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Proceedings
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Becoming Beloved Community

Presiding: The Rt. Rev. Patrick Bell, Bishop

Saturday, October 17, 2020

Saturday's Business Meeting was held via Zoom.

The Bishop's Address was prerecorded and sent out via a You Tube link one week prior to the start of Convention.

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

- The Eastern Oregon Episcopal Foundation Annual Meeting was held from 5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on October 14, 2020 via Zoom.
- The Eastern Oregon Episcopal Foundation Trustees met following the annual meeting from 5:30pm to 6:00pm on October 14, 2020 via Zoom.
- The Episcopal Relief and Development parish representatives met from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on October 15, 2020 via Zoom.
- Randy Heise, Treasurer of the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon, lead a budget review session from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on October 15,2020 via Zoom.

Business Meeting

Call to Order

At 11:00 a.m. Bishop Patrick Bell called the meeting to order. Sarah Hardin gave instructions on how to use the online platform and the Rev. Ray Jeff Spreier offered an opening prayer. 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 Pat welcomed everyone to the first ever online Diocesan Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon. He welcomed special guest, The Rev. Kathy Macek joining from Colorado and The Rev. Alison Dingley joining in from Hawaii.

The bishop introduced the members of the Diocesan Convention Committee:

The Rev. Janet Warner – Chair

The Rev. Kelly Mahon

Sean Rogers

Bill Brisson

Flossie Keeler

Sarah Hardin

And outgoing member Vicki Kelsey

The current members of Standing Committee and Diocesan Council were introduced:

The Rev. Roy Green	Standing Committee	Class of 2021
Julie S. Reynolds	Standing Committee	Class of 2021
The Rev. Aletha Bonebrake	Diocesan Council	Class of 2021
Kit Morgan	Diocesan Council	Class of 2021
Steve Winkle	Standing Committee	Class of 2022
The Rev. Kelly Mahon	Standing Committee	Class of 2022
The Rev. Charlotte Wells	Diocesan Council	Class of 2022
Adrienne Brown	Diocesan Council	Class of 2022
Ellen Nesbitt	Diocesan Council	Class of 2022

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

The Rev. Jed Holdorph	Standing Committee	Class of 2020
Barbara Reynolds Mayo	Diocesan Council	Class of 2020
The Rev. Joseph Farber	Diocesan Council	Class of 2020
Karly Nash	Standing Committee	Class of 2020

The officers of the diocese were also introduced:

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. Ray Jeff Spreier – Ordained to the priesthood on October 10, 2020
- Gigi Siekkinen – Evangelist at St. Paul’s, The Dalles
- High Desert School for Ministry Students
 - o Katy Nesbitt
 - o Dan Jeffery
 - o Sean Rogers
 - o Pam Miller
 - o Taylor Clark

- Ellen Blackmon - Idaho
- Nancy Koontz – Idaho
- Liz Cahill
- Joann Dickson
- Tracy Anderson

Transitions

The following transitions happened in the diocese:

- Bruce Barnes is retiring from his role as EDEJ’s ERD representative after 17 years of service.
- The Rev. Deacon Georgia Giacobbe retired from St. Paul’s, The Dalles.

Farewells

The Bishop honored the passing of the following EDEO clergy:

- The Rev. Carol Rose
- The Rev. Robin Barrett
- The Very Rev. William Ellis – Diocese of Spokane
- The Rev. Tom Murphy – Diocese of Oregon
- Charlie Cagle – EOEF and Standing Committee

Consent Calendar

- Election of Ecclesiastical Disciplinary Board Class of 2023
 - The Rev. Ray Jeff Spreier
 - Jan Uffelman
 - John Adams
- Confirmation of Commission on Ministry members Class of 2023
 - The Rev. Joyce Atchely – Canyon City
 - Helen Keefe – Sisters
 - Prudi Sherman - Ontario
- Second Reading of Resolutions Referred from the 79th General Convention of the Episcopal Church:

The 79th General Convention proposed several changes to the Constitution of The Episcopal Church (TEC). In accordance with Article XII of the TEC Constitution, it is the responsibility of each Diocese to make known such proposed alterations to its Convention prior to the 80th General Convention in 2021, and to certify that such action has been taken.

The text of each proposed amendment can be found at:

<https://generalconvention.org/gc79>.

The following is a summary of the amendments, many of which are technical in nature:

A063: amends Constitution Article X to permit a General Convention to approve alternate and additional liturgies as a supplement to the Book of Common Prayer.

A089: amends Constitution Articles VI and VII to ensure consistency in the Constitution and Canons with respect to referring to a Church denomination being in “full communion” with The Episcopal Church.

A122: Amends Article IX of the Constitution to delete the word “removal” in paragraph 6. In 1994, the General Convention amended Title IV of the Canons (the disciplinary canon) by eliminating “removal” as a

sentence and adding Admonition as a sentence. However, the reference to “removal” in Article IX of the Constitution was not changed.

A150: Amends Article I.2 of the Constitution to make consistent the use of the term “Bishop Suffragan” throughout the Constitution and Canons. The last sentence clarifies the meaning of a bishop “exercising” or “having” jurisdiction, including jurisdiction over areas that are not dioceses such as Navajoland, the Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe (over which the Presiding Bishop exercises jurisdiction), and Guam (over which the Presiding Bishop exercises jurisdiction).

A151: Amends Article II.4-8 of the Constitution as follows:

- Section 4: To make the titles of bishops consistent throughout the Constitution and Canons.
- The amendment to Section 5 clarifies that a Bishop Suffragan may be placed in charge of a diocese and exercise jurisdiction as the Bishop Diocesan Pro Tempore until a successor is consecrated if the Bishop Diocesan dies, resigns or is removed from office or until the Bishop Diocesan returns to office if the absence is temporary.
- The amendment to Section 8 clarifies that a total of five years of combined service, served consecutively, as Bishop Coadjutor and then Bishop Diocesan is required before the bishop may be elected elsewhere.

A152: Amends Article III of the Constitution to correct a typographical error.

A153: Amends Article IV of the Constitution to make the titles of bishops consistent throughout the Constitution and Canons.

A176: Amends Article V of the Constitution with respect to procedures required to form a new Diocese.

A183: Amends Article IX to provide for the possible creation of a provincial, church-wide, or other way of providing for the discipline of Priests and Deacons, as an alternative to each Diocese maintaining its own separate disciplinary structure.

M/S/C Motion to approve the Consent Calendar. (The Rev. Charlotte Wells, Barbara Reynolds)

Elections and Confirmations

M/S/C Motion to close nominations. (The Rev. Jed Holdorph, Randy Heise)

Standing Committee-Clergy

M/S/C The Rev. Ann Marie Hardin was elected by Zoom Poll ballot to the Standing Committee, Class of 2023.

Standing Committee-Lay

M/S/C Karly Nash was elected by Zoom Poll ballot to the Standing Committee, Class of 2023.

Diocesan Council-Clergy

M/S/C The Rev. Joseph Farber was elected by Zoom Poll ballot to the Diocesan Council Class of 2023.

Diocesan Council-Lay

M/S/C Barbara Reynolds and Beth Spell were elected by Zoom Poll ballot to the Diocesan Council Class of 2023.

2021 Proposed Budget

M/S/C Motion to approve the 2020 Diocesan Budget as presented. (Jan Brown, The Rev. Roy Green)

Courtesy Resolutions

The Rev. Jed Holdorph presented the following courtesy resolutions:

As our gathering this weekend for the 50th Convention of the Diocese of Eastern Oregon is a reminder that we are members of a larger Church, are called to the hard and important work of “Becoming Beloved Community,” 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 online later this day for their Diocesan Convention; 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, and their bishop-elect Diana Akiyama, offering our prayers for them as they gather for their Diocesan Convention by Zoom on Saturday, October 31; 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, offering our prayers for them as they gather for the 2020 Idaho Virtual Convention, November 13-15; and be it further

Resolved, that the clergy and laity of the Diocese of Eastern Oregon extend greetings and appreciation to Holladay Sanderson, the dean of High Desert School of Ministry, for her work on our behalf and her invitation to us all to imagine the possibilities; 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 Laurie Larson Caesar; 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.

As our gathering this weekend for the 50th Convention of the Diocese of Eastern Oregon has been convened in the midst of a pandemic, obliging all involved to demonstrate flexibility, charity, creativity and imagination with the whole diocesan family, be it

Resolved, that the attendees of the 50th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon give thanks to Janet Warner, chair of this year's Diocesan Convention Committee, and to the other members, Bill Brisson, Sarah Hardin, Flossie Keeler, Vicki Kelsey, Kelly Mahon, and Sean Rogers; and be it further

Resolved, that the attendees of the 50th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon give thanks to Lisa Boquist, Kim Lee, and Amy Jayne, and to the all the staff at Ascension, for their generous hospitality this weekend; and be it further

Resolved, that the attendees of the 50th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon give thanks to those who have crafted our liturgies this weekend, and led us in worship, particularly Janet Warner, Sean Rogers, Kelly Mahon, and Amy Jayne; and be it further

Resolved, that the attendees of the 50th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon give thanks to Pat Bell, our Beloved Bishop, for his compassion and his call to us to do the hard work of antiracism as we aspire to become the "Beloved Community"; and be it further

Resolved, that the attendees of the 50th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon give thanks to our workshop leaders this year, for Juli Stratton, helping us to honor our differences and deepen our compassion, and for Bobby Fossek, sharing the joy of how we are unwinding the indigenous trauma inflicted upon the lands we revere at Ascension School; and be it further

Resolved, that the attendees of the 50th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon give thanks to Melanie Tromp van Holst for the always amazing food she has prepared and shared, satisfying the hunger of our bodies and providing us an example of abundant and gracious hospitality.

M/S/C Motion to approve the 2020 Courtesy Resolutions. (The Rev. Jed Holdorph, Mark Welch)

Time and Date of Convention

The 2021 Diocesan Convention will be held on October 15-17 in Pendleton.

M/S/C Motion to accept the change of venue for the 2021 Diocesan Convention to Pendleton, Orgon. (Randy Heise, Jan Brown)

Adjournment

M/S/C Motion to adjourn the 50th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon. (Randy Heise, The Rev. Jed Holdorph)

The 50th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon was adjourned at

Noonday Prayer and Compline services were pre-recorded and everyone was encouraged to participate at Noon and 4:15.

