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Moving Forward; Consecration Set for January 26

By Joy Hunter, Copy Editor

Bells were rung throughout the diocese the morning of October 29, 2008 in celebration of the news. Though nearly a year later than expected, the election of the Very Rev. Mark J. Lawrence as the XIV Bishop of South Carolina had been certified. The Diocese of South Carolina could now, with rejoicing, move forward in making plans for the consecration.



Mark Lawrence, Bishop-elect, on Sunday, October 28 that the election had been certified.

"It was a great relief to me," said Lawrence when asked his first reaction to the news. "Plans can be made, details

sorted through, arrangements talked about...I've had my luggage on that eastbound train to Charleston for some time now...(and) though a year later than expected, an inner sense assures me that according to God's schedule, we're running right on time. I have a lot of people to thank in South Carolina, including your Standing Committee. We'll be packed and Charleston-bound come the first week or two of January."

The Rt. Rev. Edward L. Salmon, Jr., the XIII Bishop of South Carolina, who has served the diocese since early 1990 reached mandatory retirement age in January of 2006. It was assumed that by that date, the new bishop would be in place and serving the diocese. At the request of the diocesan Standing Committee, Bishop Salmon has continued serving as acting bishop during the interim. "It's with a feeling of profound blessing and great excitement that we receive the consents for the consecration of the Bishop-elect Mark Lawrence," said Bishop Salmon. "I believe that his election and approval point to our conviction

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PHOTOGRAPH BY C.R. BANKS

"This (South Carolina) is one of the few diocese in The Episcopal Church where things are actually working well. I want to go to school on Bishop Salmon as much as I can before he leaves for St. Louis," comments Bishop-elect Mark Lawrence, shown above with Bishop Salmon.

217th Diocesan Convention

The 217th Annual Convention will be held at St. Paul's, Summerville, on Friday, January 25. Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. The business session will begin following the Eucharist.

Information on the nominees for election will be communicated to the

delegates prior to the convention.

This convention will be a one-day meeting for the purpose of electing officers and acting on resolutions that have been presented. The cost is \$30.00.

Due to a limited amount of space, visitors are not encouraged to attend.

Mere Anglicanism

January 31 – February 2, 2008

Mere Anglicanism will offer its third annual conference beginning January 31 and running through February 2 at the Cathedral Church of St. Luke and St. Paul in Charleston. Mere Anglicanism believes that educated, authentically disciplined, and active Anglicans — both

lay and clergy — are central to the efforts to reform and renew Anglicanism in North America. That is Mere Anglicanism's purpose. They are an event-oriented organization that provides the tools and resources to disciple, train, and educate lay and clergy leaders.

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Allison Lawrence to Speak at ECW Gathering FEBRUARY 16



Allison Lawrence, wife of The Very Rev. Mark J. Lawrence, Bishop-elect will be the keynote speaker for the Charleston/Charleston West Deanery Meeting of South Carolina Episcopal Church Women, Saturday, February 16. The

group will meet at 10:00 a.m. at The Cathedral Church of St. Luke and St. Paul in Charleston. Registration will begin at 9:30.

Board members will lead workshops on Altar Guild, United Thank Offering/Church Periodical Club, New Life for ECWs—Old or New, Missions at Home and Abroad, Spiritual Life/Christian Education, Church Needlepoint and Stitchery. Our President, Sue Griffin, will speak on our obligations and commitments as churchwomen to our organization.



Above, from left, bottom row- Sarah Lawrence, Madelyn Stephens, Sydney Lawrence, and Emmanue Akinola. 2nd row- Paula Rummel, Patrick Duddy, Esther Lawrence, 3rd row- Shady Anis, Matt McCormick, Missy Stephens, (baby) Jack Stephens, Craig Stephens, Wendy Lawrence, Chad Lawrence. Top Row- Drew Schmotzer, Donna Barnhill, Martha Horn, James Barnhill.

Greetings from Trinity Episcopal School for Ministry

By Martha Horn

Greetings from Trinity Episcopal School for Ministry in Ambridge, PA. As I write this letter to our South Carolina church family, it is 42 degrees, and I think that is just the beginning of the cold to come on our Southern

frames!! We thought we would say, "Hi," and send you a picture of the Postulants that belong to South Carolina. We are all in different stages of our time here at seminary. Seminary lasts for three years. We have first years, middlers and seniors.

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Consecration Plans Underway

On Saturday, January 26, 2008, the Consecration and Ordination of Mark Joseph Lawrence as the Bishop of the Diocese of South Carolina is scheduled to take place at 11:00 a.m. at the Cathedral Church of St. Luke and St. Paul, followed by a reception honoring our new Bishop, his wife, Allison, and their family in the Cathedral Close.

Dean of the Cathedral, The Very Rev. William N. McKeachie is heading up the committee planning the event. He may be reached at 722-7345. Details will be presented, as they become available, on the diocesan website, www.dioceseofsc.org.

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.*

Multi-Generational Faithfulness

By Peter Rothermel, Diocesan Director of Christian Faith Formation

I believe the holidays and the seasonal celebrations like Advent and Lent provide churches with great opportunities to bring people together into intergenerational experiences. These intergenerational experiences are vital in the life of the church.

Psalm 78:1-8

O my people, hear my teaching; listen to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in parables, I will utter hidden things, things from of old—what we have heard and known, what our fathers have told us. We will not hide them from their children; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD, his power, and the wonders he has done. He decreed statutes for Jacob and established the law in Israel, which he commanded our forefathers to teach their children, so the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born, and they in turn would tell their children. Then they would put their trust in God and would not forget his deeds but would keep his commands. They would not be like their forefathers—a stubborn and rebellious generation, whose hearts were not loyal to God, whose spirits were not faithful to him.

Psalm 78 gives us a taste of God’s design for passing our faith down through the generations, and it helps us realize that we as individuals and families have been given the powerful responsibility of doing something with the faith we have been given that has the potential to affect present and future generations positively or negatively. This responsibility makes me

tremble at times. I realize that I have a part to play in something so much bigger than me and my life right now. I realize that it is not just me floating out here but that I am now connected to the many past generations of faithful believers and that I now have the opportunity to be faithful with the salvation and good news that God has given me by passing this faith along to my children, grandchildren and beyond. This is my time, and I have a part to play in Multigenerational Faithfulness.

It was this very realization that caused me to have a conversation with my mother-in-law in which I invited her to help my wife and me shape the hearts of our children for the Lord. I want and need her help in the challenging days of living out our faith. This invitation has helped her have a greater awareness of who she is and how she lives before us and our children, and it has al-

lowed us to recognize her in a place of honor and value in our family.

The concept of Multigenerational Faithfulness brings elders back into a place of honor and children back into a place

of value. We need each other. Unfortunately, our educational experiences at church often keep us from being together and from learning from each other. I hope, as churches, we will create more opportunities to

bring the generations together to learn from each other. From hayrides to Sunday school to Advent programs to retreats, may we bring the generations together and enjoy the fullness of Christ.

Making Multi-Generational Memories



Mia Goins and Chloe Camp cement their friendship on the Christmas Hayride at St. Paul’s, Summerville.

By Catherine Jacobs, Coordinator, Elementary Children’s Ministry, St. Paul’s Church, Summerville

Picture a chilly December evening, Lowcountry style! You know the kind, gray skies, bare trees, possible dampness mixed with a slight chill. Then add the laughter, chatter and motion of parents, children, youth and grandparents! Now add the smell of hay (and a “slight” hint of gasoline?!). Put these pieces together and you have the St. Paul’s (Summerville) Christmas Caroling Hay Ride!

Every year, on the Sunday before Christmas, the family of St Paul’s gathers on the lawn of Skardon Hall for the traditional “caroling in the hay” to some of our parish shut-ins. Our numbers have varied from around 100 to 175. Everyone bundles up in coats, hats and mittens as we hop into trailers, truck beds and various other open vehicles, all laden with bales of hay. Candles are handed to those old enough to manage (!) and we’re off, already singing our favorite carols!

Once we arrive at the home of a shut-in, everyone jumps off the trailers and gathers around the front door. Candles are lit, greetings are exchanged and

parish family joins their voices in those glorious songs of old. Smiles, even occasional tears, adorn every face, both of the carolers and the shut-ins!



Carolers, of all ages, enjoy St. Paul’s hayride.

voices are pitched. Then, for a few brief moments, the angels of heaven must stop and “bend their ears to the earth” as our

Several more stops are made at various homes. The evening comes to a close as we gather back at the church for hot cocoa and home-made cookies!

What an awesome experience! With commercialism from our culture rampant, a moment where families and individuals of all ages gather to brighten the hearts of those members kept at home is a treasure! Surely, it’s a moment where we have the opportunity to touch the hearts of others. More importantly, it’s a moment where the Holy Spirit can fill our hearts with His presence.



St. Paul’s Carolers, from left, Jennie Glace, Lydia Smith, Erica Lindroth.

Moving Forward

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that he is the Lord’s choice for the future. We, as a diocese, can now continue as we have during this interim to focus on the mission of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the building up of this diocese for the work of the Gospel.”

Haden McCormick, President of the Standing Committee said they knew they had the necessary number of consents from the Standing Committees on Thursday, October 25. “We FedExed those to New York that morning, and were anticipating the election being certified soon afterwards,” he said. “During the process of seeking consents, we worked closely with the Presiding Bishop’s office. We’re delighted and blessed and look forward to pressing on with the mission of the church. Of course, it’s also a great relief. The diocese has journeyed through an unprecedented event in the life of the church,” he said. “We’ve lived through a piece of history. We believed that the Holy Spirit had sent us Mark from the beginning. Mark’s success in gaining consents verifies to the Diocese that he was the right choice. We’re rejoicing. Exciting times are ahead.”

The Consecration is scheduled for 11:00 a.m. Saturday, January 26, 2008, at the newly renovated/restored Cathedral Church of St. Luke and St. Paul in Charleston. Dean of the Cathedral, The Very Rev. William N. McKeachie, is heading up the committee planning the event. Details will be presented, as they become available, on the diocesan website, www.dioceseofsc.org.

Information on hotels near the Cathedral may be found on page 13.

Later Than Expected; Right on (God's) Time

An Interview with Bishop-Elect Lawrence

I had the privilege of catching up with Mark Lawrence the evening of November 7. He reflects here on the past year and the journey ahead.
Joy Hunter, Copy Editor

Jubilate Deo: Mark, we rejoice with you and know you're rejoicing with us. When you first heard that the consents had come through, what was your reaction?

Mark Lawrence: As you know, I have had my luggage on that eastbound train to Charleston for some time now...even as I've been committed to doing the work of ministry, week by week, here at St. Paul's, flying occasionally for ministry forays into South Carolina or for two or three congregational retreats at Kanuga, not to mention national or international gatherings, all connected with this role as bishop-elect. (I've accumulated a lot of frequent flier miles while I've been wait-

ing for that departing train.) Speaking metaphorically, parishioners and friends gathered at the station platform last December for what we thought would be our farewell. Trains, as you know, don't always run on time. But I got the news Sunday afternoon on October 28th that we can now depart. Though a year later than expected, an inner sense assures me that according to God's schedule we're running right on time. So when the phone call came, I thought, "Good, we can get on with the life and work that lies before us." It is one thing to wait for a slow train coming 'round the bend; it's quite another when it hasn't even departed.

The fact is we have all been in this peculiar circumstance for some time now, like a couple engaged after a quick romance then abruptly separated by forces quite beyond them (be it a war, a natural disaster, or a strike in the transportation industry) before the wedding

could be arranged. Separated by time and distance, we continued to try to keep in touch and get to know one another. All at once there's an armistice. Plans can be made, details sorted through, arrangements talked about. It is all a great relief to me and a little scary. Still, Allison and I are eager to join you in the Lowcountry. I have a lot of people to thank there, including your Standing Committee. So we'll be packed and Charleston bound come the first week or two of January—leavin' on that eastbound train.

Jubilate Deo: How has Allison been faring through the process?

