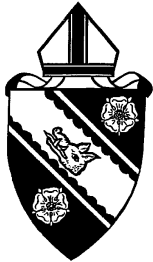


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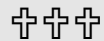
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HALL, Leigh	01/07/05		Good Shepherd, Swain.
HILL, Susan D.	05/04/07		All Saint's, Tybee
HOBGOOD, Walter	05/21/04		Christ, Valdosta
JACKSON, Ira	10/13/06		Grace, Sandersville
JOHNSON, Curtis	10/13/06		Good Shepherd,
JOHNSON, June	01/20/07		All Saints', Tybee
LARSON, Steve	01/19/08		St. Paul's, Jesup
MAGDALENE, Deborah	01/20/06		St. Alban's, Augusta
MCRAE, Marcia	01/19/07		St. John's, Bainbridge
MOON, Abigale W.	10/12/07		Good Shepherd,
PRATHER, Lynn B.	10/13/06		Good Shepherd, Augusta
RICHARDSON, Ellen	05/20/05	05/05/07	St. Francis, Savannah
ROBINSON, Willie Mae	05/18/01		St. Matthew's, Savannah
SASTRE, Iane	01/20/07		St. Mark's, Woodbine
SAUNDERS, John M.	05/04/07		St. Mary Magdalene, Louis
SCOTT, Toni	06/02/06		St. Philip's, Hinesville
SHAFFER, Dee	10/12/07		St. Mark's, Brunswick
SLONE, Remington	01/19/07		St. Paul's, Jesup
TEMME, Matthew	01/19/07		St. James, Quitman
WHITE, Helen	01/08/05	01/20/07	Christ the King, Valdosta
YAWN, Justin S.	10/13/06		Christ Frederica
<i>Studying for the diaconate</i>			
ARMSTRONG, W. Allen	05/04/07		St. Paul's, Albany
BYARS, Nancy	01/19/08		St. Thomas', Thomasville
BYRD, Stephen Lee	01/19/08		Holy Comforter, Martinez
DEGENHARDT, Terri	10/12/07		St. Michael's
FORBES, Faye	05/20/05	05/20/05	St. Augustine's, Augusta
GAHAGAN, Susan	01/18/08		St. Paul's, Savannah
HALL, Dianne		10/24/03	Calvary, Americus
LAMB, Ridenour (Ri)	01/19/07		St. Paul's, Albany
McDONALD, James	01/19/08		St. Michael's, Waynesboro

McGOWEN, Willetta		01/20/06	St. Mark's, Brunswick
MITHEN, Scott	01/19/08		St. John's, Bainbridge
RICHARDSON, Nancy	01/19/08		Christ, Valdosta
ROBINSON, Janet R.		06/03/06	St. Barnabas' Valdosta
ROWELL, Becky	10/13/07		Christ, SSI
SCOTT, George		01/07/2005	St. Luke's, Hawkinsville
WESTGATE, Elizabeth	05/04/07		St. Francis, Savannah

ORDINATIONS

(as of December 31, 2007)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ORDERED</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>
GREEN, Frazier	T. Deacon	02/03/07	Valdosta-Lowndes Center
BRINSON, Katherine	T. Deacon	02/03/07	Valdosta-Lowndes Center
MARSH, Wallace	T. Deacon	02/03/07	Valdosta-Lowndes Center
ROCKWELL, Reuben	T. Deacon	02/03/07	Valdosta-Lowndes Center
ROWLAND, Ken	Priest	03/04/07	Holy Cross, Thomson
MEUSCHKE, Marty	Deacon	04/24/07	St. Mark's, Brunswick
MCQUEEN, William	T. Deacon	06/08/07	St. Mark's, Brunswick
MARSH, Wallace	Priest	08/11/07	St. Paul's, Albany
DUFFY, Kirk	Deacon	08/15/07	Christ, Savannah
GREEN, Frazier	Priest	08/17/07	St. Richard's, Jekyll
ROCKWELL, Reuben	Priest	08/18/07	St. Barnabas', Valdosta
BRINSON, Katherine	Priest	09/08/07	Our Savior, Martinez
MCQUEEN, William	Priest	12/12/07	All Saints', Thomasville

DEACONS – NEW ASSIGNMENTS

MEUSCHKE, Marty, St. Mark's, Brunswick
 PURKS, Jim, St. Paul's, Albany
 LUFBURROW, Sara D., Christ Savannah
 DUFFY, Kirk M., Christ, Savannah
 LANE, John, Christ, Cordele
 MILLER, Karyl, St. Margaret, Moultrie
 CASTLES, Charles, St. Bartholomew, Burroughs

PRIESTS – CHANGES WITHIN THE DIOCESE

JONES, The Rev. Judy-Interim, St. Thomas', Thomasville 2-1-07
 MASON, The Rev. Christopher, to Diocese S.W. Virginia 1-18-07
 DUNN, The Rev. Mervyn –Assistant, Christ, Frederica 01-07
 TERRY, The Rev. Susan, to Diocese of Kansas 05-1-07
 ROWLAND, The Rev. Ken – Holy Cross, Thomson 3-24-07

SCHULLER, The Rev. Christopher, to Diocese of SW Florida 6-15-07
 ROCKWELL, The Rev. Ben, Vicar, St. Barnabas', Valdosta 6-4-07
 PARRIS, The Rev. Cheryl – Rector, St. Matthew's, Savannah 8-1-07
 BRINSON, The Rev. Katherine – Curate, Our Savior, Martinez 7-1-07
 MARSH, The Rev. Wallace – Assistant, St. Paul's, Albany 7-1-07
 SAWYER, The Rev. Dr. Frank – Chaplain, EDS, Augusta 7-1-07
 O'BRIEN, The Rev. Craig – Assistant, St. John's, Savannah 3-11-07
 MEARS, The Rev. Curtis – Associate, St. John's, Savannah 3-11-07
 MIRATE, The Rev. Galen – Vicar (part-time), St. Margaret, Moultrie 9-1-07
 VEALE, The Rev. Erwin – Assistant, Good Shepherd, Augusta 7-07
 HENSON, The Rev. Tula, to Diocese of Upper South Carolina 11-1-07
 IMMEL, The Rev. Otto – Vicar, All Saints', Tybee 09/01/07
 CANTRELL, The Rev. Richard, to Diocese of Fort Worth 10-10-07
 MCQUEEN, The Rev. William N. – Assistant, All Saints', Thomasville 12-12-07
 MORETZ, The Rev. Matthew – Curate, Christ Church, New York
 HUTCHENS, The Rev. Donald – Rector, Calvary, Americus 11-07
 THOMPSON, The Rev. Sr. Elena – St. Thomas Aquinas, Baxley
 WINSTON, The Rev. William – Vicar, St. Luke's, Rincon 12-1-07
 THOMPSON, The Rev. Sr. Elena – PIC, St. Paul's, Jesup 2007
 HEINEMANN, The Rev. Ann – Interim, St. John & St. Mark's, Albany 01/01/08
 STEWART, The Rev. William – Interim, Annunciation, Vidalia 01/01/08

2007 INHIBITIONS/ SUSPENSIONS/ DEPOSITIONS

The Rev. William Mac Flowers – Suspended 01/01/07
 The Rev. Deacon James Cox – Temporary Inhibition 3/22/07
 The Rev. Marcus Robertson – Renunciation 10/3/07
 The Rev. Deacon Sara Lufburrow – Renunciation 10/3/07
 The Rev. Robert Wright – Renunciation 01/02/08

2007 RETIREMENTS

MILLER, The Rev. Kurt 7/01/07
 CLIFT, The Rev. Joe 12/01/07
 SOUTHERLAND, The Rev. Ron 12/31/07

2007 NECROLOGY

O'BRIEN, The Rev. Joseph W. 01/27/07 Augusta
 LAFSER, The Rev. Erwin 03/16/07 Augusta
 JENKINS, The Rev. John 06/11/07 Albany

LICENSED TO OFFICIATE (*= attended convention)

(As of February 3, 2008; Georgia clergy licensed due to age – Canon III.16.5)

ACREE, Nancy P. (E. Tennessee) - Supply
 AMPAH, Sr. Rosina, OSH (New York) - Supply, Augusta

ANDREW, Sr. Carol OSH (New York) - Supply, Augusta
 ARLEDGE, Thomas (Atlanta) - Supply
 BOHLER, Lewis (Los Angeles) - Supply
 CARPENTER, James (New York) - Retired, Augusta
 COX., James (Louisiana) - Supply
 CRAMPTON, Barbara (Maine) - Deacon, St. Michael's, Savannah
 CROSS, Freeman (Georgia) - Vicar, Holy Spirit, Dawson,
 St. Francis, Camilla

 DOSTER, Daniel H. (Georgia) -Supply
 *DYER, Edward (Florida) -Supply
 GIBSON, Robert (Atlanta) - Supply, Macon
 GLOVER, Mortimer, Jr. (Eastern Carolina) - Retired, Augusta
 HARRIS, William (Georgia) - Retired, Valdosta
 HARVEY, Edwin (West Texas) - Retired, Cochran
 HEINEMANN, Ann E. (Mississippi) -Interim, St. John & St. Mark's
 HILL, Diane (Lexington) - Supply
 *IMMEL, Otto (New Jersey) - Vicar, All Saints', Tybee Island
 KEYS, Joel (Tennessee) - Retired
 LAFSER, Erwin (Georgia) - Vicar, Trinity, Harlem
 LAMBERT, Richard (Southwest Florida) - Retired, SSI
 MCGINNIS, Richard (Florida) - Supply, Jacksonville, FL
 ROGERS, John S. (Rhode Island) - Supply
 SHIPPS, Harry W. (Georgia) - Supply, Assisting Bishop
 SIMMONS, Ned (Georgia) - Deacon, St. James', Quitman
 TEAGUE, Dawson (New York) - Vicar, Grace, Sandersville
 WETHERN, James (Georgia) - Deacon, Christ Church, SSI
 WYER, George W. (Virginia) - Supply

LETTERS DIMISSORY

(January 2007through January 2008

Name		Date	Diocese	Accepted
Dunn, Mervyn	Received	01/01/07	East Tennessee	01/01/07
Mason, Christopher	Given	01/18/07	SW Virginia	01/18/08
Wilde, Gary	Received	01/29/07	Central Florida	01/29/07
Castles, Charles	Received	01/31/07	Atlanta	01/31/07
Britt, Steph	Given	03/13/07	Florida	
Kelly, Katherine K.	Given	03/01/07	Atlanta	04/10/07
Terry, Susan Preston	Given	05/01/07	Kansas	
O'Brien, Craig	Received	06/14/07	Southeast Florida	06/14/07
Schuller, Christopher D.	Given	06/15/07	Southwest Florida	06/15/07
Sawyer, Frank	Received	07/18/07	California	07/18/07

Parris, Cheryl A.E.	Received	09/04/07	West.New York	09/04/07
Jones, Judith A.	Received	09/20/07	Central New York	09/20/07
Cantrell, Richard A.	Given	10/01/07	Fort Worth	10/01/07
Henson, Dimitrula	Given	11/01/07	Upper S. Carolina	11/01/07
Hutchens, Donald	Received	11/01/07	Maryland	11/01/07
Winston, William S.	Received	11/12/07	East Carolina	11/12/07

DIOCESAN CLERGY AS OF FEB. 2008

(* = *attended convention*)

DIOCESAN

*Henry Irving Louttit, Jr.

Consecrated - January 21, 1995 ∪ Diocesan - January 21, 1995

RETIRED DIOCESANS

Paul Reeves

Consecrated - September 30, 1969

Diocesan - January 1, 1971 to February 15, 1985

Harry Woolston Shipp

Consecrated - January 6, 1984

Diocesan - February 15, 1985 to December 31, 1994

PRIESTS

(in order of canonical residency)

NAME	RECEIVED	ORDAINED	LOCATION
		<i>(priesthood)</i>	
Muntean, Aurel H.	1960	1961	Morrow
Atwood, Theodore Jr.	1963	1964	San Diego, CA
Ethridge, Forrest	1967	1968	Fort Payne, AL
Hay, Charles H.	1970	1959	Leesburg, FL
Walkley, Richard N.	1972	1956	Homestead, FL
* Maxwell, George M.	1973	1962	Savannah
* Phelps, H. Neal	1975	1975	Savannah
Hoskins, Charles L.	1975	1970	Savannah
Dupree, H. Douglas	1975	1976	Oxford, UK
Crook, Jerry V.	1976	1976	Richmond Hill
Carter, J. Robert	1977	1977	Savannah
Fitzgerald, W. Thomas	1978	1961	Lakemont

	Hurst, H. Jacoba	1978	1972	Colorado
*	Buechner, Frederick A.	1980	1981	Thomasville
	Pace, Johnson H. Jr.	1980	1949	Jacksonville, FL
	Littleton, William H.	1981	1960	St Simons Island
*	Bullion, James R.	1982	1983	Albany
*	Ingeman, Peter L.	1982	1987	Valdosta
	Mansur, Richard W.	1983	1963	Holiday, FL
	Crowther, James P.	1983	1961	Saluda, NC
	Logan, Samuel M.	1983	1965	Chicago, IL
	Paradise, Gene H.	1983	1983	Atlanta
*	Fain, Robert D.	1984	1984	Augusta
	McDonnell, Richard P	1984	1980	Hilton Head, SC
	Halliwell, Leigh J.	1985	1985	Tennessee
*	Tonge, S. Davis V	1985	1986	Waycross
	Salley, George B. Jr.	1985	1974	Savannah
	Bennett, Charles M.	1986	1969	Thomasville
*	Willoughby, Ronald L.	1987	1988	Albany
*	Willoughby, William III	1987	1983	Savannah
	Carreker, Michael L.	1988	1989	Macon
	Clift, Joe W.	1989	1989	Albany
	Flowers, William M.	1989	1981	St. Marys
	Southerland, Ronald D.	1989	1973	Macon
*	Cross, Freeman G. Jr.	1989	1990	Camilla/Dawson
	Pitner, William	1990	1990	St. Simons Island
*	Clendinen, James Jr	1990	1990	Bainbridge
*	White, Stanley	1990	1990	Valdosta
*	Taylor, Cynthia	1991	1987	Martinez
*	Alford, Billy	1992	1992	Augusta
	Renegar, Douglas	1992	1984	St. Simons
	Gunn, Reginald	1993	1966	Lakemont/Tiger
*	Evans, Steven	1993	1993	Savannah
	Sullivan, Sonia	1993	1993	SE Florida
	Daniell, Hal S.	1994	1960	Brunswick
	Worthington, W. Ray	1994	1967	St. Simons
	Harris, J.E.C.	1994	1960	Newton Center, MA
*	Veale, Erwin	1994	1994	Augusta
*	Amuzie, Charles C.	1995	1988	Brunswick
	Berckman, Edward M.	1995	1959	Valdosta/Fitzgerald
	Habiby, Samir J.	1995	1959	Lausanne, Switzerland
	Mingledorff, Paschal	1995	1999	Savannah
*	Collins, Liam G.	1996	1996	Brunswick
*	Dunbar, Gavin	1997	1997	Savannah
	Miller, Kurt D.	1986	1997	Augusta
	Doster, Daniel H.	1980	1997	Dublin
	Ulmer, Sanford	1992	1997	Savannah

*	Kilian, Joan	1997	1997	Statesboro
*	Mears, Curtis	1997	1998	Savannah
	Angus, Joslyn L.	1998	1976	South Carolina
*	Parker, James N.	1982	1998	Savannah
*	Somerville, David	1998	1969	Brunswick
	Harris, William	1999	1966	Valdosta
*	Brock, William M.	1999	1987	Savannah
	Wead, Sean	1998	1998	Seoul, South Korea
	Lee, Daniel	1997	1998	Hinesville
	Eldridge, Robert	1998	1999	South Carolina
*	Logue, Frank	2000	2000	Kingsland
*	Scales, Louie	2000	1992	Martinez
*	Shumard, James B.	2001	1997	Savannah
*	Menger, J. Andrew	2001	2001	Augusta
*	Buice, Samuel	2002	1997	Savannah
*	Sanders, Richard	2002	1986	Augusta
*	Simmons, Harriette	2002	1995	Augusta
*	Bowden, Talmadge	2002	2002	Augusta
*	Bowers, George	2002	2002	Darien
*	Simmons, Harriett	2002	2000	Augusta
*	Abbott, Gary	2003	2003	Hawkinsville
	Butin, John	2003	2003	Brunswick
*	Thompson, Elena OPA	2003	2003	Baxley
	LeFavi, Robert	2003	2003	Guyton
*	Daly, Joseph	2003	2003	Douglas
*	Norris, Stephen	2003	2003	Valdosta
*	Jackson, Jeffrey	2003	2003	Savannah
*	Mills, Nancy	2003	2003	Tifton/Thomasville
*	Nelson, Richard	2004	1983	Savannah
*	Stewart, William	2001	2004	Leesburg
*	Ronn, Denise	2004	2004	Valdosta
*	Carter, Willard	2004	2004	Hinesville
*	Miller, Louis	2005	2005	Dublin
*	Silcox, James	2005	2005	Augusta
*	McCloud, Linda	2005	2005	Waverly
*	Rice, Steven	2005	2005	Waynesboro
*	Fisher, Joy	2005	2005	Cochran
	Porter, George	2005	2005	Cochran
*	Wiggins, Vernon	2005	2005	Cochran
*	Hubbard, C. Clark	2005	2001	Richmond Hill
*	Jones, Mark C	2005	2003	Albany
*	Clarkson, Ted	2006	2006	Darien
*	Drazdowski, Edna Jean	2006	2006	Valdosta

