

## THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF NEVADA, Las Vegas, Nevada



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**Photo Cut Line:** The Rev. Dan Edwards to be consecrated Saturday as 10th bishop of the Episcopal Church in Nevada, with The Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori, Nevada's 9th bishop, now Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church. Photo by Richard Schori.

### NEVADA EPISCOPALIANS TO CONSECRATE NEW BISHOP EDWARDS IN COLORFUL CEREMONY WITH PRESIDING BISHOP KATHARINE JEFFERTS SCHORI

The Very Rev. Dan Edwards will be consecrated as the tenth bishop of the Episcopal Church in Nevada, at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 5 at the Henderson Convention Center in ceremonies that will attract clergy and laity from around Nevada and the nation.

Edwards, former rector of St. Francis Church, Macon, GA, was chosen in October to replace the Most Reverend Katharine Jefferts Schori, who was elected last year as Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church of the USA. She will be the principal consecrator, along with bishops from Arizona and Georgia. Episcopal Church members from throughout the State will take part in the event and the public is invited to participate.

Bishops from Arizona, Georgia, California, Idaho, New York, Utah and Washington will also be participating. Other local faith representatives involved are from the United Methodist, Roman Catholic, Lutheran, Romanian Orthodox, Disciples of Christ, Zen Center and Islamic Society.

The ceremony begins with Drummers and Smudgers, bringing a sacred tradition of Native people described as a prayer offering of sweetgrass, sage and cedar incense that promotes healing and unity in preparation for worship. Las Vegas Valley choirs participating are from All Saints, Christ Church, Grace in the Desert and St. Timothy's.

**Presiding Bishop Jefferts Schori and The Very Rev Dan Edwards will be available for interviews and photos in advance of the ceremony between 9-10 a.m. at the Henderson Convention Center.**

The Diocese of Nevada includes some 6,000 Episcopalians in 34 congregations, including Bullhead City, AZ. The Episcopal Church in America and abroad includes more than 2.5 million members in 113 dioceses.

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