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NEWS

Mark your calendar: The conversation on charting mission priorities will be continued at a forum **Saturday March 28** at St. Andrew's, Downers Grove. Clergy, delegates, congregation leaders and ministry coordinators will be invited to continue the visioning process begun at Diocesan Convention. More details will be announced in February. If you have questions contact [Vicki Garvey](#), canon for formation; or [David Skidmore](#), canon for communication.

Cathedral dean to be installed March 1

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.

Rogers was appointed dean with the endorsement of the Cathedral Chapter January 13, and assumed office January 18. She had served as provost of the cathedral since May 2007. In a letter to the Cathedral congregation Bishop Lee said "I hope that the entire Cathedral community will join me in giving thanks to God for this call. I commit myself together with you and your new Dean to the mission and ministry God has given us."

Nominations open for Bishop's Awards

Bishops Associates, the ministry support organization for the Bishop of Chicago, is accepting applications for the Bishop's Awards program. The awards are from the Bishop of Chicago in recognition of members of the Diocese of Chicago who have made an outstanding contribution in service to the church, the wider community in northern Illinois, or to the world. Criteria used in evaluating the

NOTEBOOK

Presiding Bishop to visit this December

Presiding Bishop Katherine Jefferts Schori will be visiting the Diocese of Chicago December 3, 4 and 5. While planning is in the early stages for her itinerary, some pieces have been confirmed. There will be time for conversation with clergy, a visit to an agency of Episcopal Charities and Community Services, and a Eucharist with the presiding bishop serving as presider. The presiding bishop's last visit here was for Bishop Lee's consecration February 2.

Preparations underway for Gulf Coast Mission Trip

The Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry is organizing a mission trip to the Gulf Coast in August. This will be the third consecutive diocesan mission trip to assist Hurricane Katrina victims in Mississippi with recovery and rebuilding. Dates are July 31 through August 8, and the site where the team will be based is Mission on the Bay at Bay St. Louis, Miss. Participation is open to high school age youth and the adults who work with them. Travel will be by Amtrak from Chicago to New Orleans, and then by rented vans to Bay St. Louis. The cost is still uncertain, as it will depend on fundraising efforts this spring. The base cost is expected to be about \$500 per person, and the cost for youth under \$200. A non-refundable deposit must be made by March 15 to reserve a space on the mission team. After March 15 the non-refundable deposit increases to \$200. No reservations may be made after May 28. Participants must attend at least two of the preparation meetings, and have taken the [Keeping God's People Safe](#) training. The training will be offered at one of the preparation meetings. Additional information and registration forms are on the [Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry](#) page.

Preparation meetings:

Saturday, February 14

10 am to 2 pm

Grace Church

924 Lake St, Oak Park

nominees: 1) the capability and creativity of the nominee's achievement; 2) the impact of the achievement on the community; 3) the achievement's influence on the spiritual life of the people involved with or affected by the achievement.

Nomination forms and guidelines have been posted on the diocesan website, www.episcopalchicago.org. The deadline for receiving nominations is 4 pm on April 3, 2009. Awards will be presented at the Bishop's Associates annual luncheon May 7, 2009 at the Union League Club of Chicago, 65 W. Jackson, Chicago. Nominations should be submitted to:

Bishop's Awards
Episcopal Church Center
65 E. Huron St.
Chicago, IL 60611

Or by email to: bishopsassociates@episcopalchicago.org
For information contact Michael Stephenson, Canon for Development at (312) 751-6725 or mstephenson@episcopalchicago.org

Seabury-Western joins with CDSP to offer new DMin program

Seabury-Western Theological Seminary (SWTS) in Evanston and Church Divinity School of the Pacific (CDSP) in Berkeley, Calif. have partnered in offering a new three-year Doctor of Ministry degree program aimed at equipping church leaders for "effective, knowledgeable, innovative ministry in congregations and new forms of faith communities. Students at either seminary enrolling in the program will be take required courses at SWTS in June and at CDSP in January. Students will also meet regularly online for joint project work, discussion and support over the three years. Students may take intensive electives in the week preceding or following the required bi-annual on-campus courses in the Congregational Development program. Courses will be open to non-degree participants, and students will have the option to take courses for continuing education credit.

