

Section D

Reports of

Canonical Bodies

# BISHOP'S REPORT

The Rt. Rev. Kenneth L. Price, Jr.

October 17, 2009 – October 16, 2010

On October 16, 2009, the 143rd Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh elected me as the Provisional Bishop of Pittsburgh. This election gave me ecclesiastical authority with all the same rights and privileges of a Bishop Diocesan.

I have been a bishop in the Episcopal Church since October 1994. Since that time I have served as the Bishop Suffragan in the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Ohio, and for sixteen months was interim bishop in charge, having been granted full ecclesiastical authority by the Convention of that diocese when a gap occurred between the retirement of the Bishop Diocesan in December 2005 and the consecration of a new Bishop Diocesan in April 2007.

The Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh, chaired by the Rev. Dr. James Simons, had served as the ecclesiastical authority here from October 8, 2008, until October 16, 2009. Under the leadership of the Rev. Dr. Simons, this committee did a remarkable job of insuring that the Diocese of Pittsburgh continued in an unbroken line following the departure from the Episcopal Church of its former bishop and many in diocesan leadership positions. They were advised by the Rt. Rev. Robert Ihloff, President of Province V, David Beers and Mary Kostel from the Episcopal Church. They were assisted in Episcopal functions first by the Rt. Rev. David Jones, Bishop Suffragan of Virginia, and then on a more regular basis for ten months by the Rt. Rev. Robert Johnson, retired bishop of Western North Carolina. Although Bishop Johnson handed the pastoral staff to me at the end of Convention, a formal Celebration of New Ministry occurred at Trinity Cathedral on February 14, 2010, with the Rev. Dr. Simons preaching, the Rev. Nancy Chalfant-Walker, President of the Standing Committee installing, and the Rev. Canon Catherine Brall, Provost of Trinity Cathedral presiding at the official seating.

When I was elected, I agreed to relocate to Pittsburgh and serve as resident bishop here, while still remaining Bishop Suffragan in Southern Ohio. Compensation continued to be paid by Southern Ohio through December and then has been shared by the two dioceses. In exchange, I return there from time to time to assist with Episcopal visitations, to serve on various boards and to assist with the annual diocesan convention. I also serve as Secretary of the House of Bishops, as a member of three boards of directors and meet regularly with bishops from both Province III and Province V.

Although I assumed ecclesiastical authority as of the October 2009 Convention, I did not physically move here until December 28. Through the generosity of parishioners of Calvary Church, a beautiful home in O'Hara Township has been made available to the diocese at a rate far below market value. It is located between downtown and Trinity Cathedral and our offices in Monroeville. Shortly after arriving, we added additional space and signed another two-year lease for the offices in Monroeville. There is a small conference room at the office, however, diocesan meetings are often held at various locations around the diocese. I am most grateful to Calvary Church for its unselfish sharing of its facilities. Likewise Trinity Cathedral and St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon, are often hosts for meetings.

Prior to moving here, I came to Pittsburgh five times between mid-October and late December for various meetings and appointments and a parish visitation. Since arriving in January, almost every Sunday has been occupied by an Episcopal visitation either here or back in Ohio, or I have been attending a national church meeting. I have also attended all meetings of the Standing Committee, the Board of Trustees, the Diocesan Council, and as many committee and commission meetings as possible. Saturday Leadership

Days, which are joint meetings consisting of the full membership of these three bodies, had been instituted by Bishop Johnson. I reduced these from monthly to quarterly and expanded them to include all committee, commission, and affiliated or associate group chairs. The purpose of these days is both to exchange information and do planning, goal setting and evaluation for the diocese. I am indebted to Dana Phillips for her leadership with these days.

I have also attended meetings of the ecumenical judicatory leaders and Christian Associates and participated in the annual blessing of the city from Mount Washington on Easter Even. Calvary Camp once again experienced a banner year with full sessions. I traveled there in June to commission the summer staff for the 2010 season and then was there twice more this summer to attend a board meeting and visit the camp. I also celebrated Eucharist for the Annual Youth Hike, the Absalom Jones service and the ECW's UTO Ingathering, also preaching there and at the East End Parishes Lenten series. Three ordinations were held, each shared with other bishops. Bishop Sean Rowe of Northwestern Pennsylvania and I met with a joint committee of our two dioceses assembled to explore ways we can work together. Thanks go to the Rev. Dr. Bruce Robison for arranging this meeting.

A primary goal which the Standing Committee and I share for my time among you is not only to provide day-to-day oversight of the diocese, but also to enable ways for the people of Pittsburgh to come together to reflect, pray, discuss, study, learn and move ahead after the events that led to the former bishop's leaving of the Episcopal Church. Hopefully all of this will help to lead to an orderly election of the next Bishop Diocesan. To that end, several events have been held including a "Moving Forward Day" sponsored by the Diocesan Life Committee and conducted by two priests from Southern Ohio and myself, the hosting of the annual Clergy Association Conference with renowned speakers and workshop leaders, and a highly successful and well-attended two-day "Strength for the Journey" event sponsored by the CREDO Foundation and coordinated locally by Lisa Simons. A day-long retreat for deacons was led by the Canon for Life Formation from the Diocese of Southern Ohio and we shared in the annual Renewal of Vows for our clergy in Holy Week. Also a meeting of Christian educators from all over the diocese was assembled by Joyce Donadee and several of our parishes shared in a Habitat for Humanity project coordinated by Nancy Lapp.

Seeing value in coming together for purely social interaction, Mariann and I have hosted a series of dinners in our home for clergy and spouses, and I am happy to report that all of our clergy save ten were able to attend one of these. Mariann also participates with a spouses meeting group and hosted a coffee for spouses. The group is planning more events for next year. She also serves on the St. Margaret's Hospital Auxiliary Board.

Beginning in September, I reinstated quarterly gatherings of the clergy. These are held regionally for prayer, Bible study, reflection and discussion. In addition, the Clergy Association is helping to plan an annual overnight clergy conference in November. Also on the horizon are the institution of the Fresh Start Program, a stewardship day sponsored by the Episcopal Church Foundation, an all-diocesan sharing day sponsored by the Diocesan Life Committee and the hosting of the Episcopal Urban Caucus in February and an Ecumenical Workshop in the spring. We will also be welcoming our Presiding Bishop, the Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori, to our diocese in Holy Week.

At a recent Leadership Day, a master calendar was created to coordinate and list all events between now and the end of 2011 and this may be found on our web site. Individuals or groups planning any event are requested to consult the calendar before scheduling their event, and then to record it when the event is set. Parishes wishing to advertise events beyond their parish community are welcome to place items on the calendar as well.

As part of our rebuilding efforts, the Commission on Ministry, chaired by the Rev. Lou Hays, has met monthly to revise and establish a protocol for those seeking ordained and lay ministry and they held a successful Ministry Exploration Day. They have also set guidelines for clergy to participate in continuing education events. The Committee on Canons, chaired by Steve Stagnitta, also met monthly to revise our canons and to bring them once more into conformity with the Episcopal Church. Thanks to efforts by Celinda Scott, the Cursillo Community is in the process of reorganizing as well. I have met regularly with these groups whenever possible. The Pittsburgh Youth Initiative, directed by the Rev. Kristian Opat, is also quite active and planned and held various events for young people.

There cannot be too much said about the work of our “legal team” headed by Chancellor Andy Roman. I am overwhelmed by the hours put in by Andy and others on this front. Working with Andy are Russ Ayres, chair of the Trustees; the Rev. Jim Simons, immediate past president of the Standing Committee; the Rev. Nancy Chalfant-Walker, president of the Standing Committee; the Rev. Bill Geiger, chair of Diocesan Council; Joan Gundersen, diocesan administrator; the Rev. Scott Quinn, Canon to the Ordinary; and Rich Creehan, director of communication. I also am part of this group. In addition, Andy attends all meetings of the Standing Committee, Trustees, Diocesan Council and Leadership Group and advises me on disciplinary and other matters. Russ also chairs a property committee which consists of the above members plus the Rev. Dr. Harold Lewis. Russ likewise attends most of the aforementioned meetings. As judgements from the court have unfolded, the work of this committee, though largely behind-the-scenes, has been huge. As property issues still loom, the work will go on. In a way, it is a shame that so many hours and so much money have had and will continue to be devoted to these matters, but if it must be, no diocese could ask for a more dedicated or loyal group of people than those I have just listed.

Although the Diocese of Pittsburgh is not as large as it once was, with approximately eighty clergy (well over half of whom are retired or non stipendiary) and around 8,000 members in twenty-nine parishes, we are a very viable diocese, larger than many others within the Episcopal Church. Our paid staff, however, is bare bones, and all give far more than what their pay reflects. Judi Rogers, our diocesan administrative assistant is the only “full-time” employee and she is a real gem. Joan Gundersen, our administrator/treasurer is technically three-quarters time and I spend about a quarter of my time back in Southern Ohio. Scott Quinn, our Canon to the Ordinary, is also a parish priest, and Rich Creehan and Andy Muhl, our communication team, have other secular jobs as well. Finally Marlene Rihn, our bookkeeper, works only ten hours a week. Add all this up and it only equals about the sum of about four full-time people but behind us all are a whole corps of volunteers spread all across our diocese who, by their widespread service in all facets of diocese life, are willing step up to the plate and carry their share of our corporate ministry.

