

# Jubilate Deo

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## No Surprises, Much Rejoicing in South Carolina

By The Rev. Dow Sanderson, Rector, Church of the Holy Communion, Charleston

Under the canopy of ancient moss-covered oaks, historic St. James' Church near Charleston was the site of Diocese of South Carolina's convention to elect a bishop. Eleven months after electing the Very Rev. Mark J. Lawrence on the first ballot September 16, 2006, the diocese again gathered to express their emphatic support for the once and future Bishop-elect.

The morning began with Holy Eucharist, blending contemporary and traditional music and celebrated by Bishop Edward Salmon. The Rev. Steve Wood, rector of St. Andrew's Church, Mt. Pleasant, and nominee in the previous election, was the preacher. Fr. Wood spoke to a standing-room-only crowd, taking as his text Luke 5: 1-9, the story of the miraculous catch of fish.

When Jesus said to Simon, "Put out into the deep," he was simply reminding him to go where the opportunities were. Too often, Fr. Wood reminded us, Christians are caught in the paralyzing trap of fear and a critical spirit, and we miss opportunities. Even with all the distractions in the church and in the world, Jesus still calls, stills sends, and still blesses with bountiful results.

After the Eucharist, the delegates reconvened for the business of the day.



PHOTOGRAPH BY SYLVIA WEEKS

*Clergy and lay delegates react to the news that Mark Lawrence has, once again, been elected Bishop of South Carolina.*

The credentials committee announced that 82 clergy members and 201 lay members were present and eligible to vote. Bishop Salmon declared a quorum and opened the convention with prayer. The Rev. Haden McCormick, president of the standing committee, rose to place

in nomination the name of Mark Joseph Lawrence. A spontaneous and enthusiastic standing ovation followed.

No other names were added, the announced period for petition candidates having expired with no additional names submitted. Paper ballots were distributed by roll call. While there was only one name on each ballot, the opportunity was given to vote "yes" or "no." Ballots were also collected in a roll call by orders. Following a brief recess, Bishop Salmon announced the following results: Clerical Order: 78 yes, 2 no, 2 abstentions. Parish Churches: 43 yes, 3 no, 1 abstention. Mission Churches: 7 yes, 1 divided vote.

As Bishop Salmon declared Fr. Lawrence to be our Bishop-elect, there was again great rejoicing. Delegates were quickly reminded to take their seats so that each person could sign the testimonial required by canon. Having completed that task, delegates rose to sing the Doxology and were dismissed with a blessing.

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## Diocese Now Awaiting Completed Consent Forms

On Friday, August 31, the forms requesting the consent to the Election of Mark Lawrence as our next Diocesan Bishop were mailed to the Standing Committees of every diocese of the Episcopal Church. The text of the letter, accompanying the forms follows:

To all Standing Committees:

Last November, the Diocese of South Carolina requested consents to the election of The Very Rev. Mark Lawrence to be our next Bishop. Although we received consents from the majority of Bishops, regrettably we were unable to attain a majority of conforming consents

in the time required by the Canons so that we could move forward with his consecration.

After months of discussions throughout the Diocese, prayer and deliberation, the S.C. Standing Committee called a convention on June 9, 2007, to discern a way forward. Immediately after that convention, and in accordance with its direction, our Standing Committee set a date of August 4, 2007, for a convention to elect our next Bishop, and unanimously voiced its support of Fr. Lawrence. In lieu of floor nominations, a simple petition

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PHOTOGRAPH BY WARREN HALL

*From left: Mark Chaplin, Kay Fryman, Brian McGreevy, Edward Salmon, Fred Berkaw, Dawn Rider, Hiram Moseley and James Howard.*

## Ordained to Serve

By Mike Malone, Canon to the Ordinary, Retired

On Saturday, September 8, at the Cathedral of St. Luke and St. Paul, Charleston, seven individuals were ordained to the vocational diaconate. They are Fred Berkaw, St. Paul's, Summerville; Mark Chaplin, Holy Communion, Charleston; Kay Fryman, St. John's, Florence; James Howard, St. Paul's, Orangeburg; Brian McGreevy, St. Philip's, Charleston; Hiram Moseley, Christ Church, Florence; and Dawn Rider, St. Paul's, Conway.

Since the mid 1990s the diocese has raised up and ordained 28 deacons, including those listed above. These individuals have given years of time in servant ministries, perhaps at first hesitantly seeking ordination, yet they learned that ordination would validate and strengthen their ministries, not add praises. I know of none who has regretted the decision.

If there are deacons in your congregation, are they honored and respected,

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## Cathedralites in Iraq

When 1st Lt. Robbie Kirk and Sgt. William McPherson met in Iraq, they knew they shared a home state. What the two men didn't realize, until reading a church newsletter, was that they shared the same church, the Cathedral of St. Luke and St. Paul! "We'd discussed living in Charleston and Goose Creek," comments Sgt. McPherson. "But we never realized we attended the same church." Both men are expected home soon.

**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.*



# The Difference between a Medical Trip and a Medical Mission Trip

## Diocesan Team Serves in the Dominican Republic

By Dale Finn, All Saints Episcopal Church, Hilton Head Island

Maria lives in the impoverished barrio of Cristo Salvador in the Dominican Republic. She is four years old. So far, she has waited in line two hours. A translator and I gather information as to why her grandmother brought her to the clinic. I am overwhelmed at the vacant look in Maria's eyes. It is a look of despair. Maria's grandmother tells us that Maria is complaining of headaches (dehydration), belly ache (parasites), and has a noticeable skin infection on her legs. These are common complaints we see at the clinic. I take Maria's vital signs. She heads to the next station to wait for the doctor, then the dentist, and finally sits in the pharmacy waiting area where she will get her prescriptions filled. While she waits, she will receive a three-month supply of vitamins. She will chew and swallow five bitter tasting pills to treat the parasites that are causing a swollen belly and weight loss. She moves through this process, which could take up to six hours. Now what is amazing about this story is not only the medical treatment Maria gets but also the glow of hope that transpires across her face as she moves hour by hour through the clinic. Each team member makes a special effort to connect individually with each client. During the afternoon, as I move through



On one especially busy day, the children were being frightened by the sounds they heard in the adjoining clinic. "I could tell they were getting scared," says The Rev. Becky Coerper, Associate Rector, St. Paul's Summerville, "So I taught them every song I knew."

my day, I notice that Maria's eyes become bright and mid-way through I am rewarded with a smile. As she leaves she even initiates eye contact, a cheery smile spreading across her face as she waves. This is what a mission team is all about, connecting with people.

I am a nurse and spent 10 days with a 20-member team from the diocese. The team is made up of priests, nurses, musicians, a physician, a dentist, nurse practitioners, translators, pharmacists, and non-medical support people. Our typical day was as follows: After an early breakfast, the team packs into a mini-van (10-12 people in a van designed for 7) and drives 20 minutes to the clinic site. We see people of all ages. Some-



Parasites are one of the greatest threats to children's health in the Dominican Republic. Here, a young patient receives parasite medicine brought by the team.

times we have running water; sometimes not. We work long days in hot open-air buildings. For most of the clients, it is the only time they have access to health care and dentistry all year. We see many grateful people and receive hugs of gratitude. By late afternoon, we return to the hotel and are ready for dinner at 7:00. We start and end our days with team worship.

Before this trip, I was at a loss to explain the difference between being a part of a Medical Trip and a Medical Mission Trip. Now I know the difference. I could not have done the jobs assigned to me on this trip without being part of a Christian team. Daily we gained strength through prayer and through the support of each other. It was a truly amazing experience. I'm ready to go again next year!

## Awaiting Consent

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process (consistent with published TEC election policy) was opened, allowing others who might want to propose another candidate the opportunity to do so, until July 11. At the end of the petition process, no other candidates had been proposed. On August 4, at our special Bishop's Election convention, Fr. Lawrence was overwhelmingly elected with only two dissenting clergy votes and two abstentions (three congregations voted no, one abstained; missions were all yes, with one half deputation divided).

Throughout this process, we have operated within the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church, in consultation with the Presiding Bishop's Office. It is our prayerful hope that you will see in this election the work of the Holy Spirit, as do we, and give your consent to Fr. Lawrence's election.

The following have been received pertaining to the election of Mark Joseph Lawrence to be Diocesan Bishop of the Diocese of South Carolina, and forwarded to the National Church:

1. The Certificate of Election;
2. Evidence of his ordination as deacon and priest;
3. The Testimonial required by Canon, signed by a constitutional majority of the Diocesan Convention of the Diocese of South Carolina; and
4. The required medical certificates of fitness.

It becomes my duty, therefore, to ask you to complete and return to me the attached forms, indicating whether or not you consent to the Ordination and Consecration of Mark Joseph Lawrence to be a Bishop in the Church of God, and Diocesan Bishop of the Diocese of South Carolina.

Sincerely yours,  
The Rev. J. Haden McCormick  
President of the Standing Committee  
Diocese of South Carolina



Guests receive services during the 2006 event.

## Join the Convoy of Hope

By Frenchie Richards

The Convoy of Hope is a non-profit organization supported by local churches, businesses, and individuals, whose goal is to meet the needs of impoverished families all across the USA and beyond. Each year the Convoy of Hope mobilizes thousands of volunteers in over 50 cities to serve between 3,000-5,000 people. Charleston was the first city in South Carolina to participate. In 2006, 5,000 guests were served, and this year we're preparing for 8,000.

### How Will the Convoy Work?

On October 20, approximately 1,000 volunteers will gather at the Noisette property in North Charleston to distribute free groceries, provide health care services, offer community services, hold a job fair, offer live entertainment, and lead activities for children. Even more importantly, as physical needs are being met, individuals will have an opportunity to hear the gospel, and receive prayer for their personal needs.

In addition to the day of the outreach, a long-term commitment will be made to new converts through the AfterCare program. AfterCare churches will do acts of kindness, disciple new converts, and connect them to resources that can help them.

### How Can the Churches in the Diocese Help?

First, pray. Prayer is needed to undergird every aspect of the event. Second, volunteer in one of the following areas:

- 1- Prayer Ministry/Evangelism
- 2- Intercessors
- 3- Children Workers
- 4- Health/Medical Services
- 5- Greeters/Ushers
- 6- Grocery Distribution
- 7- Cooking/Serving Meals
- 8- Setup/Maintenance
- 9- Safety/Parking
- 10- Altar Workers

For more information, please contact Frenchie Richards at frichards7@aol.com.



PHOTOGRAPH BY BILL MURTON

The Rev. Al Zadig and his wife, Elizabeth, are shown with, from left, Wimberly, Hudson and Christian.

## Al Zadig, Rector St. Michael's, Charleston

It is with great joy that St. Michael's Church announces the arrival of its new Rector, the Reverend Alfred T. K. Zadig, Jr. His institution currently is scheduled for November 6, 2007. Al comes to St. Michael's from All Saints Church in Chevy Chase, Maryland, where he served as Rector for 5 years. Before All Saints, Al served as Assistant to the Rector at St. Michael's for almost 6 years. Al was Ordained in Charleston by Bishop Salmon in 1997 after graduating from The School of Theology of the University of the South in Sewanee. Al is married to Elizabeth, and they have three young children, daughter, Wimberly, and sons, Christian and Hudson. The entire Zadig family is extremely excited about returning to St. Michael's and the Diocese of South Carolina.



**The Addiction Recovery Commission**  
of the Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina is pleased to sponsor

# Addiction & Grace

A Workshop for  
Shepherds (Clergy)  
of the Flock

The Rev. Dr. William  
"Jay" Geisler  
St. Stephens, McKeesport, PA  
Episcopal Diocese  
of Pittsburgh

- The Problem of Addiction
- The Christian Origins of 12 Step Spirituality
- Sermon on the Mount & the Way of the 12

## Thursday, October 18

8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
St. Philip's Church  
Charleston

**Includes:** All workshop materials, recovery literature, Journey of Recovery New Testament & Leaders Guide, continental breakfast, refreshments and lunch catered by Charleston Place Hotel.

