



Live in the Spirit

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Venice, Florida



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My dear friends,

Welcome to this 39th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Southwest Florida. It is an honor for me to preside at this convention and enjoy our life together in the Lord's service.

Working and serving together in the Lord's service is, indeed, the purpose of a diocesan annual convention. Certainly a diocesan convention has the typical adoption of budgets, debates and votes on resolutions, elections for church offices, state of the church addresses, courtesy resolutions, and, of course, fellowship.

All of these though, only matter if they have to do with serving the Lord Jesus Christ in our lives. That is what the baptized do and who they are. The theme for this convention is Live in the Spirit. Living the baptized life presumes the living Lord Jesus Christ alive in us. The Spirit of the Lord is alive and available to us, in us, and for us.

When we make our lives available to His Life we do, indeed, Live in the Spirit. I pray that this convention be about His life in us. When we are alive for Him, our budgets and resolutions are about Christian mission and ministry. That is why we are gathered.

Let us Live in the Spirit!

Faithfully yours,

The Rt. Rev. Dabney T. Smith

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2007 convention schedule

Thursday, Oct. 18:

Standing Committee meeting: 1–2 p.m. at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 513 Nassau St. South, Venice.

Diocesan Council meeting: 2:30–4:30 p.m. at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 513 Nassau St. South, Venice.

Friday Oct. 19:

9 a.m.: Morning Prayer, Rite I at St. Mark's

9:45 a.m. to noon: Workshops at St. Mark's

- Safeguarding God's Children
- Anti-racism training
- Developing a labyrinth
- Altar Guild
- History of icons

12:15 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Box lunch served at St. Mark's

1:30–4 p.m.: General Convention deputy nominees forum at Venice Community Center

4:30–5:45 p.m.: Convention opening Eucharist at St. Mark's

6–7 p.m.: Reception at St. Mark's Church, Gray Hall

7 p.m.: Dinner on your own

Saturday, Oct 20:

8–8:50 a.m.: Registration, continental breakfast

8:50–9 a.m.: Quiet period before Morning Prayer

9–9:30 a.m.: Morning Prayer, Rite II

9:30–9:45 a.m.: Break – No Refreshments

9:45–10:30 a.m.: First business session (first ballot, bishop's address)

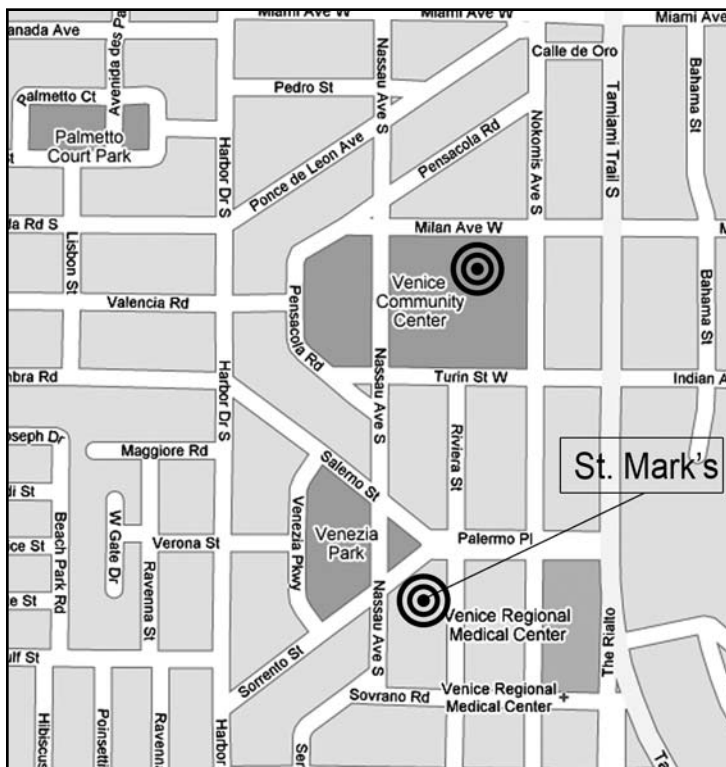
10:30–11 a.m.: Break – with refreshments

11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.: Convention resumes (second ballot)

12:30–1:15 p.m.: Lunch

1:15–3 p.m.: Convention resumes (third ballot, adjournment, closing blessing)

Convention venues



Thursday's meetings and most of Friday's activities, including workshops and the convention's opening Eucharist, will be held at St. Mark's Episcopal Church.

All of Saturday's events, including registration, starting at 7:30 a.m., morning prayer at 9 a.m. and the business session of convention, will take place at the Venice Community Center.

Interactive maps with driving instructions can be found at www.episcopalswfl.org/convention_maps.

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

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Venice, FL 34285
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Venice Community Center

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Diocesan House

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Bishop Gray Inns Foundation, Inc.

The Bishop Gray Inns Foundation's scholarship program continues to provide financial aid to low-income elderly Episcopalians from the dioceses of Southwest, Southeast, and Central Florida seeking help with the high costs of retirement community living and medical expenses. We do still gratefully receive donations from individuals and parishes from the three dioceses. The Board of Trustees would like to preserve the endowment fund as much as possible, using only the income from investments for scholarship assistance. During 2007, we have helped 19 scholarship recipients, some of whom still live in the former Bishop Gray Inns facilities. Approximately \$200,000 was distributed for scholarship assistance this year, and we hope to increase that amount in 2008, as more applications are received.

Retirement Homes with BGI Foundation scholarship residents:

- The Crossroads, Davenport
- Spring Haven, Winter Haven
- Winter Park Towers, Winter Park
- Hillcrest Hampton House, Orlando
- Westminster Suncoast, St. Petersburg
- The Crossings, Lake Worth
- St. James Residence, West Palm Beach
- S. F. Watson ALF#2, Hollywood

BGI Foundation Board of Trustees:

- Central Florida: The Rt. Rev. John W. Howe, *President*
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Mr. Charles B. Ring III
- Southwest Florida: The Rt. Rev. John B. Lipscomb, *VP*
The Rev. Vincent F. Scotto
Mr. Michael Amidei

—*Ginger Van Valkenburgh, executive director*

Commission on Ministry

Since we last gathered for Convention in 2006 the Commission on Ministry has been adapting to several changes that directly affect its work. With the appointment of a new Bishop to oversee the Commission, the appointment of a new Chair, a number of resignations from the Commission, and with revisions to Title III of the Canons, the time was right to examine closely the purpose and functioning of the Commission on Ministry within the Diocese of Southwest Florida.

The Commission has enthusiastically begun the process of working with Bishop Smith and The Rev. John Monsour, director of Ministry Development, to provide the resources necessary to enable ministry within the diocese.

During 2007, the Commission on Ministry met with two seminarians at the end of their college training and before their ordination as transitional deacons. The Commission was able to hear about seminary life, both challenges and joys, and the ordinands' expectations for their parish ministry. The Commission was keen to hear about the cost of seminary education and its impact on the personal finances of the seminarians.

The Commission on Ministry provided support and liaison for the Lay Discernment Committee of five applicants for vocational diaconate training. At the time of writing the Commission is preparing to meet and interview these applicants for deacon training.

One postulant, Eric Cooter, will be entering seminary at Sewanee in 2007.

At the time of writing this report, nine people had registered for Vocations Information Day on Sept. 8, 2007, at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church in Bradenton.

The Commission is keen to develop an active fellowship of vocations within the Diocese of Southwest Florida. It will be a place for informal sharing for those who feel God's call on their lives. The group will meet several times each year to share in study, prayer and for fellowship with others exploring what it means to respond to God's call. This group is open to anyone who feels a call to lay or ordained ministry. During 2008 the Commission hopes to promote these gatherings widely and increase attendance. In a similar vein but with a focus on youth the Commission will be looking at ways to foster vocational community among the young adults of the

diocese. Working closely with the Youth and Young Adult ministry of the diocese we hope to plan events that will foster young vocations.

In summary, it is my hope that the Commission on Ministry can continue to promote and enable a diversity of ministry in the Diocese of Southwest Florida. Whether such ministry is lay or ordained it is always centered around people responding to God's work in their lives, the Commission on Ministry seeks to promote a culture of discernment that provides nurture and encouragement to all who step forward in faith to serve their Lord.

—*The Rev. Mike Branscombe, chair*

CEDAW Task Force

The diocesan convention of 2005 passed a resolution to take action on behalf of CEDAW: Treaty for the Rights of Women (Convention for Ending Discrimination Against Women) through a newly created task force. CEDAW has presently been endorsed by 189 countries, but sadly, not by the United States, who has only signed it as acknowledgement, however, not ratification. Who else, in addition to the U.S., has not ratified CEDAW? Iran, Qatar, Palau, Tonga, Somalia, and Sudan.

At Bishop Lipscomb's request, a Task Force was created to explore ways in which our own communities could become more involved in this important issue. Because of the complexities of this issue we decided to begin by looking within our own country. We sent out a letter to all the parishes in this diocese. We provided a petition to send to senators, as well as other ways to have an impact by joining the Episcopal Public Policy Network in educating Senators on the importance of CEDAW. Parishes were asked to call and write members of Congress to let them know how important ratification of CEDAW is to women in the United States and around the world. We also provided a booklet from the Office of Women's Ministries. The booklet, *Beijing Circles*, acts as a resource to enable parishes to engage in conversation about women's issues. We asked that churches consider starting a Beijing Circle in their parish. To date I have heard from three parishes who are willing to use this resource in their parishes.

Faithfully submitted: The Rev. Canon Gigi Conner on behalf of the Task Force Members: Ms. Linda A. Osmundson, Executive Director of CASA; Ms. Marcia S. Cohen, P.A.; Ms. Susan Churuti, County Attorney; Dr. Navita Cummings-James, Associate Professor, University of South Florida; Ms. Susan Guise, President, League of Women Voters, Pinellas County and delegate to the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women; Ms. Ann Haendel, world volunteer; Ms. Sandy Hoover, member of St. Peter's Cathedral; Ms. Ann Piccard, Assistant Professor of Legal Skills, Stetson University and Ms. Anita Pernell-Arnold, Chair and Training Director, PRIME Institute.

DaySpring Conference Center

The DaySpring Conference Center had another suc-

cessful year in 2007. In terms of the numbers — guests, revenue, meals served. etc. — we had a very good year. Based on projections made in early third quarter, we expect to host approximately 36,000 guests by year's end; some stay several days, others come for meetings and same day events. We expect to welcome about 80 new groups to our growing family of regulars and our kitchen staff is on track to serve over 110,000 meals. Revenue at year-end should be at or near \$2 million. This will allow us to pay all of our operating expenses out of guest revenue.

While most indicators were positive, we did experience a significant loss in 2007. Camp Etgar, which has booked the entire youth area for six weeks for the past four summers, unexpectedly canceled its 2007 reservation due to financial problems with its parent organization. It was also unable to pay the balance owed for its 2006 camp. Because of the short notice and the long lead-time need to fill the vacancy, we were unable to book a large part of the youth area, which resulted in a significant loss of summer income. While we were able to meet all of our operating expenses through guest revenue, we were not able to fund our reserve maintenance account. The situation also limited our ability to provide financial assistance to individuals and groups who would otherwise be unable to afford to come to DaySpring.

On a more positive note, gifts, donations and in kind contributions allowed us to rebuild our 60-foot tall high ropes climbing tower and begin construction of an outdoor stone labyrinth adjacent to St. Thomas Chapel. The Episcopal Church Women of the diocese raised funds for the labyrinth project.

DaySpring sponsored its first diocesanwide vestry retreat in early March. The diocese contributed \$5,000 to help underwrite the cost and the Episcopal Church provided speakers from the Office of Congregational Development. DaySpring contributed the equivalent of \$20,000 so there would be no cost to attendees. All congregations were invited and 43 took advantage of the offer. A total of 340 vestry members and clergy attended the two-day event. The retreat was so successful, planning is underway for a second diocesanwide vestry retreat on Feb. 29 to March 1, 2008.

Success is measured in less tangible ways. In 2007, DaySpring hosted "Camp Able" its first retreat for handicapped young people. It also hosted "Kamp For Kids" a camp for children of prison inmates. DaySpring welcomes ministries of all kinds and persons of all faith traditions as well as not-for-profit organizations and education groups. We believe DaySpring provides a loving and nurturing environment where people of all ages, races and creeds can experience the love of God. This is how we fulfill our calling to the ministry of hospitality, which is our ultimate indicator of success.

Deacon's Council

Convener: The Ven. Lucien A. Watkins

Co-Convener: Deacon Denise C. Healy

Deacon Members: Barbara Carmine, Denise Healy, Sandra Jamieson, Rick Leanillo, Fran McKinney, Bob Millott, Melissa Sands, Marcia Tremmel. Recently retired: Jack

O'Reilly

Bishop John Lipscomb established the Deacon's Council in this diocese at his first meeting with the community of deacons. In the past year, the Deacon's Council has assisted with the planning and execution of two meetings with the Bishop for all the deacons. All active deacons must attend at least one meeting with the Bishop each year. In addition, members of the council have encouraged all deacons to become involved promoting the U.N.'s Millennium Development Goals (MDG). Articles written by deacons about each of the goals have and will continue to appear in *The Southern Cross* until all eight goals have been addressed. The Deacon's Council seeks to improve communication within the Community of Deacons as well as providing opportunities for growth. In the future, look for a new link to deacons' doings on the diocesan website.

Deacons are engaged in a variety of outreach ministries and have a wealth of knowledge. The Council encourages you to talk to the deacons of this diocese.

Episcopal Men's Ministries

In celebration of the 10th anniversary of Episcopal Men's Ministries in the Diocese of Southwest Florida, Bishop John Lipscomb announces the establishment of the National Center for Episcopal Men's Ministries and A Journey in Disciple Making.

In making this announcement, Bishop Lipscomb stated: "With 10 years of productive and dynamic ministry experience in Southwest Florida, the National Center will serve as a vital resource to all Episcopal dioceses and congregations passionate about drawing men back to our Episcopal churches." A Journey in Disciple Making is the new leadership initiative of Episcopal Men's Ministries to equip and transform Christian men of all denominations and fellowships in preparing to disciple 100,000 new men of faith in Southwest Florida from 2007–2017.

From its initial formation as a men's ministry task force and prayer group, Bishop Lipscomb, EMM Director Jay Crouse and a team of deanery representatives from around the diocese have guided Episcopal Men's Ministries in developing and sustaining ministries to men in most of the 78 congregations of the diocese, producing a guidebook for planting a congregational ministry to men, and implementing an annual DaySpring retreat for diocesan men entitled Building God's Kingdom Man to Man.

In 2004, responding to Bishop Lipscomb's vision of revival in Southwest Florida and God's calling 1,000 men to a new relationship with Jesus Christ, Episcopal Men's Ministries spearheaded an ecumenical program for Christian men of all denominations and fellowships in Southwest Florida inspired by Luke 10:1 and entitled "Equipping The 70 Seminars." Guided by an ecumenical leadership team, the training initiative consisted of three equipping seminars, presented by nationally recognized men's ministry teachers, where participants were taught further about discipling, sharing their faith and defending their faith.

On May 20, 2006, 52 Episcopal men joined 24 men

from 13 other denominations and fellowships as graduates of the program, and were "sent out" two-by-two to serve their churches and communities as disciples to new men of faith. Under the leadership of the ecumenical team, a new series of Equipping the 70 Seminars will begin in the fall of 2007.

A Journey in Disciple Making is a culmination of 10 years of men's ministry experience. The initiative offers a variety of programming opportunities, prayer groups, bible and small group studies, and other events for spiritual growth and personal development, in order to draw men and their families into the life of a church, and provide a proven path to an authentic and fulfilling Christian manhood. We seek to promote the development of intentional congregational ministries to men in Episcopal and other Christian churches and fellowships in Southwest Florida, with the vision of preparing our Christian men to disciple 100,000 new men of faith who will be raised up over the next 10 years.

In preparation for the Sept. 7-8, 2007 men's conference, "A Journey in Disciple Making" at DaySpring, Jay Crouse, Director of Episcopal Men's Ministries and A Journey in Disciple Making, joined by Bishops John Lipscomb and Dabney Smith, spoke to more than 250 diocesan men at three recent deanery dinners.

