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A Pastoral Letter to the Diocese of South Carolina in Response to the 2006 General Convention

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

I write in sadness to tell you that the General Convention of the Episcopal Church taken as a whole did not respond adequately to the plea of the Anglican Communion as expressed in the Windsor Report. A number of bishops in the Church of England and Primates throughout the Anglican Communion have agreed with this assessment.

Our worship in Columbus often focused just on God with only occasional references to the Trinity. Our daily Eucharist omitted confession of sin (on the one Sunday service we had, confession was mercifully included). We elected as Presiding Bishop the person of all the seven candidates who is in deepest disagreement with the theology of the Anglican Communion, and who with her whole diocese moved ahead to allow same sex blessings in October 2003 on the eve of the Primates meeting later that same week. Many more similar actions could be mentioned, but the point is clear: the Episcopal Church as its leadership understands itself to be is at fundamental odds with the majority of the Anglican Communion as well as our common vision here in the diocese of South Carolina.

Let me remind you that the Windsor Report, put together by a large group of people from throughout the breadth and depth of the Anglican Communion, made important specific requests of us as a Province.

We were asked to express regret for what we did and the consequences which followed—and in Columbus we changed the language in which our regret was expressed away from the language of the Windsor report. We were asked to place a moratorium on same sex blessings—and we did not do so. We were also asked to place a moratorium on any person who was in a non-celibate same gender partnership being elected or consecrated as a bishop. At first, the House of Deputies voted not to do so on the second to last day of Convention. Then, on the very last day of Convention, using a process which pushed both Houses backs up against the wall, and which violated our own rules, we passed a nonbinding resolution which pleaded with bishops

and Standing Committees (but not electing Conventions) to “exercise restraint by not consenting to the consecration of any candidate to the episcopate whose manner of life presents a challenge to the wider church and will lead to further strains on communion.” Even in this resolution, we did not use the specific language of the Windsor Report but the vague language of “manner of life” which presents “a challenge.” Immediately after this was passed in the House of Deputies, a number of bishops led by Bishop Chane of Washington, DC, a friend with whom I have worked for the last year to seek resolution to this crisis, issued a statement of conscience making clear they had no intention of following the resolution.

The overall picture is very clear. As the Council of Anglican Primates in Africa June 22nd statement put it, the General Convention 2006 “elections and actions suggest that” we “are unable to embrace the essential recommendations of the Windsor Report and the 2005 Primates Communiqué necessary for the healing of our divisions.”

Where do we go from here? Our future as a diocese in full Communion with the worldwide Anglican Communion is bright, and our gospel energy in our parishes and missions is strong. What is critical is that we seek to navigate these turbulent waters together as a diocese, and not simply as individuals or even individual parishes. The Lord will bring us through this time stronger than ever before if we all begin to take more initiative as a body.

Bishop Skilton and I ask your prayers for the Standing Committee as they meet June 28th, and for the clergy day set for July 5th. We also ask your prayers as we prepare to elect a new bishop this September. As is always the case, please be in touch with us directly should you have any questions.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Edward L. Salmon, Jr.
XIII Bishop of South Carolina

William J. Skilton
Bishop Suffragan of South Carolina



Mandie Turner, a volunteer from St. Philip's, Charleston, holds two of God's Littlest Lambs, Jocelyn and Cindy Pamela.

“Please Take This Baby”

God's Littlest Lambs: A ministry of The LAMB Institute, Tegucigalpa, Honduras

By Susan Clarkson Keller

What would YOU do if you lived in a place where there was no welfare, no unwed mother's homes, no food stamps, no social services, and someone brought their baby to you and said, “I can't take care of my baby...you take her,” leaving you with no diapers, no crib, no formula. What would YOU do???

In the summer of 2003, this very thing happened to Suzy McCall. The baby was 13 days old, had no name, no birth certificate, and no one to take care of her. Not long after that, a second baby, the cousin of Maricella's, one of Suzy's adopted children,

was found neglected, filthy and full of lice. She also had no one to care for her. Baby Elsa was the first baby and Sallie the second. Soon to follow was Denis, four months old and weighing only 10 pounds, and Diana, the baby of a mentally unstable woman who wandered aimlessly, denying she was pregnant. Her family not only did not want the baby, but sadly, did not want her mother either.

It didn't take Suzy long to realize that God was asking her to respond to this area of human suffering. Unwanted, uncared for babies and

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Statement of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of South Carolina

June 28, 2006, Irenaeus of Lyon

The Members of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of South Carolina have received with great thankfulness the clear statement from the Archbishop of Canterbury issued to the whole Communion on June 27, 2006, in which he states that disagreements over human sexuality must be settled on the basis of “Holy Scripture and Historic Teaching” and not through “social and legal” considerations. The Archbishop makes it very plain that the dignity and worth of every person is not the question under discussion. Prejudice and bigotry are clearly wrong and must be exposed and rejected. The rhetoric of “inclusion” has, however, often been used to obscure the Communion's teaching that, on the basis of Holy Scripture, the Church cannot bless same sex unions, nor can we ordain those engaged in homosexual practice.

For this reason, the consecration of Eugene Robinson as Bishop of New Hampshire in 2003 created a crisis in the Communion. The election of a new Presiding Bishop who supported his consecration,

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

Events in the Election of the Bishop of the Diocese of South Carolina

"Walk About," September 9, St. Philip's, Charleston

The "Walk About," a presentation of candidates for Diocesan Bishop, will begin at 10 a.m. Lunch will be served for a fee of \$8. The event is open to guests; however, all guests will be seated in the balcony. Pre-registration is required.

The Election, September 16, St. Philip's, Charleston

Registration will be from 7 - 9 a.m. with Eucharist at 9:30. Balloting should begin around 10:30. Lunch will be available for \$8. Guests are welcome, but will be seated in the balcony with non-voting clergy. Pre-registration is required.

For further information contact, Mrs. Randall R. McPhail, (843) 722-4075.

Statement of the Standing Committee

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and who has advocated and permitted same-sex blessings in her diocese is another painful complication. Archbishop Williams has given his conclusion that the actions of our recent General Convention have not produced a complete response to the challenges of the Windsor Report.

The Archbishop envisions a future for the Communion, through a covenant process, in which full membership will require adherence to those commonly held values found in Holy Scripture and the Sacred Tradition of the Church. Churches unable to agree to the terms of the covenant will be reduced to some kind of "affiliate" status. This work will begin immediately, but will take time for all the details to emerge. As this process unfolds, we wish clearly to number ourselves among the dioceses and parishes that seek full constituent membership in the Anglican Communion.

We also have a mandate to reassure the people of the Diocese of South Carolina that the status quo is now impossible. We have watched with great sadness as the Episcopal Church has, year after year, taken actions and adopted teachings which further and further distance it from the Faith of the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church. We are grieved that relationships have now been so strained that we are no longer in impaired, but rather broken, communion. For that reason, we do hereby request of Archbishop Williams that he, in consultation with the Primates of the Communion and the Panel of Reference, speedily provide alternative Primatial oversight for the Diocese of South Carolina. In a spirit of humility, we acknowledge our own imperfection and sin. We renew our commitment to the Great Commission, to the Holy Scriptures, Creeds and Sacraments of the Church Catholic, and to the reconciliation of the Anglican Family of Churches by means of the full implementation of the Windsor Process.

Fr. M. Dow Sanderson,
President of the Standing Committee

Note: This statement was passed without dissent by the Standing Committee, meeting on June 28, 2006 at Church of the Holy Cross, Sullivan's Island.

Who can tell what a day may bring forth?
Cause me, therefore,
gracious God,
to live every day as if
it were my last, for I
know not but that it
may be such. Cause
me to live now as I shall
wish I had done when
I come to die.

Thomas A. Kempis

God's Littlest Lambs

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children – they were breaking His heart. Flor del Campo is an impoverished, inner city neighborhood of Tegucigalpa, Honduras, and where Suzy is founder and field director of The LAMB Institute, a missionary training school. For some 15,000 people in Flor, there is crushing economic hardship, drugs, alcohol, desperation. It is the kind of place where a mother may feel the best choice for her baby is to give her to someone she thinks will care for her.

Shortly after the babies appeared, a sibling group of five children came, and then more children who needed safety, shelter, and refuge from abandonment or from selfish and abusive adults arrived.

Needed Daycare

What has happened over the next three years has been nothing short of a miracle. Discovery Service Projects from Pennsylvania returned and built a second building mirroring the first LAMB building. In March 2005, *God's Littlest Lambs Daycare and School* was birthed and now serves 200 children in Flor. Many of these children come from families too poor to afford daycare. Some had been locked up in the house while their mother went to find work, some did not even go to school. God has provided an amazing staff of godly, qualified teachers and lovers of children to carry out this huge daily task.

Residential Children's Home

What about the children like Elsa, Sallie, and Denis who needed a home? That is another tale of wonder which is still unfolding. Suzy has 40 children in her full time care, all

Education for Ministry (EFM) An Opportunity for Adult Christian Education

Have you ever wished that you could see God in your "Monday through Friday" life... in the humdrum of every day life? Have you ever felt you left God in church on Sunday? Are you looking for that next "stepping stone" to deepen your faith?

If the answer to any of these questions is "yes," "maybe," or "tell me more," then join us in EFM, an opportunity for adult Christian education. What makes EFM unique? What makes it worth your time, consideration, and participation?

EFM is - NOT about books, although there are books; NOT a Bible study, although the Bible is studied; NOT a prayer group, although there is prayer and worship. The answer has more to do with the program's process than its content.

EFM helps people to integrate their faith lives with their daily lives which benefits the individuals as well as their communities and the Church. The gift that EFM offers the Church is a laity that is informed theologically and formed reflectively. EFM stands on a solid foundation of tradition, recognizes the cultural and contextual nuances of the world in which we live, and helps participants articulate their values and beliefs.

The "reflective" laity acts out of

identified values and beliefs. The "reactive" laity acts out of emotion. EFM can serve as a vehicle for God-given transformation in a world driven by fear and defensiveness. The knowledge gained through EFM study is intended to be integrated with life experience through reflection so that the world is served through Christ's Church.

Education is what is offered. Ministry and service are the outcome. EFM began in 1975 as a graduate level course designed for the lay person. It is a four-year program in which participants commit to only one year at a time. The syllabus features the Old Testament (year 1), the New Testament (year 2), Church history and tradition (year 3), and theological ethics and choices (year 4). The materials: the Bible, the Book of Common Prayer, the EFM texts, and a heart and mind ready to engage.

If you are interested in participating in an EFM group, there are six EFM chapters located throughout the Diocese. Visit www.socialministries.com. Click on "ministries" and then "educational ministries" to learn more about the EFM chapter nearest you.



Baby Margaret became the newest member of God's Littlest Lambs at just three days old, June 12, 2006.

living under one roof (if you can believe that!) in a large, rented house just outside the city. Property for a permanent home for these children has just been purchased, and plans are being made even now for the placement of wells and infrastructure, preparing the way for what we pray will be truly God's home for these vulnerable ones. This will be our *God's Littlest Lambs Residential Children's Home*. We plan to have cottages, where 8-10 children can live with foster parents, a chapel, a guest house, and, hopefully, a farm where our children can learn to grow crops.

How can we help?

Pray

Pray for the children, the staff and for wisdom for all the plans; Pray also for Suzy as she and Jesus share a yoke of heavy responsibility.

Share

Share the vision of God's Littlest Lambs with others – plan a gathering and invite Susan or someone from the board to come to a gathering to speak about the work of LAMB

Support

Offer financial support. Monthly donors as well as one-time givers are needed.

Go

Visit the LAMB Institute on a short-term mission trip, and bring a construction team to help build!

To learn more contact: Susan Clarkson Keller at 843-769-5403 or susanckeller@knology.net

Episcopal Cursillo Leader's Workshop

Trinity Church, Myrtle Beach, November 17 - 19, 2006.

ECLW is designed to examine the nuts and bolts of Cursillo – what the movement was meant to be and to accomplish. Anyone in a leadership role (weekend rector, member of the secretariat, Ultreya rector, etc.) or anyone who considers the Cursillo to be a major part of their ministry should consider attending an ECLW. Your understanding of Cursillo will deepen, and the movement will be strengthened as the apostolic purpose of Cursillo becomes clearer.

Registration will begin at 7:00 pm on Friday evening. The ECLW will conclude with lunch on Sunday. The cost will be \$180 per attendee. This includes room (double occupancy) and meals Saturday morning through Sunday noon.

To make reservations call 843-669-0006 and leave a message, or e-mail clewis266@sc.rr.com.

Cliff Lewis, Local Coordinator

Restoring Hope Restoring Hope in Charleston

By Catherine Warner

I ain't evah gonna quit, I ain't evah gonna stop... I'm gonna keep prayin', I'm gonna keep go-in'..." The hip hop refrain offered by the teen group "Children of Royalty" during the service of Blessing, Restoring and Building for St. John's Episcopal Mission in downtown Charleston attested to the ministry that has born fruit over the



Children of Royalty perform during the service.

years, yet has a great harvest ahead. The historic Mission is located at 18 Hanover Street between Amherst and Columbus Streets in the Eastside neighborhood.

The special service of Blessing, Restoring and Building for the Mission was held on Saturday, May 20, 2006. Bishops Salmon and Skilton led the service and nearly two dozen priests, deacons and leaders from more than a dozen congregations in the Charleston area attended the service. The Mission is led by Brother Dallas Wilson, longtime pastor of Agape InnerCity Christian Assembly, recently ordained to holy orders in January 2006.

A Work in Progress

Unlike many dedication services for new buildings, St. John's is a work in progress. During the service, Wilson's wife and partner in ministry, Janie, gave thanks for the many people who have helped advance the mission. She also shared the understanding that dedicating the building in its present dilapidated condition was symbolic of the people we are called to minister to in the area. The walls are patched, the ceiling exposed to rafters, and some of the windows are broken out. Many people in the community surrounding St. John's have also faced years of neglect and are looking for restoration in their lives.

"And they that shall be of thee shall build the old waste places: thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, the repairer of the breach, the restorer of paths to dwell in."

