

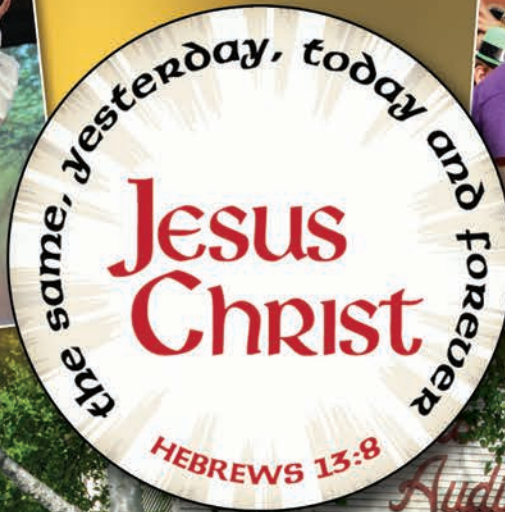
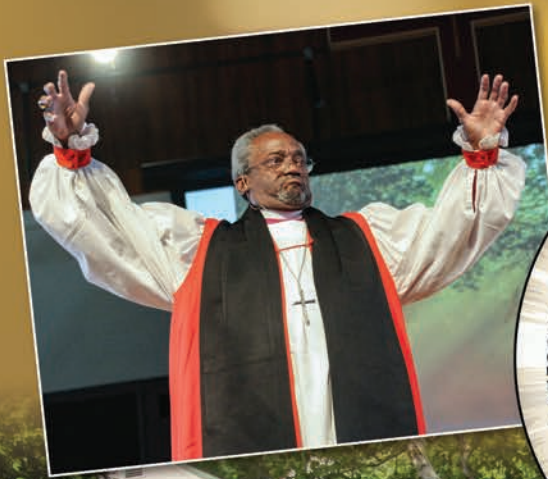
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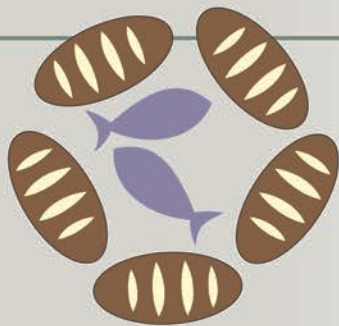
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- ✚ "Decisions"

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# Outward and Visible

By The Venerable Doctor Christopher A. Brown



One of the notable developments in the eighties and nineties in American Christianity was the emergence of “Seeker Churches.” These churches focus on reaching the unchurched in a manner that is sensitive to their cultural outlook -- thus making it easier for them to assimilate into the Body of Christ. Some have become among the largest and most successful churches in America, notably Rick Warren’s Saddleback Church and the Willow Creek Church founded by Bill Hybels outside of Chicago. Their philosophy of focusing on the unchurched has become extremely influential and has shaped the outlook of Christian leaders across a wide spectrum of churches and denominations.

In the effort to reach the unchurched, the seeker church approach strives to avoid seeming too “churchy.” Some even avoid the word, “church,” altogether. A popular alternative is the neutral and secular word, “center.” There is a congregation in my area that is called “Christian Fellowship Center,” and elsewhere I have seen church signs identifying themselves as “worship centers.” The underlying assumption is that modern people are skeptical and uncomfortable with the institutional church but are still on a spiritual search, and that shedding the traditional trappings of church can

raise people’s comfort level. As a result, ritual is radically stripped down, and traditional Christian imagery virtually eliminated.

Almost invariably these churches come out of the world of American Evangelism. What is often not acknowledged is that this “stripped down” and minimalist approach is not merely derived from market survey analysis of what unchurched people “are comfortable with.” This approach also coincides with a prior theological outlook that has been typical of Evangelism since the Reformation – namely a deep suspicion of iconography, decoration, liturgical form and church tradition.

## John Calvin on Images

The classic and perhaps most vigorous articulation of this position comes from the 16th century reformer, John Calvin, who argued that human nature “is a perpetual factory of idols,” and that the use of imagery is idolatry – worship as divine of what is merely prideful human creation.

“Man’s mind, full as it is of pride and boldness, dares to imagine a god according to its own capacity as it sluggishly plods, indeed is overwhelmed in the crassest ignorance, it conceives an unreality and empty appearance as God....man tries to express in his work the sort of god he has inwardly

conceived. We must cling to this principle: God’s glory is corrupted by an impious falsehood whenever any form is attached to him.”

Calvin did not reject all Christian art. “I am not gripped by the superstition of thinking absolutely no images are permissible.” He proposes a qualifier, “only those things are to be sculpted or painted which the eyes are capable of seeing.” What is excluded is “God’s majesty,” which must not be minimized and diminished by human conception. In theory, this would seem to provide a considerable latitude since images of Jesus, even the crucifixion, stories from the Old Testament and the Gospels are all things “the eyes are capable of seeing.” But in the context of worship Calvin thinks their use concedes too



much to corrupt human imagination. He concedes, “all almost images that until now have stood in churches were of this sort,” nevertheless, “these images had been called forth not of judgement or selection but of foolish and thoughtless craving. Hence even if such images “contained nothing evil” they still had no “value for teaching,” and were driven by essentially faithless need for depiction.

Calvin’s searing critique of imagery had wide influence - even in the Church of England where statuary was removed, and images were painted over and replaced by biblical verses carefully inscribed on the walls of churches. Only the Lutheran churches were initially resistant to this severe rejection of the visual. (An example is Luther’s own parish of St. Mary’s in Wittenberg, where the altar piece includes a large painting by Lucas Cranach the Elder of Jesus at the Last Supper, in which the apostles appear as Luther and his colleagues.)

## The Iconoclastic Controversy

The Protestant Reformation of the 16th century was not the first time images came under attack. Almost a thousand years before, in the 8th century, the “Iconoclastic Controversy” convulsed the Byzantine Church of the Middle East. In

726 the Byzantine emperor Leo III took a stand against the worship of icons, and in 730 their use was prohibited. It is difficult not to see this as reflecting the influence of Islam, which strictly prohibited all religious imagery, and which had conquered much of the Byzantine empire to become the dominant political and cultural force in the region. The situation was reversed in 78 when Empress Irene convoked the seventh ecumenical council at

Nicaea which condemned Iconoclasm (rejection of icons) as a heresy and reestablished the use of images.

## John of Damascus

The Council based its decision on a vigorously argued rationale by John of Damascus (676-749). John was the greatest theologian of his day and is often called the last of the Church Fathers. John was fully aware of Old Testament prohibition of images, and he shared Calvin’s view of that God in his eternal majesty is beyond human conception, “Who can make a copy of the invisible, incorporeal, uncircumscribed, and unportrayable God.”

John’s argument from the doctrine of Redemption is based on mystery that in Jesus Christ, the “Word became flesh.” Says John, “through the bowels of His mercy God our salvation was made man in truth...really made man in substance.” God has made himself tangible, as the Epistle of John says, “we have seen and touched and heard, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— the life was made manifest, and we have seen it.” (1 John 1:1-2) The fact that the incarnate Christ “is the image of the invisible God,” (Colossians 1:15) and

### John makes two basic arguments:

one based on the Doctrine of Creation, and the other from the Doctrine of Redemption. In the first place, John reminds his readers, “from the beginning God made man in his own image.” From the start God has endowed our earthly humanity with the reflection of himself. Even granting that the “*imago dei*” (Image of God) is not our actual physical form and God does not have hands and feet as we do, our concrete embodied humanity itself already points to God. “For what reason,” says John, “do we adore one another, except because we have been made to the image of God?” He quotes Basil of Caesarea, “the honor paid to the image resounds to the original” - a principle that is the foundation of all Christian iconography.



that God has become visible in the humanity of Jesus of Nazareth and meets us on our own level, points to the value of visual representation.

