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Strong Support for Leadership's Direction

Four of Five Resolutions Overwhelmingly Passed at Special Diocesan Convention

Four of the five resolutions proposed by the Diocese of South Carolina's Standing Committee were passed at the Special Convention held October 24 at Christ Church in Mt. Pleasant. All resolutions were drafted in response to Bishop Lawrence's address to the clergy of the Diocese on August 13, which called the church to fight the "false gospel of indiscriminate inclusivity."

The first four Resolutions, presented as "guiding principles for engagement," passed overwhelmingly. Collectively, they represent a comprehensive new strategy for addressing the future of The Episcopal Church and the larger Anglican Communion.

Resolution 1, "The Lordship of Christ and the Sufficiency of Scripture" was passed by 86.7% of those present. It establishes the Diocesan commitment to these priorities and particularly how they will be affirmed in the Ordinations conducted in the Diocese.

Resolution 2, "Godly Boundaries," was voted on by orders with 87 clergy voting "yes," 17 voting "no," with one abstaining. Of the lay vote, 39 parishes voted "yes," eight voted "no," 13 missions voted "yes," three voted "no," two were divided and one mission abstained. The resolution commits the Diocese to clearly expressed boundaries where bodies within The Episcopal Church have assented to actions contrary to the Faith as we have received and

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St. John's Chapel Consecrated

By Joy Hunter, Editor



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The Rev. Dallas Wilson, (left) Vicar of St. John's, and the Rt. Rev. Mark J. Lawrence, Bishop of South Carolina gather on St. John's Portico prior to the service of Consecration.

It was a celebration of hope, reconciliation, resurrection, restoration and repentance – the dedication and consecration of St. John's Chapel, on the Eastside of Charleston, October 12, 2009. The Rt. Rev. Mark J. Lawrence, Bishop of the Diocese

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"When Foundations are Being Destroyed..." Convention Called to Act; The Clock is Ticking Loudly

Bishop Lawrence's Address to the Special Convention

October 24, 2009

"When the foundations are being destroyed, what can the righteous do?" Ps 11:3

I begin this morning's address with this verse from the eleventh Psalm of the Psalter. The Hebrew Bible cites this as a Psalm of David. There is some discussion as to whether these are David's words or the words of his advisors. Certainly what precedes this verse was spoken by the king's counselors—for they suggest he "flee like a bird to the mountains." Everything is lost. Seeking refuge is all there is left to do. But the psalmist has begun his prayer by declaring that the only refuge he is interested in is God; and God has not moved to the mountains. So the psalmist will stand tall and trust. Nevertheless, this verse from the psalm has haunted me for some time now. "When the foundations are being destroyed, what can the righteous do?"

No one can fail to acknowledge that this Special Convention—this synodical gathering of the Diocese of South Carolina—is being carried out before watching eyes. The resolutions that are before us while seeming tepid to some, have to others the feel of haste, even imprudence. Whatever can be said in support or detraction, they have caught the



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Over 300 attended the Special Convention at Christ Church in Mt. Pleasant, October 24. Above clergy and lay delegates listen as resolutions are discussed.

attention of the secular and religious world around us. Even before we take up the work of this gathering, it can hardly be suggested the rank and file members of the diocese have not been apprised that at least something of significance is going to take place today. This is not another ho-hum ecclesiastical meeting. To that end, even those who would mount

resistance have helped in getting the word out, even if fraught with fear and misinformation. I am thankful that along with the lay delegates and the clergy of the diocese, we also have three bishops of the Church present; The Rt. Rev. C. FitzSimons Allison, 12th Bishop of South Carolina, The Rt. Rev. George Edward

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Partners in the Gospel

Celebrating the Rich History and Relationship Between the Diocese of South Carolina and the Diocese of the the Dominican Republic

By Peg Eastman

On October 19, Bishop Julio Cesar Holguin arrived in Charleston to celebrate the forty year partnership between the mission Diocese of the Dominican Republic and the Diocese of South Carolina. South Carolina has been instrumental in the development of the Dominican Development Group (DDG). This affiliation has created a unique missionary approach. Instead of complete dependency on the resources of the national Episcopal Church, the DDG hopes to create self-sufficiency in the Dominican Republic.

As a mission church, the Dominican diocese does not have the resources needed to maintain its rapid growth rate. They are supported both financially and with missionaries from a number of dioceses including six companion dioceses: Central Gulf Coast, Georgia, South Carolina, Southeast Florida, Southwest Florida, and Western Louisiana. Work teams have built new churches, schools, and children's shelters; medical teams have treated thousands in some of the poorest areas of the country; others have conducted summer Bible schools. Much of the mission work has been accomplished at a grass-roots level, congregation to congregation.

The DDG meets twice a year: once in the Dominican Republic and once in a companion diocese. This year it was South Carolina's turn

to host the meeting. The meetings, held October 20-21, were capped by services at Grace Episcopal Church where Bishops Lawrence, Skilton, Holguin and Smith (from Southwest Florida) joined in the Holy Eucharist and Bishop Holguin preached. The celebrant was the Rev. Callie Perkins; two clergy from the Dominican church assisted. Dinner in the parish hall was followed by fellowship celebrating the ongoing work in the Dominican Republic.

On October 22 Bishops Holguin and Skilton attended an informal luncheon at Porter Gaud School to introduce Bishop Holguin to the students who helped with the installation of a water purification system from Water Missions International. Afterwards the Bishops visited Water Missions headquarters.



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Above, Bishop Mark Lawrence, left, joins members of the Dominican Development Group, (from left) Bishops William Skilton, Dabney Smith and Julio Holguin prior to a celebration of Holy Eucharist at Grace Episcopal Church, Charleston.

Bishop Holguin is the third bishop of "Iglesia Episcopal Dominicana" (diocese of the Episcopal Church) and the second Dominican-born Bishop. The Dominican Episcopal Church is one of the fastest growing dioceses in the Episcopal Church and now has 65 plus missions and preaching stations through-

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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.

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share them with Christendom past and present.

Resolution 3, “Domestic Engagement for Missional Relationships,” passed with 85.1% voting in support, 14.6% voting “no” and 0.3% abstaining. Where like-minded Dioceses and parishes will join us, we will pursue relationships that strengthen the Body of Christ.

Resolution 4, “Emerging 21st Century Anglicanism” passed with 87.5% voting in favor, 11.5% opposing and 1% abstaining. This strategy begins with the endorsement of the Ridley Draft of the Anglican Covenant as an important expression of what will be needed to restore health to the Communion.

Resolution 5, “The Rubric of Love,” was considered problematic in its wording, as a balance was sought between upholding the church’s standards for all on the one hand, and the need for pastoral application and love in

practice on the other. As a result of these concerns, the Standing Committee presented it to Convention in amended form. Soon thereafter a layman from Saint James, James Island, offered an amendment to the amendment. After more discussion it became apparent that the Convention was heading toward rewriting the entire amendment as a Convention which was neither wise nor useful. The Resolution was therefore postponed until the next March Convention of the diocese so it could be carefully reworked before again coming to the floor.

Having dispatched all the proposed resolutions, the Convention was closed with prayer by Bishop Lawrence and adjourned.

The text of the Resolutions may be found on page 10.



Above, from left, serving at the Altar are Brittany Gadsden, the Rev. Dallas Wilson, the Rt. Rev. Mark J. Lawrence, the Rev. Al Zadig and Briana Gadsden.

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of South Carolina began the service in the traditional way, knocking on the doors with his carved staff saying, “Through the ages, Almighty God has moved his people to build houses of prayer and praise, and to set apart places for the ministry of his holy Word and Sacraments. With gratitude for the rebuilding of St. John’s Chapel, we are now gathered to dedicate and consecrate it in God’s name.”

Many in the capacity crowd had donated funds, worked on the property, prayed for the restoration of ministry and been involved in work with the African American Family Center for Biblical Dialogue.

The Rev. Al Zadig, Rector of St. Michael’s, Charleston, who facilitates the activities of the pre-Vestry of St. John’s, asked in his sermon, “Can these dry bones live?” Zadig described the neighborhood as one in which the hopelessness of high crime rates and poverty reflect a sense of death and lifelessness, but answered an unequivocal “Yes!” God can, and will, bring life to this place.

Several spoke of their experiences with St. John’s. Mrs. Frenchie Richards told of sensing God giving her the word, “resurrection,” just before the Rev. Dallas Wilson invited her to see the building for the first time. Mother Elizabeth Singleton told of a time when the small group, who prayed weekly in the building for God’s restoration, saw a dove inside. “We knew that we couldn’t do it,” (bring life to St. John’s) she said, “But the Holy Spirit could.” A special guest, The Rev. Canon William Barnwell, who served as a seminarian at St. John’s in the 1960’s, when it was a community center, spoke of his time there, as transformative. The Honorable Joseph P. Riley, Mayor of Charleston, presented a proclamation on behalf of the city.

Of course, involved more closely than all others, are the Rev. Dallas Wilson and his wife, the Rev. Janie Wilson. Dallas serves as St. John’s Vicar and Janie is the head of the African American Family Center for Biblical Dialogue. The Wilsons have long-labored on the Eastside, most recently developing a faith-based ministry “What are Little Girls Made

of?” designed to give girls 12 and under hope, a sense of self-worth and help them escape the cycle of poverty.

In 2006 when the idea for restoring St. John’s first took root, the building had been abandoned for over 20 years and had serious structural issues. The Rev. Janie Wilson stressed that, though the physical aspects of the building were daunting, the spiritual plane was the one on which the battle would be won. Prayer was an essential component in the resurrection of St. John’s and a small group gathered weekly for four years to pray in the empty, dilapidated structure.

In addition to funds contributed by individuals, the Diocese contributed about \$900,000 to the restoration effort and four churches: St. Michael’s, Charleston; St. Andrew’s, Mt. Pleasant; Holy Cross, Sullivan’s Island; and the Church of the Cross, Bluffton provided about \$300,000.

“St. John’s Chapel is a wonderful example of Godly vision meeting passionate conviction and partnering with Christ-centered leaders and congregations from across the Diocese of South Carolina to achieve remarkable results,” said Bishop Lawrence following the service. “To see the way some of our strongest parishes have gotten behind this exciting ministry opportunity on Charleston’s Eastside is to watch a miracle unfold before our eyes. It witnesses to the transforming power of the Good News of Jesus Christ.”

Reflecting on the future, after the service, Dallas said, “It’s just unbelievable what God is going to do here. I believe it’s going to be extraordinary.”

Join the Ministry

Join in the ministry on Charleston’s Eastside with a contribution to St. John’s Chapel, the African American Family Center for Biblical Dialogue and “What are Little Girls Made of?” Your tax-deductible contribution will help bring new life and hope, especially to children of single parents. Checks made payable to “St. John’s Chapel,” may be mailed to PO Box 21832, Charleston, SC 29413.

St. Stephen’s, North Myrtle Beach, Acquires Property, “Loris Vision.”

St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church in North Myrtle Beach has recently purchased 15.6 acres of land on the west side of the City of Loris. The parish is grateful to the Diocese of South Carolina for the generous grant that helped to make this possible. The site will become the location of outdoor activities and a multi-purpose building that will house St. Stephen’s outreach ministries in the near future. It will also be St. Stephen’s desire to begin a worshipping community on this site. This land purchase and plans for facility development and program establishment comprise what the congregation has come to call “The Loris Vision.”



PHIL OLSON

Acquiring the property and plans for facility development on the west side of the city of Loris comprise St. Stephen’s, “Loris Vision.” Above, from left, Art Perry, The Rev. Dr. Wilmot T. Merchant, II, Tommy Mizell and Jack Lawson.

The site is located on Highway 9 Business West (West Main St.) near the corner of West Dogwood Rd. just outside the Loris City limits. Most of the land was cleared and cultivated years ago and is now planted with a crop of peanuts. Large signs have been erected on the property to announce the coming of St. Stephen’s Outreach Ministries

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out the country. They have opened ten new schools in as many years.

Although the Dominican Republic is primarily Roman Catholic, the Episcopal Church has nearly tripled its presence in the past fifteen years.

Bishop Holguin has developed a “field of dreams” fund-raising approach where projects are started with the faith that someone will step in to provide the resources needed to complete unfinished churches, schools, clinics, children’s shelters, and other programs. One can see this in unfinished buildings with steps ascending to incomplete floors above. The vision of the “Iglesia Episcopal Dominicana” is to become 100% self-sufficient before Bishop Holguin retires. They have been incredibly successful. In 1991 they relied on 80 % support and have reduced that to 30% in 2009 in spite of a budget, clergy and congregations that have all tripled. This success has become a prototype for other third world mission dioceses to follow.

William Skilton is a fine example of the partnership with the South Carolina diocese. He first served in the Dominican Republic

from 1965-1972 and served again from 1985-1988 before becoming the Assistant Bishop in the Dominican Republic in February 2008. Bishop Holguin regards his assistance as a “blessing from God.” Skilton was consecrated Suffragan Bishop of South Carolina in 1996 and served in that capacity until 2006. He still lives in South Carolina and travels frequently to the Dominican Republic to assist in pastoral and other commitments; he has been there nine times this year. Other South Carolinians who have had a strong presence in the Dominican Republic are Callie Perkins, Carole Bennage, and John and Cathy Gordon.

Bishop Holguin closed the interview by emphasizing that the Dominican church is thankful for South Carolina’s longstanding partnership. He stressed that relationships have been so close that Dominicans feel as if the South Carolina missionaries were “family.” He again expressed appreciation for Charleston’s warm welcome and hopes that since Bishop Lawrence is new to South Carolina’s partnership with the Dominican Republic, he will let them have the pleasure and privilege of welcoming him to their diocese.

Reflections on the Opening of St. John’s Chapel

By the Rev. Dallas Wilson

You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions? You might think, what a way to start... but it’s the only legitimate way, because prayer is the only way to activate the faith necessary to complete the earthly impossible.

For four years, four people prayed in a building that should have been condemned. But God had an idea, answerable and manifested only through “effectual fervent prayer” by people following 2nd Chronicles 7:14

*If my people who are called by my name
humble themselves, and pray and seek my
face and turn from their wicked ways,
then I will hear from heaven
and will forgive their sin
and heal their land.*

On Monday, October 12, 2009, St. John’s Chapel and the Eastside Community began on a journey to develop an everlasting relationship with one another, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Try to imagine a building sitting “spiritually” idle from 1949 to until October 12, 2009; a building that held its first services on Sunday,

October 12, 1839, the chapel of wood, on Hanover Street about a half mile north of the City Wall and closed its doors in 1949. Why would anyone want to resurrect an archaic structure that had outlived its usefulness at a cost that far exceeded its initial costs of \$4,000.00? I have an answer “What Are Little Girls Made Of?” our “Pink Bus” ministry.

I want to acknowledge the visionary leadership of a few and the prayerful, financial support of the many in the resurrection and restoration of this esthetically wonderful iconic structure and the reconciliation and repentance to come for the many who live in this “torn” community.

Please keep us in your prayers and remember us when you’re being benevolent with your “talent, time and treasure” for we’ve just begun the war against those forces of evil. When you’re praying to augment our efforts, please pray that we remember, “... the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ” (2 Corinthians 10:4, 5).

Knobs Invade: Grace Happens

By The Rev. Greg Smith,
Chaplain to the Citadel

Every morning they camp outside my office—er, their lounge. The Knobs (first-year cadets) have found that my office is rather comfortable. With couches to rest on, food to enjoy, and even a TV to turn on (in the afternoons only!), they've come to realize that this is one place where they can come in and talk.

Just today a knob walked in... a newbie. He'd never met me before but he'd heard of the place. He poked his head in, looked around at some of the other guys, and asked, "Can I come in?" Immediately another cadet jumped up and greeted him. I meandered over and gave him the grand tour (Cokes in the fridge, shine supplies in the corner, couches are for your enjoyment, etc).

Eventually he said the funniest thing... "Is this heaven?" "Nope—just the Episcopal Lounge."

His response was just as funny. "I don't hate anyone... but I'm not a believer," he said.



