

# DATEBOOK

The Diocese of Chicago



**January 25, 2010** 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, Celebrations, 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 2009 and 2010 check the Master Calendar on the [diocesan website](#).

## Imagining with Diana Butler Bass

**Thursday March 11 Friday March 12 Saturday March 13**

The Office of Life Long Christian Formation in partnership with St. James Cathedral, Seabury-Western Theological Seminary, and the Congregations Commission of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago is sponsoring a series of conversations and presentations with noted author and educator Diana Butler Bass at three locations around the diocese for clergy, lay leaders, parishioners and general public.

**Thursday & Friday March 11 and 12** "Trends, Tinker Toys & Transformation"  
St. Martin's Episcopal Church, 1095 Thacker St., Des Plaines 10 am - 2 pm

**Thursday evening March 11** "Bass and Lee: A Conversation"  
St. James Cathedral, Wabash & Huron St., Chicago 5:30 pm - 6:45 pm

**Saturday March 13** "The People's History of Christianity"  
St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 900 Normal Rd, DeKalb 10 am - 2 pm

More information on the diocesan [website](#). Register [online](#).  
Contact: [Barbara Rasero](#) 312-751-4206

## CELEBRATIONS

### Grand Opening of St. James Cafe

A project of Saint James Episcopal Cathedral, the St James Cafe is now open on Thursday evenings from 5:30 to 8:30 pm. The glass fronted café is an excellent space to enjoy fresh musical talent on the first Thursdays of the month. On the second and fourth Thursdays the wifí café will be open to meet and greet or simply to sit and tweet or read. Third Thursdays will focus on Social Justice issues with movies, poetry and discussion. Café and program are free.

The café's grand opening is **Thursday February 4**, and features musical artist Eliza Lynn who will be singing two sets of her jazz blues and folk. Her first set is at 6 pm; second set at 7:15 pm. More at <http://www.saintjamescathedral.org>

## CONCERTS

### Hildegard Meets Barber

#### Lisa Rogers Lee and Friends in Recital

Soprano Lisa Rogers Lee will present a reflective program featuring compositions by Hildegard von Bingen and Samuel Barber on **Sunday February 21** at St. James Cathedral. The concert begins at 3 pm. Requested donation for adults: \$10, Students: \$5. Children under age 12 are free. The Cathedral is located at Wabash Avenue and Huron Street.

### TrebleFest

TrebleFest 2010 will be held at St. James Episcopal Cathedral, 65 E. Huron, Chicago, on **Saturday, February 20**. As usual, the format will be a day-long workshop with youth choristers, culminating in a Festival Service at 3:00 p.m. in the Cathedral.

Guest clinician will be Suzanne Purtee, Organist & Choirmaster of the Church of the Nativity in Huntsville, Alabama. TrebleFest registration will begin at 9:45 a.m. with the rehearsal beginning at 10 a.m. The closing Festival Service will be at 3 p.m. If you have any questions, please call either Harriet Mueller (847) 392-5153 or [Bruce Barber](#) at St. James Cathedral 312-787-7360.

### Entertainment for a winter's eve

In a radical departure from their Sunday morning routine, the choir of St. Giles, Northbrook will abandon the choir loft for the front of the nave and perform an all-secular concert of choral pieces, solos, and duets on **Saturday evening, February 27** at 7:30 p.m. Renaissance madrigals, Broadway tunes, operatic arias, and contemporary American art songs are on the program, along with selections from Brahms' Liebeslieder Waltzes. Soloists include Paul Corona and Ed Mout, both members of the Lyric Opera of Chicago, as well as the church's rector, Cynthia Hallas. The concert, directed by Music Director James R. Brown, is intended to raise funds and awareness for the Hunger Resource Network ([www.hungerresourcenetwork.org](http://www.hungerresourcenetwork.org)), a 501(c)3 organization started last year by parishioners and other local residents that seeks to match agencies in need with volunteers and businesses having time and goods to donate. The church is located at 3025 Walters Avenue in Northbrook. More information is available at [www.saint-giles.org](http://www.saint-giles.org), or by phoning 847-272-6622.