**General Registration:** \$65  
Enrollment Limit: 120  
Register online at:  
[www.dioceseofsc.org](http://www.dioceseofsc.org)

Questions: Call 843-566-4908 or  
[www.EpiscopalRecoverySC.org](http://www.EpiscopalRecoverySC.org)

# Are you involved in Addiction Ministry? Do you struggle with Addiction? Set aside October 17-18.

**I**f you struggle with addiction, or are involved with someone who does, the members of the Diocese of South Carolina's Addiction Recovery Commission, want you to know you're not alone. There is an entire community of people of faith who understand what you're going through and want to help.

## Clergy Workshop

On Thursday, October 18, the commission is sponsoring a workshop for clergy and others involved in addiction ministry. (See left).

## An Evening of Prayer and Fellowship

Prior to the workshop, on October 17 at 6 p.m., the Church of the Holy Communion in Charleston will host an evening of Prayer, Fellowship and Education. The Rev. Dr. William "Jay" Geisler of St. Stephen's, McKeesport, PA, will be

the guest speaker. Following a Sung Eucharist, enjoy a pizza supper and informal lecture and question/answer session on "Addiction & Grace." The event is free and open to all. Please register by calling 843-566-4908 or emailing [contact@EpiscopalRecoverySC.org](mailto:contact@EpiscopalRecoverySC.org).

## Who are we?

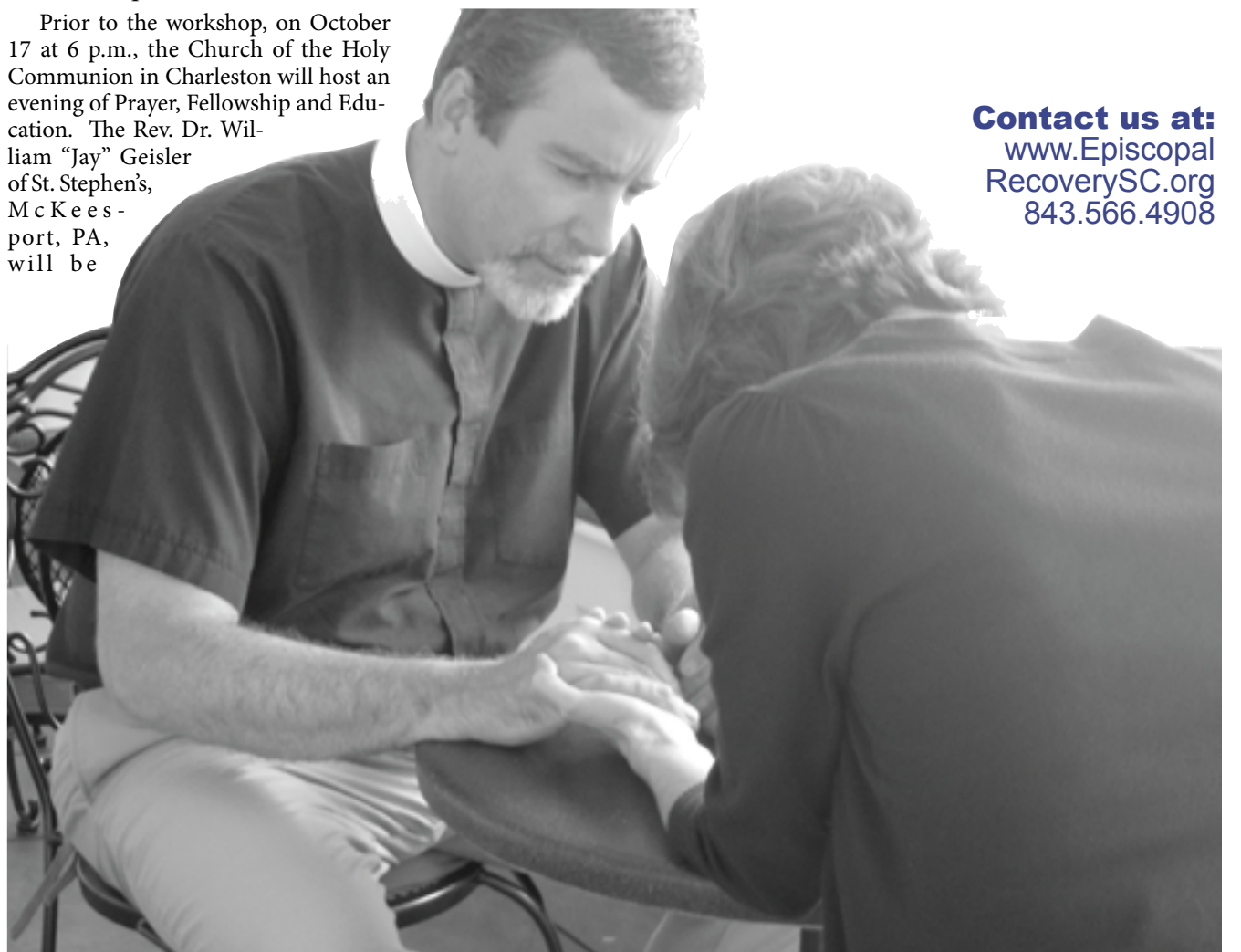
The Addiction Recovery Commission consists of clergy and laity, both recovering alcoholics and non-alcoholics, who work to raise awareness about addiction and support those in need of help through education, prevention, intervention and treatment resources. Our mission includes all addictions: alcohol, pornography, drugs, gambling, sex...

It is foremost a resource to the clergy and lay ministers of the Diocese who are most often the first contact for those in need. Confidentiality and anonymity are of utmost importance and are honored in all undertakings and meetings.

## Healing is Possible

Every day, people are healed from addiction. Complete recovery *is* possible. Is it easy? Is it instantaneous? We won't promise that. What we will promise is that recovery *is* possible. God is bigger than any addiction. God is more powerful than any addiction, and all things are possible with God. We know that, because we've either experienced it ourselves, or we've seen it happen.

**Contact us at:**  
[www.EpiscopalRecoverySC.org](http://www.EpiscopalRecoverySC.org)  
843.566.4908



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## Anglicans for Life



**A**nglicans for Life will be holding an organizational meeting at St. Philip's Ministries Hall, 142 Church Street on October 11, at 6:30 p.m. Please contact Sheryl O'Neal at 843-343-4343 if you will attend. The mission of Anglicans for Life is to uphold the sanctity of life from fertilization to natural death in both Church and society. It is founded on biblical values and follows the Anglican tradition. Working with clergy, laity, dioceses and bishops, Anglicans for Life Chapters and life coordinators seek to educate, advocate, and minister to God's people.

# Cam Spencer Honored at Canterbury House

By Peggy Pye, Executive Director, Canterbury House

**C**am Spencer, RN, Wellness Coordinator of the Canterbury House, was recently honored as the newest recipient of the Live 5 Hall of Fame. This award is given to outstanding citizens who have made a difference in their communities by Bill Sharpe of Channel 5 TV.

As Wellness Coordinator, Cam has made a substantial difference in the lives of the Canterbury House community where she serves as an advocate for our seniors. Under her leadership, she has established a strong affiliation with the Medical University of South Carolina

School of Health Professions, providing a learning site for their students; scheduling semi-annual visits with the Storm Eye Institute; conducting blood pressure screening and diabetic monitoring for residents; scheduling wellness seminars with local health care providers; providing one-on-one Medicare D (drug) counseling; coordinating hospitalization and rehab to ensure our residents receive the most appropriate placement; accompanying residents to doctor appointments when necessary; coordinating the Senior Companion Program, which assists residents in their homes; providing critical foot care; scheduling annual flu shots for our residents; and providing crisis intervention and basic first-aid when needed. Cam is like the Energizer Bunny who keeps on giving, giving and giving. Cam is well-respected and loved by all who know her and is a definite asset!



Bill Sharpe of Channel 5 TV awards Cam Spencer with the "Live 5 Hall of Fame award.



Canterbury House is a caring community. Many of our residents give of themselves and their time to serve as volunteers in the local hospitals, churches and schools. During times of national and local disasters they open their hearts and pocket books. Most recently, Canterbury House staff and residents presented the City of Charleston Fire Department with a check for \$2,700 for the Fallen Firemen's Fund. Assistant Chief Claussen received the check for the families of the firemen who tragically lost their lives in the recent Sofa Super Store fire. Canterbury House has a special bond with our local fire fighters who provide routine training to ensure the safety of all of our residents.



# Enriching Young Lives in the Charleston Community

## St. Andrew's Mission Sponsors Sixth Summer Enrichment Program

By The Rev. James Yarsiah, Vicar

The 2007 Summer Enrichment Program, held at St. Andrew's Episcopal Mission Church in Charleston, opened its doors with three applicants and progressed to an all-time high of 32 by the program's end. The majority of the students, aged five to 13, were from the West Ashley community. The program was held



Youth counselor Wede Yarsiah enjoys a moment with Mikaili Ross and Robbie Brown.

weekdays from June 11 to July 27. The church has successfully implemented this program for the past six years.

The curricula and activities were divided into age-appropriate levels. Each day began with Bible readings or stories followed by praise and worship songs. Students were then divided into groups, assigned to volunteers to complete basic skill lessons in English, writing, mathematics, science and social studies. Following basic skill lessons on Tuesdays

and Thursdays, the church's organist and choir director, Brad Newell, taught students music theory and the history of the gospel songs they learned.

### Computer Training

Laverne Campbell, a member of St. Andrew's, taught basic computer operation, navigating the Internet, etc. Students were able use their skills by typing and editing letters and playing games. Students in other small group classes sharpened their skills in reading, playing educational games and participating in team competitions.

### Visits from the Book Mobile

The Charleston County Library has participated in the SEP since its inception. The library's bookmobile made site visits every two weeks.

### Guest Speakers

Guest speakers from the city of Charleston Fire and Police Departments, Charleston County Sheriff Department, Millie Lewis Models and Talent Agency, banking, a food and nutrition business and storytellers made presentations in their respective fields.

### Field Trips

Field trips were an integral part of the enrichment program. Students visited city, county, state and other tourist sites every Wednesday and Friday. On Wednesdays, the Regal Theater offered free childrens movies. Visits were made to the South Carolina Aquarium,

the Children's Museum, and Avery Institute (a former public school established for blacks in 1864, now affiliated with the College of Charleston).

The children took an educational tour of The Tea Plantation, the only existing tea plantation on the continent of North America, located on Wadmalaw Island, where they were given a brief history of the plantation, did tea taste-tests and walked through the plant and observed the processing of tea leaves. Other enjoyable trips included skating,



and EdVenture Museum, and a closing program the following day. The formal luncheon honored the participants, facilitators and volunteers.

St. Andrew's Mission extended special thanks and appreciation to the SEP site supervisors, Kathleen Snype and Tina Whetsell, members of the church and other facilitators who volunteered their time and talents at an awards ceremony held at St. Andrew's on Sunday, August 26, during the worship service.

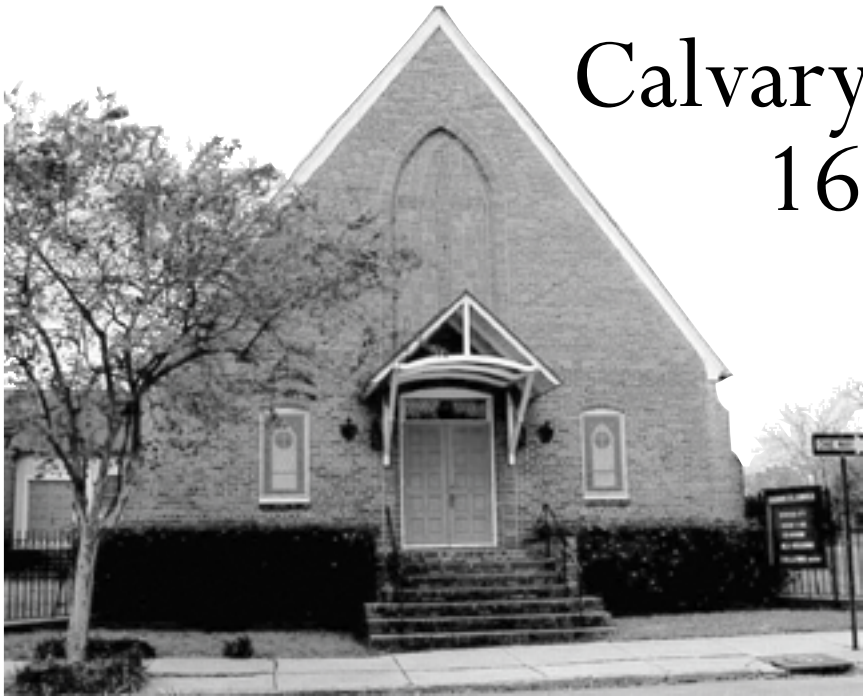
St. Andrews' Summer Enrichment Program began on faith, which has sustained this program, along with the support and partnership of organizations, local businesses and individuals. In an effort to continue the program St. Andrew's continues to solicit support through volunteers and donations. Persons wishing to participate in the 2008 SEP can contact Patricia Ancrum, program coordinator at 573-9105 or 556-6013.

