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Leadership Forum

As this *Jubilate Deo* goes to press nearly 200 diocesan leaders are gathering for the 2009 Diocesan Leadership Forum. Look for photographs and follow up articles about the Forum at www.dioceseofsc.org, and in the next issue of the *Jubilate Deo*.

New Wine, June 18-21

St. Andrew's, Mt. Pleasant, will host the New Wine USA Conference this June. New Wine is designed to be a transforming weekend of worship, teaching and ministry. The vision is to see society changed as Christians and churches are filled with the Spirit, alive with the joy of knowing and worshipping Christ, living out his Word, and doing the works of the Kingdom. The conference also serves as a model that can be implemented in the local church.

Guest Speaker/Music Leader

Kenny Borthwick will be the guest speaker for morning and evening teaching sessions. Kenny, who has been featured in *Charisma Magazine*, heads up the work of New Wine Scotland, and coordinates C.L.A.N. Gathering (Christians Linking Across a Nation). Robin Mark ("Days of Elijah") will be guest worship leader and, as usual, the St. Andrew's praise team will play a significant role in the leading of worship. For more information about New Wine and to register, visit www.NewWine-USA.org.

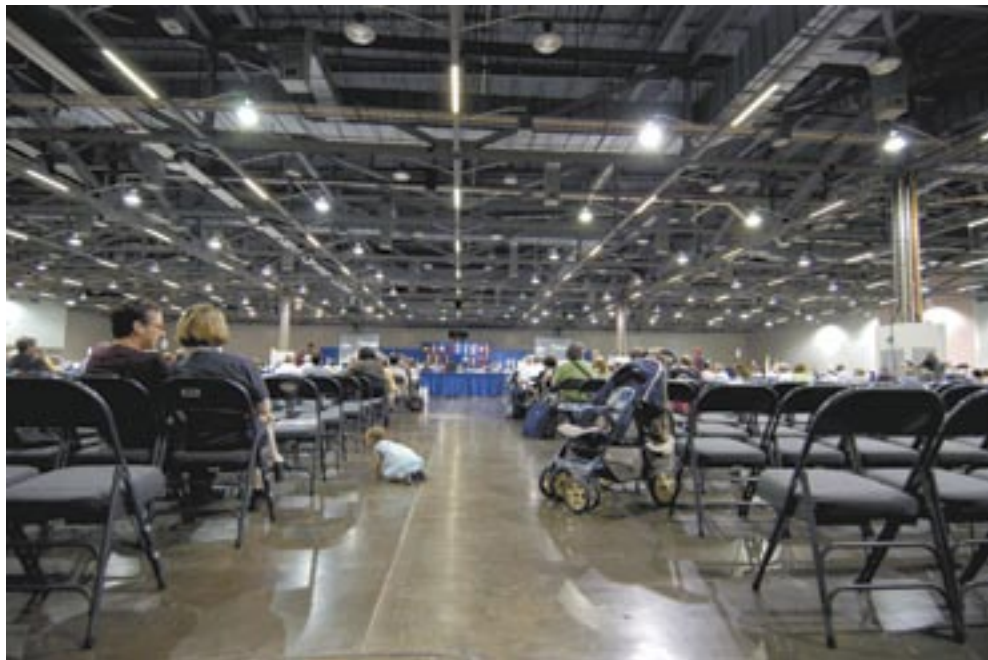
ECW Chooses CHAP as Annual Project

By Sue Brunson, ECW President

It is my honor to announce the ECW Diocesan Project for 2009-2010, as voted for by the delegates of the 125th ECW Annual Convention at Trinity Church, Myrtle Beach, on Saturday April 25, 2009. CHAP, Christian Haitian American Partnership, is the recipient of our concentrated efforts to improve the quality of life for our brothers and sisters in Haiti. CHAP partners with an Episcopal priest, Father Fritz "Pere Val" Valdema and his wife, Carmel, a public health nurse. Together they feed the body, mind and soul of the Haitian people. All funds donated through the ECW for the next year will go specifically to a nutrition program Lespwa Timoun, creole for "Hope for Children," founded and run by Carmel Valdema.

Malnutrition is a leading cause of childhood death in Haiti and this program addresses the problem by providing funding for "akamil" a powdered mix of beans and rice used as baby formula, vitamins, health care and health care education for parents. All money received goes directly to this blessed ministry that means so very much to so very many. Thank you for supporting CHAP through donations to the ECW marked for Diocesan Project and, as always, through your prayers for the beloved hungry and poor in Haiti. "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:40

See more on this story on page two.



Above, a pause in proceedings during the 75th General Convention in 2006.

DONALD VISH

76th General Convention Church Leaders Set to Meet July 8-17

By Neva Rae Fox, Program Officer, Public Affairs, The Episcopal Church Center

The 76th General Convention of the Episcopal Church will be held in Anaheim, California, July 8 through July 17. General Convention is the highest legislative body of the Episcopal Church. It is also among the oldest legislative bodies, having first met in 1782 in Philadelphia, PA. General Convention meets every three years and brings together Episcopalians for nearly two weeks of discussion, legislation, prayer and reflection. General Convention is bicameral – comprised of The House of Bishops and The House of Deputies, which includes clergy and lay members. The legislation that is approved at General Convention builds the framework

for the church's action for the coming years. While this legislation will guide The Episcopal Church for the next three years, General Convention is the church's opportunity to give witness to all the work, mission and ministry engaged by the 2.2 million members of the church. In addition to the deputies and bishops, General Convention will draw upwards of 10,000 people – from volunteers to visitors, guests and vendors, and Episcopalians who want to see their church in action.

See page 14 for a visual explanation of how resolutions move through General Convention.

Personal Reflections On the Convention

By the Very Reverend John B. Burwell, Rector, Holy Cross, Sullivan's Island/Daniel Island/Ion

I was asked to write a few observations as to what we can expect when the Episcopal Church's triennial General Convention meets in July. This will be the fifth time I've served as the chairman of the South Carolina representation and I must say that I expect this 2009 convention to be much like the four previous ones. I remember Bishop Allison's comment to me before I headed off to Philadelphia in 1997. He said, "John, my experience with General Convention is that it's like having a ten-day toothache." I've found him to be correct on every outing so far.

General Convention is a huge, complicated, confusing, unwieldy, political event that bears an uncanny resemblance to the United States Congress in the manner in which it operates. Seniority decides who gets to serve on the various legislative committees, and political leanings determine who chairs each committee. Caucuses determine what language various bills will contain. Special interests join together in lobbies and plot strategy to defeat their opponents. Partisan political speeches are made in favor or against particular bills before the House of Deputies or the House of Bishops votes on them. We vote on issues of morality as if we could decide right and wrong

by majority vote. The political battle for power and control is accepted as normal. There are winners and there are losers. To me, it is a mess and I believe we are under judgment because we operate the way we do.

This is the 76th General Convention of the Church, and we will meet this time in Anaheim, California, in the Diocese of Los Angeles. General Convention officially runs from Wednesday, July 8th, through Friday, July 17th. We who represent you begin our duties on Monday, July 6th with pre-convention meetings.

Each Diocese sends four lay and four clerical delegates (or "deputies" as we are preferentially named by Convention) to represent their diocese as legislators. Every diocese can also choose to send a number of "alternates" to serve as substitutes if they so desire. South Carolina will be represented by Reid Boylston, Lydia Evans, Wade Logan, Elizabeth Pennewill, John Burwell, Kendall Harmon, Haden McCormick, Steve Wood, and Bishop Lawrence. Our alternates include Lonnie Hamilton, Bill Lyles, Margie Williams, David Thurlow and Chris Warner.

Legislation to come before Convention can be offered by any National Church com-

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JOY HUNTER

Above, Janie Wilson reads to students from Wilmot J. Fraser Elementary School.

Serve in Charleston this Summer

Nine-Week Outreach at St. John's Begins June 15, Volunteers Needed

By the Rev. Dr. Dallas H. Wilson, Jr., Vicar, St. John's Chapel, Charleston

"It's been a long time coming, but a change is gonna come" are the lyrics to an old soulful song, by Sam Cooke and apropos for the point in time, we currently find ourselves in on the Eastside of Charleston, at St. John's

Chapel's, African American Family Center for Biblical Dialogue (AFCBD).

At the request of now retired Bishop, Edward L. Salmon, Jr., and volunteer help from

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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.

Diocesan ECW Holds 125th Annual Meeting

Eliza Spiers Coutourier, Most Honored Woman

By Catherine Jones, St. Philip's Church, Charleston

Women from throughout the diocese gathered on April 25 at Trinity Church in Myrtle Beach for the 125th Annual Meeting of the Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese of South Carolina. Sue Griffin, Diocesan ECW president, conducted the meeting, thanking the host parish, their rector, the Rev. Rob Sturdy, ECW parish president, Chris Copeland, and all the committee and staff members who welcomed participants so graciously. The Rt. Rev. Mark Lawrence, Bishop of the Diocese, addressed the group during the worship service. Dr. Cleveland L. Sellers, Jr, President of Voorhees College, was the keynote speaker.

A high point of the day was the recognition of the Diocese of South Carolina's Most Honored Woman for 2009-Mrs. Eliza Spiers Coutourier from the Church of the Epiphany, Eutawville. Mrs. Coutourier's many contributions to the Lord's work, the life of the church, and the community were noted with appreciation. Her acceptance remarks reflected the grace and modesty for which she is known.

The 2008-2009 Diocesan Project, Help 4 Kids, an outreach to children in Horry County, will receive over \$7,500 toward supporting this worthy ministry.

Representatives spoke on behalf of the three ministries nominated for the 2009-2010



Mrs. Eliza Spiers Coutourier, above, from the Church of the Epiphany, Eutawville, was named the Diocese's Most Honored Woman for 2009.

ECW Diocesan Project. The nominees were: **Fostering Hope**, a non-profit group providing goods and services to children in the foster care system in Horry, Georgetown and Marion Counties; **Shepherd's Care**, a social day program for adults with Alzheimer's and other

memory loss disorders, is housed at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Walterboro and supported by Bethel United Methodist Church and other organizations and individuals; and **CHAP (Christian Haitian American Partnership)**, a Myrtle Beach based ecumenical partnership of U.S. churches working to support the ministry of the Episcopal Church to the people of Croix-des Bouquets Parish in the Diocese of Haiti.

CHAP was voted the 2009 – 2010 ECW Diocesan Project. This is a health and nutrition program working to serve the most basic needs of severely malnourished children under the leadership of Father Fritz Valdema and his wife Carmel, a registered nurse and trained midwife.

With appreciation to the outgoing ECW Diocesan Board members, new diocesan board members were elected: President, Sue Brunson, Church of the Resurrection, Surfside Beach; Vice President, Sue Harrison, St. Paul's, Conway; Deanery Directors: Beaufort, Marianne Holmes, St. Jude's, Walterboro;

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mittee, commission, agency or board, by any bishop, by any diocese or province, and/or by any deputy. The final deadline for resolutions is 5:00 p.m. on July 9th, which is two days into the actual running of the Convention. As I write this, there are already over a hundred pre-filed resolutions and more are being added almost daily. All resolutions first go to a legislative committee for review and revision, and probably over half of them will not make it out of committee. The resolutions that do survive are placed on the convention calendar and eventually debated by both the House of Bishops and the House of Deputies. A resolution must pass in both houses in order to be enacted.

Of course, at this point it is impossible to predict what resolutions will make it onto the House floors, or to predict the language they will contain if and when they do arrive on the calendar. As we could expect, there are a number of pre-filed resolutions concerning human sexuality. I've found four (as of today) that I believe are worth mentioning and I suspect at least two, and possibly three of these four will make it out of committee and onto the floor.

The first and perhaps the most problematical for me is C004, offered by the Diocese of Newark. The resolution title is "Full Participation of LGBTI Community." The resolution notes that "While General Convention has never approved a resolution restricting the right of a diocesan bishop to authorize appropriate rites for the blessing of same-sex committed relationships," some bishops have been unwilling to authorize such rites in their dioceses. This resolution, if passed, would "...make clear that the bishop has the option to authorize liturgical blessings of committed relationships between same-sex partners." Although some bishops are unofficially allowing liturgical blessings, official policy is that such blessings are not approved by the Church. This would change official policy.

Resolution C031 offered by the Diocese of Vermont would direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to develop, as they put it, "Rites of Holy Union for Same Gender Couples" and offer those rites for consideration at the next Convention in 2012. We've had resolutions similar to this offered prior to both the 2003 and 2006 Conventions. The

resolutions did not make it out of Committee either time. Because a number of states have legalized gay marriage and because the passions are quite high in California where we are meeting, I believe this could be the year that such a resolution does make it to the floor. If passed by this Convention and the next (it would take two Conventions to become law), it would change the doctrine, discipline and worship of the Episcopal Church.

Both the Diocese of Atlanta and the Diocese of Los Angeles are offering legislation to repeal B033. The Diocese of Atlanta's version is C010, and Los Angeles version is C036. Resolution B033, proposed by Bishop Henderson of Upper South Carolina and passed by both houses in 2006 said this:

"Resolved, That the 75th General Convention receive and embrace The Windsor Report's invitation to engage in a process of healing and reconciliation; and be it further Resolved, That this Convention therefore call upon Standing Committees and bishops with jurisdiction to exercise restraint by not consenting to the consecration of any candidate to the episcopate whose manner of life presents a challenge to the wider church and will lead to further strains on communion."

My guess is that one of these two resolutions will be presented and I wouldn't be surprised to see it pass in both houses.

There are many other resolutions I personally find problematical for one reason or another. I mention these four because of the resolutions filed so far, I believe they will be the ones that generate the most heat and light. A complete list of all pre-filed resolutions can be found at <http://gc2009.org/ViewLegislation/>.

As I have done since 1997, I plan to report back to you on all Convention activities (with pictures) every single night. God willing, the reports will begin Sunday night, July 5, and continue through Friday night, July 17 at HolyCross.net. I suspect you will also be able to get in-depth coverage from Kendall Harmon, Lydia Evans and Steve Wood on their respective blogs. I humbly ask for your daily prayers for us and especially for our Bishop, Mark, and for the Church.



BILL CARTER

Over 500 Attend Cathedral Concert

The Cathedral Church of St. Luke and St. Paul was the venue on April 19 of a concert of sacred choral music by Canterbury Cathedral's Choir of Men and Boys. Canterbury Cathedral, in the southeast corner of England, is known and cherished throughout the world as the historic "Mother Church" of Anglican Christianity. The choir was welcomed into the Cathedral with "change ringing" performed on the Cathedral bells by a Diocesan Bell Band under the direction of C.J. Cantwell of St. Michael's Church, Charleston. The Canterbury Choir was enthusiastically

received by a crowd of over 500 persons in the Diocesan Cathedral.

The overnight stay in Charleston by the Canterbury Choir was its only appearance in the Carolinas and was made possible thanks to the hospitality of many parishioners of St. Philip's Church – the "Mother Church" of Anglicans in South Carolina – and other Charleston Episcopalians. Canterbury Cathedral faces the need to raise \$90 million to restore its ancient and deteriorating physical fabric. This concert raised over \$15,000 toward the goal.

