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Reconvening the 216th Convention

A Letter to the Clergy of the Diocese of South Carolina from The Rt. Rev. Edward L. Salmon, Jr.

Editor's Note: A copy of this letter was mailed to all diocesan clergy on April 17, 2007.

Dear Friends,

I have just come from a meeting of the Standing Committee where critical decisions were made toward the re-election of the Very Rev. Mark Lawrence as the XIV Bishop of South Carolina. The position of the Standing Committee was that there was an overwhelming consensus that 1) the Holy Spirit had spoken in the election of Fr. Lawrence; 2) the Bishops and Standing Committees had intended to consent to the election even though technicalities had prevented it; 3) we carefully follow our own Canons in order to strongly support the election.

In order to follow our Canons, it is necessary to re-convene the Diocesan Convention of November 2006, which according to the minutes was recessed, not adjourned. This means that the delegates from the November 2006 Convention are still in place. The date for convening this Convention is June 9, 2007. At that Convention, it will be necessary to suspend Rule 21 because it would require an entirely new election process, duplicating the process we used in the first election. Rule 22 gives us the authority to suspend the Rule 21 by a 2/3 vote. After its suspension, the Convention can then call for an Electing Convention. This would then require our congregations to elect new delegates for this Convention. The former Electing Convention cannot be re-convened. It was called for the purpose of electing a Bishop for

the Diocese, and this work was done.

The re-convened convention of 2006 will also be asked to affirm the appointment of Wade Logan as Diocesan Chancellor as required by the Canons. Due to reasons of health, Mr. Eugene N. Zeigler has resigned as Chancellor of the Diocese. He will remain as Chancellor until the Convention approves a new Chancellor.

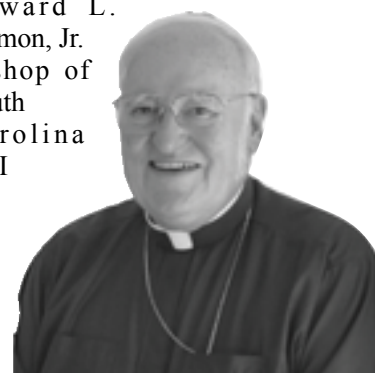
This Electing Convention will then be convened later in the summer of 2007 for the purpose of re-electing Fr. Lawrence. This date will be announced when the Electing Convention is created.

Following the election, the Standing Committee will implement an intensive effort to receive the consents during the 120 day period. Since a majority of Standing Committees intended to ap-

prove in the first election, the Standing Committee has a clear field in which to work.

This process will allow a consecration date to be set so that when consents are in, we may proceed to consecrate Fr. Mark Lawrence as the 14th Bishop of South Carolina.

Yours faithfully,
Edward L.
Salmon, Jr.
Bishop of
South
Carolina
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Convention Reconvened June 9

The Steering Committee, as the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese of South Carolina, will re-convene the 216th Annual Meeting, at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 9, at St. James' Church, Charleston, 1872 Camp Road, Charleston, South Carolina. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m.

We anticipate a relatively short

meeting. The only business expected would be the election of a new chancellor, the Honorable E. N. Zeigler having resigned, and the suspension and/or repeal of Canon XXXI, Rule 21, of the Canons of the Diocese of South Carolina. Rules 21 and 22 of the Rules of Order may be viewed on the diocesan website at www.dioceseofsc.org/.

Congratulations Mark Goodman

The Diocese of South Carolina offers its warm congratulations to and prayers for Mark Goodman and his family on the occasion of Mark's call to serve

as the eleventh Dean of the Cathedral Church of Saint John in Albuquerque and the Diocese of the Rio Grande.

How Can I Be Healed? Day of Healing Prayer Offered July 28

The Rev. Nigel Mumford, Director of Healing Ministries, Christ the King Spiritual Life Center, in Greenwich, New York, is scheduled to speak at "A Day of Healing Prayer" at St. Michael's Church, Charleston, July 28. Mr. Mumford recently completed a Healing Mission Workshop for The International Order of St. Luke the Physician in Greenville, SC, at Christ Episcopal Church.

The event at St. Michael's on July 28 will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Talks will include, "The Resurrection of the Forgotten Touch," "Removing Blocks to Healing," and "Generational Healing."

The fee of \$25 per person includes continental breakfast, lunch, and all materials. Visit www.stmichaelsch-

[urch.net](http://www.stmichaelsch-urch.net) and click on the Healing Prayer Link under Programs or call 843-723-0603. Read more about Mr. Mumford on page 15.



Loving Your Spouse for a Lifetime

Steve and Jacqui Wood to Lead Diocesan
Couples Conference, July 27-29

It's time to register for the 9th annual Diocesan Couples Conference to be held at the seaside paradise of Saint Christopher Camp & Conference Center on Seabrook Island. This is the final weekend before school starts, so park the kids with Nana & Pa-Pops, and renew a priceless relationship – your marriage! The conference begins Friday, July 27 with check-in followed by supper and concludes with lunch on Sunday, July 29.

Once again, the conference promises to be a wonderful weekend of marriage renewal with keynote presenters, The Rev. Steve & Jacqui Wood in addition to weekend coordinators, Dr. West and Carrie Jacobs.

Keynote Speakers

Steve and Jacqui Wood celebrate their 22nd anniversary this year and are blessed to have four sons, all homeschooled by Jacqui. Steve has served as the Rector of St. Andrews,

Mt. Pleasant, since 2000. Formerly he was Associate Rector at St. Luke's, Bath, Ohio, for four years and Vicar of St. Anne-In-The-Fields, Madison, Ohio, for five years. Steve served as a member of the Diocesan Commission on Ministry and Wando High School's Improvement Council. Currently he serves as an Alpha Regional Advisor, Diocesan Standing Committee Member and Board Member of Changing Families and Drawing Nearer To God. Steve graduated from Cleveland State University in 1986 and Virginia Theological Seminary in 1991. Jacqui is currently a student at Trident Technical College in the Registered Nursing program. She is an active member of the women's ministry leadership team at St. Andrews, and is a small group

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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.



The Rev. Mark Lawrence encouraged the women to keep their focus on heaven.

Mark Lawrence Delivers Keynote Address at 123rd Annual Meeting of the ECW of the Diocese

hosted by The Reverend and Mrs. Jeffrey Miller and the ECW of the Parish Church of St. Helena at the historic rectory in Beaufort. They joined members of the host parish, leaders of Province IV, the President of the Standing Committee, The Reverend J. Haden McCormick and Mrs. McCormick of St. Philip's Church, Charleston, Diocesan ECW Board Members and numerous special guests representing ministries throughout the Diocese for a gourmet dinner.

We are grateful to Fr. Lawrence for his inspired and memorable address. He encouraged us to focus on Heaven while still in the world because to do so gives us hope and the sacred knowledge that we will be reunited with our loved ones who have preceded us. The sure and certain hope of the resurrection through the merits of Jesus Christ transforms our lives.

On Saturday, May 5th, The Right Reverend Edward L Salmon warmly greeted the women gathered for the annual meeting and gave a report providing clarification of the present

situation surrounding the anticipated consecration of the Reverend Mark Lawrence as the 14th Bishop of SC. Later he formally installed the new Diocesan Board of the ECW. The 2007-2008 Board, led by President Sue Griffin, a member of the Church of the Holy Comforter in Sumter will include: Vice President Frances Fuchs, Corresponding Secretary Kelly Edge, Recording Secretary Betsy Acken, Treasurer Lynn MacEwen, Altar Guild Chair Marianne Holmes, Christian Education Chair Sheryl O'Neal, Church Periodical Club Chair Tootie Adams, United Thank Offering Chair Nancy Pickering, Communications and Handbook Chair Laura Dixon, Mission and Ministry in the World Chair Abby Morris, Mission and Ministry at Home, Pat Ancrum, Spiritual Life Chair Beth Snyder, Past-President Catherine Jones and Province IV President Margie Williams. The ECW Deanery Directors are: Catherine Quackenbush/Beaufort; Johnnie Wineglass/Charleston; Barbara Braithwaite/Charleston West; Roseanne Brasington/Florence; Sue Brunson/Georgetown; and Callie Hub /Orangeburg.

During the business meeting, Susan Clarkson Keller and Tammy Barnes of the LAMB Board and St. Philip's Parish reported on the outstanding work of LAMB ministries, directed by Suzy McCall. Susan gave an inspiring report on the many accomplishments in ministry to "God's Littlest Lambs"



Outgoing ECW President Catherine Jones shares the pulpit with Bishop Salmon.

The Very Reverend Mark Lawrence gave the keynote address at the 123rd Annual Meeting of the Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese of South Carolina on May 5, 2007, held at the Parish Church of St. Helena in Beaufort. Father Mark and Mrs. Lawrence (Allison) had graciously traveled from Bakersfield, California. On, May 4, they met with Deanery Director, The Very Reverend Chuck Owens and Mrs. Owens of the Church of the Cross in Bluffton. Later, they were welcomed at a fine reception

in Honduras which was our project for this year and the recipient of a generous financial gift. Other missions' representatives shared vital information on their work during the year.

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Developing the Heart Of Your Worship Team with Andy Piercy, June 4

On Monday, June 4, Saint James Church, Charleston will host a very special evening with Andy Piercy. Andy was part of the worship leading team at Holy Trinity Brompton in London from 1993 to 2006. During that time, he accompanied Bishop Sandy Millar and the Rev. Nicky Gumbel to many Alpha conferences around the world and across the USA.

As well as writing and recording many of the songs used on Alpha and at HTB, he has also produced records for Delirious, Matt Redman, Rita Springer, Soul Survivor, and Graham Kendrick.

One of Andy's passions is uniting people in worship, especially worship teams.

This will be the second event of its kind held at St. James. Andy led a similar evening of worship in March.

Worship teams from different denominations were invited to attend the event. Almost fifty people attended.

That evening was put together by Andy, Michael McIntyre and Pam Dickson. Michael and Pam lead worship at Saint James.

The evening began with a wonderful buffet and a blessing by the Rev. Arthur Jenkins. From there, Andy led in worship followed by an inspirational talk about the heart of worship. He then opened it up for questions. The evening closed with small group and corporate prayer and worship.

"It was wonderful seeing area worship leaders come together for an evening of great encouragement," said Michael McIntyre.

Please bring your worship teams to the next gathering with Andy, Monday, June 4 at Saint James Church, 1872 Camp Road, Charleston.

By The Rev. Canon Dr. Kendall S. Harmon, *Editor*

They argued so much. That was my overriding impression of the early church when I saw the book of Acts on a movie screen for the first time. All churches have disagreements; they always have. But when the arguing turns to strife, watch out.

Two recent experiences brought this to mind. The first was when something I said was met with criticism (say you are shocked). But it wasn't the disagreement that surprised me, it was the sharpness of it. There seemed little charity and instead harshness and even enmity. It was out of all proportion to both the words and the context.

The second came when I chose to reascend the great mountain of Dante's Divine Comedy. Like all truly great works, it always repays greatly upon its rereading.

One scene from the Inferno struck me more than all the others this time. It is a harrowing portrayal of a disagreement gone wrong.

When he gets to near the very bottom of hell, Dante meets a man whose name is Ugolino who tells him his story. He was the city manager of Pisa, placed there by Ruggieri, the archbishop. Ugolino was a Guelf, and Ruggieri was a Ghibeline. The Guelf-Ghibeline battle was literally devouring Italy at the time, and the two formed a secret alliance from opposite sides.

The deal was simple: Ruggieri the archbishop would name Ugolino as city manager of Pisa, and in return Ugolino would undermine the Guelf control of the area from the inside and

gain authority for the archbishop. It was a plot to seize power and betray the city of Pisa.