St Andrew's program received a \$15,000 United Thank Offering grant to enable them purchase a vehicle or provide transportation to and from the program.

park visits and lunch at a popular pizza restaurant.

### Two-Day Finale

The two-day program finale included a field trip to Columbia's Riverbank Zoo



By Marlene O'Bryant-Seabrook, Ph.D

At the 58th Annual Convention of the Diocese of South Carolina in February of 1847, The Reverend Paul Trapier was chosen as minister of the proposed congregation of members of Charleston's enslaved population. This new group, which initially met in the basement of St. Philip's, moved to a building at the corner of Beaufain and Wilson Streets after it was completed and consecrated on December 23, 1849.

In 1940, the property was sold to the City of Charleston Housing Authority for expansion of the Robert Mills Manor for whites. Monies from the sale were used to purchase the present building at Line and Percy Streets. Services ended at the old building on November 25, 1940, the church was deconsecrated, and the

building was later destroyed. Although Calvary Church was a parish under the State incorporation laws, it was still recognized as a mission until May 5, 1965, when it was admitted to the Convention of the Diocese of South Carolina. The Reverend Stephen B. Mackey, the Vicar, became the first Rector.

The Reverend Theodore R. Lewis, Jr. has been the Rector for 15 years. On February 17, 2000, a monument to South Carolina Supreme Court Associate Justice, Jonathan Jasper Wright (1840 - 1885) was placed in the church's cemetery yard. Elected in 1870, he was the first African-American Jurist to serve on an Appellate Court in the United States. Research revealed that he was buried in Calvary's cemetery on February 21, 1885.

# Calvary Celebrates 1847 to 2007 160th Anniversary

In 2003, Calvary was honored as a Historic Site during the MOJA Arts Festival and again made history in 2005 when The Reverends Terence Lee, James (Jimmy) Gallant, and Dallas Wilson were ordained. The ordination of three African - American priests was unprecedented in the Diocese of South Carolina.

Our 160th Anniversary Celebration began in August, 2006, with a tour of African - American sites in Savannah, GA. That September we hosted a Family & Friends Weekend. St. Andrew's Mission and St. Mark's churches were invited to our Cookout on Saturday at the

Owls' Roost. Sunday's Festal Eucharist was followed by a wonderful dinner. On Sunday, February 4, 2007, we had a spiritually powerful Jazz Mass which included a Jazz Ensemble of Calvary's saxophonists Lonnie Hamilton, III, & George Kenny and guest musicians, John P. Tecklenburg, Charles S. King & Frank Cothran; organist Kellercean Wragg; and the choir. Our year-long celebration will conclude with a Luncheon/Dance at the Radisson Hotel on September 22, 2007, a Family & Friends Weekend with cookout on September 29, and Jazz Vespers on September 30.



Saxophonists Lonnie Hamilton, III & George Kenny, members of Calvary, are joined by John Tecklenburg, Pianist; Charles King, Bass Player; and Frank Cothran, Drummer, during a Jazz Mass at Calvary.





PHOTOGRAPH BY THOMAS P. FORD

Andrew is shown with his wife, Ellen, his daughter, Lily, now 4 ½, and son Andrew, now 2 ½.

## Andrew O'Dell, Rector St. Matthew's, Darlington

The Reverend Andrew R. O'Dell has been appointed Rector of St. Matthew's, Darlington, where he and his wife, Ellen, and children now reside. Andrew served as Curate and then Vicar of the Cathedral of St. Luke and St. Paul in Charleston for four years before taking this new position.

## Ordained to Serve

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included in staff, visible in liturgy, called on for their ministries? If there are deacons in your deanery, are you sure they are cordially and intentionally invited to any and all clergy and deanery meetings?

Formal class work for diaconate training usually begins in September, every other year (since it is a two-year course). We did not have a class beginning this past September because there were not enough viable applicants to form a critical mass for the work, which consists of one all-day Saturday once a month. Work consists of guided reading, lectures, discussions, written assignments, and other seminar participation. Additionally, postulants meet separately with their spiritual advisors, with one another, and are expected to complete some supervised field work.

The Commission on Ministry will meet, probably in late spring of 2008, with those applicants who already have completed several steps:

1) Early and conscientious conversation with the parish clergy concerning the diaconate and the person's possible call and aptitude for it.

2) Special attention to two issues: Does this person already have a good and identifiable servant ministry, more than in-house liturgical functioning, linking the congregation to the community? Will ordination clearly strengthen that ministry? The answers to both should be "yes."

3) Strong endorsement thereafter by the clergy and vestry of this person's call.

4) Completion of significant paperwork furnished by and returned to Mrs. Randy McPhail in the diocesan office.

5) Completion of physical and psychological examinations.

6) The bishop's agreement tentatively to proceed with the application.

7) The Commission on Ministry's evaluation and recommendation for postulancy.

All this needs to be in place in a timely fashion in order to be considered for the next class to begin in September of 2008.

It has been a joy for me to have supervised the program for our current seven candidates. My task was easy insofar as I followed the careful prior supervision of the Rev. Dr. Colton Smith who conducted preceding classes.

# Strengthening Marriages at the 2007 Diocesan Couples Conference

By West Jacobs, 2007 Diocesan Couples' Conference Coordinator

An afternoon thunderstorm couldn't dampen the enthusiasm at the 2007 Diocesan Couples Conference held at Camp St. Christopher from July 27-29. The Rev. Steve Wood and his wife Jacqui provided wonderful spiritual leadership and teaching on how to better communicate with your spouse and meet his or her emotional needs. We had great discussions in small groups, as well as individual reflection time and, most importantly, time to spend with our spouse. Bill and Kay Kitchens provided a heartfelt and inspirational lay witness. Arthur and Linda Wilder led the outstanding music. We also had plenty of time for fellowship, with great meals provided by Chef Steve and all of the St. Christopher staff and a fun party on Saturday night featuring a tropical theme and plenty of beach music for dancing. The conference ended after Eucharist and renewal of marriage vows on Sunday morning. All in all,

it was a great experience for all 29 couples who participated. I believe everyone came away renewed and refreshed. Next year's conference will be August 1-3, 2008, at Camp St. Christopher. The Rev. Chuck Owens and his wife Becky will be the key note speakers. Save the date and make plans to come for a fantastic weekend with your spouse.

From left, participants, Sam and Heather Cromer, Suzanne and Bob Donaldson. Below, Conference participants gather.



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# Anglican Mortmain? \*

By The Very Reverend William N. McKeachie, Dean of South Carolina

Once to every man and nation  
Comes the moment to decide,  
In the strife of truth with falsehood,  
For the good or evil side;  
Some great cause,  
God's new Messiah,  
Offering each the bloom or blight,  
And the choice goes by for ever  
'Twixt that darkness and that light.  
J. R. Lowell (1782-1861)

We are born with the dead:  
See, they return,  
and bring us with them.  
The moment of the rose  
and the moment of the yew tree  
Are of equal duration.  
A people without history  
Is not redeemed from time,  
for history is a pattern  
Of timeless moments.  
So, while the light fails  
On a winter's afternoon,  
in a secluded chapel  
History is now and England.  
T. S. Eliot (1888-1965)

For Anglicanism, the historical "moment to decide" is legion! The phrase is that of the American nineteenth century abolitionist, James Russell Lowell, though his hymn text has, ironically enough, been banished from today's politically correct hymnals. In any case, the perennial moments of decision or indecision in Anglican history might be said to reflect a kind of multiple (if not "borderline") institutional personality.

Where and when to pinpoint Anglicanism's always incipient "bloom or blight?" 597 A.D. or earlier? The Synod of Whitby in 664? Henry VIII's marital revolving door? The Elizabethan settlement? The 1688 Oath of Allegiance? Essays and Reviews? Contemporary acceptance of divorce, or the ordination of women?

In 1991, together with five other priests at that time ministering in the Diocese of Maryland, I co-authored *The Baltimore Declaration* in an attempt to show that The

Episcopal Church, even then, was experiencing "a thorough-going revision of the faith inconsistent with the evangelical, apostolic and catholic witness, a revision increasingly embraced by ecclesiastical leaders, both ordained and lay."

Modeled on the Barmen Declaration of 1934, ours "repudiated" what we identified as "a new theological paradigm which rejects, explicitly, the doctrinal norms of the historic creeds and ecumenical councils, and which seeks to relativize, if not abolish, the formative and evangelical authority of the Holy Scriptures." Issues of sexuality

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\* **Mortmain**, from Medieval Latin and Old French, in English usage: "the dead hand of the law"; metaphorically, inalienable ownership by the church; the ambiguous relationship between temporal inheritance, mortality, and perpetuity.



# Come Build with Us

## Progress Made; More Needed at St. John’s Episcopal Chapel

By The Rev. Dallas Wilson, Vicar, St. John’s Episcopal Chapel, Charleston

As of September 2007, we have raised more than \$70,000 from churches throughout the Diocese. Janie and I personally thank each and every church and individual who gave of their resources to assist us in meeting this Diocesan dream. A wonderful lady from Virginia sent \$1,000 after reading an article in the *Jubilate Deo*.

We are especially thankful for the love and support shown by the Rt. Rev. Edward L. Salmon, Jr., Diocesan staff, our board of directors, headed by Lynda “Frenchie” Richards, and the abovementioned churches for their efforts toward the completion of the St. John’s church building complex and the African American Family Center for Biblical Dialogue (AAF-CBD).

Each Wednesday, between 2 and 4 p.m., a small group meets consistently to pray for God’s will and direction for St. John’s Episcopal Chapel. This prayer summit started in March, 2006, and has been consistent and continual from that date on. As a result, an “Intimate Chapel” concept emerged and the Chapel was consecrated July 14, 2007. This Chapel will allow St. John’s to start morning, afternoon and evening prayers in October 2007, one year ahead of schedule. We are now in the process of developing prayer pamphlets. We’ve hired the architectural firm of Cumming & McCrady (Dan Beaman). It has been absolutely amazing to see the excitement of those who visit our facility. We also have a board of directors (yes, we do have a 14-member board of directors - smile). We also have a web page (still under construction),

Imagine seeing many people from throughout the diocese working on a building in the inner-city of Charleston.

but informative, <http://www.stjohn-sepiscopalchapel.org>. We are looking for suggestions to enhance the quality and impact of this web page. Isn’t all of this exciting?

The main purpose of this article, though, is to inform readers of an urgent need: We must install an elevator in our building to meet the needs of the older or physically challenged individuals who need access to our church building and the second floor of the AAF-CBD. As a result, we have an immediate need for the readers of the *Jubilate Deo* to prayerfully contribute.

We have been offered a wonderful opportunity to assist Agape Ministries of Charleston, with their scholarship effort. Agape is a wonderful organization located within the Eastside Community that I have personally been associated with for more than 20 years. St. John’s would realize 1/3 of the proceeds from their Philip Simmons Children’s Garden <http://www.simmonschildrensgarden.com/help.htm>, if we agreed to offer 3,500 inscribed bricks and blocks to those who have interest in the future ministry of St. John’s Episcopal Chapel. One third of the proceeds, or \$125,000 if all of the bricks and blocks were sold, would allow us to complete the elevator, as well as construct a bell tower or perimeter fencing around the property. The remaining funds realized would be used to send deserving children to school, including Historical Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU’s) throughout the country and for the upkeep of the Garden.