John of Damascus puts it this way: “when the invisible becomes visible in the flesh, then you may depict the likeness of something seen; when one who, by transcending his own nature, is bodiless, formless, incommensurable, without magnitude or size, that is, one who is in the form of God, taking the form of a slave, by this reduction to quantity and magnitude puts on the characteristics of a body, then depict him on a board and set up to view the One who has accepted to be seen.”

The classic Protestant suspicion of imagery and use of the visual is based on the conviction that true faith need not rely upon the human proclivity to

make sense of the divine in tangible human terms. But in the divine “condescension,” God chooses to make himself tangible - even material. Hence, the rejection of the “outward” and “visible” risks slipping into a tacit Gnosticism (the heresy that Christ never truly took on material flesh) and minimizing of the Incarnation.

### **What then?**

This is not a polemic against Seeker Churches. There are ways in which Seeker Churches exercise this incarnational principle of meeting people on their own level in innovative and creative ways. Often the worship in such churches draws from of popular forms of entertainment and is highly media savvy. This is one reason such churches have such a wide appeal - and they have much to teach us.

My point is simply that liturgical churches should think twice about downgrading the outward expression of ritual and symbolism in order to appear less “churchy.” Rather a better approach would be to be more imaginative and invitational in drawing newcomers into the rich outward forms of sacramental worship as something deeply consistent with the Gospel, and with our own human nature.

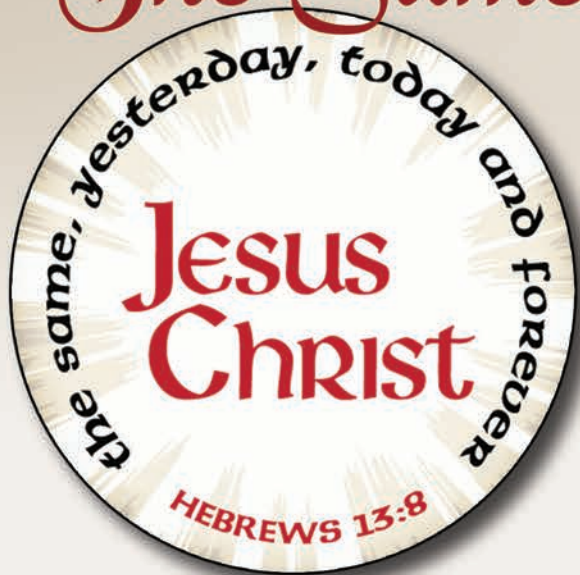


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# "The Same, Yesterday, Today"

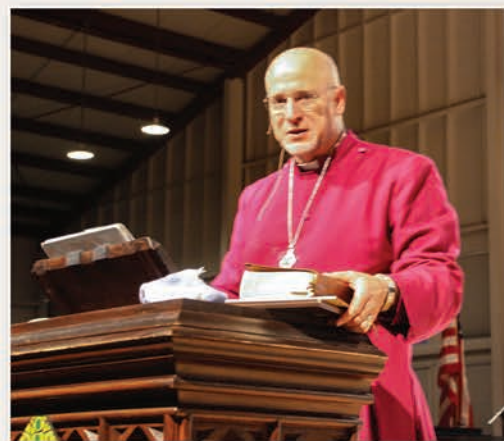


In an earlier issue of The Albany Episcopalian, it was written, "the 150th Convention in 2018 will not be one for anyone to miss." As it turned out, that was an understatement. This year's 150th Anniversary Convention at Camp of the Woods, Speculator, had all the magic promised.

The Convention theme was, "The Same, Yesterday, Today and Forever" - Hebrews 13:8. Approximately 900 people attended the annual gathering, anxious to see and hear the Most Reverend Michael Bruce Curry, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, speak. Just 20 days earlier, on May 19th, the Presiding Bishop became an instant international figure when he gave an electrifying 14 minute homily in London's Saint George's Chapel at the "Royal Wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle" as the world watched and listened. And here he was visiting Albany.

**K**eeping with tradition, the Convention opened Friday evening with the Bishop's address. His address was preceded by welcoming 12 new clergy to the Diocese (10 priests and 2 deacons). James Hammond, President and Executive Director of Camp of the Woods, followed with a presentation of a special plaque to Bishop Love acknowledging the Albany Diocese's 20th consecutive convention at this facility.

Bishop Love then extended warm greetings to the many distinguished visitors attending this 150th Anniversary celebration. Among the list recognized were, The Rt. Rev. David and Rita Parsons, Bishop of the Arctic, The Rt. Rev. Bishop Harold and Liz Miller, Bishop of Down and Dromore, The Rt. Rev. Todd and Rev. Patsy McGregor, Bishop of Toliara, The Rt. Rev. Dr. Fanuel Emmanuel Magangani, Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of Northern Malawi, The Most Rev. Ed Scharfenberger, Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany, and The Most Rev. Michael Bruce Curry, the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church. (See photo below)



Left to right: Bp Miller, Bp Herzog, Presiding Bishop Curry, Bp Scharfenberger, Bp Love, Bp Parsons, Bp McGregor, Bp Magangani



# and Forever” Hebrews 13:8

Bishop Love noted that he had hoped Archbishop Justin and Mama Joyce and the new Bishop of Maridi, Bishop Moses Zungu and his wife, Rejoice, would be able to join us this year, but it wasn't possible due to their new responsibilities. He added he hoped to have them join us next year. Thanks also were given to the many who worked in making the 150th Anniversary Convention a reality.

Next to be introduced to the podium were the new Diocesan Beaver Cross and Youth Ministry Leaders, Daniel and Kaitlyn Hyde. With them were the youth, all dressed for a birthday party, who presented a 150th anniversary cake to Bishop Love.

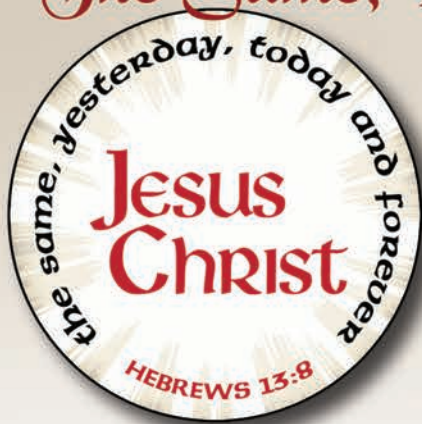
Moving on to his formal address, Bishop Love reflected first on the rich history of the Albany Diocese, the first Diocese to be named after a city. The first Diocesan Convention was held December 2-3, 1868, at St. Peter's, Albany, with The Rt. Rev. Horatio Potter (Bishop of New York) the attending Bishop, and The Rt. Rev. Henry Lascelles Jenner (Lord Bishop of Dunedin, New Zealand) also present as an invited guest. Thus began what has become a wonderful tradition of inviting Bishops from the wider Anglican Communion to join us for the Diocesan

Convention. Bishop Love noted that, in addition to the two bishops attending the 1868 convention, there were 61 clergy and 124 lay delegates at that Convention representing 60 parishes – all men, as women were not allowed at that time to serve as clergy or lay delegates. Bishop Love added, “unlike that first Convention, in which there were no female clergy, or lay delegates, the role of women in leadership positions within the Church in recent years has greatly changed. Today, the Diocese of Albany is blessed to have both men and women faithfully serving our Lord and His Church as priests and deacons, lay delegates, wardens, vestry members, and a multitude of other key leadership positions.”