For more information or to request an application, contact Peggy R. Pearson, Seabury Registrar and Academic Affairs Officer at 847/328-9300, Ext. 44 or peggy.pearson@seabury.edu. You may also find further materials online at <http://www.seabury.edu/> or <http://www.cdsp.edu/>.

Grants specialist appointed

The position opening for grants specialist has been filled with the appointment of Sarah Lineas. Lineas, who began her new duties Feb. 11, previously served as a teacher for the

Saturday, March 14

10 am to 1 pm
St. Mary's
306 S. Prospect, Park Ridge

Saturday, May 9

2 pm to 5 pm
Make-up meeting, location TBD

Bishop Lee on 30 Good Minutes

Bishop Jeffrey Lee will be a guest on Sunday, Feb. 22 on 30 *Good Minutes*, the award winning TV program which airs on WTTW Channel 11 in Chicago and in syndication in other U.S. cities. It features many of America's great religious thinkers, selected from a broad range of denominations and faith traditions. The program explores topics of faith through short meditations, documentaries, interviews and commentaries. The February 22 program, "Wounded Gifts," will be broadcast at 5:00 PM on WTTW 11 and WTTW HD (and posted on the Sunday Evening Club web site Friday, February 20). The program also includes a segment profiling [Shakeela Hassan](#), a Muslim American doctor and film producer, and a reflection by [Rabbi Michael Siegel](#), Senior Rabbi of Anshe Emet Synagogue in Chicago. [Lydia Talbot](#) and [Lillian Daniel](#) are the co-hosts.

Episcopal Relief and Development Sunday

The first Sunday of Lent, **March 1**, will be the third annual Episcopal Relief & Development Sunday. This special day is an opportunity for Episcopal congregations to engage with the Episcopal Church's ongoing commitment to fighting extreme poverty and disease worldwide. To guide parishioners through this season, and help them to explore their spiritual connections to people living in poverty, Episcopal Relief & Development developed a Lenten Devotional, adapted from the Rev. Barbara C. Crafton's *Almost-Daily Emos*. For the first time, the devotional is available online in Spanish at www.er-d.org/Lentenresources. Supporters can also sign up for daily, [electronic Lenten Meditations](#).

World Mission Sunday

Building Up the Body of Christ" through support of the missionaries of the Episcopal Church is the theme of World Mission Sunday 2009, **February 22**. Resources are available at www.episcopalchurch.org/wmsunday. They

Chicago Public Schools for grades 7 and 8. She is currently taking courses in business management and working parttime at Trattoria No. 10. She will provide administrative support to the leadership development programs overseen by Canon Clarence Langdon on a parttime basis. Her days in the office are Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Final service scheduled for St. Hilary's

The members of St. Hilary's Episcopal Church in Prospect Heights have chosen to end their ministry as a congregation of the Diocese of Chicago in the face of financial constraints and difficulty in increasing membership enough to support ordained leadership and the expense of program and building. With the assistance of the Rev. Gina Volpe, the members are in discernment on their options for continuing their witness collectively or individually with neighboring Episcopal congregations. Their final service to celebrate 45 years as a diocesan congregation will be Sunday, February 15 at 9 am. The parish is located at 307 W. Hintz Road.

EGR director appointed provost

The Rev. Mike Kinman, 40, executive director of [Episcopalians for Global Reconciliation](#) (EGR), has been named provost of [Christ Church Cathedral](#), St. Louis, the seat of the [Episcopal Diocese of Missouri](#). The announcement was made at the cathedral on Sunday, February 8 during the annual visitation of Missouri Bishop Wayne Smith. Kinman will conclude his service to EGR and begin his new ministry in late March. As the founding executive director of EGR since January 2006, Kinman has carried out a high-profile role in helping the Episcopal Church rally its support for the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), traveling as much as 130 days per year. He said the best part of the job was meeting "so many amazing people doing amazing ministry throughout the Episcopal Church." (note: Mike Kinman was the keynote speaker at our diocesan MDG Summit last September at St. Edmund's, Chicago)

A WORD FROM THE BISHOP

From Bishop Lee's sermon at the Prayer Vigil for Peace in Logan Square, Thursday February 5:

In the eleventh chapter of John's gospel is the profound story about Jesus going to the grave of his friend Lazarus. Jesus was a close friend of Lazarus and his sisters Martha and Mary. When he hears that Lazarus is gravely ill, he heads off to where they lived in the little place called Bethany and he arrives only after Lazarus is already dead. Martha is told that Jesus is on his way and she leaves her sister mourning in the house to go out and meet Jesus. She says to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." She's not criticizing Jesus or saying it out

include a World Mission Sunday poster in English or Spanish, a list of Episcopal missionaries, and lectionary citations and collects. For more info: or contact Mary Brennan, 212-716-6223, mbrennan@episcopalchurch.org

Are you planning an event?

If you are planning an event open to the wider diocesan community, please check the [Master Calendar](#) on the diocesan website for any potential conflicts with diocesan sponsored events. Several key formation and development events occur throughout the year, among them **Leadership and Ministry Fair**, **Whose Church is it anyway?** conference for formation leaders, the **fall clergy conference**, and the **Diocesan Convention**.

If you are submitting attachments to accompany the Master Calendar or Connect, be aware that our email program limits the size of attachments to 1 megabyte. To ensure there is enough space under that limit for all attachments, please ensure your attachments are no more than 250 kilobytes in size.

Leadership and Ministry Fair

Mark your calendars:

Saturday April 25

Lutheran School of Theology
1100 E. 55th St., Chicago

Over 40 workshops dealing with all aspects of ministry! Registration and information on workshops will be sent in February.

CALENDAR

This is a sample of events occurring in the Diocese of Chicago. Check the Master Calendar for a full listing of diocesan events and meetings and the Google calendar for events sponsored by congregations and organizations.

Darwin Day at St. John's, Chicago

When a search of the Darwin Day website turned up no events in Chicago parishioner Tim Broderick decided to do something about it. The website promotes events to mark Charles Darwin's 200th birthday on February 12, and the 150th anniversary of publication of "The Origin of the Species." The rector of St. John's Episcopal Church liked the idea of honoring Darwin, who was an Anglican, especially considering that the Church of England recently issued an apology to Darwin.

Originally conceived as a family movie night with a discussion of science and religion, the event evolved into a bigger party when the local band *Overman* got wind of the plans. The band offered to come and play their hit "Evolution Rocks." In offering to play at the

of bitterness, she's simply expressing her deep faith that Jesus can accomplish anything. For his part, Jesus doesn't just pat her hand and offer some pious reassurances. No, he goes to the tomb of his friend and he weeps. Actually the original bible text in Greek suggests that Jesus isn't merely sad about Lazarus' death. He is angry. He's angry about the power death has over us. [Read more.](#)

Pledge and Parochial Reports reminder:

Has your congregation submitted its pledge for supporting diocesan mission? Contact [Keith Kampert](#) (312) 751-4201.

Parochial reports are due March 1. Forms online at [Episcopal Church Research and Statistics](#)

CLERGY NEWS

Ordination of Deacons

Bishop Lee ordained **Nancy A. Conrads**, and **Charles Walton (Sandy) Rex III** to the diaconate February 7 at St. James Cathedral.

Bishop Lee will preside at the institution of **The Rev. David Gibbons** as rector of St. Mark's, Barrington Hills on Thursday, April 23 at 7 pm.

The Rev. Glenn Chalmers, executive director of Cathedral Shelter, has accepted the call to serve as rector of Church of the Holy Apostles in New York City, and as executive director of Holy Apostles Soup Kitchen. He will begin his new ministry May 1.

Church Briefs

St. James Cathedral will celebrate the 175th anniversary of its founding as a parish of the diocese this year. The observance begins with the celebration of ministry and installation of the 7th dean on Sunday March 1 at 3 pm.

St. Columba in Hanover Park will celebrate its 50th anniversary this fall with a Festive Eucharist Saturday Sept. 26 at 2 pm with Bishop Jeffrey Lee presiding.

Pray for:

Pray for healing and recovery for

The Rev. Anselm Amadio, retired priest living in Door County, Wisconsin who was released from the Sturgeon Bay hospital and is now in rehabilitation.

