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

Lent 5
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NEWS

DREAM, SHARE, BUILD

Mapping Our Mission in our Churches, our Communities, the World



Over 120 people have registered for Dream, Share, Build: Mapping Our Mission in our churches, our communities, the world.

The gathering will be held at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 1125 Franklin Street, Downers Grove this **Saturday, March 28**. Registration begins at 8 am and the program will end by 4 pm. Check the diocesan website calendar notice for the [online registration form](#). For further information

on the program contact Canon David Skidmore or Canon Vicki Garvey. For questions on the registration contact Courtenay Smith (312) 751-4206. **REGISTER TODAY TO ENSURE YOU WILL HAVE A LUNCH.**

NOTE: Data from the convention responses may be viewed or downloaded on the [Strategic Planning/Mapping Our Mission](#) page. You can also add your thoughts to the expanding collective witness by using the online [Mapping Our Mission](#) survey.

NOTEBOOK

Congregational Development Seminar:

Managing for Growth and Transition



The Congregations Commission and the Office of Congregational Development are sponsoring a congregational development seminar, **Managing for Growth and Transition, 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.

Areas of focus: **Church growth, transitioning to new model and size of congregation, and leadership development for vestries and bishop's committees**. The sponsors are planning for a \$100 fee for congregations, which may send as many representatives as desired to the seminar. Scholarship assistance will be available. For more information contact Canon Scott Hayashi (312) 751-4210.

NEWS

Diocesan website honored for best design

The website for the Diocese of Chicago received the top design award at the Episcopal Communicators annual meeting March 18-21 at Camp Allen, Texas. Chicago's episcopalchicago.org site was honored with the Award of Excellence and also received an honorable mention for general excellence in websites. The awards were presented during the Polly Bond Awards dinner March 20. Also receiving the honorable mention award for best website were the Dioceses of Connecticut and West Texas, and Grace Episcopal Church on Bainbridge Island, Wash. The award of excellence for websites went to Trinity Church, Wall Street, while the award of merit went to Episcopal Relief and Development. All entries--parish, diocesan, national institution, church-wide office--were judged together.

In awarding best website design to the Diocese of Chicago, the judges cited the warm color scheme and dynamic photographs in the home page header. "The bold colors make this an exciting site," they said. For the honorable mention for general excellence, the judges noted timely and significant news articles, and content appropriate to the audience. "Overall, the website is high quality, including navigation and usability," they said.

The office of communication also was honored with an award of merit for newspaper single photo. The winning photo was the cover photo in the April 2008 issue of Anglican Advance, depicting the baptism of the Rev. Jeannette Repp's daughter by Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori.

Payroll services offer special rates

The treasurer's office of the Diocese of Chicago has learned of two companies that are available for payroll services for your congregation. The Church Pension Group has negotiated costs and services with Paychex. For further information please call 1-800-223-6602 ext. 6286 or log onto

<http://www.cpg.org/productsservices/payrollservices.cfm>.

The other company available is ADP. ADP has negotiated specific rates and savings for the Diocese of Chicago. This includes a 25 percent reduction in the current payroll services vendor's charges; three months free for new clients; and a variety of services including payroll and tax filing, free

To register use the online form or download the pdf form. View the schedule here. Registration questions contact Elizabeth Erickson (312) 751-4212.

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. 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.

Final preparation meeting:

Saturday, May 9

2 pm to 5 pm

Make-up meeting, location TBD

Happening 30th anniversary reunion at St. Mark's, Glen Ellyn

The 30th anniversary of Happening in the Diocese of Chicago will be celebrated **Saturday March 28** with an alumni reunion at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Glen Ellyn. The celebration begins at 1 pm and includes story sharing, caritas crafting,

new hire reporting, an HR help desk, check signing an stuffing, and ADP check reconciliation and delivery. For more information call [Kevin Bertke](#) at 1-847-718-3563. Make sure you let him know you are calling from the diocese to receive these special rates. If you have any further questions, please call Anna Stefaniak, Compensation & Benefits Administrator at 312-751-4202.