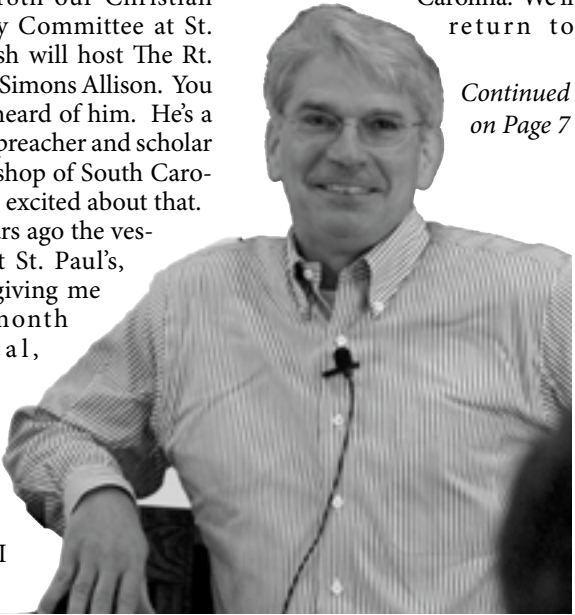
Mark Lawrence: She's been a real trooper through it all. We were having breakfast recently with some friends we hadn't seen in a few months. They said, "Allison you look terrific." She said, "I guess war agrees with me."

Jubilate Deo: And now we move forward. What's the timeline between now and the consecration, January 26th? Do you have your plane reservations yet?

Mark Lawrence: On November 17th-18th our Christian Spirituality Committee at St. Paul's Parish will host The Rt. Rev. C. FitzSimons Allison. You may have heard of him. He's a renowned preacher and scholar and XII Bishop of South Carolina. We're excited about that. Several years ago the vestry here at St. Paul's, approved giving me a three-month sabbatical, but given all the controversies in the national Church I postponed

it. Now, given what awaits me in the future, it seems prudent to take a month of it before leaving. Therefore, after the Thanksgiving Eve worship on the 21st, Allison and I will leave for a brief-sabbatical in the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina. We'll return to

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PHOTOGRAPH BY BRUCE FRESHLEY

THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. LUKE AND ST. PAUL

Renovated, Rededicated, Celebrated

By Pat Scott

A pealing of bells welcomed the Cathedral of St. Luke and St. Paul's parish family, friends and guests as they returned to their sacred place of worship Sunday, September 30, 2007.

The Cathedral, closed these past fourteen months whilst geniuses of the engineering, restoration, and construction worlds sought out and cured age old (actually, natal) defects in the 198-year-old-building, was in a celebration mode.

On this day, day of re-dedication and day of doors flung open wide, the Right Reverend G. Edward Haynsworth knocked at the great doors and spoke, "Let the doors be open!" and... "Peace be to this house, and to all who enter here..."

The Very Reverend William N. McKeechie, Dean of the Cathedral, assisted by the Reverend A. Lenwood Williams, the Reverend Mark D. Cooke, Deacon;

dral spaces, sang joyously upon their return and in tribute to their choirmaster, Samuel A. Sheffer, whose presence was sorely missed due to sudden illness.

The Hon. Joseph P. Riley, mayor of Charleston and one of the Cathedral's Honorary Patrons, sent his representative, Ellen Moryl, to present a Proclamation stating the numerous time-binding contributions the Cathedral has made to the Charleston community during its long life. During her presentation,



PHOTOGRAPHS BY JULIA CARTER



and the Reverend Charles A. Collins, Jr., presided over the glorious festal Eucharist which followed – a service marked with a majestic timelessness of place, liturgy, and worship.

The choir, their mellow notes these past months wanting the vast Cathe-

der another tintinnabulation of bells and a crisp blue sky dotted with startling white clouds, went forth to celebrate the day in the beautiful Close adjoining the Cathedral. O, Happy Day!

Ms. Moryl remarked upon the relationship of God and Man in the expression of inner self through the various artistic mediums – another form of worship the Cathedral has so gladly supported and encouraged through its community concerts and its participation in the Spoleto and Piccolo festivals.

Following Communion and a Blessing pronounced by Bishop Haynsworth, the congregation, under another tintinnabulation of bells



Announcing the Third Annual

Mere Anglicanism Conference

January 31 – February 2, 2008

The Cathedral Church of St. Luke and St. Paul
126 Coming Street, Charleston, South Carolina

God’s Trustworthy Word:
Scripture, Tradition, and the People of God

The twenty-first century crisis in Anglicanism has arisen out of more than two hundred years of growing hermeneutical suspicion about the eternal trustworthiness of God’s Word Written. This crisis can be resolved only through a faithful reclaiming by the Church of such trust. Analysis and reflection around this issue will constitute the program of this coming year’s conference, led by a roster of internationally renowned speakers.

Dr. Jerry Root
C. S. Lewis

Bishop Robert Duncan
Developments in the Anglican Communion

Canon Robert Crouse
Sacramentalism in the Church Fathers
and the English Reformers

Bishop (God willing) Mark Lawrence
The life and leadership of Charles Henry Brent

Canon Ashley Null
Thomas Cranmer for Today

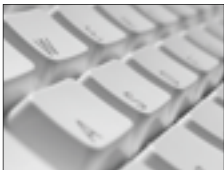
Dr. Paul Moser
Jesus as God’s Trustworthy Word

Canon Michael Green
“Marching orders”
for Anglicanism in a New Reformation

Plenary panels and small group opportunities will be interspersed throughout the conference. Networking sessions and gatherings for theological educators and bloggers will be held. Major panelists, discussion leaders and liturgical participants will include Bishop FitzSimons Allison, William Dickson, Gavin Dunbar, Lydia Evans, Leander Harding, Bishop Jack Iker, Kendall Harmon, Gillis Harp, Ann Harrington, Michael Howell, Edith Humphrey, Matt Kennedy, Torrance Kirby, Guy Lytle, William McKeachie, Joe Murphy, George Woodliff III, and many other lay leaders, clergy and bishops of the Common Cause Partnership.

Cost: \$80 includes box lunches on Friday and Saturday. Register today at www.MereAnglicanism.com or call Kester Heaton at The Cathedral Church of St. Luke and St. Paul: 843-722-7345.

Guard the Treasure



You can Contribute to Builders for Christ Online

In the last 15 years Builders for Christ donations have helped 23 congregations build or renovate structures, purchase land, fund initial staff positions and expand community ministries. It’s one way we in the diocese can help one another, especially those with special needs. Won’t you contribute today? Visit www.dioceseofsc.org and select “Builders for Christ,” under the resources tab to make your donation.



PHOTOGRAPH BY KATE CAMPBELL

Ty Griffin, Youth Minister, and Tricia Streett, interior decorator and member of All Saints, laying the floor tiles for the newly renovated Youth Room.

More than a Facelift Builders for Christ Helps Transform Facilities

By Mark Riggs, Rector, All Saints, Florence

Drab, gray, staple-pocked walls, cracked vinyl, stained carpets, leaking roof. Two and a half years ago I was greeted by a Parish Hall/Christian Education building that was a sore sight for the eyes. The All Saints’ family is a welcoming group that warmly greets newcomers and seeks to engage them, but the facilities did little to entice visitors to return.

With little in reserve to renovate the space, the people of All Saints, Florence, dug deep for financial resources and expended countless hours of sweat equity to fix up the Parish Hall with a deadline in mind – ready to open on the first day of our Day School, which uses the Parish Hall for lunch and activities. Time-frame: three weeks.

Through hard work and prudent spending, the job came in on time and under budget. The All Saints’ Day School community was overwhelmed by the transformation. We were certainly proud and excited by the new look, but our work was far from complete.

A leaking roof, stained carpeting, a kitchen in need of renovation, and a big empty space begging to become a youth area all lay before us. We had the people to do the work, but our financial resources were depleted. Facing reality, we asked for help from Builders for Christ.

For the past two fiscal years, All Saints’ has received assistance from Builders for Christ. That aid has been a tremendous help not only in repairing damage and supporting renovation, but by giving our building an extended life. With the on-going roof problem, there were concerns about the integrity of the building. Now, with a new roof and other damaged areas repaired, we can confidently renovate needed space.

This summer we completed a refreshing of the Parish kitchen and main hall with new paint and flooring. Again, the goal was to finish before school began, which we did. In addition to the funds from Builders for Christ, the All Saints’ family had a “kitchen shower” to outfit the kitchen with new utensils and serving-ware. The fix-up has made working in the kitchen easier for everyone and the new serving-ware makes our events much more special.

The latest project funded by Builders for Christ is our youth space. Formerly two classrooms for the Day School, then storage space, this 20’x60’ area is being renovated into a modern, appealing gathering place for All Saints’ youth and their friends. Bright colors, new furniture, and up-to-date A/V equipment will provide our youth with a place of their own, to worship and minister in their unique way.

What was once a dreary place has become a bright, welcoming hall that reflects the warm nature of the All Saints’ family. Visitors to All Saints’ are greeted with open arms and a facility that says we care about every aspect of our life together.



PHOTOGRAPH BY KATE CAMPBELL

“What was once a dreary place has become a bright, welcoming one that reflects the warm nature of the All Saints’ family,” says Rector, Mark Riggs. Above, Abby Reinman plays with the babies in the nursery.

With the help of Builders for Christ, we have been able to extend our ministries and the life of our facilities, as we seek to serve the Florence community.

Thank you,
Builders for Christ



The Sovereignty of God

CHRISTIAN MEN'S CONFERENCE February 22-24

Join hundreds of men from across the state as they gather at Camp Saint Christopher for the 2008 Christian Men's Conference. The 2008 event will be held February 22-24 and features the Very Reverend John Franklin Scott, Rector of The Historic Church of the Epiphany, near Lake Marion, in Eutawville, South Carolina.

Father Scott's topic will be the sovereignty of God and its benefits to life's daily struggles.

The Men's Conference format includes teaching, small groups, worship and plenty of free time. The weekend's music will be led by Mark Moseley and *Not Our Own*, the Holy Comforter praise band from Sumter. The Reverend Bob Lawrence, Associate Rector at St. Michael's, Charleston, will be the Conference Chaplain.

Camp Saint Christopher provides all the wonderful hospitality and ministry space for the retreat, including Chef Steve and staff's incredible meals. A variety of housing opportunities are available, ranging from cabins to lodge rooms to villas on Seabrook Island.

Father Scott writes about the theme: "The popular songwriter muses that 'Life is just a bowl of cherries,' but all too often our experience is that we get stuck with the pits. Life is difficult. For non-believers and believers alike, the journey through this 'vale of tears' is a challenging journey. Those of us who invite God to join us on this journey rely on Him to be present and work on our behalf. We never really know when, where or how God is going to reveal Himself to us. So we often wonder how He goes about the business of helping us when we are at a loss of what to do.

Don Moen, of Integrity Music Company in Mobile, Alabama, experienced this ambivalence at a crucial point in his life. When he took it to God in prayer, God answered him in the medium with which he was most familiar, inspiring him to write the words and music to what has become the signature piece of his career,

'God can make a way, when there seems to be no way.' The anointed words of that hymn will minister to us as we visit some of the times in life when God has made the way for us."

Join many other men as we explore how God makes a way when none can be seen through our eyes.

Full information about registration may be found on the Diocesan website at www.dioceseofsc.org. Requests

for lodging must be accompanied by the full registration fee. All lodging will be assigned on a first come, first served basis. Those with special payment or scholarship requests should contact registrar at Kory Hall at (843) 602-6448 or



The Very Rev. John Scott



Nowell Copley and members of St. Paul's Praise Team lead praise and worship at the Christian Men's Conference.

e-mail him at kmhall@sc.rr.com. Make all checks payable to "Christian Men's Conference." Fees include all meals for the weekend. If you do not receive acknowledgement within 10 days of mailing registration form, please contact Kory Hall at the number above.

FULLY RELY ON GOD



The Diocese of South Carolina *Episcopal Church Women* ANNUAL RETREAT February 1-3, 2008

All women of our Diocese are invited to gather at Camp St. Christopher, February 1-3, 2008, for a wonderful weekend of teaching, praise, worship and fellowship in His Name. Our keynote speaker will be Mrs. Janie Wilson, wife of The Rev. Dallas Wilson (St. John's Episcopal Chapel, Charleston). Janie will lead us as we explore what it means to live out a life where we, "Fully Rely on God." The conference will explore how we take all the areas of our busy lives as women and learn to lean on His understanding in all we do.

