

DATEBOOK

The Diocese of Chicago



October 4 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, Celebrations, 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](#).

Become and Believe

The 172nd Annual Convention of the Diocese of Chicago

The 172nd Annual Convention of the Diocese of Chicago will gather at the Westin Hotel and Conference Center in Lombard on **Friday, November 20** and **Saturday November 21** to worship, learn, listen, act and celebrate as the Episcopal Church in Northern Illinois. All members, lay and ordained, are encouraged to attend this experience in formation, fellowship and mission discernment and collaboration. Bishop Jeffrey Lee will guide our exploration of mission opportunities and priorities emerging from our conversations at Mapping Our Mission and the Leadership and Ministry Fair. Registration will be handled via the [online form](#). **NOTE:** The Regular Registration rate is now in effect until October 16.

View or download the [Convention Booklet](#) for certification forms, nomination form, resolution guidelines, the schedule and the bulletin insert.

[Nominations](#). Openings on diocesan agencies, boards and committees for nomination and election at the 172nd Annual Convention. Nominations are due by **October 2**. Resolutions are also due then.

[Bishop Lee's letter](#) announcing Convention. For more information contact [Barbara Rasero](#) or [Juleigh Ruby](#).

BENEFITS

Holy Comforter's Holiday Boutique and Housewalk

The 55th annual Holiday Boutique and Housewalk sponsored by Church of the Holy Comforter, Kenilworth will be held **Tuesday, October 6** and **Wednesday October 7**. Tickets are \$50 per person and may be used both days. An optional buffet luncheon on Wednesday is \$20 per person. Tuesday will feature just the boutique, open from 3 to 9 pm. Both boutique and housewalk will be offered Wednesday from 9 am to 4 pm. All proceeds benefit the outreach giving of Holy Comforter to local non-profit agencies. To order tickets visit the [parish webpage](#). Holy Comforter is located at 222 Kenilworth Ave.

Annual Bishop's Ball

The 2009 Bishop's Ball benefit for Episcopal Charities and Community Services will be held **Friday November 6** at the Palmer House Hilton in the Loop. Reception and silent auction begin at 6 pm followed by dinner and live auction at 7:30 pm. The evening concludes with dancing until midnight. Tickets are \$250 per person. Information: [Otto Reinisch](#) 312-751-3574 or visit the ECCS Bishop's Ball [webpage](#).

CELEBRATIONS

145th Anniversary celebration at St. James, West Dundee

St. James Episcopal Church, West Dundee will celebrate their 145th Anniversary **Saturday, October 3**. The wardens and parish invite all members, former members and friends to join them. Bishop Jeffrey Lee will celebrate and preach at the 4:00 pm service. A Celebration Dinner (reservation cost is \$50 per person) will follow at Emmett's Tavern, 128 W. Main, West Dundee, at 6:30 pm. St. James is located at 516 Washington & North Sixth Streets. Please contact the parish for more information by calling 847-426-5612 or email at stjames324@sbcglobal.net.

175th Anniversary celebration at St. James Cathedral

Before there was a diocese of Chicago, or even an incorporated city of Chicago, St. James Episcopal Church housed a thriving congregation. Generations of Chicagoans have been baptized, confirmed, married and buried out of what is now St. James Cathedral. The cathedral is inviting all members of the diocese to Come Home to the Cathedral and help them commemorate 175 years of shaping souls and serving the city.

On **Sunday, October 25th**, in addition to the cathedral's 8 and 9 a.m. services, the 11 a.m. service features a Festal Choral Eucharist with the Rt. Rev. James Montgomery, Ninth Bishop of Chicago, presiding. After the service, a luncheon will be held on the Plaza, followed by a special concert event: 175th Anniversary Celebration Concert: Music by Legendary St. James' Musicians. The Cathedral Choir, led by Bruce J. Barber II, Director of Cathedral Music, presents music by Leo Sowerby, Clarence Dickinson, Dudley Buck and Peter Lutkin at 3 p.m., back in the Cathedral. The following Sunday, November 1, everyone is invited to the Cathedral at 3 p.m. for a Solemn Evensong for All Saints with the Bishop of Chicago. Please do let the cathedral know if you will be attending the luncheon October 25. Please RSVP to aryba@saintjamescathedral.org by October 20.

