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

Mallory is safe

Mallory Holding, a volunteer serving in Haiti with the Episcopal Church's Young Adult Service Corps, is safe. Two days after the massive 7.2 earthquake struck Haiti, leveling much of the capital Port-au-Prince, Mallory was able to talk briefly by phone with her mother, the Rev. Canon Suzann Holding, canon to the ordinary in the Diocese of San Diego. She told her mother she was camping out near the theological seminary where she works, which is also near her apartment. It was the first word of Mallory's status since she had been online emailing the rector of her parish, the Rev. George Smith, on Tuesday afternoon. An hour and a half after her posting the quake struck, followed a short time later by two large aftershocks of 5 and 5.9 magnitude.

Canon Holding told Episcopal Life Online that seeing Mallory head to Haiti was difficult, "but you come to learn this is just what she's going to do and it certainly enhances your prayer life. When you think about what might be the things to worry about while she was there, an earthquake wasn't one of them. But, she's my daughter, and she's an amazing woman and I'm very proud of her. So, I trust God that where God sends her is where she needs to be."

Also safe are the other two YASC missionaries in Haiti at the time of the quake: the Rev. Oge Beauvoir, dean of the theological seminary; and Jude Harmon of the Diocese of Massachusetts.

Episcopal Relief and Development has set up a special fund for [Haiti relief](#). Follow the news of the relief and recovery effort at Episcopal Life Online. Learn more about Mallory's work in Haiti at her blog: [Holding Haiti](#).

NEWS

Episcopal Life Online, Anglican Communion News Service, Office of Communication of the Diocese of Chicago.

Bishop Lee and team travel Sudan

Bishop Jeffrey Lee and the Sudan media team are coping well with the heat and rough roads of the

January 17, 2010 Second Sunday After the Epiphany

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[Diana Butler Bass event](#)

MIQRA

Friday

January 15

Saturday January 16

Sunday

January 17

St. James Cathedral

Wabash Ave

& Huron

Chicago



The weekend event at St. James Cathedral is designed for all age groups (not just youth). So please encourage your members and ministry leaders to attend at least some portion of this unique encounter with Scripture.

The entire Bible will be read throughout Martin Luther King, Jr. Weekend (Jan 15-18). Readers will begin Friday morning, and the reading will end on Monday morning. Members of the Diocese of Chicago are invited to

Upper Nile district in Sudan where they are visiting and chronicling the people and mission of the Diocese of Renk, according to Jackie Kraus, chair of the Global Ministry Commission subcommittee on the companion relationship with Renk.

The team--Bishop Lee, Connie Wilson of All Saints, Ravenswood; the Rev. Kevin Goodman of St. James Cathedral; and Charlie Simokaitis of All Saints, Ravenswood--arrived January 7 in Khartoum where they were met by Bishop Joseph Garang Atem, and driven the next day to Renk to begin their project of photographing and recording video of the ministries and people of Renk.

Sunday they were at St. Matthew's Cathedral where Bishop Lee joined Bishop Joseph in confirming 40 candidates; and later in the afternoon were at Glory Church in Renk conducting interviews and taking video, which they also did at St. Luke's church, the Women's Training Center and Renk Theological College.

Monday they were in Geiger to witness the consecration of a church in the army barracks; and on Tuesday they were in Melut and Maban to chronicle the churches there. Thursday, they are scheduled to be in Jelhak and Lathbior. Accompanying them on these visits are Bishop Joseph, and three translators. The team is scheduled to return to Chicago on Monday January 18.

Episcopal Church responds to Haiti quake



Photo by Matthew Marek-America/Red Cross

Episcopal Church leaders are urging prayers and support for Haiti as the largest earthquake ever to hit the island nation has caused widespread devastation amid fears that thousands may have perished in the disaster.

Four people were killed by the January 12

stop by and listen throughout the weekend, and to participate in the Saturday workshops and exercises.

Volunteer readers rotate day and night through the 72 hour reading, which honors the significance of scripture in our Episcopal tradition and offers the opportunity to directly experience the text in its entirety.