* Lacy, Thomas A.	2006	2006	Statesboro
* Mirate, Galen	2006	2006	Moultrie
* Dolack, Craig	2006	2006	Savannah
* Mills, Ladson	2006	1980	St. Simons Island
* Murphy, Tim	2006	1978	Jekyll/St. Simons Island
* Wilde, Gary	2006	2006	Moultrie
* Rowland, Kenneth	2007	2007	Thomson
Dunn, Mervyn	2007		St. Simons Island
* Jones, Judith	2007	1998	Thomasville
* O'Brien, Craig	2007	1999	Savannah
McQueen, William	2007	2007	Thomasville
* Marsh, Wallace	2007	2007	Albany
* Brinson, Katherine	2007	2007	Martinez
* Sawyer, Frank	2007	1998	Augusta
Green, Frazier	2007	2007	
* Parris, Cheryl	2007	2003	Savannah
* Rockwell, Reuben	2007	2007	Valdosta
* Hutchens, Donald	2007	2004	Americus
* Winston, William	2007	1972	Rincon

TRANSITIONAL DEACONS

NAME	RECEIVED	ORDAINED <i>(diaconate)</i>	LOCATION
Green, Frazier	2007	2007	Virginia
Brinson, Katherine	2007	2007	Sewanee
Marsh, Wallace	2007	2007	Yale
Rockwell, Reuben	2007	2007	Virginia
McQueen, William	2007	2007	Sewanee

VOCATIONAL DEACONS

NAME	RECEIVED	ORDAINED <i>(diaconate)</i>	LOCATION
Harrison, Susan W.	1985	1985	Savannah
Aton, James	1987	1987	Augusta
Dulany, Susan S.	1989	1989	Savannah
Lippitt, Dudley H.	1989	1989	Albany
Clark, Stella	1990	1990	Valdosta
* Lane, John	1990	1990	Cordele
* Shuford, Carlton	1990	1990	Martinez
Simmons, Ned	1990	1990	Quitman
Wethern, James	1991	1991	St. Simons Island
* Panton, Rosalyn	1994	1994	Augusta
Lucas, Wanda	1995	1995	Savannah
* Adkins, Eddie	1997	1997	Tybee Island
* Johnson, Curtis	1999	1999	Augusta
* Purks, James III	1999	1999	Americus
Williams, Edward	2000	2000	Brunswick
* Miller, Karyl	2000	2000	Valdosta
* Scales, Linda	2000	1990	Martinez
Crampton, Barbara	2000	1983	Savannah
Saltzgaber, Jan	2001	2001	St. Simons Island
Cox, James N.	2001	1992	Waverly
* Anderson, Carolyn	2002	2002	Augusta
Muenz, Louise	2002	1974	Thomasville
* Warner, John	2002	2002	Augusta
Reinke, Sandra Jo	2003	2003	Martinez
* Marks, Patricia	2003	2003	Valdosta
* Blanchard, Mary K.	2004	2004	Augusta
* Nelson, Geri	2004	1999	Savannah
Castles, Charles	2006	2005	Savannah
Darby, Steve	2006	2006	Statesboro
Highsmith, Jennifer	2006	2006	Kingsland
* McGill, Dennis	2006	2006	Thomasville
* Owens, Yvette	2006	2006	Valdosta
Turner, Sandy	2006	2006	Martinez
* Whittle, Natalie	2006	2006	Statesboro
* Duffy, Kirk	2007	2007	Savannah
* Meuschke, Marty	2007	2007	Brunswick
Chaffee, Adna	2008	2008	Hinesville

Bishop Louttit's 2006/2007 Calendar

August 2006

- 6 St. Thomas', Thomasville
- 6 (pm) Happening, Closing
- 7 (pm) Galen Mirate Ordination, Christ the King, Valdosta
- 9 (pm) Ted Clarkson and Matthew Moretz Ordinations, Good Shepherd, Augusta
- 10 (pm) Lonnie Lacy Ordination, Trinity, Statesboro
- 14 Standing Committee Mtg.

September 2006

- 4 Labor Day
- 6 (pm) Jennifer Highsmith Ordination, Christ Church, St. Marys
- 10 Holy Spirit, Dawson
- 10-13 Clergy Conference, H.C.
- 13 Ken Rowland Ordination, Honey Creek
- 14 Georgia Christian Council Bd. Mtg., Macon
- 17 St. John's, Moultrie
- 20 Anglican Studies Advisory Bd. Mtg., Emory Univ.
- 22-23 Diocesan Council, St. Luke's, Rincon
- 24 Christ Church, Augusta

October 2006

- 1 St. Andrew's, Douglas
- 6-7 Christian Formation Conference "Making Room", H.C.
- 8 St. John's, Bainbridge
- 9 Visiting Seminarians, University of the South
- 10-11 Board of Trustees Mtg., University of the South, Sewanee, TN
- 13-14 COM&SC, St. Michael's, Savannah
- 15 St. Andrew's, Darien & St. Cyprian's, Darien
- 19 Priests' Day 1, BH
- 20 Priests' Day 2, BH
- 22 St. Peter's, Savannah
- (pm) Cursillo Closing
- 24 Priests' Day 3, BH
- 26-28 Province IV Bishops & Chancellors Meeting, Miami
- 29 Annunciation, Vidalia
- (pm) St. Thomas Aquinas, Baxley

November 2006

1 (pm) Our Savior, Martinez
4 Installation of 26th Presiding Bishop, Washington, D.C.
5 St. Thomas', Savannah
(pm) St. George's, Savannah
10 Priests' Day 4, BH
11 (pm) Tar Drazdowski Ordination, Christ Church, Valdosta
12 Christ Church, Valdosta
14 Priests' Day 5, BH
15 (pm) Craig Dolack Ordination, St. Thomas', Savannah
16 Priests' Day 6, BH
17-18 Diocesan Council, H.C.
19 Good Shepherd, Augusta
20 Good Shepherd Day School, Augusta
23 Thanksgiving Day
26 St. Paul's, Savannah
28-30 Province IV Bishop's & Spouses Mtg., New Orleans

December 2006

1 Province IV Bishop's & Spouses Mtg., New Orleans
1-3 Deacon's Conference, H.C.
3 St. Michael's, Waynesboro
9 Gary Wilde Ordination, St. John's, Moultrie
10 All Saints', Thomasville
12 Priests' Day 7, BH
14 Priests' Day 8, BH
16 Priests' Day 9, BH
17 St. John's, Savannah
25 Christmas Day

January 2007

1 New Year's Day
5 Installation of a New Rector, St. Richard's, Jekyll Island
7 King of Peace, Kingsland
11 EYCS Annual Mtg.
St. Thomas', Sav'h
14 St. Mark's, Brunswick
(pm) Happening Closing
19-20 COM&SC, Grace, Waycross

21 St. Augustine's, Augusta
25 St. Paul's, Savannah Beginning 100th Year Celebration
28 Christ Church, Savannah

February 2007

1-3 Diocesan Convention, Valdosta
4 (8:30) St. Richard's, Jekyll Island
(10:30) Holy Nativity, SSI
(pm) St. Athanasius, Brunswick
11 St. Michael's, Savannah
(pm) Cursillo Closing
13-15 Visiting Seminarians, Virginia Theological Seminary
17 ECW Triennium Retreat Mtg., H.C.
18 Calvary, Americus
(pm) St. Matthew's, Fitzgerald
21 Ash Wednesday
24 Church Development Conf., St. Paul's, Jesup
25 Trinity, Cochran
(pm) Good Shepherd, Swainsboro
26-28 Visiting Seminarian, General Theological Seminary

March 2007

1 Visiting Seminarian, General Theological Seminary
4 St. John & St. Mark's, Albany
9-10 Diocesan Council, Christ Church, St. Mary's
11 Trinity, Statesboro
(pm) All Saints', Tybee Island
13 Clergy Day of Preparation, Dublin
16 – 18 Lay Ministers Conference, H.C.
16-21 Spring HOB, Camp Allen, TX
25 St. Alban's, Augusta
29 Georgia Christian Council Mtg., Columbus

April 2007

1 Palm Sunday
St. James', Quitman
6 Good Friday
7 (pm) St. John's, Savannah
8 Easter Day
St. Paul's, Albany

15 St. Paul's, Augusta
22 St. Patrick's, Albany
(pm) Christ Church, Cordele
25 (pm) Grace, Waycross
27-28 ECW Conference, Our Savior, Martinez
29 Christ Church, SSI

May 2007

4-5 COM&SC Mtg., Augusta
6 Christ the King, Valdosta
6-8 Priests' Conference, H.C.
8-10 The Standing Commission on Liturgy & Music Mtg., Merlo Park, CA
11-12 Diocesan Council,
St. Augustine's, Augusta
13 St. Francis', Savannah
13-25 Vacation
27 Holy Comforter, Augusta
28 Memorial Day

JUNE 2007

3 St. Margaret's, Moultrie
6 (pm) Trinity, Statesboro
Centennial Celebration
10-16 High School Camp, H.C.
17-23 St. Gregory Camp, H.C.
24-30 St. Francis Camp, H.C.

JULY 2007

1
4 Independence Day
8-14 St. Joseph & Mary Camp,
H.C.
15-21 St. Peter Camp, H.C.

AUGUST 2007

1-4 Order of Preachers Meeting, Racine, Wisconsin

Bishop Keyser's 2006/2007 Calendar

September 2006

17 Holy Trinity, Blakely

October 2006

15 St. Mary Magdalene,
Louisville

22 (am) St. Mary's, Augusta
(pm) Trinity, Harlem

29 St. Paul's, Jesup

November 2006

12 St. Mark's, Woodbine

19 St. Francis', Camilla

December 2006

3 St. Barnabas', Valdosta

January 2007

7 St. Elizabeth's,
Richmond Hill

14 St. Philip's, Hinesville

Bishop Michel's 2006-2007 Calendar

January 2007

21 Holy Cross, Thomson

(pm) Grace, Sandersville

28 Christ Church, St. Marys

February 2007

4 St. Thomas', Thomasville

(pm) Good Shepherd,
Thomasville

11 St. Matthew's, Savannah

(pm) Holy Angels', Pooler

18 Christ Church, Dublin

(pm) Atonement, Augusta

24 Church Development
Conference, St. Paul's,
Jesup
25 St. Anne's, Tifton
(pm) St. Stephen's, Leesburg

March 2007

4 St. Luke's, Hawkinsville
25 St. Luke's, Rincon

186TH DIOCESAN CONVENTION
THE RT. REV. HENRY I. LOUTTIT
ADDRESS TO THE DIOCESE OF GEORGIA
FEBRUARY 7TH, 2008

Welcome to the 186th Convention of the Diocese of Georgia.

Don't you expect that John Wesley, Bartholomew Zouberbuhler, and Anson Dodge are surprised that their work has survived and grown. And what about our 2nd Bishop whose Convention Address right after the Civil War are filled with fore boding about General Seminary encouraging candles on the Communion table, which he delivered would destroy our Church.

- I. Why should we belong to a Church in which there are people who do not agree with us in our Parish, Diocese, National Denomination, and World Communion? Why should we belong to a Church in which people do not agree? The Bible's answer is simple regardless of whether we are considering a local church or a denomination. God calls us as individuals into a people to serve him.

It took a good bit of historical time for most of us, God's people, to get the message that God loves and cares for people other than us. Our story about God and humans – the Bible – starts with Adam and Eve and moves through Abraham and Sarah before there were any Hebrews.

Under Saul and David years after Abraham, God's people became a nation. But almost immediately they split into two sections - the country of Israel and the country of Judah. By 700 BC Israel, was destroyed by the Assyrians. A hundred years later Jerusalem fell to the Babylonians. God's people, the part of them we know about, were carried off into captivity and began to have to think about their God in a pluralistic world - an international world. The book of Isaiah shows us in its later parts their coming to terms with being God's people and yet not having an opportunity to be a nation themselves coming to realizing that God cared about all people. God actually send a "Messiah" "A Christ" called Cyrus, the Emperor of Persia (Isaiah 44:24 – 45:13) who did

set them free to worship their God within his Empire. He allowed the captives to go back and try to rebuild Jerusalem. A number who were well established in Babylonia did not go back. Jerusalem was a destroyed place and it took a long time to even get the security of a wall for the city.

The Hebrew Scriptures (the Old Testament) shows God slowly getting through to some of his people. Some Hebrews came to understand that his concern is for all people and that they were called to share and serve all the people of the world. This is glimpsed in Isaiah chapters 56 – 62.

Into this situation centuries later God came as Jesus. He recruited apostles and disciples. Were they all alike Peter; James, and Paul? Read their testimonies. That's their books in the New Testament. Did they agree on the big story? Eventually yes. God was in Jesus, but did they agree on everything? No. There was a lot of struggle ahead about whether God would call Gentiles into his servant community. But here we are mostly of Gentile background as his children in this year of Our Lord 2008 A.D. almost 3,000 years later.

The Bible does not show all faithful people agreeing. It shows God's people all over the map. Even within the faithful NO ONE has the whole story. It takes Matthew and Mark and Luke and John and Peter and Paul and James and Timothy and Titus and the author of Revelation and others to get all the critical aspects of God's teaching down for the early Church.

Unfortunately, we learn slowly. It took almost 2,000 years for your and my people to discover that all human beings were equally important in God's view (first the slavery story and more recently the segregation story). Of course we are not there yet. At least for me there is the temptation to think all people who are poor and out of work are dangerous and "no good" and yet I know better.

God in the biblical account clearly cares about all he has made - not only all human beings, but about the whole creation.

Somehow we put glasses on that screen us from the Bible's clear picture that we are to work for the good of the whole creation. Science actually tells us that we cannot live without a healthy natural world (the Bible has known that all along).

SO, POINT ONE. God's people, my Christian family, are bigger than my friends, my congregation, my denomination, and my world church. If I am part of that people then my concerns have to go beyond my local congregation.

Why do we need a Diocese?

We know what we get out of our congregations. In a healthy congregation we have friends and they care about each other and me. There we are nurtured in the Christian faith and ministry. We don't know much about other congregations. Of course, if we move we may look for another congregation that will take us in and care for us. Unfortunately, many of our congregations are made up of folk who have a wide circle of friends beyond the congregation and do not have time to make new friends without giving up something in their busy personal life. Thus, their congregations do not incorporate new folk or young folk or folk from other cultures. They want their congregation not to die with them, but they don't have time for new folk. Larger congregations provide more diverse opportunities, but function differently in their incorporation and pastoral care. Thus, they are not what people from smaller congregations expect and the same is true for people who started in a big church moving to a smaller one.

Often we assume every congregation to be exactly like the one I started in and loved. But each community is different and has a different history. Congregations are not interchangeable because they are as diverse as the people who make them up. If we give them time most congregations have strengths and weaknesses different from the parish we

came from, but in many cases they will be as supportive and creative as our first parish if we will allow ourselves to enter into their world as well as them giving us a little space to come to know their world and giving me a voice in it. That is essential for a healthy church.

Your trouble shooter (that is what a Bishop is) sees a lot of longtime vestry members who become owners. They want no change. Change is a problem in small churches, but in larger ones we can have different worship services with different styles and music. No change for old timer's services and additional services for newer members. Just for instance of the problems facing the pastor. People want the hymns they know! My experience is many congregations only love 10 – 15 hymns. But the trouble is each congregation has its ten favorites, but they are not all the same ones; Holy, Holy, Holy and one or two others are all they have in common with other parishes!

The point is we need a Diocese to assist congregations in trouble to develop new priests and deacons for current congregations and new ones to start new congregations where congregations are "full" and can't receive more people whatever their size to encourage our congregations to share their good experiences and programs with other congregations to encourage them to see new opportunities for their congregations and to relate them to the world church.