### Joseph Haydn's Seven Last Words of Christ

**Tuesday March 30** St. James Cathedral will host a performance by the Vermeer Quartet with violinist Rachel Barton Pine and cellist Wendy Warner. Narration by Martin E. Marty and Jean Bethke Elshtain. Concert begins at 7 pm. Requested donation for adults is \$10, for students \$5. Children under age 12 are free. The Cathedral is located at Wabash Avenue and Huron Street, Chicago.

## CONFERENCES

### Trinity Institute 40th National Theological Conference

Three local congregations and Seabury-Western Theological Seminary are partner sites for Trinity Institute's 40th National Theological Conference webcast **January 27 through 29**. Whatever happens in the world economy in the coming months, one thing is certain: advocating for an ethical economy - one that works toward the biblical ideal of sufficiency for all and is

resistant to exploitation - will be a priority, especially for clergy and lay leaders.

*Building an Ethical Economy* will bring together leading theologians and economists to talk about the relationship between economics and Christian belief and action. Speakers will address topics including:

- Theology & Economics: Two Different Worlds?
- Is Capitalism a Belief System?
- What Is Wealth?
- What Do We Owe the Future?

Keynote speakers include Rowan Williams, the 104th Archbishop of Canterbury and head of the Anglican Communion; Sir Partha Dasgupta, Professor of Economics, University of Cambridge and Kathryn Tanner, Professor of Theology, University of Chicago Divinity School. More information can be found on the Trinity Institute website.

Three local congregations and Seabury-Western Theological Seminary will serve as four of nearly 100 partner sites across the country hosting the conference via video webcast. Conference participation is open to clergy and laypeople of all faith traditions and can be attended at these locations:

January 28-29, 8 a.m. until 4:15 p.m.: [Bethany Lutheran Church, 9147 South Jeffery Avenue, Chicago](#)

January 28-29, 8 a.m. until 4:15 p.m.: [Bethany Lutheran Church, 8 South Lincoln Street, Batavia](#)

January 28-29, 8 a.m. until 4:15 p.m.: [Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church, 285 Washington Street, Grayslake](#)

Register for the ELCA synod sites [here](#)

**January 27-29:** Seabury-Western Theological Seminary, 1801 Maple Avenue, Evanston. (This is the only Chicago area site that will include the January 27th webcast.) Times: Wednesday, January 27, 4 pm-7:30 pm; Thursday, January 28, 8 am-4:15 pm; Friday, January 29, 8 am-4:15 pm.

To register at the Seabury site, send an email to [seabury@seabury.edu](mailto:seabury@seabury.edu) or call 847-328-9300 ext. 17. Event cost for each location: \$75.

## Episcopal Urban Caucus

Episcopal Urban Caucus will hold its annual Assembly in Chicago **February 24 - 27**. Participants will be staying at the Allerton Hotel at N. Michigan Avenue and Huron Street, (locals may commute) and the Caucus Eucharist will be held at the St. James Cathedral **Thursday evening, February 25** beginning at 6:30 pm. The theme of this year's Assembly is: *Anti-violence, Keeping our Kids Alive*. More information will be published after Christmas. Contact Nell Braxton Gibson, Coordinator, at 212-699-2998 or visit the Episcopal Urban Caucus [website](#)

## Chicago ECW annual meeting

The Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese of Chicago will hold their annual meeting and conference **Saturday April 17** at Church of the Holy Spirit, 400 E. Westmnister, Lake Forest. Working for the Common Good is the conference theme. Speakers include Tom Lenz, coordinator of Lake County United, who will speak on community organizing efforts in Lake County; and Jan Arnett, retired dean of students at Indiana State University, who will speak on the role of a religion department in a public university. Registration begins at 9:30 and the

conference concludes with Eucharist and installation of officers at 4 pm. contact: [Susan Lenz](#) at 312-751-4200.

