

Second Vote on Changes to Our Constitution Will Be Taken at Diocesan Convention

October 1, 2007

To: Committee on Constitution and Canons, Clergy of the Diocese of San Joaquin, Congregations of the Diocese of San Joaquin

From: The Rev. Gordon M. Kamai, Secretary of Convention

In accordance with Section 1 of Article XIII of the Constitution of the Diocese of San Joaquin, I am notifying you of the following changes to the Constitution of the Diocese that will be proposed at the Diocesan Annual Convention beginning on December 7, 2007:

Amend Article I of the Constitution so as to read:

Article I, Title and Territory

This Diocese shall be known as the Diocese of San Joaquin. Its territory shall embrace but not be limited to all that portion of the State of California included in the counties of San Joaquin, Alpine, Stanislaus, Calaveras, Mono, Merced, Mariposa, Tuolumne, Madera, Fresno, Kings, Tulare, Kern, and Inyo.

Amend Article II of the Constitution so as to read:

Article II, Anglican Identity

The Diocese of San Joaquin is constituted by the Faith, Order, and Practice of the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church as received by the Anglican Communion. The Diocese shall be a constituent member of the Anglican Communion and in full communion with the See of Canterbury.

Amend Article III, Section 2 of the Constitution so as to read:

Article III

Sec. 2 The Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese is the Bishop. In the Bishop's absence or inability to act, the Bishop Coadjutor shall be the Ecclesiastical Authority. If there is no Bishop Coadjutor or if the Bishop and the Bishop Coadjutor are absent or unable to act, or if the Episcopate becomes vacant, the Standing Committee shall be the Ecclesiastical Authority.

Amend Article XII, Section 1 of the Constitution so as to read:

Article XII

Sec. 1 All Diocesan trust funds now or hereafter created shall be vested in the Corporation Sole of which the Bishop of the Diocese is the incumbent. The terms of any trust shall be the sole measure of the extent and use to which it may be put.

In accordance with Sec. 9.06 of Diocesan Canon IX, I also enclose a copy of the 2008 budget proposed by Diocesan Council and assessment figures for each parish and mission in the diocese. (Ed. note: The proposed budget and assessment schedule are on pages 10 and 11 of this issue of the San Joaquin Star.)

Convention Speaker Is Craig Cole of Five Talents

Craig Cole, executive director of Five Talents International, has accepted an invitation to come to Fresno as banquet speaker on Friday evening at diocesan convention, Dec. 7.

Before coming to Five Talents, Craig spent four years with Food for the Poor, one of the largest relief and development organizations based in the United States. He held several program and fundraising positions while working extensively with churches in Latin America and the Caribbean, especially in Haiti.

He is currently on the board of of Episcopalians for Global Reconciliation, the Advisory Council for The Trinity Forum Academy, and on the Diocese of Virginia Mission Committee. He is also a frequent speaker at conferences, churches and other events including the 2006 Microcredit Summit Campaign. He has a master's degree in economic development from Eastern College, St. David's, Pennsylvania. While there, he worked as a consultant with two non-profit organizations in inner-city Philadelphia.

Craig has a bachelor of arts degree in journalism from

the University of Iowa and worked for the Daily Herald newspaper (Chicago) for five years.

His father and brother are both Episcopal priests. He is married and has two children.

Five Talents' mission is to fight poverty, create jobs and transform lives by empowering the poor in developing countries using innovative savings and microcredit programs, business training and spiritual development.

"Master," he said, "You have entrusted me with five talents. See, I have gained five more." His master replied. "Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." (Matthew 25:14-30)

Five Talents gives people the opportunity to lift themselves out of poverty by providing access to basic savings and microcredit services built on their trusted community traditions. It provides biblically-based business training to help the poor start small businesses and begin to build their future.