

# WELCOME

**Check in: 8am -9am**

\*Voting clergy and lay delegates should log into VPOLL and answer the quorum question\*

**Please remain muted**

VPOLL log-in issues

Direct message Scott Casey in the Zoom chat or

**CALL THE HELPLINE  
850-898-0974**



50th Annual Diocesan Convention | February 26-27, 2021 | Online



Episcopal Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast

**VPOLL Link:** <https://www.vpoll.mobi/>

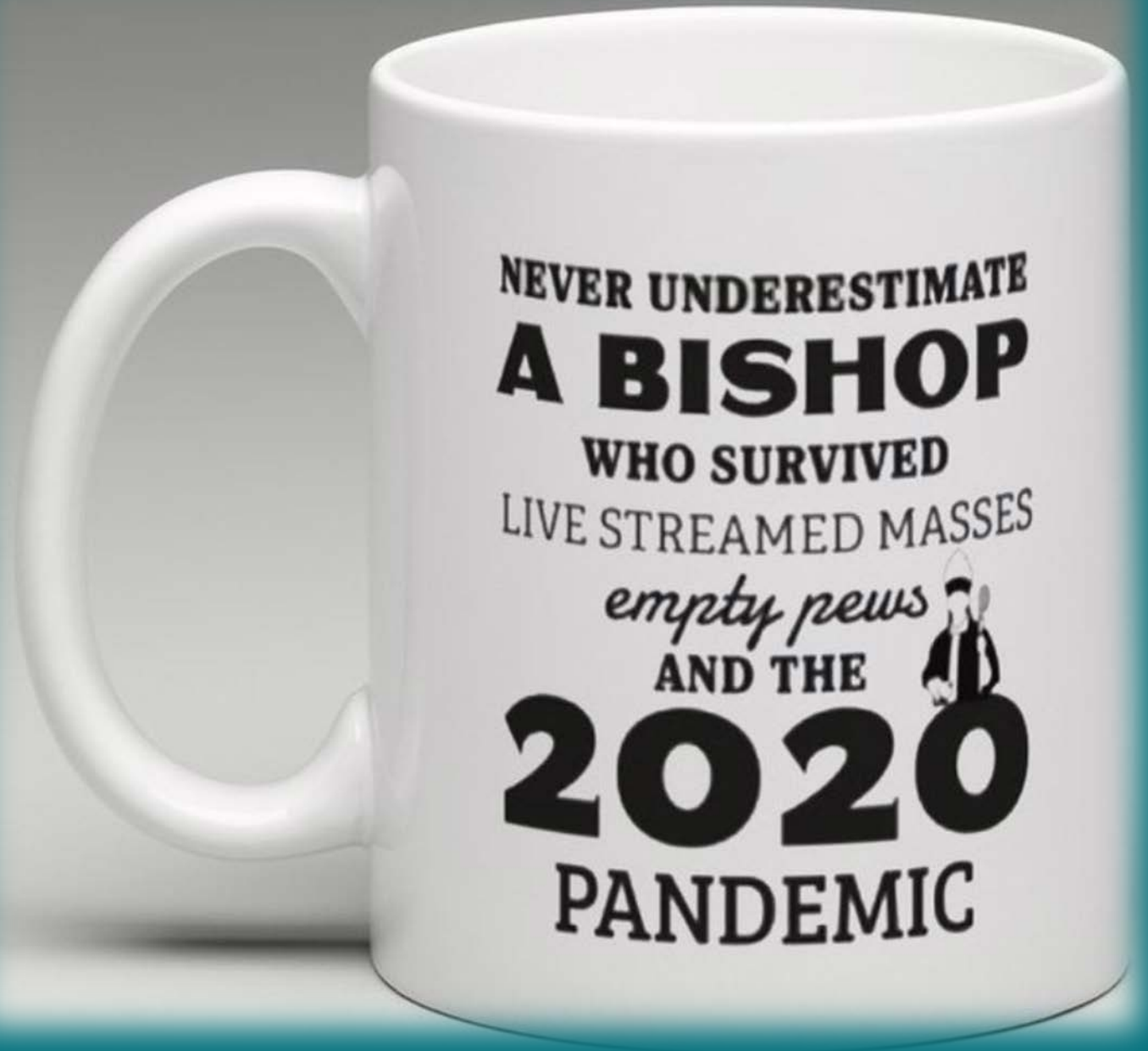
**Enter the Access Code:** **goforward** (not case sensitive, no space)

**Enter the Login Criteria:**

- **your email address** (*the same one provided to us during the registration process*), plus
- **individual ID number** – (see yesterday's email from jenn@diocgc.org – check spam folder if you did not receive)

**Select the Polling Session: Diocesan Convention**

Thanks for your  
patience



# RUSSELL'S SPECIAL RULES FOR VIRTUAL CONVENTION

## I.C. Interpretation of Certain Canonical Terms

- “Seat”: The ability to participate in the Convention via electronic connection.
- “Voice”: The right to make oral statements electronically during the Convention.
- “Vote”: The right to cast an oral voice or electronic vote or to file an electronic ballot during the Convention.

