



PRESS RELEASE

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Episcopal Diocese to Hold Election for 14th Bishop of Maryland
March 29 at St. James' Church, Lafayette Square, Baltimore

BALTIMORE – In a process unique to the Episcopal Church, Clergy and Lay Delegates from across the diocese will meet to elect the diocese's 14th Bishop of Maryland. In this manner, each clergy person has one vote and each church is represented by a pre-determined number of delegates based on average Sunday attendance.

The **Electing Convention** will be held on Saturday, March 29 from 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m. at St. James' Church, Lafayette and Arlington Aves., Baltimore.

Representatives of media outlets must pre-register with this office for on-site coverage of the Electing Convention. Only those media representatives who are pre-registered will be admitted to the convention. Contact Sharon Tillman in the Diocese of Maryland Communications Office to pre-register.

The five nominees for the 14th Bishop of Maryland are:

The Rev. Canon Dr. Mark Gatza, 52, has served in the Diocese of Maryland as a lay person, deacon and priest since 1981. He has been chaplain at St. Paul's School, associate rector at St. Anne's, Annapolis, rector of Christ Church, Rock Spring, and is currently the canon missionary for Congregational Development and Clergy Deployment on the bishops' staff.

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For detailed biographies, photos and essays of each nominee, please visit the bishop search page of the diocesan Web site: www.ang-md.org.

Parking

Arrangements to park cars adjacent to St. James' Church in the Lafayette Square community have been made. These include blocking two blocks of Arlington Street for angled parking and Macedonia Baptist Church parking lot. Handicapped-vehicle parking will be available adjacent to the church along the square for those with appropriate tags. Parking attendants will direct convention attendees to available parking spaces.

The Episcopal Diocese of Maryland is a Christian community of 22,000 households in 117 congregations covering 10 counties and Baltimore City. Please visit www.ang-md.org for more information. The Episcopal Church is a community of 2.4 million members in 100 nationwide dioceses, 10 overseas dioceses and six extra-provincial territories; www.episcopalchurch.org. The Anglican Communion is a global community of 77 million Anglicans in 38 member churches/provinces, including The Episcopal Church; www.anglicancommunion.org.

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Guidelines for Media Presence:

Electing Convention for the 14th Bishop of Maryland

Representatives of media outlets planning to attend the Electing Convention of the 14th Bishop of the Diocese of Maryland must pre-register with the Office of Communications. Only those media representatives who are pre-registered for the Electing Convention will be admitted. Contact Sharon Tillman, communications/media relations, to pre-register.

The Electing Convention will be on Saturday, March 29 at St. James' Church 1020 W. Lafayette Ave., Baltimore, 410-523-4588. Registration begins at 8 a.m. in the St. James' Parish Life Center. Convention opens at 9 a.m. The Eucharist begins at 9:30 a.m. and the first ballot will be cast shortly after the end of Eucharist.

On arrival at St. James' Church, pre-registered media representatives must check in at the press table to receive their badges and media kits before proceeding to the meeting space. **The press table will be located in the Parish Life Center in the multi-purpose room.** The press table will be staffed from 8-10:30 a.m. Please contact me in advance to make specific arrangements for the set up of video equipment or for late arrival.

All media representatives are expected to conform to the following guidelines:

- For coverage of Electing Convention proceedings, media representatives will be restricted to the press section in the sanctuary balcony. Floor monitors will be checking badges of those entering the hall on the day of the election.
- No interviews or interaction with the electing clergy and delegates, or with church members and observers, will be permitted until after the election.
- Silence cell phones, pagers and PDAs.
- Photography and videography will be permitted from the designated press area in the balcony of the sanctuary. No still camera flash or video lighting will be permitted during the Eucharist. During the election proceedings, flash and lighting may be used.

A statement will be issued following the adjournment of the Electing Convention. Please visit www.ang-md.org to download.

Media relations contact for the Electing Convention and Consecration:

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About Bishops

What is the ministry of a bishop?

The ministry of a bishop is to represent Christ and his Church, particularly as apostle, chief priest and pastor of a diocese; to guard the faith, unity and discipline of the whole Church; to proclaim the Word of God; to act in Christ's name for the reconciliation of the world and the building up of the Church; and to ordain others to continue Christ's ministry.

Catechism, BCP, p. 855

What is a Bishop?

