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Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast



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FOR TWEETERS

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Nominees for seat & voice

Non-Canonically resident clergy serving in congregations or assigned Deacon in the Diocese:

- The Rev. **Bill Ericson**, Holy Spirit, Gulf Shores
- The Rev. **Massey Gentry**, St. Peter's, Bon Secour & Canon to the Ordinary
- The Rev. **Donna Gerold**, Trinity, Apalachicola
- The Rev. **Katie Gillett**, Christ Church, Pensacola
- The Rev. **Rusty Goldsmith**, St. Luke's, Mobile
- The Rev. **Roger Hungerford**, Holy Cross, Pensacola
- Deacon **Ann Johnson**, St. Mary's, Milton
- The Rt. Rev. **Cl Jones**, *retired, Diocese of Montana*
- The Rev. **Deborah Kempson-Thompson**, St. Agatha's, DeFuniak Springs
- The Rev. **James Korzun (ELCA)**, St. Stephen's, Brewton
- The Rev. **Ruth LaMonte**, St. Michael's, Chickasaw
- The Rev. **Nick Phares**, St. Christopher's, Pensacola
- The Rev. **David Powell**, St. Peter's, Jackson
- The Rev. **Handlee Vige (ELCA)**, Epiphany, Crestview

Members of the Standing Committee & General Officers:

Standing Committee:

Sally Crenshaw, Holy Trinity, Pensacola

Tim Gaston, St. Paul's, Mobile

Harry Hall, Nativity, Dothan

Joe McDaniel, Christ Church, Pensacola

Susan Miller, St. Stephen's, Brewton

Gary Moore, St. Paul's, Daphne

Becky Taylor-Scott, Nativity, Dothan

General Officers:

Kathy Miller, Alabama Chancellor

Michel Nicrosi, Treasurer

Scott Remington, Florida Chancellor

Members of Diocesan Agencies/Diocesan Coordinators:

Eleanor Reeves, Dir of Beckwith

Connie Anderson, Murray House

Geary Gaston, Comm on Mission
Engagement

Eugene Johnston, Episcopal Relief &
Development

Dwight Babcock, Diocesan Administrator

Youth Representatives

Jordan Chow, Christ Church Cathedral, Mobile

Ellie Grimsley, St. Luke's, Marianna

Tyler Kimmons, Holy Cross, Pensacola

Emmie Smith, St. Paul's, Daphne

Olivia Smith, St. Paul's, Daphne

Jack Taylor, St. Paul's, Daphne

Other Convention Participants:

Bruce Stone and Ann Fargason, Convention Co-Chairs

Dr. Greg Garrett, Professor at Baylor University, Waco, TX and our Convention Guest Speaker

The Rt. Rev. **George Young**, resident bishop - *retired, Diocese of East Tennessee*

The Rt. Rev. **Jackson Biggers**, resident bishop – *retired asst bishop, Diocese of Upper Shire, Malawi*

The Rev. **Rian Adams**, Diocese of Los Angeles - recently moved to Marianna area

The Rev. **Rob Nichols**, Diocese of Texas

The Rev. **Rick Tiff**, Chaplain at Naval Air Station, Pensacola

Walker Adams, University of the South, Sewanee

Stephen Ingram, Ministry Architects

Leslie Manning, Ministry Architects

Merrilee Nestande, Evangelism Catalyst

Will you continue in the apostle's teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread and in the prayers?



Elections for Standing Committee

LAY Elect 2

- June Linke (Christ Church, Pensacola, FL)
- Stuart Richeson (St. John's, Monroeville, AL)

CLERGY Elect 1

- Rev. Christie Hord (St. John's, Warrington, FL)
- Rev. Mary Alice Mathison (Grace-St. Thomas Churches
Panama City Beach area)

