



June 27, 2022

A Prayer for General Convention

The General Convention is the governing body of The Episcopal Church. Every three years it meets as a bicameral legislature that includes the House of Deputies and the House of Bishops, composed of deputies and bishops from each diocese.

This year, the General Convention is meeting July 7-11 in Baltimore, MD. Due to Covid, the Convention was postponed from last year and was shortened to four days from its typical length of about 9 days.



Almighty and everliving God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with those who take counsel in the General Convention of the Episcopal Church for the renewal and mission of your Church. Teach us in all things to seek first your honor and glory. Guide us to perceive what is right, and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (Book of Common Prayer, Page 818)



Service at St. John's, Donora

A closing is anticipated next month on the sale of the property that had been home to St. John's Episcopal Church in Donora. Bishop Solak will conduct a brief service of deconsecration there on Wednesday, June 29, at 10:30 a.m. This service is a necessary measure to remove the property from the canonical jurisdiction of the Bishop of Pittsburgh.

St. John's was dedicated and consecrated on September 6, 1925, by the Rt. Rev. Alexander Mann. Bishop Mann also confirmed a class of 37 individuals that day.

Members of the diocese and community are welcome to attend the June 29 service. St. John's is located at 998 Thompson Avenue, Donora, PA 15033. (Note that the building does not have air conditioning and currently does not have running water. Please consider these factors if you are thinking about attending.)



Questions may be directed to Elaine Zevkovich (ezevkovich@episcopalpgh.org) or the Rev. Canon Kimberly Karashin (kkarashin@episcopalpgh.org).



Updated Parish Guide to Grants and Loans

The Parish Guide to Grants and Loans, [available on the diocesan website](#), has been updated.

The 15 page guide contains valuable information about grants and loans for building projects, mission initiatives, clergy support, books & related materials, and historical projects.

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Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh



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Lambeth Conference Planners Set Tone of Unity Over Division for Upcoming Summer Gathering

With the 15th Lambeth Conference scheduled this summer, Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby is seeking to unite the Anglican Communion under common expressions of faith and social engagement, rather than focusing on debates over human sexuality that have divided bishops at past conferences.

“The aim of this conference – which, like all the [Lambeth] conferences, is a very significant moment in the life of the community – is to encourage Anglicans around the world to be looking outwards to the world,” he said in a press conference with conference organizers on June 22. “The church should express its mission and its life of discipleship through engagement with the great challenges that the next 30 or 40 years will impose upon the vast majority of Anglicans, especially those in areas of climate fragility, and political and other fragility.”



The Lambeth Conference, a gathering of bishops from across the Anglican Communion that has taken place about every 10 years since 1867, is being held July 26 to Aug. 8 at the University of Kent in Canterbury, England; Canterbury Cathedral; and Lambeth Palace in London. The conference is one of the three Anglican instruments of communion, in addition to the Primates’ Meeting and the Anglican Consultative Council, the communion’s main policymaking body.

The conference was originally scheduled for the summer of 2020, but postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The conference last met 14 years ago in 2008.

Read more of this story from [Episcopal News Service here](#).



IRS Increases Mileage Rate for Remainder of 2022

In recognition of recent gasoline price increases, the Internal Revenue Service today announced an increase in the optional standard mileage rate for the final 6 months of 2022.

For the final 6 months of 2022, the standard mileage rate for employee business travel will be 62.5 cents per mile, up 4 cents from the rate effective at the start of the year. The new rate for deductible medical or moving expenses (available for active-duty members of the military) will be 22 cents for the remainder of 2022, up 4 cents from the rate effective at the start of 2022. These new rates become effective July 1, 2022.



The IRS normally updates the mileage rates once a year. For travel from Jan. 1 through June 30, 2022, the standard mileage rate is 58.5 cents per mile.

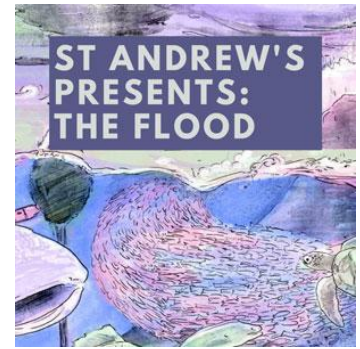
For miles driven in service of charitable organizations, the rate is set by statute and remains unchanged at 14 cents per mile.



St. Andrew's, Highland Park VBS 2022: The Flood

This August, [St. Andrew's, Highland Park](#), is excited to offer Vacation Bible School (VBS)!

Through music, stories, and crafts, kids will learn about their super important role in God's story. They will be diving into the story of Noah, exploring how God protects creation even in the middle of a flood and in a world full of giants. We invite children from kindergarten to fifth grade into the story of giants, the ark, lots of animals, and the first rainbow!



St. Andrew's VBS will run **August 23, 24, and 25 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.** Dinner will be provided each evening.

To register, please contact Fr. Luke Zerra at lukezerra@standrewspgh.org



Around the Diocese



Bishop Solak's Summer Schedule Highlights:

July 6-12: General Convention of the Episcopal Church, Baltimore, MD

July 22-August 8: Lambeth Conference, London, UK

Approaching Deadlines:

The deadlines for submitting the [Bishop's Scholarship Application for Theological Students](#), awarded annually to seminarians and diaconal school students, and the [Bishop's Scholarship for Children of Clergy](#), awarded annually to the children of clergy of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh, are June 30, 2022.



The deadline for parishes to certify their Lay deputies to Diocesan Convention in November is June 30. The certification form can be [found here](#) in both PDF and Word formats.



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