

# THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDING BISHOP

August 4, 2010

*For the House of Bishops*

Dear Bishops,

I am following up on the Presiding Bishop's mailing to you regarding the Fall meeting of the House of Bishops, scheduled for 16–21 September in Phoenix. The travel days are 15 September and 22 September, which is a correction from the registration letter. As mentioned in that earlier message, there will be a strong emphasis on both immigration and evangelism & congregational development. I wanted to take this time to update you on several things regarding the meeting.

First, as you know there is a pre-meeting border visit sponsored by the Diocese of Arizona. Separate instructions about this were included in the previous mailing, and are once again added here. Related to this, a pastoral letter writing group has already been hard at work preparing background material for the pastoral letter we anticipate coming from the House. Several bishops have been working on this, supported by scholars Walter Brueggemann. With further input from those attending the tour, and then following discussions and presentations early in the program, it is the HOB Planning Committee's hope that a strong, well-prepared paper can be offered by the House to the Church.

Second, as mentioned already and as seen in the schedule, there will be considerable time set aside for discussion of issues of evangelism, congregational development, and leadership formation. Besides the guests we already have planned to be with us, we are also delighted to learn that Mark Hanson, Presiding Bishop of the ELCA, will be with us on the first two days and will share how the Lutherans are wrestling with some of these very issues. We are also pleased that Bishop James Jones of Liverpool will be joining us for the entirety of this meeting as our invited guest. We are still awaiting word from the recently re-elected Primate of Japan regarding whether or not he can be with us, as well.

Third, our General Convention Office meeting planner, Lori Ionntiu, would like to remind any of you who have not yet called the hotel that **the cut-off date for our special rate is fast approaching**. It should be reiterated that this venue was chosen because of its stated commitment to fair labor practices, its agreement to offer a percentage of the proceeds to a charitable cause of our choice, and for the excellent rate they gave us. But to take advantage of that rate, it is crucial that each person calls before the cut-off date to make reservations.

Fourth, information about the simultaneous spouses' gathering has been sent from the Spouse Planning Group (SPG). Questions about this should be directed to the SPG.

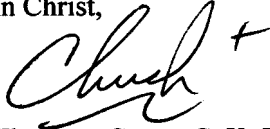
Fifth, there are at least two pre-HOB meetings occurring this time, one for the Province IX bishops, co-sponsored by the Church Pension Group, and a Seminary Deans and Bishops meeting. Questions about these events should be directed to the respective hosts/sponsors, Bruce Woodcock of CPG and +Neil Alexander of the Theological Education Committee.

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Included in this packet is information about registration, which will be overseen by the General Convention Office. For those needing scholarship assistance, please contact me at [crobertson@episcopalchurch.org](mailto:crobertson@episcopalchurch.org) or 212-716-6278. Also included is a list of restaurants within walking distance of the hotel, to assist you in any plans you may want to make, such as for class dinners.

I look forward to seeing all of you in Phoenix, my "old neighborhood," in September.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chuck" followed by a small cross symbol.

The Rev. Canon C. K. Robertson, Ph.D.  
Canon to the Presiding Bishop

**2010 HOUSE OF BISHOPS FALL MEETING SCHEDULE**  
SEPTEMBER 16-21, 2010

**CHANGING CONTEXTS FOR GOD'S MISSION:  
WHAT IS THE NEW INVITATION?**

*Continuing our work on the Church in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Millennium we will focus on Evangelism and Mission taking into consideration the many different contexts for the Church now and into the future. In particular, we will focus on the contextual realities of the Church in Southwest USA, including questions of im/migration as well as evangelism in Spanish-speaking communities.*

**Thursday, September 16**

- 9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer and Bible Study  
9:45 Welcome by the Presiding Bishop  
10:15 Check In  
10:45 Break  
11:00 ***Picking Up Where We Left Off***  
**Changing Contexts and Biblical Perspectives: An Introduction** *(This and each learning/work session will include a sharing of contextual realities in various dioceses and how Scripture informs our understanding of God's mission in these changing contexts.)*  
12:15 p.m. Noon Day Prayer and lunch on your own  
2:15 **Changing Contexts For Congregational Vitality in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Millennium**  
**Evangelism Tool Kit I – Targeted Evangelism in TEC and the ELCA**  
4:45 Opening Eucharist  
5:45 Buses depart for dinner with Coalition of Episcopal Latinos

**Friday, September 17**

- 9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer & Bible Study  
9:45 Announcements  
10:00 **Changing Contexts for the Church: Im/Migration in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Millennium**  
11:45 Eucharist and lunch on your own  
2:00 **Evangelism & Español**  
4:30 Evening Prayer  
6:00 **Class Dinners**