What happened is a devastating story of betrayal, counter-betrayal, and treachery. Almost immediately after Ruggieri gives Ugolino his new position, the archbishop realizes he has made a mistake. He then seeks to undermine the very person he has

just named to his new position. Ugolino recognizes what is occurring and retaliates.

The brutal battle gets so bad between them that eventually Ugolino is captured by the archbishop and, along with his children, imprisoned in a tower. Then one day, at the time when

they normally receive their food, Ugolino hears the door of the room being nailed shut. He now knows he and his offspring will be slowly starved to death.

As time wears on Ugolino starts eating his hands out of hunger, and his sons offer to allow him to eat them instead. In agony he refuses. After four days, one son throws himself with outstretched hands at his father's feet begging for help. Ugolino then tells us what happens next :

There he died; and,
as thou seest me,
I saw the three fall,
one by one, between
The fifth day and the sixth;
whence I betook me,

The Killing Power of Strife

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ECW Annual Meeting

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Following glowing annual reports by Nancy Pickering and Tootie Adams, the United Thank Offering and Church Periodical Club donations were received during the Service of Holy Eucharist.

The delegates chose "The Resurrection of a Vision: Saint John's Chapel on the Eastside of Charleston" headed by Reverend Dallas Wilson and his wife Mrs. Janie Wilson, to be the 2007-2008 project for receiving next year's financial gift.

Our prayer partners will be: Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy, Hispanic Mission at Holy Cross Faith Memorial on Pawley's Island, Save R Kids Orphanage in Guyana, South America and The Episcopal Church Home for Children in York (York Place).

President Catherine Jones recognized honored women, past presidents and distinguished guests. She introduced and thanked members of the current board, and expressed appreciation for the fine turnout by women throughout the Diocese. Deepest sympathy was expressed for Board members who had recently experienced personal tragedy in the loss of loved ones. Well-wishes were sent out to Vice President Frances Fuchs who had fallen and suffered a serious injury to her leg. Catherine and incoming President Sue Griffin expressed heartfelt thanks to the wonderful Parish Church of St. Helena's for hosting our annual meeting, especially to the Rector, the Reverend Jeff Miller, and Event Coordinator, Donna McLean. The clergy, the music director, Gen Bolena, staff and numerous dedicated ECW leaders and Parish Chef Todd Barnum all contributed to the success of the gathering.

Eutawville ECW President, Mrs. Cora Obrochta, invited the ECW to attend the 2008 annual meeting at the Church of the Epiphany. The invitation was accepted with appreciation.



Incoming 2007-2008 ECW President Sue Griffin

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Fishin' for a Mission 2007

St. Andrew's, Mt. Pleasant, to host a fishing tournament, live and silent auction, and banquet to raise funds for international mission partners, June 28 and 30.

The Love Boat Banquet

This year's banquet on June 28, themed The Love Boat, will be a catered dinner with a fun live and silent auction, and will feature musician Mark Bryan of Hootie and the Blowfish. This love boat is carrying the love of our Lord Jesus Christ to the abused, broken, and abandoned in such countries as Liberia, Uganda, and Honduras.

Last year, high auction bidders took home things such as a lovely pendant from Skatell's Jewelers, a week in a beautiful vacation home in Saluda, North Carolina, time in a private residence in the Caribbean, a week on the slopes of Aspen, Colorado, paintings by well-known local artists, and chartered fishing trips. Over 60 items were sold to benefit those less fortunate. This year, there will be many of the same wonderful auction items and some special surprises.

The Fishing Tournament

The Charleston in-shore fishing tournament lasts from 6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on June 30, with eligible species of trout, flounder, black drum, sheephead, and toadfish. Weigh-in is from 3 to 5 p.m. Prizes will be awarded immediately after the close of the weigh-in for the largest in each species, master angler, youth angler, and outstanding youth and female angler.

The tournament headquarters for weigh-in and prizes is at the Seabreeze Marina, conveniently located on Town Creek, downtown Charleston.



Last year's tournament winner, Dr. Pat Leonard, and Allan Billard. The fish is a 53-lb black drum.

The Mission Fields

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

(Matthew 28: 19-20, NIV)

Last year's tournament and banquet raised over \$60,000 that immediately went into the mission field, without any deductions



for administrative costs or expenses. St. Andrew's pledges to the sponsors and donors that 100% of any donation will go into the mission field. The disposition of the proceeds is accountable and transparent. Anyone may receive a full accounting at any time.

In Honduras, proceeds from the 2006 tournament are building a residential home for abandoned and abused children. In Burundi, donations helped complete the Getanga orphanage.

In Rwanda, the rural mission hospital operating room at Shyria Hospital was renovated. Drs. Caleb and Louise King and their family, missionaries sent by St. Matthew's, Darlington, run and staff the hospital.

In the Dominican Republic, funds were used to pay for a computer for a medical student who will become a doctor in physician-starved LaGonave, Haiti.

Will you join us this year, as we seek to expand the territory on His Kingdom? To reserve your ticket for The Love Boat Banquet and Auction, call or email Sam Clawson at 843.224.2401 or sclawson5@comcast.net or Gail Webb at 843.373.2121 or glansing@WeAreVille.com. Registration forms can be downloaded from St. Andrew's website, www.samp.cc or contact Keith Allen to receive an application in the mail at 843.864.9602 or keithallen@yahoo.com. You may also register online, sponsor the tournament, or purchase your banquet tickets at www.samp.cc.



Daily staff prayer at the Shyria Hospital in Rwanda. A portion of the funds from the June events will support the hospital.

Loving Your Spouse

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leader, and mentor. Jacqui is a recurring speaker with various women's ministries, including The Alpha Course, and also speaks on parenting at the New Wine Conference. Together, Steve and Jacqui will open the scriptures to our hearts and lives so that our marriages may be strengthened and inspired. Join in the fun and laughter, and share with the joy of the Lord in celebration of "Loving Your Spouse for a Lifetime." Couple participants will be pampered with periods of discussion in small groups, reflective free time, opportunities for worship and healing, in addition to sound biblical teaching, all in an environment of love and confidentiality.

Come and see what God will do to expand and enrich your marriage. It promises to be a memorable getaway for all seasons of conventional marriage.

Cost of the Weekend

The conference fee is \$330 per couple, which includes all meals and lodging. A non-refundable deposit of \$50 must be included with the application and will be credited to the total fee. Couples should plan to check-in between 5-6 p.m. Due to space limitations, a prompt reply is recommended. See the registration form, right, and plan your weekend "date" today!

DIOCESAN COUPLES CONFERENCE, July 27-29, 2007

Husband's Full Name: _____
 Wife's Full Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Telephones: (daytime) _____
 Telephones: (evening) _____
 Parish: _____
 Special Facilities Required? _____ Any Dietary Restrictions? _____
 Special Nicknames: (Husband) _____ (Wife) _____
 Anniversary Date: _____ Yrs. Married _____
 Additional requests or information: _____

Deposit of \$50 must accompany registration--checks payable to: Couples Conference
 Total fee is \$330 per couple. Deposit is credited toward registration. Mail to: Couples Conference, c/o Wm. L. Kitchens, Sr., 750 Stiles Drive, Charleston, SC. 29412

Please bring a copy of your wedding photograph to donate.

New Ministry Takes Shape in Charleston's Eastside Community

Are you called to join?

By Joy Hunter

Every Wednesday from two to four p.m. you'll find a small group gathered in an abandoned, dilapidated church building on Charleston's poverty-stricken east side. They sit quietly with chairs pulled together in the empty building. There's no heat in the winter, no air conditioning in the summer. "When it's cold, we wear our coats," says Janie Wilson. "When it's hot, we sweat." "We gather in silence," says Dallas Wilson (Brother Dallas), soon to be Vicar of the not-yet-renovated St. John's Episcopal Chapel. "We're listening for God's instructions. He's been so faithful. These prayer times have changed all of our lives. We wouldn't give it up for anything."

Dallas and Janie take listening for God's instructions very seriously. They've seen God do amazing things through the ministries of Agape InnerCity Christian Assembly, Inc., "Midnight" Basketball, Project "RESTORE," and Innovative Alternatives

for Women (Project "Restore" for Women), etc.

But now they're about to embark on a new venture, and they want to be sure they're hearing the voice of God.

A Word from the Lord

In 2004, "We were coming back from Indiana," says Brother Dallas, "when the Lord gave Janie an incredible 'Rhema' word." At that time, Janie was taking courses in Biblical Counseling with an emphasis on Women's Studies at Trinity College



Janie Wilson, standing in front of St. John's Episcopal Chapel, in Charleston's eastside, is eager to begin ministering to the "strongest" part of the community, the women.

and Seminary in Newburg Indiana, and they were returning from a week-long seminar.

"God has such a special place for women," says Janie. "In our society,

Not the direction of Agape Ministries, Dallas is quick to clarify, but the new direction in which Janie will concentrate as they begin their new ministries at St. John's Episcopal Chapel and its African American Family Center for Biblical Dialogue (AAF CBD) component.

Changing a Community From Its Strongest Part

"In order to change a community, you have to change it from its 'strongest' part," says Brother Dallas. "And the heart and the 'strongest' part of this community is matriarchal. Eighty

"In order to change a community you have to change it from its 'strongest' part," says Brother Dallas. "The strongest part of this community is matriarchal."

women are looked at as being second class, the lowest on the totem pole. We're paid less in wages than men for doing the same level of work, yet God loves women. He has a special place for us in His heart. I was sharing that thought with Brother Dallas."

"We were driving home," he adds, "And as Janie was talking, I had to pull off onto the shoulder of the road and stop the car. I cried. I thought to myself, 'We've done some extraordinary work in Charleston, but this dwarfs it.' It caused me to rethink our direction."

percent of this community is female and single heads-of-household. We want to minister to women from the cradle to the grave. You can't start to

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The Rt. Rev. William Skilton's Ministry Celebrated



Bishop and Mrs. Skilton are presented with an original stained glass work of art from the studio of the Rev. Rob Dewey. From left: DOK President Vickie Armes, Bishop and Mrs. Skilton, ECW President Catherine Jones, and the Rev. Rob Dewey.

On April 21, the Diocesan Episcopal Church Women and Daughters of the King hosted a celebration in honor of Bishop Bill and Lynn Skilton's ministry in our diocese. The celebration began with a Festal Eucharist at St. John's Parish, John's Island. Many diocesan clergy and laity were part of the service: Celebrant: The Rev. Terence Lee (St. Paul's, Bennettsville and Diocesan DOK Chaplain); Preachers: The Rev. Mercedes Julian (Iglesia San Juan, John's Island) and The Rev. Greg Snyder (St. John's Parish, John's Island); Servers: The Revs. Rob Dewey, Joseph Gibbes, Michael Hub, and Anthony Kowbeidu; Epistler: Catherine Jones (ECW Diocesan President) and Litanist: Vicky Armes (DOK Diocesan President). Carmen Rivers was the translator for the uplifting homilies delivered by Rev. Mercedes Julian (Spanish) and Rev. Greg Snyder (English). The St. John's choir and three talented musicians from Iglesia de San Juan provided special music.

Following the Eucharist, an elegant reception was held in the St. John's Family Life Center. Lovely flower arrangements from the St. Anna DOK chapter at St. John's and the ladies of Iglesia de San Juan centered the buffet tables laden with delicious "finger foods" contributed by the Diocesan DOK. During the afternoon, the Skiltons were honored with an original stained glass work of art from the studio of the Rev. Rob Dewey, presented to them from the ECW and the DOK. In addition, contributions in their honor will be made to York Place and The Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge/USA.

There is a saying that "one should receive their roses while they can still smell them" and this is exactly what occurred at the Celebration for the Skiltons with innumerable accolades and "stories" from active and retired clergy and laity...all whose lives have been made richer because of "Con Gusto" Bill's ministry!

