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Fearless Love Sweeps Diocese

by Hannah Wilder, communications director

For the past two years, leaders of our diocese have been working to listen for and collaboratively respond to God's call. Through a strategic planning process that included prayer, thoughtful discussion, silence and conversation, these leaders have crafted a compelling strategic plan, that we call a "mission plan," to chart our course for the next five to seven years.

As we seek to respond to God's mission in this time and place, we are exploring the possibility of a capital campaign to support three funds, the conceptualization of which emerged from our mission plan.

The first is a congregational support fund that allows faith communities to focus on evangelism and outreach instead of worrying about their roof repair and property upkeep. The second is a fund to prepare new clergy for the rigors of parish life through mentorships to provide proper training in the first three years after seminary, which translates into vibrant, lifelong worship and formation in congregational settings. The third is a fund to renovate the Episcopal Church Center in Ocean Beach, enabling it to become an even more vibrant focal point, where advocacy and reconciliation aren't just talked about; they're lived.



Foot Washing as Spiritual Practice: Bishop Mathes washes the feet of homeless people on Maundy Thursday in Holy Week. It is precisely this kind of ministry that we hope to expand through a capital campaign. A feasibility study to explore the potential for such a campaign will begin the first week of September. Every household in our diocese is encouraged to participate. For additional information, visit: www.edsd.org/feasibility.

As you read this issue, you will learn more about the fearless love that has mobilized our diocese to embark on a feasibility study and possible capital campaign. And we hope you will be

touched with your own dose of fearless love. ✠

Learn more: www.edsd.org/feasibility and: www.edsd.org/missionplan.

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Foot Washing and Feasibility: Sharing the Dream

Dear Ones,
I must begin with a bit of a confession. I have never liked the foot washing on Maundy Thursday. It always felt a bit contrived and artificial to me. In addition, I don't like having my feet messed with, and I assume that is true for many folks. But Jesus did it; the prayer book commends it, especially for the ordained, so I grudgingly participate each year.

Thus, when Nancy Holland asked me to start off the foot washing on Maundy Thursday, I said, "yes," with little enthusiasm. But this was to be no common Thursday in Holy Week. Nancy and the volunteers of our Episcopal Church Centur had been hard at work. The morning began with a Eucharist at which we blessed 292 pairs of shoes and socks, all purchased in the style and measurements requested by those who were to receive them. The gates of the courtyard were opened for breakfast. Amazing ministry stations were around the facility: a medical clinic, a legal aid station, a hair stylist, a veterinary clinic, and an oral hygiene clinic. Alcoholics Anonymous and the Veterans Administration were present to give counsel. Taizé music lilted down from the balcony, courtesy of the priest-in-charge at St. Michael's-by-the-Sea, Carlsbad, the Rev. Doran Stambaugh and a local Nazarene minister.

After receiving their new shoes and socks, people were invited to have their feet washed. Washers followed a careful protocol using rubber gloves, fresh water and towels to avoid spreading scabies and other parasites. As I finished washing the first pair of feet, the Roman Catholic nun who was helping me—it was quite an ecumenical affair—suggested that I offer to rub lotion into the man's feet. I offered and he accepted. As I began, his relief and pleasure were obvious.

The grace of holy glimpses can catch you by surprise and this one did for me.

The grace of holy glimpses can catch you by surprise, and this one did for me. In an instant, I understood the Maundy Thursday foot washing as I never had before. Here was a man whose tired, dirty feet were his only transportation. Each day, he walked way too much and stood far too long. I had the privilege of giving him pleasure and relief. This is why Jesus taught us to wash feet.

This is what daring to follow Jesus in his fearless life of love for the world looks and feels like. We are called to be a missionary community of fearless congregations led by engaging leaders who are passionate about serving others. To fuel this contagious movement of mission, our diocese is preparing to begin a capital campaign. Our present task is to share the

dream. To that end, I ask you to carefully read the case for support, "Fearless Love: Empowering the Church in an Age of Mission," found on pages four and five. Next, with the help of the Episcopal Church Foundation, we will undertake a feasibility study. We will then use that study to define the scope and focus of the campaign.