# III. Conduct of Meeting

- A. Technical requirements and malfunctions. Each member is responsible for his or her audio and Internet connections; no action shall be invalidated on the grounds that the loss of, or poor quality of, a member's individual connection prevented participation in the meeting.
  
- B. Forced disconnections. **(Russell Really Rules!)** The Chair of Convention or Convention Officers may cause or direct the disconnection or muting of a member's connection if it is causing undue interference with the meeting. The Chair's decision to do so, which is subject to an undebatable appeal that can be made by any member, shall be announced during the meeting and recorded in the minutes.

- C. Assignment of the Floor. To seek recognition by the Chair, a member shall use the Zoom “hand raise” request and await recognition. Once the pending action is completed, the Convention Officer shall clear the online queue.
  
- D. Seconding of motions and related posts. Members responding “so moved” to a request from the Chair for a motion, or seconding any motion that requires a second, may do so using the Zoom hand raise feature without needing to be recognized by the Chair.

## IV. Elections and Voting

1. **No nominations may be made from the floor during the virtual Convention.**
2. Ballots will be administered by an internet voting service, VPOLL, using members' assigned VPOLL login code.
3. On all elections, on the first two ballots for each office a majority vote is necessary for election. On the third ballot, the candidate with the most votes (plurality) shall be elected.

## V. Resolutions

1. Due to the extraordinary circumstances surrounding a “virtual” gathering, **no resolutions may be introduced during the virtual Convention.**
2. Resolutions will be voted on using the Internet voting service, VPOLL.

Section I.F. Video display. The Convention Officer shall attempt to cause a video of the Chair to be displayed throughout the meeting, and if technologically feasible, shall also cause display of the video of the member currently recognized to speak (if such display is permitted by the Chair) or report.





**“I’m here live.  
I’m Not a Cat”**

# Seat and Voice

## Non-Canonically resident clergy serving in the Diocese:

The Rev. Massey Gentry, Canon to the Ordinary  
The Rev. David Johnson, Interim-Rector, St. Paul's, Foley  
The Rt. Rev. Steven Miller, (retired Bishop) Priest-in-Charge, St. Agatha's, DeFuniak Springs  
The Rev. Bob Ott, Priest-in-Charge, St. Luke's, Marianna  
The Rev. Rick Tiff, Chaplain, Naval Air Station, Pensacola  
The Rev. Handlee Vige, Priest-in-Charge, St. Jude's, Niceville

## Members of the Standing Committee

Susan Miller, St. Stephen's, Brewton  
Bruce Partington, Christ Church, Pensacola

## General Officers:

Kathy Miller, St. Paul's, Mobile, Alabama Chancellor  
Scott Remington, St. Christopher's, Pensacola, Chancellor  
Ronald Snider, Christ Church Cathedral, Mobile, Treasurer

## Members of Diocesan Agencies/Diocesan Coordinators:

Eleanor Reeves, Director, Beckwith Camp & Retreat Center  
Connie Anderson, Director of Murray House  
Pratt Patterson, Director of Wilmer Hall  
Dwight Babcock, Diocesan Administrator –  
Asst Secretary/Asst Treasurer  
Jenn Johnson, Diocesan Missioner for Communications

## Other Convention Participants:

Scott Casey, Vistacom VPoll representative  
The Rt. Rev. George Young, resident bishop,  
*retired*, East Tennessee

# NAES SCHOOLS

- ▶ Episcopal Day School of Christ Church, Pensacola, FL
- ▶ Holy Nativity Episcopal School, Panama City, FL
- ▶ St. James Episcopal School, Fairhope, AL
- ▶ Holy Spirit Day School, Gulf Shores, AL
- ▶ St. Luke's Episcopal School, Mobile, AL
- ▶ St. Paul's Episcopal School, Mobile, AL
- ▶ St. Paul's Pre-School, Daphne, AL
- ▶ The Tree House Episcopal Montessori School, Santa Rosa Beach, FL