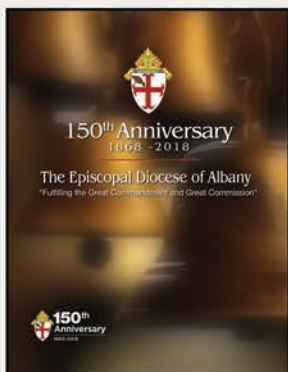




# "The Same, Yesterday, Today and Forever" Hebrews 13:8



That first convention saw the election of Albany's first bishop, The Rev. William Croswell Doane, Rector of St. Peter's Church, serving the next 44 years as Diocesan until his death in 1913, at the age of 81. (Today, there is a mandatory retirement age of 72). At that time, "when the Diocese of Albany was first established... there were 96 Episcopal churches in the 19 upstate counties comprising the newly established Diocese of Albany. Today, there are 117 Episcopal Churches/congregations in the Diocese. Of the original 96 congregations, 34 have since closed. Fortunately, 55 other Episcopal churches have been established taking their place and adding to the total number of Churches now making up the Diocese..." He added, "While there are currently a few congregations that are quite fragile and could potentially close if they continue on their current projectory, that is not my desire. It has been exciting to see several parishes that had been in sharp decline in recent years, turn around and come back to life with a new sense of vibrancy starting to grow, both numerically and spiritually. Strong Christ-centered leadership (both clergy and laity) makes all the difference."



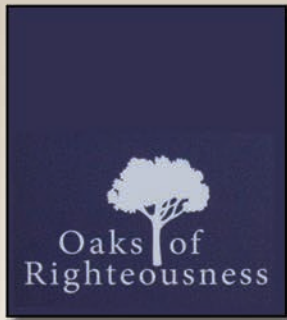
Bishop Love then went on to recognize Lay Canon George Marshall for his editing of the special 64 page "The Diocese of Albany's 150th Anniversary Booklet" that was prepared for this Convention. The booklet gives a brief overview of the history of the Anglican/Episcopal Church in this region, even before the official establishment of the Diocese, as well as many of the highlights of the Diocese of Albany which occurred during the tenure of each of its nine bishops up to the present day – recognizing that the final chapter of the Diocese is yet to be written. The booklet also has a section that includes a picture and brief write-up of each Church in the Diocese. Free complimentary copies were given to all those that attended the convention, but available for sale to anyone desirous of additional copies. Copies can be purchased by visiting the Diocesan website, [www.albanyepiscopal-diocese.org](http://www.albanyepiscopal-diocese.org). Bishop Love followed with highlights of the past year:

St. Paul's, Bloomville: for the dedication of their new Every Community Center and St. Paul's Ministry Center to better minister to the local community and surrounding area providing food and clothes to the poor and needy; ministry to the Veterans; offering space for the local medical providers to hold health related programs; improved space for St. Paul's afterschool and Sunday School program; as well as space for various recovery groups to meet.



Diocese of Albany's first Recovery Ministry Team (soon-to-be commissioned), is "a group of folks dedicated to ministering to people struggling with various addictions." He added, "I pray the Recovery Ministry Team will be a channel through which the Healing Light of Jesus Christ may shine brightly into the darkness that has consumed and destroyed so many lives, setting the captives free from the bondage of addiction."





The Oaks of Righteousness in north central Troy: for its continued growth of ministry to children and their parents, and sharing the love and Good News of Jesus Christ to folks who are in desperate need of hearing Good News.



**Bible Studies:** these studies continue to grow around the Diocese and transform the lives of countless people. Citing the addition of several Bible Study and Adult Education Programs, he said, "I long for the day when every parish in the Diocese of Albany has an active on going Bible Study ministry."



Christ the King Spiritual Life Center: Bishop Love recognized Reuben Todd, CTK's new Executive Director, for bringing about several improvements at CtK. They include the St. Barnabas Guest Rooms, the old Green House, updating software programs for enhancing and streamlining registration capabilities and other operations, and the expansion of programs geared towards youth. Bishop Love said, "One of my dreams for the not too distant future at CtK is that we will be able to build a multi-purpose building that serve as a gym, arts and crafts center and dining facility for the kids." He went on to say that \$500,000 will be needed to "help CtK take the next several steps it needs to achieve to bring about greater financial health and sustainability." He is looking for "500 people who are able to give \$1,000 or more" to this effort.

Moving on to another subject, the bishop stated that in the coming weeks, the General Convention will be dealing with some very difficult issues that could prove to be very divisive, not only within The Episcopal Church, but proposed changes to the marriage service in The Book of Common Prayer, as well as other proposed changes for the Book of Occasional Services. There is also challenge to the authority of bishops in exercising their ministry within their dioceses. These are a few of the issues which could become very problematic depending on what actions are taken." That said, Bishop Love asked for everyone's prayers throughout the upcoming General Convention for him, the Albany Deputation, Presiding Bishop Curry, the President of the House of Deputies and all members of the House of Bishops and House of Deputies.

**Editor's note:**

Bishop Love's letter on the General Convention that followed the Diocesan Convention is included in this issue of The Albany Episcopalian.

In closing his address, Bishop Love stated that "While much has changed these past 150 years, the one thing that has remained constant is the solid foundation upon which the Diocese of Albany is laid- Jesus Christ!"

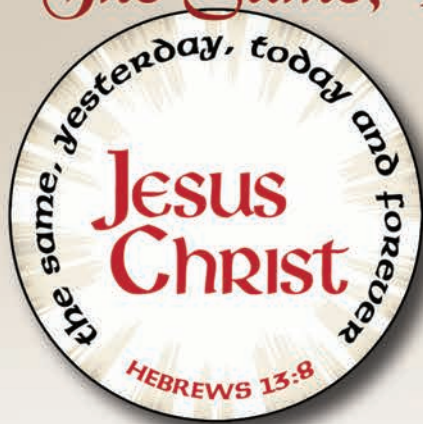
The entire Bishop's address may be found on the Diocesan website: [www.albanyepiscopaldiocese.org](http://www.albanyepiscopaldiocese.org).

After a brief intermission, the business session followed with the election of officers, and resumed the next morning. The morning session called for the annual diocesan budget, often a topic to raise questions from the electorate. Presented by Diocesan Treasurer, Mr. Clark Curtis, it was approved without debate. Further Actions of the Convention, Election results and Resolutions are noted on the following pages of this TAE issue.

Saturday afternoon's Eucharist in Tibbitts Auditorium began with an impressive procession of more than 80 church banners, each representing a church of the Diocese. Following the long line of banners were an equally impressive line of clergy, each dressed in white alb and red stole, and followed by the acolytes and bishops. The Eucharist's Celebrant was Bishop Love, along with the visiting bishops its Concelebrants. Bishop Curry was the preacher, and delivered a stirring and passionate sermon on the power of love.



# "The Same, Yesterday, Today and Forever" Hebrews 13:8







Activities throughout the weekend were in abundance. In addition to two plenary sessions, one led by Presiding Bishop Curry, the other a panel of all visiting bishops, a number of activities were offered:

music and entertainment, Vacation Bible School, Daughters of the King Prayer Walk, a Youth Rally, the Saturday evening Healing Service, vendor and Diocesan ministry exhibits, a movie night for children, and twenty-nine workshops. Some of the workshops were, “Discipleship 101”, “Empowering the Next Generation”, “Hope for the Dis-ease of Addiction: What You and Your Church can do”, “An Introvert’s Guide to Witnessing”, and “The Secret to Raising Good Kids: A Ministry Model for Empowering Parents”, just to name a few.

On Sunday, the final day of the three-day gathering, the always-exuberant Youth Service was held, with Presiding Bishop Curry, Celebrant, and the visiting bishops, Concelebrants.

