In Memoriam
The Rt. Rev. David Standish Ball
June 11, 1926 – April 18, 2017
"I present to you David, Bishop in the Church of God."

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On April 18th, 2017, the sad, but expected email was received from Bishop Love. It read: “Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, It is with great sadness that I must share with you that Bishop David S. Ball, Seventh Bishop of Albany, passed away peacefully earlier this afternoon. He was 90 years old…”
The Rt. Reverend David Standish Ball, the 7th Bishop of Albany, was finally at rest with Our Lord, just 53 days short of his 91st birthday. The Diocese and the entire church lost a dear friend this day and any attempt to write a story about this loving, Christian man, faithful bishop and true pastor is not without great difficulty. To those who were honored to know him, and those who wish they did, here is a brief story of his life as outlined in the May 2016 The Albany Episcopalian.

David Standish Ball was born on June 11th, 1926, the second son of Percival and Hazelton Ball. He had three brothers, an older brother Robert and two younger brothers, George and Peter. There were no daughters in this family.

David Ball’s education began in the Menands Elementary School, and he then moved on to the Milne School. (He always pronounced it “Mill-in”). He was an outstanding catcher and hitter for Milne and voted All-Albany in baseball and Most Athletic in his class. While attending Milne in his teenage years, he was Capt. of the Basketball team, President of the Boys Athletic Council, Captain Of the Traffic Squad and President of Phi Sigma Society.

Because of his fair skin and very blond hair, David was given the nickname, “Dutch”, a nickname he carried throughout his entire life. In later years, as in his teen years, “Dutch” excelled in athletics, taking up golf, fishing, and even tried his hand at horseback riding. When asked about his proficiency in handling equines, he humbly admitted to a lacking in this noble endeavor.

Graduation from Milne came in 1943 and college was on the horizon. However, World War II was raging in Europe and the Pacific, and like so many young men of his generation, he was called to serve his country in the United States Navy. Getting into the Navy was no easy task because David was color blind, and at that time, people who were color blind had difficulty getting into the military. Determined to do his part to defend his country, he memorized the entire eye chart prior to his examination. It might be said, “He passed the physical with flying colors!” Now a sailor, David was assigned to the Atlantic fleet on the Navy destroyer, the U.S.S. Cone.

When World War II ended in 1945, “Dutch” could take his life in a new direction. In the fall of 1946, he entered Colgate University and it was there at Colgate that David Ball received that special “call” to serve a new master and be a priest in the Episcopal Church. That call was answered.

He entered General Theological Seminary soon after graduation from Colgate in 1950. Three years later, on June 14th, 1953, he was ordained Deacon by Bishop Barry in the Cathedral of All Saints. On December 21, 1953, Deacon Ball was ordained a Priest. His first assignment was curate of Bethesda Church in Saratoga Springs, serving there for 3 years. In 1956, he accepted an opportunity to serve at the Cathedral of All Saints, starting as Canon Sacrist. Two years later, he became Canon Precentor.

It was the custom at that time that a few promising priests from the United States would have the opportunity to attend the prestigious St. Augustine’s College in Canterbury, England. David Ball, one of those promising young priests, was invited to attend and went enthusiastically on to Canterbury. However, he wasn’t to stay in England very long, because in 1960, a transatlantic cable from a very ill Bishop Barry shortened his stay. Bishop Barry asked him to come home to be the new Dean of the Cathedral. He would be Dean of the Cathedral for the next 23 years. A highlight of Dean Ball’s tenure at the Cathedral was to officiate at his parents’ renewal of their marriage vows on their 50th wedding anniversary in 1970. How proud his parents would have been had they lived to see their son eventually become the 7th Bishop of Albany.

While at the Cathedral, Dean Ball began to see that his city was changing. The numbers of poor seemed to grow exponentially, and with that, a rising number of homeless roamed Albany’s streets. Inspired by a plaque that hung on the wall in his office which read, “IT CAN BE DONE”, it was a constant reminder that with faith, the “impossible could be done”. Dean Ball elected to take on the overwhelming task of addressing the need of housing for the poor. He joined the Board of the Albany Interracial Council and became its President in 1968. He then enlisted the Cathedral of All Saints to join forces with the Morningstar Baptist Church to begin the largest project ever undertaken by two denominations in the city of Albany. Elected President of the Dudley Park Housing Development Company, Dean Ball helped raise more than 5 million dollars to build an apartment complex to house 263 families in the heart of Arbor Hill. The project was built and completed in little more than one year. Glancing back at the “IT CAN BE DONE” plaque, it could now be said, “It was done”.

By now, it was 1984. Consecrated Bishop Coadjutor in February, he was installed the 7th Bishop of Albany in October of the same year. Albany’s newest bishop soon discovered an urgent need to raise funds to simply operate the Diocese, so he established the Step Out in Faith campaign. Attaining support of many parishes, individuals and various organizations, several million dollars were raised to
Bishop Ball was an avid New York Giants fan and a great admirer of Willie Mays, the Giants great center fielder. Over the years, discussions as to which was the better team, i.e., the Brooklyn Dodgers or New York Giants, often brought spirited, but lighthearted dialogue. When the Giants and Dodgers moved to California in 1957, he was not silent on his dismay to see such betrayal to the New York fans. His fondest memory of the Giants was when he was actually at the Polo Grounds to see Willie Mays make the famous “sensational catch” in the history of the game, followed by an equally sensational throw back to the infield to prevent runners scoring. It was a legendary feat still talked about by baseball historians to this day... especially, “Dutch” Ball.

Pay for many long overdue Diocesan projects. It was not widely known, but this Bishop of Albany made it a high priority to faithfully commit to spending one week each year in each Deanery of the Diocese – a total of 7 weeks. Bishop Ball regarded these weeks in the Deaneries as “periods of great joy”; a welcome opportunity to spend meaningful time with his clergy and laity; an opportunity to share the concerns, hopes and aspirations of the parishes, Diocese and the wider church. On Saturday, June 11th, 2016, a celebration of his 90th birthday was the highlight of the Diocese’s 148th Annual Convention at Camp of the Woods, Speculator. The celebration included a video of his life story, special awards and many accolades before an appreciative and loving audience. As always, he was humbled by such praise.

Bishop Ball’s reputation for helping people was well known for decades, including his lifelong support of hospitals, nursing homes, schools, St. Margaret’s Center for Children, the poor and the homeless. A kind and generous mentor, Bishop Ball welcomed countless people with his warm smile and infectious sense of humor, providing wise and compassionate counsel as he ministered to generations of congregants in times of both sorrow and joy. Widely known in the community as a “soft touch”, he was often seen on city streets aiding those in need of money or some other assistance.

A man of seemingly never ending energy, it was not all work and no play. He did find time to relax. A voracious reader, he had a passion for biographies, old fashioned New Orleans jazz and baseball - often finding it difficult to pass up seeing a good ball game. He was a long-time avid New York Giants fan (at least until they deserted New York and moved to San Francisco in 1957!)

In 1998, after 14 years as Bishop of Albany, Bishop Ball retired, having reached the mandatory age of 72, in accordance with Canon Law of the Episcopal Church. Although it was time to leave as Diocesan, his role as priest and bishop never ended. Shortly after his “official” retirement, he became Bishop-In-Residence at the Cathedral of All Saints. He spent 27 years at the Cathedral (4 as a Canon and 23 as its Dean). He was Diocesan 14 years and Bishop-In-Residence 18 more for a total 59 of those 63 years as a cleric associated with the cathedral. When TAE Editor asked Bishop Ball about the cathedral, he responded “It is the Mother Church of the Diocese...it’s a symbol of our connection with each other and to the bishop. In that sense, every member of the Diocese belongs to the Cathedral...it’s everybody’s church. [It] is a symbol of the unity we have in the Diocese with Christ.”

So now, as his life has ended, we celebrate David Standish Ball’s more than nine decades on this earth and his moving on to a higher place with Our Lord for a well-deserved eternal rest. The Albany Episcopalian, along with the bishops, clerics and laity of the Diocese and beyond, wish to take this opportunity to express their sincere thanks and gratitude to Bishop Ball for his faithful service to Our Lord, his leadership in the church and having this opportunity to write a brief story of a special friend and “pastor”.

Bishop David “Dutch” Standish Ball, may you have eternal rest in peace. Goodbye, dear friend.

The Editor
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“Memories and Why They’re Important to Being Church”

By The Very Reverend Steven A. Peay, PhD.

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you…” We heard those words from Saint Paul’s First Letter to the Corinthians on Maundy Thursday not too long ago. We hear about things “handed on” quite a bit, not realizing sometime that is where the word “tradition” comes from; it literally means to hand on. And, here is the reason the Church exists: to continue the great chain of communion, which is, indeed, a chain of memory. When we think of our families we realize that we’ve been formed by the shared memories that have been delivered to us. Thus, the old expression – “the nut doesn’t fall far from the tree” – is so true, because we’re the product of that tree.

We get drawn into the story by coming together to share it and tell it again and again. As the late Russian Orthodox theologian Alexander Schmemman wrote: “It is the proper function of the liturgy to ‘make’ the church preparation and to reveal her as fulfillment. Every day, every week, every year it is thus transformed and made into this double reality, into a correlation between the ‘already’ and the ‘not yet.’” [OF WATER AND THE SPIRIT, p. 17] So, the Church makes the “already” real and reminds us that the “not yet” is coming. And it is the experience, and the memory that helps us along the way from preparation to fulfillment.

