

## Remembering the Passion



Peter Smith, 10, of South Orange, rides atop a pony on Palm Sunday to mark the start of Holy Week at the Church of St. Andrew and Holy Communion. Smith was playing the role of Jesus entering Jerusalem during a procession of the palms and parishioners along South Orange Avenue, South Orange.

## Bishop Search Announcement Nears

by Mr. Bill McColl, Communications Chair, Bishop Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee for the 10<sup>th</sup> Bishop of the Diocese of Newark is continuing the discernment process leading up to its announcement next month of the candidates to be presented for election.

Since the nomination process closed February 15<sup>th</sup>, the committee has been using a variety of methods to weigh the strengths and weaknesses of each person suggested as a replacement for retiring bishop John Croneberger.

"The committee is being very dedicated with their time and energies," said the Rev. Vicki McGrath, who along with Dr. Louie Crew co-chairs the committee. "We've been prayerfully and mindfully considering all the information that has come to us." The committee members are meeting face-to-face with those who best matched the criteria in the diocesan profile, which was compiled from a series of "Listening Sessions" and other meetings held throughout the diocese last year. Soon, they will be "on the road," traveling in small teams to hear the potential candidates preach on their "home turf." The members will bring their observations back to be shared with the rest of the committee.

The group will then narrow the field to a minimum of four and a maximum of six candidates to be presented for election, making the official announcement on June 28<sup>th</sup>.

From September 6<sup>th</sup> to the 12<sup>th</sup>, the candidates will be in the diocese for a series of meet and greet sessions called "walkabouts."

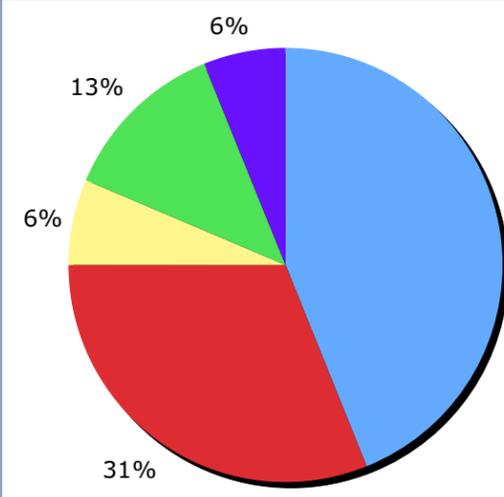
McGrath said the committee is strongly urging everyone to try to attend at least one walkabout. "Walkabouts are important because they provide an opportunity for anyone in the diocese, lay and clergy, adult and youth, to meet with the candidates, not only to put a face to the name, but to hear the responses to the questions that the attendees will ask," she said. "It's an audience participation event."

On September 23<sup>rd</sup>, the election will be held at a special convention in Newark. A candidate must have a majority of both the lay deputies and clergy voting in order to be elected.

Following approval by Episcopal Church bishops and Standing Committees, the new bishop will officially take the helm after the consecration service on January 27, 2007, one week after the regular diocesan convention.

### Study Shows Over 75% of Congregational Development Grant Recipients Achieved or Exceeded Program Goals

by the Rev. Gray Lesesne for the Congregational Vitality Working Group of Diocesan Council



Category	Percentage
Very Successful	44%
Successful	31%
Moderately Successful	6%
Needs Improvement	13%
Insufficient progress	6%

A review of grants awarded to congregations through the diocesan Congregational Growth and Development Fund Grants shows some striking achievements among congregations in such different places and contexts as Wantage, Hoboken, Wayne, Tenafly, Oakland, Kearny, Paterson, and Glen Rock.

The study analyzed results and feedback from the 23 congregations that have benefited in recent years from Diocesan Congregational Growth and Development Fund grants. The Fund was a brainchild of Bishop Croneberger upon his election, and is administered by his office and the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund. It supports a variety of congregational initiatives and projects with growth focus areas such as increased attendance, leadership, diversity, stability, community outreach, and the arts.

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## Children at St. John's Church, Montclair, Learn About God by Making Noah's Ark

**Editor's note:** The following is extracted from a sermon presented by Janis Vascimini at St. John's Church, Montclair, describing a rewarding Noah's Ark project undertaken in the church Sunday School.

I was baptized in my mid-30s, and I knew then that the childhood issues of sometimes feeling alone were something of the past. Understanding the beauty of being one of God's children is knowing that God is always with you. Developing this understanding of my spiritual side motivated me to create this love of God for my children and for the children I teach at St. John's.

Our idea to construct a Noah's Ark grew from our Godly Play curriculum. We felt that the first through third graders needed a hands-on project that would keep them interested in the Sunday School program. The ark was a true partnership. The children created lists of the animals they would need, and then they met with woodworker Jeff Vascimini for a brainstorming session. He sketched as the children discussed their hopes for the design of the ark, and what they thought was needed for a journey of 40 nights. We created lists of supplies we would need to put the ark together, and then we started making clay animals.

The animals went into the ark two by two, so each child worked with another to create pairs of animals. We weren't only educating the children about the Bible: we provided the educational foundation for real learning to take place, and then watched as the children made it come alive.

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## The Bishop's Message

*Dear Friends in Christ:*

*At the Clergy-Lay Collegiality Day in Holy Week, I offered a meditation based on Isaiah 49:1-6. Although the meditation is my personal reflection on the passage and its implications for my life, I offer it to you in this format, inviting you to read Isaiah 49:1-6 (at left) for its impact on your life and calling. May God surely bless you in your life and ministry.*

*Faithfully, +John Palmer Croneberger*

Listen to me, Bayonne, Hoboken, Jersey City... pay attention, you peoples from Phillipsburg, Belvidere, Hope, Wantage, Vernon, and Ringwood! Are you listening?

The Lord called me before I was born; the Lord called you before you were born; the Lord called us before we were born. While we were in our mothers' wombs, our God named us! COOL! A God who chooses to be in such intimate contact with us at the very beginning – in some sense before the beginning – could very well be a God who would choose to be with us intimately throughout the whole piece. The journey might be one which challenges us to discover the very name by which we have been named by God, and then to find the strength and courage to live into that name, in order to be all of that person we can possibly be. In the words of the old spiritual, "I told Jesus it would be all right if He changed my name." In all of this, we have the opportunity to realize the importance of names. I remember the child in Sunday school at Tenafly who, when asked what the church could

do for her, answered, "I want the adults to call me be my name. It is Amy, not Mrs. Smith's daughter."

Now the text becomes personal. I cannot speak for you, but for me: God made my mouth like a sharp sword. At a very early age, my humor was quick, possibly clever, most assuredly caustic, cynical and hurtful; a sharp sword indeed. It took an older cousin to finally confront me, telling me what a mean and nasty person I was, and how hurtful my humor was for others. She simply named the truth as it was, and I went through a time of re-assessment concerning my sharp-sworded mouth. Change was required, and so I turned this quick-witted, sharp-mouth sword inward upon myself, entering into a period of self-deprecating remarks and jokes. Years later, with the help of someone I trust, I hope I have lost most of both extremes of humor. God has made my mouth like a sharp sword, and it is a work in progress as an instrument of God's grace. The biggest challenge for me is to realize that this gift is from God, and at times it is God's desire to hide it and me. Extroverts don't hide easily. So also at times, God chooses to use our sharp-sworded mouths to cut through the crustiness of traditions and systems that no longer serve God's mission.

God made me a polished arrow. In God's quiver God hid me away. What is a pacifist doing as a polished arrow in God's quiver, hidden away, unless it might be to serve God as a weapon of peace – a weapon aimed at the mark of truth and justice and peace. I feel blessed to be placed safely within God's quiver, available for God's purpose.

And God said to me, "You are my servant, Newark, in whom I will be glorified!" You are my servant, \_\_\_\_\_, in whom I will be glorified. We

### Isaiah 49:1-6

**49** Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The *LORD* called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. <sup>2</sup>He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. <sup>3</sup>And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." <sup>4</sup>But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the *LORD*, and my reward with my God." <sup>5</sup>And now the *LORD* says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the *LORD*, and my God has become my strength— <sup>6</sup>he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

are servants of God: servants in whom God wishes to be glorified. How will God be glorified in me? In you? How does what we do glorify not ourselves but God? Well, if that is the task, the purpose for our lives, then perhaps my response is that of Isaiah: "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity. Sixty-seven years of baptismal ministry, and 43 years of ordained ministry, have I labored in vain. Have I spent my strength for nothing and vanity – purple shirt and all?"

Yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God. My cause is not in vain because my service is offered in the name of the risen Christ, and my reward finally does not depend upon or rest with others, but with God. When Jesus was baptized by John, God spoke and said, "You are my beloved son, in whom I am well pleased." Each of us has longed to hear the voice of another, spoken to us, saying "You are my beloved child in whom I am well pleased." God speaks those words to each of us today. Yes, we are beloved children of God, made in God's image, loved and capable of loving.

And now this God who did form me in the womb, to be God's servant, called to bring back the lost and strayed, has become my strength, and I am

honored in the sight of the Lord. This very Lord, by his life and death and new life, and by his coming to heal us from the power of death, has made us worthy to stand before him on this day.

It is this God, who recognizes the stress and strain and pressure we may be experiencing in our own life-situations, who would dare to challenge us all the more: "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of those within your community; So, I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." The Peaceable Kingdom and Reign of God will only be realized as each of us dares to see yet a larger field of mission and chooses to engage in that broader mission – God's mission — to the ends of the earth.

So here we are on this day, choosing to stand together in a covenant relationship with our God that calls each one of us to a ministry in the name of Christ. We stand here in different orders of ministry, vowing to continue steadfast and resolute the ministries appropriate to our orders, and seeking in all things to bring glory to God. It is enough. I am richly blessed to stand with you.

+John Palmer Croneberger

*Translation by the Rev. Edgar Gutiérrez-Duarte*  
*Estimados Amigos en Cristo:*

*En el Día del Compañerismo entre el Clero y los Laicos que tuvo lugar en la Semana Santa, yo dirigí una meditación basada en Isaías 49:1-6. Aunque la meditación es mi reflexión personal sobre el pasaje y sus implicaciones para mi vida, se la ofrezco a ustedes en este formato, invitándoles a leer Isaías 49:1-6 para apreciar su impacto en su vida y su llamado. Que Dios ciertamente les bendiga en su vida y ministerio.*

*Fielmente, +John Palmer Croneberger*

Óiganme, Bayonne, Hoboken, Jersey City... présteme atención, ustedes gentes de Phillipsburg, Belvidere, Hope, Wantage, Vernon, y Ringwood! Están escuchando?

El Señor me llamó desde antes de que yo naciera; el Señor los llamó antes de que ustedes nacieran; el Señor nos llamó antes de que naciéramos. Cuando aún estábamos en el seno de nuestras madres, nuestro Dios nos dió nuestros nombres! QUÉ BIEN! Un Dios que decide entrar en contacto tan íntimo con nosotros desde el comienzo mismo – en cierto sentido antes del comienzo – puede muy bien ser un Dios que decida estar con nosotros así tan íntimamente a través del trayecto entero. La jornada puede ser tal que nos desafíe a descubrir el nombre mismo que nos dió Dios, y luego a encontrar la fortaleza y el coraje para hacerle justicia a ese nombre, para ser esa persona en toda la medida que podamos. En las palabras de la antigua melodía espiritual, "le dije a Jesús que estaría bien si Él me cambiara el nombre." En todo esto tenemos la oportunidad de darnos cuenta de la importancia de los nombres. Recuerdo la niña en la escuela dominical en Tenafly quien, cuando se le preguntó qué podía hacer la iglesia por ella, respondió, "Quiero que los adultos me

llamen por mi nombre. Es 'Amy,' no 'la hija de la señora Smith.'"

Ahora el texto se vuelve personal. No puedo hablar por ustedes, sino por mí: Dios hizo mi lengua como espada afilada. Desde una edad muy temprana, mi sentido del humor era rápido, tal vez ingeniosa, más ciertamente cáustico, cínico e hiriente; una espada afilada sin duda. Se necesitó que una prima mayor finalmente me confrontara, diciéndome qué persona tan mala y desagradable yo era, y cuán hiriente mi humor era para otros. Ella simplemente dijo la verdad como era, y pasé por un período de reevaluación acerca de mi lengua afilada. Se requería un cambio, así que voltee esta rápidamente ingeniosa lengua afilada contra mí mismo, pasando por un tiempo de comentarios y chistes auto-humillantes. Años después, con ayuda de alguien de mi confianza, espero haber perdido la mayoría de los dos extremos de mi humor. Dios ha hecho mi lengua como una espada afilada, y es un trabajo en progreso como instrumento de la gracia de Dios. El mayor reto para mí es el darme cuenta de que este don viene de Dios, y a veces es deseo de Dios el esconderlo, y a mí. Los extrovertidos no se esconden fácilmente. Así también, a veces, Dios decide usar nuestras lenguas afiladas para cortar la costra de tradiciones y sistemas que ya no contribuyen a la misión de Dios.

Dios me convirtió en una flecha aguda. En el amparo de su mano me escondió. Qué puede hacer un pacifista como flecha aguda en el amparo de la mano de Dios, escondido, a no ser que sea para servir a Dios como arma de paz – arma apuntada hacia el blanco de la verdad y la justicia y la paz. Me siento bendecido por estar colocado al amparo de la mano de Dios, disponible para sus propósitos.

