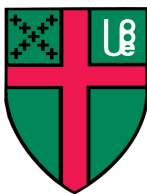


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~ June 27 - July 1, 2011 ~

## Theme: Practicing Our Faith: Using Our Gifts



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# A Message from Bishop Baxter

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

I begin my greetings to you with encouragement to register early and start your plans to attend the 2011 Annual Conference in Norfolk, Va. It promises an experience of growth and joy for all ages. Recently I heard a story about our beloved Archbishop Desmond Tutu. At a meeting during the era of apartheid resistance in South Africa a disgruntled action oriented member asked rhetorically, "What is the purpose of this meeting?" The Archbishop replied, "To meet. The purpose of our meeting is to meet." The Archbishop wanted the questioner and others to realize that while agenda and action were critical for affecting change, the sense of being together, being an intimate kindred community is fundamentally essential. I firmly agree. There is a spiritual strength and sense of identity which can come only through being together.



*Bishop Nathan Baxter*

Our U.B.E. Conference will be a time of reunion, fellowship, worship and learning, as well as the work of mission strategy and accountability. The Conference Staff and Local Chapter along with the Diocese of Southern Virginia are making plans for outstanding multi-cultural worship experiences, representing the great diversity of the African American Diaspora, and educational programs which will better equip us for the work in our local chapters and congregations. With your support, we expect and are preparing for a record number of youth to be in attendance.

A number of conversations are taking place regarding how to strengthen our Black congregations and their development. Our president, John Harris, has been working on comprehensive strategy that will serve all Communities of African descent. Through his efforts we are strengthening partnerships, including the Episcopal Church Foundation, the Presiding Bishop's Inter-Cultural Office and CREDO. We are in conversations with the Episcopal Church Foundation regarding a co-sponsored Leadership Training Program and support for a major Fund Drive. CREDO will provide a Clergy and Congregational Wellness program.

We will also meet to remember the journey and give thanks for those among us who have been long and faithful servant leaders. One of the highlights of the Annual Meeting will be the Legendary Tribute to The Rev. Dr. Joseph N. Green, past UBE President and former Vice Mayor of the city of Norfolk and Dr. Carl Haywood who edited the service music in "Lift Every Voice and Sing I".

The UBE website continues to be updated and we commend it to you for updates and current news. More information on the events of the 2011 Conference will be posted soon. Two books we recommend for your reading are: *The New Jim Crow* by Michelle Alexander and *The Warmth of Other Suns* by Isabelle Wilkerson. Many in our community have found these books rich in our history and poignant in depicting a contemporary expression of institutional racism.

The president, vice presidents and the board continue their commitment to support and partner with regions and local chapters. Many chapters are hard at work, especially with plans for Black History Month. We are proud of the number of chapters which will be conducting a variety of programs during Black History Month. One creative and exciting local event is the Southern Virginia Chapter of UBE which will sponsor a presentation of the award winning play "Having Our Say: The First 100 Years". The play is based up the life story of the Delany sisters Sarah Louise and Annie Elizabeth, two of the nine children of Bishop Henry Beard Delany, the second African American bishop in the Episcopal Church.

I close by asking your continued prayers for the Church and people of the Sudan. If your chapter has not sent a letter encouraging our President's continued support for a just peace in the Sudan, please do so. We also add to our prayer list the people of Haiti. In cooperation with our Episcopal Church's advocacy we will be sending an official letter to our government regarding the deportation of Haitians in the USA.

Register and begin your planning to attend the 2011 UBE Conference. While there will be good strategic work for mission and opportunities to equip ourselves for ministry, at the heart of our gathering is as the Archbishop implied - it is "to meet", to be together in prayer, fellowship and love.

Blessed Epiphany!

+Nathan

# SAN JOAQUIN: Standing Committee nominates Chet Talton as provisional bishop

By Pat McCaughan, January 19, 2011

The Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of San Joaquin has nominated the Rt. Rev. Chester Lovelle Talton, retired suffragan of Los Angeles, for provisional bishop, according to a January 19 statement posted on the diocesan website.

If elected at a special convention, scheduled for March 5 in Fresno, Talton would succeed the Rt. Rev. Jerry Lamb, who had served as provisional bishop of the Central California Valley diocese since February 2008.

