

## SUNSET CONVOCATION MEETING MINUTES

February 28, 2009  
St. Gabriel, Portland

### Attendees:

All Saints, Hillsboro:

Christ Church, Lake Oswego: Shannon Leach+

San Pablo, Hillsboro:

St. Alban, Tillamook:

St. Barnabas, Portland: L.D. Wood-Hull+

St. Bartholomew, Beaverton: Florette Lewis, Dick Raub

St. Bede, Forest Grove: Bonnie Wakeman

St. Catherine, Manzanita: Paul Barthelemy+, Chet Falby+, Byron Melton.

St. Francis, Wilsonville:

St. Gabriel, Portland: LouAnn Pickering+

St. John the Baptist, Portland: Janet Bean, Robert Bryant+, Mary Dorscheimer, Brenda Henderson, Michael Hunter-Bernstein, Dcn. Julie Jensen, Andy McQuery.

St. Michael/San Miguel:

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m., by Convocation President, Cynthia Reynolds. An opening prayer was given by Convocation Dean, LouAnn Pickering.

Cynthia announced that Jo Ayers is the new convocation secretary. Jo was unable to be at today's meeting.

The minutes of the October 11, 2008 meeting were approved as written.

Election of President of the Convocation for 2009: Cynthia Reynolds was nominated and was elected by unanimous vote.

Election of Representatives to the Diocesan Nominating Committee: Deacon Julie Jensen from St. John the Baptist, and Bonnie Wakeman from St. Bede's were elected by unanimous vote.

Diocesan Council Report: Raggs Ragan, representing the Council, made the report. A request from Council will ask that all Convocations meet in June for budget feedback. The budget will be finalized in August. There will multiple budgets to consider (1) based on current Canon, (2) based on budget if DPA is changed, (3) proposals from convocation feedback. Any past due DPA from December 2006 and before will be cancelled - a Jubilee concept. Policies and procedures will need to be followed from 2007 forward. Any ideas on these changes can be made to Mtr. Ragan. This year's budget will be amended by Council. The Music and Liturgy Commission will be given their requested amount. April 1st is deadline for budget requests. Bishop Sandy's pastoral letter asks for Listening Days - convocations talking and listening together.

Shannon Leach, President of the Diocesan Standing Committee, addressed some concerns about Holy Conversations. They were included as input into the bishop search profile, acknowledging that not all congregations had full participation in the Holy Conversation process, and that we are now looking forward. He also explained that the Standing Committee is the ecclesiastical authority in the absence of an elected Bishop.

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Diocesan Council, Board of Trustees, and the Standing Committee have new procedures from which to work. At Diocesan Convention in November, the election of the 10th Bishop of Oregon will take place on the morning of Friday, November 20. A consultant has been hired to revive the diocesan staff system, how it functions, and where it is going.

Florette Lewis reported on a recent trip to our companion diocese of Madhya Kerala in Southern India. She represented the women of our diocese.

Cynthia handed out a package with diocesan information and organization, and asked us to stay informed.

We voted to allocate money for some travel expenses to convocation meetings and convention for delegates who request it.

Resolution 2: Same Sex Blessings. Andy McQuery, a delegate to convention from St. John the Baptist, talked of a presentation he has been doing with the film "For the Bible Tells Me So". After the viewing there is structured conversation. LouAnn suggested that some people will first need preliminary conversation. When St. John the Baptist shows the film, the entire convocation will be invited. It was moved, seconded, and approved to have the conversation. Andy and LouAnn will work out the specifics.

Julie Jensen announced that an Advocacy Day will be held in Salem on March 4. If anyone can attend, they are welcome to carpool with Julie.

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Diocesan Bishop Search: Paul Barthelemy, Search Committee Co-Chair, and Mary Dorscheimer, a member of the Search Committee, made a brief report on the search progress. The Profile of the Diocese will be printed and distributed no later than March 15, and posted on the website on March 25th. A longer profile (20 pages or so) will be posted on the website as well by the end of March. On April 1, requests for applications will be open.

OUR NEXT MEETING IS:  
SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2009  
9:30 A.M.  
ST. BARNABAS CHURCH, PORTLAND

Respectfully submitted:  
Mary Dorscheimer  
Acting Secretary

