

# eNewsletter of the Episcopal Diocese of Nevada

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## Saint Peter and Saint Paul, Apostles



Peter and Paul, the two greatest leaders of the early Church, are commemorated separately; Peter on January 18 for his confession of Jesus as the Messiah and Paul on January 25, for his conversion. However, they are commemorated together on June 29 in observance of the tradition of the Church that they both died as martyrs in Rome during the persecution of Nero, in 64. Paul was granted the right of a Roman citizen to be beheaded by a sword, but Peter suffered the fate of his Lord, crucifixion, though with head downward.

A generation after their martyrdom, Clement of Rome said, "Let us come to those who have most recently proved champions; let us take up the noble examples of our own generation...Let us bring before our eyes the good apostles - Peter, who because of unrighteous jealousy endured not one or two, but numerous trials and so bore a martyr's witness and went to the glorious place that he deserved... Paul who, because of jealousy and strife, pointed the way to the reward of endurance...and bearing a martyr's witness before the rulers, passed out of the world and was taken up into the holy place, having proved a very great example of endurance."

*Almighty God, whose blessed apostles Peter and Paul glorified you by their martyrdom: Grant that your Church, instructed by their teaching and example, and knit together in unity by your Spirit, may ever stand firm upon the one foundation, which is Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God for ever and ever. Amen*

## Calendar of Events

If you would like to see your event listed here, please email [Clelia](#). If you would like to see your event listed in the [diocesan calendar](#), please email [Barbara](#).

### SAVE THE DATES

**Jul 9, All Saints', Las Vegas is hosting an immunization clinic** provided by the Southern Nevada Health District, 9:00 AM - 12 Noon. If your child needs immunizations, bring their most current immunization record and their health insurance card, or the appropriate fees (\$16 for one immunization; \$25 for two or more). Contact the SNHD at 702-759-0850, or our day school at 702-878-1205, for more information.

**Jul 14, A TOUR OF STAINED GLASS WINDOWS, HOSTED BY KATHLEEN HALLAMORE**, 10:30 AM- 12:30 PM, Trinity Episcopal Church, Church on the River, Reno. For information about this event and others that will be sponsored by the church during July's Artown events, call Meg Tarble (775) 827-2516

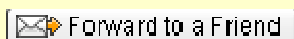
**Jul 25, DEDICATION CEREMONY OF THE NEWLY COMPLETED FRENSDORFF LODGE.** You are invited to attend a dedication ceremony from 1:30 - 5:00 PM at Galilee Episcopal Camp and Conference Center to commemorate Bishop Wes Frensdorff's service to the Diocese of Nevada and to dedicate the newly completed Frensdorff Lodge. RSVP 775-749-5546

**Jul 26, CHURCH PICNIC AT WHITAKER PARK** following the 9:30 AM service, St. Stephen's, Reno.

**Aug 16, ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH 20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**, Pahrump, 10:30 AM. Bishop Dan will lead the congregation in this joyous celebration. Reception with lunch will follow the service. Please join us!!!

**Oct 3, SPIRITUAL THEOLOGY OF THE EUCHARIST AND ITS PRACTICAL IMPLICATIONS: A Roving Workshop by Bishop Dan**, St. Paul's Church, Elko. No Charge. [For Additional Information](#)

**Oct 22 - 25, DIOCESAN CONVENTION: I Love To Tell The Story; Keynote Speaker: Fr. Jake aka Fr. Terry Martin.** Harvey's Resort & Casino, Lake Tahoe Area. [For Reservations](#)



## Independence Day



The spirit of every courageous adventurer, every great pioneer, is summarized in a single sentence from the letter to the Hebrews:

*"They did not keep thinking about the country they had left." (Hebrews 11:15 TEV)*

"It seems salient advice to us now, an encouragement to declare again our independence from old securities in order to take the bold steps forward into a new frontier God has prepared for us. And it is timely encouragement to those who profess belief in a relationship with a truly living God, a God who is not revered from some figment or fragment of the past, but a living God whose presence is with us here and now. Our God is present, accompanies us in each step, walks with us into that unknown.

