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A communication resource for clergy and lay leaders in the Diocese of Chicago

## Feast of Pentecost, May 31, 2009

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## A WORD FROM THE BISHOP

A message from The Rt. Rev. Jeffrey D. Lee, Bishop of Chicago

### God's mission is before us

The Feast of Pentecost, May 31, 2009

The Feast of Pentecost is the culmination of the whole Paschal Season. This time in the church year begins with the fasting and self-examination of Lent, it revolves around the awesome mystery of the Lord's death and resurrection and it leads us through the feasting of Easter to the celebration of the gift of the Holy Spirit. It is easy to think of this liturgical cycle in literal terms, as though our church observances are a kind of recreation of historical events we gather to remember. But the whole mystery of the death, resurrection, ascension of Christ and the coming of the Spirit is one reality by which God has begun to remake all creation. It is not just a set of religious ideas. It is the heart of all life and embraces all people. [Read more.](#)

## NEWS

News from the [Anglican Communion News Service](#), [Episcopal News Service](#) and the Office of Communication, Diocese of Chicago.

### Churches urged to mobilize and raise awareness for ending violence.

The Chicago Center for Cultural Connections is encouraging all Chicago area churches and houses of faith to mobilize and counter the rising tide of violence. The weekend of Friday June 12 through Sunday June 14 has been designated as a time to raise awareness of this crisis in the Chicago Metro area faith

## Pre-General Convention Forums



Three pre-General Convention forums will be held **June 2**, **June 4**, and **June 10** with the bishops, deputies and alternates of the Diocese of Chicago. This is an opportunity to learn about the purpose and operations of the General Convention, and the issues coming before the 76th General Convention which meets in Anaheim, Calif July 8-17.

All three forums begin at 6:30 pm with check-in, followed by the program at 7 pm. The forums end by 9 pm. All clergy and lay members are encouraged to attend one or more forums.

**Tuesday June 2** 6:30 pm  
St. James the Less Episcopal Church  
550 Sunset Ridge Rd.  
Northfield

**Thursday June 4** 6:30 pm  
St. Edmund's Episcopal Church  
61st St. and S. Michigan Ave.  
Chicago

community. Churches, synagogues and temples are asked to prayer for those killed, for their families, and for an end to violence in our communities; to become actively involved in efforts to combat violence in schools and neighborhoods; and to help build a safety net for children this summer and fall.

Mayor Richard Daley will speak on the crisis at the annual Founders Award Luncheon of the Chicago Center for Cultural Connections on Thursday June 11. For tickets and information on the luncheon call (312) 236-9272.

## **Cathedral group to participate in Chicago's 40th annual Gay Pride Parade**

The Social Justice Committee at St. James Cathedral is planning on having a presence in the city's annual Gay Pride parade and is inviting diocesan members to join them. This year, the committee will form a Cathedral delegation to march in the 40th Annual Gay Pride parade on June 28. The parade route starts at Halsted & Belmont proceeding north on Halsted to Broadway, then south on Broadway to Diversey, then east on Diversey to Cannon Drive in Lincoln Park. The group will be walking the entire route, but interested members are welcome to join the group at any point and for any duration. If you would like to participate in the parade and would like to order a t-shirt, please contact Maureen Bismark at [gingmoe@gmail.com](mailto:gingmoe@gmail.com).

## **Christian formation and youth program director named for Episcopal Church**

Episcopal Church Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori has named Bronwyn Clark Skov as Program Officer for Lifelong Christian Formation and Youth. "Bronwyn's background in youth ministry will provide insights into opportunities for the Episcopal Church to reach out and connect with today's youth in today's society," commented the Rev. Robert Honeychurch, interim director of the Church's Evangelism and Congregational Life Center. "The Program Officer for Lifelong Christian Formation and Youth is a key member of Evangelism and Congregational Life Center."

