



November 26, 2019



Positions Elected by Diocesan Convention

Summary of Voting at the 153rd Diocesan Convention November 15-16, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

The following who agreed to have their names placed into nomination were elected to these diocesan positions:

Elected At-Large:

Board of Trustees:

Dana Phillips, St. Thomas, Oakmont
Sheila Stagnitta, St. Andrew's, Highland Park

Cathedral Chapter:

The Rev. Joseph Baird, St. Peter's, Blairsville
Brandon Cooper, St. Andrew's, Highland Park

Commission on Ministry:

The Rev. Howard Gillette, St. Peter's, Brentwood

Constitution & Canons:

The Rev. Nancy Threadgill, St. Mark's, Johnstown
William Bevin, III, St. Andrew's, Highland Park

Disciplinary Board:

The Rev. James Simons, St Michael's of the Valley, Ligonier
Jean Adams, Calvary, East Liberty
Amy Shelley, St. David's, Peters Twp.

Standing Committee:

The Rev. Jonathon Jensen, Calvary, East Liberty
Steve Stagnitta, St. Andrew's, Highland Park

Deputies to General Convention:

Clergy 1: Rev. James Simons, St. Michael's, Ligonier

Clergy 2: The Rev. Eric McIntosh, St. James, Penn Hills
Clergy 3: The Rev. Canon James Shoucair, Christ Church, North Hills
Clergy 4: The Rev. Jeff Murph, St. Thomas, Oakmont

Lay 1: Jon Delano, St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon
Lay 2: Michael Braxton, Calvary, East Liberty
Lay 3: Jamie McMahon, Calvary, East Liberty
Lay 4: Shahnaz Alam-Denlinger, St. Thomas, Oakmont

Clergy Alternate 1: The Rev. Noah Evans, St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon
Clergy Alternate 2: The Rev. Kris Opat, St. David's, Peters Twp.
Clergy Alternate 3: The Rev. Neil Raman, Calvary, East Liberty
Clergy Alternate 4: The Rev. Nancy Threadgill, St. Mark's, Johnstown

Lay Alternate 1: Lisa Brown, St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon
Lay Alternate 2: Joan Gundersen, Redeemer, Squirrel Hill
Lay Alternate 3: Steve Stagnitta, St. Andrew's, Highland Park
Lay Alternate 4: Martha Shelby, Holy Cross, Homewood

Elected by District:

District 1

Chair: Bruce Quayle, Christ Church, North Hills
Vice-Chair: Eric O'Brien, Christ Church, North Hills
Diocesan Council: Peter Sweet, St. Brendan's, Franklin Park

District 2

Chair: Darrell Powell, St. Thomas, Oakmont
Vice Chair: Frances Dannenberg, Redeemer, Squirrel Hill
Diocesan Council: Martha Shelby, Holy Cross, Homewood
Diocesan Council, open seat: The Rev. Neil Raman, Calvary, East Liberty

District 3

Chair: Daphne Kichta, St. David's, Peters Twp.
Vice-Chair: Amy Shelley, St. David's, Peters Twp.
Diocesan Council: Constance Davis, Atonement, Carnegie
Board of Trustees: Eric Linn, St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon

District 4

Chair: Lionel Deimel, Christ Church, Indiana
Vice Chair: The Rev. Annis Rogers, St. Thomas, Northern Cambria
Diocesan Council: Adam W. Sprinkle, St. Mark's, Johnstown



Bishop McConnell's 2019 Convention Address and Sermon Available

Bishop McConnell's address and sermon from the 154th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh, held on November 15 & 16, 2019, at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, are now available as PDF files for printing and reading or audio files for listening.

Visit www.episcopalpgh.org/bishop-mcconnells-2019-convention-address-and-sermon/



By the Grace of God and with the people consenting,
The Right Reverend Dorsey W. M. McConnell
Bishop of the Diocese of Pittsburgh
On behalf of the Right Reverend William H. Stokes
Bishop of the Diocese of New Jersey
will ordain to the
Sacred Order of Priests
In Christ's One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church

Laura Jennifer Di Panfilo

On Saturday, the Seventh Day of December
Being the Feast of St. Ambrose of Milan
In the Year of Our Lord 2019 at 10:30 in the Morning
In St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Pittsburgh, PA
Your Prayers and Presence are Requested.



