

Pre-Convention Journal

Forming Christians



for Mission

**142nd Annual Convention
of the Episcopal Diocese of West Virginia**

October 18-20, 2019

Oglebay Resort and Conference Center

Wheeling, West Virginia

Hosted by

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

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Proposed Schedule
142nd Diocesan Convention
of the Episcopal Church of West Virginia
Oct 18-20, 2019
Oglebay Resort and Conference Center
“Forming Christians for Mission”

Friday, October 18, 2019

8 am - 9:30 am	Exhibitors setup --Terrace Room (main level)
	Hospitality --Suite TBA
	Registration setup --in front of Banquet View 1-3 (main level)
	Chapel setup --Fort Henry Room (main level)
10 am – 4 pm	Registration --in front of Banquet View 1-3 (main level)
10 am - 10 pm	Chapel Open --Fort Henry Room (main level)
Noon – 4:30 pm	Vendors/Exhibitors area open --Terrace Room (main level)
12:45pm - 4:00 pm	Hospitality --Suite TBA
1 pm – 2:15 pm	Opening of Convention --Banquet View 1-3 (main level)

2:30 pm –
4:15 pm

Open Hearing & Committee Meetings

Resolutions—Conference Room 5 (lobby level)

Constitutions & Canons—Conference Room 6 (lobby level)

Budget—remain in Banquet View 1-3 (main level)

4:30 pm

Board buses to travel to St. Matthew’s for Evensong

Use exterior doors in front of Glessner Auditorium (lobby level)

5:30 pm

Evensong-- If driving independently expect on street parking

St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church

1410 Chapline Street

Wheeling, WV 26003

Clergy meet in the parish hall to vest (cassock, surplice and tippet)

6:40 pm

Board buses for return to Oglebay

7:00 pm -

9:00 pm

Cash Bar Open

--Glessner Auditorium (lobby level)

7:30 pm-

9:00 p.m.

Buffet Dinner

--Glessner Auditorium (lobby level)

Saturday, October 19, 2019

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7:30 am

Morning Eucharist with Healing Service

--in Chapel, the Fort Henry Room (main level)

6:45 am –

8:45 am

Breakfast served at your leisure

Glessner Auditorium (lobby level)

8:30 am- 10:00 pm	Chapel Open —Fort Henry Room (main level)
9:00 am – 11:00 am	Registration Continues (main level)
9:30 am- 4:30 pm	Hospitality --Suite # TBA
9:00 am- 4:30 pm	Vendors/Exhibitors area open --Terrace Room (main level)
9:00 am- speakers 9:30 am	Morning Session –introduction to our four forums and guest Each will focus on a different approach to “Forming Christians for Mission”. You will be given the opportunity to attend two of the forums during our morning sessions. --Banquet View 1-3 (main level)
9:45 am – 10:45 am	First session of forums – (choose one of four below) Forum A-Banquet View 1-3 (main level) The Brotherhood of Saint Andrew --Tom Martin, Forum B-Conference Room 4 (lobby level) IONA Collaborative —The Rev. Deacon Al Prichard Forum C--Conference Room 5 (lobby level) Children’s Ministries —Catherine Saxe Forum D--Conference Room 6 (lobby level) Education for Ministry (EfM) —Michael Roberts
11:00 am – Noon	Second session of forums – (choose one of four above)

11:45 am **Clergy Spouses Luncheon**
 Betty Zane Dining Room (main level)

Noon **Lunch served in the Glessner Auditorium (lobby level)**

1:00 pm-
 5:30 pm **Diocesan Convention Reconvenes**
 Banquet View 1-3 (main level)

5:30 pm-
 7:30 pm **Cash bar opens**
 --Glessner Auditorium (lobby level)

6:00 pm **Awards Banquet and Entertainment**
 --Glessner Auditorium

Sunday, October 20, 2019

8:00 am-
 10:00 am **Breakfast served at your leisure**
 --Glessner Auditorium (lobby level)

10:30 am **Diocesan Convention Closing Eucharist**

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church
 1410 Chapline Street
 Wheeling, WV 26003

Transportation is not provided-- there is on street parking
 Clergy will meet in the Parish Hall to vest -- alb and stoles/Color =
 Green



Convention Adjournment

***** NOTES OF IMPORTANCE *****

1. All meetings will take place at Oglebay Resort and Conference Center
2. A Prayer Chapel will be open throughout the Convention in The Fort Henry Room on the main level. The Chapel will be used for Worship on Saturday morning --Morning Eucharist with Healing Service, 7:30 a.m.
3. There will be No Child Care offered at Convention
4. The Exhibitors' Tables are in the Terrace Room on the main level
5. We encourage churches to bring their Church Banners to be displayed in Banquet View Rooms 1-3 on the main level. This is our main meeting space. All banners must have their own stands.
6. Registration will take place in front of Banquet View Rooms 1-3 on the main level from 10:00am to 4:00pm Friday and 9:00am to 11:00am on Saturday
7. First meal offered as part of Convention is dinner on Friday
8. Worship services Friday evening and Sunday morning will be celebrated at:
St. Matthew's Episcopal Church
1410 Chapline Street
Wheeling, WV 26003
9. Buses will depart the hotel at 4:30 p.m. for the Friday 5:30 p.m. Evensong service. Please use the exterior doors in front of the Glessner Auditorium (lobby level). If driving independently expect on street parking.
10. Bus service is not available for Sunday worship at St. Matthew's. There is on street parking and Eucharist will begin at 10:30am.
11. Clergy dress: Evensong Friday vest in the parish hall (cassock, surplice and tippet)
Eucharist Sunday vest in the parish hall (alb and stoles/color = green)

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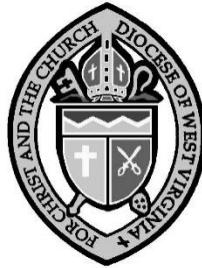
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Clergy TBD

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Church Periodical Club (CPC)-Debbie Ventura

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Chaplain/Daughters of the King -Johanna Rengers

Women's Conference Coordinator -Christine Metheny

**Offices to be Elected at the
142nd Convention of the Diocese of West Virginia
October 18-20, 2019**

Constitution and Canons (3-year term)

One (1) presbyter to be elected (term expires 2022)
Two (2) laypersons to be elected (term expires 2022)

Disciplinary Board (3-year term)

One (1) presbyter to be elected (term expires 2022)

Diocesan Council (serves per Deanery By-Laws—elected by Deaneries, and ratified by Convention)

Kanawha Deanery – One (1) layperson
Northern Deanery – One (1) presbyter
Ohio Deanery – One (1) layperson
Southwestern Deanery -- One (1) presbyter and One (1) layperson

Diocesan Trustee (5-year term)

Three (3) persons to be elected – (one full term position ending in 2024 and two unexpired terms one ending 2021 and on 2023)

General Convention Deputies (Baltimore, MD June 30, 2021 – July 9, 2021)

Four (4) laypersons to serve as Deputies
Four (4) laypersons also elected to serve as Alternate Deputies
Four (4) presbyters to serve as Deputies
Four (4) presbyters to serve as Alternate Deputies

National Canons: Canon I.1.4(a) All jurisdictions of this Church entitled by the Constitutions or Canons to choose Deputies to the General Convention shall be Required to do so not later than twelve months preceding the opening date of the General Convention for which they are chosen. Deputies of jurisdictions failing so to elect may not be seated unless permitted by ruling of the Presiding Officer. Since our **2020 Diocesan Convention will take place approximately eight months prior to the **2021** General Convention, we are required to elect Deputies in **2019**.*

Sandscrest Board (3-year term)

Four (4) persons to be elected (term expires 2022)

Standing Committee (4-year term)

Two (2) layperson to be elected (one full term 2023 and one unexpired term expires 2020)
Two (2) presbyters to be elected (one full term position ending in 2023 and one unexpired term ending 2021)

Information Sheet for Elected Positions

For the 142ND Diocesan Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of West Virginia

Constitution and Canons Committee: (Refer to Constitution Article 10 and Canon II.2.5; Canon II.7.5)

- Serves a 3-year term
- Consists of 3 presbyters and 3 lay persons
- Review Diocesan Constitution and Canons, making recommendations for changes and/or modifications
- Review recommended modifications or changes made by others

Disciplinary Board (Refer to Canon II.2.4)

- Elected by Convention and serves a 3-year term
- Clergy Members of the Board must be canonically and geographically resident within the Diocese
- Lay Members of the Board shall be adult communicants in good standing and geographically resident in the Diocese

Diocesan Council Representative: (Refer to Constitution Article 10 and Canon II.2.3; Canon II, 7.3)

- Serves per Deanery by-laws
- Represents their respective Deanery at Diocesan Council meeting
- Council shall exercise all the power of Convention, during such time as the annual meeting is not in session
- Study opportunities for carrying on the mission of the Church
- Advise the Ecclesiastical Authority with regard to the welfare of the Diocese
- Work for the long-range plans for carrying on the mission of the Diocese
- Prepare and present budget for the Diocese to Convention
- Meets at least four times per year

Diocesan Trustee: (Refer to Constitution Article 10 and Canon II.2.1 and Canon II.7.1)

- Serves a 5-year term
- One Trustee elected annually at Convention depending on current term and vacancies: Bishop shall present nominees in any number he/she chooses
- Trustees may fill vacancies
- Manage the holdings and funds of the Diocese and have charge of real estate belonging to the Diocese
- Shall report annually to Diocesan Convention with regard to the condition of the funds in their charge
- Limited to 2 consecutive terms

General Convention Deputies and Alternates:

- Need to be elected at Diocesan conventions at least one (1) year prior to General Convention
- Consists of four (4) clerical deputies and four (4) lay deputies
- Also to be elected are four (4) clerical alternate deputies and four (4) lay alternate deputies
- Lay deputies and clerical deputies shall attend the next General Convention