**Saturday, September 18**

- 9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer & Bible Study  
9:45 Announcements  
10:00 **Changing Contexts for Liturgy: Conversation with The Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music** (RE: GC2009-C056)  
11:45 Eucharist and lunch on your own  
SCLM members available for lunch and for continued conversation at 1:30 in Plenary Room *(for anyone who wishes to come)*

**Saturday, September 18 (continued)**

- 2:30      **Town Hall Meeting**
- **GOE Conversation**
  - **CfB Conversation about HOB Resolution**
  - **Theology Committee report update**
  - **Other, including brief reflections by guest +James Jones of Liverpool**
- 5:15      **Post and/or Present First Draft of “Pastoral Letter or Teaching on God’s Mission in the Context of Migration/Immigration”**
- 6:00      Buses depart for reception at Heard Museum

**Sunday, September 19 – Sabbath**

- Buses depart for Eucharist and lunch at various congregations
- 7:00 p.m. **Table Reflections & Conversation about “Pastoral Letter or Teaching”**
- 8:45      Compline

**Monday, September 20**

- 11:30 a.m. Eucharist and box lunch supplied at hotel with bishops seated by Province
- 2:00 p.m. **Changing Contexts for Evangelism in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Millennium: Evangelism Tool Kit II**  
**Developing Leadership for Evangelism**
- 4:45      **Comments on “Pastoral Letter or Teaching”**
- 5:15      Evening Prayer and dinner on your own
- 7:30      **Fireside Conversation**
- 9:00      Compline

**Tuesday, September 21**

- 9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer & Bible Study
- 9:45      Announcements
- 10:00      **Changing Contexts & New Invitation: So what is God doing and how are we to respond?**
- Table Group Conversations on three questions:
- a. What is God doing in my context?
  - b. What Biblical stories, images illuminate and inform my understanding of the changing context?
  - c. How can/will/do I respond to my changing contextual realities in light of my biblical reflections and understanding of God’s mission?
- 11:15      **Plenary WrapUp**
- 12:00 p.m. Noon Day Prayer and lunch on your own
- 2:00      **Pastoral Letter or Teaching**
- 3:00      **Business Meeting**
- Membership Resolution
  - CfB Resolution
  - Pastoral Letter or Teaching
- 4:30      Eucharist
- 6:00      Closing reception and dinner at hotel

## Restaurants Within Walking Distance

### **Bistro 24**

(located within the Ritz-Carlton, Phoenix)

An exciting European bistro in the heart of Phoenix, featuring outdoor dining on a street-side patio. Diners are offered a variety of eating and drinking experiences surrounded by an inviting atmosphere of beautiful art work, aged woods, traditional woven bistro chairs and comfortable sofa-style banquettes.

Open: Breakfast 6:30am/Lunch/Dinner

Price Range: \$\$ - \$\$\$

### **Au Petit Four (602) 553-8382**

(located in the Biltmore Fashion Park)

Fresh Restaurant and Bakery

Open: Breakfast 7:30am/Lunch/Dinner

Price Range: \$\$

### **California Pizza Kitchen (602) 553-8382**

(located in the Biltmore Fashion Park)

California Pizza Kitchen offers innovative pizzas as well as soups, salads, sandwiches, pastas and desserts in a casual setting. California Pizza Kitchen is considered a leader in authentic California cuisine, and is located throughout the United States in over 200 locations. **Casual.**

Open: Lunch/Dinner

Price Range: \$\$

### **Capital Grille (602) 952-8900**

(located in the Biltmore Fashion Park)

The Capital Grille is nationally acclaimed for its dry aged steaks, fresh seafood, mouth watering appetizers, award-winning wine list and irresistible desserts. The Capital Grille boasts an atmosphere of power dining, relaxed elegance and outstanding service. **Formal.**

Open: Lunch/Dinner

Price Range: \$\$\$\$

### **The Cheesecake Factory (602) 778-6501**

(located in the Biltmore Fashion Park)

The Cheesecake Factory is a unique, upscale casual dining restaurant offering more than 200 menu selections including: appetizers, pizza, pasta, seafood, steaks, salads, sandwiches and much, much more; which makes this restaurant one that has something for everyone! Of course while visiting The Cheesecake Factory you will have to try one of their world renowned cheesecakes; they have over 50 to choose from. All this great food is packaged in a high-energy fast paced environment, so this restaurant is perfect for everything from large parties to family dining. **Casual.**

