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Lent One March 1 2009

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

Mark your calendar: The conversation on charting mission priorities will be continued at a forum **Saturday March 28** at St. Andrew's, Downers Grove. Clergy, delegates, congregation leaders and ministry coordinators will be invited to continue the visioning process begun at Diocesan Convention. More details will be announced next week for **Dream-Build-Share: Mapping Our Mission in our Churches, our Communities, the World**. Contact Vicki Garvey, canon for formation; or David Skidmore, canon for communication.

Cathedral Dean Joy Rogers 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.

The Order for Worship for Evening will be a celebration of ministry for the Cathedral community and mark a new vision of the cathedral as a

gathering place and resource to the diocese and Chicago Metropolitan community. The service will include participation by representatives of Chicago's Roman Catholic, Orthodox, Jewish and Muslim faith groups; and the Harmony, Hope and Healing choir that sang at Bishop Lee's consecration and last November's Diocesan Convention. The sermon will be given by the Rev. Otis Moss III, pastor of Trinity United Church of Christ, Chicago. A reception following in the narthex and nave will feature stations highlighting the cathedral's connections to the community.

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

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 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 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

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

Resource list for employment and financial assistance on the web

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](#).

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 Ministry.

A WORD FROM THE BISHOP

Bishop Lee's Message for Lent 2009:

Personally and corporately, as members of this diocese and as a nation we have ventured into a kind of wilderness and we are faced with the need to assess where we are, where we need to be, and how to get there. Call it a journey of discovery, or recovery. Because of the opportunities of new leadership, or driven by the loss of security and economic challenge, we are asking hard questions, evaluating priorities, and struggling to discern the right route to renewal and recovery. [Read more.](#)

also view [Bishop Lee's Lent message on YouTube](#) An [index of Lent resources](#) in available on the diocesan website.

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](#)

Hospitality is taken seriously here

(from article in *Congregations* magazine, winter 2009, about the Congregational Church of Union, Conn.)

"When visitors enter the very small sanctuary area of our little church, they will most likely notice a simple, attractive banner with the clear, bold message 'All are welcome.' this message, which is emblazoned upon the pens, bookmarks, and magnets we give to our guests and featured prominently on our website and in our church newsletter—a publication sent to every resident of our town—has become a statement of how we perceive ourselves as a local church. " —

Bob Larochelle

CLERGY NEWS

Bishop Lee will preside at the institution of **The Rev. David Gibbons** as rector of St. Mark's, Barrington Hills on Thursday, April 23 at 7 pm.

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. Ruth Meyers will be leaving Seabury-Western Theological Seminary this summer to fill the Hodges-Haynes chair of professor of liturgics at Church Divinity School of the Pacific in Berkeley, Calif. The appointment is effective 1 July, and Meyers and her husband the Rev. Dan Prectel will move to Berkeley following General Convention.

Church Briefs

St. James Cathedral will celebrate the 175th anniversary of its founding as a parish of the diocese this year. The observance begins with the celebration of ministry and installation of the 7th dean on Sunday March 1 at 3 pm.

St. Columba in Hanover Park will celebrate its 50th anniversary this fall with a Festive Eucharist Saturday Sept. 26 at 2 pm with Bishop Jeffrey Lee presiding.

Pray for:

Pray for healing and recovery for

Brooks Davis, Bishops Associates member and parishioner at St. James Cathedral, is recovering at the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago from injuries sustained when he was struck by a taxi cab.

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

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

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.

But wait, there's more:

A translation tool has also been added to selected pages: About Us and Bishop Lee's home page under Office of the Bishop. The embedded [Yahoo Babel Fish](#) tool allows users to translate from English or to English.

The list of web resources has been [updated](#). The pdf file has short descriptions and links on sites for blogging, calendars, online faith communities, messaging, marketing, photo sharing, online meetings, web hosting and development, and social networking.