Sandscrest Board:

- Serves a 3-year term
- Is the entity which holds title to Sandscrest
- Meets 4 times per year

The Standing Committee: (Refer to Constitution Article 10 and Canon II.2.2; Canon II.7.2)

- Serves a 4-year term
- Consists of four (4) elected by ballot presbyters entitled to seats in Convention AND four (4) adult communicant lay persons in good standing of Congregations in the Diocese
- Committee may fill vacancies until next Convention
- One term limit unless filling an unexpired term
- One presbyter and one lay person is typically elected each year to serve a 4-year term subject to vacancies
- Duties:
 - To be a council of advice for the Bishop
 - In the absence of the Bishop, Bishop Coadjutor or Bishop Suffragan be Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese as prescribed by General Convention

Proposed Resolutions
142nd Annual Diocesan Convention

Resolution #1

Title: Treatment of Refugee Children at Our Southern Border

Resolved, That the 142nd Annual Convention of the Diocese of West Virginia in response to the practice of separating children as young as 4 months from their families, and unsafe conditions under which they are being housed at our southern border, and, while not calling for open borders, do call upon our elected leaders to create and maintain a humane, fair, safe, sanitary and moral system for moving asylum seekers and refugees through the system as required by law, and keeping families together, recalling we are commanded to treat others as we, ourselves, wish to be treated;

Resolved, That honoring our Baptismal Covenant to “respect the dignity of every human being” and to “strive for justice and peace among all people”, we, the 142nd Annual Convention of the Diocese of West Virginia, commit ourselves to prayer for everyone involved - children separated from their families, refugees, those seeking asylum, elected leaders, and law enforcement - while also advocating for the humane treatment of asylum seekers and refugees at our border as they flee the terror of their home countries, recalling, again, we are to treat others as we, ourselves, wish to be treated;

Resolved, That members of the 142nd Annual Convention of the Diocese of West Virginia will take this resolution to their congregations and disseminate its content to their congregations in a manner that is believed to be most efficient and to encourage each congregation, and its members, to communicate its content to their members of Congress and State Senators and Representatives;

Resolved, That the Secretary of the 142nd Annual Convention of the Diocese of West Virginia forward this resolution to the President of the United States, the Governor of West Virginia, our elected members of Congress and Clerks of the WV State Legislature (House and Senate).

Presented by The Kanawha Deanery (8/27/2019)

EXPLANATION

Attached are 1) a statement from Bishops of all six Episcopal dioceses in Texas who issued a joint statement decrying the inhumane conditions at our country’s borders (July 8, 2019), 2) The Episcopal Church response to crisis on the border (July 2, 2019), and 3) a transcript of Presiding Bishop Michael Curry’s response to the crisis at the U.S. Border.

In each of these supporting documents, it is clear we, as Christians, are required to welcome and honor the stranger, treat them as we treat ourselves. The current treatment of refugees in general, but specifically children separated from their families at as young as 4 months and retained in unsanitary, inhumane conditions, requires us to speak out against these practices. Jesus, in Matthew

18:2-6, called a child, whom he put among them, and said, “Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me. If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were fastened around your neck and you were drowned in the depth of the sea.” (NRSV)

We are not calling for open borders, but for humane treatment of those refugees and asylum seekers, again recalling we are to treat our neighbors as we, ourselves, wish to be treated and calling upon our elected officials to do the same.

We believe and trust in the goodness, generosity and strength of our nation, in its great abundance and ability to recall that, for most, our ancestors were immigrants, no more or less than those desperately seeking asylum at our southern border.

We believe this nation does have the resources, if it chooses to use them, to care for refugees humanely, including those children having been taken from their families and kept in inhumane, unsanitary, unsafe conditions.

Attached are copies of a Cycle of Prayer for Migrants created by St. Mark’s Episcopal Church, Capitol Hill, Washington DC, for those who wish to formalize their prayers and contact information for Congress and State Senators and Representatives.

Bishops of all six Episcopal dioceses in Texas issue a joint statement decrying the inhumane conditions at our country’s borders

Posted Jul 8, 2019

To our state and national leaders,

We are bishops of the six Episcopal dioceses in Texas. All but 700 miles of the almost 2,000 miles of the US-Mexico border are in Texas. All of Texas feels the impact of anything that happens on our southern border.

We feel it through our families, many of whom have ancient deep roots in lands south of the United States. We feel it in our economy, as Mexico is Texas’ biggest trading partner. We feel it in our culture, since Texas was part of Mexico before we were part of the United States. Most of all, we feel it in our souls, for these are our neighbors, and we love them.

We write to decry the conditions in detention centers at our border because we are Christians, and Jesus is unequivocal. We are to pray without ceasing for everyone involved-refugees, elected officials, and law enforcement-while also advocating for the humane treatment of the human beings crowding our border as they flee the terror and violence of their home countries.

We call on our state and national leaders to reject fear-based policy-making that targets people who are simply seeking safety, and a chance to live and work in peace. The situation at the border is, by all accounts, a crisis. Refugees come in desperation; border personnel are under stress.

We call on our leaders to trust in the goodness, generosity and strength of our nation. God has blessed us with great abundance. With it comes the ability and responsibility to bless others.

We do this because Christians are commanded to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. And how we are to treat our neighbors, especially the children, could not be any clearer than it is in Matthew 18:2-6:

“He called a little child to him, and placed the child among them. And he said: “Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me. If anyone causes one of these little ones—those who believe in me—to stumble, it would be better for them to have a large millstone hung around their neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea.”

We are to care for the children, cherish them, protect them and keep them safe.

But what if they are strangers, foreigners? The message of God in the Hebrew Scriptures, Leviticus 19:33-34, also is very clear: *“When a foreigner resides among you in your land, do not mistreat them. The foreigner residing among you must be treated as your native-born. Love them as yourself, for you were foreigners in Egypt. I am the Lord your God.”*

And again, in Matthew 25: 31-40. *“I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me.”* And, in Matthew 25:40: *“Truly I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these, you did it to me.”*

This is not a call for open borders. This is not saying that immigration isn't complicated. This is a call for a humane and fair system for moving asylum seekers and refugees through the system as required by law. Seeking asylum is not illegal. Indeed, the people at our border are following the law when they present themselves to border authorities.

Asylum is “a protection granted to foreign nationals already in the United States or at the border who meet the international law definition of a ‘refugee,’ which is ‘a person who is unable or unwilling to return to his or her home country, and cannot obtain protection in that country, due to past persecution or a well-founded fear of being persecuted in the future ‘on account of race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group, or political opinion.’”

Congress incorporated this definition into U.S. immigration law in the Refugee Act of 1980. The Refugee Act established two paths to obtain refugee status—either in the United States as an asylum seeker or from abroad as a resettled refugee.

As Christians, we seek to follow the biblical and moral imperatives of our Lord. In addition, the United States has legal obligations through international law as well as our own immigration law to provide protection to those who qualify as refugees.

And while the border authorities can detain asylum seekers, courts have ordered them to do so in “safe and sanitary conditions.” Credible news reports documenting unsafe conditions, especially for children, have made it clear this is not happening in consistent and sustained ways, as resources and personnel are overwhelmed by the situation.

This nation has the resources to handle these refugees humanely. We call on our leaders to find the will to do so swiftly.

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Episcopal Church response to crisis on the border

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Over the past several weeks, The Episcopal Church has responded to the reports of inhumane conditions for children and other asylum seekers in government custody in a number of ways. This response includes calls for donations and goods from Episcopal dioceses on the border, prayers for those seeking safety, efforts to engage in advocacy, and pastoral messages from bishops around the Church.

“We are children of the one God who is the Creator of us all,” said Presiding Bishop Michael Curry. “It is our sisters, our brothers, our siblings who are seeking protection and asylum, fleeing violence and danger to children, searching for a better life for themselves and their children. The crisis at the border is not simply a challenge of partisan politics but a test of our personal and public morality and human decency.”

The Episcopal Church, through the Office of Government Relations (OGR) and Episcopal Migration Ministries (EMM), has compiled a list of resources, bishop statements, and information in response to the ongoing humanitarian situation at the southern border.

“Reports of poor care for children in Customs and Border Protection (CBP) custody and continued policies to limit access to asylum are extremely concerning to people of faith. We must remember these children are

here because they cannot find safety anywhere else,” stated Rebecca Linder Blachly, Director of The Episcopal Church Office of Government Relations. “The U.S. has an established system to process asylum seekers, who are coming to the U.S. legally. The response to asylum seekers who are desperate and afraid should not be deterrence or detention. We have the capability to respond in a humane and compassionate manner, and I am grateful for everyone in The Episcopal Church who is responding to this crisis.”

The list of resources for education and support is available on the EMM website at <https://episcopalmigrationministries.org/response-to-the-border-educatio...> and will continue to be updated with ways to learn more and take action. The OGR and EMM webinar with Bishop Michael Hunn of the Diocese of Rio Grande will be made available on-demand through this website as well.

“The enormity of the challenge is daunting. It is easy to feel helpless to make a difference. While we cannot do everything, we can do something,” said Curry. “The links to resources of bishops and dioceses on the border, the Office of Government Relations and Episcopal Migration Ministries offer practical suggestions for how we can each and together do something.”