Y Dios me dijo, "Tú eres mi siervo, Newark, en quien seré glorificado!" Tú eres mi siervo, \_\_\_\_\_, en quien seré glorificado. Somos siervos de Dios: siervos en quienes Dios desea ser glorificado. Cómo será glorificado Dios en mí? En

### Isaías 49:1-6

**49** Oídmeme, costas, y escuchad, pueblos lejanos. Jehová me llamó desde el vientre, desde las entrañas de mi madre tuvo mi nombre en memoria. <sup>2</sup>Y puso mi boca como espada aguda, me cubrió con la sombra de su mano; y me puso por saeta bruñida, me guardó en su aljaba; <sup>3</sup>y me dijo: Mi siervo eres, oh Israel, porque en ti me gloriaré. <sup>4</sup>Pero yo dije: Por demás he trabajado, en vano y sin provecho he consumido mis fuerzas; pero mi causa está delante de Jehová, y mi recompensa con mi Dios. <sup>5</sup>Ahora pues, dice Jehová, el que me formó desde el vientre para ser su siervo, para hacer volver a él a Jacob y para congregarle a Israel (porque estimado seré en los ojos de Jehová, y el Dios mío será mi fuerza); <sup>6</sup>dice: Poco es para mí que tú seas mi siervo para levantar las tribus de Jacob, y para que restaures el remanente de Israel; también te di por luz de las naciones, para que seas mi salvación hasta lo postrero de la tierra.

ustedes? De qué manera lo que hacemos glorifica a Dios y no a nosotros? Bien, si esa es la tarea, el propósito de nuestras vidas, entonces tal vez mi respuesta es la de Isaías: "He trabajado en vano, he gastado mis fuerzas para nada y vanidad. Sesenta y siete años de ministerio bautismal, y 43 años de ministerio ordenado, he laborado en vano. He gastado mis fuerzas para nada y vanidad – con camisa púrpura y todo?"

Aún así ciertamente mi causa está en manos del Señor, y mi recompensa está con mi Dios. Mi causa no es en vano porque mi servicio es ofrecido en nombre de Cristo resucitado, y mi recompensa finalmente no está o depende de otros, sino de Dios. Cuando Jesús fue bautizado por Juan, Dios habló y dijo, "Tú eres mi hijo amado, en quien estoy muy complacido." Cada uno de nosotros ha añorado escuchar las palabras de alguien que nos diga "Tú eres mi hijo amado, en quien estoy muy complacido." Dios nos dice esas palabras hoy. Sí, somos hijos amados de Dios, hechos a su semejanza, amados y capaces de amar.

Y ahora este Dios quien me formó en el seno de mi madre para ser su siervo, llamado a retornar los perdidos y extraviados, se ha convertido en mi fortaleza, y recibo honor delante del Señor. Este

mismo Señor, mediante su vida y muerte y nueva vida, y por su venida a rescatarnos del poder de la muerte, nos ha hecho merecedores de estar ante él en este día.

Es este Dios, quien reconoce el estrés y la tensión y presión que podemos estar experimentando en las situaciones de nuestras propias vidas, quien puede atreverse a retarnos aún más: "No basta que seas mi siervo para reestablecer las tribus de aquellos en tu comunidad. Así que haré que seas la luz de las naciones, para que mi salvación pueda llegar a los confines de la tierra." El Reino de Paz y Reino de Dios sólo se cristalizará cuando cada uno de nosotros se atreva a contemplar un campo de misión más vasto y decida involucrarse en esa misión más amplia – la misión de Dios – hasta los confines de la tierra.

Así que aquí estamos en este día, decididos a entrar juntos en una relación de pacto con nuestro Dios la llama a cada uno de nosotros a desarrollar ministerio en nombre de Cristo. Estamos aquí en diferentes órdenes de ministerio, prometiendo continuar con firmeza y resolución los ministerios de acuerdo con nuestras órdenes, y buscando darle gloria a Dios en todas las cosas. Es suficiente. Me encuentro muy bendecido al estar con ustedes.

## THE VOICE

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## A Través de la Cruz Hacia Nueva Vida

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Por la Reverendísima Carol Gallagher

*“Porque estoy convencido que ni la muerte ni la vida, ni los ángeles ni los demonios, ni el presente ni el futuro, ni ningún poder, y ni altura ni profundidad, ni dada más en toda la creación podrá separarnos del amor de Dios que está en Cristo Jesús.” Romanos 8:38*

Como todo mundo, soy bombardeada con comerciales sobre objetos, planes y programas que prometen cambiar mi vida. Desde productos de salud, suplementos de dieta, y videos de ejercicio hasta programas para enriquecerse y mejorar la profesión. En dos o tres fáciles pagos, dos o tres cortas sesiones por semana, o dos o tres dosis, nuestras vidas pueden cambiar y mejorar para siempre. Todos quisiéramos una solución mágica y rápida para aquellos retos de nuestras vidas que nos atan y nos controlan. Ciertamente yo desearía que hubieran soluciones simples para las luchas de la vida diaria que debo enfrentar. Todos queremos liberarnos de las cadenas de nuestras fallas, defectos y circunstancias que nos hacen sentir disminuidos y ansiosos por el futuro.

La cruz de Cristo se alza como recordatorio para todos nosotros de que somos invitados por Dios a entrar en una jornada santa. No una jornada de píldoras de efecto rápido, o programas de ilusiones mágicas, sino una intensa lucha interna y externa con todo lo que nos enreda y nos controla. Jesús fue a la cruz para entrar y conocer nuestra jornada y luchas. El ser completamente humano es el enfrentar la mortalidad, el dolor y el rechazo. Para conocernos, el hijo de Dios entró en nuestra jornada y abrazó la muerte para derrotar lo peor que el mundo puede imaginar o causar. Como respuesta, nosotros somos invitados a conocer a Dios más completamente. Mediante la jornada de la Semana Santa y la Estación de la Pascua, tenemos la oportunidad de conectarnos con la fuerza renovadora más ponderosa de todas. No es una píldora, poción o programa: es la persona de Jesucristo. Es el regalo de amor más grande y poderoso de Dios hecho activo y real en Cristo muerto y resucitado.

La resurrección de Cristo nos anuncia que todo con lo que luchamos, todo el dolor más intenso que el mundo pueda repartir, toda falla y enfermedad – nada de eso tiene control sobre nuestras vidas, nada de eso tiene la victoria: nada de lo que podamos imaginar o preocuparnos puede conquistarnos. Algunos de nosotros estamos muy preocupados por el futuro de nuestra Iglesia y la Comunión Anglicana, la Convención General de este verano, y los próximos años de nuestra vida como diócesis. En medio de todo esto se alza la Cruz. Dios en Cristo, crucificado y resucitado, nos invita a entrar en la jornada con la confianza de que nuestra nueva vida está en camino. El amor poderoso de Dios mediante Cristo está renovándolo todo. El amor de Dios no ha prometido una solución fácil y rápida, sino una más perfecta. El amor de Dios vertido sobre nosotros no ha terminado su labor todavía. Que todos tengamos el valor para entrar en esta jornada de vida nueva juntos aguardando con esperanza la nueva vida que está irrumpiendo

## From Our Assistant Bishop



## Through the Cross to New Life

By the Rt. Rev. Carol Gallagher

*“For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus.” Romans 8:38*

Like most people, I am bombarded with ads for items, schemes and programs that promise to change my life. From health care products, diet supplements and exercise videos to money-making and career-enhancing programs. In two or three easy payments, two or three short sessions a week, or two or three doses, our lives can change and improve forever. All of us would like a speedy, magic resolution to those life challenges that bind and control us. I sure wish there were simple solutions to the everyday struggles I face. We all want release from the chains of our failures, shortcomings and circumstances that make us feel less than whole and anxious about the future.

The cross of Christ stands as a reminder to all of us that we are invited by God into a holy journey. Not a journey of fast-acting pills, or wishful magic programs, but to a strenuous internal and external wrestling with all that entangles and controls us. Jesus went to the Cross in order to enter and know our journey and our struggles. To be fully human is to face mortality, pain and rejection. To know us, God's child entered our journey and took on death to defeat the worst of what the world can imagine or inflict. We in return are invited to know God more fully. Through the journey of Holy Week and the Easter Season, we have the opportunity to connect with the most powerful renewing force of all. It is not a pill, potion or program: it is the person of Jesus Christ. It is God's greatest and most powerful gift of love made active and real in the dying and risen Christ.

The resurrection of the Christ announces to us that all that we wrestle and struggle with, all of the worst pain that the world can dish out, all of the failure and illness – none of it has control of our lives, none of it has victory: nothing that we can imagine or worry about can conquer us. Some of us are very worried about the future of our Church and the Anglican Communion, General Convention this summer, and the next years of our life as a diocese. In the midst of all of this stands the Cross. God in Christ, crucified and risen, invites us to enter the journey with the confidence that our new life is on the way. God's powerful love through Christ is making all things new. God's love has not promised an easy or quick resolution, but a more perfect one. God's love poured down upon us is not done with us yet. May we all have the courage to enter this journey of new life together awaiting with hope the new life that is breaking forth in every one of us.

## Personal Reflection: Postures for Prayer

by Ms. Jane Sullivan, All Saints' Church, Glen Rock

One of the things I love about the Episcopal Church is that, as a living institution, it changes. Following my return to the church after a lengthy absence, I discovered a number of changes: a new Prayer Book, a new hymnal, and women wearing clerical collars. Big changes! It was a lot to get used to.

As a result of the “new” Rite II liturgy, I discovered other changes. One was the lack of uniformity from church to church in people's postures during prayer. In some churches, everyone stood through the Prayers of the People, while in others, it was a kneeling event. There were differences at other times during the service, as well. I decided that my practice would be to follow the crowd.

That proved to be a pretty comfortable strategy until I found myself worshipping at the Chapel of the Good Shepherd at The General Theological Seminary in New York on a regular basis. In that beautiful space, there was no clear cut practice to follow! This was, at first, a little distressing. As the worshippers were primarily seminarians and seminary professors, I was looking to them for guidance on the “right” way to worship.

Eventually, I was struck by one of those small epiphanies and realized that no one worshipping posture is inherently more correct than any other. That discovery freed me up to experiment, in an intentional way, with kneeling or standing at various points in the liturgy. What an interesting experience!

I have discovered that, for me, praying on my knees gives me a strong feeling of pull-

ing inward, of private attentiveness to God and the liturgy. On the other hand, praying on my feet opens me to awareness of community, celebration, and the connection between them. At various points in the service, or during certain seasons of the church year, one posture seems preferable to me over the other.

Perhaps during the long season after Pentecost, you may want to experiment with how you position yourself for prayer. It may seem strange, uncomfortable, or disconcerting at first. Change usually does. By the time the season after Pentecost ends in November, you may choose to return to your familiar posture, or you may choose to adopt something new.

Which brings me to another thing I love about the Episcopal Church: We have choices.



## Newark Episcopal Church Women Send \$3,000 To Village Health and Nutrition Program in Haiti

Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese of Newark have sent \$3,000 to "Health for Haiti," a major village health and nutrition project which is supported by the Province 2 ECW. Overall, the Newark ECW raised more than \$4,000 in support of Health for Haiti and the local North Porch program of assistance to parents of small children.

Newark ECW board member Anna Byrne reported that the sale of Episcopal Bears as a fund-raiser had been quite successful. "Although we did not meet our committed amount, we did come close," she stated. In addition to the \$3,000 sent to Health for Haiti, "we also gave North Porch \$1269.75. The monies we get from selling the remaining supply of bears the ECW Board has voted to put into our outreach fund."

At the center of Health for Haiti is Carmel Valdema, a nurse and wife of the Rev. Pierre-Henry Fritz Valdema, who serves five parishes in the Port au Prince area. For several years, Carmel has provided health and nutrition care and education, particularly to women and children, in remote areas of Haiti. While also taking care of her three children, she managed this health outreach ministry largely on her own, with the help of occasional donations, some public health aid, and help provided by her friends.

There are no health workers in much of the area where Carmel works because of the mountainous terrain. For example, it takes five hours for a sick person to walk from Crochu to the nearest clinic. As a result, a study of the area showed that more than 60% of children in the area are malnourished, and one out of five children in the country as a whole die before the age of five, often because of malnutrition.

A nutrition program begun in 1997 has been very successful, and the effect of Carmel's work is visible in the greatly improved survival rate for small children. This

program will be expanded with the financial support given by Episcopal Church Women, providing a van in which regular visits can be made to remote villages. Community health workers will be trained to monitor the nutrition and growth of babies and children, and to administer vaccinations and provide basic medications and vitamins. Babies who are below recommended weight will be accepted into the nutrition program for six months.

The Newark ECW attempted to raise \$4,300 toward this project as its share of the overall \$31,000 annual cost. Donations are still welcome, and Byrne added that "Now is a good time to remind you to check around and see if any of our stray bears are hiding out, or if you forgot to send your payment for the bears to Anna Byrne. I will admit to you that I lost the tablet where I was keeping track of where the little guys journeyed off to."

She reported that some Episcopal Bears and some white Baptismal Bears are still available, and can be purchased by calling 201-585-7451, by email to ambyrne@verizon.net, or by mail to 1566-J Anderson Avenue, Fort Lee, NJ 07024.



## Community Involvement Enriches Toni's Kitchen

The TNT Ramblers, a musical group from Temple Ner Tamid in Bloomfield, visit Toni's Kitchen, an outreach ministry of St. Luke's Church in Montclair, every month to perform for the guests. This is just one example of the excellent community support received by Toni's Kitchen.