Sunday, October 18, 2020

Convention Worship

Morning Worship was held virtually via Facebook Live at 10:00 a.m. from the Ascension Chapel.

Bishop Bell awarded Bishop Crosses to Bruce Barnes and Ruth Tsu for their faithful service to EDEO.

The Ascension Banner will be kept in the Ascension Chapel to honor the years of service provided by Melanie Tromp Van Holst.

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Bishop's Address

Welcome, dear friends, to this virtual beginning of our 2020 Convention for the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon. I so appreciate your willingness to join with me at some point between now and the actual time of convention, or sometime after, to listen to these words that I will share with you during this time.

I deeply want to express my appreciation for members of the Convention committee who are gathered here in the historic chapel at Ascension School, and who are supporting this work of us to gather this year under extreme circumstances. I want to share with you an outgrowth of last year's convention, in this space, when we talked about finding common ground, and what directed our intents and purposes of mission and ministry as a diocese. Diocesan Council, taking from the work that many of you contributed to here, developed the following statement:

As followers of Jesus, we are working toward the practice of unconditional love through the values of human dignity, creation care, and spiritual formation.

It is my hope, that the sharing I offer to you now, will speak at least to some of that.

Becoming Beloved Community. Reading from I John: *Beloved let us love one another, because love is from God, everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God for God is love.*

The convergence of so many natural, social, racial, epidemic and political forces bring us to a place of tremendous uncertainty and unsettledness in our lives, and certainly in this diocese. They contribute to the fact that we are finding ourselves operating as a convention, as every other diocese in the United States is doing this year, in a way that we've never done before, and I appreciate the frustration that we can't be gathered together. I wish that we were here face to face. But in lieu of that we have the opportunity to focus our attention, if even for a few hours through this address, and then through our virtual gatherings on the weekend of our convention, to be with one another and to explore further our response to what it might be like to become a Beloved Community.

As we do that even today, and we are not all together in one place, I would invite you as a part of that expression of our support of the human dignity of all peoples, to remember whose ancestral lands you might be occupying where you are, and certainly where we are here in this historic space. Just to remind you that it was here that the Cayuse, Umatilla, Walla Walla, and the Nez Perce gathered, particularly in this valley, for thousands upon thousands of years to build community, trusted community, even, if you will, Beloved Community. And I would invite you, if you're not aware of the lands on whose space you might be sitting today, to find out and to acknowledge that even in your own thoughts and in your own prayers as you remember those people. I do invite you to remember that we gather in the Diocese of Eastern Oregon and the state of Oregon, remembering how many people have come before us. Once white settlers came into this space, but before us the various Native American tribal and clan groups, those who came to serve in varieties of ways; the Chinese, the Japanese, the Basque, the Blacks, Hispanics, and then those who are our ancestors of Northern and Southern European extraction, and so many others who help to put their imprint on this land and this space. And remembering all of those, would you please join with me in prayer.

Oh God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your son. Look with compassion on the whole human family. Take away the arrogance and hatred which infects our hearts, break down the walls that separate us. Unite us in bonds of love and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth, that in your good time all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen

In 1788, four years before taking the his ship the Columbia Rediviva over the sand bars of the *Wimahl* or *Big River*, Captain Robert Gray brought the first American ships into the Pacific Northwest to search for the opening of that western river. In coming around the horn he had taken on a young cabin boy whose name was Marcus Lopez, an African. Grey moored, on his way up the coast, in what is now known as Tillamook Bay, to trade with the local indigenous peoples, which they did for quite a period of time, to gather local produce and fresh fish. Young Marcus went out with some of his shipmates to dig clams, and in the process of that he had taken his knife or his small sword and had stuck it in the sand while he waded further into where he could dig clams. One of the young locals ran up and grabbed his knife and took off with it. Marcus, infuriated, took chase and chased him into the woods where he was met with a larger group of locals who in the tussle for his knife ended up killing him. Such was the unexpected, but I think very telling beginning, of the intersection of white persons, with persons of color in the state of Oregon.

Before I turn our attention to the lovely and appealing idea of creating and becoming a Beloved Community, I must stop and speak truth. To establish a context within which we now labor to bring about a loving, liberating, life-giving context for all people. I recognize some of what I'm going to share today, and particularly the litany of events that I am about to give to you, is hard work. It is something hard to hear, and hard to remember. Even as I listened to the presidential debate last evening, I was reminded how hard it is to listen to conflict when we have experienced all of these months in this year such travail around illness, around racial tensions, around political divides, and I must admit I came away from that event last night wanting to be able to just speak calm and gentle and assuring words. But I found myself realizing that there is no perfect time to address hard issues. There is no appropriate time, except always, to speak truth and to address that in ways that we challenge ourselves to become better, to be transformed in our spiritual life. And so today, I hope you will listen carefully, and while you maybe find it hard to listen to, it's important for us to know these things.

These dates and actions that I share with you go back many, many years and what I'm going to share with you is by no means an exhaustive list. But it certainly puts forward a sufficient context for us to continue talking about where we are in building a Beloved Community. Starting back in 1455 and even quite frankly as early as the 1100's, a number of statements were made about the discovery of new lands. The two that I will share with you from almost 600 years ago are the most telling. In 1455, Pope Nicholas V issued his *Romanus Pontifex*, in which he granted the Portuguese a monopoly of trade with Africa and authorized the enslavement of local people. Then forty years later, in 1493, Pope Alexander VI issued the Papal Bull *Inter Caetera* to justify Christian European explorers claims on land and waterways they allegedly discovered and to promote Christian domination and superiority, which has been applied in Africa, Asia, Australia, New Zealand, and all of the Americas.

Moving ahead a few hundred years, let's talk about this country and particularly, Oregon.

In 1823 the supreme court ruled in the case Johnson versus Macintosh that because Native Americans were “wanderers”, a completely erroneous identification, those Native Americans had no right to land title as Europeans understood it and therefore provided for the discovery rights of Europeans to prevail in any lands discovered in North America.

In 1830 U.S. Congress passed the Indian Removal Act, which intended to relocate all eastern Indigenous peoples west of the Mississippi River, eventually identifying Oklahoma as Indian Territory where they would be settled. In doing so, setting a precedent for all future displacements.

In 1844 Oregon passed acts to prohibit slavery, for which we should take some pride, but in the midst of doing that also excluded blacks and mulattos from living in this territory. In fact, extending later that act to include a Lash Law that prescribed that any black or mulatto who refused to relocate from this territory would receive 39 lashes every six months until they did vacate this space.

In 1854 and 1857 the Oregon Exclusion Act came to the fore again: repealed in 1854, but then by popular vote brought back again prohibiting slavery but adding in 1857 a new exclusion law for all blacks to the constitution.

Nationally in 1857 the Supreme Court’s infamous Drew Scott decision was enacted to state that blacks were not American citizens, in fact they were African citizens and had no rights under the law.

Back to Oregon. In 1859 Oregon was accepted into the Union, but as the only state ever admitted that had written into their constitution an exclusion law against blacks.

In 1866 Oregon failed to pass the 14th Amendment, that granted citizenship to blacks, although it did pass in 1868. Then in 1870 Oregon failed to pass the 15th amendment granting voting rights to black men.

By 1880 almost all native tribal groups recognized by the United States government had been forced onto government-identified reservation lands. What’s interesting is that not until the late 1920s did Oregon repeal the exclusion law and grant the vote to black men, even though our legislature during the 1920s was dominated by members of the Klu Klux Klan. Quite honestly, it was not until the year 2000, 20 years ago, that Oregon removed the final racist language from its constitution.

Beloved, let us love one another.

It is into this context that we are calling ourselves to be forged as a community of all people as the beloved of God, to become a beloved community. No matter the color of a person's skin nor the ethnic origin of their family nor of the financial nor social condition in which they find themselves. The idea of beloved community was first penned by the philosophe/ theologian Josiah Royce in the early 20th century in which he saw a beloved community as an ideal of those who would be dedicated to the pursuit of truth, loyalty, and reality. It had much more of a philosophical bent to it. It was not until the late 50s and 60s that the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King jr. would popularize the term beloved community in the way that we tend to use the term today: defining a society based on justice, equal opportunity, and love of one another. These are Biblical terms and a biblical concept. The core value in Dr. King's vision was Agape love. He puts it this way in his 1963 speech Loving Your Enemies. He says, “with every ounce of our energy we must continue to rid this nation of the incubus of segregation, but we shall not, in the process, relinquish our privilege and our obligation to love. While abhorring

segregation, we shall love the segregationist. This is the only way to create the Beloved Community.”

An essential expression of that love is the concept of justice, as we're reminded in that very familiar Micah passage where we're admonished to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God. Justice is equality, it's about being fair and equitable. A conformity to truth, fact, or reason. You remember Martin Luther King's oft quoted statement, “injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere”. It is the birthright of every human being in the beloved community. It is about recognizing the human dignity of every person.

In a 1966 article in *Christian Century*, King wrote of the ultimate goal of seeking beloved community, in which he said, “I do not think of political power as an end, neither do I think of economic power as an end. They are ingredients in the objective that we seek in life. And I think that the end of that objective is a truly brotherly society, the creation of the beloved community.”

On the face of it such a beautiful vision of being in life together in community would seem like a dream all of us would want to share, yet our society is torn by such divisions around race. The obstacles to realizing beloved community are myriad. At the very core of it is certainly an acknowledgement of the existence of systemic racism. I am well aware in watching the news and reading publications that there is real pushback, even within ourselves, of saying, “well, that doesn't exist anymore”. But lest you might want to push against that I want to invite you back to what I shared with you earlier. I want you to re-listen to that portion, how, over hundreds and hundreds of years, racism has been built within the very structures of our government and our community life. White Europeans, I'm afraid to say, have sought to exercise control and self-gain through the subjugation, overwhelming control, and use of non-white persons for hundreds of years. While I think we would be willing to say we've made progress, dear friends, the fact is we have much further to go if we are really to form Beloved Community. All you need to do is look even in our backyard of Portland, Oregon and recognize that we are not yet there. That has to begin with each one of us understanding where we fit within that place to bring Beloved Community into existence in our own hearts and minds and our own actions or inactions.

