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Trees of Life

One of the singular privileges and joys of being the Bishop of Ohio occurs once every three years when I attend the triennial Episcopal Youth Event (EYE) with high school students from the Diocese of Ohio. Last month, twenty-three young Episcopalians and six adult companions from across our diocese traveled to Oklahoma City to join some 1400 of their peers in an inspiring and moving four days of learning, sharing, and worship. It is beyond me why every bishop of the church does not attend.

Our own EYE delegation included participants from eleven congregations, as well as two young people from each of our companion dioceses, the Diocese of Belize and the Diocese of Tanga in Tanzania. I was told that this was the first time any diocese of the Episcopal Church had brought participants from a companion diocese in the Anglican Communion. As usual, the delegation from the Diocese of Ohio was one of the largest attending, and that was not all. Four members of the 2017 EYE staff were our seminarians Chris Decatur, Anna Risch, and Noah Sutter, and transitional deacon Greg Stark. And, of course, we were very proud to be there with President of the House of Deputies Gay Jennings and her Executive Assistant Betsey Bell.

Together we were 36 strong, reflecting, after two centuries, the continuing vitality of leadership that has always defined the Diocese of Ohio. Everyone participated in workshops, presentations, and inspired worship with Presiding Bishop Curry. President Jennings and I reprised from the last EYE our presentation on the polity and structure of the Episcopal Church. And we explored Oklahoma's rich history and culture, culminating in a candlelight service at the Oklahoma City National Monument and Museum on the site of the 1995 bombing of the Federal Building. Everywhere we went, and in everything we did, our diocese's representatives were thoughtful, respectful, outgoing, and energetically involved, engaging others with an infectious enthusiasm and a perceptible spiritual maturity.

On the highest point of land at the National Monument, overlooking the profoundly moving memorial to the 168 innocents who died in the bombing, stands a 90-year-old American elm tree that was all but destroyed by the bomb blast 22 years ago. Expected not to live as a result of the systemic shock and physical damage it incurred, the "Survivor Tree" nonetheless put forth buds that spring, and has regained its strength and vitality over these two decades. It stands today in silent denial of violence, a living icon of peace. Every year, seeds are taken from the Survivor Tree, germinated and nurtured, and the saplings are planted in various places around the world.

Following the vigil and Compline service at the memorial, I sought out the Executive Director of the Monument and Museum, Ms. Kari Watkins, to thank her for the warm hospitality and remarkable experience. Unbeknownst to me, the Bishop of Oklahoma had described to her the mission and establishment of Bellwether Farm, so when I asked if it might be possible for us to get a cutting from



the Survivor Tree, she told me that we would be receiving one next April. My hope is that its presence at Bellwether will provide a vehicle by which our young people can teach and learn about non-violence and peace, a living expression of the triumph of life over death that is at the heart of our faith.

The young people of our diocese are a constant inspiration to me, and to be with a group of them for an experience like EYE is a gift beyond measure. Their companionship is a comfort and encouragement, and their unselfconscious faithfulness challenges me to be more unabashedly expressive about my own. They are a living expression of what the next century of life as the Diocese of Ohio can be. I will delight in introducing as many of them as possible to the Presiding Bishop at the dedication of Bellwether Farm on the Sunday of Convention weekend, November 10-12, when he meets with them before the Eucharist.

Our diocesan delegation to the 2017 EYE and their companions from Belize and Tanga were able to experience and participate in the events of the wider church largely because of the generosity of those who participate in the Bishop's Annual Appeal. The Appeal provides resources with which we can continue to engage our youth and young adults in the extra-parochial life of the church. At the 2015 General Convention, the Diocese of Ohio had the largest number of participants in the Young Adult Festival, again made possible by the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Similar examples of how the Appeal builds the church through support of youth and young adults are numerous.

As we approach the culmination of our Bicentennial, if you are wondering what kind of seed you might plant that will take root and provide new growth for the church in the century that awaits us, please consider the Bishop's Annual Appeal. It can help plant trees of life in whose shade you and I may not live to luxuriate, but whose branches will support the Christian faith and service of generations to come.

Gratefully,

The Rt. Rev. Mark Hollingsworth, Jr.
Bishop of Ohio

Convention Nominations

Dear people of the Diocese of Ohio:

We are called every day to renew our commitment to a life of discipleship, following the countless examples of those who have gone before us and many others who now travel the way with us. We do this work prayerfully, in companionship; even when working in apparent isolation, we are contributing to the ministries of our own congregations, this diocese and the wider world.

We are also called every year to consider how our discipleship can evolve and grow, to better “seek and serve Christ in all persons,” as promised in our baptismal covenant. Each one of us has particular gifts and skills that are essential “to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.” – Ephesians 4:12

Now is the time to prayerfully consider how you will contribute your gifts and skills to the Diocese, and to invite and encourage others in your parish to offer their gifts in Diocesan leadership. There are many opportunities to serve as elected members of various Diocesan groups, outlined below. Self-nominations are encouraged and welcome. How is God calling you? Be open to that still, small voice.

Please also pray for our elections within your Prayers of the People, perhaps with these or similar words: “Gracious God, source of all wisdom and truth, we pray for discernment and resolve to offer ourselves or others we know to be nominated for election to diocesan ministry and leadership at our upcoming convention.” The nomination process begins with personal reflection and leads, in practical terms, to the Diocesan nominations webpage: dohio.org/nominations.

Positions to be filled are listed here and descriptions of each body are given further on page 5. If there are questions about the positions or process, please contact William Powel at wpowel@dohio.org or Rita Rozell at rrozell@dohio.org.

Nominations are sought for the following positions:

- **Diocesan Council:** two lay and two clergy (3-year term) (In 2017, after amendment to canons in 2016, incumbents eligible to be re-elected for one additional term)
- **ECS Development Council:** 2 lay and 1 clergy (3-year term)
- **Standing Committee:** one lay and one clergy (4-year term)
- **Diocesan Trustee:** one lay or clergy (5-year term) (Incumbent eligible for re-election for one additional term)
- **Diocesan Disciplinary Board:** 2 lay and 1 clergy (3-year term, clergy ordained at least 5 years)
- **Alternate Deputies to 2018 General Convention:** 4 lay and 4 clergy
- **Provincial Synod:** 2 lay and 1 clergy (3-year term)

Submitted on behalf of the Diocesan Nominating Committee,
Alison Ricker

Job Description Overviews

Full descriptions can be found at dohio.org. Nominations can be submitted on the website and must be received by September 19 for inclusion in the convention handbook.

DIOCESAN COUNCIL

The Diocesan Council serves as an advisory group to the Bishop and the Diocesan staff on financial and other matters. Council oversees the development of the Diocese's operating fund budget and recommends the budget to Diocesan Convention for approval. The group also provides guidance and oversight for the Diocese between conventions as well as works in committees to support Diocesan staff and Diocesan ministries. Members of Council serve as liaisons to parishes of the Diocese.

EPISCOPAL COMMUNITY SERVICES

Episcopal Community Services (ECS) builds Episcopal identity through strategic grant making focused on outreach. ECS reviews proposals for Bishop's Annual Appeal funds awarded through ECS and oversees the resulting grant awards. Episcopal Community Services also reviews proposals and awards grants from the Church Home Fund.

