

THE WORD

from St. Andrew's

August 2022



Vestry Notes

When the Vestry met, the CDC had once again marked Chaves County (along with most of the country) as Red or "High Risk". It has since downgraded the threat level to Yellow, or "Medium Risk" where it has been since Spring. This makes it difficult to know what restrictions we are required to adopt. As a rule of thumb, when the map shows Yellow, masks are optional. When it is Red, masks are required. This can change from week to week, so be prepared to step up precautions if need be.

The CDC updates its threat levels every Thursday, and their data tracker can be found here:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county.html>

You can check threat levels all over the country before you travel.



Whether we're at Red or Yellow, some things will remain the same:

Masks will be available, and we do recommend you use N-95 masks as they are more effective than the blue surgical masks. Although all pews will be open, we ask that you spread out, and practice social distancing. Since the virus does not live on surfaces, we will continue to take communion with both bread and wine, with intinction in the tiny "thimble chalice."

If you test positive, are vulnerable, or just feel "a bit off", please join us on-line. We will continue to live-stream our services on our Facebook page, which you can access even if you are not a member of Facebook. https://www.facebook.com/St.AndrewsRoswell/videos/?ref=page_internal

Please post a greeting in the comments section. We are all in this together, even when we're apart.

It's HOT!

Fr. Maurice has been seeing a change in the types of requests for aid. In addition to the usual requests for bus tokens or gas money, or help with utility bills, there has been a huge increase in homeless folks just needing to get out of the heat. He has been assisting them from the discretionary fund, providing a couple days lodging at local zero-star motels.

The Vestry voted to publicize an old tradition at St. Andrew's: the Loose Plate offering (cash) on the first Sunday of each month goes to the Rector's discretionary fund. It was sometimes jokingly referred to as "empty-your-pockets-Sunday." These days, emptying pockets might not generate much, since many people carry no cash. So, this is a reminder to bring some cash on Sunday, August 7th. Or, you can make your check payable to St. Andrew's, and write "Discretionary Fund" in the memo line. (You can do that at ANY time, not just the first Sunday.)



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Senior Warden Sez...

It is with pleasure that I want to share with you that we now have a church member manning the church nursery. Mrs. Kate McClelland is supervising same. Due to family demands, she may not always be present. The ushers on duty each Sunday will determine if the nursery is open.

Father Geldert has asked that we encourage congregants to take a more personal role in the Sunday Service. Evidence of

this is reflected below:

Ushers are asking worshipers to take the Host to the altar for the Communion celebration. This is being done as of this writing.

Secondly, you will notice the ushers are no longer directing church members to the altar rail to receive communion. This is a simple change that is working well.

Lastly, church members will volunteer to come forward to do the readings at some services. (Speak to Fr. Geldert to volunteer for this.)

It is hoped that this will provide more meaning to a wider section of the congregation and carry more meaning to our worship experience.



"If you judge people, you have no time to love them." Mother Teresa

From the Search Committee:

The June-July listing of our Portfolio did not gather any applicants for Rector. In consultation with Canon Lee Curtis, it was decided to put it up again in August, but for a longer period, to give potential candidates time to find us, and to patiently consider and discern if they are being called to us. The listing will not close until mid-October, but any applicants who are considering an earlier move will be interviewed sooner.

Keep praying for this holy process. (A new prayer, focusing on the candidates' discernment, is on page 3.)

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Richard Altans, Marty Childress & family, Alec, John Fuss, Cyndy Collins, Andrew Patton, Rebecca & Rick, Mary Ritter, Burnitta McClung, Bruce Currier, Mike Brazie, Billie Weber, Richard Hanson, Karen & Pat Hendricks, Lorinda & Royce, Jeanelle McGuire, Andy Morehouse, Kelli, Jack Giovo, Laura Read, Stu Shanor, Carol Anne, Marilyn Manatt, Gary and Enid Smith, Michelle, Ann Wonders, Isabel Castillo, Lisa Huff, Molly Pittman, Dwight and Anne Crowder, Julie Deaton, Betty, Aaron & Sarah, Kim C., Richard Morris, Maddy, Abby K & family, Janet Macaluso, Martin Kelley, Victoria Cobb, Pat Wiberg, Andrew W., Matthew, Kendall Kelley, David Smith, Breanna Hickey, Rachel, Amanda Olivo, Sevie Bates, Florence Carr, Beth Rogers, Jeannine Byron, Melody Green, Marisa, Lew Hightower, Clayton Thompson, Bill & Meredith Patton, Annette Mader, Manuel, Julian Linares, Raymond Linares, Jennifer Linares, Jean Hooper, Cassie, Gary Larson, Sandi Olivo, Fern Simpson, Anna K,