I thanked him for his honesty and told him that all are welcome!

You see, one of our big principles is to meet cadets wherever they are in their faith journey, and trust God to take them where He wants them to be, and on His timetable. We understand that people want relationships not religion—and that's where we begin. It's amazing really! Before you knew it, we were talking about Jesus and about grace and mercy—and it all began because I let him grab a Coke, enjoy shining his brass in comfort... and talking man to man. When knobs invade... grace happens!

You can connect with Smith and support the ministry at the Citadel: (843) 608-8833, www.SaintAlbansCitadel.org or www.Facebook.com/smith.greg.

Diocesan ECW Retreat

February 12-14, 2010

The ECW will host a retreat for all women of the Diocese at St. Christopher, February 12-14. Bishop Mark Lawrence will speak on the book of Ruth. The Rev. Charlie Walton will serve as our Chaplain. Music will be led by Sharon Harper a member of St. John's Episcopal Church, John's Island. A \$50.00 deposit is required with registration. Due to construction at St. Christopher, space is limited. Rooms will be assigned on a "first come first served basis." We are regret that we are unable to offer single rooms. The cost of the retreat is \$175.00 per person.

Commuters rates are: \$40 plus meals. The \$40 fee goes toward speaker, musician, and chaplain honoraria and lodging.

Friday dinner:	\$15.00
Saturday breakfast:	\$ 8.00
Saturday lunch:	\$10.00
Saturday dinner:	\$15.00
Sunday breakfast:	\$15.00

Register online at www.stbartholomews.org or visit www.dioceseofsc.org to download a printable registration form. Questions? Contact Devvy Ridgill at (843) 861-1288.

One Church: St. Helena's and Santa Cruz

By Jim Cato
St. Helena's, Beaufort

"As Father Mark preached at church today, I saw something important happening. The people of St. Helena's and the people of Santa Cruz were one church worshipping God," said the Rev. Felix Encarnacion, vicar of the Parish Church of Santa Cruz, Santa Fe, Dominican Republic, where a 20-member Beaufort team worked for a week.

The unity of worship and work was evident during the eight-day mission trip as team members conducted a three-day Vacation Bible School for more than 265 youth, ages 4 to 16, built desks and bookcases for classrooms, and dug the foundation for a security wall around the perimeter of the new vicarage that Father Felix hopes is soon completed.

The big news this year in Santa Fe is an expansion of ministries by Santa Cruz parishioners. While the team was in the village, the school administrator Ramona Reyes held a 7 a.m. Saturday retreat for in-depth Bible study. This is an important time in the Parish of Santa Cruz. Parishioners are trying to expand to exemplify "Kingdom living in a fallen world," as are their brothers and sisters at St. Helena's.

Two members of the St. Helena's team accompanied Cathy Donahoe visiting shut-ins and conducting a healing prayer session. Cathy, a Colorado native, is a physical therapist working as a missionary through the South American Missionary Society. She works at the medical clinic in the Parish of San Estaban, San Pedro, but she lives among the people in Santa Fe and attends the church at Santa Cruz. At one home, Dr. Peter Manos was summoned to attend to an open wound of a long-suffering parishioner and also prescribe



Above, Youth from St. Helena's and the Dominican Republic work together preparing a wall foundation.

medication for a severe case of thrush.

In five previous years, St. Helena's parishioners helped build a new school building on the site of a former trash pile. This year, the team attended their second high school graduation for the 83-year-old school. A longtime mission team assistant, who's served as a team translator for many years, 16-year-old Daniel Shephard Bertie, was among the 25 graduates.



The 265 children attending VBS wore wristbands color-coded by age. Above, Dr. Peter Maons assists a child with her wristband.

Work on the second floor of the school is at a standstill because of finances, and Father Felix is seeking permission to complete only a couple of rooms instead of the entire floor, as space is desperately needed. The school has two shifts to accommodate the 345 students.

Team members continue to be moved by the experience of serving the Lord alongside brothers and sisters in Christ in a foreign land—as the first Christians at Antioch did. Some went with preconceived ideas of how Americans could transform this community, but God tends to slow down the rhythm to a Dominican time and allow them to reflect on relationships more than tasks. All came away with a great appreciation of family.

"I think I realized that happiness is not related in any way to the condition you are in but to the faith you have," said 16-year-old Ford Collins.

"I find myself uncontrollably smiling because I see a picture in my mind of all the children so excited to come hear the Word of the Lord or people from the community so willing to help with no need for a favor in return," said 17-year-old Mary Beth Mitchell. "This trip has been so much fun and a great way to learn and grow in the Lord."

"The people of Santa Fe seem content with their lives," said Martha McDuff. "Rolling a tire down the street is fun. I think of my students and how bored that would make them. Being able to visit Andy's home was very humbling. I enjoy watching HGTV. Americans on the show upgrade to stainless steel and granite tiles. Andy's family is satisfied with a stove.

He (like so many Dominicans) in Santa Fe was proud to show his home to us. I hope that back in Beaufort I can think of the people of Santa Fe before I complain about the weather being too muggy, or if our AC goes out, or



Skylar Hughes, a freshman at the college of Charleston and member of St. Helena's (right), takes a break with two new friends.

my bed seems to be uncomfortable, or if I am not able to get all the supplies I wanted for my classroom."

Another teen wrote that "the kids all seemed to be very happy (without things). They laughed, played, and did tons of things that kids in the U.S. would not even think of doing--and had fun doing it. That part made me feel the best, because we have so much stuff and most of the time are unhappy."

The Dominicans have issued a challenge for 2010. The Americans are to come armed with songs--vibrant song--so all can sing while working and praising God.

St. John's Hosts Choral Workshop

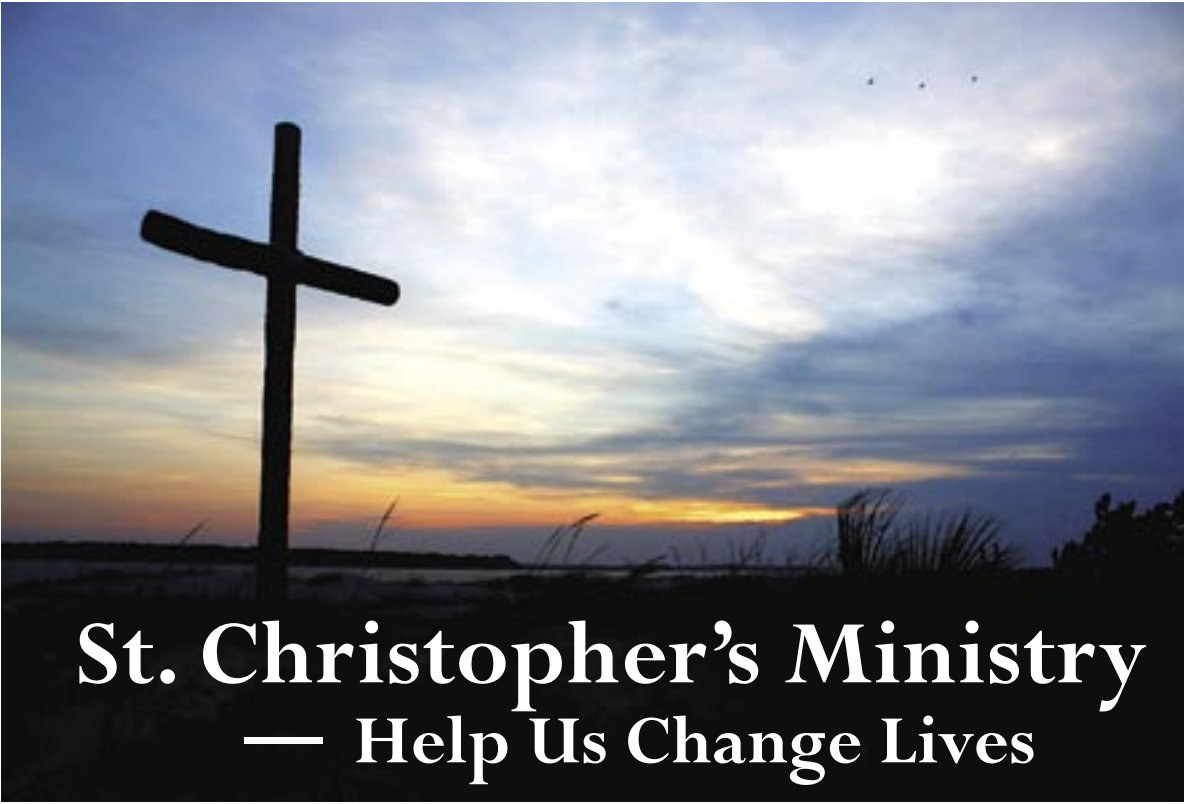
Sixty-one church musicians representing 11 parishes from Florence, Marion, Cheraw, Sumter, Summerville, Dillon and Hendersonville were at St. John's, Florence, on September 19 for a regional choir workshop. Dr. Sonja Sepulveda, Assistant Professor of Choral Music and Music Education at Brewton-Parker College in Mt. Vernon, GA and director of the Palmetto Choirs, presented a day-long choral skill session for the group of singers and directors. The event concluded with a

concert of workshop repertoire conducted by Dr. Sepulveda and accompanied by Beverly Hazelwood (organ), Tyler Hutto (horn), and Betsy Johnson (flute).

Dr. Sepulveda's energetic and engaging style challenged singers to stretch their abilities, provided directors with teaching tips, and refreshed and renewed all participants for a new season of music ministry in their parishes.

Calvary, Charleston, Celebrates 162nd Anniversary with Special Performance

On Sunday, September 27, in celebration of Calvary, Charleston's 162nd Anniversary, the Spiritual Life Committee of the ECW presented "Remember Us, The Women," stories of 10 women of the Old Testament by Besty Warren and Aline Speers. The program was well attended and well-received.



By Ann Hester Willis, Director of Development, Diocese of South Carolina

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St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center is reaching children, individuals and families through Scripture-based teaching and by providing a quiet, still place to come away and meet God. The Summer Camp program packs children in during the summer and the Barrier Island Program packs children in during the fall, winter and spring! Children who participate in these programs are encountering the love of God and the beauty of His creation; they are shepherded by faithful, Christian young adults eager to share their love of

our Lord. The conference ministry at St. Christopher is overflowing with Vestry retreats, Cursillo, and various other Christian conferences and many family retreats throughout the year. St. Christopher is a special place that was set aside over 50 years ago by a generous donor so that Christian ministry could take place in a beautiful, peaceful environment.

God provided us with this gift and we are using it to bring people into a meaningful and deeper relationship with Christ. You may have enjoyed St. Christopher as a child; it may be the place where you met God for the first time, or it may be the place where you have felt His presence. Many lives have been touched by God at St. Christopher.

Now we ask you to step out and participate with us through your financial support.

Join us in this powerful ministry by financially supporting the ongoing operations of St. Christopher. Where else can you invest and get a more rewarding return? Investing in St. Christopher—becoming a partner with us in ministry—has eternal consequences.

St. Christopher's future ministry depends upon you. Without your prayers and your financial support St. Christopher will not be able to continue its ministry as it is today. As of October 12, 2009, we are halfway to our goal of raising \$300,000 this year in annual support for St. Christopher. Won't you help us meet that goal and participate in continuing St. Christopher's ministry? Please join us by completing the form, left, and sending it with your check to The Diocese of South Carolina, Attention: Ann Hester Willis, P. O. Box 20217, Charleston, SC 29413.

I want to participate in St. Christopher's ministry!

I want to continue God's work of bringing Rest, Restoration and Renewal by encountering Christ at St. Christopher.

Enclosed is my gift of \$ _____

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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(Cell) _____ (Office) _____

Email: _____

Mail this form, with your gift to: St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center, Diocese of SC, P.O. Box 20127, Charleston, SC 29413-0127, Attention: Ann Hester Willis, Development Director.

Families Are Playing Together. . .

St. Christopher recently opened its new Family Space and it is a joy to behold!

Children are playing games with each other. Parents are playing games with their children. St. Christopher converted its former "library" into a room suitable for children and families, with games, toys and other inviting activities.

While St. Christopher's beautiful grounds have always been terrific for older children, teens and adults; until now there hasn't been a space intentionally set aside for families to play and learn together. Our "Camp" spaces focus on groups and older kids and our meeting rooms and chapels are best for adult gatherings and worship. We have recognized that our Conference Center has the opportunity to minister to young families, and we want to do that well. Younger children tire of the sun and the beach far earlier than their older siblings and thus need a place that is quiet, age-appropriate and Christ-centered in which to play and spend time with their parents.

The new Play Space is small, but it is a wonderful beginning and anticipates what St. Christopher can become with your support. Come see and enjoy this wonderful new Family Space the next time you are at St. Christopher!

Enjoy Thanksgiving at St. Christopher November 25-29

It's that time of year again! Come celebrate all of God's goodness this Thanksgiving with your family, friends and the staff of St. Christopher. This annual gathering has become a much loved tradition for many people, and we extend an invitation once again to join us as we give thanks and celebrate all of God's blessings.

Take a break from the cooking, cleaning and busy-ness of your typical holiday. Come and let us serve you. You can rest, read a book, take quiet walks on the beach or in the woods or you can join in all the planned activities like a hayride, beach bonfire, kayaking, movie



night and jump castles for the kids, just to name a few. Of course, our kitchen staff will prepare a Thanksgiving feast to remember!

And as always, the incredible sunsets, friendly dolphins and happy staff await you. So come on, meet all your returning friends, make some new ones and have the time of your life! For more information visit www.stchristopher.org or call Elizabeth at (843) 768-0429.

Notes from the Rector

The Rev. Chris Warner, Rector
St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center

Summer Camp

It was an astounding summer season at St. Christopher. This summer's theme was Kingdom Stories, and focused on the parables of Jesus. Kids aged 7-18 were drawn closer to the Lord while having the most fun anyone can have at the beach! We received countless testimonies of kids having their faith come alive and their lives transformed as the Lord blessed the worship, fun, testimonies, and teaching. Our summer camp continues living into its vision "to work together with churches and families to raise up a biblically faithful generation that loves Jesus, leads the church, and changes the world."



Buy Your Books Online Through St. Christopher

The Pelican Gift Shop at St. Christopher was expanded this year and is now a fully-functioning Christian bookstore. Led by book store manager, Julie Garner, the Pelican

not only contributes effectively to the Facility's income, but also provides wonderful reading materials for our on-site guests; as well as t-shirts, gifts and beach essentials.

But now, thanks to Julie's resourcefulness, St. Christopher is in partnership with Christianbook.com. By using the link on St. Christopher's website, you can find

great deals on a huge inventory of books, music and movies. And best of all, St. Christopher receives 10% of your total purchase price **every time** you shop! Please help us get the word out to your friends and church staffs, especially with Christmas approaching. Be sure to bookmark <http://stchristopher.org/index.php?GiftShop> for all your online Christian book needs. It's another way you can help us and yourself at the same time!

Palmetto and Sea Oats

Restorative construction work has begun on Sea Oats and Palmetto, two of our conference center lodge buildings. It has been almost a year now since those buildings were decommissioned for much-needed repairs; but, God willing, we will have those buildings back in operation by November. This is indeed good news!

Radiant Recovery Retreat St. Christopher, December 4-6, 2009

St. Christopher will host a special retreat for people who work with those in recovery or who themselves are in recovery from food, alcohol, or drug addictions who would like to take their process deeper and who are already working a 12-Step program. This Radiant Recovery retreat will focus on the physical aspects of recovery particularly as related to sugar sensitivity.

Sugar sensitivity refers to a particular body chemistry that has been linked with addiction and alcoholism. Sugar sensitive people are often highly creative and very intuitive. Additionally, they may be top performers and high achievers who can also be moody, impulsive, angry, fatigued, restless, overwhelmed and stressed out. Typically, along with these behaviors comes the pursuit of external things to fix negative internal feelings. The combination of volatile blood sugar, low beta-endorphin, and low serotonin levels in sugar sensitive people can create a physical vulnerability to compulsive eating, depression, drug use and drinking.

