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Proceedings
48th Annual Convention of the
Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon
October 19-21, 2018
Hood River, Oregon

Deepening Our Connection: With God, Each Other, and Our Neighbor

Presiding: The Rt. Rev. Patrick Bell, Bishop

Friday, October 19, 2018

Friday's events were held at St. Mark's Episcopal Church and the Best Western Hood River Inn in Hood River, Oregon.

Registration was held from 3:00 p.m.– 6:30 p.m. in The Gorge Room of the BW Hood River Inn. Convention participants shared a meal from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

The following meetings were held Friday afternoon prior to the start of Convention:

- The Eastern Oregon Episcopal Foundation Annual Meeting was held from 3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. at St. Mark's Episcopal Church.
- The Episcopal Relief and Development parish representatives met from 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary of St. Mark's, led by Bruce Barnes, ERD Coordinator for Eastern Oregon.
- The Eastern Oregon Episcopal Foundation Trustees met following the annual meeting from 4:30 p.m.- 5:30 p.m. at St. Mark's Episcopal Church.

Business Session I:

Call to Order

At 7:02 p.m. the people gathered in the Gorge Room and Bishop Patrick Bell called the meeting to order. Doug Harder, Secretary of Convention, reported that a quorum in the lay order, in the clergy order, and a quorum of parishes were represented.

Welcome

Bishop Bell welcomed everyone to the 48th Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon. The Rev. Kelly Mahon, who will be ordained to the priesthood on November 17, 2018 and has been called as the new rector for St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Hood River, offered the opening prayer.

Bishop Bell introduced the following members of the Convention Planning Committee and thanked them for their hard work in planning the event:

- The Rev. Roy Green, Chair, Sunriver Christian Fellowship, Sunriver
- The Rev. Marilyn Roth, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, The Dalles
- Bill Brisson, Trinity Episcopal Church, Bend
- Flossie Keeler, Church of the Redeemer, Pendleton
- Patti Knollman, Sunriver Christian Fellowship, Sunriver
- Vicki Kelsey, St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Hood River

The bishop also thanked the parishes of St. Mark's, Hood River and St. Paul's, The Dalles for their help in the planning and coordination of the weekend's events. He introduced his wife TinaMarie Bell, Bishop Brian Thom, Bishop of the Diocese of Idaho, Juli Stratton, Executive Director of North Idaho Pride Alliance, and Charlie Manning, from Snake River Correctional Institute.

Doug Harder, Secretary of Convention, announced the location of the names of the various Convention Committees in the pre-convention Journal and informed everyone that there were candidates for all open positions on Standing Committee and Diocesan Council and if there was anyone interested in putting forth another candidate to please let him know before the start of Saturday's first business session.

Bishop Bell introduced the convention Keynote speaker, The Rev. Dr. Dwight Zscheile, Vice President for Innovation and Associate Professor of Congregational Mission at Luther Seminary in St Paul, Minnesota. Dr. Zscheile led the convention in an exercise called Dwelling the Word – a simple practice of imaginatively listening to scripture.

At 7:42 Bishop Bell gave his Bishop's Address titled Message Givers and Message Receivers. The printed version of the Bishop's address can be found in the pages immediately following these proceedings.

Prayers at the Close of the Day

Terry Rahmsdorff led the Prayers at the Close of the Day and the Convention was adjourned until Saturday morning.

Julie Stratton presented the film Gen Silent for those who wished to view it immediately after the Prayers at the Close of the Day.

Saturday, October 20, 2018

Saturday's events were held in The Gorge Room at the BW Hood River Inn, Hood River.
Registration of late arrivals continued from 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.

Budget Review Session

Randy Heise, Treasurer of the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon, lead a budget review session from 7:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.

Business Session II:

Call to Order

Bishop Bell called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. and asked Doug Harder, Secretary of Convention, to report on a quorum. Doug reported that a quorum in the lay order, in the clergy order, and a quorum of parishes were represented.

Letters of Greeting

Bishop Bell read a letter of greeting from The Rt. Rev. Nedi Rivera, 7th Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon.

Announcements and Welcome

Bishop Bell announced that there would be a 12-Step meeting prior to the banquet in room 114 for those who would like to attend.

The bishop explained that conversations are open to all visitors, as well as lay and clergy delegates, however, only delegates and clergy with voting badges may vote on any motion or election.

Dr. Zscheile, Juli Stratton, Bishop Thom, and Charlie Manning were once again introduced and welcomed to the Diocese of Eastern Oregon.

Bishop Bell introduced the diocesan staff; Lisa Boquist, Diocesan Administrator, Kim Lee, Operations Manager of Ascension School, and Lee Kiefer, Canon for Transition Ministry.

The current members of Standing Committee and Diocesan Council were asked to stand:

Mary Link	Standing Committee	Class of 2019
The Rev. Mary Lujan	Standing Committee	Class of 2019
The Rev. Jed Holdorph	Standing Committee	Class of 2020
Gregg Henton	Standing Committee	Class of 2020
Adrienne Brown	Diocesan Council	Class of 2019
Beth Spell	Diocesan Council	Class of 2019
The Rev. Charlotte Wells	Diocesan Council	Class of 2019
Barbara Reynolds Mayo	Diocesan Council	Class of 2020
The Rev. Joseph Farber	Diocesan Council	Class of 2020

A special thank you was given to outgoing members of Council and Standing Committee:

Julie Reynolds	Standing Committee	Class of 2018
The Rev. Nancy Sargent Green	Standing Committee	Class of 2018
Vicki Mosier	Diocesan Council	Class of 2018
Karly Nash	Diocesan Council	Class of 2018
The Rev. Aletha Bonebrake	Diocesan Council	Class of 2018

The officers of the diocese were also introduced and asked to stand:

Doug Harder, Secretary of Convention
Randy Heise, Diocesan Treasurer
James Foster, Chancellor

New Positions and Assignments

The bishop announced the following new positions and assignments in the diocese:

- The Rev. Marilyn Roth, Priest in Charge, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, The Dalles.
- The Rev. Kelly Mahon, Rector, St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Hood River.
- The Rev. Joyce Atchley, Deacon, St. Thomas, Canyon City.
- The Rev. Georgia Giacobbe published a book on EDEO's history.

Transitions

The following transitions happened in the diocese:

- The Rev. Kathy Macek retired from St. Peter's Episcopal Church, La Grande.
- The Rev. Chuck Barnes was ordained to the priesthood on January 13, 2018.
- The Rev. Red Stevens retired from St. Paul's Episcopal Church, The Dalles.
- The Rev. Richard Thew, Gretchen Kimsey, and Laurence Kerr completed their terms on the Ascension School Advisory Board.
- Amy and Aaron Tensen, Linda Powers, and Makenzie Dyer were appointed as new members of the Ascension School Advisory Board.
- AnnMarie Hardin was admitted as a candidate for ordination.
- Sean Rogers, Dan Jeffery, Katy Nesbitt, and Jeff Spreier have all been admitted to postulancy.

Farewells

The Bishop honored the passing of the following EDEO clergy:

- The Rev. Larry Mahon, December 2017
- The Rev. Doug Jerome, February 2018
- The Rev. Louis Hodgkins, February 2018

Elections and Confirmations

Standing Committee-Clergy

M/S/C The Rev. Roy Green was elected by unanimous ballot to the Standing Committee, Class of 2021.

Standing Committee-Lay

M/S/C Julie Reynolds was elected by unanimous ballot to the Standing Committee, Class of 2021.

Diocesan Council-Clergy

M/S/C The Rev. Aletha Bonebrake was elected by unanimous ballot to the Diocesan Council Class of 2021.

Diocesan Council-Lay

M/S/C Kay Sharp and Kit Morgan wer elected by unanimous ballot to the Diocesan Council Class of 2021.

2018 Proposed Budget

Bishop Bell introduced Diocesan Treasurer Randy Heise to present the 2019 budget recommended by Diocesan Council to Convention.

M/S/C Motion to approve the 2019 Diocesan Budget as presented. (Doug Harder, Joseph Farber)

Consent Calendar

- a. Constitution and Canon Revision Resolution (Page 23 of the PCJ)
- b. Confirmation of Officers of the Diocese (Page 20 of the PCJ)
- c. Election of Ecclesiastical Disciplinary Board Class of 2021 (Page 20 of the PCJ)
- d. Confirmation of Commission on Ministry members Class of 2021 (Page 20 of PCJ)

M/S/C Motion to approve the consent calendar. (Roy Green, Marty Nyman)

Grace Chapel

Charlie Manning and Linda Quinn in support of the inmates at Snake River Correctional Institute in Ontario, Oregon who are petitioning the diocese to accept them as a parochial parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon. Charlie Manning shared stories of several of the men and Linda Quinn read a letter from the Rev. Jim Mosier expressing his support for the petition. Bishop Thom and The Rev. Nancy Green also spoke briefly from the floor and echoed Rev. Mosier's support.