I must admit I found myself over the last six months, especially, pausing deeply to consider my part in all of this. I find there are so many phrases I have used growing up thinking that I had been liberated with a very progressive father and mother, even in a very reluctant small farming community, to embrace diversity. But here are the things I've heard myself say: “but that's not me, I'm not a racist,” “I really don't do those things,” or “I'm colorblind,” or “I don't have a racist bone in my body,” and a big one, “oh, by the way I married a Native American,” and “you know my children are not white,” and “I even have a black friend.” But mostly I found myself, growing up on the Washington side of the Idaho-Washington border, saying “at least I'm not like those white supremacists, those skinheads from North Idaho.”. Then I look in the mirror.

I am one of those who have certainly engaged in denial, in my own fear, my own disbelief. I so appreciate Robin D'Angelo, writing in her book *White Fragility*, on why it is so hard for white people to talk about racism. She writes, “While making racism bad seems like a positive change, we have to look at how this functions in practice within this paradigm. To suggest that I am racist is to deliver a deep moral blow, a kind of character flaw assassination, and having received this

blow I must defend my character. That is where all my energy will - go to deflecting the charge, rather than reflecting on my behavior. In this way the good/ bad binary makes it nearly impossible to talk to white people about racism. What it is, how it shapes all of us, and the inevitable ways that we are conditioned to participate in it.”

This is hard work. I found myself having to give serious thought to the ways in which I either have actively participated in, or simply turned away from, the ways in which my siblings of color are treated differently than I’m treated. How I even tend to see them differently than I would see my own white siblings. I’m going to be using several quotes from a book that I strongly recommend for you. It is a book by Ibram Kendi called How to Be an Anti-Racist . I highly commend it to you as a most accessible piece.

Ibram Kendi is a man who, with deep humility, gives us an opportunity to engage in self examination. In this book he says pain is usually essential to healing when it comes to healing America of racism. We want to heal America without pain, but without pain there is no progress and I think that pain speaks to not only what I have to deal with in looking at myself in the mirror but looking at our structures; whether it be in the Diocese of Eastern Oregon, in the communities in which we live, the state government, certainly the federal government. It is taking a deep look at what needs to be changed in our perceptions, in our understanding, but more importantly in the way people are treated through policy. Kendi makes a very good point in his book that totally revamped my understanding of this and frankly, confesses himself that it was a change in his own understanding. If we are to address racism it is not just about addressing an information gap or an understanding, and it's not even just about the policies, but it's what is behind the policies, which tends to be guarded by those who gain from the policies. Racism really, at its core, is the destruction of the potential for Beloved Community, and has at its core power and privilege. What might I give up if I open up the door of acceptance and equality and justice for all? I think when we begin to think in those terms, that somehow, I will give up something and lose it. That is not a biblical perception. The biblical perception of God's grace and love is its abundance, its overwhelming nature in which it can never be exhausted. There is always enough for all and if in some way, I must step aside and be joined by another, I’ve lost nothing. In fact, I’ve gained new insights, new understanding. Rather than being deprived I’ve suddenly been enriched.

And so, the fact is, dear friends, as I stand before you today, I would have to admit that my name is Pat and I’m a racist. I’m a racist by the things that I have done, by my perceptions, by attitudes that I know that I’ve possessed, growing up and even well into my adult life, by actions, but more importantly, dear friends, I’m a racist by my inaction. What I haven't done, when I haven't spoken. I want to change that. I want to take on a different action. Kendi says in his book, “racist is not - as Richard Spencer argues - a pejorative. It is not the worst word in the English language; it is not the equivalent of a slur. It is a descriptive and the only way to undo racism is to constantly identify and describe it - and then dismantle it. The attempt to turn this useful descriptive term into an almost unusable slur is of course designed to do the opposite. It is designed to freeze us into inaction. “

I have a responsibility to get out of that middle ground that Kendi clearly says does not exist. We are either racist or we are anti-racist. I want to become an anti-racist. I have a responsibility as a follower of Jesus, I have an obligation to face into my part in all of this, certainly my silence. In the midst of that it becomes my responsibility to learn how to move into that camp of how

to take on the work of building Beloved Community. By joining in efforts for justice and equanimity for all, I have to take that responsibility, and no one is out there to do that for me. Nor should I depend on anyone else to do it for me.

A few years ago, I had the privilege of attending an organization on the development of leadership for clergy in the Episcopal Church. I sat with priests, particularly younger priests, from all over the country. I had the privilege of sitting at a table with two black priests, one of whom was a woman who was most articulate. As we were talking about the issues of racial disparity she lamented that she worked in a white parish and she made the statement, "I am exhausted by being the one everyone turns to to teach them how to not be a racist." She lamented that we who are white come to those sisters and brothers and siblings of color and say, "Well, tell me what must I do." She made it so clear to our group, and it so touched my heart, that no matter where issues of injustice rest, where racism lies in me and in my community, it's my responsibility to discover how to address that. I have to be the one who begins to learn and then invite others to that learning.

So dear friends, I'm inviting you. Here is the challenge that Kendi gives to us: 'There is no neutrality in the racism struggle... One either allows racial inequities to persevere, as a racist, or confronts racial inequities, as an anti-racist. There is not in between safe space of 'not racist'. The claim of 'not racist' neutrality is simply a mask for racism."

Where do we begin? I have a recommendation. The Episcopal Church provides an opportunity for us that came about during the time of Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's stepping into the responsibility for leadership of our church. Offering a way of becoming the Beloved Community. They have provided for us a way, a long-term commitment, to engage in racial healing, reconciliation, and justice through a program that is offered on the website for the national church. This method offers an invitation to engage in a journey, one that is unique for each one of us and for each community about how to embrace a manner in which we begin to learn what it is to step forward as anti-racists and it is based on four particular pieces. If you happen to have the pre-convention journal you will see it as the emblem of the labyrinth. It is encompassed in four specific quadrants or activities. I'm just going to share those very quickly for you to get your mind thinking.

The first quadrant is Telling the Truth about our Churches and Race. It is based on the baptismal promise: Persevere in resisting evil, and whenever we fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord. Here's the core questions: What racial cultural/ethnic groups are in our local church? Who have we excluded or included?

Moving from that the second quadrant is proclaiming the Dream of Beloved Community. It's based on the baptismal promise: Proclaim by word and example of the Good News of God in Christ. The core questions are these: How has our city/ town/area participated in racial injustice or healing over time? What's happening today here? What is our dream of Beloved Community? What behaviors and practices foster that dream?

The third quadrant is Practicing the Way of Love based on the baptismal promise: Seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbors as ourselves. The core questions: How will we grow as reconcilers, healers, and justice bearers? What activities, practices, learnings, and experiences would form or transform us? How will we share our stories and grow relationships?

Finally, Repairing the Breach in Society and Institutions is the fourth, based on the baptismal promise: Strive for justice and peace among all people and respect the dignity of every

human being. The core questions are: What institutions and systems bear the signs of racial injustice? How will we participate in the repair, restoration, and healing of people, institutions, and systems?

My friends, all of that is not going to get accomplished in a short series of meetings. It is a journey. It is a commitment. I would suggest to you it is an obligation. If we are serious about following Jesus in what he did and what he said then we are obliged to take seriously what it is to build Beloved Community where we live. That will take time, it may take years, it may take the rest of our existence in this space, but it is a promising, challenging, phenomenally rewarding opportunity for us to take seriously, particularly as the Episcopal Church in Eastern Oregon: to speak truth in love to our neighbors and to each other and most importantly to ourselves. I invite you to that.

I know there is so much else weighing us down. We are tired. We are discouraged. But the very time when we are experiencing that is the time when we must answer a call to do something. To change. To take on a new task, an important task, an essential task to build the Beloved Community. Beloved, love one another. Love all, including yourself, and start from there.

In closing I would like to invite the Diocese of Eastern Oregon to at least a couple of action steps.

- First off, I am going to be inviting every congregation to engage this material or some other in which we explore the issues of racial reconciliation and justice. We will be sending out to each congregation the materials or at least the link to those materials and an invitation how to use them. How to engage them, even if it's one small group within your congregation to begin with. A seed effort.
- In addition, I will be inviting the council to address, in particular context, one of our greatest issues around racial equity. Probably the most unseen and unrecognized minorities in our space are the very people who have lived here originally for thousands and thousands of years. I will be inviting council to partner with projects that will work with local indigenous efforts and finding ways to support, learn, and advocate for greater trust through reconciliation, through means of understanding, and particularly for support of the sovereignty of the Indigenous Peoples who are our neighbors.
- I will also be asking the diocese and council to engage, over the next year, learning about the Doctrine of Discovery, particularly based on those two Papal Edicts with which I began. It is my intent that by next year, when we meet, hopefully, in Pendleton, in person, we will introduce to the diocese an opportunity to repudiate the Doctrine of Discovery.
- I am also wanting to find ways to challenge us within our communities and within the diocese on ways to engage, identify, and support leaders in minority communities, particularly to take leadership within the church. One topic that I would like to begin talking to you about is to challenge you, as you begin the process in the next several years of looking for the next Bishop of Eastern Oregon, of the possibility to intentionally look for a person of color to lead this diocese.

I leave you dear friends with these powerful words:

A final quote from Ibram Kendi, when he says, “What gives me hope is a simple truism. Once we lose hope, we are guaranteed to lose. But if we ignore the odds and fight to create an anti-racist world, then we give humanity a chance to one day survive. A chance to live in communion and a chance to be forever free.”

Beloved let us love one another. God bless you. God keep you. Be well and know of my love for all of you. I am longing to see you sometime soon.

Now the peace of God, which passes all understanding, guard your hearts and your minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon you and all those you love now and forever.