The Office of Government Relations represents the policy priorities of The Episcopal Church to the U.S. government in Washington, D.C. This office aims to shape and influence policy and legislation on critical issues, highlighting the voices and experiences of Episcopalians and Anglicans globally. All of its work is grounded in the resolutions of General Convention and Executive Council, the legislative and governing bodies of the church. Connecting Episcopalians to their faith by educating, equipping and engaging them to do the work of advocacy through the Episcopal Public Policy Network (EPPN) is a key aspect of this work. Episcopal Migration Ministries is a ministry of The Episcopal Church and is one of nine national agencies responsible for resettling refugees in the United States in partnership with the government. Episcopal Migration Ministries currently has 13 affiliate offices in 12 states. To directly support EMM and its life-changing work, visit www.episcopalmigrationministries.org/give or text ‘EMM’ to 41444 (standard messaging and data may rates apply).

<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/posts/publicaffairs/episcopal-church-response-crisis-border>

Transcription of Presiding Bishop’s message, “Who is my neighbor?”
July 15, 2019

I’m Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church. It goes without saying that there is a humanitarian crisis at the southern border of the United States. It is a human crisis, a crisis that has deep and complex roots, sources, and origins. But it is a crisis, a crisis of the human children of God.

There is suffering and there is hardship. There is complexity and difficulty.

But it is a crisis that we as nation, that we as a global community, must face and find a way forward for the sake of our brothers and our sisters, for the sake of us all.

Deeply embedded in the Christian faith, indeed deeply embedded in the Jewish tradition, which is the mother of the Christian faith, and deeply embedded in the faith and traditions and values of many of the world’s great religions, is a profound conviction in a sure and certain value and virtue that care for the stranger, the alien, the visitor, is a sacred duty, a sacred vow.

In the Hebrew scriptures in the book of Deuteronomy, the book writes and says you shall love the stranger, for remember you were once strangers in the land of Egypt.

In the 25th chapter of Matthew in the New Testament, Jesus in the parable of the last judgment says that when you welcomed the stranger, when you did it to these who are members of my family, you have done it to me.

When you welcome the stranger, you welcome Jesus. The book of Hebrews in the New Testament says those who have welcomed the strangers have sometimes welcomed angels unawares.

Welcoming the stranger, or as some translations call the alien, welcoming those who are visiting among us is a cardinal virtue and value in our Christian faith.

Jesus was talking to a lawyer once; the story is told in Luke's gospel. And, when he was talking to the lawyer, the lawyer asked him what he must do to inherit eternal life. And Jesus said, what did Moses teach in the Hebrew scriptures? The lawyer said, well, Moses said you shall love the Lord your God and love your neighbor as yourself.

And Jesus said do that and you will find life.

But the lawyer went on and he asked, well, can we define neighbor more precisely? Who is my neighbor? And that's when Jesus told what we now know as the Parable of the Good Samaritan where one person helped another person, a person who was completely unlike them, someone that person considered other, not my tribe, not my nationality, not my religion, not even my friend. And Jesus at the end of the parable said, who was the neighbor to the man who was in need? And the lawyer said, well the one who actually showed compassion.

And Jesus said, now go and do that likewise.

That parable of the Good Samaritan invites us, calls us, challenges us, to be neighbor to the neighbor.

Some of our neighbors are at the border and some of our neighbors are those who have immigrated to this country and are living right in our neighborhood or in our city or in our community, or our state. To show compassion to them is to obey Jesus. Go and do likewise.

Show compassion. Show mercy. Help the neighbor. Help the stranger. Love the Lord your God. And love your neighbor as yourself.

<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/posts/publicaffairs/video-presiding-bishops-message-who-my-neighbor>

The Migrant Cycles of Prayer: https://www.episcopalchurch.org/files/migrant_cycle_of_prayer_st_marks_.pdf

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Resolution #2

Title: Treatment of Refugee Children

Resolved, That the 142nd Annual Convention of the Diocese of West Virginia in response to horrific practice of separating children as young as 4 months from their families, and appalling, unsafe conditions under which they are being housed, and, while not calling for open borders, do call upon our elected leaders to create and maintain a humane, fair, safe, sanitary and moral system for moving asylum seekers and refugees through the system as required by law, and keeping families together, recalling we are commanded to treat others as we, ourselves, wish to be treated;

Resolved, That honoring our Baptismal Covenant to “respect the dignity of every human being” and to “strive for justice and peace among all people”, we commit ourselves to prayer for everyone involved - children separated from their families, refugees, those seeking asylum, elected leaders, and law enforcement - while also advocating for the humane treatment of asylum seekers and refugees at our border as they flee the terror of their home countries, recalling, again, we are to treat others as we, ourselves, wish to be treated;

Resolved, That the Secretary of the 142nd Annual Convention of the Diocese of West Virginia forward this resolution to the West Virginia Council of Churches, The Episcopal Church c/o Presiding Bishop Michael Curry; and reminding our elected leaders that we are commanded to treat others as we wish to be treated, to the President of the United States, the Governor of West Virginia, our elected members of Congress and all members of the WV State Legislature

EXPLANATION

Attached are 1) a statement from Bishops of all six Episcopal dioceses in Texas who issued a joint statement decrying the inhumane conditions at our country's borders (July 8, 2019), 2) The Episcopal Church response to crisis on the border (July 2, 2019), 3) a transcript of Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's response to the crisis at the U.S. Border (July 15, 2019), and 4) The Migrant Cycles of Prayer.

In each of these supporting documents, it is clear we, as Christians, are required to welcome and honor the stranger, treat them as we treat ourselves. The current treatment of refugees in general, but specifically children separated from their families at as young as 4 months and retained in unsanitary, inhumane conditions, requires us to speak out against these practices. Jesus, in Matthew 18:2-6, called a child, whom he put among them, and said, “Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me. If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were fastened around your neck and you were drowned in the depth of the sea.” (NRSV)

We are not calling for open borders, but for humane treatment of those refugees and asylum seekers, again recalling we are to treat our neighbors as we, ourselves, wish to be treated and calling upon our elected officials to do the same.

We believe and trust in the goodness, generosity and strength of our nation, in its great abundance and ability to recall that, for most, our ancestors were immigrants, no more or less than those desperately seeking asylum at our southern border.

We believe this nation does have the resources, if it chooses to use them, to care for refugees humanely, including those children having been taken from their families and kept in inhumane, unsanitary, unsafe conditions.

Attached is also a copy of a Cycle of Prayer for Migrants created by St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Capitol Hill, Washington DC, for those who wish to formalize their prayers.

Presented by the New South Deanery

Attachments for Resolution #2

Bishops of all six Episcopal dioceses in Texas issue a joint statement decrying the inhumane conditions at our country's borders

Posted Jul 8, 2019

To our state and national leaders,

We are bishops of the six Episcopal dioceses in Texas. All but 700 miles of the almost 2,000 miles of the US-Mexico border are in Texas. All of Texas feels the impact of anything that happens on our southern border.

We feel it through our families, many of whom have ancient deep roots in lands south of the United States. We feel it in our economy, as Mexico is Texas' biggest trading partner. We feel it in our culture, since Texas was part of Mexico before we were part of the United States. Most of all, we feel it in our souls, for these are our neighbors, and we love them.

We write to decry the conditions in detention centers at our border because we are Christians, and Jesus is unequivocal. We are to pray without ceasing for everyone involved-refugees, elected officials, and law enforcement-while also advocating for the humane treatment of the human beings crowding our border as they flee the terror and violence of their home countries.

We call on our state and national leaders to reject fear-based policy-making that targets people who are simply seeking safety, and a chance to live and work in peace. The situation at the border is, by all accounts, a crisis. Refugees come in desperation; border personnel are under stress.

We call on our leaders to trust in the goodness, generosity and strength of our nation. God has blessed us with great abundance. With it comes the ability and responsibility to bless others.

We do this because Christians are commanded to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. And how we are to treat our neighbors, especially the children, could not be any clearer than it is in Matthew 18:2-6:

“He called a little child to him, and placed the child among them. And he said: “Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me. If anyone causes one of these little ones—those who believe in me—to stumble, it would be better for them to have a large millstone hung around their neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea.”

We are to care for the children, cherish them, protect them and keep them safe.

But what if they are strangers, foreigners? The message of God in the Hebrew Scriptures, Leviticus 19:33-34, also is very clear: *“When a foreigner resides among you in your land, do not mistreat them. The foreigner residing among you must be treated as your native-born. Love them as yourself, for you were foreigners in Egypt. I am the Lord your God.”*

And again, in Matthew 25: 31-40. *“I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me.”* And, in Matthew 25:40: *“Truly I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these, you did it to me.”*

This is not a call for open borders. This is not saying that immigration isn't complicated. This is a call for a humane and fair system for moving asylum seekers and refugees through the system as required by law. Seeking asylum is not illegal. Indeed, the people at our border are following the law when they present themselves to border authorities.

Asylum is “a protection granted to foreign nationals already in the United States or at the border who meet the international law definition of a ‘refugee,’ which is ‘a person who is unable or unwilling to return to his or her home country, and cannot obtain protection in that country, due to past persecution or a well-founded fear of being persecuted in the future ‘on account of race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group, or political opinion.’”

Congress incorporated this definition into U.S. immigration law in the Refugee Act of 1980. The Refugee Act established two paths to obtain refugee status—either in the United States as an asylum seeker or from abroad as a resettled refugee.

As Christians, we seek to follow the biblical and moral imperatives of our Lord. In addition, the United States has legal obligations through international law as well as our own immigration law to provide protection to those who qualify as refugees.

And while the border authorities can detain asylum seekers, courts have ordered them to do so in “safe and sanitary conditions.” Credible news reports documenting unsafe conditions, especially for children, have made it clear this is not happening in consistent and sustained ways, as resources and personnel are overwhelmed by the situation.

This nation has the resources to handle these refugees humanely. We call on our leaders to find the will to do so swiftly.

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Episcopal Church response to crisis on the border

July 2, 2019

Over the past several weeks, The Episcopal Church has responded to the reports of inhumane conditions for children and other asylum seekers in government custody in a number of ways. This response includes calls for donations and goods from Episcopal dioceses on the border, prayers for those seeking safety, efforts to engage in advocacy, and pastoral messages from bishops around the Church.