Often addiction recovery for those in 12-Step programs like AA, NA, OA or the Christian "Celebrate Recovery" program benefits greatly by dealing with the physical component of sugar sensitivity and nutrition. Radiant Recovery is a program that has gained national attention due to its unparalleled success rate and its innovative combination of medical and treatment approaches.

Retreat Facilitator

Kathleen DesMaisons, Ph.D.

Kathleen DesMaisons, Ph.D. is internationally known for her

visionary, empowering approach to healing addiction through dietary changes. She is the world's leading expert on Sugar Sensitivity, pioneering the concept and initiating the field of Addictive Nutrition. Dr. DesMaisons has authored the international best seller, *Potatoes Not Prozac* and a number of other books including *The Sugar Addict's Total Recovery Program*, *Your Last Diet*, *Your Body Speaks*, *Little Sugar Addicts* and *Radiant Recipes*. She has developed a highly active web community at www.radiantrecovery.com that maintains more than 100 email support lists, a community forum with more than a half a million messages and serves thousands daily online.

Retreat Chaplain

The Rev. Chris Warner,
Rector, St. Christopher

The Rev. Chris Warner was instrumental in establishing the Restoration Ministry at Holy Cross, Sullivan's Island, including the Living Free and Living Free Family ministries, among others. He has extensive experience working with and ministering to those dealing with addiction and has himself been in recovery for 20 years. He will offer Morning Prayer, Compline and Sunday Eucharist, as well as be available for spiritual counseling by appointment during the weekend. For more information or to download brochures and get rates, go to www.stchristopher.org.

Swap 'Til You Drop

St. Paul's, Summerville, Hosts Clothing Swap and Outreach Event

By Heather Jackson, Women's Ministry Coordinator, St. Paul's, Summerville

St. Paul's, Summerville's Women's Ministry hosted its second annual "Swap 'Til You Drop" clothing event on October 8. St. Paul's largest hall was awash in fall colors and twinkling lights as women brought their friends, relatives and neighbors for warm fellowship, good food and free clothes.



Women and high school girls were encouraged to clean out their closets and bring up to 10 items of gently-used clothing, accessories, shoes, etc. to swap. After dropping off their clothes and receiving their tickets, the women enjoyed conversation, appetizers and desserts as they waited for the "swap team" to arrange the clothes.

The excitement built as ten lucky door prize winners gained entry into the swap room five minutes before the others to try to find the best of the best. When the doors were finally opened to all, women rushed in and shopped like crazy! Laughter filled the hall as women tried on and modeled clothing, browsed handbags, and found beautiful jewelry. An hour later, they left with bags filled with free clothes and smiles on their faces.

Although the swap was a great success and the fellowship was rich, it was what happened the next morning that filled our hearts to overflowing. The next morning, women from St. Paul's came together in the same beautifully-decorated hall to serve others. Because we asked each woman leave the swap with one item less than she brought, we had an amazing surplus of clothes to give away. But instead of dropping the clothes off at an agency, we wanted to hand them out personally.

So weeks before the swap, our team contacted local homeless and abuse shelters, as well as our own Medical Outreach Clinic, to invite women in need to come and receive free clothing. This outreach component was named "Hope's Closet" because we wanted to give hope and encouragement to women who need it most. Numerous St. Paul's women volunteered to pray, make breakfast foods, donate personal care items and to love and serve those who came. More than 25 women in need came that morning and each left with bags full of clothing, accessories and personal hygiene products.

The biggest blessing of the day was spending time with the women behind the statistics. One woman walked several miles to come and get clothes. Some brought their beautiful children who were full of joy and energy. One woman had a ball trying on clothes and twirling in front of the lit mirror. Many lingered to eat breakfast, have coffee and chat. We helped fold their "new" clothes and put them into bags. They gave us hugs and said thank you, and we were deeply moved at having been part of something so lovely.

From the "Swap" to "Hope's Closet," the women of St. Paul's had a wonderful week of fellowship and serving others. We continue to give thanks to the Lord, from whom all blessings flow.

Snow Cones and Solemn Processions

Children from Cannon Street YMCA introduced to Anglo-Catholic Worship

By Lisa Clarke

The children of the YMCA on Cannon Street came to visit the Church of the Holy Communion during July for fun and games, and to increase their enjoyment, the clergy and acolytes of the parish offered an introductory course in Anglo-Catholic liturgy and worship with an invitation to come and pray with us—and bring your parents. The parish's involvement with the Cannonborough branch of the Young Men's Christian Association includes providing school supplies for about a hundred youngsters at the beginning of the school year, a Christmas Tree and party at the conclusion of Advent, and a summertime block party and hot dog roast during the



The Rev. Daniel Clarke, Curate at the Church of the Holy Communion, chats with children from the Cannon Street YMCA following their instruction in Anglo-Catholic liturgy and worship.



holiday. This summer, instead of just having the children come over for jump castles and snow cones, these young people came in the great west doors of the church to the sound of the Moeller pipe organ and sat in the choir as vested acolytes demonstrated a Solemn Procession with incense and the clergy demonstrated how much fun it is on a hot summer morning to be sprinkled with holy water in the Asperges ceremony. Finally a brief introduction to the meaning of the Eucharist spoke of the Real Presence of Jesus in the Sacrament, the reason for the reverence and care Anglo-Catholics invest in the celebration of the Mass, and highlighted the focal moments of the liturgy of the Book of Common Prayer. The children saw vestments, the processional cross,

incense being set ablaze, and finally knelt at the communion rail to learn how Anglicans receive the Sacrament at the altar. Father Dan Clarke was barely restrained from passing out Necco wafers, the round "candy communion hosts" he used to administer when "saying Mass" as a ten-year-old himself, forbidden by the rector Father Dow Sanderson for fear of more-than-usual juvenile retrogression (on the curate's part). The children were blessed at the rail before being dismissed to the jump castles, hot dogs, and snow cones down the hallway, but not before they were invited to let YMCA director "Miss Nelly" know if they'd like to come back on a Sunday morning to be part of the acolyte corps at Holy Communion and make incense of their own.

United Thank Offering

A big United Thank Offering hug to all who supported our Fall UTO Ingathering. Missed the Ingathering? You can still send your own UTO check to: DFMS, Box 12095, Newark, NJ 07101. If you put Diocese of SC on the memo line, we'll get credit for it! Why not do it today!

St. Christopher 2011 Calendar Open

The 2011 reservation calendar for St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center is now open to Diocesan groups and churches only. This is to give our Diocesan family the first opportunity at booking dates. However, on January 1st the 2011 calendar will open to all other organizations, non-diocesan churches and youth groups. So if you are planning on retreating at St. Christopher in 2011, call soon. Weekends fill up very fast. To check availability or for information on reservations, contact Elizabeth Bumpas at (843) 768-0429 or ebumpas@stchristopher.org

Bishop Gadsden Offers Financial Assistance

Bishop Gadsden announces the availability of financial assistance to those looking to make Bishop Gadsden their home. This financial assistance is made possible through the generosity of Bishop Gadsden's many donors. Funds are currently available to assist with entrance and monthly fees. Those interested in this opportunity should contact Bill Trawick, President and CEO directly at (843) 406.6340 to set-up a private consultation.

The Sixth Dean of South Carolina

The Very Rev. Peet Dickinson Installed as Dean and Rector of Cathedral

On the evening of September 17 Bishop Lawrence presided at the Celebration of New Ministry for The Cathedral Church of St. Luke and St. Paul. The Very Reverend Peet Dickinson was installed as the Sixth Dean of South Carolina and Rector of the Cathedral Parish. The Very Rev. Frank Limehouse, Dean of Alabama, preached from 2 Corinthians 5:17-20 and reminded the new Dean of his ongoing call to be an ambassador of reconciliation. Commenting on the evening's festivities, Dickinson remarked, "I was so thankful for Dean Limehouse's unwavering Gospel focus in the sermon. His words set just the tone I needed as I begin this new ministry. The worship was beautiful and although I prayed, 'O Lord my God, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof,' by his grace and through his Spirit, the Lord did come under our roof that night. I was humbled by and thankful for the outpouring of love and

support by the people of the Cathedral and our family and friends from near and far. It was a night Jenny, Mae, and I will always remember."



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We welcome our new Dean: Above Bishop Lawrence joins those gathered for the installation in welcoming the Very Rev. Peet Dickinson, his wife, Jenny, and their daughter, Mae.

Mission Report: Living by Faith; My Destiny

By Tabitha Wang

When I returned to the states from Taiwan in December of 2008, a passenger flying next to me remarked, "You're living by faith." I had to think about that, and began reflecting on destiny. "What is God's destiny for me? Am I on the right path? Is proclaiming Christ in a communist nation (China) through my PhD dissertation my destiny?" I covet your prayers.

I want to tell you about my experiences with Ellet Ministries (EMS) International. "Wow!" is the word that sums up my feelings. They do an excellent job teaching Christians to live victorious lives. The Singapore branch offers free services to all who need them. In 2009, the EMS international school had eight nations, 88 churches, and over 240 people registered. Nationals came from South Africa, Germany, Australia, Myanmar, Timor, the Philippines, Indonesia, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Singapore, Malaysia, China, and the U.S. I worked through part of June and July to translate English PowerPoint slides into bilingual ones and edited the Chinese teaching materials for the advanced class. It was difficult, yet exciting.

This was the second year that Bishop Vun, the Bishop of Sabah, Malaysia brought all of his diocesan clergy and cathedral staff (140 participants) to the three-day teaching and training school. His wisdom in facing the diverse ethnic and cultural entities and the related underlying spiritual complexities of his diocese motivated him to ask for the necessary supernatural direction and intervention so that the Gospel work of his diocese could flourish. Having spiritually, psychologically, and physically healthy leadership, equipped with sound teaching is foundational.

To respect the local church's stance on ECUSA and ordination of women, I chose to be a silent participant-observer and apprentice. I enjoyed this experience thoroughly and was powerfully impressed by the entire crowd. Please keep me and this ministry in your prayers. No one should miss out on the blessing of being a victorious son of God when one is healed and delivered from hindrances to living a victorious life. I believe this is the destiny for all Christian brothers and sisters here on earth.

Rob Rienow to lead Men's Conference

The Visionary Man, February 26-28, 2010

An exciting momentum is building in the Diocese of South Carolina. God is at work in the hearts of men in a new way. Men are participating in men's hikes where they connect with each other and go deeper in their relationship with Christ. They're discovering new ways of leading family worship. They're becoming more involved in community service.

In February the men of the diocese will have an opportunity to come together and learn from author and co-founder of Visionary Parenting, Rob Rienow. Rienow is known for his inspired teaching and has been used by God to sound a spiritual "wake-up" call urging men to look to scripture for guidance in what it means to be a Christian man. Rienow is a gifted, passionate and humorous teacher.

During the weekend at St. Christopher Rienow will speak on the theme, "The Visionary Man," challenging attendees to trust the scriptures, lead their families, serve their churches and reach their communities.

Registration forms can be found on the diocesan website, www.dioceseofsc.org under the heading Upcoming Events.

For additional information about the retreat contact Jim Ewing celeval@aol.com. To learn more about Rienow's ministry visit www.visionaryparenting.com.



Rob Rienow

Human Identity: Gender, Marriage, and Sexuality — Speculation or Revelation? Mere Anglicanism, January 21-23, 2010

by Dean Emeritus William McKeachie

The Rt. Rev. C. FitzSimons Allison, the Very Rev. William N. McKeachie, and the Rev. Dr. R. William Dickson are pleased to announce the theme and dates for the 2010 Annual Mere Anglicanism Conference: *Human Identity: Gender, Marriage, and Sexuality – Speculation or Revelation?* to be held at St. Philip's Church, Charleston, South

power to guide us – with the sea charts of holy scripture, right reason, and creedal tradition – to safety beyond the buffeting winds.

Mere Anglicanism believes that on board our storm-tossed barque there are no mere passengers, all are crew, and that a theologically educated, authentically disciplined, and actively engaged crew is essential to success-

was one of our keynote speakers. He spelled out for the conference a vision of the realignment of Anglicanism through reclaiming and renewing the tradition of "conciliarity": mutual responsibility and interdependence – rather than national and denominational "autonomy" – within the worldwide Anglican Communion and indeed, ecumenically, within the whole Church Catholic.

This coming January the conference will be held at Charleston's Mother Parish, St. Philip's, and our theme of *Human Identity: Gender, Marriage, and Sexuality – Speculation or Revelation?* reflects the prophetic challenge issued by Bishop Mark Lawrence following this past summer's General Convention of the Episcopal Church, at which time he said:

"Why are we losing this whole issue of human sexuality – both as a culture and as a church?"

"We are approaching this whole issue as if it is in a vacuum, rather than in the whole context of human sexuality. And I think that until we, as a Church, begin to deal with our own compromises we will always come across as somewhat hypocritical to the world and to those who press its agenda.

"When we recognize that the divorce level among evangelicals and godly Christians is almost at the same level as the rest of the world; when we recognize the pervasiveness within the church of those who tinker with this or that in terms of sexual compromise – the things they allow themselves to engage with, in terms of computers or television – we are in need of a profound repentance. We must recognize that we cannot keep putting forward this standard for gay and lesbian people yet allow ourselves to live in such profound compromise ourselves. There's a spiritual thing at work here of which I don't think we've plumbed the depths, and it's time we paused and looked at that.

"We don't do much thinking about the purpose for which God made us as sexual beings, and then begin to answer that question philosophically and biblically. Sometimes we take a few verses out of the Bible and put those forward and forget that from the Book of Genesis forward it says that God has made us male and female in God's own image, a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined with his wife and the two become one, all the way to the Book of Revelation when the whole thing concludes with the "marriage" of Christ and His Church! We're not just talking about seven passages of the Bible, we're talking about

the profound thrust of all of human history which began with Adam and Eve, male and female, and concludes with Jesus and the Bride – the Marriage Supper of the Lamb. These are profound things we are dealing with and we need to put this whole controversy within that context."

It is in order to address "these profound things" in the biblical and theological context of orthodox Christianity that Mere Anglicanism has invited Professor Emeritus Paul McHugh of the Johns Hopkins University and the Right Reverend Michael Nazir-Ali of the Church of England to be the keynote speakers at our next theological conference in January. Biographical and other details pertaining to the conference may be found at www.mere-anglicanism.com. Of special interest to prospective registrants will be the availability of both Bishop Allison and William Murchison at "book signings" in connection with their most recent publications.

Mere Anglicanism has a track record of not only hosting participants from a wide variety of backgrounds, both pastoral and academic, but also featuring interactive sessions that encourage full and unfettered conversation about the issues addressed. This year, our host parish, St. Philip's Church, 142 Church Street in Charleston, will also be the venue of a range of services of worship, both formal and informal, under the liturgical oversight of Mere Anglicanism's Chaplain, the Rev. Dr. Leander Harding.

Speakers/Panelists

Our speakers and panelists for the 2010 Conference are: Dr. Paul McHugh, Professor Emeritus, The Johns Hopkins University; Bishop FitzSimons Allison, Bishop Michael Nazir-Ali, Bishop Mark Lawrence, Archbishop Robert Duncan, William Murchison, Al Zaidig, Michael McManus, Robert Gagnon, Roberta Bayer, William Struthers, Mario Bergner, Leander Harding, Edith Humphrey, John and Susan Yates, Peet Dickinson, John Yates, III, Bill Dickson, Kendall Harmon, Rob Sanders, William McKeachie and others.

Advanced registration at \$90/person by check (through 12/31/2009; \$100 thereafter). Checks payable to "Mere Anglicanism," 126 Coming Street, Charleston, SC 29403 Further information and registration online at www.mereanglicanism.com.



SUE CARELESS, ANGLICAN PLANET

Above, the Rt. Rev. Michael Nazir-Ali, speaks during the 2009 Mere Anglicanism Conference. Nazir-Ali is one of the keynote speakers for the 2010 conference.

Carolina, from Thursday, January 21 through Saturday, January 23.

