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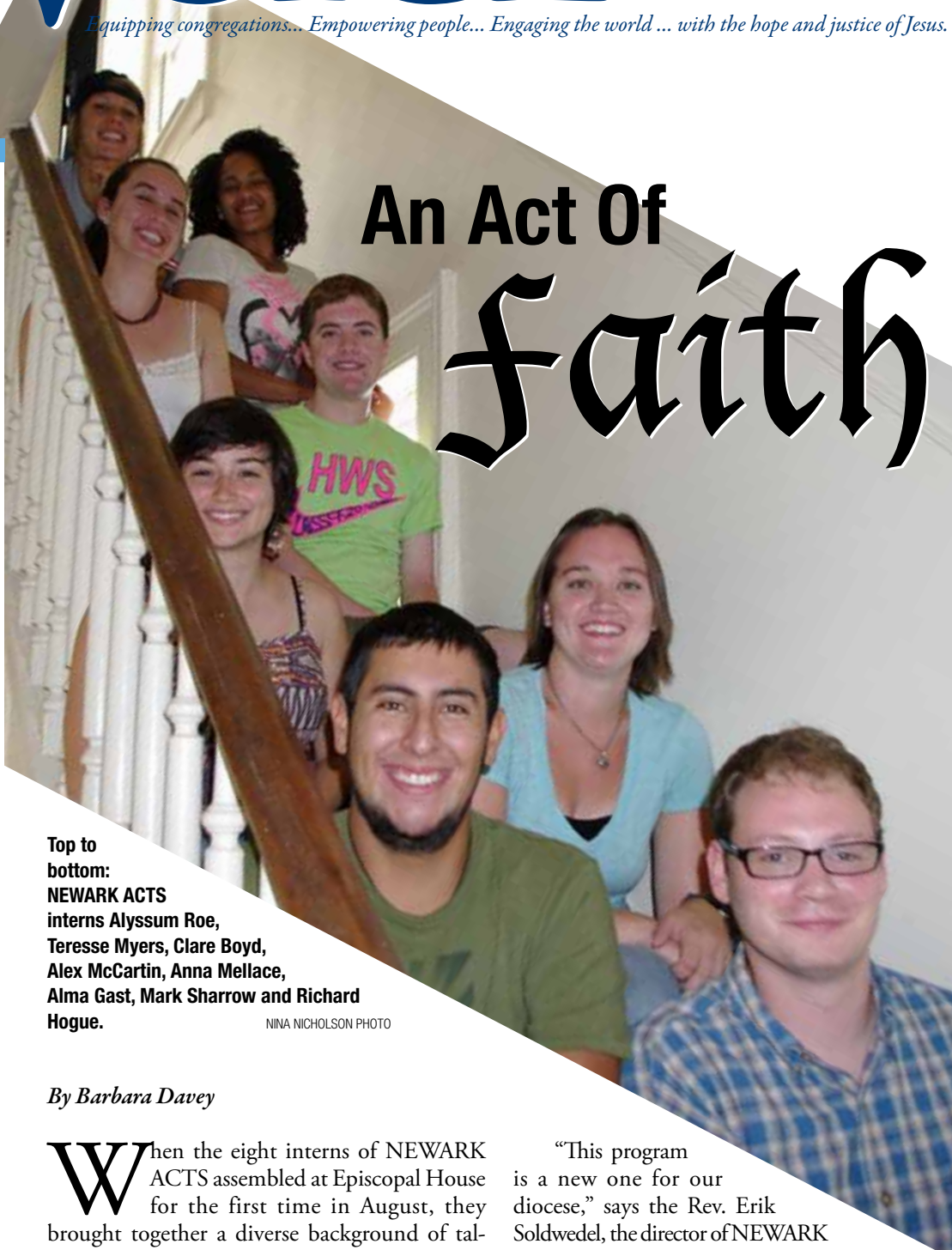
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NINA NICHOLSON PHOTO

By Barbara Davey

When the eight interns of NEWARK ACTS assembled at Episcopal House for the first time in August, they brought together a diverse background of talent, expertise and experience. They brought a desire to serve, build and live in a faith-based, spiritual community. And the four pillars of the new service-learning program – social justice, community service, spiritual formation and communal living – resonated with each one.

“This program is a new one for our diocese,” says the Rev. Erik Soldwedel, the director of NEWARK ACTS. “Based on a model that is used for the Episcopal Service Corps, NEWARK ACTS is a service-learning program for young adults. These individuals traveled to the Diocese of Newark to work for eleven months in direct-care positions at local agencies and

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Vision: A Roadmap For The Soul

“If you don’t know where you are going, any road will take you there.”

I often think of this West African proverb as I punch yet another northern New Jersey address into my GPS system. I know my destination, but I am rather oblivious to the roads involved, since the route is determined through the wonders of modern technology and is projected on a small but readable screen. I have learned to trust this little machine; and while it has devised some rather bizarre itineraries – which always seems to be the case in Jersey City; and never fails to get confused over swatches of roadways near Hope, it always directs me where I need to go.

I have become dependent on my GPS. I wouldn’t know how to get around the diocese without it. But as important as it is for short jaunts and day to day travel, it is not equipped to plot the journey of the soul. It can’t find a route for the ultimate direction of my life. I need faith for that. Along with vision.

For as long as there has been an Episcopal Church (and the Anglican Church before that), there has been a Book of Common Prayer. As the church has evolved, the Prayer Book has been

revised. The BCP is our liturgical GPS – it gets us from Advent to Pentecost by offering a lectionary of biblical readings, seasonal prayers and liturgies. The Prayer Book is the foundation of who we are. As a friend of mine, a priest, once said, “the Prayer Book is the floor upon which I dance.”

Yet for us to dance with full freedom and deep joy, we need to invest the Prayer Book with our faith and vision. Faith is a gift from the living Christ; vision is the picture that emerges as we develop an ongoing relationship with that faith. We all need to develop that vision.

For the past year, we as a diocese have been living into a mission statement – equipping congregations, empowering people, engaging the world – with the hope and justice of Jesus. It is more than a clever letterhead statement: it has reorganized our work as a diocese; it has helped define what we are called to do – and perhaps as importantly, helped to clarify what we are not called to do. It has aligned our ministry, and has become the mirror for all decisions.

And from the mission statement, a vision has emerged. It is being presented this fall to various groups across the diocese. *continued on page 14*

Visión: Una Guía Para El Alma

“Si no sabes para donde vas, cualquier camino te llevara allá”

A menudo pienso en este proverbio del África Occidental cuando pongo una nueva dirección del Norte de New Jersey en mi GPS. Yo se hacia donde voy pero me olvido de la combinación de vías para llegar allá; ya que la ruta es determinada por medio de las maravillas de la tecnología moderna y aparece en una pantalla chica aunque legible. He aprendido a confiar en esta maquina pequeña y mientras ha planeado algunos itinerarios mas bien extraños, – lo que siempre parece ser el caso de Jersey City, – y nunca falla en confundirse en el entretejido de vías cerca de Hope, siempre me lleva a donde tengo que ir.

