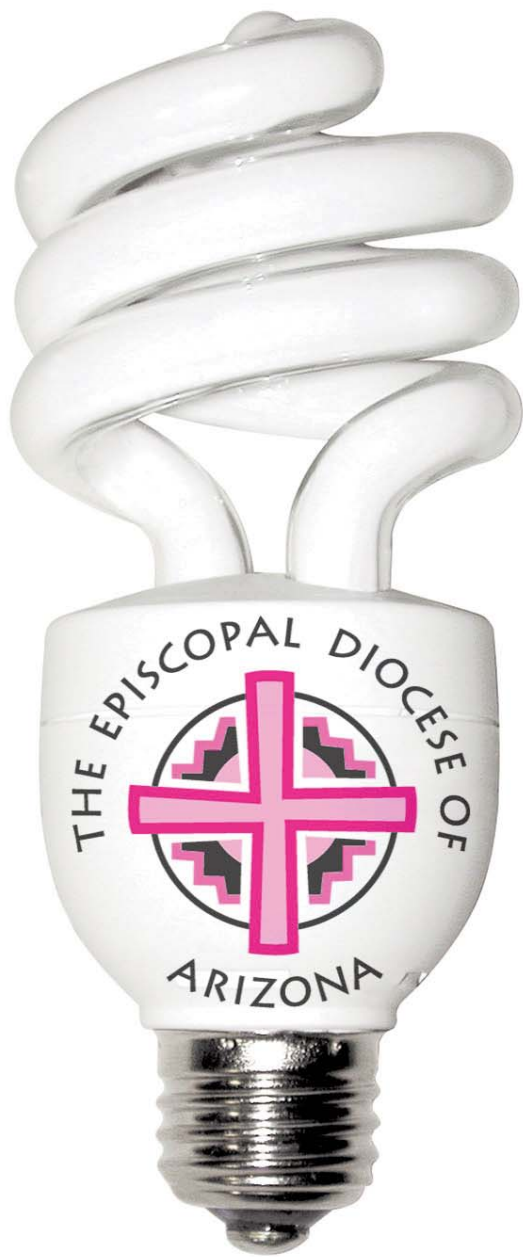


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How many light bulbs does it take to change an Episcopalian?



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The Rt. Rev. Kirk S. Smith
Bishop of Arizona

The headline is a great play on that old wisecrack about Episcopalianism. But the theme of this year's convention, "Stewardship of Creation," is no joking matter.

No matter what our political or philosophical persuasion, everyone knows by now that our planet is in a battle for its physical survival. The ecological and environmental crisis that we feared for so long is finally upon us.

This was brought home to me at last year's Lambeth Conference. A bishop from the Province of the Indian Ocean stood up at a meeting at which the topic of human sexuality was once again being debated. "I live on an island which is only a few feet above sea level," he said. "Five years ago the beach was 50 feet from my door, today it is only five feet. I am not sure if in another few years I will even have a diocese. Could we please stop talking about sex and start talking about what is happening to the earth!" The other bishops looked at him for a moment—and then went back to talking about sex!

For Christians, this crisis is more than an ecological or economic issue. It forces us to draw upon our deepest spiritual roots. We believe in a creator God who made the earth and its creatures—"And behold, it was very good." (Genesis 1:31). Our Savior Jesus Christ came, not just to open the way of salvation, but to continue the divine plan of "making all things new." We are part of that plan of redemption, for we have been entrusted with the care of our earth. That means that stewardship of creation is indistinguishable from faithful discipleship.

Our Diocesan Convention this year will give us a chance to rekindle that connection. In the pages that follow you will see how the theme will provide the backdrop for an exciting number of offerings about how we can "green" our own homes and churches, for being stewards of creation begins with simple steps each of us can take. I am especially excited to welcome as our keynote speaker The Rev. Canon Sally Bingham, founder of The Regeneration Project. She has received national attention for supporting faith communities as they take action to save our planet. In addition to a variety of workshops, there will be special worship, a host of new exhibitors, and of course, the yearly business of the diocese.

Do you remember the answer to the original joke—How many Episcopalianism does it take to change a light bulb? The answer is: "Five, one to change the bulb and four to say, "That's not the way we used to do it."

Old habits and assumptions die hard, but we can work in new ways, not to change a light bulb but to help restore health to our planet earth, "our island home."

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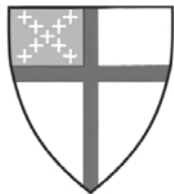


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Episcopal Church leaders give webcast preview of General Convention

Janet Kawamoto
Episcopal News Service

ANAHEIM - The role of young people, the fate of controversial resolutions and the effect of actions on the "people in the pews" were some of the topics discussed during an Internet broadcast, or webcast, May 13 with officers of General Convention, the Episcopal Church's triennial governing meeting.

Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori, House of Deputies President Bonnie Anderson, General Convention executive The Rev. Gregory Straub, and Bishop J. Jon Bruno of the host diocese of Los Angeles were the presenters. The webcast, which was moderated by Neva Rae Fox, program officer for public affairs for the Episcopal Church, originated from Anaheim, Calif., where the convention will meet from July 8 to 17.