Mrs. Janie Wilson has a heart for women's ministry as she works to establish The African American Women's Center for Biblical Dialogue where females of all ages, backgrounds, and cultures can find the enduring truth of God's word as their life's stabilizer for a productive and a victorious life in Christ Jesus.

Janie is intricately involved in the outreach ministries of Agape InnerCity

Christian Assembly, Inc. and is the ministry leader for the Women's Ministry. Mrs. Wilson is ordained as a Pastoral Associate/Elder at Agape InnerCity Christian Assembly, Inc.

Janie Dingle Wilson resides on the Eastside of Charleston, South Carolina. The Wilsons are diligently living out their call to bring back what was once lost to this underprivileged and disadvantaged Eastside Community.

The weekend begins on Friday evening, February 1, and concludes with brunch on Sunday, February 3. Our worship leader for the weekend is Ms. Sharon Harper, acoustic worship leader at St. Johns Parish on Johns Island. The Rev. Dr. Greg Snyder, rector of St. Johns Parish, will serve as chaplain for the weekend. The famous Chef Steve will treat us like "queens" in the dining hall for each mealtime!

Come refresh yourself as we spend time together studying His word, renewing our spirits, and experiencing the JOY of the LORD!

Christian Men's Conference, February 23 - 25, 2007

Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephones: _____

E-mail: _____

Home Church: _____ Denomination: _____

Dietary/Physical Needs: _____

Lodging, per person (all meals included): (check one)

Cabin (bunk bed, shared bath) \$110 ☐

(Bring own pillow, sheets, blankets and bath linens)

Lodge (double bed, private bath) \$165 ☐

Seabrook Villas (twin/double/queen/king bed, private bath) \$210 ☐

Commuter Fee \$100 ☐

I would like to share a room with: _____

I am willing to serve as a small group leader. Yes ☐ No ☐

I am willing to help with registration. Yes ☐ No ☐

Please mail the form, together with your fee to: Christian Men's Conference, C/O Kory Hall, PO Box 14548, Surfside Beach, SC 29587 or get information online at www.dioceseofsc.org.

ECW Spring Retreat, February 1-3, 2007

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: (daytime) _____

Telephone: (evening) _____

Parish: _____

E-mail: _____

\$30 Non-refundable registration fee due with form.

Room & Board: (check one)

Lodge _____ Double \$136 per person _____ Triple \$118 per person

_____ Quad \$108 per person

Cabin _____ Cabin \$88 per person

Commuter _____ \$45 per person (meals Friday/Saturday only)

\$ _____ Total enclosed. \$30.00 non-refundable fee plus room and board. Make check payable to Diocese of SC ECW.

Special Physical Needs? _____ Dietary Restrictions? _____

List roommate(s): _____

Please mail completed form, with your fee to: Kelly Edge, Registrar, PO Box 677, Cameron, SC 29030. Registration Deadline: 01/03/08.

Muddy, Sandy, Wet...

Camp St. Christopher's Barrier Island Program Immerses Participants in God's Creation

Chris Williams is one of 17 Naturalists who work for Saint Christopher Camp and Conference and its Barrier Island Environmental Education program. This nationally recognized residential program educates 8,500 school children and their teachers every year. Students come from all over the Southeast to make Saint Christopher their home away from home for three to five days. Participants are immersed in the amazing power of God's creation, and they discover how

they are part of it. All of the classes offered are taught in the natural environment, and kids get muddy, sandy, wet, handle reptiles, amphibians, bugs, and maybe a squid or two. Our curriculum follows South Carolina State Educational Standards and is strongly supported by our Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina.

Jim Koenig
Senior Programs Director

By Chris Williams, Naturalist

The Barrier Island Environmental Education Program has surpassed all of the expectations I had when I accepted the job, and has pleasantly surprised me with some I did not expect. From the people I work with, to the people I teach and serve, to the responsibilities of the job, I have yet to find an extremely glaring negative aspect.

When I got here, I expected this to be a job that I could use as a year off before medical school and the rigors of studying. I also hoped to learn some new information and skills that could help me in the future. I only knew one of the thirteen other people that I was going to be working and living with. I had come to Barrier Island in the sixth grade on a field trip, so I had a vague idea about the material covered in the classes, but I wasn't sure about the kinds of things that occur behind the scenes.

After spending some time here, I have started to get the hang of the job expectations. I enjoy the other naturalists, and we have grown into a close-knit group. I enjoy the classes we teach, and

I am constantly learning more and more information. I love teaching the kids, and, even though they can be a handful at times, it's a great feeling to know that you are influencing their lives in some way, even if it's only for a few days.

I definitely see this job as a blessing. I don't know what is in store for me in the future, whether it be medical school or continuing along the teaching track. However, I do know that this job has given me some options, as well as allowed me to display some qualities and abilities that I wasn't even fully aware I had.

If you would like to know more about how God is working at Saint Christopher Camp and Conference Center and how this wonderful facility and its fantastic staff can serve you in this pristine maritime setting, please visit our web site at www.stchristopher.org.



Pictured above, from left: Front Row: Daniel Russo, Kate Rusnak & Kayce James Second Row: Molly Freeman, Olivia Toth, Jessica Grimes, Jennifer Thompson, Jennifer Brown, Allison Weaver; Back row: Scott MacRae, Callie Van Koughnett, Ben Edward, Chris Williams, Cary Fly.

St. Christopher Changes Annual Gate Passes

Over the years, St. Christopher has issued many gate passes to the various staff, clergy, and regular attendees of the facility. Consequently, there are gate pass stickers on many vehicles, including on many cars that have been sold. This has become an issue because now there are a significant number of people who have access to both Seabrook Island and St. Christopher who have no connection to the Diocese of South Carolina.

In an effort to assist Seabrook Island security in identifying the Diocesan personnel and on-going guests, as well as insuring the safety of the many school children and campers who visit St. Christopher, a new gate pass system has been established. As of



December 31, 2007, all St. Christopher green gate pass stickers will be voided. Beginning January 2008, Diocesan Council members, Diocesan staff, clergy, and youth ministers will be issued new stickers annually. When you receive your sticker, please put it on the front, bottom driver side of your windshield. If you do not receive your new 2008 sticker by January 15th, please contact Katherine Legare at (843) 768-0429. One complementary sticker will be issued per family, and additional stickers may be purchased for \$5.00. Also, if you should sell your car, please remove the sticker and notify us. Thank you for helping us ensure the continued safety of our Diocesan children.

Greetings from TESM

Matt McCormick is just 2 1/2 months away from graduation. Patrick Duddy is a senior and is to be married to Paula Rummel in May 2008. Drew is also a graduating senior and a good friend of the South Carolina family. Charles Jenkins (who was unable to attend our gathering due to an unavoidable conflict) is a Middler as is James Barnhill. Then you have Craig Stephens and Martha Horn. We are, as they would say at the Citadel, "The Knobs." Everyone is steadily moving along on their journeys. We all have experienced bumps along the way, but we are trying to "fix our eyes on Jesus, the Author and perfector of our Faith." He knows the way and He IS the Way.

You may have noticed three names that you did not think were postulants

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from South Carolina. Well, they aren't but, they are very close to the South Carolina family here at Trinity. They are Chad (Middler) and Wendy Lawrence and their three children. Chad is the son of our soon-to-be-by-God's-grace Bishop, Mark Lawrence. Also pictured are our brothers, from Egypt Shady Anis (Middler), whose father is Archbishop Mounir Anis, and from Nigeria, Emmanuel Akinola (Middler), whose father is Archbishop Peter Akinola.

It is a joy and blessing to know that you are lifting us and our families up before the Lord. We truly need your prayer support. Thank you all for your love and encouragement in so many ways.

The Restoration and Resurrection of St. John's Episcopal Chapel

Phase I Nears Completion

By Frenchie Richards, Board Chairperson, St. John's Episcopal Chapel, and The African American Family Center for Biblical Dialogue

Thanks to the generous donations from our Diocese, various churches, individuals and volunteers, we are delighted to inform you that we have almost completed Phase I. Thank you so much for partnering with us in this endeavor. Our appeal at this point has been about finances and buildings, but at the heart of it all is our concern for the children and people, particularly the women in the Eastside Community. Seventy-five (75%) of the residents are single heads of household women, averaging four children. There are hundreds of children living in the Eastside Community in these homes.

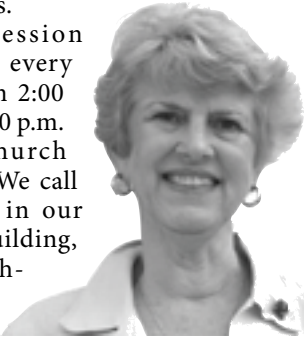
The people in the community have watched us daily with anticipation as we have taken the restoration step by step. They are well aware of the fact that this House of God has been closed for some 20 years and many remember the good ole' days when it was a "center" that helped them deal with daily needs.

During this first phase, we started by addressing the Spiritual needs of the community. We created a space in the Educational Building, located behind the church building, for an "Intimate" Chapel and Sacristy. On Saturday, July 14, 2007, at 11 a.m. The Rt. Rev. Edward L. Salmon, Jr., Bishop consecrated them so, in November 2007, they are ready to be used.

Services and Bible studies WILL begin in November. Tuesday nights will be a Bible study on Genesis, Wednesdays at mid-day, a Topical Bible Study, and Thursday nights a study on the Gospel of John. At various other times during

the week, services will include Morning, Noonday and Evening Prayer Services. Check with our Web page www.stjohn-sepiscopalchapel.org for updates.

Intercession continues every Wed. from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the church building. We call this area in our church building, our threshing floor. This is a place where God



Frenchie Richards serves on the Board at St. John's.

has met faithfully with us for over a year (March 2006). As we sit and pray in the "gutted" space, it reminds us of all that

HE has done and all that is yet to be done. Won't you join us at any of the above opportunities?

The other things that have been accomplished in Phase I are the entire painting of the outside of the church and educational buildings,

plus some repairs and landscaping. We have resurfaced the outside basketball court where the children can play. There is great excitement about that as there is little for them to do once they get out of school. It is our hope that soon this small beginning for the children's sports interest will result in a Sports Center. This is in one of our future stages.

The first floor of the Educational and-

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Our appeal, to this point, has been about finances and buildings, but at the heart of it all is our concern for the children and people.

Just Being Boys Again

By Mick Hall, St. Paul's, Summerville

During the week of September 25, 2007, I joined my two older brothers in Biloxi, MS for a week-long experience building houses for Habitat for Humanity (HFH). This was my second work week in Biloxi, but the first for my two brothers. While Gene and Don both have been house builders in their home state of California, it was their first effort to work for Habitat for Humanity. The week was good in many ways and will be remembered for many reasons.

We brothers are from a family of five boys who lived and grew up on a 100-acre farm in western Ohio in the 1940's and 1950's. Over the years, we have lost both of our parents and our two eldest brothers. Gene was the middle child but is now the eldest at 77. Don is 73, and I'm the youngest at 67. We are all retired but remain active with home improvement activities and travel. Gene lives in the foot-hills east of Sacramento, and Don resides in Carmel by the Sea, on the Pacific coast. I live in Summerville, South Carolina.

Since both Gene and Don live in California, the miles between us make visits few and far between. Before meeting in Biloxi, we had not been together for almost two years and the days we spent together were filled with enjoyment of each other. We worked and laughed, reminisced about other times and caught up on each other's families. We ate together and slept in the same cottage. The days were full, as we joked and played together as boys again.

Building the Habitat Way

Building houses the Habitat for Humanity way is a little different than most normal house construction. With normal building, most rough construction is done using pneumatic nail drivers to speed the operation. Since HFH volunteers come in all sizes, genders and skills, the houses are built mostly using hand tools. One memory of the week was the four or five unskilled volunteers who were nailing off the side wall sheeting. They worked hard, all day, day after day, to drive hundreds and hundreds of 8 penny nails into the plywood sheeting,

one nail at a time, each nail receiving eight or nine whacks of their hammers. I can still hear the sound from their hammers, "Tic, tic, tic, tic, tic..."

