

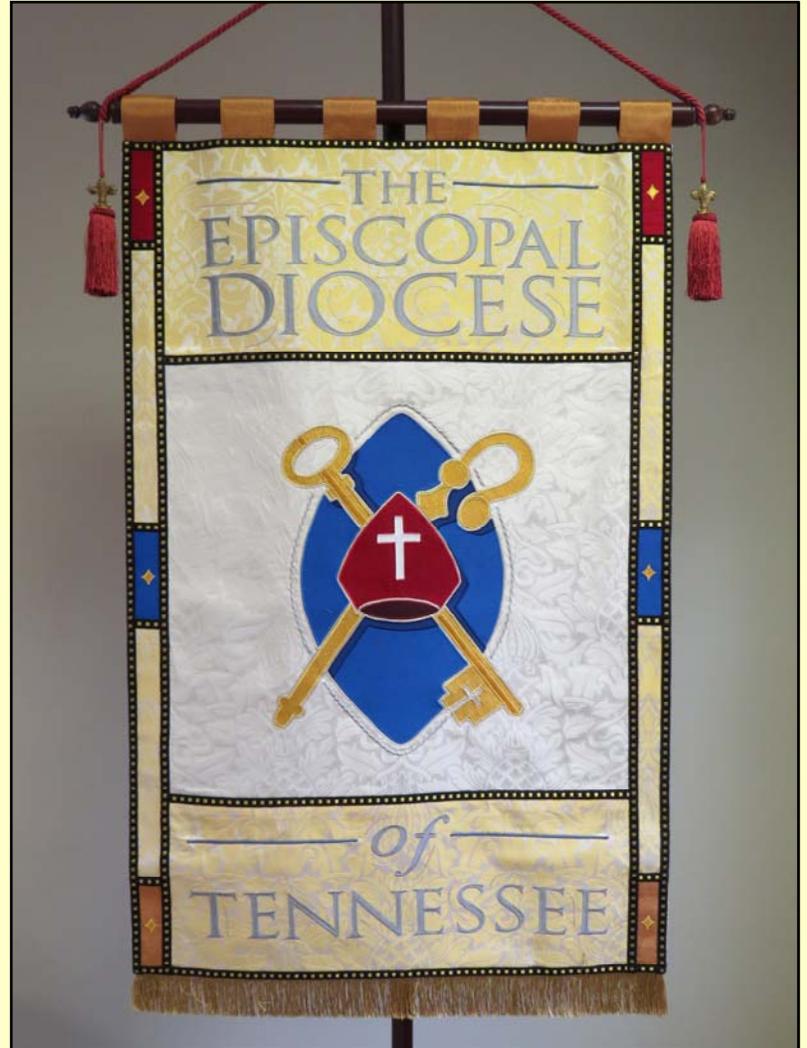
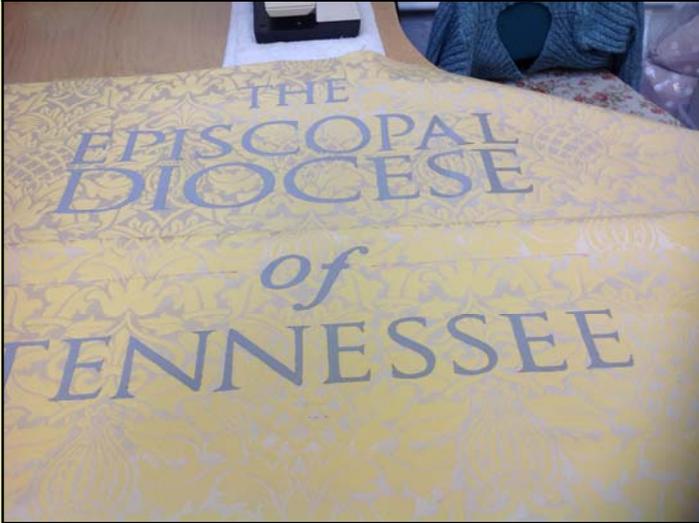


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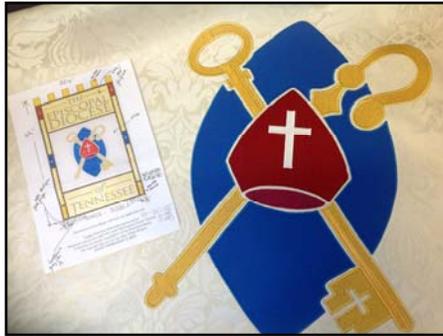
New Home, New Banner

As the staff was preparing to move the Diocesan office from Metro Center to Woodmont Blvd., they noted that the banner hanging in the hallway of that workplace had become virtually unnoticed by those who walked past it everyday.

