



The Mission Bell



November 2018

Report from the 234th Episcopal Church of CT Annual Convention October 26 and 27, 2018

The **Episcopal Church in Connecticut's (EECT) 234th Annual Convention** was held on **Friday, Friday, October 26th** and **Saturday, October 27th** at the Mystic Marriott in Groton, Connecticut.

Reports to Convention:

- 1 - Region Needs Assessment
- 2 - Affirming Racial Healing, Justice, & Reconciliation
- 3 - Proposed Changes to the Constitution of the Episcopal Church

Friday Resolution Status:

All six pre-filed resolutions were considered on Friday afternoon, plus a seventh that was submitted on the floor and accepted into business by vote of the convention.

- 1 - Budget of Convention – Adopted.
- 2 - Clergy Compensation – Adopted.
- 3 - Affirming Racial Healing, Justice, & Reconciliation - Adopted with amendments.
- 4 – Episcopal Elections – Adopted with one amendment.
- 5 – Definition of Clergy in Good Standing in ECCT – Tabled.
- 6 – Status of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Darien, CT – Adopted.
- 7 – Transgender Recognition and Affirmation – Adopted with one amendment.



Convention, Friday, Oct. 26. Photo by Alli Huggins.

On Saturday, Bishop Douglas presented his Annual Address which included a traditional teaching and a review of what we've been up to as parishes, worshipping communities, Regions and a diocese. He reminded us of changes taking place in our society and culture, mirrored in our churches and reminded us that "strategic planning" is being replaced with "spiritual practices." He ended with an invitation to individuals and parishes to recommit to following Jesus in a new way.

Bishop Laura J. Ahrens gave the sermon during Convention Eucharist which reflected on the challenges we face as individuals and parishes moving into this new missional age, the power of community and collaboration and her hopes for all of us moving ahead not with anxiety but with deep joy and hopefulness.



Bishop Ahrens giving her sermon

Prayer List For November

Phyllis & Nicole Walker
Cassie Young
Myra, John & Michael Ambrogi

Bob Beauchesne & Mary Main
Henry & Priscilla Bennett
Andre, Juanita, Blake & Leilani Benoit

Brenda & Greg Berndt and Jacoby Landry
Tina Blair
Glenn Bouthillier

Joyce & Maurice Bouthillier
Mary Bressette
Joyce Britland

O GOD, WHOSE BLESSED SON CAME INTO THE WORLD THAT HE MIGHT DESTROY THE WORKS OF THE DEVIL AND MAKE US CHILDREN OF GOD AND HEIRS OF ETERNAL LIFE: GRANT THAT, HAVING THIS HOPE, WE MAY PURIFY OURSELVES AS HE IS PURE; THAT, WHEN HE COMES AGAIN WITH POWER AND GREAT GLORY, WE MAY BE MADE LIKE HIM IN HIS ETERNAL AND GLORIOUS KINGDOM; WHERE HE LIVES AND REIGNS WITH YOU AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, ONE GOD, FOR EVER AND EVER. AMEN+

Prayer Shawl Ministry

St. Paul's Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on **Tuesday, November 13th** and **Tuesday, November 27th** at 6:00 p.m. New members are welcome at any time. Patterns, materials, and instructions can be provided if needed. All are welcome. For more information, please speak to Mother Vicki.

Project P.I.N.

Reminder that **Sunday, November 11th** is **Project P.I.N. Sunday**. We will be collecting items to be used for **Thanksgiving Baskets** at Project P.I.N. Items that are needed include boxes of stuffing, cans of turkey gravy, canned vegetables and cranberry sauce.

Project P.I.N. will also take monetary donations that will be used to purchase perishable items. For every \$1.00 collected, the Food Bank of Connecticut will give \$4.00 worth of food. Food items can be placed in the P.I.N. box in the Narthex. Monetary donations can be placed in the collection plate or in the sheep in the Narthex. Checks can be made out to either St. Paul's with "Project PIN" noted on the memo line or directly to Project PIN.