Faith in Action to Create a Generic Poverty Prevention Network (GP2N)

By Ed Dyckman, Chair, Department of Social Ministries

This week I interviewed the Executive Director of The Cooperative Ministry (TCM) in Columbia, SC. TCM was identified by the *Post & Courier* as a good ministry to recreate in Charleston and the Low country to fight poverty. The *Post & Courier* also ran an article about a meeting we had last week at Trident United Way to form an interfaith coalition to fight poverty. As Chair, Department of Social Ministries, I represented our Diocese at the meeting. I am now compiling the information I learned at TCM with additional information I learned two weeks ago in Alexandria, VA, and Washington, DC, during interviews I conducted with the Executive Directors of Samaritan Ministry, ALIVE, and Lazarus Ministry.

Based on those interviews, I am creating a blueprint for a generic poverty prevention network (GP2N) that can pull together all the churches, non-profits, civic groups, governmental organizations, and businesses in any town, city, county, or state (such as the Charleston, Dorchester, Berkeley Tri-county area, the SC Lowcountry, the SC Midlands, etc.), through use of satellite locations (we already have almost 20 such satellite locations in the Tri-county areas) that serve as one-stop shopping locations for poor people who are in crisis to go to for help during the

crisis. Ultimately, under GP2N, these people would work with volunteers in churches and non-profits between crises, with the objective of establishing goals and steps to achieve those goals and, thereby, prevent their next crisis. That is the heart of the GP2N concept.

One central GP2N office would coordinate emergency funding disbursements for rent, mortgage, utilities, and water to the poor through the satellites. (There is a ministry in Charleston that does this through its ShelterNet Program. I will interview them soon to learn how they operate.) The satellites would also provide food, clothing, toiletries, crisis counseling, case management counseling, and referrals to other non-profits that specialize in individual ministries. Referrals of poor people to the satellites and specialized non-profits would be through churches, individuals, businesses, civic groups, etc. Churches with in-house outreach ministries, such as St. Andrew's in Mt Pleasant, could also serve as "specialized non-profits."

Our next step is to test GP2N using www.CreativeChatter.com as its information technology backbone. We will invite all (or as many that are willing) Episcopal churches in our Diocese, 10 Roman Catholic churches, and 10

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From Haiti, with Comfort!

Members of Trinity Episcopal Church, Edisto, begin HIV/AIDS Orphanage

By Ray Comfort

It was a Monday evening in September 2002, just after work. Ray was making dinner at the Comforts' Edisto Beach home. He and Trisha had finished their first day of work since returning from a mission trip to Haiti. Trisha sat on the stool at the kitchen island across from Ray and asked, "So what about Haiti?" Ray said, "I want to go." She said, "I do, too!" It is now February 2007, and we have been in operation with an orphanage for one year. Our orphanage is for children born to HIV/AIDS.

The Inspiration

We stutter-stepped for nearly 2½ years searching for our calling and then, finally, God hit us over the head with a brick! We had sought three different ministries, thinking we would work for someone else, but it was not to be. By then, we had taken in a 10-year-old street kid, afflicted with advanced stage of AIDS, TB, pneumonia, some horrible looking skin from scabies, a scalp of sores, a neurological disorder affecting balance and coordination, and malnutrition. Roodline (Wood-lin) has been with us now for two years, going from near death to a becoming a strong adolescent. She has grown over a foot, doubled her weight and is as happy as a child can be. God is so good! Roodline was the inspiration of Kay (ki) Konfo – Comfort House.

In June 2005, we started to resurrect a filthy three bedroom house, and on December 9, took in our first two children. At that time, we drove over three hours on mountain roads to get to an AIDS clinic. Over the last few years, Haiti has received modern medications for sufferers of this disease; however, once you leave Port au Prince, these clinics are pretty distant for most



Waitin' for church to begin: Three up front: Darlenski "Darlen" 6 months, Rosemond "Rosy" (3) & Roodline (12); The next three: Christian (3), Nadia (5) and Louvenski "Lulu" (7), Upper right, Elda (20 months) & Lafortune (11). Upper center: Franclin "Pistache" (7), Gessica (4) & Luinel (6). Upper left: Ray with William "Yum" (2). Why tell you their names? They're our kids!

12 children. The children have been coming to us in real tough shape, with medical histories and personal stories that bring you to tears.

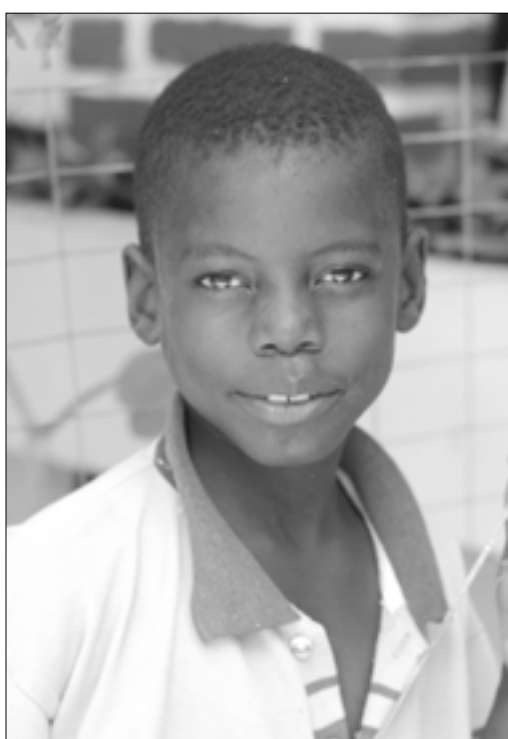
Seven of our twelve children are on full medication regimens or cocktails of three AIDS drugs, getting some in the morning and some at night. For now, three more who were diagnosed with AIDS are only on vitamin and antibiotic regimens, and one more will be tested again in a few months to diagnose with certainty. Our youngest is Darlen, who we received in January when he was four months old. Darlen

rate. It is extremely critical to get him on medications fast, but he has TB, which has an eight-month treatment regimen and those drugs render AIDS drugs useless.

Our third youngest, at 20 months, William (the kids call him "Yum") does not have AIDS, but was born without an anus and is due for his third reconstructive surgery in February. He was abandoned at two months, received a botched operation to expel his waste through his side, was living in the hospital (crib bound), neglected and always in pain. It was hard to walk away from him! William had his second and successful surgery just after joining us. His next surgery will be the connection of his intestines to the appropriate "appliances" and, with God's grace and love, William has a chance to be continent. We pray all the time and need prayer far more than money because we go through crises often. God has given us some critical care children who take long periods of time to become even close to "normal." Outside of Africa, Haiti has the largest infected AIDS population in the western hemisphere. It ranges around 5%, which is fast reaching the point at which it can climb to epidemic proportions.

with these children every step of the way and you can witness His Hand. We say our prayers of thanks and supplication and sing the Doxology (in English!) before every meal, each

Checks for the HIV/AIDS Orphanage should be made payable to Trinity Episcopal Church, noting "Haiti Comfort Building Fund," mailed to the church at PO Box 425 Edisto Island, SC 29438.



Before and After: At age ten, Lafortune came to the Comforts (photo left) with a CD4 (good cells) count of six. Medication normally starts around 300-500 and a normal count is over 2000! At the time he was statistically near death. In the current photo, he is 11 years old.

Haitians. We are only six miles from Hospital Albert Schweitzer, who started their children's AIDS program because of our orphanage. Since that June, God has opened doors so quickly; we are now offering high quality care, with an ever-improving nutritional diet, and a regimented drug program for

has a CD4 count of 345, which is in the range to start AIDS meds. CD4 cells – fighter cells – are a measure of the strength of the immune system. HIV+ patients usually have CD4 counts around 1600. He is so young to have levels this low, which means the disease is growing at an aggressive

God Is With Us

This program is first meant to start the physical healing along with the trauma of their short histories. God is

bedroom has prayer before bed and for almost nine months now, we have church here at home. They get up Sunday morning, get themselves dressed in their Sunday best, set up all the chairs, while Mom and Dad set up the altar and arrange the music. We sing Haitian and American worship songs, confess our shortcomings, Trisha tells a continuing Bible story, Richie, a Haitian assistant, reads a Psalm, and we greet and love on each other every Sunday! Afterwards, we have a big pancake breakfast! It all has been a wonderful time and cementing factor for our family. Trisha has made prayers before bedtime a very instructive time, having the children ask for God's help in their lives. She reminds them of Jesus' love and care, and also of His displeasure when they have not lived up to that love. During our evening prayer, we reflect on the

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Getting Your Feet Wet

By Amy Watson Smith
Department of Christian Faith Formation, Diocese of South Carolina

I can still see my daughter's face as she came down the slide that Saturday morning. She was a kindergartner attending a classmate's birthday party where the primary focus was one of those enormous, inflatable slides. It was intended to be fun, I am sure, but my cautious child wasn't going to be so easily convinced. After some coaxing and gentle threats, she finally made her way to the top of the slide. As she pushed off from the landing, a look came over her face that I will never forget. As other children whizzed past her, arms in air,

Is the Lord calling you to a place of surrender? Does he ask you to leave your place of safety and step into the river?

screaming with delight, my daughter had a look of terror hiding just beneath her plastered-on smile. With hands and feet dragging along the rubberized material, slowing her descent, she bumped along eyes darting back and forth desperately looking for something to help her feel more secure. As she reached the bottom, she let out a huge sigh of relief, and, looking around at her friends, she shook her head in apparent disbelief. She wasn't going through that again!

Digging in Your Heels Spiritually

I hate to admit just how much my own spiritual journey resembles my daughter's experience of that slide.

I have "dug my heels in" on more than one occasion and have resisted the Lord's call to trust Him far too often. The idea of surrender is almost incomprehensible to me. But praise God! He shows us a way to learn how to trust Him and to surrender—through His word, through the experiences of those who have come before us, and through our own journeys with Him.

What comes to mind when I think about my resistance to trusting God is the contrast of the faithfulness of Joshua and the Israelites as they approach the Jordan River. The Lord tells Joshua over and over, to "Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go" (Joshua 1:9). I don't know about you, but anytime anyone tells me not to be afraid, it is usually because there is something that I should be afraid of! God did not promise Joshua and the Israelites a trouble-free life in the Promised Land. No, but He did promise that He would be with them wherever they went.

What really gets me about this passage is that He doesn't show them the way across the Jordan first (which is running at flood stage at this point, by the way). He doesn't stop the flow of the river and then say, "Come on over." No, He tells the priests to go and stand in the river. As soon as they set foot in it, the water starts piling up on either

side and the Israelites are able to cross over to the new land that the Lord has given them. God called them to surrender their place of safety on one side of the river and to trust Him to make



a way for them across it to the other side—to the Promised Land. He asks us to do the same: surrender this place of safety and trust me to get you to this new place.

I can definitely relate to what the Israelites must have been feeling that day. My place of safety is really feeling pretty comfortable right now—I finally feel like I kind of know what I am doing, good things are happening, things are running pretty smoothly... you know the feeling. But the Lord has called me to cross through the Jordan—and believe me! The river is running at flood stage. There seems to be a lot at stake, and the journey across the raging waters looks pretty risky. And to top that all off, I don't even know what is on the other side! But what I do know is that it is good for the

Lord has called me to it. "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future" (Jeremiah 29:11). Joshua could take the risk of surrendering his place of safety because he had seen what the Lord had done through Moses. I, too, can trust because of what God has promised in His word and because of what I have seen the Lord do through me and through so many others.

You know, it's funny. I thought that my daughter would never go back up that big, inflatable slide that Saturday morning, but she did! She was able to talk herself into taking a risk because of her previous experience and that of her classmates. The second time down, she didn't dig in her heels in as much and the ride was a bit smoother. By the end of the party, she was throwing her hands up in the air and screaming with abandon with the best of them!

