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October 12-13, 2021  
Online

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Bishop  
The Right Reverend Patrick Bell

Secretary of Convention  
Mr. Douglas Harder

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Mr. James Foster

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**Proceedings**  
**51st Annual Convention of the**  
**Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon**  
**October 12-13, 2021**  
**Online**

*Standing on Sacred Ground*

Presiding: The Rt. Rev. Patrick Bell, Bishop

The Bishop's Address, an Ascension School report, and a prayer service including a Necrology were prerecorded and sent out via a You Tube link on Monday, October 11th.

**Tuesday, October 12, 2021**

Tuesday's meetings were held via Zoom.

- The Eastern Oregon Episcopal Foundation Annual Meeting was held from 5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- The Eastern Oregon Episcopal Foundation Trustees met following the annual meeting from 5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- The first reading of the 2022 EDEO Budget and a budget review session was held at 6:00 p.m. and included a pre-recorded presentation by Randy Heise, Treasurer of the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon.

**Wednesday, October 13, 2021**

Wednesday's meetings were held via Zoom.

- The Episcopal Relief and Development parish representatives met from 5:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.

**EDOE Diocesan Convention Business Meeting**

**Call to Order**

At 6:00 p.m. Bishop Patrick Bell called the meeting to order and introduced Amy Jayne, the Executive Director of Ascension School, who gave brief protocols for using Zoom for voting and interacting in a large group format. The Bishop then introduced the newly ordained Deacon Katy Nesbitt to offer the 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 present.

**Welcome**

Bishop Pat welcomed everyone to the 51<sup>st</sup> annual Diocesan Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon and expressed his regret at once again meeting online due to the ongoing Covid-19 Pandemic.

The Bishop introduced his two senior staff members, Lisa Boquist, and Amy Jayne as well as the members of the Diocesan Convention Committee (listed below) and thanked them for their work in pivoting from planning an in person convention to an online format halfway through the planning process:

The Rev. Janet Warner – Chair  
The Rev. Kelly Mahon  
Sean Rogers  
Bill Brisson  
Flossie Keeler  
Sarah Hardin

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

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
Beth Spell	Diocesan Council	Class of 2023
Barbara Reynolds	Diocesan Council	Class of 2023
The Rev. Joseph Farber	Diocesan Council	Class of 2023
Karly Nash	Standing Committee	Class of 2023
The Rev. Ann Marie Hardin	Standing Committee	Class of 2023

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

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

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. Katie Nesbitt, ordained to the Transitional Diaconate on August 21, 2021
- Ann Marie Hardin, named Priest in Charge at St. James', Milton Freewater
- The Rev. Keehna Sture, assigned Deacon at St. Alban's, Redmond
- Roman Heidrich, hired as the new Program Director at Ascension School
- Katie Sanchez, hired as the new Operations Manager at Ascension School
- The Rev. Linda Hale, now canonically resident in EDEO
- High Desert School for Ministry Students for the 2021-2022 school year:

- Mary Von Dorsel -Idaho
- Dan Jeffery
- Pam Miller
- Taylor Clark
- Ellen Blackmon - Idaho
- Nancy Koontz – Idaho
- Liz Cahill
- Joann Dickson
- Tracy Anderson

### Transitions

The following transitions happened in the diocese:

- The Rev. Rebecca Hendricks, retired from St. James', Milton Freewater
- Pastor Katherine Brick, resigned from St. Mark's, Madras
- Kim Lee, resigned as Operations Manager at Ascension School
- Melanie Tromp Van Holst, retired as Chef of Ascension School
- Chuck Smith, resigned as Housekeeper at Ascension School
- Pastor Jack Coffey, retired from St. Paul's, Klamath Falls
- Jim Foster, retired as EDEO Chancellor
- Randy Heise, retiring as EDEO Treasurer at the end of 2021
- Dough Harder, retiring as EDEO Secretary of Convention after this Convention

### Farewells

The Bishop honored the passing of the following EDEO clergy:

- The Rev. Larry Ferguson
- The Rev. Paul Morton
- The Very Rev. Eugene Van Beveren
- The Rev. Bob Kaye

### Consent Calendar

- Election of Ecclesiastical Disciplinary Board Class of 2023
  - The Rev. Chuck Barnes
  - Terry Rahmsdorff
- Confirmation of Commission on Ministry members Class of 2023
  - Pastor Roberta Smythe
  - The Rev. Mary Anne Gard
  - Diane Adams

*M/S/C Motion to approve the Consent Calendar. (Doug Harder, The Rev. Nancy McGrath)*

### Elections and Confirmations

*M/S/C Motion to close nominations. (Doug Harder, Beth Spell)*

Standing Committee-Clergy

*M/S/C The Rev. Aletha Bonebrake was elected by Zoom Poll ballot to the Standing Committee, Class of 2024.*

Standing Committee-Lay

*M/S/C Terry Rahmsdorff was elected by Zoom Poll ballot to the Standing Committee, Class of 2024.*

Diocesan Council-Clergy

*There were no candidates for the Clergy Class of 2024 Diocesan Council position.*

Diocesan Council-Lay

*M/S/C Betty Palmers elected by Zoom Poll ballot to the Diocesan Council Class of 2024.*

*One Lay position for Diocesan Council Class of 2024 remains vacant.*

Resolution on the closing of St. Paul's, Klamath Falls

**Resolution on the Closure of St. Paul's, Klamath Falls**

RESOLVED that this convention affirms the decision of the people of St. Paul's, Klamath Falls, to close the parish and the future care and ownership of the land and building will come under the purview of the Bishop and Standing Committee until its future use can be determined.

Submitted by: Diocesan Council & Standing Committee,  
on behalf of the people of St. Paul's, Klamath Falls

Explanation:

The wonderful and faithful people from St. Paul's, Klamath Falls have been in conversation in the past several months and have made a difficult decision. They have made good use of the property but have concluded that they have done all that they can and decided that it is time for the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon to take back responsibility of it.

Whereas, the people of St. Paul's, Klamath Falls, can no longer sustain a congregation, and there is no priest to serve them regularly; and

Whereas the Standing Committee approved this request at their meeting on July 30, 2021, and the entire Diocesan Council voted to approve at their meeting on July 30, 2021 and move the matter to the floor of this Convention for affirmation; and

Whereas the work of Diocesan Council in 2021 and beyond will be determining the best use for this property, this resolution acknowledges these realities and affirms the good-faith decision of the people of St. Paul's, Klamath Falls, to close their parish.

*M/S/C Motion to approve the resolution on the closing of St. Paul's, Klamath Falls. (The Rev. Jed Holdorph, Najaria Esty)*

## 2022 Proposed Budget

*M/S/C Motion to approve the 2022 Diocesan Budget as presented. (Doug Harder, PK Swartz)*

### Courtesy Resolutions

As our gathering this weekend for the 51<sup>st</sup> Convention of the Diocese of Eastern Oregon is a reminder that we are members of a larger Church, be it

Resolved, that the clergy and laity of the Diocese of Eastern Oregon extend greetings to our brothers and sisters in the neighboring Diocese of Spokane, and their bishop Gretchen Rehberg, offering our prayers for them as they gather by Zoom this coming Saturday, October 16, 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 Diana Akiyama, offering our prayers for them as they gather for their Diocesan Convention by Zoom on Saturday, November 6; 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 their Diocesan Convention by Zoom from Friday, November 12, to Sunday, November 14; 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, 6<sup>th</sup> 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, 7<sup>th</sup> 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 51<sup>st</sup> Convention of the Diocese of Eastern Oregon has been convened again this year in the midst of an ongoing pandemic, obliging all involved to demonstrate flexibility, charity, creativity and fortitude with the whole diocesan family, be it

Resolved, that the attendees of the 51<sup>st</sup> 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, Kelly Mahon, and Sean Rogers; and be it further

Resolved, that the attendees of the 51<sup>st</sup> Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon give thanks to Lisa Boquist, Amy Jayne, Katie Sanchez, and Roman Heidrich, and to the all the staff at Ascension, for their faithfulness this Diocesan Convention and for their steadfast care of all God's children and their commitment to the life and mission of our Diocese in these most challenging times; and be it further

Resolved, that the attendees of the 51<sup>st</sup> Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon give thanks to Pat Bell, our Beloved Bishop, for his deep commitment for the healing of the ways we have done harm to one another and damaged God's "sacred ground," for his pastoral concern for us, and for his encouragement to us to step away from all that makes us anxious and to step outside and lift our eyes to behold the wealth and abundance of beauty that is all around us.

*M/S/C Motion to approve the 2021 Courtesy Resolutions. (The Rev. Jed Holdorph, Helen Keefe)*

#### Time and Date of Convention

The 2022 Diocesan Convention will be held on October 14-16 in Pendleton.

*M/S/C Motion to accept the change of venue for the 2022 Diocesan Convention to Pendleton, Oregon. (Doug Harder, Jan Brown)*

#### Adjournment

*M/S/C Motion to adjourn the 51st Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon. (The Rev. Jed Holdorph, Terri Rahmsdorff)*

#### **Proceedings of the 2021 Diocesan Convention prepared by:**

Lisa Boquist  
Assistant Secretary of Convention

#### **Approved by:**

Douglas Harder  
Secretary of Convention

## Bishop's Address

Greetings one and all, and especially to those of you who are my colleagues in ministry within the Diocese of Eastern Oregon. But for those of you who might be joining with me in these few moments from beyond the confines of our Diocese, and beyond even the folds of the Episcopal Church, welcome. And my greetings to you all, dear friends and family, and to all those who might take opportunity to view or read this at some point over the next couple of weeks. I am recording this obviously again, largely because of our decision to hold Convention through the internet once again.