- Our Home-bound: Lynn Waggoner, John Keeth, Alice Smith, Cory Woodbury
- Ministries of St. Andrew's, Fr. Maurice, the Vestry, and the Foundation; Layreaders, Ushers, the Choir, and Altar Guild, Teresa, Janet, and our Sexton Ernie
- Outreach ministries: Wings for L.I.F.E, Andy's Community Breakfast, Needle Arts ministry; Four Paws Pet Pantry, Starting Line, Community Kitchen
 - The Diocese of the Rio Grande, Bishop Michael Hunn, Canon Lee Curtis
 - For Camp Stoney, the RRG Youth Council, and Br. Angel Roque, Youth Missioner
 - For Diocesan Councils, Committees, Commissions, Borderlands Ministries
 - For the SE Deanery, Fr. Rod Hurst, Dean
 - RCC Inmates & Officers; Guards & Teachers; CCDC inmates & staff;
 - Those who have COVID-19 and those who care for them; and for those who are taking precautions to protect others
 - Those who Mourn
 - All those in the Armed Forces serving in the US and on foreign soil and their families;
 - The People of Ukraine, and all refugees, and those providing help for them
 - Victims of fires, floods, storms, and other disasters falling disproportionately on the poorest, and all who seek to relieve and support them.
- For the unemployed and the homeless; for the needy and hungry, for the will and means to help them
 - For the unloved and those who have no one to pray for them;
 - For our leaders in the city, state, and nation: wisdom and grace in the exercise of their duties
 - For peace, and for those who threaten it, turning the hearts of those who would harm others
- For Victims of Wildfires and floods in New Mexico, and throughout the West, and for the Fire Fighters

All students and teachers starting school

A prayer for the Calling of a Priest

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we thank you for the many blessings bestowed upon our parish family as we join in worship and fellowship. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, please provide a priest of your choosing who has a strong commitment to our Lord and the teachings of the Gospel and will faithfully guide, strengthen, inspire, and grow our parish family so we can do Your work in helping those in our community desperately in need of the knowledge and love of our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*



From the Kalendar

The Virgin Mary (August 15)

The New Testament records several incidents from the life of the Virgin: her betrothal to Joseph, the Annunciation by the angel Gabriel that she was to bear the Messiah, her Visitation to Elizabeth the mother of John the Baptist, the Nativity of our Lord, the visits of the shepherds and the magi, the Presentation of the infant Jesus in the Temple at the age of forty days, the flight into Egypt, the Passover visit to the Temple when Jesus was twelve, [Matthew 1:16,18-25; 2; Luke 1:26-56; 2]; the wedding at Cana in Galilee and the performance of her Son's first miracle at her intercession [John 2:1-11], the occasions when observers said, "How can this man be special? We know his family!" [Matthew 13:54-56 = Mark 6:1-3 = Luke 4:22; also John 6:42], an occasion when she came with others to see him while he was preaching [Matthew 12:46-50 = Mark 3:31-35 = Luke 8:19-21], her presence at the foot of the Cross, where Jesus commends her to the care of the Beloved Disciple [John 19:25-27], and her presence with the apostles in the upper room after the Ascension, waiting for the promised Spirit [Acts 1:14]. She is thus seen to be present at most of the chief events of her Son's life.

Little is known of the life of the Virgin Mary except insofar as it intersects with the life of her Son, and there is an appropriateness in this. The Scriptures record her words to the angel Gabriel, to her kinswoman Elizabeth, to her Son on two occasions. But the only recorded saying of hers to what may be called ordinary, run-of-the-mill hearers is her instruction to the servants at the wedding feast, to whom she says simply, indicating her Son, "Whatever he says to you, do it."

This we may take to be the summation of her message to the world. If we listen to her, she will tell us, "Listen to Him. Listen to my Son. Do what He tells you." When we see her, we see her pointing to her Son. If our regard for the Blessed Virgin does not have the immediate effect of turning our attention from her to the One whom she carried in her womb for nine months and suckled at her breast, to the Incarnate God, the Word made flesh, then we may be sure that it is not the kind of regard that she seeks. A right regard for her will always direct us to Him Who found in her His first earthly dwelling-place.