CREDO brings mutual ministry review for bishops to Chicago

Just over a year after his consecration as Chicago's 12th diocesan bishop, Bishop Jeffrey Lee has participated with senior staff members and the Standing Committee in his first mutual ministry review as diocesan. The new model for mutual ministry review for bishops is a pilot program developed by CREDO Institute, the clergy leadership and wellness organization founded by the Church Pension Group that conducts CREDO conferences for clergy and lay professionals. The March 11 session was led by the Rev. Gay Jennings, associate director of CREDO and former canon to the ordinary for the Diocese of Ohio. Bishop Lee is the first diocesan to experience the new model for bishops outside a CREDO conference. The primary tool of the review is the Bishop Vocational Profile which measures perceptions in 14 categories, including communication, change management, conflict management, pastoral care, spiritual life and teaching. With Standing Committee's and the leadership team's endorsement, Bishop Lee plans to have a mutual ministry review annually, and will invite staff to also participate in mutual ministry reviews.

Read or download the Fresh Start mutual ministry review resource: [Living into our Ministries](#).

Church members invited to post video testimonies on being Episcopalians

A communications initiative to tell the Episcopal Church's story was launched on Ash Wednesday at www.episcopalchurch.org where visitors will find a new interactive feature called "I Am Episcopalian." The so-called "microsite" contains short videos of people "sharing their deep, personal connections to the big, wide, vibrant church that we are," said Anne Rudig, who joined the Episcopal Church Center in New York as communications director on January 5. Users will be allowed to upload their own videos which should be no longer than 90 seconds. Communication staff will monitor the clips before posting on the "I am

sing-a-longs and sacraments skits. Bishop Jeffrey Lee will preside at the Eucharist at 4:30 pm. A buffet dinner follows at 6 pm. St. Mark's is located at 393 N. Main St. RSVP and address update is available on the diocesan website using the online form.

Cathedral hosts listening hearts art exhibit during Lent



During Lent, St. James Cathedral presents a series of paintings titled "Journeys of a Listening Heart" by local Chicago artist, Marilyn Propp, a member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Evanston. The paintings, displayed on the walls of the cathedral nave in four panel sets, use animate biomorphic characters derived from industrial and domestic activities to communicate the interior journey. The oil on wood panel paintings include the one depicted here: Cocobolo.

Deadline nears for summer camp

Camp slots are filling fast for the diocesan summer camp. For information contact Sue Cromer (312) 751-6722. Download the forms online: [Camp Registration Form 2009](#) [Camp Brochure 2009](#) [Mini Camp Flyer 2009](#)

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.

If you are submitting attachments to accompany the Master Calendar or Connect, be aware that our email program limits the size of attachments to 1 megabyte. To ensure there is enough space

Episcopalian" webpage which will be active throughout Lent. Visitors to [Episcopalchurch.org](http://www.episcopalchurch.org) will be greeted with the I am Episcopalian page which includes a short description, a banner display of photo links to contributors' videos, and two navigation links, one to upload videos and the other to continue to the [episcopalchurch.org](http://www.episcopalchurch.org) home page. The microsite can be reached at <http://www.iamepiscopalian.org/>.

ECW chooses Jericho Road Episcopal housing project as focus for giving

The National Board of Episcopal Church Women (ECW) has chosen Jericho Road Episcopal Housing Initiative in New Orleans as its featured nonprofit for all 2009 philanthropic efforts. Comprised of nine provinces across the country, ECW set an initial campaign goal of \$110,000 to be reached by their Triennial Convention in July 2009.

The National Board is asking all Episcopal Church Women throughout the nine provinces to come together to raise funds. All contributors to the ECW Jericho Road House Project will be recognized at the Triennial Convention. 100% of the donations go towards placing working families in Jericho Road homes.

Jericho Road representatives demonstrated the organization's commitment to provide affordable, energy-efficient housing that incorporates three central elements: 1) universal design, 2) green building practices and 3) architectural design that is characteristic of the historic Central City neighborhood. For more information on Jericho Road and its rebuilding efforts in New Orleans, click [here](#).

The One to One campaign launched last fall

continues. Over \$170,000 has been raised so far by congregations of the diocese towards the purchase of mosquito nets for families in central and southern Africa. Contact [Deacon Liz Meade](#) to learn how you can make a contribution.

CLERGY NEWS

The Rev. James Steen, rector of St. Paul and the Redeemer, Chicago, has announced his plans to retire in early 2010.