- II. Why do we need to belong to a church that has people in it that don't agree with me? The reason is because as far as I can see each person is shaped by their experiences and community or communities by their jobs, education, family, careers and entertainment. Each of us has a different perception of the world. As much as I, your Bishop, would like all of you to see everything through my eyes – I'm not at all sure I want to see everything through your eyes. But for families, churches, communities or denominations to be healthy we have to try and see things through others eyes. Most important, we need to try to see through God's eyes! That means we also have to try to see through eyes not only

of friends and neighbors, but through the eyes of people in other cultures in other parts of God's world. He loves them too according to Our Lord Jesus.

The Episcopal Church has always had a great diversity of thought! In the days of the founding of the United States some of our leaders (even Bishops) appear from their writings to have been deists and did not believe that Jesus was God but was just an outstanding spokesman for God. Others at the same time treasured the *Book of Common Prayer*, its doctrines, and discipline having to do, of course, with a "three person one God" and the death and resurrection of Our Lord as central to salvation. They believed in the Creeds. We survived and grew and Deism, which made sense for some people in an enlightenment culture, was never able to run out the Prayer Book people. It ultimately died with the enlightenment period. Today we have a different division between those who hear clearly the Bible's demands that all people be valued and served and thus service of those hurting physically, mentally or culturally is the church's major focus. The other group believes that the church's major work, also with biblical precedence, is to worship so that people may know God and see how he would have us live.

Social activist Christians tend to "burn out" in the face of intractable, multiple reinforced poverty and ignorance. Worship centered Christians tend to forget to get out of the formation period of worship to serve God in and through his needy children. I suggest we need each other in our world.

I would underline that every healthy congregation in our Diocese is actively serving the needs of troubled people in their larger community and the world as well as being faithfully active in providing worship and Christian education for their church community. Our deacons witness widely to the service of others as the basic mission to which Jesus has called his church. We see worship as that which empowers the church for service which is Jesus' call for us to live and act as he lived.

The point is we need diversity to serve in God's richly diverse world.

- III. What now holds our Diocese together? I believe that it is this convention and the Bishops. Our most struggling congregations probably have no lay persons present here. That is complicated by the fact that most of our small county seat congregations do not have resident priests. They cannot afford them. Most of them are served by either volunteer priests who are retired or non-stipendiary priests who make a living some other way. We are thankful for their ministry, but that means their only connection with the Diocese is the Bishop's annual visit as their clergy are not often available to go to diocesan or convocation meetings and share insights from these meetings with the congregation.

What a difference it would make for a couple of people from a neighboring congregation within a sixty mile range - a distance that is fairly usual in some parts of our diocese - would take it upon themselves to worship on a quarterly basis with a small congregation to boost their spirits. Perhaps encourage the folk to participate in some diocesan area events or send a child to camp.

But the reality is our committed folk hold responsible jobs within their congregations and find it hard to take a Sunday off from their congregation. The reason we ask you at this convention to sit with other folk, rather than friends from your own congregation, is we need people within the diocese, lay people as well as clergy, to know and care for each other. I hope you will try to find out something about the people and their congregations that are sitting at your table and the kind of ministry and gifts that they have and share with them the ones you have and see in your congregation.

I believe clergy relationships are very important. Granted my own needs drove me to develop clergy communities as a priest to keep me sane. If I couldn't find priests within an hour or so drive, that I trusted to share with, I sought ecumenical clergy that I could share with. Sometimes both

worked at the same time - sometimes one or the other. This Bishop has tried, I think, with considerable God given success, to build the clergy community of the diocesan priests and another clergy community with the diocesan deacons.

I am proud of our clergy! I believe we have the most supportive and gifted group of priests and deacons in the Episcopal Church. They are invaluable. Some priests have turned down considerably larger congregations and income to serve among us. We have clergy that are on the "get list" of multiple other dioceses. Do we all look alike? No! Do we trust each other? In a great part, yes. Do we learn from one another? Yes. Do we always agree? No.

What are the results? This year, ten people are in seminary, fourteen people are preparing in the diocese to be priests, seventeen people are preparing for the diaconate through our Diocesan School for Deacons, and twelve people are in diocesan discernment about possible calls to priesthood or the diaconate.

What are the results? Many of you have heard the wonderful story of Christ Church, Dublin, after several years with no children: this year suddenly they are out of space for children's programs! That's a county seat town congregation! About the rebirth of St. Patrick's in Albany - About the overflowing St. Paul's, the Mother Church of the Albany area and its return to our top five congregations in size and activity. There are three successful church plants moving forward. A new one started and another in the planning stage.

What are the results? Cursillo has called a number of people to ecumenical ministry in Kairos in prisons around the state, and to ministry in the Youth Detention Centers through Epiphany, a Happening inspired event also ecumenical but brought to Georgia by members of our Diocese. We have regular Eucharists in at least two state prisons. We have lay members and deacons with ministries in Hospice and Retirement Centers. We have lots of folk involved in feeding

and clothing ministries. We have deacons involved in serving the alien seamen that are not allowed to leave their ships in the port of Brunswick.

What are the results? Lay people within the Diocese, not from Statesboro, have raised \$25,000 dollars to provide two years of use of a house adjacent to Georgia Southern University for our out reach led by Fr. Lonnie Lacy among the students at Georgia Southern University.

Of course there are angry folk among us, and there are a few congregations that are struggling. We are sorry that some people believe that to be faithful they have to leave our denomination. The Episcopal Church in its great variety has always had people coming and joining the church while others were leaving. Our denomination's loss of numbers has much more to do with changing demographics, neighborhoods now speaking languages other than English – the English speaking people not finding a welcome in the Episcopal Churches mostly in the south where they moved.

Episcopalians have never required monochrome commitment to statements of belief like the Roman Catholics on one side and the Southern Baptists on the other. Certainty we believe is only possible for God. We humans see only partially. But we have and believe Jesus promise to be with us and his call for us to love our neighbor by caring for those in trouble or need.

I think it is important to report a little about where the money comes from that goes to support your diocese and, thus, I am going to list the givers of the ten largest pledges to the diocesan program last year, 2007. Then I will list the previous year's congregations with the largest receipts of money for operating revenue, we do not have those figures yet figured for 2007. Note it is very important to remember that giving beyond your self is critical for both individuals and congregations for your spiritual life. There is no easy measure for who is giving fairly because each congregation and each individual has things facing them that are not the

same as their neighbors. Some congregations have to spend sizable amounts to maintain or renew their facilities. Others have programming that is particularly critical for their mission. Those are not really easy to evaluate from outside. It's also very hard for congregations to know why the Diocese needs money unless the members of this convention are willing to share with their members what's important about your diocese and your world church.

Ten largest pledges to Diocesan programs:

1. Good Shepherd, Augusta
2. Christ Church, St. Simons Island
3. St. Paul's, Albany
4. Christ Church, Valdosta
5. St. Peter's, Savannah
6. St. John's, Savannah
7. St. Paul's, Savannah
8. Calvary, Americus
9. St. Thomas', Savannah
10. St. Andrew's, Darien

Ten largest incomes for operating revenue in 2006, our latest figures:

1. Good Shepherd, Augusta
2. St. John's, Savannah
3. Christ Church, St. Simons Island
4. St. Paul's, Augusta
5. St. Peter's, Savannah
6. St. Mark's, Brunswick
7. Christ Church, Valdosta
8. St. Thomas', Savannah
9. All Saints', Thomasville
10. St. Augustine, Augusta

During the Business Meeting tomorrow I will share a report on 2008 pledges. We are excited that we will welcome our Presiding Bishop who will visit us September 12th through 14th, 2008. Note the Canons of the Episcopal Church specify as one of the Presiding Bishop's duties is that he or she will visit each of the dioceses.

Bishop Griswold did not think he could fulfill the canon and did not accept our invitation to come to the Diocese of Georgia. Obviously, there is only so much time in the day and Presiding Bishops have enormous issues to deal with. The Presiding Bishop would like to get to know some of our people. We will have a gathering for the clergy at Trinity Church, Statesboro, on Friday, September 12th. We will have a gathering for lay people at St. Peter's, Savannah, on Saturday, September 13th. Space is limited and so there will have to be registration and limitation on the number of people who can come from each congregation until we are sure that each congregation has had an opportunity for some people to come. If we find we have more space we will get the word out to congregations.

The Presiding Bishop will be with the people of Good Shepherd, Augusta on Sunday morning, September 14th and though this visit was planned before the division of Christ Church, Savannah she has now extended her visit to Georgia in order for her to be present with the people of Christ Church Episcopal in Savannah at their evening service on Sunday, September 14th.

This Bishop thinks we have a Presiding Bishop with great leadership skills and a great ability to listen to people's questions and to respond to them honestly and openly and with love. I look forward to her being with us.

We cannot as a Bishop and convention make congregations welcoming. We certainly cannot change people overnight who have other views about what is central to the Christian faith. We can however be open and welcoming to one another and carry home the news that God is at work in the Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of Georgia, and throughout the world.

Bishop Ernest M. Shalita
(retired, Muhabura Diocese, Uganda)

The Rt. Rev. Ernest M. Shalita, B.A. MA until April of this year served for 44 years within Muhabura Diocese, which is located at the southwestern border of Uganda and Rwanda in East Africa.

Bishop Shalita was a teacher before training for ministry at Bishop Tucker Theological College in Uganda. He was ordained a deacon in December 1965, a priest in December, 1967 and later became provost of All Saints Cathedral Church in Kampala Diocese. From 1980-82 he studied at Fuller Theological Seminary, receiving a Masters degree in missiology. He became the Provincial Treasurer during October, 1982 and remained so until consecrated Bishop of Muhabura Diocese January 14, 1990 when the diocese was inaugurated at Kisoro, Uganda.

The Bishop has experienced a segment of Ugandan history dominated by the East African revival which swept powerfully through Uganda, Kenya and Tanzania. The revival began in Kigezi Diocese in the 1930s encouraging Christians to repent of sin, study God's Word together and advance the Kingdom of God through evangelism. Bishop Shalita was a personal friend and colleague of Bishop Festo Kivengere, late Bishop of Kigezi and close friend of Archbishop Janani Luwum, martyred in February 1977.

Under Bishop Shalita's leadership, the Diocese of Muhabura grew to 33 parishes and 57 ordained ministers, a team that Bishop Shalita personally developed to present the Gospel and serve the Kingdom of God. Most were born and raised in his diocese. Some are parish priests while others work as chaplains, educators and community leaders.

The bishop has authored six Rufumbira (mother tongue) books and two English books, The Twas of Kisoro, and Christian Influence to Traditions and Beliefs in Bufumbira.

Bishop and Mrs. Shalita and the people of Uganda need your prayers, support and encouragement as they face the challenges of providing help to AIDS orphans, AIDS Prevention, literacy classes and other needs of his people. He also serves as Bishop Missioner for African Team Ministries.

Bishop Shalita addressed convention telling some of the history of Uganda and his work in the Diocese. He told of the people in Africa and the progress they have made because of Christian commitment and involvement. “One of Africa’s biggest problems is illiteracy and lack of education.” “It requires a community of believers to solve the problems that come our way” speaking of the children who have HIV/AIDS. Work continues on educating the people. “The culture has developed into a better culture. Christianity is above the culture. Let us go out and do evangelism and bring people to our Lord Jesus Christ – the marginalized, the troubled.”

Bishop Ernest M. Shalita, preached at the closing Eucharist. His remarks were directed to the three ordinands – Loren Hague, Ellen Richardson, and Helen White. He reminded the ordinands that their ordination was not their choosing, but that they have been chosen by God. “Today you are set apart to preach the good news....You are unique because you are Christ’s messengers – special people to do the work. Remain blameless as you do the work.”

❖ Lay Representation To Convention

NAME (*= <i>attended</i>)	POSITION (CONVOCATION)	Voting
* Elliott, James	Chancellor	No
* Saussy, David	Treasurer	Yes
* Addington, A.L.	Ministry Development	No
* William Crosby	S. Committee	No
* Duskin, Edgar	S.C. Constitution & Canons	No
* Logue, Victoria	Diocesan Council (Southeast)	Yes
* Murdoch, Carolyn	Diocesan Council (Augusta)	Yes
* Hodges, Jane	Diocesan Council (Augusta)	Yes
* Wayne Woodside	Diocesan Council (Savannah)	Yes
* Don Lamb	Diocesan Council (Albany)	Yes
* Belcher, Jacqui R.	Assistant Secretary/Registrar	No
* Collins, Leland	Georgia Christian Council	No
* McRae, Marcia	Editor, Church In Georgia	No
* Roberts, DeeDee	EYCS	No
* Johnson, Deborah	UTO Representative	No
* Harrow, Suzanne	ECW President	No
* Rollinson, Emily	Education For Ministry	No

Lay Representation To Convention

At each plenary session, parishes are allowed 3 duly elected voting delegates or alternate delegates and missions are allowed 1.

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All Saints', Thomasville	Roy Lily *	Delegate
All Saints', Thomasville	John Hand*	Delegate
All Saints', Thomasville	Eddie Davis*	Alternate
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All Saints', Tybee Island	Dan Snyder*	Alternate
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Calvary, Americus	Linda Kidd*	Delegate
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Christ Church, Dublin	Betty Gernert*	Delegate
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Constitution & Canons

Ed Duskin, Chairman, Holy Spirit, Dawson

The Rev. Dr. Jim Bullion, St. Patrick's, Albany

The Honorable George Peagler, Calvary, Americus

Mr. David Sandbach, Christ Church, Valdosta

Mr. James Elliott, Diocesan Chancellor - *ex-officio*

Nominations Presented To Convention

STANDING COMMITTEE, CLERICAL MEMBER

The Rev. Scotty Brock, St. Michael & All Angel's, Savannah
The Rev. Clark Hubbard, St. Elizabeth, Richmond Hill
The Rev. Joan Kilian, Trinity, Statesboro
The Rev. Linda McCloud, Our Savior, Honey Creek

THE REV. JOAN KILIAN ELECTED 2ND BALLOT

STANDING COMMITTEE, LAY MEMBER

Ms. Mary (Molly) Greneker, Christ Church, Valdosta
Mr. William Bruce, King of Peace, Kingsland
Ms. Jane Pressly, St. John's, Savannah

MS. MARY (MOLLY) GRENEKER ELECTED 2ND BALLOT

DIOCESAN COUNCIL, AT LARGE (3 YEAR TERM)

The Rev. Deacon Yvette Owens, Christ the King, Valdosta
The Rev. James N. Parker, St. George's, Savannah
Mr. Robert Theobald, Christ Church, Frederica

THE REV. YVETTE OWENS ELECTED 2ND BALLOT

BOARD OF OFFICERS, CORPORATION, LAY MEMBER

Mr. Charles Hough, St. Patrick's, Albany
Ms. Sandra Champion, St. Thomas', Savannah

MR. CHARLES HOUGH ELECTED 1ST BALLOT

ECCLESIASTICAL TRIAL COURT, LAY (3 YEAR TERM)

Mr. Robert Mock, St. Elizabeth, Richmond Hill

Mr. Dick Price, Trinity, Statesboro

Mr. Roland Williams, St. John's, Savannah

MR. DICK PRICE

ELECTED 1ST BALLOT

MR. ROLAND WILLIAMS

ELECTED 1ST BALLOT

ECCLESIASTICAL TRIAL COURT, CLERICAL
(3 YEAR TERM)

The Rev. Steven Rice, St. Michael's, Waynesboro

The Rev. Ted Clarkson, St. Andrew's & St. Cyprian's, Darien

THE REV. TED CLARKSON

ELECTED 1ST BALLOT

TRUSTEE, UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH

The Rev. Ted Clarkson, St. Andrew's & St. Cyprian's, Darien

The Rev. Craig Dolack, St. Thomas', Savannah

The Very Rev. Robert Fain, Good Shepherd, Augusta

THE VERY REV. ROBERT FAIN **ELECTED 2ND BALLOT**

**DEPUTIES TO THE 2009 GENERAL CONVENTION IN
ORDER OF ELECTION**

The Rev. Canon H. Neal Phelps, Canon to the Ordinary
The Rev. Frank Logue, King of Peace, Kingsland
The Rev. Billy Alford, St. Alban's, Augusta
The Rev. Joy Fisher, Trinity, Cochran

Ms. Mary (Molly) Greneker, Christ, Valdosta
Mr. William (Buck) Crosby, St. Athanasius', Brunswick
Mr. Charles Hough, St. Patrick's, Albany
Mr. William Steinhauser, St. Michael & All Angel's, Savannah

**ALTERNATES TO THE 2009 GENERAL CONVENTION IN
ORDER OF ELECTION**

The Rev. Steven Rice, St. Michael's, Waynesboro
The Very Rev. William Willoughby, St. Paul's, Savannah
The Rev. James B. Shumard, St. Francis of the Islands, Savannah
The Rev. Deacon Yvette Owens, Christ the King, Valdosta

Mr. Bill Bruce, King of Peace, Kingsland
Ms. Sierra Wilkinson, All Saints', Tybee Island
Ms. Leslie Parker, St. George's, Savannah
Mr. William 'Ted' Hussey, St. Paul's, Augusta

Convention Liturgies

EVENING WORSHIP

At 6:30 p.m., Thursday, February 7th, 2008, delegates to the 186th Convention, clergy, laity of the diocese, and invited guests gathered at Reid Memorial Presbyterian Church, for Evensong and to hear the Bishop's Address (see page 43).