Blessed to Be Called Peet Dickinson, New Dean of South Carolina

By Joy Hunter, Editor

The Rev. Peet Dickinson and his wife, Jenny, are excited about what awaits them as Dickinson assumes the roles of Dean of South Carolina and the Rector of the Cathedral Church of St. Luke and St. Paul on June 15, 2009.

"I confess that I feel the job is beyond me," says Dickinson, "but I guess that's the best position in which to find oneself. There is no question that God will need to do the heavy lifting, but that means the glory will all go to Him."

A graduate of Wake Forest University and Wycliffe Hall, Oxford, Peet was ordained a priest in this Diocese by Bishop Salmon in 2004. Prior to entering the ministry, Dickinson served as a trust officer at Wachovia Bank in Charlotte and as a youth minister at Church of the Redeemer, Orangeburg. For the past six years he has served as the Assistant Rector at St. Michael's, Charleston.

"Jenny and I are really excited about what's ahead," said Dickinson. "I don't think our daughter, Mae, quite knows what's happened fully. We trust she'll find her niche at the Cathedral, too. I am expecting the Lord to do miraculous things at the Cathedral. I have been praying for a clear vision for our future that will lead us to grow close to God so that we can hear and obey his still small voice, close to one another so that we can love and care for one another and be iron sharpening iron, and close to those who are not at the Cathedral yet so that we can gain their trust and introduce them to the Lord Jesus. I feel so blessed to be

called to shepherd this flock in this exciting new season."

Dickinson has many interests beyond his priestly role. He is an avid hunter and says he's a "huge" sports fan. "I love the Pittsburgh Steelers and Cincinnati Reds and any team



The Rev. R. Peet Dickinson, shown above with his wife, Jenny, and daughter, Mae, will take over as Dean of the Diocese of South Carolina and rector of the Cathedral Church of St. Luke and St. Paul on June 15.

Wake Forest puts on the field or court," he says. He also loves to sing and plays the bass in the bluegrass band, "Good News."

He and his wife Jenny, a native of Gastonia, North Carolina and a graduate of Vanderbilt University, have been married for 11 years. Their 5 ½ year old daughter, Mae, was adopted from Russia in 2004.

Dickinson serves as an examining chaplain and is a member of the board of Segue, the diocese's ministry to young adults and college students.

Asked what his favorite aspects of ministry are, Dickinson responds, "I love to preach and I love relational ministry and evangelism."

Photo right: Miles from her home, a woman collects drinking water from a scoop hole in a dried riverbed. It is the only water source for residents of this Kenyan community. Wild and tamed animals also use the scoop hole for drinking, washing and defecating.

Water Missions International

Vision and Mission

◆ Water Missions International (WMI) is a nonprofit, Christian engineering organization serving the water and sanitation needs of people in developing countries and disaster areas. WMI uses low-maintenance, appropriate water technologies for drinking water treatment and distribution, wastewater management, and storm water control.

◆ WMI's mission is to provide sustainable access to safe water and an opportunity to hear the "Living Water" message in developing countries and disaster areas.

◆ WMI's vision is that no person should perish for want of safe drinking water or an opportunity to hear the "Living Water" message.

◆ Clean water is the source of life. It is the foundation for health, education, and viable economies. Through the generous support of individuals, churches, nonprofits, and businesses, WMI has brought relief and hope to more than a million people across the globe.

◆ The Life-saving work of Water Missions International is only possible with the faithful support of donors, volunteers, and partners. To learn more visit www.watermissions.org.



“I was thirsty
and you gave me something to drink.”
Matthew 25:35b

By Joy Hunter, Editor

George and Molly Greene, members of St. Philip's, Charleston, are passionate about the global water crisis. As founders and officers of Water Missions International they've seen first hand the devastation that results when individuals go without access to clean drinking water and proper sanitation facilities.

They weren't always involved in the global water crisis, however.

In 1981 they founded Charleston-based General Engineering Laboratories (GEL), an environmental consulting firm. Run on Christian principles, there was a culture of giving back at GEL.

"When Hurricane Mitch hit Honduras in 1998," says George, "it was a natural response for GEL to get involved."

The extent of what the Greene's involvement would later become could not have been predicted.

"George sent an email during the middle of the storm to Bishop Leo Frade," says Molly, "saying, 'What can we do to help? We know a little bit about water.' We never expected to hear back."

The next day George received a very clear request: "We need six drinking water units."

"It was so specific, so tangible," says Molly. "Instead of saying, 'send money,' or 'pray.' It was obvious the Lord's hand was in it."

The Greenes did not have an appropriate answer on hand and so in two days, with the help of water treatment handbooks, college textbooks and another PhD engineer, George designed his own.

The Charleston community responded enthusiastically collecting 70 tons of relief supplies to accompany the water treatment systems. The Charleston Air Force base and the Department of Defense provided free transportation. "The doors just flew open," says Molly. "It was a God-thing."

When the Greenes arrived in Honduras, seeing for themselves the devastation, something happened.

"To go to places that had never had clean water, even before the Hurricane," says Molly, "opened our eyes to an urgent need, not only were our eyes opened but our hearts were broken."

On their second trip following the hurricane a Honduran priest took them to a com-

munity near San Pedro Sula where everyone was sick. "There was one mother," says Molly, "with a teeny baby who was dying. She tried to get us to take the baby, to make it well, but the priest said, 'We can't take the baby. We have no place to take the baby.' The next day, when we returned the baby had died. Seeing that little baby in his mother's arms, I thought, 'that could be our child. That could be my baby. I could have been born in this situation.' It broke



Children and villagers in Bangladesh receive safe, clean water from a Living Water™ Treatment System after Category 4 Cyclone Sidr devastated their community in late 2007.

our hearts and we felt, 'We've got to work on making a difference.' We felt the Lord pulling at us saying, 'You need to be doing this. I'm calling you.'"

The Greenes returned to Charleston and though they'd heard a clear call, they weren't certain they needed to be involved full-time. Providing water treatment systems became a division of GEL.

"Though we were involved," says Molly, "we still had a foot in both camps."

The Greene's then-22-year old daughter, Jeni, sensed a need for them to commit themselves more fully to the global water issue. "Mom," said Jeni, "If you don't answer, the Lord's going to stop calling."

About the same time Molly had been given a book called *Halftime* by Bob Buford. "The book talks about moving from success to significance," says Molly, "I started reading the book and couldn't put it down. I put it on George's side of the bed and said, 'You need to read this.'"

A year later he did.

Within a few days of reading the book George and Molly had a meeting of the minds.

"We committed the last Saturday of October 2000 to seeking God's direction for our lives," says George. "We sat on our back porch all day, praying, reading scripture, referring to sections of *Halftime*. We went through all of our thoughts and by the end of the day we knew we had to go full-time providing water for people in need."

A day later the Greenes shared their plans with Jim Stelling a friend and GEL's Chief Operating Officer, who with another member of GEL's leadership team ended up buying the company.

With their former company in good hands, they were freed to respond to the call they'd received.

Building and transporting water treatment systems, however, requires a tremendous influx of cash. "We were struggling," says George. "The requests came in weekly, sometimes daily because the needs were huge. We met some people in the corporate world who said, 'The funds are here in corporate America, but in order to access them you've got to separate your Christian mission from your humanitarian mission.'"

At that time George was seeking guidance about the mission and direction of Water Missions. "The Lord brought three people to come alongside and help," says George,

"Marc Bouton, Hamilton Smith and Jim Losheid."

Smith had recently completed course work where he looked at Christian non-profits who abandoned their Christian identity in an effort to bolster their social ministry's impact.

Losheid pointed out, "The Lord owns the cattle on a thousand hills. If you're in a bless-able position, He will bless this ministry."

Marc Bouton served as the WMI volunteer chaplain.

"The Lord worked through these three men to help me understand God's will for Water Missions International," says George. "It became clear to me that the mission to give people access to safe water and the mission to share the Gospel were inseparable."

"Our board of directors was unanimously behind the decision to stay the course and not separate the 'Living Water' from the safe water," says Molly.

George called those who had suggested they pursue corporate funding. "We appreciate your offer, but that's not who we are. We're committed to the Christian component."

The Numbers

1.1 billion people around the world lack access to safe drinking water.

25,000 people die every day from waterborne diseases as a result of contaminated water.

Every 15 seconds a child under the age of 5 dies from water-related issues.

80% of all diseases worldwide result from contaminated water, inadequate sanitation and poor hygiene.

The simple act of washing hands with soap and water can reduce diarrheal disease by 1/3.

Water Missions International has placed 650 Living Water Treatment Systems in over 40 countries providing clean drinking water to more than 1 million people.

A single Living Water™ Treatment System treats 10 gallons of water per minute, as much as 10,000 gallons per day.

A Living Water™ Treatment System supports a community of up to 3,000 people.

St Paul’s, Conway, Youth Raise Funds for WorldVision While Learning About Poverty

By Sean Richardson, Director of Youth Ministries, St Paul’s Church, Conway

On April 24, 14 members of St. Paul’s youth group, “Authentic” participated in the 30-Hour Famine. The purpose was to raise money for WorldVision and get a sense of what it’s like to be hungry. Each youth was challenged to raise \$100, without asking for funds from members of the congregation. Going to the community for the money gave them an opportunity to evangelize and tell people why they were going 30 hours without eating. The



SUZANNE CLARK

Above, Philip Paynter builds the cardboard house in which he slept.

youth raised \$2,072.58, way above the goal of \$100 per person! The famine started at 8:00 a.m. on Friday and forced the students to go through school without eating. It opened doors for friends to ask why they were only drinking water for lunch.

After school the students came to the church where the activities began. In the first activity, the students had to walk over a mile to fetch water. They had a competition for the amount of water they could receive. The

dilemma was if you received more water the bucket was heavier, but if you received less water the bucket was lighter. However, the students had to ration their water over the next 23 hours. Students also made cardboard homes to sleep in. They had no blanket or pillow except a plastic bag with a pair of shorts, t-shirt, sweatshirt, and a pair of pants. If they got cold, they could use the clothes in the bag, but they would lose their “pillow.” Around 2:00 a.m. the sprinkler system came on and ruined three homes! Those students had to figure out what to do with a wet cardboard house. The next day the students spent four hours cleaning up the church grounds and broke the famine with Eucharist and a trip to Ryan’s Buffet.

Throughout the famine we discussed how obsessed we are with our belongings and yet we keep asking God to bless us with more. The students realized how blessed they are and how they need to return that blessing to others. The students also discussed how fortunate they were to have a bed and blankets at home.

While cleaning up the church, students understood that even though they were hungry and tired the work had to be done.

Students Reflect on Experience

Brendan Nagle, a sophomore at Carolina Forest High School said, “Participating in the 30-Hour Famine convicted me as well as challenged me. Throughout the event we had talks about parts of the Bible where it spoke of reaching out to others and helping them. I realized more and more that not only was the money we raised not

enough, but we need to reach out more to others. The problem is, that’s easier said than done. I wondered, “If God is so loving, why do so many people suffer?” I realized, while not sleeping in my cardboard box, that it was the way things were and it was our job as Christians who have been blessed to be “rich” in the eyes of many to help them. When the event finished I felt content with what God has given me and convicted to reach out and do community service whenever needed.”

Kelsie Pharr, a junior at Carolina Forest High School, had this reaction: “The 30-Hour Famine was more challenging spiritually than it was physically. It’s a lot easier to go 30 hours without food than to go 30 hours thinking about how rich you are in comparison to a large majority of the world. Before this weekend, I never considered myself to be rich. After learning about how so many people have to struggle just to have water and food, I know that I am so, so rich. The 30-Hour Famine showed me that God blessed my family with the ability to provide for ourselves, so that we could provide for others. This experience was right on track with everything we’ve discussed this year about identifying with the poor, the oppressed, and the hungry, which is exactly what Jesus wants us to do. In Matthew, it talks about “carrying



SUZANNE CLARK

Above, Mary Kathryn Tilma learns how it feels to carry a day’s supply of drinking water for over a mile. Each student was responsible for carrying the water they would use over a 23-hour period.

the burdens” of our fellow men. It’s very hard, but extremely rewarding. It teaches you not to take EVERYTHING for granted. Everything is a gift from God. He made us rich, simply so that we could bless others.”

St. Christopher Moves Towards \$300,000 Goal, Additional Gifts Needed

By Ann Hester Willis, Director of Development

The beautiful weather and new life which has surrounded us this spring is a reminder of the new life which Jesus Christ gives to us, and the new vision that we have for ministry at St. Christopher. And with the arrival of June, we are busy at St. Christopher because Summer Camp begins! This year we also are looking forward to the Family Ministry Retreat at the end of June and the Annual Diocesan Couples Conference in July. This summer St. Christopher is serving the children, families and couples of our Diocese by ministering to them through fellowship and teaching. Please join us and discover how God is working in our Diocese at St. Christopher. You may find more information at www.stchristopher.org.

God has been working through you to make it possible for St. Christopher to become an even more powerful instrument for Kingdom work. Those who have stepped forward and joined us by participating in our ministry through their financial support have given us hope for the future. Your gifts—which total \$105,000 to date—have allowed us to begin the process of addressing deferred maintenance issues without cutting back in our operations. We see the result of your prayers through the Lord’s presence at St. Christopher.

We have a goal of \$300,000 for this first year of our annual fund effort. As you know, this is a new beginning for St. Christopher: the beginning of our partnership in ministry with you. God has brought St. Christopher

to the point of recognizing that we cannot continue to do it alone. At St. Christopher we ask for His guidance and strive to make Him the center of all of our efforts. God is now asking us to rely on Him for the financial support that is required to continue to operate St. Christopher responsibly. You will be blessed by your participation in the ministry of St. Christopher through your financial support; God will use it in ways we cannot even imagine. We hope to join with you year after year to continue this ministry which has reached and continues to bless the lives of children, youth and adults.

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Wrestling with this issue enabled the Greenes to develop and articulate a clear vision and mission. (See page three.)

In the succeeding years the ministry has grown. At the time of this writing, Water Missions International has placed 650 water treatment systems in over 40 countries reaching over a million people. The ministry has also become involved in developing sanitation solutions, moving from simply drinkable water to methods which enable communities to halt the ongoing contamination of their water sources. The successes are impressive, but the Greenes know both the need and their call is to go further. In 2001 they heard a call to reach 100 million people with clean water and the living water message by the end of 2011. “We’re no way near there,” says Molly, “but we know that when we do reach that goal it will be the Lord doing it.”

How can you help?

Water Missions International first requests your prayers for the people they are called to serve and for the ministry. They’ve asked that churches throughout the diocese consider including Water Missions International in the



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Above, Molly and George Greene.

Prayers of the People during Sunday worship services. They also depend heavily on volunteers and ask that adult volunteers commit to three or four-hour shifts. In addition, is the critical need for financial support. Each Safe Water Project which includes community assessment, community development and equipment and transportation is approximately \$25,000. To learn more visit www.waterrmissions.org or call (843) 769-7395.

Join us in our ministry today through your prayers and financial support. Please send your gift using the form at left or contribute online at www.stchristopher.org. May God bless you!



