

Jubilate Deo

The Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina

April/May 2008 Volume CXIII, No. 2



Teen Recognized for Essay on Absalom Jones

Perry "PJ" W. Thomas II, right, won the 2008 Diocesan-wide essay contest on Absalom Jones. Perry, 15, is a sophomore at Myrtle Beach High School and a member of Holy Cross-Faith Memorial in Pawley's Island. He is shown with Charles F. Bolden, the guest speaker at the Third Annual Absalom Jones Celebration held at Calvary Episcopal Church in Charleston. Read PJ's essay on page ten.

Consecration Kudos

by The Very Reverend William N. McKeachie
Chairman, Consecration Committee

Although the Church of St. Luke and St. Paul was designated to be the Cathedral of the Diocese by the Eleventh Bishop of South Carolina (the Right Reverend Gray Temple) in 1963, the Diocesan Office was relocated to the Cathedral during the episcopate of the Twelfth Bishop (the Right Reverend FitzSimons Allison) in 1985, and the Renewal of Ordination Vows on the part of Diocesan Clergy was instituted at the Cathedral by our Thirteenth Bishop (the Right Reverend Edward L. Salmon) in 1996, it was with the Consecration of Mark Joseph Lawrence to be Bishop of South Carolina, XIV, that the Cathedral fully assumed its mantle not only as "home church" for the Bishop himself but, on January 26, A.D. 2008, for his Diocesan family gathered in long-awaited celebration and welcome.

Over the years, both as Dean here and in various capacities elsewhere, it has been my privilege to play an organizing and co-ordinating role at many grand and glorious occasions, but never in a more gratifying way, or with a more creative and congenial team of co-workers, than during the months leading up to Bishop Lawrence's Consecration and, above all, on Consecration Day itself.

Continued Page 4

Hospitality, Witness, Differentiation

The Diocese Welcomes and Expresses Concerns to the Presiding Bishop

The following is based on a transcription of Bishop Lawrence's opening remarks at the active clergy's morning with the Presiding Bishop on February 25, 2008, at St. Andrew's Church in Mt. Pleasant. The text has been edited for clarity and readability.

I want to welcome our guests to the Diocese of South Carolina. Katherine, Dick (the Presiding Bishop's husband), Canon Robertson and Neva Rae Fox, you have come to one of the few dioceses in The Episcopal Church that is growing. And perhaps more remarkable than that, it's one of the few dioceses in the Episcopal Church which is growing faster than the demographic growth in the area. The demographic growth is substantial, but the growth of the church here in the Diocese of South Carolina is even more substantial, which means we're not just having transfer growth, we're making disciples!

Now I can shamelessly plug that, because I've had absolutely nothing to do with it. I came into an outfit that is running so well all I can do is mess it up. God help me, if I do.

Why This Diocese is Growing

If asked why this diocese is growing, I would come up with three reasons. One is because of the strategic leadership of Ed Salmon for the last 18 years. We cannot deny that. I would add to that the theological leadership of FitzSimons Allison

before that, and the social leadership of Gray Temple before that. But back to the strategic leadership of Ed Salmon. It was his system which structured the diocese to help grow congregations, rather than having the congregations seen as a means of growing the diocese. It is a matter of intentional focus. It makes sense.

The second reason I would say this diocese has grown is because of the clergy leadership in this room. This is the finest group of clergy I have been associated with in thirty years of parish ministry. There are outstanding leaders here, and they're not all of the same theological stripe. Some are evangelical, some are catholic, some are what we

would call moderate or liberal, a fine group of clergy. I find myself humbled to think that here I am called to shepherd or pastor this group of clergy. God's had to deal with me on more than one occasion saying, "Get over it, Mark."

The third reason is an unwavering commitment to the Lordship of Jesus Christ, to the fullness of the Gospel, whether it be catholic or evangelical in its thrust. We want to bear witness to the fullness of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, his headship, his Lordship. That is the greatest desire of my heart for this day – to bear witness to the Lordship of Jesus Christ.



PHOTOGRAPH BY JOY HUNTER

Katharine Jefferts Schori, The Presiding Bishop, prepares for Evensong at St. Philip's Church in Charleston. Following this service the Presiding Bishop greeted visitors at a reception in the Parish Hall.

Goals for Our Time Together: Hospitality, Witness, Differentiation

Shortly after my consecration on January 26 I met with the Standing Committee of the diocese and the deans to prepare for your visit. I told them that I had prayerfully arrived at what I believed to be the three immediate goals for our time together.

Continued Page 2

The Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori Visits the Diocese

By The Rev. Canon Dr. Kendall S. Harmon, Editor

Through arrangements negotiated before the arrival of Mark Lawrence to the Lowcountry, the Presiding Bishop, Katharine Jefferts Schori, was invited to the Diocese of South Carolina in 2008. The scheduled visit, on February 24-25, included a choral evensong service at Saint Philip's, Charleston, an extended and frank exchange of views with diocesan clergy at Saint Andrew's, Mount Pleasant, and a tour of various diocesan ministries. The diocesan tour was led by the Rev. John Burwell and the Rev. Craig Borrett and featured visits to Saint John's Chapel, Charleston, Holy Cross, Sullivan's Island, Christ-St. Paul's, Yorges Island, and the Bishop Gadsden Retirement Community.

The time of conversation with diocesan clergy included a focus on four topics: The exclusivity of Christ, the concern that the national leadership is not telling the truth of what is occurring in our common life, the relationship between

the Holy Spirit and the authority and text of Holy Scripture, and the nature of communion and what it means to be in communion with one another as Anglicans. These topics were dealt with through back and forth exchanges and included brief topic introductions from Bishop Mark Lawrence, the Rev. Kendall Harmon, the Rev. John Barr, and the Rev. Dow Sanderson, as well as questions from the floor, which came from other clergy.

The interchange provided an opportunity for clarity and charity and, for many, the size of the theological divide it revealed was quite painful and stark.

"There was a propensity to avoid giving direct answers to many of the questions put before her," noted the Rev. John Burley of Saint Andrew's, Mount Pleasant. "When Kendall Harmon commented that the report given

Continued Page 4

2008 Church Business and Leadership Conference
May 4 - 6

St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center

Tools for everyone on your ministry design team.

Read more on page three.

Our Diocesan Purpose Statement: *To respond to the Great Commission by so presenting Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit that all may come to know Him as Savior and follow Him as Lord in the fellowship of His Church.*

Train Couples in Your Parish to Lead The Marriage Course and The Marriage Preparation Course

with The Rev. Nicky and Sila Lee
St. Michael’s Church, Charleston, June 27, 2008

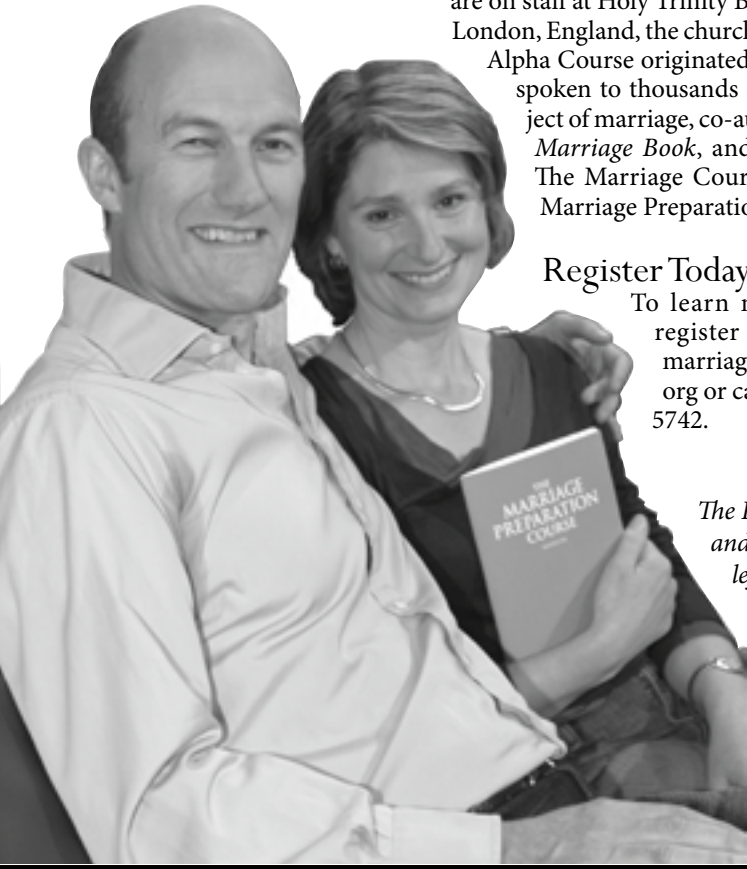
Today, marriages are under ever-increasing pressure. More and more couples are cohabiting and the divorce rate is alarmingly high. How can we turn the tide? One way is to run courses that provide couples with practical tools to build and strengthen their marriages.

On Friday, June 27, Nicky and Sila Lee, co-authors of *The Marriage Book* will be at St. Michael’s, Charleston, to lead a one-day training event, The Marriage Conference, designed to equip participants to run The Marriage Course and The Marriage Preparation Course.

Both courses are focused on helping couples build a healthy marriage to last a lifetime, using a teach-out-of-the-box, video-based format that makes it easy for any married couple to lead.

Anyone interested in leading or simply learning more about The Marriage Course or The Marriage Preparation Course should attend The Marriage Conference. We strongly recommend that you attend as a couple, if possible, to receive the maximum benefit from the training.

Nicky and Sila Lee have been married for 29 years and have four children. Both are on staff at Holy Trinity Brompton in London, England, the church where The Alpha Course originated. They have spoken to thousands on the subject of marriage, co-authored *The Marriage Book*, and pioneered The Marriage Course and The Marriage Preparation Course.



Register Today

To learn more or to register visit www.marriagecourseusa.org or call 866-872-5742.

The Rev. Nicky and Sila Lee, left, are co-authors of The Marriage Book.

Hospitality, Witness, Differentiation

Continued from page one

Witnessing to God’s Work in this Diocese

One, I just mentioned, to witness to what Jesus Christ is doing here among us. It’s why we began our time yesterday afternoon with a very traditional Evensong at St. Philip’s, the Mother Church of the Diocese. But I thought, “If we only do that, we haven’t shown the full picture of what’s going on here in the Diocese.” I know that what we did this morning (through contemporary worship) at St. Andrew’s might have pushed some of you beyond your comfort zones. I have to say, I delighted in it. I felt the Spirit of God in such a wonderful, moving way, even with the driving rhythms. We have to acknowledge that God is doing a wonderful work in this Diocese with a very contemporary style of worship. We want to witness to that.

Offering Hospitality

Secondly, another goal for our time together is hospitality, and this is a non-negotiable. Regardless of the profound differences many of us have with the direction of the Episcopal Church and with that which comes out of your office at 815 (Second Avenue, New York), we are called to hospitality as Christians. It is my prayer that those who have come to visit us will feel the hospitality, not of the South, but the hospitality of our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ. That’s what we’re about. So I trust that our conversation here today will have that spirit of hospitality.

Acknowledging our Differences

The third and final goal for our time together, and this too is a non-negotiable is the whole issue of differentiation. We need to acknowledge without animus, without grumpiness, the profound differences that gave rise to the Standing Committee’s declaration of brokenness in our communion with The Episcopal Church and the request for Alternative Primatial Oversight after the General Convention in 2006. That same sense led to the Diocesan Convention ratifying that statement of the Standing Committee.

Now I need to acknowledge that not everyone was in favor of the Standing Committee’s statement. Not everyone was in favor of the Diocesan Convention about it, but the vast majority was.

And so we need to acknowledge that difference. I think the best way to do this is not by lobbing grenades at our guests by way of questions that are really statements, but by having an earnest and focused conversation, and I mean that – conversation – about the things that are so troubling to us.

The “Spin” Issue

I don’t mean this to come across as pejoratively as it may sound. If I had a better phrase I would use it. (Kendall Harmon who took up this subject in our conversation used a phrase that, if I had thought

Continued Page 4



Lisa McKeachie, wife of the Dean of the Cathedral, right, presents Allison Lawrence with a beautiful bracelet designed especially for her by Melissa Brown. Melissa, a gifted jewelry designer is an attorney by profession. She was thrilled when asked to create something to present to Allison. Melissa and her family are active members of St. Michael’s, Charleston.

Allison Lawrence Addresses ECW Charleston/Charleston West Deaneries

By Catherine Jones, Past President of the Diocesan ECW

Allison Lawrence, wife of the Right Reverend Mark Lawrence, Bishop of South Carolina, shared experiences of God’s grace and guidance in her life – from childhood to the present – as she addressed Episcopal Church Women on February 16, 2008. Speaking at the Cathedral of St. Luke and St. Paul in Charleston, Mrs. Lawrence thanked the group for the welcome, care, prayers and help accompanying the move to South Carolina. She said that she was glad to arrive where her heart had been for over a year. Later, she told of the happy discovery that Carolina was the name of her Swedish grandmother, wife of a pastor to the deaf and that she believes that God has given her that name, too. She said that she wanted to give her testimony so that her listeners might come to know her but primarily to glorify God.

Quoting this year’s ECW theme, “From the fullness of His Grace we have all received one blessing after another,” Mrs. Lawrence told of her consciousness of this Grace even as a little girl living with her beloved father after the early death of her mother. As a child, wanting to please her earthly father out of love was preparing her for her adult relationship with her heavenly father. “Love doesn’t divide. It multiplies,” she said. “The more you go to the storehouse of God’s Love, the more it multiplies.”

Allison Lawrence spoke of choices in her young life and of meeting Mark Lawrence when they were both students at a Christian college in California. Sprinkling stories with humor, she told about the separate dreams each had before he proposed. She shared ways in which the Holy Spirit guided them after their marriage and as their family began to grow. They joined the Episcopal Church of St. Paul in Bakersfield, California, and “just did the next thing.” She spoke of “carving out time” as a busy mother for prayer and scripture reading and of the personal meaning of the passage from St. Augustine’s works translated, “...You touched me and I burned to know your peace.”

Dramatic and subtle examples of God’s mercies stood out in her testimony – from the miraculous, angelic

protection of her baby girl to the quiet messages received in prayer. She spoke of her husband’s call to the priesthood and of his becoming the first postulant from his California diocese to the new Trinity School of Ministry in Pennsylvania, her work to help “put him through” graduate school and their moves with children from an impoverished parish in the “rust belt” which later saw great growth to the return to Bakersfield.

Then, years later, came the call from their friend, retired Bishop Alden Hathaway asking Mark if he would allow his name to be placed in nomination as a candidate for the office of Fourteenth Bishop of South Carolina. Allison Lawrence told of the words of God, “The journey begins; the journey begins; the journey begins...”

Calling the preparations to move East and the delays, she quoted the Biblical passage, “...Yet will I rejoice in the Lord,” and added, “God does not waste anything, and He makes the rough places plain.”