I know I share much of your disappointment in not being able to gather in person. We were so looking forward to this time together this fall, and especially because we have some exciting, important work that we are trying to do in terms of our relations with racial inequity and our support and encouragement of our First Nations siblings who inhabit this land, and who were here for generations upon generations before us.

The work that we were going to do this fall continues to be really important, but I felt that we couldn't continue with those themes and that work because I wanted it to be a meaningful and engaged time, with face-to-face opportunities for much learning and interaction. For sharing of our understandings, concerns, hopefulness and maybe fears and angers. So, we are putting off our decision to engage, in particular, the resolution for the repudiation to the Doctrine of Discovery, and much of our work that we really want to begin in terms of our relationships and support of our indigenous sisters and brothers and siblings.

And so, we are going to wait until next year, and continue that discussion on the theme of "On Sacred Ground". We were going to do that anyway. I had already made the decision that we would be using this theme for a couple of years and my suspicion is it might even go beyond next year. As such, we will hold at bay some of that work, but also will empower the commission that the Diocesan Council has formed to continue working on our relationships with our indigenous neighbors. I look forward to that ongoing, important, and meaningful work together.

Gathering with you through this medium today I want to continue on the theme of "On Sacred Ground", but in a different direction, and so pause with me for a moment for an opening prayer that comes from a book called, *Gates of Prayer*, which is a Jewish prayer book and this particular prayer is entitled *How Filled with Awe*. Let us pray.

*"Days pass and the years vanish, and we walk sightless among miracles. Lord, fill our eyes with seeing and our minds with knowing; let there be moments when Your Presence, like lightening, illumines the darkness in which we walk. Help us to see, wherever we gaze, that the bush burns unconsumed. And we, clay touched by God, will reach out for holiness, and exclaim in wonder: How filled with awe is this place, and we did not know it! Blessed is the Eternal One, the Holy God. Amen."*

I bring that prayer to your attention, to pray for an awareness of wonder and awe in all that is around us. I am so deeply aware of how we have been borne down, going on two years, and of how our lives are being directed by something we can't control: a pandemic that continues to surge ahead in our lives and to impale itself into our existence, and which has especially devastated the families of those who have lost their lives. We remember as well so many who have been disrupted by the economic, social, and political upheaval that has accompanied everything around this for last almost two years.

I don't know about you but I'm tired. I am fatigued and worn down and find myself almost gasping to find a breath of fresh air, to find something that will help me to continue moving forward with hopefulness and anticipation.

Earlier, in the midst of some of this discussion over the last two months, my dear Executive Assistant, Lisa Boquist, who continues to inspire and so encourage me in this ongoing ministry, shared a book called *The Practice of Groundedness* by Brad Stulberg, and she shared some thoughts out of that book. He makes an absolutely stunning point which I will share with you, and I loved that the very title speaks to what we have been trying to work with in terms of our reconnection to land. He talks about the practice of groundedness, on sacred ground if you will, but he is using it in a much different way.

He writes about our personal lives, our emotional lives, our intellectual lives, and how they can become stable and grounded, particularly in a time when we are buffeted by so many winds of uncertainty and are even challenged and threatened from others as well as from this pandemic. He states his basic premise in this way, writing: "We are replacing excitement with anxiety". He goes on to suggest that we have gotten so engaged in the ongoing uncertainty of this time, and all of the buffeting issues around it, that our time and energy is focused in unhealthy ways now on keeping track of all of that: What bad news comes next? Who's going to say the next awful thing? And so, our attention is geared to news programs and sources of information and almost anything that is coming across the news mediums that raises our anxiety and concerns instead of bringing us to a place of some excitement, of what he also calls entertainment.

Replacing excitement with anxiety. I would like to suggest skewing that a bit and saying that we are replacing our wonder and our awe in the mystery of what is around us and who is around us and replacing it with the anxiousness. And he says this, "A chronic lack of excitement," or in my case if I may, mystery or awe, "is challenging enough on its own," but he says, "it is even worse when we replace our longing for excitement with anxiety, which can feel quite similar in the moment but has extremely different long-term effects." One example he uses for what might pass for excitement or entertainment for us is attending a professional game or any kind of sports event, or going to the movies, going out dancing, or to venues where there's some kind of enticing entertainment that just allows us, if even for a brief few moments, to escape the doldrums of our life, the anxiety of our own existence that seems to pervade much of what we're hearing and what we're doing and what we're participating in. Stulberg encourages us to find ways to work beyond anxiety, and then goes on to say, "Put it all together and not only are we

lacking many sources of positive and energizing excitement, but we are replacing them with negative and exhausting sources of anxiety."

So, I have one simple message that I would like to impart to you on the occasion of our Convention. I want this to be a pastoral message to all of you, and that is to encourage you to step away from the anxiety that is enfolding you and step into, instead, those places of entertainment, of excitement. And one of those most obvious places for us to do just that is to step back out onto the sacred ground, into that outdoor space in which we live, and move, and have our being, into that space one of our eucharistic prayers declares as, "This fragile earth, our island home."

We were going to be talking about what it means to see this land as sacred even before we who brought the Christian faith to it and began to talk in those terms, to recognize this earth as sacred ground. In line with that, I want to commend to you to take some time this fall and step back out into the wonder and mystery and awe of Mother Earth. To raise your eyes to the mountains. To step your feet into those crunching, fallen leaves. To listen to the babble of that local, clear brook. To watch the sunset. Take time to enter into the awe and wonder of God's creative beauty, and also let us begin to look to one another for the awe and wonder of that look in a person's face. I got to do so yesterday, looking into the eyes of our youngest grandchild who just turned 5, sharing in her sheer joy and abandon in celebrating her fifth birthday with those who love her, and to just see that she had no anxiety. I got a moment to see life anew through the wonder of her eyes. We need to take time for that. Stepping outdoors, spending time letting Mother Earth heal us is one way. Spending time with positive people, with positive effects, with looking for the wonder and the majesty in human action and love. That's what I encourage you to do. That's what I invite you to do. It's time to put the anxiety aside because it kills us. It destroys us. Dag Hammarskjöld wrote in his book, Markings, "God does not die on the day we cease to believe in a personal deity, but we die on the day our lives cease to be illumined by the steady radiance renewed daily of a wonder, the source of which is beyond all reason."

Our lives cease when we stop experiencing the joy of wonder and awe, of the excitement of living. I think part of that is just getting our heads up, to quit looking so intently at what is dark and foreboding, and remember that there is such a wealth and abundance of goodness and beauty in life, in one another, and in all that God holds for us.

My friends, I hope you will grab hold of this challenge. I hope that you will embrace a sense of wonder and delight that will enrich you and give you new life. And remember the words, which I love, when the psalmist who writes, " And I look to the hills from whence cometh my help, my help cometh from the Lord." We in Eastern Oregon are blessed with lots of hills. Mountains of great majesty, of delight and wonder and mystery. Lift up your eyes. Look out into the hills and know that God will meet us in the wonder.

And so let me close with another prayer that also comes from *Gates of Prayer*.

Let us pray.

*"Were the sun to rise but once a year we would all cry out: "How great are your works, O God, and how glorious! Our hymns would rise up, our thanks would ascend. Oh God, your wonders are endless, yet we do not see! Give us new eyes, oh Go; restore our childhood sense of wonder. Then we shall explore the richness of our being: We shall taste ecstasy and sorrow, know mystery and revelation. Give us, O God, vision to see the world anew. And we will give thanks; as we have been blessed so shall we give blessing. Give us understanding, O God; Help us to know we are blessed." Amen.*

My dear love to all of you, and my blessing to you, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

# Minutes from the EOEF Annual Meeting

## The Eastern Oregon Episcopal Foundation

### Oct. 12, 2021

### Meeting via ZOOM

**Trustees**

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

**Certified meeting members who signed in for the Annual Meeting**

Ann Thew	St. Andrew's, Burns
Beth Spell	St. Thomas, Canyon City
Marty Nyman	St. James's, Milton Freewater
Bob Quinn	St. Matthew's, Ontario
Cory Bradshaw	Church of the Transfiguration, Sisters
Diane Groff	Church of the Redeemer, Pendleton
Jan Uffelmann	St. Andrew's, Prineville
Lisa Ackerman	St. Luke's, Lakeview
P.K. Swartz	St. Paul's, The Dalles
Terry Rahmsdorff	Trinity, Bend
Sally Goeke	St. Mark's, Hood River
Joel Bigelow	St. Stephen's, Baker City

**I** The meeting was called to order at 5 PM by Bishop Pat Bell. During a moment of silence special prayers for Dave Keeler and others were offered followed by a gathering prayer by Bishop Pat.

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

**III** Minutes of previous annual meeting (10/14/20) were approved as presented.

**IV** Trustees Jerry Frazier, Laurence Kerr, Pat Brim-Williams and Joel Bigelow were presented for re-election to a four-year term. Moved, seconded, and passed.

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

**VI** Jerry Frazier, Treasurer, reported an 11.1% overall gain in the Foundation's investment portfolio for 2020. In January of 2020 Foundation investments were moved from Wells Fargo to State Street Global Advisors.

**VII** Duncan Farm income for 2020 totaled \$65,301 from the following sources:

- Wheat           \$46,326
- Peas            \$10,169
- Straw           \$414
- Canola          \$1,486
- Crop Insurance claim   \$2,337
- Government payments   \$4,446
- Patronage dividend     \$122

Duncan Farm wheat sale for 2021 came in at \$39,389. Net income for 2020 is \$81,741. Jerry suggested growing canola would probably not happen again.

**VIII** In 2020 technology grants were given to eight congregations who wished to upgrade their technology abilities. Each congregation received \$1,500 for a total of \$12,000.

**IX** Bishop Pat reported little activity during this year with the possibility of some small projects to be discussed at the next Trustee's meeting.

**X** Jerry Frazier reported small steps have been taken towards completing an audit with the help of a firm in La Grande.