The men's dinners were hosted by Fr. Philip Read and St. Luke's in the Fort Myers Deanery, Pastor Sharon Lewis and Church of the Holy Spirit for the Manasota Deanery, and Fr. Dennis Kezar and St. Mary's in the Tampa Deanery.

Our bishops spoke of the importance of ministry to men in the church, followed by Jay's talk and presentation covering the history of the diocesan men's ministry over the last ten years, current membership statistics for our church, and the terrific opportunity we have for "Welcoming Men Back to the Episcopal Church." Citing the need not just to challenge men to become the disciples God has called them to be, but to offer ongoing opportunities to become trained and equipped to disciple new men of faith and seek to transform their families, churches, and communities, Jay engaged and encouraged the men, and introduced the September 2007 men's conference "A Journey in Disciple Making." This conference will call together Christian men from Southwest Florida to hear a common vision for discipling new men of faith and learn more about comprehensive, church-based disciple-making ministries to men in our churches.

Contact Jay Crouse at jaycrouse@aol.com, or (941) 957-1271, for information about men's ministry and A Journey in Disciple Making.

Episcopal Relief and Development

ERD provides emergency assistance in times of disaster; rebuilds devastated communities and offers long-term program development solutions to fight poverty.

ERD's mandate is found in Matthew 25: 37-40.

ERD is the Relief and Development agency of the Episcopal Church. With the support that the National Episcopal Church offers ERD, it makes sense for individual parishes and persons to sponsor ERD over other relief and development organizations.

The contributions of the National Church mean that 92 cents from each dollar that we receive goes directly towards our programs. This ratio is phenomenal as most other organizations send on average about 75 percent of their gifts overseas. The in-kind contributions of the Episcopal Church make this possible. In a sense, the national sponsorship is akin to a matching contribution from an employer. As such, it is best to encourage Episcopalians to achieve the Millennium Development Goals through ERD and its mission and not other non-Episcopalian agencies.

What are the Millennium Development Goals? How are the MDGs connected to the Episcopal Church and ERD?

At the start of the new millennium, leaders from 191 nations, including the United States, agreed on a plan to cut extreme global poverty in half by 2015. Together, they created the eight Millennium Development Goals. (See www.er-d.org)

At the 2006 General Convention, the Episcopal Church voted to make the MDGs a mission priority and endorsed a partnership with ONE: The Campaign to Make Poverty History. All of Episcopal and Relief and Development's international programs address the MDGs.

Congregations can choose a variety of ways to support the work of Episcopal Relief and Development. Direct, unrestricted donations, will always be of importance, as they allow the board of directors immediate access to funds so they can grant money in emergency relief situations, as well as for development needs. Other means include donating funds designated to a particular area of need, selecting from the *Gifts for Life* catalog, or purchasing Bishops Blend Coffee, a fair-traded, shade-grown product provided by Pura Vida, a nonprofit company.)

The annual ERD Network meeting for diocesan and seminarian coordinators was held in New Orleans, May 17–20, 2007. Site visits as well as plenary sessions provided attendees with a clear focus of how the nongovernment agencies, and ERD in particular, are the driving force getting things done where government is slow or unable to help.

Diocesan coordinators Maureen Belote (north of the bridge) and Jody Tiffany (south) are available to help any congregation fulfill its mandate to spend at least one Sunday per year focusing on the work of ERD. Both would like the opportunity to visit every congregation to speak at services or to groups. Every parish is urged to have an active representative to disseminate information about this important ministry.

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Evangelism Committee

The evangelism committee has always had as its focus sharing the love Jesus Christ with others. Our members are comprised of persons active in the ministries of evangelism through Alpha, Faith Alive, men's ministry, women's ministry, and youth.

We continue to work hard at assisting our congregations

in presenting Christ through these wonderful ministries that can have a tremendous impact on parish ministry. However, the committee is also making some exciting efforts to reach beyond our walls by sponsoring special events that will represent our diocese and parishes as a whole in introducing the Gospel.

Major youth event planned: A major event that takes place every year in Ridgecrest, N.C., is a youth event known as "Youthquake." Sponsored by Acts29 Ministries this non-stop, high-energy weekend that begins on Friday night and continues through Sunday morning attracts about 1,500 to 2,000 youth from around the country. The Evangelism Committee is working through a subcommittee to bring a regional Youthquake to the Diocese of Southwest Florida. This event will be held in November 2008 and will attract up to 500 youth from around the diocese. Along with national youth leaders, live music, and solid teaching we hope that our youth will be equipped to be effective witnesses for Christ.

A faith-sharing event: Whereas not all of us are called to be evangelists, all of us are called to be witnesses. All of us should be open to share our story as the Holy Spirit opens the door for us. The problem for many is...how do we do that? As of this writing (July 2007) another event we are working on is to introduce not just another program but more of a method in how we introduce ourselves in the community as Christians who are called to share our faith.

Bill Hybls and Mark Mittelberg have introduced this method in a book called *Becoming a Contagious Christian*. We will be sponsoring special national acclaimed speakers to introduce this method and hope to have Mark Mittelberg with us in early 2008. These diocesan sponsored events will be open to the public in a hope that we can reach outside our denominational walls in sharing the Gospel.

Preaching missions: We will sponsor another preaching mission throughout the diocese in 2008. God is doing a wonderful thing around the world. It is exciting and encouraging to hear how God is moving in the hearts of people in other places. And the church is actually growing at phenomenal rates. Despite the many issues that continue that seem to distract our focus at times...the central mission of our faith continues to grow. Through the testimony of bishops from Africa we will bring sponsor to this mission that will bring the Good News from around the globe.

The evangelism committee is excited about the focus we are taking. It is a focus grounded in the great commission through our continued efforts of tried and true programming and by our special events that we will offer to you. We hope that you are blessed by it. I want to thank the Evangelism Committee of Jay Crouse, director of Men's Ministry; Ms. Jackie Robe, women's ministry; Dr. Jerry Steege and Mr. Bob Anderson, Faith Alive; Ms. Candice Stott, youth; and Mr. Art Tavenor, Alpha for all their hard work and dedication to this ministry.

—The Rev. Charles H. Mann, chair

Recovery Ministries

Our Committee on Recovery adheres to a four-fold

purpose not unlike that of other organizations. Recovery Ministries of the Episcopal Church USA:

- 1 to help the addicted and their loved ones find lasting recovery
- 2 by welcoming all 12-step programs:
 - a. Alcoholics Anonymous
 - b. Al-Anon
 - c. Narcotics Anonymous
 - d. Emotions Anonymous
 - e. Overeaters Anonymous
- 3 to raise the awareness of bishops, clergy and church leadership.
- 4 To strengthen congregations in their work with various programs

However, by far our most important role as we see it is to raise awareness about addictive disease and urge all congregations to observe “Recovery Sundays” each of our members stands ready to assist in these tasks.

Our committee offers four spiritual retreats a year; three at DaySpring and one beach retreat in June. At each retreat, three of the 12 steps of suggested recovery are explored; the Eucharist is celebrated, we have sunset and sunrise meditations. This past year we have had more than 300 people attend our retreats.

Standing Committee

At the 2006 annual convention of the Diocese of Southwest Florida held at the Venice Community Center, the following persons were elected to the Standing Committee: The Rev. Canon Georgene Conner, Mr. Wayne Farrell and The Rev. Douglas Zimmerman. The members listed below submit this report of their canonically required work since the 2006 convention. Pursuant to canon, the vast majority of the work of the Standing Committee is required to be confidential and is therefore not reported.

President:	Mrs. Karen O. Patterson
Vice President:	The Rev. Cesar Olivero
Secretary:	Mr. Wayne Farrell
Lay Members:	Dr. Michael Howell Mrs. GERALYNN W. Gardner
Clerical Members:	The Rev. Canon Georgene Conner The Very Rev. Ann McLemore The Rev. Fred Robinson The Rev. Douglas Zimmerman

On Dec. 11, 2006, the newly constituted Standing Committee elected Mrs. Karen O. Patterson as President, The Rev. Cesar Olivero as Vice President and Mr. Wayne Farrell as Secretary. These elections are reflected in the roster above.

Many of the actions taken throughout the course of the year were taken pursuant to canon and they are listed in the paragraphs that follow.

- Recommended that Diocesan Convention be moved to October 20, 2007, and to recommend said date to Diocesan Council.
- Concurred with the pastoral response to the apportionment Plan regarding funds to the national church and to

the Dominican Republic through the year 2007 without this reflecting negatively on the parish assessment.

- The Rev. Cesar Olivero was elected to serve as the Standing Committee representative to the Commission on Ministry.
- Interviewed and approved the following for ordination to the transitional diaconate: Jon Roberts and Charles “Chip” Connelly.
- Gave consent to hold an election to the following dioceses: Alabama, Connecticut, Maine, Newark and Tennessee.
- Gave consent to the elections held in the following dioceses: Hawaii, Northwestern Pennsylvania, Oklahoma, Olympia, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia.
- Gave consent for the ordination and transfer of the Rev. Carol Jablonski to the Diocese of North Carolina having been a deacon less than one year.
- Interviewed two candidates for reception into the Episcopal Church: William de la Torre and Mario Castro. Referred to the Commission on Ministry.

—Karen O. Patterson, *president*

Women’s Ministries

On Saturday, Feb. 10, 2007, the second “Believe In A Miracle” revival took place in Venice with over 868 women in attendance. Believe In A Miracle began as a dream of Bishop John Lipscomb in 2005. He asked that an evangelism program be founded to involve all women in the diocese. The first miracle day was held at the DaySpring Conference Center in February 2006, with over 550 people in attendance.

That year, the focus of the day was “Come and See, Go and Tell.” In 2007, the focus of the day was on “Renewal of Baptismal Vows.”

On Saturday, Feb. 9, 2008, the focus will be on “Spiritual Renewal.” Keynote speaker will be The Rt. Rev. Nedi Rivera, suffragan bishop of the Diocese of Olympia. Bishop Rivera is an esteemed speaker and has a fervent passion for the church and its people. The keynote musician will be Elisabeth von Trapp, granddaughter of Maria von Trapp of the “Sound of Music.” Elisabeth is an amazing and dedicated musician who will bring much joy to the day, which will again be held at the Venice Community Center in Venice, Fla.. A newsletter giving event details will be mailed in the fall to all previous attendees and to all churches in the diocese. Registration will begin in late October and close in early November. Believe In A Miracle is a day of awe and wonder for all women in the diocese and those they are inviting to know our Lord.

—Jackie Robe

Nominees for elected offices

Diocesan Council

(Elect one male and one female to fill two-year “at large” seats.)

Robert Hall, St. Mary’s, Bonita Springs	11
William Moore, M.D., St. Thomas, St. Petersburg	11

Standing Committee

(Elect one presbyter and two lay people for three-year terms.)

Lay candidates:

Michael Howell, St. Vincent’s, St. Petersburg	12
C.J. Peter Lilly, St. Dunstan’s, Largo	12
Karen Patterson, St. Mary’s, Dade City	13

Clerical candidates:

The Rev. Ray Bonoan, Holy Spirit, Safety Harbor	13
The Rev. Bob Hennagin, St. Hilary’s Fort Myers	14

Ecclesiastical Court

(Elect one clergy and two lay persons for three-year terms)

Navita Cummings James Ph.D., St. James House of Prayer, Tampa	15
Knute E. Malmborg, St. Matthew’s, St. Petersburg	15
David McCallister, Grace Church, Tampa	16

Diocesan Review Committee

(Elect one deacon and one lay person for three-year terms)

The Rev. Roy Lightfoot, St. Matthew’s, St. Petersburg	16
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Chapel Center @USF Board

(Elect two people for a three-year term)

David McCallister, Grace Church, Tampa	16
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Trustee, University of the South

(Elect one person for a three-year term.)

The Rev. Donald Fishburne, St. Michael and All Angels, Sanibel	17
The Rev. Barbara Muller, St. Cecilia’s, Tampa	17
The Rev. Benjamin Twinamaani, Grace Church, Tampa	18

Deputy, 76th General Convention

(Elect four clergy and four lay people)

Lay candidates:

Shirley Branstetter, Church of the Redeemer, Sarasota	18
Lloyd Clarke, St. Mary’s, Bonita Springs	19
Dick Hoffman, St. Vincent’s, St. Petersburg	19
Michael Howell, St. Vincent’s, St. Petersburg	20
Navita Cummings James Ph.D., St. James House of Prayer, Tampa	20
Joan Kline, Church of the Ascension, Clearwater	21
Karen Patterson, St. Mary’s, Dade City	22
Albert Roberts III, St. Peter’s Cathedral, St. Petersburg	22
Roger Schwenke, Church of the Ascension, Clearwater	22
Judy Stark, St. Peter’s Cathedral, St. Petersburg	23

Clerical candidates:

The Rev. Ray Bonoan, Church of the Holy Spirit, Safety Harbor	24
The Rev. Canon Gigi Conner, St. Peter’s Cathedral, St. Petersburg	24
The Rev. Bob Hennagin, St. Hilary’s Fort Myers	25
The Rev. John Hiers, Church of the Ascension, Clearwater	25
The Rev. Sharon Lewis, Church of the Holy Spirit, Osprey	26
The Rev. Michael Rowe, St. Mary’s, Bonita Springs	26

Diocesan Council

The Diocesan Council is the board of directors for the corporation of the diocese and serves as an “interim body” between conventions. It is responsible for the oversight of the work of the diocese including finance, property issues, diocesan policy, DaySpring, and other matters concerning the “fabric” of the diocesan community. Council usually meets on Saturdays at DaySpring, the third Saturday of the month, six to eight times a year.

Currently, Council is being convened for a mandatory leadership retreat weekend meeting along with business sessions in January, March, May and August. There is an October meeting that precedes convention. The bishop, who is the president of the corporation, chairs the meetings. Council representatives are elected at the fall deanery convocations, where each deanery elects either one clergy or one lay representative.

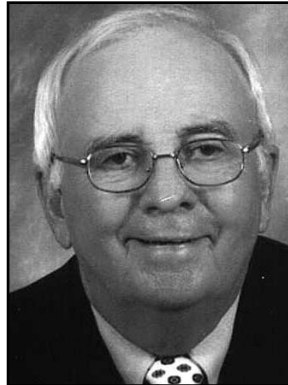
Because of the need for members to communicate between meetings, Council members must have frequent access to the Internet and are expected to be able to have their own e-mail address. MS Word, MS Excel and Adobe Acrobat are formats frequently used as members communicate with staff and each other.

Council representatives serve two-year terms and may not serve longer than six consecutive years. An election to fill an unexpired term is counted as a full term.

Each deanery elects positions at fall convocation for a two-year term to be ratified at convention. “At large” positions are elected at the diocesan convention. On the even-numbered years, convention elects one presbyter “at-large” member. On the odd-numbered years of convention two lay “at-large” members are elected — one must be male, one must be female.

(Elect one male and one female to fill two-year “at large” seats.)

Robert Hall



Parish/mission: St. Mary’s, Bonita Springs

Present position/occupation: retired, district manager with Bell Atlantic/Verizon/AT&T

Diocesan activities/committees: Three-term vestry member at St. Bartholomew’s Episcopal Church, Laytonsville, Md., Current vestry member; Vice chair/facilitator, Worship Commission, member, Finance Commission, assistant church treasurer, coordinator/altar party scheduler, lay Eucharistic minister, acolyte, member, Order of St. Luke, prayer/healing ministry, Taize service leader, Altar Guild.

Nominee’s Statement: No statement received.

William L. Moore, M.D.



Parish/mission: St. Thomas’, St. Petersburg.

Present position/occupation: Associate medical director, Hospice of the Florida Suncoast.

Diocesan activities/committees: None listed.

Nominee’s Statement: I am presenting myself as a candidate for Diocesan Council. I believe my experience as a family physician for Hospice enables me to bring an understanding of compassion and interpersonal relationship skills to the Council. Presently I serve on the Ethics Committee at St. Anthony’s Hospital and have served on the boards of several hospitals. This background would be beneficial in relating to diocesan affairs. My ecclesiastical education was enriched by my successful completion and graduation from the Education For Ministry program in 2006. My current devotion is to end of life care. I feel a certain calling to help in God’s work and that of the diocese by supporting the bishop.

