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## NEWS

### Council and forums to begin charting mission strategies and opportunities

At the January 10 Diocesan Council meeting, Bishop Jeffrey Lee briefed council members on the initial steps for charting the strategies for a total common ministry vision along the lines of the framework he offered at Diocesan Convention: Grow the Church, Form the Faithful, Change the World. "We are building on the groundwork that is already being laid," he said, referring to the responses coming out of the Convention table discussions to his address. The task now, is to identify challenges and opportunities, and prioritize how we respond to them. Council should have a leading role in the process, he said, of choosing priorities. He emphasized this visioning process will continue to involve the full diocesan community through regional and diocesan wide forums, and feedback on the plan as it takes shape.

The challenges he identified include congregational debt, declining congregations that still have great spiritual vitality, changing demographics and economics, changing communications patterns, internalized racism, clericalism, and undeployed assets.

Heading the opportunity column is the shift to total common ministry, a way of being church that embraces the ministry of all the baptized, and which has become the ministry template for several smaller, more rural dioceses, including Northern Michigan, Nevada, and Alaska. A Total Common Ministry task force, chaired by the Rev. Charlie DeKay, rector of Trinity Church, Aurora, has been formed, and a delegation will be learning more about integrating total ministry in congregational life at the Living Stones Partnership conference in Des Moines February 7 through 10. [Read more.](#)

**Mark your calendar:** The conversation on charting a total common ministry vision will be continued at a forum **Saturday March 28** at St. Andrew's, Downers Grove. Clergy,

## NOTEBOOK

### Donations still welcome for One to One Malaria Net Challenge

The One to One Malaria Net Challenge launched at Diocesan Convention by the deacons community is generating thousands of donations towards the goal of funding enough nets to represent all 40,000 members of our diocese. Nets cost \$12 each and last five years. Your donations may be sent to the point person in your congregation for the One to One Challenge, or directly to Episcopal Relief and Development. For information on your local point person or on the NetsforLife program contact Deacon Liz Meade, coordinator for the One to One Challenge, at [galameade@aol.com](mailto:galameade@aol.com) **NetsforLife** is a partnership of **Episcopal Relief and Development**, ecumenical agencies, and corporate foundations dedicated to controlling and preventing malaria in sub-Saharan Africa. This three-year program, currently active in eight countries, is working with local Anglican churches and ecumenical organizations in 15 countries, expanding to 18 countries by 2009. Presently malaria kills 1 million people a year, 75 percent of whom are children under five years of age. A \$12 donation purchases an insecticide treated net that can protect a family. So far NetsforLife has distributed nearly 800,000 nets and affected about 9.8 million people directly and indirectly through education programs.

### Preparations underway for Gulf Coast Mission Trip

The Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry is organizing a mission trip to the Gulf Coast in August. This will be the third consecutive diocesan mission trip to assist Hurricane Katrina victims in Mississippi with recovery and rebuilding. Dates are July 31 through August 8, and the site where the team will be based is Mission on the Bay at Bay St. Louis, Miss.

delegates, congregation leaders and ministry coordinators will be invited to continue the visioning process begun at Diocesan Convention. More details will be announced in February. If you have questions contact [Vicki Garvey](#), canon for formation; or [David Skidmore](#), canon for communication.

## Presiding Bishop calls for intervention to end attacks in Sudan by Lord's Resistance Army

Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori has issued a statement on the attacks by the "Lord's Resistance Army" in the Sudan, calling on Episcopalians to learn more about the LRA's campaign of terror through the [Episcopal Life Online article](#), and the [Episcopal Church of Sudan website](#). She also urged church members to support [Episcopal Relief and Development's](#) relief work in Sudan, and to use the new [White House website](#) to urge the President to work with the international community and the United Nations to apprehend LRA leaders, and start negotiations for a peacekeeping force in the region which includes southern Sudan, Uganda, Rwanda and the Congo.