### Province V ECW annual meeting

The Episcopal Church Women of Province V, The Episcopal Church in the Midwest, will hold their annual meeting **April 9 through 11** at the Hyatt Hotel in Dearborn Mich. Episcopal priest and author the Rev. Stephanie Spellers, and UMC minister the Rev. Faith Fowler Spellers is the founder of The Crossing, an emergent worship fellowship in Boston; author of *Radical Welcome: Embracing God, The Other, and the Spirit of Transformation*; and a member of the Standing Commission on Domestic Mission and Evangelism.

The Rev. Faith Flower is a United Methodist minister and senior pastor of Cass Community United Methodist Church, and executive director of Cass Community Social Services in Detroit.

For registration information contact Tracy Moore 248 363 6985  
or [ttmoore9491@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ttmoore9491@sbcglobal.net) or visit the Michigan ECW [webpage](#)

### Religion Communicators Congress meets in Chicago

More than 1,000 communications professionals from different from different faiths, different countries, and different areas of faith communication will gather under the theme "Embracing Change: Communicating Faith in Today's World" **April 7-10, 2010** at the Chicago Marriott Downtown. The 2010 Religion Communicators Congress will feature keynote presentations, panel discussions, roundtables, performances, exhibitions and skills-building workshops focusing on the changes in technology, society and the place of religion in society.

Best-selling Tuesdays with Morrie author Mitch Albom will speak at the opening banquet. Other presenters include Diana Eck, founder of Harvard University's pluralism project; columnist and distinguished authority on American religion, Martin Marty; Ingrid Mattson, first female president of the Islamic Society of North America; Otis Moss III, pastor of Chicago Trinity Church; musician, composer and storyteller Ken Medema, and Barbara Bradley Hagerty, religion correspondent for National Public Radio.

Interfaith Youth Core (IFYC), the movement that teaches young leaders to look beyond diversity and build relationships of mutual respect and shared values will be at the closing banquet.

A pre-congress seminar, "Global Media, Global Religion: Research in Popular Media and the Remaking of Religions" will be led by Stewart Hoover and Nabil Echchaibi, from the Center for Media, Religion and Culture, University of Colorado at Boulder.

For more information and registration, visit the RCCongress 2010 web site at [www.RCCongress2010.org](http://www.RCCongress2010.org).

### Momentum: conversations on emergent faith

*Momentum: Conversations on Emergent Faith* will bring together noted speakers and leaders in emergent church and church development on **Monday, April 19**, 9 am to 4 pm, at St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Barrington, Illinois.

Renowned author, speaker, pastor, and networker among innovative Christian leaders, Brian McLaren will lead a dynamic discussion on the emergent church movement and more importantly begin to explore with us how our parishes and our Dioceses can participate in the development and growth of these communities.

Together with Brian, we will hear Tom Brackett, Program Officer for church planting and redevelopment for The Episcopal Church. He will inform us of what is taking place around our denomination in response to the belief that this is the Episcopal Moment: an opportunity for us to reach out with the beauty of our spiritual tradition and practices and invite others to walk with Christ.

The Rt. Rev. Jeffrey Lee, Bishop of the Diocese of Chicago, will be featured as will leaders from three Northern Illinois parish communities who are attempting to develop and invite the

creation of emergent communities within their parishes: Pedro Lopez from Redeemer in Elgin, Martha Gillette from Holy Apostles in Wauconda, and Al Johnson from St. Michael's in Barrington.

The day will be centered in beautiful music and prayer led by Lydia Ruffin from St. Louis. Lydia was involved in the development of the Soul Café at the Cathedral in St. Louis and has a prayerful way of leading us to walk with God through her music.

The day is jointly sponsored by [The Episcopal Diocese of Chicago](#), [Seabury-Western Theological Seminary](#), [St. Michael's Episcopal Church](#) in Barrington, [Church of the Holy Apostles](#) in Wauconda, and [Church of the Redeemer](#) in Elgin.

To register or get further details, go to [Holy Apostles Wauconda](#)

## EXHIBITS

### Dead Sea Scrolls exhibit in Milwaukee

Dead Sea Scrolls and the Bible: Ancient Artifacts, Timeless Treasures will open at the Milwaukee Public Museum on **January 22, 2010**. This is a limited engagement, extending through summer 2010. This is the largest temporary exhibit ever produced by the Milwaukee Public Museum, Dead Sea Scrolls and the Bible explores the archaeological history of the Holy Land during the period the Scrolls were written, from the third century BCE through the first century CE. The exhibit also tracks the discovery of the first Scrolls and subsequent realization of their extraordinary significance.