“We are children of the one God who is the Creator of us all,” said Presiding Bishop Michael Curry. “It is our sisters, our brothers, our siblings who are seeking protection and asylum, fleeing violence and danger to children, searching for a better life for themselves and their children. The crisis at the border is not simply a challenge of partisan politics but a test of our personal and public morality and human decency.”

The Episcopal Church, through the Office of Government Relations (OGR) and Episcopal Migration Ministries (EMM), has compiled a list of resources, bishop statements, and information in response to the ongoing humanitarian situation at the southern border.

“Reports of poor care for children in Customs and Border Protection (CBP) custody and continued policies to limit access to asylum are extremely concerning to people of faith. We must remember these children are here because they cannot find safety anywhere else,” stated Rebecca Linder Blachly, Director of The Episcopal Church Office of Government Relations. “The U.S. has an established system to process asylum seekers, who are coming to the U.S. legally. The response to asylum seekers who are desperate and afraid should not be deterrence or detention. We have the capability to respond in a humane and compassionate manner, and I am grateful for everyone in The Episcopal Church who is responding to this crisis.”

The list of resources for education and support is available on the EMM website at <https://episcopalmigrationministries.org/response-to-the-border-educatio...> and will continue to be updated with ways to learn more and take action. The OGR and EMM webinar with Bishop Michael Hunn of the Diocese of Rio Grande will be made available on-demand through this website as well.

“The enormity of the challenge is daunting. It is easy to feel helpless to make a difference. While we cannot do everything, we can do something,” said Curry. “The links to resources of bishops and dioceses on the border, the Office of Government Relations and Episcopal Migration Ministries offer practical suggestions for how we can each and together do something.”

The Office of Government Relations represents the policy priorities of The Episcopal Church to the U.S. government in Washington, D.C. This office aims to shape and influence policy and legislation on critical issues, highlighting the voices and experiences of Episcopalians and Anglicans globally. All of its work is grounded in the resolutions of General Convention and Executive Council, the legislative and governing bodies of the church. Connecting Episcopalians to their faith by educating, equipping and engaging them to do the work of advocacy through the Episcopal Public Policy Network (EPPN) is a key aspect of this work.

Episcopal Migration Ministries is a ministry of The Episcopal Church and is one of nine national agencies responsible for resettling refugees in the United States in partnership with the government. Episcopal Migration Ministries currently has 13 affiliate offices in 12 states. To directly support EMM and its life-changing work, visit www.episcopalmigrationministries.org/give or text ‘EMM’ to 41444 (standard messaging and data may rates apply).

<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/posts/publicaffairs/episcopal-church-response-crisis-border>

Transcription of Presiding Bishop’s message, “Who is my neighbor?”

July 15, 2019

I’m Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church. It goes without saying that there is a humanitarian crisis at the southern border of the United States. It is a human crisis, a crisis that has deep and complex roots, sources, and origins. But it is a crisis, a crisis of the human children of God.

There is suffering and there is hardship. There is complexity and difficulty.

But it is a crisis that we as nation, that we as a global community, must face and find a way forward for the sake of our brothers and our sisters, for the sake of us all.

Deeply embedded in the Christian faith, indeed deeply embedded in the Jewish tradition, which is the mother of the Christian faith, and deeply embedded in the faith and traditions and values of many of the world’s great religions, is a profound conviction in a sure and certain value and virtue that care for the stranger, the alien, the visitor, is a sacred duty, a sacred vow.

In the Hebrew scriptures in the book of Deuteronomy, the book writes and says you shall love the stranger, for remember you were once strangers in the land of Egypt.

In the 25th chapter of Matthew in the New Testament, Jesus in the parable of the last judgment says that when you welcomed the stranger, when you did it to these who are members of my family, you have done it to me.

When you welcome the stranger, you welcome Jesus. The book of Hebrews in the New Testament says those who have welcomed the strangers have sometimes welcomed angels unawares.

Welcoming the stranger, or as some translations call the alien, welcoming those who are visiting among us is a cardinal virtue and value in our Christian faith.

Jesus was talking to a lawyer once; the story is told in Luke's gospel. And, when he was talking to the lawyer, the lawyer asked him what he must do to inherit eternal life. And Jesus said, what did Moses teach in the Hebrew scriptures? The lawyer said, well, Moses said you shall love the Lord your God and love your neighbor as yourself.

And Jesus said do that and you will find life.

But the lawyer went on and he asked, well, can we define neighbor more precisely? Who is my neighbor? And that's when Jesus told what we now know as the Parable of the Good Samaritan where one person helped another person, a person who was completely unlike them, someone that person considered other, not my tribe, not my nationality, not my religion, not even my friend. And Jesus at the end of the parable said, who was the neighbor to the man who was in need? And the lawyer said, well the one who actually showed compassion.

And Jesus said, now go and do that likewise.

That parable of the Good Samaritan invites us, calls us, challenges us, to be neighbor to the neighbor.

Some of our neighbors are at the border and some of our neighbors are those who have immigrated to this country and are living right in our neighborhood or in our city or in our community, or our state. To show compassion to them is to obey Jesus. Go and do likewise.

Show compassion. Show mercy. Help the neighbor. Help the stranger. Love the Lord your God. And love your neighbor as yourself.

<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/posts/publicaffairs/video-presiding-bishops-message-who-my-neighbor>

The Migrant Cycles of Prayer: https://www.episcopalchurch.org/files/migrant_cycle_of_prayer_st_marks_.pdf

Resolutions Referred to Dioceses From the 79th General Convention

The 79th General Convention proposed several changes to the Constitution of The Episcopal Church (TEC). In accordance with Article XII of the TEC Constitution, it is the responsibility of each Diocese to make known such proposed alterations to its Convention prior to the 80th General Convention in 2021, and to certify that such action has been taken.

The text of each proposed amendment is included in the Convention Handbook. The following is a summary of the amendments, many of which are technical in nature:

A063: amends Constitution Article X to permit a General Convention to approve alternate and additional liturgies as a supplement to the Book of Common Prayer.

A089: amends Constitution Articles VI and VII to ensure consistency in the Constitution and Canons with respect to referring to a Church denomination being in “full communion” with The Episcopal Church.

A122: Amends Article IX of the Constitution to delete the word “removal” in paragraph 6. In 1994, the General Convention amended Title IV of the Canons (the disciplinary canon) by eliminating “removal” as a sentence and adding Admonition as a sentence. However, the reference to “removal” in Article IX of the Constitution was not changed.

A150: Amends Article I.2 of the Constitution to make consistent the use of the term “Bishop Suffragan” throughout the Constitution and Canons. The last sentence clarifies the meaning of a bishop “exercising” or “having” jurisdiction, including jurisdiction over areas that are not dioceses such as Navajoland, the Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe (over which the Presiding Bishop exercises jurisdiction), and Guam (over which the Presiding Bishop exercises jurisdiction).

A151: Amends Article II.4-8 of the Constitution as follows:

- Section 4: To make the titles of bishops consistent throughout the Constitution and Canons.

- The amendment to Section 5 clarifies that a Bishop Suffragan may be placed in charge of a diocese and exercise jurisdiction as the Bishop Diocesan Pro Tempore until a successor is consecrated if the Bishop Diocesan dies, resigns or is removed from office or until the Bishop Diocesan returns to office if the absence is temporary.
- The amendment to Section 8 clarifies that a total of five years of combined service, served consecutively, as Bishop Coadjutor and then Bishop Diocesan is required before the bishop may be elected elsewhere.

A152: Amends Article III of the Constitution to correct a typographical error.

A153: Amends Article IV of the Constitution to make the titles of bishops consistent throughout the Constitution and Canons.

A176: Amends Article V of the Constitution with respect to procedures required to form a new Diocese.

A183: Amends Article IX to provide for the possible creation of a provincial, church-wide, or other way of providing for the discipline of Priests and Deacons, as an alternative to each Diocese maintaining its own separate disciplinary structure.

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Committee/Commission Reports

Altar Guild & Washington National Cathedral

Hollie Mitchell - Diocesan Altar Guild Directress

The Diocese of WV Altar Guild is 10 years old this year.

This is the first Diocesan Altar Guild in the history of the Diocese of WV. We have been VERY active. Our Meetings/workshops each year, have led to sharing and caring, beyond our contact by phone and E-mail.

We are a Ministry.

I am going to list a few of our fields of study and hope that you will add anything else we have covered and anything you would like to cover in the future. We truly are getting to know each other over these wonderful mountains!!!

HAVE CHALICE, WILL TRAVEL!!!...Let me know if you want a meeting /workshop at your church this year.

LIST.....

Linen supply for Peterkin

Linens and their care and use. This includes, hangings, banners and such.

Holy hardware.

Calendar use, colors of the season, and candles and placement of Holy hardware and candles.

Sacristy arrangement and "de-cluttering".

Weddings, Funerals, Baptisms.

Flowers ...all aspects,

Altar preparation...all aspects

Emergency kits, photo journals of inventory.

Convention assistance

Line item to name Altar guild leaders in our Diocesan Directory.

Activities to open our Ministry to new members and to the congregation.

"AND... Do you know where your Pascal Candle is????

So, let us serve with open hearts and mindful of our LORD, whom we serve.

tPeace,

Washington National Cathedral

Hollie Mitchell - Diocesan Altar Guild Directress

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COMMISSION ON MINISTRY

The Rev. Julie Harris – Chair

Kim Javins – COM Coordinator

As our Diocesan Ministry statement affirms, we are called to ministry in baptism. The Commission on Ministry (the “COM”) assists in the discernment and formation of all as we live out this baptismal ministry.