The Vacation Bible School children, once again, thrilled the assembly with their usual cheerful song and dance. Teens served as lectors, ushers, acolytes and chalice bearers and Bishop Parsons gave another stirring sermon.

Before closing the Convention, Bishop Love announced details of the creation of a time capsule in honor of the 150th Anniversary

of the Diocese of Albany that will be located at Christ the King Spiritual Life Center. 25 young people were invited to the stage to present the 25 selected items that will be placed in the capsule. He charged each of them, if possible, to be present for the opening of the capsule in the year 2,068, the Bicentennial of the Diocese of Albany. A few of the items selected for the capsule are the Book of Common Prayer, the 150th Anniversary booklet and a poem by the esteemed local poet laureate, Dr. Leonard A. Slade, Jr., who wrote (see inset):

As the Sunday Youth Service came to an end, Bishop Love officially announced the closing of the 150th Anniversary Convention.

This year’s Convention will long be remembered among the very best in Albany’s 150 years history. It had all the elements of a successful diocesan event; an impressive attendance of laity and clergy, stirring music, excellent preaching, informative workshops, enthusiastic pomp and ceremony, activities for people of all ages, and unparalleled spirit of love of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. A new standard of excellence was demonstrated in the Diocese of Albany in this year of great celebration.

Sundays we rise early  
and fall on our knees by the bed  
then with folded hands and  
bowed heads and humble hearts we  
whisper private words to God. We thank  
Him for 150 years of preaching  
And living His Word.

I sometimes cry when drums of stomachs  
beat, when hunger causes death at home  
and abroad, I ask God what I  
can do for Him.

Speaking softly to Him,  
who has all power and glory  
and eyes on sinners and even the sparrow.

Why didn’t I know that  
He’s got the whole world in His hand?

Leonard A. Slade Jr. – 8 June 2018

– *The Editor*



## ACTIONS OF THE 149th CONVENTION

### Appointments:

#### Committee to Approve the Minutes of Convention

The Rev. Marian Sive, Chair  
The Rev. Denise Moore

The Rev. David Haig

The Very Rev. David Ousley

#### Committee on Convention Arrangements

Carol Drummond, Chair  
The Rev. Lynne Curtis  
Daniel Hyde  
The Rev. Thomas Malioneck  
The Rev. Marian Sive

Canon Jerry Carroll  
The Rev. Nancy Goff  
Kaitlyn Hyde  
The Rev. Barbara Mitchell  
Elizabeth Strickland

The Rev. Mark Chesnut  
Margaret Haskell  
The Rev. Judith Malioneck  
Sue Ellen Ruetsch  
Reuben Todd

#### Diocesan Development Fund

Clark Curtis, Treasurer  
Jeffrey Brown  
The Rev. Cn. Robert Haskell

John Boyce  
Lay Canon Richard Carroll  
The Rev. Art Peters

Robert Boynton  
The Rev. David Haig  
Charles Szuberla

#### Committee on Church Architecture and the Arts

The Very Rev. Nixon McMillan, Chair  
Jeffrey Hart

George Baldwin  
The Rev. Thomas Papazoglakis

Jeffrey Gullock  
Charles Szuberla

#### Commission on Ministry (New Appointments)

The Rev. Gabriel Morrow

The Rev. Alistair Morrison

#### Finance Committee

Clark Curtis, Treasurer  
Debbie Bisner

The Rev. William Tatem, Asst. Treasurer  
David Brenner

Lay Cn. Jerry Carroll

#### Christ-the-King Advisory Commission

Dane Austin  
The Ven. Dr. Harvey Huth  
The Rev. Thomas Papazoglakis

Randall Demler  
Robert Iseman  
The Rev. Derik Roy

The Ven. Dr. Leander Harding  
The Very Rev. Neal Longe

#### Director of Vocations

The Rev. Tom Malioneck

#### Salary and Benefits Committee (New Appointments)

Nicole Todd



## Elected Offices:

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<b>Secretary of the Convention</b>	The Rev. Marian Sive	2019
<b>Treasurer of the Diocese</b>	Clark Curtis	2019
<b>Assistant Treasurer</b>	The Rev. William Tatem	2019
<b>Great Chapter of the Cathedral</b>	The Rev. Judith Malioneck	2021
	Amy Lewis	2021
<b>Convention Rep. to Diocesan Council</b>	Penny Belton	2020
<b>Trustees of the Diocese</b>	Thomas Easterly	2022
	Nancy Priputen Madrian	2022
<b>Disciplinary Board</b>	The Rev. Elizabeth Papazoglakis	2020
	The Rev. Jacob Evans	2021
	The Rev. Paul Carney	2021
	Mary Jones	2021
	The Very Rev. Dr. Nixon McMillan	2020
<b>Standing Committee</b>	The Rev. Scott Garno	2021
	The Rev. Elizabeth Papazoglakis	2021
	Christopher Cassidy	2021
	John Hyde	2021

## Resolutions of the Convention

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### Resolution # 1

Moved by: The Rev. William Tatem

Seconded by: The Rev. Cn. Robert Haskell

RESOLVED that for 2019, the recommended clergy stipend schedule increases by 2%. All other rates will remain unchanged.

### Resolution #2

Moved by: Clark Curtis, Treasurer

Seconded by: The Rev. William Tatem

RESOLVED, that the Reduced Standard Assessment Formula, as presented in the Convention Book, be used for calculating Parish Assessments for 2019.

### Resolution #3

Moved by: Clark Curtis, Treasurer

Seconded by: The Rev. William Tatem

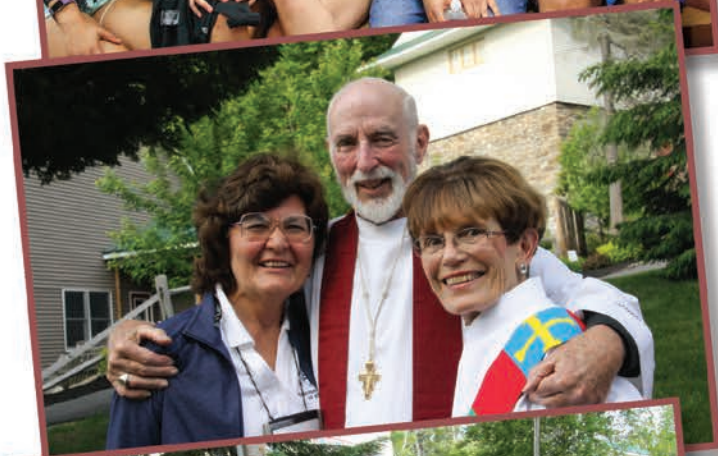
RESOLVED, that the Diocese of Albany Operations Budget 2019, as presented in this Convention Book, be adopted.

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# MORE... "As seen through the Lens"







# Episcopal Diocese of Albany

*Disciples Making Disciples*



## *A Message From Bishop Love Concerning the 79th General Convention – July 18, 2018*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As most of you are well aware, the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church ended this past Friday afternoon, July 13th in Austin, Texas. While it officially began on July 5th, in actuality, it started on July 3rd with registration and the first of multiple Committee Hearings.

All together over 400 resolutions were presented during the 10 days of General Convention, most of which will have little to no impact on the Diocese of Albany or the world around us. With that said, there were a few resolutions of great significance that will greatly impact the Diocese of Albany and the wider Episcopal Church. Some of which were positive and others I see as greatly problematic.

