SEARCH FOR THE FIFTH BISHOP OF SAN DIEGO

Presentation of Candidates

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Brief Biography:

The Rev. Roy Hoffman is chaplain-in-residence at St. Peter’s, Del Mar and command chaplain at the San Diego Naval Base. He is a member of the diocesan task force on compassionate care for victims of clergy sexual misconduct and a certified trainer in the Seven Habits of Highly Effective People. A native of Washington DC, he is also a Cherokee citizen, father and dog-owner.

In His Own Words:

“The energy, faithfulness, and diversity of the Diocese of San Diego excites my passion for ministry with and among the people of this broad and diverse diocese and poses challenges that hold the potential to re-energize the church, deepen its faithfulness, and expand its embrace of the broader community of God’s people.

Our shared devotion to God and commitment to live lives of faith that express to all the love of Jesus is central to our identity. Without it, being a ‘missionary community that dares to follow Jesus Christ in his life of fearless love for the world’ would be impossible. With it, all things are possible.

When we ‘relentlessly search for others to befriend, know and invite,’ we live into the promised potential of the body of believers and are renewed in faith as we listen to and strive to incorporate the ‘other.’

Sensing a deep call to represent Christ and the Church in San Diego as ‘apostle, chief priest, and pastor of the Diocese,’ I am exhilarated by the prospect of leading a church imbued with energy and faithfulness in a region rich in diversity at a time when the faith and unity of the church will be tested, its character challenged, and its capacity to bring Christ’s love and reconciliation to people desperately in need of both brought to light.

We live in a world aching for hope. Unsettling headlines, disconcerting sound bites, and disquieting electronic messages rattle nerves repeatedly. Then there is day-to-day life itself and the aspirations and heartaches it holds. We pray for quiet confidence. We reach for hope. None more so than Jesus himself imparts hope - our model, our inspiration, and our guide!”
Brief Biography:

The Rev. Canon Susan Brown Snook is the canon for church growth and development in the Diocese of Oklahoma. She helps congregations grow in numbers, evangelism, and outreach to the community. She also served in Arizona where she was the church planter and rector of Episcopal Church of the Nativity, Scottsdale. She wrote God Gave the Growth: Church Planting in the Episcopal Church. She is one of the founders and leaders of the Acts 8 Movement, a group of church leaders whose mission is to proclaim resurrection in the Episcopal Church.

In Her Own Words:

“Following Jesus requires us to invest our hearts and souls, sometimes at risk to ourselves, for the sake of the good news of God’s kingdom. Following Jesus requires us to leave places where we are comfortable and enter into both the joy and the suffering of the world.

I am passionate about helping reticent Episcopalians learn to talk about their faith and invite others to share what we have found in our church. I deeply believe that our Episcopal church benefits from theology and practices that can speak God’s truth in a way that the world needs to hear.

The end of Christendom means that we can no longer afford to be complacent and wait for people to walk through our doors. Instead, we must discover what true Christian discipleship means, and how we are to act as followers of Jesus in the world. In today’s post-Christendom world, we must do this work even when it is hard, risky, and counter-cultural. And this means that we need to help every Episcopalian discover how to be a minister and a missionary.

My role in the church is to empower and equip leaders for ministry in their contexts. It is a role in which I find great joy, as I am continually inspired by the transformational ministries I see and support. In everything I do, I find profound reasons to trust in the Holy Spirit, who still enacts hope in all parts of our church and our world.”
Brief Biography:

The Rev. Michael S. Tinnon, DMin, currently serves as the interim priest at St. David’s, San Diego-Clairemont. He previously served for 28 years as a U.S. Army and Air Force Chaplain. Since 2010, he has specialized in transitional ministry, effectively leading congregations to develop a renewed sense of purpose, vibrant health and significant growth. Father Tinnon has also served on and chaired diocesan strategic planning councils for missions, evangelism and church growth. He is married to the Rev. Becky Tinnon and they have three grown children.

In His Own Words:

“I see the Diocese of San Diego as a diocese that is rich in mission and vision; servants and resources; programs and ministries; diversity and dreams; and this is exciting to me as I consider the possibility of serving as your next bishop. The fact that you are open to welcome needed change is exciting as I believe God has gifted me to serve as a catalyst-type leader: one who transforms the process and serves as an agent of necessary and intentional change that empowers the Church to move forward into action for growth.

Perhaps the greatest challenge facing the Church today is the growing secularism and diminishing role of mainline denominations. This may suggest that what we have always done may no longer be working, and that we must together find new and relevant ways to reach the world with the message of Christ’s love, while also upholding and strengthening our traditional practices.

In all facets of pastoral ministry, I strive to preach, teach, and lead by example and in ways that enable the church to experience renewal, health and dynamic growth; causing the church to flourish and move forward even in challenging times.

I envision a Church that can transcend human disagreement to respond to a world crying out for compassion, mercy and peace. I hope for the Church that is willing to be honest about its own brokenness and sin; whose people will bring their brokenness to bear on caring for all people and loving them into repentance, change and transformation. I envision the Church that cannot conceive of a place or a set of life circumstances in which there is no hope or where God cannot work.”