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A communication resource for clergy and lay leaders
in the Diocese of Chicago

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NEWS

Bishop Lee issues pastoral letter on economic crisis

Bishop Lee issued a [pastoral letter](#) on the economic crisis to the people of the diocese October 7, encouraging prayers for the health and well-being of all people, particularly those most affected by the turmoil in the banking, investment and mortgage loan institutions. "None of us can know precisely how this or any future predicament will be resolved, but we can take comfort in the certain knowledge that God is still God and that Christ is always with us," said Bishop Lee in his letter. The bishop included a list of church, not-for-profit and government agencies and organizations that provide credit counseling, employment search assistance, and mental health counseling. [The resource list](#) is also attached to this Connect. Also see the [Episcopal Life Online article](#).

Prayer and debt advice draws traffic to Church of England website

(*Episcopal News Service*) Web users looking for support during the current financial situation have boosted traffic by more than 70 percent to a Church of England website section focusing on debt advice, and visitor numbers to the church's online prayer page have increased by more than a quarter. The [Matter of Life and Debt](#) website section -- containing a new 'debt spiral' feature enabling visitors to work out if they are among the many families that will be seriously affected by the credit crunch, and useful advice for those worried about debt -- has seen a 71 percent increase in traffic in recent weeks. The website section is available [here](#).

A new Prayer for the Current Financial Situation has been viewed nearly 8,000 times since it was published online in September - increasing traffic to the popular Prayers for Today section by 28 percent. It can be found [here](#).

Pittsburgh votes to leave Episcopal Church

(*Episcopal News Service*) Deputies to the 143rd diocesan convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh October 4 voted 240-102 to leave the Episcopal Church. Minutes later, in voice votes on three resolutions (Resolutions One, Two, and Three [here](#)), the deputies realigned the diocese with the Argentine-based Anglican Province of the Southern Cone and set up some initial

NOTEBOOK

Bishop Lee interviewed for WBEZ Chicago Public Radio

Chicago Public Radio's cultural affairs reporter Lynette Kalsnes interviewed Bishop Lee October 7 for a story airing this Friday on the religious community's response to the dire economic developments. It will air on Morning Edition and the Eight-Forty Eight program between 9am and 10 am October 10. It can also be accessed on Chicago [Public Radio's](#) website later on Friday.

Pre-Convention Meetings scheduled

The Convention Planning Committee has scheduled four regional meetings prior to the 171st Annual Convention November 21 and 22. Bishop Lee will be the presenter at the four meetings, Oct. 29, Nov. 6, Nov. 8 and Nov. 13 (see schedule below) and will share his thoughts on mission in light of his charge: Grow the Church, Form the Faithful, Change the World. Representatives of the Budget Committee will also be available to answer questions on the 2009 Budget. The meetings begin with a half-hour gathering and check-in followed by the program. Beverages and appetizers will be served by the host congregation.

[October 29, Wednesday 6:30 pm-9 pm](#)

St Simon's Episcopal Church

717 West Kirchoff Road **Arlington Heights**

Registration: [Cathie Corley](#) 847-259-2930

[November 6, Thursday 6:30 pm-9 pm](#)

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

900 Normal, **DeKalb**

Registration: [David Skidmore](#) or [Elizabeth Nelson](#)

[November 8, Saturday 9 am-11:30 am](#)

St. Edmund's Episcopal Church

procedures for accomplishing that maneuver. [Read more.](#)

Prudence needed in election season

With the presidential election less than four weeks away, clergy and congregations need to be wary of endorsing or supporting campaigns for public office. Churches that participate or intervene in a political campaign on behalf of any candidate risk running afoul of the Internal Revenue Service's prohibition on 501(c)(3) organizations' participation in political campaigns. If the IRS finds a church has engaged in prohibited political activity, it could seek the removal of the church's tax exempt status and assess taxes and penalties. Recently a coalition of 33 Christian ministers protested the 54-year-old rule by preaching in favor or against the presidential candidates. The Oct. 5 action was organized by the conservative Alliance Defense Fund, a creation of James Dobson.