EUCHARISTS

On Friday, February 8th, at 7:00 a.m., the Very Rev. Robert Fain, rector celebrated the Eucharist at Good Shepherd.

On Saturday, February 9th at 11:00 a.m., the Bishop celebrated the Holy Eucharist and Ordinations at Reid Memorial Presbyterian Church. The Rt. Rev. Ernest Shalita preached. Loren V. Hague, Helen S. White, and Ellen Richardson were ordained to the Sacred Order of Deacons.



186th Convention of the Diocese of Georgia
Minutes

The Church of the Good Shepherd
Augusta, Georgia

Friday, February 8, 2008

Morning Session

Bishop Louttit extended his greetings and called the 186th Convention to order at 9:15 a.m. The Very Rev. Robert Fain, Rector of Good Shepherd, led morning worship.

Ann Russell, Credentials Committee, reported 133 lay delegates, 7 officials, and 86 clerical delegates had registered. The Rev. Canon

Neal Phelps, Secretary to Convention, certified that a quorum was present.

Convention appointed and confirmed the Rev. Canon Neal Phelps as Secretary of Convention. Fr. Phelps appointed Jacqui Belcher, Assistant Secretary, and Vicki Schuster, Recording Secretary of Convention.

Convention confirmed the bishop's appointment of Jim Elliott as Chancellor and Parliamentarian.

Bishop Louttit encouraged all present to visit the Exhibits in the Education building.

The President conveyed greetings from Retired Diocesan Bishop Paul Reeves, living in a care facility in Asheville, North Carolina and Retired Diocesan Bishop Harry Shipps in Savannah.

The printed agenda was moved and seconded for its adoption. Motion carried.

The Rev. Steve Rice, chairman of the Nominations Committee, reviewed the slate of nominees (see page 62) and called for nominations from the floor. Mr. Wayne Woodside, St. George's, Savannah, Mr. Bill Bruce, King of Peace, Kingsland, Chris Mann, St. Michael's, Waynesboro, and Ms. Leslie Parker, St. George's, Savannah, were nominated for Lay Deputies to the General Convention. Nominations were closed.

Col. Ed Duskin, chairman of Standing Committee on the Constitution and Canons, submitted the proposed canonical changes - one having to do with 'Convocations' and the other having to do with requirements for change from mission to parish status.(see page 125). Proposed changes were referred to the afternoon session.

The Rev. Joy Fisher, chairman of the Committee on Resolutions submitted the two resolutions (see page 121) one as published in the diocesan newspaper regarding 'Review of the voting process' and the

second submitted by the Resolutions Committee regarding 'Health Care' to replace the one submitted by the Rector and Vestry of St. Patrick's which was withdrawn before Convention. The resolutions were referred to the afternoon session.

Treasurer David Saussy, brought attention to the 2007 Treasurer's Report published in "The Church in Georgia." Motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the 2007 Treasurer's Report. The Proposed 2008 Budget (see page 131) was referred to the afternoon session for discussion.

Bishop Louttit announced that 69 congregations had made a pledge to the Diocese of Georgia for 2008. Of that number - 32 congregations pledged 100% and 9 more congregations pledged more than what was asked of them! Bishop Louttit thanked all parishes for their contributions to the work and ministry of the diocese.

Bishop Louttit introduced the new clergy – Cheryl Parris, Rector, St. Matthew's, Savannah; William Winston, Vicar, St. Luke's, Effingham County; Craig O'Brien, Associate Rector, St. John's, Savannah; Don Hutchens, Rector, Calvary, Americus; Ben Rockwell, Vicar, St. Barnabas', Valdosta; Frank Sawyer, EDS Chaplain, Augusta; Wallace Marsh, Assistant Rector, St. Paul's, Albany; Will McQueen, Assistant Rector, All Saints', Thomasville; Mervyn Dunn, Assistant Rector, Christ Frederica, SSI; Ken Rowland, Priest in Charge, Holy Cross, Thomson; Charles Castle, Deacon, St. Bartholomew's, Burroughs; Marty Meuschke, Deacon, St. Mark's, Brunswick; Kirk Duffy, Deacon Christ, Savannah.

Seminarians attending Convention – Helen White (Ordinand) and Loren Hague (Ordinand) VTS; Ellen Richardson, (Ordinand), St. Francis of the Islands, Savannah.

The Rev. Lonnie Lacy, Chaplain, Georgia Southern University along with two students addressed the convention. Father Lacy extended 'Greetings and Good Will' from the Episcopal Campus Ministry at Georgia Southern University. Father Lacy said 2007 has been a good year at the University. A group of enthusiastic people in the Diocese

have given funding to rent a building across the street from the campus making the Episcopal Campus Ministry clearly visible to the student population. Please let Fr. Lacy know if any students from your parishes are attending GSU and pray that with God's help, this ministry will go forward as they reach out to the students at Georgia Southern University.

John McRae, Trustee, extended greetings from the University of the South. The Sewanee report can be found (on page 99). Please go by and see the Sewanee Exhibit.

Gina Jenkins, Youth Director, introduced the members of the 2008 Youth Commission. The Youth Mission trip this year will be to Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi. There is an exhibit in the Exhibit hall, please go by and see it. A 'power-point' presentation of the 2007 youth activities was shared with the Convention.

A short break was taken.

The Rev. Joy Fisher – Together We Grow along with committee chairs the Rev. Galen Mirate – Community; Mr. Dwayne Summar - Administrative Effectiveness; gave individual committee reports. There remains one year left to get 'Together We Grow' off the ground and with support from parishes we will continue to 'grow together.'

Bishop Louttit introduced our guest speaker – The Rt. Rev. Ernest Shalita (Retired), Diocese of Muhubura, Uganda and African Team Ministries, Inc. to convention. Bishop Shalita spoke on orphanages and AIDS in Uganda and encouraged work groups to come to Uganda and see the work being done.

Deacon Geri Nelson – Deacon's School & Formation Committee – spoke to the Convention on the work of the Deacon School for Ministry. Their purpose is to cultivate and prepare Deacons in the diocese. The 'school' meets throughout the year at various locations in the diocese. Deacon Linda Scales was the first DSM coordinator and did a fantastic job of forming the Deacon School for Ministry. At this time in the Diocese of Georgia we have 32 active deacons and 17

Postulants & Candidates in the program. Deacons attending were asked to stand for recognition by Convention.

Camp Phun – Mrs. Leslie Parker, St. George’s Savannah reported to Convention this new Ministry in the Diocese of Georgia. This ministry is directed to youth of incarcerated parents. Honey Creek will host the camp July 20 – 25, 2008 at no expense to the campers. This camp will provide a camp experience for children of current or former incarcerated parents. If anyone knows of a youngster with an incarcerated parent or if any parish would be interested in ‘sponsoring’ any of these campers, please speak with Leslie Parker.

St. Michael and All Angel’s Episcopal Church, Savannah, gave \$1,000.00 from their Annual Christmas Tree sale to the Camp Phun ministry.

Father Robert Fain, Good Shepherd, Augusta, led the noon day prayers. Convention was recessed for lunch at 12:15 p.m.

Afternoon Session

Convention was reconvened at 1:20 p.m.

The Rev. Steve Rice, Nominations chairman, distributed the first ballot.

Col. Ed Duskin, Standing Committee on Constitution and Canons read, reviewed, and explained the Proposed Canonical Changes as published in The Church in Georgia (see page 123). Title 1, Canon 16 ‘Convocations’ Proposed change better defines the function and structure of the convocation. Change was discussed, and passed.

The second Canonical Change Title II, Canon 1 ‘Parishes’ regarding the time change for ‘parish status’ was reviewed, discussed and passed.

The Rev. Joy Fisher, Resolutions Committee reviewed and explained the two submitted.

- 1) ‘Create a Commission to Review the Voting Process in the Diocese of Georgia, submitted by the Very Rev. Robert Fain

and the Rev. Ted Clarkson The Resolutions Committee recommended passage of the Resolution. Motion was made, seconded, and passed.

- 2) The Resolution Committee submitted – “A Resolution for Church-wide Healthcare Feasibility Study” (see page 122). After much discussion the resolution was moved, seconded and passed. After which The Rev. Frank Logue submitted a Resolution to amend the previous resolution. The amended Resolution was moved, seconded, and failed (see page 123).

Treasurer David Saussy reviewed the Proposed 2008 Budget and moved for adoption. Discussion of Budget followed. A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the 2008 Budget.

The Very Rev. Louis Miller, Christ Church, Dublin, shared with Convention his involvement with ‘Prison Ministry.’ Prisoners from Dodge State Prison wrote Fr. Miller and told him that their Chaplain had left and , asked if he wood be willing, to come and visit with them and bring Communion to them. Father Miller told of meeting with about 15 prisoners and how that number had now grown to over 25 in attendance. After several visits the prisoners asked if the Bishop would come and visit with them. Bishop Louttit went, celebrated and confirmed those who been prepared and were now asking to be confirmed. Father Tom Arledge takes Communion to the Women’s State Prison. This ministry in the Diocese of Georgia is a reminder to those who are incarcerated that they are God’s children and that God loves them and forgives them.

Deacon Linda Scales, Our Savior, Martinez, shared with Convention the ‘Epiphany Program’ which is a ministry to incarcerated youth. Each month, a group visits with the youth - prays for them and shares time with them. They encourage them that when they complete their time in the detention center – to get in touch with committee members and perhaps volunteer their time to come back and help other teens as they struggle with their life choices.

The Rev. Stan White, Christ the King, Valdosta, shared the parish's experience of being 'the Church in the inner city.' Six and a half years ago Christ the King was at a crossroads. They had to make a decision to 'tear down' their facility and rebuild, or move. Their decision was to sell the property and purchase property in downtown Valdosta. They purchased a 4 story building. The first floor houses a coffee shop, book store and art gallery. It is open 7 days a week. The Sanctuary is on the second floor, and the church offices are on the third floor. Christ the King feels very much 'connected' to our fellow brothers and sister and Fr. White thanks Bishop Louttit for taking him under his 'wing' and allowing the congregation of Christ the King to grow, dream and experience. In reality 'We Are One!'"

The Rev. Steve Rice reported the 1st ballot election results: General Convention Lay Deputies – Molly Greneker, Christ, Valdosta; Bill Bruce, General Convention Lay Alternate; Officer of the Board of the Corporation – Charles Hough, St. Patrick's, Albany; Ecclesiastical Trial Court – Clergy – the Rev. Ted Clarkson, St. Andrew's and St. Cyprian's, Darien; Lay – Dick Price, Trinity, Statesboro and Roland Williams, St. John's, Savannah.

The second ballot was distributed.

Mr. Brian Springthorpe, St. Peter's, Savannah, spoke on the Rev. Paul Hoornstra's book. As if an omen – issues facing the church today are the same issues that Paul Hoornstra struggled with throughout his life and ministry. He 'railed' against division in the church and believed with his whole being Jesus' prayer – that we all may be one! This is Paul Hoornstra's life story. The book in itself is a tribute to a beloved man. All proceeds from the sale of the book will be used for the Paul Hoornstra Mission fund.

3:30 p.m. and short break was taken.

3:50 p.m. Bishop Louttit call the Convention back to order.

Suzanne Harrow, ECW President, addressed the convention. She told of the ongoing work of the Diocesan ECW and reported that the ECW

Annual Meeting will be held April 25 & 26, 2008 at Christ Church, Dublin. The theme for the meeting continues to be 'Walking in the Light of God's Garden.' The ECW report can be found on (page 85)

Leland Collins, President of the Georgia Christian Council addressed convention, thanking Bishop Louttit for his work and participation with the Georgia Christian Council. "Christ called us to be One!"

Ms. Deborah Johnson, UTO Chairwoman, reported that the Diocese of Georgia received two United Thank Offering grants in 2007, one for the Harmony Square – a ministry in Brunswick and one for Camp Phun, a camp for children with incarcerated parents. She reminded Convention of the importance of remembering to be 'thankful' daily and the importance of contributing to the UTO fund. 'Use your Blue Box!!'

Bishop Louttit introduced Bishop Rodney Michel to Convention. Bishop Michel is the Assisting Bishop of the Diocese of Georgia. Bishop Michel said it is a 'joy' to exercise his ministry with the good people of the Diocese of Georgia...and seeing God's people at work – connected as a family and working for a common goal.

Mr. Ed Buckley, Diocese of Atlanta, spoke on 'Drilling wells for clean drinking water in Haiti.' This is a project of our Millennium Development Goals.

The Rev. Steve Rice reported the 2nd ballot election results: General Convention Clerical Deputies – The Rev. Billy Alford; The Rev. Joy Fisher; The Rev. Frank Logue; The Rev. Canon Neal Phelps; General Convention Clerical Alternate – the Very Rev. William Willoughby; General Convention Lay Deputies – William (Buck) Crosby; General Convention Lay Alternate - Sierra Wilkinson; Standing Committee, Clerical – the Rev. Joan Kilian; Standing Committee, Lay – Molly Greneker, Diocesan Council (at large) – the Rev. Yvette Owens; Sewanee Trustee – the Very Rev. Robert Fain.

The third ballot was distributed.

The Rev. Tar Drazdowski extended greetings from our companion diocese in the Dominican Republic. Our 'partners' are very thankful for all that the Diocese of Georgia is doing for them. They are proud to be a part of our Diocese. The Rev. Drazdowski presented a power-point presentation of the many ministries that are taking place in our Companion Diocese. Please visit their exhibit in the school building.

The EYCS (see page 88) report was given by Ms. Dede Roberts, St. Thomas, Savannah, for President Mary-Nelson Hoornstra. 2007 was a successful year. \$81,000 was distributed for College tuition and Camp scholarships. Mary-Nelson extended her thanks for the opportunity to serve as chairman these past two years. Jane Espy, Christ Church Episcopal, Savannah, is the new chair.

Election results: The Rev. Steve Rice, Nominations Chairman reported the 3rd ballot results: General Convention Deputies – Clerical alternate – the Rev. Steve Rice; the Rev. Jim Shumard; General Convention Lay Deputies – Bill Steinhauser; Charlie Hough; General Convention Lay Alternate – Leslie Parker;

The last two nominees for General Convention Alternate was selected as those with the highest votes counted – they are (Clerical) Deacon Yvette Owens and (Lay) Alternate William (Ted) Hussey.

Bishop Louttit extended his heartfelt gratitude to Dr. A.L. Addington for his gift of service to the Diocese of Georgia. Dr. Addington retired December 2007.

Bishop Louttit announced new staff member Ms. Ellen Harry, Office Manager, Honey Creek.

Bishop Louttit thanked those rotating off Diocesan Commissions: Commission on Ministry – Sister Elena Thompson and Laura Phinizy; Standing Committee – the Rev. Dave Tonge and David Burton; Standing Committee on Constitutions and Canons – Ed Duskin, the Rev. Jim Bullion, David Sandbach, and the Honorable George Peagler; Diocesan Council – Sandy Reinke, Suzanne Boyd, Clayton

Penhallegon, Jordan Cameron, Jack McDonald, and the Rev. Bill Stewart.

Bishop Louttit welcomed new members of Diocesan Council: the Rev. Don Hutchens, Albany Convocation; Mr. Wallace Harrell, Southeast Convocation; The Rev. Charles Amuzie, replacing The Rev. Tula Henson, SE; Ms. Cissy Bowden, Augusta Convocation; The Rev. Gary Abbott; replacing the Rev. Lonnie Lacy, Central Convocation; Ms. Marge Ahearn, Central Convocation; Ms. Della Jones, Savannah Convocation; Mr. Gene Price, Southwest Convocation, and The Rev. Deacon Yvette Owens, at large.

Bishop Louttit welcomed new members of the Standing Committee on Constitution & Canons: Ms. Becky Cheatham, Chairperson (4yrs); Ms. Laura Wheaton, Trinity, Statesboro (3 yrs); The Rev. Cheryl Parris, St. Matthew's, Savannah (2 yrs), Deacon John Warner, Our Savior, Martinez, (1 yr); Chancellor Jim Elliott, *ex officio*.