Keynote Session

At 9:00 a.m. Dr. Zscheile led the convention in another spiritual practice titled *Dwelling in the Word* and, after a short break at 9:45, invited discussion around his presentation titled; *A Fluid and Uncertain Age*.

Prayers at Noon Day and Lunch

Flossie Keeler and Roy Green led Prayers at Noonday at 11:50 a.m. which included a necrology. Lunch was served immediately after.

Keynote Session

The afternoon session with Dr. Zscheile began at 1:00 p.m. when members of convention were invited to go out into the neighborhood and simply observe what God might be up to in that area. When people returned there was a brief discussion. Dr. Zscheile then gave a presentation titled *Rediscovering Roots*.

Business Session III

Convention reconvened at 3:40.

Courtesy Resolutions

Bishop Bell introduced The Rev. Jed Holdorph who presented the following Courtesy Resolutions:

As our gathering this weekend for the 48th Convention of the Diocese of Eastern Oregon is a reminder that we are members of a larger Church, be it

Resolved, that the clergy and laity of the Diocese of Eastern Oregon extend greetings to our brothers and sisters in the neighboring Diocese of Spokane, and their bishop Gretchen Rehberg, offering our prayers for them as they gather this weekend for their Diocesan Convention in Spokane, October 19-21; and be it further

Resolved, that the laity and clergy of the Diocese of Eastern Oregon extend greetings to our sisters and brothers in the neighboring Diocese of Oregon, and their bishop Michael Hanley, offering our prayers for them as they gather for their Diocesan Convention in Seaside, November 1-3; and be it further

Resolved, that the clergy and laity of the Diocese of Eastern Oregon extend greetings to our sisters and brothers in the neighboring Diocese of Idaho, our partners in the High Desert School for Ministry, and their bishop Brian Thom, whom we welcome among us this weekend, offering our prayers for them as they gather for their Diocesan Convention in Boise, November 9-11; and be it further

Resolved, that the laity and clergy of the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon extend greetings to our brothers and sisters in the Oregon Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and their bishop Dave Brauer-Rieke; and be it further

Resolved, that the clergy and laity of the Diocese of Eastern Oregon extend greetings and affection to the Rt. Reverend Bill Gregg, 6th Bishop of our Diocese; and be it further

Resolved, that the laity and clergy of the Diocese of Eastern Oregon extend greetings and affection to the Rt. Reverend Nedi Rivera, 7th Bishop of our Diocese; and be it further

Resolved, that the clergy and laity of the Diocese of Eastern Oregon extend greetings and affection to Gretchen Kimsey, giving thanks for her ongoing presence as a member of this most blessed fellowship here in God's Country.

General Convention 2018 Report

The following General Convention Deputies presented reports on the various resolutions and events of General Convention 2018 that occurred in Austin, TX on July 5-13, 2018:

The Rev. Roy Green
The Rev. Nancy Sargent Green
The Rev. Jed Holdorph
The Rev. Janet Warner
Ruth Tsu
Terry Rahmsdorff
Randy Heise

Lutheran Partnerships and Blended Congregations

Bishop Bell asked The Rev. Nancy Sargent Green and the members of Sunriver Christian Fellowship to come forward and acknowledged that Sunriver Christian Fellowship had just celebrated their 20 year anniversary. The Bishop also recognized The Rev. Joseph Farber from Sisters for his leadership in that blended congregation and the members of the ELCA that are currently leading joint ELCA/Episcopal congregation in the diocese:

Pastor Matt Littau, Burns
Pastor Katy Anderson, Heppner
Pastor Katherine Brick, Madras
Pastor Jack Coffey, Klamath Falls, Bonanza, and Lakeview

Hurricane Relief

Ellen Nesbitt, Enterprise, thanked convention for the many quilts that were donated and will be sent to the Diocese of East Carolina to comfort those affected by Hurricane Florence. Ellen had organized the quilt drive after hearing about the need.

Banquet

The Banquet began at 6:00 p.m. After dinner Bishop Thom spoke about his excitement over the growing partnership between the Diocese of Idaho and the Diocese of Eastern Oregon. Bishop Bell and Kim Lee presented All Saint's Episcopal Church + Hope Lutheran in Heppner with the Ascension Banner. Gifts of appreciation were given to Bishop Thom, Juli Stratton, Charlie Manning, and Dr. Zscheile. The Rev. Roy Green presented TinaMarie Bell with a gift of appreciation from the diocese. Ceramic plates with an image of the chapel on them, created by Marten Tromp Van Holst, were offered for a minimum donation of \$100.00 to go towards repairing the buttresses on the Ascension Chapel.

Prayers at the End of the Day

Vicki Kelsey led Prayers at the End of the Day.

Sunday, October 21, 2018

Business Session IV

Convention Reconvened at 8:05 a.m.

Ascension School Report

Bishop Bell gave an update on Ascension School. He thanked former Executive Director Kim McClain for her efforts at Ascension School and wished her well in her next endeavors. The Bishop announced that he is seeking assistance from the Episcopal Camps and Conference Centers organization and there will be 2 consultants visiting the camp in November. They will meet with staff and create a report with recommendations for the future. There are plans underway to expand the grounds to include a walking/meditation trail through the property currently leased to a local farmer. Those plans include a partnership with the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation to replant the land with native plants and grasses.

Grace Chapel

M/S/C *Motion to welcome Grace Chapel as a parochial parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon (Roy Green, Nancy Sargent Green)*

The entire convention stood and applauded their support for the resolution.

Courtesy Resolutions

Bishop Bell introduced The Rev. Jed Holdorph who presented the following Courtesy Resolutions:

As our gathering this weekend for the 48th Convention of the Diocese of Eastern Oregon has been an example of hospitality shared with the whole diocesan family, be it

Resolved, that the attendees of the 48th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon give thanks to Roy Green, chair of this year's Diocesan Convention Committee, and to the other members, Bill Brisson, Flossie Keeler, Vicki Kelsey, Patti Knollman, Marilyn Roth, together with Kim Lee and the incomparable Lisa Boquist; and be it further

Resolved, that the attendees of the 48th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon give thanks to the congregation of St Mark's, Hood River, and in particular to Kelly Mahon, their new rector, and to Sue Jenkins, parish administrator, for their generous hospitality this weekend; and be it further

Resolved, that the attendees of the 48th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon give thanks to the congregations of both St Mark's, Hood River, and St. Paul's, The Dalles, and especially to the altar guilds from those congregations, and to Rule Beasley, our music leader, for all their support in worship this morning; and be it further

Resolved, that the attendees of the 48th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon give thanks to the Hood River Inn team, especially Lisa Willis and Kathleen O'Connor-McNew, for opening their doors to us, making guests of strangers.

As our gathering this weekend for the 48th Convention of the Diocese of Eastern Oregon has been a charge to all of us to take our place as ministers of the Good News of Jesus Christ, be it

Resolved, that the laity and clergy of the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon extend greetings and appreciation to the Most Reverend Michael Curry, for his worldwide witness to the transformative power of love and for his leadership within our Church, calling on all of us to take our part in the Jesus Movement in the name of our loving, liberating, and life-giving God; and be it further

Resolved, that the clergy and laity of the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon give thanks to the Rt. Reverend Patrick Bell, 8th Bishop of our Diocese, for calling us to make that stunning shift from what has been to what yet shall be, and for the Diocesan staff, who offer their support of him and all of us; and be it further

Resolved, that the laity and clergy of the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon give thanks to Charlie Manning for keeping faith with her boys - our brothers in Christ - at Snake River Correctional Institution; and be it further

Resolved, that the clergy and laity of the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon pledge ourselves as members of one family to the members of Grace Chapel, our newest congregation within this Diocese; and be it further

Resolved, that the attendees of the 48th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon give thanks to Juli Stratton, our beloved friend and wise teacher this weekend; and be it further

Resolved, that the attendees of the 48th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon give thanks to Jan Elfers, of the Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, our partner within the wider communities of faith in Oregon, and our preacher later this morning; and be it further

Resolved, that the attendees of the 48th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon give thanks to our keynote speaker, the Rev. Dr. Dwight Zscheile, for his teaching and vision of an agile church, able to dwell both in God's Word and in God's World, and willing to risk failure as we open ourselves to the wider world and a new future we do not yet imagine.

Time and Place of Convention

Bishop Bell announced the following locations and dates for upcoming Diocesan Conventions:

- 49th Diocesan Convention will be held at Ascension School October 18-20, 2019.
- 50th Diocesan Convention will be held in Pendleton, October 16-18, 2018.