Isaiah 58:12

This scripture is the mandate and driving force for the restoration of St. John's. God's people are called to depend upon him and to rebuild the places that have been devastated

by oppression. Considering the location and history of St. John's, it speaks great truth into the present situation and vision of Brother Dallas and Sister Janie.

Eastside Community

The Eastside Community is an approximately 1.4 square mile area in the Federally Designated Enterprise Renewal Community (ERC). It is a neighborhood suffering from high poverty and dwindling resources. The social issues affecting the area are numerous, complex and cyclical. According to census figures, 40% of the families in the ERC live in poverty. Wilson points out that poverty is just the beginning of the story. "Where poverty exists,

children are more likely to be hungry, have greater health problems, live in substandard housing, fail in school, and become pregnant at an earlier age." Each of these problems begins a spiral of new problems that have profound implications for the community and city as a whole.

Wilson and his wife walk through the community daily. It is their own community. He has lived there for 14 years and Agape Ministries has been present there for 18 years. Interestingly, while there are 27 churches in the Eastside Community, Wilson is the only pastor who actually lives and ministers within the area.

Meet Brother Dallas

When he was fifteen and a hoodlum hanging out on a church stoop, a minister came out and chased him off the steps and property of the church. Despite having been raised in church, by a deeply spiritual mother, Wilson points to that incident as a turning point in his life. From then, he wanted nothing to do with a church that looked at his color or status and judged him accordingly. He left his Christian upbringing behind and found expression in the Muslim faith. Several years after college, he audited some courses at New York Theological Seminary with the intent to disprove Christianity. Instead, he was converted and realized that he had been using the Muslim faith to live out a life of anger and rebellion. Later he earned his Masters and Doctorate in Theology from Gulf Coast Seminary in 1986 and 1990,

respectively. In 1995, the Holy Spirit began stirring events and the call toward ordination in the Episcopal Church.

Receiving God's Vision

Wilson came reluctantly to Charleston in 1984 in response to God's call on his life. For several years prior to coming, the Lord gave him a detailed vision for building a church in the city. Wilson wrote out the vision with all the accompanying scriptures and began praying about it. God showed him this church was to love all persons with God's sacrificial kind of love. Wilson points to 1 John 4 as well as John 3:16 as foundational truths. "God continued to teach me of His love for all men. Increasingly, conviction grew within me. The Lord wanted His love reproduced within me personally, as well as within this Agape Church."

Later, the Lord showed Wilson Ecclesiastes 4:1 and James 1:26-27. He realized that God expected him to pour his life and energy out for the helpless rather than play the respectable "game of religion." This ministry he was being called to was not to be "flamboyant" in any way, but instead a ministry of humility and servant-hood. This church was to "have sensitivity to its people, their needs, and their community." It was to reproduce God's love for all men regardless of their station in life, hence the name Agape.

Wilson knew God was developing in him a vision for a new ministry. Yet he struggled to let go of traditional ideas about building and leading a church. God continued to reassure him through conviction of the Holy Spirit and more scriptures. Wilson went through periods of doubt and then a two-year period of personal brokenness. During this time, he had to cling to God and learn firsthand how deep God's love was for him. In his own words, "God brought me down." Above all, the Lord encouraged Wilson to stay humble and faithful, and God would be with him.

Following his move to Charleston in 1984, Wilson initially worshiped at Northwood Assembly



Brother Dallas Wilson speaking at the Service of Blessing and Building for the Mission of St. John's.

in North Charleston. He prayed and waited as God brought together people and resources for ministry. In 1988, Wilson, along with other Christian men, began to minister together at McDougall Correctional Institute. As their prison ministry bore fruit, the group realized that they were growing together as a church. On August 7, 1988, Agape InnerCity Christian Assembly began worship services at the Business and Technology Center on East Bay Street. For 18 years now Agape Ministries has been ministering to the Eastside Community with issues related to poverty, low academic achievement, social deprivation and community disorganization.

St. John's Episcopal Mission

In the heart of the Eastside Community sits St. John's Episcopal Mission. St. John's was consecrated by Bishop Gadsen in 1840. The Reverend Cranmore Wallace was called as the first rector and in 1841 reported 13 white and 10 colored communicants, and at Sunday School, 41 white and 39 colored. The ministry grew as an outreach to the poor in the area. By 1859, there were 79 white and 44 colored communicants and 222 at the almshouse.

As the war came through Charleston, the Chapel fell to hard times. In 1870, the city clergy jointly contributed \$120 to repair and restore the building. Over the years there was considerable partnership with other churches in the diocese, including St. Michael's, St. Paul's, St. Helena's and St. Philip's. By the turn of the century, there were a number of active organizations involved at St. John's, including the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, the Relief Society,

the Women's Auxiliary, St. John's Friendly Society and an Industrial School.

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Picnic following the Celebration of New Beginnings.



At the recent General Convention, the Episcopal Church overwhelmingly agreed to once again to support the eight Millennium Development Goals. As you probably know, these goals focus on eliminating poverty and sustaining long-term development in the poorest countries in the world. Most Episcopal Dioceses have passed resolutions urging members to support these goals. Why is this important? Well, one sixth of the world's population lives on less than \$1 per day. One person dies from hunger every 3.5 seconds. Each one of them is a child of God. Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) has programs that address each of the eight goals. They include such things as eradicating extreme poverty and hunger, reducing child mortality, and combating HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases. You can do your part by making a contribution to ERD, earmarked for one or more of the eight Millennium Development Goals. If you go online at www.erd.org, you can learn much more about this important project and each of the goals. One can donate online, or mail checks to ERD, PO Box 12043, Newark, NJ 07101.

Flooding in the Northeast US

The end of June brought the worst flooding in many decades for parts of the northeastern United States. Both the Delaware and Susquehanna Rivers crested some 15 feet above flood stage, causing thousands to flee their flooded homes. ERD immediately provided emergency assistance to the dioceses

that requested aid. That included the Dioceses of Albany, Easton, New York, and Central New York. The money provided temporary shelter, medicine, food, water, baby formula, and clothing for many evacuees. If you made a donation to ERD in the last few months earmarked "Emergency Relief Fund," chances are that your funds helped people in this situation.

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Indonesian Earthquake

ERD also responded to a major catastrophe in late May when a 6.3 magnitude earthquake in Indonesia killed thousands of people and made over 200,000 people homeless. ERD is working with Action by Churches Together, an ecumenical organization, to provide

affected people with food, temporary shelter, potable water, hygiene kits, mattresses, and medical services. If you made a donation to ERD in the last few months earmarked "Emergency Relief Fund," you helped make ERD's response in Indonesia possible.

Work in Africa Continues

In light of recent events within The Episcopal Church, some people have questioned whether or not ERD still funds projects in Africa as generously as they once did. The answer is, "Yes, and even more so." The needs in Africa, of course, are immense. However, ERD is making a difference. They are currently supporting programs in Botswana, Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Kenya, Liberia, Namibia, South Africa, Sudan, Swaziland, Tanzania, and Zambia. Only

in a small number of cases, have diocesan leaders turned down our offers of aid. Also, assistance was recently given to the Diocese of Malawi to repair an Anglican school that had been badly damaged by bad weather. Finally, ERD helped flood victims in both Malawi and Kenya in late May. So, yes, we are busy helping needy people throughout Africa.

The Sudan

In our last column, we mentioned that perhaps there was room for optimism regarding the peace talks between the government of Sudan and the rebels in the Darfur region. Since then, the president of Sudan has refused to let UN peacekeepers into the country. The UN force was supposed to replace the outmanned African Union troops, which, realistically, have been fairly ineffective. Thus, the refugees who were driven from their homes and who are living in refugee camps in Darfur and in neighboring Chad, will apparently remain displaced for some time to come. ERD, working through the Episcopal Church of the Sudan, continues to provide critical aid at some 35 locations. If we had more funds, our assistance could be increased.

Katrina Donations Still Needed

My wife and I recently spent some time along the Gulf Coast in Mississippi and in New Orleans. Even nine months after Hurricane Katrina, the devastation is widespread. Several churches that had enjoyed beautiful Gulf views were reduced to piles of rubble, and those piles were then blown away. We talked to some Episcopal priests in the

area. They all praised the generosity of ERD, but pointed out that people in the area still need help. ERD has programs in place that will take years to complete. Many other relief agencies have already gone home. Thus, donations to "Katrina Relief Fund" are still needed and appreciated.

Noteworthy Diocesan Churches Support ERD

Two churches in our diocese have truly distinguished themselves by generously supporting ERD. A recent "unofficial" list of church donations to ERD showed that Grace Episcopal Church, Charleston, contributed \$83,400 last year and has given a total of \$107,500 since 2000. That ranked Grace as #4 in the country for last year, and #7 in the country for the last six years. A much smaller church, Trinity

Grace Church, Charleston, ranked #4 in the country in giving to Episcopal Relief and Development.

Episcopal Church, Edisto Island, actually did even better on a per capita basis. Trinity contributed \$24,700 last year, and has given a total of \$47,900 from 2000 through 2005. That earned them a ranking of 52nd in the country last year, and 46th in the country for the last six years. What is important, however, is not the ranking, or the dollars, but the number of people throughout the world who have been helped

by these two congregations. These churches are certainly responding to the call of the last 12 verses of Matthew 25. Thanks to both of these churches for their generosity.

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Vocational Deacons: Who are They?

On September 10, 2005, nine men and women were ordained to the Order of Deacon at the Cathedral of St. Luke and St. Paul by Bishops Salmon, Skilton, and Haynesworth. These six men and three women have been called to be life-long vocational deacons.

What makes this Order different from transitional deacons who become priests?

The heart of the vocational diaconate is ministry "in the world" and not in a parish. Although deacons are certainly called to serve in parishes, just as priests are, they are called to serve primarily in the world. This is a matter of focus.

The Examination in the Service for the Ordination of a Deacon states, "In the name of Jesus Christ, you are called to serve all people, particularly the poor, the weak, the sick, and the lonely." It also states, "You are to make Christ and his redemptive love known, by your word and example, to those among whom you live, and work, and worship.

You are to interpret to the Church the needs, concerns, and hopes of the world."

In her book, "Being a Deacon Today," Rosalind Brown writes, "To be a deacon is to share in ministry flowing from the diaconal ministry of Jesus Christ." She continues, "It is to be

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caught up in ministry that is incarnational, rooted in place, in time, in life. And it is the privilege of the deacon to be a catalyst for the ministry of all baptized, encouraging and freeing them by our example to live for the glory of God."

In other words, vocational deacons bring the needs and suffering of the world into the church and the hope and compassion of the church into the brokenness of the world. It is also the work of the deacon to facilitate the ongoing ministries of the laity. Essentially, the diaconate is a bridge ministry, a bridge between the needs of the world and the parish, between the ministries of the laity and the ministries of the ordained orders.

For the most part, deacons are not paid for their ministries in the parish or in their diaconal placements for the diocese.

Deacons in many diocese including the Diocese of South Carolina, do not vote at the diocesan level, although they retain seat and voice. As clergy, they give up the right to vote at the parish level. In a sense, vocational deacons become powerless in order to serve the weak and powerless. In doing so, they become reflections of Christ in the world.

What do the deacons in our diocese do?

Of the seventeen vocational deacons currently serving in this diocese,

most are hospital or healthcare chaplains. Other vocations, however, are represented, too. There is a deacon who has a prison ministry, one who is a police chaplain, one who is a chaplain to overseas missionaries, one who ministers to the Hispanic people in her area, and one who is a Boy Scout chaplain and minister to seafarers.

Some of these deacons are retired. Some are not. Some, like the hospital or healthcare chaplains, have been able to combine at least part of their diaconal vocation with their "day jobs." Others add their ministries to full-time non-ministry jobs.

This last class of nine was the largest formed here so far and joined several previous small classes. In 2007, we hope to see eight more new vocational deacons assigned all over the diocese so that the sight of deacons will no longer be a rare event.

If your parish has a vocational deacon, cherish him or her and give what support you can to these selfless servants of the Body of Christ.

By Ed Davis and Capers Limehouse

Do As He Did

Thoughts on Healing Ministry from the Mission Field

This article was submitted by a missionary supported by the Diocese of South Carolina who is serving in a politically sensitive country. Her identity is concealed at her request.

In recent years, many missionaries are focusing their efforts on healing and deliverance by the Lord Jesus from the generational worship of idols and foreign gods. Many new converts have head-on collisions with evil/unclean spirits. And many have difficulty growing in Christ because of their lifelong pattern of thinking and behaving. Some are trapped in ungodly practices and are unable to get free. Worst of all, are those who love God, yet find themselves constantly fighting a war on poverty, physical or mental illnesses, or marital and family problems without obvious cause.

Gradually, missionaries come to realize that confrontation with the enemy is necessary and that the solution is found in the Bible. Indeed, if

Jesus taught his disciples to do as he did with power and authority, and the same teaching and source of power are available to his church today, then the teaching is just as valid today as it was in the first generation. His teaching was not just to listen to what he said. It was to listen and do as he did.

In China, Taiwan, Singapore, pastors regularly help new converts dismantle the ancestral shrines, dedicated to Buddha, Kwangyin, and various folk religion deities. They also pray for their deliverance from the consequences of worshipping idols. For individuals with a generational history of such practices, deliverance sometimes takes a few ministers many hours to succeed.

This is also my experience. I first came in contact with the healing ministry of Frances and Judith McNutt in 1987 and 1989. After that I met Charles Kraft, Neil Anderson and other healing/deliverance ministries like Cleansing Stream and lately, the Ellet Ministries, Singapore.

I came to realize that God created the universe with laws to guide and control its on-going activities with order. Violation of these laws results in consequences. Given the physical law of gravity for instance, it is true for Isaac Newton, for an atheist and a newborn baby. Knowing or not knowing, believing in God or not believing in God, it's all the same. If they walk out of a third floor window, they'll fall.

Moral and spiritual laws are the same. Like it or not, believe it or not, what God says is true. God's laws are recorded in the Bible. They affect our body, mind and spirit, and are immediate, innate, constant and absolute, except when God decides to intervene or suspend them.

Spiritual healing and deliverance deals with all aspects of one's whole being, bringing balance and wholeness as God intended. Most importantly, the focus is to rid one of the curse of generations of ungodly

practices and return the person to an intimate relationship with God in Christ who is able to live a healthy life personally and interpersonally.

