

# DATEBOOK

Diocese of Chicago January 27, 2009

The Datebook is a catalog of events occurring in the Diocese of Chicago or Episcopal Church which are of significant merit or interest for the clergy, lay leadership, or the full membership of the diocese. The events are organized by categories: [Benefits](#), [Concerts](#), [Conferences](#), [Dedications](#), [Festivals](#), [Lectures and Presentations](#), [Liturgies](#), [Observances](#), [Outreach Activities](#), [Rallies](#), [Retreats](#), [Seminars and Workshops](#), [Trainings](#) and [Tributes](#). Datebook is published bi-weekly by the Office of Communication, Diocese of Chicago. Submissions are published at the discretion of the editor, [David Skidmore](#), Canon for Communication. For a listing of diocesan meetings and events for all of 2009 check the Master Calendar on the [diocesan website](#).

## Diocesan Convention

**The 172nd Annual Convention of the Diocese of Chicago** will meet Friday November 20 and Saturday November 21, 2009 at the Westin Hotel and Conference Center, 70 Yorktown Center, Lombard, IL. For information on the 171st Annual Convention in 2008 and results of elections and resolutions, and the text of the bishop's sermon and convention address visit the [convention web page](#).

**Reserve this date:** Bishop Lee will be inviting clergy, delegates and ministry leaders to a forum **Saturday March 28** for continuing the conversation on identifying mission opportunities and imperatives in the framework of a common vision. Participants will be asked to share how mission is being experienced within the three missional challenges offered by Bishop Lee: [Grow the Church](#), [Form the Faithful](#), [Change the World](#). Location and schedule will be announced in February.

## Benefits

### Concert at Wheaton College for Renk Diocese's health clinic

An evening of "Hope and Music" to benefit the health clinic of Renk Diocese, Episcopal Church of Sudan, will be sponsored by St. Barnabas Episcopal Church in Glen Ellyn on **Saturday February 21** at Barrow Auditorium on the campus of Wheaton College. The auditorium is located in the Billy Graham Center at 500 E. College Ave. Entrance to the auditorium is on the east side of the building.

The music program is an eclectic one. It includes classical, jazz and blues. In other words "something for everyone" and "Healthcare for the people of Southern Sudan". The program begins at 7 pm. Call St. Barnabas (630)469-1394 for more information.

### Benefit concert for Ubumama with Claudia Schmidt

A benefit concert by folksinger Claudia Schmidt to raise money for Ubumama, an Millennium Development Goal maternal health project run by the Rev. Bliss Browne, will be held at Christ Church, Winnetka on **Sunday February 22** beginning at 4 pm. Ubumama is a volunteer run arts-based partnership between Imagine Chicago, the White Ribbon Alliance for Safe Motherhood and Create Africa South in Durban (with help from WHO) to mobilize communities to save the lives of the 550,000 women a year now dying in childbirth. [Ubumama](#)

provides an opportunity for women in countries at highest risk to be educated about safe motherhood while creating a beautiful garment depicting their birthing stories that be used in global meetings to raise awareness and mobilize support for preventing maternal death in childbirth., Christ Church chapel is at 470 Maple St., Winnetka.

### Cabaret at St. Peter's

St. Peter's, Chicago will hold its first annual cabaret fundraiser, a night of dinner, dancing, and entertainment, with a silent auction on **Saturday, February 7**, at 6:30 pm. Performers include diocesan chancellor Todd Young and Lisa Lee, wife of Bishop Jeffrey Lee. Please contact the parish office at 773-525-0844 to make a reservation.

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## Concerts

### Lenten concert at St. James Cathedral

A Lenten concert will be held at St. James Cathedral on **Saturday March 21** at 7 pm with Louis Bass on organ, and the Cathedral Choir and Chamber Orchestra of St. James, and sololists. Bruce Barber, music director of the Cathedral, will conduct the choir. The concert will feature French composer Francis Poulenc's *Concerto in G Minor for Organ, Strings and Timpani*; and *Poulenc's Litanies à la vierge noire*. The program will also include Gabriel Fauré's *Requiem*. Requested donation is \$20 per person.