The institution of **the Rev. David Gibbons** as rector of St. Mark's, Barrington Hills will be held Thursday April 23 at 7 pm with Bishop Jeffrey Lee presiding. Bishop Lee will also preach at the service which will be a celebration of ministry of the parish and day school. Clergy are invited to vest with

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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.



Chrism Mass

The annual clergy day and Chrism Mass will be held at Trinity Church, 218 East Benton Street, Aurora on **Monday April 6**; and at St. James Cathedral on **Tuesday April 7**, beginning at 9:00 am with social time both

days. Bishop Jeffrey Lee will offer reflections on Christ Crucified and Resurrected in his presentation Where are my Wounds? A celebration of the Eucharist follows at noon which will include the blessing of chrism oil and an opportunity for clergy and laity to renew their commitment to ministry. To register use the [online form](#) or contact [Elizabeth Erickson](#) (312) 751-4212. (also see attached flyer)

Episcopal lawyer network sponsors legal ethics course

The Episcopal Lawyers Volunteer Network is sponsoring a course on legal ethics and civic responsibility for diocesan members in the legal profession on **Wednesday May 6** at the offices of Hinshaw and Culbertson LLP 222 N LaSalle Street, Suite 300, Chicago. The program runs from 1 pm to 5 pm.

The Rev. Professor David H. Fisher, PhD, is professor of philosophy and Ruge Distinguished Teaching Fellow at North Central College in Naperville, Illinois will lead the course. Fisher has taught both ethics and philosophy of law for the past twenty-two years, and is also an assisting priest at St. James Cathedral. He is the author of an essay on Paul Ricoeur's concept of justice in *On Philosophy in American*

red stoles. Reception follows. For more information contact the parish office at 847-381-0596 or eschoon@st-markschurch.org.

Bishop Lee will preside at the institution of **The Rev. Joyce Beaulieu** as rector of Holy Trinity, Belvidere on Saturday June 13 at 5 pm.

The Rev. Bradley Pace and his wife Katie of Trinity Church, Wheaton are celebrating the birth of their son, Judah Benjamin Elder, on March 9 at Central DuPage Hospital.

New postulants

Bishop Lee has approved the following persons as postulants for the priesthood: Jessica L. Abell of St. James Cathedral, Chicago; Miguel A. Briones of St. Mark, Glen Ellyn; Belinda Chandler of St. Mark, Evanston; Edmund I. Harris of St. Christopher, Oak Park; Gloria G. Hopewell of St. Luke, Evanston; Ethan A. Jewett of St. Nicholas, Elk Grove Village; Carol S. Reese of All Saints, Chicago; Katherine C. Spelman of St. Paul & the Redeemer, Chicago; Callie Swanlund of St. Benedict, Bolingbrook; Marsha M. Vollkommer of Grace, Galena; Adam B. Yates of St. Paul & the Redeemer, Chicago; Robert "Tim" Yeager of Grace, Oak Park.

Pray for:

Brooks Davis, Bishops Associates member and parishioner at St. James Cathedral, is recovering at the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago.

Andrew Harland, father of the Rev. Andrea Wight, who has been diagnosed with cancer.

Phillip Miller, trustee for the Diocesan Foundation and secretary of the board for Episcopal Charities and Community Services

The Rev. Joan Barr Smith, deacon at St. Mark, Evanston, has been diagnosed with acute myelogenous leukemia. She has received chemo therapy and is now in recovery for the next three weeks at Evanston Hospital.

In Memoriam

The Rev. William Gros, rector emeritus of St. Helena, Burr Ridge and chaplain for Bishop Anderson House, died Thursday night March 5 at Rush Medical Center a week

Law, edited by Francis J. Mootz III, Cambridge University Press, April, 2009. For more information see the attached course description or contact Paul Keller, pkeller@ancelglink.com or (312) 782-7606.

Cathedral Counseling Center benefit

On **Friday, April 3**, Cathedral Counseling Center will celebrate its 35th anniversary with an evening of cabaret at the elegant Maxim's in Chicago. The evening will be comprised of cocktails and buffet dinner, a silent auction and brief live auction, followed by a lively performance by the Lucy Smith Quartet. Founded in 1974 by mental health professionals and leaders at St. James Cathedral, the Center relieves suffering by creating affordable access to experienced mental health professionals. Please join us in celebrating our shared success! For more information visit the Cathedral Counseling website or call Leigh Stewart at 312-252-9500 x120.