Memory is something we all take for granted – at least until it starts to slip. Rarely, however, do we consider that memory is essential to understanding who we are, to developing and maintaining our identity. What is true of individuals is also true of societies. History is, then, collective memory. It is, as the philosopher of history Eric Voegelin put it, “the means by which a people give account to themselves of their past.” We find it altogether too easy to forget history, to dismiss it. If you don’t believe it or just want to be shocked, watch one of the segments on any game show that involves questions drawn from history. There college students and university graduates, some of them teachers, can’t relate or decipher the rudiments of American or world history, or even geography. To live only in the land of current events is to become subject to the whim of whoever happens to control the event. There’s the reason why every dictator has destroyed national monuments, libraries, and churches at the very outset of the occupation of a conquered land. Memory, history keeps the sense of identity alive and calls a people into being.

When we forget who we are and who others are we can easily hold them in contempt. I like what one author has said, “Human history is littered with the debris of contempt. Contempt happens when we see others not as people, but as dispensable commodities. When we see other people as simply objects in the way of us getting what we want, the whole world is in trouble.” This kind of contempt has been called ‘reification’ by moral theologians. It’s the process of turning a person into a thing – ‘thingification,’ if you will. This is what Jesus’ new commandment, which gave Maundy Thursday its name (the ‘Maundy’ coming from ‘mandatum novum,’ a new commandment) strikes at the heart of this contempt and reminds us that we are to remember to love one another and then to do something about it in loving service.

Each day we are bombarded with stories of violence, whether on the streets of Stockholm, London, some small town in the Middle East, or on the streets where we live. Somewhere, somehow, along the line these events, these actions began as people, ordinary people, who
The only way that I can think of that allows us to make a difference in the face of such violence, such forgetfulness, is to remember. If we don’t forget who we are, if we don’t forget who we are called to be, we will not be deterred in trying to change a world where people conveniently forget, and conveniently treat each other as objects. Jesus’ new commandment and his own example is a warning not to forget, not to lose sight of who we are or of what we are called to become. It begins, however, when we ask ourselves how we look at people around us. When are we guilty of seeing others as obstacles, rather than as children of God? How does that make us act toward people when we think in these ways? If we can change ourselves and make this place different because of it, then it will filter out into the community around us. As Jesus says, “By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” Memories are constitutive – it’s why we keep Lent, and ‘do’ Holy Week and Easter – gathering on these days to recall the events which have brought us to this point. We must constantly remember who we are. It is how we become what Robert Bellah, the eminent sociologist of religion, called “communities of memory.”

For me communion is a graphic reminder of what we’re supposed to be about as a people of memory, a community of memory, if you will. When we gather for the Eucharist, at the Lord’s table we participate in an event that happened two thousand years ago, but we’re there now, and we’re with everyone who ever has or ever will receive these simple elements of bread and wine. As we receive the bread and cup we are made one with God, with each other, and with all those who gather around similar tables all around the world. If we “do this and remember” how can we see other people as obstacles, as things? How can we not see them as a part of our very selves and treat them with love and respect?

There is a reason communion is called ‘Eucharist,’ thanksgiving. It is called Eucharist because it reminds us to be thankful for what God has done for us. When we celebrate the sacrament we not only remember that night long ago, the night we remember and commemorate this very day, when Jesus first gave us this gift, but we remember the whole story of salvation. That’s what we hear in the ‘Great Thanksgiving’ as we celebrate the sacrament. To remember what God has done, and is doing, on our behalf calls us to live in God’s ‘eternal now’ through loving service and with open hearts and minds.

For some of us going to Eucharist is a frequent, if not a daily thing, as it is here at Nashotah House. There is such a thing, too, as “muscle memory,” which happens from constant repetition. We can get to the point where our participation is simply rote. We’re used to what we’re doing, and, in that case, perhaps what we need to do is to pause, reflect, and consider what it means. That’s why the time and seasons of the Church year are ever so important – even why coming together as a Diocesan Church family at convention is important, too – and why those little changes in the liturgy make such a difference. It is all designed to recall what our Lord is calling us to do, and to be about in our daily living. He has told us that we are to “love one another.” That is the new commandment. That is what is to govern how we are to live every day of our lives – how well do we hold up against His example, against his model?

Jesus told his disciples, “Do this and remember.” The command hasn’t changed. When Paul tells the Corinthians that he is handing on what he’s received from the Lord, he’s building on the memory of what God has done. The very words of institution, which we say each time we celebrate the sacrament, are drawn from those handed-on, remembered words. Why do we do this? Paul tells us, “For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.” We hold in memory that our salvation, our union with God, has come at a price and demands a price – that we remember, hand it on, live it out, and continue the new commandment to love one another as we have been loved.

So I ask you to comprehend, to realize, remember what you do, and who we are. When next you go to communion, do this and remember. Remember who you are. Remember the life of love and growth to which you have been called. Remember what you are called to become. When we stir up our memories we hear Jesus, “Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.” By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” Memories like that strengthen the great chain of communion that makes us Church.
During Holy Week each year, the bishop is joined by his clergy for the purpose of gathering to celebrate the centuries old Chrism Mass. It is a time when the bishop blesses the Chrism, “the oil to anoint those who turn from darkness to the light of Christ, and blesses the oil used for healing”. Sometimes called, “the Bishop’s Service”, the bishop not only consecrates oils for the ministry of salvation in the diocese and his clergy, but a time for all the ordained (including the bishop) to renew their ordination vows in the context of this pastoral ministry.

Many references to anointing with oil can be found throughout the Bible. Two of the many references that come to mind; in regards to the consecration of priests and kings, are Psalm 23:5 which reads, “You anoint my head with oil”, signifying favor and strength from the Lord, and in Luke 4:18 of the New Testament which reads, “The spirit of the Lord is upon me; therefore, He has anointed me.”

In the sacrament of confirmation, the bishop anoints the forehead of the candidate with chrism. It is also used in the sacrament of holy orders during the ordinations of priests and bishops.

The practice of anointing goes back to the early church. We hear of anointing the sick in the scriptures themselves in The Epistle of St. James, Chapter 5. “The sign of the sacred Chrism is especially shown in Baptism, by which Christians enter the paschal
mystery of Christ: dead with him, and buried with him, and risen again with him, we are partakers of his royal priesthood."

Because of the vast size of the Albany Diocese (20,000 square miles), the Chrism Mass is held in three convenient locations in order for all deacons and priests of the Diocese to be able to attend one of the Masses. This year, the first was held at the Cathedral of All Saints, Albany, on April 10th, the second, at St. James, Oneonta, on April 11th, and the third at St. Thomas’, Tupper Lake on April 12th.

(Photos shown here are of the Cathedral’s Chrism Mass, held April 10th)
On March 17th, 2017, the Feast of St. Patrick, Bishop William Love led the dedication of the new Oaks of Righteousness worship center and chapel in north central Troy. This day was especially chosen as the chapel is dedicated to the Irish missionary bishop, St. Patrick.

The dedication was the culmination of a long journey that began in 2009 when two women priests, Mother Christina Hunter and Mother Hannah Mudge, approached their Diocesan, Bishop Love, with an idea to “Spread the Good News” in north central Troy. After receiving Bishop Love’s blessing, the Albany Diocese’s Oaks of Righteousness was born.

“Oaks” (as many now call it) lies amidst the poorest and probably most dangerous section of Troy’s inner city, a section of the city that most people normally avoid. This was not to be with the Mothers Christina and Hanna. Together, they believed that their mission was to tend to the poor, the downtrodden, victims of crime and addiction and make this “a worshipping community that seeks to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ to children and adults.” An immense task, indeed, let alone for two women priests that would face great challenges inherent to north central Troy, including crimes of violence and even murder. They began their ministry renting the old M&M diner.

By 2013, however, it was clear that the diner had become too small a facility to handle the many that came for worship, food, prayer and even those seeking assistance in the recovery from a variety of addictions. A search ensued for a larger facility, but funds would be needed to bring it to fruition. The answer came, thanks to the faithfulness of the not-too-far-away Trinity Church, Watervliet. Mother Christina best describes the events as follows:

“We were often crammed with wall-to-wall kids (making it hard to play, serve food, and simultaneously teach Bible classes), and it proved to be tough to convince adults to worship God in an old diner.” [The parishioners at Trinity Church, having a deep commitment to giving and outreach, provided the help needed.] Mother Christina went on to say, “The parishioners at Trinity have a deep commitment to giving and outreach. Fifteen percent of every dollar that enters their coffers goes right back out the door to bless others. So, when the parish received a generous bequest from a parishioner who went to be with the Lord, they asked God where the roughly $100,000 tithe/offerings should go. God told them. Just imagine our surprise and joy when Fr. Marty Wendell called us out of the blue and said, “Our parish would like to buy you a building.”

Editor’s Note: The story of Trinity Church’s many inspiring examples of Christian generosity was highlighted in the 2014 Lent issue of The Albany Episcopalian. It can be found on the Diocesan website: www.albanyepiscopaldiocese.org.

“Our building search began. We limited our search to the local neighborhood, not wanting to lose any of our parishioners (many of whom are children and/or are without cars). The result? No luck. Month after month of dead ends. We searched foreclosure lists, called realtors, prayed and prayed again.