Jefferts Schori began the webcast by invoking the convention theme, "ubuntu," a Zulu Xhosa word that is often translated as "I am because we are."

"General Convention is a remarkable opportunity for Episcopalians and those who will be peering over our shoulders to see this church in action, in its way of having deep and vigorous conversation in community," said Jefferts Schori. "We never all agree about anything except that it is good to be together."

She said she looks forward to welcoming church members and visitors of every language and culture as well as ecumenical observers and guests from the Anglican Communion. "It's an opportunity for the world to see how we make decisions, in all of our incarnate messiness."

Anderson pointed out the importance of General Convention to the church. "All other positions and bodies in the Episcopal Church derive their authority from General Convention," she said. "This General Convention is providing us with a unique opportunity to explore our mission together." The convention, she said, "will have time set aside to explore the question of the church's mission through a process called public narrative."

Straub explained the process of submitting, considering and voting on resolutions, and emphasized that registered visitors to the convention can attend and testify at the committee hearings as each resolution is considered. Legislation may be followed through extensive online resources that will be available throughout the meeting, Straub said, pointing out that all resolutions submitted so far may be read online at the General Convention website.

"We're right next door to a "magic kingdom," said Bruno, referring to Disneyland, located across the street from the Anaheim Convention Center, "but General Convention will be our own magic kingdom." He emphasized the role of young people at convention, especially a Habitat for Humanity project for teenagers, and programs for young children.

The diocese will also present "L.A. Night," which will feature author and activist Brian McClaren, emergent church programs, a light show and "a great rock band." We're going to take you from the Garden of Eden to an abundant celebration of creation," Bruno

said.

He also outlined the "L.A. Midday" program at the diocese's hospitality center in the Exhibit Hall, which will present a different ministry of the diocese. Bruno also encouraged volunteers to sign up through the General Convention website.

The panelists then took questions from the on-site audience and from emails.

One questioner asked via e-mail why church members who are not attending General Convention should care what goes on there.

"Believe it or not, what happens at General Convention will have impact in your own congregation," said Jefferts Schori. "General Convention will set priorities for the next triennium that will govern how your diocese is served by the churchwide staff, and

how your diocese uses the resources of the wider church." Changes may also show up in worship, she added, in new texts and music.

The work of convention goes on after the triennial meeting, Anderson said, when the deputies return to their dioceses and continue to serve until their three-year terms end or they are reelected. The committees, commissions, agencies and boards also continue to work, and have a significant impact on the people of the church, she added.

In reply to another question, Jefferts Schori outlined the plans for communications during convention, including the Media Hub, which will feature resources such as Flickr, Twitter and media streams, as well as reporting from Episcopal Life Media.

Several questioners asked about possible repeal or other action on Resolution B033, the controversial measure passed on the last day of the 2006

General Convention that called for restraint on the part of the church in electing or consenting to the election as bishops of persons whose manner of life may present a challenge to the wider Church—a measure widely seen to apply only to gay or lesbian candidates.

"I've been very clear in my public communications for the last few months that my hope is that we not attempt to repeal past legislation at General Convention—it's a bad legislative practice," said Jefferts Schori. "I would far more prefer us to say where we are today, in 2009, to make a positive statement about our desire to include all people fully in this church and that we be clear about who we are as the Episcopal Church.

Twelve resolutions concerning B033 have been submitted, said Anderson, and all have been assigned to legislative committees, as is the practice for all resolutions. "We can't really predict what will happen in regards to B033, which is the beauty of General Convention," she said. "It is up to the participants at General Convention to take those resolutions under consideration, to hold open hearings with regards to the resolutions, gather the voices of everyone present that wishes to speak ... and we also pray for the intervention of the Holy Spirit as we debate in the House of Deputies."

Answering an inquiry about how convention



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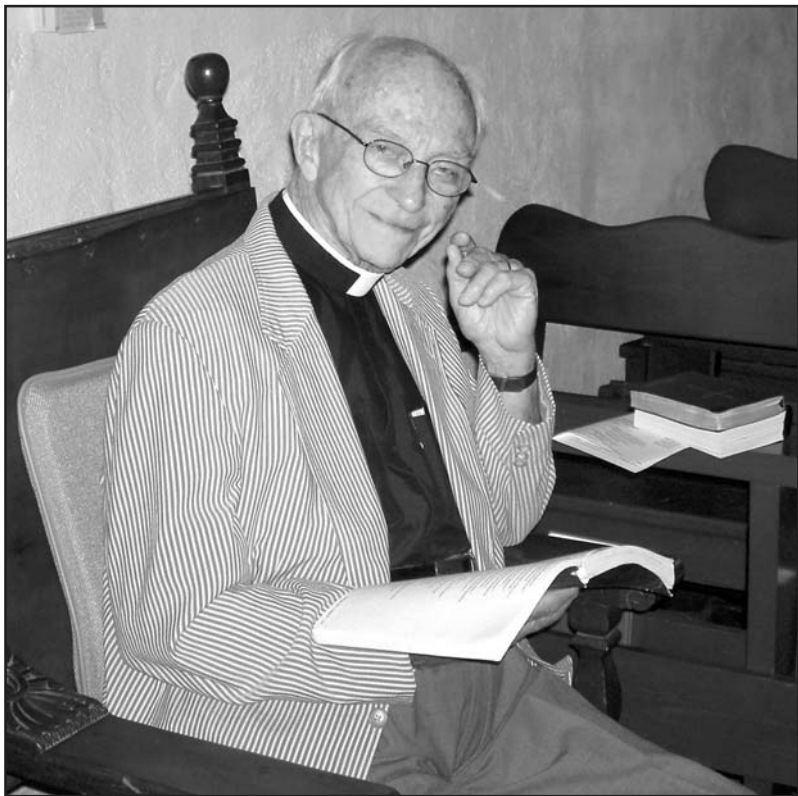
Greta Huls

Canon for Communications

TUCSON - At 92, The Rev Dr. Carey Womble has earned the right to enjoy retirement but that hasn't slowed him down much until recently.