**XI** Terry Rahmsdorff suggested having current year Foundation activity, especially financials, available to parish representatives prior to Convention.

**XII** Motion was made to adjourn at 5:30 PM. Moved by Julie Reynolds and seconded by Pat Brim-Williams. Passed by all!

Respectfully submitted by 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. This committee is made up of outgoing members of Diocesan Council and Standing Committee:

The Rev. Roy Green  
The Rev. Aletha Bonebrake  
Julie Reynolds  
Kit Morgan

**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

### Time and Place of Future Diocesan Convention:

Pendleton  
Columbia River Gorge  
Ascension School, Cove

October 14-16, 2022  
October 13-15, 2023  
October 18-20, 2024

## 2022 EDEO Budget

2022 EDEO Budget

	A	B	C	H	I	M
	Ordinary Income/Expense			2020 Year End	2021 Budget	2022 Draft Budget
1						
2	<b>Income</b>					
3	<b>Assessments</b>					
4		Current Year Assessments		\$377,595.21	\$345,000.00	\$350,000.00
5	<b>Total Assessments</b>			\$377,595.21	\$345,000.00	\$350,000.00
6						
9		Duncan		\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
10		HDMS		\$19,258.50	\$12,500.00	\$10,692.00
11		Convention Income		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00
12		Donations		\$1,230.94	\$600.00	\$600.00
13	<b>Total Other Income</b>			\$30,489.44	\$23,100.00	\$31,292.00
14						
15	<b>Grants /Loans</b>					
16		Found. Grant Retired Clergy Ins.		\$8,400.00	\$8,200.00	\$5,200.00
17		Misc. Grant		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
18	<b>Total Grants/Loans</b>			\$8,400.00	\$8,200.00	\$5,200.00
19					\$0.00	\$0.00
20	<b>Total Investment Income</b>			\$44,000.00	\$43,000.00	\$45,000.00
21						
22	<b>Transfers In</b>					
23		Ministry Formation		\$11,000.00	\$6,500.00	\$10,000.00
24		Strategic Dev. Fund		\$11,500.00	\$13,000.00	\$15,000.00
25		Medical Reserve		\$11,000.00	\$12,171.76	\$0.00
26	<b>Total Transfer In</b>			\$33,500.00	\$31,671.76	\$25,000.00
27	<b>Total EDEO Income</b>			\$493,984.65	\$450,971.76	\$456,492.00
28						
29						

2022 EDEO Budget

	A	B	C	H	I	M
30	Expenses					
31	<b>The Larger Church</b>					
32		EMO-Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon		\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
33		Province VIII		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
34		TEC - The Episcopal Church		\$43,551.00	\$42,500.00	\$45,000.00
35		Theological Education - HDSM		\$3,750.00	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
36	<b>Total The Larger Church</b>			<b>\$49,301.00</b>	<b>\$52,500.00</b>	<b>\$55,000.00</b>
37						
38	<b>Offerings</b>					
39		SDG's - Sustainable Dev. Goals		\$2,100.00	\$2,415.00	\$3,400.00
40	<b>Total Offerings</b>			<b>\$2,100.00</b>	<b>\$2,415.00</b>	<b>\$3,400.00</b>
41						
42	<b>Ministry Support</b>					
43		Diocesan Commissions				
44		Diversity Commission		\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
45		Environmental Justice		\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
46		Prison Ministry		\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
47	<b>Total Diocesan Commissions</b>			<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$300.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
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49	<b>Total Commission on Ministry</b>			<b>\$60.00</b>	<b>\$4,000.00</b>	<b>\$4,000.00</b>
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51		Conferences & Memberships				
52		Lambeth Reserve		\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
53		Chancellor		\$350.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
54		TENS		\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
55		EFM		\$1,750.00	\$1,750.00	\$1,750.00
56	<b>Total Conferences &amp; Memberships</b>			<b>\$5,150.00</b>	<b>\$7,250.00</b>	<b>\$7,250.00</b>
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58	<b>Total Convention</b>			<b>\$1,619.09</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>
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2022 EDEO Budget

	A	B	C	H	I	M
62		Diocesan Council/Standing Committee		\$0.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
63		Finance Committee		\$0.00	\$300.00	\$500.00
64		<b>Total Diocesan Council/Standing Committee</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$6,300.00</b>	<b>\$6,500.00</b>
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66		Faith Formation/Continuing Ed				
67		Clergy		\$5,811.11	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
68		Retired Clergy				\$1,080.00
69		Collegium		\$188.25	\$5,000.00	\$12,000.00
70		Lay		\$319.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
71		Resource Library		\$119.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
72		Disaster Preparedness		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
73		<b>Total Faith Formation/Continuing Ed</b>		<b>\$6,437.36</b>	<b>\$6,700.00</b>	<b>\$15,780.00</b>
74						
75		Canonical Training				\$0.00
76		Background Checks		\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
77		<b>Total Canonical Training</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>
78						
79		General Convention Reserve		\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$10,000.00
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81		Youth Reserve		\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
82						
83		<b>Total Staff Expense</b>		<b>\$1,415.54</b>	<b>\$7,000.00</b>	<b>\$7,000.00</b>
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85		Total Ministry Support		\$26,981.99	\$43,950.00	\$60,930.00
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87		<b>Total Bishop Expenses</b>		<b>\$49,253.50</b>	<b>\$50,000.00</b>	<b>\$50,000.00</b>
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2022 EDEO Budget

	A	B	C	H	I	M
93	<b>Personnel</b>	Payroll				
94			Bishop	\$16,344.96	\$16,344.96	\$16,344.96
95			Bishop Housing	\$18,000.00	\$18,000.00	\$18,000.00
96			SS Premium	\$2,846.00	\$2,846.00	\$2,846.00
97			Ascension Executive Director	\$48,960.00	\$48,960.00	\$53,000.00
98			Ascension Operations Manager	\$40,055.00	\$40,055.00	\$0.00
99			Executive Secretary	\$53,091.00	\$53,091.00	\$55,000.00
100			<b>Total Payroll</b>	<b>\$179,296.96</b>	<b>\$179,296.96</b>	<b>\$145,190.96</b>
101			<b>Total Payroll Expenses</b>	<b>\$3,586.00</b>	<b>\$3,586.00</b>	<b>\$3,000.00</b>
102			<b>Total Payroll Taxes</b>	<b>\$10,885.50</b>	<b>\$12,551.00</b>	<b>\$10,500.00</b>
103			Pension			
104			Lay Staff Pension	\$10,058.98	\$9,184.59	\$21,310.00
105			<b>Total Pension</b>	<b>\$10,058.98</b>	<b>\$9,184.59</b>	<b>\$21,310.00</b>
106			Medical and Life Insurance			
107			Bishop	\$15,835.00	\$16,308.00	\$17,000.00
108			Lay Staff	\$19,159.26	\$20,088.00	\$20,088.00
109			Life Insurance	\$736.00	\$768.00	\$768.00
110			Retirees Supplemental Med. Ins.	\$8,006.00	\$8,400.00	\$5,200.00
111			<b>Total Medical and Life Insurance</b>	<b>\$43,736.26</b>	<b>\$45,564.00</b>	<b>\$43,056.00</b>
112						
113	<b>Total Total Personnel</b>			<b>\$247,563.70</b>	<b>\$250,182.55</b>	<b>\$223,056.96</b>
114	<b>Contracted Services and Administration</b>					
115			Contracted Services			
116			Audit	\$7,976.50	\$8,000.00	\$14,000.00
117			Communication and Promotion	\$1,431.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
118			Bookkeeping/Payroll Services	\$8,598.11	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
119			Legal Fees	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
120			Archive Project	\$235.10	\$300.00	\$300.00
121			Misc. Contracted Services	\$817.72	\$0.00	\$0.00
122			Habitat Manager	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00
123			<b>Total Contracted Services</b>	<b>\$31,058.43</b>	<b>\$31,800.00</b>	<b>\$37,800.00</b>

2022 EDEO Budget

	A	B	C	H	I	M
124		Administration				
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126		Technology		\$3,243.55	\$2,500.00	\$3,000.00
127		Other Expense		\$1,069.94	\$0.00	\$0.00
128		Office Supplies		\$1,338.15	\$1,500.00	\$1,800.00
129		Photocopies and Printing		\$3,351.78	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
130		Postage		\$874.18	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
131		Telephone		\$240.00	\$240.00	\$240.00
132		Credit Card Fees		\$30.60	\$0.00	\$0.00
133		<b>Total Administration</b>		<b>\$10,148.20</b>	<b>\$8,740.00</b>	<b>\$9,540.00</b>
134	Total Contracted Services and Administration			\$41,206.63	\$40,540.00	\$47,340.00
135						
136	Physical & Real Property					
137		Repair and Maintenance		\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
138		Repair and Maintenance Reserve		\$1,000.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
139	Total Physical and Real Property			\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
140						
141	Insurance and Taxes					
142		General Insurance Package		\$11,896.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00
143		Property Taxes		\$1,657.38	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
144	Total Insurance and Taxes			\$13,553.38	\$13,500.00	\$13,500.00
145	Total Expense			\$430,960.20	\$454,087.55	\$454,226.96
146						
147	Total EDEO Income			\$493,984.65	\$450,971.76	\$456,492.00
148	Total EDEO Expense			\$430,960.20	\$454,087.55	\$454,226.96
149	Balance			\$63,024.45	(\$3,115.79)	\$2,265.04
150						
151	Total Ascension School Income					\$398,500.00
152	Total Ascension School Expense					\$399,435.00
153	<b>Total</b>					<b>\$935.00</b>
154						

2022 EDEO Budget

	A	B	C	H	I	M
155	Total EDEO and Ascension Income					\$854,992.00
156	Total EDEO and Ascension Expense					\$853,661.96
157	Total					\$1,330.04
158						

# Reports To Convention

## Archives/Historiographer Project Report

Even though we continued in our social distancing practices since the EDEO convention of 2020, it only had a minor impact on my work as the historiographer/archivist. The physical records continued to be housed at the former EDEO diocesan offices in The Dalles as are the electronic records. Since few people visit there, my work continued throughout the winter. And, of course, I continued my work from home.

