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Considering the issues of the 76th General Convention

The General Convention of The Episcopal Church (TEC) considers a wide range of issues at each of its triennial meetings, and the July 8-17, 2009 gathering in Anaheim, California, will be no exception.

Issues are brought forth in the form of resolutions that come from bishops, deputies, diocesan conventions, provincial synods, and the committees, commissions and boards that help to carry out the work of the Church between meetings of General Convention (GC).

Each resolution is assigned to one of several joint committees of the House of Bishops and the House of Deputies. The committees, meeting during GC, consider each resolution, hear testimony on the subject matter, revise or fine-tune the language, combine similar resolutions from different sources, and finally decide which resolutions will be sent to the full Houses. A resolution fails if it is not passed by both Houses.



Program & Budget

- TEC's Executive Council approved a draft 2010-2012 budget and sent it to the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance. PB&F will use that version to craft a proposed budget during its meetings, which begin two days before GC starts. Convention must approve the budget.

Worship and liturgy

- A report titled *Rachel's Tears, Hannah's Hopes: Liturgies and Prayers for Healing from Loss Related to Childbearing and Childbirth*.
- *Holy Women, Holy Men*, an overhaul of *Lesser Feasts and Fasts*, which would add a number of names to the Calendar of the Church Year.
- New prayers for artists and writers; the Virgin Mary; care of God's creation; on the occasion or anniversary of a disaster; prophetic witness in the church and society; reconciliation and forgiveness; and scientists and environmentalists.
- Consideration of requests for authorization to develop rites of blessing for same-gender unions, especially in states that have legalized such unions or marriages.

- Use of gender-neutral language for prayer book marriage services; creation of an Episcopal Relief and Development Sunday; liturgical materials for a new Creation Cycle to be celebrated during the season after Pentecost.

Economic justice issues

- Establishing a program to help alleviate poverty within the United States in such areas as Appalachia and federal reservations for Native Americans and increased ministry to native peoples.
- Formation of an economic justice ministry for and with lower-income people, involving a system of local partnerships with agencies that work with the poor, as well as increased advocacy, empowerment and community-development work.
- Increased efforts to combat racism within the Church.
- Increased advocacy with the governments of the United States and other countries to combat poverty and disease, support human rights, and promote scientifically-backed environmental policies.

Global concerns/Anglican Communion

- Support for the Millennium Development Goals, which General Convention 2006 established as a mission priority for the last triennium.
- Crises and peacemaking efforts in conflict areas such as the Middle East, Sudan, Sri Lanka and the Great Lakes region of Africa.
- The proposed Anglican covenant. The text was referred for further refinement by the Anglican Consultative Council at its May meeting, and as a result, formal adoption of the document can not be considered; however, resolutions on this topic may be submitted for consideration.
- Requests to overturn, nullify or supersede GC06 Resolution B033, which called for restraint in electing or approving the election as bishops of candidates "whose manner of life presents a challenge to the wider church and will lead to further strains on communion."

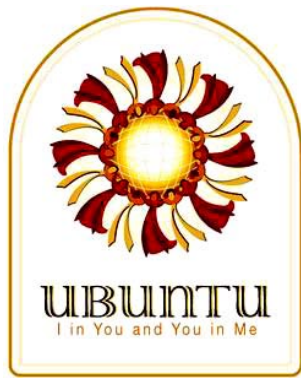
Ecumenical and interreligious relations

- Proposals for immediate full communion with the Moravian Church and beginning a process towards

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full communion with the (Lutheran) Church of Sweden.

- A theological statement to serve as the foundation upon which the Episcopal Church engages in interreligious dialogue.



Church governance

- Proposed revision of the church's disciplinary canons, known as Title IV, to clarify

several issues, including processes to deal pastorally and fairly with clergy who have been accused of inappropriate behavior.

- Proposals for TEC to help reduce the indebtedness of those studying in theological schools in preparation for ordination.

For information about General Convention resolutions and reports from The Episcopal Church's commissions, committees, agencies and boards, visit www.episcopalchurch.org/gc2009 and select "legislation" or "publications."

Official news of the GC may found at www.episcopalchurch.org and click on the General Convention '09 icon.

For reports from GC by the Bishop and deputies from West Missouri, visit the diocesan website at www.episcopalwestmo.org.