Please note the following from the IRS Revenue Ruling. 2007-41, 2007-25 I.R.B. (June 18, 2007):

"The political campaign intervention prohibition is not intended to restrict free expression on political matters by leaders of organizations speaking for themselves, as individuals. Nor are leaders prohibited from speaking about important issues of public policy. However, for their organizations to remain tax exempt under section 501(c)(3), leaders cannot make partisan comments in official organization publications or at official functions of the organization."

The IRS has posted articles on political campaign restrictions at <http://www.irs.gov/charities/charitable/article/0,,id=155030,00.html>

Where is the Life in your Liturgy? The Diocesan Convention Worship team wants to know!

This year, the Diocesan Convention Worship planners will incorporate ideas from the emergent church movement into our convention liturgies, and we want our experience to reflect what is lively throughout our diocese. The team wants to know what energizes your people, whether your liturgy is traditional, Anglo-Catholic, progressive, incorporating experiences of a national or ethnic identity, geared to a particular demographic, you name it - whatever feeds your people well! Please take a moment to jot down a few thoughts in answer to the following questions:

- What is life-giving in your congregation?
- Does your liturgy make a particular contribution to our diocese? If so, how?
- Do you have photos of your congregational life that we can weave into the liturgy?

Please send written responses to Liz Stedman,

61st and S. Michigan, **Chicago**
Registration: parish office 773-288-0038

[November 13, Thursday 6:30 pm-9 pm](#)

St Benedict's Episcopal Church

909 Lily Cache Lane, **Bolingbrook**

Registration: 630-759-5955 Dawn Morfoot

Convention volunteers needed

YOU can help make our Diocesan Convention a welcoming event for everyone!

How, you ask? By serving as a volunteer. Opportunities abound for everything from helping with registration to holding up signs directing people to various events. You're welcome to help out as much or as little as you're able. To volunteer, or, if you have questions, contact Beau Surratt, Volunteer Coordinator, at beau@allsaintschicago.org or 773-561-0111.

CALENDAR

Introduction to Beijing Circles

An introduction to Beijing Circles will be presented by Kim Robey, program officer for the Episcopal Church's Women's Ministries and Leadership Development on **Monday, October 27** at the Episcopal Church Center in Chicago. The learning event begins at 9:30 am in Burrill Hall on the lower level of the Episcopal Church Center, and concludes at 4 pm. Registration and lunch is \$15 per person. For information contact Canon Vicki Garvey at (312) 751-4204 or vgarvey@episcopalchicago.org; or the Rev. Joanne Skidmore at St. John the Divine Episcopal Church in Burlington, Wis. (262-763-7482). [Register online](#) on the diocesan website, and [read more](#) about the event and Beijing Circles.

The Beijing Circles movement began in 2005 when, at the annual United Nations Commission on the Status of Women meeting in New York, an assessment was done to determine if progress was being made toward resolving 12 critical areas of concern regarding the status of women -- areas identified in 1995 at the Fourth World Conference on Women, sponsored by the United Nations and held in Beijing, China. The areas identified ranged from the increasing burden of poverty on women, violence against women, stereotyping and gender inequalities, and lack of respect for the human rights of women. The 12 areas were then adopted into

episcopal@northwestern.edu. Photos should be sent to Ethan Jewett, jewett_ethan@yahoo.com. To include your ideas, the team needs to receive them by **October 22, 2008**. Thanks for your energy and participation!

CROP Walk grant

The 2008 Chicago CROP Walk will be held Sunday, October 19. Details are available at <http://www.chicagocropwalk.org/>. The site also has a [page](#) listing other area CROP walks.

CLERGY NEWS

Institutions

Bishop Lee will preside at the institution of **the Rev. Steven Godfrey** as rector of St. Martin, Des Plaines on Tuesday, November 11 at 7 pm.

Church Briefs

St. Giles, Northbrook is celebrating its 50th anniversary on Walters Avenue with a Festival Eucharist on Saturday, Oct. 25 at 5 pm. Bishop Lee will preside. A dinner follows in the undercroft. RSVP 847-272-6622.

Episcopal Church of the Redeemer in Elgin is observing the 150th anniversary of its founding this year. The observance of Redeemer's sesquicentennial will culminate on December 13, with a festive bi-lingual Eucharist that will be co-celebrated by Bishop Lee and Bishop Scantlebury followed by a dinner at Elgin Community College.