Quite crucial in the past year has been the ability to communicate who we are and what we are doing, both internally among our members and to the outside world. To that end, I hold up our communications team as second to none. *Grace Happens*, a weekly electronic newsletter, is not only well-written and attractively formatted, but timely and exciting. Anyone not currently receiving *Grace Happens* is urged to visit our web site at [www.episcopalpgh.org](http://www.episcopalpgh.org) and sign up for delivery. This web site is always up-to-date and easy to navigate. Our relations with the secular press are excellent, largely through cultivation that goes on on a regular basis. Hats off to Rich and Andy.

I mentioned earlier my regret that so much time and money has had to be spent on legal matters, for I fear that some of this has been at the expense of supporting ministry in the local congregations. Happily, we are seeing this turn around. During this past year, funds held in trust for our congregations were released and income from them sent back to the parishes to support their ministry. Likewise, funds available to support new starts and ongoing ministries in our congregations are once again being freed up and many of our diocesan events are now planned especially to offer assistance and support to local congregations. At the request of the Leadership Day, and in keeping with our canons, I drew up a new configuration of

districts and Council will present this to Convention for ratification. This smaller but more balanced grouping of parishes will allow more communication and ease in sharing among our congregations. Finally, I hope to bring on board, after Convention, a new part time Canon for Formation, whose portfolio will be specifically to work with the development and nurture of new clergy and, along with our Canon to the Ordinary and me, to work on reaching out to those faithful Episcopalians who have felt abandoned after their local parish chose to realign. This could be through establishing new congregations or by finding new ways of doing ministry within our existing congregations. At this Convention we are welcoming a new congregation, and one of our established congregations has begun a new style of service on Saturdays targeting people not currently being reached. These are exciting things, for I believe our primary purpose as a diocese is to foster communities in which the love and grace of Jesus Christ can be known and felt. I sense some of this has gotten somewhat sidetracked by the issues of the recent past. I feel we are now returning to this primary purpose here in the Diocese of Pittsburgh.

Finally, in closing, I would be remiss if I did not add how richly Mariann and I have been welcomed by the love and warmth of the people of the Diocese of Pittsburgh. A major reason for me to be here is to be a pastor to the people, and a large amount of my time this year has been spent in one-on-one or small group settings responding to pastoral needs as they have arisen. However, this is a two-way street and we thank you for your reaching out to us. Mariann travels to all visitations with me and has been warmly received. We have been invited to fish fries, rummage sales, Evensongs, banquets, luncheons, prayer groups and Bible studies and made to feel very welcome. All of this adds up to normal life in a healthy diocese. I sense a shift in our corporate life here with our diocese moving beyond coping with the hurt and pain that the split of 2008 brought and instead dwelling on the opportunities that the future holds. In many ways we are blessed by this moment, for we have been given the opportunity to create new ways of being a diocese that fit a new day. I feel very fortunate that you have called me to walk these months and years with you on that journey. When the time comes for you to call your next bishop, that person will be the inheritor of a great diocese. But until then, I thank you for allowing me to share your life here in the Diocese of Pittsburgh. God is good indeed.

### Statistics

Days in Pittsburgh (Actually living here Jan-Oct)	208	Days in Southern Ohio (Still living in Ohio through Dec)	129
Days at national/regional meetings	29	Episcopal Visitations	22
Episcopal Visitations	24	(9 of these in Oct-Dec)	
Confirmations	40	Confirmations	115
Receptions	11	Receptions	11
Baptisms	2	Baptisms	6
Ordinations (all shared)	3	Renewal of Vows	1
Renewal of Vows	1	Graduation speeches	2
Graduation speeches	0	Funerals	2
Funerals	1		

# BOARD OF TRUSTEES

What a difference a year makes!

In 2009, it seemed that we on the Board of Trustees were spending nearly all of our time hearing reports from our able Chancellor, Andy Roman, and waiting for the Court of Common Pleas to decide what seemed obvious to us, namely, that only a diocese that is part of the Episcopal Church of the United States of America may hold and administer the property under the 2005 stipulation in the Calvary lawsuit.

Fortunately, after hearing testimony and arguments from all interested parties, Judge James came to the same conclusion on October 6, 2009. On January 29, 2010, the Court issued a confirmatory order, accepting the Special Master's report that identified the bank accounts, endowment funds and real estate that are properly ours. From that point forward, the Trustees have been able to carry out the tasks with which we are canonically charged, namely, administering the property of the diocese for the benefit of its parishes and people. We are grateful for Andy's efforts as well as those of Walter DeForest, and for the patient support we have received from the Presiding Bishop's Chancellor, David Booth Beers.

Following is a brief summary of some of our accomplishments this year.

## *Resumption of Parish Distributions*

Much of our endowment consists of funds that were donated for the benefit of individual parishes, or placed in the endowment by parishes in order to participate in the common investment pool. The regular quarterly distributions that historically had been made to the parishes were interrupted in January 2009 when Morgan Stanley "froze" the endowment accounts pending a resolution of the dispute as to who controlled them.

Our first order of business after receiving the January 29 order from Judge James was to approve the resumption of regular quarterly distributions, based on a withdrawal rate of 4.5 percent per year times the four-year average account balance. The calculations were made by the diocesan treasurer and checks totaling approximately \$360,000 were mailed in May to 31 parishes (including some who claim to have realigned) and five other program groups within the diocese. This amount represented the distributions for the fourth quarter of 2008 and all of 2009.

## *Support for Calvary Camp*

The Emma W. Locke Fund has been held by the Pittsburgh Foundation for the benefit of the diocese since 1954. Calvary Camp had received most or all of the annual distributions from this fund until 2005, when distributions were re-directed to a parish that claims to have realigned. This year, the Board was able to have the annual distribution of \$21,000 sent to the diocesan office and directed that the money be given to Calvary Camp, thus restoring a source of support for the camp that had been in place from 1954 to 2005.

## *Support for Parishes*

In November 2009, the Board approved its first Growth Fund grant to St. Peter's Church in Blairsville, to be used to replace their furnace. Also, on recommendation of the Growth Fund Committee, the Board arranged for an \$80,000 loan from the Episcopal Church Building Fund plus an emergency grant of \$35,000 to help pay for structural support for the parish hall roof at Holy Cross Church, Homewood, which was under severe stress due to the heavy snowfall last winter.

## *Support for the Diocese*

In June, the Board approved a distribution of \$250,000 from various endowment funds to support the ongoing operations and administration of the diocese.

### *Common Life Property*

The Property Committee, chaired by Mike Donadee, made several visits to the Common Life Property of the diocese in Donegal, and also reviewed materials turned over to us by the prior administration. The Clergy House is now available as a weekend retreat for our clergy (and others, depending on demand), and plans for the rest of the property are in preparation.

### *Finance Committee*

The Finance Committee, chaired by Carl Campbell, met on three occasions with Morgan Stanley to review the quarterly performance of our endowment funds. Earlier this year, Morgan Stanley had recommended, and the Finance Committee approved, a modest re-balancing of the endowment portfolio reflecting the fact that the equity side had become overweighted due to the substantial run-up in the stock markets starting in March of 2009. As of August 6, the endowment stands at approximately \$19.45 million and is up about 2.4 percent to that date in 2010.

### *Audit Committee*

The Audit Committee, chaired by Jim McGough, has retained the firm of McCrory and McDowell LLC to audit the books and records of the diocese for 2009 and subsequent years and to assist us as needed in any forensic analysis that may be appropriate as we attempt to reconstruct the spending decisions that were made by previous diocesan leaders. As of this writing, we are not sure whether the historical financial records that have been turned over to us are sufficiently complete to permit a full audit of 2009 (for which a 2008 baseline is needed). We will be working with the auditors to present as complete a picture as we can to Convention of the assets, liabilities, income and expenses of the diocese during 2009, and to enable the preparation of full audit reports in future years.

### *Where we are in the litigation*

As we reported last year, the only reason we are still in court is because the leaders of the realignment movement have refused to abide by the terms of the settlement that they agreed to back in 2005. Their lawyers now insist that they are entitled to a hearing in court on the novel question of whether an Episcopal diocese can “validly” secede from the Episcopal Church. We and the Episcopal Church have always maintained that the answer to that question is “no”; moreover, we believe that the 2005 settlement, which clearly stated that control of the property of the diocese would always be in the hands of that diocese *which is a part of the Episcopal Church*, eliminated any need for a hearing on such a contentious issue. Fortunately, Judge James has agreed with us, and we are hopeful that the Commonwealth Court will reach a similar conclusion after it hears the other side’s appeal later this fall.