135th anniversary for Emmanuel, LaGrange

[Emmanuel Episcopal Church, LaGrange](#) celebrates its 135th anniversary with a combined service at 10 am **Sunday November 15**. Emmanuel is located at 203 S. Kensington.

Grace Church in Galena to celebrate 150th anniversary

Grace Church, Galena celebrates the 175th anniversary of its founding and the 150th anniversary of dedication of building on **April 24 and 25, 2010**. Bishop Lee will be there for service and visitation on April 25. More at [Grace Church website](#).

CONCERTS

Organ recital benefit for Sudan medical clinic

Church of Our Saviour in Elmhurst is sponsoring an organ concert **Friday October 16** to raise funds for a medical clinic for its sister parish, St. Mark's in Jelhak, Diocese of Renk, Sudan. Performing will be organist Canon John Schaefer of Grace and Holy Trinity

Cathedral in Kansas City. Church of Our Saviour is located at 116 E. Church St., Elmhurst. Concert begins at 7:30 pm. Contact: parish office (630) 530-1434.

Cathedral hosts Chicago Bar Association Symphony

The CBA Symphony will present their next concert featuring Mendelssohn's Symphony No. 4, "Italian", and Mozart's The Marriage of Figaro, **Thursday, November 19** at 7:00 p.m., at Saint James Episcopal Cathedral, located at Rush and Huron.

CONFERENCES

Church Administrator and Secretary Day

Save the Date for the annual Parish & Mission Administrators' Day -- **Wednesday, October 7** from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm.

Gather with your colleagues across the diocese and share the resources, techniques and quick-tips you've acquired as an administrator. Watch your e-mail or the [Congregational Resources webpage](#) for further details. See attached flyer for schedule. For more information contact [Barbara Rasero](#) (312) 751-4206.

Seizing the Episcopal Moment-Emerging Cultures and Anglican Futures

Emerging Church? Post-Modernity? Anglimergent? Episcopal Moment?

What is this all about? How much is changing? How much remains the same?

How will this Episcopal Moment settle on the shoulders of the folks in Antioch, Morrison, Pontiac, or East 73rd Street?

How will it settle on our own shoulders?

The Rev. Karen M. Ward, and a team from the Church of the Apostles in Seattle, Washington, will join the bishops and clergy of the diocese October 18-20 or the annual Clergy Conference at the University of St. Mary of the Lake Conference Center in Mundelein. The Church of the Apostles team and Abbess Ward will lead the clergy in a further exploration of the Emergent Church Movement and the spiritual depth of its liturgical expressions.

Karen M Ward launched and continues to serve as Abbess and Vicar of Church of the Apostles, Seattle WA, a seven year old 'intentional, sacramental community in the way of Jesus Christ.' Karen is also the founder Anglimergent.org a relational network of diverse Anglicans engaging emerging church and mission,' and leads the Commission for Emerging Mission in the Episcopal Diocese of Olympia, Washington.

Visit the [Clergy Enrichment webpage](#) for more information and an e-mailable registration for. Or contact [Elizabeth Erickson](#) (312) 751-4212.

Interreligious conference on voices of women

The Bernardin Center at Catholic Theological Union will host an interreligious conference- *Hidden Treasures: Spiritual Wisdom through the Voices of Women in Judaism, Christianity and Islam*-on **November 8 and 9**. Sponsors include the Chicago Board of Rabbis, the Council of Islamic Organizations of Greater Chicago, and the Office for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs of the Archdiocese of Chicago. Learn more at

theBernardin Center [webpage](#) or by calling 773-371-5432. CTU is located at 5416 S. Cornell in Chicago.

Magnetic Church Conference

The Evangelism Commission of The Episcopal Diocese of Chicago is pleased to announce that noted evangelist Andrew Weeks will be presenting a Magnetic Church Conference on **November 6 & 7, 2009** at Trinity Episcopal Church, 218 E. Benton St., Aurora, IL. Registration forms will be available shortly through the diocesan website; meanwhile, to learn more about his ministry, Andy invites you to log onto www.magnetic-church.com.

If you want to send folks from your congregation, Andy encourages churches to send multiple members with many different interests -communications, property, hospitality, finance, greeters, so they may return home as more effective and diverse teams. Also: many churches have found it very productive to bring their entire management group, often in combination with an after-event retreat.

