

A Report of the Diocese of the Western States 2016 Synod

April 20, 2016 – April 23, 2016

Bishop's Reception The 2016 Synod of the Diocese of the Western States meeting at the Lafayette Park Hotel in Lafayette, California, had a wonderful beginning this year with the Bishop's Reception. As in the past few years, the Bishop's Reception was held Wednesday evening, April 20, the day before the first working meetings of the Synod, to provide an opportunity for laity and clergy to meet the Diocesan Ordinary in an informal setting. But this year was unique because our new Archbishop, The Most Rev. Frederick G. Morrison, was in attendance as well as our Suffragan Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Donald M. Ashman.



Bishop Ashman (left) and Abp. Morrison (right) at the Bishop's Reception
(Photo by Dcn. Bruce Wilcox)



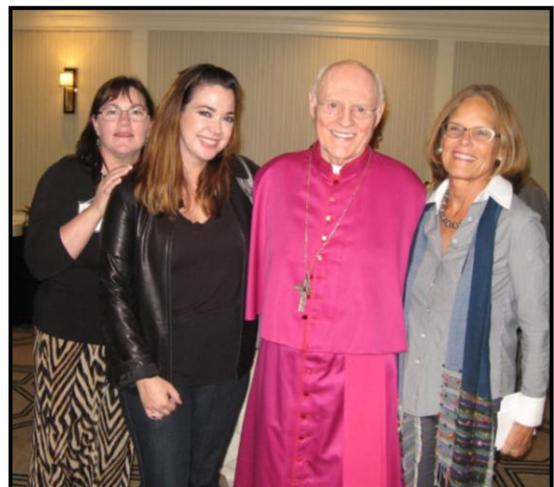
Patsy and Art Ronat, St. Peter's, Oakland, CA, talk with Abp. Morrison.
(Photo by Monty Stanford)



Fr. Michael Mautner, St. Peter's, Oakland, CA, shares a joke with Abp. Morrison.
(Photo by Monty Stanford)



Left to right: Mrs. (Jennifer) Morrison, Bp. Ashman, Abp. Morrison, and Mrs. (Ellen) Ashman
(Photo by Hovetta Napier)



Left to right: Mary Margaret Feagin, Erin Ashman Salazar, Abp. Morrison, and Nina Gladish (President, St. Joseph's Foundation)
(Photo by Monty Stanford)

Thursday, April 21 The first day of **working meetings** began with Morning Prayer at 8 a.m. Thursday's meetings included the Standing Committee, Board of Directors, Clericus, Diocesan ACW, and the first Workshop of the Synod: A Sketch of the Continuing Landscape presented by Fr. Matthew Weber, Vicar of St. Ann Chapel, Palo Alto, CA.



In the first **Workshop**, Fr. Weber presented a “sketch” of the history of the “continuing” Anglican churches in the United States. He pointed out that the first event in our church history was the development of the Episcopal Church following the American Revolution. Bishops of the Church of England refused to consecrate an American Bishop because he could not take the required vow of loyalty to the king, so Samuel Seabury was consecrated in 1784 by Bishops of the Scottish Episcopal Church. Fr. Weber then discussed subsequent departures from the Episcopal Church in America beginning in 1873 with the formation of the Reformed Episcopal Church and continuing with other departures through 2009 including the formation of the Diocese of Christ the King. Some of these schisms were based on doctrinal theology grounds while others were political protests. Fr. Weber’s talk provided an excellent overview of the current continuing churches, their similarities, and their differences.



Clergy were invited to the **Diocesan ACW Luncheon** held just before the **ACW Meeting**. Abp. Morrison and Bp. Ashman thanked the new and old Diocesan ACW officers (from left) President Gillian Golden, St. Jude’s, Grants Pass, OR, Secretary Sharon Brown, St. Francis of Assisi, Livermore, CA, Treasurer Deborah Stanford, St. Peter’s, Oakland, CA, and retiring President Ruby Dillard, St. Stephen’s, Oakville, CA.