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“Be Faithful to the Word,”
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New Assignment;
Fort Worth, TX

The Very Reverend William N. McKeachie retired as the fifth Dean of the Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina, as well as Rector of the Cathedral Church of St. Luke and St. Paul in Charleston, on May 1, 2009. The Cathedral will celebrate Dean McKeachie's term of office, as well as honor his wife, Lisa, and four children, on McKeachie Family Day, Sunday, June 14. While continuing to be canonically resident in the Diocese of South Carolina, Dean McKeachie will assume a part-time “retirement” appointment as Pastoral Associate at St. Andrew's Parish, Fort Worth, Texas.

Serving at St. Andrew's primarily in support of the dynamic Rectorship of the Reverend Dr. R. William Dickson, Dean McKeachie will continue as President of Mere Anglicanism; will remain an Examining Chaplain to the Bishop of South Carolina; will work with the newly formed Anglican Communion Development Committee of



the Diocese of South Carolina; and will fulfill certain other commitments in Texas, South Carolina, and elsewhere. His parochial and liturgical duties at St. Andrew's have been defined in such a way as to allow him to serve as a “bridge builder” and facilitator of relationships among and between individuals and institutions within the Anglican Communion, both inside and outside The Episcopal Church in the United States.

Dean McKeachie, in his “farewell” remarks to Convention before retirement, spoke of the privilege and joy it had been to serve in both capacities during the last fourteen years. He appreciated particularly the opportunity offered him to help steer the Diocese through the shoals of unique transition circumstances between Bishop Salmon's episcopate and his successor's accession, especially the celebratory aspects of the Cathedral's refurbishment in time for Bishop Lawrence's consecration.

Dean McKeachie recognized four already “retired” individuals who had helped make his tenure as Dean of South Carolina more than gratifying: The Very Rev. Emmanuel Johnson (Sometime Dean of Liberia and, in this Diocese, Chaplain of Voorhees College), the Rev. Canon John Ball (Canon Pastor Emeritus of the Diocese and Cathedral),

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Healing Mission to Kenya

In early 2009 two couples from St. Michael's, Charleston, Jean and Johnnie Corbett and Barbara and Ned Simmons went on a Healing Mission to Nairobi, Kenya. The four had been invited by Pastor Simon Mwaura and his wife Lucy Thuo in April of 2008. Pastor Simon oversees 30 pastors, many lay leaders and 26 churches through the ministry of God's Grace for All Nations (GGFAN).

The following are excerpts from Jean Corbett's reflections:

“During our week of ministry we were humbled and amazed at what a mighty God we serve and how He equips us when we step out and say, ‘Yes, Lord.’ We were well cared for by our hosts Pastor Simon and Lucy, as we traveled to villages in the remote, rugged regions surrounding Nyahururu and Maralal. We sang, danced, preached, shared, laughed, wept and, prayed for God to heal hundreds of people. We saw poverty beyond understanding and worshipped in churches built with corrugated tin walls and roofs, some with dilapidated wood structures, all with dirt floors, accessed by foot, bicycle, or 4-wheel drive. Some churches had no physical building, so we worshipped under the sun or under sparse shade trees. At 7000+ feet altitude - on the equator - we were cooled by mountain breezes.

In the town of Nyahururu, seven local congregations gathered to worship and welcome us. We shared our testimonies (via, Julius, a dynamic translator/preacher). What amazed us was how God gave each of us the message we were to share, and He wove it together into a succinct message of God's love, mercy, goodness, forgiveness and healing.

We also ministered in the Nyahururu area. On “Kenya time,” riding with Kenyan pastors, we often arrived later than planned, but together we worshipped One Holy God. It was awesome! One or

two drummers (usually a child or woman) accompanied the singing, clapping and dancing congregation. We entered those humble Houses of God with the Holy Spirit present and real.

In the Shamanei Church a woman, deaf in both ears, came to a remote church hoping to receive healing prayers, but we had already left. She came to next church to find us. We prayed, and the pastor/translator spoke to her. She looked intently at him, not understanding. Her friend said, ‘She is deaf and doesn't speak your language.’ Another pastor, who spoke her language, came to help. She responded that God opened both ears. She and we were ecstatic – she could hear with both ears!

In Maralal, where the Samburu tribe reside, the elder men are in control and often take young girls as wives. The men are respected by the number of animals they own. The women's position is identified by the number of bright, bead and metal necklaces worn. The boys and young men (Moran warriors) care for the herds and are easily spotted in the vast landscape by their red cloth wraps.

One day as we were preparing to



Above, a Samburu woman in Nkenjmuny, receives healing prayer from a member of St. Michael's team.

HANIEL OF KENYA

worship, the pastor, pointing in the distance to a very specific tree said, ‘That's our church.’ In another church, a group of women came for healing — five generations stricken with blindness. We prayed for God to break the power of any

one woman received healing while listening to a talk. We cannot remember nor do we know all that the Lord did during those few days.

In Morinjoi, the 3,000 Samburu villagers' water source comes from a large stagnant pond where



JEAN CORBETT

Above, at the celebration of the installation of a Water Missions International water treatment system, in Morinjoi, Kenya, two women of the Samburu tribe sing, “We no longer worship the gods of the mountain. We now worship the True God.” Many villagers converted to Christianity from animistic religion. See more about Water Missions International on page three.

curse in this family. At least three of the women saw light, and one saw movement. God showed up! A man, holding a child in his arms, had terrible pain all over his body, especially in his back, hips, and legs. We prayed. The pain left. He then asked for prayers for his little son who was highly agitated with a skin disorder. The child quieted and the father thanked us and returned to his seat to pray as he knelt on the dirt floor.

In both regions, many people with arthritic joints, female problems, headaches, chest pains were healed, pain was relieved, and wholeness was restored in all the churches. Some carrying heavy hearts reported great relief and described feeling lighter! At least

hundreds of animals are watered daily. We were blessed to join in the celebration of the commissioning of a clean water system designed and installed by Water Missions International (See article, page three), and donated by Bill and Phyllis Johnson of Faith Ventures, Inc. The contamination level before filtering was 600 – comparable to a cesspool. The filtered and cleaned water came out sparkling clear!

It will make a huge impact in the health of the people. The local pastor will deliver the message of Jesus, the Living Water, while he oversees the pumping system. It was a joyful celebration with singing, dancing and preaching. There was an altar

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BARBARA SIMMONS

Below: A Samburu woman drinks water from a catch pool in Morinjoi, Kenya, prior to the installation of the new water treatment system. The water is contaminated by herds of goats, sheep and cows.

Has the Church Usurped the Family’s Role?

By The Rev. Arthur Jenkins, Rector, St. James, James Island

The Bible teaches that God has two institutions – the home and the church. Nothing should be more important to a Christian than these two places, for they are ordained of God. The Home and the Church are complementary.

have infringed on God’s plan and institution, the Family. Beginning sometime in the last century the church began offering to teach our children and ultimately displaced parents in their God-given role. Parents were growing

statistics reveal that we are not capturing the hearts and lives of our youth for a life-long saving relationship with Jesus Christ and the faith. We are losing them to high school and college and they aren’t coming back. What are we to do?

Born before 1946	65%
Born between 1946 - 1964	35%
Born between 1965 - 1976	15%
Born between 1976 - 1994	4%

We must reverse this trend.



“The church has a role to play in our children’s faith formation. We just don’t play the primary role,” says Arthur Jenkins shown above interacting with two-year-old Will Shelton son of Jeremy and Jessica Shelton. BILL READ

The strongest home is one that is built around a church, and the strongest church is one that is built around the family. Most of the research coming to us points to a serious problem that churches must face. The consensus is that the majority of church-raised kids are abandoning the faith in which they were raised. Something’s not right. Can we stay on the course we are currently on? Many churches are changing courses. They have decided to leave the path of ministry that isn’t producing lasting fruit. Parents are the primary disciplers of their children (Deuteronomy 6:5-9) and the church must develop true partnerships with parents that equips them, exhorts them and admonishes them to accept this God-given privilege. I continue to be convinced and convicted that we, the Church, have taken on the wrong role with our families. We have organized ourselves to teach children instead of teaching families to teach children. By doing so we

ever busier and the church was a specialist in educating about the Faith and Jesus Christ. It seemed to be a perfect fit. Just as any good parent might take their child to the piano teacher for music lessons, so too they were encouraged to bring their children to church for their Christian education. The problem was that this displaced God’s plan and institution of the family as the place for Christian faith formation. God has ordained that no one has more authority and impact over a child’s heart than his or her father and mother. We replaced parents with Sunday School Teachers and Youth Group leaders and Vacation Bible School and car washes and pizza parties. Now there is nothing wrong with any of those fine and faithful ministries. Far be it from me to demean the love and care offered by many Sunday school teachers, especially remembering some of the ones that had a profound impact on my life and my faith. Nevertheless, the facts and

The solution is frightening. We must change. We must reorganize the institution of the Church in order to recapture the institution of the Family. We must do something differently than we’ve been doing. We must restore the family as one of the two institutions that are God-ordained to nurture and nourish us in our life of faith. Now please hear me. I AM NOT advocating doing away with Sunday school and firing Sunday school teachers. I am not advocating doing away with our Youth Groups and our really fine Youth Pastors. (Please reread those last two sentences.) I am advocating that we put into place opportunities to equip parents and grandparents to take their rightful place in their children’s “nurture in the knowledge and love of the Lord” (Book of Common Prayer, pg. 423) Why? Because we are losing our children at an alarming rate. Here are some of the statistics:

Intergenerational family faithfulness has become a movement in our Diocese. Don’t think that it is just the next trend or fad. Family Discipleship is God’s plan as revealed in Holy

Americans who claim to be Christians and can articulate the Gospel message:

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Scripture. This is not the next book study or program, but the reawakening of the Body of Christ to God’s first commandment to “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth...” God’s intention is for us to fill the earth, not with cars and landfills, but with worshippers and disciples.

In the December/January issue of the *Jubilate Deo*, an article mentioned that St. Stephen’s Church, Charleston, undertook an effort to provide insecticide-treated mosquito nets through Episcopal Relief and Development for African children living in vulnerable areas. They raised \$1224, enough to provide for 102 nets. Each day, about 3000 children in Africa lose their lives to malaria. Experts say that each net will actually save an average of three children’s lives. Grace Church, Charleston, a larger church, recently had an ERD collection designed to combat HIV/AIDS, malaria, and other diseases (Millennium Development Goal #6). Their \$2616 total will provide for 168 mosquito nets with several hundred dollars left for training workers for HIV/AIDS prevention, and to help educate children orphaned by AIDS. In the first three years of this ERD-backed initiative, slightly over one million of the nets have been distributed. We have now joined with other faith-based organizations who recently announced a goal of providing seven million more nets in 17 sub-Saharan countries. You can

be proud that ERD is so involved in this effort. If other churches would like to participate, I would be glad to assist them. I have a sample net which can be utilized. Year end statistics showed continued growth in contributions to ERD. That has allowed us to increase



By Harmon B. Person, Diocesan ERD Representative

the scope of our work. This year, we will assist people in need in 42 countries. In 2006, that number was 32. In all these years, we were able to keep the percentage of funds devoted directly to helping people at about 92%. That is an exceptionally high figure. If you would like to learn more about Episcopal Relief and Development and its work, visit the newly-expanded website, www.er-d.org. I suggest you set aside a

Year	National Contributions	Diocese of SC Contributions
2006	\$11,363,439	\$37,842
2007	\$17,249,980	\$42,522
2008	\$20,319,102	\$71,276

few minutes and click on any of the options shown. You might want to click on “media center” which will allow you to see all ERD press releases. You can browse through the Gifts for Life catalog. If you click on “our programs,” you can see exactly where we work and what programs are going on in the various countries. ERD proves its transparency by showing financial figures, including past years’ Federal Income Tax returns. One recent addition is the “President’s Blog,” where the president of ERD, Dr. Rob Radtke, periodically discusses current situations of interest. Finally, of course, there is the opportunity to contribute online. I have been the Diocesan representative for ERD since 2000. I am incredibly proud of the good work that is done in the name of Jesus and in the name of the Episcopal Church through this organization. Once again, I urge more of our churches to make ERD part of their outreach program. Episcopal Relief and Development officials recently told me that they were extremely pleased to receive half of the open offering from our recent Diocesan Convention. Thank you, Bishop Lawrence!” To learn more about ERD in the Diocese of South Carolina, contact me at Hbpjlp2@bellsouth.com or call (843) 766-8040

Hamilton Smith to Join St. Michael’s as Associate Rector

On August 1, 2009, the Rev. J. Hamilton Smith will join St. Michael’s Church, Charleston as Associate Rector working with young adults and serving as a “relationship specialist.” A native of Summerville, Hamilton grew up attending St. Paul’s Episcopal Church. He received his B.A. from the College of Charleston and spent summers working on staff of St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center. After receiving his law degree from the University of South Carolina School of Law Hamilton joined Young, Clement, and Rivers on Broad Street in Charleston. It was while attending the Alpha Course and the Men’s Bible Study at St. Michael’s, that Hamilton began to discern a call to the ordained ministry. In 2003, Hamilton and his family began seminary at Wycliffe Hall, Oxford University in England. Following Seminary, he was called to serve as the Assistant

Rector at the Church of the Holy Comforter in Sumter, where his ministry focused on evangelism to young adults and families. He also designed, developed and implemented Holy Comforter’s small group program. Hamilton met his wife, Lizzie, when, as teens, both attended the youth group at St. Philip’s, Charleston. They were married in 2001. They have two children, Charlotte (6) and David (3). Lizzie, who received her undergraduate and graduate degrees in teaching from the College of Charleston, is passionate about reaching women with the Gospel and training parents to raise their children to love and serve the Lord. Hamilton loves everything you can do on salt water. He “tries” to play guitar and enjoys spending time with his family and friends.



Diocesan Couples Conference

July 24-26, 2009

The 11th annual Diocesan Couples Conference will be held at St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center from July 24-26, 2009. The Rev. Dr. Greg Snyder and his wife, Beth, will lead us. The topic will be “Leading Your Heart to Love.” Snyder has been the Rector of St. John’s Parish, Johns Island, since 2005. He was ordained at Trinity School for Ministry in 2002. Greg’s wife, Beth, serves as the Ministry Assistant for the Diocese’s Departments of Youth Ministry, Faith Formation and College and Young Adult Ministry. She is a member of the Daughters of the King and serves on the Prayer Team at St. John’s. Married for 26 years, Greg and Beth have served as team leaders for Episcopal Engaged Encounter for 10 years.

The Couples Conference is designed to strengthen and renew Christian marriage. We will have



strong Biblical teaching, as well as time for small groups, praise and worship, fellowship with other Christian couples, and time to spend with your spouse. It doesn’t matter if you have been married for less than a month or for more than 50 years; all couples are encouraged to attend.

To register, mail a non-refundable deposit of \$75 (make check out to “Couples Conference”), along with the form below to the address below. The total cost of the weekend, \$310 per couple, includes lodging and meals. The deposit will be credited toward the total fee.