Web search tip: The search box on the homepage may be your first choice when you are scouting for a program or resource, but you may have better success using our site's extensive navigation menus, or the A-Z Directory. Depending on the search terms employed, your search via the search box could entail clicking through several screens of listings, whereas with the A-Z Directory you will likely find your choice on one click. The link to the directory is in the upper right corner of the home page just above the calendar and just below the Find a Church link. This is an ongoing project of populating the directory so not every program is listed yet. You might first use the various pull out menus in the home page navigation menu in the left pane.

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. 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, 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

ERD Sunday

The first Sunday of Lent, **March 1**, will be the third annual Episcopal Relief & Development Sunday. This special day is an opportunity for Episcopal congregations to engage with the Episcopal Church's ongoing commitment to fighting extreme poverty and disease worldwide. To guide parishioners through this season, Episcopal Relief & Development developed a Lenten Devotional, adapted from the Rev. Barbara C. Crafton's Almost-Daily Emos. For the first time, the devotional is available online in Spanish at www.er-d.org/Lentenresources. Supporters can also sign up for daily, [electronic Lenten Meditations](#) .

Church members invited to post video testimonies to Episcopal Church website

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 Episcopalian" webpage which will be active throughout Lent. Visitors to 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 home page. The microsite can be reached at <http://www.iamepiscopalian.org/>.

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 under that limit for all attachments, please ensure your attachments are no more than 250 kilobytes in size.

Cathedral hosts exhibit of Listening Hearts paintings

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.

Chicago will be protecting over 14,000 families from malaria

As of the end of January our members have donated over \$160,000 towards purchasing mosquito nets for families in sub-Saharan Africa where malaria continues to exact a devastating toll. The One to One Malaria Net challenge continues. Contact [Deacon Liz Meade](#) for ways your congregation can be a part. And visit the NetsforLife website, a program co-sponsored by Episcopal Relief and Development.

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.

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.

St Gregory School benefit

St. Gregory Episcopal School will be hosting its annual benefit **Saturday, March 7**, at the Knickerbocker Hotel in Chicago. The event includes dinner, live music, a silent auction and live paddle raise in support of the school's scholarship program. Reception with silent auction begins at 6 pm followed by dinner at 7 pm. St. Gregory Episcopal School is a tuition-free, faith based Kindergarten through 8th grade program for boys in Chicago's underserved North Lawndale neighborhood. Last year 100% of our graduates went on to selective enrollment high schools. Tickets are \$200 and a table for ten is \$2,000. The school hopes to have every parish in

the diocese represented! To receive an invitation or to RSVP please contact Development Director, Heather Cunningham at 773-227-4447 ext 13 or by email at hcunningham@sjes.net.

Lenten Choral Concert at St. James Cathedral

Three of the great French composers of the late 19th and 20th centuries, Gabriel Faure, Francis Poulenc and Maurice Durufle are featured on the **Sunday March 22** Lenten choral program at St. James Cathedral. The Cathedral Choir and soloists will be joined by the Chamber Orchestra of St. James for a moving, lush and powerful afternoon of French music conducted by Bruce Barber, music director for St. James Cathedral. Marjorie Proctor will be the organist. This concert is presented in loving memory of Wanda L. Bass, patron of the arts, friend of musicians and fellow sojourner on the way. The concert begins at 3 pm. Requested donation: \$15 (Children under 12 are FREE)

Jazz Mass at Messiah-St. Bartholomew

Messiah-St. Bartholomew will hold its annual Jazz Mass on **Sunday February 22** at 9:15 am. Reception follows. The parish is located at 8255 S. Dante Ave. Chicago.