6,500 Roofing Nails... One at a Time

When our crew arrived at the job site, the roof sheeting for our house had been installed by last week's crew. By the end of our four-day work week, the house had received black felt paper, edge trims, asphalt shingles and ridge pieces. all one nail at a time. A quick calculation finds that the 30' x 40' building had at least 6,500 roofing nails driven into the asphalt shingles alone. The roofing paper, edge trims and ridge cap pieces required hundreds more. One nail at a time...

It was hot and humid during the week we worked, mostly in the high 80's and low 90's. We were given instructions to drink a lot of water and take work breaks several times a day. Even though many of us were from the South and used to working in hot climates, the heat was oppressive. Even though very tired, hot and dirty, everyone was cordial and willing to help in whatever way they could. The Holy Spirit was with us all week and we were filled with the feeling of community.

Not too "Churchy"

Every morning at the jobsite we started with a group prayer, often given

3 Brothers Serve with Habitat for Humanity in Biloxi

by the construction leader. At every evening meal, the day and the food were blessed in prayer by the resident Salvation Army leader. Then, at the end of the

was the mission trip good in the eyes of the Lord? The Bible has a wonderful answer for the question, "How are we to please our Lord?" and it's found in the



Mick Hall, center, a member of St. Paul's, Summerville, invited his brothers Don, left, and Gene to join in on the church's Habitat for Habitat mission to Mississippi.

week, the South Carolina volunteers and my two brothers from California gathered at a final evening meal for spiritual reflection. Even Don and Gene, who do not attend church regularly, found the prayer time welcome and the week not too "churchy."

Feeling Good

At the end of the week, I felt good about the work completed and was contented being with my two brothers. But,

Old Testament. The prophet Micah offers this explanation in Chapter 6, verses 6-8:

"He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."

I believe we did just that!

An Interview with Bishop-Elect Lawrence

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Bakersfield in December for Sunday services on the 23rd and for the Christmas Eucharists, finishing as rector through the end of the year. After the first of the year, the movers come for the boxes and furniture. We'll finish packing our memories and with grateful hearts head out. In the words of Dag Hammarskjold, "For all that has been, Thank you; for all that shall be, Yes."

Jubilate Deo: You'll be stepping into a new role in a new state, with a whole new cast of characters (We really are characters!) Are you nervous? Excited?

Mark Lawrence: I'm listening to a book on tape about Alan Greenspan, retired Chairman of the Federal Reserve. He was asked shortly after coming to the position if he was nervous. He replied, "If I'm not nervous, I shouldn't be here." I think that puts it pretty succinctly. Allison and I know that in ourselves we are not sufficient for what awaits us. It is too far beyond us to even think of pretending that we are. We can only cast ourselves on the grace of God. I mean that. I've told people for years, "God doesn't call those who are equipped, he equips those whom he calls." Now I have to trust at a new level that that is true. The night before the first election on September

16, 2006, I had a dream in which words were spoken that rang out as if for me. The speaker said, "I had a monumental task pulling me forward when I was too frightened to go on my own." Actually when I re-read those words the other day in my journal I thought, "only a fool would not be"—frightened that is. Yet, as odd as it may sound, a rightful fear can be strangely comforting.

It is after all an historic and fair country, a warm and godly people, and, to be sure, a monumental task that awaits us. For instance, if someone had asked me several years ago to name a handful of bishops in The Episcopal Church that I most respected, Bishop Ed Salmon and Bishop Fitzsimmons Allison would have certainly been at the top of the list. Now, by the grace of God, I'm called to follow in their footsteps. It is staggering to me at times.

Jubilate Deo: What are you most looking forward to?

Mark Lawrence: Well, the first thing to remember is that this is one of the few dioceses in The Episcopal Church where things are actually working well. I want to go to school on Bishop Salmon as much as I can before he leaves for St. Louis. A part

Suzy McCall Speaking in the Diocese January-February 2008

Lifetetime missionary to Honduras, Suzy McCall, is scheduled to speak in several churches in our area when she is home for a few weeks this winter. Suzy is founder and director of the The LAMB Institute in the capitol city of Tegucigalpa, which was begun in 1999 to train Hondurans called to go to the mission field. Today it has grown to include God's Littlest Lambs Daycare and School and Children's Home. She is a powerful speaker and is sure to convict and convince us of the urgency to live more intentionally for the cause of Christ.



January 20	St. Paul's, Summerville—Sunday morning
January 21	Holy Cross, Sullivan's Island—7 p.m. Women's meeting
January 23	St. Andrew's, Mt. Pleasant—6:30 p.m. Evening meeting
January 27	Holy Cross, Sullivan's Island—Sunday morning
January 30	All Saint's, Pawley's Island—10 a.m. Healing Service
January 30	Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian—Wednesday evening
February 1	St. James, Charleston—6:30 p.m. World Mission Night 6:30 p.m. Call the church office for dinner reservations, 843-795-1623 \$30 donation for world mission requested
February 3	Holy Comforter, Sumter—Sunday morning
February 10	St. Philip's, Charleston—Sunday morning
February 11	Home to Honduras

of that is learning what makes this Diocese of South Carolina work, and seeing what God is doing among the parishes—which of course is where the real action of the Kingdom and the diocese is being lived out. And of course I'm looking forward to preaching the gospel.

Jubilate Deo: Do you have a vision for how to proceed?

Mark Lawrence: Stay close to God, meet often with the clergy, and love the people—then we'll talk about vision.

Jubilate Deo: How can we pray for you? And for Allison?

Mark Lawrence: Whatever and however you've all been doing it, keep it up. It's working!

The Best One Yet... Mondo, 2007

By Jonathan Bennett, Youth Pastor, Holy Cross, Sullivan's Island

"Then [Jesus] said to them all: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will save it. What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit his very self?"

Luke 9:23

If you can judge a weekend by a phone call after the event, then this was possibly the greatest student ministry weekend that I've ever been involved with! On Monday night, twenty-four hours after Mondo had ended, I received a call from an excited Middle School student who told me that she had decided to accept the challenge set for them on the weekend by our speakers

An excited Middle School student decided to share her faith, not with one friend but with sixteen... I hadn't shared my faith with sixteen friends in the past year.

Ken and Julie Moser and to share her faith. However, she had decided not to share it with just one friend, but with sixteen! Yes, that's right SIXTEEN! Wow! I was stunned and also convicted that I



hadn't shared my faith with sixteen of my friends in the past year, and she had done it in one day.

As you can tell, our annual Diocesan Fall retreat for Middle School students, Mondo, proved to be an excellent time of Bible teaching, worship, and community building, as well as a whole lot of fun! This year the location was the same, Camp Bob Cooper in Summerton. However, we approached our main teaching and worship sessions differently as we really wanted to try a more interactive style of teaching. We asked Ken and Julie Moser to be our speakers, as well as to lead the whole meeting. Ken and Julie are seasoned youth ministers who have worked for over 20 years in youth ministry and developed a very Biblical approach to what they do.

They currently serve at St John's, Shaughnessy, Vancouver.

The Cost of Following Christ

As the weekend developed, it was wonderful to see the way that the students interacted in the main sessions as they were taught what it means to be a true follower of Christ. Using memory verse challenges, secret Biblical sounds, interviews with church youth groups, Bible skits and more, Ken and Julie showed us how to have a lot of fun together and yet still be Christian and Biblical in our methods.

They particularly used Luke 9:18-27, Peter's confession of Christ, throughout the weekend, and our memory verse came from within this: *"If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me."* They stressed the cost of following Christ repeatedly to the students and challenged them to be willing to give up their own desires and to serve God with their lives.

Processing the Teaching, Building Community, and Laughing

Besides the main sessions, we also had plenty of time to reflect on the teaching in small groups. These groups were important for giving students the space to process what was being said, and I found them invaluable with the boys group that I led. We also had a lot of fun on Saturday through the low ropes course, some planned games (excellently led by Phillip Holladay and the Youth Commission), and some time with a Christian comedy improv group called Isaac Improv who had us in fits of laughter! The low ropes course gave our groups an opportunity to understand more about themselves and how they interacted. We discovered that there was plenty to be learned from this, and that our group has a long way to go before it truly is functioning well as a community.

All in all, I would have to say that I agree with the youth leader who sent me an e-mail after the event and said: "MONDO was awesome this year. I really think it was the best one I have gone to yet." God blessed this event in many ways, and we are already seeing fruit from it and will hopefully see even more fruit from it for years to come.

Special thanks go to all those who helped make this possible - Charlotte Smith, Liz Bailey, Susie Morrison, Jonny Keys, Phillip Holladay, Tim Evans, Youth Commission, all the staff at Bob Cooper, and Trevor Spencer, Chris Wheat and Matt Borrett of Crosstown Ministries.



Let's get Real...

about youth ministry in the 21st Century!

By Dave Wright
Coordinator for Youth Ministries

This series of articles based on the principles found in Jim Collins book *Good to Great* seeks to call our churches to raise the bar and move good youth ministries into the realm of great ministries.

The times have changed! One of the most frustrating aspects of being a youth minister has always been the conversation we have with people who led youth groups in prior decades. I used to regularly bump into a vestry member at my church who would proceed to share with great enthusiasm about the hundreds of teens they used to attract to a "burger bash." Were I not grounded in the facts of the day, I would have felt despair from those conversations. We all know clergy people who glow about the days when they worked with youth groups, and we cringe when they tell us how we should reach teens in the same way. Ten years ago in the Church of England, I regularly encountered the myth that simply holding a 'youth service,' complete with guitars and tambourines, would attract large numbers of teens. A number of social dynamics have changed and the reality of the 21st Century is that many of the old ways no longer work. The age of the 'burger bash' is long gone and entertainment driven ministry is on its last leg. Those are facts we must face.

Confronting the Facts

Continuing in the principles of *Good to Great*, we turn to the concept of confronting the brutal facts. The current trend in publishing on the subject of youth ministry, and many other areas of ministry for that matter, is somewhat confrontational. We are seeing new books and articles continually quote statistics from various research sources telling us that we are not cutting it. The titles of many new youth ministry books clearly indicate that we are on the verge of a revolution or reformation within youth ministry. The temptation here is to review all the stats on how youth ministry of recent decades have not produced the results we were seeking. A glance into the book *Soul Searching* by Dr. Christian Smith or looking at Barna research is enough to convince us of these realities. Within these analyses, the Episcopal Church in particular has struggled in youth ministry compared to most denominations.

How do we confront the facts in a culture that would rather smile and say, "All is well?" Many in the church would rather not hear the news that a ministry

is failing to reach its potential. We know that confronting facts may lead to changing or even eliminating programs that have been dear to us. Advocating change in the context of a church that values tradition can diminish our popularity with people. In Jim Collins' book *Good to Great* he suggests that in order to confront the brutal facts, we need to create a climate where the truth is heard. That climate may best happen through four basic practices.

Leading with Questions

First, we need to lead with questions not answers. The temptation in the church is to lead others by providing answers from the past. The phrase, "We have always done it that way," is simply not helpful. Strategic open-ended questions can lead us to new discoveries and more effective ministry. For more than twenty years, we ran a program in our diocese that was created in the late 1970's. By the 21st Century, we struggled to keep it alive, especially given the success of our other programs, which were recreated fresh on a regular basis. We began asking how can we improve the weekend? How can we draw greater participation? We made a number of changes until we reached the point that we could not further alter the nationally trademarked program and continue to use the name. Ultimately, the question became, "How can we keep this thing alive?" There were some who wanted to stay the course and simply put more pressure on students to participate.

This leads us to the second practice in confronting the brutal facts.

Dialogue Rather Than Coersion

We need to engage in dialogue rather than coercion. The long-term program that we had to let die would only have survived by coercion. There are more subtle ways we use coercion in youth ministry though where dialogue might lead us to do otherwise. Youth ministers that draw large numbers tend to get very good at marketing programs. That can lead to excellent communication materials, unless we market the wrong thing. Rather than sell ideas and programs on their spiritual value or eternal significance, we often work hard to attract teens on more basic levels. I watched a promotional video a few years back for a powerful event for teens. The video showed endless clips of fun and games with no mention of the incredible worship and teaching they would gain from participating. I believe their marketing totally missed the point. We all know that if we ask kids what they want, the first answer is fun. If we scratch the surface and ask what might change their lives, the answers turn toward relational and spiritual matters. Twenty-first Century students are longing for meaning, purpose, belonging, authenticity, and spirituality. If only we would engage in the dialogue rather than impose what we think they want. The truth is that we can attract more students with entertainment than substance, but those that only come for fun will not remain. We have implied that we are ashamed of the gospel when we hide it behind a base level of fun and games. To attract students to programs for the wrong reason is a form of coercion. Engaging in dialogue is the only way to get to the realities we need to see. At the same time, we must be intentional about turning dialogue into strategy. Talk is cheap if it does not lead to action.