Saturday, January 16 will be a diocesan day of workshops and worship built on the place the Bible holds in our common life. We will bring our selves and our questions, our hopes and our reservations, our gifts and our wisdom, to gather as a community forming deeper understandings. Workshops are designed for all ages. A youth event will kick off with the workshops on Saturday.

Participants may choose to stay overnight Saturday and Sunday, keeping the reading going and exploring the Bible through groups, games, movies, and worship.

Speakers for the Saturday workshops include the Rev. Matt Gunter, rector of St. Barnabas, Glen Ellyn; David Creech, PhD candidate in New Testament at Loyola University; and Dow Edgerton, academic dean and associate professor of ministry at Chicago Theological Seminary. Vicki Garvey, canon for lifelong Christian formation, will give the keynote address Saturday morning, and lead a question and answer panel with other speakers on Saturday afternoon. The day begins with registration at 9 am, and ends with a closing Eucharist at 3 pm.

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earthquake during an Episcopal church service in Trouin, about 23 miles southwest of Haiti's capital Port-au-Prince, the Rev. Lauren Stanley, an Episcopal Church missionary in Haiti who was home in Virginia at the time of the earthquake, told ENS. The earthquake destroyed Cathédrale Sainte Trinité (Holy Trinity Cathedral), the diocesan cathedral in Port-au-Prince.

Lisa, the daughter of General Convention Deputy Helena Mbele-Mbong and her husband Samuel, was killed in the earthquake. Lisa did not survive the collapse of the human-rights section of the building that housed the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH) in Port-au-Prince where she worked as a human rights officer. Mbele-Mbong, a member of Emmanuel Church in Geneva, Switzerland, in the Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe, said in an emailed statement that Nady, their daughter's son, was with her U.N. colleagues.

The magnitude 7 earthquake, whose epicenter struck 10 miles southwest of Port-au-Prince at 4:53 p.m. local time on Jan. 12, was immediately followed by two aftershocks of 5.9 and 5.5 magnitude. About a third of Haiti's approximately 10 million people live in Port-au-Prince. With power outages and phone lines down, communication is proving difficult and the full extent of the disaster has yet to be determined.

The Episcopal Church has four U.S.-based missionaries working in Haiti, three of whom were in-country when the earthquake hit: the Rev. Oge Beauvoir, 53, dean of the theological seminary in Port-au-Prince, and Young Adult Service Corps volunteers Mallory Holding, 23, of Chicago and Jude Harmon, 28, of Cambridge, Massachusetts. All are reported safe. (See note above)

Reported by Episcopal Life Online

Bishop Scantlebury issues message on Haiti

Assistant Bishop Victor Scantlebury issued a [message](#) to the diocesan community Wednesday afternoon on behalf of Bishop Lee, urging people to pray for the victims, and the relief workers in Haiti, and to give to the Episcopal Relief and Development Haiti fund. His message was sent several hours before the diocesan center learned that Young Adult

Imagining with Diana Butler Bass

March 11-14, 2010



The Office of Lifelong Christian Formation in partnership with St. James Cathedral and the Congregations Commission is sponsoring a series of conversations and presentations at three locations around the diocese with noted author and speaker, Diana Butler Bass, **Thursday March 11 through Saturday March 13**. Butler-Bass, author of *A People's History of Christianity* and *The Practicing Congregation*, will speak and engage in conversation with clergy and lay leaders on **Thursday March 11** from 10 am to 3 pm and **Friday March 12** from 10 am to 2 pm at St. Martin's Episcopal Church, 1095 Thacker St., Des Plaines. Both days will feature time for questions and answers and worship.

On **Saturday March 13**, Butler Bass give a presentation centered on her latest work, *A People's History of Christianity*, and answer questions, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 900 Normal Rd., DeKalb. The Saturday session, starting at 10 am, is intended for all members of the diocesan community and the public.

On **Thursday evening, March 11** St. James Cathedral will host a conversation with Butler Bass and Bishop Jeffrey Lee in the cathedral starting with refreshments at 5:45 pm followed by the program at 6 pm. Butler Bass will sign books at the end of the program around 6:45 pm. The sponsors are arranging for copies of Butler Bass's works to be available at And All Angels bookshop at St. Michael's, Barrington. They are also recommending that participants visit Diana Butler Bass's website to view and listen to interviews she's given, and learn about her work on her website.