Actual Dead Sea Scrolls, including a fragment of the unique Copper Scroll, will be exhibited alongside the only known scroll-type manuscript on stone, the recently discovered Jeselsohn Stone - "Gabriel's Revelation," and a full-size reproduction of the 24-foot long Great Isaiah Scroll, one of the earliest and most complete scrolls found.

Several diocesan congregations are planning museum trips to view the Scrolls. You can learn more about the exhibit at [Milwaukee Public Museum](#)

## LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS

### Ecosystems in harmony

Botanist and ecologist Jerry Wilhelm will speak on Ecosystems in Harmony, Responding to Change at Church of the Holy Spirit, Lake Forest on **Sunday March 7** from 4 pm to 5:30 pm. Wine and cheese reception will follow the presentation. Wilhelm developed the Floristic Quality Assessment methodology used widely in the United States to determine habitat quality, and is a leading thinker on plant community succession, cultural impacts on the evolution of North American ecosystems, long term viability of manipulated hydrological systems, and on how humility enables people to listen to nature's truths. Register in advance for best seats, at [www.chslf.org](http://www.chslf.org) or call 847-234-7633

### Climate change preach-in

Interfaith Power and Light is sponsoring a national preach-in on climate change on Valentine's Day weekend **February 13-14**. Many congregations will be making climate change the subject of their worship services this weekend. You can sign up for materials from Interfaith Power & Light [here](#)

# LITURGIES

## Candlemas Cantata at St. Peter's, Chicago

St. Peter's Episcopal Church (621 W. Belmont, Chicago) welcomes all to another of its special evensong services: Candlemas, **Tuesday, February 2**, at 7 pm. As with prior evensong observances, the evening offers a magical and mystical mingling of liturgy and art, this time in observance of The Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple and featuring St Peter's Cultivators in a debut reading of an original work composed specifically for this brief service, The Candlemas Cantata.

The Candlemas Cantata is a short work for speech ensemble. It has, like Candlemas itself, 3 central themes: recognition of birth, recognition of death, and recognition of the two types of life - the temporal and the eternal; the latter being made possible by the recognition of Jesus as Christ and Savior. It has 3 central characters: Mary, Simeon, and, of no less importance, us. It has 3 recurring motifs: echoes of the Annunciation, foreshadowings of Ash Wednesday, and the constant intrusions of our very real, very jaded, and seemingly hopelessly repetitive historical existence. Finally, its text is entirely drawn from 3 diverse sources. The 1st of these sources is from the sacred: the gospels and the liturgy. The 2nd is from Christian poets: T.S Eliot and W.H. Auden. The 3rd is from the entirely secular: including Wikipedia's entries for February 2nd in history and, perhaps less predictably, the screenplay of the movie Groundhog Day.

## Candlemas at Brent House

Mosaic, a ministry of Brent House and St. Paul & the Redeemer, is hosting a reflective service for the Feast of Candlemas that will juxtapose biblical texts with sacred and secular songs, stories, and images.

The service will be held on **Tuesday February 2** at 7:30pm at Brent House (5540 S Woodlawn Ave.). Write Drew Newheiser [dnewheiser@uchicago.edu](mailto:dnewheiser@uchicago.edu) with any questions. All are welcome!

## Absalom Jones Day Annual Observance

The Chicago Chapter of The Union of Black Episcopalians presents An Evensong Celebration of the Life of the Rev. Absalom Jones, the first African American priest in the Episcopal Church, on **Sunday February 14** at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Chicago. This year's speaker is the Rev. JoAnne Marie Terrell Associate Professor of Ethics and Theology; Chicago Theological Seminary. Professor Terrell is an ordained elder in the Michigan Annual Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church. She holds a B.A., Rollins College, 1981; M.Div., M.Phil., Ph.D., Union Theological Seminary (NYC), 1990, 1994, 1997. Rev. Terrell is also author: Power in the Blood? The Cross in the African-American Experience (Orbis, 1998).