TRAINING

Antiracism training in October

The diocesan Ant-Racism Team is proud to sponsor another Crossroads Ministry Anti-Racism workshop **Thursday October 16 through Saturday October 18** at St. James Cathedral, 65 E. Huron, Chicago, Illinois 60611. The fee schedule for the workshop is \$65 for those affiliated with the Diocese of Chicago and its member parishes and missions (includes all seminarians regardless of residency) or \$225 for those not affiliated with the Diocese of Chicago. All fees for the workshop include lunch on Friday and Saturday as well as materials. To register for the Workshop, please contact [Derrick Dawson](mailto:Derrick.Dawson@bfkpn.com) or DERRICK.DAWSON@bfkpn.com or call 773-960-5355 **NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 5, 2008**. An [online registration form](#) is also posted on the diocesan website.

This is an exciting time for Anti-Racism work in the life of our diocese. Come and see the reconciling power of Jesus Christ in

the Beijing Platform for Action. While the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women noted some progress in 2005, it was clear that there was still a long way to go.

These events inspired a small group of women from the Episcopal Church to dedicate themselves to finding a way to stay focused on addressing these issues. They began inviting their U.S. sisters to gather, with the sole purpose of educating themselves, and others about the Beijing Platform for Action. They called their gathering a Beijing Circle and from that, and their subsequent commitment, the Beijing Circles were born. Beijing Circles seek to empower women to work to resolve some of the problems by offering a variety of plans for action and advocacy

Nutrition presentation for Waukegan Deanery

Church of the Annunciation of Our Lady in Gurnee will host a presentation on nutrition for the Waukegan Deanery on Saturday **October 11**. Sueson Vess, a nutrition consultant and chef, will speak about foods that heal. Registration is from 9 to 9:30 am followed by Eucharist and then the presentation. The gathering ends with lunch at 11:30 am. A donation of \$8 per person is requested to cover costs. For information contact Linda Lutter at (847) 367-7697. Annunciation is at 5725 Stearns School Road.

Ravenswood Community Services benefit

All Saints Episcopal Church will host a night of music to benefit Ravenswood Community Services, a parish-based agency of Episcopal Charities and Community Services, on **Saturday October 11** at 7 pm. Hey Jimmy and Sunnyside Up are the featured bands. Tickets are \$50 each and available at [Ravenswood Community Services](#). All Saints is at 4550 N. Hermitage. For the benefit, use the entrance at 1757 W. Wilson.

Christian Sexual Ethics: A Young Adult Perspective

Please join Canterbury Northwestern on **Saturday, October 18** at 4 p.m. to learn about an opportunity for young adult ministry in your parish. Canterbury Northwestern is engaged in a probing conversation about sexual ethics in the

this very important ministry.

Parish Administrator Day is Thursday
October 23. More information.

DIOCESAN CONVENTION is November 21 and 22, 2008. The 2008 Convention Booklet with forms for nominations, resolutions and certification of delegates is now **online**. The printed booklet is being mailed to congregations and clergy July 1. The online registration link is on the **Diocesan Convention** webpage. The regular registration fee is now in effect. Late fee registration begins **October 18**. Deadline for filing nominations and resolutions has expired. Sponsors wishing to file late resolutions are responsible for reproducing sufficient copies for clergy and delegates and arranging distribution.

A convention mailing with resolutions and nominees will be mailed to clergy and congregations the last week of October.

RESOURCES

Episcopal Life bulletin inserts

Episcopal Life Weekly bulletin inserts for October 12 announce the appointment of a new staff member for immigration and refugee advocacy at the Episcopal Church's Office of Government Relations. Ana White, immigration and refugee policy analyst, works closely with Episcopal Migration Ministries and the Episcopal Public Policy Network to advance the Episcopal Church's commitment to welcome the stranger in response to the words of Jesus in Matthew 25: "When I was hungry, you gave me something to eat, and when I was thirsty, you gave me something to drink. When I was a stranger, you welcomed me..."

Bulletin inserts are available at

http://www.episcopalchurch.org/95270_ENG_HTM.htm

Episcopal Church advertising series

The Communications Office of The Episcopal Church has developed an ad series, *Put Your Faith To Work*, in both print and video format. The ads are available for placement in your local media.