<http://satucket.com/lectionary/Mary.htm>



My soul doth magnify the Lord.

And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.

For he hath regarded: the lowliness of his handmaid-
en: For behold, from henceforth: all generations shall
call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is
his Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him: throughout all
generations.

He hath shewed strength with his arm: he hath scat-
tered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat: and hath
exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the rich
he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant
Israel:

As he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his
seed for ever.

Around St. Andrew's



DOG FOOD EMERGENCY!!!!

The Cupboard is bare...

Please bring Dog (and Cat) Food to
FOUR PAWS PET PANTRY

You may make a monetary donation or just buy a bag of dry food and drop it off at the Church

(Call First 622-1353)

If you prefer you may order the Pet food from

Chewy.com **They deliver!!**

Gallon Size Ziploc Bags also needed

Pet Food Distribution

Wednesday, August 17, 2022

3:30 to 5:30 on the 5th Street Entrance

Bagging starts at 2:30. Please Come and Help!

PLEASE HELP your local pets.



Needle Arts Ministry

Thank you so much to all of you who have gotten blankets done over the last couple of weeks! We had enough for July, and now we have enough for August too!! Your help is REALLY appreciated.



Debbi has left kits of some really cute new material in the office, or you can call her and she will drop kits by your home. **Blankets for September** will need to be turned in to the office or picked up (call

Debbi) by the second week of September.

We will have a **meeting in September** to discuss projects for the coming year and to discuss how often we want to meet. All of you who have helped with past projects or would like to help are encouraged to attend this meeting. Remember, there are *non-sewing things that we need help with, too!* Watch for more details as we get closer to September.

Last, but not least, there are prayer shawls and several of the new Mini Prayer Quilts in the office. Call the office or Debbi if you need one or know of someone who does.

Please Call Debbie Smith to help with this ministry 623-8791



Andy's Breakfast!

Saturday, August 27, 2022

Now that Andy's Breakfast is once again a full, sit-down breakfast, volunteers are needed, especially for clean-up. Please call Greg Anderson to find out how you can help. Or just **show up** in the Parish Hall at 9:30 for clean-up crew.



Donations ALWAYS Needed !!!

Andy's Place also tries to provide simple toiletry items, and we are out of almost everything. Please help with donations of sunscreen, tooth brushes & small tooth paste, small deodorant, razors, small shampoo & conditioner, hand soap & sanitizer, facial tissue, and socks for men & women. There is a basket in the Narthex for these items or you can drop them by the office.

Monetary donations are also welcome.

Be sure to note in the memo line:

Andy's Breakfast Supplies.

If you would like to help in the kitchen, call Greg Anderson, 575-420-1300.

To help with the other distributions, call Carol Anne Linson, 575-420-5814

Happy Birthday

8/4 - Paul Espinosa
Evelyn Rico

8/7 - Kate Graham
Charmaine Martin

8/9 - Elizabeth
Galindo-House
Roy Shoemaker

8/11 - Susie Snyder

8/14 - John Fuss

8/20 - Judy Kelley
Jim Manatt
A.J. Olsen

8/21 - Rick Collins

8/22 - Bill Mayne

8/25 - Shelly Currier

8/28 - Carlton
Walker

8/29 - Lynn
Waggoner

8/31 - Emlyn
Evans



The **Summer Choir** will continue to gather and sing through Sunday, August 28th. [Come and join us!](#)

St. Andrew's Choir will begin rehearsals for the new season on Wednesday, August 17th. Mark your calendars!



I have been asked to update the bulletin boards in the Parish Hall. I desperately need photos and stories for the Wall of Honor bulletin Board. If you have any family member who is a member of the Armed Forces or is a First Responder, I would love to borrow a photo of him or her. I'll be sure that you get it back.

I could also use pictures of family members involved in activities they enjoy ...e.g. Sports pictures, school activities, hobbies, etc. School will be starting soon, and I'm certain some of you are taking those treasured "First Day of School" pictures. I'd love to borrow one. You can give them to me at church or leave them in the church office. It will be fun to see the activities in which our church family is involved. Thank you for your help. – Sue Evans



Nursery care is once again available during the Sunday service!

The room is located in the Education wing, off the Parish Hall, and all children **ages 6 and under** are welcome.