Is the Lord calling you to a place of surrender? Does he ask you to leave your place of safety and step into the river? Go ahead—get your toes wet! He is trustworthy. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him and he will make your paths straight" (Proverbs 3:5)
Thanks be to God!

A Powerful Partnership, An Exciting Journey

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

"There was a lot of overlap between what I learned at home and at church," confided a twenty-six-year-old medical school student who is also serving as chaplain of his class. "I'm not a theologian, by any stretch, but my folks did a really good job of building a strong base of Bible knowledge with me and my sisters. They focused on connecting the truth principles from the different stories so that we could relate those insights to what we were doing in our lives. If I had just had the teaching from the church, I don't think it would have penetrated nearly as deeply or made such a profound impact on my life. Watching my parents practice what they taught us really drove the lessons home." Revolutionary Parenting by George Barna (Tyndale Publishers, 2007, page 25).

What a jam-packed year! I am sure many of you can relate. Life is full, and it is hard to believe how much has happened in the last ten or so months. I remember this past fall, narrowing down priorities for this department. There were so many opportunities and needs on which to focus—leadership curriculum, adult discipleship, children's ministry, Biblical literacy. Like many of you, we had so many options, but then the question came. "If you were to focus on only one thing, what would it be?" Equipping, supporting, and challenging parents to be actively involved in the spiritual growth of their children was the clear response. It is only in retrospect that I am able to see how selecting this as our priority has allowed us to address all of the others areas as well.

Intentionally Launching Visionary Parenting

We launched our endeavor with a new curriculum called Visionary Parenting, and rather than waiting for people to come and ask for it, we were intentional about getting it into the hands of those who expressed an

More than 20 churches in our diocese have taken on the Visionary Parenting challenge.

interest in 'test driving' it. The beauty of this is that many of the churches that showed interest in this curriculum had already reached the conclusion

that getting parents more involved was essential to the spiritual growth of the children. Intentionality went beyond just distributing the curriculum—we

our responsibility to our marriage and family—the greatest gifts, besides salvation—that our Lord has given us.

Stories of Transformation

Some of the stories that are surfacing are joyful ones of families praying together and reading the Bible together for the first time. Others are stories of amazement of how children are responding and of the beauty of hearts connecting before the Lord. Other stories are surfacing about marriages being strengthened because of working and seeking the Lord together. There is a story of a group of women laying hands and praying for a group of men after viewing the session on Biblical fatherhood. It has not all been smooth. It's bumpy as we learn to break out of being conformed to the patterns of this world. But there is fruit—lives being transformed, relationships reconciled, families digging hungrily into the Bible, etc. I am finding that God is waking up His people and stories of new life are popping up all over!

The stories of transformation are not limited to individual families alone. We are seeing new life in churches and extended families and church families. Youth ministers and children's ministers are working together and being

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also alerted the prayer warriors to help prepare the way for families, marriages and churches. At this point more than 20 churches in our diocese have taken on this challenge and we are now seeing exciting movement of the Holy Spirit.

At the heart of Visionary Parenting is a call for parents to come back to the Word of God and to depend on Him to help us with our responsibility as parents to shape the hearts of our children for the Lord. This challenge has caused us to look at who we are and what we are doing, to see where we are leading our families and to question our priorities. Many of us have been convicted, even broken before the Lord, as we move toward a greater awareness of

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more intentional about looking at how and what is being taught. Priests are communicating and working together with these ministry areas. Vision and mission statements are being refined, and there is a greater sense of unity among church departments who have previously been working as "silos." We are seeing culture change in the form of intergenerational community groups bubbling up, and larger churches are looking enviously at smaller churches with a desire to relearn about intergenerational ministry. We are also now looking at our Anglican structures and systems and asking questions about how to invite families into a more active role in baptism, first communion,

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and confirmation. Churches are asking what they can do in this new partnership with parents to support them and to equip the parents to be more involved.

What we are rediscovering is that parents still have the greatest influence of the hearts of their children. The beauty of this reality is that it calls us out of only having an intellectual faith. We have to model it, live it, and that will benefit us and our families—and God will be glorified. Families can be discipleship centers not just for the children but for the parents as well. This model breaks through to the heart of God. The result is transformation—of families and community groups that shine for Jesus.

Learning from One Another

By the grace of God, we are learning so much from one another. If your family, small group, or church is interested in trying Visionary Parenting, we now have a network of people who can share what we are learning. We would love to walk with you in this journey. We need the Lord and each other. Our Baptismal Covenant invites us and challenges us into this kind of relationship. I believe we need each other to encourage and pray for one another and to share stories of the living God now more than ever—stories of new life rooted in Biblical truth for how he created us. Where do we go from here? We go to His word—to Him, the voice of the Good Shepherd—and we walk together.

In George Barna's new book *Revolutionary Parenting*, there are many examples of families who have raised spiritual champions. He is quick to remind us, however, that there is no cookie-cutter, one-size-fits-all approach. We are called to the heart of God to live with him and to seek him.

"The responsibility for raising spiritual champions, according to the Bible,

You Never Know Who's Listening

By The Rev. R. Peet Dickinson IV, Assistant to the Rector, Saint Michael's, Charleston

This week, we celebrated the wonderful ministry of Lynn Lawrence our Director of Christian Formation at Saint Michael's over the past five years. Lynn is moving on to new challenges, and as I said farewell to Lynn as a co-worker, I reflected on one of the most influential people in my early childhood.

I remember when we moved to Birmingham, Alabama, when I was six years old. One of the first things we did as a family was to find a church to attend. My parents settled on Saint Luke's, which was near our house in the small suburb of Mountain Brook. I remember our first Sunday at Saint Luke's and being struck by how huge the place was. I decided I didn't like the church and chose to leave my Sunday School class early and go in search of my little sister so we could find our parents and go home. I found my sister, and we became hopelessly lost in the rabbit warren that was the Sunday School Building at Saint Luke's. As we were making our way up one of the many stairwells, we bumped into a friendly face. She calmed our fears and escorted us to our parents. She also went a long way toward thawing my cold feelings toward my new church home.

That was my first encounter with the



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Director of Christian Education at Saint Luke's, Susan Sloan, and there began a relationship that had far reaching effects on my life. Susan's love for the children of Saint Luke's was unmistakable.

There seemed to be hundreds of us running around that church, but she knew us all by name. We had amazing Vacation Bible Schools. I remember a particularly good one that was based on *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*. Susan Sloan introduced me to C. S. Lewis at a very young age, and he's been my favorite ever since. When I was in Junior High, Susan hired me as the playground coordinator for VBS one year and thus gave me my first opportunity for doing ministry. And there is the famous story in our family of my mom driving up to the church to pick me up from my "First Communion" class and seeing Susan standing on the curb with her hands on my shoulders waiting for my mother to arrive. When Mom

rolled down the window, Susan said, "I wanted to meet this child's mother. I believe he will be a priest one day." Evidently, I had been listening to every word of the teaching about communion and showed particular keenness for the sacrament. I did love the church more than the average kid. I even remember as a child watching the Celebrant and thinking, "I'd like to do that some day." Susan Sloan would eventually be my Confirmation sponsor, and I am certain that she was a pivotal figure in shaping and forming me for my current vocation.

We will miss Lynn here at Saint Michael's. It is impossible to quantify the full extent of Lynn's or any Director of Christian Formation/Education's impact on the life of a parish. Susan Sloan probably was not aware that my small ears were taking in everything she was teaching those many years ago. I took it to heart, and my life was changed as a result. If you have not done so recently, thank your DCF or DCE for the myriad ways he or she blesses your parish family. Their work is so important and as they lead the children, you never know who's listening.

belongs to parents. The spiritual nurture of children is supposed to take place in the home. Organizations and people from outside the home might support those efforts, but the responsibility is squarely laid at the feet of the family. This is not a job for specialists. It is a job for parents." **Revolutionary Parenting** by George Barna (Tyndale Publishers, 2007, page 11).

I believe it the most challenging calling and responsibility we have. It is the great invitation of our Lord to depend, trust and come to Him. How vital it is for us as people and a church to work together. As we grow in partnership, the possibilities of what the Lord can do are huge! Please pray for God to continue moving into our lives.

Real Compassion

Doug Gray Visits Ethiopia with Compassion International

The Rev. Doug Gray, Associate Rector of St. Paul's, Summerville, visited Ethiopia with a group of 17 other pastors and lay leaders from February 22 to March 1 as part of a short-term mission trip with Compassion International. Compassion exists as a Christian child advocacy ministry that releases children from spiritual, physical, economic, and social poverty and enables them to become responsible and fulfilled Christian adults. Today Compassion helps more than 70,000 children in Ethiopia and more than 800,000 children in 24 countries around the world. Members of St. Paul's, Summerville alone have sponsored approximately 40 children in poverty stricken countries. Contact



Doug, his wife Tricia and their three children have sponsored 8-year old Zinash (pictured above) through Compassion for the past several years. The Grays and Zinash have regularly corresponded though letter writing. On this trip Doug had the opportunity to meet Zinash for the first time. "It was such an amazing blessing and I consider it one of the highlights of my life."

Doug Gray (doug@stpaulsummerville.org) or Compassion International (www.compassion.com) for more information, or to sponsor a child in Jesus name!

United Thank Offering

Heavenly Father, giver of all good gifts,
Take our hands and lead us
through the coming days.
Teach us to share your gifts
and blessings with others
along life's way.

*Translated from the German Edition
Of the Upper Room*

This wonderful prayer set the mood for our Spring Ingathering. He did walk with us and show us how to share our bounty, and we let Him. So many of you offered prayers or thanksgivings and placed many coins and bills into your "little blue boxes." Soon UTO miracles will reach out to those in need along life's way! Thank you for your very generous UTO offerings. Please pray that St. Andrew's

Mission Church's grant successfully passes through the UTO Committee process. How wonderful it would be if our Diocese of South Carolina could again benefit from a United Thank Offering grant.

Have you been offering your hands to Him...?



The Congregation of St. Thomas Episcopal Church and the Rev. Rob Dewey of Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy.

St. Thomas Supports the Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy Program

Each year, St. Thomas Episcopal Church designates a special Lenten offering for a local non-profit. This year's recipient was the Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy. The primary mission of the Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy is to provide counseling and comfort to emergency personnel and their families and to the victims of crime whose lives have suddenly been

changed due to an unexpected tragedy. Senior Chaplain Rob Dewey says, "We are grateful for the continued support and prayers that the Rev. Jim Taylor and the congregation at St. Thomas have showed us." For more information on the Chaplaincy, please visit their website at www.coastalcrisischaplain.org or call 843-724-1212.

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day, the help we need for the next day, and the love and care we share for one another. The children will readily interrupt you when something or someone has been left out of the prayers.

Haiti is a tough place and can be a "survival of the fittest" society. Our three children over age 6 arrived here as little thieves and liars and showed little care for anyone but themselves. We are very strict about correcting these ways, and expect the staff to live up to faithful Christians morals, too. At first, staff members didn't take us seriously regarding the higher moral standard we wanted. We had to let some people go for stealing, refusing to listen to our direction, and failing to be the role models that the kids needed. They were confused, to say the least. The staff was amazed when we disciplined the children for disrespecting them. Now they, too, expect the children to listen. By far, our biggest challenge has been to get our staff involved with raising the children. Right now, we have a loyal core of six people, and we really want to pay them better because they have been very patient and are "family," but we are in a painstaking transition to grow into a larger program.

We are like most families with many kids: meal time can be a zoo, and getting the older kids off to school is an extra challenge as all kids here wear uniforms! It's easy for the kids to clean their rooms. They all have footlockers. We have great times playing and horsing around. The children are getting used to coming to all of us at different times for love. No matter what age, they can be clingy, and that just fine with us. Guests are covered with children when they visit, especially Americans. Children in Haiti are often treated as part of the woodwork.