Working in a team setting, in her new position Skov will be responsible for coordinating the overall lifelong formation ministry work at the Church Center. Skov will also be responsible for developing youth formation resources using in web, print and multimedia tools; building collaborative working relationships with constituents and networks; and coordinating youth events with a theological understanding. She will be responsible for overall coordination of the lifelong Christian formation staff.

Skov is currently the Canon Missioner for Leadership Development in the Episcopal Diocese of Minnesota.

**Wednesday June 10** 6:30pm

St. Barnabas Episcopal Church  
22W415 Butterfield Road  
Glen Ellyn

Check in at 6:30 pm. Program begins at 7 pm. For more information contact [David Skidmore](mailto:David.Skidmore@stbarnabas.org) (312) 751-4207 or [Vicki Garvey](mailto:Vicki.Garvey@stbarnabas.org) (312) 751-4204. For information on General Convention visit the [2009 General Convention](http://www.episcopalchurch.org) website.



### **Community organizing training**

Are you interested in becoming an agent for social change in your community? Do you hope to develop the skills necessary to accomplish your goals? If so, Metro Industrial Areas Foundation, Episcopal Charities and community Services, Seabury Western Seminary are co-sponsoring an intensive training to assist you in expanding upon your leadership and community organizing skills. A unique interactive learning experience the five-day training delves into issues such as how to identify and address substandard housing and public safety; how to create the power needed to negotiate with government officials and corporations; and how to reinvigorate failing or struggling congregations. All clergy and lay leaders are encouraged to attend.

## Western New York canon named church deployment officer for Episcopal Church

The Rev. Victoria Duncan has been named Program Officer for CDO (Church Deployment Office): Office for Transition Ministry in the Mission Leadership Center of The Episcopal Church.

The announcement was made May 27 by the Board for Church Deployment in partnership with the Rev. Margaret Rose, Director of The Episcopal Church's Mission Leadership Center.

In her new role, Duncan will assist clergy, laity and congregations during times of transition through support and resources.

Most recently, Duncan was the Diocesan Transition Officer and Canon for Development of Mission and Ministry in the Diocese of Western New York. Duncan will begin on July 1 and her office will be located at the Church Center in New York City. She plans to attend General Convention 2009 in Anaheim California, July 8 - 17.

## Clergy News

Bishop Jeffrey Lee will ordain **Anna Patrick Brawley, Julianne Buenting, Donna Marie Lalongo, Aaron R. Gerlach, Elizabeth A. Molitors, Patrick R. Perkins, Marion Kyger Phipps, and E. Suzanne Wille** to the transitional diaconate on Saturday June 6 at 11 am at St. James Cathedral, Chicago.

**The Rev. Mathew P. Idicula**, vicar of St. Columba of Iona in Hanover Park, graduated with a Doctor of Ministry in Mission and Leadership from Lutheran School of Theology on May 17.

**The Rev. Megan Jones**, the newly appointed chaplain for the South Loop Campus Ministry, will be installed Wednesday June 24. Location and time will be announced later.

## Church Briefs

The nationally renowned **Rummage Sale of Christ Church, Winnetka** will have its summer sale on **Saturday, June 6** from 8 am to noon. The sale will be at Christ Church Parish House, corner of Oak & Maple streets in Winnetka. For further information check the Christ Church Rummage Sale [webpage](#)

If you drive it, pedal it or ride it, **Holy Nativity in Clarendon Hills** can bless it. Bring your ride to this once-a-year Sunday morning worship with a Cruze Nite feel on **June 7** at 10 am. Each summer Holy Nativity welcomes classic car enthusiasts and everyone else to bring their cars and kids and worship in the summer sunshine. All rides are welcome -- from restored classics to daily

The training, led by Michael Gecan of the Industrial Areas Foundation, will be held **June 15-19** at Seabury Western Seminary from 9:30-5:30 Monday through Thursday, and 9:30-2:30 Friday. The registration fee is \$300, and lunch will be provided each day. To register, use the pdf form, and mail with a check for \$300 addressed to:

The Diocese of Chicago c/o  
Clarence Langdon  
65 E. Huron St.  
Chicago, IL 60611

Please contact [Sarah Lenaeus](#)  
(312) 751-3578.