During that time, we accepted new contributions into the archives. Some were mailed into the diocesan office, which included items from a former member of St. James, Milton-Freewater who now lives in Massachusetts. I added more files to the archives from contributions from Ascension School and the Diocese. After vaccination I visited with St. Mark's, Hood River. The visit included helping consolidate and preserve some records, especially old vestry minutes. They had a box that was clearly miscellaneous records belonging to EDEO from the past and are now housed in the archives. All of these were catalogued and stored appropriately for long-term preservation.

Shortly after convention, I launched a new history web page for EDEO. It can be accessed by going to the EDEO webpage at [www.episdioeo.org](http://www.episdioeo.org), then scroll down, and click on the Visit the Archives button. To go directly to the web page, you can access by entering the URL [www.history-episdioeo.weebly.com](http://www.history-episdioeo.weebly.com). You can access features like a history timeline of the district and Diocese, see pictures of people and places, read oral history stories, and download some documents.

Related to the web site and my ongoing work as historiographer, I have continued researching and expanding *Mission and Ministry in Eastern Oregon Country*. In order to expand it, I have included history of some churches and congregations that are no longer active in EDEO. I have added some of these new additions to the web page, which include St. John's, Prairie City; Ironside; and Antelope. The newest congregation, Grace Chapel, is also included. I will continue to upload as the chapters have completed draft stage.

It was also a busy year answering questions. Someone from Olympia contacted me concerning the Antelope Church, and its involvement with the cult that had moved into the area in the early 1980s. A member of St. James, Milton-Freewater contacted the archives concerning the origins of the original church and its location as All Saints in Weston. Since not all questions can be answered by the records in the archives, I conducted an on-site visitation to Milton-Freewater in June. I discovered new information about St. James, but not necessarily about its life as All Saints. I provided some suggestions about continuing to house and preserve the records that St. James congregation continues to retain. When the diocesan office has a question about a record in the past, Lisa Boquist contacts me for that info. I fielded multiple inquiries from the Diocese this year.

Throughout last year, more records were discovered in the basement of St. Paul's Chapel in The Dalles. Most of these were parish files and were combined and re-catalogued into the

archives. It has been challenging keeping track and organizing and preserving electronic files. A scan here and a scan there can get rather scattered if you don't keep organizing them.

With many local history resources closed this year, a lot of research was done online and contact made by email. I corresponded with archivists in the Diocese of Oregon (western), the Diocese of Olympia, and New York. We also remained a member of National Episcopal Historians and Archivists (NEHA). Through their publication, *The Historiographer*, I answered a request about contributing to a web page on deaconesses. The Missionary District of Eastern Oregon owes much to the pioneering deaconesses who served here. I contributed a posting on Deaconess Alice Knight and am currently researching two others. That web site is <https://sisters-in-faith.org>.

As I have researched some projects, I sometimes need to go to old Convocation and Convention Journals to find the answer. I also scan the old reports of historiographers of the past. Many of them had a dream of the future of the records, so in summary I will relay my dream. Society and the church have rapidly moved forward into a digital world, but many of our records have not. In the 1960s, a large volume of parish and diocesan records had been microfilmed. During my predecessor's time as archivist, he had these microfilmed records digitalized, for which I am exceedingly grateful. Now, it is my dream that we digitalize as much as possible so that the records of how the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon spread the gospel in this region are accessible to as many people as possible and remain into the future.

Dcn. Georgia Giacobbe (retired)  
EDEO Historiographer

# Ascension School Camp and Conference Center - Cove

## Ascension School | Convention Report

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Watch for the Fall 2021 Edition of *The Circle* coming soon!

### Summer Season Success

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**WE DID IT!** – Summer Camp was an incredible success. We welcomed 120 campers. Through your generous gifts, we were able to provide 29 camperships. Individual parishes provided an additional 73. We are deeply grateful for your partnership. The season was safe, fun, and formational for these young people. Check out our website for 2022's season schedule.

**Ascension Summer 2021 Internship** – In early 2021, Ascension School was awarded the Young Adult Ministry Grant through The Episcopal Church. With these funds, we designed an internship program that used the Episcopal Church's *Sacred Ground* curriculum (a film-based dialogue series on race and faith) and piloted Episcopal Camp and Conference Center's Inclusion and Anti-racism Training. We had 5 young women accepted for the full summer season that included the internship and camp counseling.

### Staff Transitions & Additions

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**Program Director** – Welcome to Roman Heidrich as our year-round program director. This position is a long-time dream that has been seeded by a Roanridge Grant through the Episcopal Church and through increased programming needs. [roman@coveascensionschool.com](mailto:roman@coveascensionschool.com)

**Operations Manager Transition** – Welcome to Katie Sanchez! Katie is a gifted administrator and seasoned event planner and organizer. She brings to us a passionate presence and excitement about supporting the people around her. [katie@coveascensionschool.com](mailto:katie@coveascensionschool.com)

In September, we said goodbye to Kim Lee. With her husband's completion of nursing school, her family has turned a chapter. We are grateful for her many faithful years of service.

**Kitchen Manager** – Janette Roberts has been at Ascension School for many years and recently transitioned to be our kitchen manager. We are also deeply grateful for Janette as she took on the role of both Chef and Manager through our summer camp season.

**Open Position** – *Chef & Garden Coordinator* – Check out our website for full position description.

### Facility & Grounds:

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#### Campus Updates & Projects:

- ADA Accessibility Upgrades to Founders Hall - including ramps on front and back, landings, sidewalk, enlarged stairs, railings, and parking. Sponsored by the OSU Outdoor School Accessibility Grant program.
- ADA Handrails at Coe-Kerr
- Lighting along sidewalks and on dorm pathways

- Outdoor Chapel
- New mattresses, sinks, paint, shower bars, curtains, and other simple upgrades in dorms
- Staff Cabin Remodel – Conversion to a year-round tiny home
- Greenhouse year-round heating upgrade – funded by a UTO Sustainability Grant

**Habitat Management** – In Spring 2021, Bobby and a team were able to plant 7500 native plants in the riparian zone of the habitat restoration project. We continue to enhance the trail, care for the existing plant and wildlife habitats, reseed, and weed abate. The next season of growth and transformation on the land will take significant patience. Watch the progress on the project by following Naknuwithlama Tiichamna - <https://www.facebook.com/naknuwithlamatiichamna>.

**Caretakers of the Land – Naknuwithlama Tiichamna** – As we connect more deeply in the healing of the land, we are also learning to honor the land’s caretakers. Bobby and Brosnan have formed a collective of culture-keepers who are serving to steward and strengthen symbiotic lifeways and habitats through seasonal round immersion camps and ecosystem restoration. In 2021, Naknuwithlama Tiichamna hosted a buckskin camp (sponsored by a Bisbee Grant) and a Camas Bake (sponsored by an Oregon Humanities Grant). Over the next few years, we will work with Bobby and Brosnan to launch this incredible project as a non-profit.

### **Advisory Board 2022**

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Over the next year, our Advisory Board will be working to develop a master plan for Ascension School. This will help focus our vision for programs and facility into the future.

Makenzie Dyer - Chair	Cindy Fiebert
Amy Tensen	Karley Witten
Aaron Tenson	George Nairns
Charlie Hammerich	Rev. Kelly Mahon
Terry Rahmsdorff	Ellen Nesbitt – Council Liaison
Sean Kimsey	

*And thank you to Linda Power for her service over the last several years!*

### **Save the Dates**

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May 27-30 – Ascension Alumni Weekend  
 June 17-19 – Racial Justice Training Event  
 June 26-28 – Discovery Camp  
 July 3-9 – Senior High Camp  
 July 10-15 – Combined Camp  
 July 24-29 – Junior High Camp  
 July 31-August 4 – Beginners Camp  
 August 25-28 – Adult Formation Retreat

**Bisbee Fund Ministry Partnership Grant**  
**Naknuwithlama Tichamna-Caretakers of the Land**  
*Buckskin Making Camp*

In the beginning, when the Natitayt, the People, were placed upon the Columbia River Basin, many beings of the Water, Land, and Sky, stood up and offered to take care of them. In return the People pledged to always reciprocate that care and stewardship. Of the animals that walk the land, it was the Yaamash, the Mule Deer, that stood up, offering his bones for tools, meat for sustenance, sinew for thread, and hides for clothing and drums. The art of brain-tanned and smoked buckskin is a highly significant cultural skill that is falling out of practice in our fast-paced and modern lives. Aside from providing clothing, the practice is highly meditative and therapeutic, connecting us to our ancient lineages and unlocking dormant parts of our DNA. Working hides to buckskin has the ability to help us work through trauma and strengthen our body, mind, and spirit, all the while honoring the life of the animal and connecting us to the Earth more fully. Revitalizing this practice is very important to us, so the support through the Bisbee grant, to acquire the tools and provide the space for group buckskin making workshops, came highly appreciated.

Throughout the Fall of 2020, we collected deer hides and worked them to a point suitable for storage. In March of 2021, we had 18 participants, representing many Indigenous Nations, attend a 4-day camp focused on working deer hides to smoked buckskin, at Ascension School. This was our second buckskin-making camp. The Bisbee Grant allowed us to invest in high quality materials to construct the various stations and tools needed for 6 deer hides to be worked on simultaneously and for meals to be provided. The tools and equipment will last for many more years. Each participant, some working in groups or family units, were able to finish their hides to completion, enjoy nice meals provided by the Ascension School, and rest in the beauty and connection that this land offers. The snow was in the process of melting off and we had campfire going throughout our time together which made for a nice environment. Many challenges were faced, and many laughs and songs were shared. Each person has their own story, as do each animal and hide. Their stories and the story of the land are now woven together beyond time as we all worked together, one heart, body, and spirit, to improve our lives and to witness and participate in transformation.

