



April 15, 2019

Bishop McConnell Announces Staff Assignments, Sabbatical Coverage

Dear Friends in Christ,

On March 22, I wrote to you about the decision by my executive assistant, Judi Rogers, to retire after ten years of service to the diocese. Judi's last day of work will be May 31.

In light of her departure, and in consultation with my senior staff and other diocesan leaders, I evaluated current staffing responsibilities and what might be needed going forward. After determining that much of the executive assistant's work involved effective communications, I have decided to consolidate the positions of executive assistant and diocesan web administrator. I am happy to announce that Andy Muhl will assume the newly created position of Executive Assistant/Communication Specialist, effective May 20, 2019.



Andy brings a long history of service to the church, as well as a background in corporate communication and business development in the private sector. He became diocesan web master in October 2008. He also has edited the diocesan newsletter, built its social media presence, and creatively contributed his photographic, organizational, and mission skills to dozens of diocesan events and projects. With his new assignment, Andy moves from being a contract employee to full-time staff.

Once these changes take effect, I will be taking a couple of weeks of vacation. This, combined with a three-month sabbatical, will take me away from the diocese and its day-to-day operations for two and a half weeks in July and from the beginning of August through the end of October.

In preparation for this leave, I am also pleased to announce:

- Retired Bishop Ken Price will return to the Pittsburgh diocese on a part-time basis from August through October, in order to continue a schedule of parish visitations, provide a presence at meetings of diocesan governing bodies, and to offer pastoral guidance as needed. Bishop Price served our diocese as the Bishop Provisional from 2009 until 2012. His presence here again is most welcomed and appreciated.
- On June 1, the Rev. Kimberly Karashin will move to full-time status. She will work closely with Director of Administration Kathi Workman for the following seven months. Kim will then add the administration director's duties to her on-going role as Canon for Mission.
- Kathi Workman will remain as Director of Administration throughout the transition. She then looks forward to continuing as diocesan treasurer on a part-time basis beginning January 1, 2020.

I am very proud of our staff, and very grateful for their contributions to our life as a diocese. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to any one of us.

This comes with my fervent prayers for a blessed Holy Week and Easter.

Faithfully your bishop,



(The Right Reverend) Dorsey W.M. McConnell
VIII Bishop of Pittsburgh



Journey to The Holy Land



United Thank Offering
Spring Ingathering

Saturday, May 4, 2019

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Mt. Lebanon

1066 Washington Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15228

Schedule of events:

- 9:30 Registration – Coffee and Snacks
- 10:00-10:45 ECW Business Meeting
- 11:00-11:30 Program (See Below)
- 11:30-12:15 Morning Prayer
- 12:30 pm Lunch

Program:



What It Means to be a Pilgrim

Join with Geoff Hurd as he shares, through dialogue and pictures, the amazing adventure he and others from St. Paul's recently experienced on their pilgrimage to The Holy Land.

Mr. Hurd's presentation will give you an insight into the history of the places we, as Christians, revere and hold sacred to our faith. Learn and see pictures of many locations where Christ walked and taught: Mount of Olives, Jacob's Well, the Dead Sea, and many more.

Come, be enlightened and amazed, as Mr. Hurd leads us on a *Journey to The Holy Land*.

Three Ways to Register:

- Complete and mail the registration form
- Email your information to hetzlerb@verizon.net
- Call St. Paul's Church 412-531-7153

Registration Deadline: April 25, 2019

St. Francis in the Fields is collecting new or slightly used ladies purses to fill with personal hygiene products for needy women.



Please bring a purse to the ingathering and help with this new ministry.
Thank You

[Click here for the printable registration form.\(PDF\)](#)



God Willing
and the People Consenting

The Rt. Reverend Dorsey W. M. McConnell
Bishop of Pittsburgh

will ordain

Kimberly Macy Karashin
Julie Lynn Smith

to the Sacred Order of Priests
in Christ's one holy catholic and apostolic Church

Saturday, June 15, 2019
at ten o'clock in the morning

Trinity Cathedral
328 Sixth Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222

Your prayers and presence are requested

Clergy: Red Stoles

Reception to follow



Save The Date!



On **Tuesday, May 7, from 8 a.m. to 11:59 p.m.**, the Trinity Cathedral Walk-In Ministry will again participate in The Pittsburgh Foundation's Critical Needs Alert online giving event. The Foundation will match all donations making your gift go even further.



All submissions to the *Grace Happens* newsletter and the diocesan web site are welcome and should be sent to amuhl@episcopalpgh.org. When possible, the copy should be in a Word document and all original logos, pictures and artwork should be attached separately. Please be sure to include your contact information with any submission.



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