The Magnetic Church Conference is non-confrontational, practical evangelism to help our churches attract and retain new members. To date, this event has been hosted by more than 135 ECUSA sponsors, including most recently in this diocese, February 2008 at St. Lawrence Episcopal Church in Libertyville.

FESTIVALS

Harvest festival at St. Giles, Northbrook

St. Giles Episcopal Church in Northbrook announces a Harvest Festival, celebrating God's bounty and the successful completion of the first season of the church's community garden. Scheduled **Sunday, October 4** from 5-8 p.m., the Festival will include a meal (with many dishes featuring garden produce) and entertainment by parish musicians and the Irish folk band "One of the Girls" (www.oneofthegirls.net). All are welcome - a \$5.00 donation is requested. The church is located at 3025 Walters Avenue in Northbrook; more info at www.saint-giles.org or 847-272-6622.

Lobster fest at St. James the Less

St. James the Less in Northfield will be holding its annual Lobster Sale & Fest on Saturday October 3, 2009. Lobsters, live or cooked, should be pre-ordered by September 28. Lobsters may be ordered and picked up on October 3 or you are invited to join the Fest. Fest lobster orders are \$32 and include a cooked lobster, side dishes, drink and dessert. Kid Fest meals (non-lobster) are also available for \$10. There will be live, not cooked, music. Orders may be placed by calling 847-446-8430 or visiting www.stjamestheless.org/lobster. Proceeds from the Sale & Fest will benefit St. James the Less' outreach programs, including Lake-Cook Health Center, Northfield Food Pantry, Good News Soup Kitchen, Deborah's Place, Habitat for Humanity and the Night Ministry. St. James the Less is located at 550 Sunset Ridge Rd. in Northfield.

LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS

Phyllis Tickle to appear on 30 Good Minutes

Author and speaker Phyllis Tickle will appear on the 2009/10 season premiere of 30 Good Minutes, a program broadcast on WTTW-Channel 11 and produced by St. James Cathedral parishioner Robert Black. The program airs **October 10** on WTTW channel 11. Tickle, who serves as the program's primary speaker, was interviewed this month by the show's hosts and her Spiritual Journey was the subject of a short documentary. You

can view any and all of these segments anytime at www.30goodminutes.org by navigating to Sermons or Short Videos for her entries.

Tickle is known for her recent book, *The Great Emergence: How Christianity is changing and why* and has visited Chicagoans at Seabury-Western Theological Seminary in Evanston and other venues throughout the diocese. In her October appearance on 30 Good Minutes, she offered "a few words on faith" as she examined our response to The Lord's Prayer with these words: "What if? What if He meant 'if,' and what if we do, too?"

World Food Day presentation

The Rev. Art Simon, founder of Bread for the World, winner of a Presidential Award for lifetime achievement against hunger, and brother of renowned late Illinois Senator Paul Simon will be speaking at World Food Day observance at the University of Illinois, Chicago Campus on **Friday October 16** at 6:30 pm. The presentation will be given at Barbara's Bookstore at 1218 S. Halsted.

In the 1970s, Art served as a Lutheran pastor in New York's Lower East Side, where he brought together Catholics and Protestants in an organized effort to urge Congress to address the root causes of hunger. Today, 35 years later, Bread for the World is the nation's foremost Christian voice against hunger.

The World Food Day evening with Art Simon is part of Action to End Hunger week, sponsored by Bread for the World and Church World Service. Other events include a day of prayer for hungry people, the 27th annual Chicago CROP Hunger Walk, and a hands-on advocacy training workshop. For more information, visit www.bread.org/chicagoweek.

LITURGIES

Hispanic Liturgy Day at St. James Cathedral

Clergy and lay people from seven Hispanic congregations of the Diocese of Chicago will gather at St. James Cathedral on Saturday October 10 for the annual Hispanic Liturgy Day. Confirmants and sponsors will meet with the bishops at 10 am with the liturgy beginning at 11 am. The Rev. Canon Carlos Plazas, rector of St. Michael's and All Angels/San Miguel in Berwyn will preach.

