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From Bishop Hughes

We are part of something bigger

This is a transcript from a video message.

This is Bishop Hughes in the Diocese of Newark. And it's a few days after our Diocesan Convention where we all gathered at Calvary Episcopal Church in Summit. And I want to give a big shout out to Calvary and say thank you for their lavish hospitality. There were so many people from Calvary that helped to make this possible. And it was wonderful to be inside the warm beauty of that church, on a day that was cold and blustery and rainy. I was so happy that we weren't under a tent. But instead, we were in Calvary Church. So thank you to everyone at Calvary Church.

I'm so grateful for everyone who was able to attend, whether you attended online or you attended in person. And there's an overriding thought that comes to me, after all of the resolutions and voting, and worship and praying and conversation and teaching and learning and connecting with each other is done. And that is this: we are part of something bigger. And whether you were at Convention or not, I think that's a very important thing for each of us to remember, that we are part of something bigger. Sometimes we get so caught up with church, thinking about what we need, are we being fed, are my needs being met, do I feel the peace that I need to feel when I leave so that can get me through the week. And we

forget that we are part of something bigger. And when we gather like we did at Convention, where it's across the diocese, and many parishes, and across geography and across diversity and across age, across all the things that make us different, but that make us the same at the same time, because of why we're united, that when we do that we realize we're part of something bigger.

We as an individual go into church with our own needs, but simply by going into one of our parishes, we are part of something bigger. We're part of a parish, and the parishes on their own are doing their ministry, but they're part of something bigger. The parishes are part of the diocese, and the diocese on its own is doing its own ministry. And it's part of something bigger, that's the Episcopal Church, and the Episcopal Church is doing its own work. And it's part of something bigger, that's the Anglican Communion. Every single piece is part of something bigger. And I want to take this even further to push us past looking at our denomination, that we are all part of something bigger, that's bigger than any church and any denomination. And that is God's steadfast work, to unite us with each other and to unite us with God's self. That God is always working in us and through us and with us, to bring us closer to God and to bring us closer to all of God's people. That this is God's ultimate plan, to bring healing, to bring restoration, to bring unity to all of humankind. That's the thing that we're a part of that's even bigger.

I think it's going to be very important for us to remember that we're part of something bigger as pandemic continues to meander on its way. Some are already calling it endemic. Maybe it is, maybe it isn't. But one thing that we do know is COVID cases are up yet again They get better, they get worse, they get better, they get worse. And we're going to keep meandering our way through this until we no longer are. And in the midst of that, it's important at every turn that we remember, we are part of something bigger. That God is working in us, that God is working with us. And God is working through us at every turn, not just to bless us so we feel a moment of peace, but to use us as God's instrument to allow us to be in ministry with God, in partnership with God, to bless all of God's people, so they are united to each other and united to God. We are all part of this movement. Bishop Curry calls it the Jesus Movement. We're all part of this movement of God's, to bring restoration to all of humankind.

So the next time you think about your faith, the next time you think about Diocesan Convention, the next time you go into your church, remember this: you are part of something bigger. It's bigger than our parishes, our denomination, than the church – it's as big as the whole wide world and what God is trying to restore in it.

Diocesan Announcements

Clergy ministry transitions

Departures

- **April 24 - The Rev. Michael Allen**, Interim Priest-in-Charge, St. Paul's, Morris Plains

Convention Coverage

Actions of the 148th Annual Convention

By John King, Secretary of Convention

Resolutions passed

Resolution approving the Commemoration of Dr. Louie Crew Clay on November 27th each year, encouraging worshipping communities to observe the day utilizing the Common of Saints.

Resolution to be submitted to General Convention in support of adding Bishop Barbara Harris to the Calendar of the Church Year, to be celebrated on March 13th.

Clergy Compensation

Approved the recommendations of the Human Resources Advisory Board for the following increases to minimum salaries.

Transitional Deacon	\$42,600 (^4.93%)
Assisting Priest	\$45,500 (^4.96%)
Rector, Vicar, or Priest-in-Charge	\$56,700 (^5.00%)

Constitution & Canons

Amended Canon 16 (Diocesan Investment Trust) Reducing board from 10 members down to 8 to serve 5-year terms.

Amended Canon 22 (Trustees of the Episcopal Fund & Diocesan Properties) allowing for Trustees to serve two consecutive 5-year terms. (Up from one 5-year term).

