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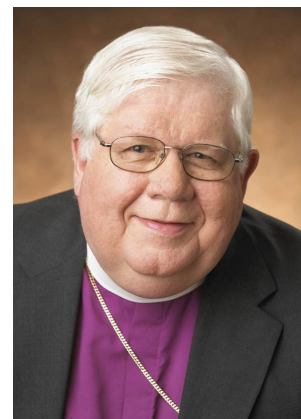
Welcome (Back) Bishop Price!

As many of you know, I will be on sabbatical from August 1 through November 3rd.

I am grateful that the Right Reverend Kenneth Price has agreed to return to Pittsburgh to fill in as our Assisting Bishop during my time away.

Bishop Ken and Mariann are well known in the diocese, and I know you will enjoy them as much as they delight in being back in our region.

If you need immediate assistance, please be in touch with Bishop Price at kprice@episcopalpgh.org or my Executive Assistant, Andy Muhl, at amuhl@episcopalpgh.org. You may also connect with Andy by phone at 412-721-0853 ext 251.



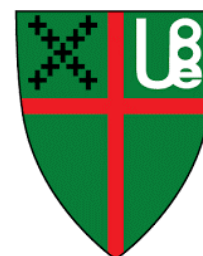
Faithfully your bishop,

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



400th Anniversary of the First Enslaved African's Arrival

The Union of Black Episcopalians have made bulletin and liturgical resources available to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the first enslaved African's arrival in Jamestown, VA in 1619. **The Commission on Race and Reconciliation suggests using these on Sunday, August 4, or on any Sunday in August.**



The bulletin inserts, in a variety of sizes, are available by [clicking here](#).

Collect and Prayers of the People for the 400 Year Commemoration are [available here](#).

In addition, here are three prayers written by the attendees of this year's Spring Anti-Racism workshop, *Seeing The Face of God in Each Other*:

Caring God, Creator of us all, open our hearts, that we too may care for others as a reflection of your love. *Amen*.

Dear Lord, Help us to welcome and more so EMBRACE all those with whom we will have contact regardless of economic condition, race, sexual orientation, or religious affiliation. *Amen*.

Eternal God, who commits to us the swift and solemn trust of life, knowing not what the day brings forth but the hour for serving thee is always at hand, help us to see your sure hand moving us to acts of mercy, justice, and peace, to recognize the opportunities to be the love of Christ as only we

can be, becoming the creatures God created us uniquely to be, that we might trace Christ's image in our midst, and may the world awaited be the world attained. *Amen.*



Save The Date!
2019 Diocesan Convention
Love. Teach. Heal. Re-imagining Our Diocese

November 15 & 16
Pittsburgh Theological Seminary
616 N Highland Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15206

Note: This date is one week later than our conventions in the past.

[Click here](#) for important convention documents.



Last Chance for Nominations for Elections at Diocesan Convention

Our diocese has navigated through significant challenges over the past ten years and we are now ready to define our future in terms of new/renewed mission and streamlined governance, reflecting who we are and strive to be.

Our governing bodies need to better reflect the diversity of our parishes and their congregations with all opinions and imaginations having voice in who we are becoming as a diocese. Project CREED has begun that process and we want and need everyone to consider playing an active role. This is OUR CHURCH and this is your opportunity to shape it! Please consider becoming a candidate, especially if you never have before!



We are now welcoming nominations of clergy and lay persons for election to membership on various governing bodies and committees of the Diocese. **Information about the positions to be elected at the 154th Diocesan Convention, November 15 & 16 at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, are available on the [diocesan website](#).**



Parish Audit Reports Due September 1

All parishes are reminded that the completed Parish Audit Reports are due in the diocesan office by September 1, 2019.

Diocesan Canon XVII, Section 5 states:

All reports of such audits, including any memorandum issued by the auditors or audit committee regarding internal controls or other accounting matters, together with a summary of action taken or proposed to be taken to correct deficiencies or implement recommendations contained in any such memorandum, shall be filed with the Bishop or Ecclesiastical Authority not later than 30 days following the date of such report, and in no



event, **not later than September 1** of each year covering the financial report of the previous calendar year.

The needed forms and instructions are available in the [Financial & Administrative section](#) of Documents and Forms on our website.

Questions? Contact Kathi Workman, Diocesan Treasurer and Director of Administration, at kworkman@episcopalpgh.org or 412-721-0853 ext. 259



Lay Deputy Certification Forms Due NOW!

As we wind down the busy program year and swing into our summer schedules, it is easy to forget that your lay deputy certification forms **are now overdue!**

A blank form with complete instructions is available online [by clicking here](#). This form must be signed by a Warden OR by two members of the Vestry.

Please contact [Andy Muhl](#) in the diocesan office with any questions.



Call for Convention Resolutions

The Resolutions Committee of Diocesan Council is now accepting items to be considered at our [next diocesan convention](#).

Proposed resolutions may be submitted by any parish or individuals [using this form](#). Each must conform to Robert's Rules of Order and include a short explanation or rationale, as well as contact information for at least two sponsors. An example resolution is on the form.

All proposed resolutions must be submitted no later than September 9, 2019. Submission instructions are on the form.





The Downtown Ministerium and the Allegheny County Department of Human Services are cosponsoring a Poverty Simulation event to be held on Saturday, September 14, from 8:30 AM - 12:00 noon, at First Presbyterian Church, 320 Sixth Avenue.

Poverty Simulations are a unique opportunity to learn more about what our neighbors in need experience every day.

TO SIGN UP:

Contact Christine Hoffman at cgh@flcpittsburgh.org no later than Thursday, September 5.

QUESTIONS?

Contact Pastor Jennifer McCurry at jpm@flcpittsburgh.org



ALLEGHENY COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES



Around the Diocese

Bishop Price's Visitation Schedule:

September 8: St. Michael's, Wayne Township
September 15: St. Thomas, Oakmont
September 22: St. Matthew's, Homestead
September 29: St. Mark's, Johnstown

Parish leadership is reminded to complete and submit [this form](#) at least two weeks in advance of their visitation.



2019 Fall Clergy Conference, Wednesday, September 25 - Friday, September 27, at Antiochian Village and Conference Center, Bolivar, PA. Clergy may [register here](#).

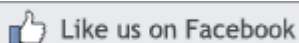


Parting Shot

On July 24, with the consent of the Standing Committee, and in the presence of the Rev. Aidan Smith and the Rev. Canon James Shoucair, Bishop McConnell received the orders from the ACNA of the Rev. William "Biff" Carpenter as a priest in this Church.



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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