Norfolk State Concert Choir at St. Edmund's, Chicago

St. Edmund's Episcopal Church, Chicago, will present the 48 voice Norfolk State University Concert Choir in concert at 3:00 p.m. on **Sunday, April, 19**. There is no admissions fee. The director is Dr. Carl W. Haywood who served as the Service Music Editor for the hymnal, *Lift Every Voice and Sing* and arranged/composed twenty-nine of its compositions. He is also the leading contributor to *Wonder, Love, and Praise* (supplement to the Episcopal hymnal) and is a member of the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music of the Episcopal Church.

National Health Ministries conference

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

after being admitted for congestive heart failure. A memorial service will be held on April 4 at 3 pm at Church of the Atonement, Chicago.

Jimmy Arnold, father of Vickie Johnson, The Rev. Al Johnson's spouse, died early Friday morning March 20 in Jonesboro, Arkansas after a long battle with diabetes and other related conditions. The funeral was held March 23 in Corning, Arkansas.

Remember the Good Friday offering for the Church in Jerusalem

Presiding Bishop Katherine Jefferts Schori asks our congregations to support the annual Good Friday Offering as an opportunity to demonstrate solidarity with Anglicans and all Christians in the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem. The Presiding Bishop's letter was sent to all congregations in January 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).

Leadership and Ministry Fair

Mark your calendars:

Saturday April 25

Lutheran School of Theology
1100 E. 55th St., Chicago

Over 40 workshops dealing with all aspects of ministry! Registration and information on workshops will be sent in February. A registration form and list of workshops will be posted next week on the diocesan website. For information contact Courtenay Smith (312) 751-4206.

TRAINING

Keeping God's People Safe

Level 1: Protecting God's People

Level 2: Leading and Caring for God's People

Saturday May 2 9:30 am to 3:30 pm.

St. James Cathedral, Wabash Ave. and Huron St., Chicago.

Contact: Kevin Godsil before April 24 at kmgodsil@gmail.com or (773) 474-6234.

Keeping God's People Safe

Level 1: Protecting God's People

Level 2: Leading and Caring for God's People

Wednesday May 13 9:30 am to 3:30 pm

Episcopal Church Center, 65 E. Huron St., Chicago. Contact: Elizabeth Erickson, (312) 751-4212

Anti-Racism Training

The Anti-Racism Commission of the Diocese of Chicago will be sponsoring an anti-racism training led by Crossroads Ministry **May 14 through 16** at the Lutheran School of Theology, 1100 E. 55th

<http://www.episcopalhealthministries.org/>

Judge Joan Lefkow to speak at annual ECW meeting

The Honorable Judge Joan Lefkow, U.S. District judge for the Northern District, will be the keynote speaker for the annual conference of the Episcopal Church Women of Chicago on **Saturday April 18** at St. James Cathedral. Judge Lefkow will speak on Challenges: Justice in the Twenty-First Century. The conference will celebrate the 125th anniversary of the formation of Episcopal Church Women in the diocese. Other highlights include a presentation on the history of women in the Diocese of Chicago by diocesan historiographer Richard Seidel, and the installation of ECW officers by Bishop Jeffrey Lee in the conference closing Eucharist. Participants are asked to make a \$25 donation for attending the presentations. For more information call the ECW office at (312) 751-4200- ext. 229 or go to <http://www.ecwchicago.org/>

Bishop Anderson House benefit

Bishop Anderson House, an agency of Episcopal Charities and Community Services, will hold its annual spring benefit **Sunday May 3** at Quartino Ristorante at State and Ontario, Chicago. The reception and dinner will be preceded by an Evensong at St. James Cathedral at 3 pm in thanksgiving for donors of the capital campaign. Reception at Quartino's follows at 4:30 pm. Benefit will feature a wine roulette auction, raffles with restaurant gift certificates and more, and a live auction. For information contact Cheryl Holt at 312-563-4824.