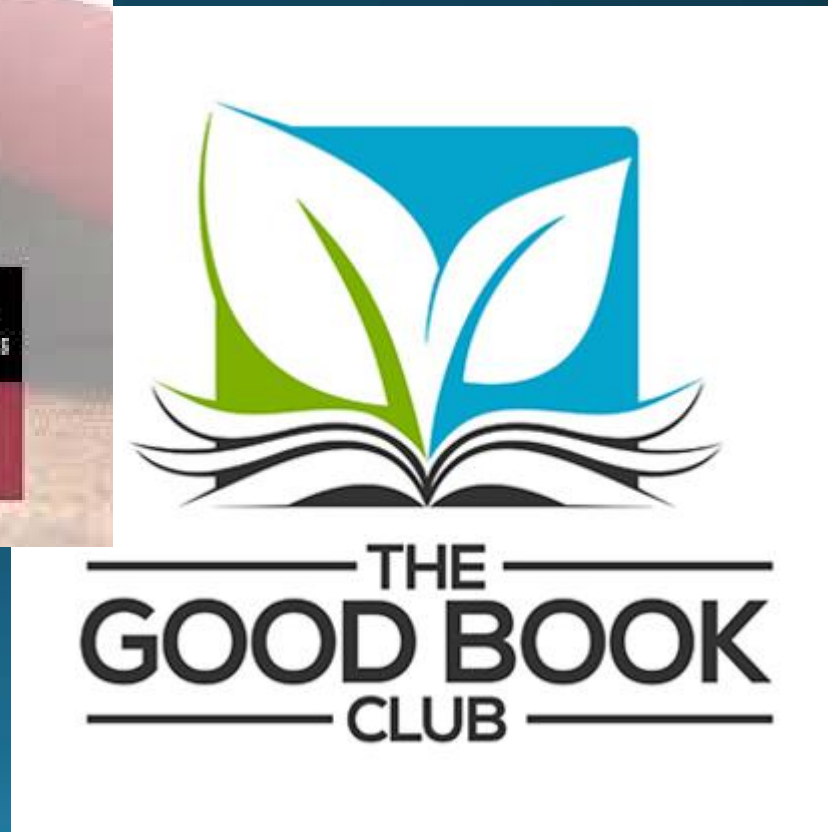
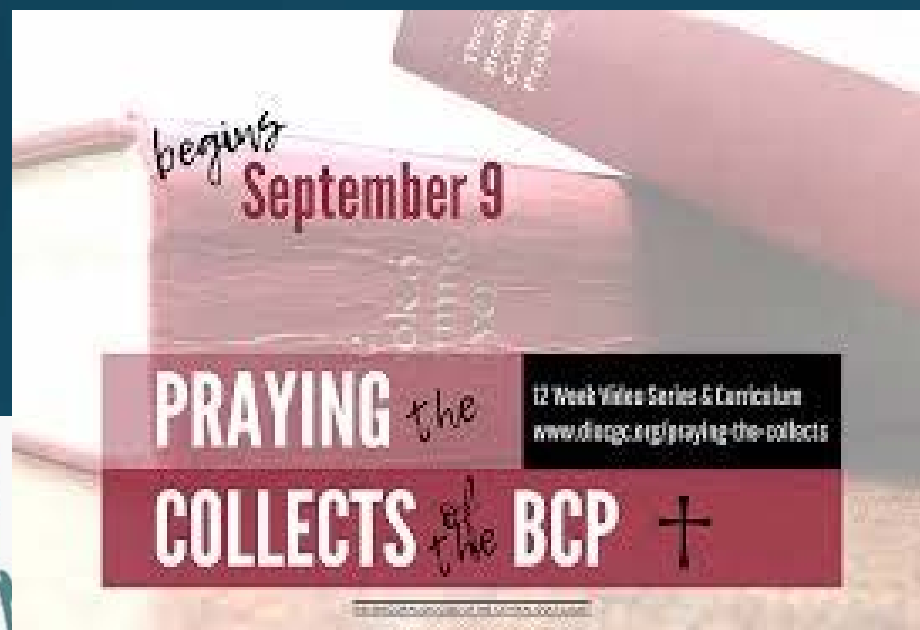
Will you persevere in resisting evil,
and whenever you fall into sin,
repent and return to the lord?