For me, participating in healing ministry brings the obvious effect of a renewed trust in, love for, and fear of God and much less fear of men. I

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trust God will do mighty works with or without me. I know that God has a perfect plan for me as for everyone. Nothing, even my mistakes, can frustrate the actualization of this perfect plan. And I am willing to wait upon God to work out His plan, His time and place, His way, and to guide and do with me as He will. *Amen.*

Remember our missionaries in prayer.

Restoring Hope in Charleston *Continued from page three.*

In 1920, St. John's became a parish. The church rolls listed 420 communicants, a Sunday School of 145 and membership of 787.

By the 1950's, the surrounding neighborhood began deteriorating and many city residents moved out to the suburbs. Membership declined and diocesan leadership worked to move St. John's west of the Ashley. In 1958, St. John's (original site) was secularized by the Rt. Rev. Thomas Carruthers. In the 1960's, a study by the Episcopal Diocese recognized Charleston's East Side as an area of high juvenile delinquency. At the site of the original St. John's Chapel, St. John's Episcopal Mission Center was started. Until 1986, Father Henry Grant worked tirelessly with the community to meet the needs and offer spiritual shelter. However, in 1986, the Mission Center closed and has been neglected and in disrepair ever since.

Restoring the Soul and the Building

Today Brother Dallas and his wife Janie see God's hand moving to restore St. John's into a lighthouse of hope in this community. The Wilsons see St. John's as a ministry that is about "putting meat on the dry bones of the Eastside Community." The church building itself will be consecrated for Christian worship and as a place for an expression of the Anglican tradition of faith in October of 2007, God willing.

Behind the Sanctuary is a large two-story Educational Building known as the African American Family Center for Biblical Dialogue. According to Wilson, the Center will operate out of a holistic "Settlement House" concept. This concept seeks to work with residents from birth to death in a number of roles in order to bring health and well-being to the community. The goal is to create a neighborhood center that helps to restore the community by building upon strengths in the community, as well as by providing various services. The Center will be staffed by a full-time coordinator with a number of interns and volunteers.

First Floor: The Adults

Men's Center: The Men's Center will work to meet the social, emotional, spiritual, educational, and life needs of men, particularly non-custodial fathers, in efforts to reconnect them to community and wholeness. Research shows that non-custodial fathers often slip through the cracks of employee program outreach. The joblessness that ensues creates a shameful cycle that perpetuates abandonment issues with

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regard to family. Additionally, many of these men have criminal records, thus increasing the difficulty of finding legitimate, long-term employment. The resulting hopelessness impedes commitment to a house of worship.

The Men's Center will not only provide fatherhood and life skills, but also job skills, including the opportunity to partner in a minority-led construction company. In addition, the Center will offer college-based, community-oriented classes.

Women's Center: The Women's Center will seek to help women develop personally, educationally, and professionally. In addition to business training and aid, the Center will offer the arts-related program "Words of Women." Women's forums, individual and family counseling, crisis intervention counseling and a sexual harassment information center will be developed over time.

Second Floor: The Children

Straight Street: This project will provide safe housing for 5-8 female youth who are homeless, runaways, or at-risk for these conditions. The goal of the project is to work with these youth to provide education, physical and mental health services, as well as vocational opportunities. In 2007,

the Children's Law Advocacy Center will be implemented, as well as the completion of a Media Room with Video Conferencing capabilities.

Summer Leadership School/Day Camp: "Camp" is an 8-week summer "spiritual, academic & social bridge" for at-risk children between elementary and middle school years. It focuses on training these children to act with integrity, character and equity, as well as preparing them for the rest of their academic life. It has been running successfully for 13 years now.

Recording Studio: One of the most innovative and ambitious endeavors at St. John's is the implementation of a project called Anarchy Unlimited. This project is a response to the needs of at-risk young people and provides an opportunity for involvement in the arts. For many at-risk youth living in economically depressed areas, technology provides an avenue to improve their abilities and develop their potential. St. John's goal is to provide ethnic and other musical groups access to a top-of-the-line recording studio in exchange for a willingness to work with and train children who are making the effort to succeed in school. This will allow the young people to develop their musical potential and creates opportunities for education in sound engineering and music production.

Multi-Media Center: A state-of-the-art technology center that will include an applications lab, multimedia lecture hall, and computer lab will be developed. The goal is to offer residents of the Eastside Community a variety of courses including life-skills, religion, and vocational training so as to produce greater employment opportunities and productivity for those already employed.

Mentoring Rooms, Classrooms, and Offices: Space will be available for various community, faith-based, and educational purposes

Multipurpose Building/Gymnasium: In addition to the restoration and renovation of the Sanctuary and the Education Building, there is a dream and vision of building a gymnasium/multipurpose building in close proximity to St. John's. This would enable the creation of athletic programs and involvement at a variety of levels of physical and health education across generations in the community.

Coming Together

St. John's Episcopal Mission provides an amazing opportunity for the Diocese of South Carolina to minister to the hungry, the broken, and the lost right in our midst. *"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to*



Procession into St. John's Mission Center.

drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me...I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."

Matthew 26:35-36, 40.

Brother Dallas and Sister Janie invite you to prayerfully consider how God wants to use you in the restoration of St. John's.

Christianity Explored Coming May, 2007

Are you looking for a way to reach out to neighbors, friends or relatives with the gospel, but don't know how to get them to come to church or open the Bible? Do you feel a tug toward Bible teaching or Christian leadership, but have no idea where to start?



Rico Tice of All Soul's, London will lead the Christianity Explored Conference

Our Diocese will be hosting a Christianity Explored Conference, featuring Rico Tice of All Soul's Church in London. Rico is a passionate evangelist who travels the world with the good news of Jesus Christ. He is the primary writer and presenter in the award winning Christianity Explored video series. Joining Rico will be Barry Cooper and Sam Shammas, course developers for the Christianity Explored and Discipleship Explored series.

"What I welcomed about the Christianity Explored course is that, in taking us through Mark's gospel, it emphasizes truths which

are often neglected – like the gravity of sin, the centrality of the cross, the sufficiency of grace, and the necessity of repentance."

Dr. John Stott

"We're living in days in which, more than ever, people are totally ignorant even of the basic meaning of the Christian faith, and we've found around the world that Christianity Explored is making a wonderful contribution to the mission of the church."

Archbishop Greg Venables, Primate of the Southern Cone

"I have found the Christianity Explored material to be the most biblical approach to evangelism on a program form that I have found in over 25 years of ministry."

The Ven. Jon Abboud, Archdeacon, Reformed Episcopal Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic

Mark your calendars to be at Christ Church, Mount Pleasant on Saturday May 12, 2007, for a day that will further your understanding of the gospel of Mark, enhance your ability to communicate the gospel, and equip you to teach scripture. It is an opportunity to learn more about amazing opportunities that can help your church reach out to your community and disciple church members!

Details about Christianity Explored and Discipleship Explored as well as conference details can be found online at www.christianityexplored.com



Above are Holy Cross Sullivan's Island's Junior DOK who were installed in May. On September 16, they will host a "Diocesan Jr. DOK Day" for their "little sisters in Christ" from the other ten Junior chapters throughout the diocese.

"Lord, what would you have me do?"

Daughters of the King News

"Lord, what would you have me do?" will be the theme for the diocesan Daughters of the King during the coming year, September '06 – September '07.

Fall Assembly

The Lydia chapter at St. Paul's, Bennettsville, will host the Fall Assembly on September 23rd. Bishop Skilton, Province IV DOK chaplain, will not only install the new diocesan officers and chaplain but also celebrate the Eucharist. Fr. Mike Szymanowski, out-going DOK Diocesan chaplain, will preach the homily.

New Officers/New Board

The new officers are: Vicky Armes, President, St. Paul's, Bennettsville; Elaine Crafton, 1st Vice President, St. Stephen's, N. Myrtle Beach; Stephanie Wright, 2nd Vice President, Calvary, Charleston; and Nancy Barutio, Treasurer, The Cathedral, Charleston. The Rev. Terence Lee of St. Paul's, Bennettsville, will be the diocesan DOK chaplain. The following diocesan DOK have been appointed to serve on the diocesan DOK board for the next three years: Betsy Tezza, Recording Secretary, Holy Cross, Sullivan's Island; Laura Fenters, Corresponding Secretary, Trinity, Pinopolis; Augusta Nadol, Jr. Directress, Old St. Andrew's, Charleston; Jean Mixon, Registrar, St. Bartholomew's, Hartsville; Heather Bryan, DAL, St. Michael's, Charleston; Lucyle Merriwether, Funds Chairman, St. Luke's, Hilton Head; Susan Knight, Membership Chairman, All Saints Parish Waccamaw, Pawley's Island; and Sunny Walker, Historian, Holy Comforter, Sumter.

Province IV Fall Assembly

In early October, many diocesan DOK and clergy are planning to attend the DOK Province IV Fall Assembly at Kanuga. The Rt. Rev. and Rt. Honorable George Carey, retired Archbishop of Canterbury, will lead the daily teachings on, "Lord, what would you have me do?" Our own Bishop Skilton will lead the meditations on this same theme.

Funding Available for Your Parish's Social Ministry Events

The Diocese's Department of Social Ministries will provide seed money to help finance gatherings, retreats, workshops, and special events in 2006 that inspire support of social (i.e., outreach and domestic mission) ministries associated with the Diocese's churches. For example, you can use the seed money to pay for a portion of the publicity, speakers, refreshments, music, entertainment, etc., for such events. Questions? Call Ed Dyckman, Chair, Department of Social Ministries at 843-367-5647. To apply for seed money, please email ed@socialministries.com or write to him at Ed Dyckman, 126 West Shipyard Road, Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464, the following information:

- YOUR name, 10-digit telephone number, email address, and responsibility in the church or social ministry organization hosting the event.
- FUNDING: The (a) amount of seed money, when you need it, where we should mail the check, and to whom we should make it payable; (b) purpose of the seed money; (c) total cost of the event; and (d) other sources of funds for the event.
- NAME: The name of the event.
- SPONSOR: The church and/or social ministry organization(s) sponsoring and/or benefiting from the event.
- DESCRIPTION: Approximately 50 words describing the purpose of the event and activities planned during the event.
- DATE AND TIME: The date(s) and starting and ending times of the event.
- LOCATION: The address of the event location, including street, city, state, and zip code.



- ADMISSION: Cost of admission (if any).
- CONTACTS: The names, 10-digit telephone numbers, and email addresses of two points of contact for public inquiries about the event.

Are you searching for organizations in your community where you can help your neighbors or find help yourself? Visit www.socialministries.com. They may have the answer you have been looking for. The Diocese supports this resource for us to use to connect with each other and people in need. Please take a look.

United Thank Offering Spring Ingathering *Thank You!*

This prayer, from UTO's own devotional guide, came to mind as I sat down to write this article. To all the dedicated UTO Chairwomen in our Diocese and to the many men, women & children who so generously participated in the 2006 Spring UTO Ingathering, **thank you** from the bottom of my heart. This is for you! Humbly submitted, *Nancy Pickering*

*I said a prayer for you today
And know God must have heard –
I felt the answer in my heart
Although He spoke no word!
I didn't ask for wealth or fame
I know you wouldn't mind –
I asked Him to send treasures
of a far more lasting kind!
I asked that He'd be near you
at the start of each new day.
To grant you health and blessings
and friends to share your way.
I asked for happiness for you
in all things great and small –
But it was for His loving care
I prayed the most of all!*

Report from the 2006 ECW Triennial Meeting

The Diocese of South Carolina delegates to the Triennial Meeting met in Columbus, Ohio, on June 12th. Catherine Jones, Catherine Quakenbush, Nancy Pickering and Sue Griffin served as your delegates. Margie Williams also attended the meeting as the ECW Province IV President.

After settling in at the hotel and finding lost baggage, we set out to find the convention center which was about four long blocks from our hotel. The convention center had several large meeting rooms: the Triennial Room, The House of Deputies, The House of Bishops, a huge Worship room where over 8000 people worshiped each morning, and an Exhibit Hall with over 250 booths where you could pick up information or purchase many different items.

Opening Celebration

The Episcopal Church Women opened the 45th Triennial Meeting with a procession led by bells, banners and a special song written especially for the Triennial Meeting by Dr. Horace Boyer. The opening celebration brought representatives from nine provinces together for work, play and worship. The theme for the meeting, *Live in the Light*, comes from I John 1:7.

Highlights of the Gathering

- Special ceremony marking 30 years of ordaining women
- Welcoming Dinner with skit written by Triennial Meeting Chaplain
- UTO Dinner
- Sessions with Phoebe Griswold and Bishop Geralyn Wolf
- Music under the guidance of Dr. Horace Boyer, editor of *Lift Every Voice and Sing*
- Spiritual development shepherded by the Very Rev. Marilyn Engstrom, Chaplain

- Unified Gift to "Our Little Roses"
- Workshops (three led by Lydia & Hensley Evans and Martha Horne - they were the best!)
- In a special ceremony, Charmian Webb of St. Helena's, Beaufort, was recognized along with others from throughout the country as "Honored Woman" of the diocese.
- Noontime Offerings - one day we were entertained by Elisabeth von Trapp, the granddaughter of Maria von Trapp, made famous by the film *The Sound of Music*.

A Fresh Wind is Blowing

On Friday morning from 7:30 - 9 a.m. the Province IV ECW sponsored a breakfast at the Crowne Plaza hotel. Province officers were introduced, and Jackie Robe the Province IV Missions Chair spoke about PROJECT MISSION, "*A Fresh Wind is Blowing*." In hopes that all dioceses will be "in touch" with each other throughout the year, we drew prayer partners. Each year prayer partners will be drawn at the Kanuga Women's Conference. Plans were also discussed for Mission for Disaster Relief and World Mission. Ninety women attended the breakfast.

UTO Ingathering

The UTO Ingathering was held on Saturday during the Convention Eucharist. The UTO coordinators from 107 dioceses of the Episcopal church (Nancy Pickering from the Diocese of SC) participated in the service. The \$20,624.15 in the plate offering gathered went to help fund the \$2.4 million 2006 UTO grants

Hurricane Katrina Relief

Every woman present on Thursday was moved when Bishop Charles E. Jenkins of Louisiana and Bishop

Duncan Gray of Mississippi spoke of the devastation in their dioceses resulting from Hurricane Katrina. On Friday, the women put their money into motion to benefit the bishop's Darkness Into Day fund-raising effort and raised \$10,000 in 10 minutes toward the \$6.5 million fund-raising effort.