Womble was born a "poor cracker" in Orlando, Fla., in 1916. He clearly remembers the moment in eighth grade when he and friends were discussing what they wanted to do when they grew up.

"I didn't retire, I just recycled."



Out of the blue he said, "I think I'd like to be a medical missionary," which was pretty funny considering he didn't know what that was and his humble background.

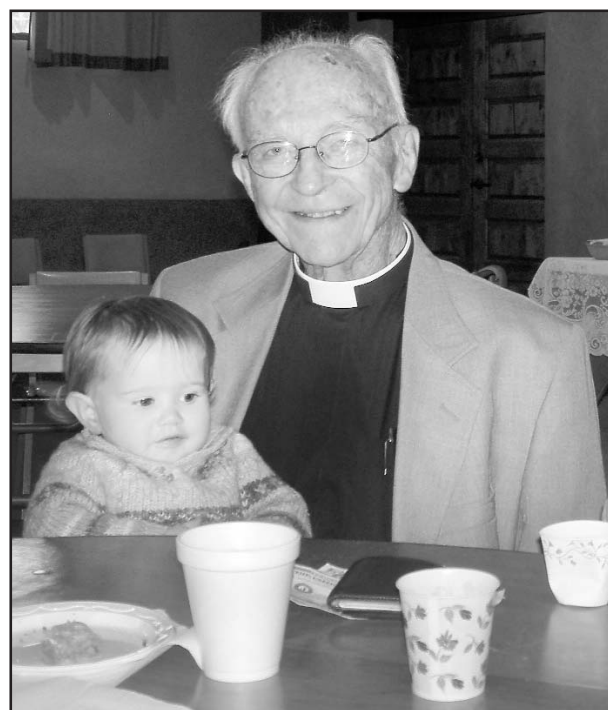
Despite the Great Depression he eventually made his way to New Orleans, where he became and worked as an accountant for 11 years. It was while working as an accountant that he went to night medical school. He worked as a general surgeon and doctor for the next 41 years.

He was in the Navy for six years (including World War II) where he worked at naval hospitals in New Orleans, Boston, and Camp LeJeune, N.C. After his naval discharge, he accepted a call as a medical missionary in 1949 - 19 years after he told his friends that was what he wanted to do.

Womble worked as a missionary doctor for 16 years at St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital in Ponce, Puerto Rico where he delivered more than 3,000 babies in the 100-bed hospital. It was while he was serving as a missionary doctor that the "burning bush of Moses" struck in 1965, so off he went to seminary at age 49. After graduation he heard the call in 1970 to be a college chaplain at the University of Arizona where he worked for another 10 years.

It was while working at the UA that he worked as a doctor during the morning and a college chaplain in the afternoon and evening.

According to Womble, he "should have retired" in 1981 but there wasn't any money in the budget for a college chaplain and he "couldn't walk away." So he went to work - again - raising an endow-



The Rev. Dr. Carey Womble (left) before a Sept. 2006 service at St. Michael's and All Angels, Tucson, and cuddles (above) a young parishioner during a January 2007 coffee hour. Karen Funk Blocher/St. Michael's and All Angels, Tucson

ment fund of close to \$1 million that now funds 50 percent of the UA campus ministry. (The Diocese funds the other 50 percent.)

"I didn't retire, I just recycled," he laughed.

He served as interim at St. Michael and All Angels, Tucson from 1994-95 (where he still assists) and didn't close his medical office and retire until he was 86, two years before the death of his wife Janet in 2005. They had been married 59 years.

Womble, who suffers from pulmonary fibrosis, spends his time following the antics of his four children, nine grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren when he is not otherwise occupied.

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actions can help church members deal with the overwhelming pressure of difficult economic times, Anderson said that the needs of the church's own members and those of the "poorest of the poor across the world" are a priority for the church, and that the mission conversation at General Convention will address these problems. Jefferts Schori mentioned the global economic forum planned for the second night of General Convention, which will feature an address by the Archbishop of Canterbury and video presentations on economic topics. "It's going to be an opportunity for the whole convention to ponder how we are in relationship with the rest of the world in a time when we're asking hard questions about how we are related economically," she said.

Answering an inquiry about the proposed Anglican covenant, the Presiding Bishop said that "our relations have been deepened by the work of the Anglican Consultative Council," which ended its meeting on May 12 in Jamaica. Meeting each other and carrying on respectful dialogue is critically important to the covenant process, she said. "That's a gift that we all need to keep on learning. We don't experience people only as internet caricatures ... face to face we learn more about other people's contexts, joys and challenges."

