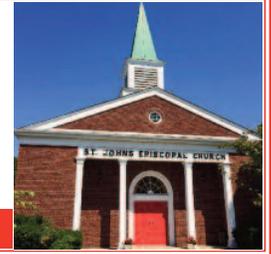




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GENERAL CONVENTION WRAP-UP

The General Convention of the Episcopal Church is the governing body for our denomination and meets every three years. The first convention was held in Philadelphia in 1785 and the 79th meeting of the General Convention took place from July 5-13 in Austin, Texas.

This governing structure is made up of two houses – the House of Bishops (HOB) and the House of Deputies (HOD). It is very similar to the bi-cameral set-up of the United States Congress that also has two houses – the Senate and the House of Representatives. In both of these systems, members from either house may introduce proposed legislation (we call them resolutions and in Washington they are named bills).

Before hitting the house floor, however, bills and resolutions are first sent to a specific committee that holds public or closed hearings and then the committees may edit the documents if they so desire. The resolution or bill is then sent to the house of origin for debate, possible revision and then a vote. Any bill or resolution has to be passed in the same form by both houses in order for it to become the law of our country or the approved governing principle of our church.

Each diocese elects 4 lay and 4 clergy deputies to attend General Convention. Any person in our diocese may run to be a deputy so if you are interested, please let me know. This election will take place at our diocesan convention in October 2020 and the General Convention will be in July 2021 in Baltimore.

I have volunteered at the last five General Conventions and my position there places me in the HOD as the coordinator of floor amendments. In years past, any deputy could stand up at a microphone during the debate of any resolution to offer an amendment. My job was to capture the verbal amendment in text, type and copy it and hand it to the presiding officer and if passed, revise the initial resolution in the computer system so that it could be sent to the HOB for consideration.

We are now a “paperless” convention so everything is done electronically, which means that we have to pre-file amendments before they are recognized on the floor. This means that every resolution may have a few or dozens of pre-files that I have to do. When an amendment is introduced on the floor it is now shown electronically on the jumbo screens and simultaneously sent to every deputy via their iPad. Each deputy is given an electronic device for the duration of the convention.

At any given time, there are 880 deputies seated in the HOD, not to mention the array of volunteers, visitors, translators and media personnel so during an average session we have over 1,000 people in the hall. It is quite the spectacle so the presiding officer works very hard to keep things running smoothly and on time.

There were roughly 500 resolutions filed that were to be considered, discussed, debated and voted on, consequently it would be impossible to list every single one of these. I would however, like to share with you some of the issues that received a lot of attention.

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Worship Opportunities

All are Welcome

Sunday Services



- Aug 5 Morning Prayer 8:30 & 10:30 am
- Aug 12 Holy Eucharist 8:30 & 10:30 am
- Aug 19 Morning Prayer 8:30 & 10:30 am
- Aug 26 Mass on the Grass 10:30 am
Westland Farmer's Market Pavillion

Tuesday Worship

- Aug 14 Holy Eucharist at
Hope Health Care 10:30 am
- Aug 28 Holy Eucharist at
Hope Health Care 10:30 am

Wednesday Worship

- Aug 1 Bible Study 10:00 am
Holy Eucharist 11:45 am
- Aug 8 Bible Study 10:00 am
Holy Eucharist 11:45 am
- Aug 15 Bible Study 10:00 am
Holy Eucharist 11:45 am
- Aug 22 No Bible Study or Eucharist
- Aug 29 Bible Study 10:00 am
Holy Eucharist 11:45 am

GENERAL CONVENTION WRAP-UP *continued*

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1. Budget: The church budget of \$133.8 million was adopted for the next three years.

2. Prayer Book Revision: The 1979 Book of Common Prayer will continue to be used in its current form. In addition, alternative liturgical resources will be developed that will utilize inclusive and expansive language and imagery for humanity and God. Clergy and congregations have the option of using these newly approved texts.

3. Full Access to trial-use Marriage Rites:

Convention agreed to give all Episcopalians the ability to be married by their priests in their home churches giving full access to two trial-use marriage rites for same-sex and opposite-sex couples approved by the 2015 meeting of General Convention.

4. Welcome Back Cuba: The Episcopal Church in Cuba was separated from our church in 1966 for a variety of reasons. This convention voted to readmit Cuba as a diocese of our church.

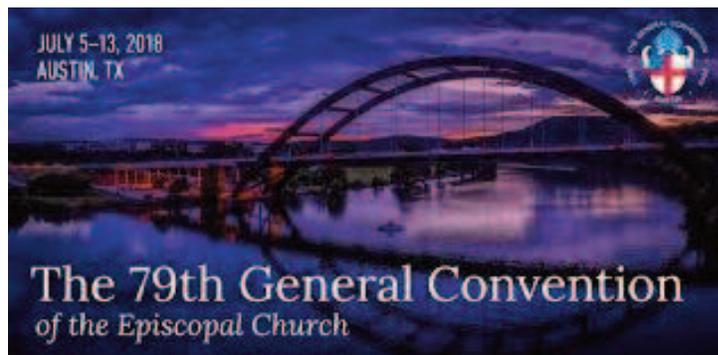
5. Israeli-Palestinian Conflict: There were 15 different resolutions that addressed this issue, but only six passed both houses. The most controversial one that passed the HOD but was voted down in the HOB stated that the Episcopal Church should divest its financial holdings from any companies that are making money off of the Israeli occupation in the West Bank or the Gaza strip.