Open: Lunch/Dinner

Price Range: \$\$

### **Chili's (602) 955-1195**

(located in the Town & Country Mall; 20<sup>th</sup> Street and Camelback Road)

Southwestern cuisine in a fun, bright setting. **Casual.**

Open: Lunch/Dinner

Price Range: \$ - \$\$

\$ - Under \$8.00 ■ \$\$ - \$8.00 to \$14.00 ■ \$\$\$ - \$15.00 to \$20.00 ■ \$\$\$\$ - \$21.00 or more

**City Market (602) 242-2300**

(located in the Camelback Esplanade)

Gourmet specialty sandwiches, wraps, salads, burgers and hot dogs. **Casual.**

Open: Breakfast 7:00am/Lunch/Dinner

Price Range: \$ - \$\$

**Christopher's & Crush (602) 522-2344**

(located in Biltmore Fashion Park)

Christopher's specializes in simple French-inspired cuisine prepared with fresh local and regional produce. Crush Lounge showcases wines from around the world along with classic and creative cocktails - all within a hip and modern atmosphere. **Casual.**

Open: Lunch/Dinner

Price Range: \$\$ - \$\$\$

**Deemo's (602) 381-6870**

(located in the Camelback Esplanade)

Here you can find casual Italian or American cuisine in a casual bar atmosphere. **Casual.**

Open: Breakfast: 8:00am Lunch/Dinner

Price Range: \$\$

**Greeksfest (602) 265-2990**

(located 4 blocks west of the hotel)

Greeksfest is one of the better places in Phoenix for Greek food and fun! **Casual.**

Open: Lunch/Dinner

Price Range: \$\$ - \$\$\$

**Houston's (602) 957-9700**

(located in the Camelback Esplanade)

Houston's offers a wide variety of menu items including steak, pasta, chicken and seafood. **Casual.**

Open: Lunch/Dinner

Price Range: \$\$ - \$\$\$

**McCormick's & Schmick's (602) 468-1200**

(located in the Camelback Esplanade)

Serves the freshest and finest seafood in town. **Casual.**

Open: Lunch/Dinner

Price Range: \$\$ - \$\$\$

**Morton's the Steakhouse (602) 955-9577**

(located in the Camelback Esplanade)

Morton's is an upscale steakhouse, featuring fresh seafood and an extensive wine list. **Formal.**

Open: Dinner

Price Range: \$\$\$\$

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**Paradise Bakery & Café (602) 889-3587**

(located in Biltmore Fashion Park)

A bakery and café featuring an assortment of baked goods, soups, salads and sandwiches using the finest and freshest ingredients made daily. **Casual.**

Open: Lunch/Dinner

Price Range: \$ - \$\$

**Ruth's Chris Steak House (602) 957-9600**

(located approximately 2 blocks west of the hotel; 22<sup>nd</sup> Street and Camelback Road)

Ruth's Chris Steak House specializes in hearty prime aged beef and fresh seafood. **Casual.**

Open: Lunch/Dinner

Price Range: \$\$\$ - \$\$\$\$

**Steamers Genuine Seafood (602) 956-3631**

(located in Biltmore Fashion Park)

Steamers Genuine Seafood is well known for its fresh seafood, oyster bar and upscale casual atmosphere. If you don't love fish don't worry. Steamers offers steak, chicken and pasta. **Casual.**

Open: Lunch/Dinner

Price Range: \$\$ - \$\$\$

**Stingray Sushi (602) 955-2008**

(located in Biltmore Fashion Park)

Only at Stingray you will a unique blend of upbeat energy with a spirit of Japanese cuisine and tradition. Stingray is born with a soul of taste, sound, and design. These three distinct inspirations come together from Japanese past meets contemporary future. Stingray serves up all the traditional dishes plus some Latin influenced fare. **Casual.**

Open: Lunch/Dinner

Price Range: \$\$ - \$\$\$

**True Food Kitchen (602) 774-3488**

(located in Biltmore Fashion Park)

True Food is founded on the principles and lifestyle approach of health-guru Dr. Andrew Weil. The eatery features global cuisine with dishes heavily influenced by Mediterranean, Asian, American, south of France, Lebanese, Spanish and Thai cuisines. **Casual.**

Open: Breakfast 8:00am/Lunch/Dinner

Price Range: \$\$ - \$\$\$

**Zinburger Wine & Burger Bar(602) 424-9500**

(located in Biltmore Fashion Park)

Zinburger is contemporary, upbeat and fun. Gourmet burgers and salads, decadent shakes and sides, full bar and wine by the glass or bottle. **Casual.**

Open: Lunch/Dinner

Price Range: \$\$