Under the ministry canons of the Episcopal Church (Title III), the COM is charged with helping in the development of the ministries of all baptized persons, the raising up and recruiting of persons for lay and ordained ministry, assisting in the discernment processes of individuals, ministry leadership teams and congregations, making recommendations to the Bishop and the Standing Committee at various stages of the ordination process, developing and monitoring the formation of those in the ordination process, and providing for formation opportunities for the licensing of lay ministries. Although the COM deliberates and makes its decisions separately, the COM works collaboratively with the Standing Committee on many of its processes. We are grateful for the efforts and logistical support of Kim Javins, Commission on Ministry Coordinator.

During the past year, the COM has continued conversation about the Vocational Diaconate and the development of a formation plan for local training for all people. We worked closely with the Rev. Mary Pope exploring the development of a School for Leadership for the Diocese. The WV Iona School was introduced in September 2018 with a small cohort.

Currently we are working with fifteen people who have indicated an interest in beginning a discernment process for Ordination. All persons were contacted in writing following the September COM meeting with updates on their status in the process and checklists to outline next steps.

During this past year we continued a revision of Rooted in Baptism, the Diocesan Ordination Manual. Efforts have been made to clarify and streamline the discernment and formation process for ordained ministries. We hope to use digital technology to assist this process throughout the Diocese.

The COM also makes available funding for continuing education. This year we made one continuing education grants.

Canonical Actions Taken: COM continued the practice of meeting with inquirers, aspirants, postulants and candidates during their formation. Since last year's COM report the COM made the following recommendations with respect to persons and teams in the ordination and discernment processes:

November 2018:

- The COM interviewed Gina Griffith and recommended her to the Bishop for Postulancy for the Vocational Diaconate.
- The COM interviewed Klara Kovacs and recommended her to the Bishop for Postulancy for ordained ministry.
- The COM interviewed Joseph Lutz and recommended him to the Bishop for Postulancy for ordained ministry.
- The COM interviewed Greg Pennington and recommended him to the Bishop for Postulancy for ordained ministry.

Respectfully submitted by The Rev. Julie Harris, Chair

Members of the COM

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Laity: Carol Beall (2019), Mallory Iles (2019), Michael Roberts (2019), and Heather Weber (2020).

Communications

Mary Green

The Diocesan office provides services to any parish or ministry needing support for communicating to members, the community and media—both traditional and social.

This year, the first social media workshop was conducted, and plans are for another to be sponsored in spring 2020. The workshop features the benefits—and challenges—of using Facebook, Instagram and keeping your website current.

Support from the office also includes event planning and promotion, media engagement, and ideas to reach into your community.

If a rector would like to place opinion pieces or columns in a local newspaper, support can be provided. This includes contacting the media outlet and working to write or reshape the column. Many sermons can be reshaped to become a column and allow the message to be heard by a broader audience. It also gives the reader a glimpse into your church.

A monthly communications call is hosted for the diocesan. Suggested topics are welcome. A monthly newsletter is distributed through E-blast to WV Mission. The newsletter features various topics and provides tidbits about communications.

For support, please contact Mary Green at mgreen@wvdiocese.org or by calling 304-545-7666

Education for Ministry (EfM)

The Episcopal Diocese of West Virginia
EfM Coordinator: The Rev. Julie N. Harris

Education for Ministry (EfM) is a four-year adult education program sponsored by the Diocese. It is administered and accredited by the School of Theology at the University of the South in Sewanee, TN. The course covers the Old and New Testaments, Church History, and Theology as well as Theological Reflection. The seminar style classes are usually held once a week for two to three hours with students at all levels sharing their experiences with the readings, exercises, and reflections. Through study, prayer, and reflection EfM groups move toward a new understanding of God's Kingdom.

The students and graduates experience a maturation of their ministry through the program and become confident leaders in their parishes. Sponsorship by the Diocese allows for two Mentor Training events annually and reduced tuition for students. EfM Mentors are trained and certified by Sewanee.

In 2018-2019, we had four groups meeting throughout the Diocese: Huntington, Charleston, Eastern Panhandle, and Alderson Prison with a total of 29 participants. In addition to academic study, participants explored what it means to “live faithfully in a multicultural world.” During the 2019-2020 study year we will have three groups looking at what it means to live as a faithfully mature Christian. During the past year, 8 students graduated from the Four-Year program: Phil Steptoe, Lynne Steptoe, Michael Roberts, Peggy Lasecki, Julie Harris, Jame McCumbee, William McCumbee, Marjorie McKee and three graduates from Alderson Prison.

I invite interested persons to attend the workshop which will be offered at the 2019 Diocesan Convention or to contact me for additional information.

Grants for Mission

Mollie Bailey

The Grants for Mission Committee met with Bishop Klusmeyer on February 20, 2019 and reviewed the grant requests for the current year. After an in-depth discussion of each request, a total of \$36,000 was awarded, as follows:

- \$15,000 was awarded to New River Episcopal Ministries
- \$10,000 was awarded to St. James’ Church, Lewisburg
- \$6,000 was awarded to St. John’s Church, Harpers Ferry
- \$5,000 was awarded to Christ Church, Bluefield.

The Diocese is committed to the continuation of this grant program. However, due to budgetary concerns, we urge those making future grant applications to plan their programs in such a way that most of the financial needs are met by other methods.

Harper Grants

Mollie Bailey

Through the generosity of the late Donald B. Harper of Huntington, the Diocese has \$15,000 available annually to be used for programs that benefit the elderly. The following Harper Grants for 2019 were awarded at the Diocesan Council meeting of November 2-3, 2018. Each grant was for \$3,000.

1. Christ, Bluefield – for a stairway lift chair for the elderly
2. St. Mark's, St. Albans – to install handicapped-accessible doors
3. St. Matthew's, Charleston – to help the Shanklin Center fight elder abuse
4. St. John's, Harper's Ferry – to help fight opioid addiction among the elderly
5. St. Timothy's, Hurricane – for a motorized scooter to transport the elderly

Harper Grants are available because an individual cared enough to remember the Diocese of West Virginia in his will. We are deeply appreciative of Mr. Harper's consideration and generosity.

HEALTH MINISTRIES

Debbie Ventura, Chair

Your Health Ministries Commission focuses on wholistic health, wellness of mind, body and spirit. Our goal is to assist congregations in achieving this; clergy, lay and all members of your congregation.

Each church has been asked to identify one person in their congregation who has an interest in health. On a monthly basis, "Back Door Readings" are mailed to this contact person to post in their church. They are designed with little snippets of information on different monthly topics. If you have not seen these at your church, and are interested in this outreach, please contact me or Mollie Bailey at the Diocesan Office.

Do not hesitate to contact me if you would like more information or, you have interest in an event at your church.

Debbie Ventura, Chair

Dventura1021@gmail.com

Highland Educational Project

Mary Green

Hundreds of families in McDowell County are in need of support. Of the 18,000 residents, more than 30 percent live at or below the national poverty level.

For more than 70 years, the Episcopal Diocese of West Virginia has ministered to those living in the area. The Highland Educational Project (HEP) supports various programs, including home repairs; addiction recovery; and family, youth and children's programs.

HEP has undergone revitalization to focus on four areas: spiritual, educational, physical/nutritional/emotional, and environmental. The ministry is designed to support programs that help our state's poorest of poor.

HEP needs your support. We will work with you to identify projects and needed resources that fit your interest and

Projects include beautification projects, park and playground repairs, visits to long-term-care facilities, youth events, and home repairs projects — everything from roofing to access ramps. Support can also be in the form of donations or small gestures, such as a sock drive, that show compassion and kindness.

After re-opening the doors after Easter this year, efforts have been focused on rebuilding relationships in McDowell County and making connections with volunteer groups. This includes hosting one mission team for a week and several groups for daytrips to the county, sponsoring the local high school baccalaureate and coordinating a youth soccer camp.

Because of generosity from within our Diocese, a children's summer camp was hosted in Keystone for 13 children (ages 3 to 13) in partnership with WVU Extension, Grayhound Youth Sports, and the Diocesan summer reading program. Twenty children received backpacks, school supplies and toiletries in the same community. Snacks for Welch Elementary School's Communities in School's event were provided, and a Halloween party and picnic will be hosted in October for the center's near neighbors. This fall, HEP will support a Thanksgiving meal for the community of Kimball and a community-based farm-to-table dinner at the newly opened Welch museum.

As we move toward the end of 2020, two handicap ramps will be constructed this fall, and a Saturday winterization program is being planned. Parishes and individual members are invited to join us for these events.

A mission team from Virginia will be spending the weekend in McDowell County to work on home projects in October, and a team from New York will be traveling to the area to shoot video to be used to recruit mission teams from six churches outside of NYC for 2020.

HEP and the American Red Cross are working to establish the HEP center as an emergency shelter for the county, one of only a few. This includes volunteer training for those who would open and operate center during the time of need until the Raleigh County-based American Red Cross can arrive.

Projects are identified by working with the county's Commission on Aging, Council of the Southern Mountains, and the department of education. More than 40 home repair projects have been identified. Although several have been addressed by visiting mission groups, requests continue to be submitted and will stay in the data bank until help can be provided. Projects are selected by the volunteers themselves. This allows groups to identify what best fits their skills and interests.

If you want to volunteer, housing is not an issue. Groups are invited to stay at the HEP Center--newly renovated--for a weekend, a week or longer to provide needed helping hands. The facility has a full-size kitchen and three restrooms equipped with showers.

We ask that you consider being part of this ministry for 2020. There are many ways to get involved. If your parish—or even a group outside your church—is interested in giving time or supporting the ministry through other means, we cannot wait to hear from you.