Our efforts, while successful thus far, have not been without cost. In 2010, we paid approximately \$57,000 in legal fees to the court-appointed Special Master for his work in identifying and inventorying diocesan property. We paid approximately \$152,000 to Calvary Episcopal Church’s attorney, Walter DeForest, for his work since 2006 in enforcing the 2005 settlement agreement. (The four Trustees who are parishioners at Calvary abstained from the vote on this payment.) Finally, through June we have incurred approximately \$148,000 in fees to Andy Roman’s law firm. It is only a small comfort that other reorganizing dioceses of the Episcopal Church have incurred legal expenses that far exceed what we have paid. We look forward to a time, hopefully not too far off, when we can once again devote all of our time and resources to supporting the mission of the Episcopal Church in Western Pennsylvania.

Russell W. Ayres, III  
President, Board of Trustees  
August 12, 2010

## **CANON TO THE ORDINARY**

In a welcome contrast to the previous year, most parishes of this diocese have settled back into routine day-to-day parish life. Clergy transitions were minimal. Besides shepherding their parishes, the clergy has been busy with the tasks of rebuilding diocesan life.

St. Francis-in-the-Fields, Somerset, called Lenny Anderson, candidate for Holy Orders from the Episcopal Diocese of Easton. He is to be ordained to the priesthood September 25, 2010, by the Rt. Rev. James J. Shand. The Rev. Charles Starr continues to assist as a supply priest.

St. Peter's Church, Brentwood, accepted the Rev. Phillip Wainwright's resignation to enter retirement and Bishop Price's appointment of the Rev. Todd Brewer to serve as Interim. St. Peter's Church has initiated the search process for a rector.

All Saints, Bridgeville, a Mission Fellowship, is seeking approval to attain full parish status in the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh under the leadership of the Rev. Richard Pollard.

With an eye for the future, I am working to build bridges for future candidates for the ministry.

Respectfully submitted,  
The Rev. Canon Scott T. Quinn  
Canon to the Ordinary

## **COMMISSION ON MINISTRY**

The Commission on Ministry is established pursuant to Title III of the Canons of The Episcopal Church and Canon XXX of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh in order to advise and assist the Bishop "in the determination of present and future opportunities and needs for the ministry of all baptized persons; and in the design and oversight of the ongoing process for recruitment, discernment, formation for ministry, and assessment of readiness therefore." (Title III, Canon 2, Section 2, Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church, 2006).

Since the 2009 Annual Convention, the Commission on Ministry will have met 10 times in addition to conducting the Annual Ordination Exploration Day. Highlights of the year include:

- Publishing "Discerning and Responding to a Call to Holy Orders," on March 11, 2010. This document provides information for individuals who are interested in pursuing a call to ordination, with guidelines for rectors, parish discernment committees, and vestries to follow. A slightly revised version was published on June 2, 2010. This may be downloaded as a Word document on the diocesan website.
- Accepting the nominations for postulancy of two individuals: Ms. Gwen Santiago, nominated by the Rector and Vestry of St. Stephen's McKeesport; and Mr. Chris Baumann, nominated by the Rector and Vestry of St. Marks, Johnstown. Both nominees will be pursuing parish and clinical internships this year as part of the process leading to a decision on postulancy.



- Conducting the Annual Ordination Exploration Day on April 24, 2010, at Calvary Episcopal Church. The Bishop and members of the Commission made presentations on lay, diaconal, and priestly ministry as well as the newly promulgated discernment guidelines for a gathering of interested individuals plus spouses, rectors, and discernment committee members.
- Worked with the Committee on Canons to develop a proposed amendment to Canon XXX, Of the Commission on Ministry, establishing staggered terms, term limits, and providing for the election of one member of the Commission at each Annual Convention (in addition to appointments by the Bishop.)

During the year, Bishop Price has made four appointments to the Commission: the Rev. Lynn Chester Edwards, retired priest; Mr. Robert Goode, Church of the Redeemer, Squirrel Hill; Ms. Jacquelyn Och, St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon; and Dr. George Zitnay, St. Mark's, Johnstown. The other members are the Rev. Jean Chess, Archdeacon; Ms. Jessie Hipolit, Emmanuel, North Side; Dr. David Laughlin, St. Paul's, Kittanning; the Rev. Kris Opat, St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon; Dr. Charles Quillen, Calvary, East Liberty; the Rev. Scott Quinn, Canon to the Ordinary; and the Rev. Ann Staples, retired deacon.

Respectfully submitted,  
The Rev. Louis B. Hays  
Chair, Commission on Ministry

## **COMMITTEE ON CANONS**

It has been another busy year for the Committee on Canons. While last year we were responsible for getting the constitution and canons of the diocese back in line with the National Canons of The Episcopal Church, this year we made further changes to clarify the canons of the diocese. These changes can be found as action items in Section C of this pre-convention journal.

I want to recognize the other members of the committee who have worked tirelessly to get the changes ready for this convention. The members of the committee are the Rev. Lou Hays, the Rev. Phillip Wainwright, the Rev. Canon James Shoucair, Lionel Deimel, and Joan Gundersen. Also, I would like to thank Andy Roman, the Chancellor of the diocese, and Bishop Kenneth Price for their willingness to work with the committee and help us to craft our changes. Thanks to all of these people for their work.

Our changes this year take three forms:

First we have constitutional changes which require a second reading to become effective. In order to pass, these must be voted on again in the same version they were passed at our last convention.

The second group of changes proposed is first readings of constitutional changes. These changes, defining the makeup of the Board of Trustees and the Diocesan Council, will need to be passed by this convention and then passed by the next convention in the same version in order to take effect.

Third are the canonical changes that we are proposing. If passed, these changes will take effect at the end of the current convention.

All these changes were discussed at a diocesan hearing held on September 1, 2010, at St Paul's Church in Mt. Lebanon.

It has been a privilege to serve on this committee and with these very talented people. We have accomplished a lot of work over the past few years, and while there is still more work to do, I believe with the changes which have been proposed, the Canons of the Diocese of Pittsburgh are in very good shape.

Respectfully submitted,  
Steve Stagnitta  
Chair, Committee on Canons

## **DIOCESAN COUNCIL**

Council has met every month since last year's annual Diocesan Convention in October; though the July meeting, which immediately followed a joint information session of the diocese's three governing bodies, lacked a quorum for conducting business.

Council elected the following officers: the Rev. William Geiger, President; Mr. John Hose, Vice President; and the Rev. Chuck Weiss, Secretary. Mrs. Joan Morris, immediate past president, served with the current officers on Council Executive Committee.

Mr. Robert Pratt, who had been elected by council in 2009 to serve an unexpired one-year term on the Growth Fund Committee, was elected to serve a full three-year term beginning in January 2010. Committee chair appointments, made somewhat late by the council president, include: Mr. Jim McGough, Nominating Committee; and Mr. John Roberts, Resolutions Committee.

With the diocesan treasurer, Dr. Joan Gundersen, council oversaw budget implementation. Following Judge James' ruling early this year on the 2005 stipulation, granting our diocese control of diocesan property, Dr. Gundersen oversaw the transfer of records from the ACNA diocese. The bulk of responsibility for administering the assets which came into our control following Judge James' ruling falls to the Board of Trustees. Responsibility for diocesan properties now clearly returned to our diocese has resulted in some additional costs such as insurance on those properties, even when those properties are not currently occupied by congregations of the diocese.

The Budget and Assessments Committee was again competently led by Mr. John Hose. Council followed their recommendations in granting some assessment relief to parishes in Oakmont, Somerset, Kittanning, Johnstown, and Trinity Cathedral. It was noted that parishes which experienced reduced income following the departures of some members in the realignment will finally see that reduced income reflected in the assessment formula for 2011. Council hopes to see fewer requests for assessment relief in the coming year. Grants from Mission Funds were approved for:

- Emmanuel, North Side, for community outreach such as Jazz at Emmanuel and Friends of the Family
- St. Peter's, Brentwood, for their youth ministry program
- Coal Country Hangout Youth Center in Northern Cambria
- Holy Cross, Homewood, supplementing a Growth Fund grant for repairs and urgent structural improvements following heavy snows
- St. Stephen's, Wilkinsburg, for the Neighborhood Youth Outreach Program
- St. Paul's, Mount Lebanon, for their "Refuge" contemporary worship service
- Shepherd's Wellness Center
- All Saints, Brighton Heights, for additional clergy supply
- Up 4 Reading, an intensive afterschool program hosted by Emmanuel, North Side

Well-deserved salary increases for staff positions were recommended by Bishop Price and the Executive Committee, and approved by Council. Council also approved some staff re-organizing that incorporates creation of some new part-time positions, including a bookkeeper, administrative assistant, and a Canon for Formation. The proposed budget for 2011, prepared by the Budget and Assessments Committee with the treasurer, was reviewed and approved by council for presentation to the Diocesan Convention.

With significantly fewer active congregations, council has keenly felt the challenge of finding adequate representation for all the districts in the last two years. Diocesan Council approved for presentation to the 2010 Diocesan Convention a proposal for re-organizing the districts into four. The proposal was selected by the Standing Committee from several presented by Bishop Price, and was the subject of an open hearing prior to council's consideration. The proposal will be moved at Convention if the necessary enabling canonical changes, proposed by the Committee on Canons, pass.