As we move fearlessly to engage the mission of God in this place at this time, I ask for your prayers, involvement, and support. God is up to something in the Episcopal Diocese of San Diego and God is calling you to restoration and reconciliation.

Peace be with you,

James R. Mathes

The Rt. Rev. James R. Mathes
Bishop



Fearless Foot Washing: Bishop Mathes shares his reservations, as well as his change of heart, about this extraordinary experience. Read more about it in his letter.

Bishop's Visitations

September 9: St. Stephen's, Menifee
September 16: Holy Cross, Carlsbad
September 30: St. Paul's Cathedral

October 7: St. Anthony of-the-Desert, Desert Hot Springs and Santa Rosa del Mar, Desert Shores
October 14: St. Luke's, San Diego
October 21: St. John's, Fallbrook
October 28: All Saints', San Diego

November 4: St. Paul's, Yuma
November 11: St. Andrew's, Encinitas
November 18: St. Hugh's, Idyllwild

December 9: St. John's, Indio
December 16: St. Thomas, Temecula



Happy Feet Make for Big Smiles: Lots of clean feet in fresh shoes resulted in smiling faces at the Interfaith Community Foot Washing in Ocean Beach on Maundy Thursday.

Lavado de pies hecho realidad: Compartiendo el Sueno

Queridos,
Debo comenzar haciendo una confesión. Nunca me había gustado la idea de el lavado de pies durante Jueves Santo. Siempre lo sentí forzado y artificial. Además no me gusta que nadie toque mis pies, y asumo que es lo mismo para otras personas. Pero a Jesús no le importó, el Libro de Oración común lo manda, especialmente para el clero, así que cada año he participado sin mucho entusiasmo.

Así que cuando Nancy Holland me pidió que comenzara con el lavado de pies el Jueves Santo, dije que "sí" con poco entusiasmo. Pero éste no iba a ser un Jueves de Semana Santa común. Nancy y sus voluntarios del Centro Episcopal habían trabajado bastante. La mañana comenzó con una Misa en la cual fueron bendecidos 292 pares de zapatos y calcetines, los cuales fueron adquiridos de acuerdo al tamaño y estilo solicitado por las personas que los recibirían, los desamparados o las personas de bajos recursos. Las puertas del patio se abrieron para servir desayuno. Contamos también con estaciones de ministerio las cuales se encontraban a través del edificio; tales como una clínica médica, servicios de ayuda jurídica, un estilista de cabello, y una clínica dental. Alcohólicos Anónimos, y representantes de la Administración de Veteranos para dar orientación. Se escuchaba música de Taíza, viniendo del balcón, cortesía del sacerdote a cargo de

St. Michael's by-the-Sea, el reverendo Doran Stambaugh.

Después de recibir sus nuevos zapatos y calcetines, la gente fue invitada a que les lavaran los pies. Seguimos un protocolo menor usando guantes desechables, agua fresca y toallas para evitar costras y otros parásitos. Mientras terminaba de lavar los pies de la primera persona, una monja Católica Romana quien estaba alludandome, (fue un evento muy ecuménico), sugirió que ofreciera a la persona que le había lavado los pies, si deseaba loción, el aceptó y mientras empezaba a untarla, pude observar el alivio y el placer que esto le proporcionaba.

La gracia espiritual cuando vislumbra te puede tomar por sorpresa.

La gracia espiritual cuando vislumbra te puede tomar por sorpresa, y esto me pasó a mí. En un instante, entendí que lavar los pies como nunca lo había hecho. He aquí un hombre cansado, sus sucios pies son su

única forma de transporte, cada día camina demasiado y espera mucho tiempo de pie. Tuve el privilegio de darle un poco de placer y alivio. Por eso Jesús nos enseñó a lavar los pies.