Autopsies Without Blame

Third, Collins suggests that we need to conduct autopsies without blame. When a program or ministry dies it needs to be examined fully to understand the cause rather than to simply assign blame. We need to figure out where we went wrong

Today the message of the world is that all religions are really equal, and maybe even really the same.

Is that true? Is a bobble-head Jesus as noble as the man who died on the cross?

We want you to find out! What was Jesus really trying to do?

What was the point of all those crazy miracles and parables?

Is there any connection between Jesus and the Old Testament?

These are some of the questions we are going to discuss together at the Jesus Weekend. We want you to build your faith on solid ground, not plastic made in China.

Teens of all ages, please join us for



Jesus Weekend 2008
February 29-March 2
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www.dioceseofsc.org

and not worry as much about who is at fault. The most common

responsibility when youth ministry in the church is not producing fruit is to fire the youth minister. This is a difficult decision, and there are times when it needs to be made, but too often it avoids a careful examination of the facts and circumstances. If we have a pied piper view of leadership (see the first article in this series, www.dioceseofsc.org, August/September 2007 *Jubilate Deo*), then it is only natural to declare all ministry failures as a leadership issue. A great youth worker in an unhealthy church may not produce any better results than a mediocre youth worker in a vibrant church. Churches are systems in which many variables affect one another. Dead or dying programs and ministries need thorough evaluation and strategic action. This is where leading with questions rather than answers is most crucial.

Not Just Counting Heads

The fourth practice for creating a climate where the truth is heard is to build mechanisms for information or feedback to be fully understood. The key in this practice

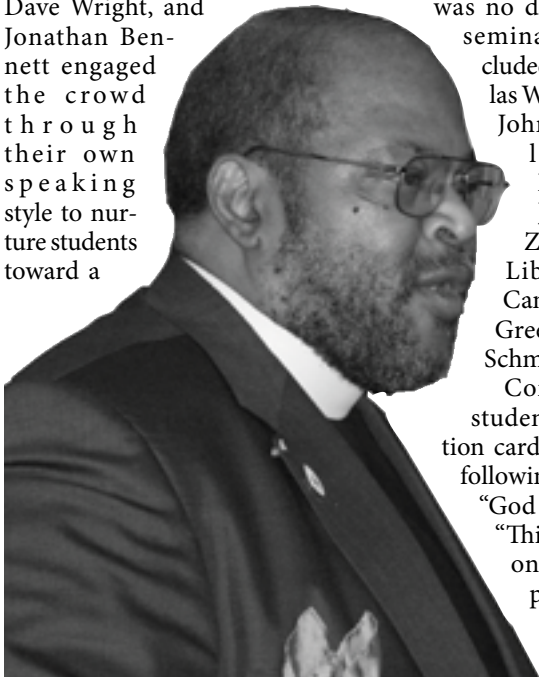


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“I Found the Lord in a Whole New Way”

High School Students Find Faith
Renewed on ReGenerate Weekend
November 9-11

“Who is the Church for?” The Rev Robert Sturdy raised this question on re:generate, our high school fall weekend held at the Hilton resort on Hilton Head Island November 9-11. Nearly 300 students and their leaders were challenged to reshape their worldview through the lens of the cross. Speakers Rob Sturdy, Dave Wright, and Jonathan Bennett engaged the crowd through their own speaking style to nurture students toward a



The Rev. Dallas Wilson, above, served as a one of the re-generate seminar leaders.

more Biblical view. On Saturday night, Rob directed our attention to Matthew 9:13 in order that we might see the mission to which the church is called. Michael McIntyre and musicians from St. James, James Island, led us in worship music throughout the weekend.

Seminars are always a highlight of re:generate and this year was no different. Our seminar leaders included The Rev. Dallas Wilson, The Rev. John Zahl, Charlotte Smith, Daron Taylor, Jim and Holly Zaher, Dave Libbon, Oeland Camp, Brian McGreevy, and Todd Schmittetter.

Comments from students on evaluation cards included the following:

“God spoke to me.”

“This weekend was one of the most powerful.”

“Re:generate gets better each year and in one

way or another always gives me just what I need.”

“This was the most exciting youth trip I have ever been on!”

“I’ve found the Lord in a whole new way!”

“Thank you for making re:generate so memorable and inspiring!” And many expressed, “I can’t wait until next year!”

Our diocesan events are always created by a talented team of youth ministers. Special thanks goes to Darrin Owens of Christ St Paul’s, Yorges Island; Will Kulseth and Trevor Spencer of Holy Cross, Sullivan’s Island; Todd Schmittetter of Trinity Myrtle Beach; and Oeland Camp of St Paul’s, Summerville, for their work in organizing aspects of the weekend.



Conference Coordinator Wanted for St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center

St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center has an opening for a “Conference Coordinator.” This ministry position is the main contact point for all churches, groups, and organizations wishing to schedule their conferences, meetings and programs at our location. The primary focus of this position is on building and maintaining strong relationships of love, trust, care and the Christian faith with all previous, current or potential guests of St. Christopher. The secondary focus is to communicate all the correct information to all our departments so they in turn are able to take care of our guests. The position includes inviting, meeting and greeting guests; Providing orientations and tours of the campus; Creating, changing and updating complex accommodation contract agreements, invoices, budgets and reports; Providing weekend coverage as scheduled.

This position requires:

A confident, positive and joyful attitude; A very high level of administrative organization; an outgoing and hospitable personality with an even temperament; Effective and professional verbal and written communication skills; High

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Vision Statement for Diocesan Youth Ministries

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

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is setting it up so that vital information is immediate and cannot be ignored. Collins refers to this as a red flag mechanism. Now the challenge for doing this in the context of the church is that we need to have several components in place first. Otherwise, we are simply going to listen to the wrong feedback and pander to the loudest complaints. There needs to be a clear vision pointing to the future, a strategy for realizing that vision, and agreed upon goals with some form of standards for measuring the results. The typical measure of success in youth ministry is simply numbers. How many youth come to our programs? However, if we have a vision for making life-long followers of Jesus and learn that our graduated students stop attending church, we have a red flag. The vital reality is that we need

to measure according to vision and strategy rather than merely counting heads in attendance. The quality and consistency of our ministries is every bit as important as the quantity that we are reaching.

Great youth ministries are healthy and vibrant. They are in the strategic pursuit of a vision and see real lasting fruit. Such groups are reaching new students as well as developing the spiritual lives of those who have been involved for a while. As we confront the brutal facts of youth ministry in the 21st Century, we need to be engaged constantly in practices that keep us fresh and moving forward. The times have indeed changed and so must our methods, though our message remains the same.

Stepping into the Unknown, Guided by Spirit

St. Michael's Healing Mission Team Shares and Receives God's Love in the Ukraine

By Ellen and John Hollingsworth

Few opportunities to step into the unknown have arisen in my life. Our mission to Ukraine was definitely such an occasion. Of course, John and I were not alone, rather guided by the Holy Spirit throughout our stay, and what an experience it was!

Although we participated in training prior to our departure, nothing could completely prepare us for all that we would encounter. Selfishly, I was concerned about some practical matters such as sharing one restroom with nine other people; staying in the home of a non-English speaking family; remembering to use only bottled water; managing food differences.

Actually, these worries proved to be only minor inconveniences. Instead, we were blessed to be guests of Pastor Viktor, his wife Natasha, and their engaging family (five adult children). What a paradox it was in thinking we might be an encouragement to Pastor Viktor and his family, they were an

What a paradox, thinking we might be an encouragement to them... They were an amazing encouragement to us. God works in ways we never expect.

amazing encouragement to us in our faith!! God seems to work in ways we never expect.

The enthusiasm the entire family openly expressed in their love of the Lord through their prayers (even though we did not understand the exact words) and their music was so genuine and such fun! Pastor Viktor might start singing "Alleluia" or a familiar praise song following a meal and we would simply join in with the whole family. It seemed as though nothing was too much trouble for Natasha as she served amazing meals with only four burners on her stove and no oven. Their ebullience and love for the Lord filled us with great joy and was a wonderful way to start each day.

Stepping Back in Time

We arrived during the Harvest Festival celebration and were included with friends of Pastor Viktor's at a home church service followed by what we would call "dinner on the grounds." All of our

host family participated in the music, Pastor Viktor preached, as did several other ministers (it was a much longer service than St. Michael's) and John, Michele Bryan (one of our St. John's team members who stayed with us) and I also shared a brief message through an interpreter. We felt as though we had almost stepped back to a first century experience with early Christians - everyone shared generously with us and material goods had little importance.

This reflection was experienced frequently as we visited in the homes of the very poorest

Depending on the situation, we would pray for salvation or blessings on them. The Lord was at work in a mighty way in both the lives of Ukrainian villagers as well as with us. We were so aware of all the prayers lifted up for us at home.

Often we could hardly keep from weeping ourselves. When a 90-year-old woman, living by herself with no running water, indoor plumbing or electricity, would say, "I have a hard life," we really could not imagine all she had endured.

Stalin's inhumane treatment of Ukrainians and the



Ukrainian villagers. Accompanied by a pastor, translator and local church member, Christine Turner, John and I learned to step out in faith to minister to these dear people. Pastor Peter (for whom we pray every Sunday at St. Michael's) would say "John, tell Olga (or whomever we were visiting) why you have come here from America." John would then explain we had come to share God's love with them. In fact, we pray for them every single Sunday at our church in America. The villagers were really amazed that we even cared. Pastor Peter would then share biblical truths with them and following his remarks he would say, "Christine or Ellen now you pray," and we did.

WW II devastation alone made us know her statement was all too true.

What a precious opportunity to bring hope to the hopeless and light in the midst of great darkness. Sharing the Good News with those who had never heard of God's love for them individually and reminding them of that wonderful promise in Jeremiah 29 that God has a hope and future for each of us as we look to him was often well-received. Of course, the groceries, socks, gloves, etc. were also appreciated. We found the greatest blessing of all was an exchange between people who could share God's love despite language and cultural differences.

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More Reflections on the Ukraine

We visited a great number of village babushkas (grannies), who had long since given their lives to Christ, and prayer. We would tell them we had come from America to bring them food and pray for them, and the tears would start. Not one of them ever looked into the bag to see what we'd brought... they wanted to pray, and thank God for our coming there. In my opinion, you don't know humility until a 90-year old lady falls to her knees, and prays through her tears, thanking God for His goodness and faithfulness. No television, no money, no air conditioning, no car, no health insurance, no insulation, no husband, no new clothes, no phone... not even a padded kneeler for prayer. Just broken old knees on a concrete floor, thanking God for the blessings of life.

Prioleau Alexander

According to *Business Week* magazine (September 3, 2007), the Ukrainian economy is booming, growing 8% during the first half of 2007. Signs of new prosperity are all around. We see new construction of all kinds from gas stations to night clubs to businesses to homes. Sales of new cars jumped 40% in Ukraine last year. We get stuck in huge traffic jams around Kiev. All of this is wonderful news, but Ukraine is still



one of the poorest countries in Europe with half the average annual income of Russia and only 8% of that in Britain. They have made tremendous progress in the last 10 years, but they still have a long way to go.

Out in the villages, the progress is much less obvious. Most homes have no running water and outhouses are the norm. An elderly grandmother who comes in out of the fields to talk to us insists on showing us all 5 of her rabbit pens. We visit a lady who was close to death with cancer a year ago. She says that she was gradually healed after one of our teams prayed for her last year. They have a huge pile of very large pumpkins out back. They want us to take a few with us. We decline.

Christine Turner

Anglicans for Life

Sheryl O'Neal, St. Philip's Church's Anglicans for Life Chapter Coordinator, is pleased to announce that two other congregations in our Diocese have requested information on forming Chapters in their parishes. "It is very encouraging to see what the Lord is planting in the hearts of His people in our Diocese regarding protecting life at all stages," says Sheryl. Sheryl joined an estimated 250 others from the faith community in Charleston and surrounding counties to mark the end of the nationwide 40 Days for Life campaign on November 4th.