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## Conferences

### Province V Campus Ministry and Young Adult Conference

Bishop Jeffrey Lee of the Diocese of Chicago will lead the 2009 Province V Conference for Campus and Young Adult Ministry **February 27 through March 1** at The Retreat Center at St. John's in Rochester, Mich. The retreat, entitled Church of the Present-Church of the Future, will feature reflections by Bishop Lee and conversations with participants; diverse worship experiences including a Jazz Mass and a non-traditional Evensong; Bible study, fellowship and networking, and time for rest and reflection. Topics for workshops and general sessions include: Bishop Lee on how ancient Triduum (the three days of Holy Week) liturgies disclose the power of Easter; Sermon Fishbowl: an interactive, lively, rigorous and possibly irreverent bible study that will inform Bishop Lee's sermon at the Eucharist; and student led sessions on faith and liturgy. The conference begins with dinner at 6 pm Friday Feb. 28 and ends after the 9 am Morning Prayer Sunday March 1. Registration is \$80 per person if reserving a double room, or \$120 per person if reserving a single room. Meals and lodging are included in the registration fee. Checks should be payable to Trustees of the Province V Midwest and include a memo line notation for campus ministry.

The retreat center is located at 44011 Five Mile Road in Plymouth, Mich. Information on the center is at [www.theretreatcenter.org](http://www.theretreatcenter.org). For information on the conference contact Sue Cromer, canon for youth and young adult ministry at the Diocese of Chicago, (312) 751-6722 or [scromer@episcopalchicago.org](mailto:scromer@episcopalchicago.org); or the Rev. Karl Stevens, Province V Ministry in Higher Education coordinator [stevensk@kenyon.edu](mailto:stevensk@kenyon.edu).

## National Episcopal Health Ministries conference

The National Episcopal Health Ministries will be holding its second national conference in Omaha, Neb. **Thursday April 16 through Saturday April 18.** This year's theme will be Healing & Hope, with the Jean Denton Keynote Address delivered by The Rt. Rev. Mark MacDonald, National Indigenous Bishop of the Anglican Church of Canada and Bishop of Navajoland. National Episcopal Health Ministries (NEHM) is a network of nurses, health ministers, chaplains, and laypeople who promote health and wellness in Episcopal congregations. For more information go to: [www.EpiscopalHealthMinistries.org](http://www.EpiscopalHealthMinistries.org)

## Province V Episcopal Church Women Annual Meeting

Phoebe Griswold, wife of Chicago's 10th diocesan bishop, the Rt. Rev. Frank Griswold, will be the keynote speaker for the Province V Episcopal Church Women Annual Meeting **April 24-26** at the Hilton Hotel in Indianapolis. For information contact Ann Durkos at 317-407-1955.

## ECW of Chicago annual meeting

The 125th Annual Meeting of the Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese of Chicago will be held **Saturday April 18** at St. James Cathedral. Along with a business session to elect officers and adopt a budget, there will be presentations and workshops. The day concludes with Eucharist and the installation of officers by Bishop Jeffrey Lee. For information contact [Joanna Gesicki](mailto:Joanna.Gesicki@dioceseofchicago.org) at 773-763-2027

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## Festivals

### TrebleFest at St. James Cathedral

The annual TrebleFest will be held at St. James Episcopal Cathedral, 65 E. Huron, Chicago, on **Saturday, February 21**. As usual, the format will be a day-long workshop which culminates in a Festival Service at 3:00 p.m. in the Cathedral. A letter has been sent to all congregations inviting participation by young choristers.

The guest clinician will be Stephen Tappe. Stephen is a graduate of the Yale School of Music and the Institute of Sacred Music, and has served as organist-choirmaster of two significant parishes in the Episcopal Church: Church of the Good Shepherd, Jacksonville, Florida, and Trinity Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma. He currently serves as organist and choirmaster of St. John's Cathedral, Denver, Colorado. Throughout his professional career, he has supported and actively participated in the work of the Royal School of Church Music (RSCM) in America. TrebleFest Registration will begin at 9:45 a.m. with the rehearsal beginning at 10:00 a.m.

The closing Festival Service will be at 3:00 p.m. [Registration form](#) is on the diocesan website. A modest fee is charged to offset expenses incurred for the Festival.

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## Liturgies

### Peace vigil in Logan Square

Church of the Advent and Nuestra Señora de las Americas have joined with other churches in the Logan Square neighborhood in co-sponsoring a Prayer Vigil for Peace and to Stop the Violence in our Community on **Thursday, February 5** starting at 6:30 pm. Participants will gather at the Logan Square Eagle Monument at Kedzie Avenue and Logan Boulevard for the start of the vigil, and then walk in procession along Logan Square boulevard, stopping at intersections for readings and prayers. Each participating church will be asked to set up a shrine at its assigned corner where the procession will be stopping to pray. The vigil concludes with remarks by Chicago Police Department 14<sup>th</sup> District Police Commander, Lucio Martinez, and a homily by Bishop Jeffrey Lee of the Diocese of Chicago. For information contact the Rev. Sandra Castillo, rector of Advent and Nuestra Señora and clergy co-chair of the 14<sup>th</sup> District Advisory Council, at (773) 235-1161 or sca652@yahoo.com.