Bishop Louttit announced that St. Paul's, Albany, has volunteered to host the 187th Convention in 2009.

The Bishop presented the following nominees whose appointments were confirmed by Convention:

- Ms. Jacqui Belcher, (Diocesan Staff), Registrar
- Mr. David Saussy, (St. Paul's, Savannah) Treasurer
- Ms. Becky Cheatham, (Christ Church Episcopal, Savannah)
Chairman, on Constitution and Canons. (4 years)
- Ms. Laura Wheaton, (Trinity, Statesboro), Standing
Committee on Constitution and Canons, (3 years)
- The Rev. Cheryl Parris, (St. Matthew's, Savannah) Standing
Committee on Constitution and Canons (2 years)
- Deacon John Warner, (Our Savior, Martinez) Standing
Committee on Constitution and Canons (1 year)

In accordance with Diocesan Canon II.13, Bishop Louttit nominated Ms. Karulynn Koelliker, St. Andrew's, Darien, to a four year term on the Diocesan Finance Committee.

At the end of Convention Bishop Louttit announced his retirement effective after the election and consecration of a new Bishop. The Rev. Joe Bowden, Chairman of the Standing Committee, assured Convention that contact had been made with the National Church as they seek to plan for the election of a new Bishop. The process can take a year to 18 months.

Bishop Louttit expressed his appreciation to Father Robert Fain, the staff of the Church of the Good Shepherd, and the many volunteers who helped make this Convention possible.

Bishop Louttit requests authority for the Bishop, the Chancellor, and the Secretary to edit the minutes.

Bishop Louttit reminded Convention of 'Dinner' tonight at the Good Shepherd and the Ordination of three Transitional Deacons will be held tomorrow morning, Saturday, February 9, 2008, at Reid Memorial Presbyterian Church..

The meeting was adjourned.


Henry I. Louttit, Jr., *President*

James Elliott, *Chancellor*

H. Neal Phelps, *Secretary*

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Annual Committee Reports
Activities in 2007

The Standing Committee

The Standing Committee met several times in 2007 to conduct business, as well as utilizing email for various actions. The Rev. Billy Alford and Mr. Roy Lilly were elected to the Standing Committee at the February 2007 Diocesan Convention. Other members are: the Very Rev. Dave Tonge, the Rev. Joe Bowden, the Rev. Joy Fisher, Mr. David Burton, Mr. Buck Crosby and Mr. Charlie Hough.

The Standing Committee was impressed not only by the number of persons offering themselves for ordained ministry but also their strong sense of call and their many gifts for ministry. During the year the Standing Committee gave approval for persons to be ordained to the Priesthood, the Transitional Diaconate and the Vocational Diaconate. Consents were recommended for Candidacy for Priesthood and for the Vocational Diaconate. The Standing Committee also met with several aspirants.

Consents were given for the following Episcopal action:

- An election for Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese of Puerto Rico
- An election for Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of Dallas
- The election of Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of Alabama

Consents were given for the election of:

- Diocesan Bishop of the Diocese of Nevada
- Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of Alabama
- Diocesan Bishop of the Diocese of South Carolina
- Diocesan Bishop of the Diocese of El Camino Real
- Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese of Maine
- Diocesan Bishop of the Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania
- Diocesan Bishop of the Diocese of Olympia
- Diocesan Bishop of the Diocese of Oklahoma
- Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of Connecticut
- Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese of Virginia

Diocesan Bishop of the Diocese of Southern Ohio
Diocesan Bishop of the Diocese of Hawaii

The Standing Committee gave consent for five congregations to either sell property or to enter into indebtedness for the purpose of improving facilities or to build new facilities.

The Standing Committee also served as a Council of Advice for the Diocesan Bishop on matters presented to it, when requested.

Respectfully submitted,
The Very Rev. Dave Tonge, President

Chancellor's Annual Report for 2007

During 2007, I served the Diocesan Convention in Valdosta as Parliamentarian and Chancellor to the Bishop. I also provided general legal advice and counsel to Bishop Louttit, the Standing Committee and the Diocesan Staff on an as needed basis. I provided legal advice to a number of parishes and missions in the Diocese regarding real estate transactions and other routine matters. In May, I attended the National Chancellors Conference in San Diego, CA at which were discussed many of the legal and risk management issues with which the church is or may be faced in the future. In October, I attended the Province II Bishops and Chancellors Conference in Newark, NJ which was devoted exclusively to issues related to Title IV in the canons of the Episcopal Church. In November, I filed a petition on behalf of the Bishop and the Diocese in Chatham Superior Court to recover the parish property of Christ Church Savannah.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Elliott, Chancellor, Diocese of Georgia

**Diocese of Georgia Camp and Conference Center (Honey Creek)
Annual Report 2007**

2007 has been a year of transition for Honey Creek. While Honey Creek has continued to serve the Diocese and the larger community as a place for spiritual renewal, fellowship, Diocesan business and education, 2007 has been a year spent in leadership transition and planning for the future.

The year began with a transition in leadership of the Commission itself. The Rev. Lou Scales completed his years of faithful service as chair of the Honey Creek Commission. The Commission and the Diocese are indebted to Lou for his hard work and dedication. George Hubbs and Mark Cluett also resigned from the Commission after years of valuable service in which they were instrumental in steering Honey Creek steadily through turbulent financial waters. During 2007, Blake Ellis and the Rev. Jeff Jackson joined the Commission. Mr. Ellis, the original architect for Honey Creek, brings much needed expertise regarding our physical facilities, and Fr. Jackson gives us added input from the perspective of the youth programs.

2007 marked even greater transition in the staff at Honey Creek. Jim Cox resigned as Executive Director in March. Harry Jenkins then served admirably as Operations Manager for the remainder of 2007. The Commission has been engaged in a search for an Interim Executive Director, a position that it hopes to fill in early 2008. Several other staffers have resigned in 2008 after years of service, and the Commission has hired new staff members who are continuing the tradition of employees who love Honey Creek and are dedicated to its success.

The usage of Honey Creek remained steady in 2007 with approximately two thirds of the usage coming from groups and persons outside of the Diocese. While the Commission is pleased that usage has remained stable during this transition year, the Commission recognizes that the financial performance of Honey Creek is not where it needs to be. Although Honey Creek is in much better shape than it was five years ago, Honey Creek continues to lose money in excess of the Diocesan support, thus increasing its accumulated deficit. Although the trend in recent years has been to cut the annual loss, the

Commission has concluded that Honey Creek must act decisively to eliminate its operating deficit if it is to remain viable. In that regard, the Commission engaged a consultant who analyzed the Honey Creek's operations and concluded that it can be financially viable but that changes must be made. In particular, there are a number of facilities and management related issues that must be addressed. The Commission is currently engaged in that work and is committed to making substantial progress in 2008.

One of the brightest spots of 2007 has been the startup of the Diocese's newest mission, the Church of Our Savior at Honey Creek. Under the leadership of the Rev. Linda McCloud, the mission is now up and running. The Commission looks forward to the growth of the Church of Our Savior and is pleased that our facilities are being used in this way for the spread of God's Kingdom.

Honey Creek is special place, a holy place. The Commission encourages all members of the Diocese consider how they can utilize and support Honey Creek in 2008

Ted Clarkson
Chairperson, Honey Creek Commission

EfM Coordinator Report- 2007

Many people think that a person must be ordained in order to be a "minister". The fact is that all baptized Christians are called to be active participants in the church's total ministry. Education for Ministry (EfM), a unique learning program linking faith and life, provides people with the education to carry out that ministry. Students meet regularly in seminars under the guidance of trained mentors studying the Old and New Testaments, church history, liturgy and theology. EfM is designed to teach the student how to think theologically, deepen one's faith and understanding of our Christian heritage, and provide the student with a new confidence to be Christ's minister.

In the Diocese of Georgia, we currently have 18 classes with 134 students enrolled.

EfM classes, mentors, co-mentors in the Diocese of Georgia are as follow:

City	Mentor	Co-Mentor
Albany	Wallace Marsh	
Albany	Wallace Marsh	
Augusta	Mary Kathleen Blanchard	Al Jackson
Augusta	Curtis Johnson	Sharon Enoch
Augusta	Lou Scales	
Augusta	John Warner	
Bainbridge	Jim Clendinen	Marcia McRae
Brunswick	Jim Jones	
Cochran	Betty Jo Sadler	
Darien	Joan Manier	
Kingsland	Frank Logue	
Savannah	Serena Nasworthy	
Savannah	Ellen Richardson	
Savannah	Dee Williford	Kathy McCurry
St Simons Island	Bill Hayman	
Valdosta	Bill Nunn	
Valdosta	Nancy Sartin	

All class and mentor/co-mentor information contained in this portion of the report is compiled from the most recent report sent from Sewanee dated 11/01/2007.

Mentor training was held at Honey Creek on June 7-9, 2007 with 18 in-service/ new mentors and 3 trainers for mentors. To become a mentor of an EfM group, a person must complete mentor training and be certified by a mentor trainer provided by Sewanee. Basic training is for those persons who have never been trained or who have trained once and are leading a group. Mentors are eligible for formation training when they have successfully completed 2 basic trainings and are active

with a group. Each training event required 18 contact hours. Certification must be renewed every 12-18 months.

Martha Gilliam of Toxaway, North Carolina led Basic Training I and Basic Training II was led by Tara Soughers from Wrentham, Massachusetts, Betty White of Gastonia, North Carolina led the formation event. The topic for the formation event was Transition in the Midst of a Changing World.

The next training event will take place at Honey Creek on June 5-7, 2008. Both basic and formation training will be available. The formation topic will be Power/ Authority.

The plan to introduce EfM into D. Ray James Prison in Folkston, GA has been momentarily put on hold due to a lack of response from state prison officials. This project will be revisited at a future time.

If you are interest in finding an EfM group in your area, starting a group in your parish/mission, becoming a mentor, or have any questions about the program, please contact Emily Rollinson at (912) 266-1700- cell or (912) 261-1209- home or via email at supercole@comcast.net .

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Haase Rollinson
EfM Coordinator, Diocese of Georgia

Episcopal Church Women 2007 Report

The Episcopal Church Women have had a very memorable year. We had three representatives attend the Province IV ECW meeting held at Kanuga in June: Dr. Marcie Chéreau, Suzanne Harrow, and Sharon Swarmer. Marcie Chéreau is also our Province IV representative to the National ECW Board. Her service is a blessing to us all

Our ECW Annual Meeting was hosted by the Augusta Convocation, the banquet by St. Augustine's and the business meeting by Our Savior,

Martinez. The current Diocesan Board was installed at that time. President; Suzanne Harrow (Atonement, Augusta), Vice President; Nena Amuzie (St. Athanasius, Brunswick), Treasurer; Mona Musgrove (St. John's Bainbridge), Secretary; Joyce Reid (Atonement, Augusta), CPC ; Marcie Chéreau (All Saints', Tybee Island), Nominations; Sharon Swarmer (Our Savior, Augusta), Historian; Marian White (St. Patrick's, Albany), Communications and Year Book; Kay Smith (St. Barnabas', Valdosta), UTO; Deborah Johnson (St. John & St. Mark's, Albany), Worship; The Rev. Galen Mirate (St. Margaret's, Moultrie), Albany Convocation Coordinator; Carolyn Gay (St. Patrick's, Albany), Augusta Convocation Coordinator; Kathy Mullins (Atonement, Augusta), Central Convocation Coordinator; Pat Bryant (Grace, Sandersville), Savannah Convocation Coordinator; CeCile Steele (St. Francis of the Islands, Savannah), Southeastern Convocation Coordinator; Carolyn Baker (St. Andrew's, Darien) and Southwestern Convocation Coordinator; Julie Van Ham (St. James', Quitman).

In 2007, Christ Church, Augusta, received a grant from the UTO to assist with their soup kitchen and community outreach. It was a pleasure presenting them with their certificate and seeing the work that has been begun.

Some of our convocations had Spring Quiet Days and Fall Days of Sharing. The Southwestern Convocation hosted a very successful picnic. These special times are always of great benefit to those who attend and share in the blessings of Christian fellowship.

We welcome the newly formed ECW at King of Peace, Kingsland this year and thank them for hosting the Southeastern Fall Day of Sharing. Four ECW groups reorganized during this past year. If your congregation does not have an active ECW, we would love to help you set one up. Please contact your convocation coordinator or any other board member from the ladies listed above. Also, if you are interested in serving on your ECW Board, please let us know, there are some wonderful opportunities for ministry and meeting other sojourners along your life journey.

The focus for the next two years will continue to be *Walking in the Light of God's Garden*. The 2008 Annual Meeting (April 25-26) will be hosted by the Central Convocation at Christ Church, Dublin. Our speaker will be Jean Embry from St. Augustine's, Augusta. We

look forward to continuing our walk as we move from our personal garden to our family garden.

Suzanne Harrow
Diocesan ECW President

UNITED THANK OFFERING REPORT FOR 2007

The Mission of the United Thank Offering is to expand the circle of thankful people. To achieve this mission, we encourage daily prayers, offerings and awareness of the abundance of God's blessings.

Please remember the UTO Memorial & Gift Trust Fund in your will.

In 2007, UTO awarded 104 grants totaling \$2,439,342.46. Each UTO grant is in response to needs identified by dioceses and provinces throughout the Anglican Communion. There were 30 awards outside the United States, 3 regional awards and 71 grants to dioceses within the United States. **The Diocese of Georgia received a \$15,000.00 grant for Christ Episcopal Church, Augusta, to demolish an existing facility and build a new food storage building to serve both a soup kitchen and food pantry in an economically depressed area.**

In 2007, the Diocese of Georgia contributed \$16,491.50 to the Domestic & Foreign Missionary Society, representing gifts for the Spring and Fall Ingatherings.

The Diocese of Georgia has received and submitted two grant applications for 2008.

- **Harmony Square-Brunswick** serving children and adults in the Arco Community.
- **Phun Camp @ Honey Creek** a ministry of the Episcopal Church of Georgia, serving high risk children.

Every penny given at the parish, diocesan, national and international level is distributed throughout the world **“to meet compelling human**

**needs and expanding the mission and ministry of the church.”
UTO is stewardship.**

This year, UTO presented a new Vision Statement: **“We will significantly impact the lives of women and children because of Christ’s love.”** To achieve this vision UTO will focus particularly on projects that implement significant change toward alleviating profound human suffering that the Millennium Development Goals address. Our work will directly impact women and children. Our new vision will be reflected in the 2009 grant criteria and awards. **2008 grant packets are now in bishops’ offices.**

“Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus”. **1 Thessalonians 5:16-18**

Deborah H. Johnson
UTO Coordinator 2005-2008

Episcopal Youth and Children’s Services 2007 Report

The year 2007 was another successful year for the Episcopal Youth and Children’s Services. In the fall of 2007 we granted 29 tuition grants totaling \$52,850. We also helped 16 youngsters attend camp at Honey Creek, our diocesan camp and conference center, at a cost of \$5,364.50.

New brochures telling of our work in the diocese were printed and distributed to all the churches in the diocese. Our website, www.eycs.org, is also being updated and will include not only guidelines and application forms but also the history of the EYCS.

BOARD MEMBERS: Two members, Lazola Cope, and Mildred Derst, rotated off the board, having fulfilled their terms. They both contributed to the board greatly. Although I remain on the board, my term as chairperson ends in 2007. Beginning in January, Mrs. Jane Espy will chair the board. Bishop Louttit will install the new officers at

our annual meeting on Thursday, January 10, 2008 at St. John's Episcopal Church.

In closing, I would like to add that it has been a great experience for me to chair this board. It is composed of very talented and gifted women and it has been a joy for me to work with them.

Mary-Nelson Hoornstra, Board Chairperson

Commission on Ministry Report, 2007

The Diocesan Commission on Ministry met three times in 2007. The following actions were taken: two persons were approved for ordination to the Vocational Diaconate; five were approved to begin preparation in the Diocesan Deacon School for Ministry. Fourteen persons were approved as Postulants for ordination to the Priesthood, eight to attend seminary and six to prepare in the Diocesan Program. Five persons were approved for Candidacy. Four persons were approved for ordination to the Transitional Diaconate and six were approved for ordination to the Priesthood. There are a total of thirty-seven persons studying for Holy Orders.

The Commission on Ministry sponsored the Spring Licensed Lay Ministers Conference focused on preparation for persons new to Licensed Lay Ministry and those renewing licenses. Training was offered in Liturgics, Homiletics, Pastoral Care and Evangelism. Richard Amesbury, Assistant Professor of Philosophy and Religious Studies at Valdosta State University, was the speaker. Twenty-eight Lay Ministers attended.