"It is with great sorrow that I have received, in recent days, reports from brother bishops and other Episcopalians in the Sudan of the latest round of humanitarian atrocities committed by the so-called Lord's Resistance Army (LRA)," she wrote. "Since the beginning of this year, several parishes and villages in the Dioceses of Mundri and Ezo have fallen victim to LRA attacks that have included killings, child abductions, executions by decapitation and other unspeakable crimes. Tragically, the violence appears only to be spreading, with reports now coming that LRA activity has spread across southern Sudan to Torit, Kajokeji, Lainya, Yei, Yambio, Ibba, Maridi, and Lui. . . ."

"An Episcopal group from the United States, led by Bishops Frank Gray and David Jones and also including representatives of the Diocese Chicago, will be traveling through the Sudan beginning next week and will be meeting with the Sudanese House of Bishops. I have asked Bishops Gray and Jones to brief my staff and me upon their return so that we may best tailor an advocacy response." Read the [full statement](#). Note: Phil Darrow of St. Michael's, Barrington will be representing the Diocese of Chicago on the fact-finding trip.

Participation is open to high school age youth and the adults who work with them. Travel will be by Amtrak from Chicago to New Orleans, and then by rented vans to Bay St. Louis. The cost is still uncertain, as it will depend on fundraising efforts this spring. The base cost is expected to be about \$500 per person, and the cost for youth under \$200. A non-refundable deposit must be made by March 15 to reserve a space on the mission team. After March 15 the non-refundable deposit increases to \$200. No reservations may be made after May 28. Participants must attend at least two of the preparation meetings, and have taken the [Keeping God's People Safe](#) training. The training will be offered at one of the preparation meetings. Additional information and registration forms are on the [Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry](#) page.

### Preparation meetings:

#### Saturday, February 14

10 am to 2 pm

Grace Church

924 Lake St, Oak Park

#### Saturday, March 14

10 am to 1 pm

St. Mary's

306 S. Prospect, Park Ridge

#### Saturday, May 9

2 pm to 5 pm

Make-up meeting, location TBD

## Bishop Lee on 30 Good Minutes

Bishop Jeffrey Lee will be a guest on Sunday, Feb. 22 on 30 *Good Minutes*, the award winning TV program which airs on WTTW Channel 11 in Chicago and in syndication in other U.S. cities. It features many of America's great religious thinkers, selected from a broad range of denominations and faith traditions. The program explores topics of faith through short meditations, documentaries, interviews and commentaries. The February 22 program, "Wounded Gifts," will be broadcast at 5:00 PM on WTTW 11 and WTTW HD (and posted on the Sunday Evening Club web site Friday, February 20). The program also includes a segment profiling [Shakeela Hassan](#), a Muslim American doctor and film producer, and a reflection by

## Cathedral dean to be installed March 1

Bishop Jeffrey Lee will install the Very Rev. Joy Rogers as the seventh dean of St. James Cathedral on Sunday March 1 at 3 pm. Rogers was appointed dean with the endorsement of the Cathedral Chapter January 13, and assumed office January 18. She had served as provost of the cathedral since May 2007. In a letter to the Cathedral congregation Bishop Lee said "I hope that the entire Cathedral community will join me in giving thanks to God for this call. I commit myself together with you and your new Dean to the mission and ministry God has given us."

## Brent House students to attend United Nations Commission on Status of Women

Two young women at the University of Chicago and active in the Brent House Episcopal Campus Ministry are among nine women, ages 19 to 26, chosen to participate in the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women session in New York City February 27 to March 6. Laura Eberly, an undergraduate student at the University of Chicago; and Kate Lemler, a student at the University of Chicago Medical School, will attend the 53<sup>rd</sup> session of the UNCSW which will focus on the equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men, including care giving in the context of HIV/AIDS. The delegation is being sponsored by the Women's and Young Adult Leadership office in the Episcopal Church's Mission Leadership Center.

Said the Rev. Stacy Alan, chaplain for Brent House: "In my ministry with some of the brightest young adults in our country, I am struck not just by their intelligence, but by their passion to contribute something positive to the world. At the same time, they are not naïve about the challenges we face. This is, after all, the generation that came of age on 9/11 and has always known about global warming. To involve these young women at a level that engages both the church and the political realm seems to me to be a marvelous way to connect them with structures through which they can channel their passion for justice."