Lenten series on Benedictine spirituality and Ignatian prayer

The Rev. Lynn C. Ramshaw, a trained spiritual director with a special interest in Benedictine spirituality and Ignatian prayer, will present a three-part series on Benedictine spirituality during three Sundays in Lent: **March 8, 15, and 29** at 12:15 pm at St. Nicholas Episcopal Church. St. Nicholas is located at 1072 Ridge Avenue in Elk Grove Village. Lynn has a social service background that culminated in establishing and directing an ecumenical day-service center for people who have no homes (St. Laurence Chapel). An oblate with the Benedictine Women of Madison, Lynn currently conducts several retreats and quiet days annually and writes occasionally for "Lutheran Woman Today." The three 90-minute sessions will include an introduction to Benedictine spirituality and the themes of obedience, conversion, and stability, the three vows basic to Benedictine spirituality. There will be some "homework" assignments for additional study between sessions.

Appreciative coaching training

Dr. Rob Voyle of the Clergy Leadership Institute will be conducting a training in Foundations of Appreciative Coaching **March 23 through 27** at the University of St. Mary of the Lake in Mundelein. The training in appreciative inquiry will help clergy pass on their wisdom and mentor the next general of clergy, and also use appreciative strategies in coaching parish staff and volunteers. This five-day seminar is designed for clergy interested in coaching and mentoring, professionals interested in coaching clergy, professionals interested in church consulting, and spiritual directors. Tuition is \$700 for the five days; lodging at St. Mary's is \$490. The fee for commuters is \$190. Participants will receive 30 hours of continuing education credit. Registration and information is online at <http://www.clergyleadership.com/>

Cathedral Counseling 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.

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

Judge Joan Lefkow to speak at ECW annual 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/>

LMPC seminar: Leading Change through Self-Differentiation

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 "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 for Church Leaders

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.

Lost and found: Or at least lost, found and hopefully reunited. A small digital camera and case were left in the cathedral following the ordination of priests December 6. If you know of someone who is missing a camera and was at the ordination, have them contact The Rev. Elaine Caldbeck at the cathedral ecaldbeck@gmail.com or (312) 787-7360.

Episcopal Church in Quincy update

Continuing Episcopalians in the Diocese of Quincy will be meeting in special synod on Saturday April 4 at the Cathedral Church of St. Peter and St. Paul in Peoria to elect Standing Committee members and other officers. The group has established a page—[Episcopal Diocese of Quincy](#)—on the social networking site, Ning, and is exploring mission and goals for the diocese. Bishop Keith Whitmore, former bishop of the Diocese of Eau Claire, is serving as consulting bishop.

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)

Reflections on the intersection of life and theology at the Canon for Communication's blog:

Episcopal Tidings

<http://episcopaltidings.blogspot.com/>

NetsforLife launches second phase of its campaign to prevent malaria

Three years after delivering the first long-lasting insecticide-treated net to a remote community in rural Zambia, NetsforLife®, a collaboration between several business foundations and Episcopal Relief and Development, has concluded Phase 1 of its implementation by distributing its millionth net. Sleeping under an insecticide-treated net dramatically reduces malaria transmission, but because so few people have access to nets the disease remains a scourge of sub-Saharan Africa, the epicenter of 86% of the world's 247 million annual cases. Nearly a million people die each year from malaria, 91% in Africa. More than 75% of those who become sick and die are children under the age of five. This disease causes needless death and suffering, and cripples development on the continent. NetsforLife® has already achieved remarkable success. The program encourages people to sleep under long-lasting insecticide-treated nets, trains local malaria agents who distribute nets, provides education on how to recognize symptoms of malaria and teaches communities about environmental management and malaria control. In order to continue its work to eliminate malaria, NetsforLife® has launched Phase 2 of the program. During the next five years, the organization will expand its work to 17 countries, train thousands more malaria agents and distribute at least five million more nets. As part of the Phase 2 kick-off, NetsforLife® is launching its new website, www.netsforlifeafrica.org. The innovative and user-friendly website has several features to engage those interested in efforts to eliminate malaria in sub-Saharan Africa. These include expanded information on program practices and activities, a blog with postings from different NetsforLife® field sites and headquarters and video clips presenting