The Very Reverend James Clendinen, Jr.
Chairman

Cursillo Commission 2007 Annual Report

During the past year, three Cursillo weekends were successfully held at the Georgia Episcopal Conference Center at Honey Creek. Many new Cursillistas have joined the ranks of the previous 111 Cursillo weekends held in Georgia. The Cursillo Commission met four times this year, including a retreat at Honey Creek where goals were established for Cursillo in Georgia. These goals include reducing cost, increasing communication, rejuvenating local Ultreyas, reaching out to potential Cursillistas, and new scholarships. To accomplish the goal of communication, we are creating a new database of information of all Georgia Cursillistas. Information may be forwarded to sandbach@lawyer.com

De Colores!

David (Sandy) Sandbach, Chairperson

HIV/AIDS Ministry 2007 Report

The HIV/AIDS Commission's mission is to minister to those living with HIV/AIDS by supporting organizations and health providers that serve those with the virus and disease and their caregivers. I continue to serve on the board of the St. Stephens HIV/AIDS Ministry as a personnel committee member. The ministry increased its outreach efforts and HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention efforts. The ministry is financially sound and for the second year held an annual successful fundraiser that will allow for necessary expenditures that are not covered by government grants. All of the HIV/AIDS organizations and health providers worked together on awareness and prevention on World HIV/AIDS Day and throughout the weekend. This was a big first, and we hope to continue this kind of collaboration. Board members from St. Albans and The Church of the Good Shepherd continue to serve faithfully.

Activities for the year include: The St. Stephen's Annual Meeting in February, monthly St. Stephen's Board meeting with the Mayor of

Augusta to explain St. Stephen's mission and operation, attending the annual Kanuga Province IV HIV/AIDS Conference (I and 14 HIV/AIDS survivors attended.), the annual Red Ribbon Ball fundraiser on November 29th, the annual HIV/AIDS awareness program at St. Paul's on December 1st, World HIV/AIDS Day and the HIV/AIDS awareness and testing cookout at the lake on December 2nd.

Thank you to the clergy and parishioners of the Augusta Convocation for their support of this ministry.

Deacon Rosalyn Panton
HIV/AIDS Commission Chair

The Church In Georgia Newspaper 2007

The diocese published 12 monthly issues of *The Church in Georgia* that included a variety of contributors. The diocese also enhanced the paper's work by providing funds for an assistant to handle preliminary editing and formatting of articles. The work of former newspaper editor Steve Roberts of Valdosta, has greatly enhanced the efficiency, timeliness and quality of production. The editor is most thankful to Bishop Henry Louttit, Diocesan Administrator the Rev. Sanford Ulmer and others among diocesan leadership who made this possible.

Marcía O. McRae, Editor

Diocesan Commission on Christian Formation

The Commission continues to discuss ways to advocate for Christian education and formation throughout the diocese.

The Commission planned and sponsored the fall ministries conference, "Connections," which was well received. Although attendance at diocesan conferences continues to be low. The Commission hopes to discover why this is and to find ways to improve participation.

Independent of the commission, Frank & Victoria Logue presented a series of overnight retreats at Honey Creek. Each “Journey To Wholeness” covered a different spiritual area and each has had good reviews. And there are numerous good offerings at the parish level. The diocesan communications team is willing and eager to publicize these.

The Rev. Jim Shumard continues to chair the commission. Please contact Jim (912-897-5725 or stfrancisjim@bellsouth.net) if you are interested in co-sponsoring any workshops in your convocation with the commission or brainstorming with us on how to support those who teach and learn in the diocese.

Respectfully submitted,
Ms. Jacqui R. Belcher
Commission Member

OUR COMPANION DIOCESE (DOMINICAN REPUBLIC) 2007 REPORT

The Diocese of Georgia has remained active with our relationship with the Dominican Republic. Christ Church, Valdosta and Trinity, Statesboro combined their efforts with Holy Nativity, Dothan, Alabama to take one trip to the D.R. during June of last year. The trip to build a playground, host Bible School and to continue our knitting classes in Jarabacoa, was a success. Our diocesan Episcopal Church Women have been extremely generous with contributions, which have helped to provide scholarships to Episcopal schools in the Dominican Republic. The Rev. Bob Somerville, Brunswick, continues to represent the Diocese of Georgia as an elected member at large to the Dominican Development Group.

There is still much work to be done. We need to continue our commitment to the scholarship program and send teams whenever possible. The country experienced major flooding in 2007 due to a tropical storm. Many lives were lost and there was extensive property damage. The D.R. is now in a position to accept teams to help with reconstruction. It is important to coordinate all either through Bob Snow or Bob Stevens.

If would like to make a contribution to help with reconstructions or to go to the Dominican Scholarship fund or you can send them through the Dominican Development Group. Monetary gifts are tax deductible.

Deacon Bob Snow, the contact at the diocesan office in the D.R., is more than willing to help with information regarding a mission team or with funding. He can be reached at 809/476-0421 (home) or 809/686-7493 (office). The Rev. Bob Stevens, who is the executive director for the Dominican Development Group, can be contacted at: c/o Day Spring, P.O. Box 661, Ellenton, FL 34222; 941/776-1018, 941/776-2678 (fax), ddgstevens@aol.com

The Rev. Tar Drazdowski, *Chairperson*
Companion Diocese Commission

The Deacon Formation Council

Report to the 186th Convention of the Diocese of Georgia

The primary work of the Deacon Formation Council (DFC) is to cultivate the professional development of deacons in our diocese, as well as to promote an increase in well-prepared deacons and the ministries they represent. Bishop Henry has actively supported the ministry of deacons in our diocese in a variety of ways. Under our Bishop's guidance, the order of deacons has continued to develop and grow as a professional group of clergy who are trained and committed ministers for our parish communities.

The Deacon Formation Council (DFC) was established in 2005, with a group of 12 deacons participating as Council members. We were given the initial tasks of:

- 1) developing a **formal education program** for those candidates in the ordination process using Canon III.6.3 as our definitive bench-mark;
- 2) developing a **mentoring program**, pairing an experienced deacon with someone in the ordination process in order to provide continuing emotional support and encouragement to the candidate;
- 3) developing

and distributing **educational materials to the parishes** of our diocese regarding the ministry of deacons; 4) developing a variety of means to **encourage collegiality and communication** among the deacons of our diocese; 5) developing a program of **continuing-education** and retreats designed to further the professional capabilities of deacons.

After several months in planning meetings, in April 2006, we presented our first Deacon School for Ministry (DSM) weekend to provide an overview of the academic formation program to the candidates. Since then we have conducted trainings in Christian Ethics, Diakonia-Review of Relevant Canons, Holy Scriptures, Homiletics, Human Awareness & Understanding, Liturgy, Spirituality and Pastoral Care, Theology and Traditions of the Church. We have enjoyed the teaching participation of approximately 16 deacons and countless hours of preparation for the weekends.

The DFC has assumed responsibility for organizing our annual Deacon's retreat at Honey Creek each December. In addition, we hope to provide a means for deacons to share information about the numerous ongoing ministries in our diocese through an annual report, detailing their activities. We are currently in the process of developing a Deacon's Directory for the Diocese of Georgia, including pictures and addresses and parishes served. Our diocesan website includes a deacon's webpage, where we share sermons, book reviews, upcoming conferences, trainings and clergy meetings, as well as other information pertinent to diaconal ministry. We plan to staff a Deacon's Ministry table at convention each year. All DFC and DSM meetings are open and everyone is welcome to join us!

Members of the DFC and DSM have developed a "suggested customary" for continuing education opportunities for deacons. We strongly urge all deacons in our diocese to schedule continuing education and spiritual retreat time each year.

Because deacons are traditionally non-stipendiary, expenses incurred for participation in continuing education remains an issue. We encourage rectors to financially support their deacons from their discretionary funds, and vestries to include a budget line item for

continuing education for their deacons. The DSM has established a scholarship fund to aid deacons cover continuing education costs. Contributions to this fund by congregations and individuals are very much appreciated. Checks designated for “Continuing Education for Deacons” should be made out to The Episcopal Diocese of Georgia and mailed to them at Diocesan House 611 East Bay Street, Savannah, GA 31401-1296.

If you have questions regarding any portion of the ordination process for deacons, please feel free to contact any member of our Deacon’s Formation Council or Deacon’s School for Ministry. We welcome opportunities to speak with you or any member of your congregation who may have questions or suggestions.

Respectfully Submitted,
The Rev. Deacon Geri Thacker Nelson, Chairperson
Deacon Formation Council

Diocesan Council 2007 Report

Membership on Diocesan Council is composed of two lay members and one member of the clergy elected from each of the six convocations of the diocese and three members elected at large by convention. The Bishop, the Treasurer and the Chancellor of the diocese are also members of Council. The six Convocation Deans, President of the Episcopal Church Women, President of the Standing Committee, the Senior Clerical Deputy and Senior Lay Deputy to the General Convention, President of Youth, Canon to the Ordinary and Diocesan Administrator are members entitled to seat and voice.

Council conducted Diocesan business in four meetings held in 2007. A summary of those meetings is outlined in this report to convention.

MARCH 9-10: CHRIST CHURCH, ST. MARY'S

Bishop Louttit shared with Council that we have thirty-five people in the ordination process to be vocational deacons and priests. We have three mission congregations in the process of moving forward to parish status: St. Luke, Rincon; King of Peace, Kingsland; Holy Comforter, Evans.

Clergy needs: St. Paul's, Albany, Assistant Priest; St. Paul's, Savannah, Assistant Priest; Valdosta State University (1/2 time on campus, 1/2 time as Assistant at Christ Church; St. Luke's, Rincon; St. Barnabas, Valdosta.

Four congregations have Interim Priests: Christ Church, St. Mary's; St. Thomas, Thomasville; St. Anne, Tifton; Calvary, Americus.

New church starts: Our Savior at Honey Creek; St. Luke, Rincon; Holy Comforter, Evans; King of Peace, Kingsland. St. Luke's, Hawkinsville is now self-supporting. We have 12 non-stipendiary priests serving congregations in the diocese.

Elected Wayne Woodside, St. George's, Savannah, as Vice-President of Council.

Upon the recommendation of Together, We Grow—Strategy To Action Team, Council approved the establishment of three new commissions in the diocese:

Diocesan Congregational Development Commission
Convocation Congregational Development Commission
Clergy Wellness Commission

MAY 11-12: ST. AUGUSTINE'S, AUGUSTA

Bishop Louttit announced how well Assisting Bishop Rodney Michel and his wife Marie had been received in the diocese.

The Clergy Wellness Commission, Congregational Development Commissions are receiving names so the commissions can move forward with their ministry.

An extensive report, prepared by The Rev. Joy Fisher, Chair, Together, We Grow, was distributed to Council.

Approved the establishment of a Commission on Administrative Effectiveness/Communication. Did not approve the position of Director of Communications for the diocese.

OCTOBER 19-20: ST. PAUL'S & ST. PATRICK'S, ALBANY

Bishop Louttit gave pastoral leadership to a lengthy discussion relative to the situation with Christ Church, Savannah leaving the Episcopal Church, Diocese of Georgia and now joined with the Anglican Province of Uganda. Diocesan Chancellor, Jim Elliott, Esq. Gave leadership to the many questions surrounding the present situation. Christ Church (Episcopal) is currently meeting at St. Michael and All Angel's Episcopal Church in Savannah. The Rev. Canon Neal Phelps is serving as Priest-In-Charge, assisted by The Rev. George Maxwell, Rector Emeritus.

Council received an outstanding report by Ms. Gina Jenkins, Director of Youth Ministries of the Diocese.

Received an excellent report from Mr. Dwayne Summar, Chair, Diocesan Communication Commission.

Bishop Louttit informed Council of the recent closing of St. Stephen's Church in Leesburg.

Council approved two changes to the Canons of the Diocese and submitted them to the Standing Committee on Constitution and Canons for presentation to the February 2008 Diocesan Convention. The changes are related to Title II, Section 2 on mission congregations applying for parish status.

DECEMBER 7-8: TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH, STATESBORO

Upon the recommendation of The Executive Committee and the recommendation of The Rev. Canon Neal Phelps, approved the appointment of Ms. Victoria Logue to serve as Clerk of Council

Two proposed resolutions were presented to Council.

- 1) The number of lay delegates from congregations to convention be increased. Consensus of Council was the proposal was not well defined enough to present to Convention
- 2) Voting by Vocational Deacons in Convention was discussed. No consensus reached and not defined well enough to present to convention.

Received an update on the life and ministry of Christ Church (Episcopal) in Savannah. A congregation of 100 continues to meet each Sunday.

Received a report from The Rev. Ted Clarkson on the Camp and Conference Center.

New Clergy to the diocese were announced. The Rev. Don Hudgens, Rector, Calvary, Americus; The Rev. William Winston, St. Luke's, Rincon; The Rev. Bill Stewart, Interim Rector, Annunciation; Vidalia; The Rev. Ann Heineman, Interim Rector, St. John/St. Mark, Albany; the Rev. Ron Southerland, Rector Annunciation has retired. Fr. Southerland will serve as Vicar Good Shepherd, Swainsboro beginning in January, 2008.

The structure of Convocation Council was discussed. It was decided that the Deans of each Convocation would speak to convocational preference at Diocesan Convention in February 2008.

Quarterly financial statements of the diocese are prepared by The Rev. Sanford Ulmer, Diocesan Administrator and Diocesan Treasurer, David

Saussy, and presented at each meeting of Council for review and discussion.

Copies of all minutes are on file at Diocesan House, 611 East Bay Street, Savannah, Georgia.

Respectfully submitted
The Rev. Canon Neal Phelps
Canon to the Ordinary

**THE UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH, SEWANEE
2007 REPORT TO THE DIOCESE OF GEORGIA**

Enrollment for the 2006-2007 Academic Year from the Diocese of Georgia *17 Episcopal Students in the College of Arts and Sciences:* Adrian Ash, C'09, Augusta, Carrie Barfield, C'09, Savannah, Grier Bovard, C'09, Augusta, Morgan Cannon, C'09, Vidalia, Ronnie Coleman, C'07, Savannah, Leigh Anne Evans, C'08, Savannah, Sam Franklin, C'08, Midville, Andrew Hill, C'10, Augusta, Ryan Holland, C'08, Savannah, Ashton McRae, C'08, Bainbridge, Robert Osborne, C'10, Augusta, Kristen Prather, C'09, Appling, Chelsea Pyle, C'08, Valdosta, John Ross, C'10, Savannah, Jared Wood, C'08, Douglas Macon York, C'07, Richmond Hill.

School of Theology Students Studying for Master and Doctoral Degrees: William N. McQueen III, Brunswick, Katherine Herrington Brinson, Augusta, * William K. Dolen, Augusta, * James L. Elliott, Valdosta, * L. Curtis Johnson Jr., Evans, * Galen A. Mirate, Valdosta
**Graduate students enrolled in the Advanced Degrees Program*

2006-2007 Financial Aid Awarded to all Undergraduate Students from the Diocese of Georgia: \$344,325.00.

2006-2007 Amount of Support from Georgia Churches and the Diocese of Georgia: \$23,488.88

Governing Board Representatives from Georgia:

Board of Regents; The Very Rev. Robert D. Fain . *Board of Trustees*
The Rt. Rev. Henry I. Louttit Jr. D.D.; The Rev. James R. Bullion
(2008) John H. McRae (2009); Thomas J.C. Smyth Jr. (2010)

Programs Center Information for Georgia:

EfM groups: 20; EfM Coordinator: Emily H. Rollinson, 912.261.1209,
supercole@comcast.net

About Sewanee

The University of the South, or Sewanee as it is more popularly known, is home to both an outstanding liberal arts college and a seminary of the Episcopal Church. Since its founding, the College of Arts and Sciences has graduated 25 Rhodes Scholars, 36 Watson Fellows, and 26 NCAA Postgraduate Scholars, while the School of Theology counts as alumni numerous bishops, including three of the last five presiding bishops of the Episcopal Church.

Located atop the Cumberland Plateau between Nashville and Chattanooga, Tenn., Sewanee's 10,000-acre campus — the second largest campus in the United States — provides vast opportunities for research, recreation, and reflection. Within the traditionally strong curriculum of humanities, sciences, and graduate theological studies, Sewanee faculty members promote intellectual growth, critical thinking, and hands-on research. According to its mission statement, Sewanee “is an institution of the Episcopal Church dedicated to the pursuit of knowledge, understanding, and wisdom in close community and in full freedom of inquiry, and enlightened by Christian faith in the Anglican tradition, welcoming individuals from all backgrounds, to the end that students be prepared to search for truth, seek justice, preserve liberty under law, and serve God and humanity.”

