

**Executive Council  
Proposed 2009 Meeting Schedule**

Meeting dates for 2009 are tentatively proposed as follows. The regular meeting schedule is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month from 4:00 to 7:00 pm in the Grace Cathedral Wilsey Conference Room A/B.

The past custom of Diocesan Council was that each deanery would be responsible for bringing refreshments and leading opening Bible study at meetings on a rotating basis. No determination has been made on how to handle this going forward.

Executive Council will confirm this meeting schedule at its January meeting.

**January 20**  
**February 24** (4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday – 3<sup>rd</sup> Week is President's Day)  
Ash Wednesday: February 25  
**March 17**  
Easter: April 12  
**April 21**  
**May 19**  
**June 16**  
**July 21**  
**August 18**  
**September 15**  
**October 27** (4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday – proximity to Diocesan Convention)  
**November 17**  
**December 15**

**Other Dates to Note**

Wed, March 4, noon, to  
Fri, March 6, noon

Annual Retreat at the Bishop's Ranch

Saturday, October 17

159<sup>th</sup> Diocesan Convention

**Items Referred by Diocesan Council / Board of Directors to  
Executive Council for Consideration and/or Action in 2009**

Proposed by Tim Smith, Diocesan Council President

Whereas, The Diocese of California is implementing a plan, codified in its canons, to simplify the governance of the Diocese beginning in 2009 by creating a new Executive Council that will assume the duties presently executed by the Board of Directors and Diocesan Council separately,

Resolved, the Board of Directors and Diocesan Council jointly propose the following committees and refer the following ongoing works of their respective bodies to the Executive Council for consideration and/or action:

**Investment Committee:** It is suggested the present members of the Board of Directors, and their appointees, who serve as the Investment Committee continue to serve as the canonically mandated Investment Committee.

**Audit Committee:** It is suggested the present members of the Board of Directors, and their appointees, who serve as the Audit Committee continue to serve as an Audit Committee constituted under the new Executive Council.

**Committee on Congregational Fiscal Health:** Pursuant to action by the Diocesan Council, a Committee on Congregational Fiscal Health is proposed for implementation by means to be determined by the Executive Council. Given the likelihood of congregations facing such challenges in 2009, we propose constituting this committee should be an early work of the Executive Council.

**Deanery Task Force:** As directed by the Special Convention of May 2008, the Diocesan Council has created a task force under the leadership of Melissa Ridlon and Rob Keim. As Ms. Ridlon has been elected to serve on the Executive Council, we propose this work continue under her leadership *with Mr. Keim as co-chair.*  
*and Rob's*

**Called to Right Relationship:** "Called to Right Relationship" represents a positive departure from past practice by providing clearly articulated guidelines for both clergy and lay leaders. The implementation of these guidelines require an annual "Safe Church Audit" and background checks for certain new lay leaders. It is recommended a person or small group be appointed to work with Diocesan House staff on continued oversight of conformance with the "Called to Right Relationship" guidelines by reviewing the "Safe Church Audit" forms to be received in February 2009, and by working with congregations to improve practices.

**Ohlhoff House:** Ohlhoff Recovery Programs (ORP) is the largest single holder of accounts payable to the Diocese for benefits. The Diocesan Council received a very positive report from representatives of ORP, with two actions for follow-up. First, ORP will work to prevent the balance of accounts payable to the Diocese from increasing over November 2008 levels. Second, ORP agreed to return in June 2009 to provide an update on their position and discuss a schedule for pay-down of the accounts payable balance. We propose this schedule be maintained.



## Proposal to the Executive Council for Initial Administration

These recommendations for addressing the initial administrative functioning of the Council arise from independent discussions between the Bishop, the Chancellor, and the Presidents of the Board of Directors and the Diocesan Council. Absent objection from the Joint Meeting, we recommend the following:

**By-Laws:** The Executive Council should continue to operate under the By-Laws of the Board of Directors (as modified under the direction of the Chancellor of the Diocese to reflect the make-up of the Executive Council), and that any substantial revisions or amendments to the By-Laws be deferred until after at least three regular meetings of the Executive Council have been held.

**Policies:** The Executive Council should adopt for its use all existing working policies and guidelines of the Diocesan Council and Board of Directors, except where they may conflict or overlap, until such time as the Executive Council may review them for applicability and conformance with current practice and revise or rescind them.

**Officers:** The Bishop should propose an initial slate of officers to the first Executive Council meeting for its approval. The Executive Council should have regular elections for officers to serve for the balance of the year no later than the June 2008 meeting. Elections in succeeding years would be according to the By-Laws.

**Meetings:** Meetings should continue to be held on the third Tuesday of each month at 4:00, except as holidays or other Diocesan events may interfere.

