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Dear St. Peter's Family,

Recently, our national church held its triennial legislative meeting in Austin, Texas. General Convention is held every three years when the House of Deputies (elected clergy and laity from each diocese) and the the House of Bishops (all bishops in the Episcopal Church) meet to discuss and act upon the mission of the church, particularly as a legislative body. Especially since it was so close to us in Kerrville, I was glad to attend General Convention as a visitor. I enjoyed seeing friends from across the country, and it impressed me how the Presiding Bishop's infectious spirit has indeed produced a renewed energy in our national church.

Outside the legislative chambers, the deputies, bishops, and visitors came together for fellowship and worship, and in his opening sermon, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry called on members of the Episcopal Church to embrace spiritual practices that can help lead them to a Jesus-centered life. He went so far as offer seven practices for this Rule of Life, what Bishop Curry called the Way of Love:

- **Turn:** Pause, listen and choose to follow Jesus.
- **Learn:** Reflect daily on scripture, especially the life and teachings of Jesus.
- **Worship:** Gather in community for worship every week.
- **Pray:** Spend time with God in prayer every day.
- **Bless:** Share one's faith and find ways to serve other people.
- **Go:** Move beyond one's comfort to witness to the love of God with words and actions.
- **Rest:** Dedicate time for restoration and wholeness.

In his sermon, Bishop Curry spoke to the point that the church does not necessarily need a "new program," but we can draw on these ancient (and still very good) practices that give us what we need to live a faithful Christian life in the twenty-first century. Yes, these tried and true practices can lead us to the love we know in Jesus Christ. These practices can open up our souls to be loved and to love. Bishop Curry seems to have struck a chord with so many in the church because he has led us back to the basics and the heart of the church. I recall words from Scripture that say, "The steadfast love of The Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness" (Lamentations 3:22-24).

In this edition of the Rock Road, you will find a summary report from our bishops about the significant things that happened at General Convention. I encourage you to read the report from Bishop Reed and Bishop Brooke-Davidson. Also, please join me in giving thanks for the bishops, the deputies from our diocese, and our Presiding Bishop. Most of all, please join me in giving thanks for our Great Shepherd, Jesus Christ, who invites us and leads his church into a life with him, the life in which we fully know the love of God.

Faithfully,



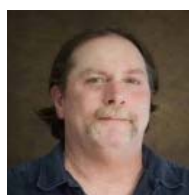
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# Forward Day By Day

## Daily Devotionals



The new issue is now available in the church narthex. They are FREE, although donations are gratefully accepted. Copies are also available in the office, along with a few large print editions.

# AUGUST

## Usher Schedule ~ 10 am

August 05: Gail & David Brown  
August 12: Andy Bachofen, Hiram Wilson  
August 19: Kay Bruce, Nellwyn Sadler  
August 26: Sue & Doug Whinnery

Your attention, please!!!

Thank  
you

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## A Word to the Diocese About General Convention

Dear People of West Texas,

As we begin writing this summary report, the 79<sup>th</sup> General Convention of the Episcopal Church ended just 48 hours ago. There is still much dust to settle, and it will take some time to more fully understand what General Convention did and did not do, and what the consequences are for the Diocese of West Texas. In late summer or early fall, we will provide a much more complete report and will include “news and views” from our lay and clergy deputies and alternates.

The scale of the Convention needs to be described. We met in the Austin Convention Center from July 3-13. Voting participants included eight deputies (four clergy and four lay) and eight alternate deputies from the 101 domestic dioceses and 12 or so foreign dioceses of The Episcopal Church. When in session, the House of Deputies (HOD) has about 900 members. About 140 bishops participated in the House of Bishops (HOB, which includes retired bishops, though not many attend). In addition, the exhibit hall brought together hundreds representing lots of ministries and advocacy groups. Also, the Episcopal Church Women’s Triennial Meeting took place in the Convention Center at the same time.