The observance begins at 3 pm. St. Thomas is located at 38th Street and Wabash Avenue. All are invited and welcome to attend. Please call Alice Brown @ (773) 643-5162 or Johnnie Newton (773) 436-3360 for any additional information.

# RETREATS

## Men's retreat at DeKoven

There will be a 22 hour Pre-Lenten Men's Retreat open to all men of the Diocese of Chicago at the DeKoven Center, 600 21st St., Racine, Wisconsin, from **Friday evening, February 5 through Saturday afternoon, February 6**. The theme will be "A Success That Really Matters," and the retreat leader is Rev. Ron Valentine, Deacon and Chaplain at The Episcopal Church of St. James the Less, Northfield, IL. Contact Bob Schenck at 312-371-1535 or E-mail

him at [rschenckmd@gmail.com](mailto:rschenckmd@gmail.com) for further details, or to register to reserve your space. The deadline for registration is Friday, January 29, 2010.

## Happening #90

The diocesan youth ministries office will be sponsoring Happening #90 **March 5 -7** at St. Chrysostom, 1424 N. Dearborn, Chicago.

Happening is a weekend for teenagers presented by teenagers. The weekend is spent in a relaxed, fun, informal, safe, environment where you can share your faith in a Christian atmosphere. A young person who acts as "rector" leads the weekend with the help of clergy and a staff of mostly young people. Happening encourages participation in one's own local congregation and youth program. It also challenges participants to relate their Christian faith to their world.

The format of the weekend includes thought-provoking and challenging talks given by members of the staff and clergy. After each talk, the opportunity is given for questions and discussion in small groups. The sacraments of the church also play an integral part throughout the weekend.

For more information contact [Sue Cromer](mailto:Sue.Cromer@diocese.org) 312-751-6722

## Episcopal Marriage Encounter weekend

Episcopal Marriage Encounter(EME) will be holding a weekend program for married couples at the Double Tree Hotel in Schaumburg **April 16-18, 2010**. The EME Weekend begins on Friday evening at 8 pm and is completed Sunday at 3 pm. Presentations are provided by a Lay and Episcopal Clergy Couple that focus on self, coupleness, coupleness & God, and coupleness, God and the World. Episcopal Marriage Encounter weekend is offered to couples who have been married for at least one year. For further information or to register for the April weekend, please contact Episcopal Marriage Encounter National Coordinators Dale and Debra Sands of St. Marks Barrington Hills by phone (847-381-8353) or by email ([mdalesands@aol.com](mailto:mdalesands@aol.com)).

# SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS

## Faith in Place environmental advocacy workshop

Faith in Place will offer an annual policy workshop for environmental advocacy this year on **Sunday, January 31** from 2 pm to 5 pm at Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago. Charles Jackson, the Executive Director of the Illinois Environmental Council will offer the keynote outlining the overall legislative strategy for Illinois for the new General Assembly Session. Workshops will include a close look at the solar policy agenda for 2010 with Mel Nickerson of the Environmental Law and Policy Center and an analysis of legislative versus regulatory approaches to carbon and how they impact industry with Paul Sheehan, an engineer who works with heavy industry clients on environmental compliance. Contact [Faith in Place](http://FaithinPlace.org) 312-733-4640.

## Workshop on identifying the difficult parishioner

*Identifying and Pastoring the Difficult Parishioner: A Workshop for Clergy, Parish Administrators, and just about Anyone who Deals with Difficult People* by Dr. Melissa Britt Perrin **Tuesday March 2**, 9 to 12 at St. James' Commons, 65 E. Huron Street, Chicago, IL 60611 This workshop is about you and the difficult people in your ministry. We will talk about the people who make you cringe; the people you would rather avoid. These are the people who have you feeling tired, powerless, annoyed, angry, or hopeless because they are clingy validation seekers, aggressive know-it-alls, or just leave you second guessing yourself.

