



# May 2018 Newsletter

## Diocese 4 the Sake of Others Clergy Conference



From April 24 -26, I was in Atlanta for the annual clergy conference of the C4SO diocese. It was a wonderful time of fellowship, worship, and learning. Bishop Todd gave a strong opening address that challenged all of us to lean into the intersection of Church, Gospel, and Culture. He made us look at what it is to be a “non-anxious leader” in a time when old understandings have shifted and new paradigms are needed. Bishop Todd sees this as the heart of Anglicanism itself. One of his favorite verses is from 1 Corinthians 9:19-23 in *The Message*.

We heard talks on what values helped create a thriving, church-planting, Anglican Church in Atlanta known as Trinity. We looked at the gift of having a lectionary and the pitfalls of the same. David Roseberry challenged us to know our own story in order to better tell the story of the Gospel.

One of the key values of C4SO is that it is non-proprietary. They wish to give away all that they have learned in order to build the kingdom. The talks from the conference were recorded and will be available on the [C4SO website](http://www.c4so.org/clergy-conference-2018/)—<http://www.c4so.org/clergy-conference-2018/> . Next year I hope to take a group from the diocese to the C4SO clergy conference so that we might better share resources.

“Even though I am free of the demands and expectations of everyone, I have voluntarily become a servant to any and all in order to reach a wide range of people: religious, nonreligious, meticulous moralists, loose-living immoralists, the defeated, the demoralized— whoever. I didn’t take on their way of life. I kept my bearings in Christ— but I entered their world and tried to experience things from their point of view. I’ve become just about every kind of servant there is in my attempts to lead those I meet into a God-saved life. I did all this because of the Message (the Gospel). I didn’t want just to talk about it; I wanted to be in on it!”

Please let me know if you would be interested in attending! The more we partner and share ideas, the more fruit both of our dioceses will see. In closing, I keep hearing the question from within and without Anglicanism, “Does the Anglican Church of North America have a future?” After attending a conference of energized, church-planting Anglicans, my answer is an unequivocal, “Yes!” I am looking forward to seeing the Southwest’s fruit and renewal as all of us together give a resounding, unequivocal “yes!” Together, let’s learn, as Bishop Todd urged, to be any and every kind of servant for the sake of the Gospel.

In Christ, +Mark

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*Bishop Todd Hunter and our very own Bishop Mark Z ordained 9 people as deacons*

### Bishop Mark's April Visits—San Angelo

On April 21 and 22, I made my annual visit to San Angelo, Texas. I love to visit this congregation because they are always looking for ways to get me to go into the country and hunt wild pigs. (Well, some of the men do- and I wish I had more time to do just that). I would occasionally go to a deanery meeting in Pennsylvania in full camouflage and get a hard time for it. What can I say?



At any rate, these are wonderful people and it is always a joy to go to the Church of the Good Shepherd. We had one confirmation and it was a joyful time in which many felt the power and presence of the Holy Spirit. I also met with the vestry and the search committee as Good Shepherd is now seeking names for their next rector having completed their parish profile. **Please keep this congregation in prayer that God will raise up their next leader and they will be able to move from strength to strength in the Kingdom of God and give thanks for their interim priest, Fr. Hal Scott.**



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

BCP p. 818, Prayer 13  
For the election of a minister

### The Bishop's Upcoming Adventures

May 4	ADSW Clergy Gathering	Rio Rancho, NM
May 4-6	Visiting Christ Church & St. Phillip the Evangelist	Farmington, NM & Cortez, CO
May 16	13 Youth Confirmations at St. Clement's!	El Paso, TX
May 23-28	El cuarto conferencia anual de <i>Caminemos Juntos: México</i>	Fresnillo, Zacatecas
June 1-9	Alaskan cruise with Cindy	Alaska
June 17-23	GAFCON	Jerusalem



**Celebration of Fr. Tom Johnson's ministry in Amarillo, TX**



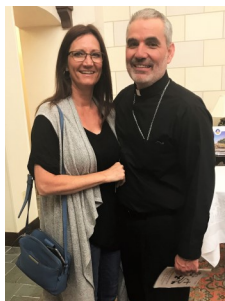
On April 15th, I had the pleasure of making an Episcopal visit to St. Mark's Anglican congregation in Amarillo. Upon my arrival we had a lovely fellowship meal in the home of Patricia Allen. The food was excellent, but the fellowship was even more fun. We had much to celebrate. St. Mark's was celebrating

20 years as a congregation. Father Tom Johnson was celebrating 30 years of ministry. But

most importantly we were celebrating the new ministry of Father Tom at St. Mark's. It was clear to me from the start that Fr. Tom was well loved by the congregation. Fr. Tom moved to the Amarillo area from the Diocese of the Rocky Mountains. He moved because his wife, Kathy, works for a company that manages the wind mills in the area. The congregation feels that God had a hand in all of this. It was my first visit to the congregation and everyone had a great day.