### Installation of Cathedral Dean

The Very Rev. Joy Rogers will be installed as the 7th dean of St. James Cathedral on **Sunday March 1** at 3 pm. Bishop Jeffrey Lee will preside at the installation. Rogers was appointed dean with endorsement of the Cathedral Chapter January 13. She had served as provost since May 2007.

## Observances

### Absalom Jones Observance

The Chicago Chapter of the Union of Black Episcopalians is sponsoring the 26th annual celebration of Absalom Jones, the first African American priest in the Episcopal Church, the weekend of **February 7 and 8**. The theme for the weekend will be "Speaking Truth to Each Other". Dr. Gerri Outlaw will be the keynote speaker for Saturday's event, **February 7**, at St. Margaret's of Scotland, located at 2555 E. 73rd Street from 1-4 p.m. She will speak on "Radical Transformation: Intersection of Oppressions," and will invite audience response afterwards.

**The Rev. Jeremiah Wright**, rector emeritus of Trinity United Church of Christ, Chicago and noted author and speaker on the black church experience, is the keynote speaker at the observance on **Sunday, February 8** at 3 pm at St. Thomas parish, the mother church of black Episcopalians in the Diocese of Chicago. The February 8 observance will feature hymns and anthems from several choirs, and remarks by UBE Midwest Regional Director Patricia Abrams.

A new feature this year is an invitation to young Episcopalian African American elementary and high school students to compete in an essay competition on Absalom Jones. The first place winner in both elementary and high school will receive a saving bond from UBE.

The observance honors the work of the first African American priest in the Episcopal Church, Absalom Jones, who was ordained priest in 1804. Jones, with Richard Allen, was among the first leaders of the African American community to lobby for the abolition of slavery. They formed the Free African Society in 1787 after being expelled from St. George's Methodist Church in Philadelphia

after refusing to sit in the slave gallery. Later Jones and Allen organized nursing and burial efforts during a two-year yellow fever epidemic in Philadelphia, a ministry that won them praise throughout New England. While Allen chose to remain in the Methodist Church-forming the first black church in the United States-Jones chose to join the Episcopal Church, and founded St. Thomas African Episcopal Church in 1794.

St. Margaret of Scotland is located at located at 2555 E. 73rd Street, Chicago. St. Thomas parish is located at 3801 S. Wabash Chicago. For more information contact [Alice Brown](#) at (773) 643-5162.

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## Presentations

### Seabury-Western hosts Phyllis Tickle

Author and theologian Phyllis Tickle will be sharing her insights on the epoch shifts underway in church and society, something she terms The Great Emergence, at a presentation she is giving **February 20 and 21** at Seabury-Western Theological Seminary in Evanston. In her recently published book, *The Great Emergence*, Tickle brings her encyclopedic knowledge of American religion to bear on current shifts in the Christian landscape with her Southern wit and charm. *We are all affected by this significant reality, whether we are aware of it or not.* Young and old, lay and clergy, church member or not-understanding the trends and realities we experience enables us to live in the present more fully.

For those who have already heard Phyllis Tickle speak, such as diocesan clergy who attended the last clergy conference, she will be doing a presentation from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm on Friday, Feb. 20 in Seabury Lounge at the seminary. The seminary urges anyone who has not yet heard Phyllis Tickle attend the later sessions on Friday and Saturday, since the morning session will be geared to those who have previous Great Emergence exposure.

The cost for the two-day session will be \$50, which is \$20 per day plus \$10 for lunch on Saturday. Session one will run from 2:00 to 4:00 pm on Friday, Feb. 20, and then snacks will be provided. Session two is from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. On Saturday, Feb. 21, Session three is from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon, followed by lunch. Session four is from 1:00 to 4:00 pm.

Starting with the morning session on Feb. 20, Ms. Tickle's presentation will be in Seabury Lounge. The rest of the presentations will be at the Sheil Catholic Center, located just across Garrett Place from Seabury-Western. Lunch will be at Seabury. Some parking is available at Seabury-Western, and the seminary is also easily accessible by using the CTA, with a nearby EL stop on Noyes Street in Evanston.

Seabury-Western Theological Seminary is located at 2122 Sheridan Rd. in Evanston IL. If you think you might like to attend this extraordinary event, please let the seminary know by emailing Ron Fox [ron.fox@seabury.edu](mailto:ron.fox@seabury.edu) or calling 847-328-9300 x17. [Registration form](#) on the Seabury-Western website.

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## Retreats

### Pre-Lent Reflection Day with Peter Civetta

Peter Civetta, a post-doctoral fellow in religion and performance studies at Northwestern University, will lead the 2009 Pre-Lent Reflection Day on **Tuesday, February 10** at All Saints Episcopal Church in Ravenswood. The day runs from 9 am to 2 pm.