Part way through the camp, Fred Hill Sr., Umatilla Master Speaker and teacher, came to witness the doings and share a meal. He told us how his Elders worried for how our people would become, when the young ones can't even remember how to take care of a deer properly as evidenced by the waste of hides. He was happy to see so many people learning and sharing together, and to see the hides done well and to completion. These skills and ways of life that deeply connect us to place, are not lost or dead, they are merely sleeping. In their reawakening, we mend the wounds of the past, inflicted upon those before us whose culture was stripped away, we tend to the traumas, present and inter-generational, that limit us from living robust and healthy lives, and we prepare a path ahead, for those yet to come. There are now 18 more people than there were last year, equipped with the knowledge and skills to transform deer hides into buckskin, and turn challenges into new life. We look forward to continuing this work and give thanks for the Bisbee Ministry and their support in doing so.

**Bisbee Fund Ministry Partnership Grant**  
*St. Paul's, The Dalles*

St. Paul's was the recipient of the Bisbee Grant in 2021 for \$1000. The grant money allowed St. Paul's to further their evangelism efforts within the neighborhood surround 1805 Minnesota St.

The main focus for the use of the grant was to provide marketing funds to make banners, signs, and such. During the last year, St. Paul's has used the Bisbee Grant money to market different events held for our neighbors. Signs and banners were purchased to share Valentines in our nursing homes, a seed giveaway in Spring, and a neighborhood garage sale in August. During the fall of 2021 we are purchasing a banner and signs for a Pet Blessing for the neighborhood, a Trick or Trunk event and a dedication of our Never Forget Rose Garden for the neighborhood.

A third intention for the grant was to rent a downtown space for connecting with people in a neutral location, that does not say 'church'. The Covid virus stopped us from renting a business location, so the money is still being used to offset costs for marketing different events.

I am proud of St. Paul's Neighborhood Team whose primary focus during the last year was finding ways to engage with our neighbors.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Marilyn Roth

## Chaplains to the Retired Clergy

The Rev. Celine and Richard (Dick) Burke served as the Bishop's Chaplains to the Retired Clergy and Spouses.

Each of the Retirees receive a birthday card on their birthday. During 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. We have also warned Retirees about being the victims of fraud or identity theft. Retirees are often the targets for these scams.

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. to us. 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 four deaths during the last year. We mourn the deaths of Nancy Viggers, The Rev. Gene VanBevern, the Rev. Larry Ferguson, and the Rev. Paul Morton. The Burkes attended funerals of those who were able to have them.

The Burkes 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

The Commission on Ministry (COM) met in January, March, and June of 2021 and will meet again in September. Our January and March meetings were via Zoom, with our January meeting occurring over two days, two weeks apart. We postponed interviews with people in process until we might meet in person. That decision has, unfortunately, caused some delays and uncertainties for those in process. We were able to meet in person at Kimsey Commons in June and completed two Postulancy interviews and a Candidacy interview. As of this writing (two weeks prior to the scheduled meeting) we are hopeful that we will meet in-person at Trinity, Bend, in September, to complete the Postulancy and Candidacy interviews.

Katy Nesbitt and Sean Rogers, our first graduates of High Desert School for Ministry, completed their classes in May and graduated with a closed ceremony available for viewing via Facebook and Youtube. The 2020-21 school year was completely online until they were finally able to meet in May for their final session and the graduation. The 2021-22 school year begins September 17. This will be the fourth year for the High Desert School. EDEO has no students beginning this year, but there is one first year student from Idaho. The first-year student will join the second-year priesthood students in the study of Church History. Students in their final year will study Theology and Ethics. Spirituality, homiletics, liturgy, pastoral issues, and congregational issues are worked into the sessions. EDEO students enrolled in HDSM are Taylor Clark, Baker City; Pam Miller, The Dalles; Dan Jeffrey, Hermiston; Joann Dickson, La Grande; Tracy Anderson, Sisters; and Liz Cahill, Pendleton.

COM and Bishop Pat made the decision that HDSM diaconal students from EDEO will need to complete the year on Scripture and the year on Theology and Ethics. Church History will be completed via a summer reading program, thus allowing diaconal students to graduate in two years. EDEO currently has two students in the diaconal track who will graduate in May, 2022. The Rev. Ray Jeff Sprier, St. Andrew's, Prineville, was ordained as a priest in October, 2020, in an outdoor ceremony with limited attendance but available to others to view online. The Rev. Katy Nesbitt, St. Patrick's, Enterprise, was ordained to the diaconate on August 21, 2021. Her ordination is also available to be viewed online. Katy will be ordained to the priesthood in 2022.

One of COM's priorities for '20-21 was to find a resource for consistent and effective anti-racism training that will fulfill the Episcopal Church commitment to providing this training for those in the ordination process, as well as for clergy, diocesan and parish leadership. We are still working on this goal. However, we needed to find a resource that would fulfill the requirement for our graduating students. COM is grateful to Dean Sanderson for implementing a Cultural Competency module which we asked her to add to the curriculum mid-year. This module was a "stop gap" for those graduating students and it is not available to those outside the HDSM, so implementing an ongoing resource available to the entire diocese will continue to be a priority. As one option, we are looking at ways in which the "Sacred Ground" program might be effectively implemented for multi-parish use.

Other priorities for COM's work this past year:

- Clarifying Safe Church training module requirements for lay ministry licensing as well as for clergy and parish/diocesan leadership. This was accomplished and published. However, Praesidium (the authors and presenters of our Safe Church training) has recently restructured their modules. The training has been clarified and is more concise. Registration and login are required. Contact the diocesan office for access to the new training. At the September COM meeting, we will reconsider requirements for frequency of training.
- Resources for lay ministry development. Modules for lay ministry development are now available to parishes free of charge from the Iona Collaborative, the same Seminary of the Southwest program that provides curriculum for HDSM. Contact the diocesan office for information on accessing these programs. COM would appreciate hearing from parishes about any programs and materials that parishes are using and enjoying. We would welcome the opportunity to facilitate sharing resources and information about resources among parishes.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Diane Adams, Chair

## Cursillo Report

A report from the Cursillo Community of Eastern Oregon

Life for us during this year of pandemic, isolation and fear has seemed long and quite difficult. And yet, much of what is familiar has continued.....all be it through ZOOM. Cursillo in Eastern Oregon has remained active and connected by way of frequent ZOOM meetings of our governing board, and also through Constant Contact, the Bantam Quarterly, and the US Postal Service. Business has been conducted, our by-laws have been reviewed and refined, and an in person gathering at Ascension School over Pentecost Weekend was enjoyed. With Bishop Pat's invitation and guidance to gird us, a small group of Cursillistas created a wonderful Pentecost service which was live streamed from Ascension School to the four corners of our Diocese and hopefully viewed by many of you. Now the Cursillo Community of Eastern Oregon is planning an in person annual meeting to be held in mid- September at Ascension School. We are eager to be together again.....and it will be available through ZOOM, too!

Looking ahead to April 28-May 1 of 2022 we are anticipating a Cursillo Weekend at Ascension School. Folks who want to learn more about how to be a follower of Jesus are encouraged to explore the world of Cursillo by calling me at 541-296-5628.

In Christ,

Gretchen Kimsey

## Diocesan Council Report

### October 31, 2020 - ZOOM

The Council Meeting was held on ZOOM platform due to COVID-19 protocols. Motion to elect Aletha Bonebrake Co-Chair with Bishop Patrick for new council year.

A brief discussion was held reviewing convention. The Rev. Kelly Mahon reported a November meeting to discuss results of survey and develop a more thorough report for January Council meeting.

#### Standing Committee Report:

- President Roy Green reported Committee involvement in bishop elections for The Rev. Diana Akiyama as Bishop of Oregon and The Rev. Canon Paul-Gordon Chandler as Bishop of Wyoming. Ann-Marie Hardin was elected Standing Committee Secretary and Roy Green re-elected Standing Committee President.

Doug Harder reported continued discussion of sale of Nyssa property. St. Alban's Redmond negotiated a water rights sale with the City of Redmond, with Jim Foster's help.

Bisbee Grant Committee appointed from volunteers Barbara Reynolds, Charlotte Wells and Beth Spell. Recommendations to be brought to Council in January.

#### Ascension School Report: Amy Jayne.

- Introduced Bobby Fossek and Brosnan Spencer who presented a proposed partnership with The Diocese called "Naknuwithlama Tiichamna – Caretakers of This Land" to create a separate 501(c)3 to further the stated goal of "Stewarding and Strengthening the Symbiotic Indigenous Life Ways and Habitats of the Blue Mountain Bioregion." To this end the non-profit under Bobby's leadership with initial fiscal sponsorship and guidance creating the non-profit from the Diocese would continue managing the restoration project at Ascension in conjunction with camps as education opportunities for local youth and families. 2021 events planned are First Foods Camp out on the land and the Earth Oven Camas Bake at Ascension School. Future goals are developing job opportunities in Earth stewardship, and funding for language and culture teachers.
- Motion introduced and passed to support Bobby Fossek and Brosnan Spencer in development of their nonprofit Naknuwithlama Tiichamna – Caretakers of This Land, by providing support to them through administrative and financial resources.

Sustainable Development Goals Committee proposed a grant process which will be refined and returned to Council at a later date for adoption.

Bishop Pat outlined changes to in-person worship recommendations, to be adjusted in future as necessary.

