

DATEBOOK

Diocese of Chicago February 18, 2009

The Datebook is a catalog of events occurring in the Diocese of Chicago or Episcopal Church which are of significant merit or interest for the clergy, lay leadership, or the full membership of the diocese. The events are organized by categories: [Benefits](#), [Concerts](#), [Conferences](#), [Dedications](#), [Festivals](#), [Lectures and Presentations](#), [Liturgies](#), [Observances](#), [Outreach Activities](#), [Rallies](#), [Retreats](#), [Seminars and Workshops](#), [Trainings](#) and [Tributes](#). Datebook is published bi-weekly by the Office of Communication, Diocese of Chicago. Submissions are published at the discretion of the editor, [David Skidmore](#), Canon for Communication. For a listing of diocesan meetings and events for all of 2009 check the Master Calendar on the [diocesan website](#).

Diocesan Convention

The 172nd Annual Convention of the Diocese of Chicago will meet Friday November 20 and Saturday November 21, 2009 at the Westin Hotel and Conference Center, 70 Yorktown Center, Lombard, IL. For information on the 171st Annual Convention in 2008 and results of elections and resolutions, and the text of the bishop's sermon and convention address visit the [convention web page](#).

Reserve this date: Bishop Lee will be inviting clergy, delegates and ministry leaders to a forum **Saturday March 28** for continuing the conversation on identifying mission opportunities and imperatives in the framework of a common vision. Participants will be asked to share how mission is being experienced within the three missional challenges offered by Bishop Lee: Grow the Church, Form the Faithful, Change the World. The gathering will be held at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 1125 Franklin Street, Downers Grove. Registration begins at 8 am. For further information [Canon David Skidmore](#) or [Canon Vicki Garvey](#).

Benefits

Concert at Wheaton College for Renk Diocese's health clinic

An evening of "Hope and Music" to benefit the health clinic of Renk Diocese, Episcopal Church of Sudan, will be sponsored by St. Barnabas Episcopal Church in Glen Ellyn on **Saturday February 21** at Barrow Auditorium on the campus of Wheaton College. The auditorium is located in the Billy Graham Center at 500 E. College Ave. Entrance to the auditorium is on the east side of the building.

The music program is an eclectic one. It includes classical, jazz and blues. In other words "something for everyone" and "Healthcare for the people of Southern Sudan". The program begins at 7 pm. Call St. Barnabas (630)469-1394 for more information.

Benefit concert for Ubumama with Claudia Schmidt

A benefit concert by folksinger Claudia Schmidt to raise money for Ubumama, an Millennium Development Goal maternal health project run by the Rev. Bliss Browne, will be held at Christ Church, Winnetka on **Sunday February 22** beginning at 4 pm. Ubumama is a volunteer run arts-based partnership between Imagine Chicago, the White Ribbon Alliance for Safe Motherhood and Create Africa South in Durban (with help from WHO) to mobilize communities to save the lives of the 550,000 women a year now dying in childbirth. Ubumama provides an opportunity for women in countries at highest risk to be educated about safe motherhood while creating a beautiful garment depicting their birthing stories that be used in global meetings to raise awareness and mobilize support for preventing maternal death in childbirth., Christ Church chapel is at 470 Maple St., Winnetka.

Annual St. Gregory School benefit

St. Gregory Episcopal School will be hosting its annual benefit **Saturday, March 7**, at the Knickerbocker Hotel in Chicago. The event includes dinner, live music, a silent auction and live paddle raise in support of the school's scholarship program. Reception with silent auction begins at 6 pm followed by dinner at 7 pm. St. Gregory Episcopal School is a tuition-free, faith based Kindergarten through 8th grade program for boys in Chicago's underserved North Lawndale neighborhood. Last year 100% of our graduates went on to selective enrollment high schools. Tickets are \$200 and a table for ten is \$2,000. The school hopes to have every parish in the diocese represented! To receive an invitation or to RSVP please contact Development Director, Heather Cunningham at 773-227-4447 ext 13 or by email at hcunningham@sges.net.