As you and your parishes begin to plan for the holiday season and 2020, please prayerfully consider this ministry and pray for its continued success as HEP works to show the face of God to those in need.

To learn more about the Highland Educational Project, please contact Mary Green at mgreen@wvdiocese.org or by calling 304-545-7666.

Peterkin Camp & Conference Center

Daisy McBride

Greetings from Peterkin. It is my hope that you will get an opportunity this year to visit this special place. Since 1945 Peterkin has enriched the lives of countless Episcopalians and others.

Located in the beautiful hills of Romney, WV, our campus includes hiking trails; a swimming pool; basketball & tennis courts, and more that 1300 acers of natural beauty surrounded by trees and the whispering of the clear water stream.

Peterkin is a wonderful ministry. We encourage all to come visit and experience. (Living under Grace) and the presence of God. We thank everyone for their continuing prayers, love and support.

Peterkin received a new roof on Gravatt Hall in May of 2019. Thanks to all for the support.

In July of 2019, Peterkin had a visit from the American Camping Association for which we are accredited. This visit made our 3rd visit. We should be good with ACA for 5 years now. We thank the Bishop W.M. Klusmeyer, the Peterkin board members and many others for their support of the program.

Our camping season went well; however, we did cancel 2 camps for lack of attendance. We served 285 campers, which 46 were new campers to Peterkin this year. We thank everyone who volunteered for a camp or helped in anyway. We had great campers, counselors and staff.

As we all know there are still many projects to be completed here at Peterkin. With God's help all will be done in the days to come. We thank everyone for their continued prayers, love and support. We invite you to visit us at the special place called Peterkin

Province III Synod
The Episcopal Diocese of West Virginia
Clergy Deputy: The Rev. Julie N. Harris

Province III exists to further the mission of the Episcopal Church by coordinating interdependent ministries of its thirteen Dioceses in a spirit of mutual responsibility. The thirteen Dioceses include: Bethlehem, Central Pennsylvania, Delaware, Easton, Maryland, Northwest Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania, Pittsburg, Southern Virginia, Southwest Virginia, Virginia, Washington, and West Virginia.

Province III is governed by a Synod, made up of the bishops, one clerical, and two lay deputies from each diocese within the province. Synod meets annually in the spring, at which elections are held for Provincial Officers and Executive Council members. Every third year, when the General Convention of the national Episcopal Church is held, Synod helps formulate resolutions for consideration and deputies prepare for Convention. West Virginia is represented by The Rt. Rev. W. Michie Klusmeyer, The Rev. Julie N. Harris, Phil Steptoe and Michael Roberts.

Province III Synod met in Martinsburg, WV on May 5-7, 2019. In addition to completing regular business items the Synod discussed Cross-Cultural Collaboration.

Other Items of Note:

- **The Opioid Task Force of Province III made a Pilgrimage to Huntington, WV on March 25-26, 2019.** Members of the task force walked with the mayor, fire chief, bishop, and members of three local Episcopal congregations, medical staff, recovery specialists, community leaders, and other pilgrims to learn, honor, pray, and raise awareness about compassionate response to the opioid epidemic.
- **Camp Spirit Song** was an outgrowth of the Province Opioid Response Task Force. Camp Spirit Song was a week-long camp experience on August 11-16, 2019 at Clagett Center Buckeystown, MD for children grades 4-8 who have a loved one affected by the opioid epidemic. Scholarships of \$1000 per camper facilitated participation.
- **Trail to Truth: Youth Pilgrimage** provided an opportunity for youth from Province III to travel by bus from Washington, DC to Philadelphia, PA. Along the way they were able to visit historical sites, hear from leaders in the church and struggle against racism, and become a part of the Beloved Community, as they sought to increase racial understanding, healing, and reconciliation. October 11-14, 2019
- **The College for Congregational Development** seeks to develop healthy, faithful, sustainable congregations to fulfill their calling to be the body of Christ in a particular place, time, and community. The College equips leaders to look at their current reality (Who are we? What are we? Where are we?), discern their future (What is God calling us to be at this time and in this place?) and work on strategies, goals, and actions to get to the future. The training includes exploring theory, engaging in applied exercises and experiential learning, and planning, doing, and reflecting on projects in the parish or other ministry context. Clagett Center, June 2020.

Commission on Spirituality

Nancy Martin

It is the mission of the Commission on Spirituality to ‘Create space for people to come and know God.’ This spring we hosted a spiritual retreat called ‘Listening Hearts, Open Minds’ led by Rev. Brian Shodda. It centered on communication with God.

We are open to ideas as how we might serve you better. We are also looking for people interested in spirituality to serve with us.

Nancy Martin, chair

Kristin Jacobs

Klara Kovacks

Trustees Report

David Haden, Head Trustee

The Trustees of the Diocese are responsible for the oversight of the property and funds belonging to the Diocese to support and enhance the Diocesan purposes and goals. Additionally, each parish has the opportunity to invest some or all of their financial assets with the Diocese. Each parish account is managed as specified by the parish and is invested with the funds of the Diocese. All the parish funds are “pooled” with the various funds belonging to the Diocese. All these funds usually have specific purposes or uses that were set at the time they were established. Each fund is accounted for separately and reported quarterly. WesBanco Trust Department in Wheeling handles the accounting of the Funds. Security National Trust Company is our investment advisor, and with this group we have formulated an investment strategy for the pooled funds. As of August 7, 2019, our diversified portfolio is invested in the following percentages: fixed income 27.33%, Equity investments 70.59%. and cash and equivalents 2.08%. The equity investments are as follows: large domestic corporations 73.73%, small capitalization corporations 2.93%, international companies 12.70%, mid-size corporations 10.65%.

On July 31, 2019 our investments at market value were as follows:

New Dynamics	\$7,224,635
Diocesan Account	\$9,180,668
Congregations	<u>\$6,604,373</u>
Total	<u>\$23,009,676</u>

Women's Ministries

Daughters of the King

Judy Conkle

The Order of The Daughters of the King is active in West Virginia with seven chapters in the following churches: Trinity, Morgantown; St. Matthew's, Wheeling; Trinity, Parkersburg; Trinity, Huntington; St. Stephen's, Beckley; Christ Church, Bluefield; and Church of the Good Shepherd, Parkersburg.

We are an order for women who undertake a Rule of Life, incorporating the Rule of Prayer and the Rule of Service. We pledge ourselves to a life-long program of prayer, service, and evangelism dedicated to the spread of Christ's Kingdom and the strengthening of the spiritual life of our parish. To this end Daughters in West Virginia are active in their own churches and in their communities.

Our Annual Meeting was held July 27, 2019, at St. Barnabas Chapel in Bridgeport. Our speaker was our new Chaplain, The Rev. Jordan Trumble, who is Priest in Charge at Christ Episcopal Church in Fairmont. She told us about her path to ministry and led the group in a form of lectio divina for scripture study. Our next Annual Meeting will be in April 2020 at Flatwoods.

Our Officers are Judy Conkle, President; JaNeille Shaw, Secretary; and Irene Muffly, Treasurer.

Please stop by our table in the display area and see what we have been doing this year and talk with one of our Daughters.

Church Periodical Club

Debbie Ventura, Diocesan CPC Director

The purpose of CPC is to promote the word of God thru the printed word. It was established in 1888 by Mary Ann Fargo. She would ask her husband, when he traveled out west to take books and bibles with him & distribute them to the less fortunate.

Now CPC has two primary programs; Miles of Pennies grants for children's material and National Book Funds to assist adult learners, domestic and foreign. More information and grant forms are available on our diocesan web site or on the CPC website, www.churchperiodical.com.

On the diocesan level, the second Sunday in October has been traditional designated as "CPC Sunday". If this does not work well for your congregation – make it any Sunday, you choose. These monies are used to help provide book grants to our seminarians each semester, Forward Day by Day to the Woman's Prison in Alderson, WV and money is also sent to support NBF grants.

Recently several of our annual Reading Camps have applied for and received a Miles of Pennies Grant.

SCHEDULE YOUR CPC SUNDAY NOW! I CAN HELP YOU!

Debbie Ventrua - Dventura1021@gmail.com

Love in Action

Margaret Gault

Love in Action is part of Women's Ministries in the Episcopal Diocese of West Virginia. The ministry began sometime in the 1980's and mainly focused on programs for young people preschool ages through preparation for adult life. This report is written in Loving Memory of Barbara Carter. Barbara was the former Chairperson of Love in Action until she moved out of state in 2009. She has been and is greatly missed at Grace Episcopal Church in Elkins, WV. Barbara died this past year in 2018.

Today, Love in Action gives donations to the following Ministries to help support one of their greatest needs:

Step by Step (Big Ugly Dreamers):

“Step by Step focused on creating resources at the local level in Lincoln and Logan Counties so that parents and communities could support their children before families were broken or children fell behind in school.” See the following Step by Step site for more current and updated information: <http://www.wvdreamers.org/>.

High Rocks Academy:

High Rocks is located in Hillsboro, WV and “is an award-winning leadership program for young women ages 13-25...” Refer to the following site: <http://www.highrocks.org/>.