The Joint Communications Committee has shared leadership from both Standing Committee and Council, the latter represented by the Rev. Lou Hays for the first part of the year, then Ms. Fran Gargotta. Council is grateful for the excellent leadership of the committee and the hard, creative work of Communications Director Rich Creehan and Webmaster Andy Muhl. The health and mission of the diocese has benefited greatly from their good work communicating within and without.

The Diocesan Life Committee, chaired by Dr. Diane Duntley, continues to pursue its mandate to support the helping, healing and creating of strong relationships within the diocese. The Committee presented the Moving Forward Together Day in April as a specific instrument to promote that mandate; a follow-up workshop to that day will be offered at Convention. Cooperating with Calvary Camp and the Pittsburgh Youth Initiative, an "Episcopal Day at PNC Park" was enjoyed in September. The Committee is working with Bishop Price and the Standing Committee to provide support for programs to encourage conversations on "difficult subjects." An "All Diocese Day" is being planned for next spring, offering fellowship and workshops on varied topics of interest to individuals and parishes throughout the diocese.

Council was pleased to provide on-going support for programs and initiatives that do not fall specifically under council's purview, particularly:

- The Pittsburgh Youth Initiative, an energetic group enthusiastically working to strengthen youth ministry in the diocese, led by the Rev. Kris Opat; and
- The Christian Education network, led by Ms. Joyce Donadee, working to support the countless staff and volunteers in parishes who provide a variety of formation opportunities for children, youth and adults.

Throughout the year, council members actively participated in Leadership Days in February, May, and August, and in the CREDO "Strength for the Journey" conference in May. A smaller number participated, but at a great depth, in the excellent leadership anti-racism training held in June, led by former national church anti-racism program officer the Rev. Jane Oasin, and our own Nancy Bolden.

On behalf of all council members, I want to express deep gratitude to: Vice-President and Chair of Budget and Assessments John Hose for his consistently thorough work; Father Chuck Weiss for his persistence in taking and preparing council minutes; Ms. Joan Morris for preparing devotional handouts for each monthly meeting; Ms. Judi Rogers for her practical support; Treasurer and Administrator Dr. Joan Gundersen for hard work, long hours and expertise; and especially to our Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Ken Price, for the tireless, wise and faithful care and leadership of Christ's flock. We are thankful and humbled to share with all our sisters and brothers the joyful task of rebuilding and resuming our work in His Name.

Respectfully submitted,  
The Rev. William L. Geiger  
Diocesan Council President

## **DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION AND TREASURER**

*Almighty God, whose loving hand has given us all that we possess: Grant us grace that we may honor you with our substance, and, remembering the account which we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen (BCP p. 827)*

This last year has brought a number of new challenges and opportunities to those of us in the diocesan office as we try to bring to life the petition in this prayer. All of us see the office's role as serving God by serving the people of this diocese, the Church and the community. In all that we do, we try to exercise good stewardship – from practicing recycling in the office, to making use of sales, specials, and coupons as we purchase supplies and equipment.

The diocesan office continued its process of growing into its many service roles throughout this last year. Both our staff and the space we occupied have increased in response to new demands and activities. As Bishop Price began his transition, it was clear that the office would be hosting many more people for meetings and appointments. The issuance of the decision in the diocesan property case shortly before our October 2009 convention meant that in the near future the financial record keeping would become more complex, and there would be many more records to house in the office. Thus when we signed a new lease for the Monroeville offices, we added another suite of rooms across the hall. This allowed us to rearrange the entire office suite giving Bishop Price a more commodious space, a chapel, a waiting room, a bigger conference space, and a small office for me away from the general work room. The chapel is now the site of daily noonday prayers, and has a second life as a small conference room. There was also room for a desk for the part-time bookkeeper, Marlene Rihn, to work, more filing cabinets, and a real copier. The moving was done in-house, volunteer John Feuerstein professionally installed the phone lines at no charge, and I continued to look for ways to furnish the office at modest cost while maintaining a professional feel.

The transition of records was delayed by “snowmageddon,” but by the middle of February, the office was beginning to sort through, survey and file approximately 38 banker's boxes of records which arrived in stages. Volunteers have helped tremendously in getting a better understanding of what is contained in these files, most of which provide background on the various funds managed for others and for the diocese as a part of the diocesan endowment. The use of the same EIN number by both the ACNA group and the Episcopal Diocese until October 2009 meant I spent the first several months after the 2009 convention working to sort out issues with withholding and employee income tax. Despite a tangle of bank bureaucracy, we now have access to all of the bank accounts covered by the court order, and are managing directly a group of properties not used by a congregation. These include the Donegal Common Life property with its comfortable clergy cottage and partially finished barn, Menallen Grace Cemetery, Smicksburg Cemetery, Trinity Church in Freeport, St. Thomas Church in Northern Cambria, and Church of the Epiphany and House of Prayer in Avalon. We are still getting a handle on other properties.

Immediately following convention, the office staff faced the major challenge of handling the complicated mailings that were part of the release of canonically resident clergy who were not participating in the diocese. We have now set up an ever-growing database of people in the diocese and can track all those serving on diocesan committees, parish vestry members and officers, clergy, clergy spouses and others involved in the diocese. To help keep information up-to-date, I instituted a new Annual Meeting report form that helps us track changes in parish leadership, improve our understanding of what our very active parishes are doing, and help to ensure we have copies of parish resolutions and by-law changes.

Two commissions required by our by-laws have been active this summer, History and Archives, and the Commission on Church Architecture. In preparation for re-opening the archives, I gained control of the

records stored in a remote facility, acquired access information on the software used to catalog the collection, and prepared a proposal for housing the archives in a functional space on the third floor of Trinity Cathedral. The Commission on History and Archives has now been appointed, and we have made partial appointments to the Commission on Church Architecture.

Shortly before the 2009 convention, the office produced a parish directory, guide to grants and loans, and working with Archdeacon Jean Chess, set up a diocesan cycle of prayer. New editions of these became available in September.

Our support for the normal life of an active diocese has involved us in many projects – from handling registrations for Absalom Jones Days (twice, due to the snow), leadership days, several events sponsored by the Diocesan Life Committee and the Youth Initiative, special lunches and dinners for clergy, the clergy renewal of vows, diocesan convention itself, anti-racism and sexual misconduct issues workshops, and the Exploration of Ministry Day. We were grateful for the coordination that Lisa Simons provided for the Strength for the Journey event which left Judi and me free to participate rather than organize.

This report uses “we” so often because so much of what is done in the office is collective. My effectiveness and that of the office is greatly enhanced by all that Judi Rogers and Marlene Rihn do. It is a relief to be able to know Andy Muhl and Rich Creehan will see that the word is spread electronically and that they make our web pages so useful. Office effectiveness is also enhanced by the dedicated crew of regular and occasional volunteers who help us with our tasks. Linda Getts and Anna Brophy see that we have help every week. They enter data, assemble our mailings, do the filing, and generally pitch in with office work. In addition, Dana Philips, Beth Hardie, Mike Donadee, Russ Ayres, and Paula Hopkins have helped sift through and parse the endowment and property records. These volunteers are definitely providing loving hands to help us care for the gracious bounty given into our care.

Joan R. Gundersen, Ph.D.  
Director of Administration and Treasurer

## **GROWTH FUND**

The 2010 Growth Fund membership is:

- Mr. Michael Donadee, Committee Member elected by Board of Trustees (2012)
- Ms. Beth Hardie, Committee Member elected by Board of Trustees (2010)
- Ms. Ardelle Hopson, Committee Member elected by Diocesan Council (2011)
- Mr. Geoffrey Hurd, Committee Member elected by Diocesan Convention (2010)
- Mr. Robert Pratt, Committee Member elected by Diocesan Council (2012)
- The Rev. Mr. Scott Quinn, Committee Member elected by Diocesan Convention (2011)
- Ms. Nancy Fincke, Committee Member elected by Diocesan Convention (2012)

In addition, Dr. Joan Gundersen of the diocesan office served as a facilitator.

The committee met twice: March 22, 2010, at the diocesan office in Monroeville, PA, and May 6, 2010, at Calvary Church, East Liberty. Geoff Hurd served as chair of the committee.

The diocesan staff has received information and is in the process of organizing records on past committee actions and projects.

Several actions were taken by the Committee in the form of recommendations to the Board of Trustees:

- To approve the request of St. Peter's, Blairsville, for assistance to replace a boiler

- To approve the request of Holy Cross, Homewood, for assistance with a building project
- To approve the request that the loan to St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon, be extended to the full term, which results in amortizing an outstanding balance

The chair accepted, with thanks for a job well done, the resignation of Ms. Ardelle Hopson, the longest serving member of the committee.

Respectfully submitted,  
Geoffrey R. Hurd

## **STANDING COMMITTEE**

This report includes business of the Standing Committee from September 2009, through August 2010.

At the 144th Diocesan Convention, the Standing Committee recommended that the Rt. Rev. Kenneth L. Price be approved as Provisional Bishop of the Diocese of Pittsburgh. With the arrival of Bishop Price, the Standing Committee stepped down from its temporary role of ecclesiastical authority and resumed its office of council of advice to the Bishop. On February 14, we celebrated the New Ministry of Bishop Price and the Diocese at Trinity Cathedral.