More help will be needed soon. Would you volunteer for the most fun job in the church? Call the Church Office.

The deadline for the September Word is **August 26th**.

Send anything you would like to share to Charmaine Martin.

charmainem704@gmail.com

Invading the Invaders!



Check out the pictures on the Parish Hall Bulletin Board!

A small but enthusiastic crowd of St. Andrew's folks attended the Invaders' game we sponsored on July 22nd.

Janet Macaluso sang the National Anthem, and Thomas Plummer threw out the first pitch, cheered on by Ernie Meda, Duane and Sue Evans, Greg Anderson, Julie Deaton, Andrew and Teresa Patton, Twyla Robb, Robert & Dawn Willis and Jeffrey, Richard Altans and Eileen Grooms, and Sarah McArthur, participating in the warm-up fun games, and sharing the traditional hot dogs and other snacks.

And the Invaders won!



Buildings and Grounds:

Stop and take a look at the Prayer Garden. After the big Saturday clean-up, Ernie our Sexton continued making it spiffy, along with the help of Rich Altans, who sanded and painted the six benches.

You might notice other changes around the grounds, as new sprinklers are working and new flowers are drinking it up.



The Kitchen and Pantry have had a thorough overhaul, cleaning, organizing, polishing, and putting all in "apple-pie" order. Many thanks to the crew who helped: Jerry O'Dette, Elizabeth Gonzalez, Ronnie Whitaker, Diana Hudson, Eileen Grooms, and Greg Anderson.



Good cooks and/or willing helpers are needed for the **Bereavement Committee**. You'll be asked to be "on call" for a month to provide/host a funeral reception or a family meal for parishioners who have suffered a loss. Or to help out a parish family who may need meals brought during a convalescence. One person will chair each month to coordinate, and the larger the crew, the less work there is for each. Please call the church office to choose your month.

Community Kitchen

They are Serving Lunch from 11:00 to 12:15

Monday through Friday

Sack Lunches on Saturdays and Sundays



If you are interested in helping out at the Community Kitchen please call Judith White or Ronnie Whitaker and let them know

Judith 575-622-5064 Ronnie 575-622-3849

Daughters of the King



August 12th

2:00 pm

Church Office

Wings for L.I.F.E. (Life skills Imparted through Education)



(Part 9 of a series on Lay Ministries)

Sharing our spaces with local organizations is another way we serve our community. Wings for LIFE is the most prominent program using our space. Beginning in 2005 as the passion project of Shelly Currier, Wings has expanded into programs in elementary and middle schools in Roswell, as well as the Chaves County Detention Center.

Beginning with Community Outreach Meetings featuring local professionals as well as various service providers that discussed important topics that impact our community, as well as information on how to access valuable resources. Childcare was available, but afterwards all join for a family-centered meal prepared on-site.

In March 2007, Wings for L.I.F.E. was invited to set up a program that provided cognitive behavior, substance abuse/relapse prevention and other topics of importance for men and women detained at the Chaves County Detention Center. Wings for L.I.F.E. has one of the longest running programs in this facility. In 2008, a program for youth detained at the Chaves County Juvenile Detention Center was started and continued until the pandemic. It is hoped it will resume.

In February 2009, the Superintendent of Roswell Independent School District (RISD), granted permission for Wings for L.I.F.E. to start a social and emotional learning skills pilot program. Plans for implementing Building Assets, based on Search Institute's 40 Developmental Assets, were set in motion at one elementary school with 10 children enrolled. Search Institute is nationally recognized for its research regarding healthy development in young people. The social and emotional learning skills known as Assets are important because they promote academic success, reduce engagement in risky behaviors, and give young people the power to make positive choices. Today, there are weekly programs in all twelve elementary schools in the district working with over 300 children.

In January 2014, Why Try, an evidence-based program, started as a pilot program in one middle school. Weekly programs for sixth through eighth grade students focus on personal growth rather than risky behaviors. Program participants are able to internalize and practice positive values. This program has also expanded and is offered in all the middle schools.

Community Parenting Classes offered weekly provide quality parenting instruction to all those wanting to improve their parenting skills. The program is structured in such a way that parents can enter at any time and can complete the entire 15-week course. This prevents delays in admission for those needing to enter immediately. Classes are court-approved. They continued through the pandemic via Zoom and are now offered exclusively on Zoom. There is also a co-parenting class in the District Court known as PACT (Parents & Children Together) assisting parents in domestic disputes that involve an agreed-upon plan for visitation.