Adjournment

M/S/C *Motion to adjourn the 48th annual convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon.*
(Gregg Henton, Nancy Green)

Keynote Session

Dr. Zscheile gave his final presentation to convention at 8:30am.

Convention Eucharist

The Eucharist service was held at 10:30 a.m. Jan Elfers, Executive Director of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, preached the sermon and Bishop Bell presided and Bishop Thom assisted. The offering was designated for victims of the 2018 wild fires in the Columbia River Gorge.

Proceedings of the 2018 Diocesan Convention prepared by:

Lisa Boquist
Assistant Secretary of Convention

Approved by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Douglas Harder", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Douglas Harder
Secretary of Convention

Bishop's Address

Hood River 2018

By The Rt. Rev. Patrick W. Bell

DEEPENING OUR CONNECTIONS: With God, Each Other, & Our Neighbor

They went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia. When they had come opposite Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them; so, passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas. During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

Acts 16: 6-10

Welcome, dear friends, as we gather together for this year's Convention as the people of the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon. We are altering our schedule this year in order to give more time for our esteemed guest, The Rev. Dr. Dwight Zscheile, so that we can take advantage of his significant learning around being a more innovative, adaptive and agile church.

To that end, my comments are going to be brief this evening, but I am going to take the privilege of making further comments as we journey together through this weekend.

Allow me to connect to what I shared in last year's address by restating my basic thesis then:

We must redirect our VISION to SEE differently what is our true calling,
In order that we might engage in God's true mission.

That statement begs the question: why do we need to redirect where we are looking? Allow me to offer an answer to that by quoting from Alexander Theroux's excellent work, Darconville's Cat, wherein he tells the story of a young teacher of English literature who takes a position on the faculty of Quincy Girl's College. During the beginning of his first term in residence, the pompous and self-absorbed head of the College, President Greattracks, addresses the new student body with his customary zeal to conform these young women in the traditions of his institution. And so, he admonishes them:

"Gaze boldly into the past and put the future behind you."

We often spend a good deal of time in our Christian experience gazing longingly at times past. Now, doing so in some measure is necessary - we are a people who continue a long tradition of paying attention to the life and teachings of Jesus, as well as the witness of so many believers who preceded us. That is the foundation of our faith, after all. But we also have what I would suggest is an unhealthy and unhelpful habit of looking backward to what we think was a "better time" in each of our faith communities, or even what we think was the height of our denominational "glory", and we pine away nostalgically for that supposed "golden age."

I suspect we do so largely because we realize deep down that the world has changed, our culture has changed, people have changed - and we neither know what happened nor how to get back what church used to be like. So we dwell on memories, which is easier and less frightening than dwelling on the present. But fear, or frustration, is a great motivator, and I would like to suggest that being in just such a time and place as we are now is exactly the milieu in which the Spirit of God can touch our hearts and minds and move us across the threshold of time into a challenging and fruitful future.

We have talked about changing from maintenance to mission. It is time we acted on just that. We can no longer afford the backward vision to what was - that way has exhausted itself, and us.

Too long have we focused our energy, our resources, our time to building the church, the institution - AS IF THAT WAS GOD'S MISSION.....

God does have a mission, but the Church is but an active co-laborer toward that mission. We must get over ourselves: our grand architecture, our beloved liturgy, our secret language and acronyms.

.....And get to the mission, the Message, The way.

Former Archbishop of Canterbury, William Temple, once said:

"The Church is the only society that exists for the benefit of those who are not its member."

In other words, we need to quit worrying about our status, even our "survival", as the church, and focus on participating in God's work. And that is, the mission of reconciliation, of connection with God, with each other, with our neighbor, with our world. Our very life, personal, common, and societal, depends upon just that.

From one of our contemporary prophets, Richard Rohr, comes this pronouncement:

"I'm convinced that beneath the ugly manifestations of our present evils—political corruption, ecological devastation, warring against one another everywhere, hating each other based on race, gender, religion, or sexual orientation—**the greatest dis-ease facing humanity right now is our profound and painful sense of disconnection. We feel disconnected from God, certainly, but also from ourselves (our bodies), from each other, and from our world.** Our sense of this fourfold isolation is plunging our species into increasingly destructive behavior and much mental illness." Website - Center for Action and Contemplation. September 2016

It is to this work of understanding God's mission and learning to engage it that we come this weekend. May God unsettle and confirm us in the task.

Amen

Minutes from the EOEF Annual Meeting

The Eastern Oregon Episcopal Foundation

October 19, 2018

St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Hood River

Present

The Rt. Rev. Patrick Bell		Trustee Chair
Jerry Frazier	St. Paul's The Dalles	Treasurer
Joel Bigelow	St. Stephen's Baker City	Trustee
Charles Cagle	St. Andrew's Burns	Trustee
Laurance Kerr	St. Paul's The Dalles	Trustee
Gretchen Kimsey	St. Paul's The Dalles	Trustee

Absent

Dave Keeler	Redeemer Pendleton	Trustee
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Certified voting members who signed in for the Annual Meeting

Beth Bigelow	St. Stephen's	Baker City
Terry Rahmsdorff	Trinity	Bend
Ann Thew	St. Andrew's	Burns
George Nairns	Hopeful Saints	Heppner
Vicki Kelsey	St. Mark's	Hood River
Anthony Walz	St. Paul's	Klamath Falls
Janet Warner	St. Peter's	La Grande
Marty Nyman	St. James's	Milton Freewater
Flossie Keeler	Redeemer	Pendleton
Helen Keefe	Transfiguration	Sisters
Ava Kerr	St. Paul's	The Dalles

Other annual meeting attendees (visitors are always welcome)

Julie Reynolds	St. Paul's	The Dalles
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Meeting was called to order by Bishop Pat with a prayer.

Eleven congregations were present with a required quorum of eleven.

Minutes were accepted as corrected - moved by Terry Rahmsdorff – seconded by Laurance Kerr.

Financial Report

Friend and Reagan of The Dalles has reviewed previous years of accounting. Approximately five previous years will be audited with a bill of around \$20,000 expected.

Income from the Duncan Farm for two years was received in the year 2018, with the 2018 pea harvest bringing in \$11,530.59, the 2017 wheat harvest bringing in \$38,793 and the sale of straw bringing in \$420. Uncle Sam returned \$603 to the Foundation, bringing the grand total income to just under \$51,000 for 2018. The net income from the Duncan Farm is divided by thirds....1/3 going to the Foundation, 1/3 going to Ascension School and 1/3 going to the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon. Bank of the West shows a total balance for the Foundation of \$106,216.26. Wells Fargo shows an investment balance of \$460,759.42 with a prior 12 month total return of 4 or 5%.

Report from the Chair

Bishop Pat asked Charlie Cagle of St. Andrew's Burns to report on the Biomass project. This past year EOEF gave a grant of \$15,500 to the project which will be added to the greater sum which will now reduce the cost of heating many buildings in Burns by 40%. St. Andrew's financial obligation to this project was \$69,000. Well done St. Andrew's and Burns!!

There was a brief discussion regarding the Duncan Farm earnings.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gretchen Kimsey

2018 Budget

2019 EDEO Proposed Budget

A	B	D	E	F	G
		2017 Actuals	2018 Budget	2018 Projections	2019 Proposed Budget
1					
5	Income				
	Total Assessments	\$400,672.28	\$370,000.00	\$370,000.00	\$375,000.00
12					
13	Other Income				
14	Duncan	\$6,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$4,000.00
15	Convention Income		\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
17	Total Other Income	\$6,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$14,000.00
19					
20	Grants /Loans				
21	Found. Grant Retired Clergy Ins.	\$8,400.00	\$8,400.00	\$8,400.00	\$8,400.00
23	Total Grants/Loans	\$8,400.00	\$8,400.00	\$8,400.00	\$8,400.00
24					
25	Total Investment Income	\$43,000.00	\$45,000.00	\$45,000.00	\$44,000.00
26					
27	Transfers In				
28	Ministry Formation		\$12,700.00	\$12,700.00	\$12,500.00
29	Strategic Dev. Fund		\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$8,100.00
30	Medical Reserve	\$0.00	\$11,000.00	\$11,000.00	\$11,000.00
31	Total Transfer In	\$0.00	\$27,700.00	\$27,700.00	\$31,600.00
32	Total EDEO Income	\$458,072.28	\$471,100.00	\$471,100.00	\$473,000.00
33	Total Asc. School Income	\$267,987.76	\$312,700.00	\$312,700.00	\$310,500.00
34	Total Income	\$726,060.04	\$783,800.00	\$783,800.00	\$783,500.00
35					
36					