Nearly 500 resolutions came before us during the convention. All of these resolutions were assigned to one of 24 legislative committees (comprised, actually, of two committees—a deputies’ group and a bishops’ group). Each resolution was required to have a “public hearing” during which anyone could sign up to speak for or against, and each resolution had to be voted on twice in committee—once by the deputies and once by the bishops—making a recommendation for action by the full HOD and HOB. Both of your bishops were assigned to legislative committees—Bishop Brooke-Davidson as vice-chair of Stewardship & Responsible Investing, and Bishop Reed as chair of Governance & Structure. We spent a great deal of time doing committee work and spent little time sitting in on other committees’ deliberations.

We hope this brief description gives you some sense of what convention “is like”: complex and enormous - at times glorious and wonderful, at times unwieldy, tiring, confusing, and frustrating. We took part in beautiful and moving worship; we were inspired and challenged by Spirit-driven sermons; we were humbled and blessed to be in deeper conversation about so many questions with so many faithful Christians—those with whom we have much in common and those with whom we sometimes disagree.

So, in summary, here are some of the more significant things that happened:

### **Joint Sessions**

The two houses met in joint session three times to hear presentations and to discuss about our Presiding Bishop Michael Curry’s three missional priorities: **Racial Reconciliation, Evangelism, and Care of Creation**. No resolutions were discussed during these sessions, but we were all challenged and encouraged to take what we were hearing and learning back home with us. Your entire deputation was inspired, and we will begin further conversation and planning in the fall. (In the budget adopted near the end of convention, evangelism, church-planting, and racial reconciliation ministries were fully and generously funded.)

### **The Book of Common Prayer**

We did NOT vote to revise our *Book of Common Prayer*. A resolution to do so was rejected by the House of Bishops by means of a substitute resolution, which was eventually adopted by overwhelming majorities. While the resolution acknowledges that, broadly, liturgical change has been going on and is always a part of the Church’s life, it also holds that, for the foreseeable future, full-scale revision is not wise or necessary. It specifically “memorializes” our Prayer Book as our standard for worship, while also encouraging bishops and dioceses to develop “alternative texts to offer to the wider church.” In the context of this development, the resolution encourages, but doesn’t mandate, the use of “inclusive and expansive language.” However, the bishop remains the chief liturgical officer of his or her diocese, and no changes to the liturgies of the Prayer Book or the use of “alternative texts” is allowed without the bishop’s consent.

### **Same-Sex Marriage**

Our Church passed a resolution (B012) on the last day of the convention that keeps in place the use of the “trial rites” adopted at the 2015 General Convention. The rites, in effect, will have the status of liturgies in the Book of Occasional Services; they are not being added to the Prayer Book. Because the words are gender neutral, the rites may now be available to heterosexual couples, as well. By canon, no priest of this Church can be required either to officiate at *any* marriage, nor to permit a marriage in his or her church. The most significant change is that a bishop’s authority to not allow the use of the same-sex rites in his or her diocese is removed. We will be reviewing our diocesan marriage policies this fall to see what, if anything, will need to be changed. The resolution goes into effect on the First Sunday of Advent.

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### **Sexual Abuse**

The evening before convention officially began, all were invited to a worship service consisting of listening and a litany of repentance for the historic and ongoing pain and suffering inflicted on women and girls primarily, but also on men and boys. The focus wasn't on abuse generally in society, but within our own Church. Bishops read letters written by women (mostly) from around the country describing abuses suffered, and often, the additional pain caused when the Church's leadership failed to act or pressured victims to remain silent. It was powerful and heart-rending. Several resolutions were passed calling for the Church and our dioceses to self-examination and change, and the House of Bishops adopted a covenant to continue to study and respond to this matter.

### **Diocese of Cuba**

In an overwhelmingly happy moment, the Convention voted to readmit La Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba into The Episcopal Church. Following Castro's rise to power in the late 1950s, the House of Bishops in 1966, requested that the Diocese of Cuba withdraw from our Church. Since then, it has been supported by the Anglican Church of Canada. Bishop Griselda Delgado del Carpio was immediately seated with other bishops in the HOB.