- For a DVD contact InfoLine:

POSITION OPENINGS

Youth minister for St. John's, Naperville

St. John's in Naperville is seeking a part-time youth minister (10-15 hours per week) to lead the parish high school youth program. The youth minister will minister to high school youth and nurture them in the faith. The minister also listens to youth and develops programs that are Christ-based, interesting, and relevant to youth; teaches the Teen Bible Study on Sunday morning, leads the high school youth bi-monthly gathering on Sunday evening, maintains regular contact with youth and their

21st Century. Students, both gay and straight, graduate and undergraduate, are actively seeking the guidance of our faith tradition as they navigate their sexual lives. We have developed a workshop that has been enthusiastically received by young adult gatherings in our diocese and province. In every venue, we find that people in the church are hungry for this conversation. Canterbury would be pleased to bring it to your parish. *This workshop is particularly appropriate for parishes seeking to build ministries to young adults.*

To find out if it is right for your parish, please join us for drinks and conversation on **Saturday, October 18** at 4 p.m. at Canterbury House, 2010 Orrington Ave., Evanston. We hope you will join us! To RSVP, please contact Liz Stedman: episcopal@northwestern.edu or 847.328.8654.

Leadership with Impact

Bill Easum and Bill Tenny-Brittian of Easum-Bandy Associates church consultants will explore the kind of leadership that impacts people's lives and the community, offering understandable, practical, and effective best practices. This conference will help church leaders, both clergy and laity, to come to terms with the changing culture and give them tools to step up and lead with impact. The conference will help participants explore their leadership roles and discover how they can become leaders of influence - leaders who lead not just followers, but who develop and lead future leaders.

The Chicago Convergence seminar will be held **October 24** at Faith Community Church, 10547 Faiths Way, Huntley, IL ([click here for a map](#)). Early Registration BEFORE Oct. 5 is \$85 and after Oct. 5 registration is \$95. A \$25 fee is charged for cancellation. Tuition includes workbook, breaks, and 2 CEUs. For teams of four the registration fee is \$75 per person. To register online: [click here](#). You can also register by fax or phone: Fax 361.749.5800
Phone 361.749.5364

GIVE benefit for the MDGs

Church of the Holy Spirit in Lake Forest will host an evening with 8 local singer-songwriters (including Episcopal youth minister, Jessica Creech) on **Saturday October 25**. Between

families; and recruits and keeps high school youth active in the life of the church.

Salary commensurate with experience. To apply: E-mail or fax cover letter and resume to: Mary Beth Dentlinger, Parish Administrator St John's Episcopal Church, 750 Aurora Avenue, Naperville, Illinois 60540 Phone: (630) 355-046; Fax: (630) 355-2780; E-mail: parishlife@stjohns-episcopal.com

Youth minister for St. Michael, Barrington

The objective of this position of Youth Minister is to develop, coordinate and administer a comprehensive, effective and formative ministry to meet the needs of youth (7th through 12th grades), as well as college-aged adults of the church and surrounding community. In particular, the St. Michael's Strategic Plan calls for a re-design of existing youth programs; a ministry that encourages voluntary vs. involuntary participation of the member youth; an environment that is created to promote and encourage others to attend; and a ministry which seeks to disciple youth rather than to merely entertain them. This ministry should reflect the liturgy and the sacraments of the Episcopal faith and create within the youth a desire to consider and contemplate the mystery of faith and true purpose and meaning in life. The Youth Minister reports directly to the Formation Associate and will actively work with the Youth Board to set the direction for the program. It is expected that the Youth Minister will actively engage adult and youth volunteers in the execution of program activities.

