



CALLING ALL YOUTH! Programs especially for you take place during these meetings. Join Aimee Bostwick and meet youth from all around your convocation!

Dates and Times

- Oct 5
Lynchburg Convocation
St. Paul's, Lynchburg, 2:30--4:30
- Oct 12
Roanoke Convocation
Trinity, Moneta, 2:30--4:30
- Oct 19
Abingdon Convocation
St. Thomas, Abingdon, 2:30--4:30
- Oct 26
New River Convocation
Christ, Blacksburg 3:00--5:00
- Nov 2
Augusta Convocation
Emmanuel, Covington, 3:00--5:00

Fall Mission Days

- **Discuss the needs and opportunities of the diocese for the upcoming year**
- **Elect, or nominate for election at Council, candidates for leadership positions**
- **Hear the Bishop's vision for the diocese**



Please review these materials in advance of the meeting.

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Agenda

- Opening (5 min.)
 - Call to Order: Convocation President
 - Opening Prayer: Convocation Dean
 - Opening Hymn: *All Are Welcome* v. 1--3
 - Welcome: The Rt. Rev. Neff Powell
- Bishop's Vision for the Diocese (5 min.)
- Convocation Conversations (60 min.)
 - Bishop's Vision
facilitated by Neff Powell
 - Ministry and Leadership
facilitated by Alan Boyce and John Hall
 - Sharing Convocation and Council News
facilitated by Evans House Staff
- Elections and Nominations (10 min.)
- Long Range Plan Follow-Up: Members of the Executive Board Committee (5 min.)
- Announcements (15 min.)
 - Report from the Millennium Development Goals Committee
 - Disaster Preparedness: Bill Lindsay
 - Vestry Feedback on Diocesan Programs: Members Of Executive Board
 - Post-Meeting Response Forms
- Closing (5 min.)
 - Closing Prayer: Convocation Dean
 - Closing Hymn: *All Are Welcome*; v. 4--5



Hospitality follows the meeting.

Convocations will sing verses 1, 2 and 3 to open the meeting and verses 4 and 5 to close.

ALL ARE WELCOME

TWO OAKS
Marty Haugen



1. Let us build a house where love can dwell and
2. Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and
3. Let us build a house where love is found in
4. Let us build a house where hands will reach be -
5. Let us build a house where all are saved, their



all can safe - ly live. A place where saints and
words are strong and true. Where all God's chil - dren
wa - ter, wine and wheat; A ban - quet hall on
yond the wood and stone. To heal and strength - en,
songs and vi - sions heard And loved and treas - ured,



chil - dren tell how hearts learn to for -
dare to seek to dream God's reign a -
bo - ly ground, where peace and jus - tice
serve and teach, and live the Word they've
taught and claimed as words with - in the



give. Built of hopes and dreams and vi - sions, rock of
sew. Here the cross shall stand as wit - nesses - and as
meet. Here the love of God, through Je - sus, is re -
known. Here the out - cast and the stran - ger bear the
Word. Built of tears and cries and laugh - ter, prayers of



faith and vault of grace, Here the love of Christ shall
sym - bol of God's grace; Here as one we claim the
veiled in time and space, As we share in Christ the
in - age of God's face, Let us bring an end to
faith and songs of grace. Let this house pro - claim from