The Rev. Walter Griesmeyer, retired priest, who has been hospitalized

Andrew Harland, father of the Rev. Andrea Wight, who has been diagnosed with cancer.

Philip Miller, secretary to the board for Episcopal Charities and Community Services and trustee for the Diocesan

event, guitarist and singer, Aaron Kelly said "Overman would be proud to be part of any event, especially at a church, that celebrates science." The band also seemed attracted to the free Primordial Soup and highly-evolved snacks.

Darwin Day will be celebrated at St. John's Episcopal Church on **Friday, February 13** at 7:00 p.m. Overman will kick off the event, there will be a kid-friendly discussion of science and religion, primordial soup, highly-evolved snacks, and a viewing of Jurassic Park. The event is free and open to the public. St. John's is located at 3857 N. Kostner, Chicago. For information contact the Rev. Kara Wagner Sherer at 773-725-9026 or rector@stjohnschicago.com

Libertyville concert benefit for Renk Diocese, Sudan

The St. Lawrence Libertyville Choir is joining with the choir of the Congregational Unitarian Church of Woodstock to present a blockbuster choir concert at St. Lawrence Episcopal Church, 125 W. Church St. Libertyville. The concert will begin at 7 pm **February 15** with a reception following in the narthex. A free - will offering will be collected, with proceeds will be sent St. Lawrence's sister parish, St. Bartholomew in the diocese of Renk, Sudan to assist in community outreach services in war torn Southwest Sudan.

Phyllis Tickle at Seabury-Western Theological Seminary

Author and theologian Phyllis Tickle will be sharing her insights on the epoch shifts underway in church and society, some thing 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

Foundation.

In Memoriam

Mabel "June" Ford, mother of Cyndy Ford and mother-in-law of Rev. John Throop, died on Friday, February 6. The funeral was February 10 in Peoria.

Congregational Development Seminar

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*. The seminar will be held at [St. Michael's Episcopal Church](#), 647 Dundee Ave., Barrington. Areas of focus: Church growth, transitioning to new model and size of congregation, and leadership development for vestries and bishop's committees. 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: Protecting God's People (Level 1 & 2)

Saturday, February 21 9:30 am - Noon (Level 1)
noon - 3:30 pm (Level 2)
St. Mark's Episcopal Church
337 Ridge Rd.
Barrington Hills
Bring sack lunch, beverages provided. Register before February 15 [Liz Schoon](#) (847) 381-0596

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: Trainer Training

Saturday March 7 9:30am - 1:30 pm
St. Mary Episcopal Church
210 McHenry Avenue
Crystal Lake, IL 60014-6009
Registration: Contact Elizabeth (Beth) Erickson: eerickson@episcopalchicago.org or 312-751-4212 (before March 2)

Keeping God's People Safe: Levels 1 & 2

March 14, 2009 9:30 am to 3:30 pm.
St. Paul's Church By-the-Lake, 7100 N. Ashland Avenue,

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 us know by emailing <mailto:ron.fox@seabury.edu> or calling 847-328-9300 x17. Registration form attached.

TrebleFest at St. James Cathedral

The annual TrebleFest will be held at St. James Episcopal Cathedral, 65 E. Huron, Chicago, on **Saturday, February 21, 2009**. 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.

Benefit for Diocese of Renk, Sudan 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

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

March 14, 2009 9 am to noon

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

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

Spiritual Companionship Training

The Institute of Spiritual Companionship is now receiving applications for the Fall 2009 to Spring 2011 spiritual companionship training program. The ecumenical Institute has served the greater Chicago area providing spiritual direction training and enrichment programs for 25 years. Participants in this program meet on Thursdays from 7:00-10:00 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church in Wilmette for a total of six ten-week terms, along with two weekend intensives yearly at a local retreat center. More information and a downloadable application are available on the [web site](#) or call executive director Robert Backis at 773-510-6553.

RESOURCES

New Keeping God's People Safe manual

The Diocesan Council approved the new Keeping God's People Safe manual January 10. This is a revision of the 2005 draft edition. Along with policies for protecting children and protecting adults from sexual misconduct and sexual harassment/exploitation, the manual has policies on inappropriate use of computers and serving alcohol, and includes a covenant for sexual integrity. The manual in pdf format is available on the diocesan website. The manual is posted online in pdf format on the diocesan website. View or download it [here](#).