As the group rose to express appreciation, Mrs. William McKeachie, wife of the Dean of the Cathedral, presented Mrs. Lawrence with a gift created especially for her by Episcopal attorney and artist Melissa Brown, and listeners thanked the speaker for words of faith so graciously shared which did indeed give glory to God. Later, there were workshops led by ECW Diocesan Board members headed by President Sue Griffin, announcements, and a service of Holy Eucharist with a message by the Very Reverend William McKeachie. The ECW of the cathedral served a delicious luncheon, and Sue Griffin thanked Pat Musso and her group and Charleston and Charleston - West Deanery Directors Johnnie Wineglass and Barbara Braithwaite for the successful meeting.

“God does not waste anything, and He makes the rough places plain.”

Too Busy to Make Disciples

By Elizabeth Pennewill
Consultant for Congregational Leadership

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."
Matthew 28:18-20

Our churches are busy, very busy. Here's a sampling of some of the things we (apparently) love to do:

We love our programs!

We offer adult Sunday School, children's Sunday School, Alpha, Purpose-driven Life, Crown Ministries, Stephen Ministry, Visionary Parenting, Letters from Dad, marriage classes, divorce care, parenting classes, Bible studies, Mothers' Morning Out, Vacation Bible Schools, Lenten programs, Christmas pageants, Cursillo, food pantries, clothes closets, music programs, youth programs, women's programs, men's programs, singles programs, children's programs, spiritual gifts workshops, youth mission trips, adult mission trips, Inquirer's classes, newcomer classes, leadership classes, baptism classes, confirmation classes, satellite classes, men's hikes, guest speakers, conferences, and day schools.

We love raising funds!

Fundraisers of all varieties including: tea rooms, oyster roasts, fish fries, concerts, yard sales, bake sales, white elephant sales, rummage sales, craft sales, silent auctions, live auctions, book/CD

stores, coffee shops, angel trees, other trees, cookbooks, historical tours, history books, capital campaigns and pledge drives.

We love small groups!

A close cousin of the program is the small group. We offer affinity groups, cell groups, home groups, support groups, discipleship groups, Daughters of the King, The Brotherhood of St. Andrew, ECW, chapters of ECW, Bible study groups, recovery groups, sewing groups, knitting groups, quilting groups, moms' groups, youth groups, supper groups and newcomer groups.

(If you are too busy to read more about what we love to do, or are already exhausted, skip to the last three paragraphs.)

We love retreating!

Parish retreats, women's retreats, men's retreats, marriage retreats, youth retreats, personal retreats, staff retreats, vestry retreats, leadership retreats, spiritual retreats, and silent retreats.

We love meeting!

We have parish life committees, welcome committees, newcomer committees, nametag committees (cross-stitched!), hospitality committees, fellowship committees, coffee hour committees, finance committees, stewardship committees, capital campaign committees, long-range planning committees, worship committees, outreach committees, pastoral care committees, Sunday School committees, VBS committees, vestry meetings, staff meetings, counseling sessions, spiritual direction meet-



ers, lawn mowers, plumbers, electricians, painters, decorators, brick/mulch/pine straw layers, landscapers, computer geeks, a/v techies and web masters. (Incidentally, there is a separate and lengthy list of volunteers just for tea rooms.)

We love opening up our facilities!

We host Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, Meals on Wheels, English classes, karate classes, yoga classes, board meetings, civic meetings, book clubs, bridge groups, scrapbook groups, bingo, AA, NA, Al Anon, ACoA, not to mention weddings and funerals.

We love prayer and worship!

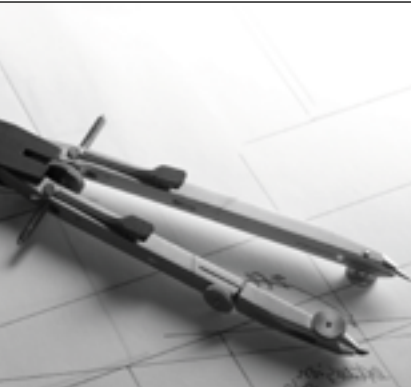
We offer Sunday services, Saturday night services, Wednesday services, contemplative services, traditional services, contemporary services, blended services, evening services, family services, children's chapel, choral services, Daily Offices, instructed Eucharists, Feast Days, Holy Days, healing prayer services, Rite I, Rite II, Eucharistic Prayers A, B, C, and D, high, low, broad, inside, outside, parish hall services, beach services, services with music, without music, with prayer books and without prayer books.

ings, building and grounds committees, decorating committees, cemetery committees, and then, of course, time permitting, evangelism committees.

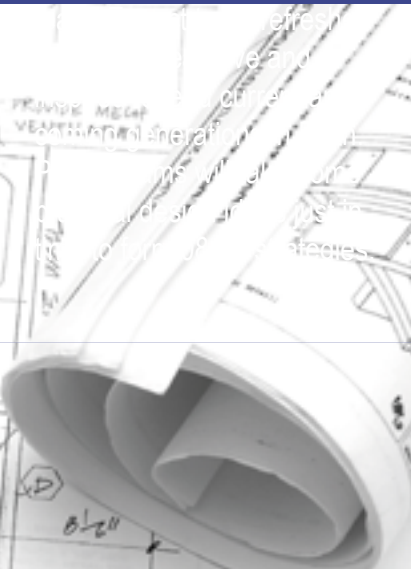
We love volunteering!

We volunteer for flower guilds, altar guilds and wedding guilds. We are teachers, ushers, greeters, counters, locker uppers, bakers, cooks, janitors, drivers, copiers, folders, stuffers, mailers, phone callers, phone answerers, tour guides, babysitters, bell ringers, lay readers, chalice bearers, acolytes, lay eucharistic ministers, musicians, sing-

Continued Page 4



Church ministry faces ever increasing changes, challenges, and opportunities. The Body of faith in the Diocese of South Carolina is blessed with outstanding tools, resources, and changed lives. Come with every member of your church ministry



2008 Church Business and Leadership Conference May 4 - 6, St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center

Register now at www.DioceseofSC.org



Tools for everyone on your ministry design team

Workshops Include:

- ♦ **Human Resources: Supporting Your Team** - Investing in Clergy and Staff, Job Descriptions, Compensation, Benefits, Employee Orientation and Accountability
- ♦ **Reaching Emerging Generations** - Understanding and Mobilizing Young People

♦ A Fresh Look at Facilities

Beyond Bricks and Mortar: Using Facilities as a Discipleship Tool

♦ Organizational Simplicity

Systems, Structures and Resources: Aligning Everything with Vision

♦ Communicating with Clarity

Print, A/V, and Web: Authentic Marketing and Communication Strategies

♦ Reigniting Spiritual Formation

Multi-generational Faithfulness: The Family and the Church

♦ Accounting for Everything

Budgeting, Accounting, Auditing and Taxes: "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Hospitality, Witness, Differentiation

Continued from page two

of it, I would have used—his phrase was “Truth-telling in community”). By “spin” I mean the disparity between how our present crisis in The Episcopal Church is presented by the organs of communication of this body Episcopal, and by you

“We seem to have exalted the polity of the church over the very fundamental doctrines.”

as Presiding Bishop through the statements you have been quoted as making to the mainstream press and our experience of it with our peers. That

is, when parishes large and small leave The Episcopal Church, when entire dioceses struggle over leaving, when retired bishops in unprecedented numbers leave the church upon their retirement, and you or your office describe the crisis as an insignificant number of disgruntled persons, it makes us think that either we’re living in parallel universes, or there’s a spin machine at work, or maybe you really don’t know what we know. We don’t know which one of these it is. But we want to talk about that.

The Spirit/Scripture Disconnect

Another thing we want to talk about is the disparity between the talk among many within the Episcopal Church of the “Holy Spirit doing a new thing” that to many of our minds seems contrary to the clear teaching of Scripture. The very catechism within our Prayer Book is quite clear when it poses the question: *Q. How do we recognize the truths taught by the Holy Spirit? A. We recognize truths to be taught by the Holy Spirit when they are in accord with the Scriptures. (BCP, p. 853).* So we want to talk about the recent innovations in light of this Spirit-Scripture Disconnect.

The Canons/The Polity and The Fundamental Doctrines

Another issue similar to this is the whole discussion about the Canons of the church which seem to have exalted the polity of the Episcopal church, over the very fundamental doctrines of the Episcopal Church, so that when one is going through a consent process, as I did, the focus isn’t upon, “I believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament to be the Word of God and to contain everything necessary for salvation,” which sets the parameters for the next statement that the person is asked to pledge and sign. That first statement goes back to the Articles of Religion and goes back to the Chicago Lambeth Quadrilateral and to the historic understanding of the Christian faith for 2000 years.

Why do we hold one portion (of the Oath of Conformity) so loosely, making clear statements about the inadequacy of the scriptures to govern our common life, but want to make the polity of the

church the fundamental authority of all things?

The Christological Issue

Then, of course, we want to talk about the Christological issue. It was John Calvin, going back to Athanasias who said, “If we disrobe Christ from his Gospels we have a naked Christ, and we make of Him what we will.”

The only Christ that ever was, and that we have any access to, is the Christ that’s robed in Scripture. I realize that there are various gospels afoot today, rediscovered or what-not from far later times that would present a different Christ, but the church has known of only one.

And so when statements are made that seem to deprecate his nature, his Lordship, this most fundamental doctrine of the church – the earliest doctrine of the church, “Jesus Christ is Lord,” – it is most disturbing to the faithful.

So many, to our minds, embrace what V.A. Demant called an “undogmatic, unsupernatural, unevangelical” and I would add even an uncatholic religion. It equates Christianity with good ideals. It attaches no real vital meaning to sin, grace, redemption or to the church as a divine society. I want to add what Martin Luther said when he came up with certain Gospel presentations. He wanted to say, “Do they know anything about judgment? Do they know anything about sin? Do they know anything about death? Do they know anything about the devil? Because if it can’t deal with judgment, if it can’t deal with wrath, if it can’t deal with sin, if it can’t deal with death, if it can’t deal with the devil, it cannot save me. Because those are my enemies.”

The incarnation and the atoning work of Jesus Christ is not one way among many to God. That would deny the radical particularity of the Gospel, the uniqueness of Christ and empty the Cross of its transforming power. We have a Gospel that doesn’t accept; it transforms.

Having a Conversation

So what we’ll be doing is having a conversation about these issues. These are the things that are on my mind. We have spokespersons for each of those four areas. I wrote to the Presiding Bishop letting her know that we would be discussing these four specific areas and then let her know that she can begin her time with the things that are on her mind. And then we can have a conversation. Thank you.

You may download audio and video excerpts from the gathering with the Presiding Bishop and hear her remarks and responses at www.dioceseofsc.org. Many thanks to St. Andrew’s Mt. Pleasant, for putting the audio and video versions online.

The incarnation and the atoning work of Jesus Christ is not one way among many...”



“How Great is Our God” was the theme for the Church of the Resurrection, Surfside Beach’s ECW Winter Gathering. The afternoon was a splendid success and enjoyed by many, including Bishop Mark Lawrence and his lovely wife Allison. Resurrection has an ECW Gathering quarterly that allows all women of the church to come together for inspiration and fellowship.

The Presiding Bishop Visits

Continued from page 1

to the Anglican Consultative Council had not truthfully represented a process of discernment in our Province of the theology in that report given at Nottingham in 2005, Katharine Jefferts Schori avoided the real issue by commenting that she had not been the Presiding Bishop when the presentation was made at Nottingham. She seemed to request a pass on answering questions concerning the theology of that presentation and yet she kept bringing up slavery and that the church was a huge proponent of a biblical argument for slavery. Her repeated references to the slavery issue seemed to indicate that she wanted all of us to take the responsibility for the

misguided interpretation of scripture 150 years ago, but she was unwilling to comment on a report to the Anglican Communion setting forth a defense of full inclusion which was prepared just a few years before her election. In a very cavalier way, she was very quick to tell us at every turn what offended her, and I was highly offended that we were so speciously lumped in with the horrible mistakes of long distant past. It was clear that she was making a comment on the way she believes we are misinterpreting scripture for these present day issues.”

Too Busy to Make Disciples

Continued from page 3

We’re so busy doing church, that we seldom make the time or can muster the energy to step back, take a hard look at the big picture, and ask ourselves if we’re too busy to make disciples. Making disciples is about spiritual formation. Dallas Willard wrote, “It is the process of establishing the character of Christ in the person. That’s all it is. You are taking on the character of Christ in a process of discipleship to him under the direction of the Holy Spirit and the Word of God.” Are our calendars too cluttered, our churches too busy, to focus on the process of spiritual formation?

Can you Relate?

If you and your leadership team read the above list and relate to it, if your heart’s desire is to transform lives but you are too busy running programs, you’ll want to sign up for the **2008 Business and Leadership Conference** (see details in ad on page three). This is an opportunity to leave the busy-ness behind and evaluate what you’re doing and why. Come join us, bring your staff and lay leadership teams, enjoy the beauty and peace of Camp St. Christopher. Eat, rest and learn how to simplify your ministry.

Consecration Kudos

Continued from page 1

There are so many dozens of people without whom, under God, things would not have come together as they did, that the readers of the *Jubilate Deo* must be asked to visit www.dioceseofsc.org in order to review (and, if there be omissions, amplify) the extensive Honor Roll. It will eventually be deposited in the Diocesan Archives. In the meantime, I am grateful for the opportunity to express thanks on behalf of the whole Diocesan family to a number of key players in the Consecration game plan. From the time he asked Diocesan Convention to elect his successor, Bishop Salmon was always available and invaluable, without being intrusive, as Bishop-on-Call. The Reverend Dow Sanderson and the Reverend Haden McCormick successively “rolled with the punches” more than is usually required of Standing Committee Presidents. The Reverend Jennie Olbrych never failed to discern, and to make provision for, myriad aspects of the process of episcopal transition that might otherwise have been lost in the shuffle. Randy McPhail and Nancy Armstrong in the Diocesan Office, and Kester Heaton in the Cathedral Office along with a score of Cathedral volun-

teers, gave tender loving care as well as administrative overtime to innumerable details. Two Chancellors in succession, Nick Ziegler and Wade Logan, kept their respective legal eyes on matters canonical and ran interference “from off” when necessary! Cathedral Senior Warden Bill Scarborough served as liaison with the College of Charleston and The Citadel, ensuring those institutions’ representation at the highest level. When Ann Harrington graciously agreed to coordinate all matters related to the invitation list, we got “two for one,” in that her distinguished husband, Colonel Myron Harrington, accompanied her to all meetings as her right hand man, so to speak. As the pace quickened and the air thickened with things to be done but less and less time to do them, Colonel Harrington sacrificially agreed to devote his time “24/7” as Chief of Staff to what had clearly become a military-style operation – appropriately enough including a significant contingent of Citadel participants, from its Board President to the lowliest of knobs! He benefitted from helpful counsel and assistance by Chuck Miller of Sarasota, who had recently

Continued Page 7



Saints Alive! St. Michael’s, Charleston Opens Bookstore

St. Michael’s Church in Charleston is now operating a store specializing in Christian books and gifts. Stereine brand white altar candles may now be purchased through the store. To place an order contact Christine Meredith, the Store Manager at (843) 725-5483 or visit the store at 73 Broad Street in Charleston.

The Beginning Experience

April 18-20, Bonnie Doon Plantation

On the weekend of Friday, April 18 through Sunday, April 20 a very special weekend for people who are divorced, widowed or separated will be offered in the Coastal Area of South Carolina. Known as The Beginning Experience, it is an International program, unique in the fields of peer ministry and ministry to the single-again. Its well-structured programs are both psychologically and spiritually sound, having been designed and developed by respected Christian professionals in the fields of ministry, grief psychology, education, and organizational process.

