



## Nominees for the election of the Tenth Bishop of Oregon

*Presented by the Bishop Search Committee to the Standing Committee August 6, 2009*

### *Michael Joseph Hanley*

*Rector, St. Christopher Episcopal Church, Roseville, Minnesota*



Michael was born in 1954 and grew up in Oklahoma and in New York City. He earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Oklahoma in 1976 and a M.Div. from Seabury-Western Theological Seminary in Evanston, Illinois, in 1981. He also holds a D.Min. in Congregational Development from Seabury-Western (2005). Michael has served parishes in Oklahoma, Missouri, and, for the past nineteen years, Minnesota. In the Diocese of Minnesota he has served in a variety of elected and appointed leadership positions and is currently a trustee Seabury-Western. He is known as a supportive mentor to people of all ages and stages of life, with a deep spiritual center. In a recent sabbatical he completed the 500-mile walking pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostella, Spain, with his daughter. In his spare time he has been a storyteller, performing for schools, churches, and other civic groups. He is married to Marla Martin Hanley, an associate academic dean at St. Catherine University in the Twin Cities. Michael and Marla are the proud parents of two adult daughters. About our

search process Michael wrote:

***I am excited by the challenges and joys of walking collaboratively with you and pioneering news ways of being a Bishop. I believe the Anglican Communion is in need of such leadership. The values you claim—tolerance, diversity, independence, love of Mother Earth and a commitment to social justice—I find wonderfully refreshing.***

### *Andrew Jeffrey MacBeth*

*Rector, Calvary Church, Memphis, Tennessee*

Andy was born in 1949, and is a 1971 graduate of Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, Virginia. He earned his M.Div. from Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, Mass., in 1975, and since then has served churches in Florida, Ohio, Massachusetts, and Virginia Beach, Virginia (where much of his ministry was with military families). He is currently rector of a large urban parish in Memphis. Shared ministry, justice, outreach, and growth are threads woven throughout his experience. In 2000, he earned a D.Min. from Virginia Theological Seminary. He is the author of *Dearly Beloved: Navigating your Church Wedding*. Sabbatical study has taken him to St. George's College in Jerusalem and to a small parish in an Athabaskan village on the Yukon in the Diocese of Alaska. He is married to Sybil MacBeth, author of *Praying in Color: Drawing a New Path to God*, and they have two sons, one of whom lives with his wife in Seattle.

Here's what he wrote about being part of our search process:

***I am intrigued by Oregon's desire to forge a new kind of relationship with its Bishop. I feel called to a ministry of support and encouragement for clergy and lay leaders in congregations. My gift is to help people discern and celebrate what God is doing in their midst, strengthening their discipleship and encouraging their ministry.***





Britt was born in Alaska in 1959, and at the age of seven settled in Oregon with her family. She graduated from the University of Oregon in 1981. She earned her M.Div. from Church Divinity School of the Pacific in 1996. While in seminary, she also studied at Ripon Theological College in Oxford, England. She has served parishes in Oregon (as a laywoman at St. Michael and All Angels, Portland, and as Assistant Rector at Christ Church, Lake Oswego) and Nevada. In 2006 she began her current ministry as Canon to the Ordinary in Northern California; before that she was Canon for Evangelism and Congregational Development in the Diocese of El Camino Real. She is married to Bryon Hansen, who is a pastor in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America in Auburn, California. Britt has traveled extensively, and led pilgrimages to England.

Throughout her professional life in the church she has stayed active in community organizations outside the church. She enjoys hiking, snowshoeing, sailing, and the great outdoors. She writes about her participation in our process:

*Oregon is my heart's home. I believe that the diocese is poised for a new, vibrant and hopeful future and I would be honored to be part of that Spirit-led development. Certainly my experience has prepared me for this vocation, but more importantly, my heart sings when I read the profile and consider what may be possible if I am called to serve with you as your Bishop.*

August 25, 2009

### **A Pastoral Letter from Bishop Hampton**

Dear Sisters and Brothers.