# Standing Committee Member Nominations

## Clergy Nominee



**The Rev. William Lowry, III**  
Holy Spirit, Gulf Shores

## Lay Nominees



**Van Fuller**  
St. Simon's on the Sound, Ft. Walton Beach



**Anne Gill**  
Trinity, Mobile

# OUTGOING STANDING COMMITTEE

- ▶ Sally Crenshaw, Outgoing Secretary
- ▶ Tim Gaston “May God’s Eternal light shine upon him”
- ▶ The Reverend David Knight, Outgoing President
- ▶ Susan Miller
- ▶ The Reverend Margaret Shepard

2021 Budget  
Presentation is  
now available  
online...

✓ *Over 75% of our churches met or exceeded their pledge in 2020!*  
*Thank you!*

2021 Diocesan Convention Finance Committee

\*Ronald Snider

\*Rita Grayson

\*Brad Moore

\*Harry Hall

\*Rev. Mary Alice Mathison

## 2021 Budget Re-cap

**Proposed Budget: \$1,374,606 (-5.3%)**

**Cong. Pledges: \$1,182,000 (est. -8.1%)**

**Endowment: \$192,935 (+16.9%)**

*Please remember to send in your 2021 diocesan pledge...*

# New Clergy & Clergy Transitions

## CLERGY NEW TO THE DIOCESE



**Tina Lockett** – Vicar, Church of the Advent, Lillian  
[now canonically resident]



**Bishop Steven Miller** – Priest-in-Charge, St. Agatha's, DeFuniak Springs  
[retired Bishop of Diocese of Milwaukee]



**Bob Ott** – Priest-in-Charge, St. Luke's, Marianna  
[retired from Diocese El Camino Real]

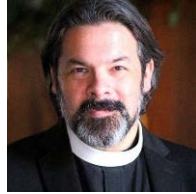


# New Clergy & Clergy Transitions

## DIOCESAN SCHOOL FOR MINISTRY – NEWLY ORDAINED PRIESTS



**Mike Ballard** – Part-time Vicar, St. Peter's, Jackson  
[newly ordained from the SfM]



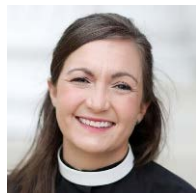
**David Chatel** – Rector, St. Stephen's, Brewton  
[newly ordained from the SfM]



**David Clothier** – Vicar, Epiphany, Crestview  
[newly ordained from SfM]



**Bob Donnell** – Transitional Deacon, All Saints, Mobile  
[newly ordained from SfM – will be Curate when ordained on  
April 17<sup>th</sup>]



**Lydia Johnson** – Missioner for Development  
[newly ordained from SfM]



**John Talbert** – Curate, St. Paul's, Daphne  
[newly ordained from SfM]

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## DIOCESAN SCHOOL FOR MINISTRY – NEWLY ORDAINED DEACONS



**Rachel Iversen** – Deacon, Christ Church, Pensacola

[newly ordained from SfM]

[In March, Rachel will begin serving as Deacon for St. Francis, Gulf Breeze]



**John Kendall** – Deacon, St. Mary's, Milton

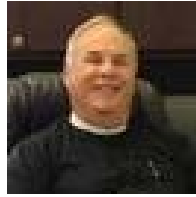
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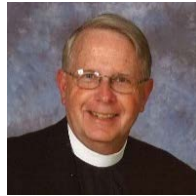
## CLERGY WHO HAVE TRANSITIONED SINCE LAST CONVENTION



**David Greene** – Priest-in-Charge, St. Peter's, Bon Secour  
[retired from St. Luke's, Marianna]



**Greg Hein** – Interim Rector, St. Mary's, Andalusia  
[retired from St. Jude's, Niceville]



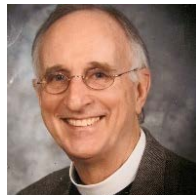
**David Johnson** – Interim-Rector, St. Paul's, Foley



**Mary Jayne Ledgerwood** – Rector, Trinity, Mobile



**Mary Alice Mathison** – Associate, St. Luke's, Mobile  
[previously served St. Thomas, Laguna Beach & Grace Church,  
Panama City Beach]



**Jim & Jo Popham** – Priests-in-Charge, St. Andrew's, Destin

# New Clergy & Clergy Transitions

## CLERGY WHO HAVE TRANSITIONED SINCE LAST CONVENTION (continued)



**Ed Richards** – Deacon, Christ the King, Santa Rosa Beach  
[reassigned from St. Thomas, Laguna Beach & Grace Church,  
Panama City Beach]