2019 EDEO Proposed Budget

	A	B	D	E	F	G
			2017 Actuals	2018 Budget	2018 Projections	2019 Proposed Budget
1						
37	Expense	The Larger Church				
38		EMO-Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
39		Province VIII	\$1,672.00	\$1,700.00	\$1,700.00	\$1,700.00
40		TEC - The Episcopal Church	\$48,564.00	\$36,600.00	\$36,600.00	\$38,664.75
41		Theological Education - HDSM	\$0.00	\$8,000.00	\$7,820.00	\$8,000.00
42		Total The Larger Church	\$50,236.00	\$48,300.00	\$48,120.00	\$50,364.75
46		Total Offerings	\$2,800.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
47		Ministry Support				
52		Total Diocesan Commissions	\$2,223.50	\$1,500.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,500.00
53		Total Commission on Ministry	\$8,947.38	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$6,000.00
61		Total Conferences & Memberships	\$5,777.44	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$5,500.00
65		Total Convention	\$4,943.09	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
69		Total Diocesan Council/SC	\$9,470.04	\$12,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$7,500.00
78		Total Faith Formation	\$16,895.17	\$21,700.00	\$15,000.00	\$16,019.00
81		Total Canonical Training	\$23.00	\$100.00	\$23.00	\$100.00
83		General Convention Reserve	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$11,000.00
85		Youth Reserve	\$3,000.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
87		Total Staff Expense	\$10,318.61	\$6,500.00	\$8,000.00	\$7,000.00
89		Total Ministry Support	\$73,598.23	\$76,800.00	\$69,023.00	\$65,119.00
91		Total Bishop Expenses	\$38,642.14	\$44,000.00	\$44,000.00	\$44,000.00
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2019 EDEO Proposed Budget

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			2017 Actuals	2018 Budget	2018 Projections	2019 Proposed Budget
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95	Personnel					
96	Payroll					
97	Bishop		\$23,584.92	\$23,585.00	\$23,585.00	\$23,585.00
98	Bishop Housing		\$10,760.04	\$10,761.00	\$10,761.00	\$10,761.00
99	SS Premium		\$2,845.08	\$2,846.00	\$2,846.00	\$2,846.00
101	Ascension Executive Director		\$36,375.03	\$48,500.00	\$40,417.09	\$24,250.00
102	Ascension Operations Manager		\$38,499.96	\$38,500.00	\$38,500.00	\$39,270.00
103	Diocesan Admini./Executive Assistant		\$51,000.00	\$51,000.00	\$51,000.00	\$52,020.00
104	Total Payroll		\$163,065.03	\$175,192.00	\$167,109.09	\$152,732.00
106	Total Payroll Expenses		\$1,024.59	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,080.00
108	Total Payroll Taxes		\$11,665.77	\$13,000.00	\$13,000.00	\$11,260.00
112	Total Pension		\$11,819.60	\$12,500.00	\$9,590.00	\$10,500.00
119	Total Medical/Life Insurance		\$47,138.00	\$50,860.00	\$49,260.00	\$47,866.00
121	Total Total Personnel		\$234,712.99	\$255,552.00	\$242,959.09	\$226,438.00
122	Administration					
123	Contracted Services					
124	Audit		\$6,000.00	\$6,500.00	\$6,500.00	\$6,500.00
125	Communication and Promotion		\$2,703.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
126	Bookkeeping/Payroll Services		\$10,705.45	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$4,020.00
127	Legal Fees		\$50.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
128	Archive Project		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
130	Contracted Ascension Exec. Dir.					\$30,003.25
131	Transition Minister		\$11,146.19	\$8,700.00	\$12,000.00	\$15,000.00
132	Total Contracted Services		\$33,804.64	\$26,700.00	\$29,500.00	\$59,523.25

2019 EDEO Proposed Budget

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			2017 Actuals	2018 Budget	2018 Projections	2019 Proposed Budget
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136		Equipment Reserve	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
137		Technology	\$3,451.99	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00
138		Other Expense	\$94.78	\$0.00	\$4.00	\$0.00
139		Office Supplies	\$1,696.33	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
140		Photocopies and Printing	\$3,341.38	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
141		Postage	\$617.09	\$1,000.00	\$700.00	\$1,000.00
142		Telephone	\$240.00	\$240.00	\$240.00	\$240.00
145		Total Administration	\$44,246.21	\$36,940.00	\$39,444.00	\$69,763.25
150		Total Maintenance	\$1,364.25	\$1,500.00	\$1,398.15	\$1,000.00
155		Total Insurance and Taxes	\$9,490.78	\$10,300.00	\$10,300.00	\$10,300.00
156		Total EDEO Expenses	\$455,090.60	\$476,392.00	\$458,244.24	\$469,985.00
157		Total Asc. School Expenses	\$272,042.44	\$317,790.00	\$317,790.00	\$313,515.00
158						
159		Total Income	\$726,060.04	\$783,800.00	\$783,800.00	\$783,500.00
160		Total Expense	\$727,133.04	\$794,182.00	\$776,034.24	\$783,500.00
161		Balance	(1,073.00)	(10,382.00)	7,765.76	\$0.00
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Convention Committee Appointments

Nominations Committee: Task: to recruit and encourage candidates for open positions on Diocesan Council and Standing Committee, with a focus on encouraging representation from each Convocation.

The Rev. Aletha Bonebrake, Diocesan Council	St. Stephen's, Baker City
The Rev. Nancy Sargent Green, Standing Committee	SCF, Sunriver
Vicki Mosier, Diocesan Council	St. Matthew's, Ontario
Karly Nash, Diocesan Council	Trinity, Bend
Julie S. Reynolds, Standing Committee	St. Paul's, The Dalles

Resolutions Committee: Task: to evaluate resolutions and present them to the Convention, with recommendation for action, or, in some cases to return them to their makers. The Committee does not have to address the resolutions that are introduced with various reports. The Committee also prepares Courtesy Resolutions. The Committee may respond to the Bishop's Address, proposing action by Convention and the Diocese in the form of recommendations or resolutions, as appropriate.

The Rev. Jed Holdorph-Chair	Trinity, Bend
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Tellers: Task: to distribute items including ballots and count ballots and report elections to the President of the Convention.

Barbara Mayo	Trinity, Bend
The Rev. Aletha Bonebrake	St. Stephen's, Baker City
Jim Spell	St. Thomas, Canyon City

Convention Offering Committee: Task: to recommend recipients of the Convention offerings.

Diocesan Council has accepted appointment as the Convention Offering Committee and has designated the 2018 Convention offering to support the farms and families affected by the fires in the Columbia River Gorge.

Time and Place of 2019 Diocesan Convention:

Ascension School Camp and Conference Center, Cove	October 18-20, 2019
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To
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Archives/Historiographer Project Report

Work continues in the Diocesan Archives located in The Dalles. I have tried not to allow too much dust to collect this year. Actually, that is the image I want to change—that the historical records are stored away in an inaccessible room collecting dust.

Since last convention, I have continued to catalog and preserve the remaining collection that needs it. This will always be an ongoing process as information and records will continue coming in and require cataloging or preservation. A time consuming but enlightening work project was a file box of diocesan photographs. Originally the box was labeled as photographs used in past issues of the *Oregon Trail Churchman*. It contains photos of the many dedicated and hard-working people in this diocese and VIPs, too.

Soon afterwards I turned my attention to the digitized files we have. The digital collection started as the digitization of the microfilm collection. Microfilming was performed in the 1960s and the digitization of those records in 2015. The other digital records include recent electronic copies of the Diocesan Convention journals. In this effort, I met with and coordinated with Lisa Boquist on Bishop Nedi Rivera's records, especially her beloved photo collection. For greater ease in accessibility, I have added the digital records listing to the remainder of the archives cataloging.

Most recently, I have completed writing a book of Eastern Oregon's history. It is entitled, *Mission and Ministry in Eastern Oregon Country* and will be available at convention. It is not a comprehensive edition of our history, but it is complete enough for a first edition. The effort begins my objective of getting the historical information of our diocese into more people's hands.

For congregational work, I have been assisting St. Andrew's in Prineville to archive their records. They will be searching for a new church home and are diligently working to preserve the important information of their congregation's past.

And most recently, I have joined NEHA—the National Episcopal Historians and Archivists. This forum is for exchanging ideas and mutual support, which I will need as I continue forward in Eastern Oregon. With networking and additionally support, this diocese can continue to preserve, explore and share the historical dimensions of the Episcopal Church in this part of God's country.