Kay Meyer ECW National Board President

Kay Meyer was elected as the 2006-2009 ECW National Board President. When interviewed she said, "It is with great trepidation and much excitement that I assume the position as president of the Episcopal Church Women. I believe 'the one at the top' carries the greater servanthood in the body. With God's help and your prayers, may I do just that. It will be a great joy to take the message of the mission and ministry of all of you to the larger church."

Kay has served the Episcopal Church Women in her diocese as president and has served as Province IV ECW President and as Province IV Representative to the National ECW Board. I have been friends with Kay for over ten years, and she is a faithful, orthodox Christian. She is no stranger to our diocese, as she attended our Annual Meeting the year we met with the Diocesan Convention at Porter Gaud and has also attended our Diocesan ECW Retreats at St. Christopher. Please keep Kay in your prayers as she leads the National ECW.

Margie Williams
Province IV ECW President



Margie Williams Elected President of the ECW of Province IV

Margie Williams of St. Jude's in Walterboro was elected President of Episcopal Church Women of Province IV. She follows Lydia Evans of St. Philip's in Charleston, continuing the Diocese of South Carolina's leadership in the largest province in the E.C.W. in the United States. Mrs. Williams was elected at the Province IV Conference at Kanuga in April and will lead the conference there next June. At the recent Triennial Convention in Columbus, she presided at a breakfast for delegates from nine states. Nineteen of the twenty dioceses that comprise the province were represented. South Carolina is a prayer partner with the Diocese of Tennessee, and we are asked to pray for the women and their churches in the Middle Tennessee area. Alsie Churchman of Atlanta is the new secretary-treasurer.

Annual ECW Diocesan Meeting Held at St. James

St. James Church on James Island hosted the 122nd annual meeting of the Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese of South Carolina on April 29th, as well as the diocesan E.C.W. Board meeting and dinner the night before. Under the leadership of the Rev. Arthur Jenkins, Rector, and Anne Hart, Parish E.C.W. President, delegates and guests from churches throughout the diocese met to hear the keynote address by Joanne Ellison, teacher and leader of the *Drawing Near to God Ministry*, a message from Bishop Edward L. Salmon, and news from home and foreign mission representatives. They also selected the year's diocesan project and new board members. Mrs. Charmian Webb of St. Helena's, Beaufort was recognized as "Honored Woman" for the diocese. Bishop and Mrs. Salmon were presented with an antique silver tray and a special cake in appreciation for their years of faithful service. Suzy McCall's ministry, God's Littlest Lambs, serving abandoned babies and young children at the LAMB Institute in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, was chosen as the E.C.W. project of the year. Gifts to last year's project, The Haitian-American Partnership Program, The United Thank Offering, and the Church Periodical Club were presented. At the board meeting the evening before, St. John's Mission on the Charleston East Side and "Save R. Kids" orphanage in Guyana had been voted 2006-

2007 prayer partners. Diocesan Vice President Frances Fuchs presided over both the board and the annual meetings in the absence of the president, Catherine Jones, whose husband was critically ill. Out-going board members, Elise Badger, Gamble Anderson, Martha Horn, Anne Hart, Jan Pringle and Kelly Edge were thanked for their service and new and continuing officers were installed.

2006-2007 E.C.W. Diocesan Board Members

2006-2007 E.C.W. Diocesan Board Members are: President, Catherine Jones; Vice President, Frances Fuchs; Corresponding Secretary, Kelly Edge; Recording Secretary, Betty Graham; Treasurer, Lynn MacEwen; Altar Guild/Flower Guild, Nancy Allen; Christian Education, Sheryl O'Neal; Church Periodical Club, Tootie Adams; Handbook/Communication, Marianne Holmes; Mission and Ministry in the World, Debbie Pigott; Mission and Ministry at Home, Brenda Armstrong; Spiritual Life, Beth Snyder; United Thank Offering, Nancy Pickering; Deanery Directors: Beaufort, Catherine Quakenbush; Charleston, Wilhelmina Frasier; Charleston West, Pat Ancrum; Florence Deanery and Diocesan President-Elect, Sue Griffin; Georgetown, Tommi Whitfield; Orangeburg, Callie Hub; Diocesan Past President, Ferebee Ruffalo; Province IV President,

Margie Williams. St. James parishioners treated Bishop and Mrs. Salmon, Bishop and Mrs. William Skilton, the speaker, board members and guests to a fine dinner Friday, and all participants enjoyed a delicious luncheon on Saturday. The E.C.W. thanked St. James for their gracious hospitality and accepted with appreciation the invitation from St. Helena's in Beaufort to host the annual meeting next spring.

Anne Graham Lotz (Daughter of Billy Graham)

Guest Speaker at

5th Annual Charleston Community Prayer Breakfast September 19, 7 a.m.

Charleston Area Convention Center

For more information, contact Fred Whittle, Breakfast Committee Chairman, fwhittle@jupiterhd.com or call 266-4173.

Perspectives on Christian Faith Formation - Family Ministry

By Peter Rothermel, Coordinator, Department of Christian Faith Formation, Diocese of South Carolina

I recently heard a story from Art Linkletter's *Kids Say the Strangest Things*. In the story a boy was asked what he would bring to heaven with him if he could bring anything. He said he would bring his parents because he figured they would have more time for him there.

Juggling Schedules

Ouch. I felt that. Time—our time—is so valuable and there are so many demands on families today. Many of us constantly juggle our schedules to get to our children's activities. In many families, both spouses work, so getting enough time together as a family, time with our spouse and free time prove to be quite challenging.

An Intentional Father

As I stepped into this position after 11 years of youth ministry, I was ready for a new chance at structuring time with my family. I desired greatly to be more present as a husband and a father. Upon researching curricula and attending conferences, a new burden and conviction arose in my heart. Moving from an absent father to being present was great. But then I was introduced to the possibility of being an *intentional* father. Being an intentional father is more than just showing up. It's being more aware of my role as a spiritual leader to my family and having a greater plan for where I am leading my family and children. Mostly it is an increased awareness of my role as a father. How do I take advantage of the short season I have with my children and prepare them for the world they are walking into? And how do I walk alongside of them and seize teachable moments to share my life, spiritual truths, Biblical understanding, life skills and modeling? Wow!

It's a heavy responsibility when you stop and look at it.

Building a Faith Foundation

As I was having my own personal revelations, I was learning about revelations in the worlds of children's ministry and youth ministry. George Barna, well-known author and statistician, has been challenging churches to re-evaluate how they do ministry with children and teens. His research has revealed that large numbers of young people do not have a solid or clear understanding of the Bible and Christian basics even though they have grown up going to church.

Many other specialists in the area of children's ministry support this truth and trace much of the problem to the lack of involvement of parents in helping children build their faith foundation. Many families are doing a better job of getting their children to church and Sunday school, but few are providing a faith nurturing environment at home. Many families depend on the church to teach their children the basics of faith, similar to how we depend on the educational system to teach our children what they need to know in the world of education. Rather than a dependency, we need to have a partnership with families where we can encourage them to become more actively involved in the spiritual growth of their children and to build on a relationship where we as a Church can provide tools, resources, and opportunities for spiritual formation to be grounded in the home.

Many churches throughout our country are in a transition, realizing that we need to improve on working with families, as it is clear that marriages and families are having a difficult time staying together.

Deuteronomy 6: 4 – 9 is a key passage of Scripture that challenges families to remember their respon-

sibilities in raising our children in the faith and in a relationship with God and his people.

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

All-Encompassing Approach

Ideally Christian faith formation is an all-encompassing approach in growing in our faith and relationship with Christ. Our faith is not segmented as a *part* of our life, but it is the foundation in which we do and see and experience all of our life. Unfortunately, many families have fallen into a model of Christian education which models Sunday morning and perhaps a mid-week piece of connection to the church with little if any support throughout the week at home.

So how do we build strong foundations and understandings of our faith in families today? Through a partnership: churches and families working together with an increased understanding of the church's role as a helper, encourager, and equipper but not as the sole place of faith teaching. From my view point, we are in a time of transition and a movement of God—a wake-up call to our responsibilities as parents and ministers and to the reality of



the challenges we are in. When was the last time you asked the Sunday school teacher how your child's spiritual growth was coming along?

Helpful Resources

As a parent, I have discovered many helpful resources. I have used the *Day-by-Day (Seven-Minute) Bible* by Karyn Henly as a helpful resource for doing family devotions. It takes us through the Bible and provides a continuity and foundation for discussion of spiritual things in our home. Most recently, I have enjoyed using Family Time activities which have provided fun and active ways of growing together as a family. Many churches in our diocese are growing in their awareness of the need to equip parents with the tools to be actively involved in the spiritual growth of their children. We will be highlighting some in this and upcoming issues of the *Jubilate Deo*. Please pray for families and marriages in our churches, and may we move into being more intentional in the spiritual growth of our children.

Resources available at the Diocesan Office upon request.

Family Ministry Around the Diocese

As the vision for children's ministry becomes more clearly focused on equipping parents to become the spiritual leaders, ministry staff around the diocese have begun to implement a variety of tools and programs. Here are just a few of the ideas.

VBS Parenting Series: During VBS this year, we presented a video teaching series on parenting for adults. Parents were encouraged to stop by after dropping their child off at VBS for a cup of coffee, watch the video and have some discussion. Two experienced parents volunteered to facilitate the discussion. We used Focus on the Family's "Your Child: Essentials of Discipline." The environment was very casual and non-threat-

ening. Parents could come every day or as they were available. A day care was offered for younger children not attending VBS. My vision for this opportunity is that it will become an outreach tool for families. It seems to be a natural connection to our other family programs like our Sunday morning family service and the mother's small group.

Lynn Lawrence, *St. Michael's, Charleston*

Family Sunday School: For the summer months, I have offered a combined class for children (pre-K to 4th grade) and their parents following our new family service on Sunday mornings. We have been focusing on the different feasts and festivals of Jews and Christians and how Jesus is the fulfillment of those. The class includes a very informal teaching and an interesting craft or fun game that the parents and children do together. The main idea behind this class was to take the 'fear factor' out

of doing spiritual development at home by showing them that they can do it fairly easily and introducing them to some good resources. The class has been very popular, drawing both new families and St. James' regulars. We plan to continue the class in the fall with volunteers leading it.

Mary Ellen Doran, *St. James', Charleston*

Family Night Out: One evening a month during the summer, we host Family Night Out at Holy Cross with BBQ and a parent talk. Everyone eats together and then the children head off for activities and crafts (kind of craft free-for-all) while the parents stay to listen to a speaker. Past topics have included "Parenting Pre-Schoolers" and "Cultivating Your Kids Faith." Different home groups host each program, helping with marketing, meal set up/take down, and taking care of the kids. Our ultimate goal is to plug these parents into a home group of their own so that will form strong connections with other families at Holy Cross.

Ginger Bergstrom, *Holy Cross, Sullivan's Island*

Connect Bags: As part of our children's ministry, we distribute "Connect Bags" to our families after church one Sunday each month. These bags contain a lesson, instructions and the basic items needed to do a hands-on Bible adventure at home with the family. Taken from *Heritage Builders: Family Night Tool Chest*, the bags are a fun way for families to extend spiritual development to the home.

Sherry Hall, *St. Helena's, Beaufort*



Parents and children learn together during the Family Sunday School at St. James', Charleston.

Spiritual Development in Children

August 11-12

Old St. Andrew's Parish Church (Charleston) is hosting a seminar on Spiritual Development in Children. The seminar will begin on Friday Evening August 11th at 6 p.m. with a dinner and keynote addresses by the Rev. Dr. John and Caroline Westerhoff. It will reconvene at 9 a.m. on Saturday morning for workshops led by the Westerhoffs.

Our Speakers

John, an Episcopal priest, taught theology and Christian Nurture at Duke University for twenty years, and was a founder of the Institute for Pastoral Studies at St Luke's Episcopal Church in Atlanta. He is also the author of over thirty books. One of his most famous books, *Will Our Children Have Faith?*, has been translated into eight languages.

Caroline is an accomplished author, lay canon in the Episcopal Church, and pastoral theologian. She is also an author of many books including *Calling: A Song for the Baptized*, *Good Fences: The Boundaries of Hospitality*, and *Transforming the Ordinary*, which she wrote with her husband.

To make reservations for this unique opportunity call the church office at (843) 766-1541.

All are invited but space is limited so make your reservations early.

Becoming Like Little Children

By Amy Watson Smith, Department of Christian Faith Formation, Diocese of SC

The first time I ever held a Bible in my hand, I was eight years old. My father was helping me to pass a rainy Saturday afternoon by cleaning out the large walk-in closet in my bedroom. I remember spotting the unfamiliar dark green, leather bound book with gold-edged pages, and how light the feather-weight pages felt in my fingers as I flipped through each delicate one. Who knows how that Bible came to be in the bottom of my closet? I know that I had never seen it before and to be honest, I had no idea what it was. My father gave me a brief explanation of the book and it must have intrigued me for I promptly sat down on the floor and began to read, "In the beginning God created..." I don't know how far I read that day—probably not very far at age eight—but clearly the experience left an indelible mark in my memory file since I often recall it when I trace the arc of my spiritual journey.

Over the next two decades, I danced around God—attending church in fits and spurts and reading Scripture sporadically. I had many questions but was too self-absorbed to really seek any answers. Becoming a parent changed all of that for me.

The birth of my daughter was in many ways miraculous. For the first time in my life, I acknowledged that there was a God and that he was gracious and merciful and loving—and had inexplicably entrusted this tiny baby to my care. From the very core of my being arose a feeling of love and protectiveness for her that I had not thought possible. But there was something else there too—a feeling that had been lying dormant for far too long. I had a deep longing to know this God and I knew with absolute certainty that I wanted my child to know Him too. The only problem was that He was a stranger to me. This was uncharted territory.

