

108th Council of the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas, February 16-18, 2012
COUNCIL ACTION SUMMARY

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The 108th Annual Council of the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas took place February 16-18, 2012. The Council was hosted by St. John's Episcopal Church in McAllen at the McAllen Convention Center. The Rt. Rev. Gary R. Lillibrige introduced the theme of the 108th Council, "**Abounding in Hope.**" (Romans 15:13).

New Parishes: The Council celebrated the transition of two congregations who requested to change their status from mission to parish: St. Luke's, Cypress Mill and St. Margaret's, San Antonio.

The Council Eucharist was celebrated on Thursday evening with The Rt. Rev. Andy Doyle, Bishop of Texas, as preacher. Copies of Bishop Doyle's sermon can be found on the diocesan website at <http://council-dwtx.org/council-live>.

Bishop's Address: On Friday morning Bishop Lillibrige addressed the Council and shared initiatives and reflections on: the Anglican Communion, upcoming General Convention, Youth Ministry, Habitat for Humanity, Camp Capers, and leadership in the Diocese. A report of his address as well as the full text and a video recording of his address may be found at <http://council-dwtx.org/council-live>.

Bible Study: Bishop Lillibrige invited every member of the Diocese to study I & II Corinthians during 2012. Study resources will be available on the diocesan website.

Camps & Conferences: The Council heard progress on Phase I of a capital campaign to build a new Steves Hall, meeting space, health center, and amphitheater at Camp Capers. The program has received \$1,767,000 in commitments and gifts toward the \$2,900,000 goal. The Diocese invites all congregations to hold a Camp Sunday on March 25, 2012.

Habitat Builders: The Council adopted a new plan to build three Habitat for Humanity homes in the Diocese in the next six years. Every congregation will have an opportunity to participate.

Abide in Me IV: Delegates and congregations were invited to the annual diocesan leadership conference to be held at TMI – The Episcopal School of Texas on June 9, 2012.

The Council elected the following persons to leadership positions in the diocese:

Executive Board: The Rev. Philip Cunningham, The Rev. Chris Caddell, The Rev. Chris Cole (unexpired term), Nancy Barton, Gayle Gottlich, Susan Johnson, Dawn Goldammer.

Standing Committee: The Rev. Ram Lopez and Thurma Hilton

Trustees of the Episcopal Church Corp: The Rev. Jennifer Brooke-Davidson and John Mason

Trustees of the University of the South: Kathy Young

Trustees of TMI – The Episcopal School of Texas: The Rev. Ram Lopez, Elizabeth Black, David Chalk (unexpired term), Peter Gooding (unexpired term).