



November 15, 2023

Convention Supports Efforts in the Middle East

Thanks to the generosity of all who attended the Convention Eucharist, the offering that was collected to benefit the [Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem](#) totaled \$934. That will be matched by a United Thanks Offering (UTO) [Challenge Grant](#) for a total of \$1,868 going to help churches, schools, medical facilities, and other ministries in the diocese. This contribution will help support their important work across the Middle East through the current heartbreaking conflict.



Election Results The 158th Annual Convention

Board of Trustees

Thomas Moore, Trinity Cathedral, Pittsburgh

Cathedral Chapter

Clergy: The Rev. Dr. Luke Zerra, St. Peter's, Brentwood

Lay: Shawn Brooks, St. Andrew's, Highland Park

Commission on Ministry

Charles W. Atwood, Calvary, East Liberty

Constitution & Canons

Clergy: The Rev. Dr. Julie L. Smith

Lay: Ian Everhart, Calvary, East Liberty

Growth Fund:

Elizabeth Hardie, St. Stephen's, Wilkinsburg

Regional Disciplinary Board

The Rev. Charles Fischer, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

Standing Committee

Clergy: The Rev. Canon Bonnie-Marie Yager-Wiggan, Trinity Cathedral, Pittsburgh

Lay: Eileen Sharbaugh, St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon

Elected by District

District 1

Chair: Maximillion Elliott, Emmanuel, North Side
Vice Chair: Bruce Quayle, Christ Church, North Hills
Board of Trustees: David M. Payne, Trinity Cathedral
Diocesan Council: Bruce Quayle, Christ Church, North Hills

District 2

Chair: Don Block, St. Stephen's, Wilkinsburg
Vice Chair: The Rev. Cameron Soulis, Calvary, East Liberty

District 3

Chair: Denise Peden, St. David's, Peters Twp.
Vice Chair: Jerry Karashin, St. Peter's, Brentwood

District 4

Chair: The Rev. Bill Geiger, Christ Church, Indiana
Vice Chair: Mike Teore, St. Mark's, Johnstown
Board of Trustees: Sean Murphy, St. Michael's, Ligonier



Bishop Ketlen's Convention Address

Nurturing Joy!

Bishop Ketlen's address to convention is available

here: <https://www.episcopalpgh.org/media/2023-Bishops-Convention-Address-11-11-2023.pdf>



Information from the Chair of Our General Convention Deputation

Dear Clergy and People of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh:

I am writing to follow up on my address to diocesan convention on Saturday and speaking on behalf of your deputation to General Convention next year.

The Joint Budget Committee of the Executive Council will hold open hearings via Zoom to receive feedback from the wider church on the 2025-2027 working budget. Register to be a speaker or listener at Zoom hearings on December 9 and 12. In addition, at 4 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 20, the budget committee will hold a Zoom session with the Executive Council. The public is invited to observe the session. Written responses regarding the budget can be emailed to BudgetCommittee@episcopalchurch.org.



For more information or to register, visit: <https://generalconvention.org/budget-committee/>

The General Convention Office has a website with complete information about the 81st General Convention at <https://generalconvention.org/gc81/>

Please get in touch with me at jamie.mcmahon@gmail.com or 412-889-4248 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
Jamie McMahon
Chair, Deputation to the 81st General Convention



Help Us Make Convention Better

For those who attended convention, feedback about your experience this year is important to the Convention Planning Committee.

Please visit <https://www.episcopalpgh.org/2023feedback/>



Around the Diocese



Bishop Ketlen's Visitation Schedule:

November 19: St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon

November 26: St. Andrew's, Highland Park

December 3: Advent, Jeannette

December 10: St. James, Penn Hills

December 17: Atonement, Carnegie

December 24: Advent, Brookline (a.m.)

December 24: Trinity Cathedral (Christmas Eve)

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

To schedule time with Bishop Ketlen, contact Andrea Rath at 412-721-0853, ext. 251, or arath@episcopalpgh.org.

The **Cycle of Prayer** for December 2023 – August 2024 is now [available here](#).

Bishop Ketlen's **Visitation Schedule** for December 2023 – June 2024 is [available here](#).



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