## Nominations open for Bishop's Awards

Bishops Associates, the ministry support organization for the Bishop of Chicago, is accepting applications for the Bishop's Awards program. The awards are from the Bishop of Chicago in recognition of members of the Diocese of Chicago who have made an outstanding contribution in

Rabbi Michael Siegel, Senior Rabbi of Anshe Emet Synagogue in Chicago. Lydia Talbot and Lillian Daniel are the co-hosts.

## Are you planning an event?

If you are planning an event open to the wider diocesan community, please check the [Master Calendar](#) on the diocesan website for any potential conflicts with diocesan sponsored events. Several key formation and development events occur throughout the year, among them **Leadership and Ministry Fair, Whose Church is it anyway?** conference for formation leaders, the **fall clergy conference**, and the **Diocesan Convention**.

## Leadership and Ministry Fair

Mark your calendars:

**Saturday April 25**

Lutheran School of Theology  
1100 E. 55<sup>th</sup> St., Chicago

Over 40 workshops dealing with all aspects of ministry! Registration and information on workshops will be sent in February.

## CALENDAR

This is a sample of events occurring in the Diocese of Chicago. Check the Master Calendar for a full listing of diocesan events and meetings and the Google calendar for events sponsored by congregations and organizations.

## Prayer Vigil for Peace and Stopping Violence

Church of the Advent and Nuestra Señora de las Americas has 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

service to the church, the wider community in northern Illinois, or to the world. Criteria used in evaluating the nominees: 1) the capability and creativity of the nominee's achievement; 2) the impact of the achievement on the community; 3) the achievement's influence on the spiritual life of the people involved with or affected by the achievement.

Nomination forms and guidelines have been posted on the diocesan website, [www.episcopalchicago.org](http://www.episcopalchicago.org). The deadline for receiving nominations is 4 pm on April 3, 2009. Awards will be presented at the Bishop's Associates annual luncheon May 7, 2009 at the Union League Club of Chicago, 65 W. Jackson, Chicago. Nominations should be submitted to:

Bishop's Awards  
Episcopal Church Center  
65 E. Huron St.  
Chicago, IL 60611

Or by email to: [bishopsassociates@episcopalchicago.org](mailto:bishopsassociates@episcopalchicago.org)

For information contact Michael Stephenson, Canon for Development at (312) 751-6725 or [mstephenson@episcopalchicago.org](mailto:mstephenson@episcopalchicago.org)

## Presiding Bishop asks Episcopalians to pray and support Jerusalem and the Middle East

In her Epiphany letter to all congregations of the Episcopal Church, Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori called on Episcopalians to continue to pray for their sisters and brothers in the Diocese of Jerusalem and the Middle East and to support the annual [Good Friday Offering](#) as an opportunity to demonstrate solidarity with Anglicans and all Christians in the troubled region. The [Presiding Bishop's letter](#) was sent to all congregations with a poster, a bulletin shell (in English and Spanish) and offering envelopes. The poster and bulletin shell are available for download [here](#) and all materials may be ordered from [Episcopal Books and Resources](#) (800-903-5544).

## Final service scheduled for St. Hilary's

The members of St. Hilary's Episcopal Church in Prospect Heights have chosen to end their ministry as a congregation of the Diocese of Chicago in the face of financial constraints and difficulty in increasing membership enough to support

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](mailto:sca652@yahoo.com).

## UBE sponsors Annual Celebration of Absalom Jones

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

ordained leadership and the expense of program and building. With the assistance of the Rev. Gina Volpe, the members are in discernment on their options for continuing their witness collectively or individually with neighboring Episcopal congregations. Their final service to celebrate 45 years as a diocesan congregation will be Sunday, February 15 at 9 am. The parish is located at 307 W. Hintz Road.

## New procedures for Sudan donations

Jackie Kraus, chair of the Renk subcommittee of the Commission on Global Ministry, has advised the diocesan treasurer's office that the procedures for making donations to the Chicago's companion diocese of Renk, Sudan have changed due to a federal government move. The US Treasury Dept. has called for renewal of Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) registrations, canceling the OFAC registration of Renk Diocese, said Kraus. The Diocese of Virginia applied for, and was granted, OFAC registration status for the purpose of continuing wire transfer of funds to the Episcopal Church of Sudan and its 24 dioceses. From now until further notice, she said, the process for transfer of funds to Renk will go via St. Michael's, Barrington, and from there on to the treasurer's office of the Diocese of Virginia.