The ACC, she continued, considered that the first three parts of the proposed covenant "were ready for prime time," but that the fourth section "still has a number of questions around it."

"What I expect at General Convention is that we're going to talk about it," said Jefferts Schori.

A questioner asked about the future of the Church and how it can appeal more to young people. Bruno replied, "In this diocese we're trying to do more all the time to build relationships and community. This convention will do that by offering daily opportunities

for not-so-ordinary Episcopalians and young people to be intertwined."

"We have to pay more attention to (young people)," Anderson commented. "We have to engage in their lives together. If we don't pay attention to the young people and their needs—and we have a lot in the Episcopal Church to offer them—I think irrelevancy will become more prominent."

Jefferts Schori said that her recent experience at the ACC meeting in Jamaica reminded her that "Episcopalians and Anglicans everywhere are concerned about how to present the Gospel in a way that can be understood and appropriated by today's generations, who may or may not know anything about Christianity."

"For many years now we have had a youth presence in the House of Deputies," said Straub, explaining that each province of the church has two youth delegates in the house. "It is my hope that the exposure that we give young people at General Convention will create a cadre of people who will go back to their communities and evangelize their fellows." province of the church

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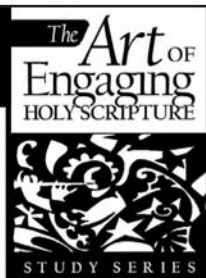
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“The Stewardship of Creation” chosen as Diocesan 49th annual convention theme

Convention Business

Election of Secretary to Convention

Shall be elected for a term of one year and shall be Secretary of the Diocesan Council. Duties include: giving notice of all meetings of the Convention and the Council; preparing a list of clerical members and lay delegates and alternates prior to the opening of Convention; acting as recording secretary for every meeting of the Convention and the Council; preserving the records of the Convention; preparing and distributing the annual journal; performing such duties as assigned by the Bishop, the Convention or the Council. (Incumbent Janet L. Feltz is eligible for re-election.)

Election of Standing Committee

The Standing Committee consists of three priests and three lay communicants who shall each serve a 3-year term and not more than two consecutive 3-year terms. The Standing Committee meets as needed; about 6 times per year. Election this year is for one clerical member for a 3-year term and one lay member for a 3-year term (Incumbent The Rev. Melinda Archer is eligible for re-election.)

Election of members of Diocesan Council

The Diocesan Council consists of nine members who each serve a three-year term; five elected by Diocesan Council and four elected by Mission Convocation. The term of office of each member elected by Convention will begin at the first Diocesan Council meeting following the Diocesan Convention. Election this year is for two members for three-year terms. (Incumbents The Rev. Michael Smith and Edward Dietrich are eligible for re-election.)

Resolutions

Resolutions will be discussed during the Pre-convention workshop on Friday, Oct. 16 and voted upon during Convention.

Approval of the 2010 budget

The 2010 budget, which has been put forth, by the Finance Committee and Diocesan Council, must be approved by Convention. The budget will be discussed at the Pre-convention Workshop on Friday, Oct. 16 and voted on at Convention.

Call for Nominations

Any member of the Clergy canonically resident or any lay communicant in good standing may submit to the Chair of the Nominating Committee no later than Aug. 14 a completed nomination form [available on the Convention page of the Diocesan website, www.azdiocese.org, for one or more persons to fill the positions listed above. First, seek permission from the person you wish to nominate, complete the form carefully and attach a passport type photo. In addition, each candidate for election must complete the list of questions which can also be downloaded from the Convention website, www.azdiocese.org. Mail the nomination form, answers to questions and photo to:

The Rev. Gae Chalker
Chair, Nominating Committee
114 W. Roosevelt
Phoenix, AZ 85003

Call for Resolutions

Download the resolutions form from the Convention website, www.azdiocese.org. Complete the form and mail or email typed resolution (note Convention Resolution in the subject line) by Aug. 21: The Rev. Glenn Jenks

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E-mail: frnlaw@msn.com

Clergy Eligible to Vote

Canon I, Section 4(a): Every member of the Clergy who is: (1) In good standing; (2) Canonically and actually resident in the Diocese and; (3) Actively exercising a regular parochial or Diocesan ministry in the Diocese, as determined by the priest in charge of the parish or mission in which they serve, or by the bishop; is a Clerical Member of, and shall be entitled to a seat and vote in Convention. Every other member of the Clergy who is in good standing and is canonically resident in the Diocese shall have a seat in Convention but no vote. Clergy eligible to vote will be listed with the congregation with which they have a working relationship. Non-voting clergy should be registered in the appropriate section of the registration form. If you have any questions concerning this, please contact Janet L. Feltz, Secretary to Convention, or Cathy Black, Registrar, at 602-254-0976 or cathy@azdiocese.org

Delegate/Clergy Registration

The Convention registration form will be sent by email to each congregation in July and must be returned by Aug. 7. The registration form will indicate the number of delegates, wardens and clergy eligible to voice and vote at Convention. The form also has the dinner reservation form for the dinner on Friday evening. Please complete the form and send to Shantae Carver at Diocesan House by return email. If you have any problems, please contact Diocesan House for help, or we will be happy to send you a hard copy of your registration. The registration fee for each person is \$43, which includes lunch on Saturday, Oct. 17, and dinner on Friday, Oct. 16, is \$42 for each person. Once you have completed your convention registration and dinner reservation forms, please send your registration and dinner payment to Diocesan House as soon as possible. We won't be able to complete your registration until payment has been received.