Will you proclaim by word and example
the good news of God in Christ?



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The 'E' Word



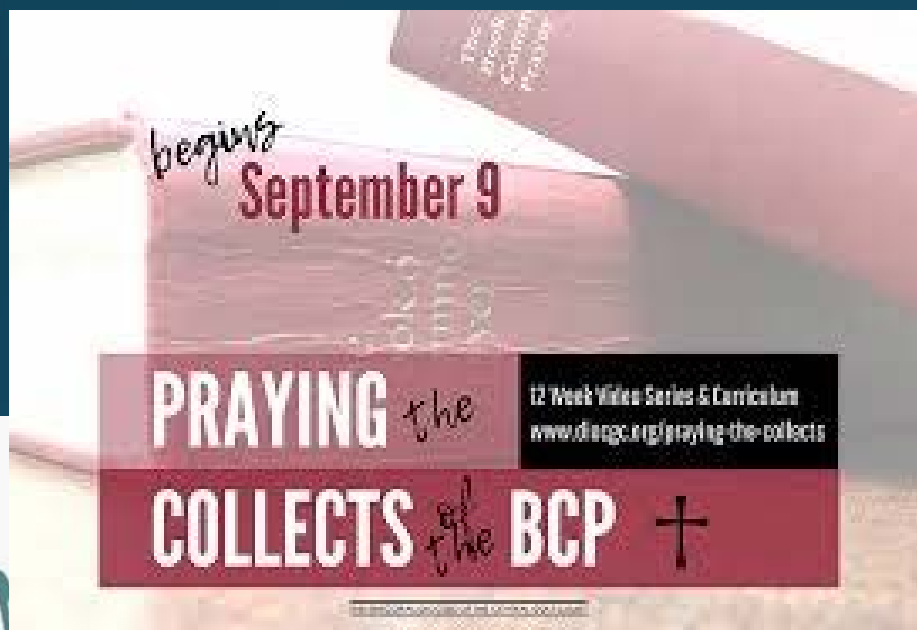
EVANGELIST

(noun): Person who wants to share their religious views with you, but never wants you to share yours with them.

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sharingfaith

MAY 15, 2014

Congregational Enrichment Venture

March 23 Stewardship The Rev. Reid McCormack
 Outreach The Rev. Hendree Harrison

May 4 Evangelism The Rev. Stephanie Spellers
+This event is combined with Discipleship Day+

ALL ARE WELCOME --- BRING A TEAM

Will you seek and serve Christ
in all persons loving your neighbor
as yourself?

Wilmer Hall



Murray House



Beckwith



2018 Summer Camp Deans

Russell Kendrick

Tim Backus – St. Francis, Gulf Breeze

Massy Gentry – St. Peter's, Bon Secour

Christie Hord – St. John's, Pensacola

Curt Kennington – St. Mark's, Troy

Molly Payne-Hardin – St. Andrews,
Panama City

Mary Alice Mathison – Grace/St. Thomas,
Panama City Beach

Nick Phares – St. Christopher's, Pensacola

Alice Sawyer – Nativity, Dothan

Eric Zubler – St. Paul's, Magnolia Springs



A reading from a letter by young people to the church.

Love is having affection or good feelings towards someone or something.
And we love a lot of things that are good in the world. Like music. And books.
We love good food. We love sports that demand our best.

Love is found in places that are special. Like Beckwith. And Happening.
And love is found in pets. Love is whenever your puppy licks your face,
even when you've left them alone all day.

Love is a feeling of happiness

But love goes deeper because love is about people.
Love is what we have learned from our families and friends.
You know it when you are around people that care about you.
Love is unconventional.

Love is about relationships and it demands the best of us. It means treating others with compassion and respect. Love is caring when you don't feel like caring. Love is very patient.

And love is very real.

Like helping someone when they are in need. Or forgiving someone.

Love is an act of kindness given selflessly expecting no reward.

These acts are given only to show how much you care.