While relatively new to the State of South Carolina, since its inception in Texas in 1974, Beginning Experience has spread to 35 states and 8 foreign countries. Sponsored by the Social Ministries Department of the Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina, the first Beginning Experience Weekend in South Carolina was held in October of 2001. It is open to people of all ages and denominations who struggle under the trauma of having lost a loving relationship and desire to take back control of their life.

A Time for Healing, Growth, Opportunity

Beginning Experience provides the safe space, the support and the tools to heal, to grow and to turn one's greatest devastation into opportunity. It is a place to find understanding and compassion from trained, caring people who can

truly share the long walk back to wholeness. It is not a sensitivity group or a professional counseling session. It is not intended to provide therapy or to replace the need for it. It is non-confrontational and invitational.

The weekend program is designed to help people who are widowed, separated or divorced make a new beginning in life.

It provides an atmosphere of support and acceptance where people can come together to re-evaluate themselves and their lives, and move on to the future with renewed hope.

Sign Up Today

If this sounds like a weekend that you or someone you know would benefit from, call 1-803-492-7644 today, while there is still space available. Cost for the entire weekend

is \$175.00, which includes all meals, luxury accommodations and all workshop materials. This weekend is being held at Bonnie Doone Plantation near Walterboro, SC. For additional information or to request an application call Delores Hollen in Mt Pleasant at (843) 303-2779; Linda Maloni in Summerville at 843-821-2824; Bob Turner in Columbia at 803-776-1928; Larry Weathers in Summerville at 843-873-4182, Beverly Howell in Charleston at 843-724-3425 or Rev. John Scott in Eutawville at 803-492-7644. Reservations will close on the Monday, two weeks prior to the weekend or when the limited number of spaces is filled. The next Weekend scheduled after this one will be in October, 2008.

This is a time of healing for those who have lost a loved one through separation, divorce or death.

The Rev. Rick Luoni to be Installed as Rector of St. George's, Summerville

The Rev. Richard "Rick" B. Luoni will be installed as the Rector of St. George's Summerville on May 7. Rick comes to St. George's from The Church of the Holy Cross on Sullivan's Island, South Carolina.

Father Rick is forty-four years old, single, and has resided in South Carolina for the past year. He was born and raised in West Virginia and received his Bachelor's of Science degree in Management from Concord College in 1988.

Following graduation, Rick became a Regional Account Manager with WSOC-TV in Charlotte, North Carolina, where he developed television advertising campaigns and negotiated media contracts with prominent advertising agencies throughout the United States.

Rick left his television position and moved to the West Coast in 1996, where he became Co-Owner and Vice-President of Morningstar Media Inc. in San Francisco, California. With Morningstar, Rick created marketing, advertising, and business development plans and developed overall vision and mission strategies, utilizing all major media venues that led to sales in excess of \$20 million annually.

During this period, Rick began his church ministry as a lay leader of a small parish in Sebastopol, California, in 1996. In 2001, Rick entered seminary and began his journey into priesthood. In 2003, he began work as an intern

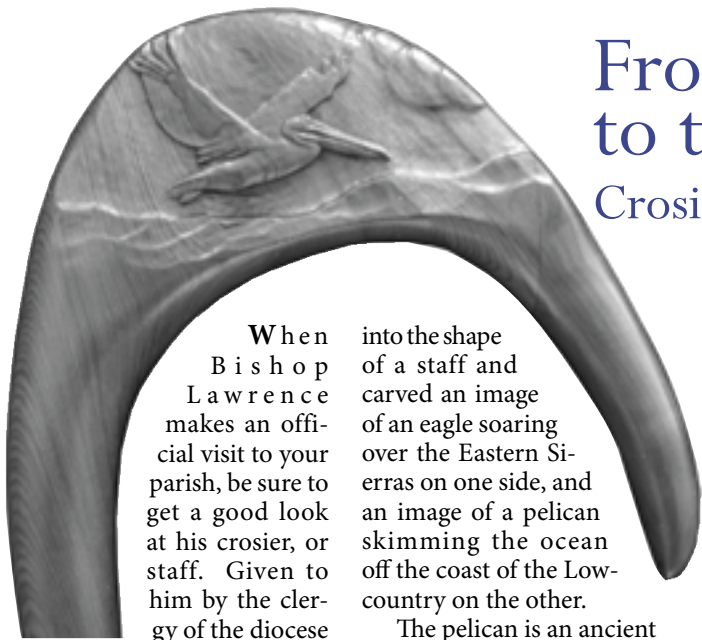
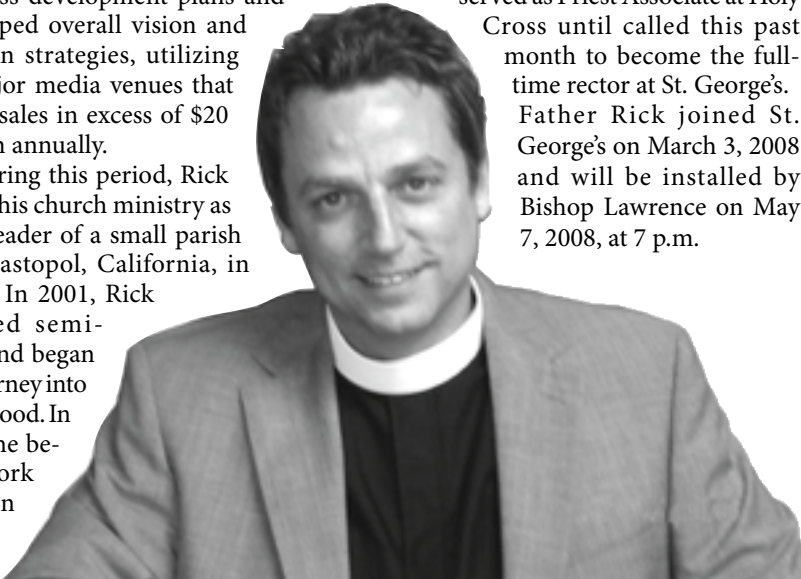
for the Diocese of California in the Office of Congregational Development where he participated in all phases of research and development and leadership training and consulted with congregations on issues of strategic planning. While working on his degree, he also preached and assisted with liturgies, baptisms and funerals as part of his field education training at Church of the Advent in San Francisco and also at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in San Rafael, California.

In 2005, Father Rick received his Master of Divinity degree from the Graduate Theological Union at San Francisco Theological Seminary.

While Father Rick was in his discernment process regarding God's calling and his future in the priesthood, a close friend persuaded him to relocate to Charleston, South Carolina, where he found employment with television station WCBD and where he was "discovered" by Father John Burwell of The Church of the Holy Cross. Father Rick served as Priest Associate at Holy

Cross until called this past month to become the full-time rector at St. George's.

Father Rick joined St. George's on March 3, 2008 and will be installed by Bishop Lawrence on May 7, 2008, at 7 p.m.



When Bishop Lawrence makes an official visit to your parish, be sure to get a good look at his crozier, or staff. Given to him by the clergy of the diocese during his consecration, the staff symbolizes his role as "shepherd of the flock."

Carved by wildlife artist and sculptor, Van Marshall, the crozier reflects symbols found in Scripture and also tells a story of Mark's geographic and spiritual journey in becoming our bishop. The Right Reverend Alden Hathaway captured it in his sermon during Bishop Lawrence's consecration, "Go from the land of the High Sierra that you love. Go to the coast-land of the Lowcountry."

The old growth redwood for the crozier, donated by Susan Frick, Directress of the Altar Guild at St. Paul's in Bakersfield, CA, came from northern California. Van Marshall sculpted it

into the shape of a staff and carved an image of an eagle soaring over the Eastern Sierras on one side, and an image of a pelican skimming the ocean off the coast of the Lowcountry on the other.

The pelican is an ancient symbol of Christ and the waves of the ocean speak of Bishop Lawrence's call to our area.

The design for the other side of the crozier was a bit harder for Marshall to select. "I wanted the staff to have spiritual significance," he said, "but I wasn't exactly sure what to carve. My impression was that Mark might like something simple and elegant."

Marshall contacted Susan Frick for ideas. "It was clear, as we spoke, how much his congregation in Bakersfield loved him," says Marshall. "Susan also said that Mark loved his mountains, the Eastern Sierras."

Deviating from his normal practice, Marshall created a template directly from a pho-

tograph of mountains in the Eastern Sierras. "I wanted to make an exact replica," he said. "I was hoping Mark might recognize that particular range."

Also, reflecting on the length of Mark's journey through the election, confirmation and consecration process, Marshall thought the eagle was a perfect symbol. "I was thinking of Isaiah 40:31, 'Yet those who wait for the Lord will gain new strength; They will mount up with wings like eagles, They will run and not get tired, they will walk and not become weary.'"

Days after receiving the crozier, Marshall spoke briefly with Allison Lawrence. She said, "Mark loves the crozier! You have to come to our house. We have a photograph of those exact mountains. Mark has climbed them." The Bishop also expressed his

appreciation.

As the Bishop shoulders the mantle of leadership in our diocese, serving as our shepherd, let's pray that he will, indeed, "mount up with wings of eagles... run and not get tired... walk and not become weary."



Van Marshall, Artist and Wildlife Sculptor

Van Marshall, an active member of St. Paul's in Summerville, is known for his realistic wildlife carvings. His art is in numerous private collections. He trained under renowned sculptor and Episcopalian, Grainger McKoy. Mr. Marshall may be contacted at marshall1990@bellsouth.net.



United Thank Offering News



By Nancy Pickering
Diocesan UTO Chair

The final figure for our 2007 Diocesan UTO Ingathering has arrived. We're up by 1% according to the DFM Society report, showing a total of \$29,304.41. (This amount reflects UTO contributions sent directly to the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, as well as those collected at parish Ingatherings, sent to the ECW UTO Chair.) That's a lot of thanksgivings and blessings going into little blue boxes!

The United Thank Offering is alive and well in the Diocese of South Carolina and has Bishop Lawrence's nod to carry on. Our 2008 Spring UTO Ingathering will take place in May. Help us continue to "Expand the circle of thankful people."

Please pray for the success of our 2008 UTO Grant submitted by Dallas and Janie Wilson of St. John's Chapel. The program, "What Are Little Girls Made Of?" is run by the African American Family Center for Biblical Dialogue.

ST. CHRISTOPHER

Camp and Conference Center



Seaside Retreat

Spirituality in your Senior Years

An Annual Gathering of Senior Saints, June 1 - 4, 2008

By Elizabeth Bumpas, Conference Coordinator

We are very pleased to announce that the Rev. Bob Ott (Holy Cross, Sullivan's Island) will lead this year's Seaside Retreat at St. Christopher and share his wonderful gift for teaching with this year's participants. Each June this gathering of seniors attracts individuals from throughout the Diocese and from as far away as New Jersey and Minnesota. It's a joyful week of fellowship, teaching and various activities that showcase the beauty of St. Christopher and its 300 acres of maritime forest, beaches and marsh land. This year's retreat will be held Sunday, June 1 through Wednesday, June 4.

The theme for this year's retreat is "Spirituality in Your Senior Years." For those who have long finished raising children, or have retired or are close to retirement, the underlying question may be, "Where does the path lead now?" Seniors may have wisdom from life experiences and an on-going relationship with Christ, but now one's spiritual life enters a new phase...one

Seniors may have wisdom from life experiences and an on-going relationship with Christ, but now one's spiritual life enters a new phase...

in which prayers for guidance may take on a whole new perspective, and life, it seems, takes on a whole new purpose. Join us June 1-4 as the Rev. Bob Ott takes a look at Proverbs 3:5-6 and helps put it into context for the senior saint.

Of course, there will be a lot of free time for walking on the beach, sitting on the porch with a good book, sitting on Crab Dock at sunset and catching up with old friends or making new ones. Registration is limited so don't delay.

The cost of the entire program is \$349/person for a single occupancy and \$295/person for a double occupancy for three nights. This includes all meals and activities for four days and three nights. You may register online at www.stchristopher.org or by picking up a 2008 Seaside Retreat brochure at your church and mailing in the registration form. Payment in full is required at the time of registration. For further information, please contact Elizabeth at ebumpas@stchristopher.org.

Spreading the Gospel

The Mission of the Church Periodical Club

By Tootie Adams, Diocesan ECW Church Periodical Club Chairman

On behalf of the Diocesan Church Periodical Club, I wish to extend a warm greeting to Bishop Mark Lawrence and his wife, Allison. You will continue to be in our prayers as you begin your new duties and settle in to your new surroundings.

The mission of the Church Periodical Club (CPC) is to spread the Gospel by supplying reading, study, reference, teaching, and devotional material to those in need of assistance. If your church would like more information about the Church Periodical Club, I will be glad to send you information or come to speak to any group. My contact information is listed at the end of this article.

Through donations from twenty-seven churches in 2006-2007, the Church Periodical Club collected \$5,676.33. Our diocesan seminarians were given checks each semester to be applied toward the purchase of their books. St John's Episcopal Chapel (Charleston) received funds

from CPC to purchase Prayer Books and hymnals. Through the mission project HAPPi, a request was submitted to assist Michel Cenatus with the purchase of his medical textbooks. Upon completion of medical school, Michel will return to his hometown in Haiti to work in an Episcopal hospital. Suzy McCall (LAMB



Institute) was a CPC recipient and the funds went toward helping with the purchase of textbooks for her Master's degree. The Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy received Miles of Pennies funds to help with the purchase of pamphlets and brochures that are to be given to children in crisis situations. The National Miles of Pennies fund and National Books Fund were forwarded the monies designated to them. One hundred percent of the funds designated for our diocese go to support our diocesan seminarians and projects approved by our Diocesan ECW Board. Funds

Continued Page 15

More New Faces at St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center

By Pam Cooper, Assistant to the Rector

Since the last issue of the *Jubilate Deo*, St. Christopher has been blessed with three new management staff employees.

Elizabeth Bumpas Conference Coordinator

Elizabeth Bumpas is our new Conference Coordinator. She comes to us from The Church of the Holy Cross on Sullivan's Island where she began serving as the Adult Faith Formation Ministry Leader in 1996. In 2001, she left Holy Cross to spend a year at St. Thomas' Church, Sheffield, England. Following her time in England, Elizabeth spent three years in California attending Fuller Theological Seminary where she

nature since childhood. His wildlife hobby became a profession on an island just south of San Francisco, CA, where he did research. David attended Aberdeen University, Scotland, and majored in Animal Ecology. After graduation, David worked as a project manager and field research supervisor before he felt the call to work with children. David was employed as a gymnastics instructor for two years at "The Little Gym" in Atlanta. When the Barrier Island position was presented to him, he realized it was a way to combine both his love of nature and his gifts for working with children. His background in project and program supervision are to St. Christopher's advantage. David states, "I consider myself truly blessed to be able to work in such an amazing environment, with an incredible



From left to right: Jonathan Meyer, David Gardner and Elizabeth Bumpas, new staff members at St. Christopher.

received a Masters of Divinity in 2006. Upon graduating, Elizabeth was guided again to the Lowcountry and back to The Church of the Holy Cross. She basically took up where she left off with Adult Faith Formation. During the last year and a half at Holy Cross, Elizabeth launched a Women's Ministry, developed the Life Group Ministry and doubled the number of groups. She also brought Brennan Manning to lead a weekend conference there in January. The Lord has now led Elizabeth to St. Christopher. Please do not hesitate to call her and make your group reservations for 2009. Welcome aboard!

