

# Connect



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

## Imagining with Diana Butler Bass

Thursday March 11 Thursday Eve March 11

Friday March 12 Saturday March 13



The Office of Life Long Christian Formation in partnership with St. James Cathedral, Seabury-Western Theological Seminary, and the Congregations Commission of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago is sponsoring a series of conversations and presentations with noted author and educator [Diana Butler Bass](#) at three locations around the diocese for clergy, lay leaders, parishioners and general public.

### Thursday & Friday March 11 and 12 "Trends, Tinker Toys & Transformation"

St. Martin's Episcopal Church, 1095 Thacker St., Des Plaines  
10 am - 2 pm

### Thursday evening March 11 "Bass and Lee: A Conversation"

St. James Cathedral, Wabash & Huron St., Chicago  
5:30 pm - 6:45 pm

### Saturday March 13 "The People's History of Christianity"

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 900 Normal Rd, DeKalb  
10 am - 2 pm

More information on the [diocesan website](#). [Register online](#).  
Contact: [Barbara Rasero](#) 312-751-4206

## NEWS

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

**Diocese of Haiti continues to care for all Haitians through its schools, clinics and churches**

## Fifth Sunday after The Epiphany February 7 2010

Haiti diocese continues to care

Absalom Jones Day observance

## MOMENTUM Conversations on Emergent Faith



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*Conversations on Emergent Faith* will bring together noted speakers and leaders in emergent church and church development on **Monday, April 19**, 9 am to 4 pm, at St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Barrington, Illinois.

Renowned author, speaker, pastor, and networker among innovative Christian leaders, [Brian McLaren](#) will lead a dynamic discussion on the emergent church movement and more importantly begin to explore with us how our parishes and our Dioceses can participate in the development and growth of these communities.

Together with Brian, we will hear Tom Brackett, Program Officer for church planting and redevelopment for The Episcopal Church. He will inform us of what is taking place around our denomination in response to the belief that this is the Episcopal Moment: an opportunity for us to reach out with the beauty of our spiritual

The future of the Episcopal Diocese of Haiti may well look very much like its past in one very important aspect: its service to the people of that impoverished nation. "We have been here before, we are here now and we will be there after," said the Rev. Canon Oge Beauvoir, a Haitian native and one of four Episcopal Church missionaries assigned to work with the diocese in the impoverished country, who spoke to ENS Jan. 27 via telephone from the Haitian capital of Port-au-Prince.

The Episcopal Church of Haiti, known locally as L'Eglise Episcopale d'Haiti, will mark its 150th anniversary in 2011. Haitian Episcopalians have preached and practiced a "gospel of wholeness" since its founding in 1861, according to Bishop Jean Zaché Duracin.

A second missionary, the Rev. Lauren Stanley, echoed Beauvoir's promise.

"For 149 years the diocese has taken the lead in caring for the people of Haiti through our schools, through our medical clinics, our feeding programs, our water programs, through our churches, through the music program, through taking care of abandoned handicapped children," she told ENS. "Everything we have done for 149 years we will do for another 149 years."

Stanley said that the diocese is committed to all of the people of Haiti, "not just Episcopalians in our pews," adding that it will rebuild its schools, hospitals and churches and "will continue to care for the people that nobody else cares about because that's what we have always done." [Read more.](#)

### **Episcopal Service Corps affiliates with the Diocese of Chicago**

Diocesan Council and Bishop and Trustees have recognized Episcopal Service Corps as an affiliated agency of the diocese. The church-wide organization, which has moved its office to Chicago, coordinates a network of service programs in U.S. communities that deploy young adults for one year of service. Goals are to work for social justice, deepen spiritual awareness and discern vocation, develop leadership skills in the paradigm of servant leadership, and to live a simple, sustainable lifestyle. The 12 programs include the newest: The Julian Year project of Episcopal Charities and Community Services and the Diocese of Chicago, which will begin operations later this year, likely based at St. Martin's, Chicago. For more information on the Episcopal Service Corps contact [Kim Lamberty](#), executive director, at 312-233-2916 or visit its

tradition and practices and invite others to walk with Christ.

The Rt. Rev. Jeffrey Lee, Bishop of the Diocese of Chicago, will be featured as will leaders from three Northern Illinois parish communities who are attempting to develop and invite the creation of emergent communities within their parishes: Pedro Lopez from Redeemer in Elgin, Martha Gillette from Holy Apostles in Wauconda, and Al Johnson from St. Michael's in Barrington.