STANDING COMMITTEE

The Standing Committee serves as the Bishop's Council of Advice, bringing diocesan concerns to the Bishop's attention and responding to the Bishop's own thoughts and concerns. The committee also deals with property matters. All parish decisions to sell or encumber property must be approved by the Standing Committee. This group gives consent to candidacy and ordination of deacons and priests and to the election of bishops in other dioceses of The Episcopal Church. Standing Committee is also involved with disciplinary matters pertaining to clergy and designs and manages the search and election process when a new bishop is needed.

DIOCESAN TRUSTEES

The Diocesan Trustees, a group of five laypeople and clergy, manage and have fiduciary responsibility for the Diocese's Joint Investment Fund and real property of the Diocese. The Trustees meet quarterly with the Fund's investment advisors and evaluate their recommendations for the Fund regarding asset allocation, types of investments, and the spending policy. As needed, the Trustees work with the Bishop on the disposition of real estate and allocation of the proceeds.

DIOCESAN DISCIPLINARY BOARD

If there is a case involving potential clergy misconduct, the Diocesan Disciplinary Board is the pool of individuals from which people are selected to serve as members of a conference or hearing panel. The current Title IV canons seek to provide for appropriate and transparent accountability when clergy have committed some sort of infraction or misconduct. It also seeks to be built upon a model of reconciliation and healing, as opposed to confrontation. The panel is comprised of five clergy and four lay members, each serving a 3-year term.

GENERAL CONVENTION DEPUTY ALTERNATE

Clergy and lay members elected to this position serve as alternates should any of the deputies be unable to serve at the 2018 General Convention, or any Special General Convention between their election and the election of their successors. At Convention, the deputies consider amendments to the church's constitution and canons, resolutions on ecclesiastical matters and social issues, adopt a budget for the ministry of the Episcopal Church, and elect people to various national offices.

PROVINCIAL SYNOD REP

Clergy and lay members elected to this position serve at the 2018 Province V Synod. At synod, the delegates will learn about changes in the provincial structure to develop more effective collaborative ministries between dioceses that support the mission and priorities of the participating dioceses. Delegates will also consider amendments to the Province V by-laws. Delegates will need to be available to serve during the 2018 Province V Synod which is scheduled for April 6-7 in Chicago, IL. Representatives are expected to be analytical thinkers and experience and perspective of the Church beyond the parish.

Building Bellwether

by Callan Swaim-Fox

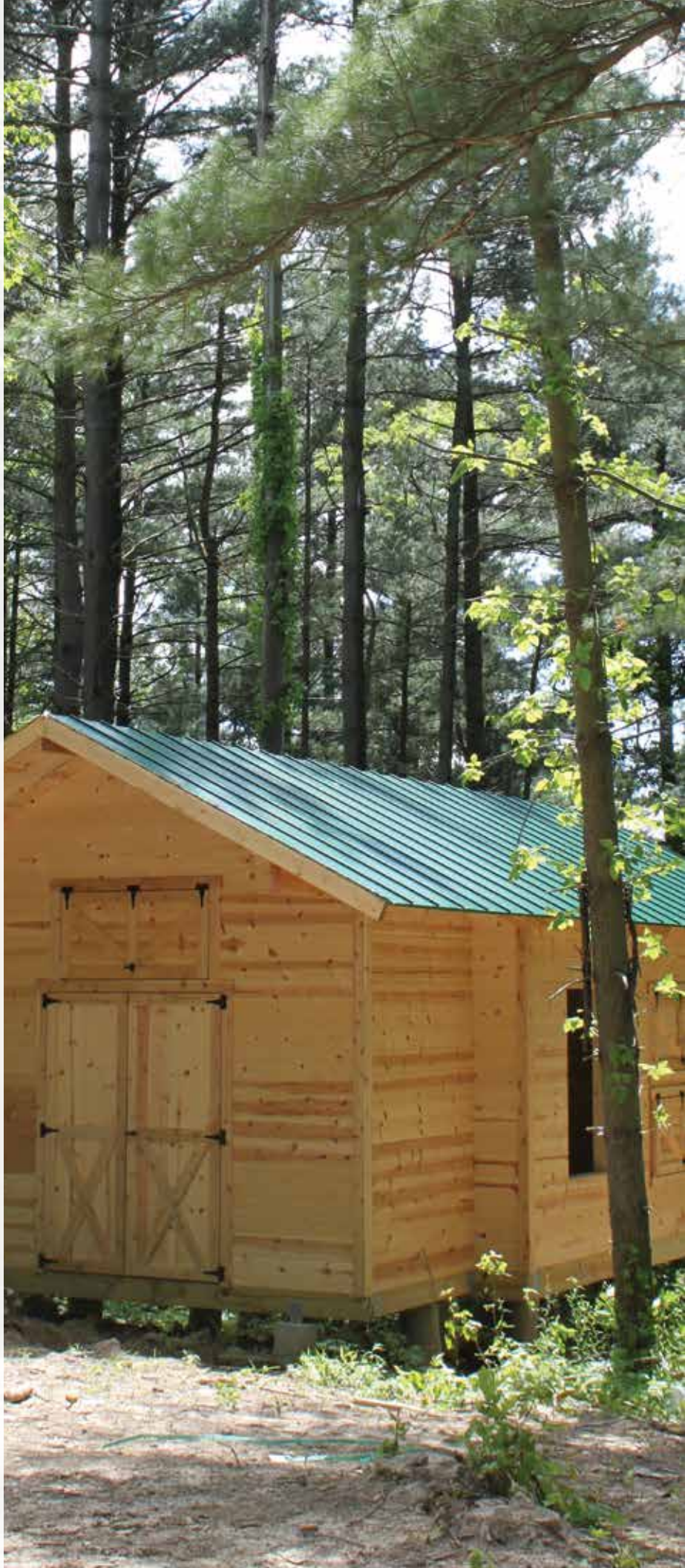
Bellwether Farm is in an exciting stage of change and progress. Construction is well underway. The summer camp cabins, maintenance barn, and animal barn are built and scheduled to be completed by September. Foundations are being laid for the dining/meeting building, farmhouse, and worship barn, and construction of these buildings will continue through the coming months. The land is being nurtured through rotational cover crops that build healthy soil for future plantings, and with a grant from Monarch Watch, we planted 130 Milkweed plants on the property to invigorate the Monarch Butterfly population.

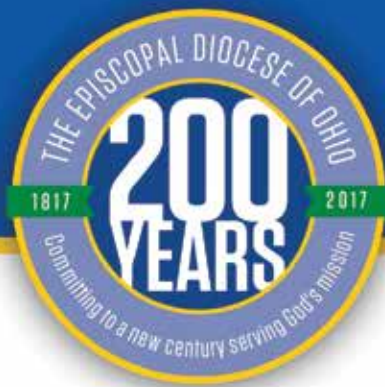
In March, we welcomed a new full-time staff member, Jessica Miller, as our Land Stewardship and Program Manger. Jess has worked as an environmental educator and field botanist throughout Northeast Ohio. At Bellwether, her responsibilities will include the development of ongoing adult and youth programming and enacting a land management plan to maintain the highest possible ecological fidelity. We are currently in the hiring process for a Farm Manager and expect to make a decision by the end of September.