Participants are encouraged to bring Bibles and comfortable clothes. The conference room can be cold, so you may want a light jacket or sweater while inside. Bug spray and sunscreen are vital. Also bring a copy of your wedding photo that you can leave.

Third Graders at Cross Schools, Bluffton, Make a Difference



Third grader, Delaney Porter, reaches for coffee at Publix.

SCOTT SALISBURY, COURTESY OF BLUFFTON TODAY

By Brittany Tarleton, Director of Development, Cross Schools

It all began with a third grade “penny wars” project, which raised money for the local food bank where the children volunteer weekly. To help students learn the value of a dollar and the importance of spending money wisely, two teams were formed, each given a jar, and the rules were set. A penny counted as a positive for the team, and silver coins were counted as negatives. The team that had the highest score (money) was the winner.

A local businessman, whose child attends Cross Schools learned of this project and requested that his staff donate their tips for one day to show support of the students. All eagerly agreed. Together they raised a total of \$1760. After researching food prices and collecting coupons, the children were divided into teams and ready to shop. Five grocery carts and \$1260 later, the children were ready to make their delivery to the food bank and present them with an additional cash donation of \$500. Not only were they purchasing food for the needy, they learned a great lesson in economics.

The local newspaper, *Bluffton Today*, wrote an article on the students and the generosity of the staff at Belfair. Soon after the article was published, an “Angel” contacted the school and wanted to donate \$4000 anonymously. The “Angel” arrived with 200 twenty dollar bills, enough for each child in kindergarten through 8th grade. The anonymous donor believes in the children of Cross Schools and wants them to learn that their actions can make a difference. The donor requested the following: 1. The \$20 bill must be given thoughtfully and anonymously to someone in need. 2. The students needed to write about how the giving made them feel and what they had learned about giving to others. 3. The older students were also asked to write how they can make a difference in the world.

Each \$20 bill was stamped with: “The Gift of Giving, www.cross-schools.org.”

Most of the bills are now in circulation. We are anxiously awaiting feedback on how far our bills have traveled. Please visit our website at www.crossschools.org to read

more about this gift of giving lesson. *Bluffton Today* picked up this story as well. Visit their website to learn more.

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the Rt. Rev. C. FitzSimons Allison (Twelfth Bishop of South Carolina and founding Chairman of Mere Anglicanism), and Capt. John Coussons (Diocesan Historiographer and Senior Verger).

In conclusion, Dean McKeachie encouraged the Diocese “to remember to be true to the Anglican tradition, remember that the Anglican tradition itself is only true as it is faithful to the Word of God, and remember that the Word of God Written is in turn the Revelation of the Eternal Word, the only-begotten Son of the Father, the God-Man, the Church’s Bridegroom, the unique and universal great high priest, the ultimate Bishop and Shepherd of our souls, Christ Jesus, Crucified, Risen, Ascended and Coming Again. It’s all about Him! Amen.”

Serve in Charleston this Summer

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Howard Rambo and volunteers throughout the Diocese, mostly St. Andrew’s, Mt. Pleasant, we’ve demolished a building; restored and blessed an “intimate” Chapel and Sacristy, completed offices and a board room, installed an elevator and will begin the restoration of the second floor of the AAFCBD, which we’ll complete by the middle of June 2009. We’ve been praying, through our “Threshing Floor Prayer” every Wednesday, from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.; traveling to Deanery Meetings, making presentations to the Diocesan Council and the Episcopal Church Women; meeting with vestries, from Orangeburg to Hilton Head, from Sullivan’s Island to Summerville and individuals, and priests throughout the Diocese for the past two-and-a-half years. We’ve formed Boards of Directors, the Anna Prayer Circle, the “Counsel” of Women, and a PreVestry. We’ve had parishes, missions and organizations within the Diocese sacrificially adopt our

“vision” through astonishing charitable support, especially during this tough economic climate. We’ve received a grant of \$11,000 from the Diocese’s Episcopal Church Women to complete a Prayer Chapel and we were adopted as their program for the 2008 ministry year. We were also given \$50,000 by the United Thank Offering, which was used to purchase a “Pink” Bus, hire a driver, and pay for maintenance as well as necessary insurances. We’ve made incredible, life-changing friendships with priests/vicars and Bishop Lawrence. The Bishop, at the recent men’s conference, encouraged the men “to finish well.” That is exactly what we’re planning to do. But mostly, we know that we’ve been in the “center” of God’s will, because “the prayers of the people” in II Chronicles 7:14, declare, “If My people, who are called by My name, shall humble themselves, pray, seek, crave, and require of necessity My face and turn from their wicked

ways, then will I hear from heaven, forgive their sin, and heal their land.” (AMP)

Now, we’re ready to launch a “potent” ministry within the boundaries of our Jerusalem, the 1.4 square-mile Eastside Community.

Volunteers Needed

Please support our nine-week, “Journey through the Bible Experience” to be held June 15-August 14. The “Experience,” a “What Are Little Girls Made Of?” evangelistic endeavor, will be a Christian “holistic” (spirit, soul and body) program, including trips, drama, vocal and instrumental music; scholastic and health training for inner-city first and second grade students from Wilmot J. Fraser Elementary School. Come join us! Offer your gifts for a summer! We need Volunteers! Contact us at (843) 723-1323 to be a part of this effort or email us at vicarstjohns@bellsouth.net.

We’re also instituting a \$50.00 monthly (3-month) tax-deductible Diocesan-wide campaign to implement and operate the “Experience” of a lifetime for these children and their “single” parents. Give what you will! We’re requesting that every individual throughout the Diocese and in the audience of those who receive the *Jubilate Deo*, take part in this historically significant opportunity to show love to these “little ones.” Would you sacrifice this one time that we all might “experience” more than just the violence of the times, in the lives of those that dwell in our inner-cities? Would you enter with me into my daily offering on behalf of the “defenseless ones” in our Eastside Community and the 7.3 square-mile Enterprise Renewal Community (ERC)?

To learn more about this ministry, to volunteer or donate, contact the Rev. Dallas Wilson at (843) 723-1323 or vicarstjohns@bellsouth.net.

Godly Play Workshop Offered at St. Luke’s, Hilton Head, June 5-6

A workshop on Godly Play, an imaginative method for presenting Scripture and stories to children, will be offered by St. Luke’s, Hilton Head, June 5-6. Sharon Greeley, a Godly Play Trainer will lead the workshop.

In Godly Play the children are also disciplined in reflection and meditation on the Word of God. This methodology for teaching about God and our relationship with Him is reaping rewards in the lives of children and their families.

The cost of the workshop is \$45, including lunch. To learn more and to register, contact the Rev. Jean DeVaty at (843) 785-4099.



By Dave Wright, Diocesan Coordinator for Youth Ministries

In our busy, noisy worlds we hear so much that we don't hear the voice that is most important in our lives as believers. With cell phones, texting, iPods, Facebook, instant messaging, Twitter, television, radio, and internet, we simply fill our ears and eyes with the constant sounds of life around us. Few would ever say that they are anything other than too busy. When does it stop? When do we take a break – other than the few hours we spend sleeping? Are we ever silent? Silence is a concept that is foreign to most of us. How often do we take time to be still before God? (Psalm 46:10) When do we sit and listen for the voice of the Lord? How can we even hear him if our ears are drowning with the noise of the world?

As 75 high school students arrived at Christopher on March 20 for a weekend retreat, they anticipated the usual features of the weekends

and listening for God to speak to them personally is not a normal expectation – and yet it is the highlight of this retreat we call Epic. On Friday night in the old rec hall, we introduce the concept and importance of listening quietly, explaining that this is a key component of the weekend. Students then enter the Chapel of the Palms which has been artistically transformed through colorful murals, lighting, and a unique room arrangement. We enter worship through liturgy and music, drawing students into the presence of the Lord. Our speaker, the Rev. Joe Gibbes from St. John's, John's Island, begins to teach from the book of Titus. Following the teaching,

their lives. We repeat this pattern throughout the weekend, teaching through the whole of the epistle.



we offer. Dynamic worship, good teaching, fun times with friends, and mud pie are expected on diocesan youth weekends. Times in silence

ing, students are sent out to spend roughly 30 minutes reflecting on the teaching, re-reading the passage, and praying about its application to



All photographs with this article were taken by Jane Wright.

Grow in Your Leadership Skills: Serve on the Diocesan Youth Commission

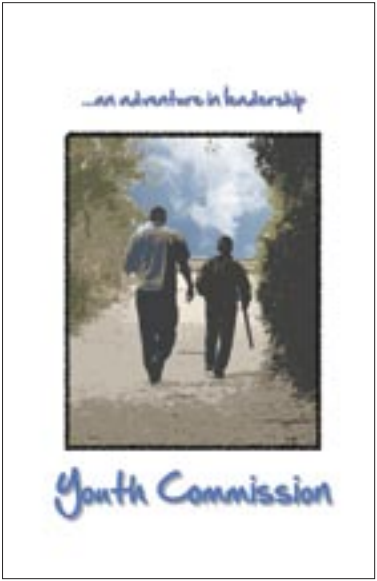
The Diocesan Youth Commission is seeking applicants for the 2009-2010 school year. We are seeking cheerful servants who demonstrate spiritual maturity and leadership gifts and who are interested in developing skills and serving our Lord. This leadership group serves on our middle school events as well as at Diocesan Convention each year. In addition to leading and serving, we teach leadership skills including how to lead Bible studies, small groups and prayer, and how to share your testimony. Students are expected to serve in some leadership capacity in their church as well. This may include such things as leading a small group Bible study, volunteering with middle school, or teaching children's Sunday School.

Applications are due by June 26, 2009. Youth Commission will be selected in early July. Membership in Youth Commission is a high calling with significant responsibilities and is limited to 24 students. Because it is a selective group, not all who apply are accepted. We ask that you prayerfully consider applying if you're a growing Christian, a good student (able to miss school one day), actively involved in your church and have a desire and willingness to lead others.

Students who serve on the commission must be accountable, dependable, responsible, committed, team-oriented, teachable and have a positive attitude.

We work as a team to serve in Diocesan events and gain leadership experience. Serving on the Commission requires a commitment to serving at our middle school events as well as Diocesan Convention, participating in training sessions, and attending at least one high

school event weekend. (For middle school events, you will pay one third, your church will pay one third and the diocese will pay the rest.) This year we are strongly encouraging all who apply to attend the Growing Leaders Student Leadership Camp June 14-18. (see ad page 9). Attendance, although not mandatory, will



give us a great opportunity to get to know you! However, if you are not able to attend, we still encourage you to apply. We may contact you for an interview.

Applications are available at www.stchristopher.org. Before completing the application, we ask that you spend time in prayer, examine your schedule, and seek to know if God is calling you to serve in this way. Please read the instructions carefully so that you complete the application fully. If you have questions, please contact Dave Wright at (843) 343-7817, dwright@dioceseofsc.org or Beth Snyder (843) 722-4075; bsnyder@dioceseofsc.org.

A Year in Missions

Student to Serve a Year in Missions After High School

By Lauren Wright, St. George's, Summerville

As a senior in high school, surrounded by peers eagerly awaiting the start of their freshman year in college, I have something different on my mind. Thoughts of ivy-covered buildings, classes, sororities, and life on a college campus are slightly more distant as God has drawn my heart elsewhere. Rather than continue immediately into the next phase of academics or the job market, I will be following a call that awoke in me last summer. In recent years, I have been actively involved in the youth ministry of my church, St. George's, Summerville, as well as the vestry at Porter Gaud School, various Bible studies and the Diocesan Youth Commission. These experiences have helped me grow as a Christian and led me to recognize a growing passion to serve the needs of others and share my faith. Next year, I will have the opportunity to do both. In prayerfully discerning my plans for the future, I am pursuing a year of missions in England before I attend college.

Why England?

Few people think of England as mission field. Historically the Church of England had a major impact on spreading the Christian faith. However, in recent decades, Christianity has experienced dramatic decline. At best only 4% are in church on a Sunday. Additionally,

about 86% of children and young people in Britain have no contact with the church or any Christian organization. As a result, they know very little about the Christian faith, believe it to be irrelevant, and grow up bombarded by anti-Christian attitudes.

Growing up in England, I was able to see first hand the anti-Christian attitudes. Even though we had Religious Education classes, very little time was spent on Christianity compared to other religions. I saw older students bullied for being Christians or for attending church. Peers often remarked (even to me in primary school) that church was for nannies (old ladies). If you were a Christian, no one wanted to hear your views, and would reply with "stuff it." More recently the situation has worsened. Christians have to be very careful about expressing their views in public for fear of being accused of violating Hate Speech laws. This nation, once so great in spreading the Gospel, has become a place that does not want to hear about Jesus.

Yet the few churches that are still vibrant are getting more creative in their efforts to proclaim the Gospel to young people. Some run summer holiday clubs for children in their communities. Others have created family-oriented worship services for all ages to enjoy. These vibrant and creative churches have seen

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real growth, despite the national trends away from Christianity. Additionally, several “Holiday Centres” have been established, providing the opportunity to hear the Gospel and learn about Christianity. At these centres, children and youth come with school or church groups to learn about Jesus and have lots of fun. The Oakes Holiday Centre in Sheffield, England, is one such example.

What is The Oakes? Why Serve There?

The Oakes was created to present the Gospel to children and young people who would not have the opportunity to hear it otherwise. They have been running camps and programs there since 2000, and each year have the opportunity to present the Gospel to thousands. The impact they have on the lives of those who visit is incredible!

This is a non-profit ministry supported by individuals and churches. The permanent staff members are supported as missionaries by local churches while the remainder of the team are college-age young adults who volunteer for a year of service. They come from the UK, USA, and European countries having raised support from home. More information about The Oakes can be found at <http://www.oakes.org.uk>

I am extremely passionate about the opportunity to share the Good News with young people in England! I have seen the need first hand and want to be part of what God is doing there. Through this year of service, I will not only work with children and teens, but also receive training and live in a vibrant com-



Lauren Wright will spend a year serving in missions in England.

munity of Christians. I will use this year to further explore a calling to minister to children and youth in the UK after college.

If you have questions, would like to join my prayer support team, or want to learn more, contact me at lwright09@portergaud.org

Moved By Love

This is the third article in a three-part series
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Friendships built on love, laughter and adoption. The children above gather to celebrate Brian Hamilton's birthday. From bottom left, Joshua Price (4) and Brian Hamilton (3). Middle: Zhanna (10) and Yasmin Hamilton (2). Top: Blake Hamilton (11), Sam (10) and Joshua Danielson (1) and Nathan (10) and Faya Greenslit (5). Katie Greenslit (16) not pictured.

For many, the word “moving” conjures up strong emotions, everything from experiencing the unfamiliar to facing financial expense to dealing with years of hoarded stuff that must be sorted and packed or tossed. Few would say moving is easy, convenient or simple.

Moved by the Spirit to Adopt, “Here am I...”

Yet three couples CHOSE to move – not in a physical sense from one location to another. They moved in a spiritual sense. God, the master, doing what “can’t be done,” took complete hold of their lives and moved them from fear to faith. Their willingness to move has resulted in: orphaned children having families, biological siblings realizing families are made by God and not by human norms, and parents who can say, “Here am I Lord, send me.”