"It was a short retirement," said Talton, 68, during a Jan. 18 telephone interview concerning his new role. He retired in May 2010 after serving 19 years as bishop suffragan of the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles. "I'm excited and looking forward to serving in San Joaquin," he said, adding that he will begin visiting congregations and faith communities Feb. 1, once he is officially recognized by Lamb as a visiting bishop. "I'm really impressed with the quality of the people, and the quality of the leadership in San Joaquin," Talton added. "It's refreshing to see such committed, dedicated people who have been so creative in their thinking. There are good collaborative leaders there who hadn't even been in leadership roles" before the diocese was reconstituted following a split in 2007.

Talton and spouse, April Grayson, also will meet and greet San Joaquin Episcopalians at a series of regional meetings scheduled for consecutive Sundays in February, he said. If elected, Talton said he hoped to continue Lamb's rebuilding efforts. "There is a lot of energy and enthusiasm to grow and expand and develop congregations as well as to be a more inclusive diocese of all people," he said. "There is a great deal of openness and potential. It's encouraging. I'm looking forward to being with them." Lamb praised the Standing Committee's choice of Talton and expressed gratitude to all those whose efforts helped to rebuild and reorganize the diocese. "He's a great choice. I've known Chet now for 20 years and he's been a great bishop," he said during a Jan. 18 telephone interview from his Las Cruces, New Mexico home. "He certainly is a person with a tremendous amount of experience of the wider church but he's also essentially a California-raised kid, so he understands this area and the church in the west."

Talton brings to the new role a sense of the state and of the Diocese of San Joaquin as well as considerable and varied parish experiences that will serve him well as diocesan renewal continues, he said. "We had to rebuild the diocese from nothing. No files, no equipment; everything was from the beginning," after former bishop John-David Schofield attempted to realign the diocese with the Anglican Province of the Southern Cone in December 2007. Lamb said an entire infrastructure had to be created, including diocesan committees and councils and other ministries. He said seven congregations remained intact after the split and 14 others were started "from nothing, except being a group that refused to break away from the Episcopal Church." But he added: "It's been a moving experience for me. The people of San Joaquin are so committed to their Christian faith and the Christian faith as expressed in the Episcopal Church.

"On a personal level, it was really time for me to retire," added Lamb, 69, who had also served as assisting bishop in the Episcopal Diocese of Nevada after his 2006 retirement as the sixth bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Northern California.

The March 5 special convention also will be a day to honor the contributions of Lamb and his wife Jane, said Caidy Smith, president of the Standing Committee, in an e-mail. If Talton is elected, Lamb is expected to transfer ecclesiastical authority and install him as provisional bishop at that gathering, according to the press release. "As we move from a focus of healing and regrouping to that of recovery and rebuilding, we are excited to have the vision, enthusiasm and experience of Bishop Chet Talton," according to the release.

Talton was born in 1941 in Arkansas but spent much of his life in Oakland, California. He earned a bachelor's degree in 1965 from California State University, Hayward. He received both master (1970) and doctor of divinity (1992) degrees from the Church Divinity School of the Pacific, Berkeley. He was ordained a deacon in 1970 and a priest in 1971 in the Diocese of California. He has served California congregations in Berkeley and Carmel and also in Chicago, St. Paul, Minnesota, and in New York City, where he served as mission officer of Trinity Church, Wall Street, for nine years and as rector of St. Philip's, Harlem. He was elected suffragan bishop of Los Angeles in 1991. He has four adult children.



Rt. Rev. Chester Lovelle Talton

Excerpt from Episcopal News Service

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## 42nd Annual Meeting & Conference



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Embassy Suites Hotel & Convention Center  
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## Nominations for Annual Awards

Each year, four individuals or groups are honored during the annual meeting. Honorees are selected by the National Board of Directors.

Chapters may nominate persons whom you feel meet the criteria of long term Christian service to UBE, the Church, and the community. Nominees must be members of UBE.

To nominate an individual, send a letter of nomination stating why this person should be honored, along with a biographical sketch of the person being nominated.

Send your nominations to:

Ms. Jeri Robinson  
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*All materials must be submitted by  
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*For more information, please  
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## Chapters!