On the last Saturday of July, they held a Back-to-School Party at St. Andrew's for all current and prospective students of the after-school programs. Food and games were provided, and for the program registrants, vouchers for a new pair of sneakers. Thanks to all who helped.



Improvise and Overcome!

Faced with a broken air conditioner and rising temperatures, Fr. Geldert and Junior Warden Cory Butler made the snap decision to move the Eucharist into the Parish Hall, where the air conditioning WAS working. Quick work by Altar Guild members Diana Hudson and Sue Evans made a serving table into an altar, and Cory quickly miked the only lectern, which served double duty for readings and Gospel. The informal air did not mar the solemnity, and being all together in the Parish Hall made a seamless transition to Coffee Hour, as people visited comfortably with friends and newcomers.



Coffee Hour

In Episcopal circles Coffee Hour is called “the eighth sacrament.” And it is a fellowship we have missed greatly during the pandemic lockdown. Beginning in August, we will again have a sign-up sheet for people to bring goodies to augment the coffee, and provide a convivial atmosphere for getting together and catching up.

Scholarships

St. Andrew’s offers scholarships for members to use for post-Secondary education. The deadline to apply is the end of September. Please ask Greg Anderson for more information.

To make a donation to this ministry of love and support to our student, make your check to Str. Andrew’s, and note “Scholarships” in the memo line.

EfM

Education for Ministry (EfM) is a program for adult Christian formation through theological education and reflection. EfM invites participants into small, mentored groups that provide the framework for understanding like and shaping actions as Christian faith is deepened.

A group is starting this Fall at St. Andrew’s. For more information, talk to Fr. Maurice, Kathleen Pittman, or anyone you see wearing one of these buttons:



The head of an international hunger relief program has put out this chilling message on social media:

We have no choice but to take food from the hungry to feed the starving.

Poor harvests in most of the grain-exporting countries, combined with the war in Ukraine, which has shut down shipments from THE most important grain-exporter, have sent food costs soaring world-wide. The need is very great, and the supply is very expensive.

Please make an immediate donation to the food charity of your choice.



Fear Not!

Over Christmas one of my daughters asked me a question. “Daddy, why is it that every time an angel shows up in the Bible, he always says, ‘Do not be afraid’?”

I responded, “Well, what would you do if an angel suddenly appeared in your room one night?”

She said, “I’d scream!”

“There’s your answer,” I said.

Her question raises a powerful point. “Do not be afraid” is the most common exhortation in all of Scripture—and not just from the lips of angels. Literally hundreds of times we are told to not fear. That fact tells us something important about our human condition: we are fearful creatures. So much about life frightens us that God has to constantly remind us to be on guard against fear.

Fear by itself is not a bad thing. God created us as beings capable of feeling afraid, which means that fear has a useful and constructive place. It is fear, for example, that keeps us from crossing the street without first looking in both directions. The problem is not that we sometimes experience fear; our fallen and broken world presents us with plenty of legitimate threats. Wisdom demands that we take such threats seriously and respond to them appropriately.

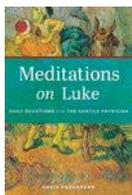
The problem comes when fear is our primary mode of operation. When that happens, we base our relationships, our decisions, and our overall outlook on fear. And that kind of outlook hardly ever leads to anything constructive or redemptive.

When John the Baptist was born, his father, Zechariah, broke out in a song of praise. In one line of the song he thanked God that God’s people could now “serve him without fear.” That did not mean that Israel’s troubles were now gone or that all her problems were now solved. Far from it. It did mean that Zechariah could now see that God’s plan of redemption was unfolding even in the midst of those troubles. Zechariah was confident in the faithfulness of God, even as he and his fellow Israelites continued to struggle through the oppression and the difficulties of their meager lives in their forgotten corner of the vast Roman Empire.

Today there are all sorts of legitimate reasons to be afraid. When those moments come, we should stop and take stock of our emotions. Why are we fearful? What, if anything, can we do about it in the moment? (For starters, don’t cross the street until the traffic is clear.) And, most important, can we entrust ourselves into the faithfulness of God even as the threats around us continue?

We would do well to learn to sing Zechariah’s song.

Holy God, teach me how to be concerned about the challenges that come my way without being consumed by them. Show me what it means to trust in you, even while I learn to live responsibly and diligently in this fallen world. Through Christ, Amen.



