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DIOCESE OF THE GREAT LAKES SYNOD



Diocese of the Great Lakes 2021 Synod met on June 12th at Ss. Andrew & Matthias in Hastings, MI . After the Bursar's report was presented and accepted the Constitution & Cannons Committee had four minor amendments to the DGL Constitution of which three were approved. The parish and mission reports were then made. The Holy Gospel mission in Stanton, MI is now closed as Father Hadley is no longer in residence there. DGL senior ministry at Thornapple Manor and Woodlawn Meadows, both in Hastings, MI, have resumed after being suspended in 2020 due to Covid-19.



Bishop Hustwick then nominated the same people to the DGL Standing Committee as served last year and they were re-elected by the Synod. Bishop Emeritus Jackson Worsham then nominated Rev. Paul C. Sligh of St. Stephen's Anglican Church, Williamsville, NY, to become assistant bishop for the Diocese and he was elected by acclamation. Fr. Sligh, in accepting, said that he hoped to be able to help the DGL to add more parishes and missions, as well as to grow the existing ones. Bishop Hustwick then made his 2021 appointments and it was decided that next year's synod would be held on the second weekend in June 2022.

Top photo, left to right: Father Paul Sligh, Bishop Jackson Worsham, Verger Chris Jacoby, Bishop David Hustwick, DGL Standing Committee member Thomas Yeutter, & Father Mike McDonald.

Bottom photo, left to right: Bishop Ordinary David Hustwick & Assistant Bishop-elect Sligh.

Paul Slish – Autobiography – 2021

My grandparents were immigrants from eastern Europe: three from the province of Galicia in the Austrian Empire (Ukrainians in modern terms); my mother's father was from the Russian Empire. My parents were baptized and later married in the Russian Orthodox Church. Their six children were baptized and confirmed in the Russian Orthodox Church, and primarily raised in the Carpatho-Russian Orthodox diocese under the jurisdiction of the Patriarch of Constantinople. At the end of my high school years and during my first year at Penn State University (Forest Science major) I was reading the New Testament. Through Christian friends and Bible studies, God opened my eyes to be justified by faith in Jesus Christ apart from works of the law. I began to participate in Campus Crusade for Christ and attend local evangelical churches. After much prayer upon graduation, I joined the staff of Campus Crusade for Christ.



I served four years with Campus Crusade in Syracuse, NY and Buffalo, NY. After the first year in 1977, I married Andrea Marie Del'Olio a fellow staff member. She has been an extraordinary companion all these years. We resigned from Campus Crusade in 1980, and in due course I embarked on a long career as a computer programmer, analyst, and administrator. After much study, I became convinced children of believers should be baptized. We transferred to a Presbyterian Church in America congregation and our two sons were baptized. Our church eventually in 1996 joined a small jurisdiction called the Federation of Reformed Churches and I became its pastor. In 2010 our church made the transition into an Anglican church and we named it St. Stephen's. In 2016 we were received by the Diocese of the Great Lakes of the UECNA. We are thankful to be part of a jurisdiction faithful to the Bible, historic Christianity, the 39 Articles, and the 1928 BCP.



Paul Slish on forest fire fighting duty in the Lolo National Forest in western Montana in the Bitterroot Range of the Rocky Mountains in August 1973. The nearest town was Thompson Falls, MT.

CLERGY NEWS

Ordinations:

Antony B. Davies was ordained deacon on July 11th 2021 by the Most Rev. Peter D. Robinson at Good Shepherd Anglican Church, Waynesboro, VA. He is to be assistant curate in that parish.

Licensings:

The Rev. Dr. Donald Richmond, Auburn, CA, was licensed in the Missionary Diocese of the West, July 28th 2021.

Upcoming Ordinations:

Ryan Underwood – deacon, conditional; Christian Dove and Sergio Gonzalez – deacon; The Rev. James Neese – priest. All 21st August 2021 at Paul's Chapel Reformed Church, Lexington, NC. The Rev. H. Marshall Annis – to the priesthood, St Barnabas-in-the-Pines, Prescott, AZ – date to be announced.