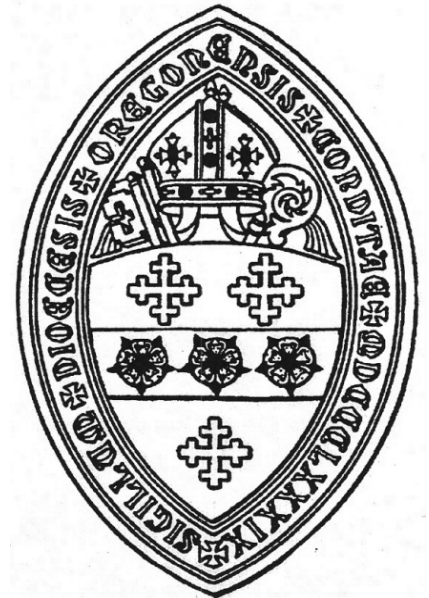
As you are only too well aware, the nation, indeed the world, is bracing for a possible "Swine Flu" epidemic this fall. Much information has already been disseminated from governmental authorities as to the best known ways for protection from and prevention of the spread of this infection, e.g., thorough washing of hands, coughing away from others and **staying home when ill** (a special caution for us clergy, I would submit). Please keep up to speed on other recommendations that will emerge, particularly getting immunization shots when they become available.

There are other precautions which we as Episcopalians can take **beginning now**. Over the years, I've become aware of the developing practice of communicants dipping their own hosts in the chalice in the belief that this reduces exposure to infection. The information I have read from medical authorities both in The Anglican Church of Canada and The Church of England strongly questions that assumption. In truth, they suggest, the more hands dipping into the chalice, the **greater** the possibility of infection as the hands are among the greatest carriers of "germs." One might also question the *Exchange of The Peace* on similar grounds, but I hesitate to sound an alarm at this stage, recalling how quickly many congregations moved to using two chalices when HIV/AIDS virus appeared on our radar screens in the early 1980s, only to discover that HIV/AIDS was normally transmitted in other ways. For now, may I suggest that you encourage folks to follow the wisdom of the governmental authorities on prevention of the spread of this flu and to **abandon the practice of individual dipping in the chalice by communicants**. I suspect there will be other advice offered as new information becomes available.

I would certainly invite your suggestions and especially your prayers as the world, the nation and the church attempt to deal with this anticipated health crisis.

Many Blessings,

Sandy Hampton, Assisting Bishop





## CHURCH MOUSE

September 2009

Oh brother! School's about to start, the sun is setting before 8 p.m. the tomatoes and squash are going wild, and life is settling down to the more serious business of the fall. It has been wonderful to

see the results of our garden at church on Sundays. I've had a few squash, some Swiss chard, and some tomatoes, although mine are ready now, too. The school personnel in our midst are getting ready to head back for the classroom. **Barry Anderson** is returning to his microbiology classes at PCC, **Leslie Hirsch** will be teaching budding string students for the David Douglas School District, **Angie Groce** will return to her teacher's aid position, and **Sharon Barney** will be assisting with Special Ed at the new Deep Creek School off of Highway 212. One person who is NOT returning to school is **Cynthia Rauscher** who'll be enjoying the new position of retirement. She said she won't really feel retired until school actually starts.

**St. Aidan's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration** is winding down also. As I write, our annual Mass on the Grass and parish picnic is planned for August 30. I always look forward to this less formal service with more instruments playing music and singing slightly different hymns. And of course, I enjoy the food and conversations with everybody after church along with games for the kids. The only anniversary thing after that is our gala **Golden Jubilee Garden Party** and sold-out **banquet** on September 12. If you didn't get your tickets to the banquet, it's too late, but there'll be plenty of room at the Garden Party. You are invited to bring refreshments to share (on disposable dishes, please). It will be fun (5:00 to 6:30 p.m.)

Thanks to **Diane Parker** and **Bruce Richardson** for coordinating this event. And big thanks to the banquet leaders, **Judie Cox**, **Jeanne Pinkerton** and **Coleen Howard**. We should all have a great time!