Standing Committee

The Standing Committee acts as a confidential council of advice to the bishop. It acts either at the bishop's call or on its own initiative.

The committee is required, by canon, to consider and approve requests for the ordination of bishops in other dioceses, and of clergy within the Diocese of Southwest Florida.

It becomes the ecclesiastical authority of the diocese in case of the death, incapacity, or prolonged absence of the bishop.

Membership consists of five presbyters and four laypersons, each of whom serve a three-year term. No member either can serve more than two consecutive terms.

The Standing Committee meets monthly, by tradition on the third Tuesday at DaySpring.

NOTE: A member of the Standing Committee cannot simultaneously serve on either the Ecclesiastical Court or the Diocesan Review Committee.

Elect one presbyter and two lay people for three-year terms.

Lay nominees:

Dr. Michael W. Howell



Parish/Mission: St. Vincent's, St. Petersburg.

Current position/Occupation: CEO & Photographer, Smilodon Photo, LLC.

Diocesan Committees/activities: Standing Committee (2004-present); Lay Deputy, 75th General Convention; Bishop Coadjutor Transition Committee.

National committees/offices: Board of trustees, Trinity Episcopal School for Ministry; board of trustees, American Anglican Council; co-chancellor, FiFNA; member, General Convention Special Committee on Inter-Anglican Relations; member, advisory board, Mere Anglicanism; member, Ecumenical Relations Committee, Anglican Communion Network.

Nominee's Statement: I am currently a member of the Standing Committee, and I feel that the Lord has called me to continue in this important ministry. Our diocese's number one priority is mission and there are many challenges that lie ahead in terms of how we stay on course within the context of our common life. I am confident that, God willing, that I can continue to assist our bishop and other diocesan leaders to ensure that our diocese continues to be a vehicle through which Christ can be made known to a broken and sinful world.

C.J. Peter Lilly



Parish/mission: St. Dunstan's, Largo

Present position/occupation: Business owner.

Diocesan activities/committees: None listed

Nominee's Statement: As a lifelong Anglican (Canadian) and Episcopalian, I have been active and participating in many functions: vestries, rector's warden, Cursillo, Marriage Encounter and the Brotherhood of St. Andrew. Also, I regularly assisted in communion rites as a lay Eucharistic minister, and as a lay Eucharistic visitor. The Diocesan Council provides a forum to renew our hope of perpetuating our faith, our witness and our ecclesial life in our church by upholding spiritual authority, remaining faithful to the Bible through historic teaching that Jesus is the route to God.

**Standing
Committee**
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Karen Patterson



Parish/mission: St. Mary's, Dade City

Present position/occupation: Guardian

Diocesan activities/committees: Standing Committee, 2004-2007; Standing Committee representative, Commission on Ministry, 2004-2006.

Nominee's Statement: Your consideration of my candidacy for a second term on the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Southwest Florida would be appreciated. I have served as a member of the committee for three years and as president since November 2006. It has been a

good experience for me and I appreciate the opportunity to serve the diocese. The skills that I bring to the committee are administrative, pastoral and the ability to work with people with different viewpoints for this diocese.

Clerical nominees:

The Rev. Canon Raynald S. Bonoan



Parish/mission: Rector, Church of the Holy Spirit, Safety Harbor.

Diocesan Activities /Committees: Canon missionary for Asian-American Ministry; member, Multi-Cultural Committee; member, Anti-Racism Committee; member, Diocesan Council; member, Standing Committee on Ecumenical and Inter-Religious Relations;

Nominee's Statement: These are challenging, yet exciting times for the Episcopal Church. My voice will represent the diverse people of God who sit in the pews.

My participation in Multicultural Ministry, Ethnic Congregation Development, Diocesan Council, the Standing Committee on Ecumenical and Inter-Religious Relations, the Nominating Committee for the diocesan coadjutor bishop, and as rector of the Church of the Holy Spirit are some of the experiences I have to offer.

It is my intention to continue to serve as and be a faithful pastor of the Episcopal Church.

**Standing
Committee**
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The Rev. Robert S. Hennagin



Congregation/position: Rector, St. Hilary's, Fort Myers

Deanery activities/committees: Dean, Fort Myers Deanery, 2001-2005.

Diocesan activities/committees: Diocesan Council, 1999-2003; Cursillo secretariat, 1999-2001; Finance Committee, Congregational Development Committee; Search Committee for CFO; First alternate deputy, 2003 General Convention.

Nominee's Statement: At this time in the life of the church, we need leadership that will facilitate reconciliation and healing as well as set a vision for the future which may be difficult to foresee. I am able to see and empathize with many different positions on any given topic. I am a mediator and am open to new learning. I believe I can help our bishop forge a path through the uncertainties of the church's future.

Ecclesiastical Court

The Ecclesiastical Court is the Episcopal judicial body that conducts formal proceedings involving actions of the clergy. The court meets as necessary.

NOTE: Service on the Ecclesiastical Court disqualifies you from simultaneous service from both the Standing Committee and the Diocesan Review Committee.

Elect one clergy and two lay persons for three-year terms:

Navita Cummings James, Ph.D.



Parish/Mission: St. James House of Prayer, Tampa

Present Position/Occupation: Associate Professor, Communication, University of South Florida.

Deanery Activities/Committees: Presenter, Report on 75th General Convention (Tampa, St. Pete, and Sarasota Deaneries; “Tampa Six” Representative (1990s).

Diocesan Activities/Committees: Lead Lay Deputy, 75th General Convention and member of National and International Concerns Legislative Committee; moderator, diocesan clergy and

lay discussion on response to the proposed Anglican Covenant; member, Ecclesiastical Court; former co-chair, Anti-Racism Committee; anti-racism trainer; former co-president and member, Chapel Center @ USF; consultant, Bishop Call Committee; St. James House of Prayer diocesan convention delegate; participant, Cursillo, co-ed #5; adult advisor, Happenings #56; participant, CEDAW (United Nations Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women) task force; participant, “Believe in a Miracle” women’s gatherings.

Nominee’s Statement: I am completing my second term on the Ecclesiastical Trial Court. While the court has met to prepare itself for its work, the good news for our diocese is that we have not had to hear a case during this time. My life in the church and my professional skills and experiences, including serving as a public member on Florida’s Judicial Management Council, continue to prepare me to serve on this court, and I would be honored to serve again.

Knute E. Malmborg



Parish/mission: St. Matthew’s, St. Petersburg.

Present position/occupation: Vestry secretary

Deanery activities/committees: Attended all deanery convocations since 2005

Diocesan activities/committees: Delegate to diocesan convention 2005-2006; attended diocesan vestry retreat.

Nominee’s Statement: Attorney with Office of Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State, 1958–2002. J.D., University of Minnesota 1954; U.S. Army, 1954–57; LLM, Columbia University 1958; represented the United States

in bilateral and multilateral negotiations on subjects such as aircraft hijacking, safety of life at sea, extradition and judicial assistance. Was State Department representative to the Administrative Conference of the United States and had responsibilities including government administration (freedom of information, ethics and legislation). Baptized in 1963 and attended St. Thomas Parish in the District of Columbia until moving to Central Florida in 2002; moved to St. Petersburg 2004 and has been member of vestry at St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church since 2005 and elected delegate to Diocesan Conventions 2005-2007. Extensive experience in conflict resolution.

Ecclesiastical Court (continued)

David R. McCallister

Parish/mission: Grace Church, Tampa

Present position/occupation: Lawyer

Diocesan activities/committees: Lifelong Episcopalian; vestry member, senior warden.

Nominee's Statement: I believe the Ecclesiastical Trial Court is a necessary component in maintaining adherence to the historical founding principles of our church. I would like to offer my education and experience of the diocese in this position.

Diocesan Review Committee

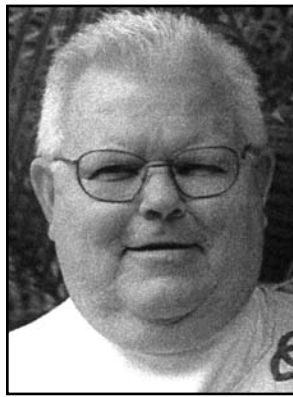
The Diocesan Review Committee receives and reviews disciplinary matters under Canon IV of the national canons. The Committee:

- determines the canonical sufficiency of any charge;
- receives an investigative report from the Church Attorney concerning disciplinary charges;
- reviews the temporary inhibition of clergy, upon their request;
- determines whether a factual basis exists to present charges to the Ecclesiastical Trial Court.

Membership consists of two priests, one deacon and two lay persons, who serve for a three-year term. One may not serve on the Diocesan Review Committee and the Ecclesiastical Court at the same time.

Elect one deacon and one lay person for three-year terms:

The Rev. Roy C. Lightfoot



Parish/mission: Deacon, St. Matthew's, St. Petersburg.

Diocesan activities/committees: Chairman of the board of directors, Edward H. White Hospital, St. Petersburg; ministry to staff and patients at medical facilities with my therapy dog, Ben.

Diocesan Activities/Committees: Diocesan Review Committee; F.A.S.T. (Faith and Action for Strength together) Clergy Caucus; Friend of DaySpring representative; ministry to staff and campers at summer camps at DaySpring with my therapy dog, Ben.

Nominee's Statement: Serving on this committee is a challenge and opportunity I would like to repeat. I bring to this position a sense of fairness, 28 years of investigative law enforcement experience, tenacity, attention to details, insight into human behavior, compassion and a dependency on the Holy Spirit for decision making and guiding my life.

Chapel Center@USF

Elect two people for a three-year term.

The Chapel Center @ USF operates an ecumenical ministry within a building owned by the Diocese of Southwest Florida. The vision and mission has been in a state of change over the last two years, and board members will be tasked with developing a renewed ministry on the campus.

Elect two people for a three-year term.

David R. McCallister

Parish/mission: Grace Church, Tampa

Present position/occupation: Lawyer

Diocesan activities/committees: Lifelong Episcopalian; vestry member, senior warden.

Nominee's Statement: I am a lifelong Episcopalian from Miami through St. Mark's Winchester, Emory and Stetson LAwl a member of St. John's, St. Luke's (vestry member and senior warden), and now Grace, Tampa. We worshipped at St. Anselm's Chapel at USF while St. Luke's was under construction. the development of Episcopal ministries on college campuses is a challenge to be met to maintain our denomination's evangelism and its contributions to Christian fellowship during crucial phases of the lives of youth.

Trustee, University of the South

The University of the South, located in Sewanee, Tennessee, is the only university in our country owned entirely by the Episcopal Church. Each of the owning dioceses, located in the Southeast is represented by its bishop(s) and three additional delegates to the Board of Trustees, one of whom is to be a priest. Continuity and longevity in tenure of the office is desirable as influence tends to increase with experience and familiarity with the University's various offices.

The Trustees meet annually and have a great deal of ultimate authority regarding the life of the University. The Board meets once every May on a Thursday and Friday.

Elect one person for a three-year term:

The Rev. Donald Fishburne



Parish/mission: St. Michael and All Angels, Sanibel.

Diocesan Activities/Committees: None received.

Nominee's Statement: The Rev. Donald Fishburne has been rector of Saint Michael and All Angels Church on Sanibel Island since 2001. He seeks re-election to a second three-year term on the Board of Trustees of The University of the South, from which he holds a B.A. and a D.Min. In the last three years he has served as the trustee on the Board of Regents' Committee on Development. He is also entering a second

term on the Visiting Committee to the School of Theology, at the invitation of the Vice Chancellor. Fr. Fishburne's daughter, Sarah Hart Fishburne, is a senior at Saint Andrew's-Sewanee School.

The Rev. Barbara Muller

Parish/mission: Priest-in-Charge, St. Cecilia's, Tampa.

Diocesan Activities/Committees: None received.

Nominee's Statement: I wish to put myself forward as a candidate from this diocese for the position of trustee for the University of the South. I have a lifelong association with Sewanee, first as an attendee of the Episcopal Church camp in my youth to a multiyear participant of the Music Center program almost from its beginnings. Finally, I received my M.Div from the seminary. I have a lifelong association with the academic community on the college level having taught at various institutions since the late 1960s, and I am currently on the faculty of the University of Tampa. I believe my years of experience in academe as well as my experience as priest equip me well to serve the University of the South as a trustee.

Trustee, University of the South (continued)

The Rev. Benjamin Twinamaani



Parish/mission: Rector, Grace Church, Tampa.

Diocesan Activities/Committees: Diocesan Council, 2006–present; vice president of Faith Café, 2001–2003; HIV/AIDS Commission, Diocese of Dallas, 1994–1996; Cathedral Endowment Committee, Diocese of Dallas, 1996–1999.

Nominee’s Statement: I will bring to the trustees’ table a unique voice representing the precious values of the Anglican evangelical tradition and experience in the character formation of students in higher education, and the new challenges of globalization today and how we prepare our students to serve Christ in the globalized economy,

and my knowledge of higher education systems from by graduate studies and training. I am a product of Anglican/Episcopal education systems and highly value the unique place and role that Anglicanism holds in education, from our excellent parochial schools, to seminaries and to historical Anglican/Episcopal colleges and universities, of which Sewanee is a leader, with new opportunities to project that leadership throughout the Anglican Communion.

Deputy, 76th General Convention

Four clergy and four lay people will be elected to attend the 2009 General Convention to be held July 8–17 in Anaheim, Calif. The deputies elected by this diocese will meet over the two-year period preceding this gathering.

As the Convention approaches, meetings will be at least monthly. Service as a deputy requires stamina. Meetings of convention begin as early as 6 a.m., and others end as late as midnight.

Elect four lay persons and four clergy:

Lay nominees:

Shirley Branstetter



Parish/mission: Church of the Redeemer, Sarasota.

Present position/occupation: Diocesan ECW board *ex-officio*, Chaplain

Deanery and Diocesan Activities/Committees: Past chairman, Cursillo Secretariat; Kairos; Faith Alive; Short-term mission trips to Cutler Ridge, Dominican Republic, Mississippi; Welcome, We Care; Healing Ministry; Daughters of the King; Stephen Minister; Lay Eucharistic Visitor; Music Ministry; Lay Ministry Committee – (Spiritual Gifts Seminars).

Nominee’s statement: God has a plan for His church and for each one of us in the body of Christ -- if we listen to His voice. I feel called to live out my baptismal covenant by doing whatever I can, using whatever gifts God has given me — and going wherever God calls me to go with His grace and power. With God’s help we can — and we must — overcome the erosion of scriptural truth in His church.

Deputy, 76th General Convention (continued)

Lloyd E. Clarke



Parish/mission: St. Mary's, Bonita Springs.

Present position/occupation: Chairman of The Companies of Clarke, a multi-state real estate development, building and property management firm which I founded in 1954; member, board of directors of the First American Banks of Florida; former president, National Association of Home Builders; former executive committee, board of directors of the Federal National Mortgage Association.

Deanery activities/committees: Member of St. Paul's Cathedral, Des Moines, Iowa., 1976-1997, serving two terms on the chapter (vestry), and two terms as senior warden, as well as other leadership roles. Served on the vestry of St. Mary's Church for five years and as its senior warden for three years, serving also for three years as a delegate to the annual convention of the Diocese of Southwest Florida.

Diocesan activities/committees: Nominated by my deanery and elected as a lay representative, to serve a two-year term on the Diocesan Council in 2006.

Dick F. Hoffman



Parish/mission: St. Vincent's, St. Petersburg

Present position/occupation: Retired chemical engineer/plant manager

Deanery activities/committees: Dick and his family joined the Episcopal Church in 1965 and has held lay positions since 1968 such as lay reader, choir member, etc., in Europe and in the U.S. He has been a member of St. Vincent's parish since coming to Florida in 1988. He attended Cursillo in 1988 and has been actively involved in that movement over the years. Dick served on the St. Vincent vestry for a total of 12 years, one year as senior warden and approximately five years as a junior warden. He is currently a licensed lay Eucharistic minister, chaliceist and lay reader. He and his wife headed the Alpha course at St. Vincent's for three years and Dick has facilitated a Bible study for the past 10 years.