The word 'bishop' comes from an Old English derivation of the Greek word 'episcopos.' This Greek word literally means to 'over' (epi) 'see' (scopos). In the New Testament we find 'overseers' identified as shepherds of the flock, *Acts 20:28*, who are entrusted with God's work, *Titus 1:7*, and who must be respectable and above reproach, *1 Tim 3:12*.

What Does a Bishop Do?

As the church grew in the earliest centuries, bishops became regional spiritual leaders who continued the ministry of the apostles. These bishops took seriously the job of guarding the faith that had been handed down by Jesus himself.

Bishops are ordained by other bishops prayerfully laying hands on them. The spiritual nature of the apostolic ministry of the bishop is signified by the laying on of hands by bishops who had hands laid on them, who, in turn, had hands laid on them – on back to the time of the apostles.

For a bishop, as God's steward, must be blameless, he must not be arrogant or quick tempered or addicted to wine or violent or greedy for gain; but he must be hospitable, a lover of goodness, prudent, upright, devout and self-controlled. He must have a firm grasp of the word that is trustworthy in accordance with the teaching, so that he may be able to both preach with sound doctrine and to refute those who contradict it. Titus 1:7-9

Bishops of Maryland

Thomas John Claggett 1792-1816

James Kemp 1816-1827

William Murray Stone 1830-1838

William Rollinson Whittingham 1840-1879

William Pinkney 1879-1883

William Paret 1885-1911

John Gardner Murray, coadjutor 1909-1911
bishop 1911-1929

Edward Trail Helfenstein 1929-1943

Noble Cilley Powell 1943-1963

Harry Lee Doll 1963-1971

David Keller Leighton 1971-1985

William Cox, suffragan 1972-1980

Bishop Search & Transition Fast Facts

Electing Convention: Two Orders, clergy and lay delegates, vote by ballot separately and when one nominee receives a majority in each Order of the votes cast, then that person has been duly elected. For this convention, voting Orders consist of 146 lay delegates representing the diocese's 117 churches and 225 clergy. More than 450 people are registered for this convention.

Search Committee: Charged with interviewing, vetting and presenting candidates to the Standing Committee.

Transition Committee: Charged with making a smooth transition between bishops; celebrate the outgoing bishop, plan and execute the Walk-Abouts for nominees, work with the Convention Planning Team on the electing convention, plan and execute the Consecration.

Standing Committee: This committee is similar to a board of directors; serves as council of advice to bishops, and when there is a vacancy in the office of bishop, or Episcopate, the committee performs the duties and powers of the bishop in matters of governance. The Standing Committee named the Rt. Rev. John Rabb, Bishop-in-Charge. Bishop Rabb will resume his duties of Suffragan Bishop after the consecration.

Timeline

Jan 8:

Slate of Search Committee nominees announced and petition candidate period opens

Jan 29:

Petition candidate period closes

Jan 31:

Petition candidates announced

Mar 4, 5, 7, 8:

Nominee "Walk-Abouts" (this is a series of presentations of the nominees held throughout the diocese, includes small group discussions with clergy and laypeople)

Mar 29:

Electing Convention; St. James' Church, Lafayette Square (the bishop is elected by vote by both clergy and lay delegates in a system similar to senate/house of representatives)

June 28:

Consecration of the 14th Bishop of Maryland at Reid Temple, Glenn Dale

June 29:

Seating of the 14th Bishop of Maryland at the Cathedral of the Incarnation

Web site: www.bishopsearchmd.org specific search and transition information

Web site: www.ang-md.org general information on the Diocese of Maryland

What Happens Next?

An explanation of post-election proceedings

Consents for Ordination

After the election of a bishop, if the date of the election is more than three months before the next meeting of the General Convention, the Standing Committee of the electing diocese shall send a certificate of election to the standing committees of all the dioceses of the Episcopal Church for their consent to the ordination of the bishop-elect. If a majority of the 111 standing committees consent, evidence of the consents shall be forwarded by the Standing Committee of the electing diocese to the Presiding Bishop, who communicates this to the 111 bishops of the Episcopal Church exercising jurisdiction. If a majority of those bishops consent, the Presiding Bishop then notifies the Standing Committee of the electing diocese and the bishop-elect of the church's consent.

