadership webinars, the links to the "Blue Book", and more. This blog will continue to have entries as more information becomes available. Continue to page 6 for more information on the Synod workshops and the nominees for Provincial office. The latest draft of the Synod schedule is online at <http://www.province2.org/synod-2018.html>

News from the dioceses of Province II

Diocese of Albany

Albany has a new communications officer, Meaghan Keegan. The Lent edition of the *Albany Episcopalian* is out with a bright, new format.

<<http://www.albanyepiscopaldiocese.org/download/AlbanyEpiscopalianLent2018.pdf>> Inside you will find:

- His Name is Jesus!
- Jesus Took Our Place
- Lent and the Crucifix
- Do Pets Go to Heaven?

Diocese of Central New York



Fifteenth Mission of Miracles shares love & healing in El Salvador:

Mission of Miracles volunteer Helen O'Neill took this photo at a health clinic in El Salvador. Medical professionals and others from Central New York have been volunteering with the fifteenth Mission all this week, returning Sunday. During their time in El Salvador, these volunteers will work with clinicians and staff from our Companion Diocese of El Salvador

to provide medical, dental and psychological care to thousands of Salvadorans, including many families and children.

The Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe

The Most Rev. Joris Vercammen, Archbishop of Utrecht, and Primate of the Old Catholic Churches, visited the American Cathedral of the Holy Trinity in Paris February 4. His sermon can be heard here:

<http://amcathparis.com/sermons-january-and-february-2018>



The Diocese of Haiti

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti – A late-night blaze has ravaged the principal market in Haiti's capital even as the streets nearby were crowded with Carnival celebrants. Read the story

<<http://www.foxnews.com/world/2018/02/13/blaze-destroys-much-historic-market-in-haitian-capital.html>>

The Diocese of Long Island

Ravi Ragbir, an internationally known leader of the immigrant-rights movement in the United States and executive director of the New Sanctuary Coalition, received one of the Episcopal



Church's highest honors and preached at historic St. Ann & The Holy Trinity Church in Brooklyn Heights at on Sunday, February 4. Find out more <<http://www.dioceseli.org/media/diocesan-news/ravi-ragbir-immigrant-rights-leader-fighting-deportation-will-pri>>

See the video <<https://vimeo.com/254611967>>

The Diocese of New Jersey

On Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2018, the Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey offered Ashes to Go, a special program about bringing spirit, belief, and belonging out from behind church doors and into the places where we go every day. It's a simple event with deep meaning, drawing on centuries of tradition and worship to provide a contemporary moment of grace.



The Diocese of New York

"In Our Backyard" Screening (A documentary about sex trafficking in Brooklyn) - February 15, 2018 @ 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm - Sponsored by the diocese's Human Trafficking and Domestic Violence Task Forces

An investigative look into the world of sex trafficking, documenting the stories of three recent survivors while also presenting the work of determined aid organizations, law enforcement agencies and politicians.

Find out more: <<https://www.dioceseny.org/ednyevent/in-our-backyard-screening-a-documentary-about-sex-trafficking-in-brooklyn/>>

The Diocese of Newark

Explore headlining issues through a multi-faith lens as Bishop Mark Beckwith, Imam W. Deen Shareef and



Rabbi Matthew Gewirtz lead conversations with special invited guests. This episode of the series, broadcast on February 7, 2018 on NJTV, addresses the topic of power and sexual harassment in the workplace with guest NJ Congresswoman Bonnie Watson Coleman. See the NJTV announcement for a detailed description. You can watch this and previous episodes on the video page for A Matter of Faith. <<https://www.njtvonline.org/programs/matter-faith-bishop-imam-rabbi/>>



The Diocese of Rochester

Bishop Prince Singh gave the Keynote Address at the annual meeting of the Greater Rochester Community of Churches - Faith In Action Network . The title of the GRCC annual report for 2018 reads: "People of Faith Moving Forward in an Angry World."