In this workshop, Civetta will offer exercises and strategies for expanding how we can express the mystery and wonder of God in our preaching. Questions about what to do with your body, your space, and your text will be explored, seeking to find the right combination that will allow you to preach authentically. Lent is a time of living God out in new ways, and with this workshop, we can work so that our preaching does too.

All Saints is located at 4550 N. Hermitage Avenue, at Wilson and Hermitage. Registration fee is \$15. For information or to register contact Elizabeth Erickson (312) 751-4212.

### Youth Ministry Weekends

**Happening #88**

**March 6-8**

Emmanuel Episcopal Church

120 East First St.

LaGrange

A weekend experience in spiritual development for teens and by teens. The weekend begins at 7:30 pm Friday and ends around 5:30 pm Sunday.

### Junior High/Senior High Retreat

**April 17-19**

Camp Algonquin, Algonquin

For youth in grades 6 through 12, and the adults who work with them. The weekend begins at 7 pm Friday and ends at 11:30 am Sunday. Cost is \$85.

Contact: Canon Sue Cromer (312) 751-6722 [scromer@episcopalchicago.org](mailto:scromer@episcopalchicago.org)

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## Seminars and Workshops

### National Teach-In on Global Warming

On **Thursday February 5** the issue of global warming will be examined through the nation during The National Teach-In. The event is being organized by a coalition of reputable and influential agencies, including the Earth Day Network, 1Sky, 350.org, the Presidential Climate Action Project, and The Regeneration Project (Interfaith Power & Light). There will be hundreds of teach-in events held across the country. In Chicago the Teach-In will take place on February 5 at Loyola's Center for Urban Environmental Research and Policy (CUERP) on Loyola's Lake Shore Campus. The 4 pm the Teach In will take place in the Simpson Living-Learning Center's multipurpose room. The Simpson Center is located at the corner of West Sheridan and Winthrop in Chicago. The

street address is: 6333 North Winthrop Avenue. The Simpson Center is a dorm and dining hall for students and the multipurpose room is located on the ground floor in Simpson.

Learn more at [National Teach In](#). For information on the Loyola event contact Gina Lettiere, Coordinator Center for Urban Environmental Research and Policy at [GLettie@luc.edu](mailto:GLettie@luc.edu)

## Leadership and Ministry Fair

The Office of Christian Formation, Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, The Commission on Ministry, and the Christian Formation Commission are sponsoring the annual Leadership and Ministry Fair on **Saturday April 25** at the Lutheran School of Theology, 1100 E. 55<sup>th</sup> St., Chicago. The all day event will feature over 40 workshops dealing with all aspects of ministry. Contact Canon Vicki Garvey for more information on the program. Registration information will be posted on the website in February.

## Congregational Development Seminar: Transitions in Congregational Life

The Congregations Commission and the Office of Congregational Development are sponsoring a congregational development seminar **Thursday May 7 through Saturday May 9** with noted speakers and authors Keith Brown of the Church Pension Group and The Rev. Canon Dr. Neal O. Michell, canon to the ordinary for the Diocese of Dallas. Michell is the author of *How to Hit the Ground Running: A Quick Start Guide for Congregations with New Leadership*, and *Beyond Business as Usual: Vestry Leadership Development*. Brown, diocesan management consultant for the Church Pension Group, is author of *On the Road Again: Managing Evangelism and Stewardship for the Kingdom*. The seminar will be held at [St. Michael's Episcopal Church](#), 647 Dundee Ave., Barrington. The sponsors are planning for a \$100 fee for congregations, which may send as many representatives as desired to the seminar. Scholarship assistance will be available. For more information contact [Canon Scott Hayashi](#) (312) 751-4210.

(Note: Dates have changed from May 14-16.)

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## Trainings

### Keeping God's People Safe

**KGPS Protecting God's People (Level 1)** training will be held **Saturday, January 31** from 10 am to noon at Church of the Nativity, 9300 S. Pleasant Ave., Chicago. Directions: from 95<sup>th</sup> St, go north on Damen for 2 blocks, turn right on 93<sup>rd</sup>, the church is at the corner of 93<sup>rd</sup> and Pleasant. Register with the Parish Office: 773-445-4427.

A **KGPS Trainer Training** will be held on **Saturday March 7** from 9:30am - 1:30 pm at St. Mary Episcopal Church, 210 McHenry Avenue, Crystal Lake. Registration: Contact Elizabeth (Beth) Erickson: [eerickson@episcopalchicago.org](mailto:eerickson@episcopalchicago.org) or 312-751-4212 (before March 2)