### **Immigration**

Three resolutions regarding immigration were passed, primarily denouncing the (now rescinded) federal policy of forced separation of children from their parents when caught in the country illegally. The resolutions encouraged dioceses and congregations to become knowledgeable about immigration issues and actively seek to alleviate the suffering. At a prayer vigil of over 1,100 Episcopalians on July 8 at a detention center in Hutto, the Presiding Bishop said, "We do not come in hatred. We do not come in bigotry. We do not come to put anybody down. We come to lift everybody up. We come in love because we follow Jesus, and Jesus taught us to love."

### **Hymn Honoring Artemisia Bowden**

This resolution came through our Diocesan Council last February, via the diocesan chapter of the Union of Black Episcopalians, and requested the addition of a hymn in honor of our "local saint" Artemisia Bowden, the child of slaves who came to San Antonio in 1902 to lead St. Philip's School for Girls that eventually became what is now St. Philip's College. The resolution was unanimously recommended by the committee it was assigned to as "Take No Further Action," and that was agreed to in the HOB.

While disappointing to us, and to our deputation, this result wasn't a complete surprise, since there are currently no plans to revise the Hymnal. Another resolution *was* passed, however, calling for the collection of "home-grown" hymns and songs in use in congregations and dioceses and making those available to the wider Church. We are hopeful that a hymn honoring the "savior of St. Philip's" will one day be sung.

With almost 500 resolutions to consider, obviously we've just scratched the surface here. Plenty of resources are available (on our diocesan website – [www.dwtx.org/general-convention](http://www.dwtx.org/general-convention) - and the general convention website – [www.generalconvention.org](http://www.generalconvention.org)) should you want to learn more. As we communicated before and during the convention, please be circumspect and discerning when reading and listening to secular news accounts and social media.

We are grateful for the opportunity to represent you in the Councils of the Church, and we are profoundly thankful to have worked with the faithful and loving followers of Jesus who made up the West Texas deputation. And we are so, so glad to be back home!

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Jennifer Brooke-Davidson  
Bishop Suffragan

David Reed  
Bishop



The logo features a blue square with a white circle containing a red cross. To the right, the text "ST. PETER'S" is in black, "RALLY DAY" is in black with a red outline, and "& FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL" is in black with a green outline.

# ST. PETER'S RALLY DAY & FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL



Please join us after the 10 AM service for  
an afternoon of fun, food trucks and fellowship  
to celebrate the start of our exciting new church year!

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## July Vestry Highlights

The Vestry met on Monday, July 16, 2018 at 5:30pm. Fr. Bert opened the meeting in prayer, and then the Vestry approved the minutes from the May 21 meeting.

In the absence of Catherine Kern, Secretary to the Vestry, Megan Russ recorded the minutes for the July meeting.

Under New Business, the Vestry entertained the proposal from the Christian Formation Commission for moving the church nursery to the Shelton Building (Rooms 2 & 3). Before the meeting began, the vestry met to tour the space currently in use as well as the proposed new locations for the nursery, children, and youth. During the meeting there was discussion regarding ways to communicate the changes (campus map, etc). Signage will be needed. It was suggested that the church utilize the school gates so that families could also park in the school parking lot and access fellowship in Tucker Hall after church easier. Parking options by the Cottage Shop as well as across the street are also available options. The proposed changes were well received. The Vestry voted unanimously to accept the proposal and move forward with the plan.

Also under New Business, Sam Hunnicutt met with the Vestry to discuss his call to the ordained ministry in the Episcopal Church. Sam and his wife, Julianne, were present to speak to his discernment process and answer any questions the Vestry might have about his call. Sam was an ordained minister in the United Methodist Church, and he shared how he was led to the Episcopal Church, being confirmed by Bishop Reed in February of this year. Once the Vestry had an opportunity to visit with Sam and Julianne about Sam's call, the Vestry went into Executive Session to discuss. The Vestry then voted unanimously to share in feeling strongly that Sam Hunnicutt may be called to ordained ministry in the Episcopal Church.