It is my pleasure to introduce

three very moving couples: The Danielsons (Richard, Jackie, Sam and Joshua), the Greenslits (Mark, Lisa, Katie, Nathan and Faya) and the Prices (Jasper, Maureen, Rebecca and Joshua). Theirs are stories of the miracle of adoption.

Facing the Fears

To say that building a family came easily for the Danielsons would be a gross misrepresentation. They tried for years to conceive Sam only to be told that their unborn child might have Down Syndrome. They were strongly advised to abort the pregnancy. Their faith was tested and they chose to trust that this baby was the one God had planned for them, no matter what. Sam was born. He’s now a tall, handsome, healthy 10-year-old who attends Pinewood Preparatory School in Summerville. God held them close; the Danielson’s listened; they moved according to His plan.

Fast forward to 2006. The Danielsons were again hearing the prompting of God to move. This time the move would take them a little farther than Summerville, where Sam was born. In a few years’ time the move would take them to Nam Dinh, Vietnam where God would introduce them to their second-born son, Joshua, who was living in an orphanage in this remote area near Hanoi.

For the Danielsons, two fear questions kept popping up. First, they wondered how they would afford the overall cost of this adoption. Second, could they love an adopted child as much as they loved Sam?

They did afford the overall cost of the adoption. Richard is a self-employed landscape contractor and Jackie is a stay-at-home mom. God

doesn’t have to use millionaires to accomplish miracles.

I can answer the second question. The phone rang one evening and a barely audible, crying Jackie spoke quickly and quietly. “Don’t ever wonder,” she said. “Don’t ever doubt. There is no difference in how you feel about your adopted children and your biological children.” Then she said something I will treasure forever, she said, “Lori, you haven’t missed a thing.” (Tim and I have no biological children. All four of ours are adopted.)

Here’s what Richard had to say, “Whether it was a subjective ultra-sound measurement, having adequate funds to complete an international adoption, or travelling for 26 hours hoping that our gate Visas would be in Vietnam, so we could enter the country, we walked in faith. God led us to all of these junctures and saw us through each one.”

Moving from the “Comfortable” Stage

Next, meet the Greenslits, who appear to have it all. He’s a successful radiologist. She’s a stay-at-home mom who volunteers at church, school and the aquarium. Katie and Nathan, their two children, are healthy, bright 16 and 10 year olds respectively. When Lisa told Mark that perhaps they should move in the direction of adoption, she expected him to collapse with laughter. In fact, he very seriously agreed with her.

Little did they know, at that point, that God’s idea of moving would involve not only two trips to Russia, but the adoption of a four year old girl who had lived in an orphanage for quite a long time. As

Lisa aptly said, “Oh, the hurdles. Oh, the fears. This is insane. We’re in a comfortable stage of life.” She fought the penetrating words of others. Friends who told her that she and Mark should be enjoying the golden age of parenting with self-sufficient children (one of whom can drive!). Instead they would be raising a third child beginning at the age of four who didn’t speak English!

Additional fears came in the form of health concerns. Both Mark and Lisa have been treated for cancer over the past five years. For the Greenslits, the move involved tremendous faith to overcome their fears and uncertainties. Was it worth it? Here’s what 15-year-old Katie said, “Each day, I look forward to her (Faya) running up to me for a hug when I get home from school, yelling ‘Katie! Sista!’ (sister). Although the journey wasn’t easy, I’m still grateful, every day, that God has placed this sweet, loving little girl into our lives.”

Making it Through the Process

Maureen and Jasper Price work in education with deaf children. Maureen, a teacher, is deaf. Jasper is a nationally certified interpreter for the deaf. They have grown children. They have a vocational mission. What could be gained in a move?

The urging from God prompted them to explore international adoption. “When we ‘found’ Joshua at 5 months of age, we immediately knew he was our son,” says Maureen, of their Guatemalan-born son. “Initially our greatest fear was that we would not make it through



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Awakening, Igniting

Diocesan Men's Conference
Plays Role in Growing Men's Movement

By Ric Webb, St. Philip's, Charleston

The 2008 Diocesan Men's Conference, my first, was well-attended: over 250 lay men, a strong contingent of clergy, one bishop, and one Almighty God. When God shows up, you know you're in for a treat.

I believe it's fair to say that God always shows up. The issue is whether we notice him. What struck me about this wonderful weekend was being in the midst of so many men who were looking for God and seeking a fresh experience

with him. God promises us that we will find him if we seek him with all our heart. (Jeremiah 29:13.) God was true to his word and was powerfully present. Our diocese is blessed with tremendous resources, from organiz-

ers, to teachers, to small group facilitators, to musicians, to facilities. Bishop Lawrence did a remarkable job of teaching and encouraging men from Paul's second letter to Timothy. St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center offered a beautiful back-drop for corporate as well as solitary time with God. A group of us took the long way to "the point" and prayed on the beach to the sounds of nearby dolphins.

The men's conference is just one example of how God is moving among men in our Diocese. God is re-calling men to step up and join him as servant warriors. God has a vital role for men to play in our families, our churches and the marketplace. What God offers in return is priceless – intimacy with our Lord, stronger relationships, fulfillment in doing our work, and the privilege of watching God at work.

God is igniting hearts and changing resignation to inspiration. "I will put my Spirit in you and you will live." Ezekiel 37:14. Men are beginning to realize that God's design yields a sense of empowerment and purpose that our best plans can never achieve.

God is awakening the men of our Diocese to assume our role and join him in his work. Many feel

an increasing hunger to press into God through prayer, God's Word and worship. Men are joining Bible studies and gathering for fellowship and teaching.

Yet God is also guiding men to join together across parish and denominational lines. I recently floated this notion after speaking to a men's group and was overwhelmed with the immediate invitation to connect. As fellow citizens in the Kingdom, God is joining us together to construct "a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit." (Ephesians 2:22.) If we want to experience God and his awesome power, we must join together as he directs.

The 2010 Diocesan Men's Conference will provide another super opportunity for men to join ranks and discover what God has in store. Rob Reinow, the keynote speaker, has been instrumental in reminding audiences about the importance of the family unit in faith formation. He is focused on the role of men both within and outside the family. Rob is an engaging speaker and a great asset for the conference.

I do not know where God is taking this movement among our men, but am excited about the ride and the countless blessings God has in store. I thank God that he is hard at work among us.



DAVID SADD

Lindsey Assists in Consecration of Dominican Republic Mission Church

By Fred Gebler, All Saints, Hilton Head

On Friday, April 3, 2009, the Rev. Richard C. Lindsey, Rector of All Saints Episcopal Church on Hilton Head Island, participated in the consecration of the La Redención church built in the city of Barahona in the Dominican Republic by the members of All Saints in conjunction with the members of the Clearwater (Florida) Deanery. Father Lindsey preached at the consecration service and assisted during the Celebration of the Holy Eucharist. He also presented to the children of La Redención palm crosses that he brought with him from his church on Hilton Head Island.

This construction project was conceived of in 2007 with pledges of sustained financial support by both the Clearwater Deanery and All Saints. All Saints, alone, has committed to spending \$20,000 per year over a five year period for this undertaking. In addition, members of All Saints and the Clearwater Deanery have repeatedly sent construction mission teams to assist with such tasks as plastering walls, priming and painting, sealing the roof, and constructing church pews and altar furniture.

Worship services were first held in the new church in late spring, shortly after the All Saints team had painted the inside and the entire outside of the facility. The goal is to finish La Redención's two classrooms, two bathrooms, covered meeting area, and build a cistern for water supply soon so that preschool

classes can begin. Further into the future, the second floor will have five classrooms, two bathrooms, and an office.

As in past years, an All Saints Vacation Bible School Team will travel to La Redención this summer. Last year, for the first time, they held VBS in the new church. Also this summer, a construction team

percent of the country's 9.5 million people live on one dollar a day or less, and 42 percent live in poverty. In recognition of the sustained support of the All Saints parishioners in building La Redención, Bishop Holguin presented a commemorative plaque to Father Lindsey.

Many members of the All Saints' mission teams return to the Dominican Republic year after year to help their brothers and sisters. Even as they return home physically tired they are spiritually renewed and have an increased commitment to the people and the church of the Dominican Republic.

Father Lindsey stated, "Without the financial commitment and sweat equity of the members of All Saints, this Christian witness in Barahona, Dominican Republic, would not be possible." He added, "We do so to the Glory of God."

The Co-Chairs of the All Saints Dominican Republic Mission Committee, John and Bonnie Gruetzmacher stated, "We have been involved in supporting the work in the Dominican Republic for almost ten years. What a blessing to see a time when the Dominican Episcopal Church has a permanent place to minister to the spiritual needs of the people of Barahona – truly a dream come true."

from All Saints will continue work at the new church. The church now serves between 40 and 50 persons each Sunday and also has a children's choir and a midweek Bible study. It is serving as the "mother" church of yet another new mission in Urdilla, a remote small town about an hour away from Barahona. La Redención seeks to attract the Barahona middle class and is located in a middle class neighborhood in the central area of the city.

The Episcopal Dominican Diocese is led by Bishop Julio Cesar Holguin. He has pointed out that 20



"Without the financial commitment and sweat equity of the members of All Saints, this Christian witness in Barahona, Dominican Republic, would not be possible," said the Rev. Richard Lindsey, shown above with the children of the La Redención church.

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a long complicated process. We found ourselves every step of the way reminding each other that, "This is God's will for us and He alone will get us through!" With every obstacle we faced, God not only helped us through, He opened our eyes to enable us to trust Him more and more with our lives, our family, and with Joshua, that indeed one day he would be ours! After 17 months of struggles, setbacks...and pure perseverance and triumph, we brought Joshua home." Joshua is "bilingual." He speaks and signs fluently.

The Prices are now being moved again. This time God will take them

to Bulgaria to adopt a deaf child. For this move they will again rely entirely on God who will hold them close and lead them.

Are You Being Moved?

Introductions are over. I hope you have been blessed by the moves of the Danielsons, Greenslits and Prices. More so, I hope that you will be willing to be moved by God when He prompts you. I recently learned that the most common command in the Bible is, "Do not be afraid." Put all fears aside, trust in God and He will move you to your new home in faith.

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Ron Greiser, New Rector Church of the Resurrection, Surfside

The Rev. Ronald E. Greiser, Jr., the new Rector of the Church of the Resurrection, Surfside, is passionate about living out his faith in Christ. "Our faith should shape and impact our every day lives," says Greiser. Under his leadership, the churches he has served have grown both spiritually and numerically.

A graduate of Tennessee Technological University with a B.S. in Education, Ron served as a high school biology teacher until 1990. He received his Masters in Divinity at Virginia Theological Seminary in 1993. Ordained that same year, Greiser served as curate at Trinity Episcopal Parish in Columbus, GA for over six years under the mentorship of The Rev. Tom Jones. In 1999, he was called to serve as the Rector of St. John's Episcopal Church in Portsmouth, VA, where he served until his recent move to South Carolina.

Impassioned with a belief that faith should be lived out as an outward and visible sign to

others, Ron encourages people to pursue a life of discipleship, service and mission.

Ron has served in a number of mission ventures in Costa Rica, Mexico, Belize and the Gulf Coast, as well as other domestic missionary services. He has served on the Diocesan level as a member of the Executive Committee, Executive Board member of the Diocese of Atlanta, and Southern Virginia. In Portsmouth he was active in the PTA, the Jeremiah Project, Portsmouth Area Ministerial Association and Young Life.

Ron and his wife, the former Sanna Elizabeth Porcher, have two sons, Ronald E. Greiser, III "Trey," Junior a finance major at Old Dominion University and Chase Weldon Greiser a varsity swimmer and communications major at the College of Charleston. Ron assigns a high priority to family and to strives to be an earthly father who points to the heavenly Father.

He enjoys cooking and spending time with family in outdoor activities such as gardening, golf, fishing, cycling, and soccer.



Ron Greiser, Rector of Church of the Resurrection, Surfside, is shown with his wife, Sanna.

Rural Mission Project Prepares Youth for Burundi Mission

By The Rev. Robert S. Lawrence, Associate Rector, St. Michael's, Charleston

This summer, a youth mission with 17 participants from the Diocese will travel to Burundi, Africa, at the invitation of Freddy Tuyizere, the Burundian National Director of Youth for Christ. Youth for Christ Burundi is one of the ministries supported by Great Lakes Outreach, an umbrella organization founded by Simon Guillebaud, a missionary to Burundi, well-known to many in the diocese.

This summer mission is being led and coordinated by The Rev. Bob Lawrence, Associate Rector of St. Michael's Church, Charleston. It includes participants from Holy Cross, Sullivan's Island; St. Andrew's, Mt. Pleasant; St. Philip's, Charleston and St. Michael's. The group of eight teenagers and nine adults departs June 30 and returns July 14. The mission is focused on evangelistic outreach to children and the young people of Burundi at both orphanages and churches.

As part of their preparation for this two-week summer mission, the team has been meeting regularly, including a "team building" work project coordinated in support of the regular project opportunities with Rural Mission on Johns Island. On Saturday, April 25, the team gathered at the home of a Sea Island resident to assist her with home repairs and to help her clear out accumulated clutter. Simply determining what was possible and getting organized among the team members was the first challenge. Years of retained belongings from deceased family members all contained within a badly deteriorating double-wide trailer, provided both challenges and opportunities. At the end of the day, the team was able to completely clear out two rooms that were previously unable to be entered; sort and re-sort items to be thrown away, given away or stored; repair broken doors and unstable flooring; clean the roof and gutters of all debris; haul away three trailer loads of trash

and long since unserviceable household items; and, more importantly, work together in helping a new friend.

Opportunities to work with Rural Mission in similar projects for a half-day, full day, weekend or week are always available. Although this team accomplished a great deal for one Sea Island resident in completing a task, they accomplished far more in extending the hand of Christ Jesus to one in need. They also worked together in ways that will prepare them for the many opportunities that await them in Burundi. This team is in the process of raising both prayer and financial support. If you would like to help or know more, please contact either Bob Lawrence at bob@stmichaelschurch.net or Susie Morrison at susie@stmichaelschurch.net at St. Michael's Church via email or by calling (843) 723-0603.

Below, Will Henry Lawrence, left, and Thomas Donaldson remove pine straw from the homeowner's roof.



Let's Make All of Our Children

“PK's”

By Jamie Sosnowski
Family Minister, Church of
the Good Shepherd

What is a PK? A PK is a "preacher's kid" or "priest's kid." Most of you know that my father is a priest and that he served at the Church of the Good Shepherd for a short time. That, of course made me a PK. That meant that whenever we came to a church, we were the kids that were supposed to "have it together." Whenever there was a small pause after a question in Sunday School, all eyes turned to me for the answer. Whenever my brother and I rough

around him more.

I want to be clear: I love my father. He's a wonderful dad, husband, and priest. I have no complaints about growing up as his son or as a PK. And he is a very special and caring man

that, some would say, does give off an aura of calm and love. However, getting the family all together at the same time was just as much of a challenge for him as anyone else. That time of family worship felt just as unnatural for us as it would be in any household.