Please send resumes by November 1, 2008, to: Nerissa Brueckbauer, Formation Associate, St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 647 Dundee Ave., Barrington, IL 60010 847.381.2323 extension 33 nbrueckbauer@stmichaelsbarrington.org

Christian Education Director

St. Augustine's Episcopal Church in Wilmette is seeking a half-time Director of Christian Education who will enable our children and youth to know, to love and to serve God. The Director of Christian Education will continue and expand the strong programs already in place; be actively involved with our children and youth each Sunday morning; and lead in the recruitment, training and support of volunteers in all our programs. The candidate will have demonstrated success in directing children and/or youth programs and is a committed Christian who upholds the beliefs and practices of the Episcopal Church. Mail or email resume to: The Rev. David C. Musgrave at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, 1140 Wilmette Ave., Wilmette, IL 60091 or dmusgrave@ync.net Visit St. Augustine's website for complete job description. <http://www.staschurch.org/>

each act various speakers from within our diocese will feature a MDG. Free fair-trade coffee will be available, as well as a meditative station on the MDGs. You can also purchase mosquito nets to prevent malaria in Africa. A free-will offering will be taken to support Episcopal Relief and Development and their work. The evening begins at 6 pm at CHS, 400 E. Westminster Rd, Lake Forest. For more information contact Jessica Creech at jcreech@chslf.org or visit <http://givemusic.wikispaces.com/>.

Religion and Politics: Distinctions, Dilemmas, and Dirty Hands

Grace Church, Oak Park will host a forum on religion and politics **Saturday October 18** at 2 pm. When it comes to mixing religion and politics, where does one draw the line? At what point do political convictions and commitments lead to religious compromise or outright contradiction? What is the proper--or improper--relationship between church polity or discipline and participation in the polis? In political matters, who speaks for a particular religious community--and what if individual community members strongly disagree? Can the complete separation of religion and politics be a theologically responsible position today?

Against the backdrop of the current campaigns and upcoming elections, Grace Episcopal Church's **Forum Conversation Series** brings together a political scientist and a theologian to discuss questions of this kind. A panel discussion with the audience will be led by Lascelles Anderson, Professor Emeritus in Educational Policy at UIC.

Christopher Colmo, professor of political science at Dominican University, is the author of *Breaking with Athens: Alfarabi as Founder* and scholarly articles on such topics as the political thought of Plato and politics in Shakespeare. Over a long career at Dominican he has taught a range of courses from the politics of Africa and of the Middle East to the thought of Soren Kierkegaard.

William George, an associate professor of theology and the director of Dominican University's core curriculum, is a Christian ethicist with a particular interest in the relationship between theology and international law. He has written on such topics as global ethics, guns and the Catholic conscience, concern for future

Director of Development, St. Gregory's Episcopal School, Chicago

The Director of Development and Alumni Relations is responsible for programs and initiatives to increase support from the private sector. This includes but is not limited to donations from individuals, corporations and foundations, with particular emphasis on individual donor and annual giving programs.

The Director of Development will be responsible for a thorough review and analysis of all existing programs. Working with the Principal, Board members and other individuals so designated by the Principal and Board, the Development Director will be responsible for planning and implementing new initiatives to attract new donors and increase gifts from existing and lapsed donors. Also in conjunction with the Principal and Board members, the Director of Development is expected to identify and establish links with other organizations that will benefit the School and increase support for its programs. The director reports to the principal of St. Gregory's School.

Compensation is \$40,000 - \$55,000 plus benefit package, commensurate with background and experience.

Send your **cover letter, resume and 2 writing samples** to:

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St. Gregory Episcopal School
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PARISH MUSIC PROGRAMS

Cathedral Concert

Saturday, October 11, 2008 - 7.30PM

Beethoven at St. James Cathedral

The Cathedral Choir & Soloists

David Korevaar, *piano*

The Chamber Orchestra of St. James, Bruce J. Barber II

Piano Concerto No. 2 in B-Flat Major

Mass in C Major

Requested Donation: \$20

Concerts at St. Luke's, Dixon

Wednesday, October 22, 2008 7 pm

The American Boychoir

Sunday, November 2, 2008 4:30 pm

Solemn Evensong and Concert for All Souls

Taverner and Howells

The Canterbury Singers

The parish is located at 211 S. Peoria in Dixon. More information at <http://www.stlukedixon.org/music.htm>

generations, and the Law of the Sea. He is currently teaching an undergraduate course on religion and politics.

Grace Episcopal Church is located at 924 Lake Street in Oak Park. Parking is located immediately west of the church. A free will offering is requested to help defray costs for the series. A reception with the speakers will be held immediately following the presentation. For more information call 708-386-8036 or go to <http://www.graceoakpark.org/>.

