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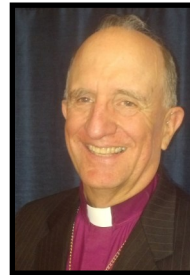
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BISHOP'S MESSAGE

From Bishop Bill Thompson



Blessings to you all in the wonderful name of our Lord Jesus Christ. I pray that this Lenten season brings with it a deepening in your walk with the Lord, and may we all experience afresh the new life we've been given in His resurrection as we celebrate it this Easter.

I want to share with you first about my recent diagnosis, of which most are now aware: I am in the very early stages of Alzheimer's. While there are some frustrating issues with which I contend at times, the Executive Committee of the diocese and I are agreed that my retirement date will remain June 30, 2014.

First I want you to know how much I love you all. I have carried you in my heart for well-over the past four years, and it has been an absolute joy in my life to get to meet and visit with so many of you throughout my time as your bishop.

My biggest concern is for the health of this diocese. You should know that the Executive Committee has been strategizing for there to be ongoing care for the diocese, help with an orderly transition to the next bishop, and to help me finish my term as well as possible. As you know, we now have four deans charged with assisting me in the oversight of four regions within our diocese. This was a definite need before my diagnosis, but I am all the more grateful now for their presence and ability to assist in caring for this diocese.

I want you to know I consider myself a very blessed man, and one who still has a lot of life to live, and I thank the Lord for the wonderful times He has given to me as your bishop. The Lord has blessed my life abundantly in so many ways, and I know He is with me and all of us at this time.

That being said, I'd like to let you know about my travels throughout the first of this year, and a number of things that we have been working on in our diocese.

The College of Bishops: At the beginning of January, I and all the bishops of the ACNA gathered in Orlando, Florida, for five days of fellowship and work. It was a wonderful time of building relationships between the bishops of the church. While there are some differences of views from time to time, the bishops are all godly men who are seeking the work of the Lord, and I saw strong signs of affinity and mutuality amongst the bishops. Praise God!

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*Affirming Biblical Authority
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The bishops are strong and godly men. We are in good hands.

Anglican 1000: After going to the regional Anglican 1000 conference in January, hosted by our churches in Arizona, I was once again encouraged to see the number of people from California, Arizona, and other places who wanted to know more about building churches. We were able to hear a number of wonderful church-planters who had great insight. I was particularly taken by a thirty-something planter who lives in Santa Cruz, California. I was so impressed, talked with him for a while, and am planning to visit him when on vacation this year, about thirty miles from his church. It is very exciting to see very competent young people who are planting Anglican churches.

March for Life: I was thrilled to be able to a part of the March for Life in Washington D.C. on January 22nd. This was the first time I have participated. In my middle teens, I didn't think much about it. I remember when I was in college, I read about abortion, and had a sense that it wasn't right, but at that time, it was only something to ponder a bit. Then it happened. One evening when Claudia was five months pregnant with our first child, she wanted me to hear the baby in her womb. That's when it hit me. That was my *son*. It blew me away. This was not just a blob of stuff. It was our SON.

Going to the March for Life was a great life experience for me. To see men, women, young teenagers, and old people come together for this purpose - it was just wonderful. There were so many teenagers; there is hope with this next generation. I pray daily that no more babies are killed. We must stop this holocaust. I pray that with all my heart. It was great to be a part of this march. It is about life!

The House of Delegates: this group of representatives from our diocesan churches met on Saturday, February 8, 2014. We celebrated the Holy Eucharist together and then conducted the annual business meeting of the diocese. Much of the discussion was focused around the upcoming selection of a new bishop. As all of you know, these coming months are very important for our diocese. The vote by the House of Delegates will take place on May 10th, and the provincial College of Bishops will provide a final decision late in June. Please pray daily for the Lord's guidance and for covering over this process, and for the four candidates: Fr. Jose Poch, Fr. Keith Andrews, Fr. Larry Bausch, and Fr. Russell Martin.