I felt (somewhat) confident that as a parent I would be able to help her learn to sit up, walk and talk, but I had absolutely no idea how to lead her *spiritual* development. I knew that it involved more than just teaching her a set of rules to follow. I had to somehow share with her this deep longing that I felt for God. As I had no foundation from which to draw, I had to start at the beginning.

Attending church regularly seemed a logical starting point. Since my knowledge of the Bible was almost nonexistent, I began reading to her from the children's Bible that she had been given at baptism. As I read these simple, child-like stories to her, the picture of who God was and what He was doing began to unfold for me.

Armed with this basic outline, I became more confident to study the Scriptures on my own. It was at this time that I began to pray with her—the first prayers I had ever said aloud. Hmm... I was on to something. I was learning about God alongside and through my child. God had used my child to draw me to Him. Amazing.

Over the years, I began teaching Sunday School—not because of my vast knowledge of Scripture but because I discovered that it was a safe and dynamic environment in which to learn and grow. Preparing to teach a lesson, identifying the most important idea, and thinking through the activities and object lessons that would best illustrate this idea has been an incredible growth experience for me. The questions that my child has thrown at me from the back seat of the car have challenged me to know what I believe and why I believe it. Together we have searched

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the Bible for answers to problems, learned about traditions and holidays of the Church, memorized Scripture and learned the books of the Bible in order. She has challenged me to pray more authentically and, more often than I'd like to admit, she has reminded me of Jesus' command to love others.

Recently as I was tucking her into bed, I had the opportunity to tell her about what my childhood was like not knowing about God or going to church. As I recounted to her the story of finding that Bible in my closet, her mouth hung open in disbelief. It was unfathomable to her that someone might not know about Jesus or the Bible. I explained to her that *not* knowing Jesus for so many years was the reason I was so excited about sharing my love for Him with her and with others. My heart was so full with Him that I just had no other choice. "Oh, Mommy!" she exclaimed. "I want my heart to feel like that, too. Can I have Jesus in my heart, too? Will you walk me through it?" (and, yes, she did actually say 'walk me through it'). We said a simple prayer together, hugged and said good night.

As I left her room that evening, I thanked God for allowing me to share this gift—His love—with my precious child. He has entrusted this child to me and has given me the responsibility for leading her spiritual development. But He has also given me the one tool that I need to do this—a passion for Him. It's that simple. Praise God.

"And he said: 'I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.'"

Matthew 18:3 (NIV)

Thoughts on Family Ministry

By Charlene Morgan, Children's Pastor, St. Andrew's, Mount Pleasant

The following monthly journal is intended to encourage and inspire those who are passionate about leading our families together to Christ. It is written by a first year Children's Pastor who was given a picture of a family community within the church.

March 2004: As a sitting-in-the-pew, Sunday-School-teaching, working mom with a blended family, God spoke to me in two ways: first, He showed me a picture of the inside of my church with children everywhere. They were coming out of every room, yet there was order. They were with their families and all working on different projects together. I got a sense that these were projects to further the Kingdom. I still see that picture today.

God then planted a word in me - *simplify*. I heard this loud and clear while attending a conference with other children's ministry volunteers and staff. At that time, I was a volunteer Sunday School teacher. I had no idea what the Lord was planning. (Ignorance is bliss.)

December 2004: I felt a large push and actually heard the word "call" to tell my Rector, Steve Wood, what I had experienced in March. At this time, my church was looking for a new Children's Ministry team leader. I was not applying for the position; I just wanted to be obedient and convey the message. At that time, I had a comfortable full-time teaching position. By early January, I had been hired as the new Children's Pastor and started as soon as the school year ended (I have a boss who does not waste time).

October 2005: We began planning our first Family Event, an Advent Wreath Workshop. Parents and children made Advent wreaths and other craft items to celebrate the Advent season. We also made devotional books as handouts. I strongly felt the Lord's presence in this, as help was offered from the right people at the right time. They literally would just walk in when I needed them. I did not even need to call.

Putting together the materials for wreaths and other items would take money and this was not



something that I thought of when I created the budget. However, I knew this was something to which the Lord called us, and I was able to save money in other areas in order to purchase supplies for this event. The event was incredibly successful. More than 60 families participated! The best part was they spent time together learning about God and experiencing

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Mission Medical 2006, the annual diocesan sponsored medical team, was in the Dominican Republic from June 8 to 18, 2006. Members representing 10 churches from the Diocese of South Carolina and two dioceses from Florida comprised the team.

Team 2006 would like to thank all of the Diocese of South Carolina for the support and prayers so generously offered over the last seven years to the mission efforts in the Dominican Republic. It is only with the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the support of the parishes of the Diocese of South Carolina that these mission efforts are possible.

Organizing a mission effort is a huge task. We first need to establish dates to meet the needs of the Diocese of the Dominican Republic, the Dominican Republic's missionaries, the Snows, and the availability of potential members. The next huge hurdle is fund-raising. Depending on how many team members travel to the Dominican Republic, the total cost for the mission medical team ranges from \$60,000 to \$65,000. The individual team members' fees only cover the team member's expenses. The team must raise the funds for medical supplies, medications, etc., separately. This amount is usually \$15,000 to \$20,000.

The other night, someone asked me if I had witnessed improvement in the quality of life of our brothers and sisters in the Dominican Republic over the years. Unfortunately, on the whole, the answer would have to be a sad, "No," as the social and political problems in the Dominican Republic are chronic, not acute. But there are many bright lights, especially under the immersing strength of the Dominican Episcopal Diocese led by Bishop Holguin. Since 1991, the Dominican church has grown from 23 congregations to 65, from 15 clergy to 31, from 10 churches to 31, and

Diocesan Medical Mission DR



from seven Episcopal schools to 21. New priests are completing their studies at the seminary in Santo Domingo, such as our dear friends, Vicente, who graduated this summer, and Michalena, who graduated in the Spring of 2005, and is serving at the mountain camp Transfiguration. The three boys in San Francisco who lost their mother years

ago, through the support, guidance and love of the Albergue, have been able to continue with their education. Esmelda and her family at Cristo Salvador in Santiago have been able to continue to grow in their faith and service, serving as the core vestry in a very poor barrio. We have touched so many beautiful faces and souls here, but, most importantly, they have touched the lives and hearts of the Mission Medical members.

Becky Coerper, Team 2006's priest, on staff at St. Paul's in Summerville, reflects:

"The biggest surprise for me was the connection that occurred for me with Father Hipolito, Jr., and with the vision he has for Jesus Nazareno (the church where he serves in San Francisco). It was thrilling to be invited to preach and celebrate. And I came away with a clear conviction to pray about a possible continuing connection there for the purpose of encouraging him and somehow supporting the vision for that parish."

Team 2006 is grateful to our Father for bringing us all together to serve Him in the Dominican Republic. We pray for the continued support of the Diocese as we begin plans for Team 2007.

In His Service Always,

Mission Medical Team 2006

Submitted by Abby Morris, St Helena's

Our Mission Dollars at Work in the Dominican Republic

By Peggy Pye, Executive Director of the Canterbury House

Millions of dollars are given annually to our National Episcopal Church of which a portion is allocated for our foreign/world missions. I would like to share with you my recent good fortune of traveling to

Father Felix Encarnation serves as vicar under the leadership of Bishop Holguin of the Diocese of the Dominican Republic. The whole complex is located on 1½ acres of land in a working class neighborhood. The vast majority of the population is poor and works in the local sugar mill, in the few industrial areas or in service jobs in Santo Domingo – the capital. The Home will expand the services that the church and school offer to the community



The Bishop Isaac Home for the Elderly

one of our Diocesan Missions – the Dominican Republic – and seeing, first hand, how our dollars are being spent. As a licensed residential/long term care administrator, I was invited by missionaries the Rev. Bob Snow and his lovely wife, Ellen, to consult with our Episcopal Mission in Boca Chica, Dominican Republic, where an assisted-living facility is under construction for their homeless and low-income elderly. The Snows are working under the auspices of the Episcopal Diocese of the Dominican Republic.

The Bishop Isaac Home

The Bishop Isaac Home for the Elderly is part of the San Jose Episcopal Church and School complex located in Andres/Boca Chica,

and be one of only a few homes for the elderly in the country. Because of its strategic location, the San Jose church, school and Bishop Isaac Home will anchor the eastern boundary of the Episcopal Church in the Dominican Republic.

While in Andres/Boca Chica, I stayed with one of our missionaries, Karen Carroll who will become the administrator of the Home. In anticipation of the July dedication and opening of the facility, Karen and I were asked to develop admission criteria, policies and procedures, staffing patterns and an operational budget – all in Spanish! We burned a lot of midnight oil (thank goodness for computers) and presented our packet to the Home committee composed of locals, Father Felix,

our missionaries and two American physicians. While in Boca Chica, I also attended church, Sunday school, an ECW meeting and various other meetings. One day was spent touring the historic city of Santo Domingo, which is centered around a magnificent statue of Christopher Columbus and the first church of the Americas.

The Bishop Isaac Home is constructed very simply by American standards but is a great accomplishment by the Dominicans. It is built entirely of concrete block with 16 semi-private rooms – to serve 32 seniors. It has a small kitchen, tiny chapel, clinic, office and dining room. At present, there are no furnishings – only red plastic chairs. While attending the weekly ECW meeting, it was heartwarming to see the women of the church accept the daunting challenge of soliciting for furnishings. However, more funds will be needed to complete the task.

Seeing Things as the Dominicans Do

As a North American, it is hard not to be ethnocentric when visiting a foreign country – especially a third world country. I had to "change hats" and try to see things as the Dominicans do. Instead of looking for the negatives, I saw only the positives and the pride the people take in their church, school and newly constructed Home for seniors. They are accustomed to hard work under very trying circumstances, but they will make it work!



Heartwarming, Heart Wrenching

My experience in the Dominican Republic was both heartwarming and heart wrenching. The people are wonderful and welcoming; however, the poverty is almost overwhelming. The children, especially, tug at your heart; however, they are filled with lots of hugs and chatter. I am anxious to return and feel that I have left a part of me there with them.

I would like to thank the Diocese for making my trip possible and the women of Old St. Andrew's Parish (Sparkie, Fay and Roxane) who made the lovely curtains for the Home. They were welcomed with such enthusiasm and will make a wonderful finishing touch. Also, the washcloths were gratefully received. Things we take for granted are deeply appreciated.

As you can see, your mission dollars continue to make a difference in the lives of some very special people. If you would like to contribute money to complete his wonderful Home or would like to sponsor a student in the Episcopal school, please call me: Peggy Pye, Executive Director of the Canterbury House at (843) 722-2351.

A Small Church with a Large Vision

Trinity Edisto

In 2002 Trinity Edisto was a small but growing parish that was beginning to outgrow its facilities. The leaders' first thoughts naturally turned to expanding the sanctuary and adding Christian Education space. The rector, Fr. Wey Camp, invited Bishop Salmon and Fr. John Burwell of Holy Cross, Sullivan's Island, to attend a vestry meeting to discuss their expansion ideas.

Fr. Burwell talked to the vestry about strategies to meet the needs of a growing congregation without necessarily enlarging the sanctuary. Bishop Salmon then asked the vestry "What is your vision? What is the Lord calling you to do?" He told the leadership that if Trinity knew what the Lord was calling them to do then decisions such as facilities use would flow naturally from that vision.

Shortly after that meeting, Fr. Camp and the vestry made plans to meet with a facilitator on three consecutive Wednesday mornings in May at the home of their Senior Warden Demi Howard.

The facilitator's role was to guide the vestry through a process of reflection and discernment. Fr. Camp's role was to begin to pray in earnest in the days leading up to and during the retreat, asking for revelation and wisdom concerning God's desires for Trinity over the next few years. The vestry's role was to actively engage in the process, to pray for their rector and to complete homework assignments specifically designed to prepare the group for each meeting.

During those intense weeks together they prayed, learned how important it is for a church to have a vision, took time to appreciate Trinity's rich history, and delved into current statistics including Edisto Island's demographics as well as the parish's own unique gifts and talents. Trinity is the parish home to many families who have worshipped there for generations and many who've moved to Edisto Island to retire. The island is also home to a significant population of people who have lived there for generations and are very poor. Edisto's small elementary school is one of the lowest performing schools in the district.

The group discussed things that impact a congregation, everything from their understanding of the character of God to the nature of their commu-

nity's ministry environment. Fr. Camp discussed research indicating that the success of impacting a person's life with the gospel is dramatically increased if you reach children under the age of 16. Particular attention was paid to areas in the parish where there was a sense of God's blessing. One of those areas was children. In 2002, Trinity was the only church on the island with children! These conversations would be enormously helpful in shaping the vision that would emerge.

In the final meeting Fr. Camp cast the vision that he'd discerned during those weeks of prayer, reflection and discussion.

preached about the vision, wrote about the vision in the newsletter, and talked about the vision one-on-one with parishioners. The vision became the "main thing" during vestry meetings and at annual meetings.

How are things going at Trinity after four years of being a church with a vision? How was the vision received by the congregation? In a recent phone call Fr. Camp said, "The parish loved it!" and talked about all that's been happening.

In August of 2003 Trinity hired Fr. Henry Cheves to head up their pastoral care efforts and lead "ministry to the young at heart so that there can be ministry by the young at heart."

This year (after several frustrating delays due to a difficult permitting process) Trinity broke ground on a new multi-purpose building which will serve as a parish hall as well as a contemporary worship space. The building will provide additional "discipleship" classrooms for both adults and children. The building design anticipates future expansion via a second floor that can be added later.

In addition, Trinity is doing some "amazing outreach for a small rural church." Since 2002 they've purchased a bus they call the "Awesome Ark" so that kids who don't have transportation can be picked up, tutored children in local public schools, sponsored Cub Scout and Boy Scout troops, developed a "vibrant Christian Education program with lots of children," and recently raised money to support the local elementary school's uniform fund for children who can't afford them.

Once the building program is complete, Fr. Camp envisions holding after-school tutoring on-site rather than in the schools. Plans are in place to hire a children's minister in the very near future.

A quick bit of research revealed that Trinity's average Sunday attendance increased 12% between 2002 to 2005 and in that same time frame the budget increased by 28%.

"What is your vision? What is the Lord calling you to do?"