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR THIS PROCESS:

Make checks payable to St. Michael's Episcopal Church, with the designation in the Memo. Mail to :St. Michael's, 647 Dundee Ave., Barrington, IL 60010, Attn: Kim Lessner, Operations Associate. Include a brief explanation of the purpose of the donation. Complete the process by sending an email to [Jackie Kraus](#), chair of the Renk Subcommittee of the Commission on Global Ministry.

The subcommittee and Commission on Global Ministry appreciates everyone's patience in transitioning to this new process and for continued support of Renk Diocese, its parishes and development projects. Any wiring instructions prior to December 2008 should be ignored.

## Bishop appoints diocesan ERD coordinator

Bishop Jeffrey Lee has appointed **Deacon Michael Bond** as the new Episcopal Relief & Development diocesan coordinator. Bond is the production manager at the Episcopal Church Center in Chicago and will continue in that post. In his new capacity of diocesan coordinator for Episcopal Relief & Development, Bond is currently focused on establishing four area coordinators within the diocese as

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 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 or [alice.brown@ameritech.net](mailto:alice.brown@ameritech.net)

## Peter Civetta to lead Pre-Lent Reflection Day

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.

Lent is a time where the church thinks in terms of action, and not just words. Lent is a season of taking on and stripping away - "I will read the Bible regularly, and I will give up chocolate." It is an occasion for the living out of faith in new ways. Instead of merely commenting on this dynamic, what if our preaching actually reflected it? Since there is always an element of risk in denying a pleasure

well as a parish representative for each church. **The Rev. Davis Fisher** of Evanston had served as ERD's major gift officer and representative in the Diocese of Chicago since summer 2008, focusing on awareness building and development. But due to budgetary constraints in 2009, ERD has eliminated several regional development posts, including the Chicago position. Fisher will no longer be involved in these activities. To contact Mike Bond, call 312-751-4200 or e-mail [mbond@episcopalchicago.org](mailto:mbond@episcopalchicago.org). Find additional information at <http://www.er-d.org/>.

## A WORD FROM THE BISHOP

Bishop Jeffrey Lee offers his message in the Season of Epiphany, addressing the troubles that shadow our households, communities and world, and the hope we have in the gift of Christ.

"We have entered the season in which the Good News comes to us in word and light, illuminating God's hope for creation. It might seem otherwise given the strife in Gaza and wars in Iraq and Afghanistan; and the deepening economic crisis that grips the world. Lives are at stake as the news clips and stories make clear from the Middle East, South Asia, Central Africa, and the streets of Chicago.

These are difficult times for many facing the loss of homes and livelihoods, loss of savings, loss of health insurance, and loss of hope with little sign that the economy will turn around any time soon. Yet, we are called to witness to the Good News that God is with us. I believe we are called to practice hope together, now more than ever to rely on the goodness of God." [Read more](#)

### **Pledge and Parochial Reports reminder:**

Has your congregation submitted its pledge for supporting diocesan mission? Contact [Keith Kampert](#) (312) 751-4201.

**Parochial reports are due March 1.** Forms online at [Episcopal Church Research and Statistics](#)

## CLERGY NEWS

### **Ordination of Deacons**

Bishop Lee will be ordaining two candidates to the vocational diaconate on Saturday February 7 at St. James Cathedral. The liturgy begins at 11 am. The candidates for ordination: **Nancy A. Conrads**, and **Charles Walton (Sandy) Rex III**

or taking on a new practice, why couldn't we use Lent as a season of risk in our preaching? In particular, how can we find ways to make our sermons more than just words? How can we make them live in the same way that other Lenten practices do? In short, how can we make our sermons show Lent, instead of simply discussing it?

Peter Civetta leads this workshop, offering 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.