Bishop Singh's address gave inspirational direction on how to move forward in such a world. Find out more <<http://www.episcopalrochester.org/content/bishop-singh-gives-keynote-address>>

Diocese of the Virgin Islands



Support Episcopal Relief & Development's ongoing hurricane relief efforts: This fund will support affected communities in the Caribbean and the US devastated after hurricanes and tropical storms. Your donation will help meet urgent needs after Hurricane Irma, Maria and other storms by providing critical supplies such as food, water and other basics and offering long-term assistance as needed. See the video:

<<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/library/video/traveling-jesus-movement-virgin-islands-recovery>>

Rust Belt Episcopal



The Diocese of Western New York

In this new six-minute video, Bishop Sean talks about what Rust Belt Episcopal is--and what it isn't. Ideal for introducing congregation and community members to the Rust Belt Episcopal project, the video is available for streaming and sharing on YouTube: youtu.be/_2fVq_PlXlo

Resources, Opportunities, Events

Information about all of these can be found on the Province II website.

At this time there is information about:

- Guidelines for future Constable Grant Applications in 2018
- United Thank Offering Grant Application
- The application process for the 2018 Episcopal Church Foundation Fellowship
- Registration for the Episcopal Church Young Adult Festival
- Episcopal Church Invites Comments on 2019-2021 Draft Budget
- 2018 Episcopal Communicators conference, EpisComm18 April 17-20
- Registration for the next Evangelism Matters, an Episcopal Evangelism Conference on March 15-17
- Registration for the 2018 Church Leadership Conference taking place March 2-4, 2018
- And more...

Workshops offered at the Synod:

In addition to hearing from The Rev. Gay Jennings, President, House of Deputies, and a PB&F Representative, those at the Synod may attend two of four workshops:

- Sanctuaries – Canon Paul Ambos, Esq.
- Sex Trafficking – The Rev. Adrian Dannhauser
- Are You Becoming a Beloved Community? – Heidi Kim
- Dalit Christians – The Rev. Joshua Samuel

Who are the presenters?

Paul Ambos, Esq., is a member of the bars of New Jersey and New York. He has been the Chancellor of the Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey since January 2013. Additionally, he has been a member of the Standing Committee on Constitution and Canons of the Diocese of New Jersey for more than 12 years. Ambos is presently Secretary of Province II.

The Rev. Adrian Dannhauser is the associate rector of Church of the Incarnation in New York. She discovered the Episcopal Church in her mid-twenties and still marvels at its many gifts – ancient tradition, progressive theology, an invitation to question, an emphasis on social justice, liturgical space for contemplation, and Christian community grounded in the Eucharist. Today Adrian’s ministry is fueled by her commitment to evangelism and mission. She seeks to empower others to share God’s love through faith-filled conversation in daily life and service to those in need.

Heidi Kim . Staff Officer for Racial Reconciliation for the Episcopal Church is based in Seattle, Washington. She is responsible for facilitating the establishment and growth of networks in the Church that confront structural issues of racism in society and the church.

The Rev. Joshua Samuel is a PhD Candidate in Systematic Theology at Union Theological Seminary, New York City. He has written a pamphlet on the Dalits. The pamphlet (pdf) has been published by the India Network of the Diocese of New York and may be found online at <https://www.diocesen.org/ednyfiles/dalits-by-the-rev-joshua-samuel-pdf/?wpdmdl=34425&ind=0>

Samuel is Priest in Charge at The Episcopal Church Of The Resurrection, Richmond Hill, NY, and Adjunct Lecturer at Marymount Manhattan College.



Nominees for Provincial Office

Nominee for President: The Rev. Dahn Dean Gandell, Rochester

The Rev. Dahn Dean Gandell was born in New Orleans, LA and raised all along the Gulf Coast. She completed her undergraduate education at Vanderbilt University, received a Masters of Science in Religion with a concentration in Marriage and Family Therapy from the University of Mobile, and a Masters in Divinity from Yale Divinity School. Originally ordained in the

Southern Baptist Church in 1991, she found her way to the Episcopal Church in 1994 and was ordained to the priesthood on October 31, 1998. She is canonically resident in the Diocese of Rochester. She has served on diocesan council and is currently a member of the Commission on Ministry. She was appointed as the Clergy Representative to the Provincial Council in 2006 and elected to Executive Council as the Province 2 Clergy Representative in 2012. Dahn was installed as Rector of Church of the Ascension, Rochester, on May 14, 2015 and is thoroughly enjoying this new call after serving as Rector of St. John's Episcopal Church, Honeoye Falls, for thirteen years.