More information on registration will be available in late January. Contact Barbara Rasero in the Office of Lifelong Christian Formation (312)751-4206 brasero@episcopalchicago.org

CALENDAR

This is a sample of events occurring in the Diocese of Chicago. Check the [Master Calendar](#) on the diocesan website for a full listing of diocesan events and meetings and the [Google calendar](#) for events sponsored by congregations and organizations

Trinity Institute 40th

Service Corps volunteer Mallory Holding, a member of St. Mark's in Glen Ellyn, was safe. (see note above)

In his message, Bishop Scantlebury shared his sadness over the loss of life and the devastation that has displaced tens of thousands of residents of Port-au-Prince and surrounding communities. He described the destruction to the churches and schools of the Episcopal Diocese of Haiti, notably Holy Trinity Cathedral and the cathedral's school, and the College de St. Pierre, places he visited just four months ago while at a meeting of the Center for Theological Education for Latin America and the Caribbean of Province 9. "A once vibrant city is facing its gravest challenge since its founding more than 200 years ago," said the bishop.

He asked for prayers for the people of Haiti, and urged all members to give generously to the relief efforts of Episcopal Relief and Development, and encouraged congregations to designate the January 24 offering to the [Haiti fund](#) of ERD.

Media report on Glen Ellyn missionary

Chicago Tribune religion writer Manya Brachear wrote about Mallory Holding's situation in Port-au-Prince in her blog [The Seeker](#), and interviewed the Rev. George Smith, rector of Mallory's congregation, St. Mark's parish in Glen Ellyn. Smith was also interviewed by [WGN-TV](#) in a story airing Wednesday evening about Chicago area volunteers in Haiti. Smith told WGN it had been an anxious time but that everyone was grateful for the good news that Mallory was all right.

Presiding Bishop's message on Haiti

Presiding Bishop Katherine Jefferts Schori released this message to the church on Wednesday January 13 regarding Haiti:

The people of Haiti have suffered a devastating earthquake, and it is already clear that many have died and many more are injured. Even under "normal" circumstances, Haiti struggles to care for her 9 million people. The nation is the poorest in the western hemisphere, and this latest disaster will set back many recent efforts at development. I urge your prayers for those who have died, been injured, and are searching for loved ones - and I urge your concrete and immediate prayers in the form of contributions to Episcopal Relief & Development, who are

National Conference

Three local congregations and Seabury-Western Theological Seminary are partner sites for Trinity Institute's 40th National Theological Conference webcast. 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?

Each speaker will address one of these questions in detail, followed by responses from the other speakers, and audience questions. Interactive reflection groups throughout the conference will provide attendees with an opportunity for discussion and to share their own thoughts and experiences. 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

already working with the Diocese of Haiti to send aid where it is most needed.

Survey on Anglican relief agency alliance

Episcopal Relief & Development is taking the lead in drafting a response to the proposed [Global Anglican Relief and Development Alliance](#) (GARDA) on behalf of the Episcopal Church. The Alliance grew out of a desire expressed by the Bishops of the Communion at the 2008 Lambeth Conference to enhance collaboration and mutual accountability among Anglican relief and development agencies and Church organizations working in development. It has been endorsed by the Primates Meeting and the Anglican Consultative Council.

[This survey](#) is available for members of the Church and others concerned with humanitarian work to share their insights. Completed surveys must be received by Wednesday, January 20, 2010, and the results will be collated into a formal response by the end of February.

To learn more, visit www.er-d.org or call 1-800-334-7626, ext. 5129. Gifts can be mailed to Episcopal Relief & Development, PO Box 7058, Merrifield, VA 22116-7058.

PEOPLE AND PLACES

CLERGY NEWS

The Rev. Tom Haverly is now serving as interim rector of Church of Our Saviour, Elmhurst. He was called following the departure of the Rev. Canon Susann Holding to become canon to the ordinary in the Diocese of San Diego last fall.

The Rev. Juan Reed will be retiring as rector of St. Martin's Episcopal Church in Chicago's Austin neighborhood the end of February.