Jubilee Churches: As many of you know, the Diocese of Western Anglicans is moving forward to bring into our diocese a group of churches comprised mostly of African American clergy and laity. The ACNA has been engaging these brothers and sisters about the possibility for over two years. In February, we began to work on the details at the diocesan level, and will continue to work diligently on this exciting opportunity throughout this year. Please be praying for this wonderful move of the Spirit. You will hear more as we progress.

As I wrote in the fall of 2013, we are working to grow our widespread diocese. I met with our four deans for two days in February, and I was excited to hear how they want to see the mission of God expand in their regions. We desire to grow into four dioceses eventually, but it is clear that will happen only because the focus is to build the Kingdom of God. I ask all of you to please be praying for the growth of the diocese. I pray that in the next five years, the Diocese of Western Anglicans will be doubled in size. The Lord can make that happen, and I believe he will. Please be praying for the move of God's Spirit. The Diocese of Western Anglicans is on the move. Praise God!

May the Lord bless the Diocese of Western Anglicans, and may the Lord give us all of his many blessings. God is good, all the time....all the time, God is good.

Your Brother in Christ,



THE SEARCH FOR OUR NEW BISHOP

No doubt everyone is aware that our Bishop, Bill Thompson, announced in September 2013 that he would retire effective June 30th, 2014. That, of course, launched the quest to discern and select who our new Bishop will be.

The basic process for choosing a new Bishop is laid out in some detail in the Canons of the diocese and of the national church. Our own DWA Canons state that *"The process of choosing a Bishop of this Diocese must be thorough, conducted in the sunlight, and worthy of heartfelt affirmation by the House of Delegates as fulfilling all righteousness."* So, in the interests of a little sunlight, here is where we are in the process:



It is the job of the Executive Committee to select a Bishop Nominating Committee (BNC) composed of six laity and six clergy. In November 2013, The Executive Committee appointed the following folks to the BNC:

<i>The Rev. Austin Mansfield- Exec. Cmte</i>	<i>Christ the Redeemer, Yuma (Arizona)</i>
<i>The Rev. Deacon Dee Renner</i>	<i>Christ Church, Fallbrook (San Diego)</i>
<i>The Rev. Deacon Sue Bentley</i>	<i>Grace Anglican, Oceanside (San Diego)</i>
<i>The Rev. Deacon DiAnne Charves</i>	<i>St. David's, Burbank (Los Angeles)</i>
<i>The Rev. Dr. Greg Peters</i>	<i>Epiphany, La Mirada (Los Angeles)</i>
<i>The Rev. Dr. Joyce Brooks</i>	<i>St. James', Newport Beach (Orange County)</i>
<i>Roger Pelham [AZ]- Chair of Nom. Com.</i>	<i>Christ Church, Phoenix (Arizona)</i>
<i>Jim Dale</i>	<i>St. James', Newport Beach (Orange County)</i>
<i>Octavia Parker</i>	<i>Holy Spirit Anglican, San Diego</i>
<i>Jeanette Shelly</i>	<i>Church of the Resurrection, San Marcos (San Diego)</i>
<i>Spencer Johnson - Exec. Cmte.</i>	<i>St. David's, Burbank (Los Angeles)</i>
<i>Jonathan (Alan) Leach</i>	<i>Christ's Church, Yucaipa (Inland Empire/L.A.)</i>

According to our Canons, the Bishop must be drawn from male Rectors in the Diocese who have at least five years' experience, are at least 35 year old, and are not divorced and remarried. This gave us a potential pool of twenty candidates. They were each contacted, and seven agreed to put their name forward. The BNC held its first two meetings on December 7 and December 28. Major effort (other than getting to know each other!) was to develop an Application Package for issue to each candidate. The package contains information on the diocese, a lengthy list of requirements of our next Bishop, and a summary of key features we are looking for. That package was sent to candidates on January 15th. Candidates were given until February 15th to respond.

On February 8th, the four candidates still in the discernment process were announced to the full diocesan House of Delegates at its annual meeting. The candidates still in the process are:

<i>Fr. Keith Andrews, Living Faith, Tempe, AZ</i>	<i>Fr. Russell Martin, Christ the King, San Diego, CA</i>
<i>Fr. Larry Bausch, Holy Trinity, San Diego, CA</i>	<i>Fr. Jose Poch, St. David's, Burbank, CA</i>

We plan to complete the nomination process in May 2014, in order to submit our final nominee(s) to the national College of Bishops at their meeting, which begins on June 19th. We have been digesting and analyzing the responses received, and looking forward, we anticipate the following sequence of activities.