Someone, a long time ago - so long, in fact, that no one is sure when - made a banner for the Diocese of Tennessee, with glue and felt. As the years went by, the fabric dulled and the banner was never taken off the wall.

With a new, fresh home for the Diocese of Tennessee, it seemed like a good time to look into having a new banner made. We consulted with Trevor Floyd, whom many of you may know from his work with vestments.

Design is very important in a banner for ecclesiastical use. The designer needs a sound knowledge of religious symbolism and iconography. Based on our input, the designers developed a



look and, after a few changes, Bishop Bauerschmidt approved it.

Trevor turned the making of the banner over to Juliet Hemmingway, based in the UK. She and her textile artists made our vision come to life.

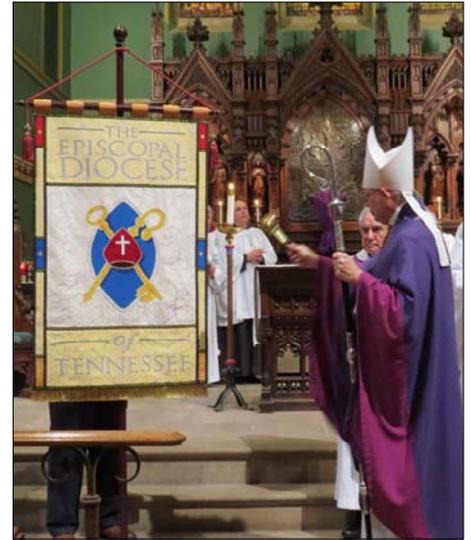
Banner-making is an ancient art. Techniques used can include applique, embroidery, fabric painting, patchwork and more.

Banners in churches are used mainly for processions, both inside and outside of the church building. When they are not being used, they are on display in the churches as a reminder of community.



The Diocesan banner features the updated seal of the diocese and the colors we use in our printed materials.

It was delivered to middle Tennessee just in time for the Blessing of Liturgical Ministries where the banner itself was blessed during the service by Bishop Bauerschmidt.



Banners have historic significance, having been used in the crusades and other wars. But they are also referenced throughout scripture.

“Moses built an altar to the Lord and called it ‘The Lord is my banner.’ He said ‘For hands were lifted up to the throne of the Lord. The Lord will be at war against the Amalekites from generation to generation.’” Exodus 17:15,16.

Later, in the wilderness, the Lord gave Moses and Aaron instructions to arrange the camp *“round the Tent of Meeting each man under his standard with the banners of his family.”* Numbers 2:2.

Each tribe had its banner. Clans and families were identified, within the tribes, by their banners. When they camped or marched to war, each person knew where to stand.

In a sense, each church’s banner represents the entire congregation of that church as well as gives the members a flag to gather ‘round. The diocesan banner represents the unity of all the

churches and all the members of the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Tennessee.

Blvd. It will be used at a diaconate ordination at Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville, in June and other di-



The Verger's Guild of the Diocese of Tennessee has offered to be a part of underwriting the cost of the new banner. The members are reaching out to their churches for contributions, with most hoping their parishes will give \$100 (though the small parishes will contribute at their comfort levels). For information on how you can be part of funding the banner, contact your parish verger for details.

The banner is currently on display at the Diocesan House on Woodmont

Blvd. It will be brought to the Annual Convention and carried by a member of the Diocesan Verger's Guild.

Should your parish have an event, such as the bishop's visitation or an important anniversary, your verger (or your priest) is able to request use of the diocesan banner. We are developing guidelines for use of the banner. Contact the diocesan office to make request the banner and receive details on its use.