Winter Farmer's Market

On **Saturday, November 8**, from 9am - 1pm Church of the Holy Nativity in Chicago will be hosting a Winter Farmer's Market and Farm Fresh Brunch in support of the Harvest of Hope Fund.

Winter Farmers Market Benefits *for the* Harvest of Hope Fund is the primary project of Churches' Center for Land and People (CCLP), a licensed 501 (c)(3) organization started during the 1980s farm crisis, and sponsored by nine denominations. Church of the Holy Nativity is located at 9300 Pleasant Avenue, Chicago, IL. From 95th St. (IL 20/12) turn North onto Damen for 2 blocks, turn East onto 93rd St. for 2 blocks to Pleasant. The Market will be through the red doors on 93rd St. in Baker Hall.

UBE and Genesis: "I want to be ready" Advent retreat

The Union of Black Episcopalians (UBE) and Genesis (Diocesan Task Force for Black Congregations) invite members of the diocese to join us in an Advent Retreat **Friday December 5 through Sunday December 7** at St. Benedict's Abbey, Benet Lake, Wis. The retreat is focused on the current state and future of black congregations and leadership within our diocese. All our welcome as we deepen our relationships with one another and begin to develop a common *spirituality* needed for growth. In a time away from the city and busy schedules in the setting of the solitude provided by a Benedictine Abbey, UBE and Genesis plan a time of retreat (Bible Study, reflection, fellowship, quiet and prayer) so that we may come to know each other and Jesus better and to be awake to the many ways in which God approaches us in Christ. Meals will be provided along with a Sunday Eucharist. Bishop Jeffrey

St. Mark's, Glen Ellyn concerts

The first concert of the 2008-2009 season at St. Mark's, Glen Ellyn will feature an organ recital by Dr. Robert Poovey, Director of Music at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Rochester, NY on **Sunday, October 12** at 4 pm. This event will be followed by a reception and is free and open to the public. Dr. Poovey has served as Director of Music Ministries at historic St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Atlanta and on the Liturgical Commissions in the Episcopal Dioceses of North Carolina, Olympia (Western Washington State) and Atlanta. St. Mark's is located at 393 N. Main Street in Glen Ellyn. For more information, call the parish office at 630 858-1020 or visit St. Mark's website: <http://www.stmarksglenellyn.org/>.

Organ dedication and recital

Dr. Carla Edwards of DePauw University will play a dedication recital on the St. Peter's Buzard-McManis organ on **Sunday November 9** at 4 pm. St. Peter's is at 621 W. Belmont Ave, Chicago

Midwinter Services of Silence and Candlelight: Trinity Episcopal Church, Aurora

Taizé services to be offered on Tuesdays in Advent: **December 2, 9, 16** at 7 p.m.

Take a break during the whirlwind season before Christmas for healing, refreshment, and centering at one of these meditative services. As an additional treat, the always marvelous Vicki Garvey will lead the group in a bible study following services on December 2nd and 9th. Trinity Church is located at 218 E. Benton St. Aurora.

Lee will join us for a special session. Retreat leaders are the Rev. Christopher Griffin and the Rev. Juan Reed. For information on the abbey: www.benetlake.org/retreat.asp

The retreat cost is \$160 per person. Reserve your space for \$50, with Union of Black Episcopalians, Chicago Chapter. Make your check payable to "UBE Chicago Chapter" and send to Chapter Treasurer, Jim Moore, 5145 South Kimbark Avenue, Chicago IL 60615. For further information and questions, call Alice Brown (773) 643-5162 or email alice.brown@ameritech.net

WEBNOTES

The online registration feature is now operational. It has been used for the Whose Church is it anyway? formation conference August 22 and 23, and for the MDG summit and the clergy conference. Users have the option of paying by credit card or mail-in check. Links to the forms will appear on calendar notices and appropriate ministry pages. An online registration form is active for the [Beijing Circles event](#) October 27.

If you haven't checked out the communication office blog, [Episcopal Tidings](#), you have missed musings on the road west, the Choopy sculpture, coffee shop evangelism, and the relationship between toadflax and church planting. Not to worry. The posts are still there. Let us know what you think in blog comments for email to: dskidmore@episcopalchicago.org