All Saints Day Choral Evensong

A Choral Evensong in thanksgiving for the 175th anniversary of the founding of St. James Church, now St. James Cathedral, will be celebrated on the Feast of All Saints, **Sunday November 1** at 3 pm at St. James Cathedral, Wabash and Huron Street, Chicago. Bishop Jeffrey Lee will officiate.

SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS

Workshop on theological understanding of suffering

The Cathedral Counseling Center's Professional Development workshop on **Friday October 16** will feature an Episcopal priest and Jewish rabbi discussing how their theologies understand suffering and what help they offer. A therapist will describe different kinds of psychic pain, and how we sustain ourselves and remain present to clients' experience. The speakers are the Very Rev. Joy Rogers, dean of St. James Cathedral; Rabbi Rebecca Lillian, co-chair of Limmud Chicago, a part of an international grassroots adult learning organization; and Maureen Kelly, clinical social worker and executive director of Cathedral Counseling Center.

The workshop is from 9 am to 12:15 pm at [Cathedral Counseling Center](#), 50 E. Washington St., Suite 301, Chicago. Three continuing education units are available. For more information contact Lucie Prebel at 312-252-9500 x110 or Imprebel@aol.com

Alban Institute Webinar

Developing Your Community Outreach Ministry

Your church wants to take new steps to reach out to your community, but where do you start? This session on community ministry-taught by Joy Skjegstad, Alban author and former head of two congregation-based outreach ministries-will provide your congregation with the tools to begin.

You will:

- Learn the basic steps to developing new community outreach ministry
- Examine possible models for your work in the community
- Gain an understanding of how to start building relationships with community members and institutions
- Discuss strategies for involving the congregation in planning and implementation.

Led by Joy Skjegstad, author of Starting A Nonprofit At Your Church and Winning Grants to Strengthen Your Ministry

Wednesday, October 7, 2009 12:00 pm to 1 pm(Central)

Cost: \$39.99 For more information visit the [Webinars](#) page.

Seabury Next offers Anglican Studies courses

Seabury-Western Theological Seminary in Evanston is offering three courses in its redesigned Anglican Studies program:

Course: **Anglican Theology and Ethics** w/ the Rev Dr. Ellen K. Wondra

February 19-20, March 19-20, and April 9-10

Fri 1 p.m.-Sat 4:30 p.m.

Course: **Ministry Development** w/ the Rev. Deacon. Susanne Watson Epting-- discerning and developing the gifts of members of congregations

Feb 19-20 (new dates), **March 12-13, May 7-8**

Fri 1 p.m. - Sat 4:30 pm

Course: **Islam for Christians** w/ the Rev. Dr. William Sachs

Feb 5-6, Feb 26-27, Apr 30-May 1

Fri 1 p.m. - Sat 4:30 p.m.

More information at www.seabury.edu

Clinical Pastoral Education through Church Home

The Church Home, a member agency of Episcopal Charities, will once again offer a unit of Clinical Pastoral Education over the winter and spring months of 2010. Students will meet all day on Tuesdays for group work from January 5 to June 1, and will be able to use their parish/hospital/community ministry as their clinical placement. Students will receive credit for one unit of CPE. This is an excellent opportunity for clergy continuing education, and consultation, or as a way to accrue CPE units in preparation for Association of Professional Chaplains certification. Interested persons should contact The Rev. Dr. Robert Petite, ACPE Supervisor, and Executive Director of Church Home at 773-753-4118; rpetite@montplace.com.

TRAINING

Journey to Adulthood training

Training in Journey to Adulthood, the formation program for youth in grades 6 through 12, will be held October 2 and 3 at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Milwaukee. St. Marks is located at 2616 N. Hackett Ave.

Friday, October 2, 7:00-8:30pm

An evening session, open to parents, youth leaders, vestry members, and anyone seeking to strengthen youth programming within the parish. This session will give an overview of Journey to Adulthood (J2A)~ a parish program of spiritual formation for youth. Topics covered include some of the theological and developmental theories that support J2A. Coffee and dessert will be provided.