Forming a connection with the Toni's Kitchen guests, the TNT Ramblers often receive special requests for music from the audience on guitars, banjo, harmonica and piano. Self-esteem in the guests is wonderfully enhanced when the Ramblers return for the next month's concerts to perform the newly-learned piece!

Among the many other groups and organizations that provide support to Toni's Kitchen are the following:

- Both children and adults from Quaker Meeting in Montclair have given homemade placemats, bags of trail mix, and hygiene kits, among many other things, to Toni's Kitchen guests.
- The women of the First Lutheran Church in Montclair bake desserts and take other needed foodstuffs to the kitchen each and every week.
- Students from Montclair occasionally provide music. Two harpists and four students of classical acoustic guitar from Montclair State University have also performed for the guests.
- The Brownies, the Boy Scouts and many other local churches and groups have enriched the program in numerous, creative ways which the guests appreciate immensely.

In addition to these creative gifts, Toni's Kitchen receives food and financial donations from many group and individual donors.



The TNT Ramblers from Temple Ner Tamid provide musical joy and rhythm for the guests at Toni's Kitchen, an outreach ministry of St. Luke's Church in Montclair.

## Grace Church, Westwood, Holds Baby Shower

Recently, St. Martha's Guild, Grace Episcopal Church, Westwood, was the host of a baby shower for the benefit of North Porch. North Porch is an organization that provides a helping hand for new mothers in poor circumstances. The Episcopal women of the diocese sponsor this outreach program in three locations: Dover, Newark, and Paterson.

Doris Mardirosian, president of the Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese of Newark, was a guest speaker at the shower. She explained the work of North Porch and its great need for baby clothing, formula, and diapers among other necessities. The outpouring of gifts from the members of Grace Church parishioners was extremely generous and greatly appreciated.



Opening shower gifts at Grace Church, Westwood, Baby Shower to support North Porch, left to right: guest, Jeanette, Theresa Peter, Doris Mardirosian, and Marcia Rogue.

## North Porch Needs Specific Items

Throughout the year, North Porch gathers supplies for needy mothers and their babies who are incredibly grateful for the support they are able to receive because of North Porch. Last year, the generous donations that North Porch received helped nearly 1,000 mothers and 1,500 children! North Porch's needs fluctuate as donations come in, and right now there is an abundance of baby clothing, however, the following items are in demand:

- Disposable diapers (size 1)
- Formula (liquid Similac with iron)
- Lotions, baby wash, powder, and rash creams
- Underwear for sizes 1 - 3 months, 2T - 4T, and 5 - 6
- Receiving blankets, crib sheets, towels, washcloths

Why not hold a baby shower or tea and have everyone bring a gift for North Porch (like Grace Church, Westwood)? Or, simply gather donations and call one of the North Porch centers to arrange pickup or delivery of the items you've collected: Newark, 973-242-0470; Dover, 973-537-0392; Paterson, 973-278-8611 x25.



## Record Year for ERD Contributions

During 2005, individuals and churches in the Diocese of Newark donated \$565,496 to the Episcopal Relief and Development Fund, topping the previous year by nearly \$300,000! (Contributions to ERD can be maximized if you work in a company offering corporate matching gifts.) Much of the income to ERD in 2005 was designated for relief efforts following Hurricane Katrina and the earthquakes in India and Pakistan, and our generosity helped ERD to help with these efforts.

### Seeking Diocesan ERD Coordinator

Currently there is no one serving as the ERD Coordinator for the diocese. The level of giving already demonstrated can only add to what would be an exciting ministry and one of education and encouragement. The coordinator becomes part of a network of caring individuals who make a difference in the lives of those in need. The coordinator also recruits members of the diocese to serve as parish representatives who can highlight the work of ERD in their own congregations. If you would be interested in this work, please email Ms. Patty Leonard in Bishop Croneberger's office at pleonard@dioceseofnewark.org or call 973-430-9976.

*Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) responds to human suffering around the world by providing emergency assistance after disasters, rebuilding communities, and helping children and families climb out of poverty.*

## Sandra E. Accomando is Recognized for Her Advocacy Work on Behalf of the Poor

On March 14, 2006 Sandra E. Accomando, "Sandy," CEO of The Apostles' House, was honored by Seton Hall Law School for her advocacy work on behalf of the poor. It was the first time the award, entitled "Public Interest Award for Excellence in Advocacy" was presented. The annual award ceremony and auction, which took place at the Newark Club, was coordinated by the law students themselves. Funds raised from the event sponsor law students to help non-profit organizations with pro bono work during the summer months.

Ms. Accomando has been with The Apostles' House\* for 12 years and has over 35 years experience in the social services field. She holds a Masters in Public Administration from Kean College. She has served as a member of the NJ Advisory Council to the Study of Emergency Shelters and Food Programs, the Essex County Human Services Council and the Essex County Comprehensive Emergency Assistance Subcommittee. She currently is a member of the Governor's Commission to Prevent Hunger and is on the Steering Committee of Homes for New Jersey. She is working on the Housing Policy Group of Governor Corzine's Transition Team. Ms. Accomando also works with the Anti-Poverty Network. In 2004, The Trinity Grants Foundation awarded The Apostles' House \$35,000 to continue her advocacy work. One primary goal of hers was to make Emergency Food a line item on the New Jersey budget. As part of his first budget, Governor Corzine has proposed that this line item be added, a testament to the hard work of Ms. Accomando, her staff, and other dedicated advocates throughout the state.

*The Apostles' House is an agency of the Episcopal Diocese of Newark. Its mission is to provide comprehensive social services to homeless and at risk families and individuals in an environment that encourages and enables self-sufficiency. Some of the programs and services offered include Emergency Shelter for women and children, Transitional Housing, Family Preservation Services, and a Food Pantry.*



## Canon R. Carter Echols Recently Honored in Washington, D.C.

At its 20th Anniversary Gala on April 8, 2006, Samaritan Ministry of Greater Washington honored Canon Carter Echols as well as four others for their significant contributions over the years. David Downes, Executive Director, addressed Echols, saying, "I have reserved for myself the honor of presenting the last award to the wonderful woman who, with my wife, inspired me to become involved with Samaritan Ministry, who is one of the great lay leaders of the Episcopal Church today, serving as Canon for Congregational Development in the Diocese of Newark, and who I cherish as a dear friend and sister in Christ, Canon Carter Echols." Her award itself read:

*"For the role you played in creating the Samaritan Ministry of Greater Washington and the Next Step Program that we know today, as Executive Director for more than eight of our formative years,*

*For your support and encouragement personally and as Executive Director to scores of Partner Parish Reps, Board and committee members, staff, interns and other volunteers, For your leadership in creating our sister organization, Transitional Housing Corporation, and*

*For your ongoing support for our work,*

*We honor you and we give thanks for your role in building up this ministry."*

*Samaritan Ministry of Greater Washington is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping people who are homeless or in need to help themselves. The agency's Next Step self-sufficiency approach allows participants to set life improvement goals for themselves and with the help of Samaritan Ministry staff, determine a series of manageable, specific tasks toward the fulfillment of those goals. Services such as housing and employment counseling, coaching, motivation, and much more are offered by the program. Samaritan Ministry with support and volunteers from Episcopal churches and other churches offers free help to anyone who wants to make a change in his or her life. There is no religious requirement for program participants of Samaritan Ministry.*



## Lyn Headley-Deavours, Justice Missioner, To Be Honored

On Monday, May 15th at 6:00 PM at the East Brunswick Hilton, Garden State Equality and Lambda Legal are hosting a reception for African-American leaders where Lyn Headley-Deavours, Justice Missioner of the Diocese of Newark, and others will be honored. This honor, in the words of Steven Goldstein, Chair of Garden State Equality, is "for being steadfast champions of marriage equality, and of love, inclusion and the civil rights of all communities; [for being] remarkable people... whom the LGBTI community cherishes deeply... From the heart, we thank you for all you do for justice. We appreciate you so very much."

*Garden State Equality is New Jersey's political action organization uniting LGBTI and straight voters who support equal rights for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex community.*

## Father's Day Celebration Planned

The Men of Trinity & St. Philip's Cathedral, Newark has announced plans for the celebration of Father's Day 2006 and extends an invitation to the community to attend the service and reception.

**Father's Day 2006**  
**Sunday, June 18, 2006**

Worship Service – 10 AM

Trinity & St. Philip's Cathedral, 608 Broad Street, Newark  
Reception to follow service

Guest preacher: The Rev. Russell A. White

*(Long-time Commander/CEO of Eagle Flight Squadron, Inc. in East Orange, NJ, established in 1975 under White's leadership.)*

Leadership positions in the service will be filled by The Men of Trinity & St. Philip's Cathedral. There will be a celebration of the Life, Contributions, and Legacy of six deceased members—James R. Polk, Maso Ryan, Superior Court Judge Herbert A. Tate, Sr., Harold Sessoms, Martie L. Thompson, Esq., and Leslie H. Williams. The Rev. Oscar Gonzalez, retired Episcopal priest in the diocese and long-term rector of Grace Church, Union City, will be saluted for his outreach ministry in the Hispanic community as well as in the general church community.

The Very Rev. C. David Williams is Dean of the Cathedral. Sievwright Rogers is President of the Men of Trinity. Roger Watson, Sr. is serving as Program Coordinator of Father's Day 2006, and Isaiah Lyman is coordinating the reception.

## Annual Spring Clergywomen's Brunch

**Wednesday, May 31, 2006**  
**10 AM - 12 NOON**

Christ Church, Ridgewood



*Sponsored by The Women's Commission*

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## 10th Annual Senior Ministries Evensong

Presentation of David P. Hegg, II Lifetime Achievement Awards

**Sunday, May 21, 2006**  
Christ Church, Ridgewood

**3 PM Reception**

**4 PM Evensong**

*The Rt. Rev. Carol J. Gallagher, preacher*



--- Time for Reflection, too ---

As host for this year's Lifetime Achievement Awards on May 21st, Christ Church, Ridgewood, will have their new rainbow Cretan labyrinth canvass available in their Guilds Room from 2 - 4 PM for anyone who would like to walk. For those planning to attend the 3 o'clock reception, come a little early and walk the labyrinth or take a moment before the Evensong service to reflect on a Life of Achievement.

## World of Women Honors 54 Women

The board of the Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese of Newark held its eighth Annual World of Women program at Church of The Saviour in Denville on April 1, 2006. The day started with a wonderful luncheon served and prepared by members of the church. The Rt. Rev. Carol Gallagher and the Rev. Kathleen Ballard, Deacon, were the inspiring guest speakers, and fifty-four women were honored for their devotion to their churches, to the diocese, and to their communities. (Each church in the diocese was given the opportunity to nominate 2 women who have enriched the spiritual lives and promoted cultural growth within their congregations.) Bishop Croneberger and Bishop Gallagher proudly presented certificates and ECW pins to the honorees.

## Anglican Women Work and Pray Together While in New York for U.N. Commission

by Ms. Marge Christie, Christ Church, Ridgewood

More than 120 Anglican women were among the many who had gathered in New York City in early March for the annual meeting of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (UNCSW). Taking advantage of this opportunity to be together, these Anglican delegates conducted several meetings and programs of their own. In addition to more than 40 delegates from the United States, Taiwan, the American Churches in Europe, and the Dominican Republic, there were more than 70 attending from every part of the world.

The two major goals among the Anglican delegates were strengthening the network among the Anglican women, and finding ways to make themselves heard concerning the agenda of this year's UNCSW meeting. The Anglican delegates worshipped together, played together, and shared stories about themselves, their countries, and their churches. They also reached out to their national ambassadors on such concerns as poverty, violence, health care and education – especially as they affect women and children.

The UNCSW themes this year were related to gender equality in the fields of health, education and work, and the equal participation of women at the decision-making tables. Both of these come from the Beijing Platform for Action which was adopted almost 11 years ago in Beijing, China.

The Caucus of United States Non Governmental Organization women which Episcopal women helped create last year expanded into a collaborative body which prepared a

statement of primary concerns this year and then presented it to the United States Mission Briefing. This statement urged support of the proposed new UN Human Rights Council, ratification of the Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women, restoration of funding to family planning organizations, election of a woman as the next Secretary General, and intervention on behalf of Palestinian women living behind the Wall. The Episcopal women also drafted a report to the Executive Council that included a request for their assistance in attaining equal participation of women and men on all decision-making bodies of the Church. Currently only the House of Deputies of the General Convention has reached that parity.

The Anglican delegates spent a Sunday at Trinity Church, Wall Street, a major contributor to the budget of the Anglican delegation to the UNCSW. After worship at the regular 11:15 service the delegates had a luncheon at which representatives from Palestine, the Seychelles and Brazil spoke of the violent conditions under which women in their countries live. The group spent time at St. Paul's Chapel hearing about its historic life, including its ministry following 9/11, and then were permitted to walk part way down into Ground Zero for a prayer service.

Pat Yankus, Martha Gardner, Jeannette Adams, Inez Saley and Marge Christie of the Diocese of Newark were among the Anglican/Episcopal delegates this year. In addition at least a dozen women from the Diocese of Newark attended a special Visitors' Weekend.



## Christians, Jews & Muslims Participate in "Interfaith Youth Encounter"

Twenty-two Christians, Jews and Muslims met in Paterson on Sunday, April 2, for an "Interfaith Youth Encounter."