Así es como se siente seguir a Jesús en su valiente vida de amor hacia el mundo. Hemos sido llamados a ser una comunidad misionera con valentía, dirigida por grandes líderes quienes poseen pasión a servir a los otros. Para apoyar este movimiento contagioso de misión, nuestra diócesis está preparando una campaña de capital. Nuestra tarea presente es la de

compartir el sueño, me refiero a pedirles que lean cuidadosamente el artículo titulado; Amor Valiente: Dando poder a la Iglesia en Tiempos de Misión encontrado en esta edición de el Mensajero. Luego, con la ayuda de la Fundación de la Iglesia Episcopal, haremos un estudio real y lo usaremos para definir el tamaño y enfoque de esta campaña.

Mientras nos movamos valientemente, la misión de Dios aquí y ahora le pido sus oraciones, participación, y apoyo. Dios está haciendo algo en la Diócesis Episcopal de San Diego y Dios está llamándote a restaurar y reconciliar.

La Paz esté con Ustedes,

James R. Mathes

El Reverendísimo James R. Mathes Obispo



Nuestro obispo habla al Obispo's: Obispo Mathes saludó a la comunidad en una ceremonia de graduación en la Escuela Diocesana.

New Diocesan Logo, New Heights

by the Rev. Canon Suzann V. Holding, canon to the ordinary



"Let's go fly a kite, up to the highest height! Let's go fly a kite and send it soaring..."

The words of this song from the movie, "Mary Poppins," have been bouncing around my mind and leaping out of my mouth often during the last six months. I remember when I first heard them as a kid. I was filled with a feeling of joy and possibility. I recall seeing the Banks children at the end of the movie in the park with their dad, flying a kite, their relationship reconciled and new opportunities awaiting them. Since moving to San Diego two-and-a-half years ago, I notice a similar feeling when I drive by Fiesta Island or Balboa Park and see the many kites flying on one of San Diego's practically perfect days. And I especially noticed that same sense of joy and possibility

last January when I saw the final rendition of our new diocesan logo and began calling it "the kite."

A little over a year ago, Communications Director Hannah Wilder convened a group of individuals, most from our congregations, plus some who consider themselves non-churched. They were invited to reflect on our new mission and vision statements (see pages 4-5), to consider their essence, and visually how that might look. Phrases from our mission and vision statements that generated particular energy were "undeterred by borders," "fearless love," "knowing, befriending, inviting," and "daring." Working with two different artists, this group considered several designs and our new mark emerged... something that looks a lot like a kite! With it, came our new tag line, "Fearless Love." As I looked at this image and those words, that sense of joy and possibility, now tinged with boldness and courage, filled my heart.

A kite suggests to me being lifted up by the wind, while still tethered

to something on the ground. A kite soars into the air, boldly going to and fro, dipping and weaving, yet never flying away. Throughout Holy Scripture, the Holy Spirit is often depicted as the wind, sometimes mighty and sometimes gentle, (2 Kings 19:11; Ezekiel 37:9; John 3:8; Acts 2:2). As I look at our kite, I imagine the power of the Holy Spirit, lifting us up, inspiring and enlivening us as we remain tethered to Jesus Christ, the Church's one foundation.

The shape of the kite is a stylized version of our diocesan shield and the colors maintain continuity with our shield: yellow gold is reminiscent of our desert communities but even more, of the light of Christ; red is the color of the Holy Spirit and the blood of Christ; and three blue sections, which represent faith, hope and love as well as remind us of the waters of baptism.

As a diocese we can soar, up to the highest heights, undeterred by borders, daring to follow Jesus Christ is his life of fearless love for the world. ✽

Fearless Love: Empowering the

Situated on

our nation's border, and as a veritable gateway to the Pacific Rim, we are a place of multiple cultures and communities. We are home to one of the highest concentrations in the country of military, veterans and their families. In our diocese, we find some of the most affluent communities in the nation, and many of the poorest. We are truly called to cross borders and boundaries.

This is our mission field in which we offer hope to the broader community through worship, outreach, evangelism, teaching and advocacy. We seek to empower fearless leadership for transformational work. This is

how we participate in God's mission of restoration and reconciliation. As we serve, we glimpse the face of God and the kingdom comes a little bit closer.