After Evening Prayer, Fr. Michael Mautner held a live **Clergy Auction** of items donated to provide funds for assisting clergy to attend Synod. The highlight of the event was precipitated by the auction of a framed montage of Abp. Robert S. Morse photos with a page of music and lyrics of Abp. Morse's favorite hymn "Shall We Gather at the River?" Bp. Ashman gathered a "quintet" of himself, Fr. Daniel Canda, Fr. Benjamin Brown, Dcn. David Jackson, and Fr. Peter Hansen to sing the hymn with Bp. Ashman encouraging the audience to join in the chorus.
(Photo from a video by Dcn. Ronald Reno)



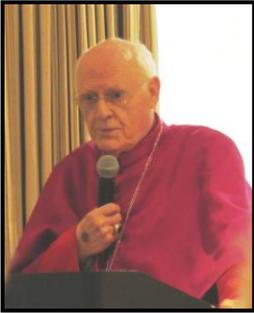
Canon Peter Hansen and his wife Giti at the Clergy and Wives Dinner Thursday evening. In the background Fr. James Prudhomme and Susan Prudhomme, St. Thomas, San Francisco, and (facing) Fr. Robert Ponec and Debra Ponec, St. John the Baptist, Omaha.



From left facing: Susan Prudhomme, Sharon Brown, Bp. Ashman, Ellen Ashman, and Giti Hansen at the Clergy Wives Lunch with Abp. Morrison and Bp. Ashman.
(Photos by Hovetta Napier)



Friday, April 22 After Morning Prayer the Board of Directors met again and Fr. Michael Mautner presented the second **Workshop** of the Synod "Scriptural Basis of Holy Orders." Using various scriptural verses as references, Fr. Mautner traced the origins of the Holy Orders of Bishops, Priests, and Deacons. Acts 1: 15-26, for example, describes the first apostolic succession. And Acts 6: 2-6 describes the appointing of the first Deacons. Fr. Mautner also discussed the history of blood sacrifice and the offering of bread and wine first mentioned in Genesis 14: 18 and later referred to in Psalms 110:4.



In the afternoon the annual **Synod Business Meeting** was called to order by Abp. Morrison who recalled the provincial history under Abp. Morse.

Registrar (and Synod Coordinator) Nona Gourley reported that a quorum was present. Then it was announced that St. Francis of Assisi, Livermore, CA, had been elevated from mission to parish status and the Church of the Transfiguration, Brighton, CO, admitted as a new mission.



(Photos by Linda Evans)



The next order of business was the election of the DWS Bishop Ordinary. Our Suffragan, Bishop Ashman, was overwhelmingly elected by both clergy and laity.



(Photo by Monty Stanford)



Abp. Morrison then turned the Synod over to our newly elected Bishop Ordinary. **Bp. Ashman's Synod Address** stressed what we can do to continue moving forward both as individuals and as parishes. His address is available separately. *(Photo by Hovetta Napier)*

Canon Peter Hansen presented the **Treasurer's Report**. The Diocese balance sheet shows a total of \$111, 919.46 of assets, liabilities, and capital. The 2015 Income/Expense report showed an income of \$123,139.26 with expenses of \$149,784.99. The proposed 2016 budget of \$141,448.46 in Income and \$129,325.39 in Expenses was approved in a voice vote.

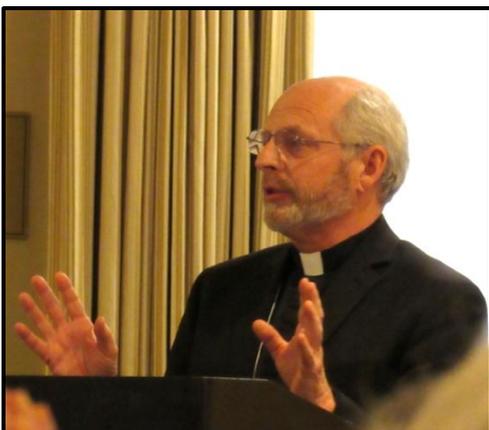
After Canon Hansen's report the Officers of the Diocese of the Western States were elected by the clergy and lay delegates or appointed by Bp. Ashman.

