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Greetings from Province II's President and Vice President

Greetings Beloved Friends,

We hope everyone's travel home was smooth and uneventful after our gathering in Albany. We left with a deep sense of God's grace and the power of shared ministry; our time together was inspirational! During our afternoon session we encouraged the forming of prayer partners and many of you shared contact information in the hope of forming ministry groups. We will hold each other accountable to get the Blue Book Reports read, learned, marked, and inwardly digested before we arrive in Austin! We discussed what it means to be Beloved Community through:

- Telling the Truth
- Proclaiming the Dream
- Practicing the Way
- Repairing the Breach.

As we turn our attention to General Convention, we encourage you to reach out to one another and continue the important conversations begun during our Synod gathering. In particular, our brothers and sisters in the Virgin Islands and Haiti need our support. Some have written letters to the Church Insurance Group asking them to consider waiving deductibles for those who have been paying their premiums faithfully. Others are encouraging our Province 2 Bishops to make contact with Episcopal Relief and Development to find out how to partner with them to bring more aid to these dioceses. There is much for which to be grateful and much still to be done.

Most of all let us be God's people of action and prayer, with open hearts to ways we might minister more effectively as a Province. May we be resolute in our commitment to becoming beloved community as the Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement.

Blessings of peace for the journey,

Dahn+ and +DeDe

The Very Rev. Dahn Dean Gandell, President, Province II

The Right Rev. DeDe Duncan-Probe, Vice-President, Province II

Reflections from Synod 2018

By Josh Barrett, a deputy from the Diocese of Rochester

Over the past couple months, I have been reflecting and praying about the direction of our Church. We recently convened as a Province, and soon will gather once again to do the holy work of being together as Church in Austin, Texas. The Holy Spirit is up to something big all across our parishes, dioceses, province and larger Church. I would venture to say that I think we got a taste of it in our time together.

As a first-time deputy, I did not come to the Province meeting with many expectations. The reputation of Provincial meetings carries the weight of outdated bureaucracy. Honestly, that was what I was anticipating and that is what I observed at first. However, I witnessed Christ move within us as a Province as we prayed, worshipped, and asked holy questions.

At the Holy Eucharist, I was asked to assist the deacon with setting the table. I fumbled a couple times. I forgot things on the credence table. I handed the deacon the wrong thing at the wrong time. I probably even made the deacon faintly question my seminarian credentials. I was quite embarrassed, to say the least. Upon reflection, I came to realize that experience might represent us as a Christian people. I fumbled my way through the moment, but the task was completed- Jesus showed up and we were made one with Christ. This is what we do best as the church. God takes our best efforts to “do it right” and then God completes the best work. I pray we show up to Austin with all of our best work, all our deepest prayer and all of our courageous disciple-hearts, even if we have to fumble our way to the table together, over and over again.

Josh is a junior at Virginia Theological Seminary. He is a first-time deputy of the Diocese of Rochester. When Josh isn't in church, you can find him in a nice coffee shop, endlessly talking about the Great British Baking Show, or swinging away in his hammock.

Resolutions to General Convention from Province II

Two resolutions are proposed by Province II for consideration at General Convention:

- C032 TOPIC: Against Human Trafficking
- C033 TOPIC: Respecting the Dignity of Immigrants

The full resolutions in correct format are available on the Province II website at <http://www.province2.org/gc-resource-blog/resolutions-from-province-ii>. The text follows here.

C032 TOPIC: Against Human Trafficking

1 Resolved, the House of _____ concurring, That consistent with Resolution 2009-A167 of the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church, which "calls for the protection of all victims of human trafficking," the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church support the Code of Conduct for the Protection of Children from Sexual Exploitation in Travel and Tourism ("The

Code") adopted by ECPAT (End Child Prostitution and Trafficking); and be it further

2 Resolved, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church encourage programs and ministries of The Episcopal Church to give preference to tourism companies and businesses, including but not limited to hotels, airlines, and travel agents, that have signed The Code when making arrangements for meetings and travel to meetings; and be it further

3 Resolved, That the 79th General Convention of the Episcopal Church encourage programs and ministries of The Episcopal Church to make available opportunities for advocacy and education with tourism companies and businesses, including but not limited to hotels, airlines, and travel agents, that have not signed The Code when they are used for arrangement for meetings and travel to meetings; and be it further

4 Resolved, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church urge all dioceses, parishes within the dioceses, and members of The Episcopal Church to give preference to tourism companies and businesses, including but not limited to hotels, airlines, and travel agents, that have signed The Code when traveling and to engage in advocacy with tourism companies and businesses that have not; and be it further

5 Resolved, That The Episcopal Church website make available current information on the status of companies that have signed The Code, which can be found at <http://www.thecode.org/who-have-signed/members/>.