Next Steps

What's next for Haiti Comfort? We're fast running out of room! The liv-

ing room is our office, living room, bedroom and nursery. We have three rooms with kids in each, and our oldest sleeps on the porch. At best, we can take two or three more children, and that will be it. Two of the bedrooms are small and storage is extremely tight. With our own personal money, we have purchased eight beautiful acres on a river in a very small town 25 miles from here. We anticipated being at this point a long time ago. We have a fairly good-sized tree nursery in our front yard with many young fruit trees. We are presently growing potatoes and peanuts on 2 1/2 acres. We have drawn up plans for a 4500 sq. ft. orphanage



Trisha's found it costs less to make a mattress than it does to buy one.

with a capacity for 50 to 60 children. But before we can do this, we have to build a 12 ft high by 1700 ft security wall. Together, these will cost close to \$80,000, if we build it ourselves. We don't know whether God wants us to build it or pay others to do it. When the resources become available, we will know. We have started a powerhouse for our generator and the orphanage's foundation. A water filtration unit that will come by way of Water Missions International in West Ashley, will be installed in the powerhouse. There is virtually no clean drinking water in the village, and we can change that and meet our own needs, too. Our operational budget of \$2000 a month (for the present orphanage) means that we are working slowly. We are planning to

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ECW Annual Meeting

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ECW Diocesan Board members Pat Ancrum and Nancy Allen presented the report of the resolutions committee.

Following a delicious lunch in the Parish Hall, Bishop Salmon was the Preacher and Celebrant at the Service of Holy Communion. Bishop Salmon focused on the vision of the church and its people, emphasizing God as the source of all power, and the One to

whom our works should point. During the service, Sheryl O'Neal solemnly read the names of over ninety Episcopal women who had died during the year. These names will be inscribed in the Book of Remembrance recognizing their lives of Christian service to our Lord and to the Body of Christ.

Submitted by Sheryl O'Neal

Ministry on Charleston's Eastside

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deal with women when they're in their teen-age years or in their twenties. You must catch them when they're two or three."

"For us, the Bible is our center core," says Janie. "And in the Word, you see how God's made provision for us. If we don't realize how much He loves us, we still live in poverty. Everything we need as women is found in the Word of God: Our identity, value, purpose, and destiny."

Through Agape Ministries of Charleston, Project "Restore" for Women and Innovate Alternatives for Women, the Wilsons have seen God transform lives. "We had one teenager come to us," says Janie, "She'd been beaten up and taken advantage of. She didn't have her high school diploma and, through the program, she received the encouragement and training she needed to get her GED, go on to four years of college (at Voorhees College) and graduate, and then get her Masters Degree from South Carolina State College."

"We women must encourage each other," says Janie. "As a result of this encouragement, we will strengthen one another."

The Wilsons know that listening for God's instruction is vital to any successful ministry. But they also know that as people listen, they're likely to hear a call. "God has brought people to us," says Dallas. "We truthfully don't pursue people. The Lord brings people to us, people with their own leadership and ministry skills... Lynda "Frenchie"

Richards, our Board Chairperson, Dan Beaman, Howard Rambo, Craig Bennett... Robert P. (Peet) Dickinson, Assistant at St. Michael's brought his youth to help in the construction efforts. Dave Wright, an AAFCBD Board Member and his wife and family also brought a group of young people."

Through the 'yet-to-be' St. John's community, the Wilsons believe God will work miracles in the lives of those in the Eastside and Enterprise Renewal Community. "The church is going to be much more than just a building," stresses Brother Dallas. "And as a result, we want to invite people from throughout the Diocese of South Carolina to come alongside us, people who hear the call to serve."

Are You Called?

Could you be one hearing the call? For more information, contact Janie Wilson at janiedw@bellsouth.net or (843) 723-1323 or Dallas at dhw_jr@bellsouth.net. Or, better yet, join them one Wednesday afternoon, from two to four in the abandoned, dilapidated, empty church building.

Note: *St. John's main sanctuary isn't expected to be ready for occupancy until 2008, but the smaller chapel, sacristy and office suite will be ready in the spring/summer of 2007. Morning and evening services will begin as soon as the smaller chapel is open.*

A Mission of Faith and Deeds

By Peter R. Smith, DMD
St. Helena Episcopal Church

What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save him? Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes or daily food. If one of you says to him, "Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

James 2:14-17

Why Become Involved in Mission Work?

Someone asked me recently why I became involved in medical mission work. Six years ago, I would have given a politically correct answer such as: "I felt I needed to give something back." This would be a perfectly serviceable answer for the secular world, and it would have allowed me an out in avoid-

ing having to bring 'God talk' into the discussion. Instead, the answer that I gave with no secular sugar coating was: "Because God called me to do this." I was never ashamed to admit that I was a Christian; all someone had to do was ask me. I readily admit that I wasn't good at professing my faith, especially if I was the one starting the conversation. Thankfully God called me enough times, and I eventually listened to His calling.

God blessed me with my skills as a dentist. For the longest time I never understood why He did this. He then opened the door by calling me to use those skills and also to witness to His word. For a guy who once was uncomfortable saying grace over a meal in a large crowd, He now brings patients to me that may have no dental problems to pray with them. Don't get me wrong, there is always a line of those who truly need my clinical skills, but God first brought me there with a purpose, with my faith and my deeds.

I have been blessed to be associ-



Whether from Beaufort, SC or the Dominican Republic, kids are kids and they love to laugh and play. These children are playing in the street outside the children's shelter, "Alburgue," in San Francisco, Dominican Republic.

ated with the Diocesan Medical Mission team for six years. In this time I have made many lifelong friends. If it is possible to be ecumenical within your own diocese, I believe this group enabled me to understand my own faith better by allowing me to work alongside those who read out of the same prayer book but may worship differently than I do. My faith has been strengthened by witnessing the faith of others. It is interesting that much of the discussion within our own churches and within the diocese surrounds the struggles of our church. Yet when we travel together outside of the country, we become unified and the discussion becomes about our mission recipients and our goals as a group. This tells me that something is

really right about mission work. Isn't it amazing that when we actually turn back to the source of the Bible that the picture becomes clearer? None of our patients ask any of us which Rite we use.

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People in third-world developing countries don't seem to have the time nor the inclination to enter into esoteric political discussions. They worry more about basic things such as hope, feeding and caring for hungry children, and faith in the risen Christ. This

is why I have found my home in my faith in mission work. At the end of the day, this is all that I need.



Dr. Peter Smith, left, has just extracted the man on the right's wisdom teeth. "My patient was very happy," says Dr. Smith. "If you look closely you'll see we're working outside in an alley next to Sagrada Familia church in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. I really had a blast in this outdoor location. It's always been my dream to do my job outside. I'd better be careful about what I ask for. I spent 3½ weeks last summer working outside extracting teeth in Africa."

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build some tough cages for all our new fruit trees. Ray and three Haitian men work four days a week on our various projects.

der. We thoroughly investigate each child before we accept him or her. We take children in need of care who cannot survive in their present situation. Most of our children's parents are dead and the rest are abandoned. We work closely only

one of the poorest nations in the world. An organization that evaluates corruption has rated Haiti as the most corrupt nation in the world, which may help you to understand Haiti's revolving nightmare.

There is movement afoot though. Many who work here feel Christ's presence. God's people in and out of Haiti anticipate and feel the power and grace of God and are very optimistic. The United Nations and the world in general have resolved to do more in Haiti than in the early nineties. They have come to realize that Haiti is no easy fix. There has been some progress; the pressure not to throw money at Haiti is real, and the government is aware that they must show movement in a positive direction as some nations (ours to a degree) are hesitant to help without stronger strings attached.

We are focused on something very different and very exciting. We are giving a



Our children, like all children, love to play in the water.

disciplined Christian life to children who were on their way to certain death from a disease not of their own making. We are helping these children to reach for a higher standard of morality, a strong

sense of self worth, and the cognitive skills to walk out of here as winners.

"We take children in need of care who cannot survive in their present situation... We are giving a disciplined Christian life to children who were on their way to a certain death from a disease not of their own making."

Hope in God's Presence

So it's off we go on the fundraising road so we can fill those last few beds in short or-

with the hospital for leads and references of children needing critical care. It's too easy to have children dumped on you here, because parents everywhere want the best for their children. Haiti remains

By Todd Simonis,
Youth Pastor, St. Andrew's,
Mount Pleasant

On Saturday, April 28, youth from over a dozen churches, some as far away as Savannah, Georgia, attended our Mosaic worship event. The idea behind Mosaic was to celebrate the different styles of worship that exist within our diocese so that our youth may know that, while there may be diversity of worship, our hearts can still be united by the object of our worship: Jesus Christ.



Worshippers UNITE

Holy Cross, Sullivan's Island, for hosting this great event. Thanks also goes to the planning and implementation teams that included Jonathan Bennett (Holy Cross), Jim Zaher (Christ Church), Will Kulseth (Holy Cross), and our youth ministry apprentices - Jonny, Anne, and Haley. It was an honor to help plan this new event. Our diocese is extremely fortunate to have so many talented and servant-hearted individuals who exemplify lives of worship!

Speaker David Dubay

The Rev. David Dubay from St. Philip's Church, was the speaker for the event. He taught from Romans 12:1-2 and stressed the importance of our entire lives being an act of worship

in response to all that God has done for us. During the one-day event, students experienced three unique worship settings. Organist Anne Hood, Holy Cross, led students in worship in a traditional setting. Dwight Huthwaite, St. Andrew's Mount Pleasant, led the contemporary setting. Youth Minister Adam Heare, St. Michael's Church, led students in an interactive, experiential setting in which he led worship as a DJ.

A final blended service of worship that saw those three unique styles woven together in one setting was the day's highlight.

Orchestrated by Dwight Huthwaite, that final time of worship reminded us how big God truly is and how near He desires to be. It was an unforgettable and powerful experience to conclude a day that saw many hearts united in worship.

In addition to thanking the above named worship leaders and speaker, a big 'thank you' goes to Church of the



Put Your Faith in Action through Education for Ministry

By Ed Dyckman, Social Ministries

Education for Ministry (EfM) seminars are offered at six locations in the diocese and offer an excellent means of strengthening "Faith in Action" in our churches. More than 70,000 people have participated in EfM, a program of theological distance education developed by the University of the South at Sewanee, TN. EfM is taught in partnership with 83 Episcopal dioceses in Anglican dioceses in Germany, Great Britain, New Zealand, Australia, Canada, the Bahamas, Hong Kong, Italy, and Switzerland. EfM offers a four-year curriculum to help lay people become theo-

logically informed, strengthen their ability to minister to others, and support them on their spiritual journeys. In the United States, more than 22,000 have completed the full four years, and the 2006 USA enrollment reached more than 8,000.

EfM seminar members commit themselves one year at a time to the four-year program, which offers the basics of a theological education: the Old and New Testaments, church history, liturgy, and theology. The program grants a certificate on completion of the four years and 18 continuing education units for each year's work. In September,



Betsy Luke, standing, facilitates the St. Paul's, Summerville EfM Seminar.

there will be six locations for EfM study throughout the diocese. From September through May participants will meet once a week for two to three hours in seminars under the

guidance of trained mentors.

View the EfM seminar web pages at www.socialministries.com by clicking on "ministries" then "education ministries" then the specific EfM seminar location. From these, go to the EfM website, www.sewanee.edu/EFM/, for more information, as well as samples of the material used in the program.