If the election of a bishop takes place within three months of the General Convention, consent must be given by the House of Deputies at Convention. If the House of Deputies consent, notice is sent to the House of Bishops. If a majority of bishops exercising jurisdiction consent to the ordination, the Presiding Bishop notifies the Standing Committee of the electing diocese and the bishop-elect of the church's consent.

There have been occasions when the granting of consent has been more than a formality, especially when the bishop-elect was a controversial figure in the Episcopal Church. For example, James DeKoven (1831-1879) was elected to be Bishop of Illinois in 1875, but the consents were not given because of his controversial reputation as a ritualist.
-episcopalchurch.org

Consecration

The majority of Bishop and Standing Committees of the Episcopal Church consenting, the bishop-elect will be ordained and consecrated a bishop by Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori and all Bishops of The Episcopal Church present on Saturday June 28 at Reid Temple, an AME Church in Prince Georges County.

Seating of the New Bishop

On Sunday June 29 the newly-consecrated bishop will be “seated” at the Cathedral of the Incarnation, Baltimore, during the 10:30 a.m. service. During the course of the Sunday service, the bishop is seated in the chair that is symbolic of the office.



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The Nominees for 14th Bishop of Maryland



The Rev. Canon Dr. Mark Gatzka

The Rev. Canon Dr. Mark Gatzka, 52, has served in the Diocese of Maryland as a lay person, deacon and priest since 1981. He has been chaplain at St. Paul's School, Brooklandville; associate rector at St. Anne's, Annapolis; rector of Christ Church, Rock Spring, and canon missionary for Congregational Development and Clergy Deployment on the bishops' staff.

In his current position on the staff of the Diocese of Maryland, Gatzka works with congregations and clergy in transition, and with vestries, advisory boards and congregations to promote growth and vitality. He is a member of the bishops' Pastoral and Mission and Strategy teams, and an ex officio member of the Mission Strategy Group. Gatzka facilitates as many as 12 vestry retreats and makes approximately 40 Sunday visits to congregations each year.

Gatzka holds a bachelor's degree from Hampshire College, a Master's of Divinity from Yale Divinity School, a Master's of Theology from the Ecumenical Institute of St. Mary's Seminary, and a Doctor of Ministry in Congregational Development from Seabury-Western Theological Seminary.

Nominated by petition



The Rev. Jane Soyster Gould

As rector of St. Stephen's, Lynn, Mass., the Rev. Jane Gould, 51, leads a vibrant urban congregation that offers weekly worship in English and Kiswahili, responds to community needs, and gathers people across lines of color, class, culture, and generation. Gould provides leadership to Lynn through such boards as the community health center, the feeding program and the IAF (Industrial Areas Foundation) organization. She serves her diocese through several committees, including Congregational Development and Council.

Before her call to St. Stephen's, Gould was the Episcopal chaplain for the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge. She also served as the associate rector of Grace Church, Lawrence, Mass.

Nationally, Gould has been a General Convention deputy since 2000 and been on the boards of the Urban Caucus and Episcopal Society for Ministry in Higher



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Education. She has been a Leadership Fellow of the WK Kellogg Foundation and has received a Lilly Foundation Clergy Renewal Grant.

Nominated by committee



The Rev. Dr. John C. N. Hall

A native of New York, the Rev. Dr. John C. N. Hall, 49, is a cradle Episcopalian. Since 1998, he has served as the rector of St. Matthew's Church, a diverse parish in suburban Phoenix. Previously, Hall served as associate rector of St. Barnabas on the Desert, Scottsdale, Ariz., St.

Michael and All Angels, Mission, Kan., and St. Mary Magdalene, Coral Springs, Fla.

Hall currently serves on both the Millennium Development Goals Steering Committee and the Congregational Development and Mission Planning Group for the Diocese of Arizona. In 2005 he founded Matthew's Crossing, a non-profit corporation providing a food bank and social services. Currently, Hall is also involved with the State of Arizona Supreme Court as a member of the Foster Care Review Board, and with the Valley Interfaith Project.

Hall earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Communication from the University of Arizona, his Master of Divinity from Virginia Theological Seminary, and his Doctor of Ministry in Congregational Development from Seabury-Western Theological Seminary.