Georgia Giaccobe
EDEO Historiographer

Bisbee Fund Ministry Partnership Grant – 2018

St. Andrew's, Burns

Harney County is a rural county in southeastern Oregon. At 10,228 square miles (26,490 km²) in size, the county is the largest in Oregon, and one of the largest in the United States. The county is sparsely populated, with a population of about 7,700. The county has just two incorporated cities: Burns, the county seat and larger city, with 40 percent of the population, and Hines, with 20 percent of the county's population. About 75 percent of the county's area is federal land, variously managed by the Bureau of Reclamation, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and U.S. Forest Service. About 10 percent of Harney County's area is part of the Ochoco National Forest and Malheur National Forest. The county also includes the Burns Paiute Indian Reservation within and immediately north of the City of Burns; this 760-acre reservation of the Burns Paiute Tribe is a remnant of the former Malheur Indian Reservation, a 1.5-million-acre federal trust land that was encroached upon by white settlement in the 19th century. The median household average income is below the national average.

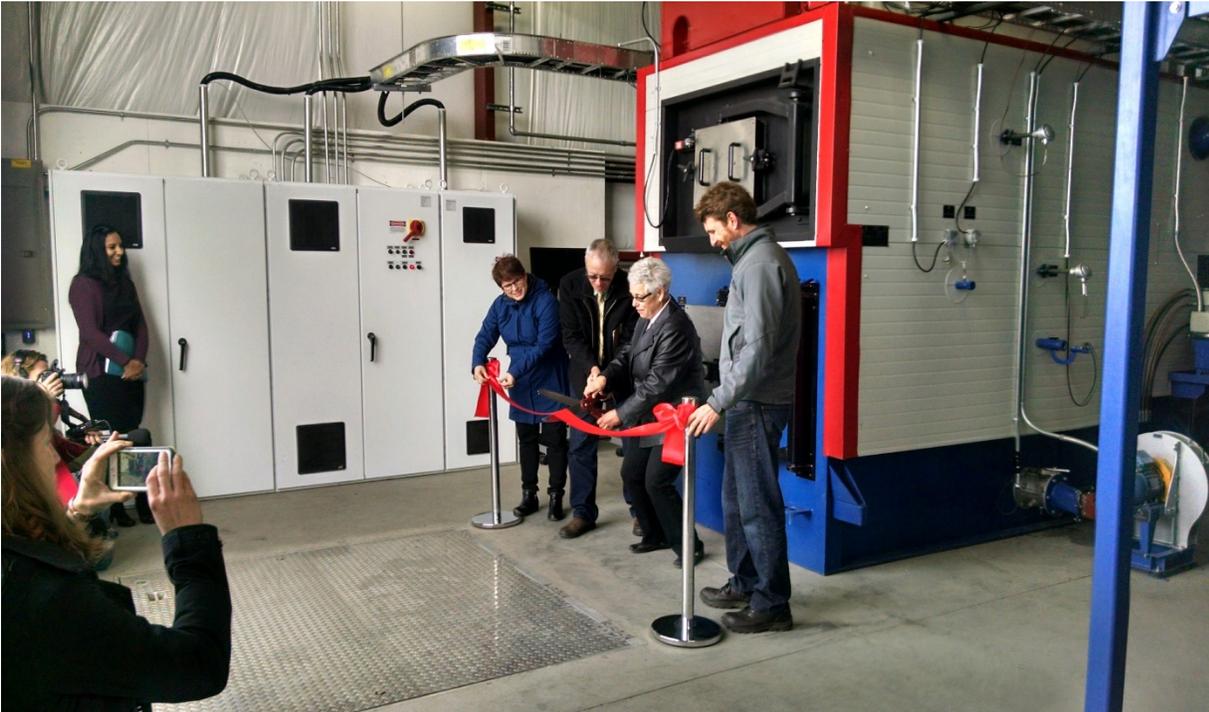
St Andrews Episcopal Church is the only Episcopal Church in the county. The church was joined by the ELCA Lutheran Church some thirty years ago.

In 2012, Harney County School District, and Harney County Officials looked at possible new heating systems for Slater Elementary School and the Harney County Courthouse. The old oil-fired boilers needed to be replaced and the community cooperative looked for a more viable alternative to heat the buildings during our cold (below 0 degrees) harsh winters. The cooperative research committee found technology in Europe that utilizes hog fuel (e.g., forest slash, yard debris, twisted logs) to provide heat to a matrix type grid that would meet the needs of the school and courthouse, which are situated five blocks away from each other. St Andrews Episcopal Church is across the street from the County Courthouse; therefore, the High Desert Biomass Cooperative asked if we would be interested in partnering, and joining into the new heating grid. This new heating grid uses new ecologically sound technology to distribute hot water created by a woodchip boiler to all facilities connected to the grid. The cooled water returns to the boiler for reheating. The fuel is created by individuals, local loggers, commercial tree services along with the community bringing their yard debris and branches to the county recycling center where it is chipped and stored for use in the boiler. This community-based new heating system has a life expectancy of 40 years and requires little, or no maintenance.

This groundbreaking innovative project helps to secure the Episcopal ideology of alternative heat sources that will reduce or lower our carbon footprint and more importantly decrease our dependency on petroleum products. This technology (first in the United States) could be used by the Diocese of Eastern Oregon, other local churches, and be a showcase of alternative heating systems for other communities. This endeavor has brought our community together to decrease air pollution, decrease costs for the county, and to show other communities that this new technology does perform extremely well during our harsh winters. To date, those buildings that have been hooked up to the grid have shown a decrease in respiratory infections in their children and employees, and had substantial savings in heating costs. By participating in this community based project which is the first in the nation, we could assist the partners in showcasing this ecologically sound method of heating; thereby, promoting and expanding this heating grid to more business, churches, and private homes.

St Andrews is currently awaiting the shipment of piping and heating system parts and hope to be hooked into the system by October 2018.

The Co-op has received a grant to look at future expansion to the system which include nine businesses, medical clinics, banks, fitness center, an apartment complex, with a second system located in Hines.



Commission on Ministry

The Commission on Ministry is comprised of the following faithful servants: John Collins, Beth Spell, Kathy Thew, Katy Anderson, David Silva, Jan Kozak, Diane Adams, Aletha Bonebrake, Linda Quinn, and Marilyn Roth. Lee Kiefer and Bishop Pat.

Since our last convention COM has met four times, and part of the committee has met additionally to form a new school to ordain clergy called High Desert School of Ministry. 2018 has been an exciting year for innovation and instructional updating of forms used by the diocese. The commission has focused on the following priorities: (1) Recommending Chuck Barnes for Candidacy to the Priesthood (2) Recommending Ann Marie Harden for Candidacy to the Priesthood (3) Developing a partnership for clergy training with the Diocese of Idaho (4) Updated Clergy discernment packets for ordination (5) Updated lay ministry forms (6) Mitigated training seminars for Gather, Transform, Send and (7) Followed the process of several people entering the discernment process for ordination.

The Reverend Chuck Barnes was ordained to the priesthood on January 13, 2018 at St. John's Episcopal Church in Hermiston, Oregon. The ordination was a time filled with joy and excitement.

Ann Marie Harden, from the Episcopal Church of the Redeemer in Pendleton, Oregon is currently finishing her MDiv at Church Divinity School of the Pacific and will graduate in June of 2019.

In the summer of 2017 Bishop Pat sent Diane Adams and Marilyn Roth to Camp Allen, Texas to explore a new training program called the Iona Collaborative. It was during that meeting that both women learned about a new way to train leadership for ordained service.

The past year has been an amazing adventure in developing a partnership with the Diocese of Idaho to expand current ways to offer a cost effective way for people to become academically trained as deacons and priests. The Diocese of Eastern Oregon and the Diocese of Idaho are now in a full financial and academic partnership in developing a new training school called the High Desert School of Ministry.

The current description is now offered on the web sites of each diocese, giving the following brief description: The High Desert School of Ministry (HDSM) is a local three-year program of formation for ordained ministry—diaconate or priesthood.

HDSM is a partnership between the dioceses of Eastern Oregon and Idaho. The partnership is a part of the Iona Collaborative, which is a local formation program developed out of the Seminary of the Southwest. Iona originated as a formation program out of the Diocese of Texas.

The High Desert School of Ministry is a true partnership, where the current Dean is The Reverend Canon Lucinda Ashby from the Diocese of Idaho. Students entering the program will meet monthly under her instruction and the training will take place at Ascension Camp in Cove, Oregon. The process has been collaborative in every way, and the first class will start in

November of 2018. Please visit the EDEO web site to gain more information about the High Desert School of Ministry.

The High Desert School of Ministry has two people from our diocese that will attend this school, and we are hopeful as more people find out about this new innovative way to prepare for ordination to the diaconate or priesthood that more people will come forward to be trained.