Me he vuelto dependiente de mi GPS. No sabría

como moverme en la Diócesis sin él. Pero por importante que sea para las salidas del diario viajar, no está equipado para planear la jornada del alma. No puede encontrar una ruta para la mas importante dirección de mi vida. Para eso necesito fe. Acompañada de visión.

Por el mismo tiempo que ha existido la Iglesia Episcopal (y la Iglesia Anglicana antes de esta), ha existido un libro de Oración Común. Con la evolución de la Iglesia, el Libro de Oración ha sido revisado. El BCP (Iniciales en Ingles para Book of Common Prayer, en español, Libro de Oración Común) es nuestro GPS litúrgico – nos lleva de Adviento a Pentecostés ofreciéndonos un leccionario de lecturas bíblicas, oraciones y liturgias propias de *continuado en la paginación 14*



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Teaching, Feeding, Listening:

Diocesan Council's New Action Teams Engage Mission

By Renee Wijnen Caruthers

On October 16, St. Elizabeth's Church in Ridgewood will welcome students of a new university. Vestry University will offer lay leaders and clergy in congregations throughout the diocese the opportunity to take courses designed to ensure they have the skills to effectively serve their congregations.

The day-long program, intended to better equip congregations to carry out their work, is the product of Diocesan Council's Equipping Congregations action team. This is one of three new action teams – along with Empowering People and Engaging the World – that came out of a decision last September to reorganize Diocesan Council around the diocese's mission of "Equipping congregations... Empowering people... Engaging the World... with the hope and justice of Jesus."

At Vestry University, participants will focus on communicating, including exploring the use of social media like Facebook in parish communications. Some of the other course offerings include stewardship, addressing conflict, the Safe Church child safety initiative, and conducting more effective vestry meetings.

"As we explored what it means to better equip congregations, we decided it was important to find ways to have lay and clergy leaders all be on the same page and have a common ground of experience and know-how that would bring them together," says the Rev. Vicki McGrath, rector of All Saints', Millington and co-chair of

the Equipping Congregations action team.

The team sought leadership training that would provide lay leaders with more insight into clergy's approach to leading a congregation and help to further define vestry responsibilities, she adds.

The Empowering People action team has made food ministries, particularly food pantries, its first target. At a workshop on August 11, congregations shared ideas about running a pantry and learned about support resources and partnership opportunities.

"We chose a different mix of churches: Some were more rural, some were urban, some were small, some were large, and one ran an interfaith pantry with several other churches of different denominations," says Deacon Diane Riley, who helped organize the program. Riley, who has five years experience navigating regulations and social services organizations on behalf of food ministries, provided information about tapping into federal, state and other resources including the Community FoodBank of New Jersey.

"St. Paul's in Paterson for example serves 3,000 people a month. Those numbers are incredible and they have been rising because of the economy," says Archdeacon Deborah Rucki Drake, one of the members of the Empowering People

action team, whose church, St. Agnes' in Little Falls, hosted the workshop. "It was a great night for sharing information."

Participating congregations shared knowledge of a variety of methods, like running community gardens, notes Martha Reiner, a co-chair of the action team. "What I was most pleased with was the amount of talking going on at each table right from the beginning," she says. "You could just feel the energy in the room and everyone was very attentive to each speaker's presentation."

Diocesan Council's third action team, Engaging the World, has begun by listening.

"We decided before engaging the world, we should understand what our own churches are already engaged in, what they are struggling with, or what they are excited about," says the Rev. Laurie Wurm, rector of St. John's, Boonton and member of the Engaging the World action team.

"We are looking for a new vision of church on the diocese level, not on the parish level, because this is a diocesan campaign," adds the Rev. David Wolf, rector of St. Paul's, Paterson, another Engaging the World action team member. The listening campaign has 20 listeners, two for each of the 10 districts in the diocese, who are holding "kitchen table" meetings with congregations to listen to their hopes and needs.

The next step for the listening campaign is having the bishop meet with groups of districts. "The plan would be for the bishop to come to listen to the people who helped with the kitchen table conversations and hear in each district what churches are facing," says Wurm. The schedule for district meetings with the bishop will be announced on the diocesan website and in the Digest e-newsletter. ■

The goal is to give lay leaders in the diocese the tools and insight they need to effectively run their congregations.

Workshop Opportunities At Vestry University

- 21st Century Communications for the Technically Intimidated
- ALL Christian Ministry is Mutual
- As We Feed Them, They Feed Us
- Come to My House, We Have Plenty of Room
- Episcopal Polity 101
- Justice for ALL – How Will It Work and How Much Will It Cost?
- Maintaining for the Future
- No Longer Content with Business as Usual
- Not Just Mission but Mission MINDEDNESS
- Playing Well with Others
- Safe Church
- Stewardship is Life
- Treasurer's Nuts and Bolts
- Who's Who and What's What

Incarnation

Looks To The Next 100 Years

*A storied church
uses music,
hospitality
and outreach
to reach a new
community.*



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A confirmation class during the tenure of the Venerable Eugene Avery, Archdeacon of Newark, as vicar of Church of the Incarnation (Sept 1948 - Feb 1960).



JOSEPH BODINE PHOTO

Incarnation Praise Dancers add a vivacious youthful touch to parish celebration.

By Jerry Hames

Parishioners at the Church of the Incarnation are singing praises as they begin to celebrate their church's centenary and launch ministries that will serve the changing landscape of Jersey City's Episcopal churches and the diverse needs of its growing population. There is new music and dance, and new attention to the homeless and ill. There is outreach to Episcopalians displaced by the closure of congregations elsewhere in the city.

Says the Rev. Joseph A. Harmon, priest-in-charge of Incarnation, "The Church of the Incarnation is a vibrant, Christ-centered community of radical hospitality and radical wel-

come offering enthusiastic worship, engaging community outreach and empowering spiritual learning to anyone who seeks a deeper relationship with God and one another through Jesus Christ."

Rich, vibrant history

Arguably, the church could rest on its laurels this centennial year. It could commemorate the 11 black Episcopalians who rented a room for the first service on December 10, 1810. It could commemorate its heyday, when the congregation celebrated 222 baptisms and 162 confirmations during a time of unparalleled growth between 1948 and 1960. It could celebrate the fact that one former *continued on page 5*

rector, the Rev. Dillard H. Brown, was elected to serve as the Episcopal Church's missionary bishop to Liberia. And it could rejoice in the congregation's major outreach to support neighborhood youth initiated half a century ago.

Instead, interviews with Incarnation's leaders show them to be more excited about the church's plans for the future. They speak with pride about the church's new music initiative led by Gail Blache-Gill, a professionally trained opera and classical singer and keyboard artist.