Dinner for American Friends of Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem

The 20th anniversary of the American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem will be celebrated **Friday May 8** at Grace Church, Oak Park with a dinner sponsored by the Peace and Justice Committee of the Diocese of Chicago and Episcopal Peace Fellowship. Bishop Jeffrey Lee and his wife Lisa will be hosts for the evening which begins with a reception at 6 pm.

In his letter inviting participation in the dinner, Bishop Lee speaks of the longstanding connection between Chicago and the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem; and the vital work performed by the diocese in one of the world's most volatile regions.

"The Diocese of Jerusalem, which carries out

St, Chicago. Diocesan Convention has made it policy for all employees and leaders serving in the diocese to complete antiracism training. Contact: Derrick Dawson (773) 960-5355 derrickcharlesdawson@gmail.com

Lay ministry stories needed

The Commission on Ministry is seeking success stories of lay led ministry in the Diocese of Chicago for a workshop that will be offered at the Ministry Fair on April 25. Submissions should include: name of parish, names of core leaders, photos (of ministry or people involved), and a description (about 500 words) of the ministry including how it started, how it grew and why you think it's successful in your community. Please submit your stories to Jessica Creech at jcreech@chslf.org by April 17.

RESOURCES

Resources during economic crisis

The list of agencies and organizations providing employment and financial assistance has been updated on the diocesan website. You can view or download the pdf list [here](#).

The House of Bishops has also issued a [pastoral letter](#) on the economic crisis. In their letter, released at the conclusion of their March 13-18 meeting at Kanuga Conference Center, North Carolina, the bishops stated "we recognize in this crisis an invitation into a deeper simplicity, a tightening of the belt, an expanded Lenten fast, and a broader generosity. God's abundant mercy and forgiveness meet and embrace us, waiting to empower us through the Holy Spirit to face the coming days.

ECCS lenten daily devotional calendar

Episcopal Charities and Community Services has created a [Lenten Daily Devotional Calendar](#) of daily notices that include a scripture citation, prayer, and a short description of the ministry offered by one of the 12 ECCS agencies.

Episcopal Life bulletin inserts for April 5

The Episcopal Church Foundation (ECF) celebrates 60 years in 2009 of meeting the changing needs of the Episcopal Church and empowering congregations to do God's work. Throughout the decades, ECF has worked to support the Episcopal Church to fulfill its mission and vision, to be a church that is healthy, vital, and vibrant with a growing number of congregations with the capacity to empower and support their members to live out the Gospel. Bulletin inserts for April 5 note ECF's ministry and outline plans for its 60th anniversary gala on May 28, at which Phoebe Griswold will be honored with the Henry Knox Sherrill Medal for outstanding service to the church. Bulletin inserts may be found [here](#).

its mission through the ministry of 7,000 Anglican Christians in Palestine, Israel, Jordan, Syria and Lebanon, is doing courageous work through its hospitals, medical clinics, schools and vocational training center. The need is greater now with the suffering and destruction from the recent Hamas-Israeli conflict that has displaced thousands in Gaza and created scarcities of food and medical supplies."

Since its founding in 1989 the American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem has been a major voice in building the partnership between our church and the Diocese of Jerusalem. In that time over \$20 million of medical and school supplies has been given through the American Friends to the Diocese of Jerusalem, along with over \$2 million in cash grants. Under the leadership of the first director for American Friends, Anne Lynn, who was appointed last October, and the current president, Dennis Hensley, and president-elect, Phoebe Griswold, the American Friends is continuing to build a network of supporters and increasing its annual fundraising goal to \$600,000.

Both Anne Lynn and Phoebe Griswold will be at the dinner. View [Bishop Lee's letter of invitation](#). Download [announcement and RSVP reply card](#). For further information visit the [AFEDJ website](#).

Leading Change through Self-Differentiation seminar

The Lombard Mennonite Peace Center is offering our *Here I Stand: Leading Change Through Self-Differentiation* on **August 18-20, 2009**, at Church of the Redeemer Lutheran Church, 139 E. First St., Hinsdale, Illinois. The training seminar begins Tuesday August 18 at 1:30 pm, and ends Thursday, August 20 at 12:30 pm. It is designed for clergy, Christian formation directors, clinical pastoral education directors, spiritual directors, and members of commissions or committees on ministry. The goal is to develop facilitators for groups using the Here I Stand program. Church leaders have learned that short-term solutions and quick-fixes do little to address the multi-generational patterns which characterize the functioning of congregations and other church organizations.

