

## Lakes Region Convocation Minutes

Meeting: Tuesday Sept. 6, 2011  
St. James Episcopal Church – Laconia  
MINUTES

The meeting opened with prayer said by Rev. Tobias Nyatsambo

Attendance: Ashland, 2; Laconia, 5; Meredith, 7; North Conway, 2; Plymouth, 3; Sanbornville, 3; Tamworth, 2; Tilton, 0; Wolfeboro, 5;

The minutes for the June meeting in Tamworth were approved.

Diocesan Council: Went over the budget and will review the survey that we did for the new Bishop.

Bishop Search Committee: When it is ready the profile and all the data will be posted to the Diocesan website. We have had 1,058 responses to the survey both online and written.

Parishes: Ashland is going to be welcoming their new clergy The Rev. James Ransom on Sept. 18th. Plymouth's new rector will be starting in mid Oct. Tamworth received a \$10,000 grant to make some improvements.

Program: 2012 Diocesan Budget was presented to us by Cathy Menard, CPA – Finance Officer for the Diocese. Some of the things that were pointed out to us were.

- (1) Health insurance increase is 5.5% instead of the 9% that they budgeted for.
- (2) The Fair Share shortfall is down to 6% from 12% last year.
- (3) The Youth and Campus Ministry have new chair people.
- (4) Safe Church increase is because of compensation after the first two sessions of training along with a facility charge from St. Paul's.
- (5) Our giving to the National Church is down to 19%.

It was also brought up by the Convocation that 4 month overlap between Bishops is extreme.

Compline: by Rev. Tobias Nyatsambo

Next Meeting: Tuesday Oct. 4 = Tilton, Meeting at 7 p.m. with refreshments at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kelly Soboslai,  
Secretary