The day will be centered in beautiful music and prayer led by Lydia Ruffin from St. Louis. Lydia was involved in the development of the Soul Café at the Cathedral in St. Louis and has a prayerful way of leading us to walk with God through her music.

The day is jointly sponsored by [The Episcopal Diocese of Chicago](#), [Seabury-Western Theological Seminary](#), [St. Michael's Episcopal Church](#) in Barrington, [Church of the Holy Apostles](#) in Wauconda, and [Church of the Redeemer](#) in Elgin.

To register or get further details, go to [Holy Apostles Wauconda](#)



### **Absalom Jones Day Annual Observance**

The Chicago Chapter of The Union of Black Episcopalians presents An Evensong Celebration of the Life of the Rev. Absalom Jones, the first African American priest in the Episcopal Church, on

[website.](#)

### **Anglican Communion project to look at how Anglicans read the Bible**

The Bible in the Life of the Church' is a major project being undertaken over three years by the Anglican Communion, mandated by the Anglican Consultative Council at its Jamaica meeting in May 2009. It is seeking to discover how Anglican Christians read the Bible, recognizing the very diverse contexts we inevitably bring to this reading. With the support of the Anglican Communion Department of Theological Studies, the work of this Bible project will largely take place in a number of Regional Groups based around theological education institutions in Kenya, Southern Africa, South East Asia, Oceania, North America and Britain. Representatives of each of these regions were present at the opening Steering Group meeting in London and together set up the process that the Regional Groups will seek to follow throughout the coming year.

The steering group is also planning to set up a number of "User Groups" that will enable input from other parts of the Anglican Communion. Serving on the Steering Group will be members from Latin America and Nigeria. The "User Groups" will take part in the project by testing out material that emerges from the work of the Steering and Regional Groups.

For further information contact the project administrator [Stephen Lyon](#)

### **Accessibility grants available**

The Retirement Research Foundation is receiving applications for its Accessible Faith Grant Program which funds accessibility projects for Chicago area houses of faith. Churches, temples and mosques in Cook, Lake, and DuPage Counties are eligible to apply for the grants. The grants cover up to 50 percent of a project's cost for a maximum of \$30,000. Eligible projects for grants include the design and construction of accessibility improvements such as elevators, lifts, permanent ramps, and restroom renovations to bring them into compliance with the American Disability Act . Program related equipment such as assistive listening systems are also permissible. The grant program will be administered in two phases for 2010. First phase deadline is **April 16**, and the deadline for the second phase is **June 25**. Notification of awards will be made roughly five months after each deadline. For more

**Sunday February 14** at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Chicago. This year's speaker is the Rev. JoAnne Marie Terrell Associate Professor of Ethics and Theology; Chicago Theological Seminary. Professor Terrell is an ordained elder in the Michigan Annual Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church. She holds a B.A., Rollins College, 1981; M.Div., M.Phil., Ph.D., Union Theological Seminary (NYC), 1990, 1994, 1997. Rev. Terrell is also author: Power in the Blood? The Cross in the African-American Experience (Orbis, 1998).

The observance begins at 3 pm. St. Thomas is located at 38th Street and Wabash Avenue. All are invited and welcome to attend. Please call Alice Brown @ (773) 643-5162 or Johnnie Newton (773) 436-3360 for any additional information.

## **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

### **Candlemas**

**St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Chicago** (621 W. Belmont) welcomes all to another of its special evensong services: Candlemas, **Tuesday, February 2, at 7 pm.**

The **Brent House ministry Mosaic** hosts a Feast of Candlemas service on **Tuesday February 2 at 7:30pm** at Brent House (5540 S Woodlawn Ave.). Write Drew Newheiser

information to the RRF website or write to The Retirement Research Foundation, 8765 W. Higgins Rd, Suite 430, Chicago, IL 60631.

### Parochial reports are due March 1

Information from these reports is used in developing an accurate profile of Episcopal Church financial health, membership strength, and distribution of congregations. The information is also used in calculating the diocesan contributions to the Episcopal Church budget. Forms online at [Episcopal Church Research and Statistics](#)

## PEOPLE AND PLACES

### Clergy news

Bishop Lee will install **the Rev. Jose Arroyo** as Vicar of Sagrada Familia-Holy Family, Lake Villa on Wednesday, April 14 at 7:00pm

Bishop Lee will preside at the institution of **the Rev. Israel Anchan** as rector of St. Paul's, Kankakee on Sunday June 6 at 4 pm.