Bishop Lee will install **the Rev. Jose Arroyo** as Vicar of Sagrada Familia-Holy Family, Lake Villa on Wednesday, April 14 at 7 pm.

CHURCH BRIEFS

The final service of **St. Richard's, Chicago** on January 10 celebrated nearly 60 years of ministry in the Edgebrook neighborhood, and marked not so

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 synod congregation 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.)

To register at the Seabury site, send an email to seabury@seabury.edu or call 847-328-9300 ext. 17.

Event cost for each location: \$75.

Partners for Sacred Places workshops

Partners for Sacred Places is sponsoring two upcoming workshops for the month of January. Both workshops are free and open to the public, and will cover topics related to historic religious building maintenance.

Date: **January 19, 2010**

Topic: Energy Conservation and Sustainability in Sacred Places,

Presented by Dante Domenella of Domenella Architects

Location: St. Philip Neri Church, 2132 E. 72nd St., Chicago

Time: 6-7:30pm

Date: **January 27, 2010**

Topic: Working with a Structural Engineer, Presented by Kevin Wilson of TGRWA Structural Engineers

Location: Quinn Chapel, 2401 S. Wabash, Chicago

Time: 6 - 7:30pm

much an end but a transition to new ministry when the congregation of **Cristo Rey** moves to the West Devon facility in February. Over 65 people were at the final service, many from neighboring Episcopal parishes. In the sermon, shared by Canon to the Ordinary Scott Hayashi and the Rev. Deb Seles, Seles, who has been serving as extended supply priest, noted how the people of St. Richards "have been dancing with God for 60 years," reaching out to each other and to the community. "Now God calls you to a different dance," she said. "The music is changing but our partner is not. And it is he who has been guiding you and who will continue to guide you in the steps of this new dance."

The Bible is being opened as often as the Book of Common Prayer at **Church of the Holy Spirit, Lake Forest** since its new scripture reading and reflection program, The Good Book Club. The year long reading of scripture and discussion between the 9 am and 11 am Sunday Eucharists regularly attracts 75 to 100 church members, says CHS rector the Rev. Jay Sidebotham. The program is using the reader friendly version, [The Story](#), published by Zondervan.

St. James Café in the lobby of 65 East Huron, a project of Saint James Cathedral, is opening on Thursday evenings from 5:30 to 8:30 pm beginning **February 4**. 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 wifi 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. The grand opening of the café on February 4th will showcase Eliza Lynn (elizalynn.com), singer/songwriter. Eliza is from Asheville, NC, though she has been living in Nashville, Tenn. since June of 2008, recording and releasing her 2009 release, Haven. Eliza's first set will begin at 6 pm with a second at 7: 15 pm. Heavy munchies and festive winter drinks will be served along with Fair Trade coffee.

EPISCOPAL CHARITIES AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Catherine Jefcoat has joined the staff of ECCS as

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Economics and Sustainability course at Seabury-Western

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 and resists exploitation-will be a priority for people of faith.

To help lay leaders and clergy explore the theology of economics and its relationship to Christian belief and action, Seabury-Western Theological Seminary is offering "Economics and Sustainability," the only graduate level course that incorporates the upcoming Trinity Institute® 2010 National Theological Conference. The Trinity Institute® is sponsored by Trinity Wall Street, an Episcopal parish in New York City.

Taught by the Rev. Dr. Ellen K. Wondra, Seabury's academic dean and professor of theology and ethics, students in "Economics and Sustainability" will participate in the Trinity Institute® webcast and interactive reflection groups and also do readings and have discussions and presentations on topics including "Theology & Economics: Two Different Worlds?", "Is Capitalism a Belief System?", "What Is Wealth?" and "What Do We Owe the Future?".

The graduate course will take place from **Monday, January 24 - Friday, January 29** at Northwestern University's Center for Public Safety, 1801 Maple Ave., Evanston, IL. To register for the graduate course, please email peggy.pearson@seabury.edu or 847-

associate director of development. Jefcoat formerly served as director of the Lesbian Community Care Project at Howard Brown Health Center in Chicago. Amid a struggling economy, ECCS has experienced a dramatic increase in giving over the previous year. For 2009 it received \$607,000 in gifts, a 43 percent increase over 2008.