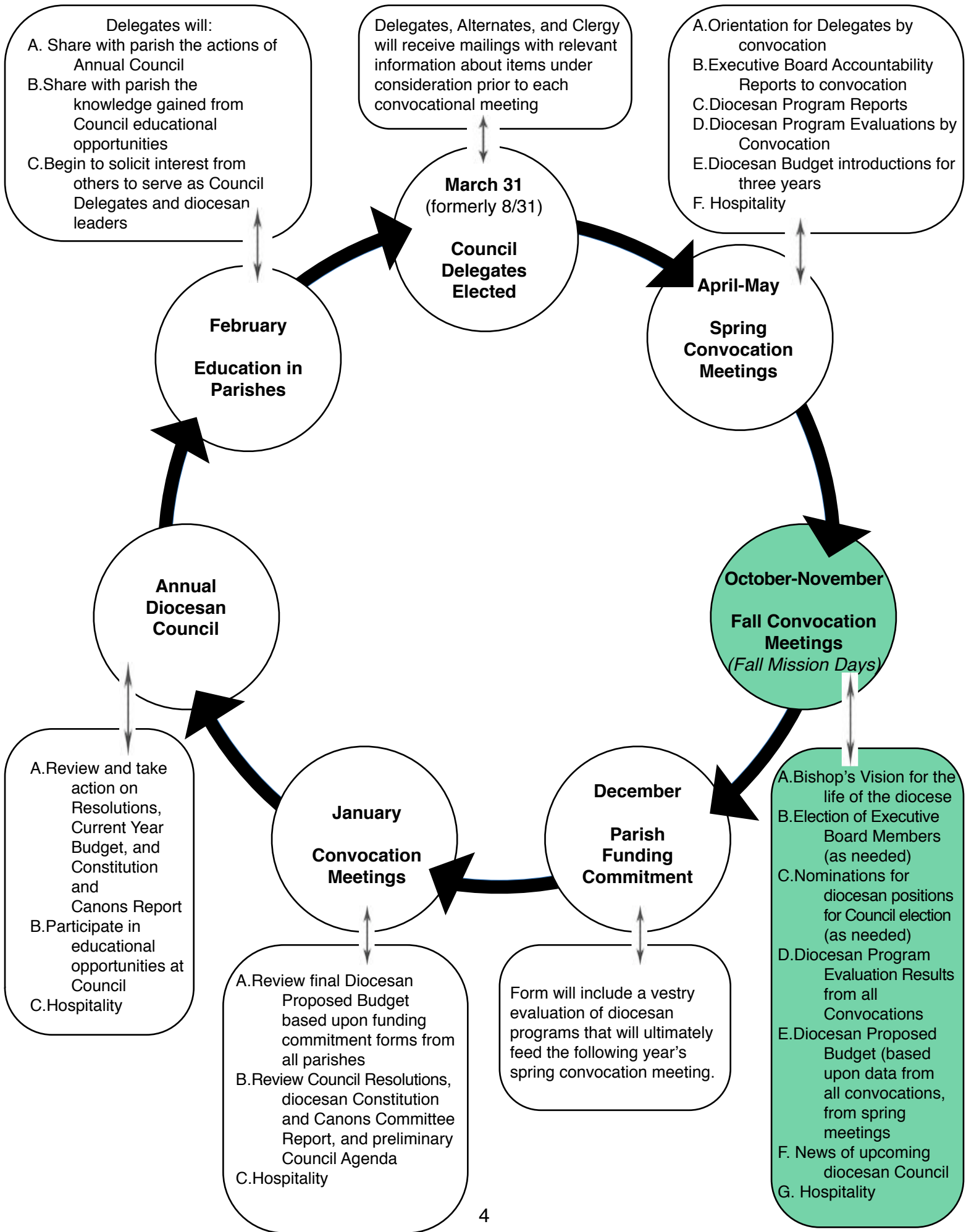


end di - vi - sions;
faith of Je - sus;
fear that frees us; } All are wel - come, all are wel - come,
fear and dan - ger;
floor to raft - er;



all are wel - come in this place.

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Incumbents

(positions to be elected or nominated at 2008 Fall Mission Days)

Bold Italics indicate term ending at the close of Annual Council 2009.

Deans

Abingdon Convocation

The Very Rev. Russ Hatfield

Augusta Convocation

The Very Rev. Kim Webster

Lynchburg Convocation

The Very Rev. Dr. Doug Wigner

New River Convocation

The Very Rev. Vickie Houk

Roanoke Convocation

The Very Rev. Richard Fife

Standing Committee

2009

Frances Marshall

(Lynchburg Convocation)

The Very Rev. Dr. Doug Wigner

(Lynchburg Convocation)

2010

Ernest Holley (Augusta Convocation)

The Very Rev. Russ Hatfield (Abingdon Convocation)

2011

The Rev. Karen Kelly (Lynchburg Convocation)

Emily Cox (Augusta Convocation)

Ecclesiastical Trial Court

2009

The Rev. Michael Sullivan (Lynchburg Convocation)

2010

Bill Kershner (Lynchburg Convocation)

The Rev. Christopher Heying (Lynchburg Convocation)

2011

The Rev. Jonathan Harris (Roanoke Convocation)

Dr. Bill Kappes (Augusta Convocation)

Provincial Synod Deputies

Clergy Deputies

The Rt. Rev. Neff Powell, Bishop

The Rev. Judy Parrish (Lynchburg Convocation)

First Clergy Alternate

The Rev. Dr. John Lane (Augusta Convocation)

Second Clergy Alternate

The Rev. Dr. Robert Copenhaver (Roanoke Convocation)

Lay Deputies

Jack Barrow (Abingdon Convocation)

Gay Eure (Roanoke Convocation)

Lay Alternate

Tam Thomas (Abingdon Convocation)

Please note: Although there are no Executive Board elections this fall, there have been changes in membership since the Spring Convocation meetings:

The Rev. Dr. Chris Mason replaces The Rev. Ray Moore in representing the Abingdon Convocation and will be eligible for re-election in 2010.

The Rev. Connie Jackson replaces The Rev. Dawn Frankfurt in representing the Augusta Convocation and will be eligible for re-election in 2010.

The Rev. Kathy Chase replaces The Rev. Michael Sullivan in representing the Lynchburg convocation and will be eligible for re-election in 2010.

See the full list of Executive Board members on page 18, Appendix F.

Election and Nomination Worksheet

ELECTIONS (at Fall Mission Day)	Name of ELECTED
Dean	
President	<i>No election in 2008.</i>
Executive Board Lay Member	<i>No election in 2008.</i>
Executive Board Clergy Member	
NOMINATIONS (one per convocation: to be elected at Council)	Name of NOMINEE
Standing Committee Lay Member	
Standing Committee Clergy Member	
Ecclesiastical Court Lay Member	
Ecclesiastical Court Clergy Member	
Provincial Synod Lay Deputy	
Provincial Synod Clergy Deputy	
General Convention Lay Deputy	<i>During Fall Mission Days 2007, Deputies and Alternates were elected for the 76th General Convention, to be held in 2009.</i>
General Convention Clergy Deputy	
General Convention Lay Alternate	
General Convention Clergy Alternate	
United Thank Offering Coordinator (Runner-up serves as Assistant UTO Coordinator)	<i>No election in 2008.</i>

Nominees to Diocesan Office



If you are nominated for office at your Fall Convocation meeting, please complete and return this form to Evans House by fax, mail, or email, **no later than November 19, 2008**. In addition, please email a digital head-and-shoulders photo of yourself.

Position for which you have been nominated: _____

Your Name: _____

Your Parish and Town: _____

To help us get to know you, briefly describe an example of God's touch in your life through your personal involvement in ministry.

In thirty words or less: if elected, what gifts would you bring to the office?

Email: cwills@dioswva.org
Fax: 540-343-9114
Mail: Fold, tape, and stamp this page; no envelope is needed.



Remove this page and fill out the reverse side.
Fold on the lines so that the diocesan office address is showing. Tape closed.
Stamp and mail. No envelope is needed

Evans House
PO Box 2279
Roanoke, VA 24009

Place
Stamp
Here

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2009 MINISTRY REQUEST SUMMARY