On a positive note, an amended version of A068 was passed, thus preserving the 1979 Book of

Common Prayer for at least the near term. There had been an attempt to change the 1979 BCP at this convention in ways that would have been unacceptable to those who maintain a traditional understanding of marriage. Resolution A068 not only preserved the 1979 BCP marriage rite and preamble, but also preserved the current psalter and liturgies; the Trinitarian formularies; the Lambeth Quadrilateral; and the Historic Documents. The resolution does allow for Dioceses under the direction and approval of their Bishop, to develop new rites and new language for trial use.

There had been an attempt at the 79th General Convention to radically change the bishop election process for each diocese by including the involvement of surrounding dioceses and the Presiding Bishop's Office in unprecedented ways. While presented in a positive light, the potential for

abuse led to the overwhelming defeat of the resolution.

One other potentially positive development coming out of the 79th General Convention was the passage of A227 which calls for the commission of a Task Force on "Communion Across Differences." The Task Force (equally manned by traditionalists and progressives), is asked to find ways that both traditionalists and progressives can work together, to the extent possible, with a sense of integrity in The Episcopal Church. Time will tell how effective this will be.

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perspective as Bishop, the most problematic and potentially damaging within the Diocese of Albany as well as the wider Anglican Communion.

While I know there are some in the Diocese of Albany who applaud the passage of B012, the vast majority of the clergy and people of the Diocese, to include myself, are greatly troubled by it. There is much I need to say about B012 and how it will be handled in the Diocese of Albany, but before doing so, I need more time to think and pray, as well as consult with the Standing Committee and other trusted advisors.

What is being called for in B012, not only goes against the Marriage Canons of the Diocese of Albany, but also attempts to severely limit the bishop's role and ministry as chief pastor, priest and teacher of all the people and parishes entrusted to his or her care regarding the sacrament of marriage. More importantly, it goes against my understanding of what God has revealed through Holy Scripture and over 2000 years of Church teaching about marriage.

I hope to meet with all the clergy of the Diocese to discuss their concerns and the potential impact of B012 on the clergy and parishes of the Diocese. In an effort to accommodate for that discussion, a special Clergy Day is scheduled for Thursday September 6th, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Christ the King Center. Lunch will be provided. I am asking all the clergy (priests and deacons) to RSVP by Sunday, August 26th by emailing Lay Canon Jerry Carroll by clicking one of the following options: Attending or Regrets; or by calling him at the Diocesan Office, at 518-692-3350, x501.

Please note that none of the actions of the 79th General Convention (to include B012), go into effect until the First Sunday of Advent 2018. With that said, I am taking a few days to rest, pray and think. I am currently in Colorado visiting family and will be back in Albany on this Friday, July 20th. I pray each of you have an opportunity to rest and relax, enjoying the remainder of the summer before the business of the fall starts up.

In closing, I want to commend our Diocesan Deputation. They worked incredibly hard, putting in very long hours faithfully representing the Diocese of Albany and serving our Lord Jesus Christ and His Church, often in a very difficult, trying and less than favorable environment. Despite the many challenges and frustrations, the Albany Deputation remained positive, as they testified at various Committee Hearings and spoke on the floor of the House of Deputies. Several bishops commented to me on how professional, well prepared and well-spoken Albany's Deputies were. They upheld and faithfully proclaimed the Gospel, speaking God's truth in love.

Faithfully Your Brother in Christ,

+ *Bill*







# Episcopal Diocese of Albany

*Disciples Making Disciples*

## **A Message From Bishop Love** **September 7, 2018**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I met with the clergy of the Diocese of Albany on Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, to discuss the recently passed General Convention Resolution B012. In order to provide a “safe setting,” enabling all the clergy to speak freely without fear of being quoted in the local newspaper, or by other clergy, the meeting was held within the context of an Executive Session. Approximately 130 clergy were able to attend.

I invited the clergy to reflect and share their thoughts regarding B012, particularly as it impacts them individually and their ministry as deacons and priests; the potential impact on their parishes; and the potential impact on the Diocese as a whole. I also asked what they would like to see from the Bishop prior to December 2<sup>nd</sup> (the first Sunday of Advent and the effective date of all General Convention Resolutions).

Overall, I found the day to be positive and helpful as I continue to discern how I, as the Bishop, will respond to B012 and lead the Diocese in the days to come. A wide variety of diverse thoughts and opinions were offered by the clergy regarding B012. All were shared in good faith.

As I mentioned in my letter of invitation to the clergy, the purpose of the meeting was NOT for me to issue a proclamation at that time on how B012 will be carried out in the Diocese of Albany, but rather for me to share with them some of my thoughts regarding B012; to clarify my understanding of what it does and doesn't say; and to give me a chance to listen to the thoughts and concerns of the clergy.

Ultimately, as the Bishop, I will make a decision regarding my response to B012 and how it will be dealt with in the Diocese of Albany. That decision will be made thoughtfully and prayerfully and will be openly shared with the whole Diocese prior to December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

While, I know there are some who would like me to simply say today what I am going to do, it is not simply a matter of being for or against same-sex marriage. As a result of the complexity of B012, there are a multitude of implications not only for same-sex couples wishing to be married in their home parish, but also for the clergy and parishes involved; for my role and ministry as Bishop; for the Diocese of Albany and its relationship with the wider Anglican Communion and body of Christ.

Whatever decision I and or the rest of the Church make regarding B012, there will be consequences. There is no escaping that. My ultimate desire as your Bishop, is to be faithful and obedient to our Lord Jesus Christ, discerning not my will, but His will in knowing how best to lead the Diocese of Albany in such a way that He will be glorified and His Church and people be blessed. Please keep me and our Diocese in your prayers.

Faithfully Your Brother in Christ,

**+William H. Love**  
Bishop of Albany

# “DECISIONS”

By Lay Canon George Marshall

**T**he impactful film of 2017, “The Darkest Hour”, is a historical depiction of England’s crisis in early World War II. It was a time for important decisions to affect the future of Great Britain. For the six years leading into 1939, England ignored the growing threat of a rising Third Reich, then was suddenly faced with a world war to last seven years.

By May, 1940, just as Winston Churchill rose to become England’s newest Prime Minister, Germany had taken control of most of Europe, and was closing in on France with 300,000 British troops, almost the entire British army, surrounded by 3 million German troops at France’s city, Dunkirk. In a matter of days, France was sure to fall and bring certain destruction or capture of the British army that was still lying in wait of rescue from the nearing German forces. Adding to Churchill’s woes was his own political party and the entire British Parliament pressing for a “negotiated peace”. Churchill knew that a decision to negotiate would bring eventual invasion of England and surrender to Germany. It would be the end of their island – its freedom – and the dignity of Great Britain’s population.

With the clock ticking, Churchill gathered support of Parliament, the British people, and the decision was made to not have a “negotiated peace”. It was also decided to rely on a civilian “navy”, comprised of more than 2,000 privately-owned boats capable of crossing the treacherous English Channel, to rescue its 300,000 troops from Dunkirk. Miraculously, the

civilian “navy” prevailed and brought most of the troops safely home. England’s army was then restored, and five years later, Germany surrendered.

In several ways, the situation facing our church and our diocese in this 21st century is not so unlike England in 1940. Surely, people’s lives in the Episcopal Church will not be lost in a way that Great Britain faced, but, the loss of the very hearts and souls of members of the Episcopal Church are now at risk. Just as Churchill dealt with a divided constituency, so has the division existing in today’s Church. How did we get this far?

Over the past several decades, many subtle, but profound changes, were approved at General Conventions, then culminated at the recent 79th General Convention of the Episcopal Church in Austin, Texas. Resolutions approved at that Convention reached an unprecedented level of concern; among them, the decision to approve same sex marital rites, a topic now dominating the media reporting.