"Gail's gifts have energized the choir, our musicians and the congregation," says junior warden Carol Harrison-Arnold. "I don't know what will happen in Incarnation's next 100 years, but I do know the first decade or so will be noteworthy because of our significant musical contributions to our community."

The music ministry has already brought a new level of energy to the congregation, encouraging the development of nascent talent and complementing Incarnation's "Praise Dancers," who bring a vivacious youthful presence to parish worship.

"Incarnation is a small church that is devoted to welcoming people into our fold," says Sidney King, senior warden.

Music will figure prominently in the centennial celebrations (see calendar on the diocese's website), but it will stand alongside other initiatives that are being developed to serve the spiritual, social and physical needs of many of the city's less fortunate.

Foremost among those is Incarnation's partnership with the Jersey City Episcopal Community Development Corporation to host a drop-in center that provides food and social service connections for the homeless. The center is now open three days a week, and "there are plans to expand to a full week program," said Harmon.

Social services expand

This past year the vestry authorized the drop-in center to begin a needle exchange program in conjunction with the Hyacinth Foundation to further efforts at combating complications from drug addiction and the spread of HIV/AIDS. The parish will start a food pantry in October, as well as a "First Mondays" program at which Incarnation



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Left, early parishioners in front of the property purchased on Storms Avenue that became the site of the present Church of the Incarnation.

Below, Incarnation receives an annual "extra-Episcopal" visit from the Bishop of Myra (St. Nicholas!), shown here distributing Nicholas cookies baked by parishioners.

members and homeless people will prepare and serve a meal that all will share.

"We have to look at our capacity and what we can do," says Harrison-Arnold. "One of things we can do well is feed people." Several times a year, staff from local community agencies are invited to meet for worship at the church and a meal and program that celebrates their contribution to the community's life. Past honorees have been organizations that provide affordable housing and support for women and children. On that occasion, the church gave store gift certificates to eight women and children who live in a homeless shelter.

Michael Rems, the church treasurer, said he is especially proud of the church's ministry to neighborhood children, especially the expanding Kidz2Camp program that operates five days a week for six weeks during the summer. "It is one of our most successful programs," he said. "I hate to think what would happen if we were not there."

The outreach is working. Though Incarnation's average Sunday attendance now is 40 to 50 people, it is attracting newcomers including Harrison-Arnold and Rems. He first stepped into the church after his neighborhood church, St. Stephen's, was closed. "It was a welcoming place," he says.

Future expectation great

Over the past two decades, as the diocese confronted the fact it needed to close some Jersey City churches, it developed a strategic plan that included the creation of the Jersey City Episcopal Development Corporation, and a vision to ensure support for three strong congregations in the city. Since that time the city has also grown, and when the 2010 census results are announced, diocesan officials say they



JOSEPH A. HARMON PHOTO

fully expect Jersey City to be the state's largest city.

The Rev. Canon Gregory Jacobs says plans initiated by the diocese originally called for an expanded Jersey City ministry and a new church, with Incarnation members at its core. "That promise remains unfulfilled," he says, "and I commend the congregation of Incarnation for taking up that challenge and moving to fulfill that promise.

"It's a heavy responsibility for them to develop a ministry plan, to determine what God is calling them to be and how that vision can be carried out," he says, speaking of Incarnation's members. "All three congregations [in Jersey City] are in the midst of transition. We see this as an exciting and positive development as [they] develop a ministry and strategy for the city that is carried out in a cooperative manner."

Dr. Roxanne Johnson, a vestry member and chair of the parish's centennial committee, says Incarnation's members hear the call. "We are really working very hard to expand our boundaries, interacting with our community through outreach programs. We ask: 'What is this that they need?' People don't live by spirit alone. You have to eat, have shelter and find a place for your kids in the summer.

"Incarnation has been influential in the diocese throughout the years," she says. "We're proud of it. And we hope the diocese is proud of it too." ■

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organizations with a social justice mission.”

The interns include three men and five women. They come from as far south as Georgia, as far north and west as Alaska, and each one of them holds a bachelor’s degree from an accredited college or university. Some of them have working experience, others have resumes that include mission work in South Africa, and outreach activities in South America. All of them will spend the months until next July sharing their individual experiences and expertise with nonprofit organizations within the Diocese of Newark.

Some of these places include Christ Hospital, Jersey City; Episcopal Community Development Corporation, Saint Philip’s Academy, North Porch, all in Newark; All Saints Day School, Jubilee Center, Hoboken Shelter, all in Hoboken; Turning Point, Irvington; and Seaman’s Church Institute, Port Newark.

Funding for the program will come from several sources, beginning with those benefiting from the services of each intern. “Every organization participating in NEWARK ACTS will pay \$21,500 for a full-time intern,” explains Soldwedel. “Unlike other service-based programs, the interns of NEWARK ACTS are all college

graduates, and will be working a 40-hour week.” In addition, the program received grant money from Trinity Wall Street, Diocesan Council, the Alleluia Fund, and

Young people from across the country have come to the diocese to put their expertise to the service of local nonprofits.



NINA NICHOLSON PHOTO

The Rev. Erik Soldwedel, program director of NEWARK ACTS, talking with interns, who receive a stipend for their service.

the Marge Christie Fund.

The cornerstone to the NEWARK ACTS program is communal living. During the eleven-month program, the interns are living in community at two separate urban sites, in Jersey City and Newark. Within these residences, the interns are creating a common home through the process of learning about each other and themselves. This is accomplished by sharing meals, discussion, devotions and experiences.

Kaileen Alston, Director of Young and Youth Adult Ministries states, “The support of this new outreach program for young adults has been truly remarkable. We have received donations of furniture, food and funds from churches through the Diocese of Newark. We also have a network of chaplains, spiritual directors and mentors to support our interns, and guide them through this eleven-month period.”

When asked about the name of the internship program, NEWARK ACTS, and its significance, Soldwedel referred to the Acts of the Apostles, Chapter 2, verse 46: “Day by day, as they spent much time together.... they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts...”

What an appropriate description of this new ministry! ■

Old And New Come Together To Tell The Story Of The Diocese Of Newark

By Nina Nicholson, Director of Communications & Technology

After a hiatus of a few months, the Voice is back – with a new editor and a new format.

Virginia Citrano started in August as freelance editor of the Voice. A parishioner and vestry member of Church of the Holy Spirit in Verona, Virginia spent more than two decades working for publications such as *The Wall Street Journal/Europe*, *Crain’s* and *Forbes.com* before becoming a full-time freelance writer and editor. During the time we’ve spent putting together this issue I’ve developed a great appreciation for her talent and professionalism, and am grateful to have her on the Voice team.

Along with a new editor, the Voice also has a new format, thanks to our long-time production manager, award-winning

graphic artist Linda Brooks. The new format is consistent with standard letter-size paper, which will make it easy both to read the Voice online and to print extra copies on home or church office printers.