In the Here I Stand process, participants - with the help of a facilitator trained at this event - develop and reflect on their own

Hope in hard times



The Stewardship Office of the Episcopal Church has produced a guide for addressing stewardship during economic downturns. *Finding Hope in Hard Times* addresses seven spiritual practices that can be adopted during financial crises. Each practice includes an action recommendation and a reflection question. The brochure is available in both English and Korean on the diocesan website.

Episcopal scholarships at Purdue

The Episcopal Campus Ministry at Purdue will offer one \$1000 scholarship to a qualified Episcopal student enrolling for his or her first year at Purdue University in the fall of 2009. The campus ministry plans to have a scholarship online later this spring at www.goodshep.org. For now applicants can call (765) 743-1347, write to the campus ministry at 610 Meridian St. W. Lafayette, IN 47906, or email them at sheep@goodshep.org.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Administrative assistant and event planner

The Diocese of Chicago is receiving applications for administrative assistant and event planner for the Offices of Christian Formation, and Youth and Young Adult Ministry. Duties include planning, coordination and supporting meetings and events of these offices and the Diocesan Convention; maintaining the Resource Center; tracking and maintaining budget documents, and processing registration fees and resource orders; maintaining the Offices' webpages; and sharing diocesan center switchboard relief.

Applicants should send cover letter and resume by email or fax by April 1 to: Anna Stefaniak, astefaniak@episcopalchicago.org fax (312) 787-5872

Associate rector for St. James Cathedral

St. James Cathedral is looking for a priest with a minimum of three years parish experience, either as a rector or as an associate in a larger (400 communicants) parish. The Cathedral seeks a person with passions about growing congregations; with skills that build community, that work to incorporate new people, and that will develop leaders from among the parish. They want a priest who is excited about forming Christians for a lifelong journey, and who will be a resource to them all in their vocations and ministries within and beyond the church and in the cathedral's post-modern urban setting. The role of this associate will be to give oversight to the program life of a vital and growing congregation and to be a resource and facilitator to a Parish Council made up of lay leaders who are the conveners for various program arenas - Worship, Faith Formation, Evangelism, Parish Life, and Outreach. Within each of those arenas, there are a variety of committees and ministries, each with their own chair persons. The new priest will share liturgical and preaching tasks with the dean, as well as the pastoral work that calls for ordained presence. Contact The Rev. Canon Scott B. Hayashi for more information.

shayashi@episcopalchicago.org

"Beliefs Chart." Using this chart, facilitators invite greater clarity of beliefs among church members or others as they observe and think about the influence of relationship pressures on the shaping of their beliefs and principles over the years.

To prepare for the seminar, participants are required to read *Extraordinary Relationships: A New Way of Thinking About Human Interactions* by Dr. Roberta Gilbert.

Tuition is \$295 for registrations received prior to July 22, 2009 and \$345 if received after July 22, 2009. For information contact the LMPC at Admin@LMPeaceCenter.org or call (630) 627-0507. Registration brochure at <http://www.lmpeacecenter.org/>

Mediation skills training

The Lombard Mennonite Peace Center will be conducting a Mediation Skills Training Institute for Church Leaders **August 3 through 7** at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church in Glen Ellyn, Illinois. The leader of the institute will be Richard Blackburn, LMPC Executive Director. The institute focuses on: individual styles of response to conflict; win-win negotiation skills; skills to mediate conflict between individuals; and tools to effectively manage congregational conflict.

A component on group consultation and intervention is also included. Specific attention is given to mediating conflict in the church, though the skills gained are also helpful in other settings including the home, the school, and the workplace.

The cost for this five-day institute is \$650 if registered by July 6, 2009, and \$725 after that date. A registration brochure and other information may be obtained by writing to: LMPC, 101 W. 22nd St., Suite 206, Lombard, IL 60148. Email Admin@LMPeaceCenter.org or call 630-627-0507. Also, learn more about LMPC and other training events at the website: www.LMPeaceCenter.org.