## Fundraiser for Youth Mission Trip to Gulf Coast

The Diocesan Office for Youth Ministries invites you to attend a **June 6th Fundraising Dinner, Panel, and Silent Auction** at St. John's Episcopal Church in Naperville. Proceeds go to the 3rd annual Youth Mission Trip to the Gulf Coast, a formational experience where youth help rebuild homes in devastated areas. Doors and silent auction open at 6:00 pm, followed by dinner at 6:30, and then dessert and a Youth Panel discussing previous trips. A \$25 suggested donation is requested for this event. St. John's is located 750 West Aurora Avenue. RSVP to Sue Cromer, Canon for Youth Ministry at: [scromer@episcopalchicago.org](mailto:scromer@episcopalchicago.org)

drives, from Beemers to beaters, along with motorcycles, wheelchairs, bikes and trikes. Bring your lawn chair, too, as we transform the parking lot into “tailgate style” worship. The parking lot opens at 10 a.m., with special reserved parking for classic cars. The parish is located at 275 S. Richmond. More information on the parish [website](#).

**Peter Rossiter** of St. Elisabeth, Glencoe is a candidate for trustee of the Church Pension Group. Rossiter is a partner with Schiff Hardin LLP in the corporate, securities and financial institutions practice; and former executive vice president of Northern Trust Corporation. He currently chairs the Diocesan Endowment board, and is a member of the Episcopal Lawyers Volunteer Network. He has previously served as chancellor and assistant chancellor for the diocese. The election of Church Pension Group trustees will be held at the 76th General Convention July 8-17.

**St. Nicholas in Elk Grove Village** will have a groundbreaking ceremony for its new addition on Tuesday June 2 at 1 pm. Assistant Bishop Victor Scantlebury will officiate.

**The Rev. Gwynne Wright** will be leading a pilgrimage with the Order of Julian of Norwich to sacred sites in England **September 14 through 25**. The sites include Salisbury and Winchester cathedrals, Canterbury Cathedral, Norwich Cathedral, the Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham, and London. The price of \$2,495 includes double room accommodations, meals, motorcoach transportation, and entrance fees. A full description is on the brochure accompanying this mailing. For more information contact the Rev. Gwynne Wright (630) 830-7905 [gwynne.wright@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gwynne.wright@sbcglobal.net)

#### Pray for:

**Deacon Nancy Meyer** who is recovering from surgery.

**Sadie Ellen Brandt Mysen** who is recovering from surgery.

**Patricia Swartz**, sister of the Rev. Elizabeth Anderson, vicar of Holy Family, Lake Villa.

**David Smith**, member of Bishop and Trustees

**The Rev. Bob North**, rector of Grace Church, Galena.

The families of the 38 Chicago children and youth who have died from violence this school year.

The 13.7 million people who are unemployed, and their families.

The people of Sudan and the safeguarding of the peace agreement.

## Summer Camp 2009

### Session I: Introduction to Camp

June 29 - 30, 2009

For children entering grades two & three

### Session I: Mixed Age Camp

June 28 - July 3, 2009

For children entering grades three to seven

### Session II: Middler Camp

July 5 - 10, 2009

For children entering grades three to six

### Session III: Junior High & High School Camp

MONDAY July 13 -

SATURDAY, July, 18, 2009

day/date change for 2009 only!

For youth entering grades seven to ten

*\*This Session starts Monday due to General Convention, but, if travel to camp on Monday is not possible, we will offer a Pre-Camp Overnighter for a smaller group on Sunday - Monday*

For more information contact [Canon Sue Cromer](#) (312) 751-6722.

## CALENDAR

This is a sample of events occurring in the Diocese of Chicago. Check the Master Calendar on the diocesan website for a full listing of diocesan events and meetings and the [Google calendar](#) for events sponsored by congregations and organizations.