Nominated by committee



The Rev. Lura M. Kaval

Currently the rector of the Church of St. Christopher's in Linthicum, the Rev. Lura M. Kaval, 45, has served the Diocese of Maryland for more than 20 years. She has led the life-giving transformation of family, pastoral, program and corporate parishes, and is the co-founder of the Katrina Episcopal Relief Maryland Impact Team (KERMIT).

Kaval has served the national church as Province III coordinator and regionally as president of the Patapsco Valley Regional Council. Internationally, she created communication tools for the Diocese of Haiti Partnership Program, served on medical missions in Honduras and directed building projects in Mexico and Mississippi.



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As a trained Intentional Interim, Kaval is adept at defusing conflict and creating opportunities for dialog and growth. She brings excitement, humor, and a compassionately keen pastoral presence to those whom she serves.

Kaval received her Bachelor of Science degree from Ohio University and her Master of Divinity from Virginia Theological Seminary.

Nominated by petition



The Rev. Canon Eugene Taylor Sutton

The Rev. Eugene Taylor Sutton, 54, is canon pastor of Washington National Cathedral, and director of the Center for Prayer and Pilgrimage. A frequent leader of retreats and conferences on prayer, preaching, spirituality and mission, he directs the cathedral's national and local programs in building spiritual community through pilgrimages, gatherings and

courses.

Prior to his call to the National Cathedral, Sutton served as the associate rector for Mission and Spirituality of St. Columba's Church, and as priest-in-charge of St. Margaret's Church, both in Washington, D.C.

In addition to his ministry in parishes, he has taught homiletics and liturgics at Vanderbilt University Divinity School, New Brunswick Theological Seminary and General Theological Seminary. He also served as assistant to the bishop in the Diocese of New Jersey. The author of several articles on spirituality and preaching, he is a contributor to the book *The Diversity of Centering Prayer*.

Nominated by committee

Note: For more information on each nominee, visit the Bishop Search page of the Diocese of Maryland Web site, ang-md.org. Resumes, essays, audio and written interviews, and greetings to the diocese can be found there.

ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR ELECTING CONVENTION

Saturday, March 29, 2008

8 a.m. Registration – Parish Life Center, coffee and danish

9 a.m. **ORGANIZATION OF CONVENTION**

Call to order: The Rt. Rev. John Rabb, bishop-in-charge of the Diocese of Maryland

Opening Prayer:

Almighty and everlasting Father, you have given the Holy Spirit to abide with us for ever: Bless, we pray, with his grace and presence, the bishops and the other clergy and the laity here assembled in your Name, that your Church, being preserved in true faith and godly discipline, may fulfill all the mind of him who loved it and gave himself for it, your Son Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Welcome by the Rev. Dr. Allen F. Robinson, rector of St. James' Church

Announcement of a quorum

Adoption of Rules of Order - printed in packet

Report of Committee on Rights of Clergy to Seats

Report of Committee on Rights of Lay Persons to Seats

Resolution regarding clergy who have become canonically resident since May 2007

Presentation of Nominations: Search Committee

9:30 a.m. **HOLY EUCHARIST**

Celebrant: Bishop John Rabb, Preacher: Dr. Judy Fentress-Williams

(H = *Hymnal 1982*; AAH=*African American Hymnal*)

HYMN H 191 "Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts and voices heavenward raise"

Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity p. 355

Gloria in excelsis (S 280)

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, whose gentle hands shaped the shores of the Chesapeake and molded the hills of the Alleghenies: guide and direct your people as we seek a chief pastor for the Diocese of Maryland. Give us clear eyes and wise minds to see beyond our desires so that we might choose a bishop who loves and serves you. Support those who hear your call to discernment and surround their families with your care. Lead us by your grace to a greater understanding of your mission and ministry so that together we might grow more and more into Christ-likeness; through Him who died and rose for us and who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First reading: I Samuel 3:1-10

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had

begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

Psalm 63:1-8

- 1 O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; *
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.
- 2 Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, *
that I might behold your power and your glory.
- 3 For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; *
my lips shall give you praise.
- 4 So will I bless you as long as I live *
and lift up my hands in your Name.
- 5 My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, *
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,
- 6 When I remember you upon my bed, *
and meditate on you in the night watches.
- 7 For you have been my helper, *
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.
- 8 My soul clings to you; *
your right hand holds me fast.

