



DIOCESAN DIGEST OCTOBER 20, 2009

EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Election Results from Diocesan Convention

The following people were elected or appointed to diocesan positions during the Diocesan Convention Oct. 16-18 in Lewiston: **Diocesan Council:** Ken Beck, Spokane; Peggy Johnson, Spokane; the Rev. Birch Rambo, Walla Walla; the Rev. Elizabeth Hasen, Spokane, all 3-year terms; Kimberly Rampley, Omak; Andrew Tudor, Wenatchee; the Rev. Elaine Breckenridge, Spokane; the Rev. Vern McGee, Ellensburg, all 1-year appointments. **Standing Committee:** The Rev. Bill Ellis, Spokane; Caryl Mackey, Lewiston; **Directors of the Corporations:** Bruce Miller, Spokane; the Rev. Steve Woolley, Walla Walla; Dennis Murphy, Spokane (1-year term). **Commission on Ministry:** Katherine Rambo, Walla Walla; the Rev. Marilyn Wilder, Oroville; the Ven. Ted Nitz, Pullman; the Rev. Robin Biffle, Moscow; the Rev. Chris Hagenbuch, Grangeville. **Ecclesiastical Court:** Hollis Anderson, Silver Valley; Geoffrey Cant, Sandpoint; the Rev. Ernest Harrelson, Yakima; the Rev. Pat Bell, Coeur d'Alene; the Rev. Christine Soule, Cheney. **Finance Committee:** Teri Mathis, Spokane; Bob Furman, Yakima; Margaret Fisher, Spokane; David Walker, Spokane; Jerry Pierce, Lewiston. **Chaplains to the Retired Clergy:** the Rev. J. P. Carver, the Rev. Barbara Carver, Sandpoint.

Video Links from the Bishop's Address

After the Bishop's address to convention, many people asked for the links to the two video presentations. Both can easily be accessed on the internet by clicking on these links: **Water filter:** www.ted.com/talks/michael_pritchard_invents_a_water_filter.html
Stand by Me song: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Us-TVg40ExM>.

Can on the Can Offering Results

The challenge across the Diocese to "put a can on the can and drop a dime when you flush" has yielded **more than \$9,000** for the Episcopal Relief and Development's Clean Water Wells project. The offering, in thanksgiving for the gift of clean water even for flushing the toilet, was presented at Diocesan Convention Oct. 18. If you still wish to contribute, you have two options. You may send the check directly to ERD (815 Second Ave., New York, NY 10017) with a note that it is part of the Diocese of Spokane offering, or you may send it to Church of the Nativity (731 8th St., Lewiston, ID 83501) and they will forward it to ERD. Please make checks to Episcopal Relief and Development.

Toasting and Tasting at St. Stephen's (Nov. 7)

St. Stephen's, Spokane, will host its annual "Toasting and Tasting" event from 7-9:30 p.m. Nov. 7 at the church. The evening will include music, hors d'oeuvres, wine sampling, live and silent auctions. Tickets are \$30 and available by calling 509.448.2255. For more information, follow this link [Read more](#).

'Songs in Waiting' Book Signing (Nov. 14)

The Rev. Paul-Gordon Chandler will sign copies of his new book "Songs in Waiting," from 10 a.m. to noon Nov. 14 in the crypt community room of St. John's Cathedral. The book features spiritual meditations on the ancient Middle-Eastern canticles sung around the birth of Jesus. Chandler, who now serves a church in Cairo, Egypt, is a priest of our diocese and served in

Spokane. (Editor's Note: If the Digest made book recommendations, this book would be the featured book for Advent.)

Spiritus Deadline Reminder (Oct. 26)

Deadline for registering for the Oct. 31 Spiritus Workshop, "Luke's Gospel and the American Dream," is Oct. 26. Registration forms are available by following this link to the diocesan website: [Spiritus Luke](#). The workshop is designed as an introduction to Year C of the Church's liturgical calendar is for all who preach and all who listen.

Food and Faith Forum (Nov. 14)

St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Spokane will host the Food and Faith Forum from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 14. Speakers will be Peter Illyn of Restoring Eden and Pastor Craig Goodwin of Millwood Presbyterian Church and Year of Plenty. The \$20 admission fee includes lunch. For information or to register, e-mail faithandenvironment@gmail.com or call 509.294.3944.

Bishop Waggoner's Reflections on Diocesan Convention

Still buoyed by convention and gradually digesting the overall experience, I offer at least some random thoughts in the way of observation.

First, I am deeply grateful for all who contributed so much and worked so hard to bring about a memorably successful event. Second, I am most mindful at the moment how many people were involved under the leadership of our host Deanery, Diocesan Staff, and Joint Committee on Arrangements, and how much of the work was done behind the scenes, beginning two years ago.

At this early post-convention date, I invite you to join me in reflecting on the great portion of ministry that almost always happens in the form of prayer, preparation, and organization behind the scenes before the publicly visible actions occur. There is a pattern here for what can happen when we offer our prayers and work together (openly, energetically, sometimes stressfully) focused on a common mission.

The pattern is worth noting because it applies to all levels of ministry – congregational, diocesan, national, and global. It is a pattern worth recognizing and remembering because it is the one we are called to live out day to day in community as we did just this past weekend. How thankful I am for the Blessings that occur for us and for others when we do.

+Jim

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer 2009

The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer is now available on the diocesan website:

www.spokanediocese.org. Click on the "Ministries" tab at the top of the page and use the pull-down menu to locate the prayer cycle or visit <http://www.spokanediocese.org/ministries/prayer-cycles>

For prayer cycle information, contact: The Rev. Lynn Yule, dlyule612@charter.net, 509-582-8635(O)

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Diocesan Calendar as of October 20, 2009

Oct 22 Celtic celebration (St. David's) www.stdavidspokane.org

Oct 24 Ultreya and potluck dinner (Holy Trinity, Spokane)

Oct 31 Spiritus event on Gospel of Luke (Cathedral) [Spiritus Luke](#)

Nov 1 Ordination of Linda Hale to the Diaconate (Holy Trinity, Sunnyside)

Nov 6-7 Commission on Ministry (Paulsen House)

Nov 6 Fig Tree Auction (St. John's Cathedral)

Nov 7 Toasting and Tasting (St. Stephen's) [Read more](#)

Nov 14 Songs in Waiting book signing (St. John's Cathedral)

Nov 14 Faith and Food Forum (St. Mark's Lutheran, Spokane) faithandenvironment@gmail.com

Feb 1-4 Clergy Retreat (Immaculate Heart, Spokane)

Apr 19-21 Clergy Conference (Immaculate Heart, Spokane)

June 21-26 Ride the Palouse Bike Tour

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