The Committee is grateful for the faithful work in 2009 in our diocese of Bishop Robert Johnson and for the current wise leadership we are receiving from Bishop Price. This has been a year of rebuilding.

One of the major responsibilities of the Standing Committee in 2010 has been to develop a process for the calling and election of our 8th Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of Pittsburgh. This process will unfold over the next eighteen months beginning with the Call for an Election at the 145th Convention and concluding at the Special Convention to be scheduled for Saturday, April 21, 2012.

In an effort to enhance our communication across the diocese, the Standing Committee has begun the practice of providing an executive summary of Standing Committee meetings to be available on the website.

The Bishop, in consultation with the Standing Committee, presented to Diocesan Council, pending approval of canonical changes, a reconfiguration of the districts into four.

In accordance with the canons of The Episcopal Church and the Diocese of Pittsburgh, the Standing Committee also took the following actions:

1. With the advice of the chancellor, approved revisions of bylaws for
  - St. Brendan's, Franklin Park
  - St. Barnabas, Brackenridge
  - Calvary Church, East Liberty
  - St. Stephen's Church, Wilkinsburg
2. Filled the following vacancies to diocesan offices
  - Lewis Amis, Board of Trustees
  - Michael Donadee, Board of Trustees

3. Consented to the election of the following bishops

The Rev. Scott Anson Benhase as Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of Georgia  
The Rev. Michael Joseph Hanley as Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of Oregon  
The Rev. Ian Theodore Douglas as Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of Connecticut  
The Rev. Brian Norman Prior as Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of Minnesota  
The Rev. William Andrew Waldo as Bishop Diocesan of Upper South Carolina  
The Rev. Morris King Thompson, Jr., as Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of Louisiana  
The Rev. Diane M. Jardine Bruce as Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of Los Angeles  
The Rev. David Earle Bailey as Bishop of Navajoland Area Mission  
The Rev. James B. Magness as Bishop Suffragan for Federal Ministries  
The Rev. John Sheridan Smylie as Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of Wyoming  
The Rev. Mark Andrew Lattime as Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of Alaska  
The Rev. Michael Louis Vono as Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of Rio Grande  
The Rev. Scott B. Hayashi to be the Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of Utah  
The Rev. Terry Allen White as Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of Kentucky

4. On the advice of the chancellor, as her election had been certified and the process completed, took no action regarding the consent to the Rev. Mary Glasspool for Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of Los Angeles.

5. Approved the transfer of the following priests

The Rev. Austin Hurd, Diocese of Central Florida  
The Rev. John Yates, Diocese of South Carolina

6. Granted release under Canon III.9.8 and Canon III.7.8 from licensed ministry in The Episcopal Church to the following clergy

**Priests**

The Rev. Phyllis M. Alston  
The Rev. John Bailey  
The Rev. Ronald Baillie  
The Rev. Simon Barnes  
The Rev. James Bauer  
The Rev. Douglas Blakelock  
The Rev. David Brannen  
The Rev. Seth Brooker  
The Rev. Dennett Buettner  
The Rev. Donald Bushyager  
The Rev. Aaron Carpenter  
The Rev. Deborah Carr  
The Rev. John Paul Chaney  
The Rev. Geoffrey Chapman  
The Rev. Paul Cooper  
The Rev. Robert P. Coval  
The Rev. Donald Allen Cox, Jr.  
The Rev. Daniel Crawford  
The Rev. John Cruikshank  
The Rev. Lawrence Deihle  
The Rev. William Driscoll  
The Rev. Norman Drysdale  
The Rev. Norman Erb-White

The Rev. Leslie Fairfield  
The Rev. Daryl Fenton  
The Rev. Dallam Ferneyhough  
The Rev. John Fierro  
The Rev. Huett Fleming, Jr.  
The Rev. James Forrest  
The Rev. Peter Frank  
The Rev. John Gabig  
The Rev. J. Bruce Geary  
The Rev. Gordon Green  
The Rev. David H. Grissom  
The Rev. John Guest  
The Rev. Robert Hanna  
The Rev. Mary Maggard Hays  
The Rev. Lloyd P. W. Hays  
The Rev. John Heidengren  
The Rev. Paul Henry  
The Rev. William Henry  
The Rev. Thomas Herrick  
The Rev. John Hervey  
The Rev. Travis Hines  
The Rev. Scott Homer  
The Rev. Eric Hornbuckle  
The Rev. Ira Houck, Jr.

The Rev. William H. Ilgenfritz  
The Rev. Samuel Jampetro IV  
The Rev. Terrence Johnson  
The Rev. Arnold Klukas  
The Rev. Carrie Klukas  
The Rev. Christopher Klukas  
The Rev. Barbara Knotts  
The Rev. Lawrence Knotts  
The Rev. Joseph Koch  
The Rev. Colin Patrick Larkin  
The Rev. John Leggett  
The Rev. Julian Linnell  
The Rev. Tina Lockett  
The Rev. John Macdonald  
The Rev. Ethan Magness  
The Rev. Juan Marentes  
The Rev. Ronald McKeon  
The Rev. Joseph R. Martin  
The Rev. Jeffrey Mead  
The Rev. Peggy Means  
The Rev. Jonathan Millard  
The Rev. Gary D. Miller  
The Rev. Joshua Miller  
The Rev. James Morehead III

The Rev. Carl Neely, Jr.  
The Rev. Stephen Noll  
The Rev. Peter Ostrander  
The Rev. F. Ann Paton  
The Rev. Langdon Pegram  
The Rev. George Pierce  
The Rev. John Porter  
The Rev. Keith Pozzuto  
The Rev. Jeffrey Rawn  
The Rev. Andrew Ray  
The Rev. David Rucker  
The Rev. Suzanne Scott  
The Rev. Douglas Sherman, Jr.  
The Rev. Eddie Slayton  
The Rev. Jay Slocum  
The Rev. David St. Clair  
The Rev. William Starke  
The Rev. Karen Stevenson  
The Rev. Elaine Storm  
The Rev. Paul Sutcliffe, Jr.  
The Rev. Clifford Swartz  
The Rev. Eric Taylor  
The Rev. Gaea Thompson

The Rev. Andrew Tibus  
The Rev. Joseph Vitunic, Jr.  
The Rev. James Vreeland  
The Rev. Matthew Walter  
The Rev. David Wilson  
The Rev. Michael Wurschmidt  
The Rev. Michael Yemba  
The Rev. Aaron Zimmerman  
The Rev. Mark Zimmerman

**Deacons**

The Rev. Donald Bowers  
The Rev. Andrea Buettner  
The Rev. Marybeth Carey  
The Rev. James Chester  
The Rev. Karen Geary  
The Rev. J. Edmond Hay  
The Rev. Joanne Hetrick  
The Rev. Harold Hicks, Jr.  
The Rev. Judith Lynn Howells  
The Rev. Tara Jernigan  
The Rev. Byron Johnson  
The Rev. Colleen Klingensmith

The Rev. Marion Kush  
The Rev. Jonathan Linebaugh  
The Rev. Robert Lytle, Sr.  
The Rev. Ruth Manson  
The Rev. Nancy Phillips  
The Rev. William Rau  
The Rev. Elizabeth Rodewald  
The Rev. Joel Scandrett  
The Rev. Diane Scott  
The Rev. Rebecca Spanos  
The Rev. Mary Jeane Steele  
The Rev. Mark Stevenson  
The Rev. Laura Theis  
The Rev. Wendell Turney  
The Rev. Harry Walter  
The Rev. Kathy Walzer  
The Rev. Laura Wicker  
The Rev. Dennis Wilson  
The Rev. Edward M. Wood  
The Rev. Karen Woods

7. Approved the reinstatement to The Episcopal Church of the Rev. Lloyd P. W. Hays.

Respectfully submitted,  
The Rev. Nancy Chalfant-Walker  
President, Standing Committee



## MEMBERSHIP OF CANONICAL BODIES IN 2010

### ARRAY

Two clergy and one laity to be elected to three-year terms ending in 2013.

#### CLERGY

**The Rev. Norman Koehler III** (2010)  
**St. Thomas, Oakmont**  
*Eligible*

**The Rev. Canon James Shoucair** (2010)  
**Christ Church, North Hills**  
*Eligible*

The Rev. Canon Harold Lewis (2011)  
Calvary, East Liberty

The Rev. Philip Wainwright (2011)  
Retired

The Rev. Kristian Opat (2012)  
St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon

#### LAY

**Jon Delano** (2010)  
**St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon**  
*Eligible*

Jacquelyn T. Och (2011)  
St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon

Betsy Hetzler (2012)  
Nativity, Crafton

Pamela Mayer (2012)  
St. Mark's, Johnstown

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

One trustee to be elected by District 4 to fulfill a term ending in 2011.

One trustee to be elected by District 5/10 to a three-year term ending in 2013.

One trustee to be elected by Convention for a three-year term ending in 2013.

### DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES

### ELECTED BY CONVENTION

2/1	James Evans Christ Church, North Hills	(2011)	<b>Russ Ayers</b> <b>Calvary, East Liberty</b> <i>Eligible</i>	(2010)
3	David Laughlin St. Paul's, Kittanning	(2011)	Beth Hardie St. Stephen's, Wilkinsburg	(2011)
<b>4</b>	<b>Sean Murphy</b> <b>St. Michael's, Ligonier</b> <i>Resigned</i>	<b>(2011)</b>	Gwen Santiago Christ (TEC), Greensburg	(2011)
<b>5/10</b>	<b>Joseph Karas</b> <b>St. Peter's Brentwood</b> <i>Eligible</i>	<b>(2010)</b>	Lawrence Knapp Calvary, East Liberty	(2012)
7	Lawrence Howard Calvary, East Liberty	(2012)	David Quinn Nativity, Crafton	(2012)
8	Dana Phillips St. Thomas, Oakmont	(2012)	<b><u>STANDING COMMITTEE</u></b> <b><u>APPOINTMENTS</u></b>	
			John Adams St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon	(2011)
			Lewis Amis Trinity, Pittsburgh	(2011)
			Carl Campbell St. Michael's, Ligonier	(2011)
			Michael Donadee St. Brendan's, Franklin Park	(2011)
			James McGough Calvary, East Liberty	(2011)

## COMMITTEE ON CANONS

One clergy and one laity to be elected to three-year terms ending in 2013.

### CLERGY

**The Rev. Canon James Shoucair (2010)**  
**Christ Church, North Hills**  
*Eligible*

The Rev. Lou Hays (2011)  
St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon

The Rev. Philip Wainwright (2012)  
Retired

### LAY

**Stephen Stagnitta (2010)**  
**St. Andrew's, Highland Park**  
*Eligible*

Joan Gundersen (2011)  
Redeemer, Squirrel Hill

Lionel Deimel (2012)  
St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon

## DIOCESAN COUNCIL

Council members elected to a three-year term ending in 2013, unless otherwise noted.

### DISTRICT 2/1

*One laity to be elected.*

**Fran Gargotta** (2010)  
**St. Brendan's, Franklin Park**  
*Eligible*

Melissa McClain (2011)  
Christ Church, North Hills

The Rev. Christine McIlvain (2012)  
Christ Church, North Hills

### DISTRICT 3

*One laity to be elected.*

*One laity elected to fulfill term ending 2012.*

**Kristin Smalley** (2010)  
**St. Barnabas, Brackenridge**  
*Eligible*

The Rev. Stephen Smalley (2011)  
St. Barnabas, Brackenridge

**Vacancy** (2012)

### DISTRICT 4

*One laity to be elected.*

**John Hose** (2010)  
**Advent, Jeannette**  
*Eligible*

The Rev. William Geiger (2011)  
Christ Church, Indiana

John Roberts (2012)  
St. Francis, Somerset

### DISTRICT 5/10

*One laity to be elected.*

**The Rev. Lou Hays** (2010)  
**St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon**

Robert Johnston (2011)  
St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon

The Rev. Chuck Weiss (2012)  
St. Thomas, Canonsburg

### DISTRICT 7

*One laity to be elected.*

**Joan Morris** (2010)  
**St. Andrew's, Highland Park**  
*Eligible*

Ardelle Hopson (2011)  
Calvary, East Liberty

The Rev. Leslie Reimer (2012)  
Calvary, East Liberty

### DISTRICT 8

*One clergy to be elected.*

*One laity elected to fulfill term ending 2011.*

*One laity elected to fulfill term ending 2012.*

**The Rev. Dr. Jay Geisler** (2010)  
**St. Stephen's, McKeesport**  
*Eligible*

**Judith Rosensteel** (2011)  
**All Souls, North Versailles**  
*Resigned*

**Robert Pratt** (2012)  
**St. Stephen's, McKeesport**  
*Resigned*

## STANDING COMMITTEE

One clergy and one laity to be elected to four-year terms ending in 2014.

### CLERGY

**The Rev. Nancy Chalfant-Walker (2010)**  
**St. Stephen's, Wilkesburg**  
*Not eligible*

The Rev. Jeffrey Murph (2011)  
St. Thomas, Oakmont

The Very Rev. George Werner (2012)  
Dean Emeritus, Trinity Cathedral

The Rev. Dr. Bruce Robison (2013)  
St. Andrew's, Highland Park

### LAY

**Lee Hicks (2010)**  
**Calvary, East Liberty**  
*Not Eligible*

Mary Roehrich (2011)  
St. Andrew's, Highland Park

Vera Quinn (2012)  
Nativity, Crafton

Jon Delano (2013)  
St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon

**LIST OF NOMINEES  
STANDING FOR ELECTION AT DIOCESAN CONVENTION 2010  
(as of September 14, 2010)**

**Clergy**

Norman E. Koehler III  
Richard A. Pollard

**Lay**

Dennis Piccoli  
~~Robert E. Pratt~~ (withdrawn)

**ARRAY**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Russell W. Ayres III  
Gerald Bowyer  
John Follansbee III  
Kenneth E. Gray  
Stephen Stagnitta

**COMMITTEE ON CANONS**

Nathan A. Rugh

Michael Edward Braxton

**DEPUTIES TO GENERAL CONVENTION**

Cynthia Bronson Sweigert  
William L. Geiger  
Louis B. Hays  
Jeffrey Murph  
Scott T. Quinn  
Bruce M. Robison  
Vicente Santiago  
James Simons

Michael Edward Braxton  
Joan R. Gundersen  
David Laughlin  
James R. McMahon  
Andrew Muhl  
Kathy Ogline  
Mary C. Roehrich  
Gwen Gettemy Santiago  
Stephen Stagnitta  
Lorraine Woodward

**STANDING COMMITTEE**

~~Moni McIntyre~~ (withdrawn)  
Leslie G. Reimer  
James Shoucair

Mary Frances Gargotta  
Betsy A. Hetzler  
Annis Rogers  
~~Gwen Santiago~~ (withdrawn)  
Daryl Walker

# **BIOGRAPHIES OF DIOCESAN CONVENTION NOMINEES**

## **ARRAY**

**Name:** The Rev. Norman E. Koehler III

**Church:** St. Thomas, Oakmont

**Occupation:** Retired Priest/Priest Associate

**Service to the church:** Present: Array. Past: Diocesan Council 2002-2004 and 2008-2009.

**Statement of interest:** To provide life experience to the deliberations of this critical group.

**Name:** The Rev. Richard A. Pollard

**Church:** All Saints Episcopal Fellowship

**Occupation:** Priest, Attorney, Teacher

**Service to the church:** Past: President, Diocesan Council; Cathedral Chapter.

**Statement of interest:** Experience regarding trial matters and dispute resolution.

**Name:** Dennis Piccoli

**Church:** St. Paul's, Kittanning

**Occupation:** Retired, Management Steel Mill

**Service to the church:** Present: Vestry (Sr. Warden); Deputy to Diocesan Convention; usher; choir; Reader for Wednesday Eucharist; Armstrong Folk Festival Committee. Past: Vestry; Deputy to Diocesan Convention; greeter; choir; Armstrong Folk Festival Committee.

**Statement of interest:**

## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Name:** Russell W. Ayres III

**Church:** Calvary, East Liberty

**Occupation:** Attorney

**Service to the church:** Present: President, Board of Trustees. Past: Vestry; Jr. and Sr. Warden.

**Statement of interest:** I hope to continue the work of the Board of Trustees to preserve the properties of the diocese and its parishes and to devote those properties to the mission of the Episcopal Church.

**Name:** Gerald (Jerry) Bowyer

**Church:** St. Stephen's, McKeesport

**Occupation:** Economist/Financier

**Service to the church:** Present: Worship Leader I and all other liturgical licensure; preaching and pastoral care; youth; advisor to rector. Past: Licensed Worship Leader I and previous all other liturgical licenses; Vestry (Sr. Warden); Youth.

**Statement of interest:** Experience as an economist, financial strategist, counselor, advisor and author.

**Name:** John Follansbee III  
**Church:** St. Mark's, Johnstown  
**Occupation:** Retired banking lawyer  
**Service to the church:** Present: Finance Committee. Past: Vestry  
**Statement of interest:** To serve the church in time of need.

**Name:** Kenneth E. Gray  
**Church:** All Saints Episcopal Fellowship  
**Occupation:** Law professor  
**Service to the church:** Past: Array (2008-2009).  
**Statement of interest:** I've taught property and real estate law for over 38 years. I would like to apply this expertise to the problems currently facing the diocese.

**Name:** Stephen Stagnitta  
**Church:** St. Andrew's, Highland Park  
**Occupation:** Computer programmer  
**Service to the church:** Present: Lay Reader/Chalice Bearer: vestry; diocesan Committee on Canons; General Convention Lay Deputy. Past: Diocesan Council; Finance Committee; General Convention Lay Deputy; Cursillo Secretariat; parish Ministry Committee; Stephen Minister.  
**Statement of interest:** I have extensive experience working and leading at the diocesan level in the Diocese of Pittsburgh in a number of capacities. In addition I have worked in the financial industry for most of my career and have a good knowledge of the types of issues that will come before this committee. I would like to serve on this committee to be part of the diocese as it rebuilds and grows in the coming years.