Finally, we shared our frustration with Bishop Love. He suggested we give the owners of the closed-down charter school a call, just to test the waters on what they might charge us. The school was once owned by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany, so I gave them a call. Found out they’d sold the school.
“While I have you on the phone, I wondered if you’d be interested in what you’d ask to sell us the rectory of St. Patrick’s,” I said.

For a good price, I was told, although I’d have to take the church building along with the rectory. Both properties for, say...$100,000?

I was floored by the price. Thought and prayed about it all day, on and off. Ended up that night at a session of School of Healing Prayer I was taking at the time. We all began to discuss how we wished there were more places, outside of a traditional worship service, where people could access prayer. Like an urban prayer center, right on the bus line. One of my classmates said she wished Oaks could accommodate such a center. I said pray for it -- we’re looking for a new building.

“How about St. Patrick’s?” our instructor said, with a smile. He was joking, but I stared at him. Before I could tell him about the phone call I’d made earlier that day, another classmate piped up: “Yeah, what ABOUT St. Patrick’s? I was on the front steps of that church two nights ago, praying with others that God would re-open it for his glory.”

Stunned, I shared with my class what was going on. We prayed. And, days later, Hannah and I shared with some local intercessors what was going on. We prayed again. One of our intercessors said, “Let’s be bold.” And right there, she asked God for another $100,000 to do repairs to the rectory. I thought she was a little nuts.

We toured the properties. The rectory was so perfect, it was like it was made for us. Room for a chapel. Room for designated youth space. For food space. For offices and a meeting room. For prayer rooms. For living quarters. The church? Structurally pretty great, but a big, very expensive mess inside. We were deeply discouraged and figured the deal was off.

Then, the Roman Catholic Diocese called me. They explained they couldn’t separate the properties -- we still had to take the rectory and church together. But, they would “sweeten the deal” because of the longstanding goodwill between our Diocese and theirs.

[They said], “How about we give you both properties for free?”

And, in that instant, the hutzpah of our intercessor was rewarded. We could have the rectory building with $100,000 from Trinity that could all go to much-needed remodeling and repair. We told the bishop and went to our Trustees. But, there was still the big, beautiful, expensive mess of a church that we couldn’t take on.

Then, one afternoon outside Oaks Cafe as Mother Hannah was giving one of our kids a talking-to, a man she’d never met walked up and asked if she was the one looking at St. Patrick’s. Because, he wanted the church.

And so, we met our philanthropist. As we discussed the terms of handing the church over to him, I admitted one qualm -- I envied his bells. I wished we had a bell like the glorious old bells in St. Patrick’s to ring each Sunday and let people know God is alive in the neighborhood.

“Oh,” he said nonchalantly. “I have a bell. Would you like it?” Apparently, our philanthropist has an unused church bell
that he is willing to donate to Oaks, along with a big metal Celtic cross to hang outside the rectory. Which works pretty well since we’re tentatively planning on christening the new chapel in the Oaks building “St. Patrick’s” in gratitude for the faithful Christians who have gone before us in this neighborhood.

That, friends, is the story.”

In the end, thanks to the generosity of the Roman Catholic Diocese, the $100,000 received from Trinity to purchase the new building was then used for the renovation of the rectory to bring it to a fully functional facility. Today, the three-story structure uses the first two floors for ministry, while the top floor houses apartments for its clergy and staff. It should be noted that at the close of 2016, Mother Hannah resigned her position at Oaks of Righteousness to pursue her doctorate degree, but still remains active at “Oaks” when her schedule permits.

Many stories of faith and struggles may be found on the “Oaks” website blog, www.oaksofrighteousnessstroy.com. One story among the many found on the “Oaks” website blog describes ever so well the plight of many of its inner city children:

North Troy is a neighborhood without fathers. Amid the drugs, despair, poverty, gangs and anger, we constantly see children and teens who don’t know the faithful, loving presence of a father in their lives. So we tell them about The Father. The Good Father, who isn’t like the fathers or mothers they’ve known. We tell them the story of the Prodigal Son enfolded in the Father’s arms. We tell them so they can know the Father and become true fathers and mothers in the next generation.

There’s a 7-year-old boy at Oaks who’s preparing for baptism. His dad is in prison, and we see him struggle with turned-in anger and telling the truth. But, he has heard of The Father. One Saturday during dinner, a few boys asked me why I always wear a crucifix.

This little boy piped up, “I know why!”

I smiled at him. “Why?”

He said with beautiful confidence, “You wear it so you remember that God is your Real Father.”

Editor: Out of the mouths of children come some mighty words for all of us to ponder.

In addition to addressing the everyday needs of north central Troy, Oaks of Righteousness provides a weekly schedule of worship:

Sunday Services:
- Adult service 11:00 am
- Bible Study (teens and adults) 12:00 pm
- Youth service 2:00 pm
- Community free meal 3:00 pm

Wednesday Praise Service:
- 6:00 pm
- followed by Adult Bible Study and youth “J”

Address:
3027 Sixth Avenue, Troy, NY 12180

Observers of the “Oaks” ministry are quick to acknowledge that the “Oaks” is a shining example of the service of God’s almost forgotten many people of the inner city. The Albany Episcopalian staff and, hopefully, its readers, pray for that light to shine brightly for everyone to see in the years to come. Photos of the Dedication and the current facility are found in this story.

The Editor
**Clergy In Transition**

**Appointments**

**Fr. Scott Gano**, St. Matthew’s, Unadilla, was called as Rector to St. Stephen’s, Delmar.

**Fr. Leander Harding**, St. Luke’s, Catskill, was called as Dean to the Cathedral of All Saints, Albany.

**In Memoriam**

**The Rev. Marjorie Floor**, Priest-in-Charge at Church of the Cross in Ticonderoga, died on March 1, 2017. She was 83. She was ordained a priest in 1999 by Bishop Herzog.

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**Episcopal Charities of Albany offers eye care grants**

Episcopal Charities of Albany offers direct assistance in the form of grants to indigent persons regardless of faith, who are in need of eye care, or who otherwise suffer from eye disorders, and are unable to afford such eye care of necessary related services. Grants are limited to eye examinations, purchase of eye glasses and special equipment or medication needed by an individual by reason of his or her suffering from eye disease and surgical procedures to restore or maintain normal vision.

Grant awards are limited to a maximum $1,000 per grant and to those residing within 19 counties of the Episcopal Diocese of Albany (northeastern New York State.)

Those who feel they may qualify for an eye care grant can apply by contacting the Administrator at ECA@albanydiocese.org or writing to ECA, 580 Burton Road, Greenwich, NY 12834.
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, One Halloween night when I was about ten years old, my little sister and I took off by ourselves to go trick or treating. We decided to check out a new neighborhood on our school bus route that had a lot of houses, but was quite a distance from our home. What seemed like a good idea at the time didn’t turn out as we had hoped. We had not accounted for how far away it really was on foot and how quickly the sun would go down. By the time we finally reached the “candy rich” neighborhood it was getting dark. After only a couple of houses, the growing darkness took the fun out of trick or treating and we started getting very nervous, so we headed back home. We were out in the country and there were no street lights or other houses close by. We walked for at least half a mile in total darkness. My earlier nervousness had now turned into outright fear. To this day, I can still remember what a relief it was to see the lights of a house in our neighborhood off in the distance. That light shining in the darkness made all the difference. It brought comfort and peace to two very frightened and lost kids.

God doesn’t want us living in darkness, as evidenced by His very first command recorded in the Creation Story – “Let there be light!” (Genesis 1:3) Tragically, it wasn’t long after God created Adam and Eve and placed them in the Garden of Eden (Paradise on Earth) that the world was plunged into the darkness of sin as a result of Adam and Eve’s disobedience to God’s command not to eat of the forbidden fruit. All that God had created and declared to be “good” was now at risk of being destroyed because of “sin” and the darkness and death it brings into the world.

Out of His love for us, God sent His Son, Jesus Christ (the new Adam) to save us from the power of sin and death resulting from the first Adam’s sinful disobedience. Jesus said, “I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness.” (John 12:46) The Apostle John writes, “In Him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.” (John 1:4-5).

Jesus is in fact the true “light of the world” that brings life – not death; goodness – not evil; peace – not fear; comfort – not sorrow; fulfillment – not emptiness. In the Psalms we read, “Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim You, who walk in the light of your presence Lord.” (Psalm 89:15).

Jesus not only invites us to walk in the light of His presence, but also to be a reflection of His light as we share in His ministry of salvation. As His disciples, Jesus commands us to go forth boldly in His name and to be a channel of His love and mercy and healing grace. Jesus said, “You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.” (Matthew 5:14-16).

The theme of this year’s Diocesan Convention is focused on our Lord’s command: “Let your light shine!” (Matthew 5:16) I invite everyone in the Diocese to join us at Camp of the Woods, Speculator, NY (June 9th – 11th) as we learn not only how to better walk in the light of Christ, but also how to be a reflection of His Light so that those around us who are stumbling in the darkness will see and be drawn to the light of Christ in order that they may be set free to truly live and become children of God.

Faithfully Your Brother in Christ,

+ Bill
Coming to Convention...

