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Coming soon to a town near you!

Nominees for Episcopal Bishop of Wyoming begin 2,400-mile Walkabout through the State

The six nominees for the 9th Bishop of Wyoming will begin an eight-day tour of the state to visit Episcopal parishes — large and small — and learn about the unique needs and challenges of the church in Wyoming. The diocese has been in discernment for a new bishop since October 2008 when the Rt. Rev. Bruce Caldwell announced his retirement after 11 years of service.

The Diocese of Wyoming, out of 116 dioceses in the national Episcopal Church, is one of just four dioceses experiencing membership growth — bucking the trend of attendance losses in mainline U.S. churches.

The bishop nominees, three women and three men, come primarily from western states:

- **The Rev. Canon Margaret Babcock**, Canon for Congregation and Ministry Development, Casper, WY / Diocese of Wyoming
- **The Rev. Rebecca “Becky” Brown**, Rector - St. Mark’s Episcopal Church, Foxboro, MA / Diocese of Massachusetts
- **The Rev. Sandra Casey-Martus**, Rector - All Saints Episcopal Church, Corpus Christi, TX / Diocese of West Texas
- **The Very Rev. Canon F. Michael Perko**, Dean, Diocesan School for Ministry; Regional Canon; Assisting Priest, Cathedral of St. John, Albuquerque, NM Diocese of the Rio Grande,
- **The Rev. Canon Dr. Clark Michael Sherman**, Rector - St. James Church, Bozeman, MT; Regional Canon; University Chaplain / Diocese of Montana
- **The Rev. John Sheridan Smylie**, Rector - St. Mark’s Episcopal Church, Casper, WY / Diocese of Wyoming

Nominees for Episcopal bishop are selected by two methods: A search committee issues a call for applications and each candidate is reviewed with the finalists extensively interviewed. The second method of nominating a candidate for bishop comes through a signature process where clergy and laity petition for an individual to be added to the slate. All nominees have passed an Oxford background check.

The nominees and their spouses begin their Walkabout on Wednesday, February 24 with a public meeting in Cheyenne in the morning and a panel discussion in Laramie that evening. The complete schedule for the following week is attached. The Election for Bishop will be held March 20 at St. Matthew’s Cathedral. The Consecration will be July 31 at the Casper Events Center. The Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, Katharine Jefferts Schori, will be the chief consecrator.

For more information on the Bishop Search and the Nominees, go to the Documents section of: www.WyomingBishopSearch.org

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Subject to Change due to Unforeseen Circumstances

**Dates, Times & Locations
for the Walkabout of Wyoming's Bishop Nominees**

DATE	TOWN	PARISH	APPROXIMATE TIME
Wed, Feb. 24	Cheyenne	St. Mark's	10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Wed, Feb. 24	Laramie	St. Matthew's	6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Thu, Feb. 25	Rawlins	St. Thomas	9:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.
Thu, Feb. 25	Dixon	St. Paul's	12:15 pm. - 1:15 p.m.
Thu, Feb. 25	Rock Springs	Holy Communion	3:15 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.
Thu, Feb. 25	Evanston	St. Paul's	5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Fri, Feb. 26	Kemmerer	St. James'	8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
Fri, Feb. 26	Pinedale	St. Andrew's	11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Fri, Feb. 26	Jackson	St. John's	6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Sat, Feb. 27	Dubois	St. Thomas	8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
Sat, Feb. 27	Fort Washakie	St. David's	10:30 a.m.- 11:30 a.m.
Sat, Feb. 27	Ethete	Our Father's House	12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Sat, Feb. 27	Lander	Trinity	1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Sat, Feb. 27	Riverton	St. James	4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Sun, Feb. 28	Meeteetse	St. Andrew's	8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
Sun, Feb. 28	Cody	Christ Church	12:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Sun, Feb. 28	Worland	St. Alban's	4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sun, Feb. 28	Sheridan	St. Peter's	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Mon, Mar. 1	Buffalo	St. Luke's	10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Mon, Mar. 1	Gillette	Holy Trinity	12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Mon, Mar. 1	Sundance	Good Shepherd	2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Mon, Mar. 1	Newcastle	Christ Church	6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Tue, Mar. 2	Wright	St. Francis	8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.
Tue, Mar. 2	Kaycee	All Soul's	10:15 a.m. - 10:45 p.m.
Tue, Mar. 2	Casper	Diocesan Office	12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Tue, Mar. 2	Casper	First Presbyterian	5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Wed, Mar. 3	Douglas	Christ Church	9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Wed, Mar. 3	Glendo	St. John the Baptist	10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Wed, Mar. 3	Wheatland	All Saint's	11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Wed, Mar. 3	Torrington	All Saint's	2:00 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.

Hey Pard'ners! We're serious when we say this schedule ain't etched in stone. Snowstorms, killer tumbleweeds or a lame horse could disrupt this trail ride!