Minutes from the EOEF Annual Meeting

The Eastern Oregon Episcopal Foundation
October 14, 2020 Meeting via ZOOM

Present

The Rt. Rev. Patrick Bell		Chair
Dave Keeler	Redeemer, Pendleton	Vice Chair
Jerry Frazier	St. Paul's, The Dalles	Treasurer
Gretchen Kimsey	St. Paul's, The Dalles	Secretary
Joel Bigelow	St. Stephen's, Baker City	Trustee
Laurance Kerr	St. Paul's, The Dalles	Trustee
Pat Brim-Williams	St. Paul's, The Dalles	Trustee
Julie Reynolds	St. Thomas, Canyon City	Trustee
Patti Knollman	All Saints of the Cascades, Sunriver	Trustee

Certified noting members who signed in for the Annual Meeting

Beth Bigelow	St. Stephen's	Baker City
Alexis McCarthy	St. John's	Hermiston
Jerry Frazier	St. Paul's	The Dalles
Flossie Keeler	Redeemer	Pendleton
Helen Keefe	Transfiguration	Sisters
Vickie Kelsey	St. Mark's	Hood River
Mary Link	All Saints of the Cascades	Sunriver
Sue Powers	St. Mark's+Church of the Good Shepherd	Madras
Terry Rahmsdorff	Trinity	Bend
Nod Palmer	St. Peter's	La Grande
Jim Spell	St. Thomas	Canyon City
Nancy Condron	St. Andrew's	Prineville

Visitors

Janet Warner	St. Matthew's	Ontario
Georgia Giacobbe	St. Paul's	The Dalles

I Bishop Pat began the meeting with a prayer with words from EO Diocesan Council's values statement about unconditional love which includes dignity for all people, creation care and spiritual formation.

II Twelve congregations were present with a required quorum of twelve.

III Minutes of the previous annual meeting were accepted as presented.

IV Patti Knollman was unanimously elected as our newest Trustee.

V Officers were unanimously elected with Dave Keeler as Vice Chair, Jerry Frazier as Treasurer and Gretchen Kimsey as Secretary.

VI Jerry reported the transfer of funds from Wells Fargo to SSGA State Street (Episcopal Church Foundation) is complete as of January 2020. He reported the 2019 Farm income was added to the 2020

Farm income as indicated on the financial reports. A \$3,000 gift to the Foundation was given by The Rev. Diana Akiyama in thanksgiving for the 30th anniversary of her ordination to the priesthood. She is now Bishop elect of the Diocese of Oregon. Additional sums have been paid to the Foundation from Ascension School (\$18,000) and EDEO (\$4,900) as loan repayments, but they were received after attached 2020 documents were printed. The audit has begun with a search of additional minutes from recent years required. Dave Keeler and Patti Knollman have offered to help Jerry with preparations for the audit.

VII Dave Keeler reported on the Duncan Farm. There are four sources of money under Farm Income....wheat, stubble used in mushroom production in Canada, canola, and government farm payments. Every other year wheat and stubble are replaced with a pea crop. Dave will deliver a form to the Farm Service Agency in Pendleton saying the Duncan Farm property earnings are less than \$900,000.

VIII Bishop Pat expressed appreciation to Jerry Frazier, Foundation Treasurer and Randy Heise, Diocesan Treasurer for their hard work in transferring Foundation funds from Wells Fargo to State Street.....a monumental accomplishment.

IX New Business – Gretchen brought up the possibility of grant money from the Foundation becoming available to congregations for technology equipment. Worshipping virtually has become the norm during COVID, and some congregations may need financial help in securing necessary electronic equipment. Several congregations witnessed to the success of worshipping virtually which allows home bound people and also visitors to be able to worship in community. This subject will be discussed further during the Trustee's meeting which will immediately follow this meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 PM. Respectfully submitted, Gretchen Kimsey

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 region of the diocese.

Barbara Reynolds, Diocesan Council
The Rev. Jed Holdorph, Standing Committee
The Rev. Joseph Farber, Diocesan Council
Karly Nash, Standing Committee

All Saints of the Cascades, Sunriver
Trinity, Bend
Transfiguration, Sisters
Trinity, Bend

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

Tellers: Task: to distribute items including ballots, to count ballots, and report elections to the President of the Convention.

Amy Jayne
Lisa Boquist

Ascension School, Cove
EDEO Staff

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

No Convention Offering

Time and Place of 2020 Diocesan Convention:

Church of the Redeemer, Pendleton

October 16-18, 2021

2021 Budget

2020 Proposed EDEO Budget

	A	B	C	D	H	J	M
					2018 Actuals	2019 Budget	2020 Budget
1		Ordinary Income/Expense					
2		Income					
3		Assessments					
4			Prior Year Assessments				
5			Current Year Assessments		\$339,189	\$389,092	\$345,000
6		Total Assessments			\$339,189	\$389,092	\$345,000
7							
13		Other Income					
14			Duncan		\$10,000	\$4,000	\$10,000
15			HDSM		\$0	\$0	\$10,565
16			Convention Income		\$14,866	\$10,000	\$10,000
17			Donations		\$0	\$0	\$600
18		Total Other Income			\$24,866	\$14,000	\$31,165
19							
20		Grants /Loans					
21			Found. Grant Retired Clergy Ins.		\$8,400	\$8,400	\$8,400
23		Grants/Loans			\$8,400	\$8,400	\$8,400
24							
25		Total Investment Income			\$45,000	\$44,000	\$44,000
26							
27		Transfers In					
28			Ministry Formation		\$12,700	\$12,500	\$10,000
29			Strategic Dev. Fund		\$4,000	\$0	\$11,500
30			Medical Reserve		\$11,000	\$11,000	\$11,000
31		Total Transfer In			\$27,700	\$23,500	\$32,500
32							
33		Total EDEO Income			\$445,155	\$478,992	\$461,065

2020 Proposed EDEO Budget

	A	B	C	D	H	I	M
					2018 Actuals	2019 Budget	2020 Budget
1		Ordinary Income/Expense					
34							
35		Expense					
36		The Larger Church					
37			EMO-Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon		\$0	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
38			Province VIII		\$1,700	\$1,890	\$0
39			TEC - The Episcopal Church		\$36,600	\$40,165	\$43,000
40			Theological Education - HDSM		\$7,820	\$8,000	\$8,000
41		Total The Larger Church			\$46,120	\$52,055	\$53,000
42							
43		Offerings					
44			SDG's - Sustainable Dev. Goals		\$3,000	\$3,000	\$2,100
45		Total Offerings			\$3,000	\$3,000	\$2,100
46							
47		Ministry Support					
48			Diocesan Commissions				
49			Diversity Commission		\$0	\$500	\$100
50			Environmental Justice Commiss.		\$0	\$500	\$100
51			Prison Ministry		\$0	\$500	\$100
52		Total Diocesan Commissions			\$0	\$1,500	\$300
53							
54		Total Commission on Ministry			\$4,068	\$6,000	\$4,000
56							
57		Conferences & Memberships					
58			Lambeth Reserve		\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
59			Chancellor		\$2,331	\$2,500	\$2,500
60			The Epis. Network for Stewardship (TEN)		\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
61			Conferences- Other		\$1,063	\$0	\$1,750
62		Total Conferences & Memberships			\$6,394	\$5,500	\$7,250
64							
66		Total Convention			\$19,227	\$10,000	\$10,000
67							
68			Diocesan Council/Standing Committee		\$4,819	\$10,000.00	\$6,000.00
69			Finance Committee		\$203	\$500	\$300
70		Total Diocesan Council/Standing Committee			\$5,022	\$10,500	\$6,300

2020 Proposed EDEO Budget

A	B	C	D	H	J	M
	Ordinary Income/Expense			2018 Actuals	2019 Budget	2020 Budget
1						
71		Faith Formation/Continuing Ed				
72		Clergy		\$849	\$2,500	\$1,000
73		Collegium		\$9,748	\$14,000	\$10,000
75		Lay		\$1,500	\$2,000	\$500
76		Resource Library/Publications		\$273	\$200	\$200
78		Total Faith Formation/Continuing Ed		\$12,371	\$18,700	\$11,700
79		Canonical Training				
80		Background Checks		\$42	\$100	\$100
81		Total Canonical Training		\$42	\$100	\$100
82						
83		General Convention Reserve		\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000
84						
85		Youth Reserve		\$500	\$500	\$300
86						
87		Total Staff Expense		\$10,298	\$7,000	\$7,000
88						
89		Total Ministry Support		\$69,921	\$71,800	\$58,950
90						
91		Total Bishop Expenses		\$60,169	\$44,000	\$50,000
92						
93		Personnel				
94		Payroll				
94		Bishop		\$23,585	\$23,585	\$23,585
95		Bishop Housing		\$10,760	\$10,761	\$10,761
96		SS Premium		\$2,845	\$2,846	\$2,846
98		Ascension Executive Director		\$43,905	\$49,470	\$48,960
99		Ascension Operations Manager		\$38,500	\$39,270	\$40,055
100		Executive Secretary		\$51,000	\$52,020	\$53,091
101		Total Payroll		\$170,595	\$177,952	\$179,298
102		Total Payroll Expenses		\$3,984	\$3,559	\$3,586
103		Total Payroll Taxes		\$12,010	\$12,457	\$12,551
104		Pension				
105		Lay Staff Pension		\$11,675	\$12,750	\$9,185
106						
107						

2020 Proposed EDEO Budget

A	B	C	D	H	J	M
	Ordinary Income/Expense			2018 Actuals	2019 Budget	2020 Budget
1						
108		Total Pension		\$11,675	\$12,750	\$9,185
109		Medical and Life Insurance				
110		Bishop		\$13,827	\$13,100	\$15,792
111		Lay Staff		\$23,415	\$29,500	\$19,056
112		Life Insurance		\$1,088	\$1,200	\$1,200
113		Retirees Supplemental Med. Ins.		\$8,460	\$8,400	\$8,400
114		Total Medical and Life Insurance		\$46,790	\$52,200	\$44,448
115						
116		Total Total Personnel		\$245,054	\$258,918	\$249,067
117						
118		Contracted Services				
119		Audit		\$0	\$6,500	\$6,500
120		Communication and Promotion		\$1,635	\$3,000	\$3,000
121		Bookkeeping/Payroll Services		\$6,439	\$4,020	\$4,000
122		Legal Fees		\$150	\$500	\$500
123		Archive Project		\$0	\$0	\$300
124		Misc. Contracted Services		\$0	\$0	\$0
125		Transition Minister		\$12,395	\$15,000	\$13,500
126		Total Contracted Services		\$20,619	\$29,020	\$27,800
127						
128		Administration				
129						
131		Technology		\$2,701	\$4,500	\$2,500
132		Other Expense		\$64	\$0	\$0
133		Office Supplies		\$1,557	\$1,500	\$1,500
134		Photocopies and Printing		\$3,368	\$3,000	\$3,500
135		Postage		\$793	\$1,000	\$1,000
136		Telephone		\$240	\$240	\$240
137		Credit Card Fees		\$393	\$0	\$0
138		Total Administration		\$9,115	\$10,240	\$8,740
139		Total Administration/Contracted Ser.		\$29,734	\$39,260	\$36,540