The day started at a loud and joyous Pentecostal service, held in the building that was formerly the home of Temple Emanuel. The congregation from the Temple has moved to Franklin Lakes, and currently meets at St. Alban's Church, their interim home while they await the completion of their new temple.

After lunch the participants went to the Islamic Center, where Mohamed El Filali gave a brief overview of Islam and invited everyone to observe midday prayer.

The next stop was St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Paterson for part of the Spanish liturgy, and then to St. Bonaventure Roman Catholic Church, Paterson where the priest gave an overview and a tour of the Romanesque structure.

After a sightseeing visit to the Great Falls, the group went to Temple Emanuel where Rabbi Joshua Finkelstein spoke about Judaism and history of the Jewish faith, and served kosher pizza to the guests.

During a "debriefing" discussion following the tour, the young people spoke about how significant this event was to them, and repeated the refrain of how much they all share in common. The Sunday of healing and bridge building was sponsored by the Oakland Franklin Lakes Interfaith Council and the Franklin Lakes Chamber of Commerce.

## A Celebration of Creative Congregations Indeed!

Celebrating Creative Congregations, a bi-annual-event offered for the sixth time this year (CCC6), was held on March 18, 2006 at the New Jersey Institute of Technology. About 350 people attended and were able to participate in several workshops of their choice during the day. With over 65 different workshops run by approximately 50 presenters, there was no shortage of choices! Those in the diocese who participated in this event shared an incredible variety of gifts with each other, networked, and enjoyed visiting with old friends and making new friends. Celebrating Creative Congregation certainly showcases the richness of our Diocese.

Some comments about the day:

*"I had an opportunity to chat with a woman about restoring vestments and other liturgical pieces. Her work was amazing and inspiring."*

*"I learned more about teaching singing to kids in that class than I did from two years of taking chorus and four years of piano lessons. It was really helpful!"*

*"It is so hard to choose because there are so many choices!"*

CCC6 was planned, coordinated, and managed by Ms. Kitty Kawecki, Director of Resources for the Diocese of Newark. At its April 5 meeting, the Diocesan Council adopted a Resolution of Thanksgiving for her work and dedication and thanked her for all her efforts that provided members of the diocese with opportunities for growth, education, and sharing of resources.



## New Service Project Idea for VBS

Is your Vacation Bible School looking for a service project? Please consider making Christmas and Easter cards for seafarers and America's river mariners that would be distributed by chaplains and volunteers of the Seamen's Church Institute of New York & New Jersey.

**We collect cards year-round!**

The handmade cards would be used for Christmas and Easter gifts given to seafarers arriving in the Port of New York & New Jersey and America's river mariners along 2,200 miles of inland waterways from Pittsburgh to New Orleans and the Gulf Coast.

"We like the children to write whatever comes to mind—usually it is very endearing," said the Dr. Jean R. Smith, Executive Director the Seamen's Church Institute. "Please let the children know that these mariners are far from their families for these holidays. They are lonely and especially missing their own children."

For more information, go to the Seamen's Church Institute's website: [www.seamenschurch.org](http://www.seamenschurch.org).

Would you like more information about mariners or pictures? Please contact Debra Wagner, 212-349-9090, [dwagner@seamenschurch.org](mailto:dwagner@seamenschurch.org).

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*A Personal Reflection:***What Are We Confirming at Confirmation?**

By Kaileen Alston, Diocesan Youth Missioner

*In the course of their Christian development, those baptized at an early age are expected, when they are ready and have been duly prepared, to make a mature public affirmation of their faith and commitment to the responsibilities of their Baptism and to receive the laying on of hands by a bishop.*

*The Book of Common Prayer, p. 412  
(emphasis added)*

Over the past year I have helped design and lead five retreats to help young people prepare for the sacramental rite of Confirmation. The approximately 300 youth and 90 clergy and lay Confirmation leaders who have participated in these retreats have learned many things, and I have come away with some deeply meaningful questions, including: How do we decide when the right time is for youth to be confirmed? Are 9 year olds ready? Why do parents take their children to rectors for Confirmation? Why do young people take the classes? What level of commitment to the Confirmation journey is satisfactory to demonstrate maturity? How much instruction is enough?

**But the overriding question is: What are we confirming at Confirmation?**

Many young people aren't sure what Confirmation is. Many are preparing to be confirmed because they've reached the age when youth are customarily confirmed in their congregation, or when their parents or siblings were confirmed. A large number of them are getting confirmed at their parents' request and insistence.

What are we confirming when these young people are presented for Confirmation? Could it be that this is not, in fact, their own mature

affirmation of faith and commitment to their baptismal responsibilities? Has Confirmation become another decision that their parents make for them? Or, worse yet, is this but a rubber stamp of approval that young people get for passively meandering through their faith life?

Many clergy have told me that they've had trouble getting youth to attend classes or the retreats because of conflicts with extra-curricular school activities. Youth have missed Confirmation retreats because of such conflicts. Others only attended part of the retreat because of games or practices. A couple of priests even told me that youth were late in turning in their registration forms because they had to ask their coaches if they could miss practice or a game that day. So, what are we confirming at these young people's Confirmations? That our faith life is important unless it conflicts with soccer, lacrosse or basketball? That preparing our young people to be great athletes or actors and have impressive credentials for college is more important than preparing them to be good people and – dare I say? – well-informed, intentional Christians? Where's the balance? Where's the priority?

In a wry Christian twist, the responsibility is triune: clergy, parents and youth could all be well advised to examine the roles they play in deciding what we are confirming at Confirmation.

I dedicate much of my ministry to advocating for the right of young people to participate fully in the church – to be church leaders. That includes the right to honestly tell their loving parents, clergy and Christian community that they are *not* ready and prepared to

make a *mature* public affirmation of their faith and commitment to the responsibilities of their Baptism. That right should be affirmed and youth should be applauded and supported if they have the courage to admit that they still have some work to do before they can take such an important step. After all, this is *their* Confirmation and *their* opportunity to stand up and say "I believe..."

When we as a community do not encourage youth to learn at their own pace and prepare themselves to grow in their faith as the Holy Spirit invites them, we are modeling a cavalier, if not impatient, understanding of what it means to be a Christian. While it is surely not our intention, we can make Confirmation just another task on the checklist.

Parents should feel empowered to help their children determine their priorities, and encourage them to tend to their spiritual growth as well as their physical, psychosocial and academic development. Some parents wonder if they are equipped to instruct their children on faith formation issues, and many choose to leave that to their priests. But parents know their children best, and are the most significant role models for young people.

If faith is important to your family, then one way to instill that value in your children is to attend services as a family, and support each family member in taking on a ministry, whether it's in the choir, Outreach Committee or church school. Parents can work together with religious educators at church just as they would a math teacher or tennis coach if they want their child to grow in those areas. Parents should be honest with themselves, their

children and their clergy about whether their children are ready to be confirmed. Waiting is not a sign of parental failure. This is not a race: it's a journey; and each person takes his or her own path. Children will appreciate the respect they've been shown in helping them to grow in their own ways and at their own time.

When clergy present candidates for Confirmation to the bishop, they must feel comfortable telling the bishop that every candidate is *ready and has been duly prepared* to make a mature public affirmation of faith and commitment to the responsibilities of Baptism. A priest who cannot make that declaration with confidence should feel empowered to share that with the young person and her or his parents, and to refrain from presenting that child. In doing so, the priest can help young people to appreciate the wonder of education and formation through the gift of patient and steadfast guidance. The parents will be the priest's partners in nurturing the faith formation of their child, so the priest won't have to fear retribution in the form of a reduced pledge, transferring to another congregation or leaving the church altogether. Clergy and parents will build a common understanding that this is not a negative evaluation of the child or the parenting, but acknowledgement that there is more work to be done and a commitment from the clergy to continue to work with the parent and child.

So, what will we as a Christian community be confirming this spring? I hope it's a commitment to living out our faith in our everyday lives, claiming our own ministries as youth or adults, laypeople or clergy, and supporting others in their journeys as well.

**¡Azúcaaar!**

A toda la gente linda que compartimos el mismo idioma y una misma fe cristiana. Por primera vez vamos a celebrar un acontecimiento importantísimo en la catedral "Trinity y St. Philip's", en Newark. El Grupo de Trabajo del Ministerio Hispano de la diócesis de Newark ha venido trabajando para llevar a cabo una festividad que reúna y represente a toda de la comunidad Latina dentro de la Iglesia Episcopal.

Este evento nace de la necesidad de dar a conocer la diversidad que nuestra Iglesia alberga, así como extender nuestra relación de amistad con todas las comunidades Latinas de nuestra área.

Invitamos a todos los de nuestras diferentes parroquias a participar, y fortalecer nuestra identidad Latina.

La noche de la Identidad Hispana se realizara el sábado 3 de junio de 6:00 PM a

10:00 PM en la catedral de Trinity y St. Philip's en el 608 de la calle Broad y en el 24 de la calle Rector en Newark.

Iniciaremos el evento con un breve servicio religioso, para luego terminar celebrando y bailando la noche unidos todos, miembros de las diferentes iglesias de la diócesis de Newark. Habrá comida y refrescos para todos aquellos que participan con nosotros la alegría de esta noche de fe Latina.

Es un acontecimiento que por primera vez se da en la historia de la Iglesia Episcopal. Es nuestra intención proporcionar un ambiente que nos reúna y nos conozcamos como latinos entre latinos.

Nuestro grupo de Trabajo del Ministerio Hispano se honrara con tu presencia. Ven, y comparte con nosotros tu alegría en esta noche de fe y amor en Cristo.

¡Latinos no dejen de venir!

**HOLA!****A Night to Remember**

by Adriana Clavijo, St. John's Church, Montclair

We are having a grand celebration of our HISPANIC IDENTITY on JUNE 3<sup>rd</sup> at Trinity and St Philip's Cathedral, 24 Rector Street in Newark from 6 - 10 PM.

This is a call to all Latinos and their friends to join in the first HISPANIC CELEBRATION in the Diocese of Newark. We have been planning it for some time and we promise it will be a night to remember.

The evening will begin with a brief service followed by food, beverages and, of course, DANCING.

During the evening, there will be opportunities for making new friends and for Latinos to meet other Latinos from other congregations that share the same beautiful language, Spanish.

We will have our own time and place among amigos to proclaim our diversity within the Episcopal Church. We can network with each other and embrace our different cultures. Don't forget your dancing shoes!



Approximately 200 youth and adults attended the Hip Hop Mass held at St. Paul's, Paterson on March 25, 2006. Workshops to learn how to plan a Hip Hop mass were followed by the mass and then dinner. It was a fun and inspiring way to learn about new ways to "do church" and to encourage younger participants to join in.

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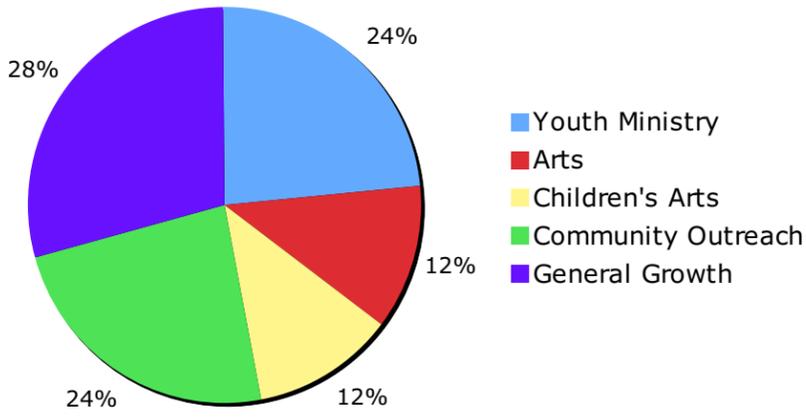
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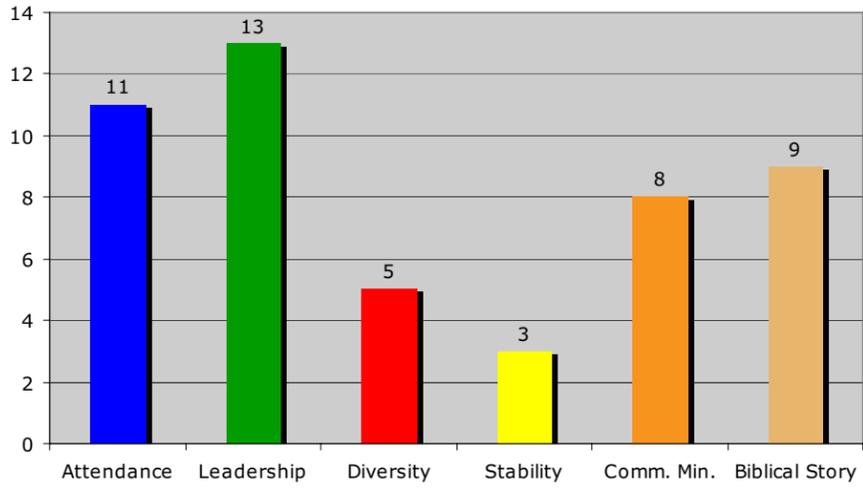
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**Congregational Development Grants by Type**



**Congregational Development Grants—Focus Areas**



**Grant Recipients Achieved or Exceeded Program Goals**

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“Very diverse congregations are implementing an array of unique and creative growth initiatives,” said Carter Echols, Canon to the Ordinary and Congregational Development Director. “We seek to help each congregation become stronger in fulfilling Christ’s call to preach the Gospel in its particular community and context. More than three quarters of our grant recipients achieved or exceeded the specific program goals that they set for themselves.”