The prophetic words of Isaiah are true today as the Spirit of the Lord rests upon us, calling us to "bring good news to the oppressed, bind up the broken-hearted, proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, and proclaim the year of the Lord's favor," (Isaiah 61:1-2). Clearly, God is up to something in the Episcopal Diocese of San Diego.

After fifteen months of study and strategic planning, our diocese adopted a new mission plan at the 2012 Diocesan Convention. The plan emphasizes our call to focus on God's mission as we serve the people in our midst. We must embrace this mission. We recognize God's invitation to the

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Fearless Servants: Volunteers from St. Mark's, City Heights helped at the Foot Washing last April at the Episcopal Church Center in Ocean Beach, which will become the home of the Office of the Bishop. Simply locating the bishop's office here sends a message about our priorities.

Fearless Servants

We will serve the community by creating a place for learning, gathering, sharing and serving.

Goal: \$2,000,000.

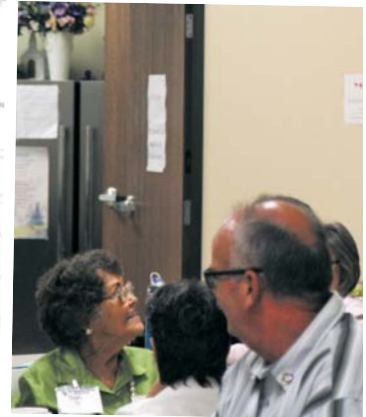
The Office of the Bishop will be in the midst of a vibrant center that serves homeless people and people in need by providing: food, legal services, medical care, AA programs, haircuts and more. Simply placing the office in the midst of this life-giving service center sends a message to the world about our priorities. As our bishop, diocesan staff and diocesan leaders gather and work in the ministry center, our diocese will change. We will learn together how to be ever more fearless servants.

The center will also house the newly formed School for Ministry, which is a program that trains lay leaders, clergy and administrative staff and provides resources to congregations in the form of curriculum materials and satellite classes for distance learning.

We will create an outstanding ministry center in Ocean Beach. Currently more than 3,000 service contacts occur each month in the form of hot meals, legal assistance and much more. To continue and expand these services, we will improve the facility by making hallways and stairs accessible for those with disabilities and installing a commercial kitchen. These improvements are mandatory to comply with current city and county building codes and will adhere to environmentally conscious standards.

Estimated Costs for Renovation:
Structural and mechanical: \$800,000
Kitchen renovation: \$150,000
Elevator: \$100,000
Technology and satellite access: \$80,000
Exterior repairs and finishes: \$120,000
Furniture and fixtures: \$350,000
Fees, permits, misc.: \$200,000
Contingency (10%): \$200,000
Total: \$2,000,000 *

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Fearless Congregations: The Rev. W. Clarke & Andrew's, Lake Elsinore and at St. Stephen the Gathering for Missions and Aided Parish communities were free from the burden of could focus on meeting the needs around

Fearless Congregations

We will build our congregations through gran

Goal: \$1,500,000

Freed from the burden of building repair and our congregations will grow stronger in their church walls. Loans for building maintenance worshipping communities care for their proper rates, the income from these loans will generate for new ministry projects, seed money for visit ideas. Instead of merely wishing your congregation innovative ways, this fund will make those dr

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the Church in An Age of Mission

Episcopal Diocese of San Diego: to be fearless in our love of Jesus Christ and to create resources to strengthen that fearless love. To empower this comprehensive mission plan, we will raise capital funds for three critical components outlined below.

Investing in these three initiatives will provide us with fearless congregations, leadership and servants. The total estimated cost is \$5,000,000. Addressing these areas simultaneously will

build thriving congregations able to focus on ministry to their communities for generations to come.

"It's about being who God's called us to be," said Bishop Mathes. "It's about sending Episcopalians out into the world to do God's work of bringing good news, binding up the broken-hearted and releasing the prisoners. It's about looking at our mission field and saying, 'Here I am, Lord. Send me.'" ✠

Our Mission

The Episcopal Diocese of San Diego: a missionary community that dares to follow Jesus Christ in his life of fearless love for the world.