Catherine Schulte delivered the Financial Report and followed up to the previously emailed statements sent from Chrissie Jennings. Halfway through the Fiscal Year, overall income is at 51% and overall expenses are at 45%. The Vestry approved the Financial Report as presented.

Mickey Horany reported on behalf of the Stewardship Commission. The Abide in Me Conference went well and the presentation delivered by members of St. Peter's was well received. The Stewardship Commission met on July 12; in the meeting, roles and resources were discussed. The Commission also discussed its focus on a fall stewardship campaign.

Dee Elliott reported on the ministry of the school. St. Peter's Episcopal School is at full enrollment for the fall. Discovery Day is August 23<sup>rd</sup>, and vestry members are encouraged to attend. It was also reported that Lou Ann and Greg Maxwell are working with Janet Boutin on options for the sale of the school busses and the purchase of a replacement bus.

Stephen Drane reported that he and others will begin to address the annual budget (2019) as part of the work of the Finance Commission.

Under the property report, Stephen Drane reported on behalf of the Junior Warden. The new fountain is up and running, and we have received the plaque to be installed at the fountain. Stephen Drane and David Martin addressed the concern of the fabric over the columbarium that is torn and in need of repair or replacement. Options for repair and replacement were discussed. It was recommended that we receive another bid and revisit the topic at the August Vestry Meeting.

Rich Schneider, Senior Warden, reported to the vestry on how he and the Rector meet regularly and continue to support one another in their respective roles.

Fr. Bert Baetz reported to the Vestry. Fr. Bert expressed his appreciation for the strong leadership in place while he was on vacation in June. He is encouraged by the work of Christian Formation Commission as sub-groups of the Commission have been meeting throughout the summer. Fr. Bert reported on General Convention that was held in Austin, Texas. He attended General Convention as a visitor and shared how he was impressed with the positive feeling at General Convention. He recently received the summary report from our bishops and will forward that report to the Vestry. Fr. Bert had served as chaplain at Family Camp (Mustang Island Conference Center) earlier in the month, and he shared how that was a positive experience for him

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and the families served at Family Camp. He plans to serve at Family Camp next year and hopes to take more families from our parish with him. Fr. Bert also addressed Amos Rosales' resignation from the sexton position. Amos has accepted a good job offer at Schreiner University. Fr. Bert expressed his gratitude for Amos and how he is happy for Amos and this new opportunity for him.

Under Old Business, the Endowment Board elected at the May meeting presented a Resolution for the St. Peter's Endowment Fund. Jim Hayes presented the Resolution and the Resolution was adopted by the Vestry.

The Rector and Vestry closed with the Lord's Prayer and the meeting adjourned.

The next meeting will be Monday, August 20, at 5:30pm in the Multi-purpose Room of Tucker Hall. As always, anyone in the parish is welcome to attend. If you wish to be on the agenda and speak, however, please notify the Rector no later than the previous Tuesday, August 14, when he writes the Agenda and then emails the Agenda to the Vestry.

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# St. Peter's Children's Choir

## It's almost time for school to start!

(Parents, please sit down when reading this!)

That means it's time for the second season of the renewed St. Peter's Children's Choir (aka Pete's Peeps). We'll start back with a "getting-to-know-you" meeting:

**Wednesday, September 12 ~ 5:15 in the choir room**

Parent's, please come that day with your child or send someone who can fill out a new registration form. I'll have a schedule of when we will sing available at that time so you can mark your calendars.