According to the review of grants to date, the area of greatest effectiveness for funded projects has been development of ministry leadership capacity among laity and clergy. Members of participating congregations have experienced greater ownership in their ministries and seen improved attendance, increased sharing of the Biblical story, celebration of diversity, and greater ministry in the wider community.

“Perhaps the greatest joy of this program, and the most common thread throughout each participating congregation, has been an increased capacity of the congregation to think and dream strategically about its ministry,” said Echols. In order to receive a grant, a congregation must describe its unique context for mission and set measurable objectives by which they can evaluate the success of their initiative.

The review of grants from the Congregational Growth and Development Fund has also provided helpful insights into ways to better empower congregations to fulfill their own calling. The study indicates, for example, that grants can be effective in congregations experiencing growth or decline. Over half (56%) of the grants were given to growing congregations that used the funds to propel and maximize their growth. Congregations experiencing decline also successfully used the grants to redefine and renew their ministries.

In what the report describes as the most notable surprise, even in the few congregations that did not meet their growth and development goals, both the congregations and the diocese gained valuable insights about what works and what doesn’t.

Speaking of the Congregational Growth and Development Fund in his 2002 Convention address, Bishop Croneberger said, “Now is the time to raise up the visions of our ministries and to get on with doing the work of being the church.” According to the study, eighty-six percent of congregations supported by the Fund have done just that.

Further information about the Congregational Growth and Development Fund is available on the internet at [www.dioceseofnewark.org/trustees.html](http://www.dioceseofnewark.org/trustees.html), or through Canon Echols.

*See list of Congregational Development Grants on next page.*

**Noah’s Ark** (continued from page 1)

Meanwhile, Jeff was busy putting a piece-by-piece model together. He didn’t want to make an ark; he wanted to provide the children with a kit to make an ark themselves. In late February Jeff brought the ark kit to church, where we and fellow teachers Monica Lavosky, Sharyn Taylor and Will Hobbie helped our children to hammer, glue, and paint the ark.

**The Recognition Moment**

At one point during our project I looked around and felt the passion, and I smiled as I felt God’s love and warmth shining down upon us: Children and adults seeing how a big project could unfold before their eyes, holding onto the hope that an ark was being built and they would be the ones to build it. On the other side of the Parish Hall children were collaborating on their animals – engaged, smiling, laughing, offering assistance, sharing advice. I knew then that we did it! If we make an ark, they will come! And they did!

This project worked because the teachers understood how young children learn when they are actively engaged in the learning process. The concern and care that went into planning the ark demonstrated to me the profound connection between what we are trying to teach our children and how we live our lives. As Godly Play teacher Sharon Ely Pearson writes, “The Christian education of our children cannot take place in a 45-minute Sunday School lesson. It is learned, experienced, and lived in a Christian community that views itself as a whole formative process — taking place over a lifetime. It is continuous. It is integrated. The message of Jesus Christ and God’s love and forgiveness will live in the child who experiences the meaning of living out the breaking of bread in a broken world.



Church School students and teachers at St. John’s, Montclair, (including writer Janis Vascimini, in black, in center to right of ark) pose proudly with their Noah’s Ark at the dedication service on March 26.

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*Michael Francaviglia, Diocesan Administrator & Secretary to Convention*

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### Congregational Growth and Development Fund Grants Awarded through 3/31/06

Allendale, Church of the Epiphany  
Grant support for church growth initiative based on environmental and outreach focus for congregation.

Bloomfield/Glen Ridge, Christ Church  
Grant support to solidify and expand growth in children's and youth ministries.

Boonton, St. John's Church  
Grant support to foster a new Associate Rector position for St. John's and to provide pastoral care to Native Americans at Good Shepherd, Ringwood.

Denville, Church of the Saviour  
Grant support to solidify and expand growth in children's and youth ministries.

Dover, St. John's Church  
Grant support for plan to support Hispanic Ministry and replicate the population of the community in which it is located.

Fort Lee, Church of the Good Shepherd  
Grant support for growth strategy that includes strengthening the congregation's ability to welcome new members and to utilize of gifts plus new signs and advertising/promotional initiatives.

Glen Rock, All Saints' Church  
Grant support for church growth and strengthening through redevelopment of children's ministries.

Hoboken, All Saints' Church  
Funding for expanded in-reach to 25-40 year olds and to grow the congregation through the parish's community ministries.

Hope, St. Luke's Church  
Grant support for comprehensive Parish Renewal Program that includes: worship, outreach, children's youth ministry and stewardship.

Kearny, Trinity Church  
Grant support to reach out to people seeking deeper spirituality and to Hispanics in the Kearny community.

Milburn, St. Stephen's Church  
Grant support for development strategy that focuses on development of ministry to and with senior citizens and those who care for them.

Montclair, St. John's Church  
Seed money for growth strategy that uses production of "Narnia" as beginning of new arts and spirituality initiative.

Montclair, Trinity Church  
Grant support for growth strategy that uses contemporary gospel music to develop congregation and increase youth participation.

Oakland, St. Alban's Church  
Grant support for church growth through Christian formation for children and youth.

Paterson, St. Paul's Church  
Grant support for a growth strategy that includes development of youth and family ministry, especially to Hispanics in the Paterson area.

Teaneck, St. Mark's Church  
Seed money for a ministry development position to incorporate new members and stabilize and continue recent years' membership growth.

Teaneck, Christ Church  
Matching grant support for the initiation of a project to attract youth and to teach ethics, values and decision making.

Tenafly, Church of the Atonement  
Grant support for comprehensive children's music and worship program and efforts to incorporate new families into the parish.

Towaco, Church of the Transfiguration  
Grant support for comprehensive children's music and worship program and efforts to incorporate new families into the parish.

Wantage, Church of the Good Shepherd  
Support for lay leadership training and development.

Wayne, St. Michael's Church  
Support for a special evangelism training and outreach initiative based on the movie "The Passion". Support for a growth initiative targeted at people who are "unchurched."



### Palm Sunday in Hawthorne

Spring seemed to have retreated; the morning air was cool; the sun was struggling through the clouds and a light wind was blowing. This did not deter the folks gathered on the front lawn as the two neighboring congregations of St. Clement's and The First Reformed Church gathered to celebrate the start of Palm Sunday complete with trumpeter, bagpiper and choirs.

The Reverends Stuart Smith (St. Clement's) and Eric Nichols (The First Reformed Church) officiated at a makeshift altar complete with holy water to bless the palm fronds. The acolytes and crucifer stood with the clergy and the choir (already robed) mingled with the congregations. The warden distributed service bulletins while the trumpeter valiantly tried to warm up her mouth piece and the bagpiper tuned up from across the street.

After a welcome and opening prayer from both clergy, the bagpiper began the service with "Amazing Grace." The palms were blessed, the trumpeter started the procession with the hymn "All Glory Laud and Honor to Thee Redeemer, King" and the congregations joined in heartily waving their palms. At the closing of the hymn each congregation repaired to its respective church to continue the rest of the worship.

A fitting celebration of Our Lord's entry into Jerusalem!



**Palm Sunday in Hawthorne; top picture, The Rectors, Stuart Smith (left) and Eric Nichols bless the palms; below, neighboring congregations of St. Clement's and The First Reformed Church mingle before Procession of the Palms.**

## Young People from St. Mary's Church, Sparta, Assist Katrina Victims



**Members of the St. Mary's Church expedition to assist Mississippi hurricane victims are shown above: Taylor May; C.J. Ochs; Sharra Stark; Jamie Brabston; Carter (Joe) Stark; Lee Roeder; Tom Aroune; Kevin O'Brien; Katie O'Brien, and Katie Brabston**

Instead of spending their winter break sleeping late, playing video games, eating pizza and taking in a movie, ten of the young people of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Sparta, traveled across the country to assist victims of Hurricane Katrina. The students, accompanied by the Rev. Orion Davis and senior warden Cathy Vonderahe, flew to Pensacola, Florida, and from there drove to Ocean Springs, Mississippi.

Christus Victor Lutheran Episcopal Church in Ocean Springs has dedicated itself to aiding flood victims, and intends to continue its work for three years. The church has erected a tent city to house and feed 200 volunteers per week. Christus Victor also manages the clean-up effort, assigns work details, and oversees the distribution of food and household supplies.

Funding for the expedition came from individual families, with help from the outreach fund of St. Mary's Church.

Each day the crew arose at 6 a.m., ate breakfast, participated in a short service, and then started the work day that lasted from 8:30 AM to 5 PM. The St. Mary's crew helped with debris clean-up, supply assembly and distribution, and home refurbishing. In spite of the tough schedule and hard work, the kids are hoping for a return trip.

Cathy Vonderahe reported, "Although we all worked very hard the week we were there, everyone agreed that the experience was rewarding. The kids were wonderful, bonding with a team spirit that enabled them to work with diligence, compassion and a great sense of humor. Father Davis and I were extremely proud of them and the work they were able to accomplish."

(Further information on the hurricane relief project is available on the web at [www.ChristusVictorDisasterResponse.org](http://www.ChristusVictorDisasterResponse.org).)

*The Sin of Racism: A Call to Covenant*

**A Pastoral Letter from the House of Bishops of the Episcopal Church March 2006**

(This is an excerpt reprinted from Episcopal News Service. To see letter in its entirety, go to [www.episcopalchurch.org/3577\\_73047\\_ENG\\_HTM.htm](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/3577_73047_ENG_HTM.htm).)

Wednesday, March 22, 2006

We, the bishops of the Episcopal Church, acknowledged the painful reality of the consequences of racism in the 1994 pastoral letter "the Sin of Racism." In that letter, we stated "the essence of racism is prejudice coupled with power. It is rooted in the sin of pride and exclusivity which assumes 'that I and my kind are superior to others and therefore deserve special privileges.'" We issue this new pastoral on the pervasive sin that continues to plague our common life in the church and in our culture. We acknowledge our participation in this sin and we lament its corrosive effects on our lives. We repent of this sin, and ask God's grace and forgiveness.

This House of Bishops, meeting in Hendersonville, North Carolina on 21 March 2006, which is the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, commit ourselves as bishops to discern and confess our own prejudice and complicity in the pervasive sin of racism, to confront it, and make

amends for it in intentional ways every time we gather as a House. We ask the Holy Spirit to empower the House to fully live into this covenant, and we invite the members of this Church to covenant with us, in the following actions personally, corporately, and globally. With God's help, we will:

- renew our commitment to the 1994 pastoral letter, "The Sin of Racism"; take responsibility to expose, dismantle and heal those situations of injustice based on racism;
- seek forgiveness for our lack of charity and consciousness in recognizing those situations which degrade the image of God in our neighbors;
- make amends for our undeserved position and benefit as a result of unjust situations both now and in the past;
- empower all members of God's human family, that they may live into the fullness of what God intends;
- encourage the larger church to continue

and expand its work of education, spiritual formation, and anti-racism training, that all might discover the riches of God's diverse creation, especially in those who differ from us;

- advocate for the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals by the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, our respective dioceses, the parishes which comprise them, and our governments, as well as our own households, that God's desire may become increasingly evident for all of humanity;
- recruit and empower people of all races and ethnic origins as leaders in our church, and as members of all boards, agencies, commissions, and committees;
- dedicate equitable resources for all races and national origins in the funding of theological education for all ministries, lay and ordained;
- advocate for continued response to the

sinful legacy of slavery; expose situations of environmental racism and classism which poison and threaten the poorest among us, and seek justice for those communities; and

- advocate for compassionate care of the stranger in our midst, and demand just immigration policies.

Having entered into covenant with each other to root out the sin of racism in very specific personal and corporate ways, we, the bishops of the Episcopal Church, invite all members of our Church to join us in this mission of justice, reconciliation, and unity. This is an expression of our commitment to the fundamental covenant each of us entered into at the moment of our baptism.

May God give us the will to do this reconciling work, and the power and grace to accomplish it.

**Task Force on Lay Compensation Formed**

A task force on Lay Compensation, appointed by the Bishop after this year's convention, has begun to work on guidelines for lay compensation. The group is co-chaired by Ms. Joan Lodge, parish administrator at Christ Church, Newton, and the Rev. Paul Walker, vicar of Christ Church, Belleville. The other members work or volunteer in congregations as parish administrators, lay pas-

toral leaders, wardens, youth leaders, or business managers. "The diocese has a long history of social justice, and the work of the task force is continuing in that tradition," explained Walker.

The task force was charged by the Bishop to "report back next year with guidelines and principles for justice in the workplace." During the coming months, it will review exist-

ing policies and standards adopted by our Diocesan Conventions and the Episcopal Church's General Conventions, the practices of employment in our churches and the diocese, and the levels of benefits and salaries. Their work will include disseminating information about practices already approved and conducting a survey of congregations.

The issues of justice and accountability

in the workplace are a matter of national church concern as well. The deputies to the 75<sup>th</sup> General Convention will receive a report from the Executive Council on employment practices and policies in the Episcopal Church. It is hoped that the report will lead to efforts during the next several years to "make the Episcopal Church a fair and just workplace." The diocesan task force shares that goal.

**Inclusion of Youth in the Life of the Church**

Acting on the responsibilities designated to the Christian Formation Commission and the Bethsaida Team under Resolution 2006-06, the two commissions will begin to canvass the congregations of the Diocese about the inclusion of children and youth of all abilities in the life of the church, including Sunday School, youth groups and ministry.