**Fr. Scott** should be all refreshed after his vacation. I hear he spent some time visiting family out of state, but I bet he had some time to work on his yard anyway. We appreciated hearing the supply priests who filled in during his absence: **The Rev. Dr. Caroline Litzenberger**, **The Rev. Canon Jack Hilyard** and **The Rev. Canon Patrick Tomter**. They are always welcome!

Another thing that is being planned in conjunction with the people from Camp Nadaka (who are directly behind us), the City of Gresham, Metro, and I'm not sure who else – is the use of the vacant land directly east of our property. Plans are afoot to have a **community garden** there. At last word, the property has been dedicated for that purpose by a grant from one of the major agencies. **Gloria Trunk** and **Byron McKinlay** have more details, but it's good news for the community and for us. Congratulations to that cooperative committee on their hard work. Also coming up is the Stewardship Campaign. I ran into our resident graphic artist, **Kevin Gibler** rummaging through the Sunday School office for paints and supplies for the poster. We have been enjoying his work on the Anniversary posters. He does good work. We can look forward to hearing more about how we and our parish can provide mutual support in the very near future.

Around the parish, the biggest thing I've noticed is the new paint that is going up on Murdock and Likowski halls. **Byron McKinlay** seems to be covering their walls single-handed. Most of their surfaces have been completed, but he expects to finish the back walls while the weather is still warm. He says he doesn't recall when those walls were last painted, and they are very thirsty. Thanks a lot Byron, we owe you. **George DeWitz** is planning to resume his job search classes toward the end of September. I think it's really neat that he's given his time and expertise so selflessly to this project.

**Gloria Trunk** handed me a note relating that at the beginning of August, during the hottest week of the year, she had a visit from a great niece from the U.K. **Beth** and her long-time friend from school days decided to tour the west coast via Amtrak. Auntie **Gloria** had their company for only a day, but made the most of it by showing them the church grounds, of course, then taking them on a trip up the Gorge. They were greatly impressed with everything and both said, "Can't wait to come back to Oregon!"

This spring **Nancy Knoles** received an award for giving 9,750 hours at *Adventist Medical Center*, where she began as a volunteer after her husband was a patient there 28 years ago (May of 1981). She figures she should be at 10,000 hours about now. She works at the information desk and assists where she's needed. That's a LOT of SERVICE!

When we had our Cup of Friendship Tea earlier in August, **Angie Groce** was navigating with her knee on a scooter-like device to give her broken ankle a rest. Hopefully she'll be walking again soon. **Cathy Hoyer** has spent most of this month packing up her house in preparation for her move to easier living quarters at the same place where **Bill** and **Trudy Scott** (*verify their names if you can*) live. She's pretty excited about the move, but it's a lot of work even with her family helping her. I just heard that **Lori McCoy** has gone to Hawaii because her grandmother died. Our prayers are with her. That's about all the news I have for this month. Let me know if you have something to share (there are forms in the narthex).

Happy September! **CM**

Dear members of St. Aidan's,  
The OutReach Committee is asking for volunteers to help out HB Lee Middle School which is just around the corner from St. Aidan's on 172nd. I spent some time with the principal in June to see if she had needs that we could help out with. Many schools in the Reynolds School District have lost teachers and aides and HB Lee was one of them.

She gave me a list of needs which I think we could consider. Here are some of them that you might enjoy. They need someone to take phone calls during the lunch hours in the office and help in the library so the staff can get to sit down and eat. Another need is for someone to take a cart full of books from the library to the different classrooms so the kids can pick out a book to read. They need reading tutors and help with home work. Please think about this. You can do it to fit your schedule and any help will be so welcome. If you have questions please give me a call (503-558-13540). In God's service, **Judie Cox**