MINISTRY AREA	2008 BUDGET	2009 REQUEST
BISHOP MARMION RESOURCE CENTER/EDUCATION CONSORTIUM	\$3,000	\$4,000
CHANCELLOR	\$750	\$750
COMMISSION ON MINISTRY (tied to Seminarian Support below)	\$5,500	\$850
<i>CONNECTIONS</i>	\$8,000	\$8,000
CONGREGATIONAL TRANSITION AND DEVELOPMENT	\$17,181	\$17,272
<i>EPIPHANY/EPIPHANY IN THE PEW</i>	\$15,400	\$22,000
GRACE HOUSE LEARNING AND TRAINING CENTER	\$4,500	\$4,700
HIGHER EDUCATION MINISTRIES	\$56,200	\$55,500
MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS COMMITTEE	None	\$300
OUTREACH (includes ministries listed below)	\$188,200	follows formula
O DIOCESAN INSTITUTIONS	\$400	\$400
O EPISCOPAL APPALACHIAN MINISTRIES	\$6,000	\$6,000
O EXECUTIVE COUNCIL QUOTA TO THE WIDER CHURCH	\$161,300	follows formula
O MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS	\$8,500	.7% of budget
O ORDINATION EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT (Seminarian Support)	\$10,000	\$15,000
O VIRGINIA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES	\$2,000	\$2,000
PROGRAM GRANTS (includes ministries listed below)	\$33,500	\$76,170
PG CHAPLAIN SERVICE OF THE CHURCHES OF VIRGINIA, INC.	*\$6,000	\$10,000
PG COMPANIONS FOR MISSION	\$13,750	\$22,000
PG DAUGHTERS OF THE KING	\$1,000	\$1,500
PG ECUMENICAL MINISTRIES	\$2,200	\$3,685
PG EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY	\$1,500	\$1,500
PG PHOEBE NEEDLES CENTER	\$8,250	\$24,000
PG PRAYER CALENDAR	\$300	\$300
PG RIVER ADVENTURE PROGRAM	\$5,000	\$6,500
PG SMALL(ER) CHURCH MINISTRY	\$1,500	\$1,500
PG VIRGINIA INTERFAITH CENTER FOR PUBLIC POLICY	**(\$110)	
SECRETARY	\$225	\$225
STANDING COMMITTEE	\$360	\$360
TREASURER	\$180	\$180
WEBSITE SERVICES	\$6,700	\$6,700
YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY	None	\$20,000
YOUTH MINISTRIES	\$36,000	\$42,000
TOTAL	\$375,696	To be determined

*\$5,000 from Outreach Grant and \$1,000 from Bishop's Discretionary Fund

**\$110 from Bishop's Discretionary Fund

Budget Commentary

Alan Boyce, Diocesan Deputy for Administration
October, 2008

"It was a dark and stormy night," What a great line! What an opener for a story! The Good News thankfully is that we do know by our faith that the sun will come out as well. Many a time hiking on the Appalachian Trail for many weeks in a row, I have witnessed the sun and the rain clouds in a mighty and cosmic battle over who would rule the hour and the day. Despite the rain, I knew that the sun would come out. Enjoy the sun, I would say to myself, because I knew eventually that it was going to rain. (Read on to discover what the "Itsy Bitsy Spider" song and our new diocesan Delegate Participation Cycle have in common when we sing and participate within Resolution #9 of the 88th annual Council.)

As I write this, the economic news is sounding rather bleak. Great storm clouds are gathering. The smiley faced VIPs you see on television every day that get to ring the closing

bell on Wall Street no longer have that happy expression from a good stirred, but not shaken, martini. Rather they have that same look of the deer in the headlights that I witness on my many travels to and from the Phoebe Needles Center. The paid television pundits are clearing their throats and offering up all sorts of pundatious (my word) and well lobbed and lobbied opinions about what is happening. At least one Executive Board member cautioned us three times in one recent meeting to "be careful, things are looking bleak." I look up often to see if the sky really is falling.

"A budget is a plan for the allocation of financial commitments to mission and ministry," says Terry Parsons. She has come to visit us three times in as many years to coach and coax the people of this diocese about the abundance that is among us. As the direct result of former funding shortfalls in our diocese, we all

collectively recognized that we had a thing or two to learn about stewardship. Thus, we held our second Annual Stewardship Development Institute at the Phoebe Needles Center this past August 16. Thirteen of our parishes sent representatives to this diocesan offering.

The thing I like best about Terry Parsons is her courage and her passionate conviction that good ministry is to be supported. She is fearless when she challenges us to seek the higher road of recognizing and achieving abundance rather than the low and scary road of giving into and settling for scarcity.

This spring (and last spring as well), delegates to diocesan Council received a lot of specific information about the mission and ministries of our diocese. This year in particular we heard more from those that receive grants from the Program



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-- Terry Parsons

Grants Committee (because that is what you asked for last spring). Last year, we heard more from our Youth Ministries, our Bishop Marmion Resource Center, the Phoebe Needles Camp and Conference Center, Grace House on the Mountain, and our Higher Education Ministries.

Our new Delegate Participation Cycle provides us with a much higher level of information sharing about mission and ministry in the diocese. Delegates are elected earlier so that they may learn about diocesan mission and ministry in the spring, fall, and January Convocation meetings leading up to annual Diocesan Council January 23-25, 2009. This cycle is spun so that we may ALL learn and share our personal interest in collective mission and ministry. The cycle is spinning understanding forward from generation to generation.

And . . . here we are in the place in the cycle where it is time to actually receive financial commitments to our diocesan budget. Parish financial commitments to these and other diocesan ministries are due no later than December 15.

We have a guide to help us with the amount of our financial commitment. The 88th annual Council of the Diocese passed Resolution 9, suggesting minimum levels of giving for parishes. Based upon a parish's budget size, the suggested level of giving to the diocese is set at 10.00%, 12.00% or 14.00%.

A tremendous amount of time and effort was spent on the development of this resolution (the better part of a year in the making). An earlier version of the resolution called for the appropriate percentage to be applied to a SINGLE year of parochial report data. Wise leaders suggested that the appropriate

percentage be applied to an average of THREE years of parochial report data in order to smooth out the bumps in the road that parishes and the diocese might feel in these changing times. Right now, things feel bumpy. I'm glad we chose to average out those numbers.

Page 9 of the fall convocation booklet makes reference to the 2009 ministry requests of our diocesan ministries. There is a supplemental booklet, entitled "2009 Ministry Requests," that has already been prepared for and received by the Executive Board. I note with great excitement that we have a new budget item for 2009. We now have the opportunity to walk the talk that we began several years ago. We have a \$20,000 funding request for Young Adult Ministries. The Ministry Requests booklet will also be available online at www.dioswva.org.

Additionally, surveyors of the budget details might want to note that the 2009 health insurance rates will increase 9.00% over 2008's rates, and the Personnel Committee of the Executive Board has just recommended, and the Executive Board approved, a 4.50% cost of living increase advisory for the staff in the diocesan budget and as an advisory to our parishes in their budget deliberations.