Extinct Parish Resolutions

St. Peter's Church in Livingston

St. Peter's Church in Washington

Election results & Bishop's Appointments

By John King, Secretary of Convention

ELECTIONS & BISHOP'S APPOINTMENTS

ACTS VIM Board

- The Rev. Elizabeth Ivell – St. Peter's, Morristown (*Clergy Class of 2025*)
- Joy Manasse – St. Andrew & Holy Communion, South Orange (*Lay Class of 2025*)

Constitution & Canons Committee

- Thomas Bisdale – Grace Church, Westwood
- Patricia Arlin Bradley – Holy Trinity, Hillsdale
- John C. Garde – Grace Church, Madison
- The Rev. Dean Weber – Church of the Atonement, Tenafly
- John L. Smith – Trinity & St. Philip's Cathedral, Newark
- Laura Russell – All Saints, Hoboken
- Bernice E. Vanderpool – Grace Church Van Vorst, Jersey City
- John G. Webb, III – St. Luke and St. Mary, Hope and Belvidere
- The Rev. Diana Wilcox – Christ Church, Bloomfield Glen Ridge
- The Rev. Paul Yoon – St. Agnes', Little Falls

Disciplinary Board

- Susan Singer – St. Luke's, Montclair (*Lay Class of 2027*)
- The Rev. Vicki McGrath – All Saints, Millington (*Clergy Class of 2028*)
- The Rev. Paula Toland – St. Stephen's, Millburn (*Clergy Class of 2026 – Vacancy*)

Diocesan Council

- Marguerite Smith – St. Peter's, Mountain Lakes (*Lay Class of 2025*)

- Amelia Juanita Barrow – All Saints Leonia (*Lay Class of 2025*)
- The Rev. Joan Conley – St. Mark's Church, Teaneck (*Clergy Class of 2025*)
- The Rev. J. Brent Bates – Grace Church, Newark (*Clergy Class of 2025*)
- The Rev. Bill Cruse – St. John's Memorial Church, Ramsey (*Clergy Class of 2025*)
- The Rev. Deacon Nancy Hansen – St. Peter's, Mountain Lakes (*Council Clergy Class of 2024 – Vacancy*)
- The Rev. Deacon Katherine Rollo – Church of the Holy Spirit, Verona (*Clergy Class of 2023 – Vacancy*)

The Standing Committee

- Janelle Grant – St. Paul's, Paterson (*Lay Class of 2026*)
- The Rev. Andy Olivo – St. Elizabeth's Church, Ridgewood (*Clergy Class of 2026*)

Trinity & St. Philip's Cathedral Chapter

- Rosie Grant – St. Paul's, Paterson (*Class of 2025*)

Trustees

- Howard Mackey – St. Mark's, Teaneck (*Class of 2027*)
- The Rev. Deacon Erik Soldwedel – St. Paul's Paterson/St. Clement's Hawthorne (*Class of 2027*)
- Karen Roy – Trinity Church, Allendale (*Class of 2027*)
- Tim Carpenter – St. John's, Montclair (*Class of 2026 – Vacancy*)
- The Rev. Dean Weber – Retired, attends Church of the Atonement, Tenafly (*Class of 2026 – Vacancy*)

Secretary of Convention

- John A. King – St. Andrew's, Harrington Park

Treasurer of Convention

- Samuel Reckford – Christ Church, Short Hills

Assistant Treasurer of Convention

- Rhonda Lutz – Church of the Saviour, Denville

APPOINTMENTS TO UNELECTED MINISTRIES

Diocesan Youth Commission

- The Rev. Carrie Cabush*
- Donna Caputo
- The Rev. Asa Coulson
- Kathy Dewalt
- Janelle Grant
- Chris Whitaker
- The Rev. Asa Coulson – Co-chair
- Janelle Grant – Co-chair
- Anthony Briggs – Cross Roads Camp Liaison
- Dylan Payanzo* – Cross Roads Camp Liaison
- Helen Payanzo* – Cross Roads Camp Liaison
- Jane Jubilee – Bishop’s Office Liaison
- The Rev. Canon Andrew Wright – Bishop’s Office Liaison

**New this year*

Commission on Ministry

- The Rev. Raul Ausa (*Class of 2026, 1st term*)
- The Rev. Vicki McGrath (*Class of 2026, 1st term*)
- The Venerable Diane Riley (*Class of 2026, 2nd term*)
- The Rev. Deacon Ken Boccino (*Special appointment to 1-year term as consultant*)