This post (Dec 26, 2017) originally appeared in ***Meditations on Luke: Daily Devotions from the Gentile Physician*** by Chris Cadenhead.

<https://www.nextsunday.com/meditations-on-luke-do-not-be-afraid/>

In the Episcopal Church...

General Convention 80 Baltimore July 7-11 2022

One hero of the General Convention (GC80) was Dr. Rodney Coldren, an epidemiologist who consulted on the design of the Convention to limit the spread of Covid among the people attending, and remained present and active throughout the Convention. After eight people (15% of participants) at a church Executive Council meeting in April tested positive, the church moved quickly to reduce the length of GC80 and establish strict protocols to prevent a similar result. The final statistics proved the value of the precautions: only 34 people (5%) reported testing positive during or immediately after GC80. This is about half what Dr. Coldren expected had the precautions not been followed.

The pared-down convention still managed to clear most of the business before it. Instead of lengthy committee hearing on resolutions at the conventions, all the committees held Zoom meetings to work through the over 400 resolutions that filled the docket. Committees had the option of deferring non-urgent resolutions to the General Convention in 2024, and some were, but surprising few. Out of 412 resolutions proposed, only 17 were deferred until 2024, and a good many of those overlapped with other resolutions that were passed, so it's not clear if they will actually have to be considered in 2024.

Without committee hearings, the in-person gathering was devoted only to legislative floor session. Most resolutions were passed in batches through consent calendars. Bishops and deputies had floor debates only on more controversial measures or on actions that they wanted to raise to greater prominence.

Among those essential actions, the bishops and deputies passed a \$100.5 million budget for the next two years, and streamlined the process of crafting future budgets, approved the first reading of a constitutional change to clearly define the Book of Common Prayer, continued the church's commitment to reckoning with its history of racism, elected Julia Ayala Harris to succeed the Rev. Gay Clark Jennings as House of Deputies president and the Rev. Rachel Taber-Hamilton as vice president, and agreed to the reunification of two dioceses in Texas.



What IS the Book of Common Prayer?

Over time, more than a dozen liturgical texts have been authorized by General Conventions for use in the Episcopal Church. A liturgical task force formed by GC79 in 2018 noticed that Article X of the Episcopal Church Constitution gave the General Convention authority to revise the Prayer Book, but said nothing about authorizing other liturgies and supplemental texts. The task force proposed an amendment to Article X to define the Book of Common Prayer as "those liturgical forms and other texts authorized by the General Convention. This amendment passed its first reading at GC80, and must be passed again at GC81 (in 2024) to take effect. In the meantime, the task force compiled all the texts authorized to date on a website, episcopalcommonprayer.org, which has been designated as the official liturgical website of The Episcopal Church.

Historic Election

Two women will lead the House of Deputies for the first time in history. Oklahoma lay Deputy Julie Ayala Harris, elected July 9 on the third ballot, succeeds the Rev. Gay Clark

Jennings, who finished her third and canonically required final term at the end of convention.

Ayala Harris is the first Latina and the youngest person elected to lead the house.

Deputies elected the Rev. Rachel Taber-Hamilton as vice president the following day. Taber-Hamilton, who is Shakan First Nation, is the first Indigenous and first ordained woman to serve as vice president.

Ayala Harris and Taber-Hamilton are the first people of color serving together as leaders of the House of Deputies.

Reporting by The Living Church and the Episcopal News Service
<https://livingchurch.org/2022/07/11/covid-caution-kept-infections-at-34/>

<https://www.episcopalnewsservice.org/2022/07/12/80th-general-convention-wrap-up-shortened-masked-tested-legislated/>



[Bishop Sutton](#) (host diocese) Action Figure

GC80...

House of Bishops' Statement on Climate (How Collegiality Works)

The House of Bishops issued a statement during the final day of the 80th General Convention naming the climate crisis as the overarching issue that affects all the other issues of social justice that convention has considered.

The "Mind of the House" statement – which is not a resolution and carries no legislative weight – puts humanity's failure to avert environmental catastrophes in stark theological terms.

"Climate change and environmental degradation are manifestations of our turning away from God," the statement reads. "The effects of this willful separation from God resonate across our collective lives: All areas of justice are either worsened or made better depending on the health of the planet."

The statement, crafted by a group of about two dozen bishops and deputies, names environmental stewardship as "our first vocation, made explicit in the first chapter of the first book of the Bible," and selfish abuse of creation as the first sin.