## January 9, 2021 - ZOOM

Randy Heise gave a brief financial report.

- Diocesan portfolio valued at just over \$2 million, with estimated year-end surplus of \$6,000.
- Discussion for 2021 budget of reduction in 22.5% assessment for COVID-19 relief resulted in decision to handle requests for relief on individual basis.

Gretchen Kimsey introduced Pamela Lyons Nelson, Convener of Commission on Poverty and Homelessness in Diocese of Oregon, who presented program Health Care for All Oregon.

- Materials were provided to Diocese and Bishop suggested that Council consider forming a sub-committee to review materials and discuss ways EDEO could act on them.

Barbara Reynolds reported Bisbee Grant Committee recommends \$3000 grant to Caretaker of the Land, and \$1,000 to St. Paul's, The Dalles.

- Motion was made and passed for these two grants. Two other applicants were referred to the Eastern Oregon Episcopal Foundation technology grant program.

Standing Committee President Roy Green reported sale of Nyssa property will be completed shortly.

- Unanimous consent was given to election of Paula Clark as Bishop of Chicago. Brief discussion of St. Paul's, Klamath Falls building.

Amy Jayne gave updated information on Melanie's condition and reported that Ascension School will cover her medical benefit payment through 2021.

- Due to grants and over \$80,000 in gifts to Ascension School, it will end 2020 with a surplus. COVID-19 will cause revision of 2021 Ascension budget.
- Trail Project is ahead of schedule and able to fully repay \$15,000 Foundation loan 2 years early.

Bishop Pat spoke of ongoing work of racial reconciliation and asked Council to look at Sacred Ground curriculum. He also pointed to article that addressed repudiation of the Doctrine of Discovery. Bishop Pat also asked for our prayers as he opens the House of Bishop's meeting January 11 with a prayer regarding the January 6 attack of the Capitol.

## April 10, 2021 - ZOOM

Financial Report by Randy Heise:

- EDEO year-end surplus of \$62,000; Ascension School deficit due to COVID-19, estimated \$8,000 from EDEO surplus will cover the loss.
- Accountant injured in accident in September and unable to continue bookkeeping; new firm in Pendleton being interviewed. Budgeting for 2022 will begin work in May.
- Motion made/passed to move funds from sale of St. Paul's, Nyssa, to Bishop's Search Fund.
- Morse Fund given for scholarship assistance to seminarians will be transferred to operating budget as needed to subsidize funds already being given in support of seminarians. Discussion on use of Hodgkin's funds tabled until July meeting.

Sustainable Development Goals committee asking feedback from Council within 3 weeks on proposed grant details and application.

Bishop Pat requested formation of small group to work on resolution supporting Healthcare for All Oregon Initiative.

Standing Committee: Roy Green, President

- Nyssa sale complete. Thanks given to The Rev. Kelly Mahon, The Rev. Charlotte Wells, The Rev. Jim Mosier, and especially Doug Harder who worked many hours to negotiate the sale.
- Standing Committee asked by representatives from St. Paul's, The Dalles to consider replacing the current tenants of the Diocesan House with a former member of St. Paul's, who would act as caretaker of that property and Old St. Paul's Chapel and office area. Tabled because Oregon Tenant Laws will not permit that at this time. Decision made to replace the current property management company when contract expires.
- St. Alban's, Redmond received offer to purchase; recommendation to have appraisal before any offers are accepted resulted in much higher appraisal than any offers tendered. Jim Foster contacting developers to secure offers more in line with appraised value.
- Approval of purchase offer on Diocesan property in City of Arlington for \$30,000.
- Committee unanimously approved Katy Nesbitt from Enterprise as candidate for Holy Orders.

Ascension School:

- Amy Jayne gave financial update.
- Bishop Pat gave special mention that Amy has brought in about \$250,000 in grant monies for Ascension since she began in June 2019.

Bishop Pat announced that theme for 2021 Convention in Pendleton will represent work toward repudiating Doctrine of Discovery. Business meeting will be by ZOOM this year. Elections for Standing Committee 1 clergy, 1 lay; for Diocesan Council 1 clergy, 2 lay. Planning still in process.

Bishop Pat reported that The Rev. Rebecca Hendricks retired from St. James, Milton-Freewater, and The Rev. Ann Marie Hardin is providing regular supply to the parish. The Rev. Marilyn Roth is completing her service at St. Paul's, The Dalles, and a search process is being initiated.

General Convention has been rescheduled for Summer of 2022 in Baltimore, Maryland and will comprise only 7 days. Lambeth has also been rescheduled for the Summer of 2022.

Bishop will resume in person visitations in September and hopes to do two per month in order to visit each congregation by June of 2022.

## July 30-31, 2021 – Ascension School

### Friday evening

Amy Jayne gave Ascension School report focusing on issues around the pandemic and planning of continuing crisis and infection rates. 2021 budget will be in black due to donations and full calendar of outside rentals.

- Many improvements have been made in the last 18 months: sidewalk lighting; ADA accessibility; painting buildings, new bathroom fixtures in dorms, and outdoor chapel around fire pit.
- Five interns this summer, and a grant to allow Amy to hire an intern for 1 year as Program Director for adult and camp programming, and also take lead on Outdoor School program.
- Trail Project planted 7200 native plants and planning in process for wildlife habitats, planting camas seed and installing prayer and meditation stations along the path.
- New Ascension Advisory Board appointments approved: Aaron Tensen, Amy Tensen, Mackenzie Dyer and Cindy Feibert.
- Bishop Pat instituted 2 changes for camp activities; one, raising the Episcopal Flag instead of the American Flag; the other, eliminating celebration of Eucharist during camps, except Senior High Camp. Many of Ascension Campers lack understanding of what the sacrament means.

Sustainable Development Goals grant application and purpose was approved by motion.

Standing Committee report:

- Completed previous business: formally endorsing Katy Nesbitt's ordination to transitional diaconate; vote to consent to election of Bishop of Pittsburgh; status of property disposition in Redmond, St. Paul's Klamath Falls, and the Diocesan House in The Dalles.; Repudiation of Doctrine of Discovery.
- Bishop presented Jim Foster with gift and many thanks upon retirement from many years of faithful service.

### Saturday morning

2022 Budget Presentation.

- Motion to recommend 2022 EDEO Budget to 2021 Diocesan Convention for approval.
- Motion to approve Ascension school Budget reallocation of funds as discussed earlier and 2022 Ascension School Budget as presented.
- Council requested Finance Committee meet to explore how to allocate property sale funds and Hodgkin's Fund and make recommendation to Council at its November retreat.

Diocesan Convention Update:

- Schedule will include online business meetings during week.
- in-person gathering will be around theme *On Sacred Ground*.
- Motion made and approved to designate 2021 Convention Offering for Caretakers of the Land."
- Resolution presented, motion made and passed to recommend to 2021 Convention to Support the Adoption of Universal Healthcare to the Convention Resolutions Committee.

- Resolution on Repudiation of the Doctrine of Discovery presented to council by Roy Green and Amy Jayne; Bishop Pat reported receiving high praise from Missioner for Indigenous Ministries at the National Church, who is asking to share final version with other dioceses.
- Motion made and passed to form commission to continue work laid out in the resolution. Committee members who drafted resolution will be “Commission on Reconciliation” members: Karly Nash, Beth Spell, Charlotte Wells, Roy Green, Barbara Reynolds, and Amy Jayne.
- Motion made and passed to recommend to 2021 Diocesan Convention Resolution of Closing of St. Paul’s, Klamath Falls.

Bishop’s Report: At Bishop’s request following motions made:

- Motion to require all Diocesan and Ascension employees of age 18 and older be immediately vaccinated and provide proof of vaccination and follow all CDC guidelines...;
- Motion to affirm that Diocesan Council supports the Bishop in strongly recommending that all participants in Diocesan events and parish gatherings are fully vaccinated, and that all participants in indoor gatherings be fully and properly masked. Passed.
- Bishop confirmed that singing is now allowed if participants are fully masked.
- Executive Council Diocesan Relief Grants:
  - Motion made/passed to apply for Executive Council Diocesan Relief Grant to fund the Commission on Reconciliation and the work indicated in the Resolution on the Repudiation of the Doctrine of Discovery.
- Bishop Pat thanked the outgoing members for service on Council, terms ending at Convention.: The Rev. Roy Green; Julie Reynolds; The Rev. Aletha Bonebrake; Kit Morgan.

Respectfully submitted,  
Aletha Bonebrake, Co-Chair 2020-21

## Diocesan Disaster Team

As I write this report the Diocese is still in the midst of what has been a very active fire season. So by the time the convention begins the story for this year may be different than it is now. Disasters are by definition unpredictable, and knowing that, we have been working toward every congregation having a working disaster plan in place.

We see the Diocesan Disaster Team as but one part of a network, including clergy and congregation members who are working to develop and maintain a level of preparedness to enable rapid and meaningful response to disasters and emergencies in our congregations and communities.

A few months ago, two members of our disaster team met with the Collegium about the need for every congregation to make the effort to create a disaster plan. Our Bishop has strongly appealed for this, with the message that not planning for disasters is irresponsible. Our team was hoping for more progress this summer, and several congregations are in the process of working on a plan. I suspect that the frustrating ups and downs we've all experienced with the COVID pandemic has been in the way of disaster planning; the COVID is a disaster pushing disaster planning aside – rather ironic.

Another goal of our team has been to build a network of ham radio operators as a backup in the event of a need for communications within the Diocese. Below is a list of the ham operators who have contacted us so far. If you are a ham, please contact Ray Jeff or Randy.