These and other types of difficult people show up in our lives because the Church and its leaders, lay and ordained, are magnets for individuals with attachment issues and troublesome interpersonal styles.

The trick is, your own internal responses, those very feelings we just named, may be the best tool you have for identifying helpful ways to manage difficult situations and people. This workshop will help you learn to pay attention to yourself and, in the process, think of new ways for dealing with the difficult people in your ministry. This is a free workshop. Please R.S.V.P. to Elizabeth (Beth) Erickson: [eerickson@episcopalchicago.org](mailto:eerickson@episcopalchicago.org) or 312-751-4212 so that we can plan for coffee and space.

## Islam for Christians

Christians and Muslims make up nearly two-thirds of the world's population, and our religions seem mired in conflict. Yet countless leaders of both faiths seek avenues of understanding and reconciliation. Today there are more American Muslims than ever before, and our churches and mosques have the opportunity-and the responsibility-to work together in our communities.

However, American Christians are both curious and uncertain about Islam. Our desire for peace and understanding is matched by misgivings, misunderstandings, and confusion about how to achieve good relations. Images of extremism seem to counteract-and sometimes overshadow-our understanding of Islam as a monotheistic religion that shares Christianity's roots and elicits profound spirituality and faith commitments among its followers.

This spring, Seabury-Western Theological Seminary offers a course for Christians to learn more about Islam and find ways to engage in fruitful dialogue and action with our Muslim neighbors and colleagues.

**Instructor:** Dr. William Sachs is the director of the Center for Interfaith Reconciliation in Richmond, Virginia. The Center strengthens community by building understanding and creating opportunities for cooperation between Christians and Muslims.

**Course Format & Requirements:** This course is open to clergy and lay people for academic credit, enrichment, or continuing education (CEUs). It is offered in an intensive course format over three weekends. Students prepare assignments before each weekend session and complete their work after the final session. Because some work will be done online, Internet access is required.

**Dates:** **February 5-6, February 26-27** and **April 30-May 1**; 1 pm - 9 pm on Fridays and 8:30 am to 3 pm on Saturdays.

**Location:** Seabury-Western Theological Seminary, 2122 Sheridan Rd., Evanston IL 60201

**Public Lectures:** Dr. Sachs' Friday evening course lectures will be open to the public on February 5, February 26, and April 30. Registration for the lectures is required.

**Registration:** For more information and registration information visit [www.seabury.edu](http://www.seabury.edu) or contact Seabury at [peggy.pearson@seabury.edu](mailto:peggy.pearson@seabury.edu) or 847-328-9300 ext. 44.

# TRAINING

## Keeping God's People Safe

St. Mark's, 393 North Main Street, Glen Ellyn 60137, is offering both levels of Keeping God's People Safe (KGPS) training on **Saturday, January 30**.

Level I: Protecting God's People--is scheduled to start at 9:30am and end at 11:30am. Level II: Leading & Caring for God's People--is set for 12 noon until 3:30pm.

Preregistration is important, so that sufficient materials can be on hand. To RSVP, please call St. Mark's office, 630-858-1020 or send an email to [frontdesk@stmarksolenellvn.org](mailto:frontdesk@stmarksolenellvn.org)

Those attending both sessions are asked to please bring a lunch, beverages and dessert will be provided. There is no charge for the training. Certificates of attendance will be provided.

### **A Clergy Day for Quiet and Harmonic Reflection**

The annual clergy quiet day will be held **Tuesday February 23** at the Morton Arboretum in Lisle. To register contact [Elizabeth Erickson](mailto:Elizabeth.Erickson@MortonArboretum.org) 312-751-4212. Registration fee is \$20. The Arboretum is waiving its admission fee for quiet day participants. The Morton Arboretum is located at 4100 Illinois Route 53.

[Mark your calendars:](#)

### **Leadership and Ministry Day**

**Saturday April 24** Lutheran School of Theology

more information: [Barbara Rasero](mailto:Barbara.Rasero@LutheranSchoolofTheology.org) or [Canon Vicki Garvey](mailto:Canon.Vicki.Garvey@LutheranSchoolofTheology.org)

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