We also need construction volunteers. We believe that every church has people with construction skills. After praying,

## More than Just History Binds Churches



From left, The Rev. Dallas Wilson (Vicar, St. John’s), the Rev. Shay Gaillard, (Rector, Good Shepherd) and Janie Wilson.

By Shay Gaillard, Rector, Church of the Good Shepherd, Charleston

In 1839, St. John’s Hanover Street was founded in the Diocese of South Carolina. In 1954, the Parish moved from the East Side to West Ashley. St. John’s became one of the founding churches of Church of the Good Shepherd in West Ashley. In 2005, The Rev. Dallas Wilson received a vision from the Lord to re-open St. John’s Episcopal Chapel on the East Side to minister to and provide hope for some of Charleston’s poorest residents.

The people of Good Shepherd realized that they were blessed with many things that might make a difference to a new congregation. Good Shepherd was able to give many of the original St. John’s altar hangings and communion service back to St. John’s as a way of supporting the future ministry of Dallas and Janie Wilson. The partnership between the two churches is a mutual blessing and is more than history. May God alone receive the glory.

we thought, “we can complete this building in record time and for less money, if we had volunteer artisans to lead the effort in the restoration of St. John’s Episcopal Chapel and a fundraising plan that was beneficial to the completion of this much needed Episcopal structure.”

We will start work on the church building in October 2007. Please assist us.

A PayPal method for secure and electronic contributions is being installed on the Philip Simmons Web page <http://www.simmonschildrensgarden.com/help.htm> and the St. John’s Episcopal Chapel web page <http://www.stjohn-sepiscopalchapel.org/>.

Mail the construction volunteer form or the contribution form found on the web page back to me at 21 Aiken Street, Charleston, South Carolina 29403, or to [dhw\\_jr@bellsouth.net](mailto:dhw_jr@bellsouth.net).

In closing, think about what this picture of many people from throughout the Diocese working on a building in the inner-city of Charleston would show to the immediate community. What a wonderful picture, for a community steeped in pain, to see. This would be a beautiful picture of cooperation for the Diocese of South Carolina to paint for the universal “Body of Christ.”

## Recognizing Extraordinary Lay Outreach Ministries

### The Lettie Pate Whitehead Evans Award

By Ed Dyckman, Chair, Department of Social Ministries

We are blessed in the Diocese of South Carolina by extraordinary, ongoing, lay outreach ministries. We now have a mechanism—through the Lettie Pate Whitehead Evans Award—with which to recognize our parishioners’ ongoing involvement in addressing the needs in their local communities.

The Lettie Pate Whitehead Evans award is given periodically to an Episcopal lay person who has reflected outstanding personal initiative in creating and leading in a unique and creative volunteer capacity, a new ministry outside the Church, serving either a particular community or the world over a significant period of time.

Nominations may come from bishops, clergy, or lay people. Nominees must be active laypersons and communicants in good standing of an Episcopal parish and must reside in South Carolina or one the other states or districts within Province IV of The Episcopal Church.

#### Nomination Requirements

To submit a nomination for the Lettie Pate Whitehead Evans Award, please respond to the following questions:

1. Name and address of the nominee.
2. Nominator’s name, address, email and telephone number.
3. Name and address of the nominee’s parish, rector, bishop and diocese.
4. Describe at least three ways in which your nominee has reflected outstanding personal initiative in creating and leading, in a unique and creative volunteer capacity, a new ministry outside the Church, serving either a particular community or the world over a significant period of time.
5. Describe how your nominee has embodied a unique witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ both within and outside the Church over a significant period of time.
6. Provide additional biographical information.
7. Include the name, address, phone number, email and fax number of two persons who know your nominee well.
8. Add other comments, letters of endorsement or articles reflecting the ministry of your nominee.

To have your nomination considered for 2008, nominations should be received by December 15, 2007. Nominations postmarked after December 15, 2007, will be entered for the following year’s

award. The Award recipient will be announced early in 2008.

Nominations should be mailed to: The Lettie Pate Whitehead Evans Award Advisory Council, Virginia Theological Seminary, 3737 Seminary Road, Alexandria, Virginia 22304.

We encourage you to consider recognizing the lay leaders whose ministries are examples for our entire Church. If you have questions, please contact me at 843-367-5647 or [edward.dyckman@att.net](mailto:edward.dyckman@att.net) or the Rev. Pam Webb, Director of Alumni Affairs and Church Relations at Virginia Theological Seminary at 703-461-1712 or [pwebb@vts.edu](mailto:pwebb@vts.edu)

Please submit your nominations to the address above to be considered for this prestigious award. We would enjoy reading about your nominees and appreciate receiving an email from you with nomination attachments at [edward.dyckman@att.net](mailto:edward.dyckman@att.net).



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# The Myth of the Volunteer Leader

## Good to Great Youth Ministry (Part Two)

By Dave Wright, Diocesan Coordinator for Youth Ministries

How many times in our churches have we seen someone standing in front of the congregation pleading for volunteers to work with the youth? We have also read the announcements in church bulletins calling for people to give their time to the youth program. The truth is that neither of those methods produce lasting results and often generate little or no response at all. Yet we cannot lead youth ministries without teams of leaders. Diocesan policies relating to Safeguarding God's Children do not allow one adult to work alone with children or teens. Youth groups do not grow without leadership teams. Professional youth ministers do not last without the help and support of others in the congregation.

This series of articles based on the principles found in Jim Collins book *Good to Great* seeks to call our churches to raise the bar and move good youth ministries into the realm of great youth ministries. The Diocese of South Carolina is known around the world for strong youth ministry, a fact attributable to Bishop Salmon's vision and wisdom, as well as to the dedication of talented professional youth ministers in our churches. The challenge before us is to build on our strengths and become something far more than we have ever imagined. In this part, we draw our attention to Collins principle of "first who, then what." The idea is that we first need to gather the right people into leadership and then determine the course of direction. Often we reverse this process and seek to find people to accomplish a predetermined set of goals and objectives. The latter is what Collins calls the 'genius with helpers' model. In reality, this is the norm in churches. We typically determine exactly what we desire to happen and then enlist people with the skills to make it work. The end result is good ministry but not great ministry, and the model fails when the 'genius' departs. What we want to see occurring in our churches is the formation of teams who will construct a strategy to reach and impact the youth of our congregations and far beyond!

### Successfully Enlisting Leaders

In my first few years of professional youth ministry, I did the call for volunteers in many ways. Through pleas at new members classes, announcements in the bulletin, and letters to people I did not know, I faced the pattern of repeated disappointment. It seemed that no one wanted to get involved. Over time, though, my pattern changed. Was it Einstein that said the definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting different results? What I discovered was, if I met face to face with potential 'volunteers,' and shared the vision of our youth ministry, then invited them to explore the possibility of getting involved, I saw results. While some did not sense a call to this ministry, even those who declined were excited about what we were doing. The maximum results came when I invited a group of potential leaders to my home, shared good food with them, presented

the vision, and then invited them to pray about getting involved. Even then, the people I invited were not random. I had generated a list from observations and conversations with church leaders. What I was seeking were real spiritual leaders who might invest their time with teenagers. There is little point in asking someone to be a leader in a ministry if they show no natural leadership qualities. Likewise it is detrimental to ask people who lack spiritual maturity to invest in the lives of students! Where we saw really great ministry evolve was in the instances where the team was enlisted before the details of the program or strategy was developed. Those efforts remained in place long after I moved away.

There is a sense in which spiritual leaders do not volunteer at all. God calls people to lead others in the church. While we use the term volunteer to distinguish the non paid from the professional, the term itself perhaps limits our perception. While not wanting to be pedantic, the terminology we use is actually important. It conveys so much about the scope of what we are asking people to do. For this reason, I believe the term chaperone is also unhelpful. Chaperones

are for monitoring behavior at programs; it does not describe people doing ministry. Likewise I reserve the term 'youth minister' for the vocational (called, trained, and usually professional) youth ministry leader. We have an unhelpful tradition in our denomination of referring to the youth group leader as the "youth minister," when in fact their function may be very distinct from a trained, called, and commissioned professional youth minister. We should get more creative with terminology that refers to the person who devotes a few hours a week to work with teenagers. The point is that they are in positions of spiritual leadership with students, and we should not minimize that role by reducing it to that of volunteer, helper, or chaperone.

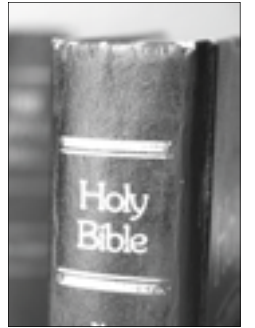
### It Doesn't Happen with an Announcement

In moving toward great youth ministry, we must begin by building teams of spiritual leaders who will guide, mentor, and teach the Bible to the next generation. This does not happen with an announcement calling for volunteers. It begins when we prayerfully seek God's direction in selecting the right leaders who will create ministry to teenagers. This team needs to be led either by a Youth Minister (called and trained professional) or a ministry team leader (unpaid) who will lead the congregation in its ministry to youth. The task of youth ministry in any parish, large or

### Vision Statement for Diocesan Youth Ministries

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

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*The Youth Commission, from left front row: Victoria Bone, Resurrection, Surfside; Katy Gordon, St. Andrew's, Mt. Pleasant. Middle row: Lauren Wright, St. George's, Summerville; Jacob Godwin, St. Bartholomew's, Hartsville; Walker Dillard, Old St. Andrew's, Charleston; Chris Burt, St. Paul's, Summerville. Back row: Amy McGreevy, St. Philip's, Charleston; Ellen Jones, Christ Church, Mt. Pleasant; Rachel Snyder, St. John's, John's Island; Stephanie McPherson, Old St. Andrew's, Charleston; Weston Caswell, Resurrection, Surfside; Katie Skinner, Christ St. Paul's, Yorges Island; Suiter Cox, St. Bartholomew's, Hartsville; Laura Haynie, St. James, Charleston; Sally Young, Holy Trinity, Charleston; Not pictured: Christopher Brunson, Resurrection, Surfside.*

## Diocesan Youth Commission '07-'08

Part of our vision for youth ministry in the Diocese of South Carolina is the development of young leaders. Youth Commission is an opportunity for high school students who have demonstrated leadership abilities to engage in servant leadership in our diocesan events. Selected through an application process each spring to serve in the following year, these students play a vital role in our events. At our middle school events, they serve in a support capacity, setting up and facilitating aspects of the program, as well as leading small group discussions. They are our youth presence at convention, and some of them represent us at wider church gatherings such as the Province IV Youth Network Meeting. We are pleased to have such an outstanding group of students engaging in diocesan leadership.

Each year this group receives training in a variety of topics in order to equip them for service during the year and beyond. Our recent training event covered the areas of servant leadership, studying and

teaching the Bible, sharing testimonies, witnessing to others, and intercessory prayer. Our goal is to train these students for effective service in their parishes as well as on a diocesan level.



*Youth Commission members receive training in servant leadership, studying and teaching the Bible, sharing testimonies, witnessing to others, and intercessory prayer.*

small, is the responsibility of the people, not simply a designated or paid person. Thus the first task in youth ministry is the formation of a team of individuals who will devote time and energy to reaching

and impacting this generation. Once that is in place, we can create a strategy that may include programs and activities that will nurture the faith of students. The question is - first who, then what.