David Gardner Director of the Barrier Island Environmental Program

David Gardner is our new Director of the Barrier Island Environmental Program. David and his wife, Amanda, come to us from Atlanta, Georgia. David has been fascinated with wildlife and

group of Christians." We are grateful to the Lord for bringing David and Amanda to St. Christopher.

Jonathan Meyer Conference Center Director

Jonathan Meyer is our new Conference Center Director and joins the St. Christopher team from the cold north. He is joined by his wife, Christina and sons Ryan and Luke. Jonathan's gifts are in business, sales and marketing. Jonathan is excited to use his gifts to build the Kingdom of God. When he is not at work, he and his family lead an active life, boating, hiking, camping and playing with their two dogs, Grace and Mercy. Jonathan is enjoying the benefits of southern living and looks forward to seeing snow only when he wants to.

Thanks to all for your support and prayers for St. Christopher this past year. There is new life springing forth and for this we can say: Thanks be to God and to Him be the Glory!

Intercessory Prayer Day at St. Christopher: April 12

Our next intercessory prayer day is scheduled for Saturday, April 12, 2008. We begin at 9 a.m., in Kimbel Chapel for worship, intercession and a brief teaching from Father Chris Warner. Afterwards, we walk the grounds of the camp and conference center praying and listening to the Lord. We gather back at the chapel at noon to briefly discuss what we felt and/or what the Lord revealed. We pray that the Glory of God will continue to reign down on this special place that is set apart to encounter Christ's love and Gospel. Likewise, we pray for our Bishop Mark Lawrence and the churches of the Diocese.

If you are a prayer intercessor in your church, and if you feel called by the Lord to come together with us at St. Christopher to pray, please contact Pam Cooper at pcooper@stchristopher.org or phone 768-0429 no later than Friday, April 4. We would be honored to have you with us to share in what God is doing. Our next prayer day will be June 14, 2008.

We pray that the Glory of God will reign down on this special place.



St. Christopher's Means Summer Fun!

Courageous Faith!

Registration for Summer Camp Begins

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

We are excited to announce our summer camp schedule for 2008! Make sure that your child doesn't miss out. Registration opens March 1. This year at our summer camps we will be looking at the Book of Daniel and learning what it truly means to live courageously as Christians in the face of opposition. It will be another summer of great fun and discipleship and an incredible experience that your child will never forget!

Applications will be taken as of March 1, and it is possible

to book by mail or online at www.stchristopher.org. Please also check the website for further information or if you are interested in applying to be a summer staff team member or counselor.

Session #	Grades Completed	Dates	Nights	Cost
1	K-2 Buddy Camp	June 6-7	1	\$155
2	4, 5, 6	June 9-14	5	\$455
3	6, 7, 8	June 16-21	5	\$455
4	9, 10, 11, 12	June 23-28	5	\$455
5	K-2 Buddy Camp	July 7-8	1	\$155
6	2, 3, 4	July 9-12	3	\$320
7	4, 5, 6	July 14-19	5	\$455
8	6, 7, 8	July 21-26	5	\$455
9	2, 3, 4	July 29-Aug 2	4	\$370
10	4, 5, 6	Aug 4-9	5	\$455
11	3, 4, 5	Aug 12-16	4	\$370

Please contact Jonathan Bennett, St Christopher Director of Student Ministries, by e-mail at jbennett@stchristopher.org, or by phone at (843) 768 0429, if you have any questions.

Consecration Kudos

Continued from page 3

acted in a similar capacity for the Consecration of the new Bishop of Southwest Florida. Diocesan Clergy in turn were well-drilled by their Regional Deans: the Very Reverend John Barr, the Very Reverend Craige Borrett, the Very Reverend John Burwell, the Very Reverend Ed Kelaher, the Very Reverend Chuck Owens, and the Very Reverend John Scott.

Sue Griffin organized the Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese as "meeters and greeters" and Vicki Armes had the Diocesan Daughters of the King "up and running" as intercessory prayer warriors from the outset. Frank Freeman coordinated the Brotherhood of St. Andrew and all aspects of logistical support. John Coussons, John Murkey (formerly of The Citadel, but for this event "on loan" from Annapolis, Maryland), the Reverend Doug Peterson, Philip Gadsden Dixon, and Don Evans worked together to ensure smooth compatibility between matters liturgical and technological. The Reverend David Thurlow contributed his liturgical expertise as well as his Canadian connections

in hosting the Right Reverend Anthony Burton, Bishop of Saskatchewan. The Reverend Rob Dewey coordinated civic and security arrangements involving the State Law Enforcement Division, the South Carolina Highway Patrol, the Charleston County Sheriff's Office, Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy, the Mayor's Office and the Charleston Police Department - from which Bill Murton (a St. Michael's parishioner) was seconded as official photographer for the Consecration. Ellen Dressler Moryl helped secure Mayor Joe Riley's presence and Proclamation of Bishop Mark Lawrence Day in the City of Charleston.

The Reverend Callie Perkins took responsibility for Hispanic witness, including coordination with our companion Diocese of the Dominican Republic and was also instrumental in securing the presence of the Archbishop of Jos, the Most Reverend Benjamin Kwashi. The Reverend Greg Kronz, who had chaired the Bishop Search Committee, facilitated participation by the Right Reverend Valentino Mokiwa, Bishop of Dar-es-Salaam (now

Archbishop and Primate of Tanzania). The Very Reverend Jonathan Meyrick, Dean of Exeter, joined the Bishop of Winchester, the Right Reverend Michael Scott-Joynt, in representing the Church of England. The Reverend Chip Holmes organized liturgical involvement by virtually all Vocational Deacons of the Diocese. The Reverend James Yarsiah helped to promote African American participation and also ensured that South Carolina's indebtedness to the Diocese of Liberia did not go unrecognized. Dave Wright saw to it that Diocesan Youth were well-represented by their presence, and presentation, at the Consecration itself. St. Mark's and St. Matthew's (Lutheran) churches generously provided sites for "overflow" attendees.

Lydia Evans, Georgia Bell, Suzanne Boone, together with Sylvia Burwell and Libby Lewis (representing clergy spouses), developed an amazing network of hospitality and support for the Lawrences and their many out-of-town family members and friends - with whom communication was tirelessly handled by

Point of View...

A Visit From The Presiding Bishop

*By The Rev. Alfred T.K. Zadig, Jr.
Rector, St. Michael's Church, Charleston, SC*

One of the most critical leadership strategies I am trying to live day-in and day-out as Rector of a growing vibrant congregation is to make sure our theology drives every single thing we do together. Gospel-Holy Spirit driven theology is clearly evident in our preaching, teaching and all we do. For instance, the goal of our recent instructed Eucharists was to enrich our worship by realizing the theological 'whys' of why we do what we do in worship.

One of the most profound learnings for me during our day of Clarity and Char-

We are not two churches under one roof but two very different religions.

ity was a simple vacuum of any coherent theology coming from the Presiding Bishop. There was no there-there, no center of theological gravity. The most often repeated word from her was "experience." Re-evaluating marriage, Scripture, the uniqueness of Jesus Christ through our own experience. I felt as if the head of the Unitarian church was at the microphone and not the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church.

To mention the damage done to the countless relationships surrounding the marriage. So it is when we use our experience to trump Scriptural authority. I ended my time at the microphone asking the question of where in the world do we go from here, now that we have once again and with clarity been exposed to our massive differences? The question was never answered.

This idea of our own experience kept coming up to the point that finally at the end of the question and answer session I went to the microphone and stated to the Presiding Bishop that I am a happily married man of twelve years, but that as a priest in a very difficult

At the end of the day, I would say objectively we indeed fulfilled our mission of clarity and charity. Charity was displayed, and even greater clarity given... clarity that we are not two churches under one roof but two very different religions.

Sharon Petterson in McKeesport and both Tara Michaels and Denise Irvin in Bakersfield. Pam Poelker and Kerry Hall, on loan from St. Paul's, Summerville, worked around the clock to ensure accurate and informative signage and other logistical and directional infrastructure for Consecration Day. Unfailingly efficient and timely, Joy Hunter was our winsome "interface" with the world of media, for which Canon Kendall Harmon wrote his inimitable press releases.

Many aspects of organizational involvement by Cathedral parishioners were brought to fruition by the Spirit's empowerment of Lynn Cunningham, Robert and Sallie Ballard, Robert O'Dell, Cindy Denning, Bruce McGougan, Mike McShane, Susan and Scott Howell, Pat Scott, Ryn Henry, Esther Lowndes and countless more aided and abetted by the Cathedral's virtually ubiquitous Junior Warden, Sean Johnson, and Sexton, Anthony Royal.

Change ringing on the Cathedral's bells, undertaken by ecumenical ringing bands from several towers, was arranged throughout the weekend by C. J. Cantwell of St. Michael's. Music at Evensong on the Eve of the Consecration was provided by the Canterbury and St. David's Choirs of St. Philip's Church, the Mother Parish, under the direction of Capers Cross, Choir-

master. For the Consecration itself the Cathedral Choirmaster, Sam Sheffer, and Organist, William Gudger (who made hymn arrangements for brass players from the Charleston Symphony), were complemented by the Diocesan Communion Choir under the direction of Kip Coerper from St. Paul's and Scott Bennett, organist, from Grace Church. A dinner honoring the Lawrence family and the post-Consecration reception were overseen by Lisa Gray McKeachie and Emma Lesesne Booth. Flowers at the dinner were provided by Marion Murdoch-Small; camelias here, there, and everywhere at the reception were provided by Charleston ladies and gentlemen from gardens throughout the Lowcountry; and the Cathedral window floral arrangements were designed and coordinated by Mara Brockbank, with greens representing God's earthly creation, flowers of every shape, size and color representing all sorts and conditions of God's people, the Peace Lily representing Christ Himself, and tall grass representing our prayers and praises ascending to heaven and "returning" full of God's blessings.

Such a blessed "return" on eighteen months of intercession, faith, and patience was what the Right Reverend Mark J. Lawrence's Consecration Day proved to be!

A Tangible Encounter with the Living God

By Susie Morrison, Youth Minister, St. Michael's Church, Charleston, SC

Jesus Weekend 2008

The weekend of February 29 through March 2 brought Jesus Weekend to Camp St. Christopher on beautiful Seabrook Island. Students from all over the diocese gathered, most as part of their confirmation journey, with no expectation except to learn more about this Jesus they are supposed to believe in. Little did these unsuspecting students know that what would unfold over the next few days would be a very tangible encounter with the Living God.

A journey through the life, death, and resurrection of Christ

The weekend itself is a journey through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The experience is something special to behold. The opening took a look at prophesies in the Old Testament foretelling of a savior. That evening in a worship area decorated to the hilt with festive décor, we proclaimed the true meaning of Christmas; Jesus being born into our world. It was a beautiful remembrance of the season.

Saturday morning the decorations were gone, and we spent the day walking through Jesus' life and the beginning of His ministry. Each lesson took us deeper into the many sides of who Jesus is and what that means to us; his first time in the temple, his miracles, teaching in parables, and ending with his love for the disciples. With Jesus' example of time with the disciples, each youth group broke up and spent similar time really digging deeper



demonstrating the true heart of servant leadership. There was an indescribable feeling of agape' love within the room as we worshipped and observed this marvelous act of service. After dinner, we moved forward in Jesus' life as we looked at the passion. Not only did the groups have time to really hear what happened to our Lord, but they also saw a version before their eyes that depicted exactly what our sin brought upon Jesus on the cross. It was a difficult experience, as it is for each of us when we realize what

He is Risen!

We awoke Sunday morning for an all-out Easter party. The kids awoke to songs of praise and a pajama party to celebrate Christ rising from death to life. The worship area was again decorated with festive décor as we celebrated with hot chocolate and sweet snacks. We journeyed the road to Emmaus and the excitement of knowing that prophesies we spoke of on Friday were fulfilled; the Savior had come! After breakfast, we gathered for Eucharist in the chapel. When going through the confession, those sins that were placed in the jar were burned before their eyes and completely disappeared like magic just as they are when we come face to face with Jesus in true repentance.

You could see the epiphany in these students as they could truly see who Jesus is and all that He has done for each of them through his life and ministry. The

weekend was filled with wonderment and awe in looking at Jesus and the beginning of a life filled with love and worship of Him.

I was so blessed to be a part of the team of youth leaders who took the time to put each piece of this amazing weekend together. I would like to thank



the members of the team, as well as the youth commission students who served faithfully throughout the weekend. It was an incredible journey and I am grateful to have been a part of such a blessed ministry.



into how all of these things tie together, looking at who this Jesus is that we are called to worship. In the afternoon, there was fellowship through group games and challenges. During free time the students, either in groups or with a couple of friends, walked along and played on the beach while enjoying God's creation and even getting to watch dolphins feeding in the shallow waters. All in all it was a beautiful day, but there was so much more to come...

A Servant's Example

Saturday evening focused on Jesus being a servant as the youth ministers washed their students' feet,



part we played in it, but it was one full of meaning and true heartfelt reality. After viewing this part of the story, we walked in silence to the chapel reflecting on the weight of our sin upon the one who was without sin. The students were sent out with a paper and pen to pray and identify the things that separate them from God.

They wrote their sin upon that paper and returned to put it in a glass jar before the altar. The students left in silence and reflection as they went to bed; yes, it is possible for these kids to be quiet and reflective.



Vision Statement for Diocesan Youth Ministries

Working together... raising up a biblically literate generation that is leading the Church and changing the world.

Moving Forward or Stuck in a Rut?

The fifth article in the *Good to Great Youth Ministries* series

By Dave Wright, Diocesan Coordinator for Youth Ministry

“Keep up the good work,” said Tom. “You are making great progress here.” I could not believe the words I was hearing. Tom was not known for empty words of praise. “What do you mean?” I asked. He went on to comment on how the youth ministry at this church had been doing the ‘same old, same old’ for more than ten years. They were in effect stuck in a rut. That is not to say it was without fruit, but there was not significant growth taking place. The same group of students went on the same trips and retreats year after year. Weekly programs were so full of traditions that any new ideas were a shock to the system. However, what Tom was pointing out was simply that we had managed to entirely change the direction of the ministry. I was struck by the fact that I had not really noticed. Because my eyes were on the long-term vision, I did not recognize the short-term progress.

The Transformation of Youth Ministries

In this series of articles, we are looking at the transformation of youth ministries from good to great, based on the concepts in Jim Collins best selling book. In *Good to Great*, Collins makes the following rather stunning observation.

“In building greatness, there is no single defining action, no grand program, no one killer innovation, no solitary lucky break, no miracle moment. Rather, the process resembles relentlessly pushing a giant heavy flywheel in one direction, turn upon turn, building momentum until a point of breakthrough, and beyond.”