To register for one of the EfM seminars, please contact the mentors listed on the following pages:

- EfM, Charleston (Bishop Gadsden) at www.socialministries.com/organizations.php?ID=183
- EfM, Charleston (Cathedral) at www.socialministries.com/organizations.php?ID=176
- EfM Hilton Head at www.socialministries.com/organizations.php?ID=180
- EfM Pawleys Island at www.socialministries.com/organizations.php?ID=177
- EfM Summerville (St. George's) at www.socialministries.com/organizations.php?ID=178
- EfM Summerville (St. Paul's) at www.socialministries.com/organizations.php?ID=179

Seed Money for Outreach and Domestic Mission

The Department of Social Ministries will donate to churches and social ministry organizations seed money to pay for a portion of the costs for special projects, gatherings, retreats, workshops, and special events designed to raise awareness and inspire direct church and individual support of social ministries. Funding recipients are to use the seed money to pay for a portion of the publicity, speakers, refreshments, music, and/or entertainment. The seed money is not to be used for operation and maintenance of the ministry. Please contact Ed Dyckman by emailing ed@socialministries.com your event's financial needs or telephoning Ed at 843-367-5647.

Please link www.socialministries.com to your church publications and website, and include this notification in your monthly newsletter and weekly bulletins.

Redemption Has Come

By Mark Dickinson, *Youth Minister*
St Bartholomew's, Hartsville



Epic retreat touches the lives of high school students

Bonnie Doone Plantation, resting in the salt marshes, was the scene of this year's EPIC retreat for high school students. This intimate diocesan event is designed to provide students with the opportunity to hear solid, Biblical teaching, worship in an contemplative environment, and spend time listening to God.

Teaching from Martha Horne

This year, Martha Horne (St. James, James Island) led students through the book of Ruth. Her Spirit-led teaching was an inspiration. She was able to open up this fascinating Old Testament book and show how Boaz's redemption of Ruth, and, therefore Naomi, foreshadows God's greatest work in Christ's redemption of us on the cross.

David Childs and friends led our worship music. They provided the appropriate musical context for a liturgically rich weekend devoted to contemplation and prayer. Youth Commission seniors Drew Miller (St John's, John's Island) and Anna Szymanowski (St George's, Summerville) led the participants in the daily offices. The prayers

were selected to reflect the Celtic tradition as this was also St. Patrick's Day weekend. Besides leading the services, Drew and Anna directed the flow of the event. Thanks to The Rev. Greg Snyder (St. John's, John's Island) the weekend closed Sunday morning with Holy Communion.

Times for Contemplative Reflection

Plenty of time was set aside for the students to reflect alone and in small groups about the teaching and how God was speaking to them. The open environment of Bonnie Doone, along

with generally good weather, allowed students to spread out among the live oaks and fields. It was inspirational to see so many young people earnestly seeking God.

Team Building and Laughter

From ice-breakers to outside games to free time, the students had ample opportunity to enjoy the plantation and each other's company. Many friendships were either started or rekindled amid the beauty of this southern setting. Additionally, Saturday afternoon's team-building games provided everyone a time to be challenged and get close. How many people can fit on one square foot of tarp?

This weekend, as are all of our youth weekends, was designed and carried out by a team of youth ministers from across the diocese. With the assistance of Dave Wright, Diocesan Youth Coordinator and Lisa Jones, Administrative Assistant, the team consisted of Mark Dickinson (St. Bartholomew's, Hartsville), Susie Morrison (St. Michael's, Charleston), Darrin Owens (Christ-St. Paul's, Hollywood) and Rob Schluter (St. John's, John's Island).



If you are going to be in high school next year, plan now to be a part of EPIC next spring.



The Killing Power of Strife, continued from page 2

Already blind,
 to groping over each,
 And three days called them
 after they were dead;
 Then hunger did what
 sorrow could not do."

What did hunger do? Dante depicts here a man who in total desperation devours his own children's dead flesh so as to sustain himself just a little while longer. In the context it is clear that as he is eating, his

life has become nothing more than focusing on his hatred of, and desire for vengeance upon, the archbishop who betrayed him.

And what is Ugolino doing when Dante meets him in hell? He is gnawing upon the head of Ruggieri. Both men are encased in ice up to their necks.

Beneath every disagreement is the possibility of enmity and strife which can kill. Saint Paul knew that, which is

one reason he pleaded for his readers to "put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires." Dante knew it, too, which is why he provides his shocking portrayal of Ugolino and Ruggieri in hell.

I am praying that we may relearn it so as not to become encased in icy hearts seeking to devour others.

We're here for you.



The Addiction Recovery Commission of the Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina

Visit www.episcopalrecoverysc.org

News from St. Christopher

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

I am pleased to announce many exciting and positive changes underway at St. Christopher. At the heart of these changes is the fact that I have been named Rector of St. Christopher rather than Executive Director. This is an intentional shift in understanding the camp's leadership and purpose. As Rector, I will provide spiritual oversight of all that goes on at the camp and conference center in keeping with my gifts of leadership, preaching, teaching, and prayer. This call is also in keeping with my heart, passion, and purpose in life: to know Christ and to make His glory known.

An Extension of the Diocesan Mission

St. Christopher, as camp and conference center for the Diocese of South Carolina, must be an expression and extension of the diocesan mission: "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." As such, St. Christopher's purpose is "to be a place set apart to encounter Christ's love and the Gospel."



Jamie Sosnowski of St. John's, John's Island, will be directing the Summer Camp Program. Jamie's goal is "to run a program in which every camper has the time of his or her life and, more importantly, learns about Jesus Christ, while personally experiencing the love, forgiveness, and acceptance modeled in Him."

In the years ahead, I see St. Christopher increasingly becoming a place where people can find rest, restoration and renewal. **Rest:** St. Christopher will be a place where people slow down to experience the stillness and beauty of God's creation so that they might find stillness of soul before Him. **Restoration:** St. Christopher will be a place where the hearts and minds of God's people are nurtured in the knowledge of the goodness of our Lord in order that their lives align with God's plans and purposes. **Renewal:** St. Christopher will be a joy-filled place offering retreats, camps, and conferences that bring Kingdom life and empowerment to God's people.

My concerted prayer is that this place would be filled with the tangible presence of God such that when people leave, whether they have been at St. Christopher for a few hours or several days, they go out refreshed and encouraged in the Lord. I pray that young and old alike will say of St. Christopher: "That's the place where I met and grew in my love for Jesus!" And I pray that those who come here with hearts

expecting to encounter God will indeed encounter Him!

Introducing New Staff Members

I am pleased to introduce terrific new staff members called to St. Christopher. In the Conference Center, George Martindale of St. James, James Island, is our Conference Services Manager. George, originally from Australia, has spent many years in the hotel industry. He offers gifts in business management, administration and leadership to our Conference team. He is foremost committed to Christ and to living out His Great Commission through work and ministry here.

Pam Cooper, originally from Northern California, is a member of Holy Cross, Sullivan's Island. Pam is gifted in administration and hospitality and was accordingly called to serve as our Conference Coordinator. She works with each group on a personal level to plan for Diocesan events, church conferences, school, vestry, and personal retreats—as well as day meetings, group and family picnics. It is Pam's "prayer that each guest's stay is a most enjoyable, blessed time where they can draw nearer to God."

Gretchen Kroncke, originally from Winston-Salem, North Carolina, is a member of St. Michael's, Charleston. Gretchen serves as our Communication Coordinator, which suits her gifts in leadership, writing, and inter-personal communication. She has been called to assist in conference coordinating while also moving the conference center forward in its ministry. As the conference center grows, Gretchen will "design and implement conference events to meet a variety of age-groups, Christians and seekers—who will come to St. Christopher, be filled, and go out better knowing our Lord and Savior." Gretchen will also communicate St. Christopher's ministry offerings in writing and marketing.

Directing our Summer Camp Program, Jamie Sosnowski of St. John's, John's Island, is originally from Rockville on Wadmalaw Island. He returns from Wake Forest University to St. Christopher, where he grew up as a summer camper, counselor, and staff member from third grade on. As full-time, year-round Summer Camp Director, Jamie will register campers, recruit, hire and train staff, as well as design summer programs—thematically, spiritually, and athletically. He will also direct St. Christopher's



The Rev. Chris Warner, newly called to be the Rector of St. Christopher, prays that "this place would be filled with the tangible presence of God."

summer staff and counselors as they minister to our campers. Jamie's goal is "to run a program in which every camper has the time of their life and, more importantly, learns about Jesus Christ, while personally experiencing the love, forgiveness, and acceptance modeled in Him. Another goal is that every camper, chaplain, counselor, and

staff member will leave camp strengthened in their relationship with Jesus."

Thank you for reading about the Christ-centered changes going on at St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center. We are joyfully committed to serving the Diocese of South Carolina in our united effort to grow God's Kingdom.

A Call to Prayer at St. Christopher Saturday, July 14

By Gretchen Kroncke

On Saturday, April 21, twenty-five prayer ministers from local churches in our Diocese gathered in St. Christopher's Kimball Chapel for a morning devoted to intercessory prayer. Sharon Harper of St. John's, John's Island, led the group in praise music while St. Christopher's new Rector, Chris Warner, officiated a brief service of Morning Prayer. The group then dispersed to pray over the camp as they felt the Holy Spirit leading them. We gathered together again in Kimball Chapel before lunch to share what the Spirit revealed and to pray Jesus' binding protection over St. Christopher—so that new life will flourish here.

When Chris Warner first answered the call to lead Christ-centered ministry at St. Christopher, the desire to gather a team of intercessory prayer ministers was strong on his heart. Chris knew that the camp was in need of cleansing, healing, and igniting prayer—over the grounds; over the employees; over our ministries both growing and underway; as well as over and throughout our South Carolina Episcopal Diocese that St. Christopher serves.

Chris' vision is that St. Christopher would be "a place set apart to encounter Christ's Love and the Gospel." First, however, he realized its need for healing prayer.

All of us at St. Christopher extend our whole-hearted thanks to this growing team of intercessory prayer ministers. We thank each

one of you for answering this call to pray for renewal and fire by the Spirit. Personally, I thank each one of you for coming together to praise and pray with His Holy Spirit at our sides mightily at work. I am so blessed to be a part of this growing team.

We plan to gather quarterly—next

on Saturday, July 14—to intercede on behalf of our Diocese, St. Christopher, and our family members in Christ who come to camp seeking God's Love.

Please call me, Gretchen Kroncke, at the St. Christopher office, (843) 768-0429, should your church prayer ministers feel called to join this intercessory team. Please also pray for our Christ-centered ministries here, for Chris Warner's leadership and vision, and for unity throughout the Diocese in Jesus our Lord. Again, Thank You for interceding.



Still Space at Summer Camp

*"You are the vine, we are the branches. Keep us alive in You ...
And we'll go in Your Love; and we'll go in Your Name;
and the world will surely know that You have power to heal and to save."*

You are The Vine by Danny Daniels, © 1985, Mercy/Vineyard Publishing.

St. Christopher Summer Camp invites youth to sign up for our remaining slots in the 2007 summer sessions. We have plenty of open spaces in Session 9 for grades 6-8, from August 6th through 11th. There is also room in Session 10 for grades 2-5, from August 13th through 17th; and, there are a few remaining spaces in Buddy Camp 1A for 5K-2nd graders to join us with an adult, from July 7th through the 8th. We also invite and encourage volunteer counselors (ages 16 and older) to join us for one-week sessions anytime this summer.

With new leadership under our Rector, Chris Warner, and Summer Camp Director, Jamie Sosnowski, this Summer Camp is coming alive again and anew in the Holy Spirit.

St. Christopher's focus this summer is from John 15, on Jesus Christ our Lord as the Vine through which we grow—up and out—as the branches, alive in Him. We joyfully invite the youth from your churches to join us for this time to grow in Jesus' love as they also come to make new friends and find their place in our Christian family. We will send them home to you in His Name, full of the powerful love of our Savior.