This past spring and summer, we held successful work days and a wonderful family camping weekend. These events have brought the community together and let many people experience the beauty of the farm. On November 12, the Most Rev. Michael B. Curry, Presiding Bishop, will participate in the dedication of the center.

We have also been working diligently with thunder::tech, the company who helped us with the logo and branding of Bellwether, on our new website which we expect to launch in the fall. As Bellwether Farm continues to grow into the invigorating space we have planned, we are thrilled to care for and grow with it.

If you have any questions regarding Bellwether, please contact Claudia Wilson at 216.774.0483 or cwilson@dohio.org.





What's Your 200?

The people of the Diocese of Ohio are joining together to use this bicentennial year as an opportunity to reflect on the past 200 years and express what we aspire to be in the years to come. Each parish has a Bicentennial Missioner to help inspire and encourage their congregation in creating and fulfilling their own "200s" as a way to further develop spirituality and increase our impact in the community. This diocesan-wide initiative gives every congregation - and parishioner - the opportunity to participate. Below are a couple of examples of some of the "200s" that have taken place this year.

200 Pictures of "Flat Jesus"

Members of All Saints, Parma, created an activity during the bicentennial year to remind everyone that Jesus is always with us. Members of the parish are taking 200+ pictures with a "Flat Jesus" cutout. So far, the "Flat Jesus" has been photographed all across Northeast Ohio and in the far flung states such as Utah, Wyoming, and Colorado. "Flat Jesus" has had quite the summer; he has been spotted camping at National Parks, hanging out at hot spots like the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, and even helped celebrate the 90th birthdays of two All Saints parishioners. Just as our bicentennial helps keep us connected, this fun #whatsyour200 activity helped to keep the All Saints congregation connected during the summer months.

200 Welcome Bags

Each summer, hundreds of seasonal workers are employed at Put-In-Bay. Many are international students who travel halfway around the world for summer jobs at the resorts, restaurants, and shops. These students hail from across Europe, Thailand, China, the Dominican Republic, and many other countries. St Paul's, Put-In-Bay, makes sure that these seasonal workers feel welcome. As a part of their #whatsyour200, the members of the church invited the students to a welcome dinner, where the locals shared information on the island. The church also provided more than 200 take-home bags filled with small items including snacks, island information, personal items, and an invitation to come to join in worship services to make them feel welcome.

Follow the Diocese on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram to see more "200s." We post weekly for #200tuesday. To view a compilation of the "200s" posted on social media, visit <http://dohio.org/whatsyour200>. Please share your own "200s" with your Missioner. A list of Missioners (by congregation) can be found on the Diocesan website at: <http://dohio.org/bicentennial-missioners>. We are looking forward to seeing what we can accomplish working together.

The Long and Winding Road

by the Rev. Dr. Brian Wilbert and Lynette R. Williams

At the 104th Diocesan Convention in May 1921 the Rev. Franklyn Cole Sherman, rector of St. Paul, Akron, presented the following resolution: “RESOLVED, that a Commission consisting of one bishop, two priests, [and] three laymen be appointed to consider the work of women in the Church and to report at the next Convention.” Bishop Leonard appointed Bishop DuMoulin; the Rev. Dr. George F. Smythe (Professor of Homiletics at Bexley Hall); the Rev. Franklyn Sherman; Mr. Richard Inglis of St. James, Cleveland; Mr. R. K. Ramsey of Grace, Sandusky; and Professor E. L. Baker of Christ Church, Oberlin. Astute readers will be quick to note there were no women appointed or invited to be a part of this committee.

On January 18, 1922, the Rev. Dr. George F. Smythe presented the following report of the Commission to the 105th Convention: “We have met and considered that work, but without arriving at any result which we think important to lay before the Convention. We respectfully ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.” End of story? Not quite!

After decades of quiet and not-so-quiet effort, the topic of the work of women in the church was again broached with the seating of women on vestries. This came to the 147th Diocesan Convention in January 1964. After heated debate by a convention with only male clergy and lay delegates the measure failed. However, a year later in January 1965 the Diocesan Convention voted to delete the word “male” in Article 13. Sec. 2 of the Diocesan Canons, whereby women were granted the right to serve on parish vestries—at long last! Then in 1966 at the 149th Diocesan Convention a Canonical Amendment to permit women to serve as delegates to diocesan convention passed “with hardly a murmur...”

In 1967, the 150th Diocesan Convention welcomed the first 22 female delegates. However, many of them are identified in the Convention Journal by their husbands’ names: Mrs. Clarke Mack, St. Paul’s, Akron; Mrs. Ronald Ritscher, Holy Trinity, Bellfontaine; Mrs. K. Fleet Dillon, St. Paul’s, Bellevue; Mrs. Richard Foley, St. John’s, Cuyahoga Falls; Mrs. Edith Draper, Grace, Defiance; Mrs. Edward Schultz, Grace, Defiance; Miss Louise Adams, Harcourt Parish, Gambier; Mrs. Anne Frick, Christ Church, Lima; Elizabeth Ammann, St. Paul’s, Marion; Norma Gerken St. Paul’s, Norwalk; Barbara C. Whitney, St. Paul’s, Norwalk; Mrs. James H. Wilson, Jr., Our Saviour, Salem; Mrs. R.A.J. Wellington, Christ Church, Shaker Heights; Alice M. Cummings Grace, Toledo; Virginia M. Patterson, Grace,

Toledo; Mrs. Marie Cameron, Trinity, Bryan; Mrs. Maiyon Duggan, St. Barnabas, Dennison; Nicola Greco, St. Rocco’s, Youngstown; Mrs. Janice Stroud, Emmanuel, Cleveland; Mrs. Charlotte Drawdy, St. John’s, Cleveland; Mrs. James M. Robinson, Grace, Galion; and Gail R. Scherk, Christ Church, Geneva.



In 1968, the 151st Diocesan Convention elected the first two women on Diocesan Council: Mrs. Charles Huston and Mrs. Paul Glendenning. In 1969, Mrs. Robert Gray was elected as the first woman on the Standing Committee. In 1974, Anne Zachman became the first female secretary of the Standing Committee. In 1980, Wilma Ruth Combs was the first African American woman elected to the Standing Committee. In 1985, Patricia Kilpatrick was the first female president of the Standing Committee in the Diocese of Ohio. In 1999, Dr. Carol Franklin was the first woman of African descent to serve as president of the Standing Committee.

The first attempt to include women in the House of Deputies at General Convention was made in 1913 with resolutions by the Rt. Rev. Benjamin Brewster of Maine in the House of Bishops and Mr. Robert Gradiner, also of Maine, in the House of Deputies. We should note that this time frame also coincides with the Women’s Suffrage movement’s efforts to secure the right to vote in the United States. In the House of Bishops, Brewster’s resolutions were “quelled for expediency.” In the House of Deputies, Gardinier’s resolution was also tabled “for expediency” but with a courteous note that the House of Deputies viewed women’s work in the church with “the highest appreciation.”