Clergy: Red Stoles

Reception follows



St. Paul's Episcopal Church
1066 Washington Road, Mt. Lebanon, PA 15228



Emergency Training Offered

The Emergency Preparedness and Response Committee of the diocese was recently reinvented to assist parishes in preparing for both natural disasters and man-made emergencies.



One of the committee's first steps is to offer *Stop the Bleed* training in collaboration with UPMC to all interested clergy and lay members of the diocese. This training is credited with saving lives after the Tree of Life shootings. *Stop the Bleed* teaches basic bleeding control techniques and provides tools which empower the public to respond to life-threatening medical situations.

WHEN?

Saturday, January 11, 2020, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

WHERE?

Calvary Episcopal Church, 315 Shady Ave, Pittsburgh, 15206

COST?

Freewill donation at the door - for refreshments!

HOW DO I REGISTER?

[Click Here to Register](#)

QUESTIONS?

Contact Tim Austin, Committee Co-Chair at austover@gmail.com

Maximum enrollment: 50



All Women of the Diocese

Are Invited to a
One-Day Advent Reflection

BEING A GOOD NEIGHBOR IN TODAY'S WORLD "JESUS STYLE!"



Trinity Cathedral
Saturday, December 7th, 2019
10:30 am - 2:30 pm

Program Leader: Betty Duckstein
Representative of the Episcopal Social Justice Commission

Sponsored by:
The Order of the Daughters of the King®
[Click here for a printable flyer and registration form.](#)
Registration deadline is December 4, 2019.



Cookie Walk Fundraiser

Not a cookie baker? Don't have time to bake?
Then we have the solution for you.

The bakers of St. Stephen's, Wilkinsburg, will be holding a
Cookie Walk Fundraiser on **December 14th at noon** in the
gymnasium.

You can take a walk along the trays of cookies and decide
which delicious cookies you would like to share with your
holiday guests.



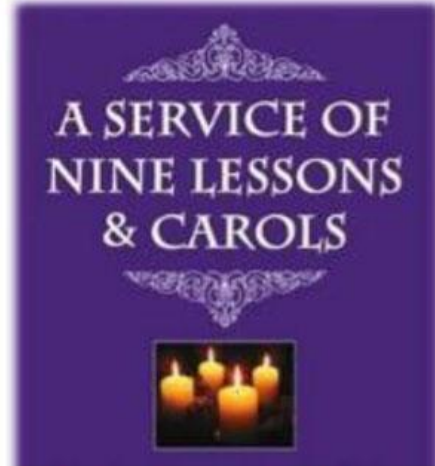
You will be given a container to fill and the cost is \$7.00 for a small container and \$10.00 for a large container.

We also have a specialty items table. Do you need a gift for your child's teacher or for a friend?
Homemade goodies and gifts will be available for purchase.

[St. Stephen's Episcopal Church](#), 600 Pitt St., Pittsburgh, PA 15221



The Jeannette Ministerial Alliance
Cordially invites you to begin your Christmas Season with



Beginning at 2:00 p.m.
On Sunday, December 15, 2019
At The Church of the Advent
51 South First Street
(Juncture of South First Street and Clay and Cuyler Avenues)
Jeannette, PA 15644

Refreshments and Fellowship will follow this joyful
service to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior.



By the Grace of God

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

will ordain

Geoffrey Swenson Royce

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

Saturday, December 21, 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 follows



Commission on Race and Reconciliation Offers Monthly Prayers

The Commission on Race and Reconciliation has developed a series of special prayers calling attention to specific issues still prevalent in our society today that we as a church must be ever mindful of as we work toward making the world a better place for all of God's people. This will be a regular monthly prayer offering.

For compassion and civility towards persons of other religions, particularly when race or ethnicity is a factor:

God of compassion and justice, help us in this age of great division and polarization to learn the art of civil discourse and compassionate listening with those who worship you through other religions; particularly our Jewish, Muslim, and Hindi brothers and sisters. Guide us to recognize your image even in the faces of those who do not remind us of ourselves, looking past our differences to find our common interests and goals, that we may work together to bring healing to a broken world. Amen.



Around the Diocese

Bishop McConnell's Visitation Schedule:

December 1: Holy Cross, Homewood

December 8: Advent, Jeannette

December 15: Advent, Brookline

December 22: Nativity, Crafton

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



Parting Shot

Bishop McConnell confirmed and received a total of forty(!) folks at St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon, during his visitation on Sunday, November 24, 2019.



--Photo courtesy Lisa Brown



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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