The Rt. Rev. David and Rita Parsons, Bishop of the Arctic

The Rt. Rev. David Parsons, Bishop of the Arctic, and his wife, Rita. In 1979, God called David and Rita out of the world and into a personal relationship with Jesus. Previously nominal Christians who had been greatly influenced by the universalistic worldly ideologies and philosophies of the culture of the 1950s - 60s, God the Holy Spirit began a work of transformation and discipleship training that continues to this day. Known as nomads for Christ, they not only travel the one and a half million square mile Diocese of the Arctic with a membership of 95,000, but all of Canada, parts of USA, Europe, Africa, Central America, Malaysia, New Zealand and Australia. Their ministries have included: Arctic Missions Incumbencies to All Saints Aklavik and Church of the Ascension Inuvik, Chaplaincy at Toronto's Don Jail, Toronto Jewish Mission, Saint John Seafarer's Mission Seafarer’s, NAMMA, Children and Teens Ministry with Children's Day Home, Inuvik Child Development Center, JAM (an after school program) and TEC (Teens Encounter Christ). They are also part of Discipleship training teams for parish mission outreach, door to door evangelism and Home Groups, Mission Outreach, FGBMFI, Church Army’s Atlantic Evangelist and Missioner, SOMA Board and team member, Social Ministries. Live in Manager/Administer of Anglican Center Hospital Hostel, Diocese of Fredericton Refugee Coordinator. Parents of three sons who know and serve Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, their youngest is married with two children. This will be the Parsons second visit to the Diocese of Albany’s Convention.

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The Rt. Rev. Harold and Liz Miller Bishop of Down and Dromore

We welcome back two old friends of the Diocese of Albany, The Rt. Rev’d Harold Miller, Bishop of the Diocese of Down and Dromore, in Northern Ireland, and his wife, Liz. Bishop Harold was born and raised in Belfast, and during the early years of the Troubles in Northern Ireland, attended Trinity College in Dublin. His time in Dublin gave him the ability to see the political situation from differing angles. During his vacations from school, he traveled to many places, including the United States and what was then Communist Czechoslovakia. After ordination, and six years as Director of Extension Studies and Chaplain at St. John’s College in Nowthingham, Bishop Harold became Chaplain at Queen’s University from 1984-1989. He was also a parish rector in County Cork for eight years, during which time he was made canon of St Fin Barre’s Cathedral in Cork, and of Cloyne Cathedral, and later of St Patrick’s, the National Cathedral, in Dublin. He has been Bishop of Down and Dromore since 1997. His diocese is one of the two biggest dioceses of the Church of Ireland, with about 64,500 Church of Ireland people, 100 clergy and 77 parish units. Bishop Harold is the author of numerous publications and is involved in many projects within and beyond the Church of Ireland, including Summer Madness, an event the youth of our diocese have participated in in the past. In the first five years of the new millennium, he led the diocese in a programme called Think again, which focused on the three key priorities of reconciliation, outreach and young people.
The Rt. Rev. Dr. Grant and Dr. Wendy LeMarquand, Area Bishop for the Horn of Africa

The LeMarquands are returning to Albany for another Diocesan Convention. The Right Rev Dr Grant LeMarquand is Area Bishop for the Horn of Africa in the Diocese of Egypt with North Africa and the Horn of Africa. The Episcopal Area of the Horn of Africa includes four countries: Eritrea, Djibouti, Somalia and Ethiopia; The majority of Anglican churches are in western Ethiopia. After serving as a parish priest in Montreal, Quebec, Canada, he taught New Testament at St Paul’s United Theological College, Limuru Kenya and then at Wycliffe College, Toronto Canada where he also studied for his doctoral degree. From 1998-2012 he was Professor of Biblical Studies and Mission and Trinity School for Ministry in Ambridge, PA USA, and has written extensively on the subject of African biblical studies. His special interests lie in the New Testament, Synoptic Gospels, the Bible, Mission, African Christianity, Biblical exegesis, Greek and liturgy.

Dr Wendy LeMarquand is a family physician with 33 years’ experience in practicing general and tropical medicine in Canada, Kenya, Pittsburgh, and now in Ethiopia. She has extensive experience in teaching and speaking on prayer and healing, and currently works with the leaders of the Mothers’ Union in Gambella, equipping them to teach in the rural villages. She and her husband are missionaries of the Society of Anglican Missionaries and Senders – USA and have two grown children, David and Chara, who live in Canada.

The Rt. Rev. Darren & Karen McCartney, Suffragan Bishop, Diocese of the Arctic

Returning to our Convention are Bishop McCartney, Suffragan Bishop of the Diocese of the Arctic and his wife, Karen. Elected Suffragan Bishop of the Arctic in 2012, Bishop McCartney was Consecrated on June 2nd, 2012 at the “igloo cathedral” in Iqaluit on Baffin Island. He is a former Crosslink’s missionary, British Army chaplain and rector of Knocknamuckley in the Church of Ireland’s Diocese of Down and Dromore. This will be Bishop McCartney’s second visit to an Albany Diocesan Convention.

The Diocese of the Arctic is a diocese of the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert’s Land of the Anglican Church of Canada and by far the largest of the thirty dioceses in Canada. The diocese covers 1.5 million square miles, or one-third the land mass of the country. As the name indicates, the diocese encompasses the Arctic region of Canada including the entirety of the Northwest Territories, Nunavut, and the Nunavik region of northern Quebec. The See city is Iqaluit, Nunavut, and its approximately 18,000 Anglicans (over one-third of the total population) are served by thirty-one parishes. The administrative offices of the diocese are located in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories. The diocese is well known for its igloo-shaped cathedral, St. Jude’s, which was destroyed by fire in 2005 but subsequently rebuilt and opened in 2012. It maintains a theological school, the Arthur Turner Training School in Pangnirtung.
The Rt. Rev. Todd and Rev. Patsy McGregor, Bishop of Toliara

The Rt. Rev. Rev. Todd McGregor and his wife, The Rev. Patsy McGregor, return to Albany and this year's Diocesan Convention. In 2006, Bishop Todd was consecrated the first bishop of Toliara at St. Laurent's Anglican Church in Antananarivo, Madagascar, and his wife, Patsy, was ordained priest the same year. In 2013, Bishop Todd was enthroned as the first Diocesan Bishop of Toliara. Beginning as a pioneer missionary family in Antananarivo, Madagascar in 1991, Patsy worked as a manager at St. Julian's retreat and conference center while Todd was the Director of Evangelism and Mission in Northern Kenyan.

The McGregors serve in one of the poorest and most unreached places on earth. They coordinate the Anglican Church in an area the size of the State of Florida and focus on raising up and training leaders to serve churches all over the vast region. The people of Madagascar have many struggles, sometimes just to find water, yet they find hope in the ministry that the McGregors provide. Some people are farmers who never finished high school, some are university graduates and some are children of the local shaman. The diversity of the people is one of the challenges as well as one of the blessings of serving there. Their ministry has grown from 1 church building and 11 worshiping communities in 2006, to over 70 Churches and a Cathedral today! Learn more of their story through Patsy's books describing their experiences serving in Africa – A Guest in God's World, The Detour and Tamana: At Home in Africa. These can be bought from Amazon.com and Amazon.co.uk.

The Rt. Rev. John Tarrant, Bishop of South Dakota

The Rt. Rev. John Thomas Tarrant and his wife, Patricia “Pat”. Bishop Tarrant was consecrated Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese of South Dakota in 2009 in Sioux Falls, South Dakota and became its 10th Diocesan Bishop the following year. A life-long Episcopalian, he was born in Kansas City, Missouri, in 1952 and raised in rural Michigan. He received his B.A. in Political Science, Michigan State University in 1974, received his MDiv from Virginia Theological Seminary in 1983 and served congregations in Connecticut, Western Massachusetts and South Dakota. Bishop Tarrant has spent most of his baptized and ordained ministry serving in small Episcopal churches, and has worked with churches, laity and clergy on the deanery and diocesan level in the areas of ministry development, stewardship and conflict resolution. He and his wife, “Pat”, have been married since 1990 and combined they have eleven grown children. Their daughter Jessica lives with them in Pierre, South Dakota.