### **Lecture on 200th anniversary of Charles Darwin's birth**

Brent House, the Episcopal campus ministry at the University of Chicago is co-sponsoring a lecture by the Rev. Dr. Polkinghome, an Anglican priest and theoretical physicist, on the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Charles Darwin on **Thursday, February 12**. The lecture, "The Friendship of Science and Religion," will be held at 7 pm at the University of Chicago's Biological Sciences Learning Center, Room 115, at 924 E. 57<sup>th</sup> St.

Polkinghome was professor of mathematical physics at Cambridge University where he worked on theories of elementary particles and had a role in the discovery of the quark. He is an Anglican priest and

**The Rev. Elizabeth M. Stedman** was released as chaplain to Canterbury Northwestern, the Episcopal campus ministry to Northwestern University, effective Thursday, January 22, 2009. Working with the Diocese of Chicago's Canon for Youth, Campus and Young Adult Ministry, the board of directors of Canterbury will soon initiate a search for a new chaplain, and will identify an interim chaplain for the community in the coming weeks.

### Pray for:

Pray for healing and recovery for

**The Rev. Anselm Amadio**, retired priest living in Door County, Wisconsin who was released from the Sturgeon Bay hospital and is now in rehabilitation.

**The Rev. Walter Griesmeyer**, retired priest, who has been hospitalized

**Philip Miller**, secretary to the board for Episcopal Charities and Community Services and trustee for the Diocesan Foundation.

**Marion Phipps**, a Seabury-Western seminarian from the Diocese of Chicago, who is in Madagascar on a mission trip, and attempting to fly home amid political unrest and rioting.

### **Congregational Development Seminar**

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

author of many books, including *Quarks, Chaos and Christianity*. His upcoming book is *Questions of Truth: Fifty-One Responses to Questions about God*.

For more information or assistance visit: <http://www.brenthouse.org/> or contact Stacy Alan, [stacyalan@brenthouse.org](mailto:stacyalan@brenthouse.org)

### **Phyllis Tickle at Seabury-Western Theological Seminary**

Author and theologian Phyllis Tickle will be sharing her insights on the epoch shifts underway in church and society, some thing 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

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.)

## TRAININGS

### **Keeping God's People Safe: Protecting God's People (Level 1)**

**Saturday, January 31** 10 am - Noon

Church of the Nativity

9300 S. Pleasant Ave.

Chicago

(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

### **Keeping God's People Safe: Trainer Training**

**Saturday March 7** 9:30am - 1:30 pm

St. Mary Episcopal Church

210 McHenry Avenue

Crystal Lake, IL 60014-6009

**Registration:** Contact Elizabeth (Beth)

Erickson: [eerickson@episcopalchicago.org](mailto:eerickson@episcopalchicago.org) or 312-751-4212 (before March 2)

### **Keeping God's People Safe: Levels 1 & 2 March 14, 2009**

9:30 am to 3:30 pm.

St. Paul's Church By-the-Lake, 7100 N. Ashland Avenue, Chicago 60626. Contact: Saint Paul's Church By-the-Lake at 773-764-6514.

### **Keeping God's People Safe- Level 1: Protecting God's People**

**March 14, 2009** 9 am to noon

Holy Trinity Church; 217 East Hurlbut Avenue;

Belvidere 61008. Contact: [The Church Office](#), before **March 11th** at 815-544-2635.

### **AntiRacism Training**

The AntiRacism Commission of the Diocese of Chicago will be sponsoring an antiracism training led by Crossroads Ministry May 14 through 16 at the Lutheran School of Theology, 1100 E. 55th St, Chicago. Contact: Derrick Dawson (773) 960-5355

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 us know by emailing <mailto:ron.fox@sea%20bury.edu> or calling 847-328-9300 x17. Registration form attached.

### **TrebleFest at St. James Cathedral**

The annual TrebleFest will be held at St. James Episcopal Cathedral, 65 E. Huron, Chicago, on **Saturday, February 21, 2009**. 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,



## RESOURCES

### New Keeping God's People Safe manual

The Diocesan Council approved the new Keeping God's People Safe manual January 10. This is a revision of the 2005 draft edition. Along with policies for protecting children and protecting adults from sexual misconduct and sexual harassment/exploitation, the manual has policies on inappropriate use of computers and serving alcohol, and includes a covenant for sexual integrity. The manual in pdf format is available on the diocesan website. The manual is posted online in pdf format on the diocesan website. View or download it [here](#).