Unfortunately, other issues of great importance have not been brought to light; the eventual authority of the church’s bishops, ownership of diocesan properties and radical changes in the Book of Common Prayer. Almost all changes might very well be implemented in the not-so-distant future.

Shortly after the General Convention this past June, Bishop Love reflected on his personal thoughts, including his plans to meet with all his clergy of the Diocese. He wrote, in part,

“Unfortunately with the passage of B012, authorizing same-sex marriages in parishes (regardless of the Bishop’s views and diocesan policies), the Task Force’s work has become much more difficult if not impossible. Of all the actions taken at the 79th General Convention, the passage of B012, is from my perspective as Bishop, the most problematic and potentially damaging within the Diocese of Albany as well as the wider Anglican Communion. While I know there are some in the Diocese of Albany who applaud the passage of B012, the vast majority of the clergy and people of the Diocese, to include myself, are greatly troubled by it. There is much I need to say about B012 and how it will be handled in the Diocese of Albany, but before doing so, I need more time to think and pray, as well as consult with the Standing Committee and other trusted advisors. What is being called for in B012 not only goes against the Marriage Canons of the Diocese of Albany, but also attempts to severely limit the bishop’s role and ministry as chief pastor, priest and teacher of all the people and parishes entrusted to his or her care regarding the sacrament of marriage. More importantly, it goes against my understanding of what God has revealed through Holy Scripture and over 2000 years of Church teaching about marriage.”

*(Bishop Love’s written reflections have been included in this current issue of TAE.)*





### **On a personal note...**

*I am reminded of a grandmother who often said to her children when they were faced with adversity, "Out of the hottest fire comes the strongest steel." How timely are those words today?*

That said, what are we to do now? What decisions will be made to have a profound and positive effect on the future of our church? In the coming months, I urge the readers of *The Albany Episcopalian* to:

1. Pray for our Diocesan, The Rt. Rev. William Love. May he be given prayerful support as he addresses the challenges he is sure to face in the months ahead.
2. Pray for our clergy, our parishes and families, that they support, what will certainly be, profound decisions directing the future of our church.
3. Pray for other dioceses. Many are experiencing a decline in membership, financial pressures and the sale of church properties. A few are contemplating merging with other dioceses to reduce costs and consolidate resources.
4. Pray for our national church. In recent years, the church has been experiencing a serious decline in membership, as well as deep financial stress. Pray that it be steadfast in its stewardship responsibilities, and that it hold dear to the principles of the Episcopal Church while meeting the concerns of all its members.

This article is not meant to be one of gloom and doom. What may be described as a picture of "dismay", we can - with God's help, remain hopeful. England's "Darkest Hour" might very well be a preview of what God has also planned for us, provided we decide to respond with Him in mind.

We pray we may so do.

*Lay Cn. George Marshall is Editor  
of The Albany Episcopalian*

# God Moments and God's Blessings To Love a Child's Mission Trips



## Team Members:

Cindy Schmehl - Executive Director, Member of St. John's Church, Troy

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Virginia Touhey

Richard Griesche

Lori Tillman

To Love a Child, Inc. is a grass-roots non-profit, no paid staff and a five-person board of directors. Reflecting on our mission trip to Zimbabwe I can't help but recognize the "God Moments" that made this trip possible, successful and memorable. Team members felt called to go on this journey and bring their expertise and willingness to serve and help others. We thank Him for bringing a perfect team together. God's hand was in every step of our journey.

The projects in Zimbabwe were carefully planned with project managers on location and welcomed by the communities to be served. We realized how in-tune we were when we asked, "how about a bee project so that the children can have more nutrition and the school can earn money?" Our project managers replied "brilliant, we were thinking of the same thing!"

The communities we serve in Zimbabwe are amongst the poorest in the country. Their needs are many which translates into numerous projects to be coordinated, as well as a wish-list of monetary and in-kind donations. At first, donations came in easily but as our departure

date approached we were short on funding. Yet, with God's hand and His clear intervention, several unexpected donations were produced to help reach our exact goal!

From the moment we set foot on the ground in Zimbabwe the joy of our presence was heartfelt. There was excitement from the people, our team members and our project managers who work hard on a volunteer basis. We first met with our new partners in Zimbabwe, Healthwatch, an NGO that provides opportunities for hundreds of disabled individuals near Harare. Their slogan says it all, "Disability Does Not Mean Inability". Two days were spent playing with the younger children and showing them the new educational supplies we brought them. We listened to heartbreaking stories of moms and grandmothers trying to support their disabled children and overcome the stigma of having a disabled child. We witnessed the incredible gifts God has given some of the teens like Brighton who can create beautiful artwork by holding markers and art brushes in his toes and Nakai who is a local wheel chair tennis champion.





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Our team met with the church's women's association, a lively and energetic group of ladies anxious to learn and spend time with us. They brought sewing machines and we provided the material and supplies to cut and sew reusable sanitary pads. A recent article put out by Reuters is entitled "Too Poor for Periods; Zimbabwe's Girls Rely on Rags, Paper, Leaves" describes how menstruation means missing school and embarrassment. Reading it was another God moment...we are grateful, God, that you have confirmed we are on the right path with our sanitary program.

We visited many homes in the bush where people live a humble and simple life. These families walk great distances for water, to attend church, or to get to the marketplace, so coming to see us was out of the question. We enjoyed the ride into the countryside with our vehicle filled with bags of soap, oil, rice, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and beans which we distributed to the families we met. We also presented them with solar lanterns which they accepted with great appreciation and a lot of amazement-

-how can a small little gadget like this harness the sun's power and bring them light? This was especially true for a 105-year-old man who in his early years wore skins and hunted for food. What a privilege to meet and pray with our brother of such wisdom and fortitude.

School was on break, so we could not meet the preschoolers we support with a daily lunch program, though we were able to spend time with the 3 pre-school teachers. The teachers were delighted to accept new teacher's uniforms and little mats for the children to nap on.

The second location on our journey was 8 hours northwest of Harare near the bustling tourist town of Victoria Falls where there is an abundance of hotels, safari companies, restaurants and shops geared for travelers from around the world. Outside of this vacationer's mecca, however, live thousands of people struggling for food, medicine and necessities. This is where we continued God's work—a rural village filled with mud huts and thatched roofs; a place where cows, goats, and an occasional pig

wandered down dusty paths heading for a waterhole; a place where we were greeted with big smiles and enthusiastic waves, a place where people waited hours for our programs to begin and sang and danced after each program ended for the day.

Our days were filled conducting simultaneous projects. Karen worked in the classrooms teaching 300+ children about bees and pollination. Rich worked with the members of the men's woodshop building sewing machine tables and wooden bee hives. Lori assisted people in finding the correct pair of prescription eye glasses. Virginia and I met with over 160 women in the new Women's and Children's Center to learn how to sew sanitary pads. We also discussed the third and final phase of making this center a business hub for creating school uniforms and sweaters. Older women will teach younger women how to cut patterns and sew. Eventually these skills will be passed on to the next generation.





## God Moments and God's Blessings To Love a Child's Mission Trip to Zimbabwe

*continued*

The lines wrapped around the building at our two-day free clinic. Older, fragile patients walked hours to be with us; some arrived in a donkey cart or on the backs of strong men willing to carry them over deep sandy paths. Although we could not dispense prescription medicine we were able to provide some comfort with over-the-counter tablets, vitamins, lubricating eye drops and topical creams. Babies received handmade knitted hats, children were given cloth dolls to ease their fear, men were eager to receive razors, and women and girls were given sanitary pads. All patients received washcloths and lotion while patients with acute illnesses were noted and brought for further medical care after our departure. Our dream is to build a clinic in this rural area.