Committee and other reports included the news that Dcn. Tom Kelnhofer, St. Martin of Tours, Concord, CA, and Dcn. Bart Dellinger, St. Bartholomew's, Woodinville, WA, will be ordained priests in the near future; Dcn. Jonathan Carrothers, St. Mark's, Victoria, BC, has been approved to take his canonicals for the priesthood; Mr. Franz Longsworth, St. Peter's, Oakland, CA, will soon be ordained to the Diaconate; and, Mr. Ron Smith, St. Stephen's, Oakville, CA, has been accepted as a Postulant for the Diaconate.

Bp. Ashman introduced Erin Ashman Salazar (left) and Mary Margaret Feagin (right) as the new coordinators of the **APCK summer youth camp**. *(Photo by Linda Evans)*

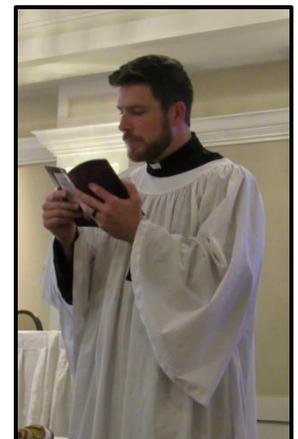
Erin and Mary Margaret reported that the camp has been renamed The Archbishop Robert Sherwood Morse Youth Camp. The 2016 camp, for middle and high school age students, will be held Sunday afternoon, July 3rd, at 4:00 p.m. to Friday Morning, July 8th, at 10:00 a.m. at Warm Beach Camp in Stanwood, Washington.

The camp fee is \$300 and scholarships are available. Mary Margaret and Erin attended the early camps. Applications and other information is available at <http://www.bishopmorseyouthcamp.org/home.html>



Fr. Jeffrey Smith, Director of Online **Education**, reported that Fr. Paul Russell's online Patristics class will end July 1. The Seminary will hold its regular summer session July 18 – 29 at the seminary in Berkeley. In addition to other instructors, all three of the new diocesan bishops will be instructors this year.

After the Business Meeting, Evening Prayer was held. *(Photos by Linda Evans)*





Friday evening was the time for the **Synod banquet** and **Diocesan ACW Raffle**. The banquet was well attended as usual and the ACW Raffle raised \$1,152 to be used for the Youth Camp. *(Photos by Linda Evans)*

Saturday, April 23 On Saturday the **Synodical Mass**, A Votive Mass of the Holy Ghost and the Installation of a Bishop Ordinary, was held at 9:30 a.m. in St. Peter's Pro-Cathedral, Oakland, CA.

**The Anglican Province of Christ the King
Diocese of the Western States
St. Peter's Pro-Cathedral**

- The Most Reverend Frederick George Morrison,
Archbishop and Celebrant**
- The Right Reverend Donald Matthew Ashman
Bishop Ordinary and Pontifical Deacon**
- The Reverend Peter F. Hansen, Canon to the Ordinary**
- The Reverend Matthew L. Weber, Sub-Deacon of the Mass**
- The Reverend Richard M. McNeely, Chaplain to the Archbishop**
- The Reverend Charles R. Dillon, Chaplain to the Ordinary**
- The Reverend Michael E. Mautner, Rector of the Pro-Cathedral**