Several years ago, in the wake of a gathering storm of unbiblical innovations foisted on the Episcopal Church by its national leadership, Bishop FitzSimons Allison, whose *Cruelty of Heresy* had sounded such a clarion call on behalf of Christian orthodoxy when first published in the early nineties, convened a group of theologically like-minded Episcopal clergy and laity to reclaim our church's authentic Anglican heritage. Taking our inspiration from the 20th century Church of England's great lay apologist C. S. Lewis we named our enterprise Mere Anglicanism.

In a season of increasingly stormy ecclesiastical weather, the gospel lighthouse to which we look is the one known as the evangelical and catholic "Anglican Way." But, more vividly, in Bishop Mark Lawrence of South Carolina's metaphor, we have tied ourselves to the mast of Jesus Christ and seek like St. Paul to ride out the storm, trusting in the Holy Spirit's hidden

fully negotiating our perilous passage.

Mere Anglicanism seeks, especially through our annual conferences in Charleston, to provide and hone the resources and relationships needed to see us through the uncharted waters ahead. To this end Mere Anglicanism does not make judgements about which interim "name tags" any individual crew member or group of crew members conscientiously chooses to wear for the time being – TEC, AMiA, ACNA, FCA, GAFCON, or whatever the ecclesiastical acronym may be. Such labels are anything but salvational! As Bishop Lawrence has said, we know that no earthly help can save us! Current ecclesiastical identity is merely interim.

Our annual conferences bring together representatives from a variety of jurisdictions, including the Episcopal Church, the Church of England, the Global South, and the Anglican Church of North America. Last year at the Cathedral in Charleston, Bishop Jack Iker, who had just led the Diocese of Fort Worth out of TEC into the Province of the Southern Cone,

Infusion: Growing in God's Word

Youth Ministers Gather for Overnight

By Dave Wright, Diocesan Coordinator for Youth Ministry

Twice a year our network of Youth Ministers gathers at St. Christopher for an overnight of training, prayer, worship, and sharing. Each "Infusion" has a slightly different focus as we pursue the vision of "raising up a biblically faithful generation that is leading the church and changing the world." On September 1-2, our gathering centered on "Growing in God's Word" with sessions taught by the Rev. Iain Boyd from Trinity, Myrtle

Beach. Iain presented excellent teaching in: "Rightly Handling the Word of Truth," "Feasting Your Soul at the Banquet of God's Word," and "Digging for Priceless Pearls." His approach was to help us engage with scripture in such a way that we can grow personally as well as teach others. Additionally, this Infusion featured sessions in games and group-building activities drawn from the realm of Improvisational Comedy. Our guest leader was Melvin Kim, a Youth Pastor from the suburbs of Chicago. Melvin studied at the Second City Conservatory in Chicago and performs regularly in several improvisational comedy groups. His love for youth ministry and his talent as an improv actor created several very dynamic and fun sessions with our group.



DAVE WRIGHT

High School Students who serve on the Youth Commission receive training in how to serve as leaders in their parish youth groups. Above, (from top, in light blue shirt, moving clockwise) Stephen Puckett, Shay Tompkins, Nick Ringe, Hannah Miller, Walker Dillard, Clair Miller, Paul Welsh, Elizabeth Brunson, William Warren, Chad Wright and Zach Miller.

Youth Ministry Visitors Seek to Learn from South Carolina's Successes

The Department of Youth Ministries welcomed two visitors in recent months who were seeking to learn more about what we do here in South Carolina.

Edd Cope, a student at Oak Hill Theological College in London visited in late August to gain a better understanding of youth ministry in America. He spent time at St. Christopher, Holy Cross, Sullivan's Island, and Prince George Winyah, Georgetown, as well as in Charleston meeting with youth ministers and gaining new insights. Edd is interested in possibly pursuing a youth ministry position in our diocese upon completion of his degree in the spring. Matt Marino, Canon for Youth and Young Adult Ministries in the Diocese of Arizona visited

in mid September. Matt read about our ministries online via an article that caught his attention in the *Jubilate Deo*. Seeking to learn more, he made contact and arranged a visit in conjunction with a conference he was presenting at in Kanuga. Matt visited several youth groups and met with a variety of youth ministers and diocesan leadership where he asked many questions and took lots of notes. Matt commented that in Arizona 85% of teens do not go to church and reaching them is a key to the vibrancy of churches. Upon returning to Arizona, he told his bishop that there was much which can be learned from South Carolina. He is eager to partner in a way that will encourage biblically faithful youth ministry there.

Youth Commission: Training to Serve

Our Diocesan Youth Commission underwent fall training on Saturday September 19 at St. John's on John's Island. Dave Wright, Coordinator for Youth Ministries, along with Jonathan Bennett, Director of Stu-

dent Ministries for St. Christopher, led the training, which was the first of two day-long intensives for the group. Students learned about and practiced sharing the Gospel, sharing testimonies, and studying scripture using an inductive method. The second training intensive takes place in January. Our aim in teaching student leaders such skills is to equip them for leadership in the parish as well as on a diocesan level.

Youth Commission is a selected (through an application process) group of high school students who serve in various leadership capacities at Mondo, Jesus Weekend, and Diocesan Convention. At our events they lead discussion groups, share testimonies, assist with leading

activities, and serve behind the scenes. We are excited about this outstanding group of students and the contributions they will make to our events this year.

"I'm excited to be on Youth Commission because I really wanted to step it up for Jesus, and this was a perfect opportunity to do so."

Paul Welsh
St. Paul's, Summerville

"I'm excited to start another year on Youth Commission! After learning about sharing our own stories, I can't wait to put it into practice."

Clair Miller
St. John's, John's Island

Growing Leaders '09

Putting Theory into Practice

By Dave Wright, Coordinator for Youth Ministries

Leadership is often a misunderstood word, especially among students. While many immediately think of leadership in terms of roles or positions, most authors on the subject define a leader as one who has influence on others. By that definition, all Christians are called to be leaders to some extent. The reality is that the way leadership is manifested in people depends on one's gifts, personality, and calling. Obviously leaders of groups have a different gift set and calling than those who lead a small number of their peers. Add to that the idea

that a good leader is also an able follower, and that God calls leaders to be servants, and the end result is an understanding of leadership that breaks the stereotypes. Scriptures show us that God uses all sorts of people in a wide variety of leadership roles.

In an effort to help students understand the diversity of leadership and to give them experience in leading others, we crafted a special week at St. Christopher in June. Growing Leaders sought to do more than teach the theory of leadership and give participants a cognitive



understanding. Rather, we engaged them in a variety of leadership tasks after equipping them with a basic understanding of how to lead those tasks. Each day began with worship followed by Bible teaching by Dave Little, Youth Minister at All Saints Anglican Church in Charlotte, NC. We then broke into workshops led by several of our youth ministers. Afternoons provided a variety of camp activities as well as a special

teaching on worldviews. Our evenings were then led by the students themselves and consisted of worship, group building activities, and small group Bible studies.

The experience of students leading students proved to be both encouraging and equipping. Many of the students discovered the courage to lead their peers and have since taken on new leadership roles in their schools and youth groups.

Growing Leaders is our newest youth program in the diocese and will continue to work toward equipping students to lead and serve others. Our vision is "to raise up a biblically faithful generation who are leading the church and changing the world." Growing Leaders '10 will take place in June at St. Christopher. Dates will be announced soon and more information can be found at www.scyouth.org.



Foundations are Being Destroyed *Continued From Page One*

Haynesworth, retired Bishop of Nicaragua and retired assistant bishop of South Carolina, and The Rt. Rev. Alden M. Hathaway, retired bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh. Their presence is important because the issues before us in final analysis are issues of faith and order, and historically these have been the concern of the episcopacy.

We owe it to ourselves and to those we represent as well as to the larger Church to take these matters seriously and, I might add, prayerfully. So let me return to the words of the psalmist—whether uttered by a hard pressed king or his advisors, these words come down to us through the centuries: “When the foundations are being destroyed, what can the righteous do?” Surely most of you know that I believe the foundations of The Episcopal Church and this Anglican way of being a Christian are being bit by bit destroyed. This is hardly the time for me to state again the argument that I put before the Clergy of the Diocese in my address on August 13th. Whether I was sufficiently clear in my exposition of the problems, or whether my words were fully understood, I believe their main thrust through congregational forums, clericus and deanery meetings should at least by now be broadly understood. Put simply, I believe a false understanding of the Christian faith has spread abroad in the Church; a wrong understanding founded upon human speculation rather than divine revelation. This false teaching, that I have called the Gospel of Indiscriminate Inclusivity, has challenged the doctrine of The Trinity, the Uniqueness and Universality of Christ, the Authority of Scripture, our understanding of Baptism, and now, that last refuge of order, our Constitution & Canons. Like an invasive vine, like kudzu in an old growth forest, it has decked The Episcopal Church with decorative destruction. It has invaded and now is systematically dismantling the fundamental teachings of our Church and our Christian heritage. This has happened through the concerted actions of a few and the passivity of a multitude of churchmen and women—bishops, priests and laypersons.

And I might say it has happened, ironically, because of the faithfulness of many to the tasks that were set before them and giving too little time to resist the maneuvers afoot in the Church. I count myself for many years among them. For most of my ministry I have been plowing the field before me. If I tell my own story here it is because I believe it is the story of many. I was always working to grow the congregations to which God called me. I knew I did not like the direction the “national” church was headed. But I did not get overly involved in these problems. I did my work in the parish—whether I was a vicar or a rector. There was always more work to do than time in the day. Baptisms to prepare people for, confirmands to teach, marriages to perform, the faithful, and nominally church members to bury, the unchurched and lost to win. There were Bible studies to teach, sermons to prepare, services to lead, visitations to make, pastoral counseling to do, Stewardship Committees, ECW retreats, and on and on. And I and those with whom I served were busy growing the Church. Then there were diocesan responsibilities—Commission on Ministry, Board of Examining Chaplains to chair, Standing Committee to attend, years as a rural dean. Community involvements—Salvation Army Boards, Hospital Ethics committee, and other local needs begging for leadership. How could I not offer it? Certainly I dealt with the challenges of the culture and the larger Church whenever it was in my purview whether parish or diocesan responsibility. All the time, however, I knew the Episcopal Church was moving inexorably in what I believed was an unbiblical direction. I knew there were those who were fighting the battle—Bishops like Bishop Allison, Bishop Salmon, and Bishop Hathaway—fighting the good fight. In those days those resisting the dismantling of the foundations were substantial but I fear they were not bold enough. When some were taking radical actions, disregarding the creeds and the canons, the defenders of orthodoxy were

gentlemen. They were fighting by the Marques of Queensbury rules. Those they were fighting against were like street-fighters with brass knuckles and pocket knives – anything went. Break all the rules to get what you want. We gentle folk won’t challenge you.

Yet even after all the hemorrhaging of the Traditionalist, Catholic and Evangelical wings of The Episcopal Church in the last 30 to 40 years—there are many who still remain. Even today I know that across the country there are vicars and rectors and lay persons who love their church and do not like the direction successive General Conventions have taken us; who do not know what to do. They get up each day to the demands of their flock, the care of their families and jobs, and their parish congregations. They do not know what has happened to their church or how it is they could have so many leaders of the Episcopal Church that do not recognize or represent their views. And now I, like my predecessors, have to find a way to fight in this day when those who are with us in this Church and willing to take a stand, are so few.

I have not sought to make The Episcopal Church the problem. Rather, I have suggested it is the embrace of this false gospel of indiscriminate inclusivity which is the problem. You will have to judge whether I have been successful. But what has happened is that the agenda of this false gospel has taken deep roots within the Church. We may have gone past the point of saving, but I have not yet given up.

I’ve said all of this in order to answer three questions:

- Why are we here today?
- What are we to do?
- What difference will it make?

Why Are We Here Today?

Or to ask the question differently, why have the Standing Committee and I called this Special Convention—this Diocesan Synod. Let me answer with a story that Abraham Lincoln once told. When he was a circuit riding lawyer in frontier Illinois, he stopped one hot day for a drink at a large farm house that was built under an enormous tree. He found the owner sitting under its shade. “Hank,” said Lincoln, noticing the troubled look on the farmer’s face, “What seems to be troubling you?” The



farmer said, “Mr. Lincoln, do you see this here tree? It’s the pride of the county. Look at the way those limbs stretch out over of my house like a canopy. About two months ago I came in from plowing the field to rest under the shade of this tree, when I looked up and saw a squirrel run into a hole in that branch. Well, that caught my curiosity. So I shimmied up the tree and I peered into that hole and that hole went the entire length of the limb. When I looked around, why there were holes in other limbs, as well, and to my horror even the very trunk was hollowed out. Well, I figured I’d better fell the tree. But the more I looked, I couldn’t figure out a way to fell the tree and not bring

Faith at Home Training with Focus on the Family

Faith at Home, Clergy Luncheon, November 19

All clergy are invited to lunch with guest speaker Jeff Hoyle from Focus on the Family, November 19. Hoyle is the author of *Your Family Journey: A Guide to Building Faith at Home*. The luncheon will be held at the Cathedral (to be confirmed) on Thursday, November 19 from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. Catch the vision of “faith at home” for your congregation and for the January Focus on the Family event.

Your Family Journey: A Focus on the Family Parenting Event to Build Faith at Home, January 29

On Friday, January 29, from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m., parents are invited to a special program put on by Focus on the Family at St. James, James Island (to be confirmed).

Faith At Home Champion Training, January 30

This full-day leadership training is intended for rectors/senior pastors, clergy, ministry staff and lay leaders. The training will be presented by Focus on the Family with Jeff Hoyles and Mark Holmen. The event will be held from 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. at Christ Church in Mt. Pleasant (location to be confirmed).



Above, St. Paul’s, Summerville, member Amy Hungerford reads Scripture with her daughter, Meredith. JOY HUNTER

down my house. So I thought, I’ll just leave it up. But one night while I was in bed the wind began to howl and I thought ‘What if one of those branches crashes down on my house and kills my family?’ I’ve been thinking about that now for two months.” “Well,” asked Lincoln, “what did you decide?” “I decided I wish I’d never seen that squirrel!”

Well, that’s why we’re here today. Your Bishop and Standing Committee have seen the squirrel. And, in spite of the fact that at times we wish we hadn’t, we cannot deny it. In my Bishop’s Address to the Clergy, I not only described the challenges that are deconstructing our Episcopal heritage, I put forward what I believe ought to be four unswerving principles to guide us: The Lordship of Christ and the Sufficiency of Scripture; Godly Boundaries; Domestic Engagement for Missional Relationships; and, Emerging 21st Century Anglicanism. I believe we need to hold on to these guiding principles while remaining in a state of ready flexibility. The landscape around us in The Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion is changing almost daily. This week alone has brought remarkable and gracious news from the Vatican but it will give us little relief but of hope that one day all who

I hope we will not get so bogged down in the amendments that we fail to discuss or debate the substance.

Clearly the resolution that has caught the most attention has been Resolution #2. The controversy over this resolution is a good illustration of how the resolutions have been unhinged from the principles. Take the way resolution #2 has been portrayed, that we are leaving The Episcopal Church, that it gives the bishop and Standing Committee permission to leave the “national” church at will. It does nothing of the kind. Frankly, bishops have been staying away from House of Bishops meetings for years without needing the permission of their diocesan conventions. This gives me no authority I do not already have. What it does is acknowledge we have entered a time when the need for more radical ways of speaking has become painfully apparent. As for the suggestion this gives the Standing Committee and me the power to take the diocese out of the Episcopal Church. That is just not true. This argument ignores Article I of the Constitution of this Diocese which states that we “...accede to the Constitution & Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States of America.” The Episcopal Church did not put that statement in our Constitution & Canons; this diocese did. It was a sovereign act of this Diocese of South Carolina. No body outside this Diocese made us do that.