Mother Dahn is an Ambassador for The Carpenter's Kids, a partnership with the diocese of New York and the Diocese of Central Tanganyika, and recently made her eighth pilgrimage to Tanzania where she saw the successful completion of a well project in the village of Kongogo for which she had raised \$48,000. She also supports mission work with victims of human trafficking in India and clean water initiatives in Ecuador.

Mother Dahn has been married for 20 years to Dr. David Gandell, an Ob-Gyn, and is step mother to Rachel (31) Ryan (29) and mother to Lily (18) Hannah (16) and Madie (16.) A 500-hour certified Baptiste Yoga instructor, her passions also include cooking, reading, scuba diving, travel, and spending time with family and friends. And she has performed stand-up comedy. ☺

Nominee for Vice President: The Rt. Rev. Dr. DeDe Duncan-Probe, Central New York



The Rt. Rev. Dr. DeDe Duncan-Probe was consecrated on 3 December 2016 as Central New York's eleventh bishop; the first female diocesan bishop of the Diocese and of Province II of The Episcopal Church. Previously, she was the Rector of St. Peter's in the Woods Episcopal Church in Fairfax Station, Virginia. She held a number of leadership positions in the Diocese of Virginia, and at the time of her election as bishop she was serving as Dean of Region VII, as Regional Priest of Northern Virginia for the Commission on Congregational Missions and as a Board Member of the Diocesan Missionary Society. She had also served as the Region VII Representative for the Diocesan Executive Board, as a founding member of the Diocesan Dayspring Committee and as the Chairperson of the Vision Committee for Congregations. In

prior years Bishop Duncan-Probe had also served as an educator and co-founded an engineering consulting firm with her husband which continues to thrive. She holds a doctorate from The Graduate Theological Union/Oxford University and two master's degrees, from Pepperdine University and The General Theological Seminary. She and her husband, Chris Probe, have three children.



Nominee for Secretary: Canon Paul Ambos, Esq., New Jersey

Mr. Ambos has been a member of the Diocese of New Jersey all his life and is an attorney practicing in New York and New Jersey in the fields of commercial, corporate, real-estate, and canon law. He serves on the diocesan Standing Committee on Constitution and Canons, the Committee on Resolutions, and the Committee on

Rules of Order. He has been Chancellor of the Diocese of New Jersey since 2014. He is completing a term as Province II Secretary.

Nominee for Treasurer: Canon Phyllis Jones , New Jersey



Canon Phyllis Jones is the Chief Operating Officer of the Diocese of New Jersey.



Nominee for Clerical Representative to Executive Council: The Rev. Lillian Davis-Wilson, Western New York

The Reverend Lillian Davis-Wilson was ordained in the Diocese of WNY, to the diaconate on August 29, 2015. She is assigned to St. Philip's Episcopal Church in Buffalo, New York. Her ministry is in bereavement and loss. She started a bereavement and loss support group at St. Philip's and works with the Good Grief Support Group at Calvary Episcopal Church, Williamsville, NY.

Davis-Wilson leads the Episcopal service at the Terrace View Long Term Care Facility and coordinates the Petals and Prayers ministry of the diocese between St. Philip's and Terrace View.

Her leadership has developed and grown working with the past three bishops of western New York.