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:11-16

The Spirit's gifts were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

ALLELUIA VERSE: AAH 642

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 9:35-38

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

The Sermon: Dr. Judy Fentress-Williams, PhD

The Nicene Creed

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Litany

The People stand. The litanist begins:

God the Father,

Have mercy on us.

God the Son,

Have mercy on us.

God the Holy Spirit,

Have mercy on us.

Holy and undivided Trinity, One God,

Have mercy on us.

Remember, gracious God, this diocese, and the fellowship to which you have called us in Christ Jesus; for John, Michael, and Rodney, our bishops, for Robert, Charles, Theodore, and David, our bishops retired, and for all the clergy and people, especially this convention gathered today,

We pray to you, O Lord.

For all our congregations, for special ministries throughout the diocese, and for the communities they serve,

We pray to you, O Lord.

We thank you merciful God, for your one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church, set in the midst of a world full of change and challenge: that in your boundless love you created the world and all that is in it,

We praise and thank you, Lord.

That in your endless wisdom you became incarnate in human nature to speak in language we can comprehend,

We praise and thank you, Lord.

That in your merciful providence Jesus Christ called a community to live and share and spread the Good News of God’s redeeming love,

We praise and thank you, Lord.

That in your tender compassion Jesus came among us as one who serves, and taught us to love each other as you love us,

We praise and thank you, Lord.

That in your victorious strength he is with us ‘til the end of the ages,

We praise and thank you, Lord.

We entreat you, loving God, to fashion us into a holy temple, a royal priesthood clothed with the power of the Holy Spirit; that we may humbly see ourselves as the servants of the world for which Christ died,

Grant us your Spirit, Lord.

For the grace to put ourselves alongside our fellow human beings and to recognize the needs of the world,

Grant us your Spirit, Lord.

For the courage to see the rapid rate of social change, and to respond to our world with compassion,

Grant us your Spirit, Lord.

For the gentleness to work for peace and healing throughout all human society,

Grant us your Spirit, Lord.

For the faith to address complexities without fear, and to discern the difference between that which is evil and that which is only threatening,

Grant us your Spirit, Lord.

For the discernment to hear your call and for the courage to respond, "Here I am, Lord,"

Grant us your Spirit, Lord.

For the desire to offer our gifts, energy, reason and concern to make humanity more responsive to human need,

Grant us your Spirit, Lord.

For the patience to see in our daily work opportunities for serving you by the truth of our words and the honesty of our dealings,

Grant us your Spirit, Lord.

For the wisdom to select a bishop who will challenge us to live holy lives, fired with the passion of Christ's love for all people,

Grant us your Spirit, Lord.

For the kindness to minister to a new bishop as Christ has taught us by his gracious example,

Grant us your Spirit, Lord.

Bless, gracious Lord, all those whom you have called to the ministry of reconciliation; for Mark, Jane, John, Lura, and Eugene nominated to be bishop, and for their families,

Hear our prayer.

For all who have been a part of the discernment process, but who have not been nominated for election,

Hear our prayer.

We give thanks for the work of the Search Committee and we pray for the continuing work of the Transition and Standing Committees,

Hear our prayer.

For all who work for peace, unity and healing in your church,

Hear our prayer.

That we may place the good of the whole Body of Christ before our individual needs and preferences,

Hear our prayer.

That we may labor for a new beginning of ministry shared by the entire People of God,

Hear our prayer.

That together with our new bishop we might work as laborers to bring in your plentiful harvest,

Hear our prayer.

That we may offer our lives and our hopes to your glory, and our fears and sins for your forgiveness,

Hear our prayer.

That we may please you in all that we do on this day, and finally come before your throne with joy and confidence,

Hear our prayer.

Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

The Bishop

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a bishop for this Diocese that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Peace

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentences

Today's offertory is designated for the outreach ministries of St. James' Church. Please make checks payable to St. James' Church with "outreach ministry" in the memo line.

HYMN: H 174 "At the Lamb's high feast we sing"

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B	p. 367
Sanctus (<i>Hymnal S-125</i>)	p. 367
Prayer of Consecration	p. 368
Acclamation	p. 368
The Lord's Prayer	p. 364
The Breaking of the Bread	p. 365

The Ministration of Communion

Communion will take place at stations. Ushers will direct you.