Father White, a clerical deputy from our diocese, will reflect on the 76th General Convention in his homily at both morning liturgies July 26.

—from Episcopal Life Online

Missionpalooza Needs Your Help

Missionpalooza is a weeklong opportunity for youth from the dioceses of West Missouri and Kansas in grades 8-12 to put their faith into action. They volunteer at organizations such as the Kansas City Community Kitchen, Habitat for Humanity, Wayside Waifs (always a favorite), and several other community organizations. Last year, 77 youth (including three from the Cathedral) and 40 adult volunteers provided more than 2200 hours of community service.

As in previous years, we have again been asked to provide a meal — Thursday, July 23. We need volunteers that evening (5-7:30 p.m.) to help set up and serve the meal. We also need cash donations to purchase the food for the meal. If you can help with either your time or your treasure, please contact Curtis Hamilton at (816) 529-5260 or cdhamilton@gmail.com.

Missionpalooza can also use volunteers throughout the week of the event (July 21-26), especially during the day. We need volunteers to go with the youth to the work sites. You will be impressed with these young people and the willing hearts they have. If you are interested in volunteering in this way, contact Curtis.

Treasurer's Report

May MTD	Budgeted MTD	Actual MTD
Income	\$ 161,854	\$ 170,821
Expenses	\$ 164,706	\$ 164,043
Net Total	\$ (2,852)	\$ 6,778
May YTD	Budgeted YTD	Actual YTD
Income	\$ 769,869	\$ 770,365
Expenses	\$ 727,764	\$ 723,619
Net Total	\$ 42,105	\$ 46,746

May was a good month financially at the Cathedral. Income was over budget about \$9,000 due almost exclusively to pledge and plate. Expenses were right on budget.

Year-to-date income was right on budget and expenses are \$4,000 under budget. Thank you for your support.

—by Doyle White

June flower gifts

June 7

- in thanksgiving for mother's birthday, Connie Powell — Paula Livingston
- in honor of our grandson Hank Leonard's birthday — Carolyn and Ron McLeroy
- in celebration of the baptism of Lydia Sancho — Mike Sancho and Bridgett Shirley
- in thanksgiving for our wedding — Julia Fields and Benjamin Jackson

June 14

- in thanksgiving for my son Carson Finet — Ruth Finet
- in honor of my children, Mary Ellen Heger and John Francis Toner, and their families — Evelyn Toner
- in memory of Bill Bucker — Barbara and Bob Bucker
- in memory of Mary Emma Palmer, and in thanksgiving for the birthdays of Tyler and Tanner Park and the baptism of Sophia Kathryn Park — Dr. Homer and Mary Kay Williams
- in memory of Artemis — Noah

June 21

- in memory of Katherine Hall — Bruce Hall
- in thanksgiving for the birthday of Ryan Livingston Thomas, my son — Paula Livingston
- in thanksgiving for our wedding — Mel Miller and Guy Creveling

June 28

- in loving memory of my husband William Coleman Branton — Shawsie Branton
- in celebration of our wedding anniversary — Pat and Kay Woolley
- in thanksgiving for my daughter, Stephanie — Phyllis Biddle
- in thanksgiving for the baptism of our son, Jordan — Jennifer & Steve Batterton

To donate toward the flowers to celebrate a special event or remember a loved one, sign up online at www.ghc-kc.org/flowers or contact the Cathedral office (816.474.8260 ext. 103 or office@ghc-kc.org).

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A laypersons' newspaper published in the interest of Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral.

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The Angelus Small Group is open to anyone interested in contributing (writing stories, taking photographs) regularly to *The Angelus*. No experience necessary.

Submissions from parishioners and small groups are welcome and encouraged. All entries are requested by the 15th day of the month prior to publication by e-mail: communications@ghc-kc.org or fax: 816.474.5856.

Maison de Naissance goes green

Maison de Naissance now has solar panels installed on its roof, thanks to the generous gifts of the skills and time of a group of eight dedicated volunteers headed by Jim Grant. Jim is volunteering his skills and expertise to act as the Chief Logistics Officer for MN.

As you may know, or can imagine, getting supplies into a poor country like Haiti takes time, patience and perseverance. The solar panels left Kansas City in a shipping container in January this year, and arrived in Haiti in early April, with a two-week delay in Jamaica. It required four separate trips to Haiti — two to retrieve the container from Haitian Customs and two more to install the equipment.