Ponder this. Pledges to the 2008 diocesan budget total \$857,428. What might be possible for 2009 based upon Resolution #9? Doing the math from the past historical data years of 2004, 2005 and 2006, we could anticipate pledges that would total \$941,150.

Now it is your turn as leaders of our diocese. The cycle calls for your parish to make a financial commitment to the mission and ministry of the diocese. Please go back to your vestry and prayerfully consider how God is calling your parish to support our diocesan life.

With that information in hand, the Executive Board will exercise its leadership and prepare a plan for the allocation of your financial commitments at the January 3, 2009, meeting. The resulting proposed budget, both detail and summary, will be distributed to delegates for preliminary discussion at January convocation meetings, prior to the 90th annual Council to be held January 23-25, 2009.

Terry ParsonS would challenge us to "rebuke scarcity and embrace abundance." Thus, despite this "dark and stormy night," the "Itsy Bitsy Spider" and the Delegate Participation Cycle lived happily ever after. . . .

If parishes give in accordance with Resolution 9, we will have an additional \$80,000 in pledged income with which to do ministry in 2009.

Participants at spring convocation meetings listened to presentations from many of the recipients of diocesan program grants. They then gathered in small groups to answer three questions about each program presented:

- 1. What do you find valuable about each ministry area?*
- 2. What more would you like to see from each area of ministry?*
- 3. What resources would be needed to achieve this growth?*

Following is a summary of answers.

Companions for Mission

"C4M" keeps us informed and feeling connected with our companion diocese. It reminds us that we are part of the larger church, focuses us, putting "flesh" on the prayer cycle.

We need feedback on what we have done and how to be more involved. Publicize the work of C4M and encourage Prayer Calendar use. We'd like to hear more about projects going on in Sudan and more about how linked parishes interact. Delegates need to keep congregations aware of international visitors and opportunities to interact.

This will take time and commitment, information and communication, organization, and feedback. Highlight C4M in **Epiphany in the Pew**. Send people to Sudan so mission work can continue on return.

Daughters of the King

This valuable ministry offers prayer and thoughts for those in need. It's a spiritual outlet for women. Junior DOK is a great opportunity for ecumenical efforts. DOK are good representatives in the community. They are well organized. We value their prayers, new life of service, assistance to clergy, and their passion for serving.

We would like to see the opportunity for more chapters and a workshop at Council.

We should continue funding and find inspired women to mentor. The Education Consortium and Resource Center could encourage and inform about DOK; speakers could visit parishes.

Ecumenical Ministries

The information on our ecumenical parishes was good. Together we can do so much. There are many programs out in the community. Ecumenical ministry emphasizes commonality. The call to common mission leads to awareness of the different names on the door, accountability, prayer support, Lenten programs.

Encourage outreach to other small churches. We need more information locally or regionally and to have ecumenical parishes share these stories.

Remind each other about ecumenical ministries and list Lutheran supply clergy in Connections. Perhaps a local ecumenical congregation might present a program on how to begin or we could have more ecumenical guests at council. Music is common ground. On a convocational level, we could offer EFM, prison ministry, etc., to develop more mission imperatives. Suggest getting involved with historically black churches to develop local partnerships. We need more bodies involved.

Education for Ministry

EFM makes one take a longer, deeper look at beliefs. EFM graduates can preach on Sundays when there's no priest. We like the bargain rates due to fees paid by the diocese. EFM builds awareness of how much we minister in our daily lives. EFM reaches outside the Episcopal denomination and expands our view on personal ministry. Greater understanding of our church's past and how it is the same today promotes more participation in churches.

Time and travel costs can be problems. Continue financial support and promote in community. Increase publicity and share information on who is involved.

Prison Chaplaincy

This under-funded but important ministry is obedient to the gospel. Program speaks to a need, especially with increasing numbers of prisoners.

Get more people involved in visiting and letter-writing. Find more money for this. Get information on how to get approved for this work. It will take time, talent, and treasure.

River Adventure Program

Parish trips—didn't realize we could do this! This can keep youth and teens engaged. We value the emphasis on water craft and safety. They seem to have it all together!

Advertise more; do trips on other rivers

Small(er) Church Work

This is critical for rural areas. We like the honoring small churches for the work they do, the sharing of ideas, and the support network.

Set a time for big churches to visit small ones and establish links within the diocese. Get together outside of Council to get to know one another. Share youth programs. Collect email addresses. Pool resources to send representatives to conferences who can come back and lead workshops for convocations.

A fourth question considered was:

4. In what other ministry areas would you like to see the diocese become involved?

Disciples of Christ in Community, Clergy Development Institute, active radical integration in our parishes, promotion of college and prison ministries. ministry to mentally ill, mission trips overseas, and "Happening."

Add videoconferencing and blogs.

Kudos to the wide variety of ministries!

The **Abingdon Convocation** rated their Spring Convocation meeting Very Worthwhile. The meeting was seen as well-organized, starting on time, and moving smoothly. Those attending liked the budget information and small group discussion, and felt that overall communications are greatly improved. Learning about the program grant recipients, hearing the Bishop's explanation of the Delegate Process Cycle, visiting a new area of the convocation, and meeting folks from other churches were also praised.

Suggestions for change included filing reports online and providing email addresses. One person suggested not having small groups. Another asked that people not have private conversations during presentations.

Participants would like to know more about how to grow a congregation, a detailed update on current diocesan budget, Cursillo in our diocese, prison ministry, educational offerings at Kanuga and Phoebe Needles, Daughters of the King, and ways to connect with program grants.

The **Augusta Convocation** rated the meeting equally Worthwhile, Very Worthwhile, and Extremely Worthwhile. One person considered it Somewhat Worthwhile. Participants liked the discussion of programs receiving grants. They appreciated that the meeting was well-organized, congenial, and positive. Getting to know others and the opportunity to talk in small groups were also mentioned. The three-year budget presentation was rated "A+—Best I've ever heard!"

Suggestions for change included packaging reports in a more engaging way, audio amplification for presenters, and not reading the reports aloud. Others would like to see time added to the meeting for local parishes to share programs that are successful and for the meeting to be shortened by thirty minutes. Sitting at tables was also suggested.