The Diocese of South Dakota, with its 75,000 square miles, is almost four times the area size of the Diocese of Albany’s 20,000 miles. Comprised of 78 congregations with a 9,000 membership, the Diocese of South Dakota has a unique multicultural membership and history. It has a special relationship with its Native American population, whereby, approximately half of the baptized Episcopalians in South Dakota are either Dakota or Lakota Sioux. The Diocese also includes two congregations composed of Sudanese immigrants in Sioux Falls.
Convention 2016 Nomination Eligibility Information
(Nominations received as of April 19, 2017)

Offices to be filled by Plurality Voting:

The Great Cathedral Chapter
1 priest and 1 lay office to be filled, each for three-year terms.
1 priest and 1 lay office to be filled, each for two-year unexpired terms.
  The Rev. Paul Hunter
  Jeffrey Hartt
  The Rev. Matthew Stromburg
  Margaret Haskell

Convention Representative to Diocesan Council
1 clergy office to be filled for a two-year term.
  The Rev. Thomas Malionek

Trustees of the Diocese
2 offices (priest, deacon, and/or lay) to be filled, each for four-year terms.
1 office (priest, deacon, or lay to be filled for a one-year unexpired term.
  The Rev. Mark Chesnut
  Nancy Priputen Madrian
  The Rev. Thomas Papazoglakis

Offices to be filled by Votes by Orders:

Provisional Deputies to General Convention
The Rev. Canon Robert Haskell
Mark Brittel
The Rev. N. Bradley Jones
Randall Demler
The Rev. Thomas Papazoglakis
Sarah Garno
The Rev. William Strickland
MacKenzie Shoen
The Rev. Susan Waldron

The Disciplinary Board
1 clerical (priest or deacon) and 2 lay offices to be filled each for three-year terms
  The Ven. Dr. Leander Harding
  Gayle Campbell
  The Rev. Elizabeth Papazoglakis

The Standing Committee
2 Clerical (priest or deacon) and 2 lay offices to be filled, each for three-year terms
  The Rev. Dane Boston
  Barbara Beaulac
  The Rev. Jean DeVaty
  Randall Demler
  The Rev. N. Bradley Jones
  The Very Rev. Derik Roy
Nominees for Elective Office
Original documents on file with the Secretary of Convention

Barbara Beaulac
Nominated for Standing Committee
Nominated by The Rev. Dawn Skramstad
Seconded by Harry Bala III, St. Mary’s, Lake Luzerne
Barbara Beaulac has been a parishioner at St. Mary’s in Lake Luzerne since 1993. (Her husband Dave, was called to serve as rector of St. Mary’s in 2013.) She is a semi-retired pediatric physical therapist. At St. Mary’s, she served as a Vestryperson and Church warden. She is co-president of the St. Mary’s Daughters of the King chapter and serves as a healing prayer minister, lay reader, and is a member of the Missions and Outreach and Fellowship and Commitment Committees. Barbara is finishing her first term on the Standing Committee, having served as Secretary for the last two years.

The Rev. Dane Boston
Nominated for Standing Committee
Nominated by The Rev. Karl Griswold-Kuhn
Seconded by The Rev. T. Kyle Grennen
The Rev. Dane E. Boston is the Rector of Christ Church, Cooperstown. Dane came to Cooperstown from Trinity Cathedral in Columbia, South Carolina, where he was Canon for Christian Formation. Prior to that, he served as curate of Christ Church in Greenwich, Connecticut. A graduate of Washington and Lee University and the Berkeley Divinity School at Yale, Dane is passionately committed to proclaiming the Good News of Christ Jesus, especially as we live it and express it through our unique heritage as Anglicans. Dane, his wife Debby, and their children are excited to serve God in the Diocese of Albany.

Mark Brittell
Nominated for Provisional Deputy to General Convention
Nominated by George Nisbet, St. Boniface, Guilderland
Seconded by The Rev. Steven Scherck
Mark Brittell is a lifelong Episcopalian. Together with his wife and family, he currently serves St. Boniface in Guilderland as a Lay Eucharistic Minister, Lay reader, choir member, and is active in the Brotherhood of St. Andrew. He has previously served as a vestry member, a Warden, Finance Committee chair and as a Search Committee member. Mark’s service to the Diocese includes Lay Deputy to Convention, Diocesan Council member and Head Teller to Convention. He is currently employed by the NYS Office of Information Technology Services where he leads a team of application developers for Tax Audit Business Solutions.

Gayle Campbell
Nominated for Disciplinary Board Member
Nominated by Anne DeGroff, St. Ann’s, Amsterdam
Seconded by The Very Rev. Neal Longe
Gayle Campbell grew up in Fort Plain, NY, and received a degree in Elementary Education at SUC Oneonta. She worked 35 years career as a teacher in the Amsterdam School District. Upon retirement, she became a School Based Prevention Counselor for Catholic Charities. Gayle is currently the program director for Montgomery County Literacy Project. She has been an active member of St. Ann’s, Amsterdam and Trinity, Gloversville serving as a Vestry Member and Warden at both. She is currently a Warden at St. Ann’s. Gayle lives with her husband Don in Amsterdam.

The Rev. Mark Chesnut
Nominated for Trustee of the Diocese
Nominated by The Rev. Marian Sive
Seconded by The Very Rev. David Ousley
The Rev. Mark Chesnut was a member of Christ Church, Schenectady, for many years serving in choir, vestry, Sunday School, as Sr. Warden and healing team member and director. During this time he operated a real estate appraisal firm before receiving the call to the priesthood. Fr. Mark has also served on the Standing Committee and Commission on Ministry in the Diocese. Ordained as a priest in the Diocese of Albany in 2014, he has since served as Curate at St. John’s in Johnstown, NY, and currently serves at the Center for Healing and Spiritual Formation at Christ the King Spiritual Life Center.

Randall Demler
Nominated for Provisional Deputy to General Convention
Nominated by The Rev. Elizabeth Papazoglakis
Seconded by The Rev. Thomas Papazoglakis
Nominated for Standing Committee Member
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Seconded by The Rev. Thomas Papazoglakis
Randall Demler was baptized and grew up in the Episcopal Church. He has been married to Deacon Maureen for almost 46 years; they have three adult sons, one daughter-in-law and one grandson, Weston, about 19 months old. Randy has served on several parish vestries and is currently filling in as the Associate Interim Director at Christ the King. Previously, he served as a Stephen Minister and is currently commissioned as a lay pastoral care giver in the Community of Hope International. Randy continues to strive to follow God’s plan for him.
The Rev. Jean DeVaty
Nominated for Standing Committee Member
Nominated by Katherine Verbeck-Lobban, St. James', Lake George
Seconded by Charles Tuttle, II, St. James', Lake George
Mtr. Jean DeVaty currently serves as Rector at St. James', Lake George. Before coming to the Diocese of Albany, she served as an Associate Rector at St. Luke's, Hilton Head and at Church of the Ascension, Pittsburgh. Her ordained experience includes ministry to young adults, children and family, and parish care particularly in healing prayer. Before ordination in 2005 from Trinity School for Ministry, Ambridge, Mtr. Jean served for over 20 years in camping and conference ministry, and after earning a Masters in Educational Ministries taught as Adjunct Faculty at Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL.

Sarah Garno
Nominated for Provisional Deputy to General Convention
Nominated by The Very Rev. David Ousley
Seconded by The Rev. Michael Neufeld
Sarah Garno is a member of St. Stephen's, Delmar, and the wife of Fr. Scott Garno, the rector. She is a cradle-Episcopalian and has served in many different capacities: President of the DoK, Treasurer of ECW, and Sunday School teacher. Sarah attended General Convention many times – as a volunteer, as a support to the deputation for two Conventions in which her husband was a deputy, and in 2015 as a Provisional who served as Deputy. Sarah and Fr. Scott have four children: Josiah (with the Lord), Samuel (11), Maria (8), and Tobias (almost 3). Sarah works as a school librarian.

The Ven. Dr. Leander Harding
Nominated for Disciplinary Board Member
Nominated by The Rev. Paul Hunter
Seconded by The Rev. Susan Plaske
The Very Rev. Dr. Leander S. Harding is the Dean of The Cathedral and Archdeacon in the Diocese of Albany. Fr. Harding will celebrate 36 years of ordination this June. He has served rural, suburban and urban congregations. He earned his PhD from Boston College in Pastoral Theology and taught Pastoral Theology and was Dean of Seminary Advancement at Trinity School for ministry. Before being elected Dean of the Cathedral he was the Rector of St. Luke's in Catskill. He is the author of four books including To Persevere in Love: Meditations on the Ministerial Priesthood from an Anglican Perspective.

Jeffrey Hartt
Nominated for Cathedral Chapter Member
Nominated by The Rev. Susan Waldron
Seconded by The Rev. Canon Robert Haskell
Jeffrey Hartt has been a member of the Episcopal Diocese of Albany for 19 years and has lived in Albany for the past 13 years; married to Paul Hartt, rector of St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Albany and mother of Samuel, currently a Siena College student. Jeffrey is a landscape architect by profession.

Margaret Haskell
Nominated for Cathedral Chapter Member
Nominated by The Rev. Paul Hartt
Seconded by The Rev. Steve Schlossberg
Margaret Haskell is a member of Calvary Church in Burnt Hills, where she serves on the Vestry and is a member of the Daughters of the King. She currently sits on the Standing Committee and the Great Chapter of the Cathedral of All Saints. Margaret and her husband, Canon Bob Haskell, have served parishes together in Syracuse, NY, suburban Philadelphia, PA, and Oneonta, NY, as well as at several other parishes in the Diocese of Albany.

The Rev. Canon Robert Haskell
Nominated for Provisional Deputy to General Convention
Nominated by The Very Rev. Dr. Leander Harding
Seconded by The Ven. Dr. Harvey Huth
The Rev. Canon Robert F. Haskell has been Canon to the Ordinary since 2007, assisting Bishop Love in a variety of ways. He has represented the Diocese of Albany as a Deputy to General Convention in 2009, 2012, and 2015. He has also been Chair of the Commission on Ministry and, most recently, Cathedral Manager at the Cathedral of All Saints. He has served parishes in the Dioceses of Albany, Pennsylvania, and Central New York. He is married to Margaret and they have two grown sons.
The Rev. Paul Hunter
Nominated for Cathedral Chapter Member
Nominated by The Very Rev. Dr. Leander Harding
Seconded by The Rev. Thomas Pettigrew
The Rev. Paul Hunter serves at Oaks of Righteousness in Troy. Prior to that, he served as Canon for Mission at the Cathedral of All Saints from 2014-2017. He graduated from Trinity School for Ministry, Ambridge, PA in 2012 and was ordained priest in July 2013.