Youth of St. Andrew's, Mt. Pleasant, Serve in Nicaragua



From June 26 to July 2, eighteen high school students from St. Andrew's, Mt. Pleasant, traveled with adult leaders to Managua, Nicaragua. In the mornings they worked with children doing crafts and sharing a Bible story. In the afternoons they spent time inviting people in the neighborhood to an upcoming church festival. It was during those afternoon visits that they had a chance to pray for those they met. "During the festival we saw the Lord at work in the hearts of the Nicaraguans during

the games as well as during the message," says Youth Minister, Chris Welch. "One of our freshmen students, Allen Shuford had a great opportunity to share part of his testimony with them as the night came to a close. We were blessed to experience a culture foreign to us. We were challenged, as well as encouraged, and have returned both with a deep appreciation for the church in Nicaragua, and the desire to see the Lord continue to take us places in life where we could never have imagined."



Youth of Holy Cross, Sullivan's Island, Serve in Sheffield, England

This summer 5 graduating high school seniors spent two weeks serving in a "Summer in the City" mission in Sheffield, England. Each morning, the youth gathered for Bible teaching on "A Theology of the City," before being trained for evangelism and going out into the communi-

ties. In the evenings they helped run a jazz café where locals could come hear music and discuss the Christian faith. "Most of the people who came into the café were non-Christians (only 6% of people in the UK attend church) so it gave us great opportunities to share our faith. We realized while we were there, that this was something we needed to do in our own community of East Cooper. So next summer (July 2008) we will be doing a similar mission here in our area," comments Jonathon Bennet, Youth Minister.



Youth from around the Diocese Serve in Asheville, North Carolina, with "Operation Asheville"

High school students from Church of the Holy Comforter, Sumter; St. James', Charleston; Prince George, Georgetown; Resurrection, Surfside; St. Paul's, Conway; St. Paul's, Summerville; Trinity, Pinopolis, and St. Michael's, Charleston discovered the joy and significance of working together during a week in Asheville, North Carolina, this summer. The mission was to serve the various projects of Asheville Buncombe Community

Christian Ministry as well as do street evangelism. Sending groups to various sites each day, the sixty six students and leaders experienced first hand God's work in Asheville as they partnered in mission. Excellent evangelism training was provided and an inspiring evening speaker challenged the group to have the "Heart of a Servant." Lives were impacted in the group through both the teaching and experience of putting it into practice.







# South Carolina Youth Reach Out Love

PHOTOGRAPH BY DAVE LIBBON

## Youth of St. Helena's, Beaufort, Serve in Juarez, Mexico, The Dominican Republic, Raleigh, North Carolina, and Beaufort, South Carolina



“It’s unbelievable how poor the people are,” said Kim Brown, a senior at Beaufort High. “The needs are overwhelming.” Kim, and members of her team traveled to Juarez, Mexico. The team found the “differences between Juarez and the US couldn’t be more stark.” Over the course of a week, the group constructed a house for a homeless family. In addition to Mexico, youth from St. Helena’s also served in the Do-

minican Republic; Raleigh, North Carolina, and Beaufort, South Carolina. In Beaufort, nearly 700 adults and teenagers participated in one of the seven Week of Hope camps June 10 - July 27. Participants helped launch a soup kitchen, staff camps for children, provide services for the elderly and handicapped, conduct food bank drives and numerous other projects.



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## Youth of St. Paul's, Conway, Serve in the Dominican Republic

This past June, several members of St. Paul’s, Conway, traveled to a small village nestled in the mountains near Jarabacoa, Dominican Republic. “Our goal was to begin a relationship with the people there and pave the way for future opportunities to bless one another,” says Dave Libbon, Youth Minister. “While there, we made ourselves available to serve wherever needed and ended up with several great experiences. During the first part of the

trip, we worked on the nearly completed school that will accompany the church on the camp grounds. During the second half of the trip, we teamed up with Canadian missionaries and spread the Gospel while rebuilding a home in a program much like Habitat for Humanity. The trip surpassed expectations despite a 15-hour layover in Newark! It was an exciting time to be used by God to spread his kingdom.”



PHOTOGRAPH BY DAVE LIBBON

## Youth of St. Philip's, Charleston, Serve in St. Louis, Missouri, and Tocoa, Honduras

St Philip’s EYC traveled to St. Louis July 7-14, to help a ministry called Stepping into the Light. Their focus is to take homeless men that suffer from drug and alcohol addiction and reconcile them to Christ, their families, and their community. They have reconciled over 5,000 men since it was founded eight years ago. “We helped paint, weed, organize a food pantry and a storage facility, as well as, worship with them on several occasions,” commented David Louis Gilbert, Youth Pastor. “We were extremely blessed and encouraged by the radical ministry they have for our Lord Christ!”

In addition, St. Philip’s youth traveled to Tocoa, Honduras, June 8-19, to work with Water Missions International in partnership with a local church where they installed two Living Water Units. This trip was funded by gifts in memory of T. Ashton Phillips. Each unit Water Missions installs is free to the community, and the Gospel is preached at the installation. Their group of 21 students and leaders also constructed housing at a youth camp, and went door-to-door sharing the love of Christ in several villages. The group grew in discipleship and heart as they “laughed, cried, sang, danced, prayed, read the Word of God, and preached the Gospel with the blessed people of Nuevo Pacto Church.”



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# Infusion Encourages and Equips Leaders

Our network of Youth Ministers (known as Fusion) gathered August 23-24 at St. Christopher for Bible teaching, worship, prayer, encouragement, and networking. The Rev. Arthur Jenkins and The Rev. Dallas Wilson opened God’s word with us, challenging us to continue growing in our own faith as we lead students into the kingdom. Dave Wright reminded us

of the vision for youth ministry in this diocese and shared specific examples of how a simple focus on our context and content can lead to lasting results. Infusion takes place twice a year to provide training and refreshment to those who work with teenagers in our churches. The next Infusion overnight will be held on April 17-18 at St. Christopher.



# Announcing... Enroute! October 27 A Special Youth Leaders Training Day

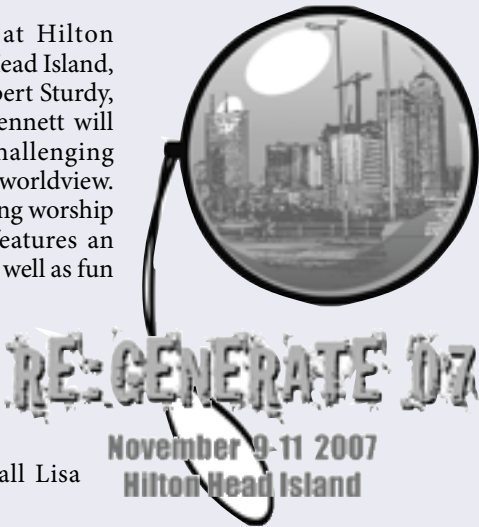
Enroute is a one-day learning experience for youth leaders, centered on the life of Jesus, within the greater context of the story of God. Through exploring the life of Jesus, we will seek to understand more about how we live our life in Christ and create ministry based on our relationship with Jesus. Specifically, Enroute presents a design for life and ministry in which we seek to become people who live and love like Jesus, as well as shepherd faith communities in his ways. Chris Folmsbee, president of Sonlife Ministries and author of *A New Kind of Youth Ministry* will be our presenter.

Enroute will be held at Christ Church in Mount Pleasant on Saturday, October 27. Registration details have been sent to all churches and are available on our website ([www.scyouth.org](http://www.scyouth.org)). The event is also open to youth leaders from churches outside of our denomination. Plan to bring your entire youth ministry leadership team, as well as anyone interested in future involvement in your ministry. Our hope for this day is that youth leaders will connect with God and others in significant ways. This is an interactive day designed to encourage you in life and ministry!

# Through the Lens: Transforming Your Worldview

Re:generate will be held at Hilton Oceanview Resort on Hilton Head Island, November 9-11. The Rev. Robert Sturdy, Dave Wright and Jonathan Bennett will be the speakers this year, challenging students to develop a Biblical worldview. Michael McIntyre will be leading worship music. Re:generate always features an exciting line up of seminars, as well as fun activities at this beautiful resort location. Encourage all your high school students to be part of this amazing weekend experience!

Registration online at <http://www.scyouth.org> or call Lisa Jones at 722-4075.



# Reaching Out in Love

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## Youth of Saint James and Christ-St. Paul's, Serve in Greenville, South Carolina

Saint James, Charleston and Christ-St. Paul's, Yorges Island churches worked together on a middle school mission trip to Greenville, SC. Led by our youth ministers Michael McIntyre and Darrin Owens, the group was blessed as they served people in need through practical work. "Our hearts were touched as we prayed with them and learned of God's blessings in the midst of tragedy and hardship," commented Michael.



## Youth of Trinity, Myrtle Beach, Serve in Panama City

The youth of Trinity, Myrtle Beach, traveled to Panama City, Panama, June 18-29 to work with "Youth With A Mission," as well as local missionaries. "Our trip brought us to a remote tribal group as well as two inner city Panamanian elementary schools," said Todd Schmidter, Trinity's Youth Minister. "We engaged in worship and ministry with the remote tribe, sharing the gospel and praying with the people

in this tribe, which looked like a picture out of *National Geographic* magazine. The remainder of the trip was spent doing a performing arts program in the schools of Panama City. Even without knowing the language, our team was able to communicate the love Christ has for these kids. It was a powerful blessing to encourage fellow Christians in Panama and bring the Gospel to those who don't know Jesus."



By Elizabeth Pennewill, *Consultant for Congregational Leadership*

Often leaders make the mistake of assuming if a church has a vision then the church will be vital, growing and reaching its full redemptive potential. Unfortunately, many churches do have a vision and yet are stuck in “maintenance mode.” How, if a church has a vision, could it be stuck? The answer is simple, but most of us avoid it like the front pew. Churches get stuck in maintenance mode because their leaders don’t understand that vision casting is only one part of an ongoing process.

Here are a few questions you can ask to determine if your church is stuck even though it has a vision.

- If someone asked you what your church’s vision is you’d answer, “I think it’s printed in the bulletin.”
- Your church’s vision statement is printed in the bulletin, or is that the mission statement? You don’t know the difference.
- You heard the vision cast at a parish meeting and you got excited about it, but nothing seems to have changed since then so you eventually forgot about it.
- You’re on the staff or vestry and you sometimes wrestle with whether or not a particular decision supports your church’s vision. The problem is that just about everything that anybody wants to do can be justified as supporting the vision.
- Your church has a vision but it doesn’t affect your life.

If one or more of these statements rings true, your church may be stuck. How, then, do you get unstuck and get moving again?

You begin by seeing vision casting in the context of a greater and ultimately

more fruitful process, in which casting the vision is but one part. If a church undertakes vision casting but avoids the hard work of entering into an ongoing process it will likely be unsuccessful in reaching its full potential. It will get stuck.

Below is a brief description of a process that, if undertaken, will drastically reduce the likelihood of your church getting stuck and may be a pathway out of the mire if you find yourself in maintenance mode. But, be forewarned; this process is not for the faint of heart. It requires secure leadership, the resolve to persevere and a strong belief that discerning God’s

vision is the best way to honor Him and reach your church’s full redemptive potential.

Without a clear vision, an organization becomes a self-serving bureaucracy.

*Ken Blanchard*

### The Four Phases of the Vision Process

#### I. Assessment Phase

Has your congregation been exposed to the idea of being led with a vision?

If not, before undertaking a vision process, your congregation may benefit from a season of teaching on 1. the mission of the church; 2. the critical need for vision in a vital congregation; and 3. the Biblical stories in which God’s chosen leaders are given a vision for His kingdom purposes. In addition, if your church has never clearly articulated its core values, doing so prior to the vision casting process is wise.

#### II. Vision Casting Phase

A. Vision discernment: Answer questions such as, “Where is God blessing our church? What is our understanding of God, ourselves (core values) and our surrounding

#### III. Planning Phase

A. Assessment: In-depth analysis of church size and context, preferences, passions, resources and assets, spiritual gifts, and current systems and structures. Study other churches in and out of the Diocese, attend conferences and read books and articles on vision.

B. Alignment of:

1. Priorities with the vision (goal setting);
2. Systems and structures to support priorities; and
3. Resources to support priorities (budgeting).