<i>March into April</i>	<i>Interviews and Parish Visits</i>
<i>Mid-April</i>	<i>Selection of Finalists</i>
<i>End of May</i>	<i>Recommendations to the diocese HOD, and forward nominees to COB</i>

We ask your prayers for all involved in this process, as we seek to discern God's will for our next Bishop.

On behalf of all the BNC members,
Roger Pelham, Chairman of the BNC

CLERGY CONFERENCE AT PRINCE OF PEACE ABBEY

Leading and Growing in the Power of the Holy Spirit



The Annual DWA-San Diego Anglican Clergy Conference was held on March 10-12, 2014, at Prince of Peace Abbey in Oceanside, CA. We were blessed to have Bishop Bill Atwood, of the International Diocese of the ACNA as our speaker. Bishop Atwood taught on two key topics. The first was the need we all have as Christians, and especially as Clergy, to reengage the incredible grace and the good and wonderful News that is manifested through Jesus' Incarnation. Not only are Christians called to salvation but into a new dynamic way of life that strengthens and transforms us more and more into the likeness of Jesus Christ through the love of God the Father, but also through the power of the Holy Spirit. Second, Bishop Atwood spoke about the importance of Clergy spiritual wholeness and health. "One of the chief tasks of the clergy is to seek holiness and wholeness so we can help care and lead God's people from a place of health rather than unredeemed brokenness," he said. In addition to the marvelous teaching, we enjoyed being with our own Bishop Bill at his last clergy conference as our Bishop, and we enjoyed the annual Renewal of Vows and Blessing of the Oils during this time of rest and refreshment.

(from Fr. Russell Martin)

Planned Giving

from Keith Bramlet

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*And I pray that you, **being rooted and established in love**, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. (Ephesians 3:17-19)*

Fr. Brian Hughes
Keynote speaker

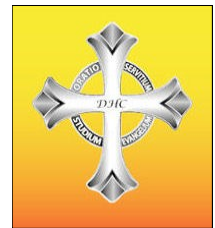
Fr. Jamal Scarlett
Worship in song

Daughters of the Holy Cross

Do you, as a Christian woman or girl, feel called to take the next step towards deepening your relationship with Christ?

The Order of the Daughters of the Holy Cross is an Anglican order for women whose vision is "...to gather Anglican women and girls into a nurturing and empowering community called to be servants of Jesus as He unites and builds up His Body, the Church".

Women who become members of the order are called by our Lord and Savior; this is not a social club, but a warm fellowship of women who want to take their faith to a deeper place. Candidates spend a discernment period of three months, praying and studying with a group that meets about once every two weeks, to confirm their calling. Candidates become Daughters upon taking a four-fold vow of daily prayer, study, service, and evangelism, and then wear the beautiful cross of the order as a symbol of their vows. Daughters develop their own Rule of Life around those four tenets and strive to live by that rule to bring the peace of constancy and discipline to their daily walk.



Are you being called by our Lord into this nurturing environment, through which He can strengthen you and use you as His kingdom spreads on earth? Please carefully consider this call and contact Kathy Hord at DHCSanDiego@gmail.com or [858 775 7911](tel:858-775-7911) for more information, or visit the website of the provincial (US and Canada) order at daughtershc.org. We are waiting to hear from you and look forward to having you join us soon!