It was important that current discernment and application forms be reviewed to help facilitate the process of ordination. With the help of Jan Kozak and Diane Adams, each discernment and ordination form was edited and rewritten to better reflect the current process to ordination.

Diane Adams and Jan Kozak also worked on updating Lay Licensed Ministry forms, and there was much discussion on what language and description should be used on the forms. The Lay Licensed Ministry forms are now updated and you can find them online.

The Gather, Transform, Send congregational model training was shared at a few congregations in the diocese. St. Mark's Hood River used their Lenten study time to explore how they are doing ministry under the structure of Gather, Transform, and Send, and they initiated several projects for the year. Heppner, and The Dalles also reviewed the Gather, Transform, Send model.

2017-2018 has been a busy year for the Commission on Ministry, but it feels good knowing that certain training opportunities are now available for people interested in becoming ordained to the diaconate or priesthood. The Commission on Ministry still has much to accomplish as we look forward to 2018-2019, and a central goal will be to initiate a model for lay leadership training.

I leave you with the same words as I did in last year's convention packet: *1 Paul, Silas^[a] and Timothy,*

*To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
Grace and peace to you.*

2We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers.3We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

4For we know, brothers and sisters^[b] loved by God, that he has chosen you,5because our gospel came to you not simply with words but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction. You know how we lived among you for your sake. 6You became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you welcomed the message in the midst of severe suffering with the joy given by the Holy Spirit.7And so you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Marilyn Roth

COM Chairperson

Commission on Celebrating Diversity

In February the Commission met at Ascension to begin to learn about Becoming Beloved Community, the ongoing community of people centered on following Jesus into loving, life-giving relationship with God, with each other, and with creation.

We each shared a bit of information about the work in which we have each been engaged within our congregations and communities - supporting and celebrating diversity - during the preceding months. Bobby Fossek talked about his work on the Ascension grounds to re-culture the diversity of Native plants to help mend the complex web of traditional plant/human interactions.

The Commission met again in August to continue our discussion since many of us attended “The Darkness Sings” presented by the Rev. Jemonde Taylor. The Rev. Taylor masterfully led us to look anew at some scripture passages, hymns, and liturgical practices as well as some of our everyday language – lots to think about in the days and months ahead.

We hope you will spend a little time at our display at the Diocesan Convention in Hood River this October. We will have information for you and also look forward to hearing about your work to support and celebrate diversity in your congregation and/or community. If you would like to join the Commission, please speak with one of us. We would like to at least have a “point person” in each congregation with whom we can stay connected between conventions.

The members of the Commission currently are Jan Kozak of Madras, Matt Littau of Burns, Charlotte Wells of Pendleton, Jaishri Spencer and Bobby Fossek of Ascension in Cove, Red Stevens of The Dalles, Beth and Jim Spell of John Day, Kerry Tingley of Klamath Falls, and Ruth Tsu of Hood River, convener.

Vision Statement

We recognize and acknowledge all people are equal and beloved children of God.
We envision building strong communities of a broad diversity of people.

Cursillo Report

The Cursillo Community of Eastern Oregon is alive and well!! During the past two years, with the help of Bishop Pat and several other stalwart Disciples of Christ, a re-commitment to the Cursillo Community has been made, and New Life is emerging. The governing board, called The Secretariat, of the Cursillo Community of Eastern Oregon has been busy providing leadership and vision for our future. Our annual meeting, called the Grand Ultreya, met in The Dalles last fall and has met again this past September in Prineville. An action taken at the 2017 meeting was to affirm a Mission Statement which you will read below.

Early in May of 2018 many people gathered at Ascension School for a Cursillo Weekend. It was a wonderful time of love and laughter, good food and fellowship, lots of singing, listening to one another's Christian story, and even shedding a few tears.

Please come to the Cursillo table here at Convention to learn more about this important arm of our Diocese and view our brand new video which tells the Cursillo story through sight and sound.

In closing, I share with you our new Mission Statement.....

CURSILLO IS AN ECUMENICAL COMMUNITY OF FAITH, LOVE, AND HOPE THAT SUPPORTS AND ENERGIZES INDIVIDUALS IN OUR SEARCH FOR DISCOVERY OF AND RENEWAL IN CHRIST.

You are invited and encouraged to be a part of the Cursillo Community of Eastern Oregon.

Sincerely,

Gretchen Kimsey, President

2018 Diocesan Council Convention Report

Diocesan Council 2017-2018

Diocesan council met at Ascension School November 10-11, 2017. Council chair and vice-chair were elected, Beth Spell and Joseph Farber, respectfully. Time was spent brainstorming about Diocesan strengths and envisioning what our future may look like.

Online meetings were held January 20 and 27, 2018. Financial reports were reviewed. A new travel policy was approved. Reports from standing committee were presented by Mary Lujan. New information about the Burns energy program was presented and Bisbee grants were postponed until more information about final costs could be viewed.

The meeting of April 6-7, 2018 was held at Trinity Church in Bend. Province VIII representatives to General Convention were appointed. An update on Bisbee grants resulted in approval of dispersal of funds to St. Andrew's Burns for the energy project. Financial reports were reviewed by Randy Heise. Lee Kiefer reported on congregations in transition. Ascension School report was given by Kim McClain. Bishop Pat reported on convention planning, his time at the House of Bishops, the Iona Initiative and the new congregation of Grace Chapel located in the Snake river Correctional Institute.

The meeting of August 24-25, 2018 was held at Ascension School Cove, Oregon. Reports were presented from the Commission on Ministry, General Convention delegates, the diocesan financial officer, convention planning committee, Ascension School, Standing Committee, and the Bishop. Sustainability goals were discussed, and a decision was made to refocus those funds to a local project. Outgoing members were recognized and the date for council retreat was announced as Nov. 1-3.

Full minutes can be viewed are available at the Diocesan website at www.episdioeo.org .

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Spell

September 12, 2018

Episcopal Relief & Development

This has been a mixed year for Episcopal Relief & Development in the diocese, across the country, and in about 40 countries. My report this year is a record of developments and events since last years' convention.

Last fall I was able to meet with the clergy at the November Collegium to discuss the need for all congregations to complete a local disaster plan. To date, Trinity (thanks to Judy Warren), Redeemer, and St. James have completed plans, and I've been told St. Marks Hood River and St. Paul's have worked on plans. Trinity's plan is now being used as a model by the national disaster office at Episcopal Relief & Development. I note that three parishes were threatened by fire last year, and as I write this a fire is growing between The Dalles and Hood River. I continue to be available to assist any congregation prepare a plan if requested.

Last year, wildfire and other disasters in the U.S. and abroad kept Episcopal Relief & Development nearly overwhelmed at times. This year, with drought and increased atmospheric temperatures due to climate changes, major fires are again in the news, including places we never think about having fires, such as Japan.

When I hear of a fire or other disaster which might impact one of our congregations, I contact the congregation to be sure they know to contact myself or our bishop in the event financial assistance or help with planning for recovery is needed from Episcopal Relief & Development in order to facilitate help for their members or those in their community. If you are a clergy or senior warden and a situation poses a threat of disaster, feel free to contact me directly for information and to ensure I'm aware of your situation.

Early this year we learned that gifts to Episcopal Relief & Development from our diocese in 2017 totaled \$43,205. I am very thankful for the generous hearts who have given to help so many.

By the time convention this year arrives, I will have attended an annual meeting with Episcopal Relief & Development. This time the meeting is in September instead of in late spring, so I will have fairly current information from Episcopal Relief & Development. We will have a meeting for our parish representatives on Friday of convention during registration. If your representative is not going to be at convention, please see that one of your members attending convention attends the meeting.

Bruce Barnes
Diocesan Coordinator for Episcopal Relief & Development

Prison Ministry Report

As it was reported last year, the ministry at the Snake River Correctional Facility continues to evolve.

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Ontario has agreed by a vote of our annual meeting to accept a proposal from the inmates of Grace Chapel that they become a parochial parish within the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon. This is pursuant to the canons of the church governing such matters and with the consent of the Department of Corrections. The inmates have signed a petition for the diocese to consider which will be coming before this convention.

Charlie Manning is continuing in her ministry and I am bringing Eucharistic services to those gathered for worship once a month. There are eight inmates who are actively engaged in Education for Ministry. We have an attendance of 18 to 25 weekly.

This is a new effort for us at St. Matthew's and it is new to the diocese as well. The difference from what has happened in the past is significant. The participating inmates will not be consumers of ministry being brought in from the outside. They will be participants in the church as members of the larger church. How that will happen is a work in progress. The excitement and energy they have for this is evident in the letters they have submitted to you.

St. Matthew's has begun, with the help of the inmates, a fund for prison ministry. Admittedly, it is a small fund, but it is a start. This is being done in continued conversation with Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon and with the Episcopal Diocese of Idaho.