And this kind of love is hard work. It means putting other people's pain before your own.

And putting their happiness before your own.

Love values other's feelings. Love means sacrifice and compromise. Love requires trust.

Love is found in perseverance. Love is found in hope.

Love never gives up. Love has no conditions. It is unconditional.

Love is powerful. And it is forever.

We Believe

WE BELIEVE....

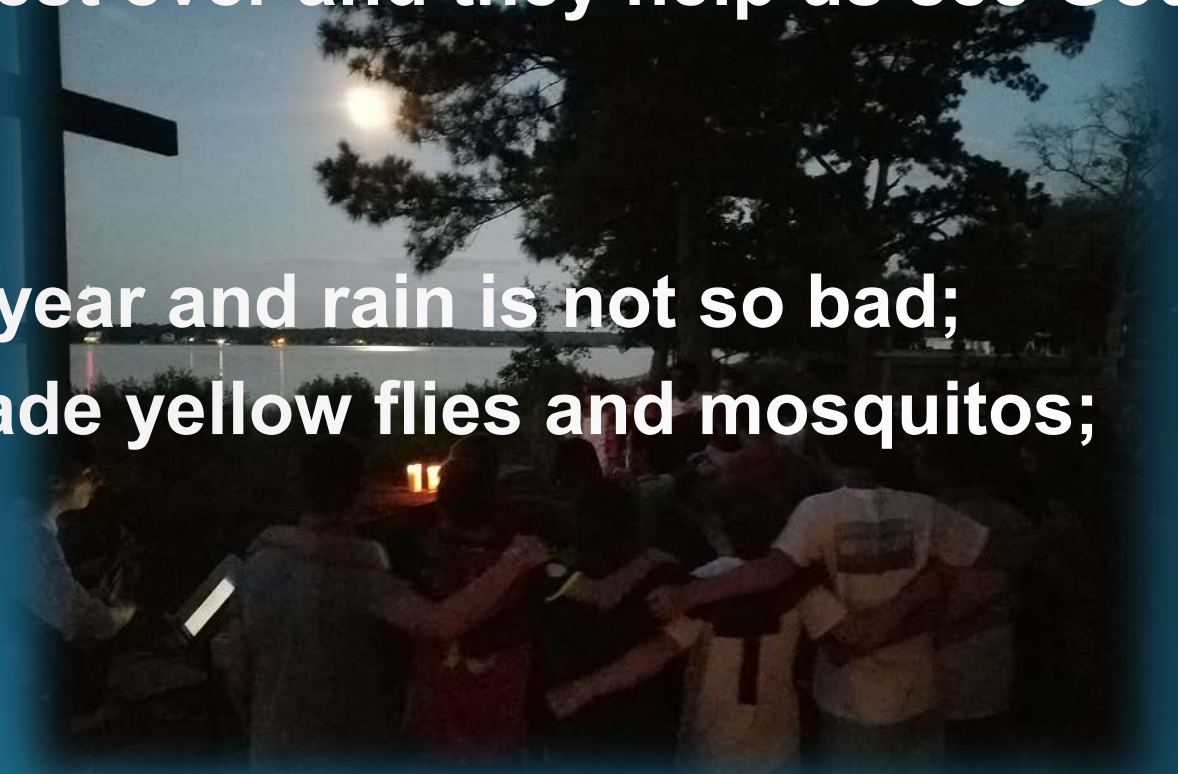
**that Camp Beckwith is holy ground and a safe place to be real;
that the summer camp staff is the best ever and they help us see God.**

WE BELIEVE....

**that summer is the best time of the year and rain is not so bad;
that God had a bad day when He made yellow flies and mosquitos;
And we believe in dinosaurs.**

WE BELIEVE....

that all people have the same rights, and we do mean all.





WE BELIEVE.....

in equality,

and in the right to choose,

and that God's sacraments are for everyone.

WE BELIEVE....

that laughter is good for the soul;

that miracles can and do happen;

and that once saved, always saved.