Visitor Registration

Visitors are most welcome to attend all Convention events including the breakout sessions and Friday evening dinner. Visitors will have a seat but no voice or vote. Visitors can register with their congregation or by downloading the registration form on the Diocese of Arizona webpage [www.azdiocese.org]. The registration fee is \$43 and the Friday evening dinner is \$42. Registrations and payments are due by Aug. 7. Registrations will not be considered complete until payment has been received. Please contact Shantae Carver at Shantae@azdiocese.org, or Cathy Black at cathy@azdiocese.org, at Diocesan House, 602-254-0976 or 800-420-1500, with any questions or if you have any difficulties with the registration.

Pre-Convention Workshops

There will be pre-convention workshops again this year. The schedule for the workshops on Friday morning is

listed below. If you are interested in either of these sessions please indicate that on your registration form.

9-10 a.m. Canons, Resolutions and Budget

10-11 a.m. General Convention Deputy Forum

Hotel Accommodations

Hotel rooms at the Sheraton Crescent are \$115 for either single or double occupancy. This rate is good until Sept. 16. Room availability is limited so don't wait. Register as soon as possible. You can book your room at any time before this date by phone at 602-943-8200 or online at www.starwood-meeting.com/Book/episcopal. Be sure to indicate that you are with the Diocese of Arizona to get the special rate. If you have any difficulties making a reservation, please contact Cathy Black at Diocesan House right away. There is plenty of parking and once you are there, you don't have to get in your car again. Everything is under one roof including a restaurant and lounge.

There are lots of great things within walking distance: Metro Center Shopping mall is right across the street; Castles and Coaster Amusement Park is there as well [in case you need an extra thrill on the roller coasters]; lots of restaurants and easy access to Interstate 17.

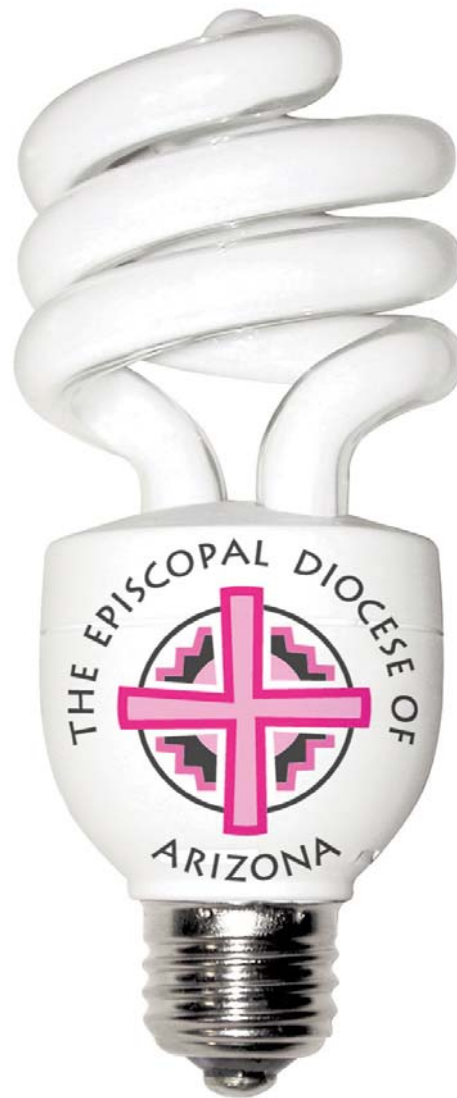
Dinner on Friday, Oct. 16

There will be a cocktail and hors d'oeuvre reception before the sit-down dinner on the Friday evening of Convention. Our guest speaker will be The Rev. Sally Bingham, executive director of The Regeneration Project in San Francisco, California and serves the Episcopal Diocese of California and Grace Cathedral (San Francisco) as its Environmental Minister. The title of her keynote is Climate Protection as a Moral Issue.

The cost of the dinner is \$42 and you have a choice of vegetarian or chicken entrée. There is a separate form for dinner reservations. As seating for the dinner is limited, we recommend you get your reservations and payment in as soon as possible. Visitors and delegates are welcome to attend with spouses or guests.

Exhibits: We will be providing space for exhibitors at Convention. Space is available on a first-come, first-served basis. The participation fee is dependent on the type of exhibit you are planning. If you or your congregation is interested in an exhibit space, please contact Sharon Graves at 602.254.0976 or sharon@azdiocese.org for more information.

Don't miss this wonderful time together!



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Call to convention: The Stewardship of Creation

Rob Smith
Trinity Cathedral, Phoenix

Living sustainably is about getting in right relationship with God, Creation and our fellow human beings with whom we share this planet, our Earthly home. It is central to living out the church's mission.

Fighting poverty and disease means doing something about energy use, climate change and pollution which threatens most of those living on the edge of survival. Celebrating Creation means protecting the natural world which sustains life. Living within our ecological bounds moves us towards justice, peace and a closer relationship with God.

