

# eNewsletter of the Episcopal Diocese of Nevada

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## The Transfiguration of Our Lord



The transfiguration is understood not only as a spiritual experience of Jesus while at prayer, but also as one of a series of supernatural manifestations by which God authenticated Jesus as his Son. Matthew records the voice from heaven saying, "This is my beloved with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." (Matthew 17:5). For a brief moment, a chosen few are permitted to see Jesus, not only as the earth-born son of Mary, but as the eternal Son of God. Moses and Elijah witness to Jesus as the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets. Immediately thereafter Jesus announces to Peter, James, and John the imminence of his death. The Feast of the Transfiguration is held in the highest esteem by the Eastern Churches. The figure of the transfigured Christ is regarded as a foreshadowing of the Risen and Ascended Lord. Since its inclusion in the American revision of the Church Calendar in 1892, it has been taken into most modern Anglican calendars.

*O God, who on the holy mount revealed to chosen witnesses your well-beloved Son, wonderfully transfigured, in raiment white and glistening: Mercifully grant that we, being delivered from the disquietude of this world, may by faith behold the King in his beauty; who with you, O Father, and you, O Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen*

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## 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

**Aug 8, SOUTHERN DISTRICT MISSION MEETING 10:00 AM** for all Mission District clergy, wardens, and Diocesan Convention delegates. All Saints', Las Vegas

**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!!!**

**Aug 22, DEADLINE FOR "EARLY BIRD" REGISTRATION FOR DIOCESAN CONVENTION.**

**Aug 23, YOURS FOR A SONG: ST PATRICK'S FUNDRAISER, 5:00 - 9:00 PM, The Chateau, 955 Fairway Blvd., Incline Village.** An elegant evening of fine dining, Broadway entertainment, and valuable auction items - all "for a song." Tickets are \$80 per person and include a three-course seated dinner with two bottles of wine to share among your table companions. Please visit <http://www.tahoepiscopal.org/doc/SongDinner.html>

**Sep 3, CHRISTIAN BASICS: An Outline of the Faith (found in the Book of Common Prayer)** offered by the Frensdorff School beginning Sep 13 at St. Peter's Church in Carson City. This class is open to anyone seeking educational formation into baptismal discipleship. The class will meet twice monthly on Sunday afternoons from 1:00 - 4:00 PM. The first semester (Sep - Dec) will follow the theme "A Community of Revelation." The second semester (Feb - May) will continue with the theme "A Community of Reconciliation." The class facilitator will be Chuck McCray. Please contact [frensdorff.school@gmail.com](mailto:frensdorff.school@gmail.com) for more information.



**Sep 5-6, THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAM; Animal Stories for the Soul, presented by William Miller**, Christ Church, Las Vegas. Saturday 5:00 PM - Sermon; Sunday 8:00 AM - Sermon; 9:15 AM - Lecture: *A Conversation with Dog*; 10:30 AM - Sermon. Book signing to follow. For information call 702-735-7655.

**Sep 20, CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES BEGIN** for Kindergarten - 5th Grade, 10:15 AM, All Saint's, Las Vegas

**Sep 27, A SPECIAL MULTI-CULTURAL WORSHIP SERVICE WITH BISHOP DAN PRESIDING at the Ending of a Pastoral Care Relationship and Rector's Retirement Celebration**, 2:00 PM, All Saint's Las Vegas

**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](#)

**YOUTH WEEKEND AT CAMP GALILEE DURING THE CONVENTION - Ages 7-18; all types of camping activities.** Fee for the weekend is \$100. Please contact [stuartcampbell66@gmail.com](mailto:stuartcampbell66@gmail.com) for information, or to register your children.


**Nov 1, CHORAL EVENSONG WITH RECITAL: BEDE PARRY, ORGANIST, 5:30 PM,** All Saint's, Las Vegas

**Dec 24, CHRISTMAS MUSIC BY ALL SAINTS' CHOIR, 10:30 PM,** All Saints', Las Vegas

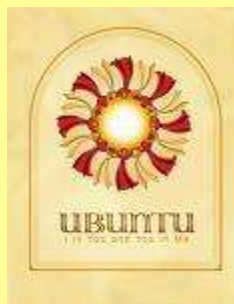
**Jan 11, EPIPHANY CHORAL EVENSONG WITH RECITAL: BEDE PARRY, ORGANIST, 5:30 PM,** All Saints', Las Vegas

**Feb 4, ASH WEDNESDAY LITURGY WITH SPECIAL MUSIC BY ALL SAINTS' CHOIR, 7:00 PM,** All Saints', Las Vegas

**Mar 28, CONCERT BY ALL SAINTS' CHOIR, 5:30 PM,** All Saints', Las Vegas

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## Convention's Mood Reflects *ubuntu*



The 76th General Convention closed July 17 with many participants saying that the gathering lived into its statement theme of "*Ubuntu*: I in you and You in Me." *Ubuntu* is a Zulu/Xhosa word that describes human identity as being formed through community and encouraging a sense of caring, sharing, and being in harmony with all of creation. House of Deputies President Bonnie Anderson told the convention's media briefing, "We did not all agree 100 percent. We have been struggling. We have heard each other. We have been careful to make sure that we have listened to and responded to the needs of our church." Atlanta Bishop Neil Alexander said the convention was characterized by "a sense of clarity and a sense of balance." Previously, he said, conventions "have waded knee-deep into Anglican muddle. [Here] we were crystal clear about our commitment to the Anglican Communion and who we are as the Episcopal Church. I came expecting enormous tension. We have had appropriate tension, but also a sense of calm and balance, and that felt wonderful to me."

For complete Convention coverage, visit [www.episcopalchurch.org/ens](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/ens). For resolution texts, visit <http://gc2009.org/ViewLegislation>



## Desert Angels Health Tip of the Week

Diabetes is a disease that occurs when a person's body doesn't make enough insulin or can't use insulin properly. Insulin is a hormone that allows the body to use sugar for energy. There are two types of diabetes. Type 1 occurs when the body doesn't produce any insulin. It most often occurs in children. People with type 2 diabetes either don't produce insulin or their cells ignore their insulin. Nearly 95% of people with diabetes have type 2. Diabetes is a problem that doesn't go away. It has to be taken care of every day. People, including children, with diabetes have to make some enormous and difficult changes in their lives in order to stay healthy. These changes can cause a great deal of emotional and financial stress. People with diabetes also seem to have a greater propensity for depression. Depression causes diabetes, or any physical illness, to grow more serious. Support throughout our faith community for those living with diabetes and their families can ease this stress. Through prayer, companionship and a listening ear, we can provide an important source of comfort and healing.

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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>

**Food Pantry Emergency:** The Three Square program in Las Vegas has just lost a \$6 million dollar grant. Our shelves are empty at Christ Church (as are most other food pantry shelves in the community). Please remember to add a couple of non-perishable food items to your shopping list and bring them to church to put in the food baskets in the Narthex. THANK YOU.

**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](#) **Coming Next Week: Convention Details**



**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.

**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 go to the new Frensdorff School of Christian Formation website: <http://frensdorffschool.webs.com/>

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