In 1920, the 19th Amendment to the Constitution was passed and women in the United States were granted the right to vote. It would take a little longer for women to acquire the right to vote in the House of Deputies and the House of Bishops.

In 1943, the Diocese of Ohio hosted the 54th General Convention. A resolution from the Women's Auxiliary Triennial asked the Deputies and Bishops in Cleveland to grant women representation in the House of Deputies. The logo for the 54th General Convention depicted Bishop Philander Chase on horseback. This logo was adapted and published in the Convention Daily to show the effect of such a request on the good bishop and his horse—they were shocked at the very prospect.

At the 1946 General Convention Elizabeth Dyer from Missouri was the first woman to be seated in the House of Deputies—though she is seated as a “Layman.” In the excellent digital display by the Archives of the Episcopal Church, “Women and the Senior House” (<http://www.episcopalarchives.org/>), it is noted that the House of Deputies was “not just reluctant but fully resistant to accepting the full inclusion of women.” A “mere seven votes kept women from taking their rightful position in the House” despite the presence of Elizabeth Dyer.

Attempts to include women in the House of Deputies at the General Conventions in 1952 and 1964 met a similar fate. In 1967 a constitutional amendment calling for the inclusion of women was passed.

At the 152nd Diocesan Convention 1969, Marian Huston from St. Andrew, Mentor, and Elizabeth Lucke from St. Michael's-in-the-Hills, Toledo were elected as part of the Ohio deputation to the 1970 General Convention. Marian Huston was among the 28 women from the Episcopal Church who were seated when the 1967 constitutional amendment was ratified on the first day of the 1970 General Convention meeting in Houston, Texas on October 11. The amendment was ratified almost unanimously with a single “no” vote cast from the Diocese of Rhode Island's deputation. The 28 women deputies to the 1970 General Convention were formally welcomed by President of the House of Deputies, the Rev. Dr. John Coburn, and were seated amid enthusiastic applause.

However, back home in Ohio, mention of this historic moment in the life of our church was relegated to a small passing paragraph on page four of the 1970 November-December Issue of *Church Life*—buried in the reports of the 38th Women's Triennial.

In 1991, Pamela Chinnis, from the Diocese of Washington D.C., was elected as the first female president of the House of

Deputies after having been elected vice-president in 1985.

Bonnie Anderson from the Diocese of Michigan was elected vice-president of the House of Deputies in 2004 and the second female president of the House of Deputies in 2006.

At the 77th General Convention (2012) the Rev. Gay C. Jennings (Ohio's own) was elected to be the president of the House of Deputies. She was re-elected by acclamation at the 78th General Convention (2015). She is the first ordained woman to hold this position. Gay is also a “senior deputy,” having served as a nine-time deputy from the Diocese of Ohio. At the 200th Diocesan Convention (November 2016) Gay was re-elected as part of the Ohio deputation to the 79th General Convention which will take place in Austin, Texas in the summer of 2018.



Now let us consider the road to ordination for women in the church.

The Rev. Florence Li Tim Oi (1895-1975) had already been serving as an ordained deaconess in the Anglican Church of China since 1941. She became the first woman to be ordained to the priesthood in the Anglican Communion on January 25, 1944 by the Rt. Rev. Ronald Hall (Bishop of Victoria, Hong Kong). Her ordination was in response to the crisis among Anglican Christians in China caused by the Japanese invasion during WWII. Her ordination was not without controversy. In 2003, she was added to the Episcopal Church's commemorative calendar, Lesser Feast and Fasts to remember her vocation.



The road leading to the ordination of women in the Episcopal Church is well documented, although the journey contained struggle and controversy. It wasn't until 1971 that women began to be ordained as deacons alongside men in the Episcopal Church.

At the 155th Diocesan Convention held in January 1972, with a vote of 220 to 81 endorsed the ordination of women to all orders in the church. This affirmation stated that “women should have full ministerial and decision making roles in the Diocese.” However, the General Convention of 1973 turned down the ordination of women to the priesthood and the episcopate.

On July 29, 1974, the Feast of Saints Mary and Martha, 11 women deacons were ordained to the priesthood by two retired and one resigned bishop at the Church of the Advocate in Philadelphia. The “Philadelphia eleven” (as they became known) were Merrill Bittner, Alla Bozarth-Campbell, Alison Cheek, Emily Hewitt, Carter Heyward, Suzanne Hiatt, Marie Moorefield, Jeannette Piccard, Betty Bone Schiess, Katrina Swanson, and Nancy Wittig.

Some in our diocese will remember the tension caused when the Rev. Peter Beebe, then rector of Christ Church, Oberlin, invited two of the “irregularly” ordained women, Carter Heyward and Alison Cheek, to say Mass at Christ Church in 1974. Beebe issued this invitation in spite of being asked by Bishop John Burt not to do so. The resulting agitation felt across the Diocese from Beebe’s noncompliance with Bishop Burt’s request made it appear as if Bishop Burt was against women’s ordination. Nothing could be further from the truth. Bishop Burt was an advocate for the ordination of women, but as a Bishop in the church, he believed this work should be accomplished through the legislative process of the Episcopal Church. In July 1974, after the ordination of the 11 women in Philadelphia, Bishop Burt went on record saying, “there is neither solid Biblical nor serious theological reason why women should be denied eligibility for ordination has long been acknowledged. Historical precedent, cultural mores and fear of the new are really the chief reason why the doors to priesthood and episcopacy have not been opened to women heretofore.”

It would take until 1976 for the legislative process of the General Convention to approve the ordination of women to all orders of ordained ministry.

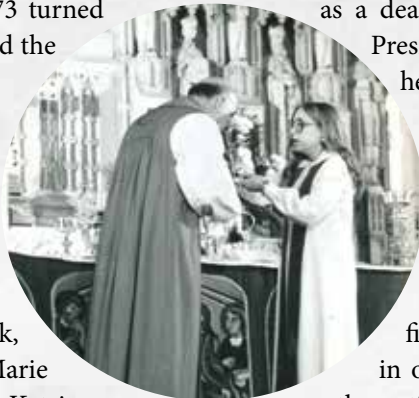
Who were the first ordained women in the Diocese of Ohio?

Joan Grimm was ordained as a deacon by Bishop Burt on June 16, 1973. She was the first woman ordained as a deacon in our diocese. In March of 1974, Deacon Grimm became the first part-time female chaplain at Kenyon College. She was ordained to the priesthood there on March 5, 1977 by



Bishop Burt, making her the second woman to be ordained to the priesthood in our diocese.

On November 16, 1974, Mary Sterrett Anderson was ordained as a deacon at Emmanuel, Cleveland by the Presiding Bishop John M. Allin, making her the first woman to be ordained by a Presiding Bishop. She then served as a deacon intern in that parish. On January 4, 1977, Anderson was ordained to the priesthood at Trinity Cathedral by Bishop Burt with 1,000 people in attendance. She was the first woman to be ordained a priest in our diocese and the fourth woman in the nation to be ordained to that order after



the 1976 decision at the General Convention. Following her ordination, she served as a part-time assistant at Christ Church, Shaker Heights. She also served as chaplain at Rainbow Babies and Children’s Hospital.