If you are interested in learning more about church leadership, check the Lost & Found box in the next edition of the *Jubilate Deo*, or call me at the number below. If your church is led by vision-focused leaders, please let me know. I'd like to share your story.

By Elizabeth Pennewill, *Consultant for Congregational Leadership*, Episcopal Diocese of SC (843) 452-1986; pennewill@esite-usa.com.

Lost & Found

Thoughts on Faithful and Effective Church Leadership

The 3rd article in a series

**We are called to ministry
To the young by the young at heart
In Trinity and on Edisto
That they might increase in
wisdom, in stature
And in favor with God and man.**

Trinity Edisto's picture of the preferred future:

We see an island where

- All the children are raised in a Christian environment
- All the young people are challenged with the gospel
- All the schools are supported by Christian men and women

In the weeks and months following the retreat and with the enthusiastic support of the vestry, Fr. Camp cast the vision to the congregation. He

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His love for their families. It was as if a huge thirst had been quenched only to desire more.

December 2005: Family Christmas Eve Service with a children's pageant: The adults were moved to tears with the children's representation of the Nativity. The children dressed in designated 'Bible time' costumes and walked to the front altar on cue. They were staged to represent the Nativity, and the entire church participated by singing selected Christmas Carols. This year, we are doubling our Children's Christmas Eve Services to honor God and our families. By the way, even this was implemented with no budgetary funds.

January & March 2005: Just released *Veggie Tales* movies were shown in the Ministry Center on the large screen on Sunday evenings. We served popcorn and drinks for free. Pizza was available for \$1 per slice. Two family games were played that emphasized the basic teaching point, and families took home activities sheets with questions and devotionals. The cost of these kits is under \$40.00.

We enjoyed the movies "family style," as we moved the chairs and sat on blankets and pillows. These were so successful that we had to continue to move chairs out of the way so families would have a place to gather. This has also proved to be a great outreach tool for bringing in new families.

April 2005: We put together a Bible Workshop for 2nd and 3rd grade students and their families. Parents were encouraged to attend this event held during our Sunday School time. Each child received a Bible, and we explained why the Bible is the most important book they will ever own in a fun, 'hands-on' manner. During this event, parents assisted their children with looking up Scripture and reading it together. Seeing parents reading Scripture with their children was the best moment of my entire first year as a Children's Pastor. It is not us, the staff and volunteers, who are to guide the children to Christ. We are only to supplement and support their parents in creating a family that together loves and lives for Jesus.

Today: We just returned from New Wine (NewWineUSA.org), a weekend for the entire body of Christ with many churches engaged in Spirit-filled worship, teaching and fellowship. The weekend was more amazing than we could have ever imagined. God showed up in powerful ways including healings throughout the entire weekend.

We are in the midst of planning for the next school year and New Wine 2007. As you may have guessed, more family events are planned for the coming year. We are continuing to press ahead to change our culture to one that lives and loves Jesus together in community and as a family.

Bless you who have been given this mission. I hope this journal will encourage you to continue to create opportunities for families to grow in the love of Christ. If you ever need encouragement, please feel free to contact me at (843) 294-4329 or charlenem@samp.cc.

Grace Church of Camden Fall Bazaar

The ECW of Grace Church in Camden is holding a bazaar on Saturday, October 7 from 8:00 – 2:00 and invites you, your family, and friends to attend. We will have a bake sale, casserole sale, and plant sale in addition to a variety of crafters, a silent auction, and a carnival for the children. The Men of the Church will be serving lunch to eat-in or take-out. As well, the Blues Festival in Camden will be taking place the same weekend on both Friday and Saturday evening. Come and enjoy the festivities! Call Heather Lindsay at (803) 432-3510 or nlindsay@charter.net for more information. We look forward to seeing you!

Healing Mission to the Ukraine – Year Three

September 28 - October 8, 2006

On September 28, Jean and Johnny Corbett of St. Michael's will once again lead a mission trip to the Ukraine, with a primary focus of teaching Healing Prayer to churches in the rural villages surrounding the city of Zhitomir. This is the third year for the mission trip, which has always included representation from churches around the Charleston area.



"This has been an extraordinary experience," said Jean. "We have seen the Lord move in a powerful way in the Ukraine. We have literally seen the blind regain their sight, and the lame walk. It's clear that God has big plans for the Christian community in Ukraine."

Healing Prayer instruction is an important ministry in Ukraine, as the laying on of hands is not within the tradition of most of the churches

there. The opportunity for the mission came at the invitation of Pastor Peter Chernyavsky, pastor-teacher of Center Baptist Church and Director of Zhitomir Bible Institute in Ukraine. It is under his direction the team serves. This year the trip will include Healing Conferences in five villages, home delivery of food to the poorest of the poor (with prayer requests taken), and a visit to a Zhitomer Nursing Home to provide treats and prayers. In addition, the mission team will be taking dentist Bill Sasser and dental assistant Heidi Alexander, who will provide villagers with the rare opportunity of pain-free dentistry.

"Obviously, we'd like as many people as possible praying for our mission," said Jean, "for the team, for Pastor Pete, his congregation, his lead translator Oksana, and for the Lord to go before us to prepare our path."

Members of this year's mission include (from St. Michael's) Heidi & Prioleau Alexander, Jean & Johnnie Corbett, David Richardson, and Christine Turner; (from St. John's) Michele Bryan; (from Church of Our Saviour) Weezi Shaw; and (from St. Andrew's, Mt. Pleasant) Dr. Bill & Susalee Sasser.

A donation of only \$10 will feed a Ukrainian family for a week, and the mission team will personally purchase and deliver the food. To donate, please send your check: Mrs. Jean Corbett, St. Michael's Church, 71 Broad Street, Charleston, SC 29401. Please make your check to St. Michael's, and indicate it is for the Ukrainian Mission Fund.

Science & the Bible:

One Right? One Wrong?

October 21

"You don't REALLY believe the earth was created in six days, do you?" the man asked Suzanne Schwank and her friend waiting in a deli line behind him. The women had said they were on their way to a Bible Conference. He heard "Bible" and made a beeline to Genesis 1.



Maybe he was attacking with the weapon of science. Maybe he was genuinely seeking understanding. Either way, he had hit upon the point that most Christians are unprepared to discuss intelligently: the intersection of science and the Bible.

Suzanne Schwank had been studying this very issue after realizing an old, unexamined assumption had left her with two conflicting beliefs. A rigorous liberal arts education had instilled the prevailing view that science had proven parts of Genesis 1 could not be literally true, but ten years of Bible study and teaching since her conversion at age 40 had led to a deep conviction that the Bible is the Word of God and therefore Genesis (even chapter 1) must be "true." Her search had already led to an astounding discovery: far from "disproving" the Bible, advanced science was providing proof of its supernatural authorship! The encounter in the deli spurred her to develop a series of talks on Science and the Bible that present complicated issues in a way that those who are neither scientists nor Bible scholars can understand.

On Saturday, October 21st from 1:00-2:30 in the Parish Hall of Saint Matthew's Parish, Fort Motte, Suzanne Schwank will present "Science and the Bible: One Right? One Wrong?"

Suzanne Schwank has taught inter-denominational Friendship Bible Studies and was a founding team member for Beaufort's Community Bible Study. She teaches theology and Bible Studies at St. Helena's Episcopal Church in Beaufort, is Chairwoman of the Dept of Christian Faith Formation for the Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina, and a member of the Standing Committee of the Diocese.

We need your help!! Bishop Gadsden Car Donation Program

Bishop Gadsden is, in part, unique and special due to the commitment and dedication of our cherished employees. Unfortunately, a significant number of our employees are experiencing difficulties finding transportation that is reliable and safe—and also affordable—in order to get to work. This creates a great deal of anxiety and stress for them and critical staffing problems for Bishop Gadsden. In order to address this problem, we have created the Car Donation Program. This program goes to the very core of our mission "to affirm positive living for all who both live and work here."

By donating your vehicle to Bishop Gadsden, your gift will have a tremendous impact in a variety of ways. First, an eligible employee will be able to purchase it for an easily affordable price to be paid through payroll deduction. All money realized from the sale will then be used to assist other employees in emergency situations through our "Employees Helping Employees Fund." Grants and loans from this fund have helped with car and home repairs, the purchase of food and prescription medicines, the payment of utilities, and other worthy needs; affording many employees the peace of mind necessary to serve our residents without the pressing anxiety of economic strain.

If you have a reliable car that you are no longer using or are about to trade, please consider making it a tax-deductible gift to Bishop Gadsden. You will not only be helping deserving individuals who are trying to do their best to work and provide for their own families, but you will be helping Bishop Gadsden as we strive to deliver quality care and services to our residents. Please contact Tei McCurdy at (843) 406-6334 for further information and/or to donate your car.

Growing together in Christ...

In a fast-paced world of opportunities and activities, nothing is more crucial than the pursuit of God's Kingdom. Mark your calendars to attend our events this fall with your youth group!



Mondo

For all middle school groups
October 13-15, 2006
RH Cooper Leadership Center
Theme: Courageous Faith!



Re:generate

For all high school groups
November 10-12, 2006
Hilton Oceanview Resort
Theme: Passion!

An Adventure in Worldviews

Last winter, St. Philip's hosted a Christianity & Culture Conference led by the Worldview Academy. Following this excellent event, we have been encouraging high school students in our diocese to attend a Worldview Academy Leadership Camp to learn more about what it means to have a Christian worldview. One young woman who attended in June, shares with us her experience as follows:

On the morning of June 11th, I flew out of the Charleston airport, and early that evening I found myself in St. Paul, Minnesota. I was quite bewildered and nervous throughout that first day because it was my first time flying alone and I really didn't know what to expect from Worldview Academy Leadership Camp. I had signed up only a week before at the suggestion of my youth minister, Dorothy Porcher Holland, and to be completely honest, I think she was more excited than I was. I was scared to go all alone; I thought it would be fun and that I might meet some nice people, but I didn't know it would impact me the way it did.

Amazing Speakers

The week that I went to the camp, it was held on the campus of Northwestern College where we stayed in dorms and spent most of our time. Our speakers were amazing; Bill Jack, Dell Cook, Mike Schutt, Randy Sims, and Chad Warren. All were extremely interesting and funny. They had a great deal to teach us in their wonderful unique ways. All of

the leaders and speakers on the team were so dedicated and enthusiastic. Some of the talks that were given included "The Nature Of Man," "The Nature of God," "Christian Ethics," "The Excellent Life," "The Ways Of The Wizard vs. The Ways Of The Wiseman" and "The Next Name in The Toledoth." I learned how to discern the worldviews in a movie as well as the difference between a charisma-driven leader and a character-driven leader. They taught us that the greatest thing about Christianity is authenticity. I discovered four important questions to ask a "wizard" (a persuasive speaker trying to get people involved in something non-Christian). The questions are: What do you mean by what you are saying? How do you know that what you are saying is true? What difference does that make in your life? What if you are wrong?

Small Group Fun

In addition to great teaching, everyday we sang worship songs, had a quiet prayer time and talked with our small groups. I became really

close to my small group and we all had a great time together, teasing each other about our funny accents and learning about one another. A few days we had free time during which we played games, such as Ultimate Frisbee and others such as the day we had relay races in an attempt to win the coveted Spamley Cup.

Witnessing at the Zoo

One day we went out witnessing in Como Park Zoo in St. Paul. We were instructed to use a brochure given to us with the question "Where will you go when you die?" on the cover. Inside the booklet there were different sections with the different answers to the question. Our group talked with different people, many of whom didn't want to talk to us. We would talk about how it's not just being a good person or doing good works that will get you to heaven, but Jesus is the way. It was an amazing experience and I learned a lot talking with one man I met. I learned how to speak about my faith to a complete stranger and to a friend, which



Sally Young is a rising Sophomore at Bishop England High School in Charleston, SC

is perhaps the most important thing I learned at Worldview Academy. For this reason, I would recommend Worldview Academy to anyone.

Faithfully submitted by Sally Young, rising Sophomore at Bishop England High School.

To learn more about Worldview Academy and their excellent Leadership Camps, visit <http://www.worldview.org/>.

Vision Statement for Diocesan Youth Ministries

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

Web address is <http://www.scyouth.org>



Anglican Youth Ministry Tribal Gathering

Charlotte, NC
November 30 – December 1

The Anglican Communion Network will be hosting a gathering of youth leaders in Charlotte, NC on November 30th and December 1st. The event will be held just prior to the Youth Specialties National Youth Workers Convention at the Charlotte Convention Center. Following two youth ministry summits of leaders from network diocese and organizations, this new initiative sets out to encourage and equip all who work with youth in Anglican churches across the country. The format of our time together will include several key presentations, followed by plenty of discussion as we get to know one another. Special guests from other countries will bring a global perspective to our discussions as we examine the important challenges of youth ministry in the 21st century. Further details will be distributed soon on this exceptional opportunity!

Exploring Youth Ministry

By Wesley Kapp, a rising Senior at Ashley Hall and member of Trinity, Edisto

I am not sure of the exact time that I began thinking of Youth Ministry as a possible job for me; it just began circulating in my brain. I believe that ministering to children and teenagers is crucial. There are so many broken homes and so many children and teenagers who have never experienced love from their parents, much less heard of Christ's love. I know that I have been able to get through many hard times in my life due to Christ's presence. My church has always been an area of safety, and I realize how I have been blessed to grow up in a church so full of faith and love. The fact that some people have never experienced this love and friendship that I have is sad. I know that God has called us to share the love of Jesus Christ, and he has made me really passionate about ministering to children and young people. This passion has led me in the direction of Youth Ministry.

My school, Ashley Hall, requires all juniors and seniors to participate in a two-week internship in a field of our choice. I knew immediately that I wanted to work with a youth minister. After making some contacts, I was all set to work with Jonathan Bennett at Holy Cross on Sullivan's Island. The time I spent at Holy Cross was an amazing experience. In those two weeks, I learned about Youth Ministry while attending Apprenticeship Training, Bible studies and youth groups, and I helped plan a Bible study with an apprentice. I was truly amazed by the kindness that was shown to me during my short time at Holy Cross. Jonathan Bennett and the three apprentices all went out of their way to welcome me, and their passion

for Youth Ministry amazed me. The team at Holy Cross stressed that a youth minister's job is to bring Jesus to young people while continuing to grow in his or her own faith throughout life.

