

# THE *Special Edition* BEAUTY WAY

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## Warm Hearts for Warm Homes

By Margaret Putnam

Home is where the Hearth is. We've all heard this beautiful affirmation of the fireplace as the center of family life, where we eat together, play games, tell stories, and warm our hands and feet after the day's chores are done.

For many of us outside of Dine'Bike'yah, this is a pleasant memory of days past, but for many on the Navajo Nation, the woodstove is the primary source of heating.

In 2021, following the impact of the pandemic on the economy, the Episcopal Church in Navajoland saw the need to create a Firewood Fund to help families secure this vital resource at a time when the price for firewood and the gas to haul it would increase, while family resources remained tight. By early 2023, we had raised over \$10,000 for this ministry, and we supported local Dine' firewood vendors, who depend on this income every year. Thanks to your donations, we kept the home fires lit.



## Navajoland Bishop Recognition & Investiture

By Rev. Cathlena Plummer

After a drawn out winter of frigid temperatures we are now enjoying the warmer days of spring here at Good Shepherd Mission in the Southeast region of Episcopal Church of NAVAJOLAND. Transition plans are springing to life as well.

On Friday May 19, 2023 at 6 PM (MDT) festivities begin with a Celebratory Dinner and Event for our retiring Bishop, The Rt. Rev. David E. Bailey. All the hustle and bustle will include a delicious meal made by our very own Chef and Priest, the Rev. Leon Sampson. Plans are still being made for the presence of an entertainer particularly in the "Song and Dance" genre of the Navajo culture. This was a favorite gathering of Bishop Dave and we are looking forward to making this happen for his night of recognition. Saturday May 20, 2023 at 11 AM (MDT) plans are in place for a Recognition and Investiture Ceremony for our incoming provisional Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Barry Beisner from Northern California. The service will be an incorporation of the



2014 visit to the Holy Land  
From Left to Right: Bishop Barry Beisner, Bishop James Magness, Rev. Cathlena Plummer, Rev. Cornelia Eaton, Bishop Greg Rickel.

Episcopal liturgy with the healing and blessing service of a traditional Navajo Medicine Man prayer blessing. We, as the Diné, feel this is a necessary part of the healing ceremony that this transition marks. The presence and prayers of the Medicine man will bring unity to the "passing of the crozier" that we the Diné see as the sign of new beginning and a new sense of change.

Sunday May 21, 2023 our provisional Bishop Rt. Rev. Barry Beisner will preach at the Sunday Eucharist at Good Shepherd Mission at our 10 AM Holy Eucharist. Following the service will be a potluck of another type of Navajo cuisine, Navajo tacos.

*For those wishing to honor the almost 13-year-Episcopate of Bishop Bailey, we invite you to make an additional gift, marked for Navajoland Endowment in the enclosed envelope. While this is the time when we ask for - and need - your support for our operating budget, the envelope can easily manage two checks: one to sustain us now and a second one, in honor of Bishop Dave, for our future.*





## 47th Annual Convocation 2023 St. Christopher's Mission Bluff, Utah

By Rev. Cornelia Eaton

**Y**á'ah'tééh from Diné be Keyah! Hozhó is Shalom. Hozhó is Harmony. Hozhó is an invitation into relationship in Beauty Way.

This June, at the 47th annual Convocation, The Rt. Rev. Barry Beisner, bishop provisional, joins the Diné for his first Convocation with Navajoland Area Mission.

The Beauty Way is a ceremony which centers on restoring communities rooted in a shared walk along the Sacred Way in the teachings of wisdom; this tradition of the Diné and Christian spirituality is woven together as one common faith. In Beauty Way, the Diné extend the invitation to others, to journey with the Diné and bridge together, of becoming a beloved community through the ministries of justice, healing and reconciliation. The Convocation June 9-11th, will be held to discern Navajoland leadership of all the baptized through Mutual Ministry. Guests leading

workshops will bring visioning of the Diné for their future. Navajoland Resolution D080: Building Community to discern and call Episcopal Leadership in Navajoland passed at the General Convention in 2022. A workshop will be offered by sub-committee members of the Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons highlighting their work, particularly to listen to the needs of Diné leadership to set the steps toward self-determination

The Rev. Canon Robert TwoBulls, Episcopal Diocese of Minnesota "First Nations Kitchen" will offer teachings on Food Justice for God's people at God's Table. The goal of the teaching is to sustain Diné ministries in the spirituality of hospitality, rooted in the teachings of community and communion in Christ.

This is a growing and sacred time for the Area Mission and we are blessed by your prayers as the Diné aspire to lead in the Beauty Way.



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## Why I Support Navajoland

By Charlotte

**I**n Deuteronomy 26 we read that our abundance is a basis for giving. Malachi 3 follows up with the idea that in exchange God promises opened floodgates of blessing.

Jesus emphasized justice and mercy and faithfulness. 2 Corinthians 9 teaches that "whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously." In Acts 4 the apostles distributed donations according to the need in their community with acts of love and caring.

So, these are examples I choose to follow to be both generous and selfish!

Our friends in Navajoland are part of our community, both physical and spiritual, and I have been able to share with them from the wealth God has given me. And God has richly rewarded me in following a spirit of giving and sharing.

I hope donating to Navajoland is a blessing to the people there. I know it has been a blessing to me!



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viewing of the  
Navajoland Bishop  
Recognition &  
Investiture Service**

**Saturday, May 20th, 2023  
Service begins at 11 AM MST**

**Use this link to view:  
<https://youtube.com/live/ZM-WBZZkpnHM?feature=share>**