This year's Diocesan Convention is committed to exploring those relationships, inspiring us to bear witness and live out that calling, and to help us take steps as individuals and as congregations to do our part and to lead by example.

Our convention itself is a beginning. The

49th Diocesan Convention
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The Sheraton Crescent Hotel
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Sheraton Crescent Hotel has already taken many steps to lower energy use and reduce waste. Our convention planning team has gone further to offer recycling, promote a lighter planetary footprint through vegetarian fare options for meals, and arrange a variety of displays, programs and vendor participants to

help us live better and do good. We encourage you to car-pool, bring a refillable water container (water

stations will be provided to refill bottles) and any other "green ideas" that you can think of.

In an effort to have as much of a "paperless" convention as possible, we will not be printing delegate materials as we have in previous years. All the informa-

tion will be published in the October convention issue of ArizonaLife. Nominations, resolutions, canon changes and workshop schedules will be printed in this issue so,

please bring your copy with you for your use at convention.

This 49th Diocesan Convention is designed to launch a renewed commitment to our roles as stewards of Creation. The need is crucial, and time is short – but the promise is great.

We enthusi-

astically invite you to join us.

On the Net: <http://azdiocese.org/meetings/diocesan-convention.html>



Breakout sessions focus on God's creation

Cathy Black
Canon for Administration

Breakout Sessions: Our focus is on God's creation and the many ways our ministry of mission impacts the environment. This year we are privileged to have several outstanding presenters for our workshops. The Rev. Sally Grover Bingham is our featured guest for this year's convention. Rev. Bingham is executive director of The Regeneration Project in San Francisco, Calif., and has worked on environmental issues in church and society for more than 20 years. She serves the Episcopal Diocese of California and Grace Cathedral (San Francisco) as its Environmental Minister. Bingham will do a breakout session workshop as well as serving as our keynote speaker at the dinner on Friday evening.

On your registration form delegates and visitors are required to register in advance for the session they wish to attend. The following workshops will be offered:

Session 1

Bishop's Forum – The Rt. Rev. Kirk S. Smith, Bishop of Arizona

Greening Worship – Discover the resources and techniques that bring Creation, Community, and Christ together in worship within the Anglican tradition, including Celtic Eucharist and Season of Creation.

Healing Gardens – Explore how gardens and plants from the Bible can provide an environment that promotes nutrition, healing, beauty, serenity, and habitat for other living creatures at home, parish, and in your community.

Your Guide to Green – Greg Peterson from the Urban Farm in Phoenix will share personal steps you can take that work to maintain a healthy relationship with Creation. (This will be offered twice)

Prepare the Way for the Lord: Getting Started on the Path to Creation Care – Learn some of the basic steps you can take to build a culture of respect for Creation in your congregation. Participants will view a clip from the award-winning documentary *Renewal* and discuss the best first steps for promoting environmental stewardship in your congregation. Speaker: Stacey Kennealy, Greenfaith

A Religious Response to Global Warming – Learn

firsthand from The Rev. Sally Bingham about her journey to become a leading environmental advocate, and opportunities we all have to become green advocates.

Leadership. Jesus style. Part 1 – Matt Marino, Canon for Youth and Young Adult Ministries, offers this workshop on building up your youth program. Part 1: Building strong ministers vs. building strong ministries; What volunteers need & how to meet those needs; Why would Jesus choose 12 rather than the "big show"?; Who did Jesus choose to join him? ... and who didn't he choose?; What did it take to be on Jesus' team?

The Episcopal Federal Credit Union – It's here and open for business. Come and learn about our new credit union, a subsidiary of The United Methodist Federal Credit Union and how it can help you and your church.

Strategic Vision for Reaching Latinos/Hispanics – The Rev. Canon Anthony Guillen, Staff Officer for Latino/Hispanic Ministry of The Episcopal Church Center, will present this workshop.

Session 2

Our Animal Neighbors – Come and meet some wildlife neighbors and learn about how we affect each other from Liberty Wildlife.

Your Guide to Green – Greg Peterson from the Urban Farm in Phoenix will share personal steps you can take that work to maintain a healthy relationship with Creation. (This will be offered twice)

Lead the Way to the Lord: Creating Parishes of Green Leadership – If your parish has already taken some first steps in greening, what's next? This workshop will explore advanced steps to 'green' your congregation, to lead by example in creating a Creation-inclusive parish with significant actions such as solar energy and green certification. Speaker: Stacey Kennealy, Greenfaith

Growing Your Congregation with a Green Thumb – Discover the success stories of other parishes in the diocese about how to build respect for Creation and have fun and build community at the same time. Panel discussion moderated by Phyllis Strupp, Chair of the Nature & Spirituality Program.

The Nehemiah Challenge: Rebuilding the Community's Capacity to Act in the Midst of Ruin –

Using the framework of the biblical story of Nehemiah and the rebuilding of the ravaged walls of Jerusalem. Speakers: The Rev. Martha Seamen and The Rev. Sue Youngblood, Valley Interfaith.