God is leading us into our unknown future, where we will find new depths of compassion, new heights of understanding, and a greater breadth of affection."

*Sam Portero, Brightest and Best - A Companion to the Lesser Feasts and Fasts*

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## News Briefs



**Bishop Dan's Blog** - "Why are readers from Hong Kong, Canada, California, and Virginia commenting on Bishop Dan's blog? Check it out. <http://www.bishopdansblog.blogspot.com>

**Bishop Dan** ordained Kim Morgan and Mike Patterson to the transitional diaconate on July 25, at St. Peter's Carson City.

**Episcopal Recovery Ministries in Nevada is in formation** and will have its first meeting at Diocesan Convention in October. If you would like to participate in this ministry, or have questions, please contact Kathie Knutson Meier at [knutenote@cox.net](mailto:knutenote@cox.net) (702-684-6444 or 253-250-9531), or have a look at the home page <http://www.episcopalrecoveryministries.org>

**Diocesan Convention, Harvey's, South Lake Tahoe - Thursday, Oct. 22 - Sunday, Oct. 25, 2009.** Theme: **I Love to Tell the Story.** Keynote Speaker: **Fr. Jake, aka Fr. Terry Martin.** When you book your room online there is NO FEE. [Online Booking](#)



**A Bus Trip to Lake Tahoe for the Diocesan Convention** in October will be sponsored by St. Matthew's, Las Vegas. For information, or to make a reservation, contact Thelma Northrup at (702)-889-3929; or email [stmatts@embarqmail.com](mailto:stmatts@embarqmail.com)

**Resolution Committee Formed** - The Resolution Committee for the Diocesan Convention 2009 has formed. The members are: Rev. Victoria Daniel Riley, Chair; Rev. Helen McPeak; Fred Lee; and Margaret Bouzek. All resolutions must be submitted to Rev. Riley not less than 90 days prior to the first day of the convention. Please submit resolutions via email to [vriley@nevadajustice.org](mailto:vriley@nevadajustice.org), or by U.S. mail to Rev. Victoria Daniel Riley, 2769 Wellington North, Carson City, NV 89703.

**Desert Angels - A Parish Nursing Program of the Episcopal Diocese of Nevada.** This is a new ministry whose mission is to bring health and healing to the parish communities of the Episcopal Diocese of Nevada. The group will have a booth and planning meeting at the October convention. If you are interested in learning more, or joining us, please contact Clelia Garrity at 775-253-5579.



**The Following Groups will meet during Convention** on Saturday, Oct 24 from 1:30 - 3:30 PM: Episcopal Recovery Ministries; Episcopal Church Women; Desert Angels: Health Care Ministries; Parish Treasurers; Mission Support Team; Ministry Development Commission; Green Team: Environmental Ministries; Faith & Visual Arts Ministries.

Bishop Dan encourages those interested in these ministries to attend even if they are not otherwise involved in Convention.

### **Strategic Planning Committee maps the future for the Episcopal Church**

A newly formed Strategic Planning Committee is at work soliciting opinions from throughout The Episcopal Church. Among the areas addressed are: evangelism; multi cultural issues; worship; music and liturgy; youth and young adults; mission; leadership; advocacy; and social justice. **To access the survey:** [http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=Wu5175KPqOhmGku87xaL6a\\_3D\\_3D](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=Wu5175KPqOhmGku87xaL6a_3D_3D)

**The Bishop Wes Frensdorff School of Christian Formation:** A new Education Venture of the

Episcopal Diocese of Nevada. The school's mission is *To bring together all Nevada Episcopalians for Christian formation, empowering each other to live deeply into our Baptismal Covenant in our relationships, service in daily life, and witness to the world.* To learn more [Contact](#).

**The Beauty of God's Holiness:** A Liturgical Art Exhibit at General Convention, Presented by the National Altar Guild. [For Further Information](#)

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