C. Articulation: Write a plan with the senior leadership team that clearly describes how each area of the church’s organization is aligned with the vision, its goals for the year and how progress will be determined (and by whom). The budget for each area would naturally be incorporated. The plan should also include an explanation of how the ministry leaders plan to work together and how they will be held accountable to the plan and to each other.

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# Is Your Church Stuck?

community? What is God calling us to be and do? What do we carry forward, and leave behind from our past?”

B. Vision refinement: Discuss the vision concepts and get feedback and buy-in, first from the senior leadership team, then move out in concentric circles to all church leaders and key parishioners. Refine and clarify the vision as you go.

C. Vision declaration: Enthusiastically share with the entire congregation a picture of the future of the church that produces passion in you and the leadership.

Key concepts to teach during the Vision Casting Phase are discipleship, mission, spiritual leadership, and change.

## NO PERMANENT ADDRESS

*By The Rev. Rick Belser, Retired*

Ever since Anne and I moved out of the rectory and into our house on Barre Street last month, our mail has been arriving a few days late with yellow “change of address” stickers in place. We’ve filled out a lot of address forms supplied by the businesses that send us bills, and I’ve had to smile when the form asks for not just our “new address,” but also our “permanent address.” If there’s one lesson this move has already taught us, it’s that we don’t really have a “permanent address.” Twenty-one years in the same location is a long time, but it’s a long way from “permanent.” I think the message to be learned is an important one for all of us who call ourselves Christians. This world is not our home! Anyplace we happen to live is never more than a temporary residence. And if we can allow ourselves to look beyond our familiar surroundings and remember that one day we’ll leave it all behind, we’ll be more able to appreciate our temporary blessings and be better prepared to let go of them when moving time arrives.

We know, of course, that Jesus grew up in Nazareth, but the Scriptures are also clear that after his baptism, he lived as an itinerant teacher,

moving from place to place and town to town. There’s no evidence that he inherited any property from his stepfather, Joseph. As a matter of fact, he told one would-be follower, “Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.” He did use Peter’s house in Capernaum as a ministry base, so that during his visits there, he was described as being “at home.” But clearly, Jesus knew that his real residence was nowhere in this world.

Once this reality has found a place in our thinking, Beloved, we will be able to hold a little looser to the places we call home and to the things that contribute to our temporary comfort. God calls us to be good stewards of his short-term gifts, especially the ones that have long-term mortgages on them. But we are not to get too wrapped up in any place as the source of our security or the origin

of our identity.

We are only incidentally “from Charleston,” or “from Mt. Pleasant,” or “from West Ashley.” We

are not really from South of Broad or from Barre Street. We are from God, and by his grace, we are going back to God.



## Hurricanes, Houses and Happy Birthdays at LAMB

*By Tammy Barnes*

Much is happening at LAMB, the ministry founded by Suzy McCall in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. Construction is nearing completion on the first two cottages of the new God’s Littlest Lambs Residential Children’s Home. Through the generous gifts of individuals and churches, God has provided all that is needed to allow the 40 children now living in a rented house to move out to the new property that was purchased by LAMB just last year.

The move is scheduled for late September with the dedication of the new cottages taking place on September 30. This will be one day after the big 50th



*Above, LAMB founder and director, Suzy McCall, with two of our little lambs, Lucy Margaret, 1, and Sallie, 5.*

birthday celebration being held in Suzy McCall’s honor! Suzy has served in Honduras for the last 17 years, and a group from Charleston will be heading down September 27 to join the festivities.

We are also thanking God for his mercy in softening the blows of Hurricane Felix, which was a dangerous Category 5 hurricane just hours before it was to hit the Honduran coastline. Thankfully, as friends of LAMB prayed, the storm was downgraded to a tropical storm.



*Above, construction continues on one of the cottages at God’s Littlest Lambs Residential Children’s Home in San Buenaventura.*





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# Beloved Son

## A Christ-centered Ministry for Men

By Martha Rogers, Director of Publications, Holy Trinity, Charleston

Beloved Son, a Christ-centered program designed for men seeking to overcome sexual issues, and identity and relational difficulties began at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Charleston, September 19. Men may join the semi-open 26-week program at any time, provided they complete an application, attend a discernment interview, and are accepted into the program. Once admitted, consistent attendance (for a full 26-week cycle), and personal openness in the small group, are required for continuation in the program.

Integrating insights from Biblical theology, Christian spiritual formation, depth psychology and classical Christian philosophy, the program is based on the teachings of Mario Bergner of Redeemed Lives, and Andy Comiskey of Living Waters.

The program is designed for Christian men, at least 18 years of age, who embrace the traditional and historic understandings of sexual morality as revealed in Holy Scripture and taught by the Church. It is also for men seeking freedom from sexual problems, including, but not limited to, addictions, same-sex attraction, identity confusion, deprivations and relational difficulties.

Each of the 26 weekly meetings lasts approximately three hours and includes

worship, teaching and small group interaction. There will also be reading and some homework assigned for further study.

Beloved Son operates under the blessing and covering of Holy Trinity



Episcopal Church, Charleston. The Rev. Peter Mitchell, Rector, is the Director of the Beloved Son program. Mr. Jerry DeLoach of Red Sea Ministries will assist Father Mitchell in the weekly leadership of the meetings. The program meets on Wednesday evenings at 6:45 p.m.

Contact Holy Trinity at 843-556-2560, 95 Folly Road, Charleston, SC 29407 or [hotecadmin@bellsouth.net](mailto:hotecadmin@bellsouth.net) to obtain an application or for more. Applications may be downloaded from the church’s website, <http://www.holytrinitycharleston.org>. The registration fee is \$50.



# That Women are Blessed

## ECW Diocesan Board Plans for the Year

The Diocesan Board of ECW gathered at Camp St. Christopher in July for its annual retreat—a time of worship, prayer, fellowship, and planning. Our scripture theme for this year comes from John 1:16, “*From the fullness of his grace, we have all received one blessing after another.*” It is our prayer that all women will be blessed in all that they do in work for the extension of God’s Kingdom. We on the Board want you to know that the Board is here to help you in any way we can, so always feel free to contact any one of us. We have already begun our work for the 2007-2008 year. We are planning our deanery meetings with you in mind, hoping to bring you God’s love and encouragement as we share new ideas to help you in your work

### ECW Deanery Meetings

**October 6, 2007** Orangeburg Deanery Gathering at the Church of the Redeemer, Orangeburg; Speaker: Janie Wilson

**October 13, 2007** Florence/Georgetown Deanery Gathering at Prince George Winyah, Georgetown; Speaker: Dawn Rider

**February 12, 2008** Charleston/Charleston-West Deanery Gathering at The Cathedral Church of St. Luke and St. Paul; Speaker: to be announced

*Pictured above: Front: Abby Morris. Second row: Betsy Acken and Johnnie Wineglass. Third row: Catherine Quackenbush, Marianne Holmes, and Sue Brunson. Fourth row: Laura Dixon, Sue Griffin, Kelly Edge, and Beth Snyder. Fifth row: Nancy Pickering, Roseanne Brasington, and Callie Hub. Sixth row: Barbara Braithwaite, Sheryl O’Neal, Margie Williams, and Catherine Jones. Not pictured: Lynn MacEwen, Tootie Adams, Pat Ancrum, and Frances Fuchs.*

### Events of Interest

#### Draw Near to God Studies - September 13 - December 13

Drawing Near to God is a community-wide Bible study. Each session is held on Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at St. Andrew’s Church, Mount Pleasant. The group began an eight-week “mini” course, “The Kingdom is Near” in September. Individuals are welcome to join any time. On Thursday, November 1, the group will begin, “In Favor with God and Man,” a four-week course. All are welcome.

#### Sharing our Faith Conference - October 5 - 7

Noted author and theologian, Dr. Michael Green will lead a “Sharing Our Faith” Conference, October 5-7 at Christ Church, 28 Bull Street, Savannah, Georgia. For more information, contact Carol Rogers Smith at 912-233-4556, ext 111.

#### York Place Dedication Ceremonies - October 12

The York Place Board of Trustees, children and staff invite you to celebrate as we dedicate and consecrate the Henry and Eleanora Richardson Treatment and Evaluation Center, Sarah Tatum Smith Dining and Assembly Hall and Betsy’s Park on Friday, October 12 at 11 a.m. Prior to the dedication ceremony from 9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m., join us for pre-dedication concurrent events, including building tours and staff presentations. Lunch will follow the dedication. RSVP to Carolyn Smarr at 803-684-4011 ext: 0 or [csmarr@yorkplace.org](mailto:csmarr@yorkplace.org) by October 2, 2007.

#### Connecting with the Episcopal Church - November 3

The Episcopal Forum of South Carolina will sponsor a conference November 3 at Middleton Place Conference Center in Charleston, SC. Speakers will include: Bonnie Anderson, The Rev. Sally Johnson and The Rev. Frank Wade. See page 14.

#### Episcopal Business Administration Conference for Parishes and Institutions - October 18-19, November 1-2

The Church Pension Group is sponsoring its third annual Episcopal Business Administration Conference (EBAC) for Parishes and Institutions on October 18-19 in New York City and November 1-2 in Orlando. The conference is a short course in “*Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About the Church Pension Group.*” Conference information is available online at [www.cpg.org/ebacparish](http://www.cpg.org/ebacparish). For additional information, contact Linda Puckett at the Church Pension Group at [lpuckett@cpg.org](mailto:lpuckett@cpg.org) or 800-223-6602, x6260.

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# A Day in the Life...The Seafarer's Saga

By Laurie Copley, Director of Communications, Charleston Port and Seafarers' Society (ChaPSS)  
Mrs. Copley is a member of St. Paul's Church in Summerville.



PHOTOGRAPH BY LAURIE COPLEY

At the Seafarers' Center seamen can purchase inexpensive phone cards at cost, use the telephones, and access the internet and send e-mail for free.

Rayman Mabaquiao, a seafarer from the Philippines, had been at sea for more than six months. He hadn't seen his family, let alone met his new baby. But that changed for Rayman last November when his ship docked at the Wando-Welch Terminal in Mt. Pleasant. While visiting the Seafarers'

Center, through the marvels of computer technology, Rayman was able to see his new daughter, via the Internet, for the very first time. It was a very emotional and treasured moment for Rayman, and for the Charleston Port and Seafarers' Society (ChaPSS) volunteers who were blessed to witness it!

Rayman's story is not unusual. The average tour for a seaman is eight months to a year. Life on the sea is full of hardships. Working 16 to 18 hours a day with 5 to 6 hours of sleep at night is not uncommon. A full day off is rare. Yet the seaman perseveres. His choices are few. He serves, not from a love for the sea, but out of sacrifice and survival to provide for his family.

When asked about the greatest hardship for the seafarer, the response is consistent across all nationalities...loneliness.

Manuel, another seaman from the northern Philippines, says he misses out on 80% of life on land. He has been sailing for 17 years, and works ten months on and two months off. He sees very little of his 8-year-old son and 3-year-old daughter.

"It's very lonely," confides Manuel. "You miss out on a lot of things, especially family time. The wife raises the family and the husband sends money for the family to survive. It's very hard."

Manuel reported that the average wage in the Philippines is about \$7 a day. But he makes twice that amount because he went to college (which is a requirement to work on a ship). Each month, the government withholds 80% of Manuel's pay and sends it to his family. He is left with the rest, less

than \$85, for his clothing, toiletries and other necessary supplies.

"If I did not do this, my family would live in extreme poverty. As it is, they are able to squeak by," says Manuel.

By Manuel's standards, \$420 a month for a family is not considered "extreme" poverty. In the U.S., the poverty standard for a family of four is \$1,720 a month according to U.S. guidelines. That's four times more than the monthly income for Manuel's family.

## The Mission Field in Our Own Backyard

Each year thousands of seafarers from around the world, like Rayman and Manuel, arrive at the Charleston



PHOTOGRAPH BY LAURIE COPLEY

for ministry to these brothers and sisters is crucial.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for world outreach right here in our own backyard," says Father Len Williams, Director and Chaplain for ChaPSS. "We serve seamen from all over...Nigeria, Romania, and Thailand, just to name a few. We have a mission field right here at home."