Vacation Bible School Home Grown Style – Those persons who have worked with children know how important it is to have a creative and challenging curriculum for our VBS programs. Nancy Shumaker, Canon for Children's Ministries for the Diocese, offers this workshop which focuses on many ideas of easy and inexpensive ways to create your own VBS program which not only saves you money but allows you to custom fit the program for the children under your care. This is a great chance to review various tried, true and successful home grown programs. You will have an opportunity to see firsthand how they were prepared; ask questions to those who wrote these curriculums and even walk away with samples. Once you see how great these programs are you may never go back to "canned" curriculum again.

Leadership. Jesus style. Part 2 – How to recruit a team of volunteers; Running meetings others want to come to; Items to have on every meeting agenda; Motivating and pastoring leaders; Casting vision; Keys to successful meetings; The two most important parts of leading a meeting.

Faithful Stewardship in Tough Times – Christian communities have long relied on the gifts of faith, hope, and love to see them through tough times. In these difficult economic times, faithful stewardship will not only depend on these spiritual gifts, but on sound knowledge and practical action. We will take a look at fundraising and the economy from a historical perspective, and share best practices and trends in the current climate. You will learn key tips toward sustaining your stewardship practices, such as how to: keep donors engaged, focus your fundraising efforts, build a fundraising team, and adapt your budget. We'll help you position the congregation for eventual economic recovery. Most importantly, you'll discern ways to stay focused on your congregation's mission, responding to God's call during these challenging days.

Millennium Development Goals: What can one person do? – Join the members of the Millennium Development Goals Program Group as they discuss how you can make an impact and what has been done so far.

Imago Dei wins design competition - again



The Rev. Frank Bergen
Church of the Apostles, Oro Valley

TUCSON - Less than three years after its doors opened to a handful of fifth grade students, Imago Dei Middle School has for the second year in a row sent a team of students to a national design competition in Washington, D.C.

In 2008 the team won statewide and southwest regional competitions and then finished third of six finalists. In the last week of April this year an Imago Dei team was again in Washington, having duplicated last year's victories at state and regional levels. And on April 30 the team won the national "School of the Future Design Competition."

According to the Council of Educational Facility Planners International website, "Imago Dei received \$2,000 for their first-place project which demonstrated a truly integrated green design approach. Community first was evident in their innovative sustainable design. Deeply engaged with the community, the students chose an abandoned neighborhood site to construct their school using recycled building materials from a vacant building. The students created their own bricks for the project, utilizing the available sand and materials on-site. Exchanging ideas with students in France and Mali, the project promoted collaboration on a global scale, articulating their proclamation, 'The world is our classroom.'"

Still without an eighth grade class, Imago Dei's team of seventh graders Anthony Barcelo, the lone holdover from 2008, Monique Andrade, and sixth graders Sergio Acosta and Riley Breedlove competed successfully against teams from five other regions of the country. The competition's Award of Excellence carries with it a \$2000 prize for the school.

This annual competition is a highlight of School Building Week, featuring the School of the Future Design Competition. The program, sponsored by CEFPI, is supported by the U. S. Department of Energy, the Environmental Protection Agency, National Association of Realtors, American Institute of Architects and 35 other organizations.

Open to middle school students, the competition challenges the teams to design schools to enhance learning, conserve resources, be environmentally responsive and engage the surrounding community. Teams are

Above - National Association of Realtors president Charles McMillan presents Linda Cato (from left), Anthony Barcelo, Sergio Acosta, Monique Andrade, and Riley Breedlove from Imago Dei Middle School in Tucson a check for \$2000 on May 1 in Washington, D.C.
Left - The winning model incorporates a low-cost material called hybrid adobe, made of paper pulp and broken glass.
Photos courtesy of Imago Dei Middle School



required to follow a planning process from the concept phase to completion of the project, with thorough documentation, and to present their project to a jury for review. This year's challenge to the teams emphasized economic and educational opportunities available even during the current recession.

Imago Dei Visual Arts Specialist Linda Cato, under whose supervision the team worked for seven months on the winning design, said: "Solar panels were just the starting place for the students. They wanted to find all the ways possible to build for the future. They used shade sails, and greenhouses for urban agriculture, and they designed a community resource center that integrates the whole neighborhood into the life of the school."

The entire Imago Dei family is justifiably elated at the triumph of their team and views it as yet another sign of the success of the school, one of the youngest and certainly the most unique of our diocesan ministries.

On the Net: <http://www.imagodeischool.org/>

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For more information, contact
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Chapel Rock adds two new camps to summer program

Dave White
Executive Director

PRESCOTT - Chapel Rock has two new camps for kids ages 5-8!

Mini Camp is a great first introduction to Chapel Rock. ABC (Ankle Biters Camp) is an opportunity for parents and children to experience camp together.

The registration form is on our website - www.chapelrock.net.

Mini Camp
Ages 6-8
June 28-July 1 \$100

Mini Camp means Maximum Fun! This program is especially designed for first-time campers, and is offered concurrently with "The Gift of Love," allowing newbies to attend the same week as an older sibling.

Mini Campers enjoy some of the highlights of our unique camping program: experiencing Jesus' love

in new and exciting ways, hiking and exploring in the out-of-doors, crafts, games, campfires, and so much more!

