

The Episcopal Church In Navajoland

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October 17, 2009

The Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori
And the House of Bishops
The Episcopal Church
815 Second Ave.
New York, New York 10017

Dear Bishop Katharine:


We write to inform you that the Episcopal Church in Navajoland met today in Special Leadership Conference (Mini-Convocation) at Farmington, New Mexico. This Conference was held in accordance with the action of Convocation on June 13, for which you were in attendance. The Design Team created by action of Convocation, and which included your canon, developed a Proposal to the Episcopal Church in Navajoland Toward The Development of Episcopal Leadership. That proposal was the basis for the Special Leadership Conference, and included presenting two candidates, the Rev. Dr. James Leehan and the Rev. Canon Dr. David Bailey to be recommended to serve as Bishop of Navajoland.


We certify to you that we have followed the appropriate canons of the Episcopal Church and the Episcopal Church in Navajoland, and that the Special Leadership Conference and election were held in conformance with those canons and with the action of the June 13 Convocation.

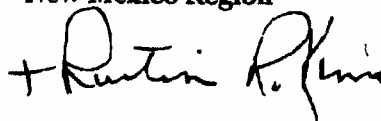
We report to you that the Rev. Canon Dr. David Bailey was selected and affirmed by the delegates of the Conference. We understand, and formally request that in accordance with the Proposal, that he will now serve as your Canon to the Ordinary for Navajoland and that you will present his name to the March 2010 meeting of the House of Bishops for appointment as Bishop of Navajoland. We include a Certificate of Election signed by a majority of the delegates.

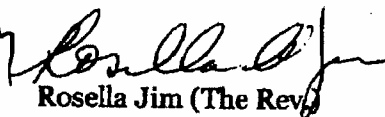
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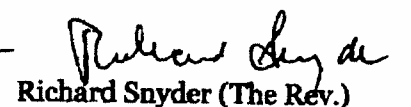

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Lillie Henderson
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Fred Dick
Southeast Region


Rustin Kimsey (the Rt. Rev.)
Convener of the Conference


Rosella Jim (The Rev.)
Secretary of Convocation


Richard Snyder (The Rev.)
President, Standing Committee

Saturday, October 17, 2009

We, the delegates to the Special Leadership Conference, or Mini-Convocation of the Episcopal Church in Navajoland whose names are hereunder written, fully sensible of how important it is that the Sacred Order and Office of a Bishop should not be unworthily conferred, and firmly persuaded that it is our duty to bear testimony on this solemn occasion without partiality, do, in the presence of Almighty God, testify that we know of no impediment on account of which the Reverend Canon David Bailey ought not to be ordained to that Holy Office.

We do, moreover, jointly and severally declare that we believe the Reverend Canon David Bailey to have been duly and lawfully elected and to be of such sufficiency in learning, of such soundness in the Faith, and of such godly character as to be able to exercise the Office of a Bishop to the honor of God and the edifying of the Church, and to be a wholesome example to the flock of Christ.

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Dick Snyder photo

Anna Fowler, a member of the ECN Design Team, visits with Canon Bailey in Navajoland.

Navajoland Elects Canon Bailey as Leader

The Episcopal Church in Navajoland (ECN) chose the Rev. Canon David Bailey Oct. 17 to become its next assisting bishop.

Forty delegates from ECN's three regions gathered for a special leadership conference held at All Saints' Church, Farmington, N.M. They chose between Canon Bailey and the Rev. Dr. James Leehan, who had served as vicar in the ECN's Southeast Region until his retirement.

The Rt. Rev. Rustin Kimsey, retired bishop of Eastern Oregon and a retired bishop of Navajoland, presided at a conference Eucharist and the election, which occurred during the Eucharist.

Bishop Kimsey noted in his homily that Navajoland "has a uniqueness unknown in the rest of the Episcopal Church" because of its status conferred by General Convention as the church's only area mission.

"Your bishop is [Presiding Bishop] Katharine Jefferts Schori," Bishop Kimsey said. "Whoever is elected today will be an assisting bishop."

ECN's proposal asks that the presiding bishop appoint Canon Bailey as her canon to the ordinary for Navajoland and that he serve in that position until the House of Bishops votes in March on his becoming a bishop.

The proposal calling for the conference was developed after an ECN convocation in June, which the Presiding Bishop attended. The Presiding

Bishop had suggested Canon Bailey as the ECN's next assisting bishop. The convocation decided to postpone the election. It designated three representatives — one for each region — to work with the Presiding Bishop's staff in developing the procedure for the conference. The resulting procedure called for the election to occur during the Eucharist.

After Bishop Kimsey's homily and the prayers of the people, the business session began. Delegates were given time to speak for either candidate, and then visitors had time to speak as well.

Ballots were collected as part of the offertory, and then counted by tellers. Both Canon Bailey and Fr. Leehan joined Bishop Kimsey at the altar for the Great Thanksgiving.

Bishop Kimsey announced the result at the conclusion of the Eucharist, just after his blessing. No vote total was announced, in accordance with Navajoland custom.

Canon Bailey currently serves as canon to the ordinary for the Bishop of Utah. Before his arrival in Utah, he served as rector of St. Stephen's Church, Phoenix, and oversaw Native American Ministries in the Diocese of Arizona.

If affirmed by the House of Bishops, Canon Bailey will succeed the Rt. Rev. Mark MacDonald, who served as assisting bishop of Navajoland from 2006 until his resignation in July.

(The Rev.) Dick Snyder