Participants asked to learn more about the pairing of companion parishes in

the Diocese of Bradford and Sudan, upcoming budget issues, more succinct reports from programs, progress on the MDGs in our diocese throughout the national church, Ecumenical efforts, prison ministry, and ways to explain diocesan programming to the parish. One person noted that she was thankful for the youth component of the convocation meeting.

The majority of the **Lynchburg Convocation** found the meeting Very Worthwhile. Those attending liked receiving the booklet in advance, the format of the meeting, and having a time frame. They enjoyed the reports by Program Grant recipients, the fellowship and food, and the sharing of ideas in small groups.

Suggestions for change included smaller groups, no groups, and more time in groups. One person suggested not reading reports in the booklet aloud, presenting salient points for each ministry where help is most needed. Another would like to start the meeting earlier.

Participants asked to learn more about future dates (to get them on the calendar sooner), Ecumenical Ministries, maintaining our contact with the Diocese of Bradford, diocesan progress with the MDG's, and how to get information received at the meeting to individual congregations.

The **New River Convocation** overwhelmingly found their meeting to be Extremely Worthwhile. They liked the fellowship, the overview of programs receiving grants, and the discussion in small groups. Having the materials in the booklet emailed in advance and then being given a printed copy at the meeting was very helpful.

Suggestions included extra time for discussion, more time for small groups and eliminating discussion groups. One person suggested changing the meeting date. Another thought presenters should be asked to answer three questions—who participates, how to get more information, and what is the mission of the program.

Participants would like to know more about education, Ecumenical Ministry,

Education for Ministry, other delegates, and communication techniques for getting information out efficiently to congregation. One person would like to know what the future of the church might look like and how we might now begin to prepare for it.

The **Roanoke Convocation** rated the meeting Extremely Worthwhile and Very Worthwhile. Participants liked the good energy, positive outlook, commitment of those involved, the thoroughness of the information and how to find out more. They enjoyed the presentations and small groups, and felt the meeting was well organized. One person appreciated that the focus on Program Grant recipients grew out of convocational requests, and another appreciated "our rector's involvement." The good food and beautiful setting were also praised, as was the presence of the youth.

Suggestions included having a food break in the middle of the meeting and having hospitality after the meeting. One person would allow more time for the meeting, and one would like to shorten the time spent in discussion groups. Another would like speakers to condense reports, and others wished that all committees had been represented and/or discussed.

Participants asked to learn more about Ecumenical Ministry, Companions for Mission, Daughters of the King, Education for Ministry, and Prison Chaplaincy. Ways for interest groups to communicate with one another were seen as helpful. There was also an interest in how small churches might combine their programs. One person wanted to know the specific current funding for each mission areas, as well as which ones are staffed by volunteers and which by paid staff. New delegates wanted to know more about expectations of them at Council.

Following the meetings, those people who signed their names to the post-meeting response forms and requested more information or answers to questions were contacted by Evans House staff.

Young Adults, Youth, and Children @Council



~ celebrating "ubuntu" ~
the sense of caring, sharing and
being in harmony with all of creation

Youth@Council

"I am because we are."

Each year, as parish delegates come together for the diocesan Annual Council, young people from these parishes gather for a weekend of fellowship, mission, education, and worship.

Youth@Council is an opportunity for more than one hundred sixth through twelfth graders to share youth-led small groups, workshops, and incredible worship opportunities, making new friends and renewing old friendships along the way.

Youth@Council will be held from Friday evening through Sunday morning. Sleeping bags and comfortable clothes will be needed, along with toiletries and a towel. Musical instruments and journals are optional and welcomed.

Watch our webpage for more information about Youth@Council, or email Aimee Bostwick at abostwick@dioswva.org.

Young Adults@Council

- Spend time with young adults from across the diocese;
- Take part in workshops and learn about faith issues;
- Observe the work of the diocese in action;
- Make new friends and new memories;
- Find out what is going on in the lives of people just like you—and in the lives of people who are nothing like you.

Young Adults@Council overnights at Christ, Roanoke, on Friday and Saturday. Daytime and evening events are being planned.

For more information, or to learn how you can become involved in Council,

contact Erin Harden:
eharden221@gmail.com





YES! I want to help support Children@Council!

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Parish and Town _____

The Diocese of Southwestern Virginia invites YOU
--infants through 5th graders to Children@Council
--6th-12th graders to Youth@Council, and
--adults age 18-30 to Young Adults@Council

Children@Council

Children of clergy and lay delegates or alternates are invited to participate in Children@Council while their families are at work on diocesan business during the Council weekend of January 23–25, 2009.



Children@Council is staffed by volunteers, funded by donations, and offered at no cost. Children from preschool through fifth grade will enjoy a Vacation Bible School format of activities. A nursery will be offered for children from birth to age three. Both programs will have age-appropriate opportunities to share in stories, worship, crafts, and outreach.

It is essential that participating children be pre-registered for Children@Council so that there will be sufficient food, supplies, and helpers. Pre-registration also allows us to tailor the program to the ages of those actually attending. Please pre-register by emailing the name and age of participants to svance@mail.mcps.org. Sally Vance will follow up with parents for full registration prior to Council.

Volunteers are needed to help lead and coordinate activities. Volunteers set up, clean up, read, lead activities and games, play, and worship with the children, choosing the type of work and amount of time each is able to contribute. Financial donations from parishes and individuals are also needed.

Let Sally Vance know if you're interested in being part of this unique ministry with our youngest Episcopalians during Council 2009, and help support delegates and clergy in their work for the diocese.

I would like to help by volunteering:
(describe briefly)

- I would like to help financially:
(choose all that apply)
- All Friday dinners \$125
 - All Saturday breakfasts \$ 75
 - All Saturday lunches \$125
 - All Saturday dinners \$125
 - T-Shirt for one child \$ 10
 - Art supplies/bag (one child) \$ 20
 - Meals and Snacks (one child) \$ 25
 - Weekend costa (one child) \$ 75
 - Other (please describe) _____
_____ \$ _____

- May we thank you in **Connections?**
- Would you like a receipt mailed to you?

Please return form and any checks to
C@C Sponsorship
PO Box 2279
Roanoke, VA 24009

"Whoever receives one such child in His name receives me." Matthew 8:1



Thank you for your support!