On January 8, 1977, Bobette Reed became the second black women to be ordained in the Episcopal Church and the third woman to be ordained in Ohio when Bishop Burt ordained her as a deacon at Emmanuel Church, Cleveland. Following her ordination she never worked in a parish either full or part-time.



Leona Weiss Brownwell was the fourth woman to be ordained to the diaconate in Ohio by Bishop John Burt. She was ordained as a deacon in June 1977 and as a priest in February 1979. She served first as deacon in residence and then priest in residence at St. James, Painesville.

By January 1978 there were 90 women ordained in the Episcopal Church and two-thirds were employed, although not as rectors and not in “cardinal parishes.”

In Ohio, between 1977 and 1984 women priests were appointed by Bishop Burt and were appointed as priests in charge often serving only half or three quarters time.

Jane McDermott was sponsored for ordination by St. Andrew’s, Elyria. She was ordained as a deacon in June 1978 and a priest in February 1979 by Bishop Burt. She then served as a part-time assistant at Emanuel Church, Cleveland. She was appointed priest-in-charge of St. Timothy’s, Northfield (now Macedonia) from 1979 to 1980, Chaplain at St. John’s Home, Painesville, and Rainbow Babies and Children’s Hospital, from



1980 to 1982. She was the first full-time rector elected by a parish in our diocese when she was called to serve at Trinity, New Philadelphia in 1983.

Karen Eversman was ordained as a deacon in November 1978 and as a priest in November 1979 by Bishop Krumm of Southern, Ohio. In January 1984 she was appointed by Bishop Moodey as part-time rector of Grace Church, Galion.

Linda C. Smith was ordained a deacon in June 1980 and priest in January 1981 by Bishop Burt. She served concurrently as Chaplain at Toledo's Riverside Hospital (1980) and as an associate priest at St. Paul's, Oregon (1981).



Caroline Angus was ordained as a deacon in January 1983 and as a priest in September 1983 by Bishop Burt who then appointed her as priest-in-charge of St. Luke's, Cleveland in May 1984. Bishop Burt subsequently appointed her as rector on October 15, 1984.

The Rev. Gay C. Jennings was the first full-time assistant rector hired by a parish when she began work at St. Peter's, Lakewood in 1980. She became the first ordained woman to serve on the Bishop of Ohio's staff when Bishop Moodey hired her to run the Office of Ordained Ministries in 1986. Jennings became the first ordained woman to serve as Canon to the Ordinary in 1989 and served in that capacity for 17 years.

It took a little longer for women to be elected and consecrated as bishops in the Episcopal Church.



The Rt. Rev. Barbara C. Harris was the first woman elected as a bishop in the Anglican Communion in 1988. Harris was consecrated Bishop Suffragan of the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts on February 11, 1989. As the first woman ordained as a bishop, and an African American, she received death threats and obscene messages. Though urged to wear a bullet-proof vest to her ordination, she refused. A contingent of Boston police officers was assigned to her consecration.

Mary Adelia Rosamond McLeod was the first woman Diocesan Bishop in the Episcopal Church. She was elected Bishop of the Diocese of Vermont on June 5, 1993 at a Special Convention held at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul in Burlington. McLeod was consecrated as the 9th Bishop of Vermont on All Saints Day, November 1, 1993 at the Flynn Center for the Performing Arts in Burlington, Vermont. The Principal Consecrator was Edmond L. Browning, the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church at that time.



Katharine Jefferts Schori, who was consecrated as the 9th Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Nevada, was the first woman elected as a primate in the Anglican Communion when she was elected as the 26th Presiding



Bishop of the U.S. Episcopal Church at the 75th General Convention. Jefferts Schori was elected on June 18, 2006 and was invested at Washington National Cathedral on November 4, 2006. She continued as "PB" until November 1, 2015, when Michael Bruce Curry was invested as the 27th Presiding Bishop and the first "PB" of African descent.

Women have now shattered the ordination "glass ceilings" in other parts of the Anglican Communion, including "Mother Church" in England. The church now recognizes that women are called by God to serve through the historic threefold orders of ministry: deacon, priest, and bishop. Will we see the first female Archbishop of Canterbury in our lifetime? God willing.

We end this series with questions to ponder on a local level. Who are the notable women in the history of your parish? Do you know their names? Do you know their stories? Do you have portraits or photographs of them? This bicentennial year would be the perfect time to document and share the stories of the women from your church community.

Path to Peace: EYE17

by Lauren Jackson

This year's Episcopal Youth Event (EYE) was held at the University of Central Oklahoma. EYE is a triennial event and is the second largest gathering of the Episcopal Church, attracting nearly 1200 high school youth and their adults leaders from across The Episcopal Church. 2017 marked the thirteenth EYE.

We had amazing church services with incredible live music in the mornings; the services and the music were performed in both English and Spanish.

"To be there and see everyone enjoying themselves while worshipping the Lord really made me feel closer to God and really feel a part of the Episcopal community," said Serena Walker, member of Trinity Cathedral.

In celebration of the Diocese of Ohio's bicentennial, we had the opportunity to bring four teens from our companion Dioceses of Belize and Tanga. They arrived three days before EYE and stayed with host families for the weekend. My family hosted a teen from Belize; her name is Cheyenne. We spent the weekend sightseeing, going to the movies, and shopping. It was wonderful to get to know and spend some time with her before EYE.

The theme for EYE17 was Path to Peace, how we can all become peacemakers in our communities and the world. The praxis sessions reflected this theme, with sessions like how we can bring more peace and grace into tough conversations, and how to speak the truth calmly and compassionately in a violent world.



Cecilia Payne, member of St. Paul's, Cleveland Heights, described the sessions saying, "I saw God in everyone who was so open and willing to be vulnerable with each other so that we could all grow within our faith."

In addition to the sessions, we had free time to go around and meet other people from other dioceses from around the world. It was fun giving out our Diocese of Ohio sunglasses and making connections with different people. I had a great time talking with people from the Dioceses of West Virginia, Milwaukee, and Maryland.

We had a day to explore Oklahoma City. We went to the history museum as well as different churches. At one church, we made placemats for an inmate program they run. At another, we decorated bags that will be used to deliver meals to the elderly. We went to the Oklahoma City National Memorial and Museum. The museum was set-up like a timeline; it took you through everything that happened that morning and all of the events that occurred afterwards. We then went to the Cathedral of St. Paul's where there was a huge carnival, complete with inflatables, food trucks, music, and games. After the carnival, we processed back to the Memorial & Museum and had a candlelight vigil at the reflecting pool.

"It was peaceful and beautiful and you could feel the connection that everyone had together and it was truly a moment where you could feel God. I don't know how exactly to put it into words but it was one of the greatest moments and most powerful things I've ever experienced," said Anne Holland, member of St. Matthew's, Brecksville.

I was lucky enough to attend EYE twice. It has been an amazing growing experience for me. When I went to EYE14, I was extremely shy and hardly talked to anyone. It took a while for me to really start to enjoy myself at the event. This year, I had a rough idea of what to expect and it took me no time at all to start having a good time. It was also great having Bishop Hollingsworth around, especially during our boat ride. He had so many funny jokes which made the ride much more entertaining.