**The Rev. Sandra Castillo**, vicar of Nuestra Senora de las America in Chicago's Logan Square neighborhood, was awarded a Resurrecting Dream award by the La Capilla del Barrio Ministry Center of Chicago at a January 18 ceremony at The Carpenter's House, Chicago. The award recognized Castillo for her community service and advocacy on behalf of the powerless.

**The Rev. Tom Atamian** has retired as rector of St. Hugh of Lincoln in Elgin. He has served for 30 years as priest, and the past 17 years as rector of St. Hugh. The Rev. Marion Phipps, assistant at St. Hugh, will assume responsibility for pastoral and sacramental ministry.

Bishop Lee will ordain the following candidates to the diaconate on **Saturday February 6** at St. James Cathedral: **F. Newton "Newt" Carpenter**, St. Mark, Barrington Hills; **Laurie J. Michaels**, St. Michael, Barrington; and **Heath M. Missner**, Christ Church, Winnetka. The service begins at 11 am.

### Pray for:

The people of Haiti and the relief workers  
The 20 million Americans unemployed or underemployed  
**Sister Mary Cecilia** (Sisters of St. Anne) recovering from a fall  
**Derrick Dawson**, chair of the Anti-Racism Commission,  
**Dylan**, grandson of the Rev. Canon Clarence Langdon  
**The Rev. Tom Lamb**, who is recovering from surgery  
**The Rev. Jim Swarthout** who is recovering from surgery

### In Memoriam

**Todd Strong**, brother of the Rev. Marc Strong

[dnewheiser@uchicago.edu](mailto:dnewheiser@uchicago.edu) with any questions.

### Grand opening of St. James Cafe

A project of Saint James Episcopal Cathedral, the St James Cafe is now open on Thursday evenings from 5:30 to 8:30 pm. Cafe features fresh musical talent on the first Thursdays of the month. On the second and fourth Thursdays the wifi café will be open to meet and greet or simply to sit and tweet or read. Third Thursdays will focus on Social Justice issues with movies, poetry and discussion. Café and program are free.

The café's grand opening is **Thursday February 4**, and features musical artist Eliza Lynn who will be singing two sets of her jazz blues and folk. Her first set is at 6 pm; second set at 7:15 pm. More at the cathedral [website](#).

### John Bell workshops in Oak Park

Noted songwriter John Bell will lead two workshops on **Thursday, February 11**, at First United Church of Oak Park, 848 Lake Street. The first workshop - 1:30-4:30 pm - is called "Making Friends with God" and will focus on spirituality. The second workshop - 7-9:30 pm - is "Singing With the World Church" and will have us up and singing global music. The workshops are for musicians and non-musicians alike.

John Bell is a member of the Iona Community in Scotland, and is a widely known spiritual leader and songwriter in the global Christian church. His approach is very ecumenical, and we welcome all faith communities to join us for this



## Bishop's Awards nominations

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

Downloadable nomination forms and guidelines have been posted on the diocesan website [episcopalchicago.org](http://episcopalchicago.org) The deadline for receiving nominations is 4 pm on March 26, 2010. Awards will be presented at the Bishop's Associates annual luncheon **May 6, 2010** 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 Street Chicago, IL 60611 Or by email to: [bishopsassociates@episcopalchicago.org](mailto:bishopsassociates@episcopalchicago.org)

## RESOURCES



### Become and Believe video and booklet

The story of the ministries of congregations, agencies and offices of the Diocese of Chicago has been captured in a 41 minute DVD produced by the Office of Communication. The DVD trailer was shown at the Convention reception November 20, and in late January copies of the full length video will be mailed to all congregations along with a booklet with the text of video narration and photos from the video. To order the video on DVD (41 minutes), contact [David Skidmore](mailto:David.Skidmore@dioceseofchicago.org), Canon for Communication, (312) 751-4207, or [Elizabeth Nelson](mailto:Elizabeth.Nelson@dioceseofchicago.org) (312) 751-4215. There is a \$3 charge for each DVD and booklet to cover shipping and handling. Checks should be payable to the Diocese of Chicago, and marked for DVD.

### Sudan media team videos

Three youtube videos have been posted by the Sudan Media Team documenting their January 8-17 visit.

spirit-packed day.