Saturday@Council

January 24, 2009

Hotel Roanoke & Conference Center

Help us get the word out:

**Saturday@Council
is for everyone!**

Saturday@Council is a time for people from all around the diocese to gather at the Hotel Roanoke with delegates and alternates to participate in this uplifting and educational piece of Council.

Saturday@Council begins with **morning devotions** in the ballroom at 9:00, followed by the **keynote address**. This year's keynote speaker will be **The Very Rev. Dr. Ian Markham**, fourteenth dean and president of Virginia Theological Seminary.

A coffee break follows the keynote address, and then the **workshops** begin. Your Education Consortium is hard at work planning a variety of workshops encompassing pastoral

care, social justice, spiritual growth, stewardship, and more. A complete list will be sent to parishes in mid-November, with instructions on when and how to register.

There will be a **lunch break** after the morning workshop sessions. Delegates and Alternates have lunch included as part of their registration fee. Folk who come for Saturday@Council have a variety of options: bring a bag lunch, walk across the covered bridge to the Roanoke City Market, or order a lunch ticket in advance for the Council luncheon with delegates and others.

Following lunch, the **second session of workshops** begins. Council business resumes after workshops, with **the Bishop's Address**. Saturday@Council participants are welcome to stay.

There is no charge for Saturday@Council. It is **a gift** of the diocese to you. Be aware of incidental expenses, such as parking in the parking lot, lunch, books and other treasures you find at the Council Bookstore (brought to us by the folk at Education/Liturgy Resources in Oxford, NC).

We recommend arriving at the Hotel Roanoke by 8:30 that morning in order to park and pick up your Saturday@Council name tag and information.

Saturday@Council participants may register children for Children@Council, if space permits. Please pre-register as described on page 15 by emailing Sally Vance at svance@mail.mcps.org.

See you Saturday@Council!

An Educational Opportunity For All



"We have work to do. We need to be alert, attentive, and ready to serve; we need to learn the necessary skills for faithful discipleship; and we need to make spending time with God the absolute priority. We need to allow God to structure our priorities and enable us to live as God has called us to be. We need to seize every opportunity to be transformed by God's grace."

**--The Rev. Dr. Ian Markham
Keynote Speaker for Council 2009
from the Welcome Sermon for the Class of 2011
August 11, 2008**

Appendix F: 2008 Executive Board (terms expire at the end of Council in the year indicated)

(Appendices A--E are found in the 2009 Spring Convocation Booklet)

	Clergy	Lay
Abingdon	2010 Chris Mason * 2011 Vince Carroll (Dean- Russ Hatfield)	Emily Edmondson Barbara Hargroves, President
Augusta	2010 Connie Wolfe Jackson * 2011 David Cox (Dean- Kim Webster)	Nick Moga, President Mamie Meyers
Lynchburg	2010 Kathy Chase * 2011 Todd Vie (Dean- Doug Wigner)	Glenn Updike, President Max Guggenheimer
New River	2010 Vickie Houk (Dean) 2011 Scott West	Bob Miller * Duane Martin, President
Roanoke	2010 Ellen Hanckel 2011 John Gardner (Dean- Richard Fife)	Bob Pohlad, President Robin Claytor

* Filling an unexpired term. Eligible for re-election to a full term

Ex officio members:

Neff Powell, Bishop

Mark Loftis, Chancellor

John Hall, Treasurer

Alan Boyce, Secretary

Kim Nowlin, Youth Representative – 1-year term

Grace Aheron, Youth Representative – 1-year term

Catherine Mohr, Youth Representative – 1-year term

Appendix G: Executive Board Committees

(Appendices A--E are found in the 2009 Spring Convocation Booklet)

Finance Committee

John Hall, Chair
Robin Claytor Barbara Hargroves
Vickie Houk Bob Miller ¹
Glenn Updike

- * Solicit budgetary input from diocesan programs and committees
- * Work closely with the Executive Board Program Grants and Personnel Committees in matters related to the budget
- * Prepare annual budget for Council consideration
- * Review monthly financial reports of the diocese
- * Monitor status of pledges and other income items
- * Review parish audit reports

Personnel Committee

Ellen Hanckel, Chair
Emily Edmondson Nick Moga
Todd Vie Scott West

- * Annually review diocesan minimum clergy compensation chart and make recommendations for adjustments
- * Receive petitions from parishes relative to variances from diocesan clergy compensation guidelines
- * Recommend annual cost-of-living increase to Finance Committee and parishes
- * Review compensation of diocesan staff and make recommendations for adjustments
- * Review diocesan staff policy and procedures from time to time related to revisions
- * Work closely with the diocesan Finance Committee in development of the diocesan budget

Outreach Grants Committee

John Gardner, Chair
Connie Wolfe Jackson ², Chris Mason ³
Max Guggenheimer Kathy Chase ⁴

- * Review and approve grants from the Outreach fund
- * Make recommendation prior to the September meeting to the Executive Board as to the recipient of the annual St. Nicholas Day Offering

Program Grants Committee

Bob Pohlada, Chair
Vince Carroll David Cox
Duane Martin Mamie Meyers
Youth Representative(s)

- * Budget input from diocesan programs that receive funding from the Program Grants budget
- * Serve as the Executive Board liaison to the work of the Small(er) Church Planning Committee
- * Be informed of the ministry of diocesan programs and select a program to feature at every Executive Board meeting
- * Work closely with the diocesan Finance Committee in development of the diocesan budget

Long Range Plan Follow-Up Committee

Bob Miller, Chair
Robin Claytor David Cox
Emily Edmondson Glenn Updike

- * Evaluate the implementation of the Long Range Plan by interview and observation
- * Report findings to Executive Board at each meeting

