



July 13, 2022

80th General Convention Wrap-up: Shortened, Masked, Tested, Legislated



[Episcopal News Service – Baltimore, Maryland] The 80th General Convention of The Episcopal Church is one for the history books, and not just for the decisions made but also for how the COVID-19 pandemic changed the way the church conducted its business.

The July 8-11 gathering – postponed a year because of COVID-19 and shortened from eight days – conducted what Presiding Bishop Michael Curry had referred to during the planning process as “matters essential for the governance and good order of the church.” Still, 412 resolutions were filed for consideration.

Legislative committees acted on most of the resolutions online before gathering in Baltimore. That cleared the way for the House of Bishops and House of Deputies to devote the in-person gathering only to legislative floor sessions. They passed most of the resolutions in batches through consent calendars. Bishops and deputies had floor debates only on more controversial measures or on actions that they wanted to raise to greater prominence.

The streamlined convention had been scheduled to run until 5 p.m. EDT but both houses finished their work before 1 p.m. on July 11.

[Read the rest of the story from Episcopal News Service here.](#)

Photo: The Rev. Gay Clark Jennings, who ended her term as president of the House of Deputies July 11 as of the end of the 80th General Convention, and Presiding Bishop Michael Curry listen July 10 during the convention's budget presentation. Photo courtesy: Scott Gunn



**ST. BRENDAN'S
PRESENTS**

Memorial to the Lost

Honoring victims of gun violence and their families in Allegheny County.

We come together as one community of faith to remember those lost to gun violence. We also unite to support stronger gun laws and to urge elected officials to take action so that not one more life is lost.

This is a visual and sobering event where we invite you to walk among t-shirts inscribed with names, and ages/dates of death. The t-shirts will be displayed for two weeks, and then travel to other churches.

The Memorial Service will be inside. Masks are required; please bring one with you.

Sunday, July 17 at 3:30 pm

St. Brendan's Episcopal Church
2365 McAleer Rd.
Franklin Park, PA 15143



Memorial designed by
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More Information:
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Diocesan Transitions

Ordination

Bishop Solak ordained **Erin Morey** to the Sacred Order of Deacons during a service at Trinity Cathedral on May 28. Erin graduated from the M.Div. program at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary in May and is continuing to discern a call to the priesthood.

Transfer

The Rev. Deacon Barbara Manzo transferred her canonical residency from the Diocese of Eau Claire (Wisconsin) to the Diocese of Pittsburgh. The transfer was effective on April 14. Deacon Barbara moved to Pittsburgh's Bridgeville community to be closer to family and found a parish home at St. David's, Peter's Township.

Retirements

On June 19, **the Rev. Deacon Christine McIlvaine** served her last Sunday at Christ Church, North Hills. Deacon Christine retired after serving 19 years with the parish, and she intends to remain connected to the Christ Church community.

Canon Treasurer Kathi Workman completed her work for the Diocese on June 30. Kathi had been serving part-time as the diocesan staff's Financial and Administrative Consultant, while helping to orient new Treasurer & Director of Administration **Elaine Zevkovich** to the roles and responsibilities of her position. (Elaine started with the Diocese on April 1.)

Completed Calls

Also on June 30, **the Rev. Canon Dr. Jay Geisler** completed his work as Canon for Recovery Ministries. This precedes his retirement from active parish ministry at St. Peter's, Brentwood, on August 1. Jay+ plans to remain active in addiction and recovery ministries throughout the region.



A Message from Kathi Workman

Dear friends,

A most heart-felt thank you for the many kind expressions of thanks and appreciation I received for my retirement. It was an honor and a joy to work with you as you work tirelessly for God and for His church. As Bishop Ketlen pointed out, I have become an Episcopalian at heart, and I will miss you all.

God's Peace and Blessings,

Kathi



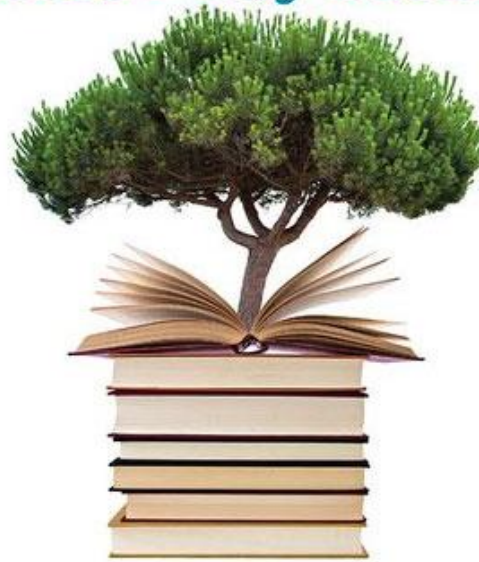
Flea Market in Carnegie

[Church of the Atonement](#), 618 Washington Avenue in Carnegie, is hosting a Flea Market on Saturday, July 16, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Featured items include baby, toddler and teen clothes, highchairs, strollers and many, many other items.



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USED BOOK
SALE

Bestsellers, bibles, cookbooks, hardcovers, nonfiction, novels, paperbacks, softcovers, DVDs, video/audio tapes, and vinyl records too!

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Sunday, August 21
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St. Andrew's, Highland Park VBS 2022: The Flood

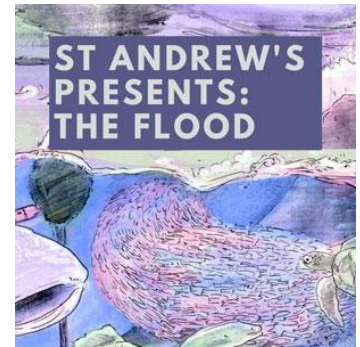
This August, [St. Andrew's, Highland Park](#), is excited to offer Vacation Bible School (VBS)!

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



Diocesan Convention

**The 157th Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh
Friday & Saturday, November 18 & 19, 2022**

The **Resolutions Committee** of Diocesan Council is now accepting items to be considered by the next convention of the diocese. Proposed resolutions may be submitted by any parish or individuals. The required form with submission instructions is available in [PDF](#) or [Word](#).

The convention **Nominating Committee** is looking for candidates for diocesan offices. Any Episcopal parishioner in the diocese can run, and everyone is encouraged to offer their names for consideration. Details are available at www.episcopalpgh.org/wanted-candidates-for-diocesan-offices.

The deadline for parishes to **certify their Lay deputies** to Diocesan Convention in November has passed but the diocesan office is (grudgingly) still accepting the forms. The certification form can be found in both [PDF](#) and [Word](#).

All available details about the Fall convention will be [posted here](#) as information becomes available.



Parting Shot



The full group of lay and clerical deputies and alternates from Pittsburgh in the House of Deputies at the 80th General Convention that met in Baltimore during a Covid-shortened gathering from July 8-11.

Jamie McMahon, chair of the deputation, notes, "Thank you to all those who are giving their time and bringing a perspective from our diocese to the councils of the church. General Convention is a significant commitment and has been particularly challenging in this era of the pandemic."

L to R: The Rev. Neil Raman, Michael Braxton, Jamie McMahon, the Rev. Canon Eric McIntosh, Joan Gundersen, Jon Delano, the Rev. Nancy Threadgill, the Rev. Jeff Murph, the Rev. Kris Opat, and Lisa Brown.



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