Then there is the question often posed to me—if your intention, bishop, is to more thoroughly engage the “national” church and the culture, how does withdrawing from certain bodies of the Church enable us to more fully engage? To that question I say three things—first, remember there are four principles, not just one. Secondly, most of us at some point in our lives have found ourselves in a dysfunctional system or relationship. We eventually recognized the need for appropriate boundaries. It is the only way to remain engaged with the family or system that embodies the dysfunction. Thirdly, it is the very withdrawing that facilitates the engagement. Here I refer to the analogy Canon Kendall Harmon uses. Our proposed action is similar to a wife whose husband is having an affair and after frequent confrontations and conversations he continues in his adulterous behavior. Eventually, without ending the marriage or leaving their home, she says, “I’m moving my bedroom down the hall. I haven’t given up on this yet, but somehow I have to get your attention. This isn’t working for me!” To summarize or evaluate all that she is doing to bring health or wholeness to the relationship by this one action would be patently unfair and inaccurate. What needs to be recognized is that it is one action she is taking along with several others. And the action regarding the bedroom is because it is the marriage bed that is the place the covenant has been broken. She knows that this move is going to provoke his anger. The children may

Pollak's Serendipitous Path to the Priesthood

At 79, Chuck Pollak to be Ordained as Transitional Deacon

Chuck Pollak received his call to be an ordained minister much later than most people, and will be 79 years old when ordained as a (transitional) deacon on October 31, 2009. He spent most of his working years as a Naval Officer and business executive. He graduated from Annapolis in 1952 and retired as a Navy Captain in 1979 after serving four years as the captain of the nuclear missile submarine USS Lafayette and three years as chief of the office of nuclear arms negotiations for the Joint Chiefs of Staff. In the latter capacity, Chuck served with the Strategic Arms Limitation Talks (SALT) Delegation which met with their counterpart Soviet Union delegation in Geneva, Switzerland. After the Navy, he worked as an executive for three public corporations in Research, Engineering, and Strategic Planning. He then retired in 1978 and he and his wife Annie spent 14 years living aboard their 51' ocean sailing vessel, the "Reverie,"

Kairos in Nicaragua as well as in other "regular" prisons. He also has been the Assistant Chaplain at the Ridgeland Correctional Institution since December of 2007.

Chuck first felt called to be a Vocational Deacon in 2005. He was approved to begin training for the diaconate by Bishop Salmon the next year, but there were not enough people at that time to begin classes. In 2007, Bishop Salmon commissioned Chuck as a Diocesan Evangelist in a special ceremony. Then in early 2008, Bishop Lawrence and the Commission on Ministry determined that Chuck was actually being called to be a priest, rather than a permanent deacon. He immediately embarked on a rigorous training program under the tutelage of the priests of St. Helena's, the Revs. Jeff Miller, Mark Avera, and Andrew Pearson, their Bishop-in-Residence Alden Hathaway, and a lay parishioner Dr. Al Truesdale, who holds a PhD in theology and

was the dean of a seminary in the Church of the Nazarene. Additionally, Chuck received valuable help from The Very Rev. John Scott, who has served as his confessor for three years and for the last year as his Spiritual Director following the death of the late Fr. Jim Law. Earlier this year, Chuck took the canonically required three-day written examinations and the oral exams by the Exam-

ining Chaplains for the priesthood and subsequently was approved by the Standing Committee and Bishop Lawrence for eventual ordination as a priest.

Chuck and Annie have been married 37 years and have five children, three daughters and two sons.



JEAN KEARNS

Above, in 2007, Chuck Pollak was commissioned as a Diocesan Evangelist. Chuck is surrounded by (from left) the Rev. Andrew Pearson, the Rev. Jeffrey Miller, the Rt. Rev. Edward L. Salmon and the Rt. Rev. Alden Hathaway.

sailing over 36, 000 miles and visiting dozens of foreign countries.

Chuck and Annie attended Cursillo #121 in South Carolina, a life-changing experience for both of them. Shortly thereafter, he became involved with the Kairos Prison Ministry. He is now one of five officers of Kairos, an organization of more than 30,000 volunteers in the U.S. and eight foreign countries. He has served on teams on Death Row in South Carolina and a new start



Students from St. James, Warrington, VA, serve with Rural Mission. From left, Jack Giglio, Andy Jones, and Avery Shook JULIE PIERCE

New Home for Sea Island Family Rural Mission Makes a Difference

By Chris Brooks, Director for Program Development, Rural Mission, Inc.

The Rural Mission is an ecumenically supported ministry that has served the rural Sea Islands just south of Charleston for 40 years. In June, the Rural Mission welcomed 75 volunteers from St. James Episcopal Church in Warrington, VA. In just one week this group poured the foundation and framed a two bedroom home. They invested over \$20,000 in the effort and left with a bond of friendship with the family of Shirley Smiley, the homeowner. In the two months that followed, many church groups, including teams from St. Andrew's, Mt. Pleasant, have continued to work on the project.

The recession posed challenges for the Rural Mission, but God continues to provide. The low income rural families, the elderly, the migrant families and at-risk children and youth we serve are some of the hardest hit during times of recession. Thankfully, with the help of our partners, we've been able to continue bringing hope and assistance, one family at a time.

The Mission's financial burdens continue, but we've been tremen-

dously blessed and are thankful for the volunteers who have served during 2009. They may not be able to support the Mission financially, but they've given of their time. Not since Hurricane Hugo have we seen



such an outpouring of love to needy residents.

One wonderful example, is the large number of volunteers who have worked to provide a new home for Mrs. Shirley Smiley and her family near Hollywood. Their very old and dilapidated trailer was not only falling apart but it was making them sick. Shirley and her family worked side-by-side with the volunteers. The memories and bonds of love, friendship and respect will stay with everyone for a lifetime. Shirley's endearing smile and her sincere expressions of gratitude, along with the ever-present bottles of water, Gatorade and popsicles made the hot days much easier.

Help us to repeat this wonderful story for the many still waiting to be helped. The Rural Mission provides a convenient and secure means to donate to our outreach ministry online by going to www.ruralmission.org. The **donate now** link is right on the homepage. Do this in memory or honor of someone special in your life! Please help us to continue to provide hope to these desperate families. Donations may also be mailed to PO Box 235, Johns Island, SC 29457. Please call at (843) 768-1720.



Above, new homeowner Shirley Smiley takes a break with her grandson DaJon Frasier, left, and her great grandson Mekai Miles.



By Harmon B. Person, Diocesan Rep for ERD

Many of you are aware that the work of Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) can be divided into four main categories: Promoting health and fighting disease; alleviating hunger and improving food supply; responding to disasters and rebuilding communities; and creating economic opportunities and strengthening communities.

Let's take a look at just one of these categories: Promoting health and fighting disease. This can be broken into four sub-categories: (a) We work to prevent malaria through the "Nets for Life" program by distributing long-lasting insecticide-treated nets and educating communities in prevention and treatment

methods; (b) We train clergy, educators, youth leaders, and community health workers to stop the spread of HIV/AIDS and to provide care to those affected by the disease; (c) We build or provide wells, latrines, water stations, and smokeless stoves to prevent water-borne illnesses and acute respiratory infections, and provide training in their use and maintenance; and (d) We educate community members on sanitation and hygiene practices, nutrition, maternal and child health, and basic first aid. Sometimes, this is the only health care available in remote villages.

ERD has ongoing programs which promote health and fight

disease in each of the countries listed below. ERD's programs in this area have produced unbelievably good results in recent years. Jesus called us to share our abundance with people in need (Matthew 25). The coupon below makes it easy to do so. Simply cut it out, select

the country in which you'd like your contribution to be used and enclose your check. If you prefer, contributions can be made online at www.er-d.org. Clergy, shouldn't your church be an active participant in helping others through ERD?



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Foundations Being Destroyed

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blame her for their discomfort. But she has not ceased to engage.

Then others will ask, “Will this mean we will not send deputies to General Convention? How can we effect change if we don’t go to General Convention?” While the first question will ultimately be a decision of the diocese, let me say one thing clearly about the second question. The General Convention is not the answer to the problems of The Episcopal Church. The General Convention has become the problem. It has replaced a balanced piety in this Church with the politics of one-dimensional activism. Every three years when the Episcopal Church train pulls into the station of General Convention more traditional, catholic and evangelical Episcopalians get off the train and do not return. Do you know that in 1968 this Church had 3,600, 000 members. In 2008 we barely have 2,000,000 members. In what the Bible refers to as one generation we have lost 1,600,000 members! That’s a 44% decline. If we keep this up, by the end of this decade alone, in one generation we will have cut the Episcopal Church in half. Or look at it this way, if an Episcopalian got on a train in 1968 with 99 other people randomly chosen, he or she would most likely have another Episcopalian on the train with him. But get on a train today with 100 other people, randomly chosen, and you stand only a 50% chance that you will be there and there’ll be no other Episcopalian if you’re not. While the US population skyrocketed, we’ve gone downhill. I do not cite this to beat up on the Church. I cite it to say, we cannot take another generation like this. There are some within the church who say this is the

price of being prophetic; I say it’s the price of becoming irrelevant. We have nothing to give the world that the world doesn’t give us. It is a matter of institutional survival. This train is moving fast towards a station where many of us in this diocese will not go. We fear the track this train is on. We fear this train ain’t bound for glory, this train. That’s why we’re here today; to try and wake up passengers, engineers and brakemen. “When the foundations are being destroyed, what can the righteous do?”

What are we to do?

Frankly, I have been wondering how long the average Episcopalian will just sit there and let this train load of activism roll them along to a dead end station. It reminds me of an old story of a parish which had fallen into lethargy. The priest invited an elderly nun from a nearby convent to address the congregation one Sunday. She said to the congregation, “There is a folk legend where I come from that when a baby is born, an angel comes down from heaven and kisses it on one part of its body. If the angel kisses him on the hand, he becomes a handyman. If the angel kisses him on the mouth he becomes a great speaker. If he kisses him on the forehead, he becomes brilliant and wise. I’ve been trying to figure out where the angel has kissed all of you so that you should sit there for so long and do nothing.” This train is rolling to the station and there’s Episcopalians all over this country doing nothing. They don’t even know where this train is bound for, but I’ve seen it. And I can’t get off the train there.

These four principles that I’ve put forth to guide this diocese as we move along are there to help us engage and challenge. I put them there to guide us. And the resolutions that the Standing Committee has put forth these are not random resolutions. The Standing Committee put them forward in response to my address to the clergy. There’s a resolution for each principle: If one tries to understand them separately you may fail to see they are in response to a consistent strategy, a coherent game plan for engaging the challenges and opportunities before us.

Resolution 4 seeks to engage the international challenges. I haven’t time to rehearse what I spoke of at our Diocesan Convention last March when I put forth the vision of “Making Biblical Anglicans for a Global Age.” But it is briefly summarized in the “whereas” sections of the resolution. As I’ve stated at the clericus and deanery meetings around the diocese, I believe what is at stake is not merely North American Anglicanism or Episcopalianism. That is the key theatre of engagement. We dare not take ourselves and our difficulties so seriously that we do not see and labor for the bigger prize—the emerging

Anglicanism of the 21st Century. Resolution 3 casts an eye toward those of whom I referred in the beginning of my address, who day by day get up and pastor their congregations but don’t have the slightest idea, except for a brief inkling, of where the



“Thy will be done.” Jason Murbarger, a delegate from St. George’s, Summerville, prays before the convention begins. JOY HUNTER

train is headed, and if they are aware, they feel paralyzed by the overwhelming magnitude of the problems in our Church. They yearn for those who will partner with them for the Gospel, for the growth of the Church. Where we can, we must encourage them. So also we will look to partner with U.S. dioceses for the common purpose of winning the lost to Christ and to find better ways to grow our parishes and plant new congregations. Our purpose is not merely to establish healthy boundaries as Resolution 2 addresses it is to foster healthy mission and ministry among Episcopalians in this country.

But, if we are to grow we have to continue to ordain clergy. And they need to know, and the congregations in which they are ordained in need to know, what the vows they are making mean. Enter Resolution 1. Over half a century ago, Archbishop William Temple put it well: “The Church needs to be very clear in its public pronouncements so it may be very pastoral in its application.” Increasingly in the great moral issues of our day our church has signaled a muddled public pronouncement. Cite General Convention ’09, D025 and C056 where you hear 100 interpretations of what those resolutions mean about human sexuality. We are very muddled in our public pronouncements and every priest has to offer the interpretation in his parish and that causes problems for him or her and the people. So we articulate what it is that the ordinand is promising. These nuances of descriptive, not prescriptive, just don’t fly. Is the doctrine, discipline and worship of the Episcopal Church what a news report says? What some presiding officer says? What the Executive Council says on any given day? Is it really so mercurial? It reminds me at times of being a child in science class and trying to hold liquid mercury. It ought not to be that way. The world is crying out for clarity and we offer confusion.

I realize for some these resolutions are too risky, even unnecessary. For others it is too little, too late. But it is something; and it is more than we have done to date. The time is now more critical; the clock now ticks loud—all can hear who have not plugged their ears; and so I believe at the present moment, passing these resolutions is what we need to do. We have heard the porter call out the station of destination and there are far too many of us who cannot go there. “When the foundations are being destroyed, what can the righteous do?”

Finally, What difference will it make?

To this question I can only answer, I do not know. But I can say if we do nothing it is clear where we will be three years from today after the next Triennial. To wait until GC2012 to see if this Church canonizes the moral equivalency of same-sex marriage with the Christian understanding of marriage and then to mount some protest, well it will be too late. I fear our leaders have succumbed to emotion not reason. I’ve heard clergy in this Church, after casting votes that would alter our Church’s teaching on human sexuality, that it’s held for

Resolutions Offered at the October 24, Special Convention

Note: All five of the resolutions were offered by the Standing Committee and the Deans

Resolution #1 First Guiding Principle for Engagement The Lordship of Christ and the Sufficiency of Scripture

Whereas, The Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, otherwise known as The Episcopal Church, is a constituent member of The Anglican Communion, upholding and propagating the historic Faith and Order as set forth in the Book of Common Prayer, and **Whereas**, recent pronouncements by the Presiding Bishop and resolutions of the General Convention have raised questions about the content and nature of the doctrine, discipline and worship of The Episcopal Church, and **Whereas**, it has never been the intent of The Episcopal Church to depart from the doctrine, discipline and worship of The Church of England as we have received them, now, therefore, **be it Resolved** that the Diocese of South Carolina reaffirms its commitment to live its corporate life under the authority of Holy Scripture (Articles of Religion, Art. VI and XX) and the unique Lordship of Jesus Christ (Art. XVIII) and commits to exercising all such actions as the Bishop and Standing Committee may believe edifying to the Body of Christ in bearing that witness and bringing to light such actions as contravene those essentials to “upholding and propagating the historic Faith and Order” (Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States: Preamble) as we have received them: and **be it Further Resolved**, that the following statement shall constitute our understanding of the doctrine, discipline and worship of The Episcopal Church and shall be read at all ordinations in The Diocese of South Carolina, and a copy of which shall be attached to the Oath of Conformity signed by the ordinand at such service of ordination: “In the Diocese of South Carolina, we understand the substance of the ‘doctrine, discipline and worship’ of The Episcopal Church to mean that which is expressed in the Thirty-Nine Articles, the Creeds, the Chicago-Lambeth Quadrilateral and the theology of the historic prayer books.”

Resolution #2 Second Guiding Principle for Engagement Godly Boundaries

Whereas the governing bodies of The Episcopal Church have failed to operate within the boundaries of its canons and continued par-

ticipation in such behavior would make the Diocese of South Carolina complicit in this dysfunction, **be it Resolved** that this Diocese authorize the Bishop and Standing Committee to begin withdrawing from all bodies of the Episcopal Church that have assented to actions contrary to Holy Scripture, the doctrine, discipline and worship of Christ as this Church has received them, the resolutions of the Lambeth Conference which have expressed the mind of the Communion, the Book of Common Prayer and our Constitution and Canons, until such bodies show a willingness to repent of such actions; and **be it Further resolved** that the Diocese of South Carolina declares that the most recent example of this behavior, in the passage of Resolutions DO25 and CO56, to be null and void, having no effect in this Diocese, and in violation of our diocesan canon (XXXVI sec.1).

