

With the GRACE of God and empowered by the Holy Spirit  
We seek and serve CHRIST in ourselves and our neighbors .

# ***THE SPIRIT OF GRACE***

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*The Rev. Michael Joseph Hanley*

*has been elected the 10<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Oregon at the Annual Diocesan Convention in Eugene this immediate past Friday, November 20. Bishop elect Hanley is scheduled to be Consecrated Bishop April 10, 2010 at the Hult Center in downtown Eugene, OR pending approval of the majority of Bishops with jurisdiction and a majority of Diocesan Standing Committees. Additional information is on the back side of this page and at our Web Site ([graceastoria.org](http://graceastoria.org)).*



*Poetry Reading and Reception  
At Grace Episcopal Church*

At 2 pm on the First Sunday of Advent, November 29<sup>th</sup>, Karin Temple will read from her new book of poetry **In the Company of Saints – A Personal Compendium**. The poems will be interspersed with vocals by Gillian Hall. After the reading in the Nave, Karin and Christi Payne, who created the illuminated saints' initials for the book, invite all to a celebration and signing in the Parish Hall. Karin's three previous collections of poetry and Christi's holiday cards and art work will also be available. See back for additional details.



**Women of Grace receive Episcopal Church Women (ECW) grant.**

It was announced at the just concluded Diocesan Convention the Diocesan ECW had awarded a grant to Women of Grace based on an application submitted by them. This proposal focuses on helping those women in our community whose needs are being overlooked by the existing social service network. The Women of Grace proposal was one of four received by the Diocesan ECW.

**The Rev. Michael Joseph Hanley was elected the 10<sup>th</sup> Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Oregon.** The election occurred on the second ballot taken during the annual Diocesan Convention.

Sharon Rodgers, president of the Standing Committee, sends this message to the diocesan family:

By the grace of God and the power of the Holy Spirit, the diocese of Oregon, meeting in Convention in Eugene, Oregon, on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of November in the year of our Lord 2009, has elected The Rev. Michael Hanley as the tenth Bishop of Oregon.

Father Hanley has been serving as rector of St. Christopher Episcopal Church, Roseville, Minnesota since 1998. He was one of three nominees selected by the Search Committee to stand for election. Provided a majority of bishops with jurisdiction and a majority of diocesan Standing Committees give their consent, he will be consecrated on April 10, 2010 by The Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts-Schori, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church.

The Standing Committee is profoundly grateful to the Search Committee for the time and energy they invested in selecting our three nominees, to the nominees themselves for being willing, once chosen, to stand for election, and to the Holy Spirit for guiding our diocese through our search and election process

Michael Hanley 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 of 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, associate academic dean at St. Catherine University in the Twin Cities. Michael and Marla are the proud parents of two adult daughters.

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**Additional information on Poetry Readings**

Other December events featuring the new book:

Saturday, December 5, at the Center for Contemplative Arts in Manzanita: **A Triptych of Illuminations** with Karin, Christi, & Jennifer Goodenberger.

Saturday, December 12, at the Seaside Library: Poetry Reading and Demonstration of Illuminated Lettering, with Karin & Christi.

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**Labyrinth Update**

The last two labyrinth walks of the year are the regular First Sunday Walk which falls on December 6, the second Sunday of Advent and the Feast Day of St. Nicholas. The popular Solstice Walk will occur on Monday, December 21, between 5 and 8 pm. Shelley Loring will accompany this walk with flute music.