But what would it look like if we all thought of our children as "PK's?" What if all parents behaved as priests to their families? What if all parents took it upon themselves to convey the message of the Gospel to their home congregations? What if all parents conducted daily worship in their home/church? What if all children went to their parents for guidance and counseling on the issues of life and faith? Then, the pressures of being a PK wouldn't be so tough. Then we would recognize the call for all of us to pass our faith in God down to our children, priests included. Then the church priest would be seen as a resource in a shared ministry instead of an unreachable

pinnacle of light whose children are either the best or the worst in the congregation. We would still expect all of these new PK's to have knowledge of the Bible and be held accountable for their public actions. However, they would be receiving the proper preparation to meet these expectations. Rebellion would no longer make much sense for these young

Christians, raised in the faith by their parents who treat the discipleship of their children as their primary role in life.

That would look a lot like what the Bible instructs us to be. It would allow us to keep close relationships with our children throughout their whole lives. We would prepare them for life's challenges and be there for them when they were in need. Beyond pleasing the other churchgoers with well-behaved children, we would be loving our children in such a personal way that "growing up" would not have to mean getting away.

Let's try it out. God has already promised to bless these efforts. Will you make your children "PK's"?

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housed at church, everyone felt free to discipline us. Usually we were told, "We shouldn't behave like that. Our father was a priest after all."

As a result of these added pressures, PK's either meet the challenge and become the "goodie two-shoes" of young people, or they crack under the pressure and rebel against everything their father is about. This second set is where the wild PK stereotype comes from. It was interesting to be approached by different members of the same congregation and get either, "Oh you're a PK, we better watch out for you," (wink); or "Oh, well, your dad is the priest. Huh... I bet your shirt is never untucked."

Now the secret to this whole equation is that priests are regular people. That may shock you. I believe the assumption people had was that my father spent as much time preaching to his family as he did to the congregation. Therefore, I knew what he knew. Or maybe it was just an aura he gave off that we were supposed to pick up because we were



Randy McPhail to Retire in September

After having served for 17 years in the Diocesan Office, Randy McPhail will retire this September. "I began as the receptionist when we moved here in 1992," says McPhail. She later became Bishop Skilton's assistant and afterwards assumed duties for Bishop Salmon, as well. She has worked with Bishop Lawrence since his consecration in January of 2008.

"It's been interesting working with bishops," she said, "They all come in after having served successfully in a parish, loving parish life. Then, once they're elected bishop, they face a whole new set of pressures and demands. I've always tried to be helpful without being intrusive. You have to stay one step ahead!"

Randy's husband, the Rev. Donald McPhail, was instrumental in getting Randy to retire. "He retired from Grace Church (Charleston) over three years ago," she said, "and he seems to want me around more! I found that endearing. How could I refuse?"



"Donald retired three years ago and he seems to want me around more," says Randy, shown above with her husband. "I found that endearing. How could I refuse?"

Though they still plan on living in Charleston, they're hoping to spend a good bit of time in Charlotte where their two grandchildren live. They also have a cabin in the North Caro-

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Church News

❖ The members of **Trinity, Myrtle Beach**, reached out to those affected by the wildfires in their area recently. “When we asked the Salvation Army what we could do to help with the current wildfire crisis, we were told that the two most immediate needs are non-perishable foods and monetary donations,” said Rector, Rob Sturdy. The local chapter of the Salvation Army had served more than 1,000 meals, not only to victims but to fire fighters, forestry commission workers, EMT’s and police officers. “Our cupbards are bare,” said Donna Wright, the local Salvation Army administrator. Trinity responded with gifts of food and money. The fires consumed over 15,000 acres and 70 homes.

❖ **The Church of the Good Shepherd, Charleston**, held their third Annual Good Shepherd Day on Sunday, May 3. The Rev. Peet Dickinson preached. The day began with an outdoor worship service, followed by food, fun and games. A blessed day was had by the entire Good Shepherd family and their friends!

❖ **All Saints Episcopal Church in Hilton Head** celebrated “Peace on Earth” Day, Sunday, April 26. The service, designed to give thanks for the beauty and wonder of “this fragile earth, our island home,” encouraged participants to pledge their commitment to become better steward of the environment.

❖ **St. Stephen’s, St. Stephen**, raised over \$600 for St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center with their well-attended Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper this year. One attendee noted that by the end of the evening “every church in St. Stephen had been represented.”

❖ **St. Michael’s, Charleston** participated in an ecumenical outdoor celebration of the Stations of the Cross this past Holy Week. Over 200 participated. In addition to St. Michael’s, members and clergy from First Baptist, First Scots Presbyterian and the (Catholic) Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, all of Charleston, also participated.

❖ **Old St. Andrew’s and St. Andrew’s Mission, both of Charleston**, co-sponsored an Easter sunrise service at Drayton Hall Plantation this past Easter, drawing approximately 350 worshippers. The Rev. James Yarsiah celebrated and The Rev. Marshall Huey preached. “It was an historic occasion,” said Huey, “with a Liberian from St. Andrew’s Mission celebrating the Eucharist on the grounds of Drayton Hall, the ancestral home of the founders of Old St. Andrew’s.”

❖ **The Church of the Cross, Bluffton**, received a \$15,000 grant from the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry for their Food Bank ministry. The Food Bank provides food for approximately 180 families every Tuesday morning.

❖ Members of **St. James, Charleston**, sent a group of “weekend warriors” to paint, mend fences, landscape and accessorize an outdoor area used by the elderly and young adults with physical and mental disabilities at the Active Day center this past May. Active Day is a medical adult day care center on Folly Road in Charleston. “It’s a wonderful thing that St. James is doing for our center and our clients,” said Bettye Dorn, Center Director for Active Day. “Operation Inasmuch is an effort of the churches of James Island to fulfill our Lord’s command: *“Truly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me”* (Matthew 25:40).

❖ Nearly 6,000 celebrated Easter at **St. Andrew’s, Mt. Pleasant**, this year. “We had an amazing weekend of services,” says Steve Wood, Rector. Four services were offered. The most popular, the outdoor service at Boone Hall, drew 4,600. A number of churches in the diocese experienced record attendance numbers. Alleluia!

People News

❖ Kali and Josh Cook serve as the new part-time Youth Ministers at Church of the Cross, Bluffton. Josh works with the high school men and Kali works with the high school women. Josh also owns and runs a coffee shop called, Corner Perk. Kali has her own business, a music therapy clinic in the same building.

❖ Scott Howell, a member of the Cathedral of St. Luke and St. Paul, has been called to serve as the Diocesan Historiographer. Howell, a lover of history, is hoping to begin a collaborative effort with parish archivists and historians. “In this Diocese we have an enormous responsibility to chronicle the times our Diocese faces and to be faithful stewards of our rich heritage of Christian service,” says Howell.



Making a Difference in Honduras: Thirty-one parishioners from the Diocese of South Carolina converged while working on short-term mission projects for the LAMB Institute in Tegucigalpa during Holy Week. Pictured above are 21 youth and adults from St. Paul’s, Summerville, nine parishioners from a team made up of volunteers from St. James, St. Philip’s and St. Michaels, all in Charleston, as well as Maggie Fitts of St. Andrew’s Mt. Pleasant who was spending the entire month of April working with LAMB.

Diocesan ECW Holds 125th Annual Meeting

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Charleston: Catherine Jones, St. Philip’s, Charleston; Florence: Kathy House, St. John’s Parish, Florence; Georgetown: Connie Lawson, St. Stephen’s, North Myrtle Beach; West Charleston: Mary Frances Ahl, St. Thomas, North Charleston; and representatives for the following ministries: Altar Guild, Evelyn Ewing, Church of the Resurrection, Surfside Beach; United Thank Offering, Nancy Pickering, Parish Church of St. Helena, Beaufort; Communications, Laura Dixon, Cathedral of St. Luke and St. Paul, Charleston; Ministry and Missions at Home, Barbara Braithwaite, St. Andrew’s Mission, Charleston; Ministry and World Missions, Abby Morris, Parish Church of St. Helena, Beaufort; Spiritual Life, Allison Lawrence, Cathedral of St. Luke and St. Paul, Charleston.

These will join continuing board members already in the following positions: Recording Secretary, Nancy Mathews, St. Paul’s, Conway; Corresponding Secretary, Devy Ridgill, St. Bartholomew’s, Hartsville; Treasurer, Betsy Acken, Holy Comforter, Sumter; Christian Education, Ann Dennis, St. Matthew’s, Darlington; Church Periodical Club, Tootie Adams, Holy Comforter, Sumter; Orangeburg Deanery Director, Virginia Battiste-Louis, St. Paul’s, Orangeburg; Past President, Sue Griffin, Holy Comforter, Sumter; and Province IV President and Diocesan Historian, Margie Williams, St. Jude’s, Walterboro. The entire board was installed by Bishop Lawrence during the worship service.

At the close of business, Kathy House, parish president and deanery director, extended an invitation from St. John’s Church in Florence, inviting everyone to the 126th Annual Meeting of the ECW in April of 2010.

During the service of Holy Eucharist, newly elected President

Sue Brunson spoke to the group, expressing her appreciation for the joy of loving, Christian women in her life. She shared her love of a sisterhood of devoted women of all ages as they work together in the Lord’s service. Her words of inspiration referred to the relationship of Naomi and Ruth as together they raised each other as women of God. After calling life a “Divine Adventure,” she introduced the theme for next year’s programs: Isaiah 6:8, “I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, ‘Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?’ Then I said, ‘Here am I; send me.’” Together, we are living our “Divine Adventure” as sisters in Christ!

CHAP, a Myrtle Beach based ecumenical partnership of U.S. churches working in Haiti was chosen as the Diocesan ECW Project for the year. In the photos below, two-year-old Fredner Meneus is shown before receiving care (left) and after. Though he still has a way to go nutritionally, he is no longer in critical condition, thanks to the efforts of CHAP.



Bishop Gadsden Debuts Generous Spirit Program

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

Bishop Gadsden is pleased to announce a new pilot program that will build upon the generosity that already exists within the community. The Bishop Gadsden Generous Spirit Program, debuted in April, and provides the opportunity to involve Bishop Gadsden residents and staff in programs that benefit the greater Charleston community.

The April Generous Spirit Activity, and the first of its kind for Bishop Gadsden, was volunteering and attending a Charleston Miracle League Game. The Miracle League gives children with disabilities the opportunity to enjoy playing baseball. What an experience it was for those in attendance – especially when it was realized that Bishop Gadsden staff member, Karen McNeil’s own grandson was on the very team Bishop Gadsden was assisting – The Red Sox! With residents cheering from the stands and staff being paired up with the team members, the memory of the day was a truly beautiful one.

In May, Bishop Gadsden will celebrate “Wellness Week” and will welcome residents from the Canterbury House and The Ansonborough House to participate in our Wellness Walk. Residents and staff will be encouraged to pair up with our visitors and walk our com-

munity with them. In June, Bishop Gadsden hopes to volunteer at the Island Oaks Senior Living Center on Johns Island.

Future Generous Spirit Activities will include assembling “back to school” backpacks for school aged children of Bishop Gadsden’s staff; volunteering during Trident United Way’s Day of Caring program in September; participating in Lee Denim Day in October, where residents and staff will give \$5 and will wear jeans all day in support of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation and packaging Christmas dinners for area seniors.

“Bishop Gadsden has continually reached out with a generous spirit to our own residents, as well as the greater Charleston community. The Generous Spirit Program will build upon the past and offer a unique ability for residents, resident’s families, staff and the staff’s families to volunteer together on projects that benefit the greater good,” states Bill Trawick, President/CEO of Bishop Gadsden.

If you have ideas for Charleston area volunteer projects that Bishop Gadsden’s Generous Spirit Program can participate in, please contact Kimberly Farfone, Director of Development and Public Relations at (843) 406-6334 or kimberly.farfone@bishopgadsden.org.

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lina mountains. “We’d like to spend more time there, rather than grabbing the occasional weekend,” she said.

She may also look into volunteer work and a college class, “as long as I don’t have to take any tests!” she said.

“It’s been a joy and blessing for me, working with Randy,” said Bishop Lawrence. “She knows the diocese so well, and being a long-time clergy spouse she’s very sensitive both to the challenges I face and to the clergy.”

Ministry Money

The Department of Social Ministries offers seed money (“Ministry Money”) to churches and social ministries to pay for a portion of their costs of events to inspire people to donate time, talent, and treasure to these ministries. For more information about Ministry Money please contact Ed Dyckman, Department Chair at (843) 367-5647 or edward.dyckman@att.net.

Fishin' for a Mission

Fishing Tournament, Banquet and Auction Promote and Support Mission Outreach, June 6-11

By Greg Shore, St. Andrew's, Mt. Pleasant

In 2005, several people at St. Andrew's, Mt. Pleasant, who had traveled to developing countries came together to discuss their recent trips. They all sensed a longing to share their stories with their neighbors. Out of their desire to tell what God was doing around the world, the Fishin' for a Mission tournament was born.

In addition to being able to tell the story of God's work around the world, the group also wanted to invite their friends, neighbors, and colleagues to partner with them in supporting their international friends. All of the funds raised through the efforts of this tournament go to expressing the love of Jesus in practical ways.

Fishing Tournament, Banquet and Auction

Each year an inshore fishing tournament is held and this year's Fishin' for A Mission tournament is on Saturday, June 6. The tournament awards banquet and silent auction are on Thursday, June 11. Over 500 people came to the banquet in 2008 to bid on everything from art work to teeth whitening to vacations to chartered fishing trips.

How Can You Be Involved?

Much of the money raised is through cash donations by corporations, local businesses, and individuals. In addition to providing direct aid, investment, and relief to people in developing countries, our benefactors enjoy much positive publicity in the boating, fishing, and leisure communities in Mt. Pleasant and Charleston.

In addition to cash donations, many sponsors choose to support Fishin' for a Mission by donating goods and services for both our silent and live auction.

To enter the tournament, make a donation to the auction, or purchase tickets, contact Mary Kassinger at MaryKassinger@aol.com or (843) 883-0810.



"I am so blessed by your ministry," writes Martha Horn a rising senior at Trinity School for Ministry in Ambridge, PA. "The Lord truly uses the CPC to further His work in this world. I am very grateful for this loving gift."

Thank you CPC!