Persons of many denominations united for 40 days of prayer and fasting September 26 through November 4, believing that women deserve better options from their churches and the community. Women often do not realize how much help is available to them. They deserve to know about adoption as a wonderful alternative to abortion. The vigil participants stood for women and children to be protected from abortion and its aftermath through the 40-day peaceful public witness in Charleston. They maintained a positive, upbeat, life-affirming message through media efforts, church and civic presentations, petition drives, and public visibility. Similar efforts were made in 80 cities in 32 states. To God be the Glory for every woman helped and every child saved and every heart touched to offer help throughout our nation in these 40 Days

for Life. Please visit anglicansforlife.org for more information and to read the wonderful monthly newsletters. Call Sheryl at 843-343-4343 if you want to know more about starting an Anglicans for Life Chapter in your parish.

Prayers for Healing Requested

Tabitha, a missionary from the Diocese of South Carolina, now serving in China, has asked us to pray for her friend Swallow and Swallow's family. Both Swallow's husband Sam, and her young daughter, M&M, have been diagnosed with cancer. Sam suffers from cancer of the tongue. His first operation took one third of his tongue, half his jaw bone and the teeth on it. The doctors believe the cancer may have spread to his neck and under his arm.

Soon after Sam's second operation, Swallow felt a hard mass in her young daughter, M&M's stomach. One doctor said it's an inoperable mass, and M&M is to undergo chemo and radiation to see if they can shrink the mass. Another doctor told them that no one in their area is qualified to treat her.

Swallow and M&M are now in Thailand for M&M's treatment. Please keep this young family in your prayers as they seek to be faithful and receive the Lord's healing. In Tabitha's words, "In answer to my earnest prayer for them, an inner voice asked me, 'Do you believe that they are in my hand?' 'Yes, I do.' 'Can you trust them to my hand?' 'Yes.'"

Social Ministry Mustard Seeds

Inspiring Local Outreach and Domestic Mission

By Ed Dyckman, Chair, Department of Social Ministries

“And he (Jesus) said ‘With what can we compare the kingdom of God...It is like a mustard seed, which when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.’”
(Mark 4:30-32)

In 2008, the Department of Social Ministries (DSM) will be sowing social ministry mustard seeds (that is money) to “grow” local outreach and domestic missions throughout the Diocese. If you are planning a fundraiser or a volunteer recruiting event, request DSM mustard seeds for the publicity, speakers, refreshments, music, entertainment, etc. Let us help you inspire people to love and serve the Lord by helping the needy. In addition to requesting social ministry mustard seeds, you may want to sow some seeds yourself to nurture social ministries that DSM helped take root in 2007, including:

Community Health and Education Support Services (CHESS)

CHESS sprouted in the fertile ground of downtown Charleston from Calvary Episcopal Church, Zion-Olivet Presbyterian Church, Plymouth Congregational Church, and the SC Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC). CHESS provides the medically-at-risk population (uninsured, underinsured, low income, no income) who are suffering from diseases such as high blood pressure, diabetes, asthma, or cancer with help to: (a) establish a patient-doctor relationship, (b) travel to medical appointments, (c) follow their prescription regime, and (d) maintain their best possible health. CHESS welcomes and trains volunteers as “patient advocates” who help patients obtain medical, health, prescription, transportation, and communication services. CHESS welcomes donations payable to: Calvary Episcopal Church—Project CHESS, 104 Line Street, Charleston, SC 29403. To learn more about CHESS, please call Calvary at 843-723-3878.

Addiction Recovery Commission (ARC)

ARC sprouted as a groundswell need recognizing that one out of every eight adults sitting in church pews nationwide suffers from one form or another of addiction—the number one health threat in our nation! ARC consists of clergy and laity who are either recovering alcoholics or non-alcoholics. They work to raise awareness about all addictions and also support people in need of help through education, prevention, intervention, and treatment resources. ARC seeks to enhance the spiritual, physical, emotional, and social well-being of people who have lost their health and freedom through addiction. For more information call ARC at 843-566-4908, email contact@episcopalrecoverysc.org, or visit www.episcopalrecoverysc.org.

Hispanic Ministry

Holy Cross Faith Memorial (HCFM) Church, Pawley’s Island, sprouted a Hispanic Ministry for the community’s Hispanic population to teach English to Hispanics and Spanish to South

Carolínians, conduct Sunday afternoon Eucharists in Spanish, and tutor middle school Hispanic students. Volunteers and donations are welcome. Please contact HCFM at 843-237-3459 or mail donations to HCFM at PO Box 990, Pawley’s Island, SC 29585.

Trinity Tutoring Program

Trinity Episcopal Church, Edisto Island, sprouted a new after-school tutoring program for low socio-economic elementary and middle school children. They are raising funds to help pay for transporting the children to their homes after tutoring. Please contact Trinity at 843-869-3568 or mail donations to Trinity Episcopal Church, 1589 Highway 174,



PO Box 425, Edisto, SC 29438.

Barrier Islands Free Medical Clinic

Physicians from the Church of Our Saviour, Johns Island, sprouted the Barrier Islands Free Medical Clinic to supply medical care for the truly indigent and uninsured inhabitants of Johns and Wadmalaw Islands. The clinic will complement health providers, such as the Medical University of South Carolina and Roper Saint Francis Hospital, to prevent illness and maintain healthy lifestyles for the indigent and uninsured. Many physicians and nurses have already volunteered to serve, but more are needed. Financing the venture is a key to its long-term success. In addition to applying for government and corporate grants, the clinic founders are reaching out to all faith groups for financial support. The Secretary of State recently designated the clinic with 501©3 status. Please contact Dr. Arthur Booth at granddoc@mindspring.com and 843-768-2444 and Dr. Charlton Davis at seabrookdoc@bellsouth.net and 843-768-1143 for information. You may mail donations to Barrier Islands Free Medical Clinic, Inc., 22 Rhett’s Bluff Road, Johns Island, SC 29455.

Family Promise of Beaufort County

All Saints Episcopal Church, Hilton Head, and St. Helena’s Episcopal Church in Beaufort with 11 other area churches are sprouting this ministry to homeless families in January 2008. A part of the national Interfaith Hospitality Network, Family Promise will provide these families shelter, food, and other resources such as fold-up beds, linens, and transportation. Each church will be in rotation, housing the families for one week. Church volunteers will also provide food and support. Start-up costs are \$100,000. For more information, please contact Ms. Ginny Trolley of All Saints at 843-681-9671 or gintrolley@hargray.com. Please mail donations to: All Saints Episcopal Church, ATTN: Ginny Trolley (Family Promise), 3001 Meeting Street, Hilton Head Island, SC 29926.

News from The Canterbury House

By Peggy Pye, Executive Director, Canterbury House

Canterbury’s “Project House Calls” Receives Award

Once again, Canterbury House’s Wellness Program, “Project House Calls,” coordinated by Cam Spencer, RN, has received an award. Canterbury House was one of only five entities that received the Shining Star Award presented by the South Carolina Aging in Place Coalition. The remaining four awards were presented to: Roper St. Francis Lifeline, ITN Charleston/Trident transportation network, Care for Life and Citadel Enterprises. The Coalition is a non-profit organization advocating for seniors to remain in their own homes – independently, comfortably and safely. This, also, is the goal of the Canterbury House – made possible by Project House Calls. A celebratory “high” tea in honor of National Aging in Place week was attended by 130 invited guests of the local senior network. Russ Bell, senior advocate and Executive Director of the Finlay House in Columbia was the guest speaker. Mr. Bell entertained the crowd with his wit and stories of growing up in rural South Carolina.



the H.M.S. Pinafore, The Canadian Brass holiday show, the Monterrey Jazz Festival and Giselle performed by the renowned St. Petersburg Ballet Theatre. If you are looking for a unique Christmas present, any of the Charleston Concert Association performances would not disappoint the most avid theatre goer!

Residents Treated to Charleston Concert Association Performances

Canterbury House is fortunate to be located in downtown Charleston, known for its outstanding cultural performances and venues. One such organization is The Charleston Concert Association that brings stellar performances from all over the world to the Gaillard Auditorium. Due to the generosity of the Director, Jason Nichols and his staff, Canterbury



Live 5’s Chief Meteorologist Bill Walsh awards Cam Spencer with the Shining Star Award.

The Department of Social Ministries will donate to churches and social ministry organizations seed money to pay for a portion of the costs for special projects, gatherings, retreats, workshops, and special events designed to raise awareness and inspire direct

Seed Money

church and individual support of social ministries. Funding recipients are to use the seed money to pay for a portion of the publicity, speakers, refreshments, music, and/or entertainment. The seed money is not to be used for operation and maintenance of the ministry.

The Restoration and Resurrection of St. John’s Episcopal Chapel

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Ministry Building is in its final stages of being made ready for office and ministry space. As soon as this is finished, Janie Wilson will begin her Women’s Ministry to the women living in the Eastside Community. We feel strongly that this is where the first of our ministries should begin.

One of the parts of the vision that we are eager to begin is making a plan for volunteers to be equipped in ministering in the inner city. We see St. John’s as being just the place for the various churches to send their mission-minded parishioners. You will be hearing a lot more about this in the future. Up until now, most of our volunteers, and there have been many, have been working in construction, but once we have the ministries in place, we are going to need lots of help in many areas. Again, we see this as a community partnership in all that we are doing.

If you have not had a chance to join with us, please consider doing so. It has been a huge step of faith but very exciting and rewarding. The most important thing in this partnership that we ask for is prayer for St. John’s Episcopal Chapel. We ask that you have your intercessory groups include us in their prayers. Secondly, we ask that you consider putting us in your budget as the financial needs are on-going, especially since we don’t have a congregation yet and there is still much to be done. Thirdly, be thinking of those in your churches that might want to help with ministry. Have them get in touch with me, as I will be coordinating this part of the vision.

May this good news richly bless you as you read this! Proverbs 19:17 says, “He who has pity on the poor lends to the Lord, and He will pay back what he has given.”

The Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy Celebrates

*17 years of
Service to the
Lowcountry*

**January 24
6 p.m.**

The Charleston Area
Convention Center

There will be a fellowship hour followed by dinner and a silent auction. Please call 843-724-1212 to reserve your ticket today!

If you are interested in being a sponsor or donating to the silent auction, call the office at the number above. Reserve your table today for the best table selection!

Boundaries, *Live!* Saturday, February 2 9:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

We were designed to live a life of love, freedom, and responsibility. Often, Christians focus so much on being loving and unselfish that they forget their own limits and limitations. They ask: Can I set limits and still be a loving person? What if someone is upset or hurt by my boundaries? Aren't boundaries selfish? For the first time in 15 years, Dr. Henry Cloud and Dr. John Townsend are teaming up to bring you **Boundaries: When to Say Yes, How to Say No, To Take Control of Your Life—Live via satellite.**

Drs. Cloud and Townsend offer biblically based answers to tough questions, showing us how to set healthy boundaries with our parents, spouses, children, friends, co-workers, and even ourselves.

Conference offered:

St. Paul's, Summerville
Contact: Cathy McGrew
cathym@stpaulsummerville.org
or (843)873-1991

All Saints, Florence
Contact: Kim Riggs
markriggs@allsaintsflorence.org
or (843)662-7061

For more information, contact: Peter Rothermel, Department of Faith Formation, at (843)327-2985 or Susan Burns, at sburns@dioceseofsc.org

Charleston Hotels for Consecration Events

While there are a number of hotels to choose from in Charleston, the diocese has blocked 25 rooms for the evening of January 25 at the Holiday Inn Historic District at the discounted rate of \$119 per night. The deadline for this special rate is December 26, 2007.

Holiday Inn Historic District
125 Calhoun Street
Charleston
843-805-7900

Two other hotels nearby include:

Hampton Inn	Embassy Suites
Historic District	337 Meeting Street
345 Meeting Street	Charleston
Charleston	843-723-6900
843-723-4300	

Wildfire Victims Helped by Rob Dewey and ERD

By Harmon Person, Diocesan Representative for ERD

Episcopal Relief and Development called on the Rev. Rob Dewey, founder of the Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy in Charleston, in late October. He was asked to travel to San Diego, CA, in order to provide training for clergy and others in the San Diego area who needed to know how to deal with people who had been victims of the deadly southern California wildfires. Hundreds of thousands of people had to be evacuated and almost 2000 homes were lost during the wildfires. Several of those homes belonged to Episcopalians.