Sewanee’s Relationship to the Episcopal Church

Founded in 1857 and chartered in 1858 by bishops of the Episcopal Church, Sewanee is celebrating its Sesquicentennial anniversary with special events during the 2007-2008 academic year. The institution proudly acknowledges a long history of combining academic excellence with reverent concern for the world. Sewanee is the only university in the country with both a college and graduate seminary established by the Episcopal Church and in which the Episcopal Church is actively involved in its governing board. The chancellor of the University is a bishop of an owning diocese, elected to that position for a six-year term by the University Board of Trustees. The current

chancellor is the Rt. Rev. Henry N. Parsley Jr., Bishop of the Diocese of Alabama. Lay and clergy trustees are elected from the 28 owning dioceses: Alabama, Arkansas, Atlanta, Central Florida, Central Gulf Coast, Dallas, East Carolina, East Tennessee, Florida, Fort Worth, Georgia, Kentucky, Lexington, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Northwest Texas, South Carolina, Southeast Florida, Southwest Florida, Tennessee, Texas, Upper South Carolina, West Tennessee, West Texas, Western Louisiana, and Western North Carolina.

2006–2007 Statistics

College of Arts and Sciences students: 1,467; Undergraduate Class of 2010: 412; SAT combined: 1170-1320; ACT: 26-31; High School GPA: 3.4; Student/faculty ratio: 11:1; Percentage of college students on financial aid: 63.5 percent; Percentage of college students declaring Episcopal heritage: 35.7 percent; Percentage of female, male students: 53 percent female, 47 percent male; Majors offered (college): 36 Minors offered (college): 27; School of Theology residential and summer graduate students: 194; Newly enrolled students: 36; Returning students: 57; Summer advanced degrees total student enrollment: 101 Percentage of female, male seminarians: 51 percent female, 49 percent male; Degrees offered (seminary): Master of Divinity, Master of Arts in Theology, Master of Sacred Theology, Doctor of Ministry. Other programs: Certificate of Anglican Studies, Certificate of Theological Studies; Percentage of graduate students on financial aid in the School of Theology and the School of Letters: 61.9 percent; University Fiscal Year July 1, 2006–June 30, 2007: Unrestricted operating revenues: \$63,445,928; Endowment: \$315 million.

University Financial Aid

In the 2006–2007 academic year, \$17,014,301 in financial aid was awarded to 63.5 percent of undergraduates and to 61.9 percent of graduate students. Financial aid is a top priority of *The Sewanee Call*, the University's current comprehensive campaign. Of the campaign's \$180 million goal, \$34 million will serve as endowed funding for scholarships and financial aid. The University strives to ensure that accepted students can afford a Sewanee education and that seminarians can graduate with as little education related debt as possible.

Finances and Academic Grants

Between July 1, 2006 and June 30, 2007, Sewanee's alumni, parents and friends gave \$23,323,346 to the University by participating in *The Sewanee Call* campaign and University fundraising efforts. This is a significant increase over last year's total of \$15,103,009. The Sewanee Annual Fund, again, reached a record total of \$3,310,934, as the University's seminary and college alumni, parents, and friends continued their enthusiastic support. Thirty-eight percent of college alumni and 32 percent of seminary alumni participated. With that generosity, *The Sewanee Call* campaign, with major funding objectives in endowment, capital projects, and operational expenses, climbed to \$159,489,140, \$1.3 million ahead of schedule as the campaign begins the last year toward a goal of \$180 million. Sewanee's May 2007 graduates participated in class giving with 79 percent from the School of Theology and 65 percent from the College of Arts and Sciences. Church giving through the Episcopal One Percent Program increased by 15 percent for a total of \$297,000 due to the generosity of 236 parishes. Parish One Percent Gifts are earmarked specifically for seminarian support. Members of the Sewanee Parents Council set a phonathon record during Lessons and Carols Weekend, Dec. 2, 2006, by raising \$75,975 in pledges. Chairs of the 2006- 2007 Parents' Council were Linda and Rick Bostwick of Waco, Texas. In the 2006–2007 fiscal year, Sewanee's endowment grew from \$270.4 million in June 2006, to \$315 million in June 2007. The University's 2006-2007 operating budget was \$63,445,928. Approximately 65 percent of revenues to the University come from student-funded tuition, room and board, and fees. Foundation grantors included two grants from Jessie Ball duPont: a \$50,000 grant to the School of Theology to explore how the seminary's future clergy can make their commitment to social justice more effective while in seminary, and a \$140,000 grant to provide bridge funding for the University's Fund for Innovation in Teaching and Learning. By the conclusion of this grant, the University will have fully established an endowment, thanks to a grant from a family foundation, of \$1 million to support undergraduate research, innovative teaching, and student-led co-curricular programs. The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation made an additional \$424,000 grant to extend its support of the University's phased retirement program. The grant allows Sewanee to hire new faculty in areas where individuals are

nearing retirement. Grant funds are also available to support the research of new and retiring faculty members. The program helps ensure a smooth and successful inter-generational transition. The W. Polk Carey Foundation made a grant of \$1.5 million in support of a prebusiness program. Sewanee faculty and Nick Carl Babson, C'68, director of the University's Center for Applied Economics and president and CEO of Babson Holdings, Inc., are now working with the foundation to outline how this new endowment will provide permanent support for pre-business study in the College of Arts and Sciences. The Starr Foundation continued its support for an endowed scholarship fund with a \$200,000 grant, and two foundations, the Lettie Pate Whitehead Foundation and the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Foundation, made significant annual grants for scholarships.

Student Life

Sewanee welcomed 412 first-year students in the fall of 2006. Selected from a pool of nearly 2,000 applications, the students hailed from 33 states and six foreign nations. During the course of the year, academic research and business internships offered students unique opportunities. A gift to *The Sewanee Call* campaign established a new program designed to launch students on successful business careers. The grant from Kitty and David Beecken, C'68, provided a substantial part of the tuition for students to attend a non-credit, intensive business training session especially designed for liberal arts students. The program is a part of Sewanee's new Center for Applied Economics. A Sewanee-sponsored internship took Sallie Hart, C'06, of Asheville, N.C., to Bangladesh to work at the Grameen Bank, where she experienced firsthand the joy as Muhammad Yunus, H'98, won the Nobel Peace Prize for the pioneering micro-lending institution he founded. Eliza Greenman, C'06, of Poquoson, Va., was accepted in the 2007-2008 Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange for Young Professionals. During the summer of 2006 in Hell Creek, Mont., Benjamin "Luke" Padgett, C'07, of Apison, Tenn., worked on an archeological dig under the direction of the Museum of the Rockies curator of paleontology, John Horner. Marjorie Palmer, C'06, of Athens, Ga., won the national Pi Sigma Alpha Best Undergraduate Class Paper competition for her paper entitled, "Religion and Environmentalism in America: An

Analysis of Green Consciousness Among the Christian Right." William Thiele Blackerby, C'09, of Birmingham, Ala., won second place in the 2007 Eta Sigma Phi Maurine Dallas Watkins Sight Translation Contests for his translation of Koine Greek. The Thomas J. Watson Foundation announced that three of the fifty 2007 Watson Fellowships were awarded to Sewanee seniors Benjamin Padgett of Apison, Tenn., Syeda Hamadani of Nashville, Tenn., and Joshua Harris of Batesville, Ark. Eric Keen, C'08, of Malabar, Fla., was awarded a Morris K. Udall Foundation National Environmental Scholarship. In Sewanee athletics, the women's tennis team earned the third-place trophy at the NCAA Tennis Championships, surpassing the 1990 women's team, which finished fourth in the nation after the NCAA tournament. The 2007 Tigers, coached by Conchie Shackelford (365 wins), also defeated DePauw University for the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference. Shackelford was named SCAC Coach of the Year. Tennis athletes Charlie Boyd, C'08, of Nashville, Tenn., Gab Carvalho, C'08, of Rock Hill, S.C., and Laura Fanjoy, C'07, of Statesville, N.C., were named All-American by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association for their play during the 2006-2007 school year. Natasha Cowie, C'07, of Dawsonville, Ga., represented Sewanee's Cycling Team in the USA Cycling National Mountain Bike Championships and other important races. John Davis, C'07, of Tallahassee, Fla., led the 2007 baseball team with all-conference and all-region honors. The equestrian team earned regional champion honors for the eighth consecutive year. Elizabeth West, C'09, of Richmond, Va., placed eleventh nationally at the prestigious Cacchione Cup Class. The University's Outreach Office encourages students to find creative ways to give back to their communities. Mission trips, organized during 2007 Spring Break, took more than 100 students to work on projects in the Gulf Coast states (at least three outings), Jamaica, Haiti, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Miami, and New York City. During commencement services at the close of the academic year, the College of Arts and Sciences awarded bachelor of arts degrees to 295 graduates and bachelor of science degrees to 59 students. William Weatherford Weber of Spooner, Wisc., was named valedictorian for the Class of 2007. Weber graduated *summa cum laude* with honors in English. Jean Anne Babin of Huntsville, Ala., was the salutatorian and graduated *summa cum laude* with honors in political science and psychology. D'Anthony Allen, of Birmingham, Ala.,

received the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Prize — the most prestigious recognition given to a graduating senior. In May 2007, the University Choir traveled to York, England, to begin a oneweek residency at York Minster. The choir sang in both daily Choral Evensong and the three Sunday services. This was the ninth tour of England that Professor of Music and University Organist Dr. Robert Delcamp has organized and directed since 1979.

Campus

The 10-month celebration of the University's Sesquicentennial anniversary began July 4, 2007, and will end on commencement weekend on May 9–11, 2008. On the morning of July 4, a service of remembrance and celebration was held at the Church of the Good Shepherd on Lookout Mountain, Tenn., to commemorate the first meeting of bishops, priests and lay trustees. On Lookout Mountain on that date in 1857, the decision was made to create the University of the South. Following the service, Sewanee cyclists carried a replica of the 1857 U.S. flag to Sewanee where the celebration continued during the community's traditional holiday activities. For more information about the yearlong Sesquicentennial, go to www.sewanee.edu/150. To commemorate Sewanee's 150 years, two Sewanee students published *Ecce Quam Bonum: A Pictorial History of the University of the South*. Emily Senefeld, C'05, of Columbia, Tenn., and Eric Wilson, C'07, of Wichita Falls, Texas, published photographs from the archives and family collections, which chronicle Sewanee's growth through its buildings from the first post-Civil War cabins to the present. The book is the first of three in the Sewanee Sesquicentennial History Project series, directed by Samuel R. Williamson, vice chancellor emeritus, and Gerald Smith, professor of religion. In the fall of 2006, the University Board of Regents commissioned Dolan, Pollak, and Schram, a land-development firm, to complete a feasibility study of possible development projects on University-owned land. The Board of Regents resolved during their October 2006 meeting to continue to address related environmental concerns, impacted wildlife and flora, and economic and community issues. The resolution also called for the University to partner with the Sewanee Utility District to study the hydrological impact of potential developments. The Board of Trustees Growth and Development Committee endorsed the regents' action.

The Sewanee Call campaign is committed to raising \$60 million for campus capital projects. During the 2006-2007 fiscal year, William M. Spencer III, C'41, generously provided a \$6 million gift for the construction of Spencer Hall, expanding the capacity of Woods Laboratory as a state-of-the-art science facility. During Commencement Weekend, the dedication of the William Sadler Bonds Library in Gailor Hall honored the memory of the long-time Sewanee resident and professor who taught classical languages and literature and helped create Sewanee's Interdisciplinary Humanities Program. Bond resources enabled extensive renovations to St. Luke's Hall, transforming it into a contemporary 103-bed residence hall.

School of Theology

The School of Theology welcomed 36 new students for the 2006-2007 academic year, bringing the total student body to 93. Seminarians represented 32 Episcopal dioceses and the Convocation of Anglican Churches in Europe. New student orientation featured a full week of activities introducing students to the seminary, the University, and the Sewanee community. A weeklong composition component to improve theological writing was initiated as part of the seminary's Quality Enhancement Plan mandated by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). The Rev. Walter B.A. Brownridge joined the seminary's administration as associate dean for community life. Brownridge is an Episcopal priest who previously served three-years as canon in St. George's Cathedral in Cape Town, South Africa. He has advanced degrees in law and international relations as well as theology. Thelma Monique (Nikki) Panton, a middler at the School of Theology, became the first African American to be elected by her peers to lead the St. Luke's Community student governing body. A clinical social worker, Panton is sponsored by the Diocese of Atlanta. The 2007 DuBose Lecture series featured the Rev. Dr. Christopher Bryan, C.K. Benedict Professor of New Testament at the School of Theology, who addressed "The Resurrection of Jesus Christ." The event also celebrated the 50th anniversary of the *Sewanee Theological Review* and Bryan's tenure as editor for the past 40 years. In early October, the School of Theology transferred the Disciples of Christ in Community (DOCC) program to the National Washington Cathedral in Washington,

D.C. DOCC is a congregational-based Christian formation program for adults. The Rev. Canon William Barnwell, one of the program's original leaders, will direct the program through the Cathedral College. For the second year, the Programs Center's Education for Ministry (EfM) program partnered with the Trinity Institute in New York City to design and facilitate small-group theological reflection as part of Trinity's 37th National Theological Conference, Jan. 22–24, 2007. The seminary became one of the regional sites to webcast the conference live, featuring world-renowned speakers. The first gathering of EfM international directors took place in March 2007, in Woking, England. Participants came from the United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, and the Bahamas, to meet and discuss the cultural nuances of the program in each country, EfM's strengths and challenges, and their visions for the future. On Mar. 1–4, 2007, prospective seminarians from across the country visited Sewanee for Preview Weekend, an event designed to introduce them to community life, theological learning, and formation for ministry. Seminary students, faculty and staff planned opportunities for their guests and their families to worship, attend classes, tour the campus, and get to know the seminary community. Forty-six students graduated with masters and doctorate degrees May 11, 2007, from the School of Theology. During the commencement service held in All Saints' Chapel, the Rt. Rev. Henry N. Parsley Jr., chancellor of the University and bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Alabama, presided at the Eucharist and presented St. Luke's crosses to the graduates. Dr. Joel Cunningham, vice-chancellor and president of the University, and the Very Rev. Dr. William S. Stafford, dean of the School of Theology, presented the diplomas. The Rt. Rev. John C. Bauerschmidt, bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Tennessee, preached. In mid-May, Associate Dean Brownridge led five seminarians and spouses on a cross-cultural mission trip to South Africa to explore the Anglican Church's role in the country's reconciliation movement, aiming to implement restorative justice initiatives at home.

Faculty and Administration

John Gatta became dean of faculty at the College of Arts and Sciences. Previously he was associate dean for faculty affairs and visiting professor and Brown Foundation Fellow. In 1974, Gatta was a faculty

member at the University of Connecticut, where he served as professor of English, director of English graduate studies, and chair of the English department. The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) named George Poe, professor of French, as the 2006 Tennessee Professor of the Year. James Peterman, professor of philosophy, won a Fulbright Scholarship to conduct research for a new book at the Academia Sinica in Taipei, Taiwan. Rebecca Abts Wright, professor of Old Testament at the School of Theology, received the 2006 Fortress Press Award for Graduate and Seminary Teaching. James C. Davidheiser, professor of German, was honored with the 2006 Jacqueline Elliott Award for Outstanding Service in Higher Education from the Tennessee Foreign Language Teaching Association. Donald Armentrout, Quintard Professor of Dogmatic Theology at the School of Theology and a 1961 graduate of Roanoke College, served as Roanoke College's 2007 commencement speaker and received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree.

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THE DIOCESAN CORPORATION

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY/TREASURER FOR 2007

Board of Officers

(Due to the resignation of the Secretary/Treasurer of the Board mid-year - no narrative report was received.)

TRUSTS ADMINISTERED BY THE CORPORATION

ANSON DODGE HOME FUND

Created by deed from the Reverend A.G.P. Dodge, dated February 2, 1895, and by bequests in his will and supplemented in 1925 by bequest from his mother, Mrs. Rebecca W. Dodge, for maintenance of the Anson Dodge Home for Boys on St Simons Island. This home was closed on June 1, 1956 by action of Diocesan Convention. The income is expended at the discretion of the Rector of Christ Church, Frederica (St Simons Island), for the "support and maintenance of orphan boys or boys destitute of the means of support, provided always that such boys shall be instructed in the faith of the Episcopal Church". By arrangement with the rector, the actual administration is handled through the Episcopal Youth & Children's Fund.

H.M. & M.S. BYLLESBY FUND

Created by Deed of Gift of \$60,000 from Margaret S. Byllesby of Chicago on March 20, 1928, the net income to be disbursed by the bishop for education and social work in connection with the Christ Church settlement in Augusta, or, if that work be discontinued, then for similar work elsewhere in the diocese as may be decided upon by the bishop.