Linda also worked with the diocesan leadership to design the new logo that you see at the top of page one, which has also been used in our electronic communications for a few months. Based on the cross in the diocesan shield and using a font from the same family used in the Book of Common Prayer, the new logo presents familiar elements in a fresh, contemporary way and will make all diocesan communications, both print and electronic, identifiable at a glance.

After the Voice was last printed in January, discernment took place around the diocese’s communications needs, including a mail survey of all the Voice subscribers.

About 2% of subscribers responded that they rely solely on print communications, while others who are online expressed a great fondness for the Voice. As a result, the Voice will be published at least twice a year. The next issue will be in January 2011, before Diocesan Convention.

Diocesan news is still published on a frequent basis thanks to several online media vehicles: the diocesan website (www.dioceseofnewark.org); the Newark email list; and two biweekly e-newsletters, the Diocesan News Digest and Clergy & Lay Leader News. You can subscribe to the email list and the newsletters by visiting the diocesan website, where you’ll also find links to two other new features, the diocesan Facebook page (www.facebook.com/dionewark), and the diocesan Twitter feed (www.twitter.com/dionewark). ■

Expanding Our Worldview

By *Hamilton Carson*

Two Episcopal leaders with dramatic stories to tell are visiting churches in our diocese.

Bishop Martin Barahona of El Salvador was honored at an Evensong in Trinity & St. Philip's Cathedral in Newark on Sunday, Sept. 26 and visited St. John's, Dover for a week.

On October 17, Canon Andrew White, more familiarly known as "The Bishop of Baghdad" because he is the vicar of St. George's Church there, will be preaching at St. Peter's, Mountain Lakes.

Bishop Barahona, who survived an assassination attempt in March that critically injured his driver, came at the invitation of the Rev. John Habecker, priest-in-charge of St. John's in Dover, where more than half the population is Hispanic and one of only four congregations that has both Spanish and English services. Habecker, who was a missionary in El Salvador for four years before retiring and moving back to the U.S., admired the work of the Bishop and thought it would be appropri-

ate for him to address the Dover congregations, in English and Spanish.

Habecker hopes to use the visit as a model for helping Anglos and Latinos to understand each other better. Bishop Barahona has served as Bishop of El Salvador for 16 years and has just completed eight years concurrently as Archbishop of Central America. Before coming to Dover he visited a Spanish congregation in Los Angeles, and after his Dover stay he will visit the Newark School of Theology and the General Theological Seminary in New York.

"The Bishop of Baghdad," Canon White, is scheduled to preach at St. Peter's in Mountain Lakes on Sunday, Oct. 17, where Chuck and Adele Hatfield are co-rectors, arriving there in February, 2009, from Southwest Florida. One of the Canon's aims is to raise funds in the U.S. to support his work in Iraq. He comes at the invitation of parishioner Philip Notestine, who first became aware of his

work in Iraq about four years ago. When the Mountain Lakes parish sent Easter gift boxes to U.S. troops at various stations in Iraq and to St. George's, "an Embassy contact helped me to understand the work of Canon White," Mr. Notestine said. Canon White is expected to describe his work in the Middle East, seeking reconciliation among Judaism, Islam and Christianity. His parish is the only Anglican church in Iraq.

Canon White recently offered a remarkably optimistic outlook on his corner of the world. He noted that "The Mid East is constantly in the news and constantly the scene of war, yet amidst the tragedy of the region there are few places that have

such wonderful people. I love the people of this region and so does our organization, 'Foundation for Relief and Reconciliation in the Mid East.' This includes all the peoples of the region, Muslims, Christians and Jews. We seek political, diplomatic and religious solutions." ■

*Easter gift boxes
bring the gift
of perspective
on the
Middle East*

An Enlightening Trip To Panama

By *Virginia Citrano*

This past June, Bishop Beckwith and Canon Jacobs traveled to Panama with the Rev. Joseph Harmon, priest-in-charge at Incarnation, Jersey City, and Bert Jones, a consultant to the Episcopal Urban Caucus. The goal was to see first-hand a companion diocese relationship that began almost five



Bishop Beckwith at the Episcopal School in Colón.

years ago, but which has deep personal roots with several leaders in our diocese.

At the 2011 Diocesan Convention in January, attendees will have the opportunity to see a very special documentary about the trip and the companion diocese relationship, produced by seminarian Diana Wilcox. A New Day, her film on Redeemer Morristown's youth

mission to hurricane-ravaged Louisiana, won second place in the Morristown-Green.com film fest.

In the movie, Bishop Beckwith notes that the goals of the companion diocese relationship

are not to dictate a single approach by our congregations, but rather to create a framework that all in the diocese can build upon. He talks about some of the



BERT JONES PHOTOS

Panamanian dance

attributes and challenges of the church in Panama and concludes that the Panamanian churches' effort to build their congregation and schools even in the face of limited resources holds lessons for us all.

Convention deputies will be discussing the continuation of the companion diocese relationship. If you are not attending the convention, the film will be available on the diocese's website. Look for an announcement. ■

SUMMER in the Diocese

They ate, they sang, they hiked and played and worked, deepening their commitment to others and their understanding of their faith. Here's a small sample of what happened in the Diocese of Newark this summer. For more photos, see the website, www.dioceseofnewark.org.



RUTH PORTELA PHOTO
ST. PETER'S, LIVINGSTON - Youth Group camping trip to Watkins Glen State Park, NY

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The environment, outreach and of course the Bible – especially the story of Joseph in Egypt – were among the VBS themes this past summer in the Diocese of Newark.

Other churches enjoying VBS 2010 included Church of the Atonement, Tenafly, who used the program “Ecosystem: God’s Precious Gift,” and Grace Church, Union City, whose theme was “Egypt - Joseph’s Journey from prison to palace.”



DEBORAH DRAKE PHOTO

ST. AGNES', LITTLE FALLS - joined with Methodist congregations in Little Falls and Totowa for its VBS. The churches used ReNew, a VBS program from Sparkhouse of Minneapolis that brings together the Bible and environmental stewardship. Funding from an ACTS/VIM grant helped St. Agnes' purchase the ReNew program and other materials, and all crafts, games and stages were made from recycled materials.



M. CHRISTYANNE WARD PHOTO

MESSIAH, CHESTER - focused on different outreach issues, including hunger and homelessness, each of the five days of their VBS.

HOUSE OF PRAYER, NEWARK - 25 children, more than half from families new to the congregation, participated in a VBS based on the song, “I have decided to follow Jesus.” Fifteen adult and youth members led the teaching, music, arts, games and food preparation. A celebration and dinner concluding the week had over 80 in attendance.



GRACE, MADISON - VBS Children make Egyptian bricks with mud and straw.

MARY LEA CRAWLEY PHOTO

HOLY SPIRIT, VERONA - VBS also goes to Egypt!



LUCY ANN DURE PHOTO

ST. PETER'S, MOUNTAIN LAKES AND ST. JOHN'S, BOONTON - collaborated on a Galactic Blast Bible Camp!