Communion Hymns

AAH 680 "Taste and see"

AAH 685 "In remembrance of me"

H 302 "Father, we thank thee"

H 304 "I come with joy to meet my Lord"

Post Communion Prayer p. 365

HYMN: H 341 "For the bread which you have broken"

[There is no retiring procession. During this hymn, the acolytes extinguish all candles except the Paschal Candle, which will remain lit throughout the convention as a sign of

the Risen Christ among us. Non-voting attendees are asked to leave the “floor of the Convention” (the sanctuary and nave) at this time. Voting persons in the altar party remain in place until instructions have been made regarding the first ballot. Tables and chairs will be set as needed to prepare for business portion of the Convention.]

FIRST BALLOT

The Revs. Richard Ginnever and Fran Stanford will give instructions as to how balloting will proceed. Each delegate is assigned a particular polling station, the location of which is noted on the map of the church included in the registration packet. Once you have cast your ballot, continue out of the nave for break (restroom, coffee etc.), and return at the time announced (approximately 45 min. later).

At the appointed time, convention will resume with a hymn (as indicated on the chart below). The results of the ballot will be announced.

Subsequent Ballots

After the results of the previous ballot have been announced, any changes to the ballot will be explained. Following a prayer, ballots are cast according to the procedure described above.

Anticipated timeline (adjustments may be made to ballot times as needed):

10:45	First Ballot	Immediately following post-Eucharistic prayer	Explain ballot and voting procedure	Prayer and cast ballot followed by coffee break	Return at 11:45
11:45	Second Ballot	Gather with hymn AAH 326 “There’s a sweet, sweet spirit”	Announce results, note withdrawals	Prayer and cast ballot followed by lunch	Return at 1:15
12 – 1:15	Lunch				
1:15	Third Ballot	Gather with hymn H 359 “God of the prophets”	Announce results, note withdrawals	Prayer and cast ballot followed by meditation/talk	Break at 2
2:15	Fourth Ballot	Gather with hymn H 551 “Rise up, ye saints of God”	Announce results, note withdrawals	Prayer and cast ballot followed by break	Break

3:15	Fifth Ballot	Gather with hymn AAH 158 “Great is thy faithfulness”	Announce results, note withdrawals, distribute ballots	Prayer and cast ballot	Break
4:15	Sixth Ballot	Gather with hymn H 511 “Holy Spirit, ever living”	Announce results, note withdrawals, list options, determine course	Prayer and cast ballot Or Blessing and Dismissal until specified date and time	If sixth ballot cast, break and reconvene in 45 minutes to receive results
5:15	If sixth ballot is cast	Gather with hymn AAH 400 “I have decided to follow Jesus”	Announce election or adjourn to time-certain for continued voting	Blessing and Dismissal until specified date and time	

NOTES:

LUNCH:

At approximately 12:00 there will be a one hour break for lunch while ballots are being counted. Explanations will be made as to lunch procedure (box lunch) and seating for meal. Convention will resume at the specified time.

MEDITATION:

Following casting of the 1:15 ballot, Dr. Judy Fentress-Williams will offer a meditation/discussion in the nave of the church.

Balloting will continue until an election is achieved (which requires a majority of votes in both orders on the same ballot) or until a set time (6-7 ballots or 5:15 p.m.).

When election has been achieved: Immediate response of H 432 “O praise ye the Lord.”

Explanation and Signing of the Testimonial of Election

Blessing: Bishop Rabb

Dismissal: Deacon

A Rich History By Martin Austin

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Highlights of the St. James' Church's rich 184 year history, which over the years has seen 28 members become ordained deacons or priests.

- 1843 First ordination held at the church
- 1899 The Rev. George Freeman Bragg Jr. founded the Maryland Home for Friendless Colored Children at 404 Courtland Street
- 1924 St. James' celebrated the 100th anniversary of the church, communicant list totaled 500
- 1932 Good Friday: last service at Park Avenue
Easter Sunday: first service at Lafayette Square
- 1933 St. James' largest confirmation class of 100 presented to bishop
- 1949 St. James' observed its 125th Anniversary
- 1959 The first woman, Mrs. Cleo Diggs, elected to the vestry, making this event a first in the Diocese of Maryland
- 1974 St. James' celebrated its 150th Anniversary
- 1988 Advent Sunday, the Rev. Michael B. Curry became rector
- 1993 June: Lightning struck the church, heavily damaging the sanctuary and destroying the rose window; two years later the congregation returned to the sanctuary
- 1999 St. James celebrated its 175th Anniversary
- 2000 Feb. 11 Curry elected to become Bishop of North Carolina
- 2002 Oct. 5 the Rev. Allen F. Robinson installed as rector

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St. James' Church, Lafayette Square: Church Without Walls

By Allison Robinson

In 1995, the churches surrounding Lafayette Square in Baltimore began an annual summer ritual. Revival in the Square seeks to bring the word of God to people through worship and song. Each summer the one-week long revival is held in Lafayette Square Park. Pastors from each church alternate preaching to an audience of usually 150 people or more.