KB7CKJ, Rev. Chuck Barnes, Hermiston G

KG7AV, Rev. Ray Jeff Spreier, Prineville / Bend E

NB7E, Randy Heise, Bend E

KJ7WEP, David Johnson, Heppner T

In spite of the COVID pandemic, some real progress has been made in the past three months. There are now 7 congregational disaster plans completed or almost done (including the Ascension School campus, but not counting Redmond at this time), which is up to 33% from 20% in May, plus there are 2 more congregations actively making good progress. Twelve congregations have made no progress at all as far as we can tell; many of those “unknown” congregations have not returned emails and phone messages.

If your congregation is in the process of preparing a disaster plan, please feel free to contact any of those on our team if you would like some assistance. If your congregation has not done anything yet to prepare a plan, please take the initiative to get something started. We are available to help out. Contact us, we can help make it easy. We hope you will never have a disaster; if you do and you have a plan, you will be glad you did. If you don't have a plan when disaster strikes, you will wish you had one.

The members of the Diocesan Disaster Team are listed here.

Bishop Pat Bell

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Judy Warren; [owlandcompass@gmail.com](mailto:owlandcompass@gmail.com); 541-639-4111

Randy Heise; [randy@graywolfstudios.com](mailto:randy@graywolfstudios.com); 541-410-0170

## Episcopal Relief & Development

This has been an unusual year for the world, the Diocese, churches and individuals, and certainly for Episcopal Relief and Development. I was appointed Diocesan Ministry Partner by Bishop Bell during last year's convention, and have been finding my way in these strange times, taking up the role from Bruce Barnes who led us so faithfully for many years at the diocesan and provincial level. Bruce continues to serve as Diocesan Disaster Coordinator, a critical role given the Central and Eastern Oregon terrain and frequent possibility of fire, flood and drought in our Diocese.

Through the remote venues that have become familiar to most of us, I introduced myself to the Congregational Ministry Partners. Part of my role is to pass information from the national office of Episcopal Relief & Development to the congregations, and likewise to pass concerns and questions from local churches to the appropriate resource person. I keep in contact with Chuck Hamilton, Provincial Ministry Partner for Province VIII and Kat Milligan, our national Program Officer for the Engagement Team.

"One Thousand Days of Love" continues to be a major fundraising focus nationally. This grassroots Church-wide fundraising campaign is dedicated to expanding the organization's global programs and improving the lives of children up to age six.

The campaign provides an opportunity to help thousands of children reach their God-given potential to learn, grow and thrive. It is also a call to action for each of us to be kinder and to share love with others - a goal never more important than now, and one that echoes the mandate of Episcopal Relief and Development: Matthew 25: 37-40.

Local Ministry Partners have been keeping the work of Episcopal Relief & Development in front of their congregations at a time when it can be difficult to do so. I am so appreciative of their work and dedication, and look forward to the time when I can meet all of them in person.

To learn more about the ministry of Episcopal Relief and Development, please visit [episcopalrelief.org](http://episcopalrelief.org) or contact me at: [helenkeefesisters@gmail.com](mailto:helenkeefesisters@gmail.com).

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Keefe  
Episcopal Relief & Development Diocesan Ministry Partner for Eastern Oregon

## High Desert School for Ministry

### Fall 2021

As I write this annual report regarding the High Desert School for Ministry, I confess that I am saddened that we have, to date, only met once (in May 2021) in person at the Ascension School in Cove for one of the nine yearly weekends. This situation has been due to COVID-19 and, as of September, the spread of the Delta Variant in our dioceses. I am hopeful that the current surge will let up and we will once again be able to meet from Friday evening through Sunday noon together once again in November. I bid your prayers ascend.

Since March of 2020, the HDSM classes have met via Zoom on one Saturday a month with time off July – August 2020 and June – August 2021. When we meet via Zoom, we begin at 8:30 am and follow with five sessions during the day. We include Morning Prayer, Noonday Prayer, Evening Prayer and Compline to frame our time together. Two of the sessions have focused on the academic matters required of the classes: Church History in Spring 2020 and two classes: Biblical Interpretation and Theology and Ethics during the academic year 2020-21.

We have four mentors now in addition to the mentor work I do as Dean. They were Brad England, Dcn Janet King and Rob Schoeck+ during 2020-21. They facilitated the Biblical Interpretation Class/Year 1. During this academic year, we have added Michael Case+ to work with Brad England. They will facilitate the Church History class, Year 2, and I will do the same (as I did during 2020-21) for the Theology and Ethics class, Year 3. Because only one student is entering in 2021, she will become a part of the Church History class and will study with them.

In addition to the two academic sessions, the students meet in plenary session to discuss congregational and pastoral leadership matters, liturgy instruction, and spirituality exploration. Each student has the opportunity to lead one of the worship sections and to preach a sermon. Once we are able to meet again in Cove, we will be able to build a second sermon into the schedule as the more seasoned students take a hand at the Sunday preaching. The two bishops visit once during the calendar year and celebrate and preach when they are with us. I celebrate the remaining Sundays and preach when students do not. Returning to Cove, will vastly increase the ability of the students to grow liturgically, practically, intellectually and spiritually.

In May of 2021, two students from Eastern Oregon were the first graduates. This spring, the 3<sup>rd</sup> year class will have 6 students in it: 1 from the Diocese of Idaho and 5 from the Diocese of Eastern Oregon. The Church History Class will have 4 students: 2 from the Diocese of Idaho and 1 from the Diocese of Eastern Oregon. The graduating class meeting will be in June of 2022.

It has been a great privilege to serve as the Dean of the High Desert School for Ministry. Working with all the students as they explore and discern their ministry and grapple with new information is one of the greatest honors of my ministry. I eagerly look forward to an academic year of nourishing weekends at Ascension School in Cove as do all the students.

In Christ's love,

The Very Rev. Holladay Sanderson, Dean

## Standing Committee Report

The six members of your Standing Committee – The Rev. Kelly Mahon of St Mark’s, Hood River, Steve Winkle of St Mark’s, Hood River, The Rev. Ann Marie Hardin of Church of the Redeemer, Pendleton, Karla Nash of Trinity, Bend, Julie Reynolds of St Paul’s, The Dalles, and The Rev. Roy Green of All Saints of the Cascades, Sunriver – 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 as 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 and serving 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:

- Welcomed The Rev. Ann Marie Hardin, new Clergy member of the Standing Committee, and welcomed Karla Nash, also elected at Convention, to a full term in the Lay Order.
- Consulted with the Bishop on when churches might reopen in face of COVID 19 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 and endorsed that sale for \$40,000 to The Bible Missionary Church of Nyssa, December 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Consulted with the Bishop and Council on the proposed sale of Diocesan Property in Arlington and authorized the Chancellor to proceed with that sale.
- Consulted with the Bishop and Council on the proposed sale of Diocesan property in Redmond at St. Alban’s, and authorized the Chancellor to proceed with that sale.
- Approved a lease for St. Alban’s to relocate to new quarters in Redmond.
- Endorsed Katy Nesbitt as a Candidate for Holy Orders and subsequently for ordination to the Sacred Order of Deacons.
- Consulted with the Bishop and Council on the proposed purchase of a building to be the new home of Sunriver Christian Fellowship. Sunriver Christian Fellowship is an ecumenical congregation, independently organized as 501.c3, originally formed of Episcopal (All Saints of the Cascades) and Lutheran (Shepherd of the Mountains) congregations and endorsed by both denominations. The Bishop and Chancellor felt the Standing Committee need take no action on this transaction as All Saints of the Cascades would not be an owner of the property. The Bishop and Standing Committee offered encouragement for SCF as it looks for a new home.
- Received communication from Tony Walz, Senior Warden of St. Paul’s, Klamath Falls, requesting proceedings for dissolution of the congregation. The Standing Committee, after consideration and in consultation with the Bishop, will place a resolution before Convention for the dissolution of St. Paul’s, Klamath Falls.
- Opened discussion about diocesan oversight of the Union St. property in The Dalles and implemented a plan that will assure maintenance of this property in the long term.

The Standing Committee voted consent to the elections of:

- The Rev. Diana Akiyama as Bishop of Oregon,
- The Rev. Paul-Gordon Chandler as Bishop of Wyoming,
- The Rev. Paula E. Clark as Bishop of Chicago,
- The Rev. Canon Ruth Woodliff-Stanley as Bishop of South Carolina
- The Rev. Dr Ketlen A. Solak as Bishop of Pittsburgh, and
- The Rev. Betsey Monnot as Bishop of Iowa.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee,

The Rev. Roy D. Green, President

## UTO Coordinator Report

The United Thank Offering is still with us! Started in 1889 at the Triennial Meeting in New York of the Women's Auxiliary, the United Offering was instituted for the support of specific mission projects and individual missionaries. Today, 132 years later, the United Thank Offering as it is now named remains an important source of funding for the mission of the church.

Rather than a separate entity, the United Thank Offering also remains as an important account of The Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society (DFMS), which is the designation of the Episcopal Church as it functions in the world. Our ingathering of this diocese is combined with all the ingatherings of the other dioceses of the Episcopal Church and any individual contributions which are sent in and then 100% of the money is granted to mission projects throughout the Episcopal Church.

Thankfulness has, thankfully, not died off during the time of this pandemic. The ingathering from 2020 raised \$1,039,462.77 that was distributed in two rounds of COVID-19 grants. These grants sustained previous grant winners and also funded innovative responses to the pandemic. The Diocese of Eastern Oregon was part of that as we were awarded \$7,200 for our grant request for Sustaining: Ascension Greenhouse Enhancements for COVID-19 Response.