Building Greatness Through Steady Persistence

According to the Hedgehog concept explained in the previous article in this series, we need to build our ministries on our passion, uniqueness, and vitality. Collins compares this relent-

less pursuit of the vision to pushing a flywheel. We build greatness through a steady persistence of that which is most important. Sadly, the profession of youth ministry is known for following trends at the expense of persistence. Rather than identifying the core components of what will grow our ministries and transform lives, we latch on to the latest fad or idea that publishers or resource companies sell us. What we hope to find is the grand program or killer innovation that will change everything. In the process, we fall into the most subtle rut of them all, namely trying everything new under the sun and never settling into a consistent pattern that will lead to greatness. Now, this may sound like a criticism of creativity and innovation, but it isn’t really.

The Latest Gimmicks or a Steady Pattern?

Consider two neighboring churches. One tries all the latest gimmicks and trends to attract students, invests considerable time, money, and energy into new programs with the hope of making an impact. Once they have tried something once, they move on to new ideas. The pattern people experience is constant change, innovation, and fresh ideas. The second church runs a steady pattern of programs that meet core needs and produces measurable fruit. New creativity may be injected into programs, but the core essence of what they do remains the same. The pattern students experience is consistency in core values and creativity in peripherals. The first church is the one desperately seeking the grand program that will finally “bring them in.” The second church is pushing the flywheel and will see long-term results. This is not only true in youth ministry; but we see these patterns in congregations as well. In

the first church described, people run out of energy trying to keep up with the change, while in the second, people are freed up to be more creative because they understand the core essence of what they are trying to accomplish.

Revitalizing a Youth Group

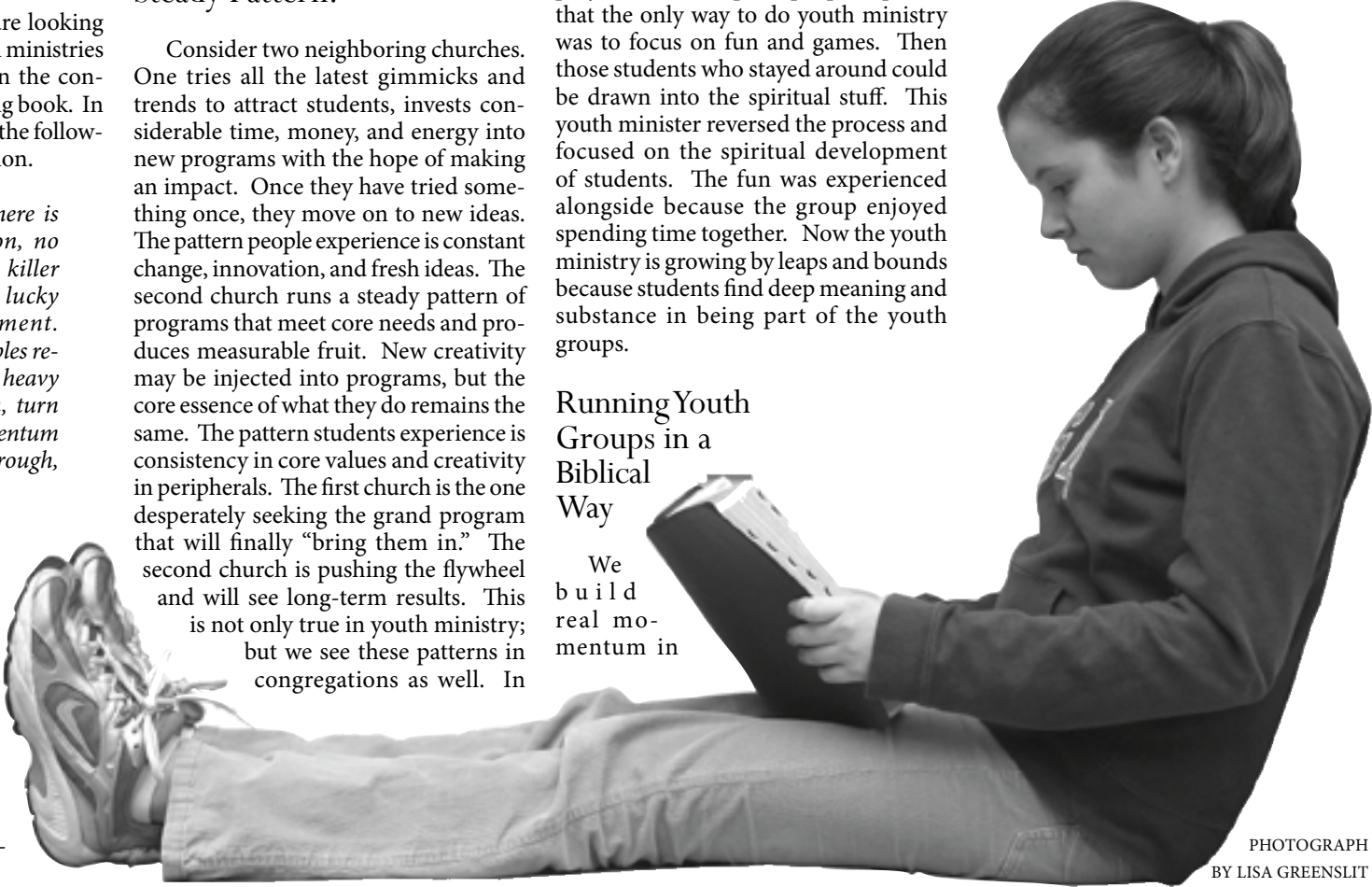
I recently had the opportunity to visit a large vibrant congregation in Canada. Three years ago, the youth ministry at this church was all but dead. They had been trying all sorts of game nights, activities, outings, trips, and innovative programs to attract students with little results. When they hired a new youth minister, he arrived and described a program built around

Bible teaching, prayer, and worship. You might be able to imagine the response. They wanted to run him out of town! In a church known for great Bible teaching, prayer, and worship, the people expected that the only way to do youth ministry was to focus on fun and games. Then those students who stayed around could be drawn into the spiritual stuff. This youth minister reversed the process and focused on the spiritual development of students. The fun was experienced alongside because the group enjoyed spending time together. Now the youth ministry is growing by leaps and bounds because students find deep meaning and substance in being part of the youth groups.

Running Youth Groups in a Biblical Way

We build real momentum in

youth ministry by focusing all aspects of our programs on two core components. Perhaps together these form our flywheel. First is the content of our ministries. The content must be the Gospel as found in scripture. It must inform and guide all that we do and how we do it. This means not only teaching the Bible faithfully week after week, but also running youth groups in a way that is Biblical. Descriptions of the early church such as found in Acts 2 should direct our meetings. The second component is our context. Our context must be authentic community. By that I mean giving students an experience of the body of Christ. This is also seen in Acts 2 and throughout the New Testament. With the content of the gospel and the context of community, we are able to build momentum. By ‘keeping the main thing the main thing,’ we are able to release creativity and become innovative in a way that helps us. No longer do we have to pour massive amounts of energy into getting people fired up for every new thing we seek to do. Now that should be a relief!



PHOTOGRAPH BY LISA GREENSLIT

Looking ahead...



Youth Ministry Apprenticeship


Applications are currently being accepted for our Youth Ministry Apprenticeship program for the next year which begins in August. Ideal candidates will be recent college graduates or individuals looking to make a career change into youth ministry. Host churches are also needed. For more information about this program visit <http://scyouth.org/apprenticeship> or contact Jonathan Bennett at St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center.

Growing Leaders: Student Leadership Camp

Our first Student Leadership camp for high school students (and those about to enter college) will be held at St. Christopher Conference Center August 11-15. The cost is \$300. Space is limited. More information is available at www.stchristopher.org.

The Underground November 14-16

Once every four years a massive event takes place that gathers all the youth of our diocese, both middle and high school students, together for a weekend of worship, teaching, prayer, and recreation... The Underground returns November 14-16. Don't miss it!



EPISCOPAL
Relief and Development

Invites you and your church to make the year 2008 the year you help people in need around the world by supporting ERD.

During February, ERD's emergency grants have helped people in need in these areas:

Sri Lanka
You may not realize it, but there have been tens of thousands of casualties in Sri Lanka during the civil war experienced there since 1983. ERD is helping deliver critical aid to those recently affected by the violence.

Malawi and Zambia
Torrential rains have caused the Zambezi River to flood, killing dozens of people and destroying entire villages. Working with Anglican dioceses in the region, ERD is helping supply food, shelter, medicine and fuel in the area.

Afghanistan
The media in the U.S. has not highlighted it, but this winter, parts of Afghanistan have had the worst snows and coldest temperatures seen in decades. Many of these people live in tents or adobe houses with no heat. ERD is helping provide food, coal, and blankets, undoubtedly saving many lives.

DeKalb, Illinois
Immediately after the February 14 shooting rampage at Northern Illinois University, ERD offered counseling and other ongoing support for students, faculty, and others affected by the shootings. They are cooperating with United Campus Ministries and St. Paul's Episcopal Church, which is located three blocks from campus.

Southern China
The largest snowfall and most damaging ice storms of the last 30 years hit heavily populated southern China in late January. 150,000 houses were destroyed and 600,000 others were severely damaged. Many relief agencies are helping. ERD has partnered with an independent Christian organization to provide rice and bedding to many homeless families.

Emergency relief efforts, such as those shown above, are only one aspect of the ongoing work done by Episcopal Relief and Development. You can learn about ongoing programs in over 40 countries at the ERD Website, www.er-d.org. Our new bishop, the Rt. Rev. Mark Lawrence, supports ERD. Last year, Episcopalians in our diocese contributed \$43,542 to ERD, a 16% increase from the previous year. ERD appreciates the generosity of all those who made donations.

Individuals: Send tax-deductible donations to: Episcopal Relief and Development, PO Box 7058, Merrifield, VA 22116-7058.

Clergy: For help getting your church involved, contact Harmon B. Person, ERD Rep for the Diocese of SC, 229 Burnham Ct., Charleston, SC 29414, (843) 766-8040, or at hbpjlp2@bellsouth.net.

Made your reservations for the 2008 Business and Leadership Conference yet?

Come with...

...the Rector

Organist

Sunday School Teacher

Volunteer on Speed Dial

...the Rector

Church Administrator

Sunday School Superintendent

Youth Minister

Senior Warden

Greeter Organizer

Junior Warden

Vestry Clerk

...the Rector

Asst. Rector

Parish Administrator

Vestry

Treasurer

Director of Faith Formation

Sexton

Music Director

Communications Director

...the Rector

Assoc. Rector

Parish Operations Minister

Worship Team Director

AV Team Leader

Rector's Assistant

Financial Administrator

Facilities Manager

Family Ministry Coordinator

Newcomers Coordinator

Nursery Dir.

Bookstore Manager

Small Group Facilitator

Youth Ministry Team

Visit www.dioceseofsc.org to register today.

The Church a Better Place Thanks to Absalom Jones

By Perry W. Thomas, II

The following essay, written by Perry W. Thomas II, age 15, was the first-place essay in the 2008 diocesan-wide essay contest on Absalom Jones. Perry is a sophomore at Myrtle Beach High School and a member of Holy Cross-Faith Memorial in Pawley's Island. The second and third place winners were Madison Blunt and Jessie Jeffcoat, respectively.

Absalom Jones was born into slavery on February 6, 1746. At the age of sixteen he was purchased by a store owner by the name of Mr. Winthrop. By the age of 28 Absalom had purchased his own freedom. Four years later he purchased his wife's freedom. Mr. Winthrop had a shop in Pennsylvania, PA. It was here that Absalom worked as a free man. Absalom taught himself to read and write. In 1766 he began attending Anthony Benzets School in the evenings. At this time Absalom was an active member in St. George's Episcopal Church, where he served as a lay preacher. While at the church Absalom made great efforts to reach the African American population. Although his efforts were not a failure, he did not gain the success he truly set out for until another African American, by the name of Richard Allen, joined the church. Together they made great efforts to help those in need, forming the Free

African Society in April of 1787. This group helped provide for and aid the sick, orphaned and even the widows of Philadelphia. With this Society being so well in place and aiding the community, the amount of African Americans attending St. George's rapidly increased. Although this seemed to be a positive step for the church, many of the white church leaders were not happy with the outcome. As a way to try and control the growth and show the African Americans who truly ran the church, the whites segregated the church. The balcony section of the church was for the African Americans and the remainder of the church went to the whites; they could sit and enjoy the service wherever they pleased. Without the knowledge of the segregation to the balcony Absalom came to church on what he thought was just another Sunday and sat in a seat outside of the balcony. During the prayer an usher came up to Absalom and told him he would have to move to the balcony. When Absalom refused the usher attempted to physically move him. Soon afterwards Absalom Jones along with Richard Allen and many of their followers left the church. After this event Absalom and Richard decided they would form their own church. On July 17, 1794 construction of Saint Thompson's African Episcopal Church was complete. Absalom was

named the renowned Orator. With the formation of his new church Absalom's outreach to the community grew and so did his congregation. Many different societies were formed in the church to help the community. Along with the fact that Absalom had become the first African American Orator of a church, his accomplishments proved themselves. Absalom started as a simple working slave and became one of history's most remarkable men. Absalom is proof of what faith in God, power and determination, can do for you and a community. It is because of Mr. Jones' strong beliefs and morals that today the church is a much better place, a place where the congregation is not limited to one ethnicity or religion instead it's a place to worship, praise and thank God. Thanks to Absalom the diversity of the church has also grown. There are so many different people from so many different places that come to worship. I definitely think that without the will power and strong heartedness of Absalom Jones and his followers the conditions of the church would not be so free-spirited and open minded as they are today. For these reason I appreciate Absalom Jones greatly for his persistence in forming an equal body for the church.

Grace Church Tea Room

May 26-June 6

Grace Episcopal Church in Charleston will hold its 17th annual Tea Room May 26-June 6 to raise money for local outreach organizations.

The Tea Room serves lunch Monday through Saturday from 11:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. during Spoleto Festival USA. The money raised goes to some 20 local charitable organizations, such as the Lowcountry Children's Center, the Crisis Ministries homeless shelter, Star Gospel Mission and the Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy. Since it began

used books and collectibles. The shop will be open from 10:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. daily during the Tea Room.

The menu features crab soup, ham biscuits, sandwiches, shrimp remoulade, chicken salad and other favorites, all made fresh daily in the church kitchen. Lunch is served at tables in the parish hall decorated with tablecloths and fresh flowers, with live piano music in the background. All the work, from the food preparation to waiting tables, cleaning up and taking telephone orders, is done by Grace members.

Guests are urged to save room for dessert: Parishioners prepare their favorite desserts and deliver them to the Tea Room each morning, where they're garnished with flowers and mint leaves from local gardens. The selection varies daily but the price is the same: A generous slice costs only \$4.00.

Take-out lunches are available by calling 723-8587 and placing orders between 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. for pickup during the regular Tea



PHOTOGRAPH BY WALLY BRIEDIS
(from left to right) Hatsy Bayse, Gwen Guest and Nancy Allen prepare to welcome visitors to the Church Mouse Boutique at Grace Church's 2007 Tea Room.

in 1992, the Tea Room has given away more than \$300,000 for outreach – including \$50,000 from last year's event.