2020 Proposed EDEO Budget

A	B	C	D	H	J	M
	Ordinary Income/Expense			2018 Actuals	2019 Budget	2020 Budget
1						
140						
141	Physical & Real Property					
142			Repair and Maintenance	\$478	\$500	\$500
143			Repair and Maintenance Reserve	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$500
144	Total Maintenance			\$1,478	\$1,500	\$1,000
145						
146	Insurance and Taxes					
147			General Insurance Package	\$7,893	\$9,000	\$8,666
148			Property Taxes	\$1,430	\$1,300	\$1,500
149	Total Insurance and Taxes			\$9,324	\$10,300	\$10,166
150						
151	Total Expense			\$464,800	\$480,833	\$460,823
152						
153	Total EDEO Income			\$445,155	\$478,992	\$461,065
154	Total EDEO Expense			\$464,800	\$480,833	\$460,823
155	Balance			-\$19,645	-\$1,841	\$242
156						
157	Ascension School Total Income			\$224,914	\$271,400	\$321,250
158	Ascension School Total Expense			\$285,497	\$305,093	\$321,030
159	Balance			-\$60,584	-\$33,693	\$220
160	Transfers Approved by Council			\$58,427	\$33,333	
161				-\$2,157	-\$359	
162						
163	Total Combined Budget Income			\$728,496	\$783,725	\$782,315
164	Total Combined Budget Expenses			\$750,297	\$785,925	\$781,853
165	Balance			-\$21,801	-\$2,200	\$462
166						

Reports To Convention

Archives/Historiographer Project Report

Another year gone by, another year of history in the making. I am happy to say that work has continued at the archives, and I continue to document, preserve, and write about it all. My difficulty is staying focused as there are so many avenues to pursue. Special projects can pop up at any time.

One special project last year was the celebration of 140th consecration anniversary of the original St. Paul's Church on Union Street in The Dalles. The celebration took place in November last year. I supported the celebration committee chaired by Gretchen Kimsey by providing the backup historical information for the supporting documents and contributing to the presentation at the Saturday evening banquet. One list needing an update was the list of all the ministers who have led the congregation at St. Paul's.

Before the Covid-19 "lockdown", I had begun assisting other congregations besides St. Paul's The Dalles. With St. Mark's Hood River the closest church, I visited them a few times to assist them to discover the records they have retained and to help preserve them. As the historian, I am particularly interested in their early years as Bishop Paddock, the first bishop of our missionary district, worked from Hood River as his home base. He was not known as a great administrator so uncovering the early records of the district is challenging. Additionally, I attended a presentation by Diana Butler Bass at Holy Trinity, Bend, in late February, and while I was there took the opportunity to see their records and make recommendations.

Thankfully, the microfilm collection of EDEO is digitized. During the spring of the Covid-19 lockdown, I spent time at home exploring the digitized old records of the diocese. I was able to uncover enough information to write stories of the former congregations of St. John's, Prairie City; Our Savior, Summer Lake; Shaniko; Holy Trinity, Vale; Ironside Church; and more on St. Peter's, Cross Keys. I further explored the Unorganized and Organized Missions that were granted in the Missionary District and Diocese and expanded the original list in the *Episcopal Mission and Ministry in Eastern Oregon Country* book. The original list in the book included thirty-five communities of an Episcopal presence at some point in time in Eastern Oregon. I now have expanded the list to forty-three communities where Episcopal ministry was conducted. I now have an expanded knowledge of the geography of Eastern Oregon!

This summer I have started a newer and updated web page for the archives. As many of you know, the electronic world changes quickly, and although I worked on web pages in the past, the newer software and apps are a bit more challenging. Hopefully, I will be able to publish a new web page to share our diocese's history. As part of that project, I created a narrative timeline, which can be distributed in printed and electronic formats, not just on a web page.

As a member of the National Episcopal Historians and Archivists (NEHA), we continue to receive their quarterly publication *The Historiographer*, and receive email correspondence from time to time. They have recognized the challenging and dramatic differences in the way we conduct church during this time of Covid-19 and have asked their members to submit to their Covid-19 Project in collecting this info. I reported to them the changes that churches and clergy in Eastern Oregon have made and at some time they plan to publish the results of the input.

In the meantime, if you have any questions about anything in this report, parish recordkeeping, curious about the archives, or anything related to the history of our diocese, please contact me. Hope to see you at our virtual convention!

Georgia Giacobbe
Historiographer Diocese of Eastern Oregon

Ascension School Report

Check out our Fall 2020 Edition of The Circle for more details!

The Reality of COVID-19 – We have worked diligently to pivot, pause, or adapt our ministries in lieu of the COVID-19 pandemic. Our core priorities have been social responsibility, staff retention and safety, and Ascension’s sustainability.

Adaptive Ministry

Ascension Summer 2020 Internship – 17 young adults were accepted to participated. The internship included leadership development, spiritual formation, creation of camp content and working on specific projects around campus. This program blessed us immensely!

Camp in a Box – Over 150 former and potential campers received a special care package from Ascension School. A reminder that we love them, and they are missed! Funded through individual gifts (over \$4000) and the Cove COPY Program (supporting 52 campers).

Cove Free Lunch Program – Free lunch for 50+ children in Cove, Monday-Friday, all summer. Funded by donations from individuals throughout EDEO, the Cove Senior Citizens, and grants through Episcopal Relief and Development, Church Mutual and The Oregon Community Foundation.

Senior Meals To-Go – A twice monthly to-go meal for 50+ Senior Citizens. Funded through Episcopal Relief and Development and The Cove Senior Citizens.

Facility & Grounds: Jason Jayne, Maintenance | Bobby Fossek, Habitat Management

Habitat Management – In Spring 2020, we began to see the first growth from our fall seeding on our land restoration project. New life is springing up everywhere, and the creeks have braided around the property! We have focused on restorative weed abatement across the entire property this spring and summer. In Fall 2020, we (under Bobby’s leadership) hosted a tribal sovereignty camp and camas bake. This restoration project is now fully funded through EDEO donors, Conservation Resource Enhancement Program, and grants through the Wildhorse Foundation and the Episcopal Creation Care Task Force.

2020 Campus Updates:

- Remington Room Makeover – Paint, flooring, TV and furniture
- Camp Director Office – Shelving, paint and organization systems
- Revived decks, patio furniture and picnic tables – Cleaned and stained and/or painted
- Increased accessibility – Gravel paths to dorms and enlarged parking at Coe-Kerr landing
- Fiber Optic Install – Consolidated internet and phone service
- Paddock and Taylor deep cleaning, organizing and painting
- New Fire Circle – Redesign, benches and lighting
- Kimsey Updates – Cellular dial system for fire suppression, new freezer, various room updates
- Raised beds and redesign throughout the garden and greenhouse
- Paint touch-ups throughout campus – dorm walls/doors, shutters, doors, trim and signs

Pre-COVID – Kim, Amy & Melanie were able to attend the ECCC conference in Maryland in January 2020. This was an opportunity to learn and connect with folks throughout the Episcopal camping ministry.

Bisbee Fund Ministry Partnership Grant

Hopeful Saints Ministry-Heppner

In the Fall of 2019, Hopeful Saints Ministry applied for a grant of \$400 to support what we intended to become an expansion of a monthly ministry that had been underway since December 2018--leading worship at Two Rivers Correctional Institution in Umatilla under the supervision of Chaplain Jaime Cardona. The grant sought funds to help initiate a Bible study that would offer a grace-filled perspective on faith and the God who loves rather than condemns (as an alternative to other religious perspectives with a significant presence at the prison).

At the time of the application, our pastor had just completed 30 hours of training and on-site orientation to become a "carded volunteer" at the prison, allowing her to enter, teach, and preach without the chaplain's presence. Due to delays in processing by the Department of Corrections, she was still awaiting receipt of her volunteer card by the time we were notified on February 7 that our grant request had been approved. Proceeding with a study and getting it scheduled in the prison system then needed to await the return of the chaplain from a month-long visit with his family in Columbia. Shortly after he returned, COVID intervened. Groups were no longer allowed to gather and volunteers were no longer allowed to enter the prison.

In June, we learned that small groups inside the prison were being allowed to gather again, but volunteers still excluded for the foreseeable future. For that reason the prison chaplain was requesting study materials he could use to help facilitate small group activities. We therefore requested and received from Diocesan Council permission to repurpose the funds we had received, and have instead purchased the following materials for use at TRCI:

1. Five 4 to 6 session study courses from Select Learning: Faith Out Loud, Is This the Time-- Interpreting the Mystery of Revelation, How Lutherans Interpret the Bible, and Good God Questions (two courses) at a total cost of \$229.66.
2. Five copies of "*Here We Stand*" Study Bible (NRSV) and five copies of *Hear My Voice: A Prison Prayer Book* from Augsburg Fortress at a total cost of \$193.25.

Hopeful Saints Ministry is a grateful recipient of the grant which helped us continue, in this alternative way, our ministry to the men we've been worshiping with and others who might hear Good News through them.

Ascension School Camp and Conference Center - Cove

We were very grateful to have received a Bisbee Grant in 2020. We have designated those funds to purchase specialized snow removal equipment for our sidewalks leading from the Kimsey parking lot to the Coe-Kerr Community Center. We host exercise classes 3x per week for our Cove Senior Citizens and this equipment will ensure that they can safely navigate the sidewalks through the winter. Our partnership with the Cove Senior Citizens is an important part of our ministry in the Cove community.

Chaplains to the Retired Clergy

The Rev. Celine and Richard (Dick) Burke served as the Bishop's Chaplains to the Retired Clergy and Spouses. They met with as many Retirees as possible during the last year. There was a lunch in the Dalles/Hood River area. There were multiple home visits in Pendleton, Milton-Freewater, and Prairie City. The Central Oregon group met for lunch, and then a party at the Burke Residence.

After the COVID-19 Shut down all retirees and spouses got at least 2 phone calls and some more. Most of these were check in calls, everyone was called with information about avoiding being scammed or a victim of FRAUD. Thanks to Lisa Boquist information about this victimization which targets Seniors was forwarded to all clergy and parishes.