EXPLANATION

The travel and tourism industry is uniquely positioned to address child sex trafficking. For example, 45% of children trafficked for sex in New York City are exploited in hotels (Ric Curtis et al., "The Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children in New York City," The Center for Court Innovation, NYC, 2008). Members of this industry that endorse The Code agree to:

1. Establish a policy and procedures against child sexual exploitation.
2. Train employees in children's rights, the prevention of sexual exploitation and how to report suspected cases.
3. Include a clause in contracts throughout the value chain stating a common repudiation and zero tolerance policy of child sexual exploitation.

4. Provide information to travelers on children's rights, the prevention of child sexual exploitation and how to report suspected cases.
5. Support, collaborate, and engage stakeholders in the prevention of child sexual exploitation.
6. Report annually on their implementation of Code related activities.

Nearly 1,300 companies have signed The Code, including Delta Airlines, Hilton Worldwide, and Uber Technologies Inc.

Supporting The Code when arranging meetings and travel to meetings would allow The Episcopal Church to continue its tradition of using its economic power to stand for justice and supporting the human rights of children

Co33 TOPIC: Respecting the Dignity of Immigrants

1 Resolved, the House of _____ concurring, That the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church reject and deplore racist and unjust treatment of immigrants of any residential status; and be it further

2 Resolved, That The Episcopal Church affirm the following propositions regarding immigrants in our country: 1. Just reception and hospitable treatment of the stranger in our midst is a faith-based component of baptismal living. 2.

Undocumented immigrants should have reasonable opportunity to pursue permanent residency. 3. Close family members should be allowed to reunite without undue delay with individuals lawfully present in the United States. 4. Fundamental U.S. principles of legal due process should be granted all persons; and be it further

3 Resolved, That The Episcopal Church call upon the Government of the United States to implement humane means of enforcing reasonable border control; and be it further

4 Resolved, That The Episcopal Church support the goals of expanded immigration relief for youth as outlined in the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA); and be it further

5 Resolved, That The Episcopal Church advocate through education, communication, and representation before legislative authorities the continuation of Temporary Protective Status (TPS) for all persons fleeing to or currently resident in the US seeking refuge from violence, environmental

disaster, economic devastation, or cultural abuse or other forms of abuse; and be it further

6 Resolved, That The Episcopal Church advocate for congressional consideration and implementation of comprehensive immigration reform which will allow millions of undocumented immigrants who have established roots in the United States and are often parents and spouses of U.S. Citizens to have a pathway to citizenship and to full social and economic integration into the United States.

News from our neighborhoods....

Diocese of Albany

May 27th: Grand Opening of St. Paul's Community and Ministry Center, 3PM [St. Paul's, Bloomville](#)

The consecration will be conducted by Bishop Bill Love. Once open the Center will "house" a food pantry, free clothing shop, veteran's information center while also serving as a community meeting center for such groups as Nar-Anon, Weight Watchers and Scouts. The O'Connor Hospital will also be conducting health screenings and health classes.



Diocese of Central New York



Pentecost message from DeDe Duncan-Probe, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Central New York. "Each time I approach Pentecost, I think, 'I wish I could get some of that Holy Spirit!'" Watch it on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/Mwm2hzsoTOQ>

"I pray that we will reach deep inside ourselves and connect with that love of God bubbling up, calling us to go and to do likewise. To go out and to proclaim.

In this beautiful spring, in this wonderful season, come outside! Come outside of your fear—and love."

Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe



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Our mission is to accompany and assist asylum seekers from all over the world, regardless of ethnicity, faith tradition, or phase of their journey for protection, integration and resettlement. By recognizing our common humanity and providing hospitality in the heart of Rome, we aim to provide a support program, and to encourage and empower refugees to build new lives. See the latest newsletter <<https://us3.campaign-archive.com/?u=eeef239a884d0bfc8a856ec63&id=2ebc4dd2cb>>

Diocese of Haiti

According to the calendar on the website of the Diocese of Haiti, the list of candidates for the episcopal election was to be published in May. This was to have been followed by opportunities to meet the candidates and a bishop election on May 17. Keep watching for more news!

