

Finalists for Episcopal Diocese bishop tour Alaska

The three finalists in the search for a new bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Alaska will wind up their nine-day visit to the state Wednesday.

The nominees are the Rev. Bruce Caldwell, rector of St. Stephen's and director of the Yukon Valley Training Center in Ft. Yukon; the Rev. Chuck Eddy, rector of St. Mary's in

Anchorage; and the Rev. Steve Charleston, director of Cross-Cultural Studies at Luther Northwestern Theological Seminary and rector of Holy Trinity/St. Anskar in St. Paul, Minn.

The candidates and their spouses arrived in Ketchikan Aug. 20 and spent a day there. They visited Juneau the

next day, then flew to Anchorage for two days. They also were to travel to Fairbanks, Minto, Tanana and Point Hope.

The new bishop will be elected at the Diocesan Convention Oct. 4, 5 and 6, at Meier Lake Conference Center outside of Wasilla. Episcopal Presiding Bishop Edmund Browning

will be on hand for the consecration which is set for March 22, 1991, in Anchorage.

The new bishop will succeed the Rt. Rev. George C. Harris, who announced his upcoming retirement at the 1989 Diocesan Convention. Harris has served as bishop of this diocese since 1981.