The Rev. N. Bradley Jones
Nominated for Provisional Deputy to General Convention
Nominated by The Very Rev. Neal Longe
Seconded by The Rev. Howard Smith
Nominated for Standing Committee Member
Nominated by The Rev. Thomas Papazoglakis
Seconded by The Rev. Elizabeth Papazoglakis

The Rev. Thomas Malionek
Nominated for Diocesan Council Representative
Nominated by The Rev. Anne Curtin
Seconded by The Rev. William Strickland
Fr. Tom Malionek is rector of Saint Paul’s, Kinderhook, where he shares the rectory with the Reverend Judith Malionek, their two grown children (when they are lucky enough to have them home), and dog Amber. Father Tom is passionate about the church’s rich treasury of liturgy, which he considers a special school for holiness. He marvels at the wondrous things God is doing in the diocese and in our parishes. He also serves on the Great Chapter of the Cathedral. He enjoys cooking, and looks forward to gardening again someday.

The Rev. Elizabeth Papazoglakis
Nominated for Disciplinary Board Member
Nominated by The Rev. N. Bradley Jones
Seconded by The Rev. Neal Longe
Mother Elizabeth Papazoglakis is Associate Rector of St. George’s, Clifton Park. She joined the Diocese of Albany in March 2013 when she served as Rector of St. John’s Massena and assisting priest at St. Mark’s in Malone. She currently serves on the Standing Committee for the Diocese. She has been married to Fr. Tom Papazoglakis for nearly 40 years. They have served together at St. George’s Clifton Park since November 2015. Mtr. Elizabeth was ordained to the priesthood in 2010.

The Rev. Thomas Papazoglakis
Nominated for Trustee of the Diocese
Nominated by The Rev. N. Bradley Jones
Seconded by Fran Gordon, St. George’s, Clifton Park
Nominated for Provisional Deputy to General Convention
Nominated by The Ven. Dr. Harvey Huth
Seconded by Fran Gordon, St. George’s, Clifton Park
Rev. Thomas Papazoglakis, M.Div. (Nashotah House), MBA (Tulane). Rector at St. George’s Episcopal Church, Clifton Park, NY. Formerly rector of St. Mark’s, Malone, and assisting priest St. John’s, Massena. Serves on the Commission on Architecture, Commission on Ministry and the CTK Oversight Committee. A certified Healthy Congregations facilitator and a Trainer of Trainers through Healthy Congregations, Inc. Recent presenter for the Diocesan PLC conferences presenting an introduction to Healthy Congregations and systems thinking. Fr. Tom lives in Clifton Park with his wife Elizabeth of 40 years, who serves as Associate Rector at St. George’s. They have three children and three grandchildren.
Nancy Priputen Madrian
Nominated for Trustee of the Diocese
Nominated by The Ven. Dr. Harvey Huth
Seconded by Matthew Mahony
Nancy Priputen Madrian is a certified public accountant who, while in public practice, audited governmental entities, non-profits and many of the parishes within the Episcopal Diocese of Albany. For the past few years she has served on the Diocesan Finance Committee. Nancy recently retired after spending the past sixteen years in corporate finance. She and her husband are communicants at St. Stephens, Delmar. She has two children and two grandchildren.

The Very Rev. Derik Roy
Nominated for Standing Committee
Nominated by The Rev. Elizabeth Papazoglakis
Seconded by The Rev. Thomas Papazoglakis
Fr. Derik Roy was ordained to the Priesthood on December 21, 1977. He graduated from Nashotah House Seminary in 1977. Fr. Roy has served as the Rector of Christ Church, Ballston Spa, since 1994. He has served on a number of Diocesan committees including: Standing Committee, Commission on Ministry, Executive Counsel Evangelism Committee and has taught classes on church growth, welcome ministry, homiletics, Bible study, vestry, friendship evangelism and much more. Currently he is the Dean of the Upper Hudson Deanery, on the DASH committee and the CtK Advisory Board. Fr. Roy is married to Cathy. They have 10 children and 4 grandchildren.

MacKenzie Shoen
Nominated for Provisional Deputy to General Convention
Nominated by TheVen. Dr. Christopher Brown
Seconded by Sarah Elliott, St. John’s, Massena
MacKenzie Shoen married into St. John’s Episcopal Church of Massena in 1964 when he married his wife of 53 years, Rosemary. His parish activities have included: Alpha team member and leader, vestry, junior and senior warden, search committee leader twice, choir member, acolyte and acolyte leader, Sunday school teacher and present he is the church treasurer. MacKenzie is semi-retired after 35 years in banking, 16 years at hospice and now doing taxes and bookkeeping. He and Rosemary have three children and eight grandchildren.

The Rev. William Strickland
Nominated for Provisional Deputy to General Convention
Nominated by the Rev. Thomas Malionek
Seconded by The Rev. John Cairns
The Rev. William (Chip) Strickland was born in 1958; baptized and confirmed lifetime Episcopalian. Fr. Chip is married to Beth Strickland of the Bishop’s staff. They have two grown daughters and are praying for good sons-in-law and grandchildren. Fr. Chip has a private practice of law since 1988, based in Saratoga Springs. Fr. Chip was ordained deacon and priest in 2008, Diocese of Albany. He has been Chancellor of Diocese of Albany since 2009. Fr. Chip has been rector of St. Paul’s, Greenwich, since 2010. He attended General Conventions 2009, 2012, and 2015, the last as provisional deputy.

The Rev. Matthew Stromberg
Nominated for Cathedral Chapter Member
Nominated by Christopher Henry, St. George’s, Schenectady
Seconded by Jonathan Pearson, St. George’s, Schenectady
Fr. Matthew Stromberg is the rector of historic Saint George’s Episcopal Church located in the Stockade district of Schenectady, NY. He is the husband of April Woods Stromberg and the father of Helen (age 4) and Isaac (age 2). Fr. Stromberg earned his Masters of Divinity from Trinity School for Ministry in May of 2014. He was ordained as a deacon in this diocese and began serving as the curate of Christ Church Cooperstown where he was ordained as a priest in December of that same year. His ministry at St. George’s began in August of 2016.

The Rev. Susan Waldron
Nominated for Provisional Deputy to General Convention
Nominated by The Very Rev. David Ousley
Seconded by The Rev. Paul Hartt
The Rev. Susan G. Waldron joined St. Peter’s, Albany, in July 2008 following graduation from Nashotah House Episcopal Seminary with a M.Div. now serving as Associate Rector. Earlier, she earned a B.S. from SUNY Empire State College and worked as a Computer Programmer for New York State. Mother Sue is a longtime member of the Daughters of the King. She also acts as a spiritual director and serves the Diocese of Albany as Chair of the Commission on Ministry and Homiletics Instructor in the Diocesan Deacon School. In her spare time Mother Sue enjoys reading, music and her pets.
Proposed Resolutions

Proposed Resolution # 1
Moved by: Clark Curtis
Seconded by: The Rev. William Tatem
RESOLVED, that the Diocese of Albany Operations Budget 2018, as presented in this Convention Book, be adopted.

Proposed Resolution #2
Moved by: The Very Rev. Neal Longe
Seconded by: The Rev. Thomas Papazoglakis
RESOLVED, that the Reduced Standard Assessment Formula, as presented in the Convention Book, be used for calculating Parish Assessments for 2018.

Proposed Resolution #3
Moved by: The Rev. William Tatem
Seconded by: The Rev. Cn. Robert Haskell
RESOLVED, that for 2018, the recommended clergy stipend schedule increases by 2% and supply clergy rates for 2018 be increased to $130 for a single Sunday service and to $155 for two services on a single day. Other supply rates will remain unchanged.

Courtesy resolutions
(will be read at Convention)
Donna and I have been looking forward to this mission for the past 6 years or more. When we once again met Bishop Todd and Rev. Patsy at a New Wineskin’s Conference, and then they visited our church and came to talk about their mission initiative, we knew we were being called for a visit to Madagascar. We are amazed about how the Lord has worked in our lives to make this possible from the beginning. When one tries too hard to make a mission trip come together, one knows it is not of the Lord. Looking back we know that this mission trip was orchestrated by Him for us.

There were several obstacles that were thrown in our way before we left, including a bout of Atrial Fibrillation that I experienced and had to be electrically cardioverted a week before leaving. Yet again the Lord took care of this and I left JFK in normal rhythm. Then, when we did arrive in Madagascar, the island was hit with the biggest cyclone in 13 + years and we spent two days in the capital at a guest house before we could travel to Toliara (also known as Tulear). Dr. Zoe, who is the Malagasy doctor who would join in the clinics with us, was traveling to Tulear with her family by car from the capital. They also experienced some trials as her car broke down twice on the way, in the middle of nowhere. They had to hire military to stay with their car through the night and they walked to a safe place. Thankfully they were safe and the car was repaired, but they too were delayed in their arrival to Tulear.

Psalm 121 expressed comfort for us in the midst of this. From verse 7-8, “The Lord will keep you from evil; he will keep your life.  The Lord will keep your going out and coming in from this time forth and forevermore”. We both knew we were in for a life changing experience that even the evil one could not stop. This brings to mind my Rollo (talk) for Cursillo about ‘Obstacles to Grace’ years ago when the Lord first put mission on my heart.