Going to EYE17 made me feel so much closer to the Episcopal community and with God. I am so grateful that I got to experience EYE (twice) and that I got to go with an amazing group of people.



Trust > Fear

by Beth Bergstrom

Over Memorial Day weekend, the Diocese sent 19 young adults to St. Louis for the Pilgrimage of Trust. The weekend was centered around Taize worship. To be completely honest, I did not know anything about Taize worship before the trip, nor did I really know anyone else going. Our 10-hour bus ride was lengthened by three hours when our bus broke down at a rest stop somewhere outside of Effingham, Illinois. The silver lining is that our mechanical problems helped give us time to get to know each other.

By the time we got a new bus and got to St. Louis, we had missed check-in time, and the story of "the stranded Ohioans" was well known. All weekend we heard, "Oh, you're the Ohio group; hopefully your bus doesn't break down on the way home."

Nonetheless, we arrived in time for the first worship service. Taize worship includes chanting, repetitive songs, liturgy, and moments of silence. The liturgy is read multiple times in different languages. When the worship leaders said it was time for a moment of silence, I had only expected a minute or two. The duration of silence felt uncomfortable. After worship concluded, we went to stay with our host families.

On Saturday, we arrived back at St. Louis University for morning worship. The silence was once again uncomfortable and difficult. After worship, we were split into two groups for Bible study, led by the brothers. We were then broken up further for small group discussions. These discussions guided people from all over the country, many of whom did not know each other, to be open and honest about a range of topics, some of which were very personal.

After noon worship and lunch, we had two sessions (that we had selected out of nine options). I attended "Faith Lessons Learned in Ferguson" which was led by the Rev. Starsky Wilson. The message was simple: Find your Ferguson. He talked about walking the streets of Ferguson while he

simultaneously taught us that you do not need to be in the middle of a disaster to make a difference. My second session was "The Art of Forgiveness: From Why to How," led by two St. Louis natives: poet and dancer David Alexander and rapper and Youth Ambassador C-Sharp. David explained that the only way to love is through forgiveness, and that the only path away from forgiveness is hate. C-Sharp said that forgiveness is the only way to move forward. Partway through the session, Jeff Roorda, the business manager of the St. Louis Police Officers Association, joined David and C-Sharp and discussed why forgiveness is a necessary part of healing.

After dinner, it was time for another worship session. Part of worship on Saturday was an opportunity to touch your head to the cross, which, as I found out, is an integral part of the Taize experience. And somehow, after spending the day being open with complete strangers, the silence seemed less uncomfortable.

Sunday was different; it was the "Walk of Trust" around the city. The walk picked up hundreds as we traveled the city and finished at St. Louis University, where it concluded with a message from the Rev. Traci Blackmon. The message was, simply put, seek God and come together. She talked about finding God wherever we go, even amid turmoil.

Monday, we gathered together one last time, first for worship, then for discussion, and a final worship. The once uncomfortable moment of silence brought an unexplainable sense of peace.

I left St. Louis with the challenge to remember what I learned. I was challenged to remember that I, and everyone else, can make a difference anywhere and that God is everywhere. Both can be found in something as simple as a stranger's smile. (And, fortunately for all of us, the bus made it back to Cleveland with no mechanical problems.)



UTO Supports Work at Bellwether

by **Barbara L. Jones**

It all started with a little “blue box.” The United Thank Offering (UTO) blue boxes were created as a place for people to deposit change as a daily reflection of gratitude for life’s blessings. Begun in 1889 by a predecessor of the Episcopal Church Women, funds raised through the UTO provide grants for mission and ministry of the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion.

This summer, the Diocese of Ohio was honored to receive a UTO grant of \$53,667. The funding is designated for startup costs for Bellwether Farm. It will help support the work of the program manager, Jessica Miller, and a soon-to-be-hired Farm Manager. The grant is one of 34 that were awarded in 2017 by the United Thank Offering, totaling \$1,214,447.51. Jessica joined the Bellwether team in March 2017. She will be responsible for developing the environmental education program as well as the final planning and preparation for the camp opening in the summer of 2018. A Farm Manager is also being recruited to manage the farm operations. The Farm Manager will also work with Jessica to develop an educational curriculum about sustainable, regenerative agriculture, as well as coordinating with kitchen staff on supporting food service for the center and the teaching kitchen.

“We are grateful to the many, many people in our Diocese who show their gratitude for God’s blessings by giving to the UTO,” said Linda Smith, Diocese of Ohio UTO coordinator and member of St. Timothy’s, Macedonia. To learn more about the UTO, please visit: www.episcopalchurch.org/page/united-thank-offering.



Scientific Success in Belize

by **Mary Collins**

As the hot sun rose early Monday morning on July 10 in Ponomá, Belize, 80 children swarmed the courtyard at St. Matthew’s Anglican School. The Science Success Program, an ongoing partnership between the Diocese of Ohio and Diocese of Belize, launched its first Science Success Camp, and it was a success! Four dedicated teacher-leaders from Ohio partnered with a group of equally dedicated teachers in Belize to design an engaging science curriculum for the camp. Four days, 8 meals, 16 experiments, 8 teachers and 80 children fell in love with science. Each day brought exciting surprises as students challenged their scientific thinking through inquiry while teachers worked together to improve their educational practice. Students engaged with the laws of motion, took nature walks, and built models of cells, systems, and space. At the end of the camp, a party with homemade Belizean ice cream and a visit from Bishop Philip Wright commemorated what was the best week of the year for both teachers and students. Students

went home, reluctantly, with big smiles and a science box filled with supplies and tools they had used through out the week: magnifying glasses, test tubes, and t-shirts. Every student left with an increased curiosity for science and teachers left with an increased sense of enthusiasm for teaching science.

It is important to note that the Science Success Program goes beyond the traditional model of missions. The team teaching and training component of the camp promotes an effective and sustainable model of missions by equipping teachers with new knowledge and methods to implement in their home schools and classrooms. Thus, ensuring a long-term and rippling impact that reaches far beyond the Science Success Camp. As the Ohio team assembles back in the US, the mission continues through the teacher PenPal Program and the small grant project which sponsors classrooms in Belize.



The Harvest is Plentiful

Renewal of our Relationship with the Diocese of Tanga

by William Powel and the Rev. Margaret D'Anieri

In late May, Bishops Mark Hollingsworth, Jr. and Alan Gates led a delegation from the Dioceses of Ohio and Massachusetts to the Diocese of Tanga, Tanzania. The companion relationship goes back to the time of Bishop John Burt in the 1970s, when the Diocese of Ohio provided the funding for a building that now houses Tanga's Diocesan Offices. After the late 70s, the relationship was dormant until Bishop Hollingsworth took an interest and invited his former boss, Bishop Tom Shaw of the Diocese of Massachusetts, to participate with us. The focus of the trip was to familiarize Bishop Gates, Margaret D'Anieri, Canon for Mission, and the leadership in Tanga with one another and with the ministries in the Diocese of Tanga as well as to renew relationships between those who have been on previous trips. This trip offered both the first-time travellers and those who had been before to do the work of relationship building and learning that are integral to reconciliation.