## POSITIONS OPEN

Employment opportunities in the Diocese of Chicago offices, congregations and affiliated institutions.

### **Christian Formation Director at St. Mark's, Barrington Hills**

A Director of Christian Formation is wanted for St Mark's Church, Barrington Hills. During the tenure of the parish's previous director, Canon Vicki Garvey, St Mark's established an environment of lifelong Christian formation and a full program for 'kiddos', youth and adults. A new director is now sought to work half time and build on these strong foundations, developing programs as required to meet contemporary challenges. For more information please contact the Rev. David A Gibbons, rector and to apply please submit a resume and accompanying letter of relevant experience explaining how you would approach the task of Formation Director. Send applications and queries to The Rev. David Gibbons, Rector, St Mark's Episcopal Church, 337 Ridge Road, Barrington Hills, IL 60010

### **Part-time secretary in Bolingbrook**

Church of St. Benedict in Bolingbrook seeks a parttime parish secretary. Ten hours a week. Duties include offering hospitality to visitors, friends, and vendors; creating and copying the weekly bulletin; answering phone, email, and faxes; maintaining office management and record-keeping. Strong familiarity with Microsoft Word is desired; familiarity with The Book of Common Prayer, The Episcopal Church, copy machines, and Microsoft Outlook is preferred. Hourly rate of \$9-10, depending on experience. Email resume and cover letter, or any questions, to the vicar, the Rev. Heidi Haverkamp, at [revheidi@stbenedict.ws](mailto:revheidi@stbenedict.ws)

### **Music leader for St. Benedict, Bolingbrook**

The Church of St. Benedict, the Episcopal church in Bolingbrook, IL, is seeking a dynamic person to creatively lead the music program of our congregation. Duties would include directing an adult choir and playing piano/organ for the church services, and being part of a leadership team for worship. Experience with Episcopal liturgy and music is preferred. Currently the position would require about 5 hours per week. Opportunities for growth abound. Contact the vicar, The Rev. Heidi Haverkamp, at <mailto:revheidi@stbenedict.ws>, for job description and more information.

### **Brent House events at the University of Chicago**

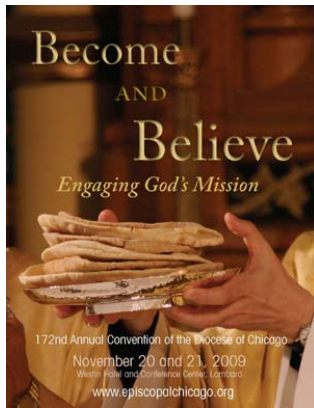
**Sunday, June 7, 3-5 pm**

#### **Brent House Open House**

There's lots going on in Hyde Park next weekend. Here's another reason to come: Brent House will be having its annual end of the year Open House on Sunday, June 7th from 3-5 pm. Whether you're in the neighborhood for the Art Fair, the Alumni Weekend, the lake or you just happen to be walking by, please stop by Brent House and meet or reconnect the members of our community, old and new! An RSVP ([office@brenthouse.org](mailto:office@brenthouse.org)) is helpful, but not necessary.

#### **Wednesday, June 10, 6:00 pm Dinner and Conversation with Jenny Schroedel**

Jenny will talk with us about her new book, Naming the Child, an exploration of the heartbreaking but deeply spiritually journey of those who have had a child die through miscarriage, stillbirth or in infancy. The book is an excellent resource for those dealing with this tragedy first hand and for those who wish to provide helpful support. For more information on the book, go to its website ([www.namingthechild.com](http://www.namingthechild.com)). A free vegetarian supper will be provided. To help us with planning, RSVP to [office@brenthouse.org](mailto:office@brenthouse.org).



## Become and Believe: Engaging God's Mission

172nd Annual Convention of the Diocese of Chicago The annual convention will again meet at the Westin Hotel and Conference Center, 70 Yorktown Rd, Lombard **Friday November 20 and Saturday November 21, 2009.**

Early Bird Registration in effect June 1 through September 18. Nominations and resolutions are due September 25. See the [Diocesan Convention](#) webpage for more information.