BISHOP STUART FUND

This fund was established July 13, 1959 by a gift to the corporation as trustee, of stock valued at \$6,886.34 to be used at the discretion of the bishop for education of children of the clergy in the

Diocese of Georgia, preference being given to the children of the Bishop of Georgia.

CHRIST CHURCH FREDERICA FUND

Created by deed from the Reverend A.G.P. Dodge dated February 23, 1886 to provide for salary of the rector and upkeep of the church during vacancies in rectorship, etc.

SPENCER CONNERAT FUND

This fund was established at the suggestion of Mr. Spencer Connerat as the Bishop's Discretionary Fund. A number of contributions have been made to it, including a gift from Mr. Ernest B. Merry, gifts in memory of Mrs. Isabella Stuart, a bequest under the will of the Reverend William F. Bassill and the merger of funds of the Bishop's Theological & Missionary Fund in 1967.

In 1968 a contribution of \$26,180 was made anonymously. At the donor's suggestion, and with the board's approval, the fund's name was changed to "The Spencer Connerat Fund".

The income from the fund may be used by the bishop for any purpose whatsoever at his discretion. The corpus, or any part thereof, may be used for any purpose upon the recommendation of the bishop and with the concurrence of the treasurer of the corporation.

MARY DeRENNE FUND

This fund represents a bequest in 1887 by Mrs. Mary DeRenne of Savannah "in trust for the use and benefit of the Episcopal Orphans' Home in Savannah" (the Episcopal Youth & Children's Services), held by this corporation as substitute trustee under the order of the Superior Court of Chatham County, dated 18, 1949.

ENDOWMENT OF THE EPISCOPATE

Created by Act of Diocesan Convention, May 4, 1961, to establish an endowment fund to provide for the bishop's salary and convention expenses of the diocese.

EPISCOPAL EDUCATIONAL TRUST

This fund was started in 1957 by a gift of \$252.28 from Miss Julia St. Clair Moore of Savannah to establish a permanent trust fund

for the promotion of theological education of worthy young men of the Protestant Episcopal Church to be selected by the bishop at his discretion. Additions to the fund were gifts from Mrs. Ainslee Christie of Brunswick in memory of her niece, Marguerite Maxwell, various gifts in memory of the Right Reverend Middleton S. Barnwell, gifts from Mr. W.H. Flowers and of St. Thomas' Church, Thomasville, and bequests under the wills of Mr. Charles Ellis, Miss Caroline L. Woodbridge, Mrs. Isabella S. Stuart of Savannah, Mr. John K. Kinsey of Sandersville, and of Mr. Thomas Smith of Waycross.

THE EPISCOPAL YOUTH & CHILDREN'S FUND

This account represents the endowment fund of the Episcopal Home for Girls in the Diocese of Georgia, for which the corporation acts as custodian and fiscal agent in handling, managing, and investing the same under a Custodian Trust Agreement dated December 29, 1939 between the home and the diocese.

In March 1982 the Evelyn Ford Bishop Fund was merged with this fund. The E.F. Bishop Fund was established in Augusta 1980, representing a bequest to the Episcopal Youth & Children's Services under the will of Evelyn Ford Bishop.

Income is used for educational scholarships and emergency/medical financial aid to Episcopal youth in the Diocese of Georgia.

EPISCOPAL RESIDENCE FUND

This fund represents proceeds from the sale of former Episcopal residences. The income defrays a portion of the bishop's housing allowance.

GENERAL DIOCESAN FUND

This fund was started by a legacy of \$2,102.96 received in 1928 under the will of the Reverend T.N. Burry and increased in 1965 by bequest from M.D.E. Pomeroy of St. Simons Island. By resolution of Diocesan Convention of April 18, 1928, this fund was created covering all general and undesignated gifts, legacies and bequests hereafter received; the income to be used by the Board of Officers at its discretion for any needs and purposes of the diocese itself.

GEORGIA MISSIONS FUND

Created by deed from the Reverend A.G.P. Dodge, dated February 23, 1886, and by bequests under his will, the income to be used for payment of salaries of missionaries and teachers in certain designated counties of the diocese, pursuant to recommendation by the rector of Christ Church, Frederica (St. Simons Island), and subject to the approval of the bishop.

EARLE M. HARTRIDGE FUND

The management of this trust of \$5,000 was assumed by the corporation on November 18, 1959 and the income is to be paid to Christ Church, Frederica.

INFIRM & DISABLED CLERGY

Created by Act of Diocesan Convention May 5, 1890 and amended by Diocesan Convention of 1967 to provide for use of the uncommitted income to assist in paying the premiums of group insurance policies with medical coverage for hospitalization for the clergy and their dependents.

MARY RHINELANDER KING FUND

This fund, formerly administered through the diocese, was assumed by the corporation on October 9, 1959. It represents a bequest under the will of Mrs. Mary Rhineland King, the income to be used for the benefit of the Church of St. Athanasius, Brunswick.

JAMES B. LAWRENCE TRUST

This trust represents a bequest to Holy Trinity Church, Blakely, under the will of the Reverend James B. Lawrence.

SEVILLE H. MORSE FUND

Created in 1926 by gift of \$5,000 from Mrs. Seville H. Morse, the income to be used at the discretion of the bishop for the education of African Americans in this diocese. An addition to the fund was the bequest of \$2,300 in 1960 to the Bishop of Georgia by Mrs. Margaret Ann Munson of Good Shepherd Church, Thomasville.

LOUISE NEES FUND

This fund was formerly administered by the bishop as sole trustee, the income to be used to provide scholarships for a business education of young men and women of Augusta under certain specified terms. Management of the trust was assumed by the corporation on October 9, 1959.

MARIA TROUP NIGHTINGALE FUND

Established by Mrs. Maude N. Crovatt of Brunswick in memory of her mother, Mrs. Nightingale, the income to be used for the education of men in the diocese studying for the ministry.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, DARIEN, CEMETERY FUND

The investing of this fund was accepted by the corporation from the executors of the estate of Randolph Spalding in July 1969. The net income to be paid over to the chairperson of St. Andrew's Cemetery Committee and to be spent for the upkeep of the cemetery at Darien, with particular attention being given to the Spalding lot. The responsibility of the corporation ends with payment of the net proceeds to the chairperson of the Cemetery Committee.

MARIE SPAIN STUBBS TRUST

This trust under the will of Mrs. Marie Spain Stubbs was assumed by the corporation as successor trustee in November 1961, all income to be paid to St. James' Church, Quitman.

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS FUND

Started by a legacy of \$1,000 under the will of Ralph Elliott dated May 29, 1853, and accepted by Convention May 6, 1854. It was greatly augmented in 1903 by the bequest under the will of Mrs. Elizabeth L.W. Clinch of the Clinch Building on the southwest corner of Broughton and Whitaker Streets, Savannah.

ALBANY MISSION FUND

This fund was received in 1971 and represents the proceeds of the sale of property in Albany to be held until such time as a new mission church was started.

JAMES H. LEWIS MEMORIAL FUND

A bequest from Rose Douglas Lewis in memory of her husband, for the work of the Church in Sylvania and Screven Counties.

CAMP & CONFERENCE CNT/COMMUNITY MINISTRIES FUNDS

These funds were established in 1980 with funds received through Venture In Mission. These funds were allocated in the manner prescribed by the Special Session of the 157th Diocesan Convention. Distributions are authorized by the bishop with the approval of Diocesan Council.

MISSION DEVELOPMENT FUND

Originally established in 1980 from Venture In Mission funds. Distribution of VIM funds is made under the authority of the bishop with approval of Diocesan Council.

The fund was increased in 1982 through addition of the proceeds of the sale of the property of Holy Apostles' Church, Savannah. These funds have been designated by Diocesan Council to assist diocesan mission in building programs.

THE BISHOP PAUL REEVES FUND

Established in February 1985 upon the retirement of Bishop Reeves. The income and principal of this fund may be used by the Board of Officers of the corporation for any purpose which will, in its opinion, further the work of the diocese.

THE ROBERT M.W. & CLARA E.A. BLACK FUND

Established in 1985 through a bequest from the estate of Robert Robinson Black in memory of Robert Mickleberry Williamson Black and Clara Elliot Atwood Black. This fund is used solely for the benefit of St. Andrew's Church, Darien, with a non-binding request to place priority on adequate clergy salaries and on maintenance of church facilities.

The bishop consults with the rector or other representatives, but expenditures from the trust remain the responsibility of the bishop.

RESOLUTIONS
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CONSTITUTION,
CANONS,
& RULES OF ORDER

RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED
to the 186th Diocesan Convention

**Resolution to Create A Commission to Review the Voting Process
in the Diocese of Georgia**

Whereas, a number of clergy and laity in this diocese have raised questions over the years about our decision making process in the Diocese, especially as it relates to voting in Diocesan Convention, and

Whereas, the undersigned prepared two proposed changes to the Constitution of the Diocese to address some of the concerns that have been expressed and sent the proposals to many in the Diocese for comment, and

Whereas, the feedback that has been received indicates great divergence of opinion on issues raised by the proposed changes and other issues related to voting in Convention, and

Whereas, the undersigned have decided not to put forward their proposals in hopes that a Diocesan-wide conversation can take place to consider, in a comprehensive manner, whether any changes should be made to our voting process and, if so, what those changes should be,

Now therefore, be it resolved by the 186th Convention of the Diocese of Georgia, meeting in Augusta on February 8, 2007, that an ad hoc commission be formed by the Bishop of Georgia, to include priests, deacons, and laity in addition to representation from Diocesan Council, the Standing Committee, and the Committee on Constitution and Canons, and that the commission be charged with reviewing our current decision making process and making any recommendations for changes that it believes would benefit the Diocese; said review and recommendations to be completed by June 30, 2008 in order that they may be adequately studied and discussed prior to the 187th Convention of the Diocese of Georgia.

Respectfully submitted,

The Very Rev. Robert D. Fain and The Rev. Ted H. Clarkson

Resolution Passed

The Resolution submitted by the Rector and Vestry of St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, Albany, which is published on the Diocesan website was withdrawn.

The following is a resolution presented by the members of the Resolutions Committee for consideration by the delegates at the 186th Convention of the Diocese of Georgia

Whereas the 75th General Convention authorized the creation of a committee to conduct a church-wide study of the costs and issues surrounding the provision of healthcare benefits to all clergy and lay employees serving churches, dioceses and other church institutions*; and

Whereas, this study is in progress and includes an analysis of the potential for a mandated denominational healthcare benefits program and other viable alternatives, culminating in a recommended solution and an actionable implementation plan to be reported to the 76th General Convention; and

Whereas, in the Diocese of Georgia the high cost of health insurance is an increasing burden on smaller congregations making it difficult to provide salaries for full time clergy, and

Whereas, most insurance plans are based in part on number of participants and other factors such as the age of participants;

Therefore, be it resolved, that the 186th Convention of the Diocese of Georgia submit to the General Convention of the Episcopal Church meeting in 2009, a resolution urging support for its efforts to pursue more affordable health coverage for clerical and lay employees of the Episcopal Church participating in the Church Pension Plan.

Resolution passed

*Resolution A147 Church-wide Healthcare Feasibility Study

Amended Resolution submitted by the Rev. Frank Logue from the Convention floor.

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Therefore, be it resolved, that the 186th Convention of the Diocese of Georgia request the Bishop create a study group of no more than 7 professionals to consider the feasibility whether Episcopal church members and others may be added to the current insurance plan offered by the diocese.

Amended Resolution failed

RESOLUTIONS INDEX

SECRETARY'S NOTE: Although the Rules of Order of the Convention do not make provision for continuing resolutions, certain resolutions, by virtue of their content, have a continuing effect. The following is a list of such resolutions.

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Canonical Changes for 2008 Convention

186th Convention (2008)

The proposed change to the diocesan canon on convocations is intended to better define the function and structure of the convocation. It retains the membership that has been tested over the last three years and which has proven to be more productive than the former larger membership. It also includes the position of Convocation Communication Coordinator, which is part of the Communications Strategy developed through "Together, We Grow" and approved by the bishop in fall 2007.

Submitted by Jacqui Belcher on behalf of the diocesan office

The Episcopal Diocese of Georgia Constitution & Canons (2007)
TITLE I, CANON 16
Convocations

- Section 1. For the purpose of association and administration, the Bishop may, in his discretion, divide the Diocese into areas that shall be known as Convocations, the boundaries of which may, from time to time, be changed by the Bishop. In his discretion the Bishop may appoint Deans in the several Convocations. Their term of office shall be for one year, and they may be reappointed.
- Section 2. Each dean shall select a Layperson from within the Convocation with whom he or she has a good working relationship to serve as Communication Coordinator for the Convocation. This person shall prepare and share various communications among the members of the Convocation Council and with the Communications Director at Diocesan House; and shall assist the Dean in preparing for each Convocation Council meeting to whatever extent the Dean wishes. The Communication Coordinator shall have seat only on the Convocation Council.

Section 3.

- (a) There shall be a Convocation Council in each Convocation consisting of the Dean of that Convocation together with one member of the Clergy and one Vestry Member from each Congregation.
- (b) Should a member of the Clergy qualify to be a member representing more than one Congregation, that Cleric shall have only one vote in any proceedings of the Convocation Council.
- (c) The Convocation Council shall meet at least once a year. The Convocation Council shall meet to discuss and plan execution of the programs of the Diocese within the Convocation and opportunities for convocational ministries and gatherings.
- (d) Persons with special knowledge or experience around ongoing discussion may be invited to attend a Convocation Council meeting at the discretion of the Dean, Such person(s) will be entitled to seat and voice but no vote.
- (e) At its fall meeting, the Convocation Council shall elect a confirmed adult resident in the Convocation, at least eighteen years of age and in good standing, for a three-year term on the Diocesan Council; such term to begin at the close of the next Diocesan Convention. A Cleric shall succeed a Cleric and a Layperson shall succeed a Layperson. Whenever a vacancy shall occur in the convocational representation on Diocesan Council, a successor shall be elected by the Convocation Council to serve the remainder of the term.
- (f) At least thirty days prior to the fall meeting, the Dean shall notify the convocational congregations of the time and place of said meeting of the Convocation Council and request the names of qualified persons to be placed in nomination for the three-year term on Diocesan Council.
- (g) Adult members of the convocation in good standing may submit items to be considered for the agenda of any Convocation Council meeting. Such items shall be submitted to the Dean no later than 14 days prior to said meeting.

(h) A report of each Convocation Council meeting shall be sent to each congregation within the respective Convocation and to the diocesan office within 14 days of its adjournment.

Section 4. (a) At least once each month, the Diocesan Communications Director shall send e-News to each Dean and Convocation Council Coordinator.

(b) At least once each month, all Deans and the Canon to the Ordinary shall meet online, or via telephone conference, or face-to-face, with the Diocesan Communications Director as recorder.

Passed

The 186th Convention

The Diocesan Council, meeting on October 19-20, 2007 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Albany, Georgia approved the following change to Title II, Section 2 (underlined and bolded). This change is being submitted to the Standing Committee on Constitution and Canons for action by the 186th Convention of the Diocese of Georgia meeting February 7-9, 2008.

Submitted by the Rev. Canon Neal Phelps, Secretary, on behalf of the Diocesan Council

The Episcopal Diocese of Georgia Constitution & Canons (2007)
Title II, Canon 1
Parishes

Section 2. An Organized Mission of the Diocese may, during the third consecutive year **or at such other time as may be permitted in the discretion of the Ecclesiastical Authority and the Standing Committee for good and sufficient cause** in which it is receiving no financial subsidy from the Diocese and meets further requirements stated hereafter, signify to the Ecclesiastical Authority **and Standing Committee** its desire to apply for parish status.

The applicant mission through its Mission Vestry shall also certify that it is and will subscribe to the Provisions of Article IV of the Articles of Association and is giving beyond itself for the work of the church. The Ecclesiastical Authority shall require such information as may demonstrate the practicality and appropriateness of the application, and shall provide counsel to the Mission Congregation as it fulfills the requirements of this Canon. No Parish shall receive any aid from the annual diocesan budget except on written application of the Wardens and Vestry thereof, approved by the Bishop.

Passed

FINANCIAL REPORTS



2008 BUDGET

PAROCHIAL REPORTS SUMMARY

SUGGESTED FORM OF BEQUEST TO THE DIOCESE
(to be included as a paragraph in your will)

I give and bequeath to the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Georgia, Inc., the sum of \$_____.

Note Rubric: Page 445, Book of Common Prayer

SPECIAL OFFERINGS REQUIRED BY CANON

Bishop's Visitation Offering
Episcopal Youth and Children's Services
University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee

Attention is invited to Diocesan Canon II.10