A high counselor to camper ratio means lots of personal attention and care to ward off bouts of homesick-

ness. This is the summer to start your child's Chapel Rock adventure!



ABC (Ankle Biters Camp)
Ages 5-8 with a parent
July 2-4 \$100 per pair

This new camp allows parents and children to enjoy the Chapel Rock experience together! The program will be tailored to help you and your child explore God's love for us, and will include reflection and retreat time for the parent. Camp activities will feature hiking, arts and crafts, games, campfires, and more.

Counselors with a special gift for our littlest campers will provide leadership and help with bed time so parents can have some time to get to know one another.

ABC Camp is a great place to make memories of time spent together in touch with God and His creation. Don't miss out!

Contact Chapel Rock at either info@chapelrock.net or 877-445-3499 for more information.

Chapel Rock Summer Schedule

June 7-13	Chapel RockS	*9-12th
June 14-20	Chapel RockS	6-8th
	W.I.L.D. 1	9-12th
June 21-25	The Well	11-12th+
	W.I.L.D. 1	9-12th
June 28-July 1	Mini Camp	Ages 6-8
July 2-4	ABC Camp	**Ages 5-8
June 28-July 4	The Gift of Love	3-5th
	W.I.L.D. 2	10-12th
July 5-11	The Gift of Love	3-8th
	W.I.L.D. 2	10-12th

*denotes grade completed spring 2009
**with a parent

Camp + 60's
More or Less
at Chapel Rock
Monday, August 10th ~
Friday, August 14th, 2009



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Diocese of Arizona

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director

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mattmarino@mac.com

July 5-10

help someone else. come home changed.

News briefs

ERD reaches out to people impacted by flooding in Alaska

Recently the worst flood that Alaska has seen in decades has destroyed homes and leveled an Episcopal Church in the small village of Eagle. The extent of the damage is still unknown. At this time there have been no reports of flood-related deaths or injuries.

Episcopal Relief & Development is in close contact with the Episcopal Diocese of Alaska and will be responding to emergency needs with food, supplies, relief services and spiritual and emotional care support for flood victims.

"Our conversations thus far have focused on both physical needs and spiritual and emotional needs of those impacted in individual villages and at evacuation sites" said Abigail Nelson, Senior Vice President, Programs of Episcopal Relief & Development. "The church is particularly concerned with the needs of children at the moment."

To support people in Alaska impacted by floods, please make a donation to Episcopal Relief & Development's "Disaster Response Fund" online at www.er-d.org, or call 1-800-334-7626, ext. 5129. Gifts can be mailed to: Episcopal Relief & Development "Disaster Response Fund" P.O. Box 7058, Merrifield, VA 22116-7058.

On the Net: <http://www.er-d.org/alaskaflood/>

ERD ready for potential swine flu pandemic

Extensive information about preparing for the swine flu and other potential pandemic influenza outbreaks is available on Episcopal Relief & Development's web site. This site links to strong examples of pandemic preparedness plans and provides resources that can help people to maintain business continuity and provide for congregational gathering needs should an outbreak occur.

On the Net: http://www.er-d.org/Swine_Flu/

Communications request

If you are interested in serving the Diocese as part of the Communications Program Group, please contact Greta Huls, the Canon for Communication, at

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either greta@azdiocese.org or 602-254-0976.

Taizé services held statewide

Several churches around the Diocese are holding Taizé services. Please check the Diocese Events page at <http://azdiocese.org/events/> for dates, times, and locations.

Obama nominates Blanchard for key administration post

PHOENIX - Trinity Cathedral member Chuck Blanchard announced April 8 in his popular blog, *A Guy in the Pew*, that he is among President Barack Obama's nominees for key administration posts. Blanchard has been nominated for General Counsel, Department of the Air Force, Department of Defense.

President Obama said, "I am confident that the skill and dedication these individuals bring to their roles

will serve the American people well as we work to keep our nation safe at home and abroad. I am grateful that they have chosen to serve and look forward to working with them in the months and years ahead."

Blanchard is a litigation partner in the Phoenix office of Perkins Coie. During the Clinton administration, he served as the General Counsel of the U.S. Army (1999-2001) and Chief Counsel of the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (1997-1999). Before assuming in those positions, he practiced law at Brown & Bain, P.A. (1988-1997) and served as Arizona State Senator (1991-1995). He also previously served as Associate Independent Counsel in the Office of Independent Counsel James McKay (1987-1988). Blanchard has clerked for Judge Harry T. Edwards on the D.C. Circuit and for Justice O'Connor. He is a graduate of Lewis & Clark College, Harvard's Kennedy School of Government, and Harvard Law School.

Blanchard is also a contributor to *Episcopal Café*.

Diocese on Twitter and Facebook

The Diocese of Arizona is on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/episcopalaz> and Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=11867955644> and wants to hear from you! Please join us. At least one Diocesan parish is planning a Facebook Sunday to photograph everyone and help them set up a Facebook account.

June 2009

7 Church of the Transfiguration, Mesa
14 St. Mark's, Mesa
21 Sts. Philip & James, Morenci
28 St. Andrew's, Nogales

July 2009

5 Church of the Apostles, Oro Valley
12 Christ Church of the Ascension,
Paradise Valley
19 St. Philip's, Parker
26 St. Paul's, Payson

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