Visitors are also invited to visit the Church Mouse Boutique, a gift shop selling everything from handmade linens and homemade jams to gently

Room hours.

Grace Church is located at 98 Wentworth Street, near the College of Charleston campus. For the complete menu, please visit <http://gracechurchcharleston.org>.

Married Couples' Retreat

Chuck & Becky Owens

August 1-3

The 10th annual Diocesan Couples Conference will be held at beautiful Saint Christopher Camp and Conference Center on Seabrook Island August 1-3, 2008. The Rev. Chuck Owens and his wife Becky will lead a program titled, "Marriage: Matching + Complementing."

The Couples' Conference is a weekend retreat designed to strengthen and renew Christian marriage. We will have strong Biblical teaching as well as time

for small groups, praise and worship, fellowship with other Christian couples, and time to spend with your spouse. There is always delicious food prepared by Chef Stephen Boyles and his wonderful staff.

It doesn't matter if you have been married for less than a month or for more than 50 years; all couples are encouraged to attend this weekend of marriage renewal. The cost is only \$310 per couple for the weekend with a \$75 deposit.

Space is limited and reservations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

The Rev. Chuck and Becky Owens will lead on *Marriage: Matching and Complementing.*

DIOCESAN COUPLES CONFERENCE, August 1-3, 2008

Husband's Name: _____
Wife's Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Telephones: (daytime) _____
Telephones: (evening) _____
Parish: _____
Special Facilities Required? _____ Any Dietary Restrictions? _____
Special Nicknames: (Husband) _____ (Wife) _____
Anniversary Date: _____ Yrs. Married _____
Additional requests or information: _____

Deposit of \$75 must accompany registration. Make checks payable to: Couples Conference. Total fee is \$310 per couple. Deposit is credited toward registration. Mail to: Couples Conference, c/o Lynn Lawrence, 37 South Hampton Dr., Charleston, SC 29407. Please fill out your name as you want it on your nametag.

Please bring a copy of your wedding photograph to donate.

Another Healthy Dose of Mere Anglicanism

By Sue Careless
This article first appeared in *The Anglican Plant*. It is reprinted with permission.

The Mere Anglicanism Conference held in Charleston, South Carolina, is developing a reputation for presenting a slate of speakers with a mix of erudition and popular appeal. And certainly the warm charm of the Lowcountry is an added perk for the mid-winter event.

The third annual conference (January 31-February 2) drew about 250 attendees from primarily the eastern seaboard, although some came from the Southwest along with a smattering of Canadians.

South Carolina is one of the fastest growing dioceses in the Episcopal Church. It is one of the few where the church is actually growing faster than the population. (In all too many dioceses—such as Nevada from which the current Presiding Bishop hails—the Episcopal Church is shrinking, even where the population is growing.)

On January 26 the Cathedral Church of St. Luke and St. Paul had been packed for the jubilant consecration of Mark Lawrence. The theologically conservative priest had first been elected in September

2006, but his election narrowly missed approval by a majority of bishops and standing committees in the predominantly liberal Episcopal Church, so the Presiding Bishop declared his first election "null and void." This, however, did not stop the determined Diocese from electing Lawrence a second time and this time he obtained the consent needed.

The *Charleston Mercury* observed: "Apparently the Diocese of South Carolina was darn well ready to receive this gentle and powerful man as bishop after well-known trials on his path. Who would have thought that a solemn, formal ceremony could be characterized throughout by palpable excitement and joy?"

The conference agenda still listed "Bishop (God willing) Mark Lawrence" but now all who attended knew Deus volt, "God wills."

Bob Duncan, Bishop of Pittsburgh, gave the most political address, analyzing developments in the Anglican Communion since Septemer 30. Certainly much has happened since the Episcopal House of Bishops met in New Orleans.

Duncan himself has been threatened with inhibition by the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church.

He also examined the current situation in light of the Elizabethan Settlement of 1559:

"First Anglicanism was agreed to be under the Word. Are we there now? No. We use these words sometimes but they no longer have the same meaning. The Settlement was that the Church was to be under the Word.

"The second thing that was true is that the Settlement was under the Prayer Book. We don't have that anymore. There is nothing in terms of our prayer that is common. There is nothing that might lead us to believe that what we pray is really what we believe. We no longer pray the same things so we no longer believe the same things. The book has collapsed. The book was our magisterium. We did not have a Roman Magisterium. We had a book. It was our articulation of doctrine. It was the theological construct in which we prayed. But just like the Word

Continued Page 14

Ministry Money Available

By Ed Dyckman, Chair,
Department of Social Ministries

Q: Do you need ministry money for an event at your church to inspire local outreach or domestic mission?

A: If YES, email us at edward.dyckman@att.net or 843-367-5647.

We'll give you Ministry Money to help pay for your event's publicity, speakers, refreshments, music, and/or entertainment.

In 2007 we gave an average of \$500 each to over 20 churches and social ministries.

Help us double the rate in 2008! email or call today.

Social Ministries Builds Bridges Out of Poverty

By Ed Dyckman, Chair, Department of Social Ministries



In the Great Commandment (Mark 12:29-31) Jesus teaches us to love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength; and to love our neighbor as ourselves. In the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20) Jesus commands us to make disciples of all nations; baptizing them; and teaching them everything He commanded us. In these “two greats,” God calls us to prioritize our lives so that we see the needs of people and their eternity as the goal of all our endeavors. We in Social Ministries are developing a way to achieve that goal—by serving as Lazarus and Samaritan Ministers within the Next Steps Program—and we need your help.

Lazarus and Samaritan Series

You may have heard of the “Stephen Series” which is a complete ecumenical system for training and organizing lay people to provide one-to-one Christian care to hurting people in and around their congregations. As in the Stephen Series, the “Lazarus and Samaritan Series” will provide congregations with the structure, training and resources to set up and administer a complete system for lay ministry (called Lazarus Ministry and Samaritan Ministry) in our congregations. In Lazarus and Samaritan congregations, lay caregivers will provide one-to-one Christian care to people in poverty residing in their community, whom we refer to as “participants.” Lazarus and Samaritan Ministers help clergy and congregations provide short-term care and long-term mentoring, respectively, to help participants build bridges out of poverty.

Acquiring Tools to Implement the Lazarus and Samaritan Series.

(A) As of January 1, 2008, we acquired use of the Next Steps database from Samaritan Ministry of Greater Washington (www.samaritanministry.org) and its software developer Community

Information Technology Innovators of Washington, DC (www.citidc.com) for the purpose of offering Next Steps, at no cost, as the information technology backbone linking churches and Christ-centered social ministries combating poverty in the inner cities and rural areas of South Carolina.

(1) Lazarus Ministers will be trained to use the Next Steps database to record a participant’s name, address, etc., and his/her immediate needs, including food, clothing, shelter, and health and financial assistance. Using Next Steps Internet links, supplementary written information, and contacts with other community organizations, Lazarus Ministers will help provide the participant with these resources. An effective Lazarus Minister will be someone with a listening ear, a patient and loving heart, and a helping hand. The Lazarus Minister will have the opportunity to link the participant with a Samaritan Minister by asking the participant if there are any changes s/he would you like to make to improve her/his life.

(2) Samaritan Ministers will be trained to use the Next Steps database to interact with the participant to (a) explore her/his desired life-improving changes; (b) identify goals for achieving each change; (c) specify the next steps to achieving each goal; and (d) monitor progress over time. The desired changes might be in the areas of employment, housing, family life, financial management, and/or recovery from illness or addiction. For example, by meeting regularly, e.g., weekly, monthly, the Samaritan Minister will empower a participant to take the next steps under an employment-related goal to (a) find and complete an employment workshop, (b) write a resume, (c) learn basic computer skills, (d) conduct a job search, (e) fill out online applications, and/or (f) prepare for interviews that lead to job offers. By taking small steps over time, instead of expecting a dramatic change to occur

Continued on page 13

The Rt. Rev. William J. Skilton Installed as Assistant Bishop of the Iglesia Episcopal Dominicana

During the closing service of the 50th Anniversary Convention of the Iglesia Episcopal Dominicana (Dominican Episcopal Church) held on February 10, 2008, in the city of San Pedro de Macoris, the Rt. Rev. William J. Skilton was installed as Assistant Bishop by the Rt. Rev. Julio Cesar Holguin Koury, Diocesan Bishop.

The Dominican Episcopal Church, part of Province IX of The Episcopal Church, is one of the fastest growing dioceses of the Episcopal Church and has had a Companion Diocese relationship with South Carolina for a number of years.

During the service, Bishop Skilton received a Bible and a pectoral cross of silver and larimar made in the Dominican Republic.

With over 2,000 in attendance, this festive celebration included the Ordination of two to the Sacred Priesthood and one reception from Roman Catholic Orders.



The Right Reverend William J. Skilton, left, is shown with The Rt. Reverend Julio Cesar Holguin Koury, Bishop of the Iglesia Episcopal Dominicana.

Bishop Skilton served in the Diocese of South Carolina as Bishop Suffragan from 1996 until 2006.

National Episcopal Cursillo Committee Meets at St. Andrew’s, Mt. Pleasant

The National Episcopal Cursillo Committee (NECC) held their first quarterly meeting for 2008 on January 23-27 at St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church in Mount Pleasant, South Carolina. Members of the host committee, chaired by John Hood, and assisted by NECC member Judy Hood, provided housing, meals and local transportation for all nineteen members who attended. NECC President Ted Ederer, from Kirkland, Washington, said that “the hospitality of the host community, Fr. Steve Wood, Bishop Edward Salmon (who celebrated Eucharist for the committee) and the Cursillo community of South Carolina was outstanding. They really made us feel at home. The Ultreya – gathering of the community – on Friday evening was filled with music led by Wanda Taylor, good food and outstanding witness talks and sharing.”

The NECC is responsible for seeing that the work of the national Cursillo Movement is carried out. Ultimately that work – performed at the diocesan level – is to teach the Cursillo method, target leaders, put on weekends, foster Fourth Day (the rest of your life) activities and live out the Fourth Day. The primary purpose of the NECC is to help dioceses carry out that work. It is also recognized that the NECC is to play an essential role in raising up and empowering Christ-centered leaders to evangelize our communities.

There are nineteen members on the NECC. Fifteen are elected representatives, three each from five districts (Southeast, Northeast, North Central, South Central and West). Each district elects one representative each year (lay woman, lay man, clergy on a rotating basis). There are also four ex-officio members: the president, who serves a fourth year, the treasurer, the office administrator and the bishop liaison (Bishop Alan Scarfe of the Diocese of Iowa).

The NECC meets four times a year – three at host communities such as St. Andrew’s, Mt. Pleasant – and one in

advance of the annual seminar - which this year is at Daytona Beach, Florida, on October 23-26. The NECC meets as a whole to do the work of the committee and also as subcommittees to carry out work in designated areas: the Cursillo Leaders Development subcommittee which is responsible for monitoring the health of the Cursillo Movement and helping dioceses to do their work; the publications subcommittee which revises the NEC library books; and the communications subcommittee which updates and maintains the web site www.episcopalcursillo.org and *4th Day Magazine* among other tasks. There are also several servant communities responsible for planning seminars, putting on Episcopal Cursillo Leaders Workshops, finance/fund raising and serving as consultants. The goal of the NECC for 2008 is to increase its activity in assisting dioceses to revive and re-energize their movements, to help diocesan movements make a difference for Christ, to help diocesan movements carry out their role of raising up and empowering Christ-centered leaders to energize our communities, and to tailor what the NECC does – publications, seminars, web site, communications, ECLW’s and consultations – to meet those specific needs.

Upcoming Cursillo Events

April 3-6: Cursillo Weekend 151
Mary Ellen Doran, lay rector

April 19: Diocesan Ultreya

June 26-29: Cursillo Weekend 152
Gene Scarborough, lay rector

July 12: Diocesan Ultreya

Next Steps Training Available

May 14, June 18, July 23

The Department of Social Ministries will offer Next Steps training on a monthly basis beginning in 2008 at the training center of Agape Ministries of Charleston. Please encourage parishioners and friends whom you think may have a call to Discipleship to attend. Initial training dates are Wednesdays May 14, June 18, and July 23 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. There is no fee for this train-

ing. Those who complete it will receive a Next Steps Certificate and be eligible to become either Lazarus or Samaritan Ministers.

Registration: Please contact Ed Dyckman, Chair, Department of Social Ministries at 843-367-5647 or Edward.dyckman@att.net to register. The capacity for each training is 18.



From left, Bill Trawick – President/CEO of Bishop Gadsden, Bishop Jefferts Schori and Bishop Lawrence.

Bishop Gadsden Welcomes the Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori and the Diocesan Bishop Mark J. Lawrence

Bishop Gadsden was very pleased to welcome our Diocesan Bishop, Mark Lawrence, and The Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori to its community on February 25, 2008.

President and CEO Bill Trawick remarked during the reception, “Bishop Lawrence, we welcome you to the Diocese and look forward to you being our frequent guest. Presiding Bishop Jefferts Schori, we are privileged to have you with us this afternoon.” When introduced to the crowd, Bishop Jefferts

Schori responded, “It is a joy to see so many Episcopalians here today. I am grateful for the ministry of Bishop Gadsden, which respects and cherishes all ages and stages of life. I thank you for your ministry.” Bishop Lawrence followed by stating, “What a remarkable place Bishop Gadsden is,” and went on to commend the organization and its leadership for always looking ahead and being on the cutting edge of retirement living.

Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy Banquet Draws More Than 550

By Jennifer Lorenz

The Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy’s 17th Annual Banquet and Silent Auction was held January 24, 2008, at the Charleston Area Convention Center in North Charleston, SC.

More than 550 law enforcement, first responder personnel and citizens of the Lowcountry attended. The evening honored the nine firefighters and four police officers who lost their lives in the line of duty in 2007.

Testimonials were shared by Charleston businessman, David Richardson and Charleston Fire Chief Rusty Thomas about the vital role of the Chaplaincy during an unexpected tragedy. The guest speaker was Deputy Director of the FBI, John Pistole. A silent auction was also held including items such as airline tickets and a weekend stay in a mountain home in Saluda, NC. The event raised more than \$20,000 for the Chaplaincy.

The Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy, made up of staff and volunteer chaplains, provides comfort and support to the first responders (police, fire, and EMS) and the community of the Lowcountry. In



PHOTOGRAPH BY BILL MURTON

David Richardson, left, shares a hug with his son, James, 18, after presenting a moving testimonial and video presentation about James’ recovery from a near-death accident more than 10 years ago. The Rev. Rob Dewey of the Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy was the first person to meet David Richardson at the hospital when Richardson arrived to learn about his son’s fate.

2007, the Chaplaincy responded to more than 1200 emergency calls. For more information, contact Jennifer Lorenz at 724-1212.

Bishop Gadsden Resident’s Support Residents in Need and Greater Community

The residents of Bishop Gadsden displayed their generosity recently, presenting President /CEO Bill Trawick with a donation of over \$70,000 for the Resident Assistant Fund. This amount, the profits from two resident-run retail establishments, The Village Shop and Eliza’s Attic, will assist Bishop Gadsden residents who are beginning to face financial difficulties, thus ensuring they may continue living at Bishop Gadsden.