1-Takes the position of Tom Hammett whose term expires 2010

2-Takes the position of The Rev. Dawn Frankfurt whose term expires 2010

3-Takes the position of The Rev. Ray Moore whose term expires 2010

4-Takes the position of The Rev. Michael Sullivan whose term expires 2010

Abingdon Convocation

Lay Delegates

Jack Barrow
Abingdon - St. Thomas

Barbara Hargroves
Abingdon - St. Thomas

Joan Short
Big Stone Gap - Christ

Ron Short
Big Stone Gap - Christ

Michael Lilly
Bluefield - St. Mary

Homer McCoy
Bluefield - St. Mary

Jane Copenhaver
Bristol - Emmanuel

Nat Copenhaver
Bristol - Emmanuel

Linda Riley
Bristol - Emmanuel

Henry Brant
Marion - Christ

Ellen G. Corbett
Marion - Christ

Michael Donathan
Norton - All Saints

Preston Mitchell
Norton - All Saints

Mary Ann White
Pocahontas - Christ

Sherry Bright
Richlands - Trinity

Sherry Hale
Richlands - Trinity

Linda Head
St. Paul - St. Mark

Beth Marshall
St. Paul - St. Mark

Lonnie Quesenberry
Tazewell - Stras

Bonnie Sisk
Tazewell - Stras

Alternates

Jim Cartwright
Abingdon - St. Thomas

Carole Mask
Abingdon - St. Thomas

Betsy Grossman
Big Stone Gap - Christ

Randy Stanley
Big Stone Gap - Christ

Mary Beavers
Bluefield - St. Mary

Pete Beavers
Bluefield - St. Mary

Rick Armstrong
Bristol - Emmanuel

Doug Mitchell
Bristol - Emmanuel

David Taverner
Bristol - Emmanuel

Charles Bartlett
Marion - Christ

David Dobkins
Marion - Christ

Sandra Earls
Norton - All Saints

Rhonda Goins
Norton - All Saints

Dusty Ballard
Richlands - Trinity

Marilyn Carroll
Richlands - Trinity

Anne Jessee
St. Paul - St. Mark

Kathy Parsell
St. Paul - St. Mark

Jack Sisk
Tazewell - Stras L

***Lay Delegates and Alternates
as reported by the parishes
are found on these pages.
If your name does not appear,
please contact your parish.***

Augusta Convocation

Lay Delegates

Gary Curry
Blue Grass - Good Shepherd

Chris Little
Blue Grass - Good Shepherd

Bill Bayly
Buena Vista - Christ

Barney Mitchell
Buena Vista - Christ

James Walker
Clifton Forge - St. Andrew

Lisa Walker
Clifton Forge - St. Andrew

Kevin Cole
Covington - Emmanuel

Lisa Cole
Covington - Emmanuel

Beth Glover
Folly Mills - Good Shepherd

Martha Dudley
Glasgow - St. John

Elizabeth McCarthy
Hot Springs - St. Luke

Joseph Shaver
Hot Springs - St. Luke

George M. Brooke, III
Lexington - R.E. Lee

Don Ellis
Lexington - R.E. Lee

Elizabeth Harralson
Lexington - R.E. Lee

Don Whittington
Lexington - R.E. Lee

Ellen. Bouton
Nellysford - Peace in the Valley

Emily Cox
Staunton - Emmanuel

James Lott
Staunton - Emmanuel

Dennis Case
Staunton - Trinity

Katie Cathey
Staunton - Trinity

Ernest Holley
Staunton - Trinity

Susanna Larnar
Staunton - Trinity

Bill Tate
Staunton - Trinity

William C. Kappes
Waynesboro - St. John

Dot Main
Waynesboro - St. John

Alternates

Ruby Anderson
Buena Vista - Christ

Jane Armstrong
Buena Vista - Christ

Buddy Carter
Clifton Forge - St. Andrew

Reg Gregory
Clifton Forge - St. Andrew

Allen Downey
Covington - Emmanuel

Meredith Downey
Covington - Emmanuel

Mac Wilkinson
Covington - Emmanuel

Hugh Pettis
Folly Mills - Good Shepherd

Courtney Van Osten
Glasgow - St. John

Jeanne Troast
Hot Springs - St. Luke

Julia Littlefield
Lexington - R.E. Lee

Sharon Massie
Lexington - R.E. Lee

Harrison May
Staunton - Emmanuel

Susan Peyton
Staunton - Emmanuel

Sara James
Staunton - Trinity

Sara Mueller
Staunton - Trinity

John L. Kappes
Waynesboro - St. John

Pete Marks
Waynesboro - St. John

The names and contact information of lay delegates and alternates are submitted by each parish to the diocesan office on the Certificate of Election form. Using this list, Evans House staff will send out information pertaining to convocation meetings and Annual Council.