Saturday, October 3, 9:00am-3:00pm

Saturday brings a full day of training for adult leaders (current leaders and new leaders) of the Journey to Adulthood, as well as anyone exploring the possibility of starting a J2A program in your own parish. Saturday's agenda includes an overview of the entire program, then look at each of the three units; Rite 13, "J2A", and Young Adults in Church in greater detail. We will discuss practical, hands-on suggestions for lesson plans and youth activities, including Sunday mornings sessions, mission trips & Pilgrimage, leadership recruitment and training, parental support, and the many resources and opportunities available in this remarkable program. A fee of \$15 per person covers training materials and lunch. To register, contact Stacy Roller, Parish Administrator, at (414)962-0500 or stmarks_mke@sbcglobal.net.

Keeping God's People Safe training

Keeping God's People Safe abuse prevention training is required for all clergy, paid employees, those who provide pastoral services, and all persons who work with children/youth. This training needs to be renewed, in a group setting, every five years.

- Level I Child Abuse Prevention Training is required of all persons who work - -regularly or occasionally, staff or volunteer, adult or youth--with children/youth.
- Levels I & II training is required of all clergy, paid staff and church personnel who administer programs, perform pastoral ministries, serve as wardens, or are bishop's committee /vestry members.
- Screening interviews and background checks are required for all clergy and paid employees, without exception.
- Church/Agency volunteers who regularly work with children /youth or vulnerable adults, or who have routine access to the facilities and grounds where Children/Youth gather, or who perform pastoral ministries also need to participate in the screening process.

A summary of how the policies relate to various employee or volunteer positions can be found on the chart: Training & Background Check Requirements and Recommendations. If a task is not included, please contact KGPS Program Coordinator [Elizabeth Erickson](#) (312-751-4212) or the Canon Pastoral Care, [The Rev. Canon Randall R. Warren](#) (312-751-4209) for further information.

Saturday, October 10

KEEPING GOD'S PEOPLE SAFE

Level 1 -- PROTECTING GOD'S PEOPLE and
Level 2 -- LEADING & CARING FOR GOD'S PEOPLE
Church of the Annunciation of Our Lady:
5725 Stearns School Road, Gurnee 60031
The Church Office, before October 2nd
847-336-3730 or parishadmin@annunciationgurnee.org
Level 1: 9:30 am - 11:30
Lunch: 11:30 - Noon (please bring a lunch, beverages provided)
Level 2 - 12:00 - 4:00 pm

Saturday October 10

KEEPING GOD'S PEOPLE SAFE
Level 1 -- PROTECTING GOD'S PEOPLE and
Level 2 -- LEADING & CARING FOR GOD'S PEOPLE
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
298 S. Harrison Ave., Kankakee
Parish office: (815) 932-6611
Level 1: 9:30 am - 11:30
Lunch: 11:30 - Noon (St. Paul's will provide free lunch and beverages)

AntiRacism Training Weekend

The Diocese of Chicago's Commission on AntiRacism is sponsoring an Analyzing Systemic Racism training **October 22 through 24** at Sisters of St. Joseph, 1515 W. Ogden Ave, La Grange Park led by Crossroads Ministry. This two and a half day event is an intensive workshop designed to help participants in understanding and analyzing racism in the United States. Sessions will explore:

- The definition of systemic racism.
- The three manifestations of racism- individual, institutional, and cultural, along with their effects on both communities of color and white communities.
- The issue of racism and the task of dismantling racism from spiritual, ethical, political and social perspectives, with the goal of equipping people to combat racism within their institutions and in the larger society.

The Workshop Setting

The workshop is conducted in an atmosphere of mutual respect, caring and safety, and is not based on confrontation, guilt and judgment.

Who Should Attend

This workshop is open to anyone who has an interest in developing a deeper understanding of racism and its impacts on our church and society.

Cost(includes 3 meals, course notebook and workshop materials)for Diocese of Chicago members is \$65. Non-Episcopal, \$150 per person; \$65 for those affiliated with the Diocese of Chicago (includes all seminarians regardless of residency), or \$225 for those not affiliated with the Diocese of Chicago.

Thursday evening session runs 6 pm to 9pm; Friday session runs 8:30 am to 6 pm; and Saturday session runs from 8:30 am to 5 pm. For information contact Derrick Dawson, co-chair of the AntiRacism Commission, at derrickcharlesdawson@gmail.com

The next Datebook will be the last week of October. Submissions must be received **by October 23**. Notices must be in Word or text format.