Coalition for immigration reform calls for neighbor-to-neighbor meetings

The Interfaith Immigration Coalition (IIC) is calling faith communities to hold "Neighbor to Neighbor" in-district meetings with their Members of Congress during the congressional recess **April 6-17**. During these meetings, faith communities can discuss how they have been good neighbors to our newly arrived immigrant neighbors and then ask the Member how he/she can be a good neighbor to immigrants through their stance on immigration reform. Establishing close relationships with your members of congress is crucial to enacting humane immigration reform.

Executive Director for Cathedral Shelter

Cathedral Shelter, an agency of Episcopal Charities and Community Services, is receiving applications for the executive director position. The executive director is the chief executive officer of Cathedral Shelter of Chicago. The executive director reports to the board of directors, and is responsible for the organization's consistent achievement of its mission and financial objectives.

Founded in 1915, Cathedral Shelter operates with a 2.2 million dollar budget, 35 staff, and strong volunteer base. Its programs include an 18-bed halfway house; 28 unit supportive housing program with on-site services; outpatient recovery program; thrift store; food pantry and emergency food assistance; and a Christmas Basket program.

View the online documents for the [full position description](#) and the agency's [annual reports](#). Interested candidates should submit a copy of their CDO profile, resume, and cover letter to the Rev. Jack Seymour, Chair, Search Committee for Executive Director, at CathedralShelterSearch@yahoo.com.

Chaplains needed for diocesan summer camp

Camp Chicago, the diocesan summer camp, is looking for chaplains to come minister with us this summer in Algonquin, IL. We are looking for ordained clergy to spend a week with us celebrating Eucharist daily, and participating in our spiritual programming. Weeks run June 28-July 3, July 5-10, and July 13-18. If you are interested please contact the camp Spiritual Director Rebecca Roberts, rroberts@chslf.org or 847-234-7633 ext. 30.

WEBNOTES

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 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.

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)

Connect your ministers

Are your vestry, youth ministers, musicians and treasurer Connected? Visit our [Get Connected](#) box on our website to subscribe your ministry leaders to our online groups: Musicians, Treasurers, Vestry, Youth Ministers, Web

Purpose of Neighbor to Neighbor In-District Meetings:

1. To understand where the member stands on the issue.
2. To understand that member's interests.
3. To (hopefully) get a commitment of support for our issue.
4. To build relationships between our people and public officials and institutions influencing our community.
5. To train ourselves to "act" in public arenas.

More information at www.interfaithimmigration.org.

Parochial reports received, more needed

As of March 1 38 out of 125 congregations met the March 1 deadline by filing parochial reports for 2008. Full compliance is important as the information is used to calculate the Diocese of Chicago's assessment for supporting The Episcopal Church budget, and in developing a church-wide profile of the church. Parochial report workbooks are [online](#). For information contact Anna Stefaniak (312) 751-4202.

Episcopal Relief & Development observes World Water Day

On Sunday, March 22nd, Episcopal Relief & Development Commemorated World Water Day. Access to fresh water is a fundamental human right. However, at least 1 billion people lack access to safe drinking water worldwide and more than 2.5 billion people are at risk of water-borne diseases as a result of inadequate sanitation systems. More children under the age of 5 die from water pollution than from anything else in the world.

In response to the mandate found in Matthew 25: 37-40 to care for the sick and give the thirsty something to drink, Episcopal Relief & Development is committed to providing communities all over the world with clean water. ERD's clean water programs include:

- construct new water systems
- drill bore holes
- erect reservoir tanks
- arrange rainwater catchment systems
- maintain and rehabilitate existing wells
- protect springs
- help form and train clean water committees
- dig and construct latrines and washing stations
- hold hygiene education sessions

Ministry. The Office of Communication has also set up group discussions for these same groups.

Seeing ourselves in the clouds

Check out the [word clouds](#) for the visioning exercise at the 2008 Diocesan Convention. The word clouds are collections of words taken from the 380 plus responses at the convention, and then processed as word clouds through [wordle.net](#). The wordle software sizes the words according to their frequency in the responses.

In 2008 Episcopal Relief & Development's clean water programs installed wells, piping, and watershed protection in 15 countries including Afghanistan, Angola, Bangladesh, China, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, India, Kenya, Korea, Liberia, Myanmar, Nicaragua, Tanzania and Zimbabwe. More than 30,000 people directly benefited from these new water sources. Learn more at [ERD programs](#).