The last day of our visit to this village began before dawn as many hands prepared for the day's activities by cooking food, organizing the children for their presentations, and parishioners from eleven churches practiced their dances and songs of

worship. Over 550 people came to the school that day to celebrate with us.

The twenty plus women who weave had their baskets displayed ready for us to purchase. Each woman, proud of her accomplishments, eagerly waited to see who would buy her wares. We poured praise upon their work and through a little game they are accustomed to, each team member slowly picked up a basket and said, "I'll take this one, and this one, and this one..." ending with me saying "I'll take every basket that is left!". After cheers of excitement and hugs for all the team members, the women posed for photos with their baskets. The women were paid a fair price for work they so deservedly earned. They will use the money for school tuition, food, medicine and other items they consider luxuries. To Love a Child sells the baskets at our events.

The next stop was the men's woodworking shop that we established many years ago. Once again, beautifully carved and polished wooden items were on display. This





time we did not have the ability to indulge and purchase every item, as space and weight were an issue with our luggage. Yet, a few things were purchased from each wood carver to further enable them to provide for their families.

Just before noon the long-awaited festivities began. More than 300 primary school children and teachers were seated on the ground while another 250 or more sat in whatever shade they could find. The people, dressed in their finest, had waited hours for the festival to begin! After an opening prayer and national anthem, students presented poems, songs and traditional dance. Church members danced in unison and sang songs of thanks and praise. Later, we were asked to say a few words. Words did not come easily as we were all holding back tears with the realization that we had witnessed and participated in something so special, so purposeful and so planned by God. We had praised Him with this festival and we will look to Him for His plan

and purpose for all of us, as a huge and dedicated team of hundreds, going forward.

Empty tummies were then filled with a feast of goat, rice, cabbage, sauce and juice. I asked the head teacher “when was the last time the children ate a hot meal like this?” She replied, “two years ago when you were last here”.

The team served each child their meal. They came with bowls of every kind; some old, some we had given them years ago that are only used for this celebration, some rusted and some coated with sand. We poured juice into cups and old soda bottles. We smiled at each child and they bowed to us in appreciation of their meal. After the children ate, then old and sick ate, then the pregnant women, then the rest of the village. Every time I thought we would run out of food another pot seemed to appear from nowhere. Matthew 14:13-21....20 They all ate and were satisfied...

Finally, village heads called their people together and distributed much needed supplies to each family. We watched as families carried soap, oil, beans, sugar, salt, toothbrushes and toothpaste to their homes. Many assisted the elderly who were too weak to carry their own supplies. 250 homesteads were helped that day.

Since 2003 I have made more than twenty trips to Zimbabwe. Each trip is magnificent in its own unique way. I don't believe my experiences are just a chance happening. They are filled with God moments that are answers to prayers, sudden revelations of His will, and teaching moments that help me and others to understand the needs of others and respond to their needs accordingly.

There are so many more God moments and stories from my years of work in Zimbabwe and Haiti. If you would like more information, please contact me at [directoratTLC@aol.com](mailto:directoratTLC@aol.com) or 518-859-4424. Our next trip is in 2019.





## Clergy In Transition

### Appointments

**Fr. Greg Bailey** – has been appointed Priest in Charge of Trinity Church, Gouverneur

**Mtr. Patricia Beauharnois** – has been appointed Priest-in-Charge of Christ & St. John's Church, Champlain

**Fr. James Brisbin** – has been called as Rector of Church of the Holy Name, Boyntonville

**Fr. John Cairns** – has been appointed Priest-in-Charge of the Adirondack Mission.

**Fr. Art Garno** – has been appointed Priest-in-Charge of St. Paul's Church, Waddington

**Mtr. Nancy Goff** – has been called to be the Associate at the Adirondack Mission.

**Mtr. Judith Malionek** – has been called to be a Curate at St. Paul's Church, Albany

**Mtr. Donna Steckline** – has been appointed Priest-in-Charge of Christ Church, Gilbertsville

### Departures

**Fr. Steve Schlossberg** – has been called as Rector of St. Matthews Church, Richmond, Va.

### In Memoriam

**Fr. Dave Jenkin** – retired priest of the Diocese, passed away on April 18th, 2018 in Pompano Beach, Florida. He was 82. He served at churches in the Dioceses of Rhode Island, Albany, The Windward Islands, and Trinidad and Tobago. From 1970 until 1984 he served as Priest-in-Charge at Grace Chapel in Stamford and St. Peter's in Hobart. From 1984 until 1987 he was Rector at Christ Church in Greenville & Trinity Church in Rensselaerville. In 1987 he served as Interim Priest at St. Stephen's Church in Delmar, until 1988. He served as Interim Priest from 1989 until 1990 at Church of Our Saviour in Lebanon Springs, New York.

**Fr. Congreve Quinby** – retired priest of the Diocese, died on June 14, 2018 at his home in Burlington, VT. He was 89. Fr. Quinby served parishes in California and Missouri, and he was Rector at Trinity Church, Potsdam, from 1985 to 1994. In his retirement from full time ministry, he continued to serve parishes in the North Country and Vermont, and for more than twenty years, he served one to two months each winter as Priest-in-Residence at the House of the Redeemer, a retreat house in New York City.



### Episcopal Charities of Albany offers eye care grants

Episcopal Charities of Albany offers direct assistance in the form of grants to indigent persons regardless of faith, who are in need of eye care, or who otherwise suffer from eye disorders, and are unable to afford such eye care of necessary related services. Grants are limited to eye examinations, purchase of eye glasses and special equipment or medication needed by an individual by reason of his or her suffering from eye disease and surgical procedures to restore or maintain normal vision.

Grant awards are limited to a maximum \$1,000 per grant and to those residing within 19 counties of the Episcopal Diocese of Albany (northeastern New York State.)

Those who feel they may qualify for an eye care grant can apply by contacting the Administrator at [ECA@albanydiocese.org](mailto:ECA@albanydiocese.org) or writing to ECA, 580 Burton Road, Greenwich, NY 12834.



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The Right Reverend William H. Love  
Bishop

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

A few days ago, I went for an early morning walk at Christ the King Center, before the start of a very busy day of meetings and appointments. As I walked breathing in the cool crisp morning air, looking out over the beauty of the surrounding country side with its tree covered hills and open meadows and the sunrise glistening off the water of the pond near the Barry House Library, I couldn't help but give thanks to God for the beauty of His creation and the very real presence of the Holy Spirit. It was one of those "special God moments" where I felt engulfed in the Lord's love, mercy and grace. Perhaps you or someone you know has had a similar experience while walking the grounds of Christ the King Center, or praying in one of its many beautiful chapels. The grounds of CTK are truly holy and sacred.

This December will mark the 16<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Diocese's purchase of this 600+ acre property in Greenwich, NY. Over those years, by God's grace and the faithful prayers, hard work and extreme generosity of countless individuals, the property has been transformed into what is now Christ the King Center – a first rate Christian Camp, Conference and Retreat Center for people of all ages – kids and adults alike.

At our Annual Diocesan Convention in June, I stated that the one thing that has greatly hampered and limited the ministry at Christ the King Center from the very beginning is the lack of operating capital. We can have the most beautiful grounds and some of the greatest Christian programs and ministry around, but if we don't have the funds to pay the bills and the staff during the slow months, we find ourselves constantly trying to catch up and financially stressed.

If Christ the King Center -- a major ministry and blessing of this Diocese, is ever to truly tap into its potential, and become the ministry resource that I believe the Lord wants it to be for the building up of His Kingdom – the financial situation has to change. This year, we need to raise \$500,000 above and beyond the regular level of giving, in order to create the breathing space needed to help Christ the King Center take the next several steps needed to bring about greater financial health and sustainability. New marketing efforts are underway, but they take time. For far too long Christ the King Center has been one of the best kept secrets around. We are working hard to change that, but in the meantime, we need your help. If we can find 500 people who are able to give \$1,000 or more, that could make all the difference. I ask you to please pray about what you can do.