WE BELIEVE....

that there is love in the world;

that friendship is romance;

in general respect;

and that nobody deserves to suffer.

WE BELIEVE....

in loyalty;

that peace is obtainable;

in coexistence;

and in karma.





WE BELIEVE...

**in God and that God knows everything.
We don't know how, but we believe it.**

WE BELIEVE....

**in Jesus and that he is alive.
We believe in the power of prayer.
We hope for happiness,
and we believe that we are going to heaven.**

**WE BELIEVE that we are blessed and beautiful.
We believe in love.**

NAES Institutions

- Episcopal Day School of Christ Church, Pensacola, FL
- Holy Nativity Episcopal School, Panama City, FL
- St. James Episcopal School, Fairhope, AL
- St. Luke's Episcopal School, Mobile, AL
- St. Paul's Episcopal School, Mobile, AL
- St. Paul's Pre-School, Daphne, AL
- Tree House Episcopal Montessori School, Santa Rosa Beach, FL

TRIVIA BREAK

December 4 – The Primary Convention reconvened at 10:33am – to discuss and decide on the name for the Diocese:

Diocese of Gulf Coast

Diocese of Faith Alive

Diocese of Mobile

Diocese of Mid Gulf Coast

Diocese of the Holy Spirit in Northwest Florida & South Alabama

Diocese of the Holy Spirit in the Central Gulf Coast

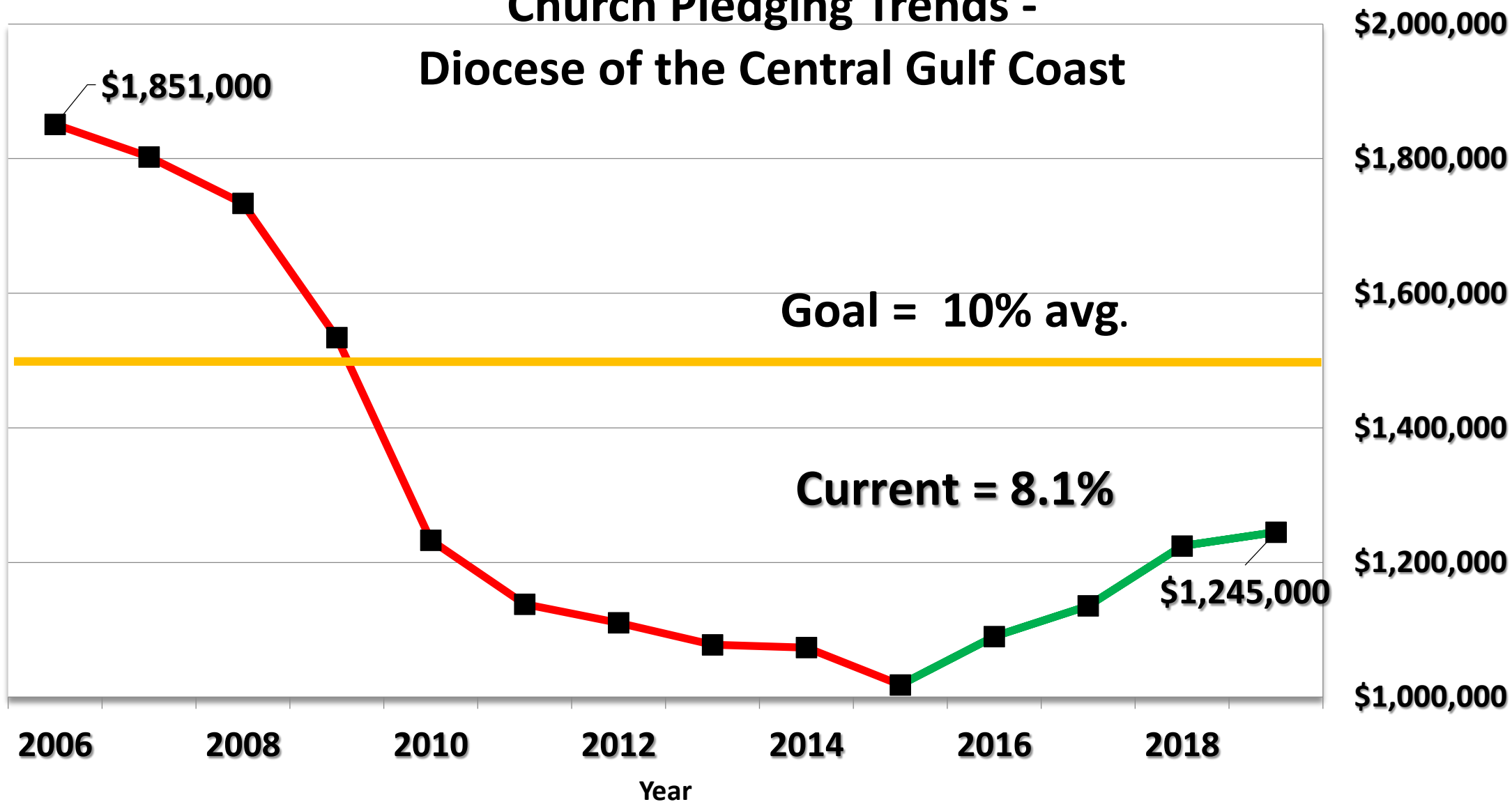
The Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast

Congregations that Pledged 10% in the 2018 budget cycle...

Thank you!!

Apalachicola, Trinity	Gulf Shores, Holy Spirit
Bay Minette, Immanuel	Laguna Beach, St. Thomas
Chipley, St. Matthew's	Mobile, St. John's
Coden, St. Mary's	Mobile, St. Paul's
Crestview, Epiphany	Niceville, St. Jude's
Daphne, St. Paul's	Panama City, St. Patrick's
Dauphin Island, St. Francis	Pensacola, Christ
DeFuniak Spgs, St. Agatha's	Pensacola, Holy Cross
Enterprise, Epiphany	Pensacola, St. Christopher's
Fairhope, St. James'	Troy, St. Mark's
Fort Walton Beach, St. Simon	Brewton, St. Stephen's*

Church Pledging Trends - Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast



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Trinity

St. James

St. John the Baptizer

St. Patrick's

Holy Nativity

St. Andrew's

Grace

St. Thomas

St. Luke's

St. Matthew's

Apalachicola

Port Saint Joe

Wewahitchka

Panama City

Panama City

Panama City

Panama City Beach

Laguna Beach

Marianna

Chipley



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EPISCOPAL DIOCESE *of the* CENTRAL GULF COAST



REMEMBERING + REORIENTING + RENEWING

Life Together...Remembering — *not just recalling who we are, but how the stories we live by bring us together again week by week and offer new life to our congregations and our communities.*

Remember + Reorient + Renew

"It is possible to prepare for the future without knowing what it will be. The primary way to prepare for the unknown is to attend to the quality of our relationships, to how well we know and trust one another."

Margaret Wheatley

"One of the things we need to learn is that very great change starts from very small conversations, held among people who care."

"What are the things you really have deep, abiding concern for? What is it you really have some passion for? If you go into that question for yourself, you will find the energy to go forward. "

Margaret Wheatley

WHAT WE CARE ABOUT: Many people now avoid spiritual language because they don't like the way its been used, misused and abused by others...but when people stop speaking God... those who are causing the problem get to hog the microphone. The televangelist using spiritual language call for donations to buy a second jet; The politician using God talk to push unjust legislation; The street preacher peddling the fear of a fiery hell. Christians in 21st-century America now face our own serious "rhetorical problem." We must work together to revive sacred speech and rekindle confidence in the vocabulary of faith. If we cannot rise to this occasion, sacred speech will continue its rapid decline — and the worst among us will continue to define what the word "Christian" means.

Jonathan Merritt Article in New York Times "Its Getting Harder to Talk About God"

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Knowing and Telling Our Stories

Life Together: Conversation and Our Covenant

Looking Outward: Our Story in the World



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