**It's going to be another fun year!**

# Pete's Peeps





# It's August !

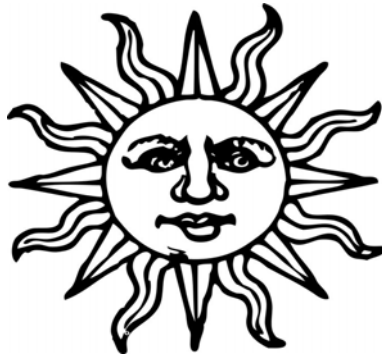
## BIRTHDAYS

Judy	Carswell	1-Aug
Herbert	Williamson	1-Aug
Audrey	Schreiner	1-Aug
Avery	Earl	1-Aug
Howard	Kiecke	2-Aug
James	Raymond	3-Aug
Eleanor	Ingerson	4-Aug
Lucy	Pearson	4-Aug
Greg	Maxwell	4-Aug
Kay	Bruce	5-Aug
James	Jones	6-Aug
Brooksie	Bledsoe	6-Aug
Brady	Jordan	6-Aug
Barbara	Whipple	7-Aug
Paul	Simone	7-Aug
Alexis	McRoberts	7-Aug
John	Self	7-Aug
Glenda	Price-Coden	7-Aug
Mary	Cook	8-Aug
Keaton	Herman	8-Aug
Scott	Herman	10-Aug
Noel	Searle	11-Aug
John	Pike	12-Aug
Riley	Rector	12-Aug
Bobby	Ulich	13-Aug
Hinley	Imel	13-Aug
Joe	Shafer Jr.	14-Aug
Ken	Kappler	14-Aug
David	Martin	14-Aug
Jim	Raymond	15-Aug
Henry	Jons IV	15-Aug
Jane	Hicks	17-Aug
Dan	Burt	17-Aug
Russell	Baehre Jr.	17-Aug
Midge	Glor	19-Aug
Kris	Riojas	19-Aug
Kay	Hayes	20-Aug
Don	Hancock	20-Aug
Waynoka	Lawrence	21-Aug
Paul	Oshipp	21-Aug
Lenore	Langsdorf	22-Aug
Kathy	Bogie	22-Aug
Dixon	Mosty	22-Aug
Blake	King	22-Aug

Archer	Lockhart	22-Aug
Rebekah	Talarico	25-Aug
Carol	Casals	26-Aug
Pam	McCaskill	27-Aug
Margaret	McBride	28-Aug
Linda	Pipkin	28-Aug
Phillip	Cota	29-Aug
W. R.	Machen	30-Aug
Marla	Edwards	31-Aug
Eric	Maloney	31-Aug
Oliver	Baetz IV	31-Aug

## ANNIVERSARIES

Arnold Evans & Jo-An Robinson-Evans	3-Aug
Scott & Stephanie Herman	3-Aug
Lawrence & Marsha Hofland	4-Aug
Ken & Andrea O'Neal	5-Aug
John & Dee Popp	7-Aug
Harvey & Tracy Hilderbran	7-Aug
David & Gail Brown	9-Aug
Paul & Chris Simone	9-Aug
Michael & Julie Cosgrove	12-Aug
Danny & Carolyn Wheat	13-Aug
Art & Kathy Bogie	14-Aug
Christopher & Julie Wood	19-Aug
Richard & Betty Mosty	21-Aug
Bill & Nancy Muldoon	23-Aug
Herb & Rebecca Williamson	24-Aug
Roy & Barbara Blackbird	25-Aug
Andy & Carolyn Bachofen	26-Aug
Olaf & Valerie Olsen	26-Aug



"What dreadful hot weather we have!  
It keeps me in a continual state of inelegance."  
- Jane Austen

**"The month of August had turned into a griddle  
where the days just lay there and sizzled."**  
- Sue Monk Kidd, The Secret Life of Bees

Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass  
under trees on a summer's day, listening to the murmur  
of the water, or watching the clouds float across the sky,  
is by no means a waste of time.  
- John Lubbock



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## St. Paul's Guild August 2018



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1	Andy		
5		Charlie McIlvain	Herb Williamson
		Kim Chatalain	Amy Ives
8	Ted		
12		Deidra Murray Harmer	Andy Bachofen
		Shannon Drost	Susan Parker
15	Paula		
19		Dave Weekley	Jim Hayes
		Kathryn Clark	Kay Hayes
22	Lynda		
26		Rita Self	Kevin Devore
		Ted Whittier	Lynda Devore
29	Andy		