"This survey will provide baseline information to help us understand where congregations fit regarding the inclusion of youth of all abilities in the life of the church and to learn how we can further develop this vital ministry," said Kitty Kawecki of the Christian Formation Commission.

In the coming month, letters will go out to each parish explaining the resolution and asking that the included survey be filled out and returned. A summary of the survey results will be reported to the 2007 Diocesan Convention. The survey information will also be useful to the commissions in selecting resources for congregations.

The text of the resolution can be found in the diocesan archives of convention 2006 resolutions at: <http://www.dioceseofnewark.org/convention/resolutions06.html> or at: <http://bethsaidateam.org>. Click on About Bethsaida Team to find the resolution 2006-06.

It is the intention to put the survey online as well.

**Reparations Task Force Presents Second Forum**

The Reparations Task Force of the Diocese of Newark will hold its second diocesan discussion on Reparations and the Legacy of Slavery. The first was held in October 2005. This forum, to be held May 6 at Cathedral House in Newark, will present:

**"A Theology for Reparations"**

Dr. Donald W. Shriver, Jr., President Emeritus, Union Theological Seminary and

The Rev. Michael Lapsley, S.S.M., Executive Director of the Institute of Healing Memories of Cape Town, Republic of Africa

The next two forums will be:

**Saturday, October 14, 2006**

The *Third* Conversation: The Sociological Issues and Impact

**Saturday, December 2, 2006**

The *Fourth* Conversation: Advocacy

The Legal Perspective, The Church in Action, Feasibility of Reparations, and H.R. 40

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## 75th General Convention June 13 - 21, 2006 Columbus, Ohio

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Other resources as reprinted from *Vestry Papers*, a publication of the Episcopal Church Foundation (May/June 2006 Issue).

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#### DURING CONVENTION:

**Each night, download the official newspaper of General Convention**, "Convention Daily," through [www.episcopalchurch.org/ens](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/ens)

**Other Convention coverage may also be found** at: [www.episcopalchurch.org/ens](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/ens)

#### Correction—Please Note:

In the March/April 2006 issue of *The Voice* there was a typographical error in the General Convention article on page 12 which referred to "non-Episcopal clergy" being on the Presiding Bishop nominations committee. That should have been published as it was originally written as "non-episcopal clergy." Apologies to author Kim Byham.

# General Convention 101

by Mary Frances Schjonberg

Reprinted from *Vestry Papers*, a publication of the Episcopal Church Foundation (May/June 2006 Issue)

Imagine Eucharist for 8,000 people. Imagine a marketplace of goods and ideas. Imagine quiet conversations among friends, old and new. Imagine one of the largest legislatures in the world. Imagine the utter silence of prayer before momentous decisions.

The every-three-years gathering of the Episcopal Church known as General Convention is all of these things. **The 75th gathering begins in Columbus, Ohio, on June 13 and runs until June 21.** Bishops and elected deputies, clergy and lay, from dioceses all over the world will make broad decisions about the church's policies and worship.

The decisions take the form of resolutions agreed to by both the House of Deputies and the House of Bishops. The House of Deputies ranges in size between 800 and 1,000 members. There are 311 bishops eligible to sit in their house. Resolutions come from the groups which carry out the work authorized by the previous convention, bishops, dioceses, provinces and deputies. Committees hear public testimony on all resolutions before they come to the houses.

Deputies cannot be instructed to vote one way or another. They agree to have an open heart so that they can prayerfully listen to others and be led by the Holy Spirit. Neither can they refuse to vote on an issue. We can predict some of the issues a convention will face. Others will arise spontaneously. Here are some of the decisions facing this Convention.

- **Elect the 26th Presiding Bishop** to succeed Frank T. Griswold and **elect a new House of Deputies president** to succeed the Very Rev. George W. Werner. The holders of both offices help to lead the church (the Presiding Bishop for nine years, the Deputies president for three years) in developing policy, carrying out Convention's programs and strategies, and representing the Church to the world. The House of Bishops will elect the next Presiding Bishop from among their members on June 18. The bishops will then ask the House of Deputies to agree to their choice. As of press time, the nominees were Neil Alexander of Atlanta; Edwin F. "Ted" Gulick, Jr. of Kentucky;

Katharine Jefferts Schori of Nevada; Henry N. Parsley Jr. of Alabama; and by petition, Stacy F. Sauls of Lexington; Charles E. Jenkins III of Louisiana and Francisco Duque-Gomez of Columbia. The House of Deputies presidential candidates are not announced ahead of time.

- **Respond to the devastation of the Gulf Coast.** The issues include rebuilding destroyed church buildings and communities, possibly planting churches to minister to relocated people, paying salary and benefits to congregational and diocesan staff when income has been reduced or is nonexistent, and possibly making policy statements about states' and municipalities' rebuilding plans.
- **Approve an approximately \$151 million 2007-2009 budget.** The Executive Council, elected to oversee the ministry and mission of the Church between conventions, proposed the \$151,986,107 budget in January. It will be considered and, no doubt, tweaked by the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance (PB&F) before being presented to the Convention. The budget assumes increases in diocesan revenue commitments of 2.5 percent, three percent and three percent in the respective years. The final year of the current budget will see a two percent increase in diocesan income. The new budget assumes a five percent draw on endowment funds, one half percent less than that in the current triennium. The budget anticipates net rental income of \$2.2 million for space in the newly renovated Church Center in New York City and promises to reduce staff costs by \$825,000 through attrition and retirements.
- **Respond to criticism of the previous convention's decision** to give dioceses some choice in blessing same-gender relationships and to allow the Diocese of New Hampshire to choose an openly gay man as its bishop. A fourteen member special legislative committee has been named to deal with resolutions surrounding the Episcopal Church's response to a

variety of official statements made by Anglican bodies including the Windsor Report (see box on page 3).

- **Vote to consent or not. The House of Bishops must act on the election of seven bishops** who were elected by their dioceses in the 120 days leading up to General Convention (consents for bishops elected outside this period are obtained via mail from all diocesan bishops and standing committees). It is possible that at least one of those consents will be for an openly gay bishop. At press time two of the five nominees for Bishop of California are gay people in committed relationships.
- **Revise canons and codes of conduct for ministry at all levels.** The Title III canons governing the ordination, life and work of priests and deacons were revised in 2003. Another round of revisions will be proposed in Columbus. A task force is proposing major revisions to Title IV ("Ecclesiastical Discipline") to include lay people and outline new disciplinary procedures. Its new name would be: "Fitness for Ministry, Accountability and Ecclesiastical Discipline." It defines a Minister as a baptized person or member of the clergy. It adds a category of "Minister in Leadership," defining such a person as a clergyperson, a person preparing for ordination or "any Minister other than a Member of the Clergy who has accepted a Ministry in this Church or in the Community." The proposal calls for new disciplinary procedures centered on diocesan courts to be known as the Discipline and Fitness for Ministry Board. The full text of the Title III and IV revisions can be read in the Blue Book.

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## Young People to Attend General Convention

Students in grades 9 - 12 are eligible to attend the youth component of the General Convention being held June 15 to 19. The program, entitled "E3: Educate, Experience, Empower," is designed to help young Episcopalians make new friends, enjoy themselves, learn how the national church works and become better leaders. Youth Missioner Kaileen T. Alston is happy to be taking the following young people and chaperones to the convention:

Alexandra "Allie" Acaster,  
Christ Church, Ridgewood  
Alexandre ("AJ") DeWalt,  
St. Luke's, Montclair  
Janelle Grant, St. Paul's, Paterson  
Charles Herrera, House of Prayer, Newark  
Amasi Kumeh, House of Prayer, Newark  
Dolores Macauley, House of Prayer, Newark  
Kevin Parker, Christ Church, East Orange  
Catherine Potter, St. Luke's, Hope  
Russell Taliaferro, St. Luke's, Montclair

Chaperones:  
Sophia Matlock, St. Luke's, Phillipsburg  
Ken Near, St. Paul's, Englewood

## Diocese of Newark General Convention Deputies

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Martha Gardner, St. George's, Maplewood  
Marge Christie, Christ Church, Ridgewood

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Kim Byham, All Saints', Hoboken  
Steven A. Boston, St. John's, Ramsey  
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### General Convention Alternates – Clergy

Geoffrey B. Curtiss, All Saints', Hoboken  
Randall Day, St. Marks Church, Teaneck  
William Parnell,  
Christ Church, Hackensack  
Kenneth M. Near,  
St. Paul's Church, Englewood

## Challenges of the Windsor Report

by Leonard Freeman

Reprinted from *Vestry Papers*, a publication of the Episcopal Church Foundation

In 2004, following the confirmation of the Rev. Gene Robinson as Bishop of New Hampshire by the vote of the 2003 General Convention of the Episcopal Church, the Anglican Consultative Council issued "The Windsor Report" as a response of the rest of the Anglican Communion to the foment.

The report, so called because it was issued from Windsor Castle, was commissioned by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams, and chaired by the Archbishop of the Church in Ireland, Robin Eames...a man versed in traversing dangerous waters through his twenty years of heading the Irish Church.

Gene Robinson's consecration, as an out-of-the-closet, non-celibate gay man living in a committed same-gender relationship, raised significant flags for parts of the rest of the Anglican Communion where different social, missional, and theological stances often prevail. In essence, many felt that the action had stretched the "bonds of affection," which traditionally have been cited as tying the twenty-five independent provinces together to a possible breaking point.

The report, to which the 2006 General Convention will now respond, was drafted as the initial step on a way forward for keeping the Communion together and for finding new ways to work through issues of significant difference.

### Recommendations

In addition to asking the Episcopal Church (USA) to say a clear Yes to its desire to remain in the Anglican Communion by expressing "its regret that the proper constraints of the bonds of affection were breached in the events surrounding the [Robinson] election and consecration," the sixty-page report called for moratoriums on three kinds of action, and the development of a new **Anglican Covenant** as steps toward a new way of working together. Moratoriums were recommended for:

- 1) "The election and consent to the consecration of any candidate to the episcopate [office of bishop] who is living in a same-gender union until some new consensus in the Anglican Communion emerges."
- 2) The authorization of public rites of blessing for same-sex unions, while the Communion engages in "continuing study of biblical and theological rationale for and against such unions."
- 3) Bishops from other dioceses or provinces intervening in provinces, dioceses and parishes other than their own. (Some African and American bishops have felt called to intervene in other American dioceses and churches out of concern for what have been termed "traditionalist congregations.")

### Responses

In March 2005, the American House of

Bishops formally responded to the Windsor Report by expressing its own "deep regret for the pain that others have experienced" re: the 2003 General Convention actions, and offering "our sincerest apology and repentance for having breached our bonds of affection by any failure to consult adequately."

The bishops also took the further step of pledging to withhold consent to the consecration of any person elected bishop until General Convention 2006, and further, to not authorize any public rites for the blessing of same-sex unions, at least until this upcoming General Convention. And in June 2005 a delegation of lay and clergy made presentations to the Anglican Consultative Council in Nottingham, England, re: their understanding of theological and pastoral issues before the American Church.

### An Anglican Covenant

The sleeper element of Windsor could be the call for an Anglican Covenant. Political autonomy has been the primary model for the member churches of the Anglican Communion to this point (i.e., the vote to have women priests in the U.S. did not require the consent or agreement of any larger body). Windsor could chart new territory, with its call for consideration of a new covenant to make "explicit and forceful" how the different churches would relate to one another on matters such as the parameters of autonomy and the management of disputes.

"There were too many assumptions made...before all of this boiled up," said Eames, "too many bland statements...too many bonds of affection which weren't worked out in terms of concrete relationships."

### Broadening the discourse

While response to the Windsor Report could appear to present the 75th General Convention with the specter of an up/down ultimatum kind of vote, Episcopal Divinity School professor Ian Douglas, co-chair of a special commission to receive the report, does not think so. "Part of the commission's work is to broaden the discussion so that deputies and bishops can have a discussion informed by wisdom, and not just have to be reactive — either positively or negatively."

"Our charge is to clarify for the 75th General Convention the documents that have become a part of the discourse...to look at this material and try to help the General Convention live into the fullest level of communion possible with our brothers and sisters throughout the Anglican Communion."

*Leonard Freeman, rector of St. Martin's by-the-Lake, Minnetonka Beach, Minnesota, served on the communications staff of six General Conventions and the 1988 Lambeth Conference.*

### A Personal Reflection:

## Looking Toward the Death of the Anglican Communion

by the Rev. Bill Coats; retired rector of St. Clement's, Hawthorne

The Bishop of Exeter, at the behest of the Archbishop of Canterbury, appeared before our House of Bishops in late March; and this is what he said:

- He spoke of a special commission set up by the American Bishops which is about to shape recommendations to our General Convention. He was glad the commission seemed to be taking a moderate course, and he recommended that our church join in supporting the conditions of the Windsor Report.
- He noted that our consecration of Gene Robinson has caused consternation abroad, and encouraged us to "repent" of this action. This repentance, he said, would not be "punitive or scapegoating," but an action of "changing behavior" out of "love not fear."
- He was troubled that the American church seemed to be reluctant to join a new Anglican arrangement by which our choice of bishops would have to be approved by other Anglican bodies.
- He noted that the Church of England is "watching" us. And while there is some disagreement even in England about sexuality (a matter he said was too "complex" to lead to easy resolution) any precipitate action in the American Church (meaning the possibility of a consecration of a gay or lesbian in the diocese of California) would be viewed abroad as wanting out of the Communion.
- He recognized that Biblically there were such things as "prophetic acts," but said that only history could tell if they were truly so.