Intercessions	Lectionary Readings
<b>September 6, 2009</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost—Proper 18 B</b></span>	
In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray for the work of the Church of South India and the Bishop of South Kerala. In the Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer pray for the work of the Churches in <i>Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia</i> . In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, pray for the congregations of: St. Aidan, Gresham; St. Luke, the Physician, Gresham; All Saints, Hillsboro, Prayers for Guidance in Search Process; San Pablo, Hillsboro. In our Parish Cycle of Prayer, pray for the Lay Eucharistic Visitors.	Isaiah 35:4–7a Psalm 146 James 2:1–10, (11–13), and 14–17 Mark 7:24–37
<b>September 13, 2009</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost—Proper 19 B</b></span>	
In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray for the work of the Church in the Southern Highlands - (Tanzania). In the Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer pray for the work of the Churches in Bulgaria, Hungary, and Romania. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, pray for the congregations of: Christ Church, Lake Oswego; The Diocesan Staff, Lake Oswego; St. Martin, Lebanon; St. James, Lincoln City. In our Parish Cycle of Prayer, pray for the Ushers.	Isaiah 50:4–9a Psalm 116:1–8 James 3:1–12 Mark 8:27–38
<b>September 20, 2009</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost—Proper 20 B</b></span>	
In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray for the work of the Church in Southwark - (Canterbury, England). In the Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer pray for the work of the Churches in <i>Belarus, Moldova, Russia, and Ukraine</i> . In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, pray for the congregations of: St. Catherine, Manzanita; St. Barnabas, McMinnville; St. Mark, Medford; St. John the Evangelist, Milwaukie - Pray for Guidance in their Search Process. In our Parish Cycle of Prayer, pray for the Greeters.	Wisdom of Solomon 1:16–2:1, and 12–22 Psalm 54 James 3:13–4:3, 7–8a Mark 9:30–37
<b>September 27, 2009</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost—Proper 21 B</b></span>	
In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray for the work of the Churches of St Andrew's Dunkeld and Dunblane - (Scotland). In the Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer, pray for the work of the Churches in <i>Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Georgia</i> . In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, pray for the congregations of: St. Hilda, Monmouth; St. Michael/San Miguel; Newberg; St. Stephen, Newport; St. Paul, Oregon City. In our Parish Cycle of Prayer, pray for the Music Ministry Team.	Numbers 11:4–6, 10–16, and 24–29 Psalm 19:7–14 James 5:13–20 Mark 9:38–50

## About the Lectionary

The Revised Common Lectionary provides two options for the First Reading on the Sundays after Pentecost. The first option is that of a semi-continuous reading of the great Old Testament narratives. St. Aidan's is not using this option, but it appears that *Forward, Day by Day* is using this.

St. Aidan's is using the option of lections in thematic harmony with the Gospel of the day for the Sundays after Pentecost. This follows the pattern of the former Prayer Book Lectionary in which the readings from the Old Testament are chosen in relation to the Gospel; a principle followed the rest of the Church Year as well.



"The unemployment seminars will begin again in September. Don't forget to tell people you know to take advantage of this no-cost presentation by George DeWitz. He approaches these critical times with new concepts with 40 years of experience. By supporting these important opportunities, we can help the unemployed. Sessions start again Tuesday, September 22 at 7 PM."

### Let No Rummage be Left Behind

While St. Aidan's has many activities and events this fall, we will also be collecting your rummage. The Fall Sale is Friday and Saturday, October 2 and 3. We are asking all parishioners to help keep Murdock Hall presentable for the many guests we are expecting in the coming months. Consequently, please make certain that all items for the Rummage Sale are taken directly to the basement. Please do not leave any rummage outside nor on the main level of Murdock Hall.

Furniture is our number one profit point for the Rummage Sale, so please give us any furniture that can be re-sold. We also need household items, books, clothing, collectible, and toys.

Please call Bonnie Buckmann or Sharon Weese for an appointment to drop off your rummage. Rummage is sorted Wednesday mornings from nine to noon; nonetheless, it is important to make an appointment with the rummage sorters. Rummage Sale donation forms are located in the bottom row of the pigeon hole mail boxes by the kitchen door. Thank you!