Please contact Jamie at summerfun@bellsouth.net or call (843) 768-4035 to sign up now.

Gretchen Kroncke
Communication Coordinator
St. Christopher Camp
and Conference Center

FAMILY TIME at the Beach, July 1 - 7

Are you looking for an enriching family vacation this summer...in a beautiful place, nearby, yet set apart from the rush of the working week? What better place to relax, have fun, and grow as a family than Camp St. Christopher?

We have set aside the week of July 1st-7th, 2007 for families to come together in Christ's love. Peter Rothermel will be our Christian Education and Spiritual Leader for this week centered on the theme of Our Family in Christ. It's not too late to sign up! Please call St. Christopher, (843) 768-0429, for details and registration.



Rest in Our Lord A Seaside Retreat for Adults, June 4- 8

Do you need to take a break and rest? Come to St. Christopher this June 4th-8th for our Seaside Retreat, an adults' week reserved for "Rest in Our Lord." Father Chris Warner will lead in prayer, worship, and Christian Education throughout these days, set aside for joyful rest and renewal. Please call St. Christopher, (843) 768-0429, to sign up.



Thank You, Church of Our Savior!

By Gretchen Kroncke

The staff and leadership of St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center warmly thanks the Church of Our Savior and Learning Center for their generous donation to our Summer Camp Scholarship fund. This offering will make it possible for as many as fifteen children to enjoy and be shaped spiritually through Summer Camp. Our staff prays that we may be able to reach out to even more families who could not otherwise afford to send their children to Summer Camp.

Should you or your church feel God's call to give to St. Christopher's Scholarship fund for this summer's camp sessions or for any summer program in the future, please email our director, Jamie Sosnowski, at summerfun@bellsouth.net or call (843) 768-4035 to speak with Jamie directly.

Thank you again and God Bless You!



Photos: Lisa Greenslit

More than Just Fun! Vacation Bible School!

Name of Church	Dates & Times	Theme	Age Range	Contact	Cost	Deadline
All Saints' 1425 Cherokee Rd Florence	June 4 - 8 5:30 - 8 p.m.	Avalanche Ranch	3K - 6th Grade	Kate Campbell (843) 662-7061	No Charge	May 25
St. Thomas' 1150 E. Montague Ave. North Charleston	June 11 - 15 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Take the Plunge Make a Splash with Jesus	Age 4 - 12	Denyse Steen (843) 747-0479	No Charge	No Deadline
Good Shepherd 1393 Miles Drive Charleston	June 11 - 15 9 a.m. - Noon	SonForce	Age 3 - 12 PreK - 5th Grade	Sonya Droz (843) 795-2665	No Charge	June 5
St. James' 1872 Camp Rd. Charleston	June 12 - 14 6 - 7:30 p.m.	Family Nights	Up to 5th Grade	Mary Ellen Doran (843) 795-1623	No Charge	No Deadline
Grace Church 98 Wentworth St. Charleston	June 18 - 22 9 a.m. - Noon	Lift Off	Rising K4- Rising Grade 5	Emily Guerry (843) 723-4575	\$6 for T-Shirt	No Deadline
St. Paul's 316 West Carolina Summerville	June 18 - 22 Presch. 9 - 12:45 p.m. Elem. 9 - 2:15 p.m.	Avalanche Ranch	Age 3 - Rising 6th Grade	Cathy Jacobs (843) 873-1991	\$25 (includes t-shirt) Scholarships Available	No Deadline
St. James' 1872 Camp Rd. Charleston	June 25 - 29 9 a.m. - Noon	SonForce	Age 3 - 5th Grade	Mary Ellen Doran (843) 795-1623	No Charge	No Deadline
Church of Cross 495 Buckwalter Pkway Bluffton	June 25 - 29 9 a.m. - Noon	SonForce	Age 3 - 12	Christy Long (843) 815-3752	No Charge	June 8
Prince George 708 Highmarket St. Georgetown	July 9 - 13 9 a.m. - Noon	Avalanche Ranch	Age 3 - 10	Tracy Morris (843) 546-4358	No Charge	No Deadline
St. Bartholomew's 103 Campus Drive Hartsville	July 15 - 19 6 - 8:30 p.m.	Galilee By the Sea	Age 3 - Adult	Mark Dickinson (843) 332-8765	No Charge	July 1
St. Paul's 710 Main Street Conway	July 29 - Aug. 2 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.	SonForce	Nursery - 5th Grade	Dawn Rider (843) 248-4706	No Charge	July 26
St. George's 9110 Dorchester Road Summerville	August 6 - 10 9 - Noon	SonForce	Age 4 - 12	Tina Dunning (843) 764-1975	\$10 (one child) \$15 (two children) for T-Shirt	July 14



Karen Otteni, John Shiflet (President), Sue Nance, and Joyce Sanders (Outreach/Volunteer Coordinator) Karen and Sue are accepting the Robert H. Highfill Volunteer Award for 2007.

York Place Honors Volunteers

York Place held its annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on Wednesday, April 18, in the Cates Gym on the York Place Campus. There were 110 in attendance, including volunteers, children and staff. The theme for the evening was "Helping Hands, Healing Hearts." The children from Hart and Byrnes Cottage along with two cottage counselors, Mr. William Kelly and Ms. Zelda Grant, provided the entertainment. Gifts of tote bags, decorated with hands and hearts, were created by the children under the direction of Beth Bottini, Recreational

Therapist, and given to each volunteer. Special awards were given as follows:

Two volunteers received The Robert H. Highfill Volunteer Award, the highest volunteer award: Ms. Sue Nance and Ms. Karen Otteni. Sue volunteers in the "Kids Klose" (the used clothing "store"), and also helps with many administrative duties; Karen volunteers as a tutor with two children. Both give many hours and much love to the children.

Mr. Andy Castillo received The Rookie of the Year Award.

Andy mentors a young boy at Byrnes Cottage and is making a difference in this child's life.

Four Xtra Mile Awards were given: Mr. Frank Van Leer, Ms. Holly Coughlin, Mr. Steve Matjasko and Mr. Ron Langlois.

All of the volunteers give of their time, talent and love to York Place. We are very blessed to have them grace our campus and to be a part of our lives. Thank you for keeping York Place in your prayers.

Generic Poverty Prevention Network (GP2N)

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Presbyterian churches; and about 50 non-profits that are already helping poor people in crisis in the Tri-county area. The test will go through December 2007. Using the intake forms and other internal documents I collected from the ministries interviewed, I'm identifying the data fields that www.CreativeChatter.com programmers need to include in the profile management section for crisis and case management.

After the test, churches, civic groups, governmental organizations, and businesses that learn about its success will want to become members of GP2N and support it financially, through in-kind donations, and by volunteering to work with the poor in crisis and case management at church and non-profits locations in the Tri-county area.

www.CreativeChatter.com is also working on other data fields for intra- and inter-organizational communication capabilities that will be available during the test to all participating churches and non-profits. These capabilities include email, group organization, group member profiles, document transfer, forums, instant messaging, video conferencing, calendar, and blogs. For example, in our Diocese, our "groups" include the ECW, Department of Youth Ministries, Department of Christian Faith Formation, Department of Social Ministries, etc. During the test, by using www.CreativeChatter.com communication capabilities, we will succeed in increasing collaboration and connection among all Diocesan ministry participants at the parish, deanery, and diocesan levels.

In mid-May, I will meet with Bishop Salmon to explain these next steps. He had already promised to help me gain access to his counterparts in the Roman Catholic and Presbyterian dioceses in order to identify my counterparts in their denominations. I will work with those counterparts to select the Roman Catholic and Presbyterian churches for the test.

If you're interested in learning more you may contact me at ed@socialministries.com or www.socialministries.com.

EPISCOPAL News

Relief and Development

By Harmon B. Person, Diocesan Representative for ERD

You may recall that in 2005, the year of Hurricane Katrina and South Asia Tsunami relief efforts, Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) collected a record-shattering \$37,000,000 from Episcopalians designed to help those in need around the world. The old record, set in 2001, the year of the terrorist attacks in the United States, was \$12,000,000. One might have thought that in 2006, with no major catastrophes to spur giving, contributions to ERD would have plummeted to earlier levels. Well, as expected, contributions were down, but only to just under \$20,000,000, the second highest total ever. Thus, I am pleased to report that 2006 was an excellent year for contributions to ERD.

Diocesan Contributions Disappointing

However, I am not pleased to report on the performance of our own diocese. Our total contributions fell from \$253,106 in 2005 to \$37,482 in 2006. Although we used to be one of the leaders in Province IV (our 20 diocese southeastern part of the country), in 2006 only four of those 20 dioceses failed to give more to ERD than this diocese. Only 14 of our churches contributed to ERD during the year. In 2004, that figure was 20 churches; in 2005, that figure was 30 churches. There are some dioceses that have 90% participation! Overall, Province IV, which perennially was the leading contributor, slipped behind Province II and Province VI in total giving. You may be interested to know which dio-

ceses gave major amounts to ERD last year. The diocese of New York was the largest contributor, with dioceses of Texas, California, Los Angeles, Virginia, and Massachusetts following behind. In Province IV, the largest contributor was the Diocese of Florida, with over \$178,000, followed closely by the Dioceses of Atlanta.

Thanks to Those Who Contribute

We still have many individuals in our diocese who generously donate to ERD. A small number of our clergy can be called strong ERD backers. Our profound thanks go out to all of them. No doubt they realize that over 90% of every dollar donated goes directly to help people in need. We pray that more and more people will come to realize that contributing to ERD is the best method for Episcopalians to help others in need.

Send gifts to: Episcopal Relief and Development, PO Box 7058, Merrifield, VA 22116-7058.

A visit to Episcopal Relief and Development's website, www.er-d.org will allow you to become familiar with many aspects of ERD's work. Recent articles there have discussed the important role ERD is playing in the international effort to fight the spread of malaria in Africa and to raise awareness about malaria prevention. Our interaction with other faith-based organizations and other non-governmental organizations throughout Africa has allowed our contributions to be effective even in some of the most remote communities. The February - March

issue of "Jubilate Deo" discussed the anti-malaria program "Nets for Life" at length. Since that time, ERD has expanded its programs to reach people in 15 different African countries. A \$15 gift earmarked "Nets for Life" will provide not only one long-lasting insecticide-treated sleeping net, but educational workshops so people will know how to use them, and vital medicines to help those already infected. Without help from concerned people, malaria will continue to grow in Africa. Now, it kills one child every 30 seconds in Africa. You can help!

I hope many of our people paid attention to the article in the April - May issue of this paper that tried to explain the importance of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). I recently had a conversation with four prominent people who are well educated, knowledgeable about current events, and active in community affairs. Two were Roman Catholic, and two were Baptist. None said they had ever heard the term "Millennium Development Goals." I was proud that our church was

trying to make a difference. Regardless of how you feel about other things going on in our church, we should all be able to support the MDGs enthusiastically.

Just briefly, I will mention that within the last two or three months, ERD has responded to emergency needs in Burundi, Sudan, Madagascar, Zambia, the Solomon Islands, the Diocese of Nebraska, the Diocese of Central Gulf Coast, the Diocese of Georgia, the Diocese of New Jersey and the Diocese of New York, Virginia Tech, and Greensburg, Kansas. As hurricane season approaches, I can assure you that South Carolina will be on the list if needed. Thank you for supporting these worthy causes. *You can reach me, Harmon Person, at Hbjplp2@bellsouth.net.*

Supporting Parishes in 2006

- All Saints Episcopal Church, Florence, SC
- All Saints Episcopal Church, Hampton, SC
- Church of the Epiphany, Summerville, SC
- Church of the Redeemer, Orangeburg, SC
- Church of the Resurrection, Surfside Beach, SC
- Diocese of South Carolina, Charleston, SC
- Grace Episcopal Church, Charleston, SC
- Holy Cross Faith Memorial, Pawleys Island, SC
- St. David's Episcopal Church, Cheraw, SC
- St. James' Episcopal Church, McClellanville, SC
- St. Jude's Episcopal Church, Walterboro, SC
- St. Mark's Episcopal Chapel, Beaufort, SC
- St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Orangeburg, SC
- Trinity Episcopal Church, Edisto Island, SC



DOK Chaplain, The Rev. Terence Lee is surrounded by the 92 Senior Daughters at the Spring Retreat.