This address, in which preposterousness was matched by equal parts oozing condemnation and intimidation, had its intended effect. A number of moderate bishops were so alarmed that they immediately wrote in their dioceses that we must at General Convention repent for our consecration of Gene Robinson and join the process of re-structuring Anglicanism, that is adhere to the Windsor Report. This report seeks to create within Anglicanism a new Covenant of belief, a new structure of authority and discipline as well as a new mechanism whereby the election of local bishops would have to secure the assent of the universal church.

The Bishop of Exeter's remarks come from the representative of a church which has for over 150 years known of the presence of gay priests. At first the English Church combined denial with simply turning a blind eye,

hoping the tradition of the "closet" would solve the matter. When over time more and more priests came "out," the English church then devised the notion that homosexuals should remain celibate. Of course not all obeyed these injunctions, many with the tacit approval of their bishops and congregants. Thus, for a number of generations, egregious hypocrisy ruled the day. Matters were stirred up when last year England passed a civil partners law. At this point the English bishops met (without, it should be noted, the world wide Anglican consultation for which the American Church has been chastised) and agreed to permit both clergy and lay to participate; clergy being still held to celibacy, the laity not. At this point a number of English bishops announced they would personally question and enjoin their newly partnered gays and lesbians while a number of other bishops said they would refuse to inquire into the sexual life of their gay and lesbian priests. Out of this mess of lies, contradiction, deceit and hypocrisy comes an English prelate to lecture the American church on correct attitudes and behavior.

Let us be clear what is at stake here and to what we will be asked to sign on to when at General Convention we will be asked to agree to the terms of the Windsor Report. First, we are being asked to ascribe to the view that homosexuality is an impaired condition, remedied only by life long celibacy, and that life within the church for homosexual persons will continually be problematic as well as proscribed. Second, we are being told that agreement on this issue has now become the central tenet of the Gospel as the Anglican Church understands it: not the creeds, not the divinity of Jesus Christ, not the Trinity, not the resurrection of Jesus Christ, not the atonement by his death, not the sacraments, but the impairment and proscription of homosexual persons. All now stands or falls on this singular point.

At this point let us be clear: Anglicanism (certainly represented by the Bishop of Exeter) has now consciously and rampantly submitted itself to the power of death. At General Convention the Episcopal Church in the United States of America will be asked to succumb to the same power. The absolute ludicrousness of this, if not its outright insanity, cannot be hidden by the usual subterfuges which will be offered at our General Convention. We will be asked to sign on to the Windsor Report *as a compromise*. There is nothing wrong with compromise as a periodic tactic. However there are also compromises which result in self-destruction...No to Windsor! Yes to the Gospel!

For more information about *The Windsor Report*:

#### The Windsor Report:

[www.anglicancommunion.org/commission/index.cfm](http://www.anglicancommunion.org/commission/index.cfm)

#### The Episcopal Church's initial response to the Windsor Report:

"To Set our Hope on Christ" through the General Convention website/publications link at [www.episcopalchurch.org](http://www.episcopalchurch.org)

## Diocese of Newark Resolutions to be Presented at General Convention

Our diocesan conventions in 2005 and 2006 adopted several resolutions for submission to General Convention. The resolutions have been filed by the General Convention Office and assigned to their appropriate working committees, Social and Urban Affairs, Special Legislative Committee and Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music.

The resolutions addressed a variety of social and economic justice issues that are (by title):

- Episcopal Network for Economic Justice
- Church Responsibility in Reparations
- General Convention Site Choices

- Importance of the Anglican Communion
- Right of Workers to Organize
- Anglican Consultative Council Appropriation
- Martyrs of Lyon Name Change

The texts of these resolutions as adopted by

the diocesan conventions can be found on the diocesan website. The first six resolutions were adopted at Convention 2006 and the text can be viewed at [www.dioceseofnewark.org/convention/resolutions06.html](http://www.dioceseofnewark.org/convention/resolutions06.html). The last resolution regarding the feast day name change is available at [www.dioceseofnewark.org/convention/resolutions05.html](http://www.dioceseofnewark.org/convention/resolutions05.html).

## “Live in the Light”

The Episcopal Church Women will be in Columbus, Ohio at the same time as the General Convention. ECW will hold its 45<sup>th</sup> Triennial Meeting in June 13 through June 21 with the theme of “Live in the Light.”

The delegation from Diocese of Newark to the Triennial will include:

Doris Mardirosian, ECW president;  
St. Mark's, Teaneck  
Anna Byrne, United Thank Offering diocesan chair;  
Good Shepherd, Fort Lee  
Lindsay McHugh, North Porch president;  
St. George's, Maplewood  
Eleanor Howell, ECW Registrar; Epiphany, Orange

The Mission, Vision, and Goals of the Episcopal Church Women as adopted by the 2003-2006 ECW National Board are:

**Mission:** The National Board of the Episcopal Church Women exists to support all women in their Mission and Ministry in the World.

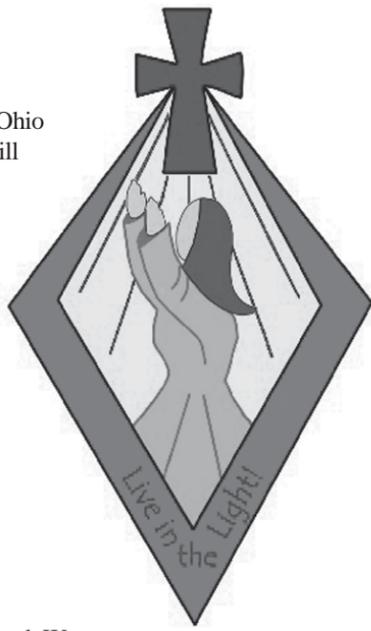
**Vision:** Our vision for all women of the Episcopal Church is that we become a vibrant blend of all ages, coming together as a peacemaking, healing part of the Church. We aspire to be a God spark\* - shining and sharing the love of Christ.

### Goals:

- To strengthen lines of communication through the Communiqué, website and diocesan and provincial visitations.
- To establish Women of Vision and Call to Action programs in every diocese.
- To encourage familiarity with and participation in programs offered by Episcopal Church Women.

\*God spark (from the Enneagram) – the core self, the part of us made in God's image, the spirit, soul.

For additional information concerning ECW, see the website at [www.episcopalchurch.org.ecw](http://www.episcopalchurch.org.ecw).



## Volunteers Are Needed to Begin Planning A Cursillo Weekend to Be Held April 2007

Organizers have begun the planning process leading toward a three-day Cursillo Weekend to be conducted in the Diocese of Newark in April 2007, and have issued a call to action for volunteers to assist in the advance planning.

Cursillo (pronounced Cur-SEE-yo), is a Spanish word meaning “short course.” In the context of the Church, Cursillo is short for “A Short Course in Christian Living,” an experience which teaches a method of Christian living based on piety, study and action. The most recent Cursillo Weekend in this diocese was in April 2004.

Before an invitation can go out to people who would like to attend such a weekend, a lot of advance planning is needed. The organizers have therefore issued an invitation to all who have already done one of these weekends to prayerfully consider whether they may be called to participate in the planning process.

The Cursillo Method does not exist to put on weekends: Cursillo Weekends are planned to teach the method to more people. To enable the offering of this gift to others, a large group of people is needed to begin the Pre-Cursillo process. Organizers will plan ways to support the team and weekend in such ways as how to help sponsors; how to begin, nourish and encourage group reunions; and

how to make it possible for clergy to be a part of a weekend team. Others are needed to connect with Cursillo Weekends throughout the world for mutual support. People who are willing to tell their own stories are needed to be a part of Speaker's Bureau, so that others can be invited to consider joining a Cursillo Weekend.

Lay director Jan Paxton emphasized that working with the Pre-Cursillo group does not involve a commitment to any meeting schedule. Subcommittees will set their own meeting parameters and report to Secretariat, the leadership group of Cursillo in the Diocese. Similarly, working with Pre-Cursillo does not mean that a volunteer will or will not be a part of the team that is called to actually run the weekend. Those decisions will not be made until next fall, but right now the groundwork must be laid. Lay people and clergy are needed and wanted; both will have roles to fill in this planning process.

Further information about Cursillo in the Diocese of Newark is available by visiting <<http://www.dioceseofnewark.org/cursillo/>>. Anyone interested in finding out more or in participating in the pre-Cursillo process may call Paxton at 973-633-9646, or by e-mail at [jrpaxton@earthlink.net](mailto:jrpaxton@earthlink.net), or Carol Haeefe, Head of Servant Community, at 973-778-5034, [CAH811@aol.com](mailto:CAH811@aol.com).

## Benedictine Workshop Sept. 15-16 at Cathedral

The Rev. Dr. Jane Tomaine, rector of St. Peter's Church in Livingston, will conduct a workshop on Benedictine spirituality at Trinity and St. Philip's Cathedral in Newark on Friday and Saturday, September 15 and 16. Dr. Tomaine is the author of *St. Benedict's Toolbox: The Nuts and Bolts of Everyday Benedictine Living*.

Describing the focus of her book, and the workshop, Dr. Tomaine said that the Benedictine approach to life “is characterized by balance and moderation, prayer and community as channels to enrich and strengthen our relationship with God.”

Written in the Sixth Century, the rule of St. Benedict remains today a practical and “amazing resource that can help people to live more fully into their Baptismal Covenant and more deeply into life in Christ with eyes, ears and heart open to seeking God in the ordinary things of daily life,” Dr. Tomaine said.

An overview of Benedictine spirituality will be offered from 7 to 9 p.m. on Friday evening following light refreshments at 6:30 p.m. Those attending the workshop will receive several “Tools” to help bring the Benedictine way alive every day. On Saturday, following a continental breakfast at 8:30 a.m., Dr. Tomaine will hold a “Train-the-Trainer” workshop from 9 until 2, designed to present tips and tools for running a study of Benedictine Spirituality in the parish using *St. Benedict's Toolbox* as a resource. A light lunch will be served on Saturday. Those wishing to hear an overview only may attend just on Friday night.

Space at the workshop is limited. The cost is \$15 per person in advance, with checks made to Trinity and St. Philip's Cathedral, or \$20 at the door. Reservations may be made with the Rev. Audrey Hasselbrook, by telephone at 973-622-3505 or by email at [achasselbrook@aol.com](mailto:achasselbrook@aol.com).

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- ◆ Study with feminist Biblical scholar Phyllis Trible, Baldwin Professor of Sacred Literature Emerita, Union Theological Seminary in “*Odd Couples in the Bible*,” June 26-28.
- ◆ Use the Broadway stage as a classroom in “*Putting It Together: Theatre and Theology*” with the Very Rev. Harry Pritchett, former Dean of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine; the Rev. Jay Wegman, former Canon for Liturgy and the Arts at that cathedral, current Director of the Abrons Art Center. July 12-15.



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**Clergy Comings and Goings**

On March 25, Bishop Croneberger ordained **The Rev. Lorraine Dughi** to the priesthood at St. Peter's Clifton.

On March 25, **The Rev. Virginia Dinsmore** was ordained to the priesthood in the Diocese of Rhode Island on behalf of the Diocese of Newark.

On April 22, Bishop Croneberger ordained **The Rev. Randy Webster** to the priesthood at Christ Church, Bellville.

On April 25th, St. Peter's, North Bergen celebrated the retirement of the **Rev. Jonathan Won**. Won was St. Peter's founding vicar from 1981-1987 and has served as its vicar a second time since 2001. In retirement he will be spending time with family and friends in California, China and Korea.

**The Women of Newark**

The ECW, the Women's Commission and North Porch are convening at Episcopal House, on May 20, 2006 from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM, a representative group of "The Women of Newark," to collaborate in designing the next steps for women's ministry organizations in the diocese. The Rev. Sandye Wilson and Ms. Pat Yankus will facilitate the organizational meeting; the Rev. Ellen Sloan, GTS chaplain, will serve as chaplain.

**Consider Taking a Class at The Newark School of Theology This Summer**

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Staff

**Introducing the Bible to Those We Teach**  
Mondays, June 5 – July 24  
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**Counseling the Bereaved**  
Wednesdays, June 7 – August 2  
Chaplain Cynthia Brady, M.Div., BCC

**Beginning Hebrew**  
Wednesdays, June 7 – July 26  
Rev. Douglas Bendall, Ph.D.

**Anglican Theology**  
Thursdays, June 1 – July 27  
Rev. Douglas Bendall, Ph.D.

The school is located at 2 Park Place, Newark, NJ. The cost for 9-week classes is \$240, and it's \$215 for 8-week classes. For additional information, call 973-297-0505.

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**Congratulations to St. Luke's, Phillipsburg on the Celebration of their 100th Anniversary Saturday, April 22, 2006**

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**Presiding Bishop Visit**

**Wednesday, May 24**

Clergy meeting, 2-4 PM, New Jersey Historical Society;  
Eucharist at the Cathedral (all are welcomed), 7:30 PM

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**Annual Volunteer Day**

Saturday, May 20, 10 AM - 4 PM  
Come volunteer your time to help continue the transformation of the facilities at Cross Roads! It will be a fun day working in community to help prepare for the new summer season. We'll be painting, cleaning, fixing, and more! Spend the whole day...or just for a few hours. Come with your family, friends or youth group...or come by yourself and make new friends when you get here! It's a great way to spend some time in the outdoors, meet the staff and Board, and see all the new changes happening at camp. This is a free event. We'll provide lunch, all the necessary tools/materials, and child care for young ones. **To register, call the camp office by May 13.**

**Open Camp Day**

Saturday, June 17, 1 - 5 PM  
This is a FREE event for anyone interested in camp. It's a great chance to meet our summer staff, Board, and experience a taste of awesome camp activities (pool, crafts, games, etc.) Please call to let us know you're coming.