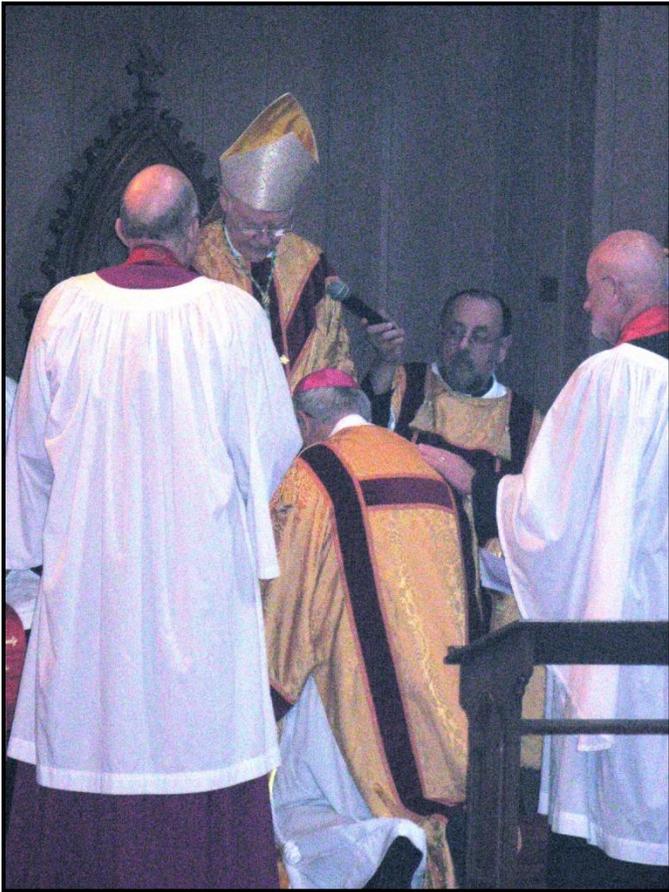
**A Votive Mass of the Holy Ghost
The Installation of a Bishop Ordinary
April 23, 2016**

Mass on Russian Themes

- The Greeting of the Archbishop and the West Doors**
- The Parish Clergy:** Your Grace, we welcome you to Saint Peter's Pro-Cathedral in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- The Wardens:** Your Grace, in the name of the Congregation of Saint Peter's Pro-Cathedral, we bid you welcome.
- Processional Hymn *St. Patrick's Breastplate and Deirdre* (verse 6)..# 268
- The Introit: *Spiritus Domine (Wisdom 1)*** The Spirit of the Lord hath filled the whole world, alleluia: and that which containeth all things hath knowledge of the voice, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. *(Psalm 68)* Let god arise, and let his enemies be scattered: let them also that hate him flee before him. Glory be....
- The Collect for Purity and Summary of the Law..... p. 67
- The Ninefold Kyrie **Russian Themes**
- The Gloria in Excelsis **Old Scottish Chant**# 739
- The Collect for Pentecost (Whitsunday)..... p. 180
- The Epistle: Acts ii. 1p 180

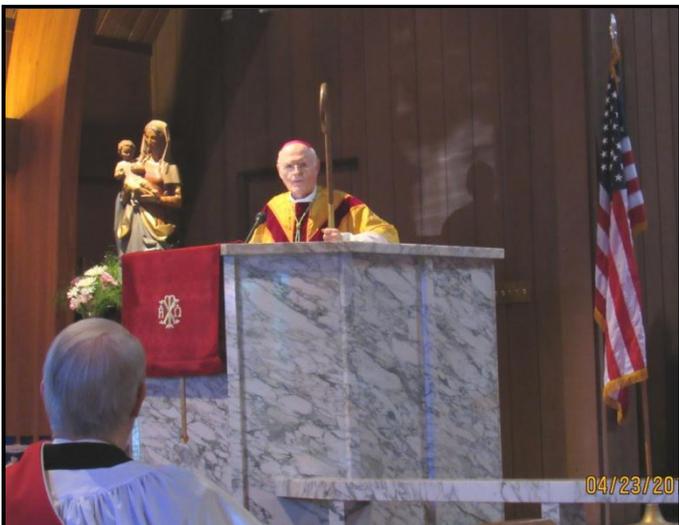


The Archbishop knocks on the door of the church with his crozier in the traditional ceremony. *(Photo by Pamela Dammen)*



Bp. Donald Ashman is installed as Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese of the Western States.

(Photo by Monty Stanford)



Archbishop Morrison was the celebrant and preacher of the Mass.

(Photo by Linda Evans)



The new Bishop Ordinary blesses the congregation. From left: Fr. Charles Dillon, Bp. Donald Ashman, Canon Peter Hansen

(Photo by Christine Sunderland)

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 Anglican Province of Christ the King.
 Diocesan Ordinary
 The Rt. Rev. Donald M. Ashman

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