## **COMMITTEE ON CANONS**

**Name:** The Rev. Nathan A. Rugh  
**Church:** Calvary, East Liberty  
**Occupation:** Associate Rector  
**Service to the church:** Present: Associate Rector, Calvary; Chaplain, St. Edmonds Academy. Past: Deacon, St. John's Cathedral, Denver; Curate, Calvary, summer 2006.  
**Statement of interest:** Wish to continue the support and building of the Episcopal Church in Pittsburgh.

**Name:** Michael Edward Braxton  
**Church:** Calvary, East Liberty  
**Occupation:** Major Gift Officer for Carnegie Mellon University  
**Service to the church:** Present: Head Verger (verger since 1998). Past: Vestry 2000-2004; Finance Committee; Parish Council 1996-2000, President 1999-2000.  
**Statement of interest:** I welcome the opportunity to offer my experience and legal training to serve our diocese and the church as a member of the Committee on Canons.



## DEPUTIES TO GENERAL CONVENTION

**Name:** The Rev. Cynthia Bronson Sweigert

**Church:** Redeemer, Squirrel Hill

**Occupation:** Rector

**Service to the church:** I am currently president, Diocese of Pittsburgh Clergy Association and board member NNECA (National Network of Episcopal Clergy Associations); board member, Progressive Episcopalians of Pittsburgh; committee member, Diocesan Life Committee. I was a member of the communications Commission, Nominating Committee, Diocesan Council and the Cathedral Chapter in the former diocese. In the Diocese of Ohio I served as Associate Ecumenical Officer and as Examining Chaplain in Hebrew Scripture; and in the Diocese of Western New York as Chair of the Allocations Committee for the Board of Episcopal Community Services and as Ecumenical Officer.

**Statement of interest:** I have always been greatly energized when I have attended Convention as an observer; how much better would it be as a deputy or alternate?! More seriously, my experience in the church has been a fairly broad one, and I have spent quite a good portion of my ministry working collaboratively with people of diverse backgrounds and opinions.

**Name:** The Rev. William L. Geiger

**Church:** Christ Church, Indiana

**Occupation:** Rector

**Service to the church:** Present: President, Diocesan Council and Trainer, Professional Conduct Workshops (Child Abuse & Sexual Misconduct Prevention). Past: Diocese of Florida Commission on Ministry.

**Statement of interest:** In the challenging but exciting process of rebuilding the diocese and reintegrating more fully in the life of the Episcopal Church, I would relish the opportunity to serve the diocese as a Deputy to General Convention.

**Name:** The Rev. Louis B. Hays

**Church:** St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon

**Occupation:** Rector

**Service to the church:** Present: Member, Diocesan Council; Chairperson of the Commission on Ministry; Member, Committee on Canons. Past: Alternate Deputy to General Convention 2009; Co-chair of Communications Committee.

**Statement of interest:** I am committed to the Diocese of Pittsburgh and to strengthening our leadership role in the Episcopal Church. I hope to use my experience as an Alternate Deputy at the last General Convention and serve the diocese as Deputy to the 2012 General Convention.

**Name:** The Rev. Jeffrey Murph

**Church:** St. Thomas, Oakmont

**Occupation:** Rector

**Service to the church:** Present: Standing Committee; Task Force on Anglican Covenant Study. Past: Standing Committee; Celebrate 250; Continuing Education Committee.

**Statement of interest:** I am committed to the Episcopal Church and I want to serve the church locally, within the diocese and in the larger church.

**Name:** The Rev. Canon Scott T. Quinn

**Church:** Nativity, Crafton

**Occupation:** Rector; Canon to the Ordinary

**Service to the church:** Present: Cathedral Chapter; Canterbury Place Board; Old St. Luke's Board; Diocesan Growth Fund Committee; Calvary Camp Board. Past: Deputy to five General Conventions; President, Standing Committee; Cathedral Chapter; President, District 5; Diocesan Council.

**Statement of interest:** I would like the Diocese of Pittsburgh to serve its part at the national level and actively engage in the life of the Episcopal Church at large.

**Name:** The Rev. Dr. Bruce M. Robison

**Church:** St. Andrew's, Highland Park

**Occupation:** Rector

**Service to the church:** Present: Standing Committee; Clergy Association Board; Task Force on Collaboration; Cursillo Committee. Past: Clergy Deputy, 2009 General Convention; Standing Committee (1999-2003); President, National Network of Episcopal Clergy Associations; President, Pittsburgh Episcopal Clergy Association; "Across the Aisle" Planning Committee.

**Statement of interest:** I was honored to serve as a member of our 2009 Deputation. I am proud of the great work we have done together in the ongoing reorganization of our diocese, and I continue to believe that our experience here in Pittsburgh can be a model of gracious inclusion and "bridge building" for the wider Episcopal Church.

**Name:** The Rev. Vicente Santiago

**Church:** St. Mark's, Johnstown

**Occupation:** Priest-in Charge

**Service to the church:** Present: Alternate Clergy Deputy at 2009 General Convention; Priest-in-Charge St. Mark's, Johnstown and Christ Episcopal Church (TEC), Greensburg; Cursillo Board; Task Force member. Past: Deacon; Vestry.

**Statement of interest:** I have experience as an alternate serving at Anaheim.

**Name:** The Rev. Dr. James Simons

**Church:** St. Michael's, Ligonier

**Occupation:** Rector

**Service to the church:** Present: Executive Council; Anglican Covenant Subcommittee; Committee on Church Polity & Governance; Planning and Arrangements. Past: Seven time Deputy; Standing Committee (twice); Diocesan Council.

**Statement of interest:** I wish to represent the diocese to Church and the Church to the diocese.

**Name:** Michael Edward Braxton

**Church:** Calvary, East Liberty

**Occupation:** Major Gift Officer for Carnegie Mellon University

**Service to the church:** Present: Head Verger (verger since 1998). Past: Vestry 2000-2004; Finance Committee; Parish Council 1996-2000, President 1999-2000.

**Statement of interest:** I welcome the opportunity to offer my experience and legal training to serve our diocese and the Church and believe that I would make a good ambassador from our diocese to the General Convention.

**Name:** Joan R. Gundersen

**Church:** Redeemer, Squirrel Hill

**Occupation:** Diocesan Administrator

**Service to the church:** Present: Vestry; Diocesan Treasurer (and related committees); Committee on Canons. Past: General Convention Deputy 2009.

**Statement of interest:** As a first-time deputy in 2009, I was pleased to be involved in a committee and see how the Episcopal Church did its work. Now I feel that if the Pittsburgh Convention sees fit to return me, I will be able to serve the Church more effectively and make good use of what I have learned about the diocese.

**Name:** David Laughlin

**Church:** St. Paul's, Kittanning

**Occupation:** Professor, Carnegie Mellon University

**Service to the church:** Present: Commission on Ministry; Board of Trustees; Nominating Committee; parish Lay Eucharistic Visitor, Chalice Bearer, Reader. Past: Lay Deputy to 2009 General Convention; several Diocesan Conventions (2009, 2006, 2005, 2004); at Ascension, Sr. Warden (2003-2007), LEV, Chalice Bearer, Reader.

**Statement of interest:** I believe that my skills and gifts are requisite for being a Deputy to General Convention. My experience at the 2009 General Convention will serve me well in fulfilling my duties as Deputy.

**Name:** James R. McMahon

**Church:** Calvary, East Liberty

**Occupation:** Fundraising Consultant

**Service to the church:** Present: Episcopal Church Standing Commission on Stewardship and Development (2009-2015); Calvary Church Choir; Calvary Church Verger. Past: Episcopal Church Standing Commission on Communication and Information Technology (2003-2006); Floor Manager, House of Deputies, General Convention 2009.

**Statement of interest:** To represent the Diocese of Pittsburgh at the General Convention and to work to more fully communicate between the national church and the diocese, especially the perspective of a member of Generation X/Millennial Generation.

**Name:** Andrew Muhl

**Church:** St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon

**Occupation:** Media Producer/Director

**Service to the church:** Present: Vestry member; Parish Fellowship Chair; Diocesan Resource Center Board; Diocesan Communication Committee; Diocesan Web & Newsletter Editor; Lector; Eucharistic Minister; Eucharistic Visitor. Past: Six-time Diocesan Convention Deputy; Parish Stewardship Chair; former Board Member and Development Chair, Sheldon Calvary Camp; EYC Leader at two former parishes; Diocesan Youth Commission.

**Statement of interest:** Following the previous convention in Los Angeles, it was clear that after several years of absence, the Pittsburgh deputation was warmly received by the larger church. We were well represented by our deputies who held highly visible positions and provided clear leadership across a wide variety of committees and commissions. I see my role as contributing to continuing this new tradition by focusing on the Episcopal Church's communication efforts. We need to foster new and reestablish old connections and relationships with communicators at the national church, district and diocesan levels.

**Name:** Kathy Ogline

**Church:** St. Francis-in-the-Fields, Somerset

**Occupation:** Speech Language Pathologist

**Service to the church:** Present: Church choir and Sunday School teacher. Past: Three terms on Vestry; two terms as Sr. Warden; ECW President two years.