**Handlee Vige** – ELCA Priest-in-Charge, St. Jude's, Niceville  
[previously served Epiphany, Crestview]

# New Clergy & Clergy Transitions

## CLERGY WHO HAVE RETIRED SINCE LAST CONVENTION



**Cindy Carter** – retired as Rector of St. Mary's, Andalusia



**Tommy Dwyer** – retired as Priest-in-Charge of St. James, Port St. Joe



**Walt Kindergan** – retired as Associate of Christ Church, Pensacola



**Martha Kreamer** – retired as Priest-in-Charge of Church of the Advent, Lillian



**Ruth LaMonte** – retired as Priest-in-Charge of St. Michael's, Chickasaw



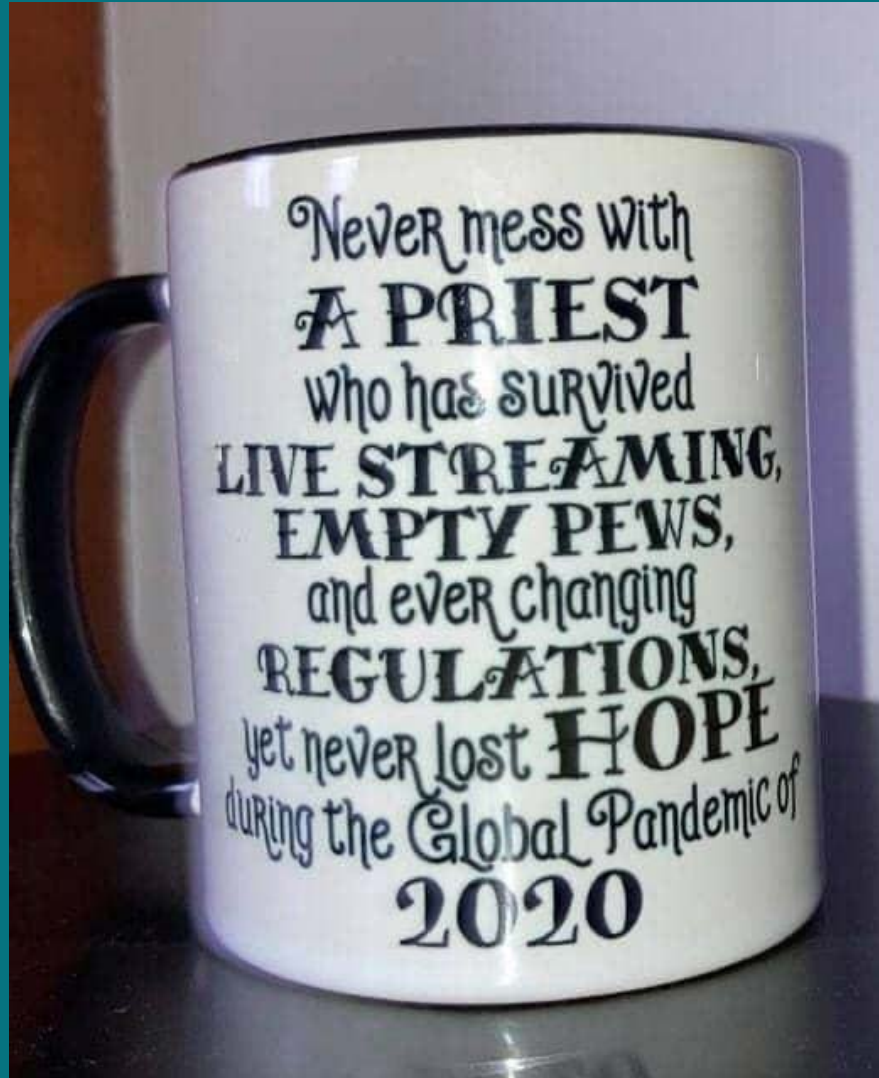
**Keith Talbert** – retired as Rector of St. Paul's, Foley



**Tom Weller** – retired as Associate of Holy Nativity, Panama City



# Thank you clergy!



# Upcoming Events

Senior Wardens Training Day

May 15

Baylights at Beckwith

September 24-26

## Racial Justice & Reconciliation Sacred Conversations Workshops

March 13 - Virtual via Zoom

April 24 - Virtual via Zoom

May 22 - Virtual via Zoom

June 19 - Virtual via Zoom

September 18 - In person, Location - TBD

October 16 - In person, St. James, Fairhope

November 13 - In person - Nativity, Dothan

December 11 - In person - Location TBD

# The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant      Do you believe in God the Father?  
People          I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant      Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?  
People          I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the  
Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and  
was buried. He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is  
seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant      Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?  
People          I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.



Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers ?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People I will, with God's help.

**Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.**

**Thanks be to God.**