Lynchburg Convocation

Lay Delegates

El Igne
Altavista - St. Peter

Nell Igne
Altavista - St. Peter

Kelvin Mays
Amherst - Ascension

Sarah Mays
Amherst - Ascension

Brenda Garrison
Amherst - St. Paul

Digna Gantt
Arrington - Trinity

Jennifer Peak
Arrington - Trinity

Michael Cross
Bedford - St. John

Rob Jarvis
Bedford - St. John

Louise Robertson
Bedford - St. John

Richard Hiner
Bedford Co. - St. Thomas

Melissa Sutherland
Clifford - St. Mark

William Sutherland
Clifford - St. Mark

Ken Frank
Forest - St. Stephen

Les House
Forest - St. Stephen

Kathy Maddox
Lynchburg - Grace Memorial

Lessy Nixon
Lynchburg - Grace Memorial

Mary Guthrow
Lynchburg - St. Barnabas

Vicki Hailey
Lynchburg - St. Barnabas

Jackallen Arthur
Lynchburg - St. John

Pam Bradford
Lynchburg - St. John

Betty Brown
Lynchburg - St. John

Tom Connors
Lynchburg - St. John

Max Guggenheimer, Jr.
Lynchburg - St. John

Shirley Lynde
Lynchburg - St. John

Frances Marshall
Lynchburg - St. John

Nancy Moore
Lynchburg - St. John

Nina Salmon
Lynchburg - St. John

Stephen Simmons
Lynchburg - St. John

Rick Sorenson
Lynchburg - St. John

Jim Ackley
Lynchburg - St. Paul

Eileen Clark
Lynchburg - St. Paul

Chip Jamerson
Lynchburg - St. Paul

Mike Lucado
Lynchburg - St. Paul

Mike Adams
Lynchburg - Trinity

David Templeton
Lynchburg - Trinity

"Frosty" Flippin
Massies Mill - Grace

Jeannette Manion
Massies Mill - Grace

Thomas Mills
Pedlar Mills - St. Luke

Alternates

Jane Green
Altavista - St. Peter

Dena Lee
Amherst - Ascension

Michael Lee
Amherst - Ascension

Betty Hicks
Amherst - St. Paul

Eve Yagel
Arrington - Trinity

William Yagel
Arrington - Trinity

Sherri Blanks
Bedford - St. John

Helen Ann Spessard
Bedford - St. John

Judy Whitehead
Bedford - St. John

Edward Marshall
Bedford Co. - St. Thomas

Edward Hopkins
Clifford - St. Mark

Virginia Hopkins
Clifford - St. Mark

Mary Lynne Bumgarner
Forest - St. Stephen

Michael Bassett
Lynchburg - Grace

Bill Spruill
Lynchburg - Grace

Earl Guthrow
Lynchburg - St. Barnabas

Lewis Dabney
Lynchburg - St. John

Heather Ryan-Sigler
Lynchburg - St. John

Roland Clark
Lynchburg - St. Paul

Cecily Heuslein
Lynchburg - St. Paul

Jeanie Templeton
Lynchburg - Trinity

Sarah Bryant Lokin
Massies Mill - Grace

Tom Wallace
Pedlar Mills - St. Luke



New River Convocation

Delegates

Lisa Hammett
Blacksburg - Christ

Tom Hammett
Blacksburg - Christ

Robert K. Miller
Blacksburg - Christ

Elizabeth Obenshain
Blacksburg - Christ

Christine Parker
Blacksburg - Christ

Mary Stuart Cosby
Christiansburg - St. Thomas

Scott Farmer
Christiansburg - St. Thomas

Deborah Davis
Galax - Good Shepherd

Ann Watson
Galax - Good Shepherd

Katherine Chambless
Pearisburg - Christ

Peggy Opengari
Pearisburg - Christ

Lisa Swope
Pulaski - Christ

Rusty Swope
Pulaski - Christ

Jack Brockway
Radford - Grace

Tim Walker
Radford - Grace

Chuck Johnson
Wytheville - St. John

Bill Oliver
Wytheville - St. John

Patricia Phillippi
Wytheville - St. John

Alternates

Duncan Porter
Blacksburg - Christ

Harvey Leist
Christiansburg - St. Thomas

Joe Painter
Christiansburg - St. Thomas

Vickie Church
Galax - Good Shepherd

Patricia Uplinger
Galax - Good Shepherd

Amy Nordberg
Pearisburg - Christ

Robbie Spiegel
Pearisburg - Christ

Hank Johnson
Radford - Grace

Bruce Cunningham
Radford - Grace

Greg Rooker
Radford - Grace

Bill Gilmer
Wytheville - St. John

Candi Hough
Wytheville - St. John

Sara Mason
Wytheville - St. John



Micki Stalvey, of St. Thomas, Christiansburg, enjoyed "Messy Antics" at the New River Spring Convocation meeting.

During spring and fall convocation meetings, youth are invited to gather with Diocesan Youth Coordinator Aimee Bostwick, to meet new friends and renew old acquaintances from all around the diocese. Bring a change of clothes and a towel, and come prepared for fun and fellowship!

Roanoke Convocation

Lay Delegates

Lola Bradley
Buchanan - Trinity

Kim Halsey
Buchanan - Trinity

Dave Newcombe
Callaway - St. Peter

Pat Newcombe
Callaway - St. Peter

Marie Bishop
Fincastle - St. Mark

Gret Kidd
Fincastle - St. Mark

Brad Johnson
Martinsville - Christ

Mary Ruth Reynolds
Martinsville - Christ

Tina Sell
Martinsville - Christ

Fred Crofts
Moneta - Trinity Ecumenical

Stephen Miller
Moneta - Trinity Ecumenical

Dan Dowdy
Roanoke - Christ

Faye Dundore
Roanoke - Christ

Gay Eure
Roanoke - Christ

Lynn Keffer
Roanoke - Christ

Susan Williams
Roanoke - Christ

Joan Freeland
Roanoke - St. Elizabeth

Charlotte Hines
Roanoke - St. Elizabeth

Mike Kennedy
Roanoke - St. James

Doris Mattox
Roanoke - St. James

Esther Williamson
Roanoke - St. James

Gates Dehart
Roanoke - St. John

Nancy Dixon
Roanoke - St. John

John Eggleston
Roanoke - St. John

Dr. Richard Grayson
Roanoke - St. John

Barbara Johnson
Roanoke - St. John

Kay Kelly
Roanoke - St. John

Billy Kingery
Roanoke - St. John

Shirley Kingery
Roanoke - St. John

G. John Levin
Roanoke - St. John

W. Churchill Robison
Roanoke - St. John

Bill Lee
Rocky Mount - Trinity

Karen Moretz
Rocky Mount - Trinity

Ed Cord
Salem - St. Paul

Carey Harvey Cutter
Salem - St. Paul

Bob McClanahan
Salem - St. Paul

Camille Senter
Salem - St. Paul

Alternates

Ernest Bradley
Buchanan - Trinity

Susan Eddy
Callaway - St. Peter

Carolyn Thomas
Callaway - St. Peter

David MacLeod
Fincastle - St. Mark

Carolyn Nelson
Fincastle - St. Mark

Carol Deaton
Martinsville - Christ

Kathy Sweet
Martinsville - Christ

Sandra Burt
Moneta - Trinity Ecumenical

Robert E. Lee
Roanoke - Christ

John Turbyfill
Roanoke - Christ

Terry Winborne
Roanoke - Christ

Jenny Wright
Roanoke - Christ

David Young
Roanoke - Christ

Yolanda Ballance
Roanoke - St. Elizabeth

Rene Weber
Roanoke - St. Elizabeth

"Butch" Eanes
Roanoke - St. James

Sandra Maxwell
Roanoke - St. James

Benny Firestone
Roanoke - St. John

Hugh Hall
Roanoke - St. John

Katrina Ross
Roanoke - St. John

Walter Moretz
Rocky Mount - Trinity

Betsy Freund
Salem - St. Paul

Richard Garst
Salem - St. Paul

Bill Senter
Salem - St. Paul

**Mark your calendar for the
January Convocation
Meetings on January 11,
2009. The snow date is
January 18, 2009. Times and
places will be announced
closer to the date.**



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The Rev. Dr. Ian Markham, Keynoter

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