Diocese of Long Island

St. Luke's, Forest Hills honored for their work tackling homelessness

Father Tom Reese, on behalf of the parish, was recognized at the Queens Community House Annual "Celebrating Local Champions" reception on Wednesday, May 2, at the historical West Side Tennis Club. See the news article: http://qns.com/story/2018/04/30/st-lukes-episcopal-church-in-forest-hills-to-be-honored-for-work-in-homelessness/?mc_cid=cbceco9134&mc_eid=1e997bb1aa

Diocese of New Jersey



The Right Reverend George Edward Cuncell, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey from 2003 until he retired in 2013, died May 21 at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in Hamilton, NJ of complications from a stroke suffered the previous Thursday. He was 68.

Bishop Cuncell presided during a time of conflict in both The Episcopal Church and the Diocese of New Jersey. His gifts for listening, pastoral care, and healing became the hallmarks of his episcopate.

A funeral service will be held on Tuesday, May 29, at 10 AM at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, 801 West State Street in Trenton, NJ. The Right Reverend William H. Stokes, Bishop of New Jersey, will preside; the Right Reverend Alan M. Gates, Bishop of Massachusetts, will offer the tribute. The Most Reverend Michael Bruce Curry, Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church, will preach.

A reception will immediately follow the service. At 2 PM, a procession will leave Trinity Cathedral for St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 145 West Broad Street in Burlington, NJ for the interment.

In lieu of flowers, the Councill family requests donations be made to the George E. Councill Fund for UrbanPromise Ministries in the Diocese of New Jersey. UrbanPromise Ministries is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to equipping children and young adults in underserved communities with the skills necessary for academic achievement, life management, spiritual growth, and Christian leadership. In the Diocese of NJ, UrbanPromise currently serves the cities of Camden and Trenton. The full tribute may be found here:

<http://dioceseofnj.org/diocesan-news/2018/05/22/in-memorial-and-funeral-arrangements-the-right-reverend-george-e-councill/>

Bishop Councill was Vice President of Province II 2008-2011. The photo is of the 2009 Provincial Council.



Diocese of Newark



The Rev. Carlye J. Hughes was chosen XI Bishop of the Diocese of Newark during a special convention on May 19, 2018 at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Morristown.

The first woman and first African-American to be elected bishop in the Diocese of Newark, Hughes, 59, is currently rector of Trinity Episcopal Church in Fort Worth, TX, the Diocese of Fort Worth, and was one of three nominees. Read more:

<https://dioceseofnewark.org/content/diocese-newark-elects-xi-bishop>

Diocese of New York

New Canon to the Ordinary Announced

The Rev. John D. Perris, currently rector of the Church of Christ the King in Frankfurt am Main, Germany, will assume his new responsibilities on June 16. Find out more: <https://www.diocesenyny.org/new-canon-to-the-ordinary-announced/>



Diocese of Rochester

Missionpalooza 2018 - August 6-10, 2018

This is a free opportunity for youth. What is Missionpalooza? It's often said, It takes a village. That's the fundamental cornerstone supporting Missionpalooza 2018. Missionpalooza offers an opportunity for youth to get involved in service projects in the City of Rochester. See what happened in 2017: <http://www.episcopalrochester.org/content/missionpalooza-2017-0>

Diocese of the Virgin Islands

Seventeen Students Earn Masters of Marine and Environmental Studies Degree at UVI

The Center for Marine and Environmental Studies (CMES) at the University of the Virgin Islands announced on Monday, May 21, 2018, that seventeen students received a master of marine and environmental science (MMES) degree during UVI's 2018 commencement ceremonies, noting the number as an exciting time for CMES. Find out more:

http://viconsortium.com/virgin-islands-2/seventeen-students-earn-masters-of-marine-and-environmental-studies-degree-at-uvi/?utm_source=dlvr.it&utm_medium=twitter

Diocese of Western New York



Western New York & Northwestern Pennsylvania Standing Committees Support Proposed Partnership

The Episcopal Dioceses of Western New York and Northwestern Pennsylvania moved one step closer to approving an innovative arrangement under which they would share a bishop and staff for five years while exploring a long-term relationship.

Voting simultaneously in their respective diocesan offices, the Standing Committees of both dioceses unanimously agreed to support a proposal under which Bishop Sean W. Rowe of Northwestern Pennsylvania would take on additional responsibility as bishop provisional of the Diocese of Western New York upon the retirement of Bishop William Franklin on April 3, 2019.

The plan must now be approved by the annual conventions of both dioceses which will meet jointly in Niagara Falls in October. To complete the arrangement, the Diocese of Western New York would elect Rowe as their bishop provisional at that gathering.

