

Summary of the Southern Mission District Meeting
August 8, 2009 – All Saints’ – 10:00 am

Ten people, representing six Mission District congregations met at a regular meeting on Aug 8, 2009 at All Saints’ parish.

Ed Lovelady opened the meeting with a prayer and Bible Study on Matthew 28.16 (The Great Commission)

Companion Diocese Relationship with the diocese of Santiago in the Episcopal Church in the Philippines.

Ed Lovelady reported on the work to establish a companion diocese relationship between our diocese and the diocese of Santiago in the Philippines. He and Fr. Teogenes Bernardez (St. Luke’s, Las Vegas) will make a trip to the Philippines later this month on behalf of our bishop and diocese to work out some details of what our relationship might look like. Ed will make a presentation at convention about that visit.

There are two areas we want to work on within the companion diocese relationship; one is the opportunity for sister parish relationships and the other is relationships between our youth and theirs. All Saints’ youth have prepared a short video to introduce themselves to the youth in Santiago and we hope to get them to make a video to bring back with us. Bishop Dan has also made a short video introducing himself and our diocese.

If your congregation might be interested in a sister parish relationship and/or if your young people would be interested in being in contact with Filipino youth – contact Ed Lovelady.

Diocesan Convention – October 23 -25. If you are a warden, clergy, or delegate and have not received the registration information – contact Barbara Lewis at the diocesan office. “Early Bird” registration ends on Aug 22nd after that the cost goes up to \$100.

Charter Bus to Convention. St. Matthew’s has arranged for a charter bus again this year. The cost is \$125 per person, round trip. Contact Thelma Northrup for more information. Deadline for reserving your seat is Sep 15th.

Report from deputies to General Convention?

Ed Lovelady attended part of General Convention as a visitor and his reflections on that experience and some photos are on All Saints’ parish web site under the “General

Convention. Through the same link are Bishop Katharine's letter, Bishop Dan's Pastoral letter, and the Archbishop of Canterbury's letter.

New Mission District Convener

Ed Lovelady has resigned as rector of All Saints' and will retire on Oct 1st of this year, and leaving Nevada and therefore resigning as Mission District convener.

Bishop Dan has asked for input from the mission district about how to choose a successor as mission district convener. There are no diocesan guidelines about mission districts and he wants your input on how to proceed with the life of this pretty-much undefined organization. The group decided to take this discussion back to their parishes and send any input to Ed NLT Sep 15th, to be forwarded to Bishop Dan.

Upcoming Events:

All Saints' – September 12 at 6 pm – a fund raiser for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society – info on All Saints' web site under “Special Worship and Events.”. This event is open to everyone.

All Saints' – September 27 at 2:00 pm – a special service for the ending of a pastoral relationship and retirement celebration. Bishop Dan will be the celebrant and preacher for this multicultural worship.

Shirley Fox's ordination – Christ Church, Saturday, Aug 15 at 7 pm.

Faith Alive weekend at St. Timothy's, Nov 6 -8. Mission district congregations are invited to send representative to participate in this event to see if they might want to host such an event in their parish. Contact Fr. Mike Annis for more information.

Twentieth Anniversary Celebration – St. Martin's in Pahrump – Sunday, August 16th at 10:30 am.

Grace in the Desert, new parish hall dedication probably in September – more details later.

Raffle for St. Matthew's fundraiser. Grand prize 4 tickets to “Lion King” 1 night in a hotel, and \$200 for food and beverages. Contact St. Matthew's to purchase a ticket. Drawing is November 22nd.

Youth Activities:

All Saints' Youth Coalition – meeting on Wednesdays at 4 pm for singing, games, food, and reflection/bible study. All middle and high school youth are invited – led by Melissa Sese – a college student from our Filipino congregation.

Two of All Saints' young people went with the group from Reno and Sparks on a week-long mission trip to Good Shepherd Mission in Navajo land in June.

All Saints' youth are interested in forming a mission trip for next summer, if you have youth and adults who would like to be part of such an adventure, we should put our efforts together to make it happen. Mike Annis will work on this project.

We have begun to form a Mission District Youth council. Gracie Vargas, Christ Church, and Bernadette Almodiel, All Saints' have agreed to serve and we will be recruiting high school age youth to participate. If you have a young person interested in this, contact Bill Leonard.

The group seemed to agree that it would be a good idea to continue to meet on a Quarterly basis, although no meeting was scheduled.

Ed Lovelady expressed his appreciation for everyone's participation in and support of the work we have done as a mission district

Faithfully submitted,

Ed Lovelady