It is my hope and expectation that this ministry will reach beyond the prison walls and will reach out to the communities from which these inmates come. There is potential for reaching out to the families of the inmates and to assist in their return to communities where they can live productive and successful lives.

Yours in Christ,

The Rev. James D. Mosier

Standing Committee Report

The duties and responsibilities of all Standing Committees are

1. Approval of transactions involving church properties in the Diocese;
2. Consents to elections of bishop in other dioceses;
3. Certification of persons involved in ordination processes;
4. Council of advice to Bishop;
5. Serve as Ecclesiastical Authority in absence of a Bishop;
6. Review Committee in cases of Title IV Presentments.

Meetings are not closed, but visitors are unusual. And in some cases, such as interviews with persons pursuing ordination or other personnel matters, confidentiality may be required.

During the 2017-2018 year, Standing Committee continued to oversee property issues and concerns in the diocese, including but not limited to a variety of lots of property owned in various places throughout Eastern Oregon, the use of 601 Union Street in The Dalles, and most recently a review of the use of St. Andrew's in Prineville.

The following actions were taken:

1. We approved of Ann Marie Hardin as candidate for ordination to the priesthood.
2. Consent to the election of The Reverend Carlyle J. Hughes as Bishop Diocesan for Diocese of Newark; The Reverend Kevin D. Nichols as Bishop Diocesan for the Diocese of Bethlehem; The Reverend Mark A. Cowell as Bishop Diocesan for the Diocese of Western Kansas; The Reverend Canon Michael Buerkel Hunn as Bishop Diocesan for the Diocese of the Rio Grande.

I am grateful for the service of our members,

Mrs. Julie Reynolds	(Class of 2018)
The Rev. Nancy Sargent Green	(Class of 2018)
Mrs. Mary Link	(Class of 2019)
Mr. Gregg Henton	(Class of 2020)
The Rev. Jed Holdorph	(Class of 2020)

I am especially grateful for the willingness of my fellow clergy member, the Reverend Jed Holdorph who stepped up to serve as our secretary. We look forward to continuing to serve God and this Diocese as your Standing Committee.

Faithfully submitted,

The Reverend Mary Lujan, President (Class of 2019)

UTO Coordinator Report

In the past year as Eastern Oregon's United Thank Offering (UTO) coordinator, I have continued to keep myself informed of all that is available for UTO as well as providing information on the UTO. In wearing my other hat as Diocesan Historian, I have become familiar with the importance of Eastern Oregon as a recipient of UTO grants and of the generosity of Eastern Oregon to the overall mission of the United Thank Offering. I have learned that thankfulness and blessedness go both ways.

In 2018, no congregation or mission from EDEO applied for a United Way Grant. Nevertheless, I still followed the grant process calendar and deadlines to ensure none of us missed the opportunity. At General Convention 2018, it was just released that 68 grant applications were received. Of those, UTO awarded 34 grants for a total of \$1,257,778.

On a personal note, I always follow how much was provided for a UTO missioner, since historically Eastern Oregon has benefitted from that position. This year \$11,900 was granted for UTO missioners, up from 2017.

I try to provide newsletter articles for *Connections* to remind all the readers of ongoing thankfulness and showing that thankfulness through the little Blue Box. Last year at Diocesan Convention, I provided a UTO table display with information and materials of the United Thank Offering for both congregation coordinators and anyone needing materials. You will find a UTO table at Diocesan Convention once again, and a reminder of the ingathering of all the congregations at this year's Diocesan Convention.

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Statistical Reports

Diocese of Eastern Oregon

Financial Statistics of Congregations and Missions

Year in parentheses is last year of filing if not 2017

City	Congregation	Plate & Pledge Income	REVENUE			EXPENSE		
			Operating Revenue	Total Revenue	Operating Expense	To the Diocese	Outreach & Development	Total Expense
Baker City	St Stephens Episcopal Church	39,055	44,652	59,776	44,652	8,338	12,117	54,926
Bend	Trinity Episcopal Church	412,118	422,118	749,332	449,807	94,977	263,721	760,122
Bonanza	St Barnabas Episcopal Church	5,573	5,855	5,855	5,532	1,382	4,150	9,382
Burns	St Andrews Episcopal Church	15,684	15,684	27,919	22,457	2,235	78	22,457
Canyon City	St Thomas Episcopal Church	17,430	20,910	39,290	22,220	3,940	9,450	31,270
Enterprise	St Patricks Episcopal Church	15,157	15,157	17,943	3,954	3,154	800	3,954
Heppner	All Saints Memorial Epis Church	32,443	65,456	70,711	68,299	8,176	6,071	74,370
Hermiston	St Johns Episcopal Church	61,677	65,764	132,317	50,503	13,855	1,922	52,929
Hood River	St Marks Episcopal Church	130,630	149,410	153,825	116,765	33,617	4,255	121,180
Klamath Falls	St Pauls Episcopal Church	39,578	66,640	72,050	57,085	8,776	40,884	99,395
La Grande	St Peters Episcopal Church	81,283	81,283	86,932	18,182	18,182	94	22,096
Lakeview	St Lukes Episcopal Church	3,518	3,871	8,071	6,888	1,165	663	7,346
Madras	St Marks Episcopal Church	3,522	3,522	4,122	600	600	0	600
Milton Freewater	St James Episcopal Church	22,848	29,523	30,505	28,218	6,363	3,688	29,200
Ontario	St Matthews Episcopal Church	46,810	48,810	48,810	52,901	10,289	1,626	52,901
Pendleton	Church of the Redeemer	152,334	155,203	193,254	145,075	36,067	15,098	169,905
Prineville	St Andrews Episcopal Church	26,915	35,002	37,214	34,954	5,698	0	35,052
Redmond	St Albans Episcopal Church	21,760	34,581	34,581	44,590	5,421	8,844	44,590
Sisters	Church of the Transfiguration (2016)	208,521	219,467	219,467	236,717	56,365	36,621	256,088
Sunriver	All Saints of the Cascades	228,214	356,007	504,105	301,489	11,647	62,982	353,080
The Dalles	St Pauls Episcopal Church	118,876	176,070	202,621	176,071	33,733	24,822	203,091
	Total	1,683,946	2,014,985	2,698,700	1,886,959	363,980	497,886	2,403,934

Diocese of Eastern Oregon

Vital Statistics of Congregations and Missions

Year in parentheses is last year of filing if not 2017

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City	Congregation	Active Members	Communicants in Good Standing	Others Active	Average Sunday Attendance	Sunday Fincharists	16 Yrs and Older	Under 16 Years	Confirmed or Received
Baker City	St Stephens Episcopal Church	59	43	3	19	26	0	2	0
Bend	Trinity Episcopal Church	507	408	5	157	101	0	7	2
Bonanza	St Barnabas Episcopal Church	44	12	0	7	12	0	0	0
Burns	St Andrews Episcopal Church	21	21	0	20	45	0	0	0
Canyon City	St Thomas Episcopal Church	66	50	0	15	26	0	0	1
Enterprise	St Patricks Episcopal Church	20	20	0	8	0	0	0	0
Heppner	All Saints Memorial Epis Church	99	42	46	33	1	2	2	0
Hermiston	St Johns Episcopal Church	70	70	0	33	52	0	0	0
Hood River	St Marks Episcopal Church	178	75	0	48	52	0	0	0
Klamath Falls	St Pauls Episcopal Church	67	67	0	23	50	0	0	0
La Grande	St Peters Episcopal Church	47	35	9	26	47	0	1	0
Lakeview	St Lukes Episcopal Church	32	22	0	9	0	0	1	0
Madras	St Marks Episcopal Church	9	8	81	34	50	0	0	0
Milton Freewater	St James Episcopal Church	34	34	0	15	27	0	0	0
Ontario	St Matthews Episcopal Church	106	39	5	35	40	0	0	0
Pendleton	Church of the Redeemer	137	77	5	71	55	0	3	0
Prineville	St Andrews Episcopal Church	35	35	0	16	26	0	0	0
Redmond	St Albans Episcopal Church	22	22	0	13	42	0	0	0
Sisters	Church of the Transfiguration (2016)	198	198	0	125	64	0	1	0
Sunriver	All Saints of the Cascades	66	66	0	153	55	0	0	0
The Dalles	St Pauls Episcopal Church	199	106	2	53	105	0	0	0
Total		2,016	1,450	156	913	876	2	17	3

Canonically Resident Clergy

The Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon

Bishop:
The Rt. Rev. Patrick Bell

Diocesan Assignment
Bishop

Canonically Resident Priests:

09-21-85	James D. Mosier	Prison Ministry Commission
09-01-93	*Alfred F. Miller	Damascus, Oregon
03-09-95	*Daniel W. Gardner	Greenwood, Arkansas
03-23-96	Charles R. Barnes	St. John's, Hermiston
09-16-97	Nancy Sargent Green	All Saints of the Cascades/Sunriver Christian Fellowship
05-01-02	Janet M. Kozak	COM
11-18-03	Mary R. Lujan	Non-parochial, Hood River
06-10-06	Rebecca Lanham Hendricks	St. James', Milton-Freewater
11-19-06	Aletha G. Bonebrake	St. Stephen's, Baker City
09-23-08	William Paul Morton	St. Alban's, Redmond
10-22-08	Charles Christopher	Silverton, Oregon
02-04-09	Roy D. Green	St. Mark's, Hood River
05-19-09	*John "Jack" Erskine	Sisters, OR
02-24-11	*Kenneth V. King, Jr.	Johnstown, PA
05-28-14	Marilyn Roth	St. Paul's. The Dalles and St. Mark', Hood River
11-19-14	Jed Holdorph	Trinity, Bend
06-06-15	John Collins	Trinity, Bend and Church of the Transfiguration, Sisters
12-11-15	Charlotte Wells	Church of the Redeemer, Pendleton
03-22-16	Richard (Red) Stevens	St. Paul's, The Dalles
05-19-16	Willa Goodfellow	St. Andrew's, Prineville
05-16-17	Joseph Farber	Church of the Transfiguration, Sisters

ELCA Clergy serving Episcopal parishes

07-01-10	Katy Anderson	All Saints Episcopal and Hope Lutheran, Heppner
07-01-11	Matthew Littau	St. Andrew's Episcopal + Peace Lutheran, Burns
06-06-15	Katherine Brick	St. Mark's Episcopal + Good Shepherd. Lutheran, Madras
	Jack Coffey	St. Paul's, Klamath Falls

Canonically Resident Deacons:

06-16-99	Jean S. Cupp	<u>Diocesan Assignment</u> Church of the Redeemer, Pendleton
09-29-99	Stephen L. Schafroth	St. Paul's, The Dalles
05-01-02	Janet L. Warner	St. Andrew's, Prineville
06-10-06	Roger L. Fairfield	Church of the Transfiguration, Sisters
01-05-08	Gaye Hauk Lawson	Trinity, Bend
12-05-11	Georgia Giacobbe	St. Paul's, The Dalles

Retired canonically resident clergy

(Entitled to seat and voice in Convention, in accordance with Diocesan Canons)

12-09-60	Lawrence C. Ferguson	Prineville, OR	(priest)
01-17-70	Richard H. Thew	St. Patrick's, Enterprise	(priest)
08-03-75	Lawrence E. Fredrick	Sunnyvale, CA	(priest)
09-29-76	Kenneth W. Crysler	Pendleton, OR	(priest)
09-24-78	Carol B. Rose	Casa Grande, AZ	(priest)
10-15-86	Gary J. Young	Hood River, OR	(priest)
07-13-88	John A. Langfeldt	The Dalles, OR	(priest)
01-04-89	Robert J. Crum	Portland, OR	(priest)
04-29-91	Robert P. S. Kaye	College Place, WA	(priest)
03-15-92	Carol A. Parker	Prineville, OR	(priest)
05-22-94	Janet C. Schiering	Hood River, OR	(priest)
04-22-95	Stephen P. Uffelman	Prineville, OR	(priest)
06-10-98	Richard E. Attebury	Moscow, ID	(priest)
10-11-98	Carol J. McClelland	Vancouver, WA	(deacon)
08-10-99	Wilma M. Hoffer	Bend, OR	(deacon)
09-26-99	John W. Gilsdorf	Athena, OR	(priest)
11-30-99	Serita V. Smith-Allen	Hood River, OR	(priest)
01-06-02	Connie Boone	Cutting, CA	(deacon)
06-05-03	Mikel McClain	Portland, OR	(priest)
06-16-03	Sarah M. Stanton	Lacey, WA	(priest)
07-16-03	Richard S. Landrith	Lakeview, OR	(priest)
06-24-06	Martha Cornue Hurlburt	Walla Walla, WA	(priest)
09-23-15	John Nesbitt	Enterprise, OR	(priest)
03-19-11	Dan Lediard	Kennewick, WA	(priest)
05-23-11	Kathryn Macek	Colorado Springs, CO	(priest)

Dates are of canonical residency in the Diocese of Eastern Oregon.

* Asterisk beside the names on pages G-1 and G-2 denotes those canonically resident clergy, in accordance with Diocesan Canons, who are **not** qualified clerical delegates, entitled to seat, voice and vote in Convention. According to Diocesan Canon V.6, "All canonically resident clergy, of whatever Order, who have a regular diocesan or congregational assignment, and are in good standing, and who are performing the duties of their office, and who are not under ecclesiastical discipline, have the right to seat, voice and vote in the Convention. Retired clergy, canonically resident in the Diocese, shall be entitled to seat and voice, but no vote in Convention."

Lay Delegates
Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon
48th Annual Convention, October 19-21, 2018

SW – Senior Warden

JW - Junior Warden

D – Elected Delegate

A – Elected Alternate

Persons whose names are in italics were **not** present or **did not** participate as **voting delegates**.

St. Stephen's, Baker City

Joel Bigelow, SW

Molly Larsen, JW

Beth Bigelow, D

Betty Palmer, A

Trinity, Bend

Joan Springer-Wellman, SW

Karen Hauswald, JW

Carolyn Richardson, D

Terry Rahmsdorff, D

Deby Welch, D

Jan Schweizer, D

Cathy Ann Douglass, D

Bill Brisson, A

Peggy Ziegler, A

St. Barnabas, Bonanza

No Delegates

St. Andrew's, Burns

Charlie Cagle, SW

Ann Thew, D

St. Thomas, Canyon City

Beth Spell, SW

Julie Reynolds, D

Jim Spell, A

St. Patrick's, Enterprise

Ann Hayes, SW

Linda Kruger-Ebbert, JW

Jane Dunn, D

Monica Martin, A

Ellen Nesbitt, A

All Saints, Heppner

Bill McDowell, SW

Dan Sharp, JW

Cyde Estes, D

George Nairns, A

Merliee McDowell, A

St. John's, Hermiston

Larry Davidson, SW

Lester McMasters, JW

Daniel Jeffery, D

Peggy Dummert, A

St. Mark's, Hood River

Victoria Kelsey, SW

Nealya Cargill, JW

Linda Bitter, D

Rich Davis, D

Julie Davis, A

Cathy Peck, A

Larry Cramblett, A

Betty Cramblett, A

St. Paul's, Klamath Falls

Anthony Walz, SW

Penny Hamilton, D

Kerry Tingley, A

Maria Walz, A

St. Peter's, La Grande

G Royes, SW

Nancy Findholt, A

Najaria Esty, D

St. Luke's, Lakeview

Deborah Watts, SW
Lisa Ackerman, JW
Joann Dickson, D
Sandy Watts, A
Karen Bunch, A

St. Mark's, Madras

Marcia Black, SW

St. James', Milton-Freewater

Marty Nyman, SW
Barbara Coddington, JW
Homer Bozarth, D

St. Matthew's, Ontario

Tim Lanterman, SW
Randy Miles, JW
Vicky Wiens, D
Naveeda Benjamin, A

Church of the Redeemer, Pendleton

Doug Harder, SW
Diane Groff, JW
Sarah Hardin, D
Ann Marie Hardin, A
Flossie Keeler, A

St. Andrew's, Prineville

Nancy Condron, SW
Richard Potter, JW
Ray Jeff Spreir, D
Gary Bowne, A

St. Alban's, Redmond

Larry Abney, SW
Gard Eriksen, JW
Janet Brown, D
Marie Carter, A

Church of the Transfiguration, Sisters

Cory Bradshaw, SW
Marjorie Tipton, JW
Helen Keefe, D
Margaret Doke, D
Darryl Doke, A
Bill Monohan, A

All Saints of the Cascades, Sunriver

Randy Heise, SW
Gregg Henton, JW
Kay Sharp, D
Patti Knollman, A

St. Paul's, The Dalles

Phil Swartz, SW
Jill Durrow, JW
Ava Sue Kerr, D
Dewanda Clark, D
Mike Fowler, A
Pat Fowler, A
Diane Adams, A

Diocesan Council, Lay Delegates

Vicki Mosier
Karly Nash
Beth Spell
Barbara Mayo
Adrienne Brown

Standing Committee, Lay Delegates

Mary Link
Julie Reynolds
Gregg Henton

Secretary of Convention

Doug Harder

Treasurer

Randy Heise

Chancellor

James Foster