Anglican Men's Weekend May 2 - 4, 2014

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for more information:
www.anglicanmensweekend.org

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Fr. Jose Poch



Fr. Jose Poch is the Rector and Senior Pastor of St. David's Anglican Church, now meeting in Burbank, CA. He has been a priest for over 30 years, leading St. David's to growth and currently through their relocation and new future. He is a Disciple Maker and has dedicated his life and ministry to this ideal. He has led the Anglican Men's Weekend twice before in the beginnings of our movement and we are confident that you will leave this Men's weekend ready to lead and to bear fruit for the Kingdom, and fruit that will last for eternity. Make a difference for the Lord. Come and be equipped. Go and Bear Fruit. Fr. Jose will be joined in one of the teachings by the Rev. Dr. Ron Jackson, a priest equally dedicated to making Disciples and seeing the church grow.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND DIOCESAN OFFICERS

At the February 8th House of Delegates meeting, the following candidates were elected to serve on the Executive Committee of the diocese, which serves both as the diocesan board and the Bishop's Standing Committee:

Bill Dunlap - St. James Anglican Church, Costa Mesa, CA
 Alexander Falo - St. David's Anglican Church, Burbank, CA
 The Rev. Bill Gandenberger - Anglican Church of the Resurrection, San Marcos, CA
 The Rev. David Montzingo - Holy Spirit Anglican Church, San Diego, CA

The Executive Committee members continuing to serve a 3-year term are:

Bud Davis - St. James Anglican Church, Costa Mesa, CA
 Bob Eddy - Holy Spirit Anglican Church, San Diego, CA
 Spencer Johnson - St. David's, Burbank, CA
 Cindy Kaemmerer - Christ the King, San Diego, CA
 The Rev. Larry Eddingfield - Christ the King, San Diego, CA
 The Rev. Caleb Hummel - Holy Trinity, San Diego, CA
 The Rev. Austin Mansfield - Christ the Redeemer, Yuma, AZ
 The Rev. Jose Poch - St. David's, Burbank, CA



At the subsequent Executive Committee retreat on March 7th and 8th, the following were elected to serve as diocesan officers:

Mary Crosby, Secretary - St. Luke's, Crescenta Valley, CA
 Alex Falo, Treasurer - St. David's, Burbank, CA
 Ellen Kirkland, Registrar - St. James, Costa Mesa, CA

Debbie Kollgaard, the President and Co-Chair of the Executive Committee, will continue to serve in this capacity for another year without election, per the diocesan canons. Todd Jones is serving as Canon to the Bishop, assisting him at liturgical functions and other diocesan events and meetings.

Many thanks to all those listed above for their service, and to the following, who recently ended terms serving as officers of the diocese and members of the Executive Committee: The Rev. Cathie Young, Roger Pelham, Jim Dale, The Rev. Dee Renner, Patty Hansen (Treasurer), and Cindy Drennan (Secretary). Your dedication, time and work for the Lord and all within this diocese are greatly appreciated.

Diocesan and Provincial Happenings



Online Information:

Have you visited the websites of our diocese and province lately?

If not, be sure to check them out at:

<http://www.westernanglicans.org> and <http://anglicanchurch.net>

Bishop's Travels**March and April 2014**

March 1-2

Visitation: Christ Church, Phoenix, AZ

March 7-8

Executive Committee Retreat
Grace Anglican Church
Oceanside, CA

March 10-12

Clergy Retreat
Prince of Peace Abbey
Oceanside, CA

March 22-23

Visitation:
Anglican Church of the Resurrection
San Marcos, CA

March 24-28

Prayer Book and Common Liturgy
Task Force Mtg.
St. Vincent's Cathedral
Bedford, TX

March 29-30

Visitation: Anglican Church of the Epiphany
La Mirada, CA

April 4, 5, 6

Vacation

April 26-27

Visitation:
Grace Anglican Church
Sheridan, WY

Diocesan Calendar**March and April 2014**

For more information, please see the
Events Calendar online at:
westernanglicans.org/calendar.html

February 27-March 2

Women's Cursillo #8
Yuma, AZ

March 5

Ash Wednesday

March 7-8

Executive Committee Retreat
Grace Anglican Church
Oceanside, CA

March 10-12

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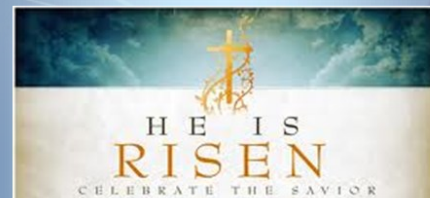
April 4-6

Youth Retreat: Rooted
Green Oaks Ranch
Vista, CA

April 13-19

HOLY WEEK

April 20



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