We try to make pastoral calls when we know of a Retiree who would like a visit. Please keep us informed about the Retirees and Spouses of Retirees from your parish or area whom we can visit or call.

Dick and Celine try to be in touch with all Retired Clergy and Spouses. If you know of a retiree who lives in Eastern Oregon, please forward their name. We work with those with the Church Pension Fund and those who are not members of the plan. We also work with those clergy thinking of retiring.

The Church Pension Fund has wonderful webinars, classes, (such as how to live healthy during the COVID-19 shutdown) as well as checking on Benefits. If you need help getting into their website, you can contact us.

We are sorry to report there were 4 deaths during the last year. The Rev. Bob Herlocker, The Rev. John Pennington, The Rev. Bill Ellis and Barbi Hodgkins. The Burkes attended funerals of those who were able to have them.

The Burke's also serve as Coordinators to the Chaplains to the Retired of Province VIII. This requires them to be in touch with all of the chaplains in the province.

The Rev. Celine and Richard Burke
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Commission on Ministry

Since our report for the 2019 Diocesan Convention, the Commission on Ministry (COM) has met three times and has one more meeting scheduled as of this writing.

The COM met in October 2019 just prior to Convention. Our two major agenda items for that meeting were to have our final interview with Ray Jeff Spreier prior to his ordination and to complete planning for the lay ministry workshop to be offered at Convention. The Commission on Ministry offered listening workshops about licensed and non-licensed lay ministries at the 2019 Diocesan Convention. The two sessions of workshops were well attended and were marked by enthusiastic conversation about ministry. Resources for licensed ministries were made available to the attendees. However, the concerns of those present were not related to licensed ministries. We heard attendees express concerns with and interest in 1) recognizing and naming activities by individuals and congregations as Ministry; 2) using social media and technology to connect with people and attract them to church; 3) programs or service projects that might attract non-members to join with parish members in accomplishing such ministries; 4) sharing ideas and stories of shared ministry, such as Stephen Ministry.

As of Convention 2019, terms on COM ended for Beth Spell and Kathy Thew. We give thanks for their long and capable service to this commission. We also expressed our appreciation to Lee Kiefer as he ended his service as an ex-officio member of the commission with his retirement in December 2019. The commission welcomed Marty Nyman as our newest member.

The Rev. Ray Jeff Spreier was ordained to the diaconate on December 7, 2019 in Prineville. Ray Jeff serves St. Andrew's, Prineville. His ordination to the priesthood is pending. We look forward to his ordination as soon as congregations can gather in person once again.

Our first post-Convention meeting was in early February. Winter meetings are regularly scheduled as online meetings because travel can be difficult during those months. Online meetings are shorter than in-person meetings and deal only with necessary agenda items. Our first 2020 in-person meeting was scheduled for March; however, that meeting was cancelled as we awaited news of how Coronavirus restrictions would affect us all. As a result of our pandemic restrictions, the June meeting was held via Zoom, as will be the September meeting. At each meeting we are updated on our people in process towards ordination. Postulants for ordination are Katy Nesbitt, Sean Rogers, and Dan Jeffrey. We also have five Aspirants still in discernment and applying for Postulancy.

Business that has been attended to this year includes discussion of 1) ways to respond to those items listed above from last year's Convention; 2) clarification and revision of forms and process for ordination; 3) Safe Church training, 4) anti-racism training, and 5) resources for parishes for adult formation and lay ministry.

High Desert School of Ministry continues to be a valuable addition to our diocesan resources for ministry development. 2020-21 is the third year for the school and will be the final year for two

of the students. There will be at least six students in the Scripture classes - three First year and three Second year. Of the eight students who are known as of this writing, seven are from EDEO and one from Idaho. HDSM, like so many schools, began meeting online in March 2020, and will continue to meet online at least during the Fall term of 2020. First and Second year students will be studying Scripture with three rotating facilitators, while Third year students study Theology and Ethics with the leadership of Dean Holladay Sanderson. Spirituality, homiletics, liturgy, pastoral issues, and congregational issues are worked into the sessions. Dean Sanderson plans to use guest presenters for some sessions.

2019-20 members of COM are: The Rev. Katy Anderson, The Rev. Marilyn Roth, Linda Quinn, The Rev. Jan Kozak, The Rev. John Collins, Diane Adams, David Silva, The Rev. Aletha Bonebrake, Marty Nyman, and Bishop Pat Bell. Katy Anderson's and Linda Quinn's terms end with Convention. We give thanks for their service to this commission.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Adams, Chair

Cursillo Report

This has been a different sort of year for the Cursillo Community in Eastern Oregon....just as it has been for everyone. Adjustment is the operative word. We all have been doing just that. Cursillo adjustments have been as follows.

1. The Cursillo weekend in early May of 2020 was postponed until early May of 2021. We pray this will be possible, as we look forward to joining other Christians at Ascension School for a weekend of teaching, healing, inspirational music, good food, and fun as we explore the Christian message of love.
2. Meetings of the Secretariat (the Cursillo Governing Board) have met regularly via ZOOM. This platform has worked well for us, and we are grateful for this technology.
3. Our annual meeting in 2019 was hosted by Redeemer in Pendleton and St. John's in Hermiston. Our meetings were held in Peace Lutheran in Pendleton which supports our ecumenical purpose statement which you will find below.
4. This year of 2020 our Annual Meeting will be hosted by Trinity Episcopal in Bend and Our Savior Lutheran in Prineville. Our by-laws will once again be discussed with possible minor changes made. We will meet via ZOOM.....a big change for us!
5. A gift from the Cursillo Community of Eastern Oregon to Ascension School in the amount of \$1,450 was given to help pay for the wonderful cement sidewalk which connects Founder's Hall to the Coe/Kerr Community Center.

Our Mission Statement reads as follows:

Cursillo is an ecumenical community of faith, love and hope that supports and energizes individuals in our search for discovery and renewal in Christ.

Submitted by Gretchen Kimsey

Diocesan Council Report

October 31-November 2, 2019 Diocesan Council met in Retreat at Ascension School Camp and Conference Center, Cove. The meeting opened with a reading by Bishop Bell from Hildegard of Bingen, a 12th century German Benedictine Abbess.

The Rev. Aletha Bonebrake, St. Stephen's Baker City, was elected Diocesan Council Co-Chair, serving with Bishop Pat as Chair. The Rev. Charlotte Wells, Adrienne Brown and Barbara Reynolds volunteered to serve on the Bisbee Grant Committee. The Rev. Roy Green gave the Standing Committee Report.

Bishop Pat then led the council in review of 2019 Convention experiences and suggestions, which included suggestion of more time for meals, a liturgy book signed by members of Convention to be sent to Grace Chapel and having display tables in more prominent location. The Saturday liturgy outdoors celebrating the return of the fields to natural habitat and the Tish Croom Trail was praised. Klamath Falls and Lakeview would like to host a Convention.

Retreat sessions included a visioning session with the Bishop, followed by business sessions with a facilities report on work at Ascension School and Barton House, announcing appointment of Bobby Fossek Director of Habitat Management, motion to approve \$800 from Tish Croom fund to finish painting projects, a finance report by Randy Heise, a Sustainable Development Goals Committee report by Kay Sharp with a motion to designate 2019 SDG funds of \$3,000 to offset cost of bus for summer camping season, and a Disaster Relief Committee Report by Bruce Barnes with Council vote to affirm their important work and support their efforts. A report by Bishop Pat updated HDSM status and other news of the Diocese.

Final Saturday session revisited the visioning discussion and formally adopted the vision statement for the diocese as follows:

The values of the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon are that, as follower of Jesus, we are working towards unconditional love, through human dignity, creation care, and spiritual formation.

February 7, 2020 The Council met online, conducted by Aletha Bonebrake, Co-Chair. Lisa Boquist gave an update of Bishop Pat and his family. Prayers were offered for comfort for Bishop Pat and for our nation. Bisbee Grant Committee awarded the 2019 Bisbee Grants funds as follows: All Saints Heppner \$400, Ascension School \$1,500, St. Mark's Hood River \$1,500. Update on Ascension School, reported Mackenzie Dyer being appointed Chair of Advisory Board, and a Wildhorse grant of \$14,500 received for Trail project, Financial report given reporting completion of investment funds transfer from Wells Fargo to Episcopal Church Foundation and motion to engage Michael C. Fluharty, CPA, as our new accounting firm.

April 4, 2020 The meeting was called to order online by Bishop Pat, who gave an introduction to ZOOM platform protocols and noted meeting was being recorded. Amy Jayne reported all Ascension School business canceled through May 2020 with losses of \$20,000-25,000. Decisions for summer will be made with Bishop. Jim Foster reported on Barbee and Lewis Hodgkins trust fund history and what portions of these funds are unrestricted. A motion was made that these unrestricted trust funds of \$78,974.89 be used for general fund purposes in this time of crisis.

The CARE Act Paycheck Protection Program can be accessed for \$75,000-80,000, with motion made to pursue the application. Ellen Nesbitt was appointed 2020 Diocesan Council liaison the Ascension Advisory Board and Kay Sharp resigned from Diocesan Council, leaving a vacancy in the class of 2020. Bishop Pat expressed appreciation for prayers on the deaths of his first wife and his son; he reported meeting cancellations and his spring schedule working from home.

April 21, 2020 Council asked to approve an online resolution to open an account with Community Bank to be able to access the CARES Act federal funding; resolution was passed by consensus approval via e-mail response.

May 16, 2020 Council meeting online by ZOOM called to order by Bishop Pat. Randy Heise gave the 2019 year-end report, reporting a surplus of \$10,600, which reflects the absence of an Executive Director at Ascension School for part of the year. He reported that the 2016 audit had been completed and 2017 and 2018 begun. Investments show expected loss and assessment incomes remain steady. Ascension School reported cancellation of Summer Camp 2020 and alternate program ideas as substitute; Fiber optic lines now installed throughout campus. Convention has been moved from Pendleton to Cove for flexibility and cost measures. Standing Committee reported possible sale of St. Paul's Nyssa property to Hispanic Ministry church plant. Bishop Pat reported on meetings and visitations impacts.