To find out more about the proposed cooperation with the Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania visit <http://www.rustbeltepiscopal.org>.

Opportunities and Coming Events

Here are a few of the opportunities and events coming soon. Check our website for more!

We



hope you can join us at the **Seamen's Church Institute's (SCI) Annual Port Newark Food Truck Festival** on Thursday, June 28, from 3pm to 7pm. Hosted at our International

Seafarers' Center, this is SCI Port Newark's largest annual Community Engagement event, with an annual attendance of over 200 people and growing! Find out more and get tickets: <http://seamenschurch.org/port-fest>



Upstate Province 2 Revival Oct 5-6 at Camp Eastman in Rochester, New York! Great music, great preaching, great storytelling and sharing of testimonies--all are welcome! Begins at 4 p.m. on Friday, Oct 5 and ends at 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct 6. Y'all come!

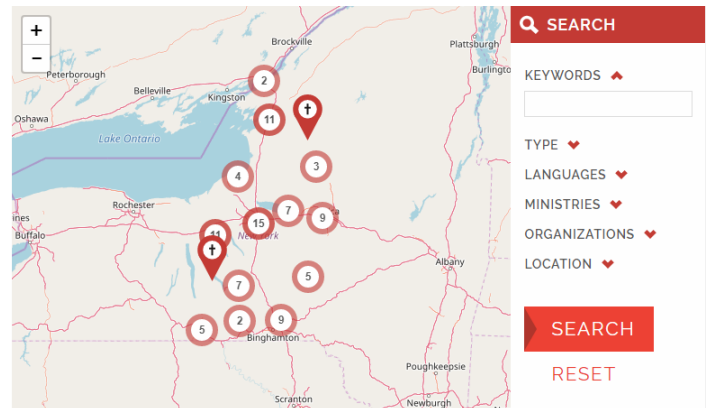


Christ the King Spiritual Life Center welcomes [Judith MacNutt](#) from Christian Healing Ministries as the keynote speaker for a conference dedicated to the transforming power of Jesus Christ. The conference begins Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. and ends with a Healing Service on Saturday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. [More information >](#)

Episcopal Asset Map Unveils New Site

By Meredith Sanderson, Diocese of Central NY
The Episcopal Asset Map, an online platform that shows the location and ministries of Episcopal Churches, schools and other organizations, has recently been re-launched in a streamlined, easy-to-use format.

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry of The Episcopal Church called the Asset Map “truly a tool, a resource” and points out that it has been “revised, expanded, updated, user-friendly and now includes virtually the entire Episcopal Church from the largest cathedral to the smallest house church.” [Read more >](#)



From EpisComm18

This year the Episcopal Communicators’ annual conference was held at Kanuga, NC. It was a wonderful conference with many informative sessions, include Design for Non-designers by Province II’s Jonathan Elliot (NJ). The keynote speaker was Diana Butler Bass. She is a noted author and scholar with a Ph.D. in religious studies from Duke University. Her latest books are *Grounded: Finding God in the World—A Spiritual Revolution* (2015) and *Grateful—The Transformative Power of Giving Thanks*, which was published this spring.

One of the highlights of the annual conference is the Polly Bond Award ceremony. This year's awards included Denise Fillion (LI), Kirk Peterson (Newark), and Sonja Slother (WNY). The list of all of these awards is here: <http://www.episcopalcommunicators.org/Polly-Bond-Award-Winners> and does not require member sign-in.

Episcopal Communicators is a wonderful resource for anyone doing communication at any level in the church. Many of the presentations made at last month's 2018 Episcopal Communicators conference are available in the Resource Library of Episcopal Communicators website <http://www.episcopalcommunicators.org/>. You must log in to access them, but here are the topics:

- Website best practices
- Creating a communications strategy
- Photography (including Lightroom/Photoshop)
- Videography
- Strategy for email messages (diocese, parish, organization)
- Crisis communications in action (diocese, plus others interested)
- Episcopal Asset Map (diocese)
- Google analytics and SEO (diocese, parish, organization)
- Communication as Formation: getting formation leaders to communicate and communications leaders to form (parishes)
- Photos for social media
- iPhone videos (diocese, parish, organization)
- Social media as tools for evangelism (diocese, parish, organization)
- Design for non-designers (diocese, parish, organization)
- Creating a visual identity (diocese, parish, organization)
- Finding and telling stories (diocese, parish, organization)
- Editing writing by others or yourself (diocese, parish, organization)
- The church in the public square (parish, diocese)

And just in case you are wondering, here is the latest!

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