**Please Note: Submissions for "Around the Diocese"**

Submissions for "Around the Diocese" should have a broad appeal to readers in all districts. Local parish dinners, unless there is a renowned guest speaker or a valuable training seminar taking place, cannot be accepted. Please make sure to write up your submission in 75 words or less and include the following information: date, time, and place of the event as well as contact information. Please do not send promotional flyers. Also, remember the Newark list (emailing to newark@epicom.org) is always a good way to post announcements.

**Instructional Sessions About Bishop Nominating Process**

The Nominating Committee for the 10<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Newark has already held several informational sessions for the special convention deputies and others who are interested. There are several sessions still to be held, listed by district below. Please contact your own district convener for further information:

- District 4 Tuesday, May 23, 7 PM  
Calvary, Summit
- District 5 Monday, May 15, 7:30 PM  
St. James', Upper Montclair
- District 6 Tuesday, May 16, 7:30 PM  
Grace Van Vorst, Jersey City
- District 7 Thursday, June 15, 7:30 PM  
St. Paul's, North Arlington
- District 8 Sunday, May 21, 3 PM  
Trinity, Cliffside Park

**Open House**

**Saturday, May 20, 2006  
1 - 4 PM**

Heath Village Retirement Community  
Washington Township, Morris County

Festivities will include tours, musical entertainment, refreshments, raffle prizes and valuable information from Heath Village Resident Groups and Organizations. For more information, please call Hope Graziani, Community Relations Coordinator at 908-684-5006. (See the Heath Village ad on page 10.)

**Concert at Calvary, Summit**

**Sunday, May 21, 3 PM**  
31 Woodland Ave., Summit  
*For more information, call 908-277-1547.*

**John Rutter's "Feel the Spirit"**

Calvary Chorale and the choir of St. John's Lutheran in Summit perform arrangements of spirituals with echoes of Fats Waller, Busby Berkeley, and Gershwin.



**Arts at Grace Church Van Vorst**

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For full event listings see website at <http://gracevanvorst.dioceseofnewark.org>.

**Bishops' Visitations**

- May 21**
- Bishop Croneberger  
St. John's, Ramsey, 10 AM (100th Anniv.)
  - Bishop Gallagher  
Holy Communion, Paterson

- May 27**
- Bishop Croneberger  
Grace Church, Newark, 12 NOON

- June 25**
- Bishop Gallagher  
St. Paul's & Resurrection, Wood-Ridge, 9:30 AM

**District Confirmations**

- May 20**
- District 8, Bishop Croneberger  
All Saints', Leonia, 10 AM
  - District 6, Bishop Gallagher  
Calvary, Bayonne, 11 AM

- May 21**
- District 9, Bishop Croneberger  
St. Paul's, Montvale, 3 PM

- June 4**
- District 2, Bishop Croneberger,  
St. Mary's, Sparta, 3 PM

**Diocesan Confirmation**

- May 20**
- Spring Confirmation  
Bishops Croneberger & Gallagher  
Trinity & St. Philip's Cathedral,  
Newark, 3:30 PM; Reception follow-  
ing at Episcopal House

**Ordinations of Deacons**

- June 3**
- Vocational Deacons  
Bishop Croneberger  
Trinity & St. Philip's Cathedral,  
Newark, 10 AM
- June 10**
- Transitional Deacons  
Bishops Croneberger & Gallagher  
Trinity & St. Philip's Cathedral,  
Newark, 10 AM

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Domingos: Estudio Bíblico ..... 11:00 AM  
Misa ..... 12:00 NOON

**St. Anthony of Padua**  
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201-489-3286  
Martes ..... 7:30 PM  
Sábados ..... 6:00 PM  
Domingos ..... 8:00 PM

**St. John's Episcopal Church**  
www.stjohnsofdover.org  
11 S. Bergen, Dover, NJ  
973-366-2772  
Domingos ..... 12:30 PM

**St. Paul's Episcopal Church**  
www.dioceseofnewark.org/stpauls-paterson  
451 Van Houten St, Paterson, NJ  
973-278-7900  
Miércoles:  
Estudio Bíblico y Comunión ..... 7:00 PM  
Domingos Misa ..... 1:30 PM

**Trinity & St. Philip's Cathedral**  
www.trinitystphilipscathedral.dioceseofnewark.org  
608 Broad Street, Newark, NJ  
973- 622-3505  
Cada otro Sábado ..... 1:00 PM

**Trinity Episcopal Church**  
www.trinitychurchkearny.org  
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201-991-5894  
Domingos ..... 1:00 PM

**Announcement of Nominees for Bishop**

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Deadline for Nominations by Petition

Deadline for Special Edition 1

**May 2006**

- May 15**
- District 5 Meeting - Bishop Election Ses-  
sion, St. James', Upper Montclair, 7:30 PM

- May 16**
- Clergy Conversations; 10 AM - 1 PM  
- Bishop Croneberger, District 7  
Christ Church, Belleville  
- Bishop Gallagher, District 9  
All Saints', Bergenfield  
- Canon Echols, District 4  
Christ Church, Short Hills

- May 17**
- District 6 Meeting - Bishop Election Ses-  
sion, Grace Church Van Vorst, 7:30 PM

- May 17**
- Senior Ministries-Diocese of Newark,  
Episcopal House, 4 - 6 PM
  - Trinity & St. Philip's Cathedral Chapter  
meeting, Cathedral House, 7 PM

- May 18**
- "Fresh Start", St. Agnes', Little Falls,  
9:45 AM -1:15 PM

- May 19**
- CDI: A Congregational Development  
Program, Church of the Saviour,  
Denville

- May 19-21**
- High School Retreat (W.O.O.D.Y.);  
Cross Roads Outdoor Ministries, Port  
Murray, NJ

- May 20**
- "The Women of Newark", a joint meet-  
ing of the ECW, the Women's Commis-  
sion and North Porch to design the con-  
tinuing steps for women's ministry, Epis-  
copal House, 8:30 AM -12:30 PM
  - Cross Roads Camp Clean-up Day, Port  
Murray, 10 a.m.-4 PM
  - District Confirmation, District 8, Bishop  
Croneberger, All Saint's, Leonia, 10 AM
  - District Confirmation, District 6, Bishop  
Gallagher, Calvary, Bayonne, 11 AM
  - Diocesan Confirmation, Bishop  
Croneberger & Bishop Gallagher, Trinity  
& St. Philip's Cathedral, Newark, 3:30 PM

- May 21**
- Bishop Gallagher visitation, Holy Com-  
munion, Paterson, 10 AM
  - District Confirmation, District 9, Bishop  
Croneberger, St. Paul's, Montvale, 3 PM
  - District 8 Meeting - Bishop Election Ses-  
sion, Trinity, Cliffside Park, 3 PM
  - Evensong Service sponsored by the Se-  
nior Ministries-Diocese of Newark,  
Christ Church, Ridgewood, 3 PM

- May 22**
- Ward J. Herbert Fund Board Meeting,  
Episcopal House, 6 PM

- May 23**
- Clergy Conversations with Bishop  
Croneberger, District 3, St. Peter's,  
Livingston, 10 AM -1 PM
  - Women's Commission, Episcopal House,  
12 - 2 PM

- May 23**
- Cross Roads Board Meeting, Port  
Murray, 6 - 9 PM
  - District 4 Meeting - Bishop Election Ses-  
sion, Calvary, Summit, 7 PM

- May 24**
- Presiding Bishop's Visit to the Diocese;  
Clergy meeting, 2-4 PM, New Jersey His-  
torical Society; Eucharist at the Cathed-  
ral (all are welcomed), 7:30 PM
  - Bethsaida Team, St. Elizabeth's,  
Ridgewood, 5:30 PM, supper, 6 PM meeting

- May 29**
- Memorial Day (Episcopal House closed)

- May 31**
- Annual Spring Clergywomen's Brunch  
sponsored by the Women's Commission,  
Christ Church, Ridgewood, 10 AM -12 PM;  
RSVP to the Rev. Janet Brocklesby, 973-  
633-1876.

**June 2006**

- June 2**
- Cursillo Ultreya, Convent St. John Bap-  
tist, Mendham, 7:30 - 9 PM

- June 3**
- Ordination of Vocational Deacons, Trinity  
& St. Philip's Cathedral, Newark, 10 AM

- June 4**
- District Confirmation, District 2, Bishop  
Croneberger, St. Mary's, Sparta, 3 PM

- June 6**
- Clergy Conversations with Bishop  
Croneberger, District 4, St. Andrew & Holy  
Communion, South Orange, 10 AM - 1 PM
  - Lay Compensation Task Force, Episco-  
pal House, 5 PM
  - District 6 Meeting, St. Paul's, Jersey City,  
7 PM

- June 7**
- ECW Meeting, Church of the Holy In-  
nocents, West Orange, 10 AM
  - Standing Committee, Episcopal House,  
12:30 PM
  - Trustees of the Episcopal Fund & Dioc-  
esan Properties, Episcopal House, 3 PM
  - Diocesan Council, Nutley Senior Manor,  
Nutley, 6 PM

- June 8**
- North Porch Board of Trustees, St. John's,  
Dover, 10 AM
  - Christian Formation Commission, St.  
Luke's, Montclair, 11:15 AM - 1:15 PM

- June 8 (continued)
- District Conveners, Episcopal House, 12 PM

- June 10**
- Ordination of Transitional Deacons,  
Trinity + St. Philip's Cathedral, Newark,  
10 PM
  - District Confirmation, District 4, Bishop  
Gallagher, St. Paul's, Chatham, 3 PM

- June 13**
- Interim Clergy, St. Agnes', Little Falls, 2  
p.m.-3:30 PM

- June 13-21**
- 75th General Convention, Columbus,  
Ohio

- June 15**
- "Fresh Start", Episcopal House, 9:30 AM  
- 1 PM
  - District 7 Meeting - Bishop Election Ses-  
sion, St. Paul's, North Arlington, 7:30 PM

- June 17**
- Cross Roads Camp Open House, Port  
Murray, 1 - 5 PM

- June 21**
- Senior Ministries-Diocese of Newark,  
Episcopal House, 4 - 6 PM

- June 22**
- Bethsaida Team, St. Elizabeth's,  
Ridgewood, 5:30 PM, supper, 6 PM meet-  
ing

- June 25**
- Bishop Gallagher visitation, St. Paul's &  
Resurrection, Wood-Ridge, 9:30 AM

- June 26**
- Ward J. Herbert Fund Board Meeting,  
Episcopal House, 6 PM

- June 27**
- Lay Professionals Association meeting,  
12 NOON (for all church employees)

- June 28**
- Nominees for diocesan bishop election  
announced by the Search/Nominating  
Committee

**July 2006**

- July 4**
- Independence Day (Episcopal House  
closed)

- July 5**
- Deadline for Nominations by Petition for  
diocesan bishop due to the Standing Com-  
mittee

**August 2006**

- Nothing on the diocesan calendar at Voice  
print time.

Many thanks to the Diocesan Altar Guild for  
their gift of ten new, beautiful, hand-made chairs  
for the All Saints' Chapel at Episcopal House!





### Notice from 31 Mulberry Street:

*The Voice* production schedule during the fall of 2006 will be changed to accommodate coverage of events related to the election of the Tenth Bishop of Newark.

To better serve you, *The Voice* will produce the following issues in the fall:

1. A Special Edition to come out by the end of August that will be devoted to candidate introduction, Electing Convention process, and General Convention update. A calendar will be included to cover September and the early part of October. Information for any time-sensitive events should be submitted to the editor by July 31.
2. An October edition to come out in mid-October that will resume coverage of diocesan events and news for the fall. The deadline for submission of articles and information for this issue will be September 15.
3. Another Special Edition to come out by the end of December that will cover the annual January convention, the farewell banquet for The Cronebergers, and the consecration of the Tenth Bishop of Newark. The deadline for this issue will be November 15.

### Events to Remember:

**June 28** Nominees for diocesan bishop to be announced by the Search/Nominating Committee

**July 5** Deadline for Nominations by Petition to the Standing Committee

#### Walk-About Sessions with Candidates

- September 6** For Districts 9 & 10; St. Elizabeth's, Ridgewood  
**September 7** For Districts 1 & 2; Christ Church, Newton  
**September 8** For Districts 3 & 4; St. Andrew & Holy Communion, South Orange  
**September 9** For Laity Only; Hilton Hotel, Parsippany - morning  
**September 10** For Clergy Only; Hilton Hotel, Parsippany - afternoon  
**September 11** For Districts 5 & 7; St. Luke's, Montclair  
**September 12** For Districts 6 & 8; Trinity, Cliffside Park  
**September 23** Special Convention to Elect the Tenth Bishop of Newark  
Robert Treat Hotel, Newark  
Worship service at Trinity & St. Philip's Cathedral

**The Transition Committee is pleased to announce that the consecration of our new Bishop will take place on Saturday, January 27, 2007 at 11 AM at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark.**

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