*Disciples Making Disciples*



Are you one of the 500 willing to help ensure the future of Christ the King Center and its many ministries such as:

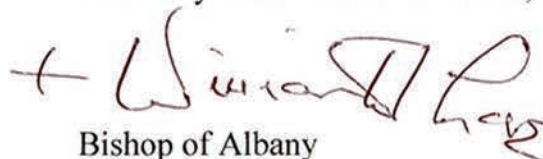
- **The Beaver Cross Summer Camp Program** which annually helps hundreds of kids from all walks of life around the Diocese and the surrounding communities grow stronger in their Christian faith in a safe, loving, Christ-centered environment, surrounded by the beauty of God's creation. When asked what made Christ the King Center and Beaver Cross so special, the most common responses were: the sense of community; the loving and caring staff; and the overall welcome they received. For many of the kids, Beaver Cross is their first real exposure to the true love and Good News of Jesus Christ.
- **Christian Conferences** such as the upcoming two day "Inner Healing" conference entitled "Transformed" (October 19-20), with keynote speaker Judith MacNutt, a world renowned leader in Christian Healing Ministry. Judith and her husband Francis MacNutt have taught and ministered to thousands of people around the world. I count myself as one of those richly blessed by their teaching and healing prayer ministry.
- **The Welcome Home Initiative**, a special three day healing ministry retreat in November for veterans suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress that is completely free for the veterans.

These are just a few of the many ministry programs occurring at CTK. People come year round for retreats, conferences, and various other ministry opportunities and community events.

Earlier this summer, Karen and I gave \$5,000 to support the ministry at CTK. In a few days, we will be giving an additional \$5,000. I share this, not to brag, but rather to let you know that Karen and I truly believe in what the Lord is doing at Christ the King Center, and the potential of what can be done, given the necessary resources. God has blessed us richly in our lives and we want to share that blessing with others through the ministry of Christ the King. Please join us and others from around the Diocese in supporting this vitally important ministry by investing in the future of Christ the King Center through the **"Friends of the King Appeal."**

I am very aware that not everyone is able to give at the same level. For some, a \$1,000 gift is beyond their current financial abilities, but a lesser amount is doable. There are others in a position to give far more than the requested \$1,000. Whatever your financial circumstances, I pray that you will consider doing all that you can to help us meet the current goal of raising \$500,000 over the next couple of months in support of the ministry of Christ the King Center. Your generous gift is greatly needed and most appreciated. **You can make the difference!**

Faithfully Your Brother in Christ,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "William D. Hall", written in a cursive style.

Bishop of Albany

# UPCOMING DIOCESAN EVENTS

## October

- 1 Standing Committee Meeting
- 1-3 Holiness Conference
- 5-13 Clergy Conference Diocese of Down & Dromore (travel included)
- 13 Commission on Ministry Meeting
- 19-20 Healing Event featuring Judith McNutt
- 23 Trustees Meeting
- 26-28 Deacons Retreat – Christ the King SLC

## November

- 2 Bible Symposium – Cathedral of All Saints
- 5 Standing Committee Meeting
- 6-9 Priests Retreat – Christ the King SLC
- 10 Commission on Ministry Meeting

## December

- 1 Diocesan Council Meeting
- 3 Standing Committee Meeting
- 8 Commission on Ministry Meeting
- 11 Trustees Meeting



## Women's Cursillo Weekend November 17 - 19

Cursillo is a weekend retreat that is designed to show us how to have a closer relationship with our Lord and how to share His love with others. One woman after attending a weekend stated, "I strongly recommend Cursillo as a way to strengthen your faith." Jeri Vincent will be leading the next Women's Weekend on November 17-19 at Christ the King Spiritual Life Center, Greenwich. If you are interested in attending, speak to your clergy and ask if anyone in your church has attended. For more information, visit the Cursillo website at [albanyepiscopalcursillo.org](http://albanyepiscopalcursillo.org) or contact John Hyde at 518-376-9477.



## Coming events at Christ the King Center



### *Transformed* *An inner healing Conference*

**Featuring Judith MacNutt, M.A., from Christian Healing Ministries**  
Paul Caprera from ccahope, and The Rev. Frank Lockwood from Belvedere Addiction Services

**October 19-20, 2018**

### Planning your schedule

*Every Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. there is a Healing Service in the Healing Center Chapel featuring outstanding talks from clergy and laity throughout our Diocese, anointing and opportunity for individual prayers for healing.*

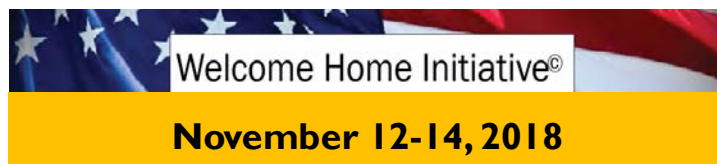
- 10/6-7&13-14 SHP L1 2-wknd class
- 10/10 - Soaking Prayer
- 10/11-14 - SHP L4
- 10/13 - Commission on Ministry
- 10/19-20 -Transformed Conference
- 10/23 - Trustees Mtg
- 10/26-28 - EDoA Deacon's Retreat
- 11/3 - Day of Quiet and Healing
- 11/6-9 - EDoA Priest's Retreat
- 11/12-14 - Veteran's Retreat - WHI
- 11/16-18 - Women's Cursillo
- 11/30 - 12/2 - Advent Retreat
- 12/1 - Diocesan Council
- 12/12 - Soaking Prayer
- 12/18 - Lessons & Carols @ The Healing Center

### **Holiness: the Road to Resurrection** **March 31-April 2, 2019**

A Lenten retreat designed to prepare hearts for Holy Week. Featuring Key note speaker  
**Archbishop George Carey**

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### Save these Dates



WHI is a healing program for veterans suffering in varying degrees from PTS or moral injury and are in need of soul repair. There is **NO CHARGE** for veterans or their spouses.

***If you would like to sponsor a veteran, donations of any amount are appreciated. \$400 sponsors one vet.***



#### **Level 1: Oct. 6-7 & 13-14 2-weekend class**

Introduction to the foundations for healing | The history of healing in the church | Gifts of the Holy Spirit | Becoming a Prayer Minister

#### **Level 4: Oct. 11-14 4-day class**

Intended for people who are interested in in-depth healing ministry, particularly personal prayer appointments...  
Soaking Prayer | Advanced Deliverance | Understanding and praying for PTS

### A Day of Quiet and Healing

*For thus said the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel, "In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength."*  
—Isaiah 30:15 RSV

**Saturday, November 3, 2018**  
**9:30 a.m. — 3:30 p.m.**

**FAMILY**

Soaking Prayer | Reconciliation  
Healing Holy Communion

TO REGISTER: call 518-692-9550 ext 201 or  
email [healing@ctkcenter.org](mailto:healing@ctkcenter.org)  
Lunch is available at the Welcome Center (\$13)

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*- Diocesan Vision*

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## BISHOP LOVE'S VISITATION SCHEDULE

### October

- 14 All Saints Church, Hoosick
- 21 Christ Church, Greenville  
Zion, Morris, for Bicentennial

### November

- 18 St. Andrew's Church, Scotia

### December

- 2 St. Andrew's Church, Albany
- 9 St. Paul's Church, Albany
- 16 St. Stephen's Church, Schenectady
- 23 Bethesda Church, Saratoga Springs