Our Vision

Undeterred by borders or barriers, we are pilgrims with Jesus in relentlessly searching for others to befriend, know and invite to Christ's Eucharistic table of reconciliation and sacrificial love.



W. Clarke Prescott, vicar at St. Stephen's, Menifee, speaks at Aided Parishes in June. If our faith e burden of building maintenance, they eds around them.



Fearless Leadership: Well-mentored clergy experience successful, lifelong ministry in thriving congregations. With mentorship programs in place, we will be able to keep talented, young clergy in our diocese, and foster the best learning environments. Above, newly ordained Shivaun Wilkinson with Bishop Mathes.

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rough grants and loans.

repair and ongoing maintenance, ger in their service to those beyond maintenance and repair will help their properties. Offered at low interest will generate additional resources money for visionary, entrepreneurial our congregation could help people in like those dreams a reality. ✠

Fearless Leadership

We will develop new clergy through mentorships.

Goal: \$1,500,000

New clergy emerge from seminary with theological, spiritual and liturgical formation. They remain untested, however, in the unique role of leading congregations. The first placement after seminary is a crucial opportunity to instill best practices and good habits. Excellent clergy mentoring provides the single most important contributing factor to a successful lifelong ministry. By assisting faith communities to call and mentor new clergy, we invest in tomorrow's rectors and vicars. An investment of \$1.5 million with a return of four percent will provide \$60,000 per year to support newly ordained clergy in mentoring relationships, which will last for three years. Over time, we will support one new clergy person each year, creating a pool of excellent clergy to lead our diocesan congregations. ✠

the Feasibility Study To voice your opinion on the proposed plans, please send your first name, address to Hannah Wilder: hwilder@edsd.org. Your personal information will be protected and will be used y study. The electronic survey takes twenty minutes to complete and provides valuable feedback as we discern e complete only one per household. The survey will be emailed to participants in early September; the deadline ember 21, 2012. For more information, visit www.edsd.org/feasibility.

San Diego Makes Its Mark on General Convention

Once every three years, deputies, bishops, visitors and friends gather for the General Convention of the Episcopal Church. They consider the state of the church and its work in the world and pass legislation that governs our common life. The General Convention is the second largest legislative body in the world comprised of the House of Bishops, with almost 200 members, and the House of Deputies, with clergy and lay representatives from 110 dioceses and more than 800 members. The Episcopal Church Women (ECW) host the Triennial, a gathering with more than 300 representatives who are honored for their work in their dioceses. An exhibit hall features advocacy groups, church institutions, books, jewelry, merchandise and apparel. The triennial gathering allows for special events such as seminary reunions, pragmatic workshops and provincial gatherings. Unlike delegates, deputies vote their consciences and keep an open heart and mind, willing to be led by the Holy Spirit. They cannot be instructed to vote one way or another; nor can they refuse to vote on an issue.

"Our work at General Convention is the stewardship of community and being a community of prophets," said Bishop Mathes.

"As someone once said to me, 'You cannot be perfectly right. And so it is better to be approximately right rather than perfectly wrong.' I think the Episcopal Church at this General Convention got it approximately right, and I am immensely proud."

The Diocese of San Diego made its presence known at the convention. Carroll Levien, vestry member at St. Dunstan's, San Diego, received the Distinguished Woman Award from the ECW for outstanding work in our diocese.

Polly Getz, parishioner at St. Bartholomew's, Poway, served as the parliamentarian for the sixth consecutive General Convention. She was also elected to the nominating committee for the next



House of Bishops Flags of countries where the Episcopal Church can be found adorned the House of Bishops meeting space at the Indianapolis Convention Center in July.

presiding bishop.

Bishop Mathes participated in the work of the Program, Budget and Finance Committee, which he calls, "holy work." The 2012-15 budget is balanced and reflects a \$30,000 surplus. The bishops approved a 19% diocesan asking for the Church, which will drop to 15% in 2015. Bishop Mathes was also elected president of Province VIII, which entails chairing provincial collaboration and resource-sharing. He will organize our province as a regional branch of the Episcopal Church.