Episcopal Life bulletin inserts for February 15

The theories put forth by Charles Darwin in *The Origin of Species* rocked the scientific and religious world 150 years ago. Episcopal Life Weekly bulletin inserts for February 15 mark the 200th anniversary of the scientist's birth and outline his contributions to 20th and 21st-century ideas about God, creation and the beginnings of humankind. Bulletin inserts are available [here](#).

ERD Lenten Devotional

Episcopal Relief & Development's 2009 Lenten Devotional: Peace and Compassion to Heal a Hurting World includes an adaptation of the Rev. Barbara C. Crafton's *Almost-Daily Emos* and highlights the Millennium Development Goals (MDG), offering ways for parishioners to help achieve these life-saving goals, especially through Episcopal Relief & Development's [MDG](#)

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.

Ubumama benefit features folksinger 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 (www.ubumama.org) 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.

Province V Campus 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

Inspiration Fund. Orders must be received by Feb. 16 to ensure timely delivery. Lenten materials are free. All orders are charged a minimum fee for shipping and handling. Large orders, overnight and second-day delivery will incur additional shipping costs. Call Episcopal Books and Resources (EBaR) at 1.800.903.5544 or order online at www.episcopalbookstore.org/

Documentary film on Washington National Cathedral

Journey Films has released a documentary film on Washington National Cathedral: A New Century, A New Calling. Archival footage and photographs depict the amazing 83-year construction era ending with the placement of the final finial by President George H. W. Bush. Looking into the future, the film explores the relevance of a Cathedral in the 21st century as a sacred space for an increasingly diverse nation.

The film is produced by Journey Films, of Alexandria, VA, which also produced *Bonhoeffer* and *The Power of Forgiveness*. It is a presentation of South Carolina Educational TV and is distributed by National Educational Telecommunications Association (NETA). Visit Journey Films [website](#) for more information.

Hope in Hard Times

The Stewardship Office of the Episcopal Church has produced a guide for addressing stewardship during economic downturns. Finding Hope in Hard Times addresses seven spiritual practices that can be adopted during financial crises. Each practice includes an action recommendation and a reflection question. View the [brochure](#).



Diocesan Liturgical Calendars

The diocesan liturgical calendars have been mailed to congregations. Each congregation was sent two complimentary copies. Additional copies, for \$5 each (shipping included) can be ordered by contacting the Office of Communication (312) 751-4207.

POSITIONS OPEN

Associate rector for St. James Cathedral

St. James Cathedral is looking for a priest with a minimum of three years parish experience, either as a rector or as an associate in a larger (400 communicants) parish. The Cathedral seeks a person with passions about growing congregations; with skills that build community, that work to incorporate new people, and that will develop leaders from among the parish. They want a priest who is excited about forming Christians for a lifelong journey, and who will be a resource to them all in their vocations and ministries within and beyond the church and in the cathedral's post-modern urban setting. The role of this associate will be to give oversight to the program life of a vital and growing congregation and to be a resource and facilitator to a Parish Council made up of lay leaders who are the conveners for various program arenas - Worship, Faith Formation, Evangelism, Parish Life, and Outreach. Within each of those arenas, there are a

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.

Antique show in LaGrange

The parishioners of Emmanuel Episcopal Church in La Grange, Illinois are pleased to invite you to attend our 53rd Antique Show. This year, the show will open **Thursday, February 26** (from 5:30-9:00pm) and will continue on Friday, February 27 (from 10:00am-7:00pm). The show will also be on Saturday, February 28 (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 entice you with their 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, you can 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 our Baker's Shelf or a decadent piece of cake in our 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 to whom we have supported include The Constance Morris House, Helping Hand, St. Gregory's School, and the Cathedral Shelter, just to name a few.

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.