**Statement of interest:** As a cradle Episcopalian from a rural parish in the Diocese of Pittsburgh, I am concerned about the future of the national church. I wish to represent the views of many parishioners in the diocese on national matters, particularly helping the national church implement a direction and plan that fosters genuine community and mission within the Anglican Communion.

**Name:** Mary C. Roehrich

**Church:** St. Andrew's, Highland Park

**Occupation:** Retired

**Service to the church:** Present: Member of Standing Committee; Deputy to General Convention; Property Committee. Past: Member of Diocesan Council, Deputy to Diocesan Convention; Sr. Warden; Vestry Member; Altar Guild; Chair, History and Archive Commission.

**Statement of interest:** The reorganizing diocese has a situation in TEC that is shared by only three other dioceses, and we are unique among them. I would like to continue to represent to TEC the diverse, accepting, growing diocese.

**Name:** Gwen Gettemy Santiago

**Church:** Christ Episcopal Church (TEC), Greensburg

**Occupation:** Consumer Advocate Client Retention Specialist

**Service to the church:** Present: Alternate Lay Deputy, General Convention 2009; Board of Trustees; Worship Leader I; Vice-President ECW; Task Force Member; Cursillo Board. Past: President ECW; Vestry; Worship Leader I; choir; Christian Education; various committees, chairs.

**Statement of interest:** I have experience and understanding of this process from serving at General convention 2009 as an alternate.

**Name:** Stephen Stagnitta

**Church:** St. Andrew's, Highland Park

**Occupation:** Computer Programmer

**Service to the church:** Present: Parish Lay Reader/Chalice Bearer and Vestry; diocesan Committee on Canons, General Convention Lay Deputy. Past: Diocesan Council, Finance Committee, General Convention Lay Deputy, Cursillo Secretariat; Parish Ministry Committee, Stephen Minister.

**Statement of interest:** I have been a deputy representing the Diocese of Pittsburgh for the past three conventions, serving as a regular deputy in the past convention, as well as serving on the Evangelism Committee of that convention. I was an alternate deputy in the previous two conventions. I would like to continue representing the Diocese of Pittsburgh in this capacity and feel that I have the expertise and commitment to represent all points of view.

**Name:** Lorraine Woodward

**Church:** Nativity, Crafton

**Occupation:** Retired

**Service to the church:** Present: Assist in church office (clerical). Past: Ten years full-time administrator/secretary at Trinity, Red Bank, NJ; moved to Pittsburgh Sept. 2007; Episcopal Church Women; Parish President; Parish and District level (25 churches) Prayer and Worship Chairman for the Diocese; Delegate to Triennial Philadelphia 1997 and Denver 2000.

**Statement of interest:** A good fundamental knowledge of church service and the Bible leading to making intelligent decisions in voting; my faith as Christ as my Lord and Savior; free time to be available to attend convention.

## STANDING COMMITTEE

**Name:** The Rev. Leslie G. Reimer

**Church:** Calvary, East Liberty

**Occupation:** Associate Rector

**Service to the church:** Present: Director of Spiritual Life, Sheldon Calvary Camp; Pittsburgh Youth Initiative; Diocesan Council; Budget and Assessment Committee; Resolutions Committee. Past: Standing Committee; Commission on Ministry; Nominating Committee.

**Statement of interest:** The Standing Committee continues to play a significant role in shaping the life of our reorganizing Diocese. I would like to offer my pastoral skills, my experience and commitment serving in this Diocese for 30 years, and my hope and enthusiasm for the future.

**Name:** The Rev. Canon James Shoucair

**Church:** Christ Church, North Hills

**Occupation:** Rector

**Service to the church:** Present: The Array; Committee on Constitution & Canons; Secretary to Convention. Past: Examining Chaplain in systematic theology for the priesthood; Ecumenical Officer of the diocese.

**Statement of interest:** I am deeply committed to building a diocesan culture that fosters unity on the basis of a gracious and pastoral engagement with the challenging issues that face us in the coming years.

**Name:** Mary Frances Gargotta

**Church:** St. Brendan's, Franklin Park

**Occupation:** Chief Executive Resources & Diversity Officer, MARC USA

**Service to the church:** Present: Diocesan Council; Diocesan Communications Chair; Convention Delegate for St. Brendan's. Past: Diocesan Subcommittee on benefits and compensation; Sr. Warden (implemented DEPO); Yard Sale Chair (went from \$2,500 to \$16,000); various other leadership positions.

**Statement of interest:** I love the church and I'm very interested in helping with growth, Christian service and sustainability.

**Name:** Betsy A. Hetzler

**Church:** Nativity, Crafton

**Occupation:** Retired teacher

**Service to the church:** Present: Vestry secretary; Altar Guild; Array; Deputy to Diocesan Convention. Past: Diocesan Council (2002-2008); another parish (Atonement) vestry; Altar Guild; Sr. Warden; Array; Deputy to Diocesan Convention.

**Statement of interest:** I believe a strong Standing Committee is important.

**Name:** Annis Rogers

**Church:** St. Mark's, Johnstown

**Occupation:** Musician

**Service to the church:** Present: Advisory Task Force member; Cursillo Renewal Team member; LEM; choir member; weekly study group host; Labyrinth contact person; ECW member; leader of annual parish Seder. Past: Deputy to Diocesan Convention, Cursillo team member; Common Life Task Force member; Education for Ministry graduate; Vestry member; Sunday School Director.

**Statement of interest:** I am exciting about our opportunities to build relationships and "be the church." I offer my perspective as one who loves the Episcopal Church, our traditions, and all that we are becoming.

**Name:** Daryl Walker

**Church:** All Saints, Brighton Heights

**Occupation:** Office manager

**Service to the church:** Present: Sr. Warden; Altar Guild; obtain priests and students to preach and/or celebrate; lead Vestry meetings; currently leading All Saints in worship, caring for parishioners and fellowship. Past: Sr. Warden; Jr. Warden; Altar Guild; Sunday School teacher; Chair of Search Committee.

**Statement of interest:** I am interested in becoming more active in the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh. I have the leadership and organizational skills necessary to assist the committee.

**DISTRICT CHART FOR DEPUTIES**  
(Number of Lay Deputies determined by 2009 Parochial Report)

**Total Lay Deputies eligible to vote: 80**

**District 2 (with District 1)**

Brighton Heights, All Saints'	2
Franklin Park, St. Brendan's	3
North Hills, Christ Church	7

TOTAL: 12

*Not submitting reports: Ambridge, Church of the Savior; Beaver, Trinity; Beaver Falls, Christ the King; Georgetown, St. Luke's; Hopewell, Prince of Peace; Moon twp, St. Philip's; New Brighton, Christ Church; Sewickley, St. Stephen's; Butler, St. Peter's; Cranberry Twp, St. Christopher's; Gibsonia, St. Thomas-in-the-Fields; Glenshaw, Church of Our Savior*

**District 3**

Brackenridge, St. Barnabas	2
Kittanning, St. Paul's	2

TOTAL: 4

*Not submitting reports: Fox Chapel Episcopal Church; Freeport, Trinity; Leechburg, Holy Innocents; New Kensington, St. Andrew's; Red Bank, St. Mary's; Wayne Twp, St. Michael's*

**District 4**

Blairsville, St. Peter's	2
Greensburg, Christ Church TEC	2
Indiana, Christ Church	2
Jeannette, Advent	2
Johnstown, St. Mark's	2
Ligonier, St. Michael's	3
Scottdale, St. Bartholomew's	2
Somerset, St. Francis	2

TOTAL: 17

*Not submitting report: Patton, Sts. Luke & Thomas*

**District 5 (with District 10)**

Brentwood, St. Peter's	3
Canonsburg, St. Thomas	2
Crafton, Nativity	3
Mt. Lebanon, St. Paul's	8

TOTAL: 16

*Not submitting reports: Brookline, Advent; Brownsville, Christ Church; Carnegie, Atonement; Charleroi, St. Mary's; Donora, St. John's; Monongahela, St. Paul's; Mt. Washington, Grace w/Edgeworth; Peters Twp, St. David's; Uniontown, St. Peter's; Washington, Trinity; Waynesburg, St. George's*

**District 7**

East Liberty, Calvary	7
Highland Park, St. Andrew's	3
Homestead, St. Matthew's	2
Homewood, Holy Cross	2
North Shore, Emmanuel	2
Pittsburgh, Trinity Cathedral	2
Squirrel Hill, Redeemer	2
Wilkinsburg, St. Stephen's	2

TOTAL: 22

*Not submitting reports: Hazelwood, Good Shepherd; Oakland, Ascension; Uptown, Shepherd's Heart*

**District 8**

McKeesport, St. Stephen's	3
North Versailles, All Souls	2
Oakmont, St. Thomas	4

TOTAL: 9

*Not submitting reports: Clairton, Transfiguration; Liberty Boro, Good Samaritan; Monroeville, St. Martin's; Murrysville, St. Alban's; Penn Hills, St. James; Rosedale, All Saints*