In addition, the Bishop Gadsden Outreach Committee – a resident-driven committee focused on activities benefitting the greater Charleston area, presented their 2007 Charity of Choice, the Magdalene House, with a gift of \$24,000 raised during their November, 2007 auction event. The Outreach Committee also announced the 2008 Charity Partner, Sea Island Habitat for Humanity, for whom they have set a goal of raising \$55,000 and building one house with residents, staff, friends and family.

The need for the Resident Assistance Fund, founded in 1992, has grown significantly over the years. The annual need projected for 2008 is \$300,000.

“What a super time we have as volunteers,” said Village Shop Manager Chance Scrantom, an independent resident since 2005. “Giving an option to residents to shop in their own home is a pretty neat thing.” With a volunteer team of more than 40 independent and assisted living residents, the resort-like store sells merchandise including clothing, jewelry, cards, toiletries, gifts and other sundries, with all proceeds being

donated to the Resident Assistance Fund. The shop keeps regular hours each week. In 2007, the net proceeds were \$18,000 (an 80% increase from 2006).

Eliza’s Attic, named for Bishop Gadsden’s wife, Eliza, is a “thrift” shop of sorts.



Harold Jacobs, 2007 Outreach Committee Chair, with Magdalene House Board President, Rev. Marilyn Powell, and Executive Director Louise Lawrence.

Residents and families of residents donate furniture, clothing and housewares and those items are then sold (at very fair pricing) to residents, staff and the public at large. The “attic” as it is referred to by volunteers and shoppers alike, is open Friday and Saturdays only, yet volunteers are busy throughout the week moving, arranging and pricing merchandise. In 2006, Eliza’s Attic raised nearly \$49,000 and in 2007, \$54,000 was donated to the Resident Assistance Fund.

“It’s a fun place to shop – you just never know what we will get in, and it is nice to see that we can offer such low prices on quality goods to the Charleston community,” states Martha Roberts, head Attic Volunteer and Independent Resident of Bishop Gadsden.

Bishop Gadsden President/CEO Bill Trawick states, “I am so proud of this community. Their deep desire to support their fellow residents, as well as that of the entire community, is inspirational.”

Bridges Out of Poverty

Continued from page 12

rapidly, change accumulates bit-by-bit, step-by-step.

(B) We are working with Aha Process, Inc., Highlands, TX, (www.ahaprocess.com) to equip us to train Lazarus and Samaritan Ministers to work with participants, develop a deeper understanding of their challenges and strengths, and partner with them to create opportunities for success. Aha’s resources include:

(1) “Bridges out of Poverty” will be used by Lazarus and Samaritan Ministers working one-on-one with participants to: (a) understand the different means of communication between poor, middle, and rich classes of people; (b) recognize the hidden rules among classes and (c) learn about patterns of generational poverty and more as Lazarus and Samaritan Ministers develop strategies to help participants build their individual bridges out of poverty.

(2) “Getting Ahead in a Just-Gettin’ By World” will be used by participants working in groups with a Samaritan Minister as facilitator to explore the impact that poverty has had on them, investigate economic realities, complete a self-assessment of their own resources, and develop a mental model of community prosperity.

(3) “What Every Church Member Should Know About Poverty” will be used by Lazarus and Samaritan Minis-

ters in their congregations to increase knowledge and awareness of the culture of poverty, and ways that their church may minister to participants. Topics include the hidden rules of middle class, language patterns and cognition, violence and conflict resolution, family and relationship building and church participation, and the transition and integration of participants into the church community.

How You Can Help

Volunteer to serve on the Next Steps Training Team. As a team member (a) become acquainted with the Next Steps database: (b) read the resource materials described above (the Department will provide you these materials); (c) suggest any other relevant resources with which you may be familiar; and (d) work with the Department to develop the Lazarus and Samaritan Series’ structure, training and resources that congregations can use to set up and administer a complete ecumenical system for lay Lazarus and Samaritan Ministries to serve in churches and Christ-centered social ministries throughout the inner cities and rural areas of South Carolina. Please contact Ed Dyckman at edward.dyckman@att.net or 843-367-5647 with questions and to volunteer to help.



York Place Announces Upcoming Events

Please mark your calendars for two very important events coming to York Place.

Founders Day

On May 4, 2008, York Place will be celebrating 158 years of ministry to children and their families. Founders Day is held annually for former residents, friends, community, Episcopalians, children and staff.

The day’s activities will begin at 10 a.m. For more details visit www.york-place.org.

An alumni event is being planned. Special invitations will be sent with more details. All former residents are urged to contact York Place’s Development Office

at 803-684-4011 ext. 1009 to make sure we have correct information.

We look forward to a day of fellowship with friends of York Place. You may make your reservation by calling 803-684-4011, ext: 1014, by April 25.

“Play for the Child” Golf Tournament

On June 6, 2005, the 26th Annual Gene Knight “Play for the Child” Golf Tournament will take place. Proceeds from this event go directly to benefit the children at York Place. For more details or an entry form, please contact the York Place Development Office 803-684-4011, ext. 1014, or visit our website, www.york-place.org.

My Eyes are Fixed on Jesus

By Tabitha Wang

Last year several dear friends and encouraging supporters of mine retired. I failed to see the glory of the Lord at first but felt instead a profound sense of loss. A heaviness and bone-tiredness plagued me. I dreaded having to make new beginnings.

Looking back at the events and encounters of the last three months, I am certain that the glory of the Lord visited me in small but sure measure. Some of these events like the installation of the new Rector at St. Michael's, the consecration of our new Bishop, even the diocesan convention were quite memorable, and did much to lift my spirit. New opportunities materialized one at a time with some effort on my part, but mostly through the



gracious help and generous hospitality from new and old friends.

Now I am getting ready to embark on the mission field to which God calls. A book, *Three Cups of Tea*, has provided me with anchoring. I'm feeling much better. I'm better informed, expectant and hopeful about this next frontier to which I am headed. Please continue praying for me, your missionary, and for the orphaned and homeless children. Pray that my eyes will be fixed on Jesus.

Tabitha may be reached at To The Nations Fellowship, 1580 Lancaster Drive, Unit 37, Oakville, ON L6H 2Z5 Canada

Mere Anglicanism

Continued from page 11

that we believed judged us rather than us it, the book has collapsed.

"Third: the Settlement exchanged an international leader for a local leader (pope to king). All this took place under British systems. These systems were remarkable. Even after the collapse of the Empire, everyone was still under the systems. Who calls the primates together? Who gives the mandate to the ACC and who appoints the General Secretary?

"The Settlement has worked for 400 years, but the agreement that authority rests in the Bible, in the Prayer Book and the English church system...all of that is collapsing. What I am suggesting is that sustaining a Mere Anglicanism that is catholic, evangelical, pentecostal, and reasonable is not working under the old settlement.

"The Elizabethan Settlement has served us well but no longer are we white, western or British; a new settlement must emerge with systems and structures that will sustain and protect Anglicanism."

Duncan claims that in history the Church "moves from consensus to disintegration to consensus again." He was encouraged that "The disintegration means that a new consensus is on the way."

There were five other major addresses, one by Canadian Dr. Robert Crouse, a noted Patristic and Medieval scholar, who spoke on "Sacramental Anglicanism" (see the complete paper). Dr. Crouse maintains that "Tradition is the Church's memory." He said that "In this time of disruption and fragmentation we need to recollect and remember whence we have come and live afresh in that tradition." Just as Israel is only faithful to God when she remembers his goodness towards her, so we as a Church must avoid suffering from "crippling amnesia."

One of the strongest addresses was delivered by probably the youngest theologian invited, Dr. Paul Moser, Professor and Chair of Philosophy at Loyola University in Chicago. He spoke on "Jesus: God's Trustworthy Word." Here is a sample:

"A filial relationship with God involves non-coercive perfectly authoritative and loving ownership of a child on God's part and willingly being owned by God on the child's part. Paul thus remarks that followers of Jesus under God as Father are not their own but 'have been bought with a price' and thus belong to God (1 Cor. 6:19-20; cf. Rom. 14:7-9). He would say, accordingly, that the urgent question for a human is not so much 'Who am I?' as 'Whose am I?'

John's Gospel follows suit: 'The one who is of [that is, belongs to] God hears the words of God; on account of this, you do not hear them, because you are not of [that is, do not belong to] God' (8:47)."

Moser then asked, "By whose power am I living: by the lasting power of God's Spirit of authoritative unselfish love, or by my own short-lived, largely selfish power? The presence of one's selfishness, particularly in regard to outsiders and enemies, is a litmus test for one's being motivated by dying human power antithetical to the lasting unselfish power of a perfectly loving God."

Prolific writer and Christian apologist Canon Michael Green spoke on "Marching Orders for a New Reformation." When describing Old Testament prophecy he noted how "such predictions of such proliferation over thousands of years were precisely fulfilled in a single person." He also spoke of how Christian resurgence was evident in officially atheistic nations: the former Soviet Union, Cuba and China. He said that the liberal brand of Christianity "offers inclusiveness without transformation."

Other speakers included Dr. Jerry Root on "C.S. Lewis and the Word of God" and Dr. Ashley Null on "Thomas Cranmer for Today."

Noted Canadian theologian Edith Humphrey of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary spoke on a panel on theological education. Jack Iker, Bishop of Fort Worth, and the Rev. Matt Kennedy, a frequent contributor to the website Stand Firm, both moderated two other panel discussions.

The conference chaplain, Dr. Leander Harding, preached on patience, noting that God shows astounding patience towards us. He said that Tyndale when translating the "love" of God translated it as "longsuffering love." Dr. Harding said that in our impatience we can too easily do "the right thing at the wrong time" or "the right thing at the right time but with the wrong spirit" and that any crisis requires "good judgment and trust in the Providence of God."

The Retired Bishop of South Carolina, FitzSimons Allison, gave a summation of the talks. As a learned scholar in his own right and author of *The Cruelty of Heresy*, much of the impetus for the conference should probably be credited to him.



Above, golfers from the previous year's ChaPSS tournament enjoy the course.

The Charleston Port & Seafarers' Society Annual Golf Tournament

The Charleston Port & Seafarers' Society (ChaPSS) is holding its annual golf tournament to raise funds to benefit the Seafarers' Center. The tournament will be held on April 7 at Snee Farm Country Club in Mt. Pleasant. Registration begins at noon with the shotgun start at 1 p.m. After the tournament, there will be a BBQ dinner with live bluegrass music provided by Yee Haw Junction at 6 p.m.

The format is captain's choice and space is limited to 100 golfers, so participants are encouraged to register early. There will be raffle and door prizes, as well as cash prizes for 1st—3rd place winners. Prizes will also be awarded for closest to the pin, longest drive and highest score, and the golfer that hits a hole-in-one on the designated hole will win a new car.

Donations are \$75 for an individual golfer which includes a round of golf, golf cart, golfers cap, prizes, and the BBQ dinner. Hole Sponsors providing a \$100 donation will receive signage at the tee box, event recognition and listing on the ChaPSS website. Non-golfers who would like to attend the dinner and bluegrass concert can purchase tickets for \$20, which includes a delicious meal of barbeque chicken and pork, home-made potato salad, macaroni and cheese, southern green beans, hearty coleslaw, strawberry trifle and fudge brownies. All donations are tax deductible.

If you would like to support ChaPSS, participate in the annual golf tournament, or make a donation, please call the ChaPSS office at 843-856-4969 or e-mail us at info@chapss.org. You can also visit our website at www.chapss.org or watch our video at <http://youtube.com/>

Stilling the Soul Church of the Cross Daughters Hosted Quiet Day

The Daughters of the King chapter at Church of the Cross, Bluffton, hosted a Quiet Day on February 23. "The Stilling of the Soul" was the theme for the meditations led by the DOK chaplain, Fr. Terence Lee. The ambiance of this historic church on the beautiful May River provided the perfect setting for the sixty plus gathered to reflect on the following meditations: "Too busy not to pray," "Your invitation," and "Living

in His Presence." A closing Eucharist was celebrated by Fr. Chuck Owens, the parish priest. All of those in attendance truly enjoyed the gracious hospitality of the host chapter prior to the beginning of the meditations (continental breakfast bar) and at the end with a delectable lunch. Needless to say, this very well-planned Quiet Day during the Lenten season brought all of us closer to the presence of Christ.

124th Annual Meeting of the Diocesan ECW, April 26

The 124th Annual Meeting of the Episcopal Church Women will be held at the Historic Church of the Epiphany, Eutawville on April 26, 2008. The meeting will begin with a light breakfast at 9 a.m. and be followed by the general meeting at 9:30.

The speaker will be John Shiflet, President of York Place. The theme for the meeting is, "From the fullness of His grace we have all received one blessing after another." John 1:16

There is a reservation fee of \$15. Reservations should be made by April 17. Mail them to the president of Epiphany's ECW, Cora Obrochta at 161 Driftwood Dr., Eutawville, SC 29048. For more information you may contact Cora at coraobrochta@aol.com

Additional information will be mailed. Hotel rooms have been reserved in Santee at special rates for those who will need them.

Dilemmas*

By The Rev. Mark D. Cooke, Associate
The Cathedral Church of St. Luke and St. Paul

i hunger for Your Presence
while hiding and on the run
worshipping Your Holiness even as
fleshly thoughts bombard my mind
lifting my gaze Heavenward only to be
distracted by some earthly visage
ministering Your Healing but busying myself
to numb my own soul-sickness
dancing in Your Light while the outward man
walks with chains around his feet
speaking Your Peace over weary souls while
feeling adrift in the storms of life
committing to Spiritual Disciplines yet frequently
losing Your Rhythms of Grace
the inner man delights in the Law of God while
my psyche bends to the law of sin & death
longing for Transparency and Authenticity
i erect walls of defense and obstruction
seeking to walk by Faith and not by sight while
still allowing life's routines & circumstances
to leave me anxious & afraid
thirsting for true Community
i too often run to my cave

“Oh wretched man that i am;
who will set me free from this body of death?”