ChaPSS provides many services to the visiting seafarers. Dedicated volunteer teams make ship visits to provide fellowship for the seafarers, offer prayer support, and deliver free Bibles and literature in many languages. At the Seafarers' Center, seamen can purchase inexpensive phone cards at cost, use the telephones, and access the Internet and e-mail for free.

Free transportation for shopping is another service. Because some crew members don't have visas and can't leave their ships when in port, our volunteers will even do shopping for the crew, getting their needed personal supplies.

"The appreciation is overwhelming," says volunteer, Emy Higgins. "They'll invite us back on the ship for tea, because we went shopping

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PHOTOGRAPH BY BOB NUTTALL

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Port. Last year the Port of Charleston handled 10 million tons of cargo. The impact on our economy from the service the seafarers provide is tremendous. Life for these seafarers is hard, and the need

## Is Your Church Stuck?

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Key concepts to teach during the Planning Phase are discipleship and mission, adding postmodern context and servant leadership. (For an excellent reading list on the subjects of postmodernism and servant leadership, email me at the address below.)

### IV. Implementation Phase

- Build your team and create an environment that promotes teamwork toward all goals;
- Regularly assess and refine goals with prayerful attentiveness to relationships, measurements and continuous improvement of plans;
- Continue with ongoing vision casting; the senior leadership must embody the vision;
- Incorporate leadership development into the church's culture;
- Recognize and celebrate people and blessings; and
- Repeat the Planning and Implementation Phases annually.

Key concepts to teach during Implementation Phase: spiritual disciplines, healthy conflict and stewardship

As you can see, vision casting is a crucial part of the process, but without preparing your congregation for a vision ahead of time, and giving them the tools to achieve it after its declaration, you run the risk of God's vision being nothing more than words on a bulletin. In future editions of the *Jubilate Deo*, we will delve more deeply into each of these phases.

*If you are interested in learning more about congregational leadership you may contact Elizabeth Pennewill at 843-722-4075 or email her at pennewill@esite-usa.com.*

## A Visitor's Point of View

By Sylvia Weeks

Saint James Church, James Island

On a recent Sunday I attended worship at Saint James Church on James Island. The pastor invited all visitors and newcomers to lunch. Your author gladly accepted and was treated to lunch with one of the parish priests, the Reverend Robert Horn.

At the traditional service, the Reverend Louise Weld invited all baptized brothers and sisters from any tradition to come to the Lord's Table. During the contemporary service the music was worshipful, familiar, and Praise-Team-anointed. My spirit was overwhelmed.

Tower Bell ringers will appreciate the following: After the service, the ushers offered

the children an opportunity to ring the tower bell. After many repeated tries, there was no chiming success.

When asked for a history, I was given a copy of their cookbook, *Sampler II*, which contains a history of Saint James. Some interesting excerpts include: In 1706 Saint James was established as a remote chapel in the parish of Saint Andrews. In 1719 the Reverend William Guy became the first rector. In 1864 the church building was destroyed by fire. In 1899 the new building with a seating capacity of 100 was erected. In 1959 construction on Saint James' current building began. It was completed in 1960. In 1968



PHOTOGRAPH BY BILL READ

### The Rev. Mark Dean Cooke Ordained Deacon



The Rev. Mark Dean Cooke was ordained a deacon on Wednesday, August 1 at St. Andrew's Church in Mt. Pleasant, his sending parish. The Rev. Steve Wood, Rector, preached. Mark currently serves as Pastoral Assistant to the Dean at the Cathedral.

the building of the church office, Sunday school building, and installation of the pipe organ were accomplished. In 1989 Hurricane Hugo severely damaged oaks and pines on the the property, thankfully sparing the main church buildings. In 2004 a new Ministry Center was built, giving the opportunity for more varied forms of worship and mission outreach.

The senior rector of St. James is the Reverend Arthur Jenkins.





PHOTOGRAPH BY TRISHA COMFORT

Serving in Haiti, missionaries Ray and Tricia Comfort have added the 13th child to their family. “Ti” (meaning small) Lulu, on the far right, age 3, had been abandoned by his mother and had lived with his 16-year-old brother in a supply shed for the past three years. Lulu was badly malnourished and has been on AIDS medication for 3 months now. Both boys were invited into the home, but after one week, the older child decided to leave. From left, Nadia 5, Christian 3, Gessica 4, Rosemond 3, William 2 ½, Elda 2, and Lulu 3. Visit the Comfort’s website at [www.haiticomfort.org](http://www.haiticomfort.org)

## Connecting with the Episcopal Church, November 3

Bonnie Anderson, President of The House of Deputies, to Visit South Carolina

The Episcopal Forum of South Carolina will sponsor a conference Saturday, November 3, at Middleton Place Conference Center in Charleston, SC. Speakers will include: Bonnie Anderson, The Rev. Sally Johnson and The Rev. Frank Wade.

The goal of this conference is to connect Episcopalians in the Diocese of SC with The Episcopal Church nationally. Join us to be more informed about and connected to The Episcopal Church during these challenging times.

8:30 a.m. Coffee and Registration  
9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
10:30 a.m. Break  
10:45 a.m. Key Note Presentation

**Ms. Bonnie Anderson, President House of Deputies** - Anderson was elected Vice President of the House of Deputies in 2003 and was elected President of House of Deputies in 2006. She holds the highest ranking lay office in The Episcopal Church.

12 Noon Box Lunch/Small Groups  
1:00 p.m. Presentations

**The Rev. Frank Wade** - The Rev. Frank Wade is a prominent speaker and consultant who served 22 years as rector of St. Alban’s in Washington, D.C., and was chaplain to the House of Deputies at the 2003 General Convention.

**Ms. Sally Johnson** - Chancellor to the President of the House of Deputies. Her responsibilities include employment, ecclesiastical discipline, legal and other risk management situations arising in the Episcopal Church.

2:30 p.m. Break  
2:45 p.m. Panel Discussion Q & A  
4:00 p.m. Closing prayer

The conference will be held at the Inn at Middleton Place on Rt 61 at the Middleton Plantation in Charleston. The Conference fee is \$25 per person including lunch. Register on line at [www.episcopalforumsc.org](http://www.episcopalforumsc.org) See website at for directions to the Conference Center or to reserve a room for the evening before the conference.

## Bob Bell Elected Chairman of Faith Alive’s Board

Col. Robert S. Bell, USA Ret. of Trinity Episcopal Church in Myrtle Beach, SC, has been elected Chairman of the Board of Faith Alive, a Christ-focused lay-witnessing ministry serving churches in the United States, Canada and the Caribbean. Cranwell (Cranny) Boensch, member of St. Jude’s Episcopal Church in Walterboro, was elected to the ministry’s 24-member national Board of Directors.

Bob Bell succeeds Howard Tischler, Hope Church, Albuquerque, after serving three years as Vice Chair. In addition to serving as Diocesan Representative for several years and Weekend Coordinator of numerous Weekends, he is well recognized for his contributions to diocesan affairs. Thomas Gizara of

Trinity Church, Valatie, NY, was elected Vice Chair.

Cranny Boensch, Faith Alive’s Diocesan Representative since 2003 and past Board member, has served the ministry as Weekend Coordinator and Youth Coordinator. He, like Bob Bell, has held numerous positions of leadership in his church, as well as the diocese.

Faith Alive, founded in 1970, has ministered to more than 2,400 Episcopal and Anglican churches, as well as Methodist, Presbyterian and Catholic congregations. Tailored to the parish served, Faith Alive provides a weekend event for adults, teenagers and children. Stories of faith by lay adults and youth bring fresh focus to how one’s vows of baptism provide a formula for living a life pleas-

ing to God. There is no teaching, no preaching, no church politics; simply worship and the sharing of answered prayer and similar experiences that strengthen individual faith and Christian community.

For more information about Faith Alive: 505-25-3233 or [www.faithalive.org](http://www.faithalive.org).



Colonel Robert S. Bell



## Celebrating 70th Anniversary

Dear Beloved, we are gathered together.....” As the beautiful ancient text of the Prayer Book specified, Gerry and Larry Deery stood once again to renew those same vows made seventy years previously.

On Sunday, July 29, 2007, at the Cathedral, family, friends and neighbors gathered to witness the renewal and solemnization of Gerry and Larry Deery’s wedding vows. Gerry and Larry were married on July 29, 1937, in the old St. John’s Episcopal Church on Hanover Street and celebrated with a second ceremony at home later that day.

During the 2007 service, Bishop Skilton presided, spoke those binding vows of covenant with the Deery’s responding. All present were grateful to the couple for the witness and inspiration their life together has provided. After greeting well-wishers, the Deerys and their family and friends later celebrated their seventieth anniversary at dinner. Larry later said, “Bishop Skilton’s service was so full of feeling that it made us feel as though we were starting all over again.”

They have two children, Lawrence B. Deery, Jr. a member of the Cathedral and Ethel Maybelle Deery Lofgreen, who is the Director of the Historical Society in Austin, Texas. The Deerys also have two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. The Deerys have made their home at 39 Riverdale Dr., Avondale, for nearly fifty years.

## Director of Christian Faith Formation Job Opening Trinity, Pinopolis

Trinity Episcopal Church is looking for a person to develop, coordinate, and administer a comprehensive educational ministry for children (infant through 5th grade) and to develop parents as the primary spiritual leaders of their children. This person will also provide leadership and training for volunteers involved in this ministry. This person should have a good knowledge and understanding of the Bible, a missionary spirit, a servant’s heart, and should be a faithful disciple of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Please send resumes to:  
Trinity Episcopal Church  
Attention: Faith Formation Search Committee  
P. O. Box 4678  
Pinopolis, S.C. 29469

Or email: [trinityepisc@homexpressway.net](mailto:trinityepisc@homexpressway.net)

## Seafarers’ Saga

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for them. What we do is so little, but to the seafarers, it’s a tremendous deed.”

ChaPSS has more than 45 dedicated and faithful volunteers that serve the men and women that visit the Charleston Port. From April 2006 through April 2007, more than 5,300 seafarers were served by ChaPSS volunteers with almost 5,000 hours of volunteer service.

One of the goals of ChaPSS is to expand its volunteer base. Right now we have volunteer teams in the mornings and afternoons, seven days a week. Since many ships dock at night, we would like to expand our hours to include teams

in the evenings. Volunteers are needed a few hours one day a week or even a few hours each month. Duties might include making onboard ship visits to welcome the seamen, manning the Seafarers’ Center, and transporting the seafarers into town.

“The ministry to seafarers really makes a difference in the lives of seamen,” says Tim Rice, a Missions Mobilization strategist for the South Carolina Baptist Convention and maritime minister for more than 17 years. “The Seafarers’ Center is their home away from home. It’s a place where they come to

relax, contact their families, catch up on news, and meet new friends. It’s a place where seafarers from all nationalities find acceptance and hope for the future through Christian volunteers who help them deal with the complexities of life.”

It’s important for these seafarers to know that they are not forgotten! It’s important to reach out to those in need.

“Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted.”—Psalm 25:16



# Made Thanksgiving Plans Yet?

Let someone else cook! Join us at Camp Saint Christopher, November 21-25

The Annual Thanksgiving Retreat is an opportunity for families and individuals to come together and enjoy each other without the distractions of our busy everyday lives. Time is set aside everyday for relaxation, spiritual growth, and Christian fellowship, along with family activities such as guided nature hikes, a hayride through the maritime forest, and more. Our Thanksgiving Feast includes a fresh-from-the-oven turkey dinner with all the trimmings.

## Cabins (2007 Rates)

Each air conditioned/heated cabin, located directly on the beach front, has five bunk beds, each with a top and bottom bunk. There are full bathroom facilities in each cabin. (Linens and pillows are not provided.)

At least one adult (21 years+) per five children is required for all cabin reservations. Per person (13 and up) \$180. Per Child (4 - 12): \$60.

There is a \$100 non-refundable deposit per cabin required at reservation.

## Lodge Rooms (2007 Rates)

Each room has two double beds, private bath and full linen service. Rates below are per person.