### Accessibility grant applications due April 17

The Retirement Research Foundation is funding Accessible Faith Grants for houses of worship in Cook, Lake and DuPage Counties for 50 percent of a project's cost up to a maximum of \$30,000. Grants may be used for planning or design projects which involve consultation with a licensed architect or engineer; construction of elevators, lift platforms, inclined lifts, permanent ramps or restroom renovations; or the purchase and installation of program-related equipment such as assistive listening systems, magnifying machines and Braille printers. Applications for first round of grants are due April 17. Recipients will be notified five months after each deadline, and funding will be disbursed one month after notification. The deadline for the second round of grants is June 26. For information visit [www.rrf.org](http://www.rrf.org) or call the foundation at (773) 714-8080.

### Episcopal Life bulletin inserts for February 1

Inserts for February 1 mark Theological Education Sunday and offer information about the Episcopal Church's 11 seminaries, the services they provide for the church, and the challenges they face in a changing educational world. Inserts available [here](#):

### ERD Lenten Devotional

Episcopal Relief & Development's 2009 Lenten Devotional: Peace and Compassion to Heal a Hurting World includes an adaptation of the Rev. Barbara C. Crafton's Almost-Daily Emos and highlights the Millennium Development Goals (MDG), offering ways for parishioners to help achieve these life-saving goals, especially through Episcopal Relief & Development's MDG Inspiration Fund. Orders must be received by Feb. 16 to ensure timely delivery. Lenten materials are free. All orders are charged a minimum fee for shipping and

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.

### Benefit for Diocese of Renk, Sudan 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.

### Ubumama benefit features folksinger 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

handling. Large orders, overnight and second-day delivery will incur additional shipping costs. Call Episcopal Books and Resources (EBaR) at 1.800.903.5544 or order online at [www.episcopalbookstore.org/](http://www.episcopalbookstore.org/)

### Diocesan Liturgical Calendars

The diocesan liturgical calendars have been mailed to congregations. Each congregation was sent two complimentary copies. Additional copies, for \$5 each (shipping included) can be ordered by contacting the Office of Communication (312) 751-4207.

**Email address update:** Please have your clergy, administrators and lay leaders advise our database and directory managers of any changes to your email address. Contact: [Elizabeth Nelson](#) (database) or [Pat Langton](#) (directory)

## POSITIONS OPEN

### Grants specialist for Diocese of Chicago

The Grants Specialist is responsible for a variety of functions related to various programs for the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago. This position will assist with program implementation as well as supporting the administration needs of the Canon for Leadership Development. This is a two-day per week (part-time) position. The required days are Tuesday and Wednesday with an additional four - six days per year on Thursdays. Interested candidates should submit a cover letter and resume by email or fax by February 27, 2009. Contact: [The Rev. Clarence Langdon](#) (312) 751-4205. The full description of duties and requirements is available [here](#).

## WEB NOTES

### Google Calendar created for congregations and organizations

A new calendar feature has been added to the diocesan website for events sponsored or hosted by congregations and organizations of the Diocese of Chicago, and events by non-diocesan organizations that benefit the faith, work and order of the diocesan community. The Office of Communication has established a Google calendar account for designated users of our congregations and agencies to enter and edit events. A [Calendar page](#) in the

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 ([www.ubumama.org](http://www.ubumama.org)) 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.

### Province V Campus 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

Congregation Resources menu has been created that explains the calendar's purpose and includes a link to the [public calendar](#). Congregations and agencies interested in posting events there should designate a user and email that person's name and email address to the canon for communication, [David Skidmore](#), who will add that individual to the account. Users should be persons who are knowledgeable of the congregation or agency's life, comfortable with online editing, and considered trustworthy and reliable to faithfully perform this role.

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).

Reflections on the intersection of life and theology at the Canon for Communication's blog: [Episcopal Tidings](#)