Cabaret at Maxims to benefit Cathedral Counseling

On **Friday, April 3**, Cathedral Counseling Center will celebrate its 35th anniversary with an evening of cabaret at the elegant Maxim's in Chicago. The evening will be comprised of cocktails and buffet dinner, a silent auction and brief live auction, followed by a lively performance by the Lucy Smith Quartet. Founded in 1974 by mental health professionals and leaders at St. James Cathedral, the Center relieves suffering by creating affordable access to experienced mental health professionals. Please join us in celebrating our shared success! For more information visit the Cathedral Counseling [website](#) or call Leigh Stewart at 312-252-9500 x120.

Concerts

Lenten concert at St. James Cathedral

Three of the great French composers of the late 19th and 20th centuries, Gabriel Faure, Francis Poulenc and Maurice Durufle are featured on the **Sunday March 22** Lenten choral program at St. James Cathedral. The Cathedral Choir and soloists will be joined by the Chamber Orchestra of St. James for a moving, lush and powerful afternoon of French music conducted by Bruce Barber, music director for St. James Cathedral. Marjorie Proctor will be the organist. This concert is presented in loving memory of Wanda L. Bass, patron of the arts, friend of musicians and fellow sojourner on the way. The concert begins at 3 pm. Requested donation: \$15 (Children under 12 are FREE)

Jazz Mass at Messiah-St. Bartholomew

Messiah-St. Bartholomew will hold its annual Jazz Mass on **Sunday February 22** at 9:15 am. Reception follows. The parish is located at 8255 S. Dante Ave. Chicago.

Canterbury Cathedral Choir at Fourth Presbyterian

The Canterbury Cathedral Choir of Men and Boys will be performing at Fourth Presbyterian Church on N. Michigan Avenue, Chicago on **Tuesday, April 14** at 7:30 p.m. as part of its USA Tour 2009. David Flood is the Conductor, and tickets are available at <http://www.ticketweb.com/> or 866.46.3401.

Conferences

Province V Campus Ministry and Young Adult Conference

Bishop Jeffrey Lee of the Diocese of Chicago will lead the 2009 Province V Conference for

Campus and Young Adult Ministry **February 27 through March 1** at The Retreat Center at St. John's in Rochester, Mich. The retreat, entitled Church of the Present-Church of the Future, will feature reflections by Bishop Lee and conversations with participants; diverse worship experiences including a Jazz Mass and a non-traditional Evensong; Bible study, fellowship and networking, and time for rest and reflection. Topics for workshops and general sessions include: Bishop Lee on how ancient Triduum (the three days of Holy Week) liturgies disclose the power of Easter; Sermon Fishbowl: an interactive, lively, rigorous and possibly irreverent bible study that will inform Bishop Lee's sermon at the Eucharist; and student led sessions on faith and liturgy. The conference begins with dinner at 6 pm Friday Feb. 28 and ends after the 9 am Morning Prayer Sunday March 1. Registration is \$80 per person if reserving a double room, or \$120 per person if reserving a single room. Meals and lodging are included in the registration fee. Checks should be payable to Trustees of the Province V Midwest and include a memo line notation for campus ministry.

The retreat center is located at 44011 Five Mile Road in Plymouth, Mich. Information on the center is at www.theretreatcenter.org. For information on the conference contact Sue Cromer, canon for youth and young adult ministry at the Diocese of Chicago, (312) 751-6722 or scromer@episcopalchicago.org; or the Rev. Karl Stevens, Province V Ministry in Higher Education coordinator stevensk@kenyon.edu.

National Episcopal Health Ministries conference

The National Episcopal Health Ministries will be holding its second national conference in Omaha, Neb. **Thursday April 16 through Saturday April 18**. This year's theme will be Healing & Hope, with the Jean Denton Keynote Address delivered by The Rt. Rev. Mark MacDonald, National Indigenous Bishop of the Anglican Church of Canada and Bishop of Navajoland.

