

TO: SCP Members
DATE: 29 October 2009
RE: Conference Packet for the Annual Assembly

Dear sisters and brothers,

I am sending you several documents for your perusal in preparation for the Inaugural Conference and Annual Assembly (the business meeting portion of the Conference) in New Haven later in November: a schedule for the conference events, a meeting agenda for the assembly, the proposed SCP Manual with our draft Constitution, brief biographies of nominees for Council officers, the proposed 2010 Budget, and a Directory of Members.

To help the business meeting go as quickly and smoothly, we are asking for you to review the documents before the start of the Annual Assembly. We are also asking for all motion proposals and officer nominations in advance of the meeting.

Please be advised that while we may have observers, friends, and family present at the Conference, only actual members will have voice and vote at the assembly meeting. Membership is determined by two criteria: submission of a membership application and payment of the annual membership dues. Please check that you are included in the Directory. If your name is missing, this means that have not received one or both of these items. Information on application submission and dues payment is available on the website: www.thescp.org.

Also, I would like to briefly describe what the provisional officers have in mind for the SCP Manual and the Constitution contained in it. To formally launch the Society, we propose the adoption of the draft Manual and Constitution with the understanding that our common experience of life in the SCP over the months ahead may necessitate revisions at the 2010 Conference. In the draft, there are already provisions made and procedures outlined for revising and amending the Constitution.

The provisional officers also strongly believe that the core of community life in the Society will be at the local, Chapter level. Rather than arbitrarily grouping members into Chapters, we are sending out a Directory so you can locate members near you and find out what will be most convenient for all of you. Already Chapters have been organized in the Washington D.C. area and in the New York City area. Perhaps you can find time at the Conference to meet up with members who live and work near you to discuss what the next step should be in organizing a local Chapter.

If you have any questions as you prepare for the Conference or as you work to organize local Chapters, please do not hesitate to contact me or any of the other provisional officers. I look forward to meeting all of you in New Haven.

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The Rev. Jesse W. Abell
SCP Provisional Secretary
Enc.: Conference Schedule, Meeting Agenda, SCP Manual, 2010 Budget, Officer Bios, Directory

The Society of Catholic Priests
Annual Business Meeting Agenda

- I. Call to Order by the Provisional Convener
- II. Outline of Procedure by the Parliamentarian
- III. Presentation, Discussion, and Adoption of the Manual and Constitution
- IV. Election of Officers to the Council
- V. Presentation, Discussion, and Approval of the 2010 Budget
- VI. Open Discussion
- VII. Concluding Remarks

Candidates for Council Members



The Rev. David Cobb

nominated as Convener for a two-year term

David Cobb is the rector of Christ Church, New Haven, where he has served since 2003. He is a graduate of Seabury-Western Theological Seminary and was ordained to the diaconate and priesthood in the Diocese of Alabama, where he served as clergy in charge in Carlowville and as curate in Selma. He previously was rector of Old St. Paul's in Baltimore, of St Christopher's in Oak Park II, and curate at Church of our Saviour in Chicago. At present, he is working on a revision of the *St. Augustine Prayer Book* for the Order of the Holy Cross. He is married to Ruth, the Director of Admissions and Alumni Relations at St. Thomas Choir School, New York, and they have three children. He has been serving as *Provisional Convener* for the Society during the organizational time.



The Rev. Veronica Tierney

nominated as Vice Chair for a special one-year term

Veronica Tierney is currently a doctoral student at Boston College studying patristic theology with a focus on notions of divine presence. She also serves as Priest Associate of Trinity Parish, Newton Centre, MA and as a supply priest for the Diocese of Massachusetts. Veronica earned her BA in history from Clark University in Worcester, MA, after which she worked in the investment management industry in Boston and Los Angeles. She earned her MDiv from Yale Divinity School and a Diploma in Anglican Studies from Berkeley Divinity School at Yale and was ordained a priest in the Diocese of Los Angeles. She and her husband Peter, who is also a priest, live in Needham, MA. She has been serving as *Provisional Vice Chair* for the Society during the organizational time.



The Rev. Patrick Malloy

nominated as Chaplain for a special one-year term

Patrick Malloy is the rector of Grace Church in Allentown, PA. He has served on the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music and currently is the Professor of Liturgics and the Director of the Chapel at the General Theological Seminary. He holds a Ph.D. in liturgical studies from the University of Notre Dame, where he was on staff at the Notre Dame Center for Pastoral Liturgy. He has also taught at St. John's University, Collegeville, MN, the University of Santa Clara, CA, and Duquesne University in Pittsburgh. While at Duquesne, he was the director of graduate program in pastoral ministry. His book *Celebrating the Eucharist*, published by Church Publishing in 2008, examines the historical, theological, and social concerns that foster sound liturgy. He has been serving as *Provisional Chaplain* for the Society during this organizational time.



The Rev. Jared Cramer

nominated as Treasurer for a two-year term

Jared Cramer serves as a Clergy Resident in the Lilly-Endowed Foundations for Spiritual Leadership program at Historic Christ Church in Alexandria, VA. He is a native of Western Michigan and completed a Bachelor of Science in Biblical Studies at Rochester College in Rochester Hills, MI. He attended seminary at the Graduate School of Theology at Abilene Christian University (ACU) in Abilene, TX. He graduated from the School of Theology at the University of the South, with a Master of Sacred Theology in Anglican Studies, in 2008. His S.T.M. thesis, entitled *Safeguarded by Glory: The Ecclesiology of Michael Ramsey Applied Today*, will be published next year by Lexington Book. He currently lives in Alexandria, VA, with his wife, Bethany, and their dog, Cappadocian. He has been serving as *Provisional Treasurer* for the Society during the organizational time.



Mr. Robert Hendrickson

nominated as Director of Communications for a two-year term

Robert Hendrickson is a doctoral student at the General Theological Seminary studying sacramental theology, specifically the sacrament of confession. He is also employed by the Episcopal Church's ecumenical office and is the program director of the St. Hilda's House residential internship program at Christ Church New Haven. He received his Master's in Divinity from General in 2009 and is slated to be ordained in the Diocese of Connecticut in 2010. Previously, he studied at the University of Mississippi, Cornell University, and Beijing Foreign Studies University. He also worked as the Communications Manager for Brooks Brothers. He is married to Dr. Karrie Cummings Hendrickson who is a professor in New Haven. He has been serving as *Provisional Communications Director* for the Society during the organizational time.



The Rev. Jesse W. Abell

nominated as Secretary for a special one-year term

Jesse Abell has served as the Associate Rector of St. Francis-in-the-Fields Episcopal Church in Zionsville, IN, since June 2007. In addition to his parish duties, he serves the Ecumenical and Interfaith Officer for the Diocese of Indianapolis. He earned his Bachelor of Science in Psychology at Indiana Wesleyan University and his MPhil in Psychology and Religion at the University of Cambridge. He attended seminary at the School of Theology of the University of the South in Sewanee, TN, and was ordained to the priesthood in the Diocese of Northern Indiana. He is also a member of the Episcopal Network for Science, Technology, and Faith and the Episcopal Network for Animal Welfare, being a dog-lover himself. He is engaged to marry Allison Martorano next June. He has been serving as *Provisional Secretary* for the Society during the organizational time.

Please Note: Normally officers will be elected to two year terms, with half the members being up for election in odd-numbered years and half being in even-numbered years. For this inaugural Assembly, three officers will be elected to one-year terms to get us onto the normal rotation.