Fall Clean-Up



Its soon will be time for Fall Clean-Up here at St. Paul's so bring your rakes and gloves and leaf blowers, if you have one, to help rake and bag the leaves that will soon be gracing our lawn. This years clean up has been scheduled for **Saturday, November 10th** at 9:00 a.m. The **rain date** will be the following **Saturday, November 17th** also at 9:00 a.m. Please keep these dates open on your calendar and come out and help clean the place up for winter. The more people we have, the faster we will get done.



Pledge Sunday will be on **Sunday, November 18th** where we will be gathering at both the 7:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. worship services to celebrate and give thanks for all God has provided us. This will also include the ingathering of our pledge cards for 2019, which should be mailed out to everyone next week. If you are unable to attend the service on November 18th, please mail back your pledge card and it will be placed in the collection plate for you.

Blessing of the Animals

On Sunday, October 7th there was a "Blessing of the Animals" in Celebration of St. Francis' Day at St. Paul's. Parishioners brought their pets to church at the 9:30 a.m. worship service that incorporated special prayers for pets and an individual blessing for each animal.

Prayers were offered to pictures for those pets that did attend. Prayers were also offered for pets that had passed away.



A picture of Phil's dogs receives a blessing



Barbara Turenne's dog receives a blessing



Alisha Knox's dog greets Mother Vicki



Nora Walden's dog receives a blessing



Mother Vicki blesses Alisha's other dog



A picture of Leilani's cat receives a blessing



Blake's cat is blessed

Reminder, Reminder

Reminder that the time for the 7:30 a.m. worship service will change to 8:00 a.m. beginning the First Sunday in Advent which is December 2nd.

Parish Meeting

There was a Potluck Luncheon followed by a special Parish Meeting on Sunday, October 28th led by Senior Warden Alisha Knox and Junior Warden Deborah Devillez in which the parishes' finances and in particular what St. Paul's owes to the Diocese.

Treasurer David Hoffman reported that while we are up to date with our bills with the exception of what is owed to the Diocese for back and current Assessment and Insurance payments.

Alisha and Deb passed out handouts which showed a total of \$26,748 was owed; \$8,122 for 2016, \$9,890 for 2017 and \$8,736 for the current year. Total Assessment due equaled \$16,666 with the remainder, \$10,082 accounting for insurances (Dental, Life, Property & Workers Comp). In addition, \$6,861.28 is owed to the Diocese for a loan that was used to pay for our roof and new furnace. This loan is due by 2021.

Alisha and Deb pointed out that until we come up with a plan on how to pay off the debt that we cannot move forward with getting a new Rector once Mother Vicki retires sometime this coming summer.

Ideas and suggestions were gathered from parishioners as to how we can move forward. It was the general consensus that we needed to catch up on 2018 first then worry about past years.

The ideas and suggestions were to be brought to the next meeting with our Consultant, The Rev. John Burton, on Tuesday, October 30th where a plan of action will be taken.



A picture of Diane Rodriguez cat is blessed



A picture of Deb Langlois dog receives a blessing



Larry Ouillette's bees are blessed

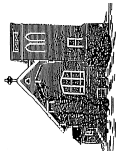



A picture of Anne Ouillette's cat Autumn receives a blessing



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Editor of The Mission Bell
David & Robin Hoffman

NOVEMBER 2018 SCHEDULES

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER:

11/04 KATHY DUBOIS
11/11 DAVID HOFFMAN
11/18 WAYNE LANGLOIS
11/25 GREG BERNDT

ACOLYTE:

ROXANNE TURENNE
LEILANI BENOIT
GLENN BOUTHILLIER
BLAKE BENOIT

ALTAR GUILD:

BRENDA BERNDT & JUANITA BENOIT
DEBBI & WAYNE LANGLOIS
DIANNE SIBLEY & ADRIANN SMITH
BRENDA BERNDT & JUANITA BENOIT

NOVEMBER 4TH LECTOR AT 9:30 A.M. SERVICE: JUANITA BENOIT
NOVEMBER 11TH LECTOR AT 9:30 A.M. SERVICE: DEBBI LANGLOIS
NOVEMBER 18TH LECTOR AT 9:30 A.M. SERVICE: BLAKE BENOIT
NOVEMBER 25TH LECTOR AT 9:30 A.M. SERVICE: GLENN BOUTHILLIER

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