National Episcopal Health Ministries (NEHM) is a network of nurses, health ministers, chaplains, and laypeople who promote health and wellness in Episcopal congregations.

For more information go to: www.EpiscopalHealthMinistries.org

Province V Episcopal Church Women Annual Meeting

Phoebe Griswold, wife of Chicago's 10th diocesan bishop, the Rt. Rev. Frank Griswold, will be the keynote speaker for the Province V Episcopal Church Women Annual Meeting **April 24-26** at the Hilton Hotel in Indianapolis. For information contact Ann Durkos at 317-407-1955.

ECW of Chicago annual meeting

The **Honorable Judge Joan Lefkow**, U.S. District judge for the Northern District, will be the keynote speaker for the annual conference of the Episcopal Church Women of Chicago on **Saturday April 18** at St. James Cathedral. Judge Lefkow will speak on Challenges: Justice in the Twenty-First Century. The conference will celebrate the 125th anniversary of the formation of Episcopal Church Women in the diocese. Other highlights include a presentation on the history of women in the Diocese of Chicago by diocesan historiographer Richard Seidel, and the installation of ECW officers by Bishop Jeffrey Lee in the conference closing Eucharist. Participants are asked to make a \$25 donation for attending the presentations. For more information call the ECW office at (312) 751-4200- ext. 229 or go to www.ecwchicago.org. For information contact Joanna Gesicki at 773-763-2027

Festivals

TrebleFest at St. James Cathedral

The annual TrebleFest will be held at St. James Episcopal Cathedral, 65 E. Huron, Chicago, on **Saturday, February 21**. As usual, the format will be a day-long workshop which culminates in a Festival Service at 3:00 p.m. in the Cathedral. A letter has been sent to all congregations inviting participation by young choristers.

The guest clinician will be Stephen Tappe. Stephen is a graduate of the Yale School of Music and the Institute of Sacred Music, and has served as organist-choirmaster of two significant parishes in the Episcopal Church: Church of the Good Shepherd, Jacksonville, Florida, and Trinity Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma. He currently serves as organist and choirmaster of St. John's Cathedral, Denver, Colorado. Throughout his professional career, he has supported and actively participated in the work of the Royal School of Church Music (RSCM) in America. TrebleFest Registration will begin at 9:45 a.m. with the rehearsal beginning at 10:00 a.m.

The closing Festival Service will be at 3:00 p.m. [Registration form](#) is on the diocesan website. A modest fee is charged to offset expenses incurred for the Festival.

Interfaith Family Festival at Church of the Epiphany

Church of the Epiphany on the Near West Side is co-hosting an Interfaith Family Festival with Chicago Fair Trade on **Sunday February 22** from 2 pm to 4:30 pm. The afternoon will feature food, games, quilts, storytelling, face painting, and prizes along with Geraldo de Oliveira Chicago percussionist, leading the closing drum circle. Join these activities to get informed, discuss and take action on fair trade! All ages welcome. Epiphany Episcopal Church 201 S. Ashland. \$5 individuals/\$12 families/FREE for CFT members! For more information contact Justin at justin.cft@gmail.com or 312-212-1760 or <http://www.chicagofairtrade.org/>

Antique Show at Emmanuel, LaGrange

Emmanuel Episcopal Church in La Grange, Illinois is hosting its 53rd Antique Show **February 26 through 28**. The show will open Thursday, February 26th (from 5:30-9:00pm) and will continue on Friday, February 27th (from 10:00am-7:00pm). The show will also be on Saturday, February 28th (from 10:00am-4:00pm). There is a \$7.00 admission for the show which is good for all three days.

Over 30 antique dealers will display a stunning selection of antiques, including a dealer for crystal and china repair, which are sure to delight the casual shopper as well as the serious collector. On Thursday evening, visitors have the opportunity to have hors d'oeuvres and wine. A gourmet lunch and dinner will be available on Friday, and a delicious casual lunch on Saturday will be served as well. All meal tickets can be purchased during the show hours. Baked goods in the parish's Baker's Shelf or a decadent piece of cake in its Tea Room are always available for purchase throughout the show time.