I grew up in a small church without a strong Youth Ministry, and I was still unsure of the full purpose of a youth minister's job. We always had some sort of youth group at my church, but the leaders were often volunteers, and I had never witnessed what a strong Youth Ministry is capable of. My time at Holy Cross showed me that Youth Ministry was not only about demonstrating Christ's love, but also about helping the students develop a strong foundation for their faith so they could continue to grow in their relationship with Him throughout their lives. The Holy Cross team helps to develop a basis of understanding of Christianity in the students through which they can continue to develop in their faith. In order to reach the students and help them to learn how to deepen their relationships with Christ, the team develops a strong sense of community within the students. If a student misses a meeting, Jonathan or an apprentice calls or writes to that student, simply to tell them that they were missed. This effort, although small, is extremely important. Such a gesture shows the students that they are wanted at youth group, that they, as an individual, add something to the group as a whole. Another example of this deep fellowship was the way that the youth group was always reminded to welcome new people into the already tight-knit group. I was impressed by the kindness and acceptance shown to me during

the time I spent at Holy Cross. The effort that they put forth to welcome newcomers demonstrates that the growth of the youth group is important not only to the youth ministers, but to the students as well. I learned that Youth Ministers are called not only to show Christ to teens, but also to develop strong relationships with them, and to help them to build strong foundations for their faith. With the help of my internship at Holy Cross I feel more certain of my call to youth ministry, and with prayer I am finally able to sit back and relax as God steers my life in the direction of His choice.

The Bishop's Journal

◆ **May 1-** Up at 6:15 a.m. Read the office. 8:00- Porter Gaud - Liza Lee, Jim Shannon, Bradford Marshall. 9:30- In the office. Spent most of the day in the office preparing for various talks and meetings. 6:00- Supper with Louise and Dr. William Tate.

◆ **May 2-** Up at 6:30 a.m. Read the office. 8:00- Breakfast at the Harbour Club with Ken Weldon, Bob Faith and Bill Maddux. 9:45- Ken Weldon. 10:15- In the office. 12:00-1:30- Planned Giving luncheon in the Parish Hall – Good attendance – working with our Parishes to help them develop a Parish Planned Giving Program for the future. We have a fine committee! 2:00-4:00- In the office. 4:00-5:00- Conference call. 5:00- Home. 6:00- Louise and I went over to Charlton and Mary DeSausure's for a visit and refreshments.

◆ **May 3-** Up at 6:15 a.m. Read the office. Breakfast at home. Louise and Bentley left this morning for St. Louis, as I will be traveling a good part of May. 9:15- In the office. Nancy Armstrong. 11:00-1:00- Nancy Armstrong, Eric Neilson, Mark Avera, Duvalle Elliott, Alma Greer, Ted Lewis, Robert Pagett, Elliott Puckette. 1:30-4:30- In the office – various issues.

◆ **May 4-** Up at 6:45 a.m. Read the office. Breakfast at home. 9-12- In the office preparing for a number of talks, meetings, etc. Answered the mail. 12:00-12:30- Catherine Warner. 12:30- Drove to Camp St. Christopher. 1:30-2:30- Met with Norman Ross. 2:30-3:30- Met with various staff members. Drove back to 50 Smith. 4:45- Home for the evening. Much reading to do. Supper at home.

◆ **May 5-** Up at 6:15 a.m. Read the office. 7:30- Breakfast at the Harbour Club with Mike Malone. 9:15- Home to the dependency as there is a squirrel in the house! Ran several errands. 11:15- In the office – a number of letters and calls to answer. Bill Rhett, Norman and Missy Ross, Nancy Armstrong. 2:30- To home of Ray Goodbread to pick up my vestments, several errands to prepare to leave town Sunday evening. 5:00- Home – Workmen from Palmetto Craftsmen came to see how the squirrel was getting into the house. Supper at home. Good bit of work to do to get ready for meetings next week.

◆ **May 6-** Up at 8:00 a.m. Read the office. Spent some time in Bible Study and praying for the Church and the Diocese as we seek to be faithful. A number of errands to run before I leave town. 7:00- Dinner at the Harbour Club with Anthony Kowbeidu and Bishop Stanley Ntagali and his wife Beatrice from Nigeria.

◆ **May 7-** Up at 6:30 a.m. 7:30- Drove to St. Michael's, Charleston. 8:00- Preacher at the early Eucharist, Rick Belser the celebrant – good congregation. 9:30- Led the adult class at the Hibernian Hall due to the St. Michael's construction. 10:30- Celebrant and Preacher at the Eucharist. Confirmed a large class in a very full church. 12:30- Recep-

tion in Hibernian Hall. 2:00- Home to pack. I am driving Louise's car to St. Louis for her. 4:30- Drove to Camp St. Christopher. Reception for those clergy and lay administrators who attended the wonderful Business Workshop put together by Nancy Armstrong and Linda Bunting. Addressed the group in terms of our vision and goals and thanked them for their dedicated work in their parishes. 6:20- Drove to the Holiday Inn, North Atlanta. 11:30- Arrived and to bed.

◆ **May 8-** Holiday Inn – North Atlanta. Up at 6:30 a.m. drove to Sewanee to conduct some business, then to St. Louis. 3:00- Arrived St. Louis.

◆ **May 9-** St. Louis, MO #9 Westmoreland. Spent the entire day at home. 6:00- Reception for Sewanee Students and potential Sewanee students and their parents – sponsored by my daughter, Catherine.

◆ **May 10-** St. Louis, MO. #9 Westmoreland. Up at 4:30 a.m. 5:30- Dr. Wallace drove me to the airport. 7:00- Flew to Charleston via Atlanta. Mechanical problems in Atlanta. Arrived. 2:45 p.m., two hours late. Drove by to pick up Bishop Skilton. Drove to Holy Comforter, Sumter. 5:00- Arrived Sumter- met with Ann Harrington, Clayton Burrous and team to go over our agenda. 6:00-8:00- Network program – fine crowd. 8:30- Drove back to Charleston.

◆ **May 11-** Up at 6:30 a.m. Read the office. 8:00- Breakfast at the Harbour Club. 9:00- Joe Nicholson. A number of calls, letters. Trustees Meeting moved to another time. 1:00-2:30- Lunch with my friend Harry Cotesworth from Bluffton. 4:30- Home. 5:45- St. Philip's Church for a wonderful ECW dinner and reception in my honor – as well as a wonderful program – entertaining, a lot of fun and touching. 9:30- Home.

◆ **May 12-** Up at 6:30 a.m. 8:00- Breakfast at the Harbour Club with Liz Bailey and her dad Jim Bailey. 9:45 – In the office – a great deal to do before I begin several trips. Lunch in the office. 4:30- Home. 6:00- Drove to St. Andrew's Mt. Pleasant. 7:00- Marvelous time in the new church to hear the 50 plus testimonies of the young people I will confirm tomorrow. Had an opportunity to address them as well. A moving evening. Anthony Kowbeidu and the congregation surprised me with a wonderful set of tools to work on my antique car. How thoughtful and caring. I am blessed. 10:00- Home.

◆ **May 13-** Up at 6:30 a.m. Read the office. Breakfast at home. 8:00- Drove to St. Helena's Beaufort. 9:15- Arrived at St. Helena's. Met with Clayton Burrous and team to prepare for presentation. 10:00-12:15- Network meeting – good crowd. 12:30- Jeffrey Miller took me and Kendall Harmon and Mark Avera to lunch. 2:00- Drove back to Charleston. 5:00- Drove to St. Andrew's, Mt. Pleasant. 6:00- Presided and Preached at Confirmation of a fine class of young people -52-plus two adults. 7:45- Ethel Ripley kindly took



Liturgy of Parting at St. Paul's, Orangeburg, for Father Julian Clarke. From Left: Bishop Skilton, Father Clarke, Father Dow Sanderson, Dean John Scott and Father Byron Tindall.

Clergy News & Notes

The senior seminarians have now been placed:

Iain Boyd - St. Paul's, Conway; **Joe Gibbes** - St. John's, Johns Island; **Jack Owens** - St. Philip's, Charleston; **Hamilton Smith** - Holy Comforter, Sumter; **Robert Sturdy** - Trinity, Myrtle Beach; These five plus **Todd Oswald** (a Lutheran Hospice Chaplain) will be ordained Deacons on July 1st at the Cathedral.

The Rev. Dr. George Tompkins has retired from Old St. Andrew's, Charleston. **The Rev. Stan McGraw** is taking services there.

The Rev. Donald McPhail has retired from Grace, Charleston. **The Rev. Michael Wright**, a Canadian, is the new rector and will be arriving August 1. **The Rt. Rev. Gethin Hughes**, retired Bishop of San Diego will be filling in until August.

The Rev. Shay Gaillard will be part of the Holy Cross, Sullivans Island, staff and will be responsible for St. Peter and St. John in Charleston.

The Rev. Marc Boutan will be leaving St. Philip's, Charleston, to join the staff of St. Andrew's, Mt. Pleasant. He will be responsible for St. Mary's, Goose Creek.

The Rev. Jennie Olbrych is Priest-in-Charge at St. James, McClellanville.

The Rev. Teddra Bynes has left St. Philip's Chapel, Denmark, and Chaplaincy at Voorhees College, and The Rev. Ira Johnson will be assuming those duties effective August 1st.

The Rev. Richard Turnage (Deacon) has moved to Greenwood, SC.

The Rev. Ron Warfuel (Deacon) has been assigned to St. John's, Johns Island.

The Rev. Judith Ewing (Deacon from the Upper Diocese) has moved to Mt. Pleasant and is assisting at Christ Church, Mt. Pleasant.

me to dinner at the Post House with Laura Bell and Pat Harvin. A pleasant way to cap the day! 10:15- Home.

◆ **May 14-** Up at 6:00 a.m. 7:00 a.m. Drove to Church of the Resurrection, Surfside. 8:45- Arrived Surfside, had a chance to visit and have coffee with those leaving the 8:00 a.m. Eucharist. 9:30- Had an opportunity to meet with the group being confirmed and baptized –three generations of one family! A good opportunity for teaching. 10:30- Celebrant and preacher at the Eucharist – Confirmation and Holy Baptism – a full church. 12:00- Delicious Reception. 1:00- Drove back to Charleston.

4:00-6:00 –Network meeting at St. Philip's. Large number in attendance. My third presentation. 7:15- Home.

◆ **May 15-** Up at 6:30 a.m. Read the office. 8:00 a.m. Breakfast at the Mills House with Liza Lee and Ken Weldon – Porter Gaud. 9:45 – In the office. 11:00- Harmon Person – ERD. 12:00-1:30- Lunch with Jeff Miller-Cathedral parishioner. 2:00 – Driver drove me to St. David's Cheraw. Met Tom Murray and drove to the Rectory for delicious supper prepared by Perrin – 5:30- 8:00- Meeting and supper – Tom Murray, Bryan Brown, Gayle Davis, Jim Galletley, Barbara Hill, Juliette Pleasant, and Evans

Tindal. 8:00- Driver took me back to Charleston. 10:30- Home.

◆ **May 16-** Up at 6:30 a.m. Read the office. Breakfast at home. 8:15-10:00 a.m. -Porter-Gaud Board of Trustees meeting. Went by 50 Smith to pack, then to the office. 11:00- In the office – a number of issues to settle, etc. 1:30- Donald Mc Phail. 3:30- Drove to the airport. 5:00- Flew to Milwaukee via Atlanta. 8:30- Arrived in Milwaukee, rented a car, drove to Holiday Inn, Delafield, Wisc.

◆ **May 17-** Nashotah, Wisc. Holiday Inn. Up at 6:30 a.m. Breakfast Holiday Inn. Drove to Nashotah House to sign the Honorary Degrees, then to a Bishops meeting. 9:00-2:00- Meeting of Bishops in preparation for General Convention. Drove to St. John's Military Academy Chapel for lecture by Bishop N.T. Wright of Durham. Evening. Louise and I went to dinner at the home of Dean Munday in Honor of Bishop Wright. 8:30- Back to the Holiday Inn.

◆ **May 18-** Nashotah Wisc. Holiday Inn. Up at 6:15 a.m. Breakfast at the Inn. 7:45- Drove to Seminary office. 9:15- Drove back to the Holiday Inn to pick up Louise, and then drove to St. John's Military Academy Chapel for Graduation. 10:00- Graduation and Honorary degrees. 1:00-Lunch at the Seminary. 4:30- Executive Committee Meeting. 6:30- Trustees Dinner.

◆ **May 19-** Nashotah, Wisc. Holiday Inn. Up at 6:15 a.m. Packed to leave. 8:00- Morning Prayer and Holy Eucharist. 8:45- Breakfast. 9:30- 3:00- Board of Trustees meeting. 3:10- Drove to Milwaukee airport. 5:00- Flew to Charleston via Atlanta. 11:00- Arrived Charleston, drove home. 11:45- to bed.

◆ **May 20-** Up at 7:15. Read the office. Breakfast at home. 10:00- Drove by the office, then to St. John's Mission Center. 11:00- Celebration for the re-opening of St. John's Mission Center – Bishop Skilton the celebrant at the Eucharist and John Burwell the preacher – great job – wonderful celebration. 1:00-Picnic on the grounds – all afternoon! Open to the whole neighborhood, the mission is to serve. Dallas Wilson has done a great job with this event. 2:30- Home to pack then drove to Hilton Head. 6:00- Arrived Holiday Inn. 7:30- Dinner with Kent and Joy Walley and Bill and Katherine Phillips.

◆ **May 21-** Holiday Inn – Hilton Head. Up at 6:15 a.m. 7:30- Drove to St. Luke's. 8:00-Preacher at the early Eucharist, Greg Kronz the celebrant – good congregation. 9:15- Short time to visit over coffee in the Parish Hall. 10:00- Celebrant and preacher at the Eucharist. Packed church and a large confirmation class. 12:00- Delicious reception. 12:45-2:30- Brunch with Greg and Meredith Kronz – nice to have a relaxed time to visit. 3:00- Drove back to Charleston. 5:30- Went to purchase a few items for my trip. 7:00- Home for the evening.