August 6, 2020 A special Council meeting was called via ZOOM to consider offer of purchase for St. Paul's Nyssa property. The Rev. Charlotte Wells read the Poem: *Transfigured and Transfixed* and led Council in prayer on this anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima and the upcoming Sunday anniversary of the bombing of Nagasaki. Motion was made, seconded, and passed to "approve the Standing Committee to pursue the cash sale of St. Paul's in Nyssa, starting with assessed value of \$80,000." Meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Aletha G. Bonebrake

Episcopal Relief & Development

Somewhere in the last 18 years as the Episcopal Relief & Development Coordinator for our diocese, I realized that we – all of us - are truly in a partnership with the organization. Though it is an independent, 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, in my mind and my heart WE – all of us together – are Episcopal Relief & Development. It doesn't work on an organizational chart, but its real. How does this work?

Donating We partner, whether as a group or as individuals, by giving funds to reach out to the very needy in some 40 countries. Congregations, groups and individuals of our diocese donated \$27,463.96 in 2019. The local parish representatives play a key role in this by keeping their congregations informed on the work of the organization, and the opportunities for giving. The largest portion of these donations goes to international development and international relief. We join hands with Episcopal Relief & Development by our support, and together we become the arms and legs of Christ in this broken world.

Maintaining Asset Map We partner by each congregation keeping the Asset Map updated with current information, while Episcopal Relief & Development provides and maintains the technical aspects of the system. The Asset Map is a small but important piece of our partnership. It provides information to help others find and learn what our congregations have to offer, while it also provides the national disaster office information to quickly assess what resources we have in the event of a disaster.

Disaster planning and restoration We partner when we engage in disaster planning throughout the diocese, and when we reach out to the disaster office and collaborate in planning and carrying out restoration efforts. The work of Episcopal Relief & Development in our own country is focused on disaster relief. All dioceses are expected to have a Diocesan Disaster Plan and a Disaster Team to help plan and coordinate assistance at the diocesan level. The national disaster office strongly insists that congregations of all sizes have a local disaster plan and keep it updated. Each year our diocese is getting closer to the goal of all congregations having a plan.

The national disaster office faithfully carries out its role in the partnership, responding to disasters and jointly assessing what may be needed. Where possible, it will provide funds and planning assistance to help the diocese recover from the disaster. Currently, the nature and importance of this partnership is being demonstrated in response to a local flood disaster and the COVID disaster.

This year, we have received disaster assistance to our diocese for help in three instances. We were granted \$10,000 to operate a drop-in center at the Church of the Redeemer to help victims of the Pendleton flood. That program had a good start, but had to shut down due to the unforeseen pandemic which confronted us with an unsafe situation. At the same time, other organizations and churches had taken on similar services which lessened the need for what we had been doing. In the meantime, staff at Cove took on a program to provide lunches for local kids of families in financial difficulty from job losses, etc. stemming from the pandemic. Our diocese was provided \$4,550 to help fund this project, which will end this fall when the school starts providing lunches.

When the Pendleton project closed, that left the question of what to do with the remaining funds. With consultation from the national disaster office staff we looked into shifting those funds to help flood victims in other ways through CAPECO and Helping Hand, two local collaborating agencies. However, that never got off the ground due to staffing and safety issues, and CAPECO received other funds to cover the needs. In the meantime, Ascension staff came up with a plan to continue their meals program, to provide meals and visits to elderly people in the Cove community. With the recommendation of the diocesan disaster team and the support of the bishop, Episcopal Relief & Development approved transfer of the \$6,491.16 leftover funds from Redeemer Church to Cove to support that project.

High Desert School for Ministry

The academic year 2019-2020 saw several changes in the administration of the High Desert School for Ministry (HDSM), a three-year formation partnership with the Episcopal Diocese of Idaho. This formation program is primarily for the formation of prospective locally formed clergy who are in discernment with the Bishop and the Commission on Ministry.

In the late Spring of 2019, the former Dean, Canon Lucinda Ashby+, was elected Bishop of El Camino Real. In late July, the Very Rev. Holladay Sanderson was called by the Bishops of Idaho and Eastern Oregon to serve as the new Dean. She is canonically resident in the Diocese of Idaho and lives in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

Because the season was late and there were no other mentors than the Dean, both 1st and 2nd year students studied Church History, the 2nd year program, under Holladay's mentorship. Study involved fruitful weekends once a month at our Ascension School in Cove. Since COVID-19 struck, the 6 students and the Dean have met on Zoom one Saturday per month for 5 sessions.

As the new academic year begins, the now 9 students will continue Zoom meetings until we can return to Cove. For this academic year, there are three new mentors for the 1st year of study: Holy Scripture. The mentors are from the Diocese of Idaho: The Rev. Rob Schoeck, The Ven. Janet King, and Brad England/Boise. Each will serve 3 of the 9 months of study.

A typical Saturday involves 5 Zoom sessions. Two are academic, so there will be 2 separate Zoom sessions out of the 5 for Holy Scripture and for Theology and Ethics which is facilitated by the Dean. For the remaining 3 Zoom sessions, the Dean is in charge of either mentoring those sessions on Preaching, Liturgy, Congregational and Pastoral Issues, and/or Spirituality or of inviting another speaker in to offer her/his expertise.

Currently we have 2 students from Idaho (one 1st year, one 2nd year) and 7 from Eastern Oregon (three 1st year, 2 2nd year, and 2 3rd year). We operate in what is called a "flipped classroom." The students prepare work ahead of time and then can integrate their learning in discussion with their group in the Zoom sessions. To date, this learning mode has been very nourishing. This model has long been in use by the sponsoring and creating organization of our curriculum: the Iona Collaborative at the Seminary of the Southwest in Austin, Texas. SSW is one of the Episcopal seminaries in the United States.

As Dean, I would ask that you note the additional information offered in your packet or online. **We will need to increase our meetings to a THIRD "CLASSROOM" next year. We will need to have another mentor or set of mentors to offer either Church History or Theology and Ethics.** As Dean, I am happy to serve in either capacity. Please let me know if you are interested in helping out.

In Christ's love,

The Very Rev. Holladay Sanderson, Dean
High Desert School for Ministry

Standing Committee Report

The six members of your Standing Committee – The Rev Kelly Mahon, Steve Winkle, The Rev Jed Holdorph, Karla Nash, Julie Reynolds and The Rev Roy Green – offered counsel for the Bishop and worked with the Chancellor, Diocesan Council and Diocesan Staff to support the work of the Church in Eastern Oregon. Canonical responsibilities of Standing Committees include serving council of advice for the bishop, certification of persons in the ordination process, approval of transactions concerning property in the diocese, consenting to election of bishops in other dioceses, reviewing cases of misconduct presentments and to serve as Ecclesiastical Authority in the absence of a diocesan bishop. Members of the Standing Committee also serve on Diocesan Council, and that report details actions taken by the full body.

The Standing Committee:

Elected Karla Nash, of Trinity, Bend, to fill the unexpired Standing Committee term of Gregg Henton, All Saints of the Cascades, Sunriver.

Endorsed, on recommendation of the Commission on Ministry, Ray Jeff Spreier for Ordination to the Diaconate and to the Priesthood. His Priesthood ordination is postponed due to the Corona virus pandemic.

Confirmed the Bishop's recommendation that Convention be moved from Redeemer, Pendleton, to Ascension School at Cove, in light of COVID-19 limitations.

Consulted with the Bishop on when churches might reopen in face of the Corona Virus limitations, and subsequently voted unanimously to confirm the Bishop's decision to hold the 2020 Convention of the Diocese online.

Consulted with Bishop and Council on the proposed sale of the Nyssa property. Council set a price range and Standing Committee will consider an offer as it comes, keeping Bishop and Council informed. Negotiations continue as of this writing.

The Standing Committee voted consent to the elections of:

The Rev Susan B Haynes as Bishop of Southern Virginia, The Rt Rev Mark Allan van Koevering as Bishop of Lexington, The Rev Deon Johnson as Bishop of Missouri, The Rev Canon Frank S. Logue as Bishop of Georgia, The Rev Poulsen C. Reed as Bishop Coadjutor of Oklahoma, The Very Rev Craig Loya as Bishop of Minnesota, and The Rev Dr Glenda Curry as Bishop Coadjutor of Alabama.

Respectfully submitted,

The Rev Roy Green, President

UTO Coordinator Report

In these unsettling times, it is good to know there are a few things out there that remain and can be counted on. One of those things for the Episcopal Church is the United Thank Offering (UTO). Since 1883, it has not remained static but has continued to strive to take the thankful blessings given in donations, one hundred percent of them, and use them for the mission of the church.

As EDEO's diocesan coordinator, I have had some help from other UTO connections. The Province VIII coordinator, Kathryn Mietus, has taken her challenge as the province coordinator very seriously and with much enthusiasm. I regularly receive e-mails from her to update me on grant awards, grant procedures, amounts received, and possible innovative ways to convey the UTO message. I then filter and try to convey to you folks in Eastern Oregon the information I feel relevant to you. Lisa Boquist also receives UTO information, especially the grant process and has conveyed this to our churches.

One area that has changed for UTO is the grant process. Eastern Oregon has received grants in the past, the last one awarded in 2013. Each year now the UTO board determines an area on which to focus the awards. This year the focus is *Recovering with Love and Gratitude: An Episcopal Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic in Local Contexts*. The grant cycle has been divided in two, the first awarded in October for more urgent needs and the second in April 2021.

In order to fund these mission grants every year, obviously they need the funding provided by our blessings in the form of our blue boxes, or blue envelopes, or writing a check-- whatever form your gratitude takes. I still continue from time to time to contact the congregation representatives so they can pass on this vital information. To this end, this summer I have attempted to confirm by e-mail those who have agreed to continue as UTO contacts. The following congregations have confirmed their UTO contacts:

St. Mark's, Hood River	St. Alban's, Redmond
St. Luke's, Lakeview	St. Stephen's, Baker City
St. James, Milton-Freewater	St. Andrews, Prineville
St. Thomas, Canyon City	
All Saints of the Cascades/Sunriver Christian Fellowship	

If your congregation is not listed above and you have a contact or would like to be one, please contact either myself or Lisa Boquist of the Diocesan Office. And I thank you for continuing to support the United Thank Offering.