Prior to her ordination, Davis-Wilson has played an active role on all levels of the church: The Episcopal Church, USA - elected deputy to general convention for 5 trienniums , vice chair on the Standing Commission on National Concerns, member of the National and International Concerns and the Social and Urban Affairs legislative committees, Certified Presenter for Women of Vision, Delegate ECW Triennial for 3 trienniums, chaired, Data Gatherers for the ECW and General Convention joint session. Province II - Synod Planning and Design Committee for 3 Trienniums, Synod Council (ECW Representative), ECW Province President. Diocesan - Diocesan Council, member of the 11th Bishop of WNY Search Committee, Elected Lay Director of WNY Cursillo, Bishop's Gala Committee, Congregational Vitality Committee, ECW Diocesan Board President, Planning and Vision Visitation Team, Belonging to God Committee. Parish - Chaired and developed the service for the 10th anniversary joint ministry program, Licensed Lay Eucharistic Minister/Visitor, Diocesan Convention Delegate, ECW

Parish President, Chair of the Search Committee for Rector, Vestry Warden. she is a member of the Union of Black Episcopalians and the Bishop James Theodore Holley Chapter.

Davis-Wilson is a Cradle Episcopalian and a native of NYC, presently she is studying Spiritual Direction at the St. Joseph Center of Spirituality, she completed the program of Theological Education for Ministry by the School of Theology, from the University of the South. She also studied at Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School. She earned her Master's Degree in Public Administration with a concentration in Hospital Administration and Planning from NYU. Her Bachelor's Degree is in Sociology with a minor in Psychology and Secondary Education from The City College of New York.

Over the course of her career, she has received numerous awards for her excellent work in the health care arena, and has published a variety of articles, the last "A New Garden", a poem in *Go Tell Michelle*, SUNY, Press (2009).



Nominee for Episcopal Representative to Provincial Council: The Rt. Rev. William H. (“Chip”) Stokes, New Jersey

The Right Reverend William H. (Chip) Stokes has served as the 12th Bishop of New Jersey since November 2013. From 1999 until his election, he served as Rector of St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, Delray Beach, Florida. From 1994 – 1998, he was Associate for Christian Education at the Episcopal Church of Bethesda-by-the-Sea in Palm Beach, Florida. From 1990-1994, he served as School Chaplain/Curate of Grace Church and Day School in Massapequa, Long Island. He earned his B.A. at Manhattan College (1987) and his M.Div. from The General Theological Seminary (1990). He was awarded a Doctor of Divinity degree (*honor causa*) from GTS in

2014 and serves on the GTS Board. Bishop Stokes is married to Susan. They have four grown children, two grandchildren and one on the way. He is passionate about Christ’s mission in the world, lifelong Christian formation and racial and social justice.



Nominee for Clerical Representative to Provincial Council: The Very Rev. Joell Szachara, Central New York

The Very Rev. Joell Szachara is Rector at St. Stephen’s Church in New Hartford, NY in the Diocese of Central New York. She has served this parish for over 10 years.

She is a Deputy to General Convention 2018 and has been a Deputy for the last 2 General Conventions. She is serving on the Special Legislative Committee Privilege & Courtesy for this year’s General Convention and served as Secretary on the Committee for the Confirmation of the

Presiding Bishop at the last General Convention. In the Diocese of CNY, Joell has served on The Standing Committee, The Board of the Diocese, Liturgy & Worship Committee, Formation for all the Baptized, and participated in Youth Ministry. She is currently serving as Dean of the Utica/Rome District and is also the Chaplain for St. Margaret's House in New Hartford, NY. She lives in New Hartford, NY.



Nominee for Lay Representative to Provincial Council: Yvonne O'Neal, New York

Yvonne O'Neal grew up in the church. She was first elected to the vestry as a teenager in Puerto Rico. She has been involved with practically every facet of life at the Church of the Holy Trinity since 1976, where she served various vestry terms and is a warden.

In the Diocese of New York, Yvonne is a member of Diocesan Council and the Task Forces Against Human Trafficking and Domestic Violence. She chaired the Companion Diocese Committee for nine years and the Global Mission Commission for six. Yvonne has served on the board of Episcopal Church Women and on the Standing Committee.

Yvonne was a member of the Advisory Council of the Anglican Communion Office at the United Nations. She sat on the board of trustees of The Cathedral School, The American College, and the Society of Financial Service Professionals.

Yvonne has extensive experience as a financial consultant and holds various professional designations. She holds M.A. and B.S. degrees. She completed the Women's Leadership Institute at Hartford Seminary and received the Education for Ministry (EfM) certificate from the School of Theology, The University of the South.