Proceeds from the show are split 50/50 to endow several worthwhile charities as well as to support worthy projects within the parish. Local organizations supported by Emmanuel include The Constance Morris House, Helping Hand, St. Gregory's School, and the Cathedral Shelter, just to name a few.

Lasagna dinner and fun-raiser in River Forest

Christ Episcopal Church in River Forest is holding an Italian Lasagna Dinner "fun-raiser" on **Sunday March 22** at 6 pm. Enjoy great food, fellowship, and a raffle. Tickets are \$14 adults, \$7 for children ages 6-12, and free for children under age 5. For reservations contact the church office (708) 366-7730.

Liturgies

Installation of Cathedral Dean

Bishop Jeffrey Lee will install the Very Rev. Joy Rogers as the seventh dean of St. James Cathedral on **Sunday March 1** at 3 pm. The Order for Worship for Evening will be a celebration of ministry for the Cathedral community and mark a new vision of the cathedral as a gathering place and resource to the diocese and Chicago Metropolitan community. The service will include participation by representatives of Chicago's Roman Catholic, Orthodox, Jewish and Muslim faith groups; and the Harmony, Hope and Healing choir that sang at Bishop Lee's consecration and last November's Diocesan Convention. The sermon will be given by the Rev. Otis Moss III, pastor of Trinity United Church of Christ, Chicago. A reception following in the narthex and nave will feature stations of the cathedral's ministries.

Taize Eucharist in Burr Ridge during Lent

A Eucharist featuring Taizé chant from the ecumenical monastery of Taizé in France will be offered at St. Helena's Episcopal Church in Burr Ridge each first Wednesday at 6 p.m., beginning in Lent.

A healing service with anointing is the focus of the 6 p.m. Eucharist on Third Wednesdays, while other Wednesdays feature a Eucharist with a meditation.

During Lent, Stations of the Cross will be offered on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m., preceding the Eucharist. A silent supper will follow each Eucharist with monastic-style readings from appropriate books. St. Helena's is located at 7600 Wolf Road, Burr Ridge, across from Walker Park. Phone 630-662-5660 for more information.

Presentations

Seabury-Western hosts Phyllis Tickle

Author and theologian Phyllis Tickle will be sharing her insights on the epoch shifts underway in church and society, something she terms *The Great Emergence*, at a presentation she is giving **February 20 and 21** at Seabury-Western Theological Seminary in Evanston. In her recently published book, *The Great Emergence*, Tickle brings her encyclopedic knowledge of American religion to bear on current shifts in the Christian landscape with her Southern wit and charm. *We are all affected by this significant reality, whether we are aware of it or not.* Young and old, lay and clergy, church member or not—understanding the trends and realities we experience enables us to live in the present more fully.

For those who have already heard Phyllis Tickle speak, such as diocesan clergy who attended the last clergy conference, she will be doing a presentation from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm on Friday, Feb. 20 in Seabury Lounge at the seminary. The seminary urges anyone who has not yet heard Phyllis Tickle attend the later sessions on Friday and Saturday, since the morning session will be geared to those who have previous Great Emergence exposure.

The cost for the two-day session will be \$50, which is \$20 per day plus \$10 for lunch on Saturday. Session one will run from 2:00 to 4:00 pm on Friday, Feb. 20, and then snacks will be provided. Session two is from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. On Saturday, Feb. 21, Session

three is from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon, followed by lunch. Session four is from 1:00 to 4:00 pm.

Starting with the morning session on Feb. 20, Ms. Tickle's presentation will be in Seabury Lounge. The rest of the presentations will be at the Sheil Catholic Center, located just across Garrett Place from Seabury-Western. Lunch will be at Seabury. Some parking is available at Seabury-Western, and the seminary is also easily accessible by using the CTA, with a nearby EL stop on Noyes Street in Evanston.

Seabury-Western Theological Seminary is located at 2122 Sheridan Rd. in Evanston IL. If you think you might like to attend this extraordinary event, please let the seminary know by emailing Ron Fox ron.fox@seabury.edu or calling 847-328-9300 x17. [Registration form](#) on the Seabury-Western website.