Pastoral Crisis Intervention Courses Offered

While there, Dewey taught the Pastoral Crisis Intervention courses he had co-authored several years ago after the 9/11 attacks. About forty people, mostly

clergy, participated in the two-day training course, including one who had lost everything in the fire.

Episcopal Relief and Development paid for all Rob's expenses. In addition, ERD Development is working with both the Diocese of San Diego and Episcopal Community Services of San Diego to fund some of their case management and other services aimed at those who lost so much during the recent fires.

The Bishop of San Diego, the Rt. Rev. James Mathes, had asked Episcopal Relief and Development for this type of assistance. Rob Dewey was recommended as the expert who could help. Bishop Mathes acknowledged that incidents such as these fires show why dioceses should have a disaster plan in place before it is needed.

Most of us are at least somewhat familiar with the good works done by Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy in the greater Charles-



ton area. Dewey started this group in 1990. Numerous people are deeply indebted to them for the help they have received in times of crisis. Their response to the June 18 fire in Charleston was, perhaps, their finest hour.

Funding Needed

You probably assume that Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy receives some funding from our diocese. This used to be the case, but it is no longer true. They rely on gifts from businesses, churches, and individuals. The end of the year might be a good time for you to add the Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy to your list of charities to support.

New Facilities Dedicated at York Place

Friday, October 12 was a day many people had been waiting for....the dedication of the new buildings at York Place, Episcopal Church Home for Children. Approximately 400 people from all over the state of South Carolina were in attendance for the blessing of The Henry and Eleanora Richardson

Treatment and Evaluation Center, The Sarah Tatum Smith Dining and Assembly Hall, and Betsy's Park.

The day started with registration, coffee, tours and fellowship followed by the Dedication Ceremony. Officiating the service were the Rt. Rev. Edward L. Salmon, Jr., Bishop of the Diocese of South Carolina, the Rt. Rev. Dorsey F. Henderson, Jr., Bishop of the Diocese of Upper South Carolina, and The Rev. Scott R. Fleischer, Chaplain of York Place, Episcopal Church Home for Children.



Jim and Jean Fort of Hartsville view the exterior of the Dining and Assembly Hall named for Mrs. Fort's mother, Sarah Tatum Smith.



Following the ceremony, everyone proceeded to Sarah Tatum Smith Dining and Assembly Hall to enjoy chicken, sandwiches, potato salad, and dessert. Everyone enjoyed the glorious day.

Breaking the Cycle of Poverty in Inner Cities and Rural Areas in South Carolina

by Ed Dyckman, Chair, Department of Social Ministries

Poverty in the inner cities and rural areas of South Carolina continues to increase despite efforts by hundreds of churches and social ministries to help the poor. America's poverty level dropped from 12.6 percent in 2005 to 12.3 percent in 2006, but poverty in Charleston County increased from 15.2 percent to 18.1 percent in that period. Part of the problem is the lack of local communication and collaboration. By failing to share information, churches and social ministries lose the efficiency and effectiveness that could be theirs if they worked together as a team in the fight against poverty. Most churches and social ministries focus on "crisis management." They become overwhelmed trying to help the poor by themselves and thus are unable to retard the increasingly vicious cycle of poverty.

Emulating a Program with a Proven Track Record

Samaritan Ministry of Greater Washington has a proven 20-year track record of improving the lives of impoverished people in Washington, DC, and Northern Virginia. Each participant comes with very different personal needs, although

the needs usually involve employment, housing, family life, and recovery from illness or addiction. Samaritan's approach promotes change, dignity, and self-reliance. Once participants enter the Next Steps program, volunteer caseworkers meet with them to set up personal goals and plan their next steps. Samaritan caseworkers help participants take the small actions that lead to change. By taking small steps over time, change accumulates bit-by-bit, step-by-step. Samaritan Ministry and Community Information Technology Innovators of Washington, DC have made the Next Steps crisis and case management database available to our Diocese. The Charleston Expression (www.charleston-expression.org), a Christ-centered social ministry in North Charleston, has agreed to partner with the Diocese's Department of Social Ministries to serve as the Next Steps data administrator and volunteer training center.

We are offering Next Steps at no cost to serve as the information technology bridge linking churches and Christ-centered social ministries in the Charleston, Berkeley, and Dorchester tricity area in 2008. We plan to offer it throughout all of South Carolina in 2009. In addition

to inviting Episcopal churches within our Diocese to use Next Steps, we are reaching out to members of the South Carolina Christian Action Council that consists of 16 denominations and 22 regional judicatories, representing 4,500 congregations. We are asking each church and Christ-centered social ministry that uses Next Steps to sign a "Department of Social Ministries Next Steps Agreement" and a "The Charleston Expression Affiliate Guideline Agreement." These documents honor the agreements that the Department of Social Ministries has made with Samaritan Ministry, Community IT Innovators, and The Charleston Expression in accessing and launching Next Steps in South Carolina. As the number of Affiliates using the Next Steps crisis and case management program increase, collectively we will be able to more efficiently: (a) help and monitor each person who approaches us for assistance; (b) record the type of emergency help s/he receives; and (c) track her/his mid- to long-term journey out of poverty as s/he becomes a fully productive member of society. We are requesting all churches and Christ-cen-

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Internationally Known Worship Leader Offers Ongoing Workshops

By Pam Dickson, St. James Church, James Island

Worship leaders in the diocese are blessed to have internationally known worship leader, educator, and song writer, Andy Piercy in their midst. Andy led the most recent gathering on November 12 at Christ Church, Mt. Pleasant. Andy now lives in the Charleston area.

Andy's message had to do with the selection of 'sing-able' music for our congregations. Pointers were given to the many song writers in attendance, including exercises in writing. All were encouraged in the craft of songwriting, whether for congregational or

small group worship or for personal devotion. We were also encouraged to write in community rather than in isolation, drawing on others' talents to complement our own. Andy's humor, experience, and method of hands-on presentation are useful and inspiring, as well as entertaining!

The evenings typically begin with a light supper and fellowship, followed by a time of worship led by Andy and others. The roomful of worshiping musicians, from an array of churches, was inspired to worship wholeheartedly together, using new and familiar songs.

Previous topics for the Worshiping Musicians' Forums have included "Developing the Heart of Your Worship Team" and "Serving Your Congregation through Worship." Parts I and II of "Choosing and Writing Workable Worship Songs" were so popular that Part III has been scheduled for January 14, 2008. Future gatherings are planned as well.

If you or your church would like more information about upcoming gatherings, please contact Pam Dickson at 843-270-4834.

Breaking the Cycle

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tered social ministries using Next Steps to post a "The Charleston Expression" sign in their yard or window indicating that they are Affiliates. Over time, the needy who arrive in our State will equate "The Charleston Expression Signs" with the message "you can get help from the people in that building!" We pray that this sign will become the beacon of light that Jesus described in Matthew 5:14-16: "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ...In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."

Volunteer Training Available

We are training volunteers as Next Steps caseworkers. Training is available at no cost either at The Charleston Expression (1935 Reynolds Street, North Charleston) or in locations convenient to volunteers and equipped with a bank of individual personal computers linked to the Internet. Training involves: (a) receiving hands-on experience with the Next Steps database; (b) learning to use online resources to locate emergency assistance; (c) empowering Participants with prayers and thanksgivings on pages 814-841 of the Book of Common Prayer or other prayer resources available to Affiliates; and (d) bringing participants' needs to the attention of church members and encouraging them to volunteer as participant mentors, e.g., where a man mentors a man, a woman mentors a woman, and a family mentors a family, as together they strive to accomplish each Next Steps goal, bit-by-bit, step-by-step.

Volunteers from churches and Christ-centered social ministries may sign up for Next Steps training by contacting Ed Dyckman, Chair, Department of Social Ministries at edward.dyckman@att.net or 843-367-5647 or Bryan Keelin, Executive Director, The Charleston Expression at bkeelin@sc.rr.com or 843-278-2368. Whether your church or Christ-centered social ministry is located in the tricity area or elsewhere in South Carolina, please contact us to schedule training. If you would like to help us spread the use of Next Steps, please mail your donation, payable to the "Department of Social Ministries" to the Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina, PO Box 20127, Charleston, SC 29413 or give online at <https://public.serviceu.com/payment/default.asp?OrgID=1715&PaymentID=3370>.

What Others Say About Andy's Ministry:

"Andy has an amazing heart to equip and train both musicians and worship leaders. Whether it's bringing encouragement, input to develop individual gifts or teaching to resource teams Andy is amazing. He has enormous experience and is a person I hugely admire and respect. I'd always listen very closely to anything Andy had to say!"

Tim Hughes
Soul Survivor, HTB

"I have known Andy Piercy for over a decade, and have never failed to be stretched by his creativity, encouraged by his pastoral heart, and blessed by his friendship. His strong desire to mentor and sharpen worship music teams is matched by much skill, experience and wisdom. This new training initiative will be a dynamic and valuable tool for many a worshiping church."

Matt Redman

"When we first started out writing, recording and leading worship, Andy was there to guide us through and watch our first baby steps. His experience in the music industry and years of music co-ordinating in the local church set him apart as one of the premier figures in his field. If you need help, then he's your man."

Martin Smith
Delirious



ECW Deanery Meeting Reports

Georgetown and Florence
By Sue Brunson
Georgetown Deanery Director

On Saturday, October 13, the Georgetown and Florence Deanery meeting was held at the beautiful parish of Prince George Winyah in historic Georgetown. This was an amazing day of inspiration, information, fellowship and "Fire of the Holy Spirit." Gratitude abounded as we could feel the blessings of our Beloved with each of us.

The Rev. Dawn Rider, St. Paul's, Conway, was just such a wonderful blessing to everyone as keynote speaker. Dawn is an "awesome" woman of God. Her words transcended to inspire each of us on our journey of faith. The day also included a historical tour of the parish and rectory, a delicious lunch and various speakers from our prayer partners, projects, church news and community ministries including a "meet and greet" session. The gracious ECW of Prince George, with the leadership of their ECW

president Kay Mower, hosted close to 80 ladies with elegance and ease. The Rev. Paul Fuener concluded this truly delightful day by leading us with Holy Communion. "From the fullness of His grace we have all received one blessing after another." John 1:16. Amen.

Orangeburg
By Callie Hub
Orangeburg Deanery Director

Approximately 40 women attended the Orangeburg ECW Deanery Gathering at the Church of the Redeemer, Saturday October 6, 2007. Deanery Director Callie Hub and hostess Debbie Piggott had planned a delightful day of workshops, presentations from Missions at Home and Abroad, and the keynote address by Mrs. Janie Wilson of St. John's Mission in Charleston.

ECW diocesan President Sue Griffin introduced the board and had them tell about their duties and projects. Abby Morris spoke about the ECW Missions around the world, Tootie Adams, spoke

on the Church Periodical Club, Nancy Pickering told us about a grant from UTO received in the Diocese. She also introduced Joyce Sanders, a representative from York Place, and Ed Dyckman, chairman of Social Ministries, each of whom told of the activities of their ministries. Georgetown Deanery Director, Sue Brunson and Charleston and Charleston West deanery directors, Johnnie Wineglass and Barbara Braithwaite invited everyone to their deanery meetings.

Janie Wilson spoke, using our theme, John 1:16 "For by His grace, we have all received one blessing after another." After telling about the ECW Project for the year, St. John's Mission, she reminded each one of us about our diversities as women, but our unity in Christ.

Workshops, Church Needlepoint, led by Betsy Acken, and Spiritual Writings, led by Sheryl O'Neal, were enthusiastically attended and received. After the Eucharist in the sanctuary, led by The Reverend Michael Hub, the rector of Saint Matthew's Parish, Ft. Motte, the women of Redeemer served a delightful lunch.



**United
Thank
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"From the fullness of His grace we have all received one blessing after another."
John 1:16

I want to thank each and every one of you who generously gave to their parish's United Thank Offering Fall Ingathering. Your 'blessings' are still flowing in and being counted!