Also in attendance of them immediately. named St. Clement. cese of All Saints.



were Father Sergio and his wife, Tracey. I became fond of both They lead a congregation in Muleshoe. Their congregation is St. Clement, Muleshoe is currently part of the Missionary Dio-

Please keep both of these congregations in prayer. Especially pray for Father Tom and St. Mark's as they begin to explore the possibility of joining us in the Diocese of the Southwest.

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with your most gracious favor, and further us with your continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify your holy Name, and finally, by your mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Stop by and visit either church if you find yourself in the area!

<http://www.stmarksanglicanamarillotx.com>

<https://www.facebook.com/St-Clement-Anglican-Church-1137367399724990/>

# Renew

## Family Retreat 2018

June 1 – 3

at the Sacramento Camp & Conference Center  
Sacramento, New Mexico

The Anglican Diocese of the Southwest's annual Renew Family Retreat will be held in the beautiful and cool Sacramento mountains of New Mexico at the Sacramento Camp and Conference Center, Sacramento, New Mexico. This year, the Renew Retreat will begin with dinner, Friday afternoon, June 1 and will end at noon on Sunday, June 3.

### Our Speaker

The Rev. Chuck Collins will lead the teachings for our 2018 renewal weekend focusing on drawing closer to our Lord, Jesus Christ.



**Fr. Chuck Collins**

Fr. Chuck comes to our retreat with a background of 37 years in ordained ministry in both the Episcopal Church and the ACNA and has experience in leading many missions, pilgrimages and retreats. He has written extensively on matters of theology and church history.

Fr. Chuck is currently on the staff of Christ Church, Anglican in Phoenix, AZ. and has served in churches in Florida, New Mexico, and Texas. He was born in Silver City, NM, grew up in El Paso, has a B.A. in philosophy from the University of Texas at El Paso, and a M.Div. from the Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest. He has been married to Ellen for 39 years and has 4 children and 6 grandchildren.

### Registration

Brochures with registration information are available at your parish or online at [anglicansw.org](http://anglicansw.org).

### For more information

Nancy Griffin at 575/682-1406  
[griffings@tularosa.net](mailto:griffings@tularosa.net).

**Get your reservations in early as rooms will fill up fast.**

### Come to the Mountain Top!

*"taste and see that the Lord is good;  
blessed is the man who takes refuge in him."*

– Psalm 34:8



### From the Bishop

My Dear Brothers and Sisters:

It delights me to invite you to our Second Annual Renew event. Our desire in instituting an annual retreat for our Diocese was directed at the hope of continuing the good work that followed from Synod 2016. I believe God richly blessed our efforts. Bishop Thad Barnum our keynote speaker was encouraging and inspiring. What an incredible weekend we had!

2018 will see Renew continue to provide thought-provoking subjects with intriguing and interesting leaders. They will help us all in our journey with Jesus. 2018 will also see Renew expand to become a Family Retreat for our entire Diocese with activities for our children and young adults of all ages.

My hope and prayer is that as we endeavor to pray and plan for 2018, many more of our people from across the Diocese will come to the Mountain. Let God refresh you and share in this wonderful event this summer!

Yours in Christ,  
+Mark  
The Rt. Rev. J. Mark Zimmerman



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MAY WE BE ONE THAT  
THE WORLD MAY KNOW  
JESUS CHRIST.

Have a praise, prayer request, event, photos or other communication you would like in the May Newsletter?

Please send all relevant information to:  
[noelADSW@gmail.com](mailto:noelADSW@gmail.com)

**By May 26th**

**DON'T FORGET!**

Get your registration in for the Renew Conference!

See page 4 for details!!!

We hope to see you in June!

*May Diocesan Prayer Calendar*

Week of May 6	St. Stephen's, Roswell, NM
Week of May 13	Christ Church-Four Corners, NM
Week of May 20	St. Phillip the Evangelist, Cortez, CO
Week of May 27	Christ the King, Albuquerque, NM