Jacqueline Bray, parishioner of St. Paul's Cathedral, San Diego, produced a video that won first place in a contest to educate people about the Five Marks of Mission. View it here: www.episcopalchurch.org/page/make-your-mark-winner.

The Rev. Andrew Green, rector of St. Paul in-the-Desert, Palm Springs, served on the Committee on Structure which produced Resolution C059 regarding re-imagining the Episcopal Church in time for the next General Convention in Salt Lake City in 2015. This resolution envisions a 24-person creative task force

charged with gathering ideas in the next two years about possible reforms to church structures, governance and administration. Father Green was a part of the sub-committee that drafted the resolution.

The Rev. Paul Carmona, associate rector at St. Mark's, City Heights, was a member of the Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music Committee and helped draft Resolution A049, which authorizes a liturgy for same-sex blessings. They also created a Service at the Loss of a Beloved Animal. Father Carmona served on the steering committee for the Deputies of Color, and was a liaison to the Latino Caucus.

The Rev. Canon Allisyn Thomas, sub-dean at St. Paul's Cathedral, served as chair of our deputation, and as secretary of the Constitution Committee, and the Rev. Michael Russell, former rector of All Souls', Point Loma, served on the National and International Concerns Committee. Louis "Butch" Glosson, parishioner at Good Shepherd, Hemet, was an active voice for equal rights in the church, and

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General Convention At a Glance

Structure Considerable discussion centered on structural reform from administration at the New York headquarters to the shape and scope of General Convention. A task force composed of 24 people will gather ideas in the next two years to discuss possible reforms to structures, governance and administration. Their work will culminate in a special gathering of people from every diocese to hear its recommendations in November 2014.

Budget Based on the Anglican Communion's Five Marks of Mission, the budget for the Episcopal Church in the 2013-2015 triennium was adopted unanimously. The budget is balanced at \$111,516,032, and comes with a small surplus of \$30,000.

Same-Gender Blessings In an historic move, convention authorized provisional use of a rite for blessing same-gender unions. "The Witnessing and Blessing of a Lifelong Covenant" rite will be available for use starting December 2, the first Sunday of Advent, but clergy will need the permission of their bishop.

Gender Identity Two resolutions passed by convention offer support for the transgender community by adding "gender expression and identity" to two canons that prevent discrimination. One makes clear that the ordination discernment process is open to them, and another guarantees their equal place in the life, worship and governance of the church.

Anglican Covenant Convention also affirmed its commitment to building relationships across the Anglican Communion, especially through the Continuing Indaba program, and declined to take a position

on the Anglican Covenant.

Palestinian Territories Convention overwhelmingly supported a resolution on positive investment in the Palestinian Territories. But the bishops agreed to postpone indefinitely a conversation on corporate engagement.

House of Deputies Leadership The Rev. Gay Jennings of Ohio was elected to serve as the next president of the House of Deputies. She will serve a three-year term.

For a full list of General Convention resolutions, visit www.generalconvention.org/gc/resolutions. ✱

Diocesan Life in Photos



Naomi Sings National Anthem: Cantor Naomi DeVries Pomerantz of St. Paul's, Yuma, sang the National Anthem at Episcopal Night at the Padres on Friday, July 20, 2012. Over 500 Episcopalians attended the game.



The First 60 Years: Come to Camp Stevens to celebrate 60 years at an Open House on Sunday, September 2. Activities and tours begin at 1:00pm, followed by a ceremony, and barbeque at 5:00pm. No charge, but attendees are requested to RSVP by calling 760-765-0028 or emailing ashley@campstevens.org. Above, campers enjoy an end-of-day gathering at Camp Stevens.



The Coolest Deputation: Our deputies to General Convention wore shades inside the House of Deputies because they were so cool! Deputies from left to right: Jacqueline Bray, Allisyn Thomas, Butch Glosson, Paul Carmona, Suzanne Foucault, Andrew Green and Mike Russell (not shaded). Humor helped lighten their 12-16 hour work days.