PRAY FOR

Sister Mary Cecelia of the Order of St. Anne who is recovering from a fall while riding a CTA bus the week after Christmas. She suffered four fractures in her foot and is recovering at the Warren Barr nursing and rehabilitation home.

The Rev. Tom Lamb who is recovering from surgery.

The Rev. Kimball Canon

The Rev. Paul Brouillette

IN MEMORIAM

The Rev. Fran Holliday's sister **Alicia Holliday**, who died January 11. Her funeral will be held Saturday January 16 at Grace Episcopal Church in Oak Park at 10:30 a.m. Visitation at 9:30 a.m. prior to the service. A light reception will follow.

Lenora Burton, spouse of the Rev. John Burton, died on Monday January 4. The Rev. John Heschle of St. Paul-by-the-Lake conducted a graveside service on Wednesday, January 6 at the Memorial Park Cemetery in Skokie.

Deacon Sue Nebel's sister, **Cindy Berdan**, died on Saturday January 2 in Seattle of cancer.

The Rev. Larry Handwerk's father, **Wayne Handwerk**, died on Saturday night January 2 in Pennsylvania. He was 92.

The Rev. Andrea Wight's father **Andrew Wight** passed away in November at his home in Arizona.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

328-9300 ext. 44.

Michael Pflieger on ending gun violence

The Rev. Michael Pflieger, pastor of St. Sabina Catholic Church in Chicago will speak on the issue of gun violence in Chicago, and solutions for ending it on **Saturday, January 23** at [St. James Cathedral](#), Chicago. The presentation is at 10 am followed by lunch and discussion at 11:30 am. The cathedral's annual meeting sessions begin at 1 pm. The four information sessions on cathedral programs include a music rehearsal for the Eucharist. For information contact [Anne Ryba](#) in the cathedral office 312-787-7360.

Men's Pre-lenten retreat at DeKoven Center

There will be a 22 hour Pre-Lenten Men's Retreat open to all men of the Chicago Diocese at the DeKoven Center, 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 The Rev. Ron Valentine, Deacon and Chaplain at The Episcopal Church of St. James the Less, Northfield, IL. Contact Dr. Bob Schenck at 312-371-1535 or E-mail him at rschenckmd@gmail.com for further details, or to register to reserve your space. The deadline for registration is Friday, January 29, 2010.

John Bell workshops in Oak Park

Noted songwriter John Bell will lead two workshops on **Thursday, February 11**, at First United Church of Oak Park, 848 Lake Street. The first workshop - 1:30-4:30 pm - is called "Making Friends with God" and will

Parttime bookkeeper for ESC

Episcopal Service Corps, now based in Chicago, is looking to hire a very part-time bookkeeper.

Applicants should have some church bookkeeping experience, as well as ability to use Quick Books and Excel. Work commitment is approximately 10 hours a month, most of it toward the end of the month when financial reports are needed.

Queries should be sent to:

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Assistant Program Manager for Sponsorship and Media Development, Episcopal Migration Ministries

Episcopal Migration Ministries seeks a communications professional to assist the Program Officer for Sponsorship and Media Development in developing and implementing a communications strategy which broadly promotes the Episcopal Church's refugee resettlement program and engages church and community constituencies in the refugee ministry.

Applicants should have a college degree or 3 or more years equivalent experience in communications or a related field; have excellent writing, verbal, and interpersonal skills; experience with new media which includes a good working knowledge of web management and maintenance systems (preferably Reddot or equivalent), web-based social networking, Photo Shop and video technology; intermediate or advanced knowledge of Microsoft Access, Excel (creating charts and pivot tables and using formulas), PowerPoint and Outlook. Knowledge of the Episcopal Church and refugee/immigration issues and/or experience working with non-profit institutions is highly desirable.

To apply, submit a cover letter and resume by **February 12, 2010**, to eccjobs@episcopalchurch.org, indicating "EMM Assistant Program Manager" in the subject line. Please, no telephone inquiries. Qualified applicants will be contacted.