May 22- Up at 6:30 a.m. Read the office. 8:00- Breakfast at the Omni Hotel with Norman and Missy Ross. 9:30- In the office – Conference with Nancy Armstrong, various details to complete before leaving the country. 10:30- Home to pack. 12:15- Drove

to the airport. 2:00- Flew to Atlanta. Had a chance in The Crown Room to finish returning all my calls. 5:30- Delta #12 to London Gatwick. Took a new book with me to read – the one I recommended in my talks around the Diocese – *The Meaning of Marriage* edited by Robert P. George and Jean Elshtein.

◆ **May 23-** Arrived Gatwick airport 7:00 a.m. Cleared immigration, train to London. Taxi to Hotel. Checked in to Holiday Inn, Mayfair at 8:15. Went to bed. Up at 12:45 – Took a shower, got ready for our afternoon meeting. 4:30- Met in my room with Dean Turner, Bishops Wimberly, Lillibridge, Mc Pherson, Little, Wolfe, Lipscomb, Howe, and Steenson. 6:00- Taxi to dinner. 6:30- Dinner with the above mentioned plus Bishop Stanton and Chris Smith, Administrative Assistant to Archbishop Williams. 9:15- Taxi back to the hotel.

◆ **May 24-** Holiday Inn Mayfair, London UK. Up at 7:00 a.m. Read the office. 8:45- Breakfast with Bishop Stanton. 9:30- Conference with Dean Turner. 10:30- Taxi to Lambeth Palace. 11:30-1:15- Meeting with Archbishop Rowan Williams, his Administrative Assistant, Chris Smith, Bishops Wimberly, Lipscomb, Lillibridge, Stanton, Mc Pherson, Little, Wolfe, Howe, Steenson, and Dean Turner. 1:15-2:30- Lunch with Abp. Williams and Chris Smith, etc. 2:30-3:30- Discussion about our visit. Taxi back to the hotel. Took a walk to find a hat, which I forgot to bring. 6:30- Taxi to dinner with Dean Turner, Bishop Wimberly and Bishop Mc Pherson. 8:30- Back to the hotel for the evening.

◆ **May 25-** Holiday Inn Mayfair, London UK. Slept until 9:00 a.m. Breakfast at the Hotel. Spent part of the day with Bishop Stanton. Went to the British Museum to see the Michelangelo drawings. 7:00- Dinner with Archbishop George Carey and Eileen and Al Zadig.

◆ **May 26-** Up at 7:00 a.m. Breakfast in the hotel. 9:30- Took the train to Oxford. 11:30- Met with John Zahl as other seminarians were involved in an event. 12:30-3:00- Lunch at the Randolph Hotel with John Zahl, Hamilton and Lizzie Smith and their new baby David, and Robert and Steph Sturdy. Great visit! Good to see them and to know that Hamilton and Robert will be ordained Deacons in July. John Zahl is returning to go to Trinity Seminary. 3:30- Returned to London. 7:15- Took a taxi to the Sloan Club to visit with Al Zadig about my retreat with his vestry in two weeks.

◆ **May 27-** Up at 8:00 a.m. Took a long walk until it started raining – rained all day. 1:30- Lunch with Jim Clement.

◆ **May 28-** Holiday Inn Mayfair, London, U.K. 3:00- Appointment with Graham Tomlin. 5:00- Attended Holy Trinity Brompton with Graham Tomlin.

◆ **May 29-** Holiday Inn, Mayfair, London. U.K. 6:30- Taxi to Victoria Station, Gatwick Express to Gatwick Airport. 11:00 a.m. - Flew to Charleston via Atlanta. 6:04 p.m. Arrived Charleston. Great to be home.

◆ **May 30-** Up at 7:00 a.m. Read the office. 8:30- Breakfast at the Harbour Club. 9:00- Drove by the office, then to Camp St. Christopher. 10:00-12:00- Board Meeting – Ted Lewis, Elliott Puckette, Jr., Eric Nielsen, Alma Greer, Bobby Pagett, Duvalle Elliott, Don Hurst. 12:30- Lunch at the Camp – pleased to see my sister Sarah Salmon and her friend from Natchez, Shelly Dearing who are staying in the cabin. 1:00- Drove back to the office – much to do. 2:30- Drove to Christ Church, Mt. Pleasant to pick up John Burwell, he drove us in my car to Holy Cross Faith Memorial Pawley's Island. 6:00-8:00- Supper and meeting with the clergy and vestries of St. Paul's Conway and All Saint's Pawley's (ours) in the interest of a common mission. 8:00- John drove us back to Christ Church. 9:30- Home – arrived just before my house guest – Bishop Gethin Hughes who will stay here while he is Interim at Grace Church.

◆ **May 31-** Up at 7:00 a.m. Read the office. 8:30- Breakfast at the Harbour Club with Bishop Gethin Hughes. 9:30- In the office for the day. Worked with Dean Turner on a report back to the Archbishop of Canterbury concerning our recent meeting. Worked on a report to the Board of Nashotah House in response to our board meeting immediately before my trip to England. Good bit of other mail. 5:00- Home. 6:00- Chuck Owens arrived to spend the night. We went out to dinner.

◆ **June 1-** Up at 6:30 a.m. 7:30- Breakfast at the Harbour Club with Chuck Owens. 9:00- Bill Mc Intosh and Peter Rothermel. 10:30-2:00- Congregational Development in the Cathedral Parish Hall. Heard requests from the Cathedral, Christ-St. Paul's Yonges Island, Christ Church Mt. Pleasant, plus overview of general congregational development matters. A good meeting. 3:30-5:00- Catherine Warner. 5:45- Home for the evening, and to pack.

◆ **June 2-** Up at 6:45 a.m. 7:30- Breakfast at the Harbour Club. 9:00- Home to finish packing, answer e-mail, telephone calls etc. 11:30- Drove to the airport. 12:50- Flew to Honolulu via Atlanta. 7:45 p.m. (2:00 a.m. our time) arrived Honolulu. Fr. Joe Carr met me and took me to the home of Ann and David Ayling – right on the Pacific Beach! From the Atlantic to the Pacific in one day! To bed!!

◆ **June 3-** Kailui, H.I. Up at 6:00 a.m. 8:00-10:00 a.m. - Breakfast with Fr. Joe Carr and the Vestry of Calvary Church – Warren Naai, Senior Warden, Paul Maori Junior

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Warden, Charlene Pinao, Bruce Fink, Joanne Naai, Jose' Dizon, Pat Osgood, Dona Macri, Paul Remington, Nella Sword and Jessie Dizon. 10:00-noon- Met at the Church with Fr. Joe Carr, Bruce Fink, Warren Naai, and Pat Osgood. 12:30- Fr. Joe took me to Pearl Harbour to see the Arizona Memorial etc. I was seven years old when this happened! 6:00- Dinner with Joe and Celeste Carr, Nella Sword and Charlene Pinao. 9:00- Home and to bed!

◆ **June 4-** Honolulu, HI. Up at 5:15. 6:15- Ann Ayling drove me to Calvary Church. 7:00- Holy Eucharist, Fr. Carr the Celebrant, I am the preacher, confirmation. 8:15- Conducted an adult class. 9:15- Celebrant at the Eucharist, preacher and confirmation. 10:30- Wonderful brunch at the church. 12:15- Back to the Aylings, short nap, then to the bay on a beautiful ship. 4:30- Back to the Aylings, packed, took a shower and a nap. 7:30- Light supper. 9:00- Fr. Carr took me to the airport. 10:55-Delta to San Francisco.

◆ **June 5-** Arrived in San Francisco at 7:15 a.m., 10:15 Charleston time. Checked with Randy in the office to be sure of my appointments on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Checked with Louise in St. Louis. 8:15- PST – left for Atlanta, then Charleston. 6:06- Arrived in Charleston. Drove by the office, then home.

◆ **June 6-** Up at 7:00 a.m. Read the office. 8:30- Breakfast at the Harbour Club. 10:00- Jennie Olbrych. 11:30- Lunch with Doug Donehue. 1:30- Bishops Skilton, Allison and Dickson. 2:30- Bishop Skilton and Bill Martin. 4:00- Nancy Armstrong, various details in the office. 6:10- Drove to Camp St. Christopher. 7:00-8:00- Kendall and Elizabeth Harmon. 8:00-11:30- Kendall and I met with the Bishops Search Committee. 11:30-12:45 a.m. - Kendall Harmon and Craig Borrett. Drove home – 1:30 a.m. Home.

◆ **June 7-** Up at 9:00 a.m. Read the office. 11:30- In the office. 12:00noon- Lunch with Tom Lockhart. Good bit to do in the office to get ready for General Convention. 5:30- Home – Supper at home good visit with my house guest, Bishop Gethin Hughes.

Survivor – Follow Up Training Program for New Volunteers

There will be a training program for new volunteers for the Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy, *Survivor-Follow-up Group ministry* October 16th and 23rd at Grace Episcopal Church, Charleston. The two-night training sessions will run from 6:30 p.m. until approximately 8:00 p.m.

The group provides follow-up assistance to crime survivors whose lives have changed suddenly and forever due to a violent act or unexpected tragedy within Charleston County. The group's contact with the survivors takes place after the volunteer Chaplains of the Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy have ministered at the scene. This group ministers to families and victims of crime with a follow-up phone call and/or visit. The volunteer's time is usually 4 to 6 hours per month, with two individuals serving per team.

The group meets monthly for approximately one hour and includes all denominations. Volunteers give of their time as their schedules permit. For more information about the group or to register to attend the training classes, call either Jackie Adamson at 724-7525, 762-1794 or the Chaplaincy's office at 724-1212.

The primary mission of the Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy is to provide pastoral care and counseling for employees and families of law enforcement and emergency service agencies, as well as the general public; assist the Coroner in notifying individuals who have lost a family member in an unexpected manner; assist the Mobile Crisis Unit and SWAT teams in hostage negotiations and other local emergency situations; and to provide follow-up visitations in the home or the hospital for victims of crimes and their lives.

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The Calendar

August 2006

August 4 - 6 Diocesan Couples Conference
August 11 - 12 Spiritual Development in Children Seminar

September 2006

Sept. 1 Deadline for Jubilate Deo Submissions
Sept. 4 Labor Day (Offices Closed)
Sept. 9 Diocesan Walk About
Sept. 16 Special Convention to Elect New Bishop
Sept. 19 Charleston Community Prayer Breakfast
Sept. 28 - Oct 8 Healing Mission to the Ukraine

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Hatchett Receives Honorary Degree

The Rev. Dr. Marion Josiah Hatchett, emeritus professor of liturgics and church music at the University of the South's School of Theology, Sewanee, Tenn., received an honorary Doctor of Humanities degree from his alma mater, Wofford College, Spartanburg, SC, during commencement ceremonies May 14, 2006. Wofford named Dr. Hatchett, a 1947 graduate, as "one of the premier scholars and servants of the Episcopal Church in his generation." Dr. Hatchett earned a Bachelor of Divinity degree from the School of Theology and the Master of Sacred Theology and Doctor of Theology degrees from General Theological Seminary.

The Very Rev. Dr. William S. Stafford, dean of the School of Theology, called Dr. Hatchett the most distinguished living scholar in the field of liturgics in the Episcopal Church. "His massive publications, including his definitive Commentary on the American Prayer Book, have been required reading for every Episcopal priest and seminarian for years. His teaching is legendary. I am delighted at this fresh, well-deserved honor to our colleague and friend," said Stafford.

Ordained as a priest in the Episcopal Church in 1952, Dr. Hatchett began his ministry in local parish churches in South Carolina. He joined the faculty of the School of Theology in 1969. In 1991, he was named C.K. Benedict Professor of Pastoral Theology and continues to serve the seminary as adjunct professor, teaching a course on hymnody for the Christian church. He has published a number of essays and articles, as well as 13 books, including *Sanctifying Life, Time, and Space: An Introduction to Liturgical Study*, which



has been used as a text book in this country and abroad.

Dr. Hatchett has held a number of significant posts contributing to Christian church liturgy and music. He served on drafting committees of the Book of Common Prayer (1979) and chaired the ecumenical committee that produced the "Common Eucharistic Prayer," included in the Book of Common Prayer and in various other liturgical books in the U.S. and abroad. He was a member of the Standing Commission on Church Music and chaired the text committee for The Hymnal 1982. He continues to lead in the ongoing dialogue between the Episcopal Church and the Moravian Church.

Among his many honors, Dr. Hatchett was featured in the Episcopal periodical, *The Living Church*, in 1999, as one of the fifty "Shapers of the Church in the Twentieth Century." At the time of his retirement that year, he was honored with the publication of *With Ever Joyful Hearts*, a festschrift edited by the Rt. Rev. Dr. J. Neil Alexander, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta. Twenty-three international scholars contributed essays in the published tribute to Dr. Hatchett.

Dr. Hatchett and his wife, Carolyn Carter Hatchett, have three children: Martha, Ann, and John.

York Place Welcomes Scott Fleischer as new Chaplain

The Rev. Scott Fleischer is the new chaplain at York Place, Episcopal Home For Children. He and his wife Victoria and their three children come to us from Georgetown, South Carolina. There, Father Scott served as the Assistant Rector for four years at Prince George Winyah, Episcopal Church. Before that, he served as a youth minister for eight years in Florida and California. He brings to this position a love for children and a faith in the redeeming power of the Christian gospel. As chaplain, Father Scott's main responsibilities will be to offer weekly chapel services, and to be available for both the children and the staff at York Place.

It was a last minute dinner invitation by a board member at his former church that started the ball rolling. Over dinner, he and his wife met John Shiflet, the President and CEO of York Place, and his wife Debbie. As they listened to Mr. Shiflet share about his work, they both thought to themselves, "I wonder if he needs a chaplain?" A few minutes later, he concluded by saying, "All we're missing is a chaplain!" That was three months ago, and since then,

there have been many changes for the Fleischer family. Although moving is never easy, they have the firm



conviction that God has called them here and that he will prepare them for whatever challenges they may face.

John Shiflet described the circumstances which led to Father Scott becoming Chaplain as being "divinely orchestrated." Shiflet said, "There were just too many interesting occurrences for them to be considered coincidences. It became apparent to both Scott and me that God seemed to be leading our discussions." He continued, "The York Place family is pleased to welcome the Fleischer family to the campus and the York Community."