Sabeel director to preach at cathedral

The Rev. Dr. Naim Ateek, president and director of the Sabeel , an ecumenical theological Center in Jerusalem will be preaching at St. James Episcopal Cathedral, **March 1st** at the 10:30 service. Ateek is a Palestinian Anglican priest and Arab citizen of Israel. Diocesan clergy and lay members are invited to attend the service and a luncheon with Ateek that will follow. There is a \$5 donation for the luncheon. Please make reservations with Rev. Jackie Lynn, epfnational@ameritech.net or 847-502-5921.

Lenten presentations at St. Chrysostom, Chicago

St. Chrysostom, Chicago will be hosting Lenten presentations on Wednesdays March 11 and 18 led by University of Chicago professor, Dr. Richard Strier, and Phoebe Griswold, trustee of the Jerusalem 2000 Executive Board and spouse of Chicago's 10th bishop and the 25th presiding bishop, Frank Griswold. Strier will speak on the Mystical Songs of George Herbert on **Wednesday March 11**, while Griswold will speak on the Episcopal Church in the Holy Land on Wednesday March 18, and describe the work of the American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem.

The evenings begin with a spoken Eucharist at 6 pm followed by a simple Lenten supper at 6:30 pm. The evenings featured program begins at 7:15 pm. Strier is Frank L. Sulzberger Distinguished Service Professor in the Department of English at The University of Chicago. Among his publications is a book on George Herbert in which he "attempts to demonstrate how deeply the central ideas of Reformation theology are at work in the intricate tonal and structural details of the lyrics."

Phoebe Griswold's life has been devoted to being an active lay member of the Episcopal Church, providing leadership in such areas as the nurturing of children, the significance of women's spirituality, the importance of the arts in life and faith, and addressing the problems of global peace and hunger. During the years she lived in Chicago when her husband was Bishop of Chicago, Phoebe was the Area Director for Heifer Project International, a position that allowed her to combine two of her major concerns: hunger and the environment. She is a founding member of the Episcopal Church and Visual Arts (ECVA), a group whose mission is to encourage the visual arts in the life of the church.

Retreats

Oak Park Deanery Quiet Day

The Rev. Peter Campbell, rector of Christ Church, River Forest, will lead the Oak Park Deanery Quiet Day at his parish **Tuesday March 10**. Campbell's reflections will be on "Meditations for Quiet Time." Registration begins at 9:30 am followed by the program at

10 am. Brown bag lunch at noon with the parish providing dessert and beverages. Call Maureen Puleo at 708-848-4576 or Church Office at 708-366-7730

Youth Ministry Weekends

Happening #88

March 6-8

Emmanuel Episcopal Church
120 East First St.
LaGrange

A weekend experience in spiritual development for teens and by teens. The weekend begins at 7:30 pm Friday and ends around 5:30 pm Sunday.

Junior High/Senior High Retreat

April 17-19

Camp Algonquin, Algonquin

For youth in grades 6 through 12, and the adults who work with them. The weekend begins at 7 pm Friday and ends at 11:30 am Sunday. Cost is \$85.

Contact: Canon Sue Cromer (312) 751-6722 scromer@episcopalchicago.org

Seminars and Workshops

Benedictine spirituality workshop series

The Rev. Lynn C. Ramshaw, a trained spiritual director with a special interest in Benedictine spirituality and Ignatian prayer, will present a three-part series on Benedictine spirituality during three Sundays in Lent: **March 8, 15, and 29** at 12:15 pm at St. Nicholas Episcopal Church. St. Nicholas is located at 1072 Ridge Avenue in Elk Grove Village.

Lynn has a social service background that culminated in establishing and directing an ecumenical day-service center for people who have no homes (St. Laurence Chapel). An oblate with the Benedictine Women of Madison, Lynn currently conducts several retreats and quiet days annually and writes occasionally for "Lutheran Woman Today."