"It is no surprise that once Adam and Eve surrendered to temptation and sought to grasp divine knowledge, to idolize and center the self over all else, that the whole creation began to suffer, and humanity along with it. Sin flowed forth in estrangement, exile, and eventually violence and death," the statement reads.

"This ancient pattern of separation and sin is ours today. We crave and hoard what we do not need. We take and grasp what does not belong to us. We burden and dominate what was meant to be free. As a result, the planet and our most vulnerable neighbors suffer. This flows from our failure as human beings to live as the people made in image of God, bearing the sacred responsibility entrusted to us."

The statement grew out of a shorter one proposed by California Bishop Marc Andrus on the evening of July 9. He told the house that there wouldn't be time to get a resolution through both houses, but that the urgency of the crisis demanded a timely message.

"You may well wish to wait till 2024 to take this up, but I feel that the planet cannot wait and the life of the planet cannot wait," he said.

Drawing connections between climate change and coinciding crises of mass displacement, war and famine, Andrus told the House, "Everything that this body is so deeply concerned about is made worse or better depending on the health of the planet in which we live. We've never said that as a body."

The reading of the earlier statement itself prompted a brief but intense discussion about its theological content – or lack thereof. Like the final statement, it put all other social justice issues in the context of the climate crisis and referred only briefly to the baptismal covenant and not to Scripture. That drew an objection from Upper South Carolina Bishop Daniel Richards, who expressed agreement with the statement's goal but not its execution.

"I love y'all, but half my people are not going to hear this," he said. "No Scripture, very little theology and a brief call to our baptismal covenant is not enough for this statement to hold weight with Christian brothers and sisters who do not agree with us. ... Without the weight [of Scripture] behind it, it will just be another shout and another political division line within our national politic."

San Joaquin Bishop David Rice sharply admonished Richards, saying that was not a reason to delay such an urgent message. The Rt. Rev. Anne Hodges-Copple, suffragan bishop of North Carolina, responded to both, offering Genesis 1 as a scriptural basis, and proposing a group revision.

"I totally believe a group of us could sit down tonight and come back with something tomorrow, if that's possible, that would speak without reducing Marc's beautiful words, to express the urgency as well as strengthening it with our deepest fiber that the foundation of this is from Genesis 1. The first job we were given was to care for the Earth. The first people to go into exile were the two people who said, 'It's all about me.' So, we got this."

Andrus, Richards, Hodges-Copple, Rice and other bishops and deputies worked together on the revised statement introduced on July 11. Richards thanked Andrus and the other members of the group for "taking my ranty complaint and turning it into a gracious opportunity to broaden the statement of the house."

Colombia Bishop Francisco Duque Gómez asked for the statement to be distributed at the upcoming Lambeth Conference of Anglican bishops from around the world, taking place in Canterbury, England, from July 27 to Aug. 8. Andrus said he and Duque would work to include the statement on the agenda for the day dedicated to addressing the climate crisis. - by The Episcopal News Service

<https://www.episcopalnewsservice.org/2022/07/11/bishops-close-convention-with-climate-emergency-statement-ahead-of-lambeth/>

In the Anglican Communion...

The Lambeth Conference: July 22—August 6



The “Lambeth Calls” presented to the bishops gathered at the Lambeth Conference have proved to be problematic. Although carefully described as “not resolutions”, they read like resolutions, and the process of asking bishops to “indicate their views” on an electronic tally is a vote by another name. Bishop Hunn has problems not only with the somewhat tone-deaf wording of the “Calls”, but with the process of drafting (They were presented to the bishops only a week before they were to gather.) and the entire concept of the voting. He outlined his objections in a document posted on the Diocese of the Rio Grande website: <https://dioceserg.org/diocese-home>

As he prepared to leave, he posted his own hopes for the Conference:

“I go with hopes of praying with fellow bishops and their spouses, hearing of the work of God throughout the world, and making connections to encourage and support the work of the Holy Spirit. (Not to vote on resolutions by whatever name they are “called”.)”

Since then, he has been sharing daily video updates:

<https://www.facebook.com/bishopmichaelhunn/videos>

(You do not need to be a member of Facebook to access the videos.)