ADELE & CHUCK HATFIELD PHOTO





MUSIC



MARY LEA CRAWLEY PHOTO

GRACE, MADISON - Teddy Bear Concert to raise money for the Madison Public Library.



D. FIELD PHOTO

TRINITY & ST. PHILIP'S CATHEDRAL, NEWARK - Jazz on the Portico



LORI HOWARD PHOTO

ST. ELIZABETH'S, RIDGEWOOD - Teen Mission Trip group takes a bowling break during their expedition to central Maine. Work projects included refurbishing a local parish hall for use as community social and feeding center, assisting at a regional wholesale nonprofit food distribution facility, and staffing a local thrift shop.



MISSION TRIPS

REDEEMER, MORRISTOWN - Mission Trip to Louisiana Gulf Coast



ST. JAMES', HACKETTSTOWN - In Virginia repairing homes for Episcopal Appalachian Ministries; the Rev. Cathy Deats with her team on the porch they built.



LOIS PETERSON

ST. MICHAEL'S, WAYNE - During their Faith in Action Weekend, Ernie Peterson, the Rev. John Donnelly, Kristin DeVos and others joined with Habitat for Humanity to help a family finish their new home in Paterson.

FELLOWSHIP



STEVE KENT OR BRIAN O'CONNOR PHOTO

ST DAVID'S, KINNELON - "Dining at David's" BBQ/Picnic



JOHN HARTNETT PHOTO

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, PATERSON - On Saturday, June 26, District 10 continued its tradition of offering a summer evening of "The apostles teaching and fellowship, breaking of bread, and the prayers."

Call To Convention

A Call To Serve

*By Michael Francaviglia,
Secretary of Convention*

The 137th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Newark will be held on January 28 & 29, 2011 at the Hilton Hotel, Parsippany. Information on registration, deadlines for resolutions and matters of business, nomination forms and contact information can be found at www.dioceseofnewark.org/convention/.

Elections will be held for a variety of diocesan offices. The following committees are seeking qualified candidates. Please consider prayerfully serving in some capacity.

A qualified candidate is a communicant in good standing who for the previous year has been faithful in corporate worship (unless prevented for good cause) and in working, praying and giving for the spread of the kingdom of God. Qualified candidates also have completed or arranged to complete anti-racism training as approved by the bishop after consultation with the Mission to Dismantle Racism.

ACTS/VIM Board: 2 lay and 1 clergy members to attend 4 meetings a year and

make 2 or 3 site visits to applicants seeking funds for program support.

Constitutions and Canons Committee: 10 members, lay or clergy, to review the diocesan Constitutions and Canons and recommend amendments and/or report on amendments proposed by others. This committee also reviews resolutions for canonical consistency and legality.

Disciplinary Board: The DB will be a newly elected board in response to the revisions to Title IV of the Canons of the Episcopal Church. The Board oversees matters of clergy discipline under Title IV. The DB becomes effective July 1, 2011 replacing the Diocesan Review Committee and the Ecclesiastical Court. There will be 13 members elected (7 clergy, 6 lay) in different classes at this convention to establish the board.

Diocesan Review Committee: 1 lay and 1 clergy members to oversee matters of clergy discipline under Title IV of the Canons of the Episcopal Church. The DRC will cease to function on June 30, 2011 when replaced *continued on page 15*

A Witness To Justice

Members will offer advice and vet positions that the diocese will present to the public

By the Rev. Barry M. Signorelli

With its heritage of advocacy for social justice, the Diocese of Newark can be a powerful witness on the urgent issues of human needs and human rights that face society. A new Social Justice Advisory Board formed by Bishop Beckwith is intended to help make that witness even more effective and cohesive.

“The Bishop is often asked to make a statement or articulate a policy regarding the various questions of economic and social justice being publicly debated,” notes the Rev. Canon Gregory Jacobs, Canon to the Ordinary. “And while the Bishop has a well-known history of human rights advocacy, he believes that the formulation of such statements or policies need to involve input from the stakeholders for whom they speak.”

The Advisory Board’s formation began over the summer with the Bishop’s appointment of the 14 deputies and alternates to General Convention, who formed a natural core. Already deeply involved in a variety of social justice issues, their relationships with leaders in these movements provide valuable input from the field. Serving on the committees of General Convention exposes them to the diversity of views across the wider church, and offers the opportunity to influence the policies adopted by Convention. Members will offer their advice and opinion, help formulate positions, and vet the stances that the diocese will present to the public. An initial formation meeting was held on July 20, with future meetings likely to occur quarterly.

To this core membership, other individuals with similar experience are being added, such as Deacon Diane Riley, a longtime advocate on food and hunger

issues. Key Diocesan staff officers are also participants, such as Canon Jacobs, Michael Francaviglia, Director of Administration and Nina Nicholson, Director of Communications and Technology.

Collaboration, education, and cohesiveness will be important concerns for the Board. The Bishop will approach Bishop George Councill of New Jersey, and Bishop Roy Riley of the New Jersey Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America regarding collaborative efforts, while the General Convention Deputation will contact its counterpart in the Diocese of New Jersey. Educational initiatives and public events will help parishioners explore the intersection of faith and civic engagement, and the Board will consult with the Diocesan Convention Resolutions Committee to consider the impact of Convention’s resolutions on issues of human needs and social justice. ■

A Call To Outreach

Loudly Answered

By Virginia Citrano

Early this year, the diocese announced the creation of the Alleluia Fund. Its name was intended to echo the resurrection season of Easter and celebrate our outreach efforts. All of the funds raised during the Alleluia Season appeal would go to mission programs designated by Diocesan Council in four target areas: food, shelter, education and international. The diocese set an ambitious goal for this new fund: \$108,000, roughly 30% more than had been sought for outreach in 2009.

Despite the challenges of the current economy, Diocese of Newark congregations, each in its own way, resoundingly answered the call of the Alleluia Fund and helped it to fully meet its goal. Their outpouring of support is an implicit acknowledgment that the four areas are important commitments that bolster outreach already being done by congregations in those areas. And, like the outpouring of support that followed the devastating earthquake in Haiti, it is a very clear statement that Diocese of Newark congregations are committed to sharing the abundance in our own midst.

Tom Bisdale, who chaired the Alleluia Fund Grant Committee, expressed satisfaction with the results. "We met our goal and we were able to grant a much higher

percentage of what was requested than last year. We were able to be more responsive to the needs of so many groups."

Nearly \$173,000 had been sought by 23 groups this year. Both NEWARK ACTS and Holy Trinity's soup kitchen, featured in this issue, were among the recipients of Alleluia Fund monies.