6. Immigration: Three resolutions passed on this issue. Our church went on record as respecting the dignity of immigrants and outlines how public policy should reflect that belief; we also took a forceful stand against family separations and treatment of immigrant parents and children; and the final resolution encourages Episcopalians and congregations to reach out to and support immigrants facing deportation, including by providing physical sanctuary if they choose.

7. Compensation for HOD President: A resolution passed to pay the president of the HOD but there was no dollar amount specified.

The General Convention Office will be putting out a complete listing and description of all the resolutions that passed. Look for this document to be circulating sometime in 2019. Blessings,

Fr. Steve



Holy Conversations & Dinner

Please join us on Friday, September 7th in our Parish Hall for a simple supper at 5:30 pm and then we will break into small groups at 6:30 to begin our Holy Conversations. Our end time is 8:30 pm.

If we are missing some members of our congregation on this day, we may schedule an additional time to meet with those individuals. Once we have completed these discussions, our vestry will meet to compile all this information and will then write up a profile of St. John's and everyone in the parish will receive a copy. This should give everyone a good idea of who we are, what our ministry is about and where we are going in the coming years.

Once we have this document, our vestry will be ready to develop a list of skills and experiences that we want and need in a priest who will be called to walk with us in our shared work. This is a collaborative effort where the priest joins the parish to support us in our mission. The old way of doing things was to bring in a priest who would then create the direction and the parish would just follow along wherever the clergy led. This is an important distinction and it may take some getting used to.

In addition, our vestry will be putting together a projected budget for the next five years to determine how much we have to spend on all of our important areas of mission, worship, outreach, programs, events, building maintenance and of course salaries. This will guide us in knowing what we are calling a priest to be: full-time, three-quarter time, half time or quarter-time. Honesty and transparency are important factors in this process because St. John's has to be financially sustainable going forward.

This is a community effort so we need your participation! Looking forward to seeing you on Friday, September 7th at 5:30 pm!



Sunday, August 26 10:30 am at the Westland Farmers Market Pavilion.
Remember; there is no other service at St. John's on this day.

Immediately following the Eucharist we will have our parish picnic! St. John's will provide hot dogs and hamburgers, buns, condiments, water, plates, utensils, cups and napkins. If you are able to bring a side dish to share we would greatly appreciate whatever you may bring!

Please drop off any items you have for our annual rummage sale on Sunday, September 9th. The sale will be Thursday – Saturday, September 13-15.

If you are able to help with set-up, selling or cleanup, please contact Angela Hamblin. Hope to see you there!



ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH *invites you to our 2018*

Saturday, September 29

11 am - 10 pm



Craft Show 11am-4pm

Fall Fest Food & Bake Sale • Silent Auction

Bounce House • Children's Activities

• Face Painting & Balloons

Beer Tent • Live Entertainment 2pm - 10pm:

2-4pm Del Rays

4-6pm Rob & Max Acoustic

6-8 pm Benny Speer (of Benny & the Jets)

8-10 pm Big City Country with Andy "Barron" Spisak

Please join us for this fun community event!

****Silent Auction ends at 9 pm. Need not be present to win.***

**Get Ready for Flu Season!
CVS Flu Shot Clinic Open 11 am - 3pm**

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For more info call (734) 721-5023





BLUES, BREWS & BARBECUE

This year St. John's was allowed to be one of the non-profits to send volunteers to this huge community event! After all the financials are settled, our church will be presented with part of the proceeds based on our participation. Thanks to all who volunteered and to Jim Godbout for serving as Volunteer Coordinator!



ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Nick & Angela Hamblin
- 11 Peggy & Jerry Pashukewich
- 12 Jim & Sande Godbout

BIRTHDAYS

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|------------------------|----------------------|
| 7 Joan Harmon | 24 Robert Shork |
| 8 Deseray King | 25 Sharon Scott |
| 9 Chuck Hopps | 26 Bradley Nester |
| 21 Mary Louise Husband | 26 Jerry Pashukewich |

FOOD PANTRY OPEN

Thursday, August 9,
New Hours: Noon-2 pm
*Please bring donations in
by Sunday, August 5



AUGUST Events & Meetings Calendar

SUNDAYS:

- Aug 12 Godbout 40th Wedding Anniversary
Renewal of Vows 8:30am
Baptism of Nathan Fowler 10:30 am
Fall Festival Meeting 9:30 am
Vestry meeting 12:15 pm
- Aug 26 Mass on the Grass & Parish Picnic
10:30 am
Westland Farmers Market Pavillion

WEDNESDAYS:

- August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
Senior Exercise Class 9 am (free will donation)

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