We request a registration donation of \$15 for either workshop, or \$25 if you are attending both. If you would like to register, please contact [Leah Fowler](mailto:Leah.Fowler@dioceseofchicago.org) at 708.386.5214

## TrebleFest

TrebleFest 2010 will be held at St. James Episcopal Cathedral, 65 E. Huron, Chicago, on **Saturday, February 20**. As usual, the format will be a day-long workshop with youth choristers, culminating in a Festival Service at 3:00 p.m. in the Cathedral.

Guest clinician will be Suzanne Purtee, Organist & Choirmaster of the Church of the Nativity in Huntsville, Alabama. TrebleFest registration will begin at 9:45 a.m. with the rehearsal beginning at 10 a.m. The closing Festival Service will be at 3 p.m. If you have any questions, please call either Harriet Mueller (847) 392-5153 or [Bruce Barber](mailto:Bruce.Barber@dioceseofchicago.org) at St. James Cathedral 312-787-7360.

## Clergy Quiet Day

The annual clergy quiet day will be held **Tuesday February 23** at the Morton Arboretum in Lisle. To register contact [Elizabeth Erickson](mailto:Elizabeth.Erickson@dioceseofchicago.org) 312-751-4212. Registration fee is \$20. The Arboretum is waiving its admission fee for quiet day participants. The Morton Arboretum is located at 4100 Illinois Route 53.

## Episcopal Urban Caucus

Episcopal Urban Caucus will hold its annual Assembly in Chicago **February 24 - 27**. Participants

### [Sudan Video One](#)

Khartoum, Renk Town, message from Sudan primate Daniel Deng Bul

### [Sudan Video Two](#)

St. Luke's Church, Renk Town,; Glory Church, Renk Town; St. Matthew's Cathedral, Renk Town; Renk Theological College and medical clinic; new church consecration St. Paul, in Halaga; St. Barnaba Church, Geiger

### [Sudan Video Three](#)

St. John's, Mellut; medical clinic and school, Mellut; St. Barnabas, Maban; church plant, Maban County; former mosque converted to church, St. Stephen's, North Pelouch; St. Andrew's, Wadokona.

### **Good Friday offering for Jerusalem**

The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East is again designated as the beneficiary of the Good Friday offering, a tradition observed in Episcopal dioceses and parishes since 1922. The Presiding Bishop has written to all congregations asking for their participation in this annual event. A bulletin shell and poster can be downloaded in English or Spanish versions from the Good Friday Offering [webpage](#).

## REFLECTING

-excerpts for reflection from books, blogs and periodicals-

Because Great Command Christianity seeks not its own way, it has been harder to detect in history, but it is there. It is the undertow of those quiet souls-some named, many unnamed-who have made the world a better place, as Jesus so instructed. They testify, pray, offer hospitality, feed hungry people, and visit prisoners. They challenge the church, they preach peace, and they call for justice. They are relentlessly creative artists of tradition who experience, as Augustine said, "beauty ever ancient, ever new." They insist that the best days for both the church and the world are ahead. They embody hope.

Diana Butler Bass in *A People's History of Christianity*

## TRAINING, KGPS

### **Keeping God's People Safe**

#### **Saturday March 20**

Saints George & Matthias: 5236 S. Cornell Avenue  
Chicago IL 60615-4212

Level 1: 9:30 am - 11:30

Lunch: 11:30 - Noon

will be staying at the Allerton Hotel at N. Michigan Avenue and Huron Street, (locals may commute) and the Caucus Eucharist will be held at the St. James Cathedral **Thursday evening, February 25** beginning at 6:30 pm. The theme of this year's Assembly is: *Anti-violence, Keeping our Kids Alive*. More information at the [EUC website](#). Contact Nell Braxton Gibson, Coordinator, at 212-699-2998 or visit the Assembly [webpage](#) for information on registration and the assembly schedule.

For additional event information:

[Datebook](#)

[Mastercalendar](#)

The next issue of the Connect will feature events for February and March in the Calendar column.

## [DATEWATCH](#)

### **Leadership and Ministry Fair Saturday April 24**

Lutheran School  
of Theology  
1100 E. 55th, Chicago

Contact:

[Vicki Garvey](#) or [Barbara Rasero](#)

Level 2 - 12:00 - 4:00 pm

Sandwiches & beverages will be available, please bring \$5.00 as a donation to help toward costs.

CONTACT:

[Helena Echols](#), before March 16th: 773- 577-0424

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