Resolution #3 Third Guiding Principle for Engagement Domestic Engagement for Missional Relationships

Whereas the Diocese of South Carolina wishes to be in active and life giving partnership with those Dioceses and Parishes within the Episcopal Church with similar Gospel commitments, believes that it is uniquely positioned to be a source of encouragement and resource for equipping the faithful who feel isolated in other parts of the Episcopal Church and now seeks a place not only to survive but to thrive which is faithful, relational and structural; therefore **be it Resolved** that this Diocese, committing itself to remain focused on our gospel mission effectively to reach both the lost and unchurched, will work in partnership with such Dioceses as are willing to form Missional Relationships providing gatherings for Bishops, clergy and laity for the express purpose of evangelism, encouragement, education and mission: therefore, **be it further Resolved** that the parishes of this Diocese are encouraged to enter into their own Missional Relationships with orthodox congregations isolated across North America and to pursue effective initiatives which are lay-led and supported.

Resolution #4 Fourth Guiding Principle for Engagement Emerging 21st Century Anglicanism

Whereas the Diocese of South Carolina has a vision of “Making Biblical Anglicans for a Global Age” that calls us to active engagement

with the larger Communion, and **Whereas**, as a founding Diocese of the Episcopal Church, we have the inherent sovereign authority to pursue that engagement, and **Whereas** the polity of The Episcopal Church affirms this authority, and **Whereas** we believe God has called the Diocese of South Carolina to help shape the future of Anglicanism in the 21st Century through mutually enriching missional relationships with dioceses and provinces of the Anglican Communion (Romans 1:11-12; 2 Cor. 9:1-15) and through modeling responsible autonomy and inter-provincial accountability (Phil. 2:1-5; Eph. 4:1-6) for the sake of Jesus Christ, his Kingdom and his church, and **Whereas** this Diocese, as established at its 2009 Diocesan Convention, is actively pursuing such partnerships throughout the world as will enable us to support Gospel initiatives that strengthen the Church and its witness to the redeeming power of Jesus’ “life, death and Resurrection”, and the Anglican Communion Development Committee of the Diocese of South Carolina will recommend to the Bishop and Diocesan Council where re-directed resources for mission and ministry shall be directed; **therefore be it Resolved** that the Diocese of South Carolina endorses the Ridley draft of the proposed Anglican Covenant, as it presently stands, in all four sections, as an expression of our full commitment to mutual submission and accountability in communion, grounded in a common faith. [Visit www.dioceseofsc.org to view the Ridley Draft.)

Resolution #5 The Rubric of Love

Whereas the Diocese of South Carolina recognizes we have all been created in God’s image and are precious in his sight, and **Whereas** we acknowledge we have all sinned and fallen short of the glory of God, and stand equally in need of his mercy and grace, we thankfully and humbly, **Resolve** that this Diocese will not condone prejudice or deny the dignity of any person, including but not limited to, those who believe themselves to be gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgendered. Nevertheless, we will speak the truth in love as Holy Scripture commends for the amendment of life required of disciples of Christ. It is love of neighbor and the abiding concern for their spiritual well being that compels such honesty and will never allow us to remain silent.

See page one for the story on the Resolution voting results.



Paula and Patrick Duddy



William (15), Sallie, Emma (12) and Dagnall Free



Martha, Robert, Alexandra (7) and Legare Horn



Julie, Robert (15 months) and Rob Kunes



Missy, Madeline (7), Jack (2) and Craig Stephans

Our Seminarians

By The Very Rev. Jim Lewis, Canon to the Ordinary

One aspect of being a healthy Diocesan family is the continuous process of raising up fresh clergy leadership. It is a work of mutual discernment for not only the men and women discerning the call to ordination, but also their parish and the larger Diocese (through the Bishop, Commission on Ministry and Standing Committee). Those so

identified and affirmed in their call are then sponsored for seminary. As the clergy in our parishes can attest, the seminary experience is a demanding undertaking. Though rewarding in many ways, it is also full of challenges, not the least of which is that sense of separation one sometimes has from the friends and family back here in the Diocese.

With that in mind, as our seminarians start a new academic year. Here's a quick snapshot of who they are and where they are. Please keep them in your prayers throughout the year. We'll be running brief bios of each of them in coming issues of the *Jubilate Deo* to help you get to know them better and pray more effectively. A word of encouragement

from those with that gift for ministry, sent their way from time to time, would be a great blessing. They are doing their part in the Body of Christ, responding to His call in their lives. As the rest of the Body, we need to do ours by supporting them as we can.

Our Seniors are: Patrick Duddy (Paula) at Trinity; Dagnall Free (Sally) at Nashotah House; Martha Horn (Robert) at Trinity; Robert Kunes (Julie) at Nashotah House; Craig Stephans (Missy) at Trinity.

Our Middlers are: Jason Collins (Shawna) at Trinity; Tim Hushion (Marcie) at Trinity; Tyler Prescott (Lanier) at Trinity; Todd Schmidtetter (Michelle) at Trinity.



Shawna, Hannah [9], Duncan [8] and Jason Collins



Timothy and Marcie Hushion



Susanna (19 months), Lanier, Tyler (5), Tyler and Lucia (3) Prescott



Todd and Michelle Schmidtetter

Daily, Weekly, ... Yearly Tips on Discipling Your Children

By Peter Rothermel, Diocesan Coordinator for Christian Faith Formation

What does it look like to disciple my children? How do I do it? When do I do it? Somebody please show me.

Deuteronomy 6:4-7 tells me to take the opportunity when I sit in my home, when I am traveling on the road and when I lie down and rise up. It gives specific times...but still, do I just talk to them about God? YES.

Dr Richard Ross, A specialist in working with youth and youth ministry, recommends this simple plan:

Daily

Pray for your children. Pray with your children. He shared that he would meet his son in the mornings as his son headed to the shower and hug him and pray for him...Wow.

Weekly

Worship together. Have a faith talk, praise and share scripture, or read scripture. Have time for a devotional.

Monthly

Serve as a family. Serve others in Christ's name. Help your children learn the importance of serving others and not just ourselves.

Yearly

Think, "Mission Adventures." Start by taking one day of your family vacation time to do service work.

These are some ideas that I took away from the D6 Conference, six people from our Diocese attended in September. I'm thankful someone gave me an idea of how I can keep focused on what I want to do with my family. If you are interested in resources for your family or Church, visit www.dioceseofsc.org. We would be glad to partner with you in the challenge of getting faith in the home.

"Let No Debt Remain Outstanding... except to Love One Another"

Romans 13:8

All Saints Concludes Capital Campaign with a Mortgage Burning Celebration

By Fred Gebler, All Saints, Hilton Head

Recently, 150 members of All Saints Episcopal Church on Hilton Head Island participated in a liturgical service and dinner to celebrate the retirement of the church's \$670,000 mortgage. Prior to the dinner, parishioners helped burn various mortgage documents and then shared in a celebratory toast. The dinner was followed by a short DVD which underscored the various outreach ministries which were enabled in light of the fundraising effort.

The mortgage burning event was made possible through the church's successful three-year "Cornerstone" Capital Fundrais-

public, commit to provide initial funding for the calling of The Rev. Mark R. Brinkmann as Associate Rector in August of 2007, as well as agree to make several building improvements. The church also was able to fulfill a previous pledge of support to St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center, the Diocesan Retreat Center.

Local non-profits that to date have been assisted through this effort include: ABLE (The Disabilities Foundation of Beaufort County), the Deep Well Project, Family Promise of Beaufort County, Low Country Legal Aid, Lowcountry Pregnancy Center, Martin Luther King Planning Commission, Neighborhood Outreach Connection, Operation Rest & Relax, and Senior Services of Beaufort County.

Also as a result of this fundraising, this spring the new Iglesia La Redencion in the City of Barahona was dedicated by the Bishop of the Diocese of the Dominican Republic, providing a new church home for about 100 Dominican and Haitian parishioners. Furthermore, this fall the new Episcopal School there will be completed to educate 200-250 Dominican and Haitian children.

During his homily as part of the Service of Thanksgiving for the Retirement of a Debt, The Rev. Richard Carroll Lindsey, Rector of All Saints, noted that the capital fundraising

campaign has "enabled us to reach out to others both domestically and globally." He further stated, "I cannot tell you how precious it is for others to receive what they did not expect." He concluded, "I am so thankful that all of you



Parishioners of All Saints Episcopal Church sing a song of praise and adoration at the conclusion of the recent debt retirement observance.

ing Campaign begun in 2007 that resulted in three-year pledges totaling \$1.184 million. With two-and-a-half months remaining of the pledge period, all but about \$200,000 of the pledged amounts have been received.

This influx in contributions, beyond the traditional stewardship pledges made by parishioners, has enabled All Saints to retire its debt, which had been a drag on annual budgets for a number of years. In addition, the church made plans to allocate \$100,000 over five years in grants to local non-profits, set aside \$100,000 over five years to construct a new church and school in the Dominican Re-



George Pinkerton, a member of All Saints Episcopal Church, joins fellow parishioners in tossing mortgage documents into the fire, as part of the church's debt retirement celebration.

sought to honor Christ in this way."

All Saints Episcopal Church is located at 3001 Meeting Street, just off Main Street. For additional information, call (843) 681-8333.

Reflections on a Successful Transformation

Holy Cross Faith Memorial Builds on Heritage; Focuses on Future Ministries

By Gretchen Barbatsis, PhD

Although the roots of Holy Cross Faith Memorial Episcopal Church go back over a century, when the parish held its dedication ceremony in 2005, it was the celebration of a creation. “It was almost like planting a new church,” said Rector Tommy Tipton. “It was a transformation.” On that day, Holy Cross Faith Memorial blessed the land, they blessed the worship space, and they blessed the blossoming of their outreach ministries. Perhaps most of all, they blessed the transformation that SGA Architecture had spent two years bringing forth. “This is the story of a process,” said John Sands, chair of the Vestry Building Committee. According to Steve Goggans, founder of SGA Architecture, it’s a process that creates a space where the images of a client and an architect can come together to creatively explore enlightening solutions. “With patience and faith,” said Rector Tipton, “Steve guided us through trusting and working within the process. What we got is a drop dead gorgeous worship facility, and our outreach ministries in the Waccamaw Neck have blossomed.” The story of how this church community engaged in a successful long-range planning process for their 10-acre campus and service ministry can perhaps serve as a template for other parishes with pressing needs for expansion or transformation.

Building on a Heritage

Outreach, with beginnings in 1832 as a ministry to plantation slaves, remains a core commitment of today’s Holy Cross Faith Memorial Episcopal Church community in Pawleys Island, South Carolina. Their long



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name represents a merging of two traditions serving this community after emancipation, Holy Cross Mission, founded in 1895 and Faith Memorial Church and school, built in 1903. After nearly 100 years of service as an Episcopal Mission, Holy Cross Faith Memorial became an Episcopal parish in 2001. With that decision, dramatic changes were afoot for this community: In ten years it grew from 50 to 500 parishioners, and moved from bankruptcy to a million dollar operation, running three nonprofits and employing 21 staff. What

did not change, however, was a commitment to its heritage of social outreach ministries.

Working within the Process

Clearly, dramatic growth presented an immediate need for this congregation: their tiny cinderblock church was adding a fourth service to accommodate the membership. They began the search for an architect, and selected Steve Goggans. “Like some architects,” said John Sands, “Steve might have responded to an immediate need and gone to work designing a church building.” But what to do about the old trailers everywhere, which housed a medical clinic and a food pantry, the building that, for 97 years, had served as a school for African American children, and the low-income retirement complex? “Steve began the planning process by listening,” says Rector Tipton.

Utilizing a strategic planning approach, Steve initiated a process that led the building committee through a careful planning assessment by asking: What kind of church are you? What kind of church do you want to be? What do you have for existing space? Meeting weekly, they took two years to develop a strategic plan for how to meet their needs for a worshipful space and a social ministry. Once a master plan emerged, the phasing of an architectural design began.

Because they had taken the time to invest in the process, the committee, and ultimately, the congregation assumed ownership. They knew that they had a plan that would, in the words of John Sands, “let us do more of what we want to do.” It was the interactive nature of the process, according to Tipton, that helped the committee create something they owned and wanted. Looking over the campus, he says “It feels good; it feels right. It is truly ours.”

Our Church is Who We Are

Throughout the process of assessment, fundraising and planning, “it was the fact that we were getting a new church that drove



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our excitement,” said Tipton. When the time of dedication came everyone realized that they had achieved something very special. Surrounding the worship space, floor to ceiling clear glass celebrates their tradition of outreach. “This church truly depicts the nature of the congregation,” notes Tipton. “The structure allows us to look out into the world around us, and invites the world to join in our fellowship.” Though not initially planned, no one deemed it an accident that a gorgeous live oak tree grew as a focal point of the clear glass chancel. “It’s a constant presence of our relationship with the natural environment,” said Tipton. The parish had succeeded in creating their cherished spirit of intimacy with a design that served their outreach ministry and their desire for a worshipful space. Their design was honored by the SC Chapter of the American Institute of Architects in 2007.

Our Campus embodies our mission

“We could have built a church,” said John Sands. “Instead, because of the long range planning guided by Steve Goggans, we built a ministry.” Situated in the middle of the campus, the Smith Medical Clinic provides health care to the poor and indigent of the area. The cinderblock church now offers an Hispanic ministry to a growing Latino population. Miss Ruby’s School continues its educational legacy as a sweetly renovated

Parish House. The Community Food Pantry, Baskerville Outreach, offering adult day care, and St. Elizabeth’s Place Apartments, providing affordable housing to low income seniors, all find a secure place because of long range planning for Holy Cross Faith Memorial’s social ministry.

Creating Ecclesiastical Architecture

Holy Cross Faith Memorial credits SGA Architecture with introducing a comprehen-



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sive planning process. As their partner and facilitator in that process, Steve Goggans came to believe that the process utilized by SGA is particularly attuned to the ecclesiastical architecture of liturgical and hierarchical churches, with challenging site and growth issues. Holy Cross Faith Memorial could not agree more.

To learn more about Holy Cross Faith Memorial Episcopal Church, visit their website at www.hcfm.us. For more on SGA Architecture, visit www.SGAArchitecture.com.

People News



❖ Please keep **Nancy Armstrong**, Diocesan Administrator, in your prayers. Nancy’s sister **Martha Jane Simpson** (age 40) died unexpectedly, of a cerebral aneurysm on September 15, 2009.

❖ **Mr. Felder Cook Hutchinson**, a longtime member of St. Mark’s Episcopal Church, Charleston, and a beloved member of the diocesan family, entered into eternal rest August 26, 2009. Felder served in different capacities in the parish and was active in the Diocese as a member of the Commission on Ministry for many years. He was also active in Cursillo

and Kairos. The funeral was held August 31, 2009. Felder is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Gladys O. Hutchinson, a son and three grandchildren.



❖ **Chelsea Lawrence**, daughter of **Bishop and Allison Lawrence**, and **Jason Hamshaw**, Youth Minister at Prince George Win-yah, Georgetown, have recently become engaged to be married.

Please pray for them as they prepare to enter the covenant of marriage.



❖ **Libby Lewis**, a 1985 graduate of the University of the South, and wife of the **Rev. Jim Lewis**, Canon to the Ordinary, has been elected to serve a three-year term on the Board of Trustees at Sewanee.

Ministry Money

The Department of Social Ministries offers seed 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.

Slaying Demons; Loving the Children of York Place

Thoughts from a Therapist

By Julie Perry, MSW

Each morning I wake up and come to work prepared for battle. Though my true nemesis is invisible, it's formidable. I come to work to fight off the demons and doubts that live deep inside the hearts of young children, children who have been abandoned, abused, neglected, manipulated, frightened, sneered at, tortured, and given up on. By the time they reach us, many children at York Place have had more hurtful experiences in their lives than good ones. Though the battle often rages on for months on end, the strategy is simple: Kill with kindness.

