



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Most Reverend Katharine Jefferts Schori
Presiding Bishop and Primate

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For the House of Bishops

Dear Bishops:

As a follow up to the Presiding Bishop's Epiphany letter to you regarding the March 19–24 meeting of the House of Bishops in Camp Allen, I am sending you here some more detailed information, including the schedule of the meeting as designed by the HOB Planning Committee. Again, this meeting fits into a larger triennium theme of "The Church for the 21st Century," and as you will see in the schedule, there is a special emphasis this time on the nature of *episcopo* and the challenges and opportunities presented by the emergent church movement.

Do notice that the first day includes a walkabout of candidates for the position of Bishop Suffragan for Federal Chaplaincies. Their names, along with bios and related information, can be found on the College for Bishops website. The actual election for this position will be during the business session of the meeting, in the last two days.

Do note that there will also be a second election during the business session, for Navajoland. This needs some explanation. When +Mark MacDonald was appointed to be Bishop of Indigenous Ministries in the Anglican Church of Canada in 2007, it was understood by Canada that he would transition out of Navajoland within two to three years, enabling him to focus all his energies on the work in that Province. In 2009, following his departure from Navajoland, a special convocation of the area mission gathered and *selected* from two finalists the Rev. Canon Dave Bailey, currently Canon to the Ordinary of Utah. Because of their position as an area mission, their *selection* does not constitute an *election*, which must be done by the House. The ultimate goal remains the raising up of indigenous episcopal leadership within the next few years, and the selection of Dave Bailey by the people was intended to provide interim leadership in direct, intentional preparation for that long-term goal. All necessary background documents about Canon Bailey and the selection process are on the College for Bishops website. It should be noted that the election, in response to the Navajoland convocation's selection, is by all members of the House. Following this and the election for Federal Ministries, the usual consent process will commence, which includes only bishops with jurisdiction.

As noted in the earlier letter, we will be welcoming as special guests Diana Butler-Bass and Phyllis Tickle, as well as others related to the Emergent Church movement. There will also be a report on "Around One Table" and the work of the HOB Theology Committee. And Kathy Grieb of the Anglican Covenant Team will help address questions about the most recent revision of the Covenant. Once again, there will be a Sabbath time from Saturday night until Sunday evening, and the renewal of vows as bishops at the closing Eucharist.

We are very sorry to bid farewell to Canon Carol Wade and Br. Geoffrey Tristram after their respective decisions to depart and focus their energies in other areas of ministry. This meeting, we welcome as our new Chaplains to the House of Bishops the Rev. Canon Simon Bautista-Betances, Hispanic Missioner for the Diocese of Washington, and the Rev. Debra Samuelson, pastor and well-known preacher in our full-communion partner, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. These new chaplains, whose bios can also be found on the College for Bishops website, bring a wealth of new gifts and

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expertise. The chaplains are committed to offering worship from the Book of Common Prayer and authorized texts, and they will be joined by returning music leader Dent Davidson. They will also offer the possibility for private confession, spiritual direction, and whatever is needed.

As noted in the previous letter, the registration fee for this meeting remains at \$900, the same as the previous spring meetings of the House. Online registration is being offered by Camp Allen. Just go to <https://epay.amegybank.com/campallen/> to register for the meeting. If you have any difficulties with this process, please contact Ednice at ebaerga@episcopalchurch.org or 212-716-6274. I should note that Ednice will *not* be present at the House, as she will be on maternity leave at that time. In her place, Miguel Escobar, Communications Assistant to the Presiding Bishop, will be present throughout the meeting. It may be remembered that Miguel was present with us at the 2008 Lambeth Conference. Yvonne O'Neal will be working in my office during the time of Ednice's maternity leave. Previously Yvonne has worked in both the Anglican Observer to the UN office and as a consultant with the Episcopal Church Foundation.

Reading materials for this meeting will also be posted on the College for Bishops website.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me at crobertson@episcopalchurch.org or 212-716-6278. I look forward to seeing all of you at Camp Allen.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chuck". The signature is written in black ink and includes a small plus sign at the end of the word.

2010 HOUSE OF BISHOPS SPRING MEETING SCHEDULE

CAMP ALLEN CONFERENCE CENTER

A Church for the Third Millennium
(Identity, Mission, and Evangelism)

FRIDAY, MARCH 19 (MC: Nedi Rivera)	SATURDAY, MARCH 20 (MC: Michael Smith)	SUNDAY, MARCH 21	MONDAY, MARCH 22 (MC: Sean Rowe)	TUESDAY, MARCH 23 (MC: Victor Scantlebury)	WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24 (MC: Skip Adams)
3:00 p.m. Session I Welcome by the Presiding Bishop Comments from Bishop Price, Secretary of the HOB	8:00 a.m. Breakfast	8:00 a.m. Breakfast	8:00 a.m. Breakfast	8:00 a.m. Breakfast	8:00 a.m. Breakfast
3:30 p.m. Check In	9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer and Bible Study	10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist	9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer and Bible Study	9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer and Bible Study	9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer and Bible Study
4:15 p.m. Walkabout with Nominees for Bishop Suffragan of Federal Ministries	10:00 a.m. Session III Theology Committee Presentation	11:30 a.m. Brunch	10:00 a.m. Session VI The Emergent Church (with Phyllis Tickle, Diana Butler-Bass, Karen Ward and Tom Brackett)	10:00 a.m. Session VIII The Emergent Church continued	10:00 a.m. Session X Anchorties/Solitaires
5:30 p.m. Opening Eucharist	11:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist	6:00 p.m. Dinner	12:00 p.m. Noon Prayers	11:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist	Episcopé: Rules of the House on Membership and A Separate Order and Distinction
6:30 p.m. Dinner	12:30 p.m. Lunch	7:30 p.m. Session V Fireside chat	12:30 p.m. Lunch	12:30 p.m. Lunch	Navajoland
7:30 p.m. Session II Walkabout Continues	2:00 p.m. Session IV Around One Table	9:00 p.m. Hospitality	2:00 p.m. Session VII The Emergent Church continues (includes workshops with Practitioners)	5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer	11:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist
9:00 p.m. Hospitality	5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer		5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer	6:00 p.m. Dinner	12:30 p.m. Lunch
	6:00 p.m. Class Dinners		5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer	7:30 p.m. Session IX TOWN HALL MEETING Mission Funding (Greg Rickel)	2:00 p.m. Session XI Anglican Covenant conversation
	SABBATH BEGINS		6:00 p.m. Dinner	Anglican Covenant (Kathy Grieb)	BUSINESS SESSION
			7:30 p.m. Eucharist	9:00 p.m. Hospitality	5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist (with Renewal of Vows)
			9:00 p.m. Hospitality		6:00 p.m. Reception
					7:00 p.m. Closing Dinner