Highland Educational Project:

“Overview and History: Look into the history of McDowell County, West Virginia, and you’ll see a vibrant community — full of hope and promise. For decades, the county was the world’s largest coal producer and fueled steel production used to build our country. But today, the county shows a lasting impact of job loss, the advancement of technology and the cruel reality of America’s drug crisis. In 1950, nearly 100,000 people called the county home; today, the population falls well below 25 percent of that number. From the times of the robust economy to today, the Episcopal Church has been there. For 70 years, the Episcopal Diocese of West Virginia has ministered to those living in McDowell County through the Highland Educational Project (HEP). HEP supports various programs, including home repairs, addiction recovery, family support, as well as youth and children’s ministries. In 2019, HEP revitalized its ministry to focus on four areas: spiritual, educational, physical/nutritional, and environmental. The goal includes various programs and projects to lift the county’s resident up with support through programming.” This above information was sent by:

Mary A. Green, Director, mgreen@wvdiocese.org

Peterkin Camp & Conference Center:

“Nestled in a valley near historic Romney, West Virginia, Peterkin Camp and Conference Center boasts 1,400 acres of unsurpassed natural beauty, with clean mountain streams and miles of hiking trails. Peterkin offers a refuge of serenity amid the stress and hectic pace of our everyday lives, a place that encourages us to relax and reconnect with nature by enjoying outdoor activities such as trout fishing, hiking, swimming and tennis. The quiet wooded coves are perfect for quiet times of meditation and relaxation. Taking a ‘time out’ at Peterkin is sure to bring regeneration to body, mind and spirit.

Peterkin offers comfortable accommodations and excellent recreational opportunities for all ages. Summer camps are available for youth, adults and families. Peterkin is also a marvelous location for meetings and retreats of religious and non-profit groups, regardless of race, sex or denominational preference. Accommodations are available for more than 175 people year-round and for more than 200 in warmer months.”

The above information was taken from the following site

<https://www.peterkin.org/pages/aboutus.html>

Refer to site for more information. This donation is used towards helping with the upkeep of the buildings and grounds at Peterkin.

Church Periodical Club (CPC):

CPC receives funds to assist seminarians with course texts and to build a library of resources for their future.

Itemized List of Donations:

Forward Balance beginning of March 2019: \$137.57

Donation to Love in Action from Christ Episcopal Church, Bluefield

Deposited March 5, 2019: \$500.00

Balance as of August 30, 2019: \$637.57

Check to High Rocks: \$100.00

Check to Highland Education Project (HEP): \$200.00 (Baby Book & Blanket Project)

Check to Peterkin: \$100.00

Check to Step by Step: (Big Ugly Dreamers): \$100.00

Check to Church Periodical Group (CPC): \$50.00 (Pending correct mailing address)

Remaining Balance as of September 2019: \$87.57

Love in Action
c/o Margaret Gault
252 Terrace Ave.
Elkins, WV 26241

United Thank Offering (UTO) Women's Ministries.

Submitted by Beck Szabo

NAME	2018	Offering	2019	Offering
Diocesan Convention Boxes	10/18/2018	\$ 176.10		
Ansted, Church of the Redeemer	10/18/2018	\$ 200.00		
Beckley, St. Stephen's	10/30/2018	\$ 209.13		
Berkeley Springs, St. Mark's	10/31/2018	\$ 444.00		
Bluefield, Christ Church	10/19/2018	\$ 849.03		
Bridgeport, St. Barnabas				
Buckhannon, Transfiguration				
Charles Town, St. Philip's	10/6/2018	\$ 100.00		
Charles Town, Zion	10/17/2018	\$ 75.00		
Charleston, St. Christopher	10/18/2018	\$ 738.88		
Charleston, Good Shepherd				
Charleston, St. John's				
Charleston, St. Matthew's	10/18/2018	\$ 520.00		
Clarksburg, Christ Church	10/19/2018	\$ 695.00		
Colliers, Olde St. John's	11/30/2018	\$ 75.00		
Elkins, Grace				
Fairmont, Christ Church	9/26/2018	\$ 795.00	5/28/2019	\$ 64.00
Glenville, St. Mark's				
Grafton, St. Matthias				
Hansford, Good Shepherd	9/23/2018	\$ 620.00	5/28/2019	\$ 212.50
Harpers Ferry, St. John's	10/18/2018	\$ 70.00		
Hedgesville, Mt. Zion	12/24/2017	\$ 306.22		
Hinton, Ascension				
Huntington, St. John's	10/19/2018	\$ 137.00		
Huntington, St. Peter's	9/23/2018	\$ 310.00		
Huntington, Trinity	10/18/2019	\$ 105.00		
Hurricane, St. Timothy's in the Valley				
Keyser, Emmanuel	10/18/2018	\$ 206.00		
Kingwood, St. Michael's	10/6/2018	\$ 150.00		
Leetown, St. Bartholomew's				
Lewisburg, St. James	10/19/2018	\$ 673.00		
Logan, Holy Trinity	10/18/2018	\$ 200.00		
Marlinton, St. John's				
Martinsburg, Trinity	10/18/2018	\$ 862.46		
Middleway, Grace	10/19/2018	\$ 279.00		
Moorefield, Emmanuel				
Morgantown, St. Thomas-a-Beckett				
Morgantown, Trinity				
Moundsville, Trinity	10/18/2018	\$ 400.00		
Mullens, St. Andrew's				
New Martinsville, St. Ann's				
Oak Hill, St. Andrew's	10/18/2019	\$ 300.00		
Parkersburg, Good Shepherd	10/18/2018	\$ 399.25		
Parkersburg, Trinity	10/18/2018	\$ 500.00		

United Thank Offering (UTO) Women's Ministries. cont.				
Point Pleasant, Christ				
Princeton, Heavenly Rest				
Ravenswood, Grace				
Ripley, St. John's				
Rippon, St. John's				
Romney, St. Stephen's	10/18/2019	\$ 111.19		
Ronceverte, Incarnation	10/17/2018	\$ 400.00		
St. Albans, St. Mark's	10/18/2018	\$ 295.00		
St. Mary's, Grace	10/18/2018	\$ 100.00		
Salem, Prince of Peace	11/18/2018	\$ 790.00		
Shepherdstown, Trinity				
Sistersville, St. Paul's				
Snowshoe, Chapel on The Mount				
Summersville, St. Martin in the Field	11/14/2018	\$ 75.00		
Union, All Saints				
Weirton, St. Thomas	11/30/2018	\$ 75.00		
Welch, St. Luke's				
Wellsburg, Christ Church	10/6/2018	\$ 361.66		
Weston, St. Paul's				
Wheeling, Lawrencefield Parish	7/26/2018	\$ 355.96		
Wheeling, St. Luke's	10/19/2018	\$ 100.00		
Wheeling, St. Matthew's	11/30/2018	\$ 1,304.05		
White Sulphur Springs, St. Thomas	10/18/2018	\$ 400.00	1/31/2018	\$ 100.00
Williamson, St. Paul's	11/7/2018	\$ 130.00		
Williamstown, Christ Memorial				
Diocesan Office				
				\$ 376.50

Bishop's Shell Awards

George Schramm	2002
Jim Churchill	2002
Ruth Foose	2002
Mildred Holt	2003
Esber Tweel	2003
Carlyle Farnsworth	2004
Richard and Lisa Heller	2005
Jim and Theresa Kelley	2005
Mark Seitz	2005
Pat Haldeman	2006
Donald Lester	2006
Mary Ann Worst	2006
Barbara Gray	2006
Harold Stewart	2007
Linda Comins	2007
Debbie Short	2007
Dr. James Russell	2007
Mary Fish	2008
Betty Purcell	2008
Sarah Steptoe	2009
Michael Simon	2009
Joseph Warder	2009
Laura Leslie	2012
Becki Krzywdik	2013
Mayor Steve Williams	2015
John Hagan	2016
Marti Hersom	2016
John R. McGhee	2017
John Canfield	2017
Brent & Sue Williams	2017

Bishop's Shell Awards continued

David Lumsden	2018
Bill White Grantham	2018
Dr. John Fuller	2018

Scott Rogers	2019
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Bishop's Cross

Charles Hunsaker	2012
Carlyle Farnsworth	2014

Flood Relief Appreciation Certificates 2016

Rev Stan Holmes
Rev Roy G. Crist
Rev Josh Saxe
David Lumsden
Rev Betsy Walker
Cathy Slep
William Saviers
Rev John Unger
Rev Cheryl Winter
Deacon Nancy Martin

Certificate of Appreciation for Ministry 2016

Jack & Anna Lou Sturgeon

Build My Church 2018

Mt. Zion, Hedgesville

Heavenly Rest, Princeton

Trinity, Huntington

Proposed Budget 2020

Diocese of West Virginia			
Proposed Budget Worksheet			
Budget Year 2020			
Accounts			
	Twelve Month Actual Totals	Proposed Budget 2019	Proposed Budget 2020
Revenues			
Special Purpose Fund Contr			
4300-009 - Registrations	18,540.00	7,000	18,540
4310-000 - Contributions - HEP	3,311.15	5,200	-
Total Special Purpose Fund Contr	21,851.15	12,200	18,540
Missionary Apportionments			
4000-000 - Missionary Apportionment	1,240,176.36	1,236,685	1,230,265
Total Missionary Apportionments	1,240,176.36	1,236,685	1,230,265
Investment Earnings			
4400-000 - Investment Earnings	348,000.00	344,000	320,000
Interest Income	34,000.00	70,000	70,000
Additional Draws		278,779	306,511
Total Investment Earnings	382,000.00	692,779	696,511
Contributions			
4200-105 - Contributions - Restricted	4,459.66		-
4200-110 - Contributions - Unrestricted	1,000.00		-
Total Contributions	5,459.66		-
Other Income			
4602-000 - Oil and Gas Receipts	15,978.49	21,000	17,500
Total Other Income	15,978.49	21,000	17,500
Total Revenues	1,665,465.66	\$1,962,664	1,962,816
Expenses			
Children, Youth, & Young Adult			
6002-000 - Youth Ministry	4,636.31	26,800	4,700
6003-000 - College Ministry	4,168.99	1,350	4,200
6007-000 - Reading Camp	7,218.61	7,200	7,500
Total Children, Youth, & Young Adult	16,023.91	28,150	16,400
Interorganizational Expenditur			
6001-000 - Peterkin grant	314,869.90	320,813	315,000
Total Interorganizational Expenditur	314,869.90	320,813	315,000
Mission & Evangelism			