Please remember that all UTO monies collected throughout the calendar year will be used for the 2008 Grants. To date we have received eight requests for Grant applications. I await the 15th of December deadline, to see the final products! Our Diocese received a Grant last year (St. John's Mission) and I'd like that to be the start of a yearly tradition.

If you have a UTO question or story to share, just give me a call! Enjoy your holidays and keep your little blue box handy. It's a thankful time of the year.

Blessings to you all,
Nancy Pickering, Diocesan UTO Chair



Children from Holy Cross' Vacation Bible School traded their toys for tools this summer at Thornhill Farm.

Healing Farms Counts Their Blessings

By Van C. Hendry

Healing Farm Ministries has been celebrating a wonderful year of blessings in 2007. This year has seen the start of our first group home licensed by the State of South Carolina. We now have 4 adults with developmental disabilities living in this group home on our primary ministry location, Thornhill Farm in

The coming year will bring many new programs to Healing Farm Ministries. We are planning to expand our day programming to include respite opportunities, equine therapy, the expansion of our horticultural program, and the expansion of our vocational training program. We are also seeking to expand



Students from Wando High School in Mt. Pleasant, SC, are helping in the therapeutic garden at Thornhill Farm.

McClellanville. We also saw the start of our horticultural garden, which has been a place for horticultural therapy for groups like Wando High School's developmentally disabled classes.

our community outreach to offer training to houses of worship on how to accommodate and provide programming for the developmentally disabled.

If you would like to learn more about how you can help make this possible, send donations to Healing Farm Ministries, P.O. Box 12810, Charleston, SC 29422. Please visit our web site www.healing-farm.org or call our offices at 843-971-9300 and sign your church or group up to volunteer!

HFM Annual Christmas Party December 9. All welcome. Visit www.healingfarm.org for details.

Holding a Ladder, Hammering Nails God's in the Sore Muscles

By Kip Coerper

Early on September 24, 16 people from St. Paul's and St. George's (both in Summerville) got into four cars to travel 600 miles to Biloxi Mississippi to help Habitat for Humanity build more homes for victims of Hurricane Katrina. We had to arrive by 5 p.m. for orientation at Yankee Stadium in Biloxi, where we would live for the next five days. The Salvation Army had

St. Paul's and St. George's, Summerville, Build Houses in Mississippi

morning to hand out assignments to the 80 volunteers in residence from all across the United States. Many of the construction leaders were men and women in their 20's who were working for AMERICORPS, a wonderful Federal Government program that trains mostly young people to be "servant ministers." (My term for these young people who had wonderful people skills as well as acquired construction skills to work a long side of us, many of whom had little or no experience.)

Habitat is planning to build 200 houses a year for several more years through a local affiliate which previously had been building only five houses a year. Thanks to the many volunteers, they are on target to meet their goal. While we were there, some of our members helped do punch-out work so that 5 more houses could "close" that week.

Other workers pounded thousands of nails into siding and shingles.

At the end of the week we gathered to reflect on our experience. Where was God in this week? Some said in their sore muscles. Some said in the positive relationships that were developed among people of all ages from 20 to 80. Some said they noticed no cross word was spoken all week, even in the midst of extreme physical exertion. Some said what a blessing it was to be around such dedi-



retrofitted this football stadium and grounds into a work camp, complete with bunkhouses for over 100 people, laundry facilities, and a kitchen and staff to supply hot meals. At orientation we witnessed the inspiring faith of the Salvation Army Resident Director of this camp, who prayed for us daily and told of the wondrous things God was doing in this place.

The construction supervisors for Habitat for Humanity met us Tuesday

Bishop Gadsden Chapel Receives 2007 Design for Aging Special Recognition Award

American Institute of Architects and the American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging Jointly Awards the Retirement Community Architectural Honor

By Kimberly M. Farfone, Director of Development & Public Relations Bishop Gadsden

Bishop Gadsden, the Southeast's leading life care community, announces that its Chapel, dedicated on April 15, 2006, has been named the 2007 Design for Aging Special Recognition Award Winner by the American Institute of Architects (AIA) and the American Association of Homes and Services (AAHS).

Upon hearing the news, Bill Trawick, President/CEO of Bishop Gadsden stated, "What a wonderful honor this is for our community and those who made the Bishop Gadsden Chapel possible.

From the members of the Board of Trustees, residents and donors, to the architects and contractors - this was a project of faith and determination, and this award adds to our joy and pride for the Chapel."

The Bishop Gadsden Chapel was commissioned to serve the inter-denominational needs of the diverse Bishop Gadsden community, while at the same time serving as a space for cultural events and social interaction. Designed by W. Daniel Beaman, AIA, President of Cummings and McCrady Architects, Inc., the chapel is built in the Georgian Colonial style and is reminiscent of Anglican chapels-of-ease that were prevalent in the Lowcountry of South Carolina.

Tom Hauer, CEO of Covenant Village in Gastonia, NC, and member of the 4-person judging panel made up of two members each from the AIA and AAHSA, remarked during the award presentation that, "Bishop Gadsden is one of the finest examples of a Continuing Care Retirement Community I have ever been to. The campus does a wonderful job of including the Charleston vernacular in the community's design.

Their beautiful chapel is no exception, and most impressive was its desire to address the spiritual needs and well being of all residents, of all faiths and all backgrounds."

The building structure and interiors were carefully chosen - the tabby used for the exterior walls was "reinvented" to recapture the look within today's building code and is a mixture of whole oyster shells (from Bowen's Island Restaurant), lime, sand and water. Distinctive qualities include the early 19th Century pulpit



from a Catholic church in Chicago; original 19th Century oil paintings of the Stations of the Cross from a demolished Catholic Church in Paris; the altar rail, baptismal font, flower stands, and paschal candle were designed by the architect and executed by Rick Avrett of Ole Charleston Forge; the interior tablets displaying the Lords Prayer, the Nicene Creed and the Ten Commandments were hand painted by Karl Beckwith Smith of James Island; and a meditation garden and labyrinth (an eleven-circuit design, patterned after the one at Chartres Cathedral in France) was included to allow for additional spiritual introspection.

Bookkeeper Wanted!

The Church of Our Saviour on John's Island has an immediate opening for either a part-time bookkeeper (16 hours per week) or full-time bookkeeper /administrative assistant (32 hours per week). Bookkeeping and general office experience is a must. Working knowledge of Quickbooks, Shelby Systems and/or ACS Technologies On Demand a plus. This position offers competitive pay and benefits. If interested, please send a resume to: The Church of Our Saviour, attn: Denise Underwood, 4416 Betsy Kerison Parkway, Johns Island, SC 29455. For questions, call 843-768-2046.

Deductibles Funded; Premiums Unchanged

News about Diocesan Health Insurance

By John D. Ivans, Chairman, Diocesan Insurance Committee

Since our diocese implemented a high deductible plan with Health Savings Accounts in 2004, the diocese has partially funded the HSA's for all participants. The money to fund these deductibles has been acquired as a result of our cost effective strategic initiatives and from plan participants changing their behavior toward consuming health-care. To date, the diocese has deposited approximately \$473,000 into the Health Savings Accounts, and plan participants today have accumulated approximately \$157,000 in their HSA's for future medical expenses. Further, these accomplishments occurred without any premium increases during the past five years.

We are pleased to report that beginning in 2008, funds for additional deductible funding are available. As we did last year, for all qualifying single plan participants, \$500 will be funded, and for family plan participants, \$1,000 will

be funded. We have also decided, again, to keep your premiums unchanged. As a former finance committee member, I know this is good news for you, and we have made the announcement in time for you to know how this entry impacts your 2008 budget. However, the committee believes that this will probably be the last year that the diocese will be able to fund the health savings accounts. We are letting you know this so that churches can consider implementing some funding themselves in 2009.

Also, we are aware that some churches are already doing this in addition to what the diocese has funded, but may want to increase this in 2009.

On behalf of the Insurance Committee, I want to thank each of you for all your kind assistance and support as we have transitioned our health insurance program toward our strategic initiative. We feel we are on the correct path, but always welcome your insightful comments.

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The Calendar

December

- 9 Healing Farm Ministries Christmas Party
- 24-31 Christmas Holiday, Diocesan Office Closed

January

- 1 New Year Holiday, Diocesan Office Closed
- 10 Drawing Near to God, Begins Study, St. Andrew's, Mt. Pleasant
- 11-12 Brennan Manning, Church of the Holy Cross, Sullivan's Island
- 14 Worshipping Musicians Forum, Location TBA
- 24 Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy Banquet, Chas. Area Conv. Cntr.
- 25 Diocesan Convention, St. Paul's, Summerville
- 26 **Consecration of the XIV Bishop, Cathedral, Charleston**
- 31 Mere Anglicanism (through Feb. 2), Cathedral, Charleston

February

- 1-3 Diocesan ECW Retreat
- 2 Boundaries, St. Paul's, Summerville and All Saints, Florence
- 16 Allison Lawrence Guest Speaker, ECW, Cathedral, Charleston
- 22-24 Christian Men's Conference
- 29 Jesus Weekend (Through Mar. 2)

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Holy Comforter Publishes History

Heirloom Edition

The History Committee of Holy Comforter, Sumter, is proud to announce the arrival of their new history book, *Holy Comforter, 1857-2007*.

This rare and wonderful story of God's love for this parish is presented in a beautiful embossed hardcover, finest-quality book. Friends of this church will treasure this compilation of births and marriages, stories of past rectors, parishioners and events. Find yourself in its pages as you begin to see the common thread woven through our church's history.

"A sudden and unpleasant transition—at 2 o'clock performing the duties of the sanctuary, at 3-1/2 engaged in mortal combat with our fellow men..." (from Early History, April 1865)

"Look at Mr. Walker praying, with his hands raised above his head, his snowy-white hair shining, and his kind, clean

face looking up. This is one of the most inspiring sights I have ever seen..." (from Recent History)

"Welcome to Holy Comforter," a professionally crafted DVD with the voice of James Barnhill as narrator, will



Built in 1857, the Church of the Holy Comforter, Sumter, SC, shown above was used on that site for 50 years, then moved to the current site and used for another 50 years. At the time, Sumter was named Sumterville.

be attached inside the back cover of this beautiful heirloom book.

The book will be introduced to the parish at a celebration in our Parish Hall on November 27. For more information, call the church at 803-773-3823.

A Visitor's Point of View

Church of the Holy Comforter, Sumter
By Sylvia Weeks

I visited the Church of the Holy Comforter in Sumter, SC, in July of 2007. The presence of the Holy Spirit was overwhelming. The service included a variety of music styles. The Rev. Dr. John Barr gave an inspiring sermon asking each of us to ask ourselves, "Do I love Jesus?" The Rev. Hamilton Smith celebrated the Eucharist which was a special moment.

The parishioners were extremely friendly and welcoming. A visitor's tag was attached inside the bulletin, so it was easy to fill out and stick on.

I was happy to see I knew about fifteen people there from Cursillo. I know if I lived in Sumter I would be welcome to join in at Holy Comforter. I felt right at home and would feel compelled to get involved in as many activities as I could. Thanks be to God!



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Drawing Near to God

Announces The Spring Study - January 10 - April 3, (12 weeks) "Isaiah, a book of comfort. We will be meeting at St. Andrew's Church in Mt. Pleasant from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Starting with worship then moving into small groups then the teaching by Joanne Ellison. If you have any questions visit www.drawingneartogod.com or contact the office at 843-284-4333.

Notes from the Daughters of the King



The Very Rev. John Scott, (r) rector at Epiphany, Eutawville, welcomed Diocesan clergy to the DOK Fall Assembly which his church hosted in September. (L-R) The Rev. Ron Hiester, St. John's, Florence; Assembly Speaker- The Very Rev. Ed Kelaher, All Saints, Waccamaw; and Diocesan DOK chaplain, The Rev. Terence Lee, St. Paul's, Bennettsville, who was the Celebrant for the closing Eucharist.



Ethel Ripley (l), a former Diocesan, Provincial IV, and National DOK President, "catches up" with Suzanne Price, a past Diocesan DOK President, at the Diocesan DOK Fall Assembly.