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Suzanne Foucault, parishioner at St. Peter's, Del Mar, kept all deputies informed of the items they needed to keep in the forefront of their minds. The Rev. William Zettinger, deacon at St. Bartholomew's, Poway, and Richard Goodlake, parishioner at St. John's, Fallbrook, served as alternate deputies.

"I am so proud of what the deputation from San Diego accomplished, including approving measures for continuing

mission in the world, provisional rites for same-sex blessings, and being a voice for transgender rights and immigration reform," said the Rev. Canon Thomas.

"Truly the Diocese of San Diego was an active and enthusiastic presence at General Convention." ✕

Thanks to Richelle Thompson and the Diocese of Southern Ohio for assistance with this article.

Mission Plan Guides Diocese

by Canon Howard F. Smith, development director

Our new diocesan mission plan calls us to faithful and courageous stewardship "to ensure that gifts and resources are effectively and powerfully engaged in God's mission." (Mission Plan, page 3). As we explore our future ministry together with the possibility of a capital campaign, it behooves us to keep this definition of stewardship in mind. The proposed campaign will help to build congregations and mentor new clergy. The diocesan center in Ocean Beach provides us with a central mission station where we can share individual gifts, while learning from others. A School for Ministry will provide local training for clergy and laity.

I look forward to exploring the possibilities of how we can best serve our mission . . . God's mission. When leaders support the culture that is shaped by the mission plan, they listen actively and respond to their communities. Many congregations have focused on the six goals of our mission plan: worship and formation, reconciliation, evangelism, outreach, advocacy and as already mentioned, stewardship. As a diocese, we resource those congregations in fulfilling those goals.

Our diocesan mission plan was developed over a two-year period and was adopted at our last Diocesan Convention. The plan plays a vital role in keeping our diocese connected. Ministry teams have been assembled around each of our six goals, with leaders from eleven congregations. As they work together to develop statements, policies, curriculums, resolutions, databases and more, they bring the work of their own congregations. This cross-fertilization strengthens bonds across the diocese and helps us expand our knowledge.

As we embark on, the upcoming feasibility study, I invite your participation and input. Together, we can explore ways to support people in our faith communities by listening to their needs, wants and hopes for the future. The Episcopal Diocese of San Diego is poised to respond to those needs, which brings me great joy. ✕

Watch the *Messenger* for updates on the mission plan and visit www.edsd.org/missionplan for more information. Videos about the three proposed funds are available at www.edsd.org/feasibility.

FALL CALENDAR

August 24-25: Dignity and Diversity (Anti-Racism Training). St. Thomas, Temecula. Fri 6p-9p and Sat 8:30a-4:30p. tthomas@edsd.org

August 25: St. Paul's Senior Homes & Services LUV Gala. Paradise Point Resort & Spa. 6p. coordinator@foundation.stpaulseniors.org

August 28: Fresh Start at St. Paul's Cathedral. 8:30a-2p. sholding@edsd.org

September 2: Camp Stevens' 60th Anniversary Celebration. 1p-5p. ashley@campstevens.org

September 3: Labor Day Holiday. Office of the Bishop Closed.

September 4: Feasibility Study Begins.

September 8: Daughters of the King Fall Assembly at St. Anne's, Oceanside. 8:30a-1p.

September 11: Clergy Day. General Convention Debrief. Good Samaritan, UTC. 9a-2p. sholding@edsd.org

September 21: Deadline to submit Feasibility Study. smatthews@episcopalchurchfoundation.org

September 22: Safeguarding God's People at All Souls', San Diego. 8:30a-4p. tthomas@edsd.org

September 22: Celebration of New Ministry at All Saints', San Diego, 11a.

September 27-November 8: Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life Class at the Episcopal Church Center, Ocean Beach. 10a-12p. nholland@edsd.org

September 30: Episcopal Community Services' Annual Meeting at St. Peter's, Del Mar. 5p.