The Alleluia Fund intends to expand its efforts in 2011. "The Alleluia committee is very pleased with what we have been able to accomplish this past year," says the Rev. Diane Riley, a member of the Alleluia Fund Task Force, the group that has been charged with fund development. "We successfully opened up a new funding stream for outreach mission, one that does not preclude the contribution of the diocese but allows for additional contributions especially from individuals to be included. The reality is that this has allowed us to fund more mission this year than last year. And I think it is safe to say that moving forward greater funding will now be possible. Also, the idea of a Celebratory season with focus and direction allows us to report on the good work being done and of which we are all a part. Weaving a collective story is important for our life together and our overarching mission." ■

*A new fund
meets its goal,
expanding
outreach in four
key program areas.*



Alleluia Fund Recipients 2010

Montclair Protestant Foundation
Arts Unbound
Communities of Faith for Housing /
The Hoboken Shelter
Prison Ministry, Diocese of Newark
Cedar Hill CDC
The Apostles' House
St. Peter's Haven for Families
NEWARK ACTS
Haven of Hope for Kids
Holy Trinity Food Pantry
Epiphany Food Pantry

Friends for Life
Episcopal Community Development, Inc.
Shepherd's Haven Adult Day Care Center
St. Luke's Episcopal Church
All Saints CDC/Jubilee Center
Christ Church CDC
Kakaasi Christian Women Sewing Project
Katowa Centre, Zambia
Plainfield Grassroots CDC
St. Paul's Paterson After School Program
Sussex County Interfaith Hospitality
Network
Trinity Kearny English Language
Education Project

A Steeple With A Secret

Two years ago, T-Mobile Communications needed a cell tower site in an area of Parsippany notorious for dropped calls. At the same time, members of St. Gregory's Church were looking for ways to manage expenses and a growing budget deficit. The two came together in an innovative partnership that should provide for the financial stability of the church for the foreseeable future and will increase service to cell phone users in the area.

"When I received the initial inquiry," recalled the Rev. Susan Sica, Vicar of St. Gregory's, "I told the company I would be happy to talk to them, but with no guarantees." A subsequent site survey revealed that the topographical layout of the church's land was not suitable to the company's plans. However, eyeing a cupola on the church's roof – St. Gregory's had had to remove its original steeple over 20 years ago – one of the en-

gineers asked if that might be a suitable location. Could a cell phone tower be disguised as a steeple?

A thorough fact-finding, education and decision-making process was initiated to determine if this would be a worthwhile project for the church and the community at large, a process that took over a year to complete. The congregation was persuaded by the merging of design and aesthetics, the fact that the antenna would be completely self-contained within the steeple, the mutually beneficial nature of the project, and the benefit it would provide to the community. Neighbor Anita Baldwin commented on the project at the zoning board hearing, "this is very nice."

Though it now seems "divine design," St. Gregory's once again boasts a steeple, a high-tech design that is a first for this diocese. The steeple raising was covered by the local press and NJ Network News.

The cell tower will begin operating this fall, which is not a moment too soon: The steeple construction has required for the church offices to be relocated throughout the summer and the congregation has had to worship in one of the classrooms in the undercroft. "We are looking forward to returning to normal operations," said Sica, "using the Sanctuary for services and the undercroft for classes." ■



A cell tower in disguise gave St. Gregory's back its steeple and a thumbs up from its neighbors.

A Blessing For Bikers

On Sunday August 15, Christ Church in Pompton Lakes held its second annual Motorcycle Blessing, Ride and Barbecue with The Wanderers Motorcycle Club. Nearly 50 bikers turned out for the event, up from 30 last year. The blessing by the Rev. Dr. Doug Bendall took place outside the church, drawing plenty of attention from passing motorists. Christ Church is in the process of calling a new priest-in-charge following the retirement of the Rev. John Rollins, who had served the



congregation and the community for 33 years.

After the blessing, the bikers took a ride through West Milford, around Greenwood Lake, past the Wanaque Reservoir and over Skyline Drive, and

back into Pompton Lakes where a barbecue was hosted at Christ Church. It was an opportunity for members of several motorcycle clubs and members of the church to swap stories, reconnect with old friends and meet new ones. ■

When Church And State Collaborate

Good Shepherd in Fort Lee has helped the Board of Ed solve a space problem—and itself in the balance

By Solange De Santis

The start of a new school year also meant the start of a brave new project at Good Shepherd, Fort Lee: A partnership with the local Board of Education to put a preschool in the renovated parish hall.

In recent years, the number of pupils in the Fort Lee School District has been growing steadily, putting every possible classroom into use. In particular, the district needed to find space to meet the needs of young children with mental or physical challenges. “We had to send them out to be transported by school bus to other communities,” says Superintendent Raymond Bandlow. “It’s better to serve children in their own community.”

Meanwhile, at the church, “attendance has held steady but our expenses have risen,” said the Rev. Allison Moore, rector of Good Shepherd. The church considered several ideas, including seeking another user for the church building. Then a parishioner who was a member of the Board of Education proposed an innovative partnership: The school district would get the space Monday to Friday and the church would use it on weekends.

Renovations were needed, but the board paid their \$483,000 cost up front, using federal stimulus funds, says Bandlow. Vestry member Bill Ellis, who used his engineering background to help lead the project, says Good Shepherd is responsible for 40 percent of the cost, which is pro-rated and subtracted from the monthly rent the school district will pay under a five-year lease. And there are other benefits: The hall now has new handicapped-accessible washrooms, a brighter coat of paint and “actually looks welcoming,” adds Moore.

The school uses the space on weekdays to teach 20 to 30 children, mostly with mental challenges such as autism spectrum disorder; the church has an attractive space for weekends and evenings. Moore sees the project as consistent with Good Shepherd’s mission, but there are some



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The Rev. Canon Gregory Jacobs (right) blessing the renovated space Good Shepherd, Fort Lee shares with the local Board of Ed.

delicate areas. “We need to be careful not to mix church and state,” she says, so while the church may schedule a worship service for special needs children or offer a support group for parents, it can’t send fliers directly to the school’s parents.

Having a major tenant at the church is giving some parishioners pause, but Moore is sanguine. “We are going to have to live into this process of change together and be true to the mission God gave Good Shepherd – to be a sanctuary that welcomes all,” she says.

The Rev. Canon Gregory Jacobs, Canon to the Ordinary, says the project is “consistent with what we have been urging our congregations to do – look at mission and ministry outside their walls, to the wider community of which we are a part. We have to trust that God is calling us to do a new thing.”

For the board’s part, it will save the \$1 million per year it was spending to send children to other schools and the project is much less expensive than constructing a new building. “This is an investment that is going to save us money year after year,” says Bandlow. “It’s a win-win for the community.” ■

New Church Staff

St. Andrew's in Harrington Park has a new music director this fall, Cathie Rупpi. A resident of Englewood and a music teacher there, Ms. Rупpi has had an extensive career as organist and choir director with both adults and children in churches throughout Bergen County.