On the long flight to Madagascar I sat and read another book that Rev. Patsy McGregor wrote entitled, “A Guest in God’s World”. The book is an excellent account of Rev. Patsy’s and Bp. Todd’s life in the mission field and the sacrifices they had to endure and the hardships of being in Madagascar. In her book, Patsy points out several great thoughts:

- Seek experiences rather than answers
- Live eternal life as a present reality

These are all wonderful thoughts for living life with Christ especially on the Mission field when one must continually ask, “How can I serve the Lord, and what does He want me to do?”

When we arrived in the Capital, Antananarivo (“Tana”), and got off the plane, we walked across the tarmac and the smells and warmth were all too familiar even though we have never been to Madagascar (“Mada”) before. This felt similar to other countries we have visited. The same poverty, garbage strewn streets, blank faces and stares at each street corner; the same hustle and bustle in the streets with the chatter of foreign language in the background and poor, filthy children at the car windows begging, some with babies on their hips. Within minutes as you look through the dirty car window you see the true reality of the starving world right in front of you, the same as if we were in Sudan, Haiti or any other third world country.

The same feelings well up inside me bringing me close to tears as in times past, asking the Lord, “How can I help these people? What can I offer in order to help this mass of poverty and illness that is before me?”. I know the Lord has appointed people and objectives for this journey, and they will play out as the next few weeks unfold. I need to stop thinking and doing on “my time” and realize that we gave this time to Him and that is why we are here. Psalm 41 reminds us, “Blessed is the one who considers the poor! In the day of trouble the
Lord will deliver him, the Lord protects him and keeps him alive.” It is reassuring that we can give this up to the Lord and it will all work out just as the fruit in planning this trip revealed in the first place. It also occurred to us that Lent was the perfect time to be serving others and perhaps be stretched a little past our comfort zone.

Finally, after 48 hours of torrential rain and high winds, and praying that the tin roof didn’t blow off, we were able to fly to Tulear and were met by Bishop Todd’s joyful face. Tulear is the 5th largest city in the country but has limited industry, and the poverty is starkly apparent, even more than it was in the Capital. Bp Todd and Patsy started with 3 churches in 2006 when they arrived and their goal was to plant 20 new churches in 10 years. They have established 80 churches in 10 years in a diocese that is the size of Florida. It takes 6 days to travel through the diocese. Unfortunately, the ratio is only one priest for 10 churches and transportation is mostly by foot or bicycle. The Diocese of Tulear has 1.5 million people who are “Food Insecure.” This means they do not know where their next meal is coming from, which became very apparent when examining the children and the elderly in the medical clinics.

One notices the convergence of Asian and African cultures here in Madagascar. Most travel by foot or ‘puce-pucey’ which is similar to a rickshaw from the Asian culture, but more often powered by a bicycle. The capital is far too hilly for this type of transportation. The streets are absolutely filled with people moving about. I liken it to some sort of video game with a multitude of moving disturbances one has to avoid while traveling along.

When asked what people do to make a living, we were told that each person does whatever they can in order to make enough money to purchase some food for each day. All along the sides of the road are tiny shelters that contain those efforts. Some however, just spread material on the ground and show their offerings of fruits or vegetables. Many foods are offered this way, as well as bicycle repair, used clothing and many other items for sale. The poverty seems to affect the majority of the people and it is overwhelming to consider having some positive effect in this extreme poverty from our small efforts. But, with God, all things are possible.

We traveled to five different locations for the clinics, the first being the most remote from the city called Ambohimahavelona. The journey was long, traveling along twisting dirt paths with excessive potholes to avoid at all cost. The remote village worked diligently to provide one small mud building with two rooms for the clinic. The medical providers were in one room and the pharmacy/dispensary was in the other. The prayer team was on the porch anointing and praying for those who would then continue inside to the doctor. When we arrived, it appeared that there was a large group of people already gathered under the large tree for shade. Instructions were given by Bishop Todd in his happy, light-hearted manner and the day began with community prayer.

Dr. Zoe, the Malagasy doctor was very knowledgeable and took time to explain different medical illnesses that we don’t see in the United States. The medicines that we had with us were somewhat limited. The Sisters gave out the medications and gave injections and did the blood tests. There is a significant amount of hypertension, stroke and diabetes. It was apparent that in many cases illnesses are treated with naturopathic medicine. A leaf from a tree is used for hypertension and a seed extract is used to lower blood sugar
in Type II Diabetics. In the end, over 200 patients were seen here with the outcome that still many people had to be turned away. We left much later than we had planned and had to maneuver the difficult roadway in darkness.

The successive clinics were held in locations around the city of Tulear, including the Cathedral. Many of the patients, both young and old, had diseases that have progressed well past the available treatments. Many needed diagnostics that just are not available in the local area, therefore, people cannot travel to the capital nor could they afford to, so they suffer. We saw mothers with malnourished children with no social support systems to obtain food or formula for their babies, so they are fed a rice gruel that has minimal nutritional value. We witnessed children who were 1-2 years old, not yet walking with flaccid extremities and could hardly keep their head up to nurse due to malnutrition. Another child was seen who had a seizure disorder due to having parasites which had migrated to the brain. The patient is treated for the seizures, but the brain damage has been done and the condition only worsens. Again it comes to one’s mind, Lord what can I do for these people?

We offer what medications we have and pray for the Almighty to heal them. The Malagasy people, as a population are in the same situation across the diocese. Their faith gives them hope for the future. Perhaps God’s ultimate plan for us is a ministry of presence. We walk alongside our brothers and sisters assuring them that their toil is remembered by us. We have not forgotten them; they remain on our hearts. "Faith is the assurance of things hoped for and the conviction of things not seen," (Hebrews11:1) so we remain hopeful.

There is a community of hope, set in the midst of deep darkness, despair, severe poverty and starvation. This rather small community of deep faith and hope is referred to as “Miaraka Community”. It is a community which has been planted by Bp. Todd and Rev. Patsy McGregor as they planted this new diocese of Toliara / Tulear.

A beautiful Cathedral has been constructed within this compound which is called the “Gathering Place.” Within the compound is also the Diocesan Office which has an area for meetings and the Bishop’s chapel. Rev. Patsy has her office in another building which is shared with rooms for teaching Evangelists. They have a two year program which they have developed to train Evangelists. After the 2 years, they go out to support the churches with no Priest. They live together in a dorm-like situation while in training. Every morning at the break of day there are morning devotions held inside
the Cathedral. They begin with 10 minutes of singing, 10 minutes of Scripture reading, 10 minutes of intercessions and prayers. That's how each day began, centered in Christ and in community all bathed in prayer.

In the evening, one may find the evangelists outside cooking their own meals over charcoal and then singing or just enjoying being together. They have what they need right there on the compound as they grow in faith and in community.

The Bishop requires Seminary education for his Priests, so if any of them discern the call to the Priesthood, they need to go away to the Capital in the North, or to Kenya for Seminary Schooling. Other dioceses are sending people to them for their evangelist program. They are setting a wonderful example of how living in community and growing faith can be accomplished. A group of evangelists will graduate in May, so we can hold them in prayer to accomplish all that the Lord has in store for them. Many of them arrive with not more than an 8th grade education and with little hope. Things are changing in a positive way for them! Some of them are learning English as well, and have found solid direction for their lives in Christ’s service.

Rev. Patsy works with the women in developing ministries with them. Many are so impoverished they feel hopeless and feel that they have nothing to offer. Patsy has taught them how to make paper rolled beads, which are made into several different items: small purses, necklaces, earrings and key chains, among others. Nothing is wasted, yogurt cups and tops are transformed into items made by the women. They make handmade cards, crochet small bags for phones, and the Days for Girls items as well. (feminine products)

This has given the women in the area a sense of purpose. They are learning to sew and use their creative minds and can now help others. Some have been accredited so that they can actually go out to train others. Rev. Patsy is beginning to take some of the items to tourist areas where the products can be sold.

In the midst of all of this, they are fellowshipping and growing as a community of faith, providing hope where there had been only despair. One woman in the community is hoping to one day be a nurse midwife. One day she accidentally cut her finger nearly severing the tip off. Kevin needed to suture her wound. Rev. Patsy whispered in her ear in Malagasy to be courageous and that this is perhaps part of her training to be a mid-wife! She did beautifully and we pray her finger heals well and that she will one day fulfill the dream to become a nurse mid-wife in this community.

It’s beautiful to see how lives can be changed by offering some hope, and by providing some training in even seemingly small ways. Part of this is simply a ministry of presence, they know that someone cares enough to walk alongside them and will continue to do so in a Christ-like manner. We will continue to pray for our brothers and sisters in the Diocese of Tulear and support them, especially Bishop Todd and Rev. Patsy as their Shepherds.

We also pray for the Lord to create a way to provide better health care to such a needy population by raising up community health care workers and perhaps future medical clinics to better serve the health needs of our Christian family in Southern Madagascar. We praise God, for His word never returns empty and His work is never done in vain.