After the two-day retreat that began the Conference, Bp. Hunn reported a strong spirit of collegiality and Christian love among the bishops. Other Bishops have reported the same, in “**Postcards from Lambeth**” – compiled by *The Living Church*. <https://livingchurch.org/2022/07/29/postcards-from-lambeth-not-about-sexuality/>



Why no cowboy hat? They don't fold!



Deon K. Johnson
Bishop of Missouri

Imagine 650 bishops from 165 countries singing in harmony together in an ancient cathedral. While there are things with which we disagree, we find ways to build bridges in a world of walls.

Jennifer Reddall
Bishop of Arizona

I will never complain about driving in Arizona again. Bishop Jean Paul [Solo] of Madagascar walks five days over a mountain to get to one of his congregations.

Carol Gallagher
Serving Dioceses of Massachusetts & Albany

Both unbelief and rigid belief can temporarily halt the healing power of God's love. Our work here, from my vantage point, is to listen deeply, talk little and witness the power of Christ's love in others. None of us has the corner on our Creator's truth.

Megan McClure Traquair
Diocese of Northern California

Many double-decker buses took us along small roads to the great cathedral. It has been the goal of pilgrims for more than a thousand years and the deeply curved stone steps show it.

Rob Skirving
Bishop of East Carolina

For me, the most powerful moment in worship is when we prayed together the prayer which Jesus taught his disciples, each of us in our own language. A Pentecost moment of sorts! The sound was incredible.



Pictures by Bishop Michael Hunn

Outreach Ministries Funds — June 2022

FUND	Beginning Balance	JUNE DONATIONS	JUNE EXPENDI- TURES	June 30 2022 FUND BALANCE
Andy's Breakfast	\$ 131.48	\$ 80.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 211.48
EfM Tuition	343.00	0.00		343.00
Needle Arts	1,867.42	0.00	0.00	1,867.42
Pet Pantry	3,380.55	420.00	0.00	3,800.55
Rector's Outreach (Discretionary Fund)	12,035.99	87.94	426.64	11,697.29
Starting Line	1,549.74	0.00	0.00	1,549.74
Altar Fund	911.44	100.00	0.00	1,011.44
Unspecified Mission and Outreach	8,284.52	225.00	0.00	8,509.52
Choir Fund	357.79	0.00	0.00	347.79
Children's Choir	50.00	0.00	0.00	50.00
Youth Group	4,321.42	200.00	0.00	4,521.42
Scholarship Fund	3,515.00	250.00	0.00	3,765.00

Unused funds carry over from one year to the next. This doesn't tell the whole story: much of our outreach ministry is moved forward by donated materials and ESPECIALLY by volunteer labors. Thank you for supporting these ministries.

Income and Expense Report — June 2022

	<u>June 2022</u>	<u>June Budget</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>
Ordinary Income:				
Plate Offerings	\$ 112.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 1,281.00	\$ 1,500.00
Current Pledges	6,157.00	12,500.00	73,426.48	75,000.00
Pre-Paid Pledges	0.00	0.00		0.00
Unpledged Contrib	1,060.00	2,920.00	7,136.00	17,520
Special Offerings *	0.00	0.00	308.00	0.00
Foundation Income	0.00	0.00	73,084.59	73,084.59
Altar Flowers	70.00	100.00	685.00	500.00
Other Income	300.00	167.00	785.00	1,002.00
Income—Total	7,699.00	15,937.00	156,706.09	168,606.59
Payroll Expenses	7,928.88	14,555.41	63,995.52	87,342.47
Other Expenses	9,686.54	14,806.00	48,841.57	64,633.00
Total Expenses	17,615.42	29,367.41	122,837.09	151,975.47
Net Ordinary Income	\$ (9,916.42)	\$ (13,430.41)	\$ 33,869.00	\$ 16,631.12

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Where you are welcome!

Sunday Services

In-Person and Livestream

10 am

MASKS ARE RECOMMENDED.

Please Observe Social distancing

Persons in high-risk categories are encouraged to stay home and join us on Facebook, live-stream or view it later

**Both N-95 and Surgical-style masks
are available in the Narthex**

(N-95s are the only masks approved to protect against the omicron variant.)

Check the CDC map. If it's **RED**, masks are required. Otherwise, they're optional.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county.html>

FOR **GOD**
has not given us
a *Spirit* of fear
but of
POWER
LOVE
& self-discipline.
2 Timothy 1:7

The Word is also posted on our Website,
in full color, and with live links.

<http://www.standrewsroswell.com/the-word.html>