Rупpi

St. Luke's, Montclair has named Anne Mernin to the newly created position of director of outreach. She will be responsible for the church's Toni's Kitchen and the Second Time Around Shop ministries, as well as expanding the relationships St. Luke's has with service organizations in the Montclair area. ■

Eating With Jesus

Sara Miles, author of *Take This Bread* and *Jesus Freak*, will be the guest speaker at a special supper at St. Luke's, Montclair on Sunday, October 24 at 5 p.m. Entitled "Taste and See: Eating With Jesus" the event will begin with worship in Toni's Kitchen, the food ministry at St. Luke's, followed by dinner in the sanctuary. Ms. Miles will lead a guided discussion about her faith journey, the importance of outreach and finding continued ways to feed the other.



Miles

You must register by October 20 to attend. There is no registration fee, although the church will be taking donations to offset the cost of dinner. For more information, or to register, please contact Kitty Kawecki at kkawecki@dioceseofnewark.org or 973-430-9902. ■

Celebrating Life As Ministry

The Honorable Byron Rushing, member of Massachusetts House of Representatives and a passionate lay leader in The Episcopal Church will be the keynote speaker at a conference on lay ministry to be held in November at Grace Church, Madison.

Designed as a day for all individuals to discern their role as persons of faith, the conference will also include a series of workshops. Topics include faith and the workplace, the ministries of children and relationships, spiritual direction, discerning call in community, seeking justice and discovering our gifts for serving God.

The conference will be held on Saturday, November 6, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Grace Church, 4 Madison Avenue, Madison. The cost is \$15 per person, or \$10 per person if three or more people from the same congregation attend, which includes lunch. For more information or for a brochure, contact Kitty Kawecki at 973-430-9902 or kkawecki@dioceseofnewark.org, or visit www.dioceseofnewark.org. ■

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las estaciones. El Libro de Oración es la base de lo que somos. Como dijo un sacerdote amigo mío: "El libro de Oración es el piso sobre el cual yo danzo".

Sin embargo, para que dancemos con plena libertad y profunda alegría necesitamos revestir el Libro de Oración con nuestra fe y visión. Fe es un regalo del Cristo viviente; visión es la representación que emerge cuando desarrollamos una continua relación con esa fe. Todos necesitamos desarrollar esa visión.

Durante el año pasado, nosotros como Diócesis, hemos estado viviendo dentro de la declaración de la misión: Equipando las congregaciones, involucrando las personas, comprometiéndonos en el mundo con la esperanza y justicia de Jesús. Es mas que una ingeniosa declaración para poner como membrete: Ha organizado nuestro trabajo como Diócesis, ha ayudado a definir lo que hemos sido llamados a hacer, – y quizás, con la misma importancia, ayudó a clarificar lo que no estamos llamados a hacer. Ha alineado nuestro ministerio y se ha convertido en el espejo para todas nuestras decisiones.

Y de la declaración de la misión ha surgido una visión. Está siendo presentada en este Otoño a varios grupos a través de la Diócesis. Es mas larga que la declaración

de la misión. Aparecerá en el próximo numero de Voice, en preparación para la Convención del 2011. Presenta una imagen verbal de lo que yo veo hacia donde nos dirigimos. Así como la declaración de la misión es el espejo para todas las decisiones, el retrato de la visión se volverá el plano para todas nuestras acciones.

Un retrato de la visión es una ruta para el alma. Nuestras vidas tienden a ser gobernadas por la lista de tareas en frente de nosotros y la planeamos de una destinación inmediata a la otra. El alma ansia algo mas que eso, – el alma desea tener nuestros horizontes ampliados, nuestros corazones expandidos y nuestras mentes abiertas. Una visión para el alma, nos lleva mas allá del ciclo del presupuesto, del programa para el año o del proyecto de construcción (o de la próxima destinación inmediata) y nos conduce hacia una mas duradera relación con el dador de vida, a una vida mas comprometida de discipulado y a un destino para nuestra misión individual y común. Y a un nivel de libertad que es mas de lo que podemos pedir o imaginar.

Que así sea.

+ Mark M. Beckwith

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Comisión de Ministerio Hispano.

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It is longer than the mission statement. It will be printed in the next issue of the Voice, in preparation for the 2011 Diocesan Convention. It presents a verbal picture for where I see we are headed. As the mission statement is the mirror for all decisions, the vision portrait will become the blueprint for all actions.

A vision portrait is a roadmap for the soul. Our lives tend to be governed by the list of tasks in front of us; and we plan it from one immediate destination to another. The soul yearns for more than that – the soul desires to have our horizons expanded, our hearts stretched and our minds broadened. A vision for the soul takes us beyond the next budget cycle or program year or building project (or the next immediate destination); and leads us into a more abiding relationship with the faith giver, into a more committed life of discipleship – and to a destination for our individual and common mission. And a level of freedom that is more than we can ask for or imagine.

May it be so.

+ Mark M. Beckwith

Holy Trinity Partners To Feed, Build Community

Holy Trinity's West Orange Food Pantry has partnered with the Community FoodBank of NJ and MEND (Meeting Emergency Needs with Dignity), a division of Catholic Charities, to meet the growing need for food in their area. The pantry currently feeds 300-500 people per month from across the Oranges and continues to receive new applicants.

Holy Trinity's soup kitchen, Christine's Kitchen, continues to thrive and provide community meals each Saturday between from noon to 1 p.m. with the help

of religious groups in Essex County.

The Thrift Shop at Holy Trinity reopened in early September and is open to the public on Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

On the weekend of October 23-24, St. Michael's, Wayne is partnering with Holy Trinity to help with clean-up, the soup kitchen and painting of the rectory, along with preparing holiday baskets for the food pantry. A joint service will be held at 11 a.m. on Sunday, October 24, followed by a luncheon. ■

Randy Johnson Joins Diocesan Staff As Administrative Assistant For Diocesan Ministry Services

Randy Johnson joined the diocesan staff on Sept. 1, as the new Administrative Assistant for Diocesan Ministry Services.

"We are delighted at having Randy join our team," said the Rev. Canon Gregory Jacobs, to whom Randy reports.

Filling the position formerly held by Patty Leonard, Randy's responsibilities include administrative and clerical tasks around the transition ministry and clergy and lay licenses. Most recently, Randy worked for over five years as Parish Administrator and Bookkeeper at St. Paul's, Chatham. Previously he worked

in the field of mainframe computing at such companies as Kraft/Nabisco, Blue Cross & Blue Shield of NJ and AIG.

A New Jersey native, Randy lives in West Orange and is a member of Redeemer, Morristown where he has served as a vestry member, an acolyte, a member of the Altar Guild and Healing Prayer ministries, and webmaster.

Randy can be contacted at rjohnson@dioceseofnewark.org or 973-430-9906. ■



Johnson

St. Andrews Starts Service For Special Needs Children

On October 3, St. Andrew's of Harrington Park will begin a bi-monthly service for special needs children. All God's Children is a non-denominational Christian service designed to engage children, and is especially appropriate for children with Autism, ADHD, ADD, Down Syndrome, or any other developmental/emotional/physical challenges. Catering to short attention spans, the 30-minute service will be a lively combination of music, prayer, Bible stories, movement, and Communion. The essential message of God's love and joy for all of God's children will be presented in a simplified, meaningful way that fosters inclusion. The goal is to open a door to participation in a Christian experience of love and acceptance.