Most people don't realize the psychological effects that abuse and neglect can have on young impressionable minds. These children are taught from a very young age that they are stupid and ugly, that they have no real worth, but are rather instruments for another person's physical pleasure and emotional purging. The majority of us "normal" folk grew up with at least one loving, trustworthy adult who openly displayed affection and concern towards us in our moments of need. The majority of these children have not. In fact, the majority of these children grew up not receiving kind words, but receiving one blow after another.

Too often we fail to acknowledge the simple yet potent power of a kind word. As a therapist, I make it a point to compliment each child I work with at least once every day. If I have not accomplished this goal by the time I



KATHY GRIER

"Too often we fail to acknowledge the simple yet potent power of a kind word," says Julie Perry, shown above with a child at York Place.

leave, I have failed as a clinician.

Recently, I began working with a six-year-old who has already lived in eight different foster homes. He was abused in six of them. Just the other day, I gave him a genuine smile and told him that he looked exceptionally handsome in orange, because it made his skin glow and his eyes sparkle. He first looked at me like I was some alien creature, and then looked at me like I was an idiot. This response is fairly typical of new residents, as they are not used to being complimented or praised openly. They don't know what to think or how to react, because there are too many ghosts swarming around inside, trying to convince them that what we say is false. However, after several months of receiving praise, compliments, and unsolicited positive attention, the demons slowly die off and are replaced with glimmers of hope.

It doesn't take a grand gesture to set a new course and change a fragile life. The next time you're in the grocery store and you

happen to fall in the checkout line behind a young child, tell them how big and beautiful their eyes are, or how flattering their haircut is, or how smart they must be for reading the candy bar label. It will only take a moment, and you just might slay a few demons.

Please remember York Place in your prayers, gifts and offerings. This has been a difficult financial year and we need the help of all of our parishes and parishioners. Our annual Thanksgiving offering is coming up and we ask for your generosity as we give thanks for our many blessings.



I want to share in York's Ministry.

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Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Mail this form, with your gift to: York Place, 234 Kings Mtn. Street, York, SC, 29745



Will We Get Snow This Year, Too?

Last February the toddlers from St. Bartholomew's Learn & Play program had a snowball fight with 500 paper "snowballs." When they finished, the paper was stuffed into clear plastic bags to make a snowman. The children didn't expect to see the real thing, but when it actually came, they took their paper-filled snowman outside to enjoy the experience.

LAMB to Offer Mission Conferences in Honduras in 2010

Suzy McCall is planning two conferences at LAMB in 2010. Open to all the morning lectures will be held in LAMB's new chapel, a breathtaking spot, and the afternoons will involve a practical component, i.e. participating in the work of the children's home and/or other Christian ministry. Evenings will be for worship, prayer and debriefing. Conference participants will stay at Casa LAMB, the ministry's missionary guest house (great food and hot water!). Participants will arrive and depart on Mondays. The following are tentative dates for the two conferences: **The Secret of the Burning Heart**, May 25-29 and

The Unquenchable Flame of God, September 21-25.

For more information, contact LAMB Director of Operations, Margaret Merritt at (843) 442-9306 or margaretmerritt.lamb@gmail.com. The mission of the LAMB Institute is to respond to God's call to care for, educate and protect His children suffering from extreme poverty, abuse and neglect in Honduras; to promote self-sufficiency through community development in inner-city neighborhoods and to raise up leaders to share the Good News of God in Christ Jesus. See article, page 15.

Clergy News



❖ **The Very Rev. John Burwell**, Rector of Holy Cross, Sullivan's Island and Daniel Island and Dean of the Charleston Deanery is one of five candidates for Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Upper South Carolina. The WalkABOUTS will be held

November 21-22 and the Electing Convention is scheduled for December 12.



❖ **The Rev. Ed Davis**, a Deacon at the Cathedral of St. Luke and St. Paul, recently received the St. George Award by The Episcopal Church and the Coastal Carolina Council of the Boy Scouts of America for his service to youth. Davis has been an adult scout-

er since 1974 and is currently a Boy Scout Chaplain.

❖ **The Very Rev. R. Peet Dickinson**, was installed as the Dean of South Carolina and Rector of the Cathedral of St. Luke and St. Paul on September 17. See page 5 for more.



❖ **The Rev. Joseph DiRaddo** who has been serving as an Assistant at Church of the Good Shepherd will retire November 1. Beginning in Advent, he will serve as an Assistant Chaplain to Frank Russ at Bishop Gadsden. Please keep his wife,

Mary DiRaddo, in your prayers. Mary fell and broke her wrist when the couple was traveling in Italy to celebrate Joseph's 80th birthday.

❖ **The Rev. Doug Gray**, an Associate Rector at St. Paul's in Summerville, has accepted a call to serve as the Priest-in-Charge of Christ Church, Denver, Colorado. Reflecting on his time in South Carolina, Doug says, "What a fantastic experience it has been to serve the great people of the Diocese of South Carolina for nearly eleven years. I've seen so many lives changed by the power God, wit-



nessed hundreds of first time commitments to Christ through the ALPHA Course and made many lifelong friends among both the clergy

and laity. What a faithful and vibrant diocese! I will miss all of you so very much. Please keep the Gray family in your prayers as we make the big transition." Doug's first Sunday at Christ Church will be November 22.

❖ **Bishop Lawrence** and his wife, **Allison**, welcomed a new grandchild September 15. Sophia Allison Lawrence is the daughter of Joe and Joette Lawrence.

❖ Please keep **the Rev. Canon Jim Lewis**, Canon to the Ordinary, in your prayers. Lewis was in a biking accident on October 10. Among other injuries, he suffered fractures to his hip.

❖ Congratulations to **the Rev. Rick Luoni**, Rector of St. George's in Summerville, and **Katrena Rey**. Rick and Katrena were married



their honeymoon in Hawaii. Congratulations, Rick and Katrena!

❖ Please keep **The Very Rev. Chuck Owens**, rector of the Church of the Cross, Bluffton, in your prayers. Chuck is recovering from the hip replacement surgery he had on September 15.

❖ Ordination News: **Chuck Pollak** will be ordained as a (transitional) deacon October 31 at St. Helena's in Beaufort. See story on page 9.

❖ Please keep **the Rev. Philip Porcher** and his family in your prayers. Philip's mother, **Wilhelmina Porcher**, died September 26, 2009. She was very active in the diocese, having served on the diocesan staff for ten years. She was a member of Christ Church, Mt. Pleasant.

❖ Please keep the family of **the Rev. Marion Hatchett, Th.D.** in your prayers. Hatchett died on August 7, in



Sewanee, Tennessee. For 30 years from 1969 to 1999 he served with distinction as professor of liturgy and church music at the School of Theology of the University of the South in Sewanee. See the obituary on page 14.

Giving and Receiving Blessings in Guyana

Parishioners from St. James, James Island; Prince George Winyah; and Old St. Andrew's, Charleston, Serve in Guyana

By Paul Mitchell, Chair of World Missions, St. James, James Island

At the end of July 2009, representatives of three churches in the Diocese embarked on a 20-hour journey to the South American country of Guyana. Our mission was to bring love, encouragement and the Gospel to children in the villages of Anna Catherina, Cornelia Ida and Mahaica.

Candy Gallup, a member of Prince George Winyah Episcopal church, who was making her first mission trip, pointed out the connection between two Georgetown - one a county seat in SC and the other Guyana's capital. The three villages mentioned above, are all within a short drive of Georgetown, Guyana. Candy was inspired to join the team after reading an article about a previous trip in the February 2009 *Jubilate Deo*. Many on the team were returning for the third or fourth time.

With her background in teaching, Candy soon saw the need to reorganize the chaotic store room at the Save R Kids Home. This Christian residential home, located in Cornelia Ida (pop.1500), lies on the Atlantic coast behind a 20 ft. high sea wall. Our team of 12 stayed there from July 22 through July 31. It was our fifth visit to Save R Kids since 2005. Find out more about SRK visiting www.Saverkids.net.



Rachel Templet a member of Old St. Andrew's, Charleston, spends time with Latiffa at the Save R Kids Home.

One of our main objectives, with each Guyana trip, is to assist the local Body of Christ, of whatever denomination, in reaching out to their local communities with a Vacation Bible School. The villages contain a majority

of Hindu households in addition to some Muslim and Christian. We find out what the local pastor wants to teach and then develop crafts, skits, games and songs that support that theme.

Our 50 lb. suitcases were bulging with paper, crayons, cardstock, staples, balls, bean-bags and treats for the children. We are never quite sure how many children will show up but from previous experience it is anywhere from 100 to 220. It took every member of the team to manage the VBS, but we are blessed with the creative talents of Teena Martindale and the musical ability of her husband George (drums) and our youth Pastor Brent Cooley (guitar). George's daughter, who attends the Performing Arts Magnet School, added her acting skills and choreographed three Bible skits. Hindus respond much better when they can visualize the message with a dramatic performance.

The Rev. Arthur Jenkins, Rector of St. James, led the team this year and was invited to preach the Sunday sermon in Anna Catherina. He urged listeners to choose to serve the one true God rather than become a slave to the gods of one's past. After preaching, Jenkins divided us into pairs so we could pray with those gathered.

Faith and prayer make a Christian Mission different from a humanitarian mission. We prayed with and for the 30 children of the Home as well as ministered to their physical needs with story telling and hugs. We delighted in the numerous games of musical chairs played under the moonlight. We were moved by the gift of the children's farewell show of singing and dancing.

Join us in 2010

Would you like to join us in Guyana in July 2010? We're taking applications. You'll need a passport, a willing heart and a love

for children and your brothers and sisters in Christ ages 14 to 84. For more information call Paul Mitchell at (843) 795-4270, email him at paulhenry@knology.net or call St. James Church at (843) 795-4270.

Heart for Missions Banquet

Please plan to attend our Heart For Missions Banquet at the St James Ministry Center on Friday, February 12 at 6.00 p.m. where you will hear reports from missionaries and enjoy fellowship over a delicious three-course meal. Donations are \$30 per person. All proceeds to go to foreign missions in Honduras, Guyana and Dominican Republic. One more opportunity to meet with us will be at the ECW Church Bazaar at St. James on Saturday, November 14. We will be selling a large



Above, three boys from the Save R Kids Home (from left), Krishnan, Paul and Odwen relax at the foot of the sea wall with the Atlantic Ocean at their backs.

selection of beautiful jewelry and handmade baskets from Guyana. There will, of course, be many other items available from clothing to home-baked pastries and arts and crafts.

Foundations Being Destroyed

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2,000 years say, "I am humble enough to acknowledge I may be wrong." Let's not cloak such actions with the garment of humility. Such action may be misguided compassion, but it is hardly humble. If one recognizes one may be wrong, would not humility suggest that one give the balance of weight to the plain reading of Holy Scripture? To two thousand years of the Church's reflection upon those Scriptures? To the expressed mind of the Anglican Communion—and its four Instruments of Unity? To the counsel of Christians around the world—Roman Catholic, Orthodox and the vast majority of Protestants? To what even the Natural Order would reveal? Would not humility suggest one should...well, why bother to say it? If all of those things do not give a person pause, and then cloak their actions that goes contrary to all of that with, "I'm humble enough to acknowledge I may be wrong." That has no humility I know of. If one says that, well I'll leave it to you to suggest why one said that. This is not about, nor ever has been about, excluding some from the grace and forgiveness of God. That is offered to all who come to Jesus Christ. "Come unto me all you who are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest." What it is about, is what the Church has the authority to recognize as authentically Christian, and what is appropriate for the ordained leadership of the church. That's what it's about.

Should this Diocese of South Carolina pass these resolutions I suppose some may accuse us of disloyalty to The Episcopal Church. They might even suggest that it is we who will be guilty of destroying the foundations. I would say to this: if we are disloyal, it is the disloyalty of those who have loved what we believe is our best heritage; the disloyalty of those who have sought to protect the true breadth of our tradition. Not those who in recklessness tore it down or with ill-advised innovation tried to destroy the foundations that once were laid in Jesus Christ.

- Why are we here today? We've seen the squirrel. We've come to face the problem before us, and The Episcopal Church, and the Anglican Communion.
- What are we to do? Decide the level of our engagement.
- What difference will it make? God alone knows—we shall trust Him. The psalmist began his prayer by declaring that the only refuge he is interested in is God; and God has not moved to the mountains. His holy address hasn't changed. He's still in charge...as always. (The Message)

So let us turn now to today's business. Let us do so recognizing, as David did in Psalm 11, that God is sovereign; that "His eyes behold the inhabited world; his piercing eye weighs our worth." May God bless each one of us as we seek Him in the things we do today.

The Rev. Marion J. Hatchett, Th.D 1927-2009

The Rev. Marion Josiah Hatchett, Th.D., died Friday, August 7, in Sewanee, TN. For 30 years from 1969 to 1999 he served with distinction as professor of liturgy and church music at the School of Theology of the University of the South in Sewanee. A priest of the Episcopal Church, he served parishes in the dioceses of Upper South Carolina and South Carolina prior to his appointment to the faculty at Sewanee.

Marion Hatchett was born July 19, 1927, in South Carolina. He earned his Bachelor of Arts from Wofford College, a Bachelor of Divinity from the School of Theology of the University of the South, and the degrees of Master of Sacred Theology and Doctor of Theology from the General Theological Seminary in New York. In 2006, he was awarded an honorary Doctor of Humanities degree by Wofford College, and in 2008 he was honored by the General Theological Seminary as Distinguished Alumnus of the year. He was awarded an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree by the University of the South at the university's commencement in 2008.

In addition to training generations of Episcopal clergy, Hatchett served from 1973-1976 on the drafting committees that produced the 1979 Book of Common Prayer and on the Standing Liturgical

Commission from 1976-1982. He was convener and chair of the ecumenical committee that produced the "Common Eucharistic Prayer," included in the 1979 Book of Common Prayer as Eucharistic Prayer D. He chaired the committee that produced the first Book of Occasional Services (1979). He served on the Standing Commission on Church Music from 1973-1985, chairing the text committee for The Hymnal 1982.

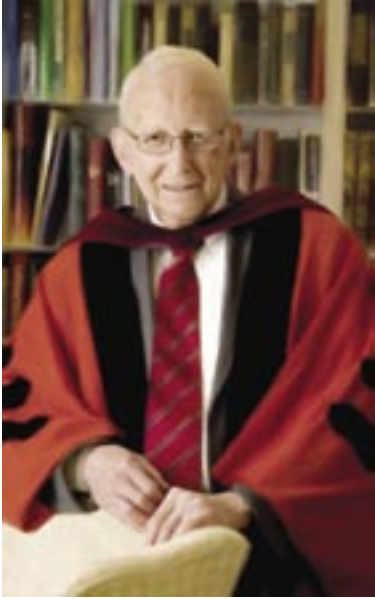
A founding member of the North American Academy of Liturgy, Hatchett was a prolific scholar, writing 13 books and numerous articles on the history and practice of liturgy and church music. Chief among his written works is his *Commentary on the American Prayer Book*, the definitive guide to the history and theology of the 1979 prayer book.

The memorial service was held at Otey Parish church in Sewanee, Tennessee, September 16.

A Personal Reflection

by Philip Gadsden Dixon, OSV
Director General, The International Order of St. Vincent

Today I received notice that the Rev. Dr. Marion J. Hatchett had died and the phrase from our General Confession, "Things I've left undone



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that I ought to have done," immediately came to mind. For years I have known he was at Sewanee and planned to go so I could visit with him – I waited too long! For those who don't know, the Rev. Dr. Marion Hatchett was the Rector at St. Peter's when it was on Rutledge Avenue in Charleston and was the Chaplain to The Citadel from 1957-1965. He had a profound positive effect on my life as a Christian and an Episcopalian. He was both my spiritual advisor during the difficult days at The Citadel and my instructor of the Liturgy for my first Lay Reader's license. I will fondly remember him and give thanks that I had the opportunity to know him, learn from him, and work with him as his Sacristan and Lay Reader.