## SCHOOL SUPPLIES LIST



Our friends at Snow-CAP will be helping area families with their school supply needs again this year. You can help by purchasing and dropping off at St. Aidan's anything from the following list. Volunteers will see to it that your purchases are taken to Snow-CAP. If anyone from St. Aidan's needs help with school supplies please let us know. Thank you.

—Ron and Mary Salter

**Rulers**  
**High lighters**  
**Binders (Notebooks)**  
**Watercolors (paint trays)**  
**Calculators**  
**Colored pencils**  
**Spiral notebooks**  
**#2 pencils**  
**Crayons (24 or larger)**  
**Glue & glue sticks**  
**Child scissors**  
**Erasers**  
**Baby wipes**  
**Paper towels**  
**Box of tissue (Kleenex type)**  
**Backpacks**  
**Three-ring binder paper**  
**Two-pocket folders (pee chee type)**  
**College-ruled & wide-ruled notebook paper**  
**Colored markers—regular & fine tipped**  
**Children's Back-to-School Clothes**  
**Children's personal items**  
(packs of socks, underwear, etc.)

### Roll Back

## St. Aidan's @50 History

It will be fun and enlightening to 'stop the clock', step back into the past. Starting with the Mass on the Grass we will be offering to meet with you and share the four St. Aidan History Albums, accumulated during the last 10+ years. At each coffee hour from August 30 to Sept 12 Anniversary Banquet, you are invited to spend some time with the albums and with the historian, Pat Rose, on a table in Murdock Hall.

It will be possible – by making a reservation with Pat – to spend what time you wish, with the history of the church. Weekday afternoons and evenings are available to you, by appointment; call **503-262-6988**.

The albums are not complete nor will they ever be, for the materials are what members have given to the historian, and dependent on local newspapers for related articles. Remember, we are still making history.

*Honoring the Past  
Building the Future*

## CELEBRATING FIFTY YEARS!

GOLDEN JUBILEE GARDEN PARTY, Saturday, September 12, 2009, 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Parishioners are reminded to bring cold hors d'oeuvres and finger food. We are requesting that you use disposable containers. *The kitchen will not be available whatsoever, so bring food that requires no onsite preparation and containers that do not need washing. The kitchen will be in use by the caterers and will be off limits.* Wine and cold beverages will be provided, and there will be activities for children. This is a free, open-house style gathering for all associated with Saint Aidan's over the years, and one can join this party even if not attending the banquet, which follows at 6:30. Diane Parker and Bruce Richardson coordinate this

## TEAtime:

*TEAtime: A Cup of Friendship*

*Dear Ladies,*

*September's TEAtime will be held on Wednesday, September 9, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the kitchen of Murdock Hall.*



*This is a time to just get together and chat, drink tea (or coffee) and enjoy each other's company. I'll bring some treats and the tea; feel free to bring a treat to share. How about another white elephant gift exchange? If you want to participate, bring along a white elephant gift. WE ESPECIALLY WOULD LIKE TO INVITE ANY NEWCOMERS TO ST. AIDAN'S TO JOIN US. We had seven people attend in August. Once again, thanks to all who have made this part of Parish Life a success! Any questions, please call Angie Groce at 503-665-8242.*

## September Birthdays

How sweet is Thy promise in my mouth: Sweeter on my tongue than honey! Psalm 11\*:102

- 2 Alex DeWolf
- 4 Lori McCoy
- 6 David Cox  
Pauline Nolder
- 9 Carol Henningson
- 12 Zina Booher
- 17 Sandy Cummins
- 23 David McFadden
- 24 Shirley Vidito
- 26 Connie Redlin
- 27 Jean Gruenewald
- 28 Janet Cook



## VEGETATING

I have had several queries about the plants with the red flowers that are growing in the vegetable garden just outside the parish hall windows. They are **SCARLET RUNNER BEANS**. I grew up with them as a staple summer vegetable during the war (WW II that is) when nearly all our food had to be home produced. No Brit gardener worth his or her cuppa would have planted a garden without including a couple of rows of scarlet runners. Their popularity has not diminished even taking into account the much greater variety of fruits and vegetables now available through imports from other countries.