The Diocese of Tanga is one of 27 Anglican dioceses in Tanzania and is located in the northeast part of the country, near Kenya – not far from the various wildlife national parks. Geographically, it's the size of the eastern half of the Diocese of Ohio. With 120 parishes and 55,000 members, it has roughly three times the membership of our Diocese.

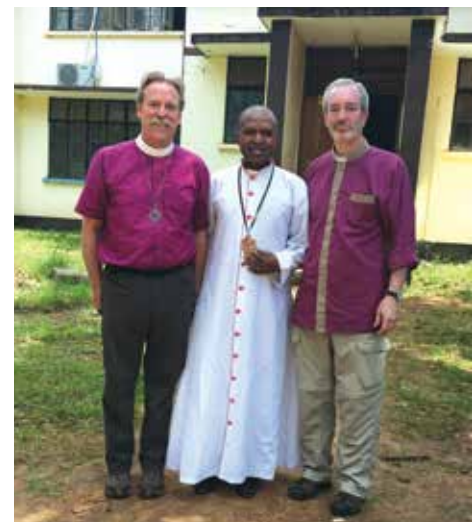
In a meeting with clergy leaders in Tanga, one of the Area Deans asked the American Bishops about the secret to securing resources for their churches. The bishops turned the question around. "How is it," they asked, "that you have such a vibrant parish life in Tanga, with the richness of worship and the joy that the people of Tanzania show for their church?" We have more financial resources and fewer members; they have fewer financial resources and lots of parishioners, including many children (the median age in Tanga is 17, compared to 38 in the U.S.). We wondered about this: can we learn and apply one another's "secrets to success?" Or is it in understanding and appreciating different experiences and contexts that expand our ideas about church and about encountering God?

One of the many interesting and surprising things we learned is that although the Diocese of Tanga does not currently ordain women, at least one other diocese in the Anglican Church of Tanzania does. The Bishop of Tanga, Maimbo Mndwola, is moving the Diocese in that direction. He wanted the two ordained women on the trip to wear clerical clothing and invited them to participate in communion distribution at a joint confirmation service.

In addition to visiting schools and parishes, the group toured Diocesan health care facilities (hospitals, community health centers, and clinics). The medical facilities in Tanzania reflected the scarcity of resources seen in many developing countries. However, the large number of youth, the rapid adoption of motorized vehicles, and less than ideal roads are all increasing the number of traumas (as a result of road accidents), an emerging public health issue for the country. A new transportation hub is being built in Korogwe, the home of the Diocesan Center and Cathedral. The two-lane paved roads are shared by buses, trucks, motorbikes, bicycles, pedestrians, and bajajes (three-wheeled taxis). Dr. Brendan Patterson, an orthopedic surgeon and member of St. Paul's, Cleveland Heights, was part of the contingent. He spoke with Tangan physicians regarding new procedures that could be used to treat bone fractures without requiring long hospital stays in traction.

Our Diocese is hoping that Bishop Maimbo Mndolwa will join us at the Bicentennial Celebration in November. We see the potential for exchanges with lay leaders, seminarians, new clergy, clergy on sabbatical, and medical students.

We know that a number of people in the Diocese of Ohio have been on prior trips to Tanga. The Tanga Committee (of the Commission on Global and Domestic Mission) is trying to compile a list. If you're willing, please send your contact information to Antoinette Taylor at ataylor@dohio.org.



Snapshots: Stories of Inspiration &



St. Paul's, Maumee is working on a new raised bed vegetable garden called Little Saints Garden. The garden will help another St. Paul's program, Under One Roof Food Pantry. The food pantry provides meat (such as hamburger, chicken, or tuna) as well as beans, bread, eggs, milk, cheese, cereal, and pasta. Canned fruit and vegetables are provided as well as fresh fruit and vegetables if they are available. The formation of the garden will help ensure that fresh vegetables are available for distribution at the pantry. Little Saints Garden will be a cooperative ministry between parish volunteers and pre-school children.



Trinity, Toledo has been providing donations, tutoring, and financial support for the men of the Young Men of Excellence Program to travel to the annual conference to inner city schools in Toledo since the mid-1990s. As a part of their "Partners in Education" relationship, they also provide toothbrushes and toothpaste for the students as a part of the Dental Health Education classroom unit. This year they provided 864 toothbrushes and toothpastes to the students in the three schools—Ella P. Stewart Academy for Girls, Martin Luther King Jr. for Boys, and Glenwood School. They work with local dentists to purchase supplies. After the supplies arrive, they create packages for each student. Members of the Outreach Committee take the packages to each school and often have the opportunity to visit classrooms.



Grace Church, Willoughby serves both Edison Elementary and Grant Elementary with their Little Feet campaign. Their goal is to provide, at a minimum, 100 pairs of shoes or boots. The current account contains just over \$3,000—thanks to a grant from the Episcopal Diocese of Ohio, the parish's Soup and Chili Cook-off, t-shirt sales, the Pancake Breakfast, and personal donations. They work with a shoe store in Mentor to provide a new pair of shoes for eligible children at each of the two elementary schools. The store offers kids shoes at a sale price with an additional percentage off. Grace Church then provides vouchers and gift cards to cover the remaining expenses.

Ministry From Around the Diocese

This summer, eight interns joined the staff at the Diocesan offices. The interns were Lauren Jackson (Missions), Eleanor James (Communications), Maddie McDowell (Archives), Callan Swaim-Fox (Camp and Retreat Center), Emily Fletcher (Archives), Grace Comley (Archives), Beth Bergstrom (Communications), and Richard Pryor (Archives and Development). The internship program offered by the Diocesan offices is designed to benefit the interns as well as staff. The interns are able to receive hands-on experience and resume and portfolio building opportunities. The staff helps teach the interns while receiving additional help in their departments. The interns met with Rev. Vincent Black, Canon for Formation, three times throughout the summer for spiritual formation.



St. Andrew's, Toledo hosted an Iftar meal for its neighbors at Al-Madinah on June 16. Approximately 45 people, including men, women, and children, attended this breaking of the fast during their holy month of Ramadan. Many members of the church contributed their gifts to make this a huge success. People provided and cooked halal recipes, made desserts, set up the tables, and welcomed our guests. Neighbors noted how great it was for St. Andrew's to make a halal meal and make them feel welcome in such a time of negativity towards Muslims. This event could not have been as successful without the help of the many members of St. Andrew's who pitched in desserts even though they couldn't attend, ensured meals were halal, and stayed late to clean up.



St. Paul's, Fremont offers a grocery cart filled with donations for their pantry. People drop off donations throughout the week; the items are then stored in the pantry for those who stop in. The pantry sees the most clients during the monthly community meal. To celebrate their 175 years of ministry, St. Paul's collected 175 donations for the pantry. Through the immense generosity of the parishioners and community, the grocery cart is well on its way to receiving another 175 donations.



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Getting to Know Your Neighbors

Profiles and Testimonies from the People in the Pews

Rick Hoff

St. Timothy's, Perrysburg

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, Perrysburg, has been a part of my "retired" life almost since that life began. My wife, Terry, and I moved to our new home in Perrysburg in November, 2009. We moved from Tontogany, Ohio (15 miles away) where I had been pastor at Tontogany Presbyterian Church for 34 years. I retired in June 2010. Terry and I began "church shopping." Florence Wheeldon, who had worked with Terry, invited us to St. Timothy's. We decided to make St. Timothy's our "church home." Terry, a lifetime Roman Catholic, has also continued to go to Mass weekly at a Bowling Green church.