So now it is our time in 2021 to gather in our thankfulness in the form of our coins, dollars, and checks and give these blessings to the United Thank Offering. I have briefly been in contact with most our congregations throughout the year to let them know the UTO is still going. I just recently received new materials from UTO, and I plan on making them available at the convention this year. The UTO continues to develop innovative ways to help us focus on gratitude and blessing. So, I will finish with their new slogan:

NOTICE—the good things that happen each day  
GIVE—thanks to God for your blessings  
MAKE—an offering for each blessing  
BLESS—your blessing becomes a blessing for others

Georgia Giacobbe  
UTO coordinator for EDEO

# Statistical Reports

## Vital Statistics of Congregations and Missions

Year in parentheses is last year of filing if not 2020

### Diocese of Eastern Oregon

— BAPTISMS —

City	Congregation	Active Members	Communicants in Good Standing	Others Active	Average Sunday Attendance	Sunday Furchants	16 yrs and Older	Under 16 Years	Confirmed or Renewed
Baker City	St Stephens Episcopal Church	40	31	2	18	6	0	0	0
Bend	Trinity Episcopal Church	507	394	8	153	18	0	3	0
Bonanza	St Barnabas Episcopal Church	27	12	17	4	0	0	0	0
Burns	St Andrews Episcopal Church	29	24	4	14	11	0	0	0
Canyon City	St Thomas Episcopal Church	60	44	0	13	5	0	0	5
Enterprise	St Patricks Episcopal Church	13	13	0	9	30	0	0	0
Heppner	All Saints Memorial Epis Church	96	44	32	37	11	0	0	0
Hermiston	St Johns Episcopal Church	73	73	0	37	6	0	0	0
Hood River	St Marks Episcopal Church	84	76	10	46	22	0	0	0
Klamath Falls	St Pauls Episcopal Church	64	64	0	11	13	0	0	0
La Grande	St Peters Episcopal Church	32	32	9	16	18	0	0	0
Lakeview	St Lukes Episcopal Church	28	0	0	9	0	0	0	0
Madras	St Marks Episcopal Church	8	8	85	9	7	0	0	0
Milton Freewater	St James Episcopal Church	41	41	0	11	5	0	0	0
Ontario	St Matthews Episcopal Church	118	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pendleton	Church of the Redeemer	145	84	1	56	8	0	0	0
Prineville	St Andrews Episcopal Church	41	41	5	15	5	0	0	0
Redmond	St Albans Episcopal Church	14	14	0	8	0	0	0	0
Sisters	Church of the Transfiguration	210	210	20	106	19	0	0	0
Sunriver	All Saints of the Cascades	60	60	245	121	11	0	0	0
The Dalles	St Pauls Episcopal Church	190	88	0	36	19	0	0	0
Total		1,880	1,353	438	729	214	0	3	5

**Diocese of Eastern Oregon**

**Financial Statistics of Congregations and Missions**

Year in parentheses is last year of filing if not 2020

City	Congregation	Plate & Pledge Income	REVENUE		EXPENSE					
			Operating Revenue	Total Revenue	Operating Expense	To the Diocese	& Development & Outreach	Total Expense		
			24,000	2,020,000						
Baker City	St Stephens Episcopal Church	45,728	52,728	463,760	52,728	10,528	7,584	56,869		
Bend	Trinity Episcopal Church	425,373	435,421	956,133	504,694	97,970	327,377	859,834		
Bonanza	St Barnabas Episcopal Church	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Burns	St Andrews Episcopal Church	14,665	14,665	14,715	1,963	1,963	7,175	9,188		
Canyon City	St Thomas Episcopal Church	17,400	19,210	26,130	20,070	3,890	2,710	27,200		
Enterprise	St Patricks Episcopal Church	14,327	14,327	14,958	13,915	3,310	1,074	15,095		
Heppner	All Saints Memorial Epis Church	31,474	117,545	131,435	103,753	6,286	13,890	120,393		
Hermiston	St Johns Episcopal Church	52,026	57,263	95,969	48,454	11,705	13,999	60,894		
Hood River	St Marks Episcopal Church	150,919	156,419	202,320	157,636	33,817	29,359	184,788		
Klamath Falls	St Pauls Episcopal Church	31,588	52,995	55,544	44,585	6,949	2,500	47,285		
La Grande	St Peters Episcopal Church	51,887	61,866	70,678	52,613	6,590	0	53,738		
Lakeview	St Lukes Episcopal Church	4,584	4,836	4,836	670	620	150	770		
Madras	St Marks Episcopal Church	2,105	2,105	2,105	478	478	0	478		
Milton Freewater	St James Episcopal Church	14,107	30,857	33,462	28,120	7,114	7,883	28,480		
Ontario	St Matthews Episcopal Church	49,178	76,278	76,278	88,920	17,421	894	88,920		
Pendleton	Church of the Redeemer	145,118	148,048	224,599	150,674	35,841	69,713	226,025		
Prineville	St Andrews Episcopal Church	24,439	25,443	272,833	26,103	5,410	7,744	34,508		
Redmond	St Albans Episcopal Church	22,565	25,503	25,503	21,319	5,566	2,656	21,526		
Sisters	Church of the Transfiguration	229,800	229,835	249,278	247,336	66,380	18,500	265,836		
Sunriver	All Saints of the Cascades	275,558	378,058	492,437	306,813	16,260	185,847	475,605		
The Dalles	St Pauls Episcopal Church	110,894	150,451	160,783	160,917	30,530	20,722	189,878		
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,713,735</b>	<b>2,053,853</b>	<b>3,573,756</b>	<b>2,031,761</b>	<b>368,628</b>	<b>719,777</b>	<b>2,767,310</b>		

# Clergy

## The Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon

### Bishop:

The Rt. Rev. Patrick Bell

### Diocesan Assignment

Bishop

### Canonically Resident Priests:

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
11-19-06	Aletha G. Bonebrake	St. Stephen's, Baker City
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
05-16-17	Joseph Farber	Church of the Transfiguration, Sisters
11-17-18	P. Kelly Mahon	St. Mark's, Hood River
07-30-19	Ann Marie Hardin	St. James', Milton Freewater
09-24-19	*MaryAnne Gard	Non-parochial, Sunriver, OR
10-10-20	Ray Jeff Spreier	St. Andrew's, Prineville
08-10-21	Linda Hale	St. Peter's, La Grande deacon

### 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
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	Non Parochial
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
02-08-21	Keehna Sture	St. Alban's, Redmond
08-21-21	Katy Nesbitt	St. Patrick's, Enterprise (Transitional Deacon)

### Diocesan Assignment

## Retired canonically resident clergy

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

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
07-13-88	John A. Langfeldt	The Dalles, OR	priest
01-04-89	Robert J. Crum	Portland, OR	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
06-10-06	Rebecca Lanham Hendricks	Milton-Freewater, OR	priest
09-21-85	James D. Mosier	Ontario, OR	priest
05-19-16	Willa Goodfellow	Sisters, OR	priest

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

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

**Lay Delegates**  
Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon  
51st Annual Convention, October 12-13, 2021

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*  
Beth Bigelow, D

**Trinity, Bend**

William Carrington, SW  
Karen Hauswald, JW  
Bill Brisson, D  
Terry Rahmsdorff, D  
Kym Leason, D  
Terri Rahmsdorff, D  
Judy Warren, D

**St. Barnabas, Bonanza**

*Delana Heidrich – SW*

**St. Andrew's, Burns**

Don Greenfield, SW  
*Chris Stott, JW*  
Ann Thew, D

**St. Thomas, Canyon City**

Julie Reynolds, SW  
Jim Spell, D

**St. Patrick's, Enterprise**

*Char Williams, SW*  
*Linda Krueger-Ebbert, JW*  
Monica Martin, D

**All Saints, Heppner**

George Nairns, SW  
*Bill McDowell, JW*  
Barb Orwick, D

**St. John's, Hermiston**

*Thomas Ditton, SW*  
*Diana Henderson, JW*  
*Alexis McCarthy, D*  
*Phyllis Jerome, A*

**St. Mark's, Hood River**

*David Anderson, SW*  
Michael Freeman, JW  
Sally Goeke, D  
Susan Lalor, D  
Jasinta Rajamoney, A

**St. Paul's, Klamath Falls**

*Anthony Walz, SW*  
*Kerry Tingley, JW*

**St. Peter's, La Grande**

Chris Baldwin, SW  
*Nod Palmer, JW*  
Najaria Esty, D  
Nancy Findholt, 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*  
*Homer Bozarth, D*  
*Allison VanOcker, A*

**St. Matthew's, Ontario**

*Bob Quinn, SW*  
*Tim Lanterman, JW*  
*Prudi Sherman, D*

**Grace Chapel, Ontario**

*Linda Quinn, D*

**Church of the Redeemer, Pendleton**

*Shari Dallas, SW*  
*Diane Groff, JW*  
*Heidi Delph, D*  
*Kate Bottorff, A*

**St. Andrew's, Prineville**

*Nancy Condron, SW*  
*Richard Potter, JW*  
*Helen Keefe, D*  
*Jan Uffelman, A*

**St. Alban's, Redmond**

*Larry Abney, SW*  
*Gard Eriksen, JW*  
*Janet Brown, D*  
*Suzanne Moody, A*

**Church of the Transfiguration, Sisters**

*Cory Bradshaw, SW*  
*Marjorie Tipton, JW*  
*Gayla Nelson, D*  
*Dixie Fairfield, D*  
*Margaret Doke, A*

**All Saints of the Cascades, Sunriver**

*Randy Heise, SW*  
*Patti Knollman, D*  
*Paul Knollman, A*

**St. Paul's, The Dalles**

*P.K. Swartz, SW*  
*Jill Durrow, JW*  
*Mike Nagle, D*  
*Gretchen Kimsey, D*  
*Jerry Frazier, A*

**Diocesan Council, Lay Delegates**

*Kit Morgan*  
*Barbara Reynolds*  
*Adrienne Brown*  
*Beth Spell*  
*Ellen Nesbitt*

**Standing Committee, Lay Delegates**

*Julie Reynolds*  
*Karly Nash*  
*Steve Winkle*

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*James Foster*