The solar panels will provide full sun power for the electrical system at MN during the day and, in addition, will charge the batteries for the generator to run

all night. MN's operating costs had included up to \$3,000/month for diesel fuel for the generator. This is a huge savings and the money saved can now be used to serve more mothers and babies.

So, not only is money now freed for the purpose MN was founded, but using sun power instead of petroleum is a good thing for our Earth.
—by Marian Philip



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Rood screen and pulpit celebrate 100th anniversary

This year marks the one hundredth anniversary of the dedication of both the rood screen and the pulpit.

The rood screen is unquestionably the most valuable Tiffany object in the Nave, as it was actually designed by Louis Comfort Tiffany (1848-1933), rather than having been designed by one of his employees and then credited to him. It came from New York City three months before it was dedicated in a special service on Friday, January 1, 1909. The dedication was also a social event, and engraved invitations were sent to everyone in Kansas City society.



A rood screen is an ornamental partition that separates the Nave from the Chancel, and its use dates to the Middle Ages. "Rood" was the Anglo-Saxon word meaning "cross." It is symbolic of the veil in the Temple of Jerusalem, which was rent in two from top to bottom at the moment of Christ's death on the cross. The cross in the center of the rood screen represents atonement, and the large opening in the middle, coupled with the slender, almost invisible support columns, presents an unhindered approach to the Divine Presence. It is made of wrought iron and bronze, with liberal gilding and painting. When it was installed, it was said to be the finest piece of ecclesiastical artwork west of the Mississippi River.

The rood screen is a memorial to August Robert Meyer who was born in St. Louis, Missouri, in 1851. August received training in engineering in Europe. August R. Meyer was one of three men who founded the city of Leadville, Colorado. After performing a critical survey of Leadville, Mr. Meyer purchased thirty acres,

and set up a mining operation. His fortune was assured when silver was found on his property. He began to invest his wealth.

Mr. Meyer specifically chose Kansas City as his new home in 1882. He became an important member of the Kansas City community, and was appointed to the first Parks Board in 1892, and then served as the first President of the Board of Park Commissioners. In 1893, Mr. Meyer and architect Adriaance Van Brunt (1836-1913), who designed our Guild Hall in 1888, visited boulevard systems in large Eastern United States cities, and drafted the

plan that was the basis for the boulevard system developed in Kansas City. Meyer Boulevard was named to honor Mr. Meyer's contributions in that regard. He died on December 1, 1905. This memorial was given by his children.

The pulpit is a memorial to William Bingham Clarke, who was a member of the Parish for many years before his death. He was born in Ohio in 1848, and was educated as an attorney. He was sent to Abilene, Kansas, in 1871 to oversee the opening of a bank, and he decided to remain in Kansas. He made several fortunes in Junction City, Kansas, where he moved in 1872. When he moved to Kan-

sas City in 1886, he set up the United States Trust Company. He invested in the Missouri and Kansas Telephone Company, and later became its president. During this period, he controlled the entire output of salt production at Salt Lake City, Utah. He was a shareholder in several railroad building projects and was President of the Meyer-Clarke-Rowe Mines Company, with his friend, August R. Meyer.

In addition to his business activities, Mr. Clarke was very involved in the work of this Parish and the Diocese. He served as Junior Warden for several years, beginning in 1893. He also was a representative of Grace Church to the national Triennial Congress of the Episcopal Church in 1891, 1894 and 1897, and he served as Treasurer of the Diocese of West Missouri.

William Bingham Clarke died on February 24, 1905. After his death, his wife and two sons purchased this magnificent pulpit for Grace Church. The pulpit is an adaptation of the Canterbury Ambo in the Washington National Cathedral. While that pulpit is stone, and is covered with beautiful carvings depicting seven men who were instrumental in the translation of the Bible into vernacular English, this pulpit from the Gorham Foundry is more simple. Its bronze statues depict the four Gospel writers.

The pulpit was dedicated Sunday, April 4, 1909. This elegant product of the Gorham Foundry has served as the pulpit for countless sermons since that first Sunday morning in April 1909, a century of sermons!



photos by Chris Morrison

—by Randal Loy

Free Fun Day at Crown Center

Saturday, July 11 • 9:50 or 11:40 a.m.