The LAMB Institute Marks 10th Anniversary

“God has done great things and it is marvelous in our eyes.” Psalm 118:23

By Susan C. Keller, LAMB Board Chair

The story of the LAMB Institute is closely linked to the story of God's call to its founder, Suzy McCall. That story is told here.

It's a God story – one single woman, called by God to Honduras. To those who know her, Suzy McCall, is a love, a gentle, unassuming presence. To those who know her well, she exhibits Holy Spirit fire and a substance of steel. Originally from Barnwell, SC, Suzy was sent to the mission field from

Christian development organization in the poverty-stricken, inner-city neighborhood of Flor del Campo in Tegucigalpa. The staff say Suzy ignited a revival among them, bringing many young people to know Christ. These young people became Suzy's relief team for eight months. Many told her they felt God calling them to a life like hers, serving God in another land. Yet how could that happen? They were poor, with barely a high school education. There was no place in Honduras for missionary training. Suzy knew God was raising up missionaries from the developing world, but would the Honduran church rise up and send rather than receive?

In September of 1999, Suzy returned to Charleston and shared the vision God had given her, of beginning a missionary training school in Flor del Campo, with a group of her supporters. God even provided a name: The Latin American Missionary

and Bible Institute (LAMB). That night, through fervent prayer, the call was confirmed. The first board was composed not of people with great wealth or high position, but of “prayer warriors,” who believed God would do something wonderful in Honduras through Suzy.

LAMB began classes in February 2000 with six students in a three-year program. It now has over 25 graduates serving throughout Honduras, as well as in other parts of the world. Walter is serving in North Africa under the banner of Honduras' first sending agency, “Puerta Al Mundo,” a sister organization of ServantPartners. The U.S. director of ServantPartners spent time at LAMB, and has a vision for partnering with Honduran churches to send missionaries to the unreached. Jenny is waiting to go to Pakistan with Global Teams. Loyda is ready to serve in Russia.

A New Vision

In 2003, God began leading LAMB in a new direction. Over the course of about six months, four babies came to LAMB. Suzy took two;

two other women in the neighborhood each took one. In December, Suzy wrote a now-famous email up to friends in the States sharing the new vision the Lord had given her. She explained that many poor women in Honduras had to make terrible choices with regard to the care of their children. The children often ended up neglected, abandoned or left in the care of other children. Suzy's vision was to develop a center where LAMB would offer daycare (of which there was none affordable for poor families), education and services for single mothers and families. Suzy called the new ministry, “God's Littlest Lambs.”

Four Areas of Service

Today, LAMB is a four pronged ministry: *Missionary training*; *God's Littlest Lambs Daycare and School* (K-5th grade) serving some 256 children in Flor del Campo, Tegucigalpa; *God's Littlest Lambs Children's Home* with 60 children in a community 30 miles outside of Tegucigalpa, known as San Buenaventura and the *Community Assistance Program* with a food bank, micro business assistance, medical care, construction aid, and more.

Early in the ministry, God sent very special friends to assist Suzy and LAMB. Rowland and Barbara Carlson, in their eighties, were the founders of Discovery Service Projects (DSP) based in Pennsylvania. Each year, DSP raises funds and volunteers to build things for ministries already at work in countries like Honduras. They built the first two story LAMB building in 2002, God's Littlest Lambs Daycare and School in 2005, and just this past February 2009, the new school for the God's Littlest Lambs Children's Home in the country. Suzy has been greatly encouraged and strengthened through their love and lives.

Land for the children's home was purchased in 2006 and over the past three and a half years, many worked to build a beautiful place for our children to grow physically and spiritually. To date, we have four cottages, a stunning chapel (more like a cathedral that will be completed by February 2010), a school, a director's cottage, a kitchen and multiple other support structures, two playgrounds, a farm in the making, a greenhouse, and more.

The chapel, “Kitty's Chapel,” also known as the Chapel of the Good Shepherd, was given by Son and Helen Trask in memory of Son's mother (Kitty McKoy Trask) who died when he was a small boy and his sister who passed away recently (Kitty Trask Holt). He has a special love for our children because he knew the pain of this great loss at an early age as many of our children have

An often untold story about LAMB is the Honduran staff of about 60 who God raised up to live out the hope of Christ at LAMB every day. They are an amazing group of gifted individuals, committed to seeing that LAMB is truly Christ-centered and that each child knows he or she is deeply loved. I believe that when Suzy has gone to be with the Lord, the ministry will continue furthering God's work among the Honduran people.



When Aaron Josue, above, arrived at LAMB, he was unable to move his arms or legs. He now zips around in his little wheel chair.



Above, Suzy McCall is shown with her first grand daughter, Elizabeth Suzanna.

St. Philip's Church, Charleston, in 1990 where she was serving as their Director of Christian Education. She had been in Honduras for eight years when Hurricane Mitch struck. Houses on the hills slid down, one on



Lucy, above, came to LAMB as a newborn, weighing only 4 lbs. She is now a healthy, happy, and very active, four year old.

top of the other. Schools were closed; businesses destroyed. Thousands died. The country was in turmoil for many months. At the time, Suzy had been serving as the Spiritual Director and Youth Advisor for a

What About the Children?

I wish I could tell you all of their stories! There are few children's home in Honduras that will take healthy babies, let alone those with birth defects or developmental problems. These are especially close to the heart of the Jesus and we have been privileged to receive many of these vulnerable little ones into our care. They may be unwanted by some, but not by God.

Here are snapshots of just a few: Evelyn, whose mother is single

Thank You for Your Support

On this special occasion of our anniversary, I want to thank all who have supported LAMB over the past ten years. So many lives have been changed; saved spiritually as well as physically. It's incredible, what God has done! LAMB is a city on a hill, a beacon of hope in a desperately needy part of the world. Many people from all over the U.S. come to help us now. However, I know that LAMB would not be a reality unless the Body of Christ in



Pictured above is God's Littlest Lamb's Children's Home in San Buenaventura, Honduras. Four cottages are home to sixty children. You can also see their school and the chapel where they learn about Jesus' love.

without work or family support; Angely, whose mother was sexually assaulted by her stepfather; Cesia, a young single mother who was sexually assaulted by a stranger; Gustavo, whose mother is mentally ill and cannot take care of herself; Isaac, whose mother disciplines her children by hitting them with rocks; Lucy, whose mother is a drug addict and dropped her baby off at a shack and forgot about her; Sergio, whose mother (a gang member) was murdered on the street.

this glorious diocese had listened to the Lord and brought it to pass with prayers and financial support. I also want to thank the following churches who have sent medical and construction teams: Church of the Holy Comforter, Sumter; Church of the Holy Cross, Sullivan's Island; St. James, Charleston; St. Andrew's, Mt. Pleasant; St. Paul's, Summerville; and St. Philip's, Charleston. We are grateful for all God has done and for our partnership with you. To God be the Glory!

Join in our LAMB Anniversary Celebration, February 19-25

In February we'll celebrate three events: LAMB's 10th anniversary, Suzy's 20th anniversary on the mission field and the dedication of Kitty's Chapel, also known as the Chapel of the Good Shepherd. A team of folks will be traveling to Honduras February 19-25. If you would like to join us, contact me (Susan Clarkson) at (843) 769-5403 or susanckeller@knology.net. If you'd like to be a part of

the celebration, but cannot make the trip, send a special note or financial contribution to Suzy and the staff care of our Director of Operations, Margaret Merritt at 843-442-9306, LAMB 215 Hickory St. Charleston, SC 29407; margaretmerritt.lamb@gmail.com. Also, if you would like to sponsor one of our Littlest Lambs, let Margaret know. Your gifts mean so much.

Daughters of the King Hold Fall Assembly

St. Stephen's, North Myrtle Beach

By Connie Lawson

Over 130 attendees gathered for the Fall Assembly of South Carolina's Diocesan Daughters of the King, September 12. The theme for the meeting, which was held at St. Stephen's, North Myrtle Beach, was "Fully Rely on God." The Rev. Charles F. Walton and the Rt. Rev. C. FitzSimons Allison provided the teaching.

The Rev. Charles F. Walton, in "No Smell of Smoke," spoke on Daniel and his three companions who were thrown into a fiery furnace, and came out without even the smell of smoke. The king knows they worship the true God. This was followed by an excellent teaching by The Rt. Rev. C. FitzSimons Allison, "Trust in an Age of Arrogance," where he spoke of the days of the Pharisees and Sadducees and how the beliefs of those early Jewish sects correlates to many people today. Attendees were spell-bound during both of these teachings.

Following lunch the newly elected officers were installed during a service of Holy Eucharist. The Rt. Rev. Mark J. Lawrence, Bishop of South Carolina preached. The Officers for 2009



Above, Bishop Lawrence installs the new Diocesan Chaplain and DOK officers. From left, the Rev. Charlie Walton, Elaine Crafton, Kathy House, Jean Mixon and Nancy Barutio.

– 2012 are: Elaine Crafton, President; Nancy Barutio, 1st Vice President; Kathy House, 2nd Vice President; Jean Mixon, Treasurer; Nancy Potter, Recording Secretary; Deanna Barteet, Corresponding Secretary; Catherine Jones, Daughters At Large; Bobbie Puckett, Registrar; Teresa Kunich, Jr. Directress; Betsy Tezza, Membership; Sunny Walker, Historian; Ellen Childers, Funds. Our advisors are: Vicky Armes, Lindy Kirk and Ethel Ripley. The Reverend Charles F. Walton is the new Diocesan Chaplain.

It was a loving inspirational day, spent with women who love the Lord. To God be the Glory, and many thanks to all who gave so generously of their time, talent and gifts.



Daughters Installed at Holy Trinity, Grahamville

Five new Daughters of the King were installed into the Aline T. McTeer chapter at Holy Trinity, Grahamville, on September 13. From left, they are Alexina Strozier, Linda Jones, Alexina Harter, Joanne Moss, Ann Horry. This brings the chapter up to 18 daughters

Job Opening

Activity Coordinator
Canterbury House, Charleston

Canterbury House, the Diocesan senior living community located in downtown historic Charleston, is seeking a full-time Activity Coordinator. Canterbury House is home to 250 independent residents. The Activity Coordinator reports to the Executive Director and is responsible for, but not limited to, the following: developing, coordinating and implementing a multi-faceted activity program that provides the best quality of life for the residents, preparing a monthly newsletter and calendar, managing an in-house Thrift Shop, scheduling weekly Canterbury House bus trips, responsible for consumer education programs, maintaining the Canterbury House library, coordinating events with local parishes, working with the Resident Council and assisting our chaplain with special services. Position is full-time at 32 hours with benefits. Salary: \$10.00/hour. Experience with senior activities a plus. If interested, please contact Peggy Pye at (843) 722-2351.

The Calendar

Turkey Shoot, Christ Church, Mt. Pleasant, November 5-7, 12-14

The Men of Christ Church are holding their 2nd Annual Turkey Shoot for Outreach in November. This family event is open to the public from 6 - 9 p.m. each week night and 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. each Saturday. The cost per round is \$5. The prize for each round will be gift cards from Piggly Wiggly for frozen turkeys. Guns will be available to shoot and shells/targets will be provided. Concessions on Saturday Shoots will include hot dogs, homemade chili, and drinks. No live turkeys will be harmed in this event.

Day of Healing Prayer, St. Michael's, Charleston, November 7

St. Michael's, Charleston, will host their 38th Day of Healing Prayer on Saturday, November 7 from 8:45 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Rev. Chris Warner, Rector of St. Christopher will be the speaker. His topic is, "Jesus Our Deliverer." The cost is \$10.00 per person and includes a continental breakfast and lunch. For more information or to register, please call the church at (843) 723-0603 or visit www.stmichaelschurch.net.

St. Helena's, Beaufort to Host Fall Bazaar, November 7

The Parish Church of St. Helena will hold its annual Fall Bazaar, November 7, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. A Preview will be Friday evening, November 6, from 5 to 7 p.m. – no sales, but silent auction bids will be accepted. Bazaar shoppers will find a new Lowcountry cookbook and "church mice," as well as baked goods, candy, frozen foods, books, crafts and gifts, jewelry, plants, Christmas decorations, a pet boutique and bargain box.

Diocesan Clergy Retreat, November 9-11

A Diocesan Clergy Retreat is scheduled for November 9—11 at the White Oak Conference Center, just outside of Columbia. The retreat will begin with dinner on Monday and last through lunch on Wednesday. Visit www.dioceseofsc.org to learn more.

Diocesan Administrators' Group, November 10

Parish Administrators, financial administrators, church secretaries: Join with others who handle similar responsibilities for education, encouragement and networking. The next meeting will be held November 10 from noon until 2 p.m. at the Cathedral in Charleston. Contact Tonya Perryman at (843) 869-3568 to learn more or to register.

An Evening with Lee Strobel, November 10

Lee Strobel, author of the bestselling *The Case for Christ*, will speak at a fund-raising event for Charleston Southern University's scholarship fund, Tuesday, November 10. Tickets are \$100 per person or \$1,000 per table. Call (843) 863-7513 or visit www.leestrobel.com for more information.

re:generate, November 13-15

re:generate is an amazing opportunity for high school students to grow in their faith alongside hundreds of students from across the diocese. This year, our main speaker is the Rev. Rob Sturdy, Rector of Trinity Church in Myrtle Beach. Additionally, special seminars will be offered on a variety of topics. Along with great teaching and worship, re:generate will feature a special guest appearance by a recording artist (to be announced), a variety of activities, and time for youth groups to grow together. More information can be found at www.scyouth.org or by contacting Beth Snyder at (843) 722-4075.

Soaking Prayer, St. Helena's, Beaufort, November 14

The Parish Church of St. Helena is hosting a morning of Soaking Prayer from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. on Saturday, November 14. The service will include two short presentations on prayer by Johnnie and Jean Corbett, experienced prayer ministry leaders from St. Michael's, Charleston. If you have any questions, contact Bill Thompson at (843) 521-1939 or visit www.sthelenas1712.org.

Next Steps Database Training, November 18, December 16

The Department of Social Ministries offers Next Steps Database Training at no cost to volunteers and staff from churches and social ministries throughout South Carolina. Once a person completes the three-hour training session, we assign them a user ID and password and they can access the Next Steps database from their computer. Training sessions are on Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Agape Innercity Christian Assembly in Charleston. The online Next Steps database links churches and social ministries participating in the Next Step Program. Visit <http://www.socialministries.com> to learn more.

Faith at Home, Clergy Luncheon with Focus on the Family, November 19

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Drawing Near to God Gala, November 19

In celebration of their 10th Anniversary, Drawing Near to God is hosting a Gala at the Patriot Point Golf Links Tent Pavilion. Tickets are \$75 each. Visit www.drawingneartogod.com.

Christmas Bazaar/Arts Festival, Church of the Cross, November 21

The Church of the Cross, Bluffton, will hold its Annual Christmas Bazaar and First Arts Festival on Saturday, November 21, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Calhoun Street in Bluffton. Homemade gifts, jams and relishes, baked goods, Christmas items, our famous cookbook, and holy honey are just some of the items that will be for sale.

Blue Christmas Service at Grace Church, December 16

Anyone coping with grief, a broken relationship, financial difficulties, or any kind of loss or loneliness can find the holidays especially difficult. The Blue Christmas Service at Grace Episcopal Church in downtown Charleston is a way to acknowledge that sadness and concern amid a world that is focused on celebration. Grace's third annual Blue Christmas service will be held on Wednesday, December 16 at 5:30 p.m. For information call (843) 723-4575 or visit www.gracechurchcharleston.org.

Mere Anglicanism, January 21-24, 2010

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Faith At Home Events Sponsored by the Diocese of South Carolina and Focus on the Family, January 29-30

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"Be Still and Know God," Contemplative Retreat, January 29-31

St. Christopher will offer a 3-day contemplative retreat, January 29-31. This time away allows participants to bask in silence, stillness, guided contemplative scripture meditation and prayer. To learn more visit www.stchristopher.org.

Diocesan ECW Retreat, February 12-14, See page 3.

Christian Men's Conference, February 26-28, See page 6.

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