In His Service,
Kevin and Rev. Donna Steckline
UPCOMING DIOCESAN EVENTS

May
1 Standing Committee Meeting
   Pre-convention Information Meeting – Church of the Messiah, Glens Falls
2 Pre-convention Information Meeting – St. Mark’s Church, Malone
8 Pre-convention Information Meeting – Christ Church, Cooperstown
9 Trustees Meeting
   Pre-convention Information Meeting – Cathedral of All Saints, Albany
13 Regional Confirmation – Cathedral of All Saints, Albany
   Commission on Ministry Meeting
25 Ascension Day

June
3 Ordinations to the Diaconate – Cathedral of All Saints, Albany
   Installation New Rector – St. George’s, Clifton Park
4 Installation New Dean – Cathedral of All Saints
5 Standing Committee Meeting – if required
9-11 149Th Convention of the Diocese of Albany

July
18 Trustees Meeting

August (To be determined)

September
8-10 Postulants & Candidates Retreat – Christ the King SLC
   Clergy Wives Conference – Christ the King SLC
9 Commission on Ministry Meeting
11 Standing Committee Meeting
16 Diocesan Council
17 Bicentennial – Christ Church, Schenectady
20-27 House of Bishops Meeting – Fairbanks, Alaska
23 Diocesan Missions Conference – St. John’s, Essex

October
2 Standing Committee Meeting
13-15 Deacons Retreat – Christ the King SLC
14 Commission on Ministry Meeting
17 Trustees Meeting
20-22 Women’s Cursillo Weekend - CtK

November
4 Cursillo Reunion – Church of the Messiah, Glens Falls
6 Standing Committee Meeting
7-10 Priests Retreat – Christ the King SLC
11 Commission on Ministry Meeting
17 Trustees Meeting

December
2 Diocesan Council Meeting
4 Standing Committee Meeting
9 Commission on Ministry Meeting
12 Trustees Meeting
The Diocesan Youth Ministry seeks to be a catalyst and resource ministry, supporting, encouraging, and empowering local parish youth ministry. We desire to support you, the local church, in every way as you seek to guide the youth of your parish to grow into a deeper knowledge and love of Christ. Below are some ways we seek to support you and some ways in which we would like to partner with you!

Yours in Christ,
John Iseman

**TUESDAY NIGHT LIVE**

Join us Tuesdays at 7pm for our live stream Bible Study! Since January, this live stream has allowed youth from across the region to tune in and study the word of God together in an interactive online experience. More information at www.beavercrossministries.org/tuesday-night-live

**SURGE**

SURGE is a youth event, hosted by Beaver Cross Ministries in partnership with diocesan deaneries and individual parishes. We aim to support and kickstart youth groups! Our vision for Surge is to draw youth from several regional parishes together, building the relationships between these different youth groups as they enjoy a great night of fellowship, games, worship and teaching!

More information at www.beavercrossministries.org/surge

**BCM INTERNSHIP**

Feeling called to a deeper relationship with the LORD? Or interested in living in intentional community? Ask us about our internship program!

More information at www.beavercrossministries.org/bcm-internship

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**YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATE**

**October 6th - October 9th**
**Jr. & Sr. Fall Edition**

This autumnal retreat brings everyone back to Beaver Cross, with fall themed games and activities. So meet back up with your best friends from Camp and spend time meeting the LORD together!

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**February 16th - February 19th**
**Jr. & Sr. Sonshine**

Beaver Cross beats the mid-winter blues with our annual winter retreat! From epic snow fights to cocoa and cookies, we make the best of the cold weather. Most of all, we learn more about Christ.

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**June 8th - June 10th**
**Youth Rally**

We kick off the camp season with a weekend long revival at the Diocesan Convention. Worship, friends, games and more, Youth Rally is not to be missed!

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**How Can I Get Involved?**

Assist with your church’s youth ministry
Volunteer at BC for camps and retreats
Keep us in your prayers
Or donate to our youth ministry!
What do you know about DAY CAMP?

Beaver Cross Camps also hosts a Day Camp, in addition to an Overnight Camp. For eight weeks, any where from thirty to seventy local children come to Beaver Cross Day Camp to play games and meet the LORD. And this year we’ve been open for ten great years! Here’s to a whole bunch more!

www.beavercrossministries.org/day-camp

ARE YOU READY FOR CAMP?

Archery | Arts & Crafts | Ropes | Waterfront | Nature | Sports | Games | Campfire | Friends | Worship | And more...

www.beavercrossministries.org/camp-registration

GET INVOLVED!

Beaver Cross is committed to ensuring every camper that wants to can experience Beaver Cross, regardless of economic means. We need your help to make that happen! Consider sponsoring a camper or volunteering to the Beaver Cross Scholarship fund.

www.beavercrossministries.org/donate

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Committed to carrying out Christ’s mission of salvation and healing, the School of Healing Prayer is an opportunity for participants to experience His healing power in their lives while also learning how to minister to others in their churches and communities.

Each ‘level’ must be completed in order, with all prior levels taken first.

(SHP I requires pastor’s recommendation) Download an application at CtKCenter.org

School of Healing Prayer (SHP)

2-Weekend Level I
Sept. 16-17, 23-24

4-Day Intensive
Level II - Nov 2-5
Level III - July 20 –23

Ecumenical Healing Services

Summer Saturdays at 4:30
Jun 17; Jul 15; Aug 12; & Sept 9

We listen, we love in Christ’s love, and pray for your emotional, spiritual, and physical needs.

Contact the Healing center to learn more about any of these programs
518.692.9550 x 201

A Day of Quiet and Healing
For thus said the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel, “In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength.”
—Isaiah 30:15 NKJV

Saturdays
March 11, June 24 & October 7, 2017
9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Contemplative Worship | Soaking Prayer
Inner Healing | Reconciliation
Scripture
TO REGISTER call 518-692-9550 ext 201 or email healing@ctkcenter.org
Lunch is available at the Welcome Center ($10)
There is no charge for this ministry
CHRIST THE KING SPIRITUAL LIFE CENTER
575 Burton Rd. | Greenwich, NY

Welcome Home Team Training
July 7 - 8, 2017

Next: Welcome Home Retreat
November 13 - 15, 2017

Marriage Weekend
November 10-11, 2017
Speaker: Brian Fast, PsyD
Planned Giving Corner

The story of Mary Smith (not her real name) who attended St. Swithin’s Church (not her real church) is as inspirational as it is surprising. After having gone in one Sunday for Eucharist, and finding a warm welcome from the people there, Mary made St. Swithin’s her church home. Mary was already advanced in years and lived very simply, so no one knew of her intentions or ability to leave a bequest to St. Swithin’s.

Some years later, when she passed away, her friends and church family were startled to find that she had left a generous amount of money as a gift for the church and the mission outreach among the people in the surrounding area.

Her generosity supported a new mission for young people in the inner city near her home church. Thanks to her gift, and the gifts of others, there was a celebration and dedication of new ministry earlier this year at Oaks of Righteousness.

As Episcopalians, we all have our own reasons for wanting to make a planned gift to support our parish, Christ the King (CtK), or the Diocese. The “WHY” of giving is personal, and planned giving is the “HOW” that makes it possible for us to support the spread of the Gospel and the building up of God’s kingdom.

Immediate Gifts:

CASH – Gifts of cash are routinely used to pay pledges and make special (capital-or major) gifts. These are the simplest means of making a gift and can be accomplished by making a check payable to your church, CtK, or the Diocese directly. The postmark is the date of the transaction.

APPRECIATED SECURITIES – Donations of Stocks, Bonds or Mutual Funds that have increased in value can be donated to your church, CtK, and/or the Diocese by instructing your broker by letter to transfer the shares of stock to the appropriate account (call for specific details).

REAL ESTATE – To make a gift of real estate, the property should be free of financial encumbrances such as mortgages or liens. The donor usually pays for a property survey, appraisal, the environmental assessment, and the preparation of the deed transferring the property. The gift date is the date of the closing.

To learn more about making a planned gift, contact Maggie Hasslacher by phone at 518.692.9550 ex 511 or by email at mhasslacher@albanydiocese.org

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen. – Hebrews 11:20-21
The Diocese of Albany is One Church fulfilling the Great Commandment and Great Commission, moving from membership to discipleship; equipping, emboldening and sending disciples to make disciples.

- Diocesan Vision

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Bishop Love’s Visitation Schedule

May
6 St. Paul’s Church, Bloomville
7 St. John’s Church, Delhi
   St. Peter’s Church, Hobart
14 St. James’ Church, Au Sable Forks
21 Church of the Redeemer, Rensselaer

June
4 Pentecost - Trinity Church, Watervliet
17 Trinity Church, Whitehall
18 Christ Church, Potterville
25 St. Luke the Beloved Physician, Saranac Lake

July
2 Zion, Morris
9 All Souls Memorial Chapel, St. Hubert’s, Keene Valley
16 St. John’s in the Wilderness, Paul Smith’s Church of the Nativity, Star Lake

August
20 St. Mary’s Church, Lake Luzerne

September
17 Church of the Holy Spirit, Schenevus
   Christ Church, Schenectady (Bicentennial)

October
22 Trinity Church, Rensselaerville
29 Christ Church, Walton

November
5 St. Mary’s Church, Downsville
   St. Margaret’s Church, Margaretville
12 St. John’s Church, Cohoes
19 St. Christopher’s Church, Cobleskill

December
3 St. John’s Church, Troy
10 St. Paul’s, Schenectady