- Join us at Kaleidoscope at 9:50 or 10:40 for some arts and crafts.
- Bring a picnic lunch and watch or join kids playing in the fountains.
- Then head over to Crown Center for a Paul Mesner Puppet show (at 12 or 2) and the LEGO display!
- Come for all or part of the day!

Deanna Rose Farmstead

Thursday, August 6 • 2 p.m.

- Everyone's invited!
- Join us for an afternoon at the farmstead and petting zoo!
- Not a fan of farm animals? Bring a racket and some balls and have fun on the tennis courts!
- The farmstead is located at 138th and Switzer in Overland Park, Kansas. Visit www.opkansas.org/_/Vis/farmstead for more info.



**Sign up for
Dinner for 8 groups
will begin in
August.**

**Look for more
information in
upcoming bulletins!**

Dedication of the House Abraham Builds

The home is completed and blessed. At the June 28 interfaith prayer service and social event, the new home was dedicated and keys were given to the new owners. The house was blessed using prayers from the Jewish, Christian and Muslim faiths.

The family will be presented with their keys and everyone will get to see the work that has been accomplished through this diverse partnership.

Special thanks to Grady Sanford, who coordinated the steady supply of workers from all the participating Episcopal parishes.

This build took exactly two months to complete: on time, on budget.

Many members of the Cathedral supported this build so generously with labor, food, prayers and financial resources. And the Dean caused no damage to the structure on Clergy Build Day!

photos by Grady Sanford



St. Mary Magdalene breaks ground for new church building



photo by Ben Wood

Dean White watches as Bishop Howe uses his crozier to make the Sign of the Cross in the freshly broken ground where a church building for the people of St. Mary Magdalene will be constructed. The event took place on the Day of Pentecost, May 31. The Vestry of Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral made a \$50,000 contribution to the parish's building fund in 2007. The congregation expects to celebrate Easter Day in their new home in the Village of Loch Lloyd.



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The Right Rev. Barry R. Howe
Bishop of West Missouri

The Very Rev. Terry White
Dean

The Rev. Canon Susan Sommer
Canon Pastor and Subdean

The Rev. Joseph Behen
Clergy Assistant

The Rev. Bryan England
Deacon

The Rev. Bruce Hall
Deacon

The Rev. Dr. Michael Johnston
Scholar-in-Residence

Mr. John L. Schaefer
Canon Musician

This Month's Activities

3-4 • **FRIDAY-SATURDAY**
Cathedral office and buildings closed for Independence Day.

12 • **SUNDAY**
Blood pressure checks at coffee hour

15 • **WEDNESDAY**
7:00 a.m. Finance Committee
7:00 p.m. Concert: Maryland Boys Choir

22 • **WEDNESDAY**
6:30 p.m. Reel People

Please verify times and dates of the events listed with the appropriate person(s) or by contacting the Cathedral office or website (www.ghtc-kc.org).

Weekly Activities

SUNDAY
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist
5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

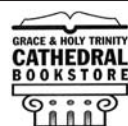
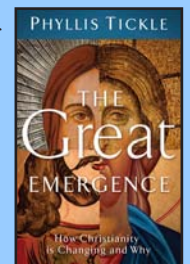
MONDAY-FRIDAY
12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist

TUESDAY
1:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study

THURSDAY
7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study

Book review: *The Great Emergence* by Phyllis Tickle

"Every five hundred years, the church cleans out its attic and has a giant rummage sale." In this book, Phyllis Tickle, founding editor of the Religion Department of *Publishers Weekly*, interprets the church's major transitions throughout history (Gregory the Great and Rise of Monasticism in the 6th Century, the Great Schism of the 11th Century, and the Great Reformation of the 16th century) as times of "dizzing upheaval and hopeful promises." She places the current chaos of contemporary cultural upheaval squarely within such a major transition which she labels The Great Emergence. The Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop and Primate of The Episcopal Church, says the author "offers a creative and provocative overview of multiple social and cultural changes in our era, their relation to previous major paradigm shifts, and their particular impact on North American Christianity. This is an immensely important contribution in the current conversation about new and emerging forms of Christianity in a post-modern environment — and a delight to read!" Accessible at 166 pages in length and bound to shape religious conversation in these days of change. (Baker Books, \$17.99) TW+



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following both morning services.**