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- Annual Chapter Financial Report
- Report of New Chapter Officers
- Membership Transmittal Report

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

The Consortium of Endowed Episcopal Parishes  
26th Annual Conference  
February 22 - 26, 2011, Drake Hotel, Chicago, IL

Western Regional Meeting - March 18-20, 2011  
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Contact: Ms. Dianne A. Smith, Regional Director  
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The 6th Annual MLK Remembrance  
Keynote Speaker: The Rev. Dr. Grainger Browning, Jr.  
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April 8-9, 2011, Richmond, VA  
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Transformation & Renewal - Vital Congregations: Equipping the Saints for Ministry November 13-16, 2011, Kanuga Conference, Hendersonville, NC. The Rev. Karen Montagno, coordinator.



## Conference Schedule at a Glance

# UBE 43rd Annual Meeting & Conference

*Theme: Practicing Our Faith: Using Our Gifts*

### Monday, June 27, 2011

11:00a.m. - 6:00p.m. ....	Registration
12:00p.m. - 5:00p.m. ....	Chapter Leadership Training
6:00p.m. - 7:00p.m. ....	Dinner on your own
7:30p.m. - 9:30p.m. ....	Opening Eucharist
9:30p.m. - 10:30p.m. ....	Reception

### Tuesday, June 28, 2011

9:00a.m. - 4:00p.m. ....	Registration
7:00a.m. - 8:30a.m. ....	Breakfast
9:00a.m. ....	Keynote Address The Rev. Stephanie Spellers Plenary and Small Group Sessions
12:00p.m. - 1:30p.m. ....	Lunch & 815 Reports
1:00p.m. - 4:30p.m. ....	Workshops and Reports 21st Century Restructuring Project
5:00p.m. - 6:30p.m. ....	Dinner
6:30p.m. - 9:30p.m. ....	The James Solomon Memorial Eucharist St. Paul's Episcopal Church
9:30p.m. - 10:30p.m. ....	Reception

### Wednesday, June 29, 2011

12:00p.m. - 2:00p.m. ....	Registration
7:00a.m. - 8:30a.m. ....	Breakfast
8:30a.m. - 10:00a.m. ....	Plenary Session – Panel & Small Group
10:00a.m. - 12:00p.m. ....	The Rev. Canon Hartshorn Murphy
12:00p.m. - 1:30p.m. ....	Servant Leadership Awards Luncheon
2:00p.m. - 4:00 p.m. ....	Community & Clergy Wellnes, Part 2
4:00p.m. - 6:00p.m. ....	Dinner
6:00p.m. - 9:00p.m. ....	Worship (led by Youth) Grace Episcopal Church
9:30p.m. - 10:30p.m. ....	Reception

### Thursday, June 30, 2011

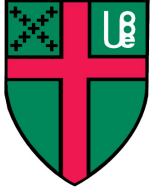
6:00a.m. - 7:30a.m. ....	Prayer Walk
7:30a.m. - 9:30a.m. ....	Breakfast
9:30a.m. - 12:00p.m. ....	Annual Business Meeting Reports, Resolutions College & President's Reports
12:00p.m. - 2:00p.m. ....	Bishop's Luncheon
2:00p.m. - 5:00p.m. ....	Free Time
6:00p.m. - 10:30p.m. ....	GALA & Legendary Tribute Awards The Honorable Rev. Dr. Joseph N. Green and Dr. Carl Haywood Marriott Ballroom

### Friday, July 1, 2011

7:30a.m. - 8:30 a.m. ....	Breakfast
9:00am - 10:00am ....	Closing Eucharist
11:00am - 1:00pm ....	National Board Meeting

~ Norfolk, Virginia ~





**• REGISTRATION FORM •**  
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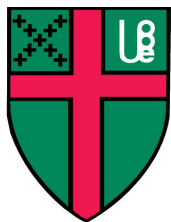
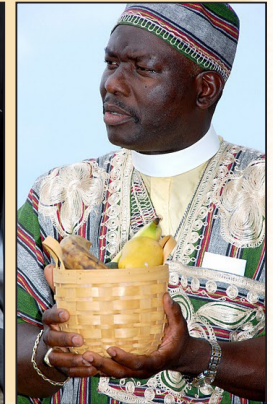
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