Daughters of the King Hold Spring Retreat

By Vicky Armes

The annual Spring Retreat of the Diocesan Daughters of the King was held at St. Christopher March 23-25.



Fr. Terence Lee, rector at St. Paul's, Bennettsville, and Diocesan DOK chaplain, provided powerful teachings and meditations on "What God expects from us as Daughters." His teaching truly spoke to all the Senior Daughters in a most profound manner. The DOK music team of Elizabeth Tezza, Sunny Walker, Stacie Sidlosky, and Lindy Kirk kept us "lifted up" in song. Under the leadership of Forrest Westley (St. Paul's, Summerville) and Teresa Kunich (St. Luke's, Hilton Head) the Juniors stayed very involved with their spiritually rewarding study of "Walking in the Light" and the many crafts and activities which enhanced this study. Suzanne Clark (St. Paul's, Conway) and Carrie Lewis (Calvary, Charleston) assisted with the junior activities.

Holy Cross, Sullivan's Island, was the host chapter for the weekend. Elizabeth Tezza, chapter President, and the chapter members truly "pulled out all the stops" for the Saturday afternoon social with its "Fifties" theme...bottled cokes, moon pies, peanuts, Daughters dressed in "poodle skirts," bobby socks, "cat-eyed" glasses made for quite a delightful time for all the attendees. Former disc jockey, now priest, Fr. John Burwell "cut" a special cd of music from that era!

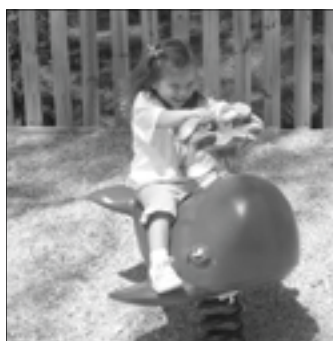
The Eucharist on Sunday brought to a close a truly spirit-filled weekend for the 100 Seniors and 42 Juniors, the largest group of Daughters for a Spring retreat.



The Junior daughters enjoy one of Camp St. Christopher's unique amenities.

The Church of the Good Shepherd Playground Celebration and Dedication

The Church of the Good Shepherd celebrated the completion of their new playground on Sunday, April 29. The 10:30 a.m. Sunday Church services were held at the site of the playground. Immediately after the service, the playground was dedicated and the playground was officially opened. Dozens of young fun seekers filed in for play.



The playground was custom designed and constructed by Wakefield Recreation. Susan Wakefield, owner, is a Certified National Playground Inspector. Included in the large 75' x 64' play area, is a Noah's Ark, a Lighthouse, swings, slides and much more.

According to Fr. Shay Gaillard, rector of The Church of the Good Shepherd, "the Vision of the Church of the Good Shepherd is to build a new church from people



who are not yet here. We are a growing church that wants to welcome children just as Jesus did. What better way to do this than to build the best playground we possibly can. The playground is a bold statement to the community that we love children and welcome families. I had someone ask me on Sunday, "Do you have a

lot of young families?" I said, "No, But we will!" That's what I believe this playground project is all about."

The Church of the Good Shepherd is located in West Ashley across from Charles Towne Landing, at 1393 Miles Drive. For more information call 843-571-2993.



The Order of St. Luke Hosts The Rev. Nigel Mumford in South Carolina

By Lee McVay

The Rev. Nigel Mumford, the Director of Healing Ministries at "Christ the King Spiritual Life Center" in Greenwich, NY and a published author, including *Hand To Hand: Combat to Healing*, (2001) will be the speaker at "A Day of Healing Prayer" at St. Michael's Church, Charleston on July 28.

He recently completed a Healing Mission Workshop for The International Order of St. Luke the Physician in Greenville, SC, April 20-22, at Christ Episcopal Church. At the Greenville event, two-hundred people, hungry to hear about the Healing Ministry of Jesus and receive healing prayer, attended over a three-day period, traveling from South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, North Carolina, and Texas.

Mr. Mumford spoke with great passion and authority as he related many instances of healing that God worked through him as he prayed with the sick

and dying. He has taught at many seminaries and has worked with health professionals in all areas, helping them interweave healing prayer into their professions. His background of serving in Her Majesty's Royal Marine Commandos for 6½ years provided all who attended with many fascinating stories that prepared him for moving into God's realm to put people in touch with Christ the Healer.

Several attendees arrived with crippling illnesses or cancer and received soaking prayer from Mr. Mumford. He taught on the Basics of Intercessory Prayer and the Healing Ministry; The Blocks to Healing; and Empowerment in Prayer. His talks were laced with scripture and heart rendering stories of healing encounters God has provided him with over the years.

The Order of St. Luke has added three new chapters in the last eight months with an explosion of interest in

healing centers. Those churches are the Goshen Community in West Columbia; Holy Apostles in Barnwell, and the Church of the Epiphany in Eutawville. Another chapter is about to form in Hartsville, which will give us nine chapters...up from three in 2004.

Members of the Order of St. Luke the Physician receive training and encouragement from various healing missions, workshops, and conferences scheduled throughout SC. The Order is aligned in purpose and mission with Christian Healing Ministries, founded by Francis and Judith MacNutt, and uses their training materials. The Order is also aligned with the School of Pastoral care founded by the late Agnes Sanford.

Churches interested in learning more about forming a Chapter of The International Order of St. Luke the Physician are urged to contact the South Carolina Lay Representative,

Anglicans for Life

For information on forming a Chapter, see anglicansforlife.org or contact Sheryl O'Neal of St. Philip's at 843-343-4343.

Lee McVay at: OSLscusa@aol.com (843-875-3601). For more information about the Order, visit their website at: www.orderofstluke.org. For more information on The Rev. Nigel Mumford, visit www.christ-the-king-center.org.

Canterbury House Holds Reception for Bishop Salmon

A retirement reception for Bishop Edward L. Salmon, Jr., XIII Bishop of the Diocese of South Carolina was held at the Canterbury House on February 2, 2007. The morning reception was held immediately following the regularly scheduled Board of Trustees

meeting. Those in attendance included Board members, residents, and staff. Honorees included the Bishop and his lovely wife, Louise.

Louise was presented with a lovely bouquet of roses.

As chairman of the Canterbury House Board, Bishop Salmon was thanked for his 17 years of outstanding leadership to the Canterbury House. Without



Bishop Salmon is pictured with residents Martha Downing, left, and Inez Spell, right.

his guidance, Canterbury House would not be the outstanding "affordable" senior housing community that it is today.



Peggy Pye, Executive Director of Canterbury House, and Bishop Salmon stand before the plaque given in honor of the Bishop.

On May 10, a bronze plaque was presented to Bishop Salmon in thanksgiving for his ministry to the Canterbury House and for his outstanding vision and service. This plaque will be permanently displayed in the Canterbury House lobby.

Bishop Gadsden President/CEO, Bill Trawick Receives the SCANPHA Award of Honor

The South Carolina Association of Non-Profit Homes for the Aging (SCANPHA) presented its highest award to Bill Trawick. Though it came as a surprise to him, for his colleagues gathered at the annual state conference, it was simply the long-deserved recognition of his outstanding leadership and numerous achievements. For over 23 years, Bill has worked to develop and advance the standard of retirement living for countless older adults, both at Bishop Gadsden and beyond.

SCANPHA is the state association of non-profit, primarily church-sponsored, continuing care retirement communities. The SCANPHA Award of Honor recognizes a leader in the state who has made an extraordinary contribution of service to older adults and the field of aging services. The recipient of this award is a pioneer in the field, exhibiting characteristics of visionary leadership, community involvement, and advocacy, and whose work has made a significant and unique impact in SCANPHA, the state, and the region. Bill is the sixth recipient in SCANPHA's 30-year history. Bill has served the SCANPHA organization faithfully through the years, serving on numerous committees, on the board, and as Board Chairman.

Bill came to Charleston in 1985, when he was hired as the executive director for the then, not-yet built 70-unit residential care facility to be known as Bishop Gadsden. Today, Bishop Gadsden is a full service accredited continuing care

community, nationally recognized for its excellence in accommodations, health services, and amenities with over 425 residents and 300 staff members.

In addition to successfully spearheading the creation of one of the premier retirement communities in the Southeast, Bill has also given of his time and talents in the local community and the state. From serving on the board of an organization devoted to housing and services for the lowest-income seniors, to the White House



Conference on Aging, to serving as a governor-appointed member of the South Carolina Board of Long Term Health Care Administrators, Bill has willingly shared knowledge, time, and resources to advance the field of aging services.

Bill says that he had hoped to find a career that encompassed ministry,

hospitality, business, mentoring, and close personal relationships. Serving as the President and CEO of Bishop Gadsden, Bill sums it up best with this one statement, "For me, it has been the joy of my life."

"Serving as the President and CEO of Bishop Gadsden has been the joy of my life."

The Calendar

June

- 1-8 Tea Room, Grace Episcopal Church, Charleston
- 4 Worship Event with Andy Piercy, St. James, Charleston
- 4-8 Rest in Our Lord Seaside Retreat, Camp St. Christopher
- 4-6 ECW Province IV Conf., Kanuga, Hendersonville, NC
- 9 216 Diocesan Convention, St. James, Charleston
- 20-24 Cursillo Weekend, Camp St. Christopher
- 28 Love Boat Auction, St. Andrew's, Mt. Pleasant
- 30 Fishing Tournament, St. Andrew's, Mt. Pleasant

July

- 1-7 Family Retreat Week, Camp St. Christopher
- 6-7 Women in Need Conference, Washington D.C.
- 12 Call to Prayer, Camp St. Christopher
- 13-15 Summer ECW Board Retreat, Camp St. Christopher
- 27-29 Diocesan Couples Conference, Camp St. Christopher
- 28 Day of Healing Prayer, St. Michael's, Charleston



Fourth Women in Need Conference Scheduled for this Summer

By Jim Goodson
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The fourth Women In Need conference will be held during the Brotherhood of St. Andrew's National Council meeting in Washington, D.C. July 6-7.

"This conference is for all women – women in need of inner healing, women in need of daily grace, women in need of victory and women in need of hope," WIN founder Kathryn Warfuel said.

Since staging the first Women In Need conference in St. Louis, Kathryn Warfuel and a team of dedicated women coming from across the country have joined hands to offer seminars, fun activities, song and dance, drama, teachings, testimonies and intercessory prayer to meet the needs of women wherever they find themselves. "Everyone is invited to participate," Kathryn says.

Author and national seminar speaker Dr. Muriel O'Tuel (*Footprints on the*

Heart) and author, artist and educator Anita Estes (*When God Speaks*) are two of the presenters.

Other presenters include Rhonda Malone, a Christian educator who works for a non-profit agency that advocates for women's issues; Bible teacher and home school organizer Robin Keene; educator Denise Morales; former nun and the founder of "Nun Fun" Mary Ellen Duffy; and recording artist Brenda Ingraham. In addition to spiritual topics, nutrition and exercise issues will also be addressed. "We want to reach the needs of the whole woman," Kathryn Warfuel says. "There is something for all women to enjoy."

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Kathryn Warfuel and her husband Ron worship at St. John's, John's Island, where Ron serves as a Permanent Vocational Deacon and Hospice Chaplain.

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