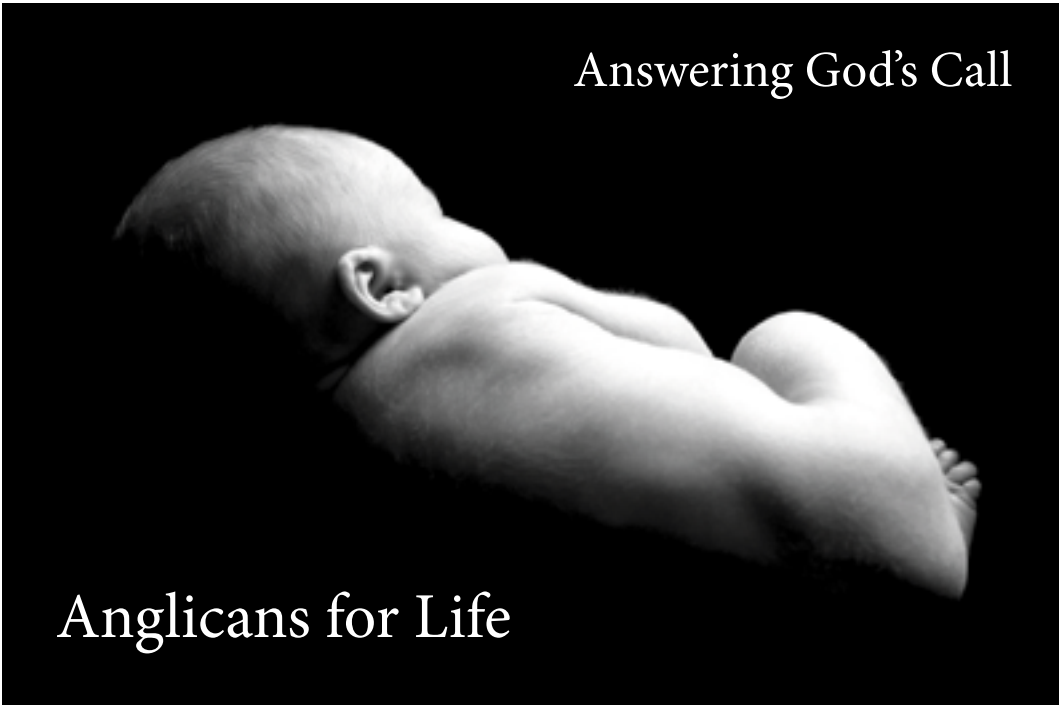
You beckon me to sweet Solitude with You but
i cower in a sense of isolation & loneliness
You call me to Shepherd others when
i myself am a wayward sheep
You invite me to worship in Spirit & Truth while
i'm burdened by ritual & tradition
You send me to the ministry of Reconciliation but
there are brothers with whom I no longer walk
You call me to speak the Truth in Love yet
too often i cowardly refrain
You urge me to model Grace but how easily
and foolishly i can speak judgment
and words that do not edify
You call me to come and Die while a dead man
whispers lies in my soul
You command me to pray for true Unity while
i am often separated from my brother
by superficial things
You declare that i will receive Power and release it into
the world, but sterility clings to my life
You plead with me to come and Rest but i'm still
wrestling angels by the river Jabbok
You welcome me as Friend opening Your arms for
Intimacy yet i so easily treat You like a stranger

“Oh wretched man that i am;
who will set me free from this body of death?”

“Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!”

*Alternate title: “Spiritual Schizophrenia: Why I'm
Glad Paul Wrote Romans 7”

Answering God's Call



Anglicans for Life

Sheryl O'Neal, Life Coordinator, St. Philip's, Charleston

How do I know if I am an “Anglican for Life?” As a thirty-something clergyman recently quipped, “It's a no-brainer!” Here's how it works: I'm an Anglican. (check.) I affirm the sanctity of every life because God is our Creator. (check.) Therefore, I am: an Anglican for Life! (check!)

Anglicans for Life (AFL) is “a global ministry affirming the sanctity of life.” Their mission statement reads, “The only Anglican/Episcopal ministry dedicated to ending abortion and euthanasia, protecting embryos from research abuse, and promoting abstinence and adoption. AFL is founded on biblical values and follows the Anglican tradition. AFL's mission includes education, advocacy and ministry.”

Affirming the sanctity of all life in one's parish can take many avenues. Merely establishing an AFL Chapter often leads to a subtle shift in how parishioners and clergy begin to view the sanctity of life. Here are five sure signs of a Life Affirming Church:

1. Encourages parishioners to form an AFL Chapter and members to become Life Coordinators.
2. Displays life affirming educational literature such as AFL newsletters and brochures.
3. Promotes abstinence and chastity programs that promote God's worldview with youth and parents.

4. Supports financial and practical outreach to girls and women facing unplanned pregnancies.

5. Provides opportunities for ministry to women and men hurting after abortions.

Each parish carries out this affirmation in ways that fit its individual culture. Our prayer for the Diocese of South Carolina is that God will turn hearts toward Him on this issue. When that happens, people begin reaching out and helping those in difficult situations, whether it's a pregnant teen, unsure of what to do, an octogenarian in crisis care, a mentally ill homeless former executive, or orphans and widows in our midst. Jesus makes it crystal clear what He would have us do. God is calling. It is up to us to find ways that work in our individual parishes to affirm life. After all, life is good!

Our diocese will welcome Georgette Forney, the National Director of Anglicans for Life

and the co-founder of “Silent No More” Awareness Campaign April 24-28, 2008. There will be a variety of opportunities to meet and hear Georgette in local parishes. A clergy meeting hosted by The Rev. Shay Gaillard and The Rev. Patrick Allen will occur on April 28 from 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. and includes lunch at The Church of the Good Shepherd in West Ashley in Charleston.

Understanding Anglicans for Life: A Day for Clergy

The clergy of the Diocese of South Carolina are invited to spend some significant time with Georgette Forney, President of Anglicans for Life. The event will be held on Monday, April 28 from 10:30-2:30 p.m. at Church of the Good Shepherd. Mrs. Forney will address the group on how to form an Anglicans for Life chapter in your parish as well as other practical ideas on sharing the “pro-life” message. There will be time for theological reflection and prayer for the issues of life facing our Diocese. Lunch is included in our time together. For more information or to register, please contact The Rev. Shay Gaillard at 843-571-2993 or frshay@bellsouth.net.

Men and women alike are encouraged to check out Anglicansforlife.org. For more information on forming chapters or scheduling an event with Georgette, please contact Sheryl O'Neal at 843-343-4343.

Church Periodical Club

Continued from page 6

designated for the National Church are charged a 15% surcharge.

This year the Sunday set aside for the CPC ingathering is May 4. If this Sunday does not fit into your church's calendar, meet with your priest to find a Sunday that will work. As Christians, we have been charged to spread God's word. By supporting the Church Periodical Club, you are doing exactly that. If your church or organization knows of a project that may fit the guidelines to receive funds from either Miles of Pennies (MOP) or CPC, have your CPC representative or liaison person contact me at jtadams@ftc-i.net or call me at (803) 499-7516. If the project meets the guidelines, it will be presented and voted upon at the ECW Annual Meeting on April 26, 2008. The theme for ECW this year is John 1:16: “From the fullness of his grace we have all received one blessing after another.” Let us share our blessings with others.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers.

Lost Chasuble

Over a year ago Jerry DuBose, Vicar of Church of the Holy Apostles in Barnwell, lost a medim green chasuble with a design of mountains, evergreen trees, a white cross and clouds. The material is a type of raw silk and the scene represents the Memorial Cross at Sewanee. It may have been left at Camp St. Christopher, but the camp personnel have looked for the item and have not found it. If you know where this might be, please contact Jerry or his wife Serena at 803-541-3732.

The Maine Event Lobster or Steak?

Saturday, April 19, 2008

The Cathedral Church of St. Luke and St. Paul
In the Beautiful Cathedral Garden
126 Coming Street, Charleston, SC
Wine Gathering: 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Dinner Served Promptly: 6:30 p.m.
Tickets: \$25.00 each

Deadline to purchase tickets: April 11, 2008

Tickets may be purchased by calling Kaye Wallace (723-4415) or the Cathedral Office (722-7345)

Sponsored by the Cathedral Episcopal Church Women
All proceeds go to Christian charities.

61st Annual Plantation Tours, Prince George Winyah Parish

The 61st Annual Plantation Tours of plantations and town houses in and near Georgetown will be held April 4 and 5. The majority of the plantations and town houses are privately owned and graciously shared with the Episcopal Church Women of Prince George, Winyah, Parish once a year. A different group of homes is on tour each day. For more information contact Mrs. Lisa Collins at (843) 545-8291 or email to per4y@aol.com.

The Parish Church of St. Helena Offers Organ Concerts

The Parish Church of St. Helena located at 505 Church Street in historic downtown Beaufort is offering noonday organ concerts. The concerts are free and feature accomplished organists from across the country. Spend an hour being soothed and excited by the music of these incredible artists, while relaxing in the beauty of this historic church. Come early and take a tour of the church. Invite friends and neighbors. Donations are gratefully accepted. The remaining two concerts are : **April 5**, Dr. Scott Bennett, organist and master of the music, Grace Episcopal Church, Charleston, S.C.; **April 18**, Adam Pajan, senior organ performance major at Furman University and organist and choirmaster at St. Mary’s Catholic Church, Greenville, S.C.

Old St. Andrew’s Church, Charleston, Tea Room

The annual Old St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church Tea Room and Gift Shop, the oldest consecutively running Tea Room in the Lowcountry, will be held March 31 through April 12, 2008. Lunch is served Monday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. featuring lowcountry favorites: she-crab and okra soup, chicken salad plate, chicken salad and shrimp paste sandwiches and our famous homemade desserts. The unique gift shop features beautiful handmade items and jam, jellies, pickles and other delectable food items. Old St. Andrew’s Church is located at 2604 Ashley River Road in Charleston. Call the church office at (843) 766-1541 for group reservations.

St. Paul’s Church, Summerville, Tea Room

St. Paul’s Tea Room and Gift Shop will be serving lunch and homemade desserts April 7 - 18 from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day except Sunday. Handmade jewelry, crafts and art will be sold in the gift shop. Take-out orders will be available from 9:30 to 11 a.m. For a complete menu or more information, visit www.StPaulsSummerville.org. Reservations are requested for groups of eight or more. (843) 873-1991. St. Paul’s Church is located at 316 West Carolina Avenue in Summerville. **Note:** The previous *Jubilate Deo* incorrectly listed the dates for St. Paul’s Tea Room. We apologize for this error.

The Calendar

April	
4-5	Prince George, Winyah, Plantation Tours
12	Intercessory Prayer Day, St. Christopher’s Camp & Conf. Cntr.
18-10	The Beginning Experience, Bonnie Doon Plantation
19	The Maine Event, Cathedral Church of St. Luke & St. Paul
20-21	From Churchgoer to Disciple, Holy Comforter, Sumter
26	124 Annual Meeting of Diocesan ECW, Epiphany, Eutawville
28	Anglicans for Life, Clergy Day, Good Shepherd, Chas.
May	
2	Jubilate Deo Deadline
4	Church Periodical Club Day
4	Founders’ Day, York Place
4-6	Church Business and Leadership Conference, St. Christopher’s Camp and Conference Center
14	Next Steps Training, Agape Ministries, Charleston
26	Grace Church Tea Room (continuing until June 6)

Jubilate Deo

PUBLISHED BY THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
(843) 722-4075

The Rt. Rev. Mark Joseph Lawrence, *Bishop*

Contributions for the next issue must reach the editor by **May 2**. Contributions for each issue are due by the first Friday of every other month. Send articles to BOTH Editor and Copy Editor. Send pictures to Copy Editor.

Editor The Rev. Canon Dr. Kendall S. Harmon
P.O. Box 2810, Summerville, SC 29484-2810
E-mail: ksharmon@mindspring.com
(843) 821-7254

Copy Editor/ Graphic Designer Joy Hunter
109 Arbor Rd, Summerville, SC 29485
E-mail: joyhunter@earthlink.net
(843) 873-0041

Subscription questions and address changes La Quetta Jones
E-mail: ljones@dioceseofsc.org
(843) 722-4075

Without an encounter with the risen Lord that is personal and real, discipleship never happens. When you do have an encounter with the risen Lord, discipleship is the natural result. Alan Hansen will lead us in an encouraging conference that affirms much of what is good in our church, but also evaluates the high calling of pressing on toward the prize. He will help

From Churchgoer to Disciple

April 20-21
Holy Comforter, Sumter

us identify the characteristics of churchgoers and disciples and show us how to move into discipleship, allowing Christ to grip our hearts and capture our affection for His Kingdom and His Glory. Sunday and Monday, April 20–21: Both sermons and Sunday school, plus Sunday and Monday night at 7 p.m. For more information, call Holy Comforter at 803-773-3823.

A Quiet Day
Holy Comforter, Sumter, Saturday, April 12

The Daughters of the King are sponsoring a Quiet Day, open to all, on Saturday, April 12 at Holy Comforter in Sumter. Meditations will be led by The Reverend Terrance Lee. What is a Quiet Day? It simply means removing all distractions so that we may relax and come into the presence of the Lord. It is a time of refreshment for the body, mind and spirit; an opportunity for God to speak to us; a way of coming into His presence. “Come unto me all ye who are heavy laden, and I will give you rest” (Matthew 11:28).

We begin with registration in the Parish Hall at 8:30-9 a.m. This is followed by three 15-minute meditations, each followed by a 30-minute reflection time. The chapel, memorial garden, colonnade, playground, front lawn, church steps, or anywhere you feel the Lord calling you will be a suitable reflection site. Lunch will be served at 12:15 (reservations and a \$5 donation are requested). We will end our day with Holy Eucharist in the Sanctuary at 1 p.m.. Join us and be blessed! For more information call 803-773-3823.

A Visitor’s Point of View
Trinity Episcopal Church, Myrtle Beach

By Sylvia Weeks

One of the things that first struck me when I entered Trinity Church was the large, round stained glass window over the altar! Because I visited during Lent, (on February 17), there were no flowers, but still, the altar was beautiful! The Rev. Robert Sturdy, Rector, welcomed visitors and encouraged members to help them feel at home. It was clear how fond the congregation was of Rob. “We’ve waited for thirty years for someone like Robert,” said my host, Mrs. Irene Bell.

When asked to describe the Church, Rob said, “Trinity is currently in the process of redefining itself. We have undergone a period of tremendous change and transformation, and this period is not yet complete. We are currently seeking to fill no less than five full time staff positions. During times of change it is important to have firm moorings, so that you do not lose yourself in the midst of turmoil and the excitement of the latest new thing. What God has graciously given every Christian as a firm mooring is the knowledge of His Gospel, which we by His grace seek to proclaim faithfully every moment we gather as a church family.” According to Rob the Gospel is the driving force behind every worship service, every program, every small group meeting, every Bible study, and every relationship they have. “We believe that it is the Gospel, and only the Gospel that can bring dead sinners into new life,” he said. “On a local level we seek to revitalize our own ministry by (1) proclaiming a clear and unambiguous understanding of the Gospel, (2) engaging the community



PHOTOGRAPH BY SYLVIA WEEKS
The Reverend Rob Sturdy is shown with his wife, Stephanie and their son, David.

with culturally meaningful evangelism and worship, (3) and building a church community whose purpose of coming together is defined by the proclamation of the Gospel and carrying of this Gospel into the world for the glory of God.” On the Sunday I attended The Rev. Ian Boyd, Assistant Rector, taught the Adult Sunday School class, with about 40 attending. A children’s Sunday School was offered as well. Father Boyd was Robert’s roommate at the Citadel, and Rob was instrumental in leading Ian to Christ. Set in a busy tourist town, Trinity, built in 1949, has an average weekly attendance of just under 400 with more than 900 communicants and 1,000 baptized members on their roles. One of the most remarkable events Trinity has sponsored was the feeding of about 200 homeless people in December of this past year. Some of the Hells Angels bikers bought the food, and cleaned up afterwards. Counselors were available, and many volunteered. The Diocesan Deacon Convener, The Reverend William (Chip) Holms, attended this event. Trinity will offer it again in the spring of this year. Another form of outreach Trinity offers is the knitting of prayer shawls and baby blankets. The shawls are given to shut-ins and the baby blankets are given to needy newborns. Colonel and Mrs. Robert Bell (retired) were my special hosts and made me feel right at home. They are active members of Trinity. Let’s watch this church grow!

Joy Hunter contributed to and edited this article.