October 1-3: Clergy Conference at Vina de Lestonnac, Temecula. sholding@edsd.org

October 5-7: Happening at Green Oak Ranch, Vista. Renewal weekend for high school students. adewtuttle@yahoo.com

October 10: Communicators' Lunch at St. Margaret's, Palm Desert. 12p-1:30p. hwilder@edsd.org

October 13: Service Summit at St. Andrew's by-the-Sea, Pacific Beach. 10a-2p. sarah.a.shealy@gmail.com

October 13: Feast on the Mesa. Fundraiser for San Diego State University Campus Ministry. jackiebsemail@gmail.com

October 18-21: Cursillo Weekend. Camp Stevens in Julian. calvert@calalumn.org

October 20: Music of Our Neighbors: Dorcas House Fundraiser. Episcopal Church Center, Ocean Beach. 5p. chaser@stpaulcathedral.org

October 27: Safeguarding God's People at St. Thomas, Temecula. 8:30a-4p. tthomas@edsd.org

October 27: All Saints' Day Service at All Saints' Cemetery in Oceanside. 2p-3p.

November 1: Deadline for Canonical Changes. bobb303@edsd.org

November 8: Retired Clergy Gathering at Episcopal Church Center. 1030a-1:30p. alsteph@san.rr.com

November 11: Armed Forces Evensong at St. Paul's Cathedral. 5p.

November 15: Retired Clergy Gathering in the desert. Location to be determined. alsteph@san.rr.com

November 22-23: Thanksgiving Holiday. Office of the Bishop Closed.

November 27: Fresh Start. St. Barnabas, Borrego Springs. 9a-2p. sholding@edsd.org

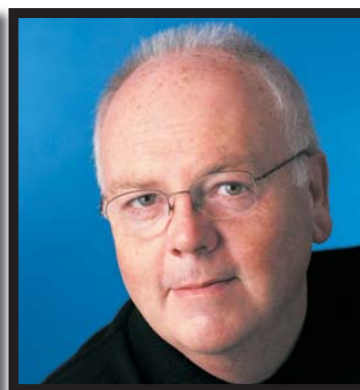
November 27-December 18: Advent Series with Gertrud Nelson at the Episcopal Church Center in Ocean Beach. 10a-12p. nholland@edsd.org

Plan Ahead!

December 1: Nominations Deadline. bobb303@edsd.org

December 11: Clergy Quiet Day. 9a-2p. sholding@edsd.org

February 8-9: 39th Annual Diocesan Convention at St. Margaret's, Palm Desert. Keynote: Reggie McNeal, author, speaker. sholding@edsd.org



McNeal's for Real: Reggie McNeal, pictured above, will be the keynote speaker at our 39th Annual Diocesan Convention.

Reggie McNeal is a missional leadership specialist with a divinity degree from a Baptist seminary and an entertaining wit. An educator, denominational executive, leadership coach, founding pastor, consultant and author, McNeal will be the keynote speaker for our 39th Annual Diocesan Convention on February 8-9, 2013 at St. Margaret's, Palm Desert. All are welcome to hear him speak at the gala dinner at the Hyatt Grand Champion in Indian Wells.

In his book, *Missional Renaissance: Changing the Scorecard for the Church*, McNeal shows three significant shifts in thinking and behavior the church needs to make to chart a course toward being missional: (1) an internal to an external focus, ending the church as exclusive social club model; (2) shifting its core activity from running programs and ministries to developing people; and (3) moving from professional leadership to leadership shared by everyone in the community.

In preparation for McNeal's address, our diocese is reading *Missional Renaissance* as One Book, One Diocese. Order yours on www.amazon.com for as little as \$10 and join the conversation: www.facebook.com and search for "one book one diocese." ✱

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Correction: Our Spring *Messenger* incorrectly stated in the article, "Shining Strong in Carlsbad," that St. Michael's by-the-Sea grew in the same building until the 1960s when in fact it grew there until the 1950s. Unwilling to give up their charming chapel with its oiled redwood paneling, the parishioners built a spacious new church in 1959 on property just a few blocks away, and moved the chapel next to it. Our apologies for the error.

To reserve your room at the Hyatt in Indian Wells for Convention, visit: <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/edsdclergyconference> or call 888-421-1442 and reference "Episcopal Diocese of San Diego."



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