The service will be conducted on the first and third Sundays of each month, from 9:00 to 9:30 a.m., followed by refreshments for the children and an opportunity for the parents to meet other parents. ■

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by the Disciplinary Board.

Ecclesiastical Court: 1 lay and 1 clergy members to serve as judges in the event of a trial of this court, which functions at the time of presentment and trial of a priest or deacon in the diocese as described in Canons 17 and 18. The EC will cease to function on June 30, 2011 when replaced by the Disciplinary Board.

General Convention Deputies and Alternates: 4 clergy deputies/4 clergy alternates and 4 lay deputies/4 lay alternates for the next General Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana, July 5-12, 2012. The General Convention elects a Presiding Bishop, certain members of the Executive Council, and Church Pension Fund Trustees; adopts the Program and Budget of the Church; makes assessments for the office of the Presiding Bishop; can revise The Book of Common Prayer; can alter or amend the

Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church; establishes Courts of Review; and consents to the formation of new dioceses.

Standing Committee: 1 lay and 1 clergy members for the Class of 2015 and 1 clergy member for the Class of 2013. The committee is the bishop's council of advice and the ecclesiastical authority when no bishop is in charge. It also oversees the approval of leasing and sale decisions of parish properties; votes on ordination candidates; and votes to approve the election of bishops in other dioceses.

Trinity & St. Philip's Cathedral Chapter: 1 lay and 1 clergy members to assist with regulating, managing and administering temporal affairs of the cathedral.

Trustees of the Episcopal Fund & Diocesan Properties: 5 members, lay or clergy; 3 to the class of 2016 and 2 to fill vacancies with term expirations to be determined. The Trustees hold title to and

administer the funds and real estate for the benefit of the diocese. Candidates must reside in the geographical area of the diocese.

Secretary of Convention: a communicant in good standing. The secretary also serves as a secretary of Diocesan Council, gives notice of all conventions, takes minutes of convention proceedings, preserves convention journals and records, attests to the public acts of the convention and performs other services as prescribed by the canons or the convention.

Treasurer & Assistant Treasurer: communicants in good standing to submit a statement of diocesan accounts to each annual convention. The assistant performs duties as assigned by the treasurer.

The committee seeks diversity in the slates of candidates with regard to race, age (16+), gender, sexual orientation, physical disabilities, economic backgrounds and theological viewpoints. ■

Upcoming Events

in the Diocese

Tea With North Porch

North Porch Women & Infants' Centers is a project of the Episcopal Church Women in the Diocese of Newark serving women of all faiths. It provides emergency seven-day supplies of formula, baby food, diapers, clothing, bed linens and other supplies for needy mothers and infants in the Newark, Paterson and Dover areas. The name reflects the custom of the ancient church to regard the "north porch" as a refuge and gathering place for women.

Each year North Porch invites all members of the diocese to a festive tea, scheduled this year for Sunday, November 21, 2:30-4:30 p.m. at Episcopal House. This event provides an opportunity for North Porch to thank those who donate supplies during the year and a venue for supporters to exchange ideas

and get to know each other. This year's tea will highlight the relocation of the Newark Center to offices provided by Episcopal Community Development, a fellow partner in Newark Episcopal Ministries. All are welcome to attend, and no RSVP is required.

In the past, guests were asked to bring toys for client families in need, but recently the need for supplies has been so great that the focus this year is on bringing baby essentials such as diapers and formula, rather than toys. To find out more about the items most urgently needed, please visit <http://northporch.dioceseofnewark.org>.

For more information, or to volunteer or make a donation, please contact the Rev. Margaret Otterburn, president of North Porch, at margaretotterburn@msn.com or 908-879-5736.



North Porch's 2010-2011 Board of Trustees Meeting Schedule

All meeting times are 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Oct. 14, 2010	St. Paul's, Paterson
Nov. 11, 2010	ECD Building, 620 Clinton Ave, Newark
Jan. 13, 2011	St. John's, Dover
Feb. 10, 2011	St. Paul's, Paterson
Mar. 10, 2011	Episcopal House, Newark
Apr. 14, 2011	ECD Building, 620 Clinton Ave, Newark
May 12, 2011	St. John's, Dover
Jun. 9, 2011	Episcopal House, Newark

BISHOP on PBS

In September Bishop Beckwith took part in a panel discussion on interfaith issues for the PBS production "God in New York," moderated by Newsweek editor and Pulitzer-Prize winning author Jon Meacham. The Bishop's fellow panelists were Rabbi Matthew D. Gewirtz of Temple B'Nai Jeshurun in Short Hills and Imam W. Deen Shareef of Masjid Waarith ud Deen in Irvington, who with him represent the executive team of the Newark Interfaith Coalition for Hope and Peace. The show premieres Monday, October 11 at 11 p.m. on Thirteen NY.

Diocesan Budget Forum

Tuesday, October 19, 2010 7:30 - 9:00 pm, Grace Church, Madison

As requested by Diocesan Convention resolution, the Diocesan Budget Forum is open to the whole diocese. Topics will include:

- Current financial status of the diocese.
- Issues facing the budget for 2011.
- Discussion and ideas solicited from YOU for addressing budget issues – both income and expense.

For more information please contact Linda Curtiss, Interim CFO, 973-430-9982 or lcurtiss@dioceseofnewark.org.

Diocesan Calendar

October

6 DIT presentation "Investing Your Endowment," 31 Mulberry St., Newark, 5:30 p.m.

16 Vestry University, St. Elizabeth's, Ridgewood, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

24 Sara Miles "Taste and See - Eating with Jesus" Worship and Dinner, St. Luke's, Montclair, 5:00 p.m.

25-27 Clergy Conference, Shawnee Inn, Shawneeton-Delaware, PA

November

6 "Celebrating Life as Ministry," Grace, Madison, 8:45 a.m.-3:15 p.m.

13 Reception of Holy Orders, the Rev. John Marcantonio, St. Luke's,

Montclair, 3:00 p.m.

19-20 Anti-Racism Dialogues, Episcopal House, 31 Mulberry St., Newark

December

11 Priestly Ordinations, ■ The Rev. Mary Davis, Calvary, Summit, 10:00 a.m. ■ The Rev. Joan Conley, St. Elizabeth's, Ridgewood, 3:00 p.m.

January

13 Pre-Convention Meeting, St. Elizabeth's, Ridgewood, 7:00 p.m.

15 Pre-Convention Meeting, Saviour, Denville, 9:30 a.m.

18 Pre-Convention Meeting, Christ Church, East Orange, 7:00 p.m.

28-29 Diocesan Convention, Hilton Hotel, Parsippany