The Episcopal Church was a good choice for us, a so-called "middle way," between Terry's Catholicism and my Presbyterianism. I have appreciated weekly Holy Communion and the liturgy of the worship experiences. St. Timothy's has provided opportunities to serve the Lord and to participate in a fellowship of believers.

That is how I came to St. Timothy's after being raised in Davenport, Iowa, schooled at Iowa State University and Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, and worked as a pastor in Newberry, Michigan, and Tontogany, Ohio.

Eleanor James

St. Paul's, Cleveland Heights

My relationship with the Episcopal Church is not a typical one. I grew up as a pastor's kid (PK), and once my dad got remarried, I became a double-PK. My step-mother was an Associate Rector at St. Paul's, Cleveland Heights, and my dad served as Canon to the Ordinary on the Bishop's Staff for several years before they continued their ministries in the Diocese of Chicago. Through all of life's ups and downs, the Diocese of Ohio has continued to feel like home. While attending Shaker Heights High School, I was involved in the Episcopal Church by attending Confirmation classes, Diocesan Youth Events, Episcopal Youth Event, and various mission trips with my dad's church in Chicago. I am now in school at The Ohio State University studying Business Administration with a specialization in Marketing and a minor in Public Policy.



Episcopal Youth Event 2014 – held in Philadelphia, PA – was one event that helped me to grow as an Episcopalian. I have many fond memories, from activities and discussions that were held to hanging out with my friends from church on the Villanova campus, and that experience has always stuck with me. It was the first time that I had been that far away from home without my family, and yet something about the event felt like home. When I was looking for my first summer internship, it made perfect sense to return to the place that had given me so much. I am so appreciative of the opportunity to work as the Communications Intern at the Diocesan offices over summer, and I have treasured working alongside a staff that has meant so much to me over the years. As I continue to question, seek, and develop my relationship with God, I am indescribably grateful to be part of a diocese that offers such a strong network of people who are ready and willing to help me on my faith journey.

Do you or someone you know have a testimony to share? Email: jrocha@dohio.org. Subject: Getting to Know Your Neighbors.

Diocesan Calendar

September

- 4 Diocesan Offices Closed for Labor Day
- 6 Diocesan Council – Executive Committee, Trinity Commons, Cleveland
- 14 Diocesan Council, Trinity Commons, Cleveland
- 18 Standing Committee, Trinity Commons, Cleveland
- 23 Lay and Clergy Leadership Conference, Lorain Community College, Elyria

October

- 6-8 Diocesan Youth Event (DYE), St. Martin's Church, Chagrin Falls
- 11 Diocesan Council – Executive Committee, Trinity Commons, Cleveland
- 14 Ministry Discernment Day, TBD
- 16 Standing Committee, Trinity Commons, Cleveland
- 19 Diocesan Council, Trinity Commons, Cleveland
- 26 Fresh Start, Trinity Commons, Cleveland

November

- 10 Clergy and Senior Wardens Lunch with the Presiding Bishop, Trinity Commons, Cleveland
- 11 Convention Business Session, Cleveland Hilton, Downtown
- 11 Convention Eucharist, Huntington Convention Center of Cleveland
- 11 Convention Banquet, Cleveland Hilton Downtown
- 12 Youth and Young Adult Conversations with the Presiding Bishop, Bellwether Farm
- 12 Bellwether Farm Dedication and Eucharist
- 13 Diocesan Offices Closed
- 21 Standing Committee, Trinity Commons, Cleveland
- 21 Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, Trinity Commons, Cleveland
- 23-24 Diocesan Offices Closed in observation of Thanksgiving

December

- 1-2 Diocesan Council Organizing Meeting, Trinity Commons, Cleveland
- 25-Jan 1 Diocesan Offices Closed in observation of Christmas and New Year's

Bishops' Visitations

September

- 10 St. Paul's Church, Akron - Hollingsworth
- 10 Grace Church, Defiance - Williams
- 17 St. Paul's, Put-in-Bay - Hollingsworth

October

- 1 St. Paul's, Steubenville - Hollingsworth
- 8 Trinity, Findlay - Hollingsworth
- 8 Holy Trinity, Lisbon - Persell
- 8 Christ Church, Warren - Williams
- 15 Grace Church, Sandusky - Williams
- 15 St. Mark's, Shelby - Hollingsworth
- 22 St. Paul's, Maumee - Hollingsworth
- 22 Grace Church, Willoughby - Persell
- 22 St. Paul's, Cleveland Heights - Williams
- 29 Old Trinity, Tiffin - Williams

November

- 5 Grace Church, Ravenna - Persell
- 5 Our Saviour, Salem - Hollingsworth
- 19 Church of the Redeemer, Lorain - Persell
- 19 St. Thomas', Port Clinton - Hollingsworth

December

- 3 St. Barnabas', Bay Village - Hollingsworth
- 10 Trinity Cathedral, Cleveland - Williams
- 10 St. Peter's, Lakewood - Hollingsworth
- 17 St. Christopher's by the River, Gates Mills - Hollingsworth

Clergy Changes

The Rev. Dustin D. Berg has resigned as priest-in-charge of St. Mark's in Canton

The Rev. Dr. John A. Cerrato has accepted a call to serve as rector of St. Martin's in Chagrin Falls

The Rev. Bridget Coffey has accepted a call to serve as rector of St. Andrew's in Toledo

The Rev. Dr. Lisa Tucker-Gray has accepted a call to serve as rector of Trinity Church in Toledo

The Rev. Heather L. Hill has resigned as rector of All Saints Church in Parma

The Rev. Robert S. Hill has accepted a call as priest-in-charge of St. Mark's in Sidney

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Diocesan Bicentennial Weekend: November 10-12, 2017

Friday, November 10:

12:00 p.m. Lunch for Clergy and Senior Wardens with the Presiding Bishop at Trinity Cathedral



Saturday, November 11:

9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. 201st Convention Legislative Session, Cleveland Hilton Downtown

3:00 p.m. Convention Eucharist, Huntington Convention Center of Cleveland, Presiding Bishop Curry, Celebrant and Preacher

5:15 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Reception and Bicentennial Banquet, Cleveland Hilton Downtown



Sunday, November 12: Bellwether Farm

9:30 a.m. Youth and Young Adults' Conversation with Presiding Bishop Curry

11:00 a.m. Eucharist and Dedication of Bellwether Farm
Presiding Bishop Curry,
Celebrant and Preacher
Lunch following



Honored guests include:

The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry
Presiding Bishop

The Rt. Rev. & Mrs. J. Clark Grew, II
10th Bishop of Ohio

The Rev. Gay Jennings
President,
House of Deputies

The Hon. Byron Rushing
Vice President,
House of Deputies

The Rt. Rev. & Mrs. Philip Wright
Bishop of Belize

The Rt. Rev. Maimbo Mndolwa
Bishop of Tanga, Tanzania

Convention information: dohio.org/convention