## National Episcopal Historians and Archivists meet at DeKoven Center

The National Episcopal Historians and Archivists are meeting at the [DeKoven Center](#) in Racine, Wis. **June 23-26.** The meeting is open to Episcopalians active in church history at archives at the parish or diocesan level. Cost is \$160 for the conference and includes a day tour to Nashotah House including the Blue House, Red Church, Archives, St Mary's Chapel and Bookstore, and includes a presentation on the history of the founding of the seminary. The tour includes a stop in Delafield at the Kemper house. Lunch will be at Wells Street Tavern then on to St. John Chrysostom Church and St. John's Military Academy with a talk on James DeKoven and Jackson Kemper. In Milwaukee the group will visit St Paul's Church; the day will conclude with Evensong at All Saint's Cathedral, Milwaukee and returning to DeKoven. Call Julia Peyton at 262 633 6401 for reservations \$215 pp double room \$245 pp single room includes meals & lodging.

## RESOURCES

### Bulletin inserts on General Convention

Episcopal Life Weekly continues its bulletin inserts on the history, polity and workings of General Convention, the triennial legislative meeting of the Church, with the second insert in the series, for use on June 7. The insert, which is titled The Episcopal Church's Family Reunion, gives a brief outline of how Convention works, and describes some of the non-legislative activities that surround and influence the deliberations of the House of Deputies and House of Bishops. Download the inserts at [Episcopal Life Online](#).

### Hope in Hard Times now in Spanish

Now available in Spanish is the widely popular free resource from The Episcopal Church, "Finding Hope in Hard Times: Seven Spiritual Practices." Both the Spanish and English versions of "Finding Hope in Hard Times: Seven Spiritual Practices" are available free or download to allow for accessibility throughout the wider church and society.

Prepared by the Episcopal Church Office of Stewardship, "Finding Hope in Hard Times" was adapted from Stewards in a Slump, created by the National Stewardship Office of the Church of England.

To download a copy of "Finding Hope in Hard Times" in English or Spanish: [http://www.episcopalchurch.org/documents/Hope\\_In\\_Hard\\_Times\\_booklet1.pdf](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/documents/Hope_In_Hard_Times_booklet1.pdf)

To obtain print copies of "Finding Hope in Hard Times," in English or Spanish, contact Episcopal Books and Resources (EBar) email at [ebr@episcopalchurch.org](mailto:ebr@episcopalchurch.org), phone 800 903-5544, or [www.episcopalbookstore.org](http://www.episcopalbookstore.org)

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The Nominations Committee is seeking candidates to stand for nomination to three key agencies and committees: Standing Committee, Bishop and Trustees, and Cathedral Chapter. If you know of someone who has the gifts to serve contact the Rev. M.E. Eccles, nominations chair. [stsimonassistant@yahoo.com](mailto:stsimonassistant@yahoo.com) 847-259-2930

## Episcopal Day at Six Flags Great America

The Diocese of Chicago's Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry is co-sponsoring Episcopal Day at Six Flags Great America **Tuesday, August 11** with the Dioceses of Fond du lac and Milwaukee. A ticket booth for Episcopalians will be staffed from 9 am to 11 am in front of the park entrance at the Great America park in Gurnee. A Eucharist will be celebrated at the park's Wilderness Theatre at 5 pm. Tickets are only \$30 per person, a \$25 savings over the general admission price at the gate. Children under age 3 are free. A meal deal may be purchased ahead of time for \$10.50, or \$11 on the day of the event. Deadline for ordering tickets is August 1. For more information call Sue Cromer 312-751-6722 or [scromer@episcopalchicago.org](mailto:scromer@episcopalchicago.org) or Barbara Rasero at 312-751-4206 [brasero@episcopalchicago.org](mailto:brasero@episcopalchicago.org)