Lenten Choral Concert at St. James Cathedral

Three of the great French composers of the late 19th and 20th centuries, Gabriel Faure,

variety of committees and ministries, each with their own chair persons. The new priest will share liturgical and preaching tasks with the dean, as well as the pastoral work that calls for ordained presence. Contact The Rev. Canon Scott B. Hayashi for more information. shayashi@episcopalchicago.org

Outreach case worker for Hands to Help

Hands to Help Ministries seeks a part-time outreach case worker with a background or training in Social Work and experience with street outreach to work with homeless people on the streets and others in crisis who are at-risk of losing their housing in the Portage Park/Irving Park neighborhoods around Six Corners on the northwest side of Chicago. This person will initiate contact, build relationships, determine needs, create budget proposals for client financial assistance, refer and connect clients to appropriate help, follow-up, and maintain communication with the Hands to Help board.

Work hours are 10 -12 hours per week at \$15/hr. Preferred hours Wed 11 a.m. -1 p.m. with remaining hours flexibly scheduled in day and evening.

Hands to Help Ministries is a non-profit corporation founded by the Ministerial Alliance which includes St. John's Episcopal Church in Irving Park. The parish donates office space for Hands to Help.

Please send cover letter that includes weekly hour availability and resume by February 18, 2009 to The Rev. Kara Wagner Sherer, Board President, Hands To Help Ministries, 3857 N. Kostner Ave. Chicago IL 60641 or rector@stjohnschicago.com.

Teacher for St. Gregory's Episcopal School

St. Gregory's Episcopal School on Chicago's West Side has an immediate opening for a full-time teacher of Social Studies and Science for students in grades 5 - 8 in a private school setting. Fax letter of interest and resume to 773-277- 4445. More information on school can be found at <http://www.sges.net/>. Please contact Fr. Ken Erickson at St. Gregory's Episcopal School (773-277-4447) with any questions. Middle Grade Social Studies or Science endorsement preferred.

Hospitality is taken seriously at this church

(from article in Congregations magazine, winter 2009, about the Congregational Church of Union, Conn.)

"When visitors enter the very small sanctuary area of our little church, they will most likely notice a simple, attractive banner with the clear, bold message 'All are welcome.' this message, which is emblazoned upon the pens, bookmarks, and magnets we give to our guests and featured prominently on our website and in our church newsletter--a publication sent to every resident of our town--has become a statement of how we perceive ourselves as a local church. " --*Bob Larochelle*

WEB NOTES

Google Calendar created for congregations and organizations

A new calendar feature has been added to the diocesan website for events sponsored or hosted by congregations and organizations of the Diocese of Chicago, and events by non-diocesan organizations that benefit the faith, work and order of the diocesan community. The Office of Communication

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. 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.

Reflections on the intersection of life and theology at the Canon for Communication's blog: **Episcopal Tidings**

Lost and found: Or at least lost, found and hopefully reunited. A small digital camera and case were left in the cathedral following the ordination of priests December 6. If you know of someone who is missing a camera and was at the ordination, have them contact The Rev. Elaine Caldbeck at the cathedral ecaldbeck@gmail.com or (312) 787-7360.

Email address update: Please have your clergy, administrators and lay leaders advise our database and directory managers of any changes to your email address. Contact: **Elizabeth Nelson** (database) or **Pat Langton** (directory)

has established a Google calendar account for designated users of our congregations and agencies to enter and edit events. A [Calendar page](#) in the Congregation Resources menu has been created that explains the calendar's purpose and includes a link to the [public calendar](#). Congregations and agencies interested in posting events there should designate a user and email that person's name and email address to the canon for communication, [David Skidmore](#), who will add that individual to the account. Users should be persons who are knowledgeable of the congregation or agency's life, comfortable with online editing, and considered trustworthy and reliable to faithfully perform this role.

A translation tool has also been added to selected pages: About Us and Bishop Lee's home page under Office of the Bishop. The embedded Yahoo Babel Fish tool allows users to translate from English or to English.

Web search tip: The search box on the homepage may be your first choice when you are scouting for a program or resource, but you may have better success using our site's extensive navigation menus, or the A-Z Directory. Depending on the search terms employed, your search via the search box could entail clicking through several screens of listings, whereas with the A-Z Directory you will likely find your choice on one click. The link to the directory is in the upper right corner of the home page just above the calendar and just below the Find a Church link. This is an ongoing project of populating the directory so not every program is listed yet. You might first use the various pull out menus in the home page navigation menu in the left pane.