Georgia Giacobbe
Diocesan UTO Coordinator

Statistical Reports

Vital Statistics of Congregations and Missions

Year in parentheses is last year of filing if not 2019

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Diocese of Eastern Oregon

City	Congregation	Active Members	Communicants in Good Standing	Others Active	Average Sunday Attendance	Sunday Furnishings	16 yrs and Older	Under 16 Years	Confirmed or Renewed
Baker City	St Stephens Episcopal Church	48	38	8	20	25	0	1	3
Bend	Trinity Episcopal Church	510	409	5	147	106	0	2	0
Bonanza	St Barnabas Episcopal Church	26	12	0	7	12	0	0	0
Burns	St Andrews Episcopal Church	20	15	0	15	45	0	0	0
Canyon City	St Thomas Episcopal Church	66	52	0	20	24	0	0	0
Enterprise	St Patricks Episcopal Church	15	15	0	9	0	0	0	0
Heppner	All Saints Memorial Epis Church	98	45	34	31	44	0	2	0
Hermiston	St Johns Episcopal Church	83	9	0	49	16	1	2	3
Hood River	St Marks Episcopal Church	88	72	10	45	104	1	0	0
Klamath Falls	St Pauls Episcopal Church	64	64	0	20	32	0	0	0
La Grande	St Peters Episcopal Church	38	36	9	22	22	0	0	0
Lakeview	St Lukes Episcopal Church	29	14	0	11	18	0	0	0
Madras	St Marks Episcopal Church	9	7	80	34	45	0	0	0
Milton Freewater	St James Episcopal Church	40	36	0	14	25	0	1	0
Ontario	St Matthews Episcopal Church	118	118	21	34	53	0	2	24
Pendleton	Church of the Redeemer	146	89	1	77	48	0	4	0
Prineville	St Andrews Episcopal Church	39	35	0	17	28	0	0	0
Redmond	St Albans Episcopal Church	20	20	0	12	0	0	1	0
Sisters	Church of the Transfiguration	214	206	20	104	62	0	4	0
Sunriver	All Saints of the Cascades	61	61	263	140	52	0	0	0
The Dalles	St Pauls Episcopal Church	191	93	2	43	103	1	0	3
Total		1,923	1,446	453	871	864	3	19	33

Diocese of Eastern Oregon **Financial Statistics of Congregations and Missions**
 Year in parentheses is last year of filing if not 2019

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	43,452	45,452	311,635	45,782	10,760	16,249	59,916
Bend	Trinity Episcopal Church	422,701	432,517	882,942	458,409	97,316	291,924	793,360
Bonanza	St Barnabas Episcopal Church	4,241	12,068	12,068	8,389	999	300	8,389
Burns	St Andrews Episcopal Church	14,187	14,187	14,762	2,792	2,792	0	2,792
Canyon City	St Thomas Episcopal Church	16,590	18,000	30,180	17,500	3,850	11,040	27,430
Enterprise	St Patricks Episcopal Church	12,408	12,408	12,408	12,552	2,315	374	13,066
Hepner	All Saints Memorial Epis Church	25,416	112,715	122,340	112,197	6,727	13,170	122,327
Hermiston	St Johns Episcopal Church	60,100	60,100	61,025	50,026	13,145	7,849	56,916
Hood River	St Marks Episcopal Church	145,679	155,082	170,861	161,758	34,893	18,442	177,537
Klamath Falls	St Pauls Episcopal Church	34,333	56,890	62,740	57,085	7,040	6,533	63,848
La Grande	St Peters Episcopal Church	64,410	64,639	71,520	46,660	14,466	6,493	55,439
Lakeview	St Lukes Episcopal Church	5,095	10,532	10,532	6,246	507	200	6,296
Madras	St Marks Episcopal Church	2,880	2,880	2,880	647	647	0	647
Milton Freewater	St James Episcopal Church	17,778	19,683	22,116	23,662	4,604	1,088	25,486
Ontario	St Matthews Episcopal Church	50,637	94,137	94,137	98,275	20,058	985	98,275
Pendleton	Church of the Redeemer	143,531	147,531	176,172	154,651	36,328	5,150	170,049
Prineville	St Andrews Episcopal Church	23,482	26,757	47,645	25,641	5,286	191,421	217,401
Redmond	St Albans Episcopal Church	17,810	17,810	17,810	29,106	4,084	2,705	29,106
Sisters	Church of the Transfiguration	276,474	276,474	301,549	73,662	73,662	40,845	114,507
Sumner	All Saints of the Cascades	268,072	335,395	795,380	317,018	16,021	160,227	453,246
The Dalles	St Pauls Episcopal Church	122,666	155,375	250,983	155,811	38,900	4,702	171,885
Total		1,771,942	2,070,632	3,471,685	1,857,869	394,400	779,697	2,667,918

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
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 - Honorary Canon
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
02-04-09	Roy D. Green	Standing Committee President
05-19-09	*John "Jack" Erskine	Non-Parochial, Sisters, OR
02-24-11	*Kenneth V. King, Jr.	Johnstown, PA
05-28-14	Marilyn Roth	St. Paul's. The Dalles
11-19-14	Jed Holdorff	Trinity, Bend
06-06-15	John Collins	Church of the Transfiguration, Sisters
12-11-15	Charlotte Wells	Church of the Redeemer, Pendleton
05-19-16	Willa Goodfellow	St. Andrew's, Prineville
05-16-17	Joseph Farber	Church of the Transfiguration, Sisters
11-17-18	P. Kelly Mahon	St. Mark's, Hood River
07-30-19	Ann Marie Hardin	Church of the Redeemer, Pendleton
09-24-19	*MaryAnne Gard	Non-parochial, Sunriver, OR

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
05-01-16	Jack Coffey	St. Paul's, Klamath Falls
09-21-19	Roberta Smythe	St. Peter's, La Grande

Canonically Resident Deacons:

06-16-99	Jean S. Cupp	Church of the Redeemer, Pendleton
05-01-02	Janet L. Warner	Grace Chapel, Ontario
06-10-06	Roger L. Fairfield	Church of the Transfiguration, Sisters
11-09-17	Joyce Atchley	St. Thomas, Canyon City
02-26-18	Taylor Clark	St. Stephen's, Baker City
12-07-19	Ray Jeff Spreier	St. Andrew's, Prineville (Transitional Deacon)

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
10-15-86	Gary J. Young	Hood River, OR	priest
06-01-81	Eugene Van Beveren	Pendleton, 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
09-29-99	Stephen L. Schafroth	St. Paul's, The Dalles	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
02-17-01	Anne Scissons	Albany, 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
01-05-08	Gaye Hauk Lawson	Trinity, Bend	deacon
10-22-08	Charles Christopher	Silverton, Oregon	priest
03-19-11	Dan Lediard	Kennewick, WA	priest
05-23-11	Kathryn Macek	Colorado Springs, CO	priest
12-05-11	Georgia Giacobbe	St. Paul's, The Dalles	deacon
09-23-15	John Nesbitt	Enterprise, OR	priest
03-22-16	Richard (Red) Stevens	The Dalles, OR	priest
09-09-16	Lee Kiefer	Redmond, OR	canon

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
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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

Betty Palmer, SW
Molly Larsen, JW
Carol Harley, D

Trinity, Bend

Deborah Welch, SW
David Depew, JW
Mark Welch, D
Terry Rahmsdorff, D
Peggy Ziegler, D
Terri Rahmsdorff, D
Bill Brisson, D

St. Barnabas, Bonanza

Delana Heidrich – SW

St. Andrew's, Burns

Chris Stott, SW
Don Greenfield, JW
Lorna Cagle, D

St. Thomas, Canyon City

Beth Spell, SW
Julie Reynolds, JW
Jim Spell, D

St. Patrick's, Enterprise

Char Williams, SW
Linda Krueger-Ebbert, JW
Jane Dunn, D

All Saints, Heppner

George Nairns, SW
Bill McDowell, JW
Cyde Estes, D
Barb Orwick, A

St. John's, Hermiston

Thomas Ditton, SW
Diana Henderson, JW
Alexis McCarthy, D
Kerry Tassie, A

St. Mark's, Hood River

Victoria Kelsey, SW
Nealya Cargill, JW
Amy Russell, D
Susan Lalor, D
Pravin Rajamoney, A

St. Paul's, Klamath Falls

Anthony Walz, SW
Kerry Tingley, JW
Penny Hamilton, D

St. Peter's, La Grande

G Royes, SW
Nod Palmer, JW
Susanna Ogston, D
Najaria Esty, A

St. Luke's, Lakeview

Jane Lincoln, SW
Lisa Ackerman, JW
Valerie Little, D
Pat Phillips, A

St. Mark's, Madras

Marcia Black, SW
Ken Black, JW
Sue Powers, D

St. James', Milton-Freewater

Marty Nyman, SW
Terry Nyman, JW
Lynn Crawford, D
Alta Crawford, A

St. Matthew's, Ontario

Bob Quinn, SW
Tim Lanterman, JW
Trina Sherman Martinez, D
Vicki Wiens, A

Grace Chapel, Ontario

Linda Quinn, D

Church of the Redeemer, Pendleton

David Neslon, SW
Diane Groff, JW
Sarah Hardin, D
Liz Cahill, A
Kate Bottorff, A

St. Andrew's, Prineville

Nancy Condron, SW
Richard Potter, JW
Jan Uffelman, D

St. Alban's, Redmond

Larry Abney, SW
Gard Eriksen, JW
Janet Brown, D

Church of the Transfiguration, Sisters

Cory Bradshaw, SW
Marjorie Tipton, JW
Helen Keefe, D
Dixie Fairfield, D
Cathy Sewall, A
Margaret Doke, A

All Saints of the Cascades, Sunriver

Randy Heise, SW
Mary Link, JW
Patti Knollman, D
Paul Knollman, A

St. Paul's, The Dalles

Mike Fowler, SW
Jill Durrow, JW
Patricia Fowler, D
Mike Nagle, D
Gretchen Kimsey, A
Karyn Hart, A
Phil Swartz, A

Diocesan Council, Lay Delegates

Kit Morgan
Barbara Mayo
Adrienne Brown
Ellen Nesbitt

Standing Committee, Lay Delegates

Julie Reynolds
Karly Nash
Steve Winkle

Secretary of Convention

Doug Harder

Treasurer

Randy Heise

Chancellor

James Foster