The revival has grown into a unique umbrella ministry now known as the Church Without Walls Ministry. CWWM is a collaboration of Lafayette Square and neighboring churches, which along with St. James' Church includes Emmanuel Christian Community, Enon Baptist, Macedonia Baptist, Metropolitan United Methodist, St. John AME and Star of Bethlehem Spiritual Temple. Together these churches sponsor the annual Revival in the Square, Community Health Fair, and Blessing of the City.

Health ministry

One week later is the annual CWWM Community Health Fair, now in its fifth year. On the day of the health fair, Lafayette Square Park is flanked by a variety of mobile health units and houses a myriad of vendors. The health fair draws hundreds of people seeking accurate health information, free health screenings and referral services. A highlight of the event is the "Ask the Doctor" booth, staffed by physicians from St. James'. The physicians have represented varied specialties, including nephrology, psychiatry and pediatrics.

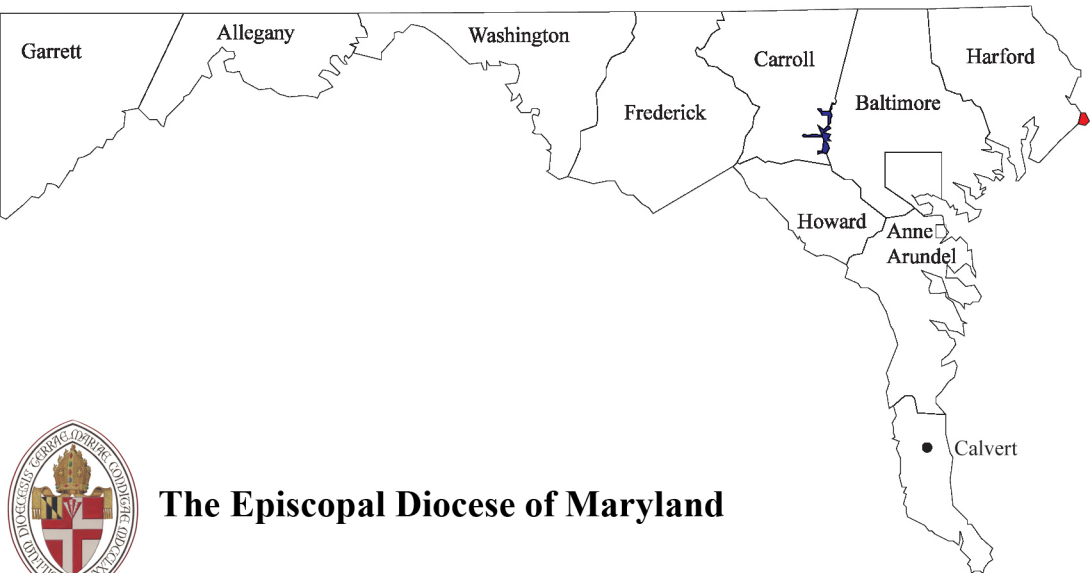
The goal of the health fair is to foster collaboration among the Lafayette Square churches and to make a greater impact on the health of the surrounding community. The objectives are two-fold: to connect families with health information and resources to meet their health needs; and to make available health screenings and testing to promote prevention and early detection.

Palm Sunday blessings

In 2004 the Rev. Allen F. Robinson, rector of St. James', initiated the Blessing of the City, an annual event held on Palm Sunday at Baltimore City Hall. Building on the success of CWWM, St. James' coordinated the first ecumenical blessing in 2006. Building on the symbolism that is taken from the biblical story of Jesus triumphantly entering the city of Jerusalem, the event seeks blessings and offers prayers for the various problems plaguing the city, including crime, homelessness and unemployment. It reinforces St. James' commitment to the city of Baltimore.

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