When I came to the States I was surprised to find that nobody appeared to have heard of them. Kentucky Wonder pole beans were the crop to grow, especially in the midwest. Scarlet runners prefer coolish, moist weather so American hot summers doesn't suit them. I remember when my niece immigrated to Australia she was disappointed to discover they can't be grown there; too hot. So, what about that horrid, unbearably hot spell we have just suffered? Unfortunately the red flowers drop off without forming bean pods. Can't say I blame them! I'm hoping that a more reasonable weather pattern will encourage some new growth. Incidentally, if you haven't noticed, the humming birds love those flowers so they help in the pollination process.

Many American gardeners grow them on trellis or fence to provide a quick growing screen, or they leave the bean pods on to dry and shell out the actual beans, which get rather big and mealy. Some now are learning that the best part is the green pod picked when young and tender, sliced French style (why it's called French I don't know) and cooked in a little salted water. I confess I've managed to "hook" a few locals on what in my opinion is a variety of bean with a superior flavour, but then I'm probably a wee bit prejudiced. Gloria Trunk

## Golden Jubilee is a perfect time to contribute to the Endowment Fund

*St. Aidan's Mission Endowment Fund* was established by the parish at a special meeting on September 22, 1996. Its purpose is to enhance the mission outreach of St. Aidan's and to encourage members to give to the work of the church through wills, charitable remainder and other trusts, charitable gift annuities, assignment of life insurance, and transfer of assets such as real estate, stocks, bonds or cash. Only the income from the fund may be expended, preserving the capital to continue growing for the future.

The fund has four areas:

1. Capital improvements, debt reduction or building program of the church;
2. Scholarships to schools or camp, among others;
3. Grants for those in the local area who are in spiritual or economic need (or organizations that help them with whom the parish relates);
4. Grants for the relief of those in need through organizations of the Episcopal Church, at home or abroad.

The *Trustees of the Fund* are responsible for recommending any appropriate disbursement to the *Vestry*, who must approve before any further action is taken. Our Fund's assets are invested with the *Episcopal Diocese of Oregon Investment Fund*, a managed fund that pools money from various organizations and parishes throughout the Diocese. The value of our Fund at the most recent statement is nearly \$25,900.

Any of the Trustees will be happy to provide parishioners with more details about the Fund, and how it is invested. Please remember to provide for your church in your will! Questions, please speak to Angie Groce.

"The Minister of the Congregation is directed to instruct the people, from time to time, about the duty of Christian parents to make prudent provision for the well-being of their families, and of all persons to make wills, while they are in health, arranging for the disposal of their temporal goods, not neglecting, if they are able, to leave bequests for religious and charitable uses." — *The Book of Common Prayer*, page 445



## ABOUT MYSELF

**Name:** Saint Aidan's Episcopal Church  
**Gender:** Non-gendered  
**Age:** 50 years old  
**Birthday:** July 19, 1959  
**Status:** In a relationship  
**Hometown:** Gresham/Portland, Oregon

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## **The Leadership of St. Aidan's**

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Assisting Bishop of Oregon

The Reverend Scott M. Dolph, Rector

The Reverend Tom Murdock, Associate Priest

### **Vestry**

#### ***Vestry Liaisons to the Ministry Teams***

Senior Warden, Angie Groce, *Parish Life* (2010)

Junior Warden, Byron McKinlay, *Facilities* (2012)

Betsy Berninghausen, *Worship* (2010)

Marlene Lucas, *Administration & Finance* (2010)

Judie Cox, *Outreach* (2012)

Jeanne Pinkerton, *Parish Life* (2011)

George DeWitz, *Outreach* (2012)

Bruce Richardson, *Administration & Finance* (2011)

Mary Hamilton, *Facilities* (2011)

Gloria Trunk, *Facilities* (2010)

Patrick Hoye, *Christian Discipleship* (2012)

Bonnie Buckmann, *Outreach* (2011)

Rob Stoltz, *Clerk of the Vestry*

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