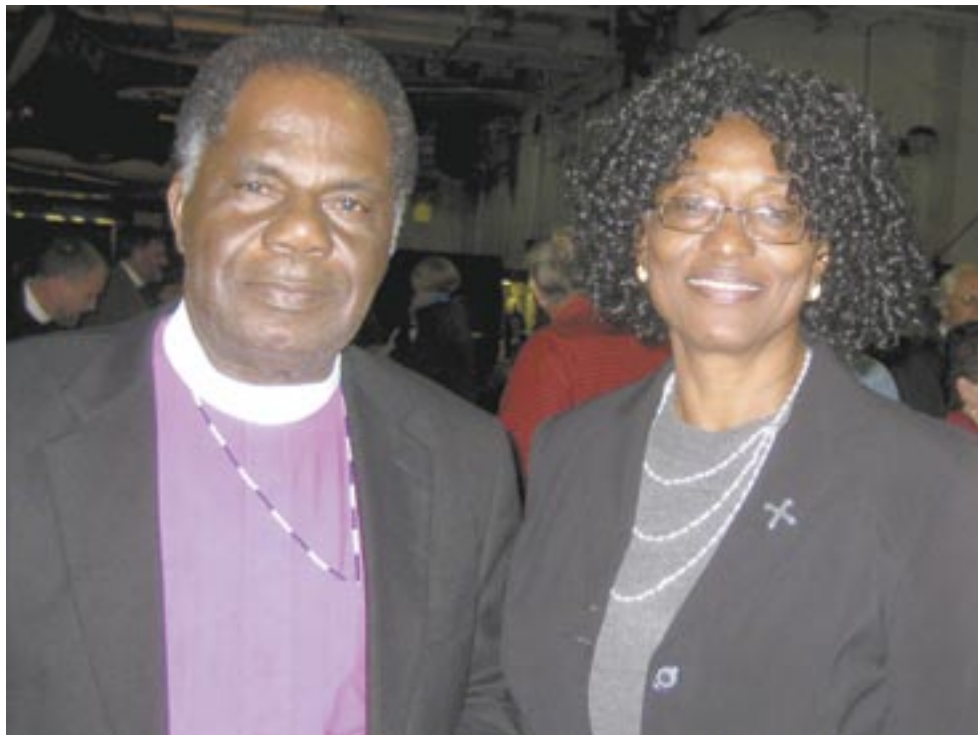
By Tootie Adams
Diocesan ECW Church Periodical Club Chair

Since 1888, the Church Periodical Club (CPC) has been serving word-hungry people by supplying reading, study, reference, teaching, and devotional material free to those who cannot otherwise obtain them. The monies received by CPC go to support our Diocesan seminarians and mission projects approved by the Diocesan ECW Board. If any funds are received for the National Church, they are sent to the designated project for the National Church Periodical Club.

If your church would like to find out more about the Church Periodical Club, I will be glad to speak to any group or mail you information about CPC. You can contact me at jtadams@ftc-i.net or by calling (803) 499-7516. As Christians we are all charged with spreading the Good News. By supporting CPC, that is exactly what we are doing.

Reflections of a War-Time Bishop

By the Rt. Rev. Edward Neufville, Bishop of Liberia, Retired



SYLVIA WEEKS

Above, Bishop Neufville and his wife, Louise, relax during the Diocesan Convention reception.

My wife, Louise, and I are sincerely grateful to The Rt. Rev. Mark Lawrence for welcoming our family back into the Diocese of South Carolina with an open heart and for granting me permission to minister in the Diocese.

I think it is fair to brand myself as a "war-time Bishop," since most of my episcopacy was exercised during the turbulent periods of civil conflict in my country, Liberia. Just four years before my election and consecration as Suffragan in 1984, The Liberian government was overthrown by a coup led by Master Sergeant Samuel K. Doe, in which the President of Liberia, William R. Tolbert Jr., was gruesomely murdered and some of his cabinet ministers executed by a firing squad. The level of horror, panic, fear and anguish created by this unprecedented event in the history of our country beggars description. However, we managed to live through the times by God's grace and mercy. The potential for reprisals and a large scale conflict as a reaction was markedly evident for obvious reasons. Rightly so, a rebellion led by Mr. Charles Taylor and others in 1989 escalated into a full-scale devastating civil war, which lasted about fifteen years and claimed the lives of millions, rendered so many homeless and created hunger and abject poverty in the country. Let me not be remiss to mention the destruction of the infrastructures: schools, hospitals, churches, houses, gross human rights violations, ethnic tensions, insecurity and a complete breakdown of the rule of law. The country was virtually in a state of anarchy in the early part of the war until 1997 when General elections were held and former rebel leader Charles Taylor was elected President of Liberia. The situation in the country still remained volatile as there were insurgencies launched now and then by other faction leaders.

It was during this difficult time and critical milieu in which I exercised my Episcopal assignment: preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ, articulating the love of God in the face of anguish, hunger, pain, bitterness, despair, and desperation. Imagine, everyone looked to the bishop for food, money, medication and safety. Many times we felt helpless and frustrated because we could no longer assist materially. We had exhausted our resources and become as poor as those we wished to help. Our house was also among the thousands of homes that were looted or destroyed. Nevertheless, we followed our people wherever they ran for safety and tried to minister to their spiritual needs, while at the same time struggling to keep out of harm's way.

Some of our displaced priests and parishioners fled to the outlying villages of the Ivory Coast and to the refugee camps near Freetown, Sierra Leone. Wherever they settled, they built temporary shelters and, of course, a chapel where they would worship God. Though the war destroyed the homes of our people, their faith remained unshaken.

Louise and I risked journeying through hazardous routes to visit our people. On many

occasions I baptized and confirmed several. Our faith was ministered to by their resilience and unwavering trust in our Lord Jesus Christ. We were wonderfully blessed by this.

The civil war placed a stigma of distrust and suspicion on every Liberian by citizens of neighboring countries for fear that Liberians might infect their young ones with our virus of rebellion.

On one of our war-time Episcopal visitations to the Ivory Coast, Louise and I, plus some postulants, were arrested by well-armed, grim looking Ivorian immigration police. They did not trust us as Liberians. This incident called up sad memories of our encounter with Libe-



rian rebel soldiers at home. However, we were later released and continued our journey to the camps and villages where I baptized and confirmed many who had been converted through the ministry of spirit-filled evangelists and lay readers that were members of the diaspora. Thank God I was able to arrange for some rice for the group.

We are most thankful to the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief and to the then Presiding Bishop Edmund Browning for making the funds available at some point during the crisis as soon as I was able to contact him from Freetown. This enabled us to purchase rice for Episcopalians and other hungry families in the Ivory Coast and those stranded in Monrovia.

The civil war was a difficult experience to live through. Everyone shared the same frustrations and helplessness. Like others, we lost all we owned to the rebels, including our car, mementoes and other valued items handed down from parents and grandparents. Our house was among the thousands that were looted or destroyed. Despite this, everyone still looked to the Bishop and his wife for money, food supplies, over the counter medications for malaria, dysentery, and other illnesses. One

time I met a parishioner carrying his sick and frail wife in a wheelbarrow, in search of medicines and safety. Wheelbarrows were the major means of transport during the heat of the crises. Short of that, children, the sick and physically challenged or wounded civilians were carried on the backs of friends. The man said to me, "Bishop, please help me. My wife is dying." My heart was heavy, but like Peter and John at the beautiful gate, I offered what I had; prayers and hope.

During the entire crisis we never ran out of hope, for the hope that the Gospel offers never runs bankrupt and never suffers a recession. It bails us out of tight situations and ushers us into victory.

Food was so scarce that, like any other family head, I would go out to hustle for food rations. While away the rebels and mercenaries forced my family out of our house at gun point along with thousands of other residents in the community. Road blocks were set up. No one was allowed to return. Thus, my family and I were separated for a month not knowing what happened to each other. What a scary and torturing experience.

When I was finally able to return, our house had been completely looted; my family was nowhere to be found. However, by the grace of God we were reunited in a miraculous way. The hand of God was in it all – for my family was lost and had been found; dead, and was alive again!

As the war continued more people lost their lives. Louise and I prayed that the Lord would make a way for our children to travel to the United States for safety and freedom and to further their education. With this in mind, we smuggled a few letters to our dear friends, The Rev. Charles F. Walton, Jr. and his loving wife Ann, and also to The Rev. Canon E. Bolling Robertson (deceased) and his dear wife Marilyn, apprising them of the situation.

Both families made the trip possible. We shall ever remain grateful to these two Christian families.

The Rev. Charles Walton and I were good friends and classmates at Virginia Seminary. Charles and Ann are Godparents of Edward, our son. Edward stayed with the Walton's for a year. We later settled in Sumter when Charles was serving as the Rector of Holy Comforter. We express our deep gratitude to the Holy Comforter family for accepting us as their own.

Last but not least I want to thank The Rt. Rev. Edward L. Salmon and his wife, Louise, who were like loving parents, welcoming their children from a far away country into the safety of their home. We shall ever remain grateful to Bishop Salmon for his warm embrace and opportunities for ministry accorded us in his diocese. The Rev. Canon Mike Malone, also deserves thanks for his long patience with the bureaucratic red tape of the immigration process. He worked tirelessly to process our papers.

Thank you for allowing us to share some of my life experiences during the tenure of my office as Bishop of Liberia. To God be the glory.

The Rev. Johnnie M. Davis Named Chaplain of Still Hopes

The Rev. Johnnie M. Davis has accepted a call from Bishop Dorsey Henderson, Ordinary of the Episcopal Diocese of Upper South Carolina, to serve as the Chaplain of the Still Hopes Episcopal Retirement Community, located in West Columbia. Still Hopes is under joint sponsorship of both the Diocese of South Carolina and the Diocese of Upper South Carolina.

Davis received his B.S. from Francis Marion College (now University) and his MDiv. from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, NC. He completed a year of post-graduate study in Homiletics and Christian Social Ethics. Davis studied at The School of Theology, University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee, from June 1996 to May of 1997, receiving a Diploma in Anglican Studies.

A veteran of four-years in the United States Air Force (Medical Corps), Davis has served as pastor of Baptist and Methodist Churches in both North Carolina and South Carolina. He also served as Clinical Chaplain at Bruce Hall Treatment Center for Alcohol and Drug Abuse in Florence, South Carolina. Davis was ordained to the

Episcopal priesthood by Bishop Salmon in 1997. He served as Vicar and Priest in Charge of Holy Trinity, (Grahamville) Ridgeland, since 1997.

"I am excited about what God is doing in my life," says Davis. "This is not a ministry I sought out, but with some 350 residents and approximately 250 staff members, this work presents a huge challenge, and an exciting opportunity for service to God and God's people. I think this ministry will pull together all of the facets and experiences of my years of ministry, both parish and institutional."

Davis and his wife of 44 years, the former Carol Puleo of Columbia, are excited about their move, especially since they will be near their daughter Lisa, who lives in Columbia.



JOY HUNTER

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DAVID SADD

By Elizabeth Bumpas, Conference Coordinator, St. Christopher

At St. Christopher, we know that hungry hearts encounter the Lord's presence in this place and experience rest, restoration and renewal. Beginning this September, St. Christopher will host the first of an annual fall conference that will center on this vision of rest, restoration and renewal for the people of this diocese and beyond.

The theme for the first year of this annual retreat is "Come Away with Me." In Mark 6:31, Jesus invites the disciples to leave the crowds behind and spend time with Him. That is St. Christopher's invitation to you: Take a weekend away from the heavy responsibilities of career, ministry and the stresses of daily life and spend the weekend encountering the Lord in the beauty of His creation.

The Reverend Chris Warner, Rector of St. Christopher, will be the

keynote speaker. Chris is known for his passionate and anointed teaching and heart for seeing people come into a greater experience of the Father's love and restorative grace. He will be teaching on the theme "Come Away with Me," which is the Lord's invitation and call to an encounter with His heart.

We are thrilled to have Laura Rhinehart leading soaking prayer sessions. Laura founded The Soaking Room (thesoakingroom.com) and has recorded several live soaking music CD's including Soaking Journeys and The Soaking Room Vol. 1, as well as several recordings

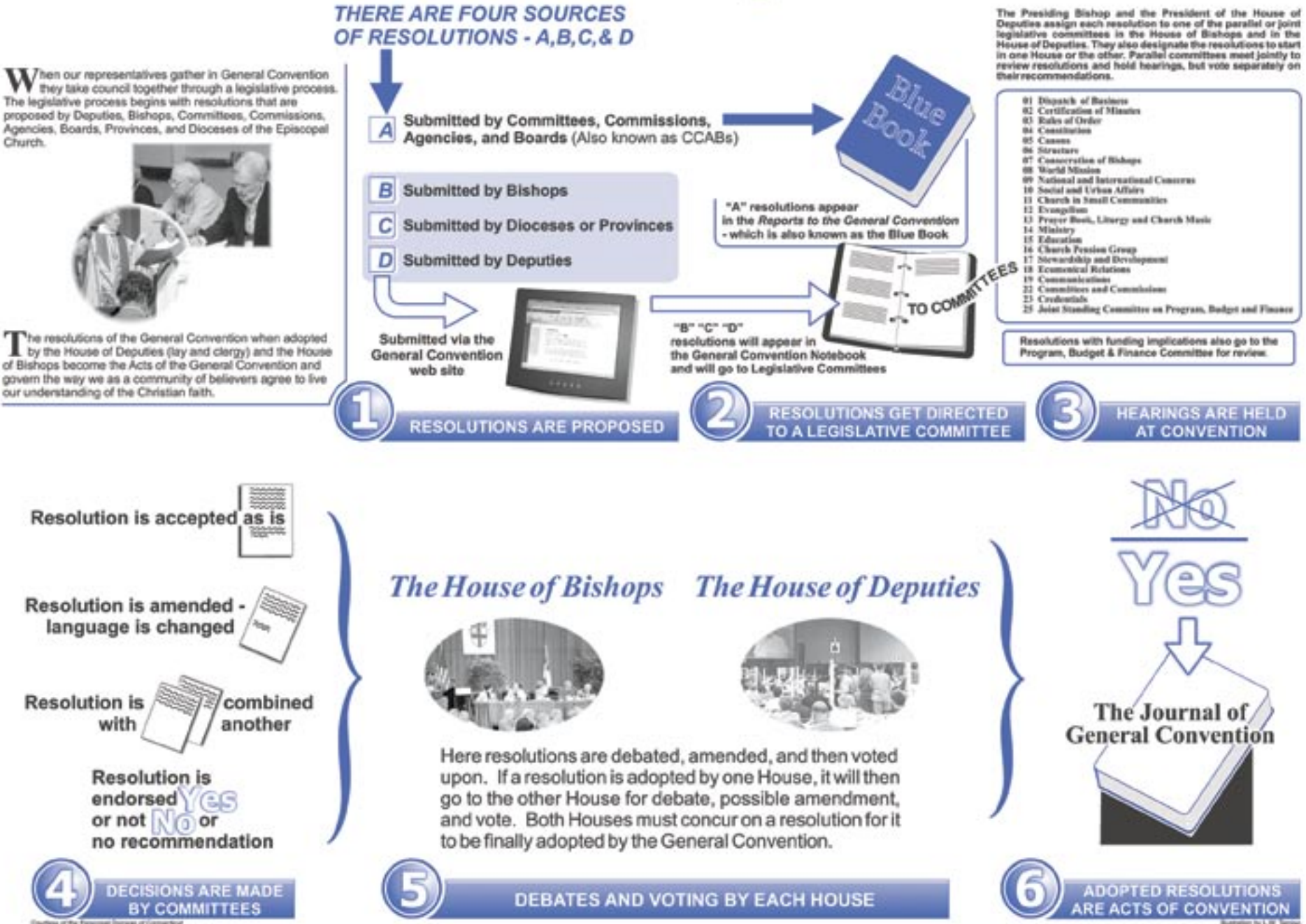
sign-up for prophetic ministry or dream interpretation. Come away and encounter the

What is Soaking Prayer?

