

# Connect



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

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## NEWS

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

### All Saints rector is one of three candidates for bishop of Minnesota

The Rev. Bonnie Perry, rector of All Saints, Chicago, is one of three candidates for election as the ninth diocesan bishop of Minnesota. Also named in the August 1 announcement by the Diocese of Minnesota's search committee are the Rev. Marion Budde, rector of St. John the Baptist parish in Minneapolis; and the Rev. Brian Prior, rector of Church of the Resurrection in Spokane, Wash. and vice president of the House of Deputies. Biographies of the candidates are available [here](#).

Perry is the first openly gay candidate in an episcopal election since the church's General Convention in July affirmed the openness of its ordination process to all the baptized. Bishop Jeffrey Lee said the nomination speaks to Perry's "faithfulness and vision as a leader" for both the people of All Saints and the Diocese of Chicago. Her dedication to the mission and ministry of the church has been evident in her work at All Saints mentoring new clergy and lay leaders, and in service on the Diocesan Council and Standing Committee, and as a consultant in congregational development with congregations here and across the church, he said.

The diocese said it has been discerning candidates since January. Further information is available [here](#). It said names of additional candidates are now being accepted through a two-



### Whose Church is it anyway?

A Gathering of Adults who work with Children, Youth and Adults

**Friday August 28  
Saturday August 29**

**University of St. Mary of the Lake  
Conference Center  
Mundelein, IL**

This two day conference sponsored by the Diocese of Chicago and Province V will include over 30 formation learning opportunities, a keynote speaker, worship and prayer activities as well as social events. Workshop topics include a focus on Journey to Adulthood, Youth Ministries, Catechesis and Godly play, Revisiting Via Media Values, Rotation, MGD's and Confirmation with some new workshops on Creative and Children's Liturgies, Nooma, and using Face Book and Twitter. Anyone working in formation is encouraged to attend.

Our keynote speaker, Rev. Nadim Nassar, A Syrian and an Anglican priest and a co-founder of the [Awareness Foundation](#), will be speaking about religious conflict throughout the world and Middle East in particular and the Awareness Foundation.

The Awareness Foundation, based in

week petition process, which allows for open nominations beginning today and ending August 14. Details on this process are available on the diocesan website. The final candidate roster will be announced September 25 and the election is scheduled for October 31 in Minneapolis.

### **ELCA assembly opens ministry to partnered gay and lesbian clergy and lay professionals**

The 2009 Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America ([ELCA](#)) on August 21 approved opening the ministry of the church to pastors and other professional workers living in committed same-gender relationships.

The resolution passed by a vote of 559 to 451 and overturns previous church policy that prohibited participation of gays and lesbians in church ministries unless they were celibate.

Discussions about human sexuality have dominated the August 17-23 assembly in Minneapolis, the chief legislative authority of the 4.6 million-member denomination. More than half, or about 1,045, of the 2,000 participants are voting members at the gathering, themed "God's work. Our hands."

The assembly also approved a resolution committing the church to find ways for congregations that choose to do so to "recognize, support and hold publicly accountable life-long, monogamous, same-gender relationships." It did not use the word "marriage." It also approved, by a vote of 771-230, a resolution committing the church to respect the differences of opinions on the matter and honor the "bound consciences" of those who disagree. More information [here](#).

### **Sustainability Task Force seeks representatives from congregations**

The newly formed Sustainability Task Force is seeking parish representatives who can be advocates for environmental responsibility and sustainability issues in their local congregations and communities and be liaisons for the task force. In a letter to clergy and congregations earlier this month, the task force's chair, Lisa Lee, said the group is looking for people with communication skills, a passion for environmental issues, and who will follow through with task force communiqués. The time commitment is moderate at this point but could expand as the task force identifies needs and opportunities. Names and contact information for representatives may be sent by email to [ecochurch@episcopalchicago.org](mailto:ecochurch@episcopalchicago.org)

### **Partners for Sacred Places to sponsor capital fundraising training**

London, was founded in 2003 in response to the disturbing increase in religious conflict and violence around the world. Fr. Nadim and The Rt. Reverend Michael Marshall, Assistant Bishop of London, are the authors or the Awareness Course which is the educational program of the Foundation. Nassar's participation is made possible with sponsorship from Seabury Western Theological Seminary and St. James Cathedral.

To register use the [online form](#). For more information please call or email [Barbara Rasero](mailto:BarbaraRasero), Event Coordinator - 312 751-4260, [brasero@episcopalchicago.org](mailto:brasero@episcopalchicago.org)

## **DIOCESAN CONVENTION**

### **Become and Believe The 172nd Annual Convention of the Diocese of Chicago Friday November 20 and Saturday November 21**

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 October 2. The Convention Booklet with delegate certification forms, and forms for nominations and resolutions was mailed the end of June, and has been posted on the diocesan website. See the [Diocesan Convention](#) webpage for more information. Register using the [online form](#).

Partners for Sacred Places will be conducting a training program in the Chicago area for eight to twelve congregations that will assist churches in recruiting community partners for building repair and renovation. The program will require commitment of four person teams from each congregation, including the pastor or clergy leader and three lay people who are knowledgeable of parish finances and property. The teams will attend four full-day training sessions over an eight-month span in 2009-2010. Training will focus on successful strategies for capital fundraising, and the organization and execution of a capital campaign. Participants will learn how to make a strong case statement for their sacred place, identify their congregations' key assets, and how to forge partnerships with community organizations.

Training will occur in four modules: October/November 2009, January 2010, February/March 2010, and April/May 2010.

An information session on the training will be held **Tuesday, September 2** from 6 to 8 pm at Grant Memorial A.M.E. Church, 4017 S. Drexel Blvd., Chicago. If interested respond by August 28 to Sacred Places (866) 796-0297 ext. 94 or 97; or by email: [Chicago@sacredplaces.org](mailto:Chicago@sacredplaces.org)

## Clergy News

**The Rev. Kevin Goodman**, curate at All Saints, Chicago, has accepted the call from St. James Cathedral to serve as associate dean beginning early October. Goodman will have responsibility for the program life of the Cathedral, including program development, leadership development and outreach. His last Sunday at All Saints is September 20. Goodman was ordained priest in December 2005 and has served as a curate in the diocese's Making Excellent Disciples program at All Saints since February 2006.

## Church Briefs

Families in developing countries will have a more secure future thanks to the generosity of **Holy Nativity Episcopal Church** and residents of **Clarendon Hills** and surrounding communities. At the parish's third annual Family Farm Fest, the farmers market and family festival raised over \$20,000 for Heifer Project International, the nonprofit agency that provides livestock to low income families and teaches the families animal management and well-being practices and sustainable farming. The money will be marked for purchasing four Arks. "This is a story of what a community can do when they come together. Our parish, only 110 strong on an Average Sunday, in

## CALENDAR

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.

Note: during the summer months, through Labor Day, the diocesan offices close at 3:30 pm on Fridays.

### **Immigration workshop and prayer vigil**

The Logan Square Neighborhood Association (LSNA) immigration committee, including several local churches, such as Iglesia Episcopal de Nuestra Señora de las Américas, Kimball Avenue Evangelical Church, New