8101-000 - National Church Assessment	273,564.00	273,564	276,000
8102-000 - Provincial Assessment	4,809.00	3,400	6,243
8103-000 - Highland Educational Project	60,611.60	90,000	80,000
8106-000 - Ecumenism	10,500.00	11,500	10,500
8107-000 - Deployment	3,115.62	7,000	6,500
8108-000 - Evangelism	26,484.32	16,900	26,500
8109-000 - Communications - Dayspring	16,567.22	16,700	16,700
8201-000 - Health Ministries	154.00	170	200
8202-000 - Com on Racism & Diversity	1,147.11	2,500	1,500
8204-000 - Women's Ministries - UTO & ECW	3,473.98	8,200	8,200
8301-000 - Grants for Mission	50,000.00	50,000	50,000
8302-000 - Bishop's Reserve	7,423.14	7,570	7,450
8303-000 - Congregational Development	1,500.00	5,000	5,000
Total Mission & Evangelism	459,349.99	492,504	494,793
Spiritual Growth & Faith Devel			
7101-000 - Clergy & Spouse Wellness	985.72	1,500	1,000
7201-000 - Stewardship	1,651.00	3,000	2,000
7300-000 - Ministry Development	7,860.66	15,500	15,500
7301-000 - Comm on Spirituality	1,493.34	2,150	1,500
7302-000 - Commission on Ministry	7,088.76	14,500	8,000
7304-000 - Iona Expenses	7,306.05	45,300	45,300
7305-000 - Education for Ministry	3,250.00	4,150	3,250
7400-000 - Grants - Family, Worship, etc.		15,000	15,000
7405-000 - Standing Committee	808.65	1,100	900
Total Spiritual Growth & Faith Devel	30,444.18	102,200	92,450
Ministry Support			
9001-000 - Regular Maintenance	9,836.85	9,500	10,000
9003-000 - Telephone	28,107.32	24,000	28,500
9004-000 - Utilities	9,476.46	8,400	9,500
9006-000 - Office Expense	19,192.01	15,000	19,500
9006-001 - Copier Expense	9,610.30	11,000	10,000
9006-002 - Postage Expense	5,425.82	7,000	6,000
9007-000 - Property Insurance & Taxes	30,249.27	16,000	31,000
9008-000 - Payroll Taxes	20,691.68	18,500	19,800
9009-000 - Health Insurance - Retired Persons	8,940.00	8,544	7,900
9010-000 - Legal & Accounting	47,687.50	49,000	49,000
9011-000 - Computer Expense	26,298.89	23,500	26,500

9012-000 - Subscriptions / Publications	1,123.76	1,300	1,300
9014-000 - Retired Bishop's Supplement	3,000.00	3,000	3,000
9015-001 - Automobile Expense	5,593.35	9,200	7,500
9015-002 - Automobile Insurance and Taxes Exp	3,239.33	3,500	3,500
9017-000 - Bishops' National Meeting	30,555.02	45,500	35,000
9018-000 - Diocesan Conferences & Meetings	10,544.66	8,500	11,000
9019-000 - Staff Group Insurance	109,608.00	110,000	114,000
9020-000 - Clergy Pensions	47,598.74	46,000	47,000
9021-000 - Lay Pension	18,071.04	18,000	18,000
9024-001 - Bishop Travel	22,774.17	29,000	35,000
9024-002 - Canon Travel	648.51	16,000	12,000
9024-004 - CFO Travel	8,130.11	9,500	9,500
9025-001 - Bishops' Conferences and Meetings	6,564.43	10,000	7,000
9040-000 - Payroll Service Expense	2,653.79	2,300	2,700
9041-000 - Bank Card Fees/Finance Charges	476.10	1,000	480
9050-000 - Closed Churches	9,448.85	7,400	9,500
9050-004 - Closed Churches - Bunker Hill	20,400.00	3,000	15,000
Total Ministry Support	515,945.96	513,644	549,180
Ministry Support - Staff			
9501-000 - Staff Support - Bishop	165,988.32	152,714	156,612
9502-000 - Staff Support - Ministry	100,001.52	97,682	110,004
9503-000 - Staff Support - Lay Employee	227,872.48	254,957	228,376
Total Ministry Support - Staff	493,862.32	505,353	494,993
Total Expenses	1,830,496.26	1,962,664	1,962,816
Net Total	(165,030.60)	(0)	-

AVERAGE OPERATING INCOME

MISSIONARY APORTIONMENT

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(using Subtotal Normal Operating
Income amounts)

				2020	
				Avg Operating Income	Calculated Miss Apportionment
	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>		
Ansted, Redeemer	16,374	15,751	13,987	15,371	2,459
Beckley, St. Stephen's	202,106	157,284	157,284	172,225	27,556
Berkeley Springs, St. Mark's	74,766	74,766	68,710	72,747	11,640
Bluefield, Christ	202,931	165,504	193,476	187,304	29,969
Buckhannon, Transfiguration	28,432	31,057	53,497	37,662	6,026
Charles Town, St. Phillip's	37,335	39,971	39,366	38,891	6,223
Charles Town, Zion	208,075	275,941	286,905	256,974	41,116
Charleston, St. Christopher	208,786	248,245	224,529	227,187	36,350
Charleston, St. John's	377,316	366,004	343,916	362,412	57,986
Charleston, St. Matthew's	529,349	438,776	460,782	476,302	76,208
Clarksburg, Christ	189,280	215,947	224,519	209,915	33,586
Colliers, St. John's	44,764	43,889	38,955	42,536	6,806
Elkins, Grace	38,477	38,477	33,461	36,805	5,889
Fairmont, Christ	167,525	247,782	280,696	232,001	37,120
Glenville, St. Mark	4,689	4,689	4,689	4,689	750
Grafton, St. Matthias'	20,925	20,004	16,934	19,288	3,086
Hansford, Good Shepherd	54,746	51,093	50,503	52,114	8,338
Harpers Ferry, St. John's	23,274	24,564	21,893	23,244	3,719
Hedgesville, Mt. Zion	99,019	110,758	112,805	107,527	17,204
Hinton, Ascension	27,393	29,143	24,817	27,118	4,339
Huntington, St. John's	314,146	275,942	284,972	291,687	46,670

Huntington, St. Peter's	99,917	99,917	99,917	99,917	15,987
Huntington, Trinity	447,360	440,500	401,197	429,686	68,750
Hurricane, St. Timothy's	229,502	265,037	249,587	248,042	39,687
Keyser, Emmanuel	186,253	194,025	191,419	190,566	30,491
Kingwood, St. Michael's	27,994	26,701	36,499	30,398	4,864
Leetown, St Bartholomew	11,408	11,408		11,408	1,825
Lewisburg, St. James'	172,048	182,466	177,103	177,206	28,353
Logan, Holy Trinity	28,558	22,950	37,142	29,550	4,728
Marlinton, St. John's	0	17,297		8,649	1,384
Martinsburg, Trinity	277,819	285,463	297,221	286,834	45,893
Middleway, Grace	41,863	41,003	41,722	41,529	6,645
Moorefield, Emmanuel	18,904	19,007	16,953	18,288	2,926
Morgantown, Thomas 'a Becket	246,643	230,686	210,820	229,383	36,701
Morgantown, Trinity	117,600	117,600	121,192	118,797	19,008
Moundsville, Trinity	83,224	85,970	85,380	84,858	13,577
Mullens, St. Andrew's	Closed			N/A	N/A
New Martinsville, St. Ann's	25,129	16,665	16,715	19,503	3,120
Oak Hill, St. Andrew's	85,981	85,902	81,098	84,327	13,492
Parkersburg, Good Shepherd	251,611	241,070	249,849	247,510	39,602
Parkersburg, Trinity	362,962	441,807	386,507	397,092	63,535
Pt. Pleasant, Christ	120,672	120,531	115,621	118,941	19,031
Princeton, Heavenly Rest	30,899	20,947	17,200	23,015	3,682
Ravenswood, Grace	46,520	49,147	51,481	49,049	7,848
Ripley, St. John's	24,660	23,151	18,672	22,161	3,546
Romney, St. Stephen's	18,978	30,123	17,986	22,362	3,578
Ronceverte, Incarnation	49,953	52,942	56,478	53,124	8,500
St. Albans, St. Mark's	201,974	183,051	187,332	190,786	30,526
St. Marys, Grace	16,702	26,324	26,324	23,117	3,699

Salem, Prince of Peace	14,334	12,620	13,001	13,318	2,131
Shepherdstown, Trinity	303,174	317,164	317,943	312,760	50,042
Sistersville, St. Paul's	79,150	60,553	57,652	65,785	10,526
Snowshoe, Chapel on the Mount	N/A		19,600	N/A	N/A
Summersville, St. Martin's	11,369	11,228	7,517	10,038	1,606
Union, All Saints'	10,568	11,610	11,610	11,263	1,802
Weirton, St. Thomas'	58,876	55,898	58,701	57,825	9,252
Wellsburg, Christ	54,006	72,917	58,880	61,934	9,909
Weston, St. Paul's	136,807	169,178	148,154	151,380	24,221
Wheeling, Lawrencefield	166,543	172,187	156,689	165,140	26,422
Wheeling, St. Luke's	45,653	45,653	33,876	41,727	6,676
Wheeling, St. Matthew's	566,632	519,757	596,392	560,927	89,748
White Sul. Spgs., St. Thomas'	92,690	69,806	83,143	81,880	13,101
Williamson, St. Paul's	70,385	41,872	43,614	51,957	8,313
Williamstown, Christ	15,496	13,564	17,816	15,625	2,500