\$340: Single Occupancy  
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There is a \$100 non-refundable deposit per room required at reservation.

Children three years old and under are free. For more information visit [www.stchristopher.org](http://www.stchristopher.org).



## Anglican Mortmain

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(which had been well-covered by the English House of Bishops' statement that same year) were not even mentioned!

Sixteen years later, as the Archbishop of Canterbury and other Anglican Primates respond to the aftermath of last month's meeting of the American House of Bishops, it is becoming all too obvious that sub-Christian spirituality is now endemic in the Episcopal Church.

At the time of publication The Baltimore Declaration found two of its most constructive and collegial commentators in the Reverend Dr. Stephen Noll and the Reverend Dr. Ephraim Radner, both of whom have been influential apologists for Anglican orthodoxy in the years since, contributing to the formation of the Anglican Communion Institute and the Anglican Communion Network after the 2003 General Convention of The Episcopal Church.

Now, however, faced with the latest "moment to decide" – the current pre-Lambeth fiasco – Dr. Noll and Dr. Radner have, each in the name of Anglicanism, taken it upon themselves to part company even as the Anglican Communion Institute and the Anglican Communion Network have gone their own divergent ways (see <http://www.kendallharmon.net/t19/> for July 31, 2007). This parting of friends and sundering of common witness have poignant if ironic Anglican resonance down the long centuries of apostolic continuity (and discontinuity).

For many of us in The Episcopal Church, already alienated by the virtual apostasy of our new Presiding Bishop and reeling under the litigious legalism of her Chancellor, this new "moment to decide" seems potentially definitive in the wake of so many mixed messages emanating from primatial sees around the Anglican Communion, not least from Canterbury itself. As the cartoon character Pogo once observed, "we have seen the enemy and he is us." Perhaps the "DNA" of the via media has been chimerical from the outset.

Can Anglicanism be saved? Is it "worth" the effort? *The Baltimore Declaration* sought to "reclaim faith" (as Dr. Radner put it) in the cause of such

institutional salvation. But, like some other renewal movements in Anglican history, that cause may be in danger of becoming a lost one.

If Maryland was an Anglican front-line in 1991, the Diocese of South Carolina (of which I became Dean in 1995) finds itself so positioned in 2007. As T. S. Eliot would have it: "History is now" – and South Carolina! A year ago we elected the Very Reverend Mark Lawrence, by an overwhelming first ballot majority, to be our Fourteenth Bishop since the Bishop of London's absenteeism in colonial days. Subsequent to Mark Lawrence's election, however, The Episcopal Church, on the basis of the "letter" of canon law, ruled against his consecration.

But now our Diocese has re-elected Mark Lawrence by an even higher, all-but-unanimous vote. The Diocese of South Carolina is thus now in the position of a "stalking horse" in terms of Anglicanism's future prospects. My own conviction is that the way forward must be focused on a two-fold hunting card.

First, and always, the trustworthiness of the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as God's Word Written must be upheld as integral, *sine qua non*, to the identity of the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church constituted by the Spirit of Christ himself. For, as Bishop John Jewel, one of the first apologists of the sixteenth century Anglican Reformation, said: "... against these Scriptures neither law, nor ordinance, nor any custom ought to be heard; no, though Paul himself, nor an angel from heaven should come and teach the contrary."

Second, for Anglicans, must be the historic witness and continuity of the Church Catholic – embodied in bishops, however elected or appointed, who commit themselves to be faithful guardians of both the Bible itself and of biblically congruent doctrines affirmed by the Church's conciliar and credal tradition. Such a bishop was John Jewel himself, who also said: "We have planted no new religion but only have preserved the old that was undoubtedly founded and used by the apostles of Christ and other holy fathers of the primitive church."

Now that Mark Lawrence has been overwhelmingly re-elected, our "stalking horse" priority must be to pray and work towards getting him consecrated as such a bishop in accordance, God willing, with canon law.

In the meantime, whilst witnessing the tragic but accelerating fracture of the Episcopal Church as we have known and loved it, we can console ourselves that, on the one hand, Jesus promised that "the gates of hell shall not prevail" against his Church while, on the other, he provided no basis for denominational claims about putative national or provincial "autonomy" in the modern sense – claims which, like denominations themselves, are nothing but institutional fictions.

Whether the Diocese of South Carolina is or is not part of The Episcopal Church is a matter of ecclesiological inconsequentiality. Anglicanism is re-aligning itself around relationships of gospel witness, catholic order, and apostolic faithfulness among and between bishops and dioceses whose defining identity is not that of denominations – which, like all human institutions, wax and wane – but, rather, that of the divinely constituted One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church of Christ.

As one of my own mentors in cathedral ministry put it years ago: "Hold fast to Christ, and for the rest remain uncommitted." May it ever be so for the Diocese, Bishop, and Cathedral of South Carolina and may it at least equally be so – as a matter of fervent prayer on behalf of all Anglicans – for the See of Canterbury itself, that the re-alignment of Anglicanism might not lose its apostolic rootedness through so many centuries of church history.

*This article first appeared in The Church of England Newspaper.*

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

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# Could Your Ministry Use a UTO Grant?

By Nancy Pickering, UTO Chair

There's still time to count your blessings, say your prayers and add a little something to your "little blue box." The designated date for our Fall Ingathering is October 28. If your church is not participating in UTO, email me at npicks2@charter.net and I'll help you get started.

## Think Grants

2008 UTO Grant applications are coming! They are to be even more user-friendly. If you have a ministry or know of one which could benefit, please contact me quickly. The process is painless but is time-sensitive. The Diocese is allowed to submit only two grant applications, but we can receive many! Your deadline for returning completed

grant applications to me is December 10. Our grant committee will screen and interview potential applicants. With Bishop's signed approval, our two grant applications must reach the UTO Office by January 30.

St. Andrew's Mission, shown below, received a \$15,000 Grant in 2007 for their Summer Enrichment Program.



Tommy Allen, Rector  
Holy Cross, Stateburg

Holy Cross, Stateburg is pleased to announce the appointment of the Rev. Thomas "Tommy" Allen as rector. Fr. Allen and his wife Kimberly will reside in the parish house in Stateburg with their golden retriever Micah.

# The Calendar

## October

- 1 - 31 "A Time for You" Retreats at Camp St. Christopher
- 5 - 7 Mondo Youth Weekend, R.M. Cooper Leadership Center
- 11 Anglicans for Life, St. Philip's, Charleston
- 12 Dedication of New Facilities at York Place
- 17-18 Addiction Recovery Events, Various Locations
- 17-21 Cursillo Weekend 149, Camp St. Christopher
- 20 Convoy of Hope, North Charleston
- 28 Graveyard Walk/ Gospel Sing, Old St. Andrew's, Chas.
- 27 Healing Farm Ministries Showdeo

## November

- 1 - 20 "A Time for You" Retreats at Camp St. Christopher
- 1-2 Episcopal Business Administration Conf., New York City
- 2-3 Spiritual Gifts Workshop, Holy Comforter, Sumter
- 2-3 Fall Bazaar, St. Helena's, Beaufort
- 3 Connecting with the Episocpal Church, Charleston
- 9-11 Re-Generate Youth Weekend, Hilton Head Island
- 21-25 Thanksgiving Week at Camp St. Christopher
- 29 Charleston Port and Seafarers Fundraiser

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## Events of Interest

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### Graveyard Walk and Gospel Sing - October 28

The EYC of Old St. Andrew's Parish Church will sponsor the 2nd Annual Graveyard Walk and Gospel Sing on Sunday afternoon, October 28, at 5:00 p.m.. There is no charge for this event. A Spaghetti Dinner will be served immediately following in Gilchrist Hall. Tickets for the spaghetti dinner are \$5 per person (children under five, free) and must be purchased prior to Oct. 21 through our church office (766-1541) or Betsy Johnson (571-6219). Come and learn the history of our church and those who have come before us. Good fellowship for the whole family! All proceeds to benefit our church's Preservation Fund.

### First Annual Healing Farms Ministries Showdeo - October 27

Grab your hat, boots and belt with a big ole buckle and join Healing Farm Ministries for a "Showdeo" at Thornhill Farm in McClellanville the evening of Saturday, October 27. This live, action-packed event will raise funds for HFM programs that serve the needs of folks touched by developmental disabilities. The band is Watusie Rodeo and the steak dinner is provided by T-Bonz. There will also be a live auction, including a 1957 MGA Roadster and a fabulous diamond bracelet! Visit [www.healingfarm-ministries.com](http://www.healingfarm-ministries.com) for more details. Y'all plan on coming now, ya hear!

### Spiritual Gifts Workshop - November 2-3

Discover your gifts at the next Spiritual Gifts Workshop at the Church of the Holy Comforter in Sumter, SC. The workshop will cover the study, identification, and development of each individual's spiritual gifts. The cost is \$25 per person. Advance registration is requested by October 15. Join us! For more information, contact us at (803) 773-3823 or [info@holycomforter.net](mailto:info@holycomforter.net).

# A Time for You

Discounted Rates at Camp St. Christopher  
September 16 through November 20

Do you need a break? Time to get away? Now's a great time to make a personal or family retreat to Camp St. Christopher. Each two-night retreat begins with dinner on the first day, and ends following lunch on the third day.

**2-night/3-day  
all-inclusive  
getaway  
Just \$80.**

(No dinner is served on Sunday.) The cost is just \$95/Single Occupancy



or \$80 Double Occupancy. The price includes all lodging and meals for the duration of your stay. A \$50 deposit per room is required. Reservations may be made 30 days in advance of the desired retreat, subject to availability. St. Christopher is 30 miles (less than 1 hour) from downtown Charleston, on the beautiful, environmentally-sensitive waterfront resort of Seabrook Island. Here amid 300 acres of century old oaks and stately palmettos, bounded by ocean, marsh and river, St. Christopher serves the church as diocesan camp and conference center. For reservations: Call 768-0429 and ask for "A Time For You Retreat."

### St. Helena's Fall Bazaar Events - November 2-3

The ECW of the Parish Church of St. Helena, Beaufort, will hold its Fall Bazaar events November 2-3. There will also be a silent auction. Bazaar proceeds benefit charities in Beaufort, the Diocese, and around the world. The bazaar will be held Saturday, November 3, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. A bazaar preview will be held the previous evening, from 5-7 p.m. A light dinner will be available. Both events be held at the Parish House, 507 Newcastle St. in Beaufort. For more information, visit [www.sthelenas1712.org](http://www.sthelenas1712.org) or contact Annie Pollak at (843) 538-6497 or email [chuckpollak@lowcountry.com](mailto:chuckpollak@lowcountry.com). We look forward to seeing you.

### The 2nd Annual Taste of the World Benefitting the Charleston Seafarers' Center - November 29

Join the Charleston Port and Seafarers' Society Board of Directors Thursday, November 29, from 5:30 - 7:30 at the Alhambra Hall in The Old Village, Mount Pleasant. The cost is \$50.00 per person. Enjoy culinary treats from around the world. Corporate Benefactor Tables are available at \$1,000.00 and \$500.00. Dress is business casual. R.S.V.P. by November 23, 2007. For tickets or more information, call Sue Hinkle @ 843-971-3290 or email: [hinkle@tds.net](mailto:hinkle@tds.net).

### The Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy Event - January 24, 2008

The Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy is celebrating 17 years of service to the Lowcountry on January 24, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. at the Charleston Area Convention Center. Please call 843-724-1212 to reserve your ticket today!

### Mere Anglicanism Conference - January 31 - February 2, 2008

The focus of this, the third annual, Mere Anglicanism Conference, is "God's Trustworthy Word: Scripture, Tradition and the People of God." See the ad on page 13 for more information.

### Diocesan Men's Conference - February 22-24

The 19th annual Diocesan Christian Men's Conference will be held February 22-24, 2008 at Saint Christopher Camp and Conference Center. Father John Scott (Eutawville) will be our keynote speaker for the weekend with Father Bob Lawrence (St. Michael's) serving as Conference Chaplain. Registration forms will be available in the December issue of the *Jubilate Deo*.