It is a time to be still and quiet before the Lord, listening for His voice and simply soaking in His presence. It's about being with Him and enjoying Him for who He is. Soaking prayer is usually accompanied by quiet, anointed, spirit-led music which helps us focus on the Lord.

Lord! For information on rates and to download a registration form, go to www.stchristopher.org and click on Rest, Restoration and Renewal Conference.

How Resolutions Move Through General Convention



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Trinity, Myrtle Beach, Author Publishes Third Book

Battlefields & Blessings:

Stories of Faith and Courage from World War II

AMG Publishers (Advancing the Ministries of the Gospel) of Chattanooga, Tennessee, has announced the release of Larkin Spivey's newest book: *Battlefields & Blessings: Stories of Faith and Courage from World War II*. The book is a 365 day devotional with stories and scripture for each day of the year, written to strengthen the faith of readers by showing the power of others' faith under the extreme conditions of America's greatest war. The daily readings offer a candid look at the faith and courage of individual soldiers, sailors, civilians, and national leaders, as well as God's providential hand during many pivotal events of the war.

Additionally, the book presents a unique and concise history of World War II with summaries, maps, and photographs of the major campaigns of the war. Many will enjoy reading the book straight through to gain insights into the war and combat not found in typical historical accounts. There is also a Topical Index

- provided to enable readers to focus on important themes, such as:
- Fear/loneliness/guilt
 - Grief/suffering
 - Hearing/ listening to God
 - Hope/forgiveness
 - Family/children
 - Leadership
 - The power of faith, prayer, and Scripture during wartime

Larkin is a veteran of the Vietnam War and a retired Marine Corps officer. As a faculty member at The Citadel, he taught courses in U.S. military history, a subject of lifelong personal and professional interest. His previously published books include *God in the Trenches* and *Miracles of the American Revolution*. He now writes full-time and resides in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, with his wife, Lani, their four children and eight grandchildren. He is a former vestryman and current lay eucharistic minister at Trinity Episcopal Church and has been actively involved in Cursillo and the Luis Palau Evangelistic Association. He has made numerous television and radio appearances nationwide and speaks frequently to church, veteran, and other groups with his patriotic and spiritual message. More information is available at www.larkinspivey.com

Healing Mission to Kenya

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call and eighteen people gave their lives to Christ, including children and many older men.

After returning home we received an email from one of the pastors. "We experienced a mighty move of God's Spirit as you ministered healing to our members," he wrote. "Many have been giving some inspiring testimonies of God's

healing and also restoration. I thank you so much and may God bless you. Pastor Stephen."

To learn more about the Healing Ministry at St. Michaels, or to learn more about this mission, contact Jean Corbett at jcor5544@bellsouth.net.

ECW Deanery Meeting at St. Andrew's Mission

By Ann Dennis, St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Darlington

The ECW Charleston/Charleston West Ashley Deanery met Saturday, March 14, at St. Andrews Mission in Charleston. Barbara Braithwaite, Deanery Director, called the meeting to order and Yvette Miller, St. Andrew's Mission ECW President, welcomed everyone. Sue Griffin, ECW Diocesan President, was the speaker and gave an inspiring talk about the Lord in her life.

Two workshops were given: one by ECW Altar Guild Chairman Marianne Holmes about recycling used altar candles and the other by ECW Orangeburg Deanery Director

Virginia Batiste-Louis about making an Anglican Rosary.

The Eucharist was officiated by The Rev. James T. Yarsiah, rector, and a moving sermon was given by guest celebrant, the Very Rev. Emanuel Johnson, former Dean of Liberia, past chaplain of Voorhees College, and honorary canon of the Cathedral. Afterward, the ladies of St. Andrews Mission hosted a wonderful lunch. The loving preparation by the ECW of St. Andrew's Mission was evident everywhere. They sent us away with lovely candles, and a wonderful spirit of fellowship, and we thank them.

Christ Church, Florence, to Celebrate 150th Anniversary

Christ Church, Florence, whose sanctuary is listed in the National Register of Historic Places, will celebrate their 150th anniversary with a service of Holy Eucharist and Confirmation at 10 a.m. on Sunday, June 7. Bishop Lawrence will celebrate.

First organized as a chapel in 1843 by the Rev. N. P. Tellinghast of Trinity Church, Society Hill, South Carolina, this church was formally established as Christ Church, Mars Bluff, in 1856. The Rev. Augustus Moore, who took over the chapel in 1854, became the first rector of Christ Church and served until 1876. The sanctuary, on land donated by

Dr. Edward Porcher, was consecrated in 1859. By the late 1890s, Christ Church had become a mission church, rather than a parish church, but monthly services continued until they were suspended in 1918. The church began an annual homecoming service in 1927, and held special services, such as baptisms and weddings, during the 1930s and 1940s; it was officially reorganized as a mission church in 1950. Father Michael Burton is the priest in charge and is assisted by Deacon Hiram Moseley. The Church is located at 2305 Wiliston Road in Quinby. Their website is <http://christchurchflorence.home.att.net>.

Join us at the Kanuga Renewal Conference

A Personal Invitation from Ellen Lumpkin

Ellen Lumpkin, St. Paul's, Summerville

I want to ask you to prayerfully consider bringing your family to the Kanuga Renewal Conference this summer. Laura Barr and I are co-coordinators, and we are making a strategic decision to be sure there is plenty of rich spiritual nourishment for "younger" adults and their children. That's not to say

there! There is a sense of security and freedom that lifts their spirits as they make new friends while hiking, chasing lightning bugs, hanging out at the canteen, playing games and on and on.

We have a terrific staff this summer, including: the Rt. Rev. Mike Hill, Bishop of Bristol, England, will be our keynote speaker. The Rev.

nap, and quiet reflection by the lake.

I hope you will consider this invitation to join us June 28 – July 3. There are group discounts available, so get together with your friends and sign up for a cabin together. You and your children will always be glad you did! To learn more visit www.kanuga.org.



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that we older folks won't find lots of blessings because there will be something there for everyone.

After participating regularly for the past 25 years, Mike and I are so thankful that going as a family was one of our priorities. The Renewal Conference has blessed each one of us in very powerful ways and always served to bring us closer together. Both of our girls will happily tell you that their relationship with Jesus was nourished and strengthened far beyond what they experienced on Sunday mornings or even at Bible School.

Sharing a cabin with good friends is like a grown-up house party! After a full day of dynamic teaching, fantastic worship, great food (that you didn't cook or clean up), meaningful workshops, swimming, hiking, napping, tennis, etc., you relax on a porch with old and new friends. There seems to be a more genuine quality to the laughter and the conversations in that holy place. I can't explain it, but it's different from regular parties and social gatherings. And children love it

Becky Coerper, St. Paul's Summerville, is doing a workshop on prayer. Allison Lawrence, our Bishop's wife, is giving her testimony at a workshop (I hear it's quite something!). The Rev. Karl Burns, Chaplain, Porter Gaud School, is doing a workshop on faith development at home. The Rev. Rob Sturdy, Trinity Church, Myrtle Beach, is leading a workshop. Susan Blackburn, back by popular demand, is leading our ministry to children and youth. The 5:00 Praise Band from Birmingham, AL, will provide our music. The Rev. Dr. John Barr and the Rev. Mike Lumpkin are serving as co-chaplains and Lisa Greenslit will serve as our photographer/videographer.

You can participate in as much of the conference as you choose. There is tremendous freedom to do what you feel called to and know that abundant blessings are waiting for you. I have had profound encounters with Jesus Christ through the teachings, the worship and the prayer ministry. I've also felt His love through conversations, impromptu music jams, wonderful

The Rt. Rev. Mike Hill Keynote Speaker

The Rt. Rev. Mike Hill, Bishop of Bristol, England, will be the keynote speaker for the Renewal Conference. His theme is, "Becoming Who God Wants Us to Be."

"How do we face our fears in life? How do we come to terms with our disappointments?" asks Hill. "I think there can be no greater challenge than to work together and become who God wants us to be."

Hill discovered God's unexpected path for him as a teenager. An aspiring soccer player, the future bishop did not attend church until age 18 when a friend took him to a Christian party and he decided to follow Christ. By age 25, Hill was attending seminary at Ridley Hall and Fitzwilliam College in Cambridge. He was consecrated as the bishop of Buckingham in 1998 and consecrated as the bishop of Bristol in 2003.

"Bishop Hill has a passion for developing the kinds of churches where people who did not grow up in the church have a greater chance of finding Christ," says conference co-coordinator Laura Barr. "It is no overstatement to say that Bishop Hill is one of the leading teachers in the Anglican Communion."

Theological Education by Extension

By Ed Dyckman, Grace Episcopal Church, Charleston

As of June 1, many parishioners completed yet another year of Education for Ministry (EfM) in or near their home parishes. Some graduated to the next year's topic (New Testament/year one, Old Testament/year two, Church history/year three, and theology/year four). Students who have completed the four-year program leave the group to become more active in lay ministry in their parish and community. During the year, EfM groups meet once a week for 34 weeks from September through May. Many EfM groups hold a retreat during the year. The photograph, right, shows members of our EfM group at St. Christopher during our retreat in March with members from the Cathedral Church of St. Luke and St. Paul, Charleston; Grace, Charleston; Holy Communion, Charleston; St. Stephen's, Charleston; and Trinity, Edisto. If you would like more information, contact Dr. Walter Limehouse at (843) 573-9136 or visit www.sewanee.edu/EFM.



Above, members of the EfM group during their retreat at St. Christopher. From left (back row) Susan Cheves (Trinity), Mary Ann Foy (Trinity), Brenda Nickerson (Trinity), Cam Stuhr (Cathedral), Ann Smith (Grace), Ed Dyckman (Grace), and Lucy Dyckman (Grace); (front row) Linda Smoak (Holy Communion), Susanne Nash (Trinity), and Zillah Cribb (Trinity); (those missing) Janet Anderson (Grace), Sheila Davis (Cathedral), and Bryan Thompson (St. Stephen's).

Working Together to Empower the Poor

By Ed Dyckman, Chair, Department of Social Ministries

During the past year, the Department of Social Ministries has trained people in each deanery to use the Next Steps Database—a free tool that helps churches and Christ-

database. The training is free and so is access to the database online at www.SouthCarolinaMinistries.org. Upcoming training dates include July 22, August 19, and September 16. Next Steps database training equips church volunteers and staff to identify and use the social and employment resources in their community to empower the poor to improve their lives. Using the database, volunteers and the participating poor set goals to improve the participant's life and then they work together to empower the participant to take the "next steps" in achieving each goal. Next Steps helps churches, nonprofits, and agencies in a community work together as a team in the fight against poverty. For more information contact me at (843) 367-5647 or edward.dyckman@att.net.



Above, Ed Dyckman, right, presents Tom Hample, of Church of the Holy Cross, Sullivan's Island with his Next Steps Database Certificate.

centered social ministries work together to empower the poor in their communities to improve their lives. It takes only one three-hour training session to learn how to use the

Ready to Go Deeper? Consider Cursillo

There are upcoming Cursillo weekends July 16-19 and October 15-18. The lay rectors will be Michael S. "Bean" Winburn and Kathryn Mon-

roe respectively. The diocese has a long history of renewal sparked by involvement in Cursillo. Visit www.cursillosc.org to learn more.

News from the Canterbury House

By Peggy Pye, Executive Director, Canterbury House

Springtime is always a busy time at the Canterbury House and this past April was no exception. Canterbury House has an outstanding activity program. There is always a lot to do and something for everyone. First, our residents were treated to an "improv" presentation by the Play Back Theater of the College of Charleston. Next, Dr. Marlene O'Bryant Seabrook, an African American fiber artist presented a program on the art of quilt making. Dr. Seabrook weaves powerful stories and images into her quilts which have been exhibited around the world. Dr. Seabrook was the first African American to teach at the Citadel some years ago. This was followed by an offering from St. Thomas Episcopal Church who treated our residents to their monthly luncheon and entertainment. That afternoon, the College was back with a Musi-

cal Theater group who sang their way into our hearts. The next week found the Seabrook Island Choraliers serenading our residents. The

sang and danced to the amusement of our residents.

Whew, what a busy month – and that's in addition to our routinely scheduled activities. Come see what fun we have at Canterbury. "Affordable" apartments are available!

I would be remiss to not mention the generous grant that Canterbury House received from the Exchange Club of Charleston. This year's award, \$7500, was our largest ever and is designated for our cafeteria program. The Exchange Club gave out more than \$530,000 in community grants as a result of their annual Coastal Carolina Fair. Over 40,000 volunteer hours made this possible. Canterbury House was represented at the April award luncheon by Canterbury House cafeteria volunteers: Bill Barutio (Grace Church) and Paul Sykes (St. Philip's). Peggy Pye accepted the award.



Above, Canterbury House resident, Betty Kugell, (left) joins with members of the Charleston Hat Ladies who performed in May.

Choraliers are an all male chorus of seniors who sing old favorites from Gershwin to gospel. Later that week, Grace Church treated our residents to their annual tea with good food, entertainment, fellowship and beautiful flower arrangements. Last but not least, the Charleston Hat Ladies

Fun: All Summer Long

St. Andrew's, Charleston, Offers Program for Children



St. Andrew's Mission is offering a full-day program, Monday through Friday. "Fun is the word most often heard when children talk about our activities," says James Yarsiah, St. Andrew's Vicar. The program runs June 9 through July 31 and includes day trips, basic computer training, arts and crafts and more. There is a \$50 fee per

child/per week as well as a one-time \$50 activity fee. Lunch and snacks will be provided. For more information, contact St. Andrew's Episcopal Church at (843)763.8772, or standrewsmision@knology.net St. Andrew's is located at 2257 Ashley River Road, Charleston, SC 29414

Call to Prayer for General Convention

By Vicky Armes
Diocesan DOK President

The Diocesan Daughters of the King are inviting all members of the diocese, their families and their parishes to join in an intercessory Prayer Vigil for the upcoming General Convention and 2009 DOK Triennial. Both will be held in Anaheim. Sign up sheets have been placed in each chapter's church.

UTO Gifts Top \$30,000

By Nancy Pickering,
Diocesan UTO Chair

This past year the Diocese of South Carolina sent over \$30,000.00 to the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society! Our spring and fall UTO Ingatherings were effective, even in difficult financial times. Take note that all the United Thank Offering monies received prior to the December 31 deadline will be used for 2009 grants. Each of you who use the little blue boxes are to be commended. Please share your UTO stories with others in 2009. It's so easy to join this "24-7-365" tradition of blessings and thanksgivings! To learn more about the United Thank Offering in the diocese, and how you can help, contact me at [npicks2@charter.net](mailto:npics2@charter.net).



Correction:

In the April/May issue of the *Jubilate Deo* the address for Healing Farm Ministries was listed incorrectly. The wishing to donate in memory of Nell Ball, the late wife of the Rev. Canon John C. Ball will want to forward their gifts to Healing Farm Ministries, PO Box 12810, Charleston, SC 29422.

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