Bishop's Awards nominations

Bishop's Associates, the ministry support

focus on spirituality.: The second workshop - 7-9:30 pm - is "Singing With the World Church" and will have us up and singing global music. The workshops are for musicians and non-musicians alike.

John Bell is a member of the Iona Community in Scotland, and is a widely known spiritual leader and songwriter in the global Christian church. His approach is very ecumenical, and we welcome all faith communities to join us for this spirit-packed day.

We request a registration donation of \$15 for either workshop, or \$25 if you are attending both. If you would like to register, please contact Leah Fowler at lfowler@firstunitedoakpark.com 708.386.5214

Environmental advocacy workshop

Faith in Place will offer an annual policy workshop for environmental advocacy this year on **Sunday, January 31** at Fourth Presbyterian Church, 126 E. Chestnut St., in Chicago from 2 pm to 5 pm. 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.

For further information contact [Faith in Place](http://FaithinPlace.org).

Absalom Jones Day at St. Thomas, Chicago

Chicago Chapter of The Union of Black Episcopalians presents An Evensong

organization for the Bishop of Chicago, is accepting applications for the Bishop's Awards. The awards are from the Bishop of Chicago in recognition of lay members in 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 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.

Downloadable nomination forms and guidelines have been posted on the diocesan website episcopalchicago.org

The deadline for receiving nominations is 4 pm on **March 26, 2010**. Awards will be presented at the Bishop's Associates annual luncheon May 6, 2010 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 Street
Chicago, IL 60611

Or by email to:

bishopsassociates@episcopalchicago.org



TREBLEFEST

TrebleFest 2010 will be held at St. James Episcopal Cathedral, 65 E. Huron, Chicago, on **Saturday, February 20, 2010**. 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

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.

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 at

<http://www.episcopalurbancaucus.org/>

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.

RESOURCES



Become and Believe DVD and booklet

The story of the ministries of congregations, agencies and offices of the Diocese of Chicago has been captured in a 41 minute DVD produced by the Office of Communication. The DVD trailer was shown at the Convention reception November 20, and in late January copies of the full length video will be mailed to all congregations along with a booklet with the text of video narration and photos from the video. To order the video on DVD (41 minutes), contact [David Skidmore](#), Canon for Communication, (312) 751-4207, or [Elizabeth Nelson](#) (312) 751-4215. There is a \$3 charge for each DVD and booklet to cover shipping and handling. Checks should be payable to the Diocese of Chicago, and marked for DVD.

2010 Liturgical Calendars

Two complimentary copies of the 2010 diocesan liturgical calendar were mailed to congregations in early December. The calendar features Bishop Victor Scantlebury greeting members of Sagrada Familia-Holy Family, the new mission in Lake Villa. Additional copies can be ordered for \$6 each from the Office of Communication. Checks should be payable to the Diocese of Chicago and marked for the liturgical calendar. Contact: Elizabeth Nelson (312) 751-4215 enelson@episcopalchicago.org

CORRECTIONS

The previous issue of Connect misidentified a member of the Sudan Media Team by naming Charlie Simokaitis as Tom Simokaitis. The editor regrets this error, and hopes relatives of the real Tom Simokaitis are not contacting the US attache in Sudan.



Momentum, Emergent conversation with Brian McLaren

Momentum: Conversations in Emergent Faith featuring author, networker, pastor and emergent leader Brian McLaren, will be held **Monday April 19, 2010** at St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Barrington. Sponsored by the Diocese of Chicago, Seabury-Western Theological Seminary, and the churches of St. Michael's, Holy Apostles in Wauconda, and Church of the Redeemer in Elgin, this gathering will be an important opportunity to hear practical ideas and participate in cutting edge conversation with significant leaders in the emergent movement. Along with McLaren, speakers include Tom Brackett, the Rev. Martha Gillette, the Rev. Al Johnson, the Rev. Pedro Lopez, and Bishop Jeffrey Lee. More information and registration is available on-line at [Holy Apostles](#) or by email at momentum2010@sbcglobal.net

Weather Report

Chicago: High-36F Low-27F
Sudan: High-102F Low-78F