The three 90-minute sessions will include an introduction to Benedictine spirituality and the themes of obedience, conversion, and stability, the three vows basic to Benedictine spirituality. There will be some "homework" assignments for additional study between sessions.

Leadership and Ministry Fair

The Office of Christian Formation, Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, The Commission on Ministry, and the Christian Formation Commission are sponsoring the annual Leadership and Ministry Fair on **Saturday April 25** at the Lutheran School of Theology, 1100 E. 55th St., Chicago. The all day event will feature over 40 workshops dealing with all aspects of ministry. Contact Canon [Vicki Garvey](#) for more information on the program. Registration information will be posted on the website in February.

Congregational Development Seminar: Transitions in Congregational Life

The Congregations Commission and the Office of Congregational Development are sponsoring a congregational development seminar **Thursday May 7 through Saturday**

May 9 with noted speakers and authors Keith Brown of the Church Pension Group and The Rev. Canon Dr. Neal O. Michell, canon to the ordinary for the Diocese of Dallas. Michell is the author of *How to Hit the Ground Running: A Quick Start Guide for Congregations with New Leadership*, and *Beyond Business as Usual: Vestry Leadership Development*. Brown, diocesan management consultant for the Church Pension Group, is author of *On the Road Again: Managing Evangelism and Stewardship for the Kingdom*. Topics will be church growth and evangelism, managing transitions in congregation size and ministry models, and leadership development. The seminar will be held at [St. Michael's Episcopal Church](#), 647 Dundee Ave., Barrington. The sponsors are planning for a \$100 fee for congregations, which may send as many representatives as desired to the seminar. Scholarship assistance will be available. For more information contact [Canon Scott Hayashi](#) (312) 751-4210. (Note: Dates have changed from May 14-16.)

Trainings

Keeping God's People Safe

A **KGPS Trainer Training** will be held on **Saturday March 7** from 9:30am - 1:30 pm at St. Mary Episcopal Church, 210 McHenry Avenue, Crystal Lake. Registration: Contact Elizabeth (Beth) Erickson: eerickson@episcopalchicago.org or 312-751-4212 (before March 2)

Keeping God's People Safe Levels 1 & 2

Saturday February 28 9:30 - 11:30 am (Level 1)

noon - 3:30 pm (Level 2)

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

393 N. Main St.

Glen Ellyn

Bring sack lunch; beverages provided. Register before February 24 to [parish office](#) or 630-858-1020

Keeping God's People Safe: Levels 1 & 2

Saturday March 14 9:30 am to 3:30 pm.

St. Paul's Church By-the-Lake, 7100 N. Ashland Avenue, Chicago 60626. Contact: [Saint Paul's Church By-the-Lake](#) at 773-764-6514.

Keeping God's People Safe- Level 1: Protecting God's People

Saturday March 14 9 am to noon

Holy Trinity Church; 217 East Hurlbut Avenue; Belvidere 61008. Contact: [The Church Office](#), before [March 11th](#) at 815-544-2635.

Foundations of Appreciative Coaching

Dr. Rob Voyle of the Clergy Leadership Institute will be conducting a training in Foundations of Appreciative Coaching **March 23 through 27** at the University of St. Mary of the Lake in Mundelein. The training in appreciative inquiry will help clergy pass on their wisdom and mentor the next general of clergy, and also use appreciative strategies in coaching parish staff and volunteers. This five-day seminar is designed for clergy interested in coaching and mentoring, professionals interested in coaching clergy, professionals interested in church consulting, and spiritual directors. Tuition is \$700 for the five days; lodging at St. Mary's is \$490. The fee for commuters is \$190. Participants will receive 30 hours of continuing education credit. Registration and information is online at <http://www.clergyleadership.com>

AntiRacism Training

The AntiRacism Commission of the Diocese of Chicago will be sponsoring an antiracism training led by Crossroads Ministry **May 14 through 16** at the Lutheran School of Theology, 1100 E. 55th St, Chicago. Contact: Derrick Dawson (773) 960-5355 derrickcharlesdawson@gmail.com