Diocesan activities/committees: Dick was elected to the Diocesan Council from the St. Petersburg Deanery and served for six years, two of which he was chair of the Education Commission. He is a graduate of a two-year course entitled "Four Orders: Called, United, Sent" (FOCUS), sponsored by the diocese for those seeking Holy Orders and he served an additional four years as a facilitator for the course where three graduates of his groups have gone on to become deacons. Dick loves Jesus and his church and wishes to continue the Anglican path of the Christian experience in this diocese.

Deputy, 76th General Convention (continued)

Dr. Michael W. Howell



Parish/Mission: St. Vincent's, St. Petersburg.

Current position/occupation: CEO and photographer, Smilodon Photo, LLC.

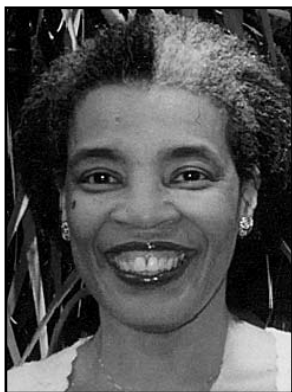
Diocesan committees/activities: Standing Committee, 2004-Present; lay deputy, 75th General Convention; Bishop Coadjutor Transition Committee.

National committees/offices: Board of trustees, Trinity Episcopal School for Ministry; board of trustees, American Anglican Council; co-chancellor, FiFNA; member, General Convention Special Committee on Inter-Anglican Relations; member,

advisory board, Mere Anglicanism; member, Ecumenical Relations Committee, Anglican Communion Network.

Nominee's statement: I have been blessed in my prior and current ministry to have been active in many of our church's activities at local, national and international levels. The Lord has given me a wide breadth of experiences which have provided excellent preparation for serving as a General Convention deputy. As the principal decision-making body in our church, the decisions of the General Convention affect not only the mission of the Episcopal Church, but also the Anglican Communion as a whole. My prior experience as a deputy has provided the knowledge and experience needed to fulfill this office's duties, and I am confident that being guided by the Holy Spirit, I can continue to serve God's church in this manner.

Navita Cummings James, Ph.D.



Parish/Mission: St. James House of Prayer, Tampa

Present Position/Occupation: Associate Professor, Communication, University of South Florida

Deanery Activities/Committees: Presenter, Report on 75th General Convention (Tampa, St. Petersburg and Sarasota deaneries; "Tampa Six" representative (1990s)

Diocesan Activities/Committees: Lead lay deputy, 75th General Convention and member of National and International Concerns Legislative

Committee; moderator, diocesan clergy and lay discussion on response to the proposed Anglican Covenant; member, Ecclesiastical Court; former co-chair, Anti-Racism Committee; anti-racism trainer; former co-president and member, Chapel Center @ USF; consultant, Bishop Call Committee; St. James House of Prayer diocesan convention delegate to more than six conventions; participant, Cursillo, co-ed #5; adult advisor, Happenings #56; participant, United Nations Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women task force; participant, "Believe in a Miracle" women's gatherings.

Nominee's statement: As a lifelong Episcopalian and member of this diocese for almost 25 years, I was honored to serve as the Diocese of Southwest Florida's lead lay deputy person to the 75th General Convention. The winds of challenge and possible changes were clearly present at that convention, but so too were the tremendous love and commitment of more than a thousand Episcopalians

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to God, the Episcopal Church, and the worldwide Anglican Communion. The real “good news” of that convention was our national church’s designation as top priorities of the U.N. Millennium Development Goals and Youth and Young Adult Ministries. If asked to serve again, I would like to use my gifts to help our church go in whatever directions the Holy Spirit is leading us.

Joan O. Kline



Parish/mission: Church of the Ascension, Clearwater

Present position/occupation: Realtor, Prudential Tropical Realty

Deanery activities/committees: Clearwater representative to Diocesan Council

Diocesan activities/committees: Diocesan ECW president; Diocesan Council; member of DaySpring board of trustees; Cursillo; national board member of The Episcopal Network for Stewardship; member of Dominican Development Group international board; team member of Missionaries in Santana Bani, Dominican

Republic; Welcome, We Care Committee; counselor for diocesan “Kamp for Kids;” committee planning celebration of Bishop Lipscomb’s ministry; consecration committees for Bishops Harris, Lipscomb and Smith; nominating committees for Bishops Harris and Lipscomb; previously: Standing Committee; Chair of diocesan convention; Cursillo team member; Schools Committee; Companion Diocese Committee; Anglican Fellowship of Prayer Committee for international meeting.

Nominee’s statement: With almost 35 years of community, parish and diocesan experience it has been my privilege to serve and work in our Diocese of Southwest Florida. I believe that I can continue to bring our voice to the Episcopal Church’s General Convention in 2009. I think that I bring two assets to the work of a General Convention deputy. The first is experience. I was honored to become a senior member of the House of Deputies in 2006, having represented our diocese at seven General Conventions. Having served on several national committees and a legislative committee at two General Conventions has been a very valuable experience. Previous service as a deputy means I am well acquainted with the workings of this unique legislative process. Six years on the national Standing Commission on Stewardship and Development taught me how to focus on a vision for our church in an important area, study the church’s needs, develop the strategies to address those needs in a changing world, and shepherd them into becoming revitalized policies for the whole church. I also cherish a deep love for the Episcopal Church; its history, traditions, values and its place in the Anglican Communion. Both of these qualities are always important at General Convention. I have always sought to offer positive leadership while living out my love for our church, our diocese and the Gospel. I would welcome the honor and privilege of using whatever gifts I have on behalf of our diocese; and I ask for your support so that I may continue in this ministry.

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Karen Patterson



Parish/mission: St. Mary's, Dade City

Present position/occupation: Guardian

Diocesan activities/committees: Standing Committee, 2004-2007; Standing Committee representative, Commission on Ministry, 2004-2006.

Nominee's statement: Having served as a deputy to three prior general conventions, for the diocese, I would ask to be considered for the 2009 General Convention. It is very important to have representatives who can listen and talk with people of different viewpoints toward discerning

and understanding God's will for the church and the furtherance of God's kingdom. I believe I can bring the skills and knowledge of having served in the past as a deputy as well as the ability to listen and work with differences.

Albert Roberts III



Parish/mission: St. Peter's Cathedral

Present position/occupation: Retired Citigroup/SmithBarney first vice president wealth management.

Deanery activities/committees: Finance Committee chair (1980s); Tri-Diocesan Council; University of the South Trustee (35 years) University of the South Regents 1977-83, (chair, 1979-83); president, national alumni association.

Nominee's statement: I believe that my 52 years' background in the investment business qualifies me particularly for appointment to the

Finance Committee. My experience in out civic activities include the American Red Cross (chapter chairman), All Children's Hospital (board president) and my assignments within the governing board of the University of the South all indicate a capacity for committee responsibility.

Roger D. Schwenke



Parish/mission: Church of the Ascension, Clearwater.

Present position/occupation: Attorney/shareholder, Carlton Fields, PA, Tampa.

Deanery activities/committees: Previous lay deanery representative to Diocesan Council for Tampa and Clearwater deaneries.

Diocesan activities/committees: Presiding judge, Ecclesiastical Court (1997-present); trustee, University of the South (2007-2010); past member of Standing Committee (1989-92); Diocesan Council (1979-85); DaySpring Long-Range Planning Committee (2000); lay deputy to 2003 and 2006 General Conventions, member of canons committee and Committee on Certification of the Canons, 2006 General Convention; alternate lay deputy to General

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Convention 1985, 1988, 1994 and 1997, attended and seated all but one of these); team member of several Cursillo weekends; former delegate to diocesan conventions; past member of numerous diocesan committees, including Youth Committee, Companion Diocese Committee, Committee on Counseling Centers, and Special Committee on Diocesan Assessments.

Nominee's statement: I have been honored to serve our church in a number of ways over the more than 35 years that I have been a member of this diocese. These have included two General Conventions where I was an elected deputy and several others where I was an alternate. At the last General Convention I was honored to get to serve as both a member of the Canons Committee, and of the Convention committee to certify the canons. Those of you who have known me from my service as an attorney and as presiding judge for the Ecclesiastical Court hopefully know how much I respect the law. Yet, in the General Conventions I have been a part of, all too often serious debate on vital issues to our church has been precluded because the presiding officer has had to rule that a motion or proposal was inconsistent and contrary to the canons. Our church is a church with a defined legal process, but I am afraid that our canons and process can serve as a bar to our ability to proclaim our Lord's message. I do not know if I will be elected a deputy. I do not know if I will be reappointed to the Canons Committee. But if I am, I am committed to striving to see that the canons of our church clearly reflect the direction that the Episcopal Church chooses to go. The General Convention will decide what that direction is — and I will do my best to see that the canons are consistent with and do not get in the way of us going down that path.

Judith A. Stark



Parish/mission: St. Peter's Cathedral

Present position/occupation: Home and Garden Editor, *St. Petersburg Times*.

Deanery activities/committees: St. Petersburg Deanery representative to Diocesan Council; past senior warden; currently member of the cathedral chapter; capital campaign co-chair; building committee member; newsletter editor.

Diocesan activities/committees: Co-chair, Bishop Coadjutor Nominating Committee, 2004-06 FOCUS graduate, 2000 Chair, 2020 Grants and Loans Committee; second alternate lay delegate,

75th General Convention.

Nominee's statement: Having served you as co-chair of the Bishop Coadjutor Nominating Committee, I now offer myself for further service to the diocese as a deputy to General Convention. As a journalist I have learned to listen carefully to all sides, seek the facts and ask lots of questions, skills that will be useful as a deputy. You know me as a consensus builder, a team leader and an enthusiastic lifelong Episcopalian.

Clergy nominees

The Rev. Canon Raynald S. Bonoan



Parish/mission: Rector, Church of the Holy Spirit, Safety Harbor.

Diocesan Activities /Committees: Canon missionary for Asian-American Ministry; member, Multi-Cultural Committee; member, Anti-Racism Committee; member, Diocesan Council; member, Standing Committee on Ecumenical and Inter-Religious Relations;

Nominee's statement: These are challenging, yet exciting times for the Episcopal Church. It is my hope to be the first Asian/American clergy to represent our diocese at General Convention. My voice will represent the diverse people of

God who sit in the pews. My participation in Multicultural Ministry, Ethnic Congregation Development, Diocesan Council, the Standing Committee on Ecumenical and Inter-Religious Relations, the Nominating Committee for the diocesan coadjutor bishop, and as rector of the Church of the Holy Spirit are some of the experiences I have to offer. It is my intention to continue to serve as and be a faithful pastor of the Episcopal Church.

The Rev. Canon Gigi Conner



Parish/mission: Canon Evangelist, St. Peter's Cathedral, St. Petersburg

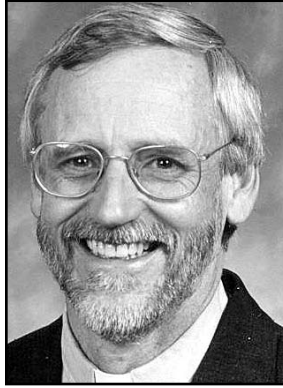
Diocesan Activities /Committees: Standing Committee; Commission on Liturgy and Music; "Believe in a Miracle" Women's Ministries Planning Team; Chair for CEDAW Task Force; Coordinator for two cathedral work trips to New Orleans; General Convention deputy 2006.

Nominee's statement: It was an honor and a privilege to serve as deputy to General Convention in 2006. I loved being in the midst of the "Episcopal Church." listening to dedicated people

speak passionately about the church and the world; our part in bringing about God's shalom in places where people are struggling to survive; and worshipping on a daily basis with sisters and brothers from the U.S. and beyond. It was a challenging, exciting and renewing experience. Apparently I like living out of a suitcase because I want to go again. I believe each deputy should go at least twice — it takes one convention to really grasp how things work. I keep up with conversations between deputies and bishops through the Internet — some "conversations" are heated, some pastoral, some educational — and occasionally I put my five cents worth in the mix. This is a good way to keep current on how the church is doing because the opinions vary quite a bit. And it is a way to make new contacts. On our last work trip to New Orleans, the rector of Mount Olivet in Algiers Point, invited our team to "come pass a good time with us." The Episcopal Church is a glorious mix of people from all walks of life and I am proud to be in it, working for Christ in the time allotted to me.

Deputy, 76th General Convention (continued)

The Rev. John Hiers



Congregation/position: Rector, Church of the Ascension, Clearwater.

Deanery activities/committees: Dean, Fort Myers Deanery, 2001–2005.

Diocesan activities/committees: Attended Cursillo #2 in 1979; Youth Committee 1979–1987; DaySpring board of directors, 1984–1991; Standing Committee 1993–1995; Episcopal Schools Committee 1995–1996; Dean of Manasota Deanery 1999; Served on many Cursillo, Happening and New Beginnings teams; General Convention Deputy 1994, 1997, 2000, 2003.

National Activities/Committees: Episcopal Youth Event; Young People's Conference at Kanuga; Chaplain of Renewal Conference at Kanuga; Adults Who Work in Youth at Kanuga; Province IV Youth Retreat.

Nominee's statement: .When I came to Church of The Ascension in August of 2000 we had a \$350,000 budget and were in the red. Giving 20 percent — \$70,000 — to the diocese would have meant firing staff and reducing programs. The Lord has blessed Ascension and in 2007 our budget is over \$1 million. We have hired new staff and are running many new programs. The diocese now gets 10 percent — \$100,000 — from a healthy parish, which is more than the \$70,000 it could have received from a sick parish in 2000. The 10 percent tithe has worked for Ascension and for our diocese, it will work for our national Episcopal Church. With your support I hope to bring this message to General Convention, I also hope and pray that we can remain in both the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion. I have attended General Convention since 1994.

The Rev. Robert S. Hennagin



Congregation/position: Rector, St. Hilary's, Fort Myers

Deanery activities/committees: Dean, Fort Myers Deanery, 2001-2005.

Diocesan activities/committees: Diocesan Council, 1999-2003; Cursillo secretariat, 1999-2001; Finance Committee, Congregational Development Committee; Search Committee for CFO; first alternate deputy, 2003 General Convention.

Nominee's statement: We do not know what the church will look like by the time of General Convention. The diocese needs deputies who will commit to two years of struggling with difficult issues. I believe we need deputies open to learning and willing to work with a wide variety of outlooks and perceptions. I am a mediator and a reconciler. I believe that I can help our deputation through a challenging and dynamic time.

Deputy, 76th General Convention (continued)

The Rev. Sharon L. Lewis



Congregation/position: Church of the Holy Spirit, Osprey

Deanery/diocesan activities: Deputy General Convention: 2006; 2003; 2000; 1997 (alternate); Social Urban National Committee: 2006; 2003; Standing Committee: 2004-2006; 1997-2000; Reconciliation and Conversation Commission: 2003-2006; ECW spiritual advisor executive board: 2005 – present; Cursillo Secretariat: 2001-2004; Cursillo Spiritual Director; Happening Spiritual Director; Mission trips, healing and reconciliation conference in Uganda & Rwanda 2004, Costa Rica 2001; teacher, diocesan deacon

school 1994-1999; diocesan response team, 1994-1998; examining chaplain, 1997; deanery clericus meetings; Ministerial Association; Interdenominational Women's Conference keynote speaker; Christian retreat 2002- 2007.

Nominee's statement: I have been blessed to serve as a deputy to General Convention the past three conventions and as an alternate at an earlier convention. Also I was selected to serve at the past two conventions on the National Social Urban Commission. If I am re-elected, I will continue to bring to this convention my passion for reconciliation and healing through Jesus Christ which is so needed in these challenging times in our Episcopal Church and the wider Anglican Communion. Among other concerns, this convention will consider a draft for the possibility of a covenant for the whole Anglican Communion. It is my prayer and desire for us to be able to be unified through Christ's truth and love for Christ's sake and the world's. What a Christian witness this would be to the world!

The Very Rev. Michael Rowe



Congregation/position: Rector, St. Mary's Church, Bonita Springs

Deanery activities/committees: Dean of Naples Deanery

Diocesan activities/committees: Educated at McGill and Oxford with a D.Min. in spiritual formation from Sewanee, Fr. Rowe served in the Diocese of Montreal and then briefly in Bermuda before becoming a foreign missionary to the United States. A parish priest for 29 years he was also a tutor and examiner in the Montreal Seminary's Reading Course (preparing people for ordination) and represented Montreal at General Synod, serving on the Program Committee for three years (the national Standing Committee responsible for most of the Canadian Church's activity from overseas mission to peace and justice initiatives.) In Bermuda he served on the diocesan Antiracism Committee and in Maine on the Episcopal Nominating Committee and the Committee on Holy Orders (roughly equivalent to our Commission on Ministry.)

Nominee's statement: I can read financial statements, parse complex resolutions and form the questions that are on everyone's mind — abilities that may be of some use at General Convention.

Proposed 2008 Budget

The following is the proposed preliminary budget for 2008 for the Diocese of Southwest Florida. Also included are budgets for the designated and restricted funds. The major assumptions and highlights of the proposed budget are summarized in this memorandum:

Apportionment revenues

For 2008, apportionment revenues are budgeted to increase by 1.75 percent or \$50,164, from the 2007 adjusted budgeted amount of \$2,851,847 to \$2,902,011. The 2008 budgeted apportionment revenues are derived from the 2006 parochial reports filed by the congregations. The operating revenues of each congregation are multiplied by the 10 percent tithe rate to develop the budget amount. Note that capital campaign proceeds are subject to the tithe effective for all those campaigns begun after Jan. 1, 2003, as passed at the 1999 convention. Those proceeds will be recorded as capital tithe revenues as well as expense in the operating fund when those proceeds are transferred to a separate account in the designated fund so that they will not have a profit or loss effect on the operating fund. Capital tithe revenue is budgeted to decrease by \$5,000 from the \$50,000 budgeted in 2007 to \$45,000 in 2008.

Uncollectible apportionments

Uncollectible apportionments for 2008 are budgeted to increase by 1 percent, from \$108,000 to \$110,000. The main component of the increase is due to the fact that the net apportionment receivables have increased from \$58,639 at December 31, 2006 to \$109,121 at July 31, 2007.

Investment income

Investment income in the operating fund is budgeted to decrease from \$133,337 in the 2007 budget to \$125,110 for 2008. The investment income amount includes reimbursement from DaySpring for interest on the DaySpring debt, which was retired when we refinanced our debt in January 2002 and also interest on the VBS loan scheduled to be repaid in 2008. Also included is \$26,000 from the Leach Trust, \$6,000 from the Grace Church mortgage and \$19,400 interest on excess Diocesan funds and \$26,000 from the Episcopal Church Foundation investments.

Transfers from restricted funds

A separate schedule is included in your package to support the transfers from restricted funds, which is budgeted to increase from \$70,182 in 2007 to \$85,450 in 2008.

Miscellaneous income

Miscellaneous income is budgeted to decrease from \$142,800 budgeted in 2007 to \$108,600 in 2008. The primary cause of the increased amount is that youth program revenues are budgeted to decrease from \$102,000 in 2007 to \$73,800 in 2008. Also the Bishop's Formation program is budgeting \$6,000 of revenue for 2008.

Operating expenses

The details of the operating expense budget are included in the following narrative. Note that a salary adjustment of 4 percent across the board is included. Total operating expenses in the operating fund are budgeted to increase from \$3,114,799 in the revised 2007 budget to \$3,141,166 in 2008.

Episcopacy

Episcopacy costs are budgeted to decrease from \$601,921 adjusted budget in 2007 to \$403,326 in 2008 including approximately \$55,000 of costs for Bishop Lipscomb's separation package as the bishop will be retired in 2008.

Assistant bishop and regional pastors

An assistant bishop is budgeted for \$58,000 in 2008 and the regional pastor costs are budgeted to increase from the 2007 revised budget amount of \$39,904 to \$41,200 in 2008. It is planned that the assistant bishop will assist in this area as time permits.

Health insurance retired clergy

Health insurance retired clergy costs are budgeted to increase from \$128,250 in 2007 to \$141,075 in 2008 reflecting an expected increase in the number of retired clergy and spouses eligible for this benefit.

Youth and college ministries

Youth and college ministries are budgeted to decrease from \$306,623 in 2007 to \$297,603 in 2008. New cost center accounts have been established as requested by Deacon Tate. Professional expenses for the Director of Youth Ministries are budgeted to remain constant at \$3,000 in 2008 the same amount budgeted in 2007. On the revenue side youth program revenues are budgeted to decrease from the \$102,000 budgeted in 2007 to \$73,800 in 2008.

Church growth and development

Church growth and development costs are budgeted to decrease from \$294,583 to \$274,084 for 2008. Included in the 2008 budget is the final year grant of \$13,334 to St. Monica's youth program which will complete the \$100,000 grant from the diocese.

New mission work

The diocese will continue funding \$200,000 in 2008 as it has since 2003.

Ministry and spiritual development

Ministry and spiritual development costs are budgeted to increase from \$248,378 in 2007 to \$278,200 in 2008 including \$30,000 funding for the Haitian Ministry and \$70,000 of funding for a chaplain at the University of South Florida

Program and administration

Program and administration costs are budgeted to decrease from \$768,986 in 2007 to \$766,117 in 2008. Included in the 2008 budget is \$8,000 of sabbatical expenses for the CFO after six-plus years of service as an executive staff member. Although originally budgeted for 2007, the sabbatical was pushed back to 2008 so that the CFO would be available to the new bishop during his first year of service.

Following the Bishop's 2003 convention speech noting that "we must allow DaySpring to become independent of the diocesan operational budget," the DaySpring support has been reduced from \$30,000 in the 2007 budget to \$0 in 2008 although the diocese has been making the principle payments on two mortgages for DaySpring all year and will continue making those payments.

Interest expense for the diocese will remain somewhat constant at \$26,318 for 2008 compared to \$26,547 in 2007. The cost of the two DaySpring mortgages refinanced by the diocese and the interest on the \$360,000 to fund deposits at DaySpring are allocated back to DaySpring.

Also the 2006 budget includes \$2,000 for disaster preparedness travel in 2008.

Outreach ministries

Outreach ministries expenses are budgeted to increase from the \$22,000 budgeted in 2007 to \$120,299 in 2008. A canon for ministries and outreach is being added as a new position in the 2008 budget.

Support of the wider church

Support of the wider church is budgeted to increase from \$616,463 in 2007 to \$678,382 in 2008. The major change is an increase of approximately \$61,000 in the Episcopal Church Asking line item.

Other expenses

Other expenses include payments of \$6,000 for the St. Bartholomew's cemetery maintenance and \$45,000 of costs for transferring capital tithe gifts to the Designated Fund. This category of costs did not significantly from 2007.

Diocesan discretionary fund

The Diocesan Discretionary Fund is budgeted at \$18,000 for 2008 and represents expenditures authorized by the bishop and is equal to the 2006 budgeted amount.

Operating results

Operating results are budgeted to decrease in 2008 from the revised 2007 budgeted profit of \$25,367 to \$15,004 in the operating fund. We shall monitor operating results closely throughout the year and continue searching for opportunities to improve financial performance.

The designated fund excess of revenues over expenses increases from \$105,456 budgeted in 2007 to \$168,120 in the 2008 budget while the restricted fund excess of revenues over expenses is budgeted to increase from \$97,375 in the 2007 budget to \$116,500 in the 2008 budget.

—George McLaughlin, *Chief Financial Officer*

Proposed Budget — Diocese of Southwest Florida

	2007 Budget	Proposed 2008 Budget	Proposed 2009 Budget	Proposed 2010 Budget
REVENUES				
INCOME				
APPORTIONMENTS				
Apportionments	\$2,851,847	\$2,902,011	\$2,953,057	\$3,005,001
Capital Tithe	\$50,000	\$45,000	\$30,000	\$40,000
Special Tithe Receipts				
Uncollectible Apportionments	-\$108,000	-\$110,000	-\$122,000	-\$124,000
Total APPORTIONMENTS	<u>\$2,793,847</u>	<u>\$2,837,011</u>	<u>\$2,861,057</u>	<u>\$2,921,001</u>
INVESTMENT INCOME				
Investment Income	<u>\$133,337</u>	<u>\$125,110</u>	<u>\$115,000</u>	<u>\$110,000</u>
Total INVESTMENT INCOME	<u>\$133,337</u>	<u>\$125,110</u>	<u>\$115,000</u>	<u>\$110,000</u>
TRANSFERS FROM RESTRICTED				
Transfer from Ross Fund	\$22,512	\$27,000	\$27,270	\$28,634
Transfer from Archambault Fund	\$19,929	\$24,000	\$24,240	\$25,452
Transfer from Johnson Fund	\$2,267	\$2,750	\$2,778	\$2,916
St. Bartholomew's Cemetery	\$1,318	\$3,300	\$3,399	\$3,569
Transfer from Hubbs Fund	\$8,058	\$9,000	\$8,000	\$8,400
Trans from Dioc. Discretionary Fund	\$16,098	\$17,000	\$17,000	\$17,000
Trans from Capital Res Fund	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$2,400</u>	<u>\$2,400</u>	<u>\$2,400</u>
Total TRANSFERS FROM RESTRICTED	<u>\$70,182</u>	<u>\$85,450</u>	<u>\$85,087</u>	<u>\$88,371</u>
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME				
Miscellaneous Income	\$600	\$2,000	\$2,100	\$2,205
Miscellaneous Income Gifts	\$700	\$200	\$210	\$221
Gain on the sale of assets	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Donations to Discretionary Fund	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$5,000	\$6,000
Youth Program	\$102,000	\$73,800	\$78,228	\$82,139
Kids Kamp Revenues				
Young Vocations/Vocare	\$2,500	\$4,000	\$4,240	\$4,452
Young Adult Ministries	\$4,500	\$800	\$850	\$893
Mission Scholar Grant Money	\$2,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Deacon Formation	\$3,000	\$6,000	\$7,000	\$8,000
FOCUS/School for Ministry				
Bishop's Formation Program	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,500	\$7,000
Grant Revenue Mens Ministries				
Recovery Ministries*(excl Diocesan Contribution)	<u>\$15,500</u>	<u>\$9,800</u>	<u>\$9,800</u>	<u>\$9,800</u>
Total MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	<u>\$142,800</u>	<u>\$108,600</u>	<u>\$113,928</u>	<u>\$120,709</u>
Total INCOME	<u>\$3,140,166</u>	<u>\$3,156,171</u>	<u>\$3,175,072</u>	<u>\$3,240,081</u>
Total REVENUES	<u>\$3,140,166</u>	<u>\$3,156,171</u>	<u>\$3,175,072</u>	<u>\$3,240,081</u>

	2007 Budget	Proposed 2008 Budget	Proposed 2009 Budget	Proposed 2010 Budget
EXPENSES				
EPISCOPACY				
Bishop				
Bishop - Stipend	\$87,169	\$87,344	\$90,838	\$94,471
Bishop - Housing	\$54,508	\$60,000	\$62,400	\$64,896
Bishop - Insurance	\$10,099	\$14,109	\$15,520	\$17,072
Bishop - Pension	\$25,502	\$26,522	\$27,583	\$28,686
Bishop - Professional Exp.	\$31,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
Bishop - Continuing Ed.	\$6,700	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
Bishop's Chaplain	\$5,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Office of the Bishop	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$5,500
Nominating Committee	\$35,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Bishop	\$260,479	\$226,476	\$234,841	\$243,626
Bishop Coadjutor				
New A/C - Compensation	\$114,587	\$0	\$0	\$0
Housing	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
New A/C - Insurance	\$9,257	\$0	\$0	\$0
New A/C - Pension	\$20,626	\$0	\$0	\$0
New A/C - Continuing Education	\$3,500	\$0	\$0	\$0
New A/C - Professional Expense	\$15,934	\$0	\$0	\$0
New A/C - Auto Expense	<u>\$6,000</u>	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Bishop Coadjutor	\$169,904	\$0	\$0	\$0
New A/C Bishop Lipscomb Separation Package:				
New A/C Stipend and Housing Allowance		\$31,251	\$0	\$0
New A/C Loss on Disposal of Auto		\$9,840	\$0	\$0
New A/C Health Insurance		<u>\$13,718</u>	<u>\$15,089</u>	<u>\$16,598</u>
Total Separation Package		\$54,809	\$15,089	\$16,598
Canon to the Ordinary				
Canon to the Ordinary - Stipend	\$50,864	\$52,899	\$55,014.50	\$57,215
Canon to the Ordinary - Housing	\$40,824	\$42,457	\$44,155	\$45,921
Canon to the Ordinary - Insurance	\$9,846	\$10,831	\$11,914	\$13,105
Canon to the Ordinary - Pension	\$16,504	\$17,164	\$17,851	\$18,565
Canon to the Ordinary - Prof. Exp.	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Canon to the Ordinary-Sabatt. Exp	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
St. Francis Hispanic Ministry	\$36,000	\$36,000	\$36,000	\$36,000
Total Canon to the Ordinary	\$164,038	\$169,350	\$174,934	\$180,806
2020 Plan Development				
Fresh Start	<u>\$7,500</u>	<u>\$7,500</u>	<u>\$7,500</u>	<u>\$7,500</u>
Total 2020 Plan Development	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$7,500
Total EPISCOPACY	<u>\$601,921</u>	<u>\$403,326</u>	<u>\$417,275</u>	<u>\$431,932</u>

	2007 Budget	Proposed 2008 Budget	Proposed 2009 Budget	Proposed 2010 Budget
PASTORAL CARE				
Assistant Bishop & Regional Pastors				
Assistant Bishop-Stipend		\$50,000	\$78,000	\$81,120
Assistant Bishop-Prof. Expenses		\$8,000	\$9,000	\$9,200
Pastors to Clergy & Fam - Stipend	\$35,704	\$37,000	\$38,480	\$40,019
Pastors - Professional Exp	\$4,200	\$4,200	\$4,500	\$4,800
Total Regional Pastors	\$39,904	\$99,200	\$129,980	\$135,139
Support - Retired Clergy & Widows				
Health Insurance - Retired Clergy	\$128,250	\$141,075	\$155,183	\$170,701
Retirement Benefits	\$6,267	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000
Total Support - Retired Clergy & Widows	\$134,517	\$147,075	\$161,183	\$176,701
Clergy Spouse Assoc.				
Clergy Spouse Association	\$2,540	\$2,600	\$2,700	\$2,800
Total Clergy Spouse Assoc.	\$2,540	\$2,600	\$2,700	\$2,800
Total PASTORAL CARE	\$176,961	\$248,875	\$293,863	\$314,640
YOUTH & COLLEGE MINISTRIES				
Director of Youth Ministries				
Dir. of Youth - Stipend	\$28,216	\$29,345	\$30,518	\$31,739
Dir. of Youth - Housing	\$30,282	\$31,493	\$32,753	\$34,063
Dir. of Youth - Insurance	\$15,195	\$16,715	\$18,386	\$20,225
Dir. of Youth - Pension	\$10,530	\$10,951	\$11,389	\$11,844
Dir. of Youth - Professional Exp.	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
Total Director of Youth Ministries	\$87,223	\$91,503	\$96,046	\$100,871
Youth Programs				
Youth Programs	\$148,100	\$121,000	\$127,050	\$133,403
Kids Kamp Expenses		\$0	\$0	\$0
NEW A/C - EYE		\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
NEW A/C - Leadership Training		\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000
Total Youth Programs	\$148,100	\$135,000	\$127,050	\$133,403
Young Adults/Higher Educ. Programs				
Young Vocations/Vocare	\$8,000	\$9,000	\$10,500	\$12,000
Young Adult Ministries/Higher Education	\$12,700	\$0	\$0	\$0
YASC - Missionary to the DR	\$3,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
NEW A/C - Young Vocations (Compass Comm.)		\$2,000	\$2,150	\$2,200
NEW A/C - General Young Adult Ministry		\$2,000	\$2,150	\$2,200
Young Adult Ministry				
Provincial/National events	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,120	\$2,205
YASC Missionary	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,060	\$1,102
Short Internship Program	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,180	\$3,307
Mission Scholar	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,360	\$6,614
Total Young Adult Ministry	\$35,700	\$25,000	\$27,520	\$29,629
Young Adult Higher Education Ministry				
MCC Chaplaincy	\$3,000	\$5,000	\$5,300	\$5,300
USF Chapel Center	\$3,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
National Episcopal Student Gathering		\$0	\$0	\$0
Provincial National Events	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,120	\$2,240
Seminars/Training Programs	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$3,180	\$3,360
Total Young Adult Higher Education Ministry	\$10,000	\$20,000	\$20,600	\$20,900
Adult Higher Spiritual Dev & Trng				
Diversity Training	\$8,500	\$8,500	\$9,010	\$9,461
Misconduct Prevention Training	\$6,000	\$5,000	\$5,300	\$5,565

	2007 Budget	Proposed 2008 Budget	Proposed 2009 Budget	Proposed 2010 Budget
Parish Christian Formation/EFM	\$10,500	\$10,500	\$10,918	\$11,464
Total Adult Higher Education	\$25,000	\$24,000	\$25,228	\$26,489
Total Young Adult/Higher Educ/Adult Higher Ed.	\$70,700	\$69,000	\$73,348	\$77,018
Episcopal Schools				
Diocesan Schools Membership Fee	\$600	\$600	\$650	\$700
NEW A/C - NAES 2008 Conf. Reception		\$1,500	\$0	\$0
Total Episcopal Schools	\$600	\$2,100	\$650	\$700
Total Youth and College Ministries	\$306,623	\$297,603	\$297,094	\$311,992
CHURCH GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT				
St. Monica - Youth	\$33,333	\$13,334	\$0	\$0
Evangelism Committee	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$9,000
Church Support - St. George	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Mission Clergy Support	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Mission Clergy Support - Route 72	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Mission Support - St. Edmund's	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$0	\$0
Transition	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$10,000
Subtotal	\$89,333	\$69,334	\$44,000	\$39,000
Mission Support				
Real Estate Taxes	\$5,000	\$4,500	\$4,800	\$5,000
Total Mission Support	\$5,000	\$4,500	\$4,800	\$5,000
New Mission Work				
New Mission Reserve	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
Total New Mission Work	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
Congregational Development				
Congregational Develop.	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250
Total Congregational Development	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250
Total CHURCH GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT	\$294,583	\$274,084	\$249,050	\$244,250
STEWARDSHIP & DEVELOPMENT				
Stewardship Committee				
Stewardship Committee	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Total Stewardship Committee	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Total STEWARDSHIP & DEVELOPMENT	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
MINISTRY & SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT				
Director for Ministry Develop.				
Dir. for Min. Devel.-Stipend	\$24,416	\$0	\$0	\$0
Dir. for Min. Devel. - Housing	\$11,355	\$0	\$0	\$0
Dir. for Min. Devel. - Pension	\$6,439	\$0	\$0	\$0
Dir. for Min. Devel. - Prof. Exp.	\$3,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Director for Ministry Develop.	\$45,210	\$0	\$0	\$0
Spiritual Development				
Worship Committee	\$6,125	\$0	\$0	\$0
St. Paul's Church - Spanish Min.	\$15,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Lillibridge Training for Clergy	\$10,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Conferences & Education	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Education for Ministry	\$2,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
Seminarian Support	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$20,000	\$15,000
Deacon Formation & Retreat	\$5,000	\$6,000	\$6,500	\$7,000
Transitional Deacon Training	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$20,000	\$15,000
Commission on Ministry	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
Bishop's Formation Program	\$14,200	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
Diocesan Altar Guild	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200
Liturgy & Music Ministry	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500

	2007 Budget	Proposed 2008 Budget	Proposed 2009 Budget	Proposed 2010 Budget
Haitian Ministry		\$30,000	\$52,000	\$54,000
USF Chapel Center-Chaplain		<u>\$70,000</u>	<u>\$72,000</u>	<u>\$74,000</u>
Total Spiritual Development	\$127,525	\$197,200	\$201,700	\$196,200
Dean of School for Ministry				
Men's Ministries	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
NEW - Equipping the 70	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
Women's Ministries	\$29,643	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$35,000
Multi-Cultural Ministries	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Total Dean of School for Ministry	\$75,643	\$81,000	\$81,000	\$81,000
Total MINISTRY & SPIRITUAL DEVELOP.	\$248,378	\$278,200	\$282,700	\$277,200

PROGRAM AND ADMINISTRATION

Chief Financial Officer

CFO - Compensation	\$100,800	\$104,832	\$109,025	\$113,386
CFO - PR Taxes	\$7,711	\$8,020	\$8,340	\$8,674
CFO - Insurance	\$9,846	\$10,831	\$11,914	\$13,105
CFO - Pension	\$18,144	\$18,870	\$19,625	\$20,410
CFO - Prof. Expenses	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$5,500
NEW A/C CFO - Sabbatical Exp.	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$0	\$0
Total Chief Financial Officer	\$150,001	\$156,052	\$154,404	\$161,075

Office and Related Expenses

Staff - Compensation	\$157,500	\$163,800	\$170,352	\$177,166
Staff - PR Taxes	\$12,049	\$12,049	\$12,049	\$12,049
Staff - Insurance	\$24,000	\$26,400	\$29,040	\$31,944
Staff - Pension	\$12,600	\$16,380	\$17,035	\$17,717
Lay Staff Development	\$2,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Office Expenses	\$19,000	\$22,000	\$22,000	\$23,000
Amortization Costs	\$3,341	\$3,341	\$1,411	\$0
Interest	\$26,547	\$26,318	\$24,000	\$23,000
Depreciation Expense	\$66,676	\$67,000	\$68,000	\$69,000
Gain/Loss on Disposal	\$0			
Unrealized Loss on Invest.	\$0			
Condo Fees	\$7,500	\$7,600	\$7,700	\$7,800
Utilities	\$3,900	\$6,000	\$6,500	\$7,000
Housekeeping	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,200	\$4,400
Repairs and Maintenance	\$6,000	\$7,000	\$7,500	\$8,000
Telephone	\$9,110	\$10,000	\$10,800	\$11,500
Postage	\$6,000	\$7,200	\$7,500	\$7,800
Insurance	\$60,320	\$30,000	\$33,000	\$36,000
Legal and Auditing	\$29,000	\$30,000	\$31,000	\$32,000
Meetings	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$8,000
Equipment	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500
Deanery Support	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$7,000
Disaster Preparedness Travel	\$0	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
Total Office and Related Expenses	\$467,044	\$463,588	\$476,587	\$492,876

Convention and Journal

Convention and Journal	\$2,500	\$23,000	\$25,000	\$27,000
Total Convention and Journal	\$2,500	\$23,000	\$25,000	\$27,000

DaySpring

DaySpring Support	\$30,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
DaySpring Supplemental Support	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total DaySpring	\$30,000	\$0	\$0	\$0

Communications

Dir/Communication - Compensation	\$51,124	\$53,169	\$55,296	\$57,508
Dir/Communication - PR Taxes	\$3,911	\$4,067	\$4,230	\$4,399

	2007 Budget	Proposed 2008 Budget	Proposed 2009 Budget	Proposed 2010 Budget
Dir/Communication - Insurance	\$6,295	\$6,925	\$7,617	\$8,379
Dir/Communication - Pension	\$5,112	\$5,317	\$5,530	\$5,751
Dir/Communication - Prof. Exp.	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$6,500
Publication Costs	\$45,000	\$46,000	\$46,000	\$46,000
Media Resources/Development	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Technology, Mission & Data Base	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Historiographer	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
Total Communications	<u>\$118,442</u>	<u>\$122,478</u>	<u>\$125,672</u>	<u>\$129,036</u>
Chancellor's Expenses				
Chancellor's Expenses	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Total Chancellor's Expenses	<u>\$1,000</u>	<u>\$1,000</u>	<u>\$1,000</u>	<u>\$1,000</u>
Total PROGRAM AND ADMINISTRATION	<u>\$768,986</u>	<u>\$766,117</u>	<u>\$782,662</u>	<u>\$810,986</u>
OUTREACH MINISTRIES				
Canon for Mission and Outreach	\$0	\$67,600	\$70,304	\$73,116
Canon for Mission and Outreach Health Ins.		\$10,831	\$11,914	\$13,106
Canon for Mission and Outreach Pension		\$12,168	\$12,655	\$13,161
Canon for Mission and Outreach Prof. Exp.		\$8,000	\$9,000	\$10,000
Companion Diocese Committee	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500
World Missions-(GEM)	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
Recovery Ministries (incl.\$22K from diocese)	\$15,500	\$15,200	\$31,800	\$31,800
Epiphany Ministry	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
Total OUTREACH MINISTRIES	<u>\$22,000</u>	<u>\$120,299</u>	<u>\$142,173</u>	<u>\$147,683</u>
SUPPORT OF THE WIDER CHURCH				
Support - Historic Black Colleges	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
Episcopal Church Asking	\$529,262	\$590,569	\$602,381	\$614,428
Episcopalians for Global Rec.Mil.Dev.Goals	\$20,351	\$22,093	\$22,226	\$22,681
Support - Province IV	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$7,000
University of the South	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Bishop Gray Inns	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
General Conv/Synod Expenses	\$15,000	\$12,000	\$65,000	\$12,000
Dominican Development Group	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
Episcopal Relief & Development	\$1,850	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Episcopal Church Foundation	\$3,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
Total SUPPORT OF THE WIDER CHURCH	<u>\$616,463</u>	<u>\$678,662</u>	<u>\$743,606</u>	<u>\$703,109</u>
OTHER EXPENSES				
St. Bartholomew's Cemetery	\$5,884	\$6,000	\$7,000	\$8,000
Transfers to Other Funds	\$50,000	\$45,000	\$30,000	\$40,000
Total OTHER EXPENSES	<u>\$55,884</u>	<u>\$51,000</u>	<u>\$37,000</u>	<u>\$48,000</u>
DIOCESAN DISCRETIONARY FUND				
Pastoral Care	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000
Outreach	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000
Miscellaneous	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000
Total DIOCESAN DISCRETIONARY FUND	<u>\$18,000</u>	<u>\$18,000</u>	<u>\$18,000</u>	<u>\$18,000</u>
Total EXPENSES	<u>\$3,114,799</u>	<u>\$3,141,166</u>	<u>\$3,268,423</u>	<u>\$3,312,791</u>
Net Total	\$25,367	\$15,004	(\$93,352)	(\$72,709)

Designated Funds

	2007 Budget	2008 Budget	2009 Budget	2010 Budget
REVENUES				
INCOME				
OTHER INCOME				
Endowment Receipts Des	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$21
Capital Reserve Receipts	\$2,502	\$48,000	\$33,000	\$43,000
Mission Trust Receipts	\$254,548	\$250,000	\$254,548	\$267,275
Slemmons Receipts	\$2,702	\$4,000	\$4,040	\$4,242
Third Millennium - 3 Receipts	\$4,008	\$8,000	\$8,080	\$8,484
Start Ups Des Receipts	\$4,705	\$3,000	\$3,030	\$3,182
Outreach Des - 2 Receipts	\$942	\$1,000	\$1,010	\$1,061
Revitalize Congregations Des Receipts	\$3,601	\$4,000	\$4,040	\$4,242
Third Millennium - Des 3 Receipts	<u>\$2,428</u>	<u>\$100</u>	<u>\$101</u>	<u>\$106</u>
Unrealized Gain (Loss) Des. Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total OTHER INCOME	<u>\$275,456</u>	<u>\$318,120</u>	<u>\$307,869</u>	<u>\$323,263</u>
Total REVENUES	<u>\$275,456</u>	<u>\$318,120</u>	<u>\$307,869</u>	<u>\$323,263</u>
 EXPENSES				
DISBURSEMENTS				
Revitalize Congregation Disbursements				
Mission Trust Disbursements Des	\$170,000	\$150,000	\$280,000	\$210,000
Capital Reserve Fund Disbursements				\$0
Total DISBURSEMENTS	<u>\$170,000</u>	<u>\$150,000</u>	<u>\$280,000</u>	<u>\$210,000</u>
Total EXPENSES	<u>\$170,000</u>	<u>\$150,000</u>	<u>\$280,000</u>	<u>\$294,000</u>
				\$0
Net Total	<u>\$105,456</u>	<u>\$168,120</u>	<u>\$27,869</u>	<u>\$29,263</u>

Restricted Funds

	2007 Budget	2008 Budget	2009 Budget	2010 Budget
INCOME				
INVESTMENT INCOME				
Archambault Receipts	\$19,929	\$24,000	\$24,240	\$25,452
Revolving Capital Loan Fund Receipt	\$70,586	\$96,000	\$70,450	\$73,972
R. Bennett H&H Receipts	\$5,365	\$7,000	\$7,070	\$7,424
Johnson Receipts	\$4,535	\$5,500	\$5,555	\$5,833
Sanford Receipts	\$1,121	\$1,400	\$1,414	\$1,485
Mochino Receipts	\$3,940	\$2,700	\$2,727	\$2,863
Greene Receipts	\$3,354	\$4,200	\$4,242	\$4,454
Evans Receipts	\$777	\$1,000	\$1,010	\$1,061
Smith Receipts	\$2,580	\$8,800	\$8,888	\$9,332
Tulane Receipts	\$16,098	\$17,000	\$16,098	\$16,903
Flagler Receipts	\$340	\$400	\$404	\$424
Foster Receipts	\$318	\$400	\$404	\$424
Plumley Trust Receipts	\$214	\$300	\$303	\$318
Albion Ross Receipts	\$22,512	\$27,000	\$27,270	\$28,634
Cox Receipts	\$11,590	\$2,500	\$2,525	\$2,651
Slemaker Receipts	\$4,243	\$5,500	\$5,555	\$5,833
St. Bartholomew's Receipts	\$1,318	\$1,500	\$1,515	\$1,591
Hubbs Ministry Fund Receipts	\$8,058	\$9,500	\$9,595	\$10,075
Unrealized Gain (Loss) Restr.Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total INVESTMENT INCOME	\$176,879	\$214,700	\$189,265	\$198,728
Total REVENUES	\$176,879	\$214,700	\$189,265	\$198,728
EXPENSES				
DISBURSEMENTS				
Archambault Disbursements	\$19,929	\$24,000	\$24,240	\$25,452
Revolving Loan Fd Disbursements	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Johnson Disbursements	\$4,535	\$5,500	\$5,555	\$5,833
Tulane Disbursements	\$0	\$17,000	\$16,098	\$16,903
Flagler Disbursements	\$340	\$400	\$404	\$424
Cox Disbursements	\$11,000	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,600
St. Bartholomew's Disbursements	\$3,189	\$3,300	\$3,399	\$3,569
Albion Ross Disbursements	\$22,512	\$18,000	\$19,270	\$20,234
Hubbs Ministry Fund Disbursements	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$8,000	\$8,400
Total EXPENSES	\$70,504	\$89,200	\$88,966	\$93,414
Net Total	\$106,375	\$125,500	\$100,299	\$105,314
OTHER EXPENSES				
TRANSFERS TO OTHER FUNDS				
299112 - FROM A. ROSS RES	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$8,000	\$8,400
Total TRANSFERS TO OTHER FUNDS	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$8,000	\$8,400
Total OTHER EXPENSES	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$8,000	\$8,400
Net Operating Total	\$97,375	\$116,500	\$92,299	\$96,914

DIOCESE OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA, INC.

Combined Financial Statements and Schedules

Year Ended December 31, 2006
With Summarized Financial
Information for the
Year Ended December 31, 2005

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Independent Auditor's Report

The Diocesan Council
Diocese of Southwest Florida, Inc.

We have audited the accompanying combined statement of financial position of the Diocese of Southwest Florida, Inc. (the "Diocese") as of December 31, 2006, and the related combined statements of activities and cash flows for the year then ended. These combined financial statements are the responsibility of the Diocese's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these combined financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The Diocese has excluded in the accompanying statement of financial position, an accrual for postretirement benefits, that in our opinion, should be accrued in order to conform with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. The Diocese no longer records a liability for postretirement benefits but records related expenses on the cash basis of accounting. If the Diocese had followed the provisions of SFAS 106, they would have recognized an accrual for postretirement benefits.

In our opinion, except as described in the preceding paragraph, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the combined financial position of the Diocese of Southwest Florida, Inc. as of December 31, 2006, and the combined changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

The summarized information for 2005, which is included for comparative purposes only, is not intended to constitute an adequate presentation of the Diocese's changes in net assets, cash flows and its financial position.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the combined financial statements taken as a whole. The supplementary information contained on pages 12, 13 and 14 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the combined financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the combined financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the combined financial statements taken as a whole.

Franklin Price CPA's
Bradenton, Florida
March 2, 2007

DIOCESE OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA, INC.
 COMBINED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
 December 31, 2006
 (With Comparative Amounts for 2005)

		<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Temporarily Restricted</u>	<u>Permanently Restricted</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
ASSETS						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	1,361,986	—	—	1,361,986	816,924
Investments		3,247,468	2,204,417	1,164,646	6,616,531	6,966,345
Apportionments receivable, net of allowance of \$174,241		58,639	—	—	58,639	32,998
Accounts receivable, net of allowance of \$30,729		66,967	—	—	66,967	25,639
Loans receivable		1,919,881	400,000	—	2,319,881	1,789,451
Mortgage note receivable		1,444,572	—	—	1,444,572	1,476,601
Other assets		36,424	—	—	36,424	36,214
Beneficial interest in trust		—	—	791,959	791,959	759,684
Land, buildings, and equipment, net		4,745,241	—	—	4,745,241	4,920,832
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	12,881,178	2,604,417	1,956,605	17,442,200	16,824,688
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS						
Liabilities:						
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$	421,432	—	—	421,432	332,497
Deferred revenue		38,667	—	—	38,667	67,981
Deposits		253,289	—	—	253,289	289,018
Notes payable		1,328,298	—	—	1,328,298	1,372,398
Total liabilities		2,041,686	—	—	2,041,686	2,061,894
Net assets:						
Unrestricted:						
Undesignated		2,868,104	—	—	2,868,104	2,482,146
Designated		4,554,445	—	—	4,554,445	4,211,931
Land, buildings, and equipment		3,416,943	—	—	3,416,943	3,548,434
Temporarily restricted		—	2,604,417	—	2,604,417	2,596,148
Permanently restricted		—	—	1,956,605	1,956,605	1,924,135
Total net assets		10,839,492	2,604,417	1,956,605	15,400,514	14,762,794
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$	12,881,178	2,604,417	1,956,605	17,442,200	16,824,688

See accompanying notes to combined financial statements.

DIOCESE OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA, INC.
 COMBINED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
 Year Ended December 31, 2006
 (With Comparative Amounts for 2005)

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Temporarily Restricted</u>	<u>Permanently Restricted</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
Revenue, gains, and other support:					
Diocesan apportionments	\$ 2,706,878	—	—	2,706,878	3,467,023
Investment return	740,925	48,099	195	789,219	306,297
Contributions and bequests	38,444	—	—	38,444	194,254
Conference center operations	2,043,522	—	—	2,043,522	1,744,916
Change in value of beneficial interest in trust	—	—	32,275	32,275	(3,104)
Net gain on disposal of assets	—	—	—	—	717,591
Other income	142,965	—	—	142,965	154,303
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Total revenue and gains	5,672,734	48,099	32,470	5,753,303	6,581,280
Net assets released from restrictions	39,830	(39,830)	—	—	—
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Total revenue, gains and other support	5,712,564	8,269	32,470	5,753,303	6,581,280
 Expenses:					
Program services	2,338,156	—	—	2,338,156	2,019,019
Administrative services	459,074	—	—	459,074	428,649
Conference center	1,946,666	—	—	1,946,666	1,804,585
Depreciation	288,308	—	—	288,308	323,570
Interest	83,379	—	—	83,379	85,376
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Total expenses	5,115,583	—	—	5,115,583	4,661,199
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Change in net assets	596,981	8,269	32,470	637,720	1,920,081
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Net assets, beginning of year	10,242,511	2,596,148	1,924,135	14,762,794	12,842,713
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Net assets, end of year	\$ 10,839,492	2,604,417	1,956,605	15,400,514	14,762,794

See accompanying notes to combined financial statements.

DIOCESE OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA, INC.
 COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
 Year Ended December 31, 2006
 (With Comparative Amounts for 2005)

	2006	2005
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Change in net assets	\$ 637,720	1,920,081
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation	288,308	323,570
Gain on disposal of property	—	(717,591)
Realized and unrealized gains on investments	(395,506)	(49,500)
Decrease (increase) in apportionments receivable, net	(25,641)	101,424
Decrease (increase) in accounts receivable	(41,328)	(604)
Decrease (increase) in beneficial interest in trust	(32,275)	3,104
Increase in other assets	(210)	(9,295)
Increase in accounts payable and accrued expenses	88,935	34,118
Increase (decrease) in deferred revenue	(29,314)	31,678
Increase (decrease) in deposits	(35,729)	61,047
Net cash provided by operating activities	454,960	1,698,032
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Purchases of investments	(511,245)	(2,385,773)
Proceeds from sale of investments	1,217,062	443,897
Purchases of property and equipment	(78,764)	(155,442)
Proceeds from sale of property and equipment	—	1,745,102
Payments received on loans receivable	54,120	19,510
Proceeds disbursed for loans receivable	(579,000)	(1,247,500)
Payments received on mortgage receivable	32,029	23,400
Proceeds disbursed for mortgage receivable	—	—
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	134,202	(1,556,806)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Principal payments on notes payable	(44,100)	(42,103)
Net cash used in financing activities	(44,100)	(42,103)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	545,062	99,123
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	816,924	717,801
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	\$ 1,361,986	816,924
Supplemental cash flow information:		
Cash paid for interest	\$ 83,379	85,376

See accompanying notes to combined financial statements.

DIOCESE OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA, INC.
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE A – DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATIONS

The Diocese of Southwest Florida, Inc. (the “Diocese”) is a not-for-profit corporation existing under the laws of the State of Florida. It is one of 108 dioceses of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the U.S.A (100 domestic and 8 overseas). As such, the Diocese is subject to the Constitution and Canons of the National Church, and to the acts of the General Convention, which is held every three years.

The Diocese of Southwest Florida, Inc. was formed in 1969 as a result of the division of the then Diocese of South Florida. The Diocese is comprised of twelve counties stretching along the west coast of Florida from Hernando County in the north to Collier County in the south. The Diocese of Southwest Florida, Inc. is divided geographically into seven deaneries: Tampa, Clearwater, St. Petersburg, Manasota, Venice, Fort Myers and Naples.

The combined financial statements include the accounts of the administrative offices of the Diocese which are fiscally responsible to the Bishop of the Diocese of Southwest Florida, and also include the accounts of the Dayspring Episcopal Conference Center, Diocese of Southwest Florida, Inc.

Various churches, missions and other religious organizations which operate within the Diocese, but which are primarily responsible to their own governing boards, have not been included in the accompanying combined financial statements.

NOTE B – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND PRACTICES

Basis of Accounting - These financial statements, which are presented on the accrual basis of accounting, have been prepared to focus on the Diocese as a whole and to present balances and transactions according to the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. Net assets and revenue, expenses, gains and losses are classified as follows:

- Unrestricted net assets – Net assets not subject to donor-imposed stipulations.
- Temporarily restricted net assets – Net assets subject to donor-imposed stipulations that may or will be met by actions of the Diocese and/or the passage of time.
- Permanently restricted net assets – Net assets subject to donor-imposed stipulations that the assets be maintained permanently by the Diocese. Generally, the donors of these assets permit the Diocese to use all or part of the income earned on related investments for general or specific purposes.

Revenues are reported as increases in unrestricted net assets unless use of the related assets is limited by donor-imposed restrictions. Expenses are reported as decreases in unrestricted net assets. Gains and losses on investments and other assets or liabilities are reported as increases or decreases in unrestricted net assets unless their use is restricted by explicit donor stipulation or by law. Expirations of temporary restrictions on net assets (i.e., the donor-stipulated purpose has been fulfilled and/or the stipulated time period has elapsed) are reported as reclassifications between the applicable classes of net assets. Contributions received with donor-imposed restrictions that are met in the same year as received are generally reported as revenue of the unrestricted net asset class.

DIOCESE OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA, INC.
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE B – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND PRACTICES (Continued)

Contributions, including unconditional promises to give (pledges), are recognized as revenue in the period received. Conditional promises to give are not recognized until they become unconditional, that is when the conditions on which they depend are substantially met. Contributions of assets other than cash are recorded at their estimated fair value. An allowance for uncollectible pledges is provided based upon management's judgment, including such factors as prior collection history, type of contribution, and individual congregation situation.

Liquidity - Assets are presented in the accompanying statement of financial position according to their nearness of conversion to cash and liabilities according to the nearness of their maturity and resulting use of cash.

Cash Equivalents - Cash equivalents represent short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less at date of purchase.

Investments - Investments are carried at fair value based on quoted market prices.

Beneficial Interest in Trust - The Diocese has a beneficial interest in a perpetual trust, the assets of which are administered by a third party. The Diocese receives distributions of income from the trust and their interest in the trust has been recorded at the fair value of the trust assets. The income received from the trust is restricted for the use of home or maintenance for the elderly and support of missions.

Land, Buildings, and Equipment - Land, buildings, and equipment are stated at cost if purchased, or at estimated fair value at the date of gift if donated. Depreciation on buildings and equipment is calculated using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets.

Diocesan Apportionments - The Diocese's principal source of revenue consists of apportionments received from congregations located within the Diocese. The apportionment is based upon 10 percent of the congregations' total operating revenue for the fiscal year ended two years prior. The Diocese also has an annual obligation to the National Church that is based upon 21 percent of the operating income from the fiscal year ended two years prior less a \$100,000 exemption.

Conference Center Operations – The Dayspring Episcopal Conference Center, a ministry of the Diocese of Southwest Florida, provides room and board accommodations for various groups and ministries. Advance deposits are recorded as liabilities until the events occur, at which time the amounts are transferred to revenue.

Income Taxes - The Diocese has received a tax determination letter from the Internal Revenue Service which provides that the Diocese is a corporation which meets the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and is exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code. Therefore, no provision for income taxes has been made.

Use of Estimates - Management of the Diocese has made a number of estimates and assumptions relating to the reporting of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities to prepare these financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

DIOCESE OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA, INC.
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE B – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND PRACTICES (Continued)

Summarized Financial Information for the Year Ended December 31, 2005 – The financial statements include certain prior-year summarized information in total, but not by net asset class. Such information does not include sufficient detail to constitute a presentation in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Accordingly, such information should be read in conjunction with the Diocese’s financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2005 from which the summarized information was derived.

NOTE C - INVESTMENTS

At December 31, 2006, the Diocese held investments with a fair value of \$6,616,531. The composition of these investments was as follows:

	Cost	Fair value
ECF – Balanced Fund	4,933,450	5,535,165
ECF – Income Fund	1,033,198	998,615
Short-term investments	82,751	82,751
	6,049,399	6,616,531

Investment return was comprised of the following for the year ended December 31, 2006:

Dividends and interest	393,713
Net realized and unrealized gains	395,506
	789,219

NOTE D – LOANS RECEIVABLE

At December 31, 2006, the Diocese has interest and non-interest bearing loans receivable totaling \$2,319,881 due from member churches. Repayment terms and scheduled payments are made according to each Church’s agreement with the Diocese, respectively. As of December 31, 2006, the loans outstanding included:

Iona Hope Episcopal Church, Fort Myers	1,050,000
Grace Episcopal Church, Tampa	337,255
St. Catherine’s Episcopal Church, Temple Terrace	237,049
St. Mary’s Episcopal Church, Tampa	112,500
St. Mary Magdalene, Bradenton	50,000
Church of the Holy Spirit, Osprey	500,000
St. John’s Episcopal Church, Clearwater	33,077
	2,319,881

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE E – MORTGAGE NOTE RECEIVABLE

On December 22, 2004 the Diocese executed a mortgage in the amount of \$1,500,000 by and between St. Mark’s Episcopal Church for construction of their new facilities. The mortgage receivable, which bears interest at 3.00 percent and is payable over 30 years, is due in monthly installments of \$6,324 beginning April 1, 2005. The note is secured by real property. As of December 31, 2006, the note had an outstanding balance of \$1,444,572.

NOTE F – LAND, BUILDINGS, AND EQUIPMENT

Land, buildings, and equipment at December 31, 2006 consist of the following:

	Diocese	Conference Center	Total
Land	1,077,265	959,763	2,037,028
Buildings	757,215	2,802,260	3,559,475
Building improvements	174,532	782,316	956,848
Furniture and equipment	333,133	676,999	1,010,132
Vehicles	19,674	23,400	43,074
Construction in progress	450	--	450
			7,607,007
Less accumulated depreciation			(2,861,766)
Land, buildings, and equipment, net			4,745,241

NOTE G – NOTES PAYABLE

Notes payable at December 31, 2006 consists of the following:

6.43% mortgage note payable in monthly installments of \$7,067 including interest, due January 2011, secured by rents, royalties, and real property.	861,936
5.5% mortgage note payable in monthly installments of \$3,556, including interest, due September 2023, secured by rents, royalties and real property.	466,362
	1,328,298
Total notes payable	1,328,298

DIOCESE OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA, INC.
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE G – NOTES PAYABLE (Continued)

The aggregate maturities of notes payable for each of the years subsequent to December 31, 2006 and thereafter are as follows:

<u>Year ending December 31,</u>	
2007	\$ 36,605
2008	38,766
2009	40,806
2010	42,846
2011	44,886
Thereafter	<u>1,124,389</u>
	<u>\$ 1,328,298</u>

NOTE H – DESIGNATED NET ASSETS

At December 31, 2006, the Diocese had designated unrestricted net assets for the following:

Collier County	235,315
Mission trust	1,638,979
Tampa deanery	150,687
Slemmons Fund	119,498
Capital reserve	86,199
Capital revolving loan fund	<u>2,323,767</u>
	<u>4,554,445</u>

NOTE I – RESTRICTIONS AND LIMITATIONS ON NET ASSETS

At December 31, 2006, permanently restricted net assets consist of endowment and trust funds totaling \$1,956,605. The income from these assets can be used for the following purposes:

Bishop's Discretion	534,689
Missions	446,062
Home or maintenance for the elderly	395,980
Ministry Development	280,054
Education	114,945
Homeless and hungry	151,763
Other	<u>33,112</u>
	<u>1,956,605</u>

DIOCESE OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA, INC.
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NOTE I – RESTRICTIONS AND LIMITATIONS ON NET ASSETS (Continued)

Temporarily restricted net assets consist of the following at December 31, 2006:

Gifts and other unexpended revenue and gains available for:

Home or maintenance for elderly	\$ 1,396,049
Loan funds	618,177
Ministry Development	194,021
Capital Campaign	114,528
St. Bartholomew Cemetery	46,242
Other	<u>235,400</u>
	<u>\$ 2,604,417</u>

Net assets were released from donor restrictions as follows during the year ended December 31, 2006, by incurring expenses satisfying the restricted purposes, or by occurrence of other events specified by donors:

Purpose restrictions accomplished:

Home or maintenance for elderly	\$ 37,101
St. Bartholomew’s Cemetery	2,574
Other	<u>155</u>
	<u>\$ 39,830</u>

NOTE J – PENSION PLAN

The Clergy and the lay employees of the Diocese are participants in separate pension plans. The Clergy are covered by the Church Pension Fund and the lay employees are covered by a defined contribution plan administered by ING Life Insurance Company. The plan covering lay employees calls for annual contributions by the Diocese, based on a percent of aggregate employee compensation. Total pension expense for the year ended December 31, 2006 was \$56,166 and \$31,589 for the Clergy and the lay employees, respectively. The Church Pension Fund is a defined benefit plan; however, it is part of a National Plan and additional information with respect to the Diocese of Southwest Florida, Inc. is not available as the plan is evaluated on an aggregate basis.

The Dayspring Episcopal Conference Center employees also participate in a separate pension plan through the Church Pension Fund. Total expense for the year ended December 31, 2006 was \$47,222.

NOTE K – POSTRETIREMENT BENEFITS

Under a plan adopted January 1, 1999, the Diocese provides certain health care and life insurance benefits for clergy and lay retirees. Eligibility for those benefits occurs upon the attainment of age 65 and a minimum of ten years of service while working for the Diocese. Payment of benefits is limited to \$55 per person per month.

Total postretirement benefit expense for the year ended December 31, 2006, on the cash basis of accounting, was \$104,232.

DIOCESE OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA, INC.
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE L – CONFERENCE CENTER ELIMINATIONS AND RELATED ACTIVITY

The combined financial statements of the Diocese include related conference center balances and activities. For this reason, elimination of related party receivables and payables, along with corresponding revenues and expenses are necessary at year end. At December 31, 2006, eliminating entries were made to properly account for the \$1,621,539 investment in Dayspring and \$67,651 payable to the Diocese by the conference center, \$100,000 of Diocesan support received in 2006 by the conference center and \$48,041 of interest paid to the Diocese. In addition, conference center depreciation of \$224,627 is included within the combined statement of activities.

NOTE M – CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISK

Cash and other deposits are federally insured by the FDIC up to \$100,000. Cash balances in excess of that amount are potentially subject to concentrations of credit risk. At December 31, 2006, the Diocese exceeded the federally insured limit by approximately \$930,000. However, \$855,226 of this amount was in a collateralized sweep account. It is the opinion of management that the solvency of the referenced financial institutions are not of particular concern at this time.

NOTE N - CONTINGENCIES

Loans Payable - The Diocese is contingently liable on various loans payable to banks for real property owned by the individual parishes and missions of the Diocese. However, the Diocese would gain possession of the real property if it became obligated to pay pursuant to such guarantee.

NOTE O – LEASE COMMITMENTS

On November 22, 2004, the Dayspring Episcopal Conference Center entered into a lease agreement for five golf carts. Under the terms of the lease, a payment of \$950 is due monthly throughout the term of the lease. The lease expires November 22, 2007.

On September 24, 2004 the Dayspring Episcopal Conference Center entered into a lease agreement for a copy machine. Under the terms of the lease, a base payment of \$575 is due monthly. The term of the lease is for 60 months.

NOTE P – CONFERENCE CENTER ALLOWANCE FOR DOUBTFUL ACCOUNT

During 2006, an event was held at the Dayspring Episcopal Conference Center by an outside non-profit organization. The net amount due from this event as of December 31, 2006 was \$61,458. However, the full amount owed to Dayspring is not anticipated to be collected. As a result, an allowance for doubtful account totaling \$30,729 was established to properly reserve for any amounts estimated to be uncollectible.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

DIOCESE OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA, INC.
SCHEDULE OF PROGRAM SERVICES EXPENSES
Year Ended December 31, 2006

National church support	\$ 456,869
Episcopancy life	444,092
Ministry and spiritual development	332,328
Church growth and development	363,832
Youth and college ministries	238,588
Pastoral care	159,669
Communication	98,713
Outreach	98,547
Diocesan convention	106,860
Diocesan discretionary fund	30,822
Stewardship and development	1,245
Other expenses	6,591
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TOTAL PROGRAM SERVICES	\$ <u>2,338,156</u>

See accompanying notes to combined financial statements & auditor's report.

DIOCESE OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA, INC.
SCHEDULE OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES EXPENSES
Year Ended December 31, 2006

Salaries and related expenses	\$ 338,983
Insurance	18,109
Audit and legal	21,225
Office and related general expenses	30,185
Equipment repairs and general maintenance	8,083
Telephone	10,588
Meetings and dues	9,290
Postage	6,856
Utilities	5,414
Other expenses	10,341
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TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	\$ <u>459,074</u>

See accompanying notes to combined financial statements & auditor's report.

DIOCESE OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA, INC.
 SCHEDULE OF CONFERENCE CENTER EXPENSES
 Year Ended December 31, 2006

Salaries and related expenses	\$ 999,310
Food costs	356,494
Utilities	170,373
Grounds and building maintenance	100,000
Insurance	51,908
Contracted services and equipment	35,985
Supplies	28,981
Hospitality and cleaning service	38,326
Furniture and equipment repairs and maintenance	21,182
Office and computer supplies	15,086
Uniforms	11,917
Advertising and promotions	10,888
Credit card and bank fees	10,566
Leased golf carts	11,400
Pavillion	5,779
Vehicle repair and maintenance	9,972
Souvenir purchases	8,635
Professional fees, dues and subscriptions	5,446
Postage	5,715
Concession	6,158
Audio visual	6,561
Rope course	4,519
Minor equipment purchases	3,986
Vehicle fuel	3,736
Training and education	1,323
Chapel expenses	244
Taxes and licenses	343
Travel and entertainment	277
Other expenses	21,556
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TOTAL CONFERENCE CENTER EXPENSES	\$ <u>1,946,666</u>

See accompanying notes to combined financial statements & auditor's report.

For the record

Why have a convention?

From the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese of Southwest Florida:

III. CANONICAL AUTHORITY

ARTICLE III

Of the Annual Diocesan Convention

The members of the Diocese shall be all congregations in union with the Episcopal Church in the above-described area and shall be represented solely by the delegates to the Annual Convention of the Diocese.

The Convention of the Church of this Diocese shall assemble annually at such time and place as shall have been appointed by the preceding Annual Convention; but, for sufficient cause, the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese shall have power to change the time or place, or both, as emergency may require; provided, however, that at least ten days' notice of such change shall be given to every Vestry and Bishop's Committee, and to the Minister in charge of every Congregation, and to every member of the Clergy canonically resident in the Diocese.

ARTICLE V

Of the Members of the Convention

Section 1. The Convention shall be composed of the Bishops, together with the other members of the Clergy, and Lay Persons of the Diocese, as provided for in the following sections of this Article.

Section 2. All members of the Clergy in regular standing in this Diocese, shall be entitled to a seat and vote in the Convention; provided, that they shall have been admitted, and at the time of the Convention shall be actually settled as Rector, or Assistant Minister of some Congregation in union with the Convention of this Diocese, or shall be a Canon, Archdeacon, Vicar, Missionary, Chaplain or Church Army Officer in charge of a congregation under the direction of the Bishop, or shall be engaged as an instructor of youth in some institution of learning under the control of the Church, within the Diocese, or shall be a Chaplain on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States of America. All other members of the Clergy canonically resident in this Diocese shall be entitled to a seat and voice but without a vote.

Section 3. Every Parish in union with the Convention of this Diocese shall be entitled as provided by Canon to be represented by three Lay Delegates.

Section 4. Every canonically organized Mission of the Diocese shall be entitled as provided by Canon to be represented by two Lay Delegates.

Section 5. Lay Delegates shall be chosen by the Vestry or Bishop's Committee of each Congregation in the Diocese. If the respective Vestry or Bishop's Committee fails to act, then election shall be by such Congregation duly convened. Del-

egates shall be canonical electors of the Congregation which they severally represent; but no candidate for Holy Orders shall be elected as a Lay Delegate to any Convention.

ARTICLE VII

Of Divine Service at Meetings of the Convention

The direction of Divine Service during the sessions of the Convention shall rest with the Bishop alone. In the absence of the Bishops, all such services shall be in the charge of the President of the Standing Committee.

ARTICLE VIII

Of the President of the Convention

Section 1. The Bishop of the Diocese shall be Presiding Officer of the Convention, with full ecclesiastical authority. In case of the absence of the Bishop of the Diocese and in the absence of a Bishop Coadjutor and Suffragan Bishop, the President or Senior Clerical Member of the Standing Committee shall call the Convention to order, and, if a quorum be present, a presiding officer shall be chosen pro tempore, from among the Presbyters in attendance. The Bishop may appoint a Presbyter to preside any time the chair is vacant.

Section 2. The Presiding Officer shall be entitled to vote only in case of a tie.

ARTICLE IX

Of Quorum and Methods of Voting in the Convention

Section 1. One-half of the Clergy entitled to vote in the Convention and Lay Delegates from one-half of the Congregations entitled to representation, when duly assembled, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but a smaller number may adjourn from time to time.

Section 2. The Clergy and Laity shall deliberate in one body. Every member shall be entitled to one vote, and, except when herein otherwise expressly provided, a majority of all the votes cast shall determine any question submitted to the Convention.

Section 3. If any ten members of the Convention, representing no fewer than six Congregations, or any ten Clerical Members shall call for a vote by yeas and nays, the Secretary shall call the roll of the Convention, and the members shall thereupon announce their votes as their names are called by the Secretary. The votes so cast shall be recorded in the Journal, and no member shall be excused from voting, unless by unanimous consent.

Section 4. If any ten members of the Convention, representing no fewer than six Congregations, or any ten Clerical Members, shall demand a vote by Orders prior to the call for a vote, the vote of the Clergy and Lay Delegates shall be taken separately, and a majority of the votes of each Order shall be necessary for an affirmative decision.

ARTICLE X

Of the Secretary of the Convention

Section 1. For each Annual Convention the Bishop shall appoint a Secretary of the Convention, whose duties shall be defined by Canon.

Section 2. At any time in the interval between Annual Conventions the Diocesan Council may, for sufficient cause, of which its members shall be the judges, remove the Secretary and appoint an interim Secretary to act until the next Annual Convention.

CANON I

Of the Diocesan Convention

Section 1. At or immediately prior to the opening of each Convention a list of the Clergy entitled to seats therein, prepared by the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese, shall be delivered to the Committee on Credentials, which Committee shall ascertain the number present and report to the Convention. No member of the Clergy shall take a seat until all Canonical Reports required shall have been made on or before the time specified by Canon, unless sufficient reason be given for the failure, acceptable to the Ecclesiastical Authority.

Section 2. It is declared to be the duty of every member of the Clergy and Lay Person entitled to a seat in the Convention to attend every meeting thereof, and any member of the Clergy failing to attend the Convention shall be required to give reasons for the absence to the Ecclesiastical Authority.

Section 3. Canonically resident non-parochial Clergy, not in active service, are not required to be present at the meetings of the Convention.

Section 4. With respect to any election authorized upon these Canons or the Constitution of this Diocese, the Clergy and Lay Persons entitled to vote at the Convention shall cast one vote for each vacancy to be filled by such election.

a. Election shall be by the highest majority of the ballot votes cast for each office.

The delegates shall have one vote on each ballot for each position to be filled.

b. When there is one position to be filled, the nominee receiving the majority of votes shall be deemed elected.

c. When more than one position is to be filled, those nominees receiving the highest number of votes in excess of fifty percent (50%) shall be deemed elected.

d. If after the second ballot the election is not complete, the number of nominees shall be reduced to the number of positions remaining to be filled times 2. The nominees on such ballot shall be the nominees receiving the highest number of votes cast on the preceding ballot, not to exceed twice the number of the positions to be filled; except in the case of a tie vote and the last remaining position on the next ballot, in which case all candidates receiving the tie vote shall be included on the next ballot.

e. Voting shall continue as set forth above until all of the offices/positions are filled.

f. When elections are for different terms of office, the nominee first elected shall be the one elected for the longest

term; or if two or more are elected on the same ballot, the candidate(s) receiving the highest number of votes shall be the one(s) elected for the longest term(s).

g. This procedure shall not apply to the election of a Bishop.

h. The Convention may proceed to the conduct of other business during the counting of votes; however, balloting may interrupt any other business until all offices/positions are filled.

I. At or immediately prior to the opening of each Convention, the Presiding Officer shall present a Resolution or Resolutions to assist in the orderly functioning and dispatch of business during the Convention. Unless otherwise provided by appropriate Resolution or by the Constitution or Canons, the functioning and dispatch of business at any Convention shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order (most current and revised edition) and the vote on any Resolution shall be by simple majority of all of the valid votes cast.

Section 5. Any congregation in arrears on any prior year's apportionment shall, in all events, be granted seat and voice at Convention.

CANON II

Of Evidence of Lay Membership in the Convention

Section 1. The election of Lay Delegates and Lay Alternates to the Convention, if by the Vestry or Bishop's Committee, shall be made at a regular meeting, or at one called especially to elect Lay Delegates and Alternates. If such election be made by the Congregation, the Electors must have the same qualifications, and the election be conducted in like manner, as is or shall be described by Canon for the election of Vestry Members. Any vacancies that occur in Lay Delegations may be filled by the Rector or Priest-in-Charge of a Mission or, if there be no Rector or Priest-in-Charge, by the Wardens. A Lay Delegate shall have the same qualifications as an Elector in a Congregation.

Section 2. No later than March 1st of each year, the following Certificate shall be filed with the Bishop's office:

"This is to certify that at a meeting of the Rector, Wardens, and Vestry, (or Vicar, Wardens, and Bishop's Committee) of the Congregation of _____, held on the _____ day of _____, the following events have taken place in the manner required by these Canons:

a. The following persons were elected to represent this Congregation as Lay Delegates and Lay Alternates at the Convention of the Diocese to be held on the _____ day of _____, and that the named Delegates are qualified electors of this Congregation: [the Delegates names shall follow];

b. The premiums for the preceding fiscal year to the Church Pension Fund on account of the Clergy of the congregation have been fully paid;

c. The Annual Parochial Report has been filed in the manner provided by the Bishop's Office; and

d. The Diocesan Apportionment(s) for the preceding calendar year have been fully paid.

The above Certificate shall be signed by the Rector, Vicar, and by the Senior Warden or Secretary of the Vestry or Bishop's Committee of the Congregation. In the event the

congregation fails to affirmatively provide in the Certificate that the Treasurer's portion of the Parochial Report, premiums for the Church Pension Fund and Diocesan Apportionment have been completed or paid as of March 1, the Congregation if wishing to vote at Convention shall apply to the Committee for Congregational Development on or before May 1 for vote at Convention. The Committee shall recommend to Convention whether the Congregation shall be granted vote at Convention. Regardless of the failure to file the Certificate, Congregations shall be entitled to vote for election of a Bishop.

Section 3. The Committee on Credentials shall determine the number of Clergy and Lay Delegates attending the Convention and report the totals at the opening session of the Convention.

Section 4. The Delegates elected to the preceding Diocesan Convention shall be Delegates at Special Meetings of Diocesan Convention, except when other Delegates shall have been chosen in the meantime by any Congregation.

CANON III

Of the Secretary of the Convention

Section 1. The duties of the Secretary shall be to take minutes of the proceedings of the Convention; prepare and have printed and distributed the Annual Journal of the Convention; to preserve its Journals and records; to attest the public acts of the body; and faithfully deliver into the hands of a successor all property, monies, books and papers relative or belonging to the Diocese, which may be in the Secretary's possession. It shall also be the Secretary's duty to give thirty days' notice to each Congregation of the time and place appointed for the meeting of the succeeding or any special Convention. The Secretary shall prepare the roll of the Lay Delegates entitled to seats in the Convention, before the opening of the Convention. The Secretary shall transmit to each officer and to each member of the Clergy of the Diocese, and to each Congregation of the Diocese, and others, upon advance request, a copy of the Journal of the Convention.

Section 2. The Secretary shall also transmit to the proper

officers a certificate of the election of Deputies to the General Convention, and to the Provincial Synod.

Section 3. Immediately upon the close of each Convention, the Secretary shall transmit to every officer or Committee of the Convention a certified copy of all the acts of the Convention bearing upon the duties of such officer or Committee as may have been enacted.

Section 4. The Secretary shall perform such other duties as may be incumbent on the office or as may be provided for by the Convention and shall receive such compensation for services as the Diocesan Council may determine.

Section 5. The Secretary shall have power, with the approval of the Ecclesiastical Authority, to appoint and employ an Assistant Secretary.

CANON XVIII

Of Amendments

Proposed amendments or additions to the Canons shall be submitted in writing to the Diocesan Council and to the Committee on Constitution and Canons not less than sixty days before any meeting of the Convention and a copy thereof shall be sent to the Clergy and Delegates at least thirty days before the Convention. Provided, however; that any Convention, by a two-thirds majority vote of those present and voting, may consider any Canon not submitted in the time required by this Canon.

CANON XIX

Of Resolutions

Any resolution duly adopted by a Deanery Convocation for presentation to the Convention, together with any resolution duly proposed and passed by appropriate committees of the Diocese and Convention in the discharge of their responsibilities shall be considered by the Convention at the appropriate time on the agenda as determined by the Bishop. All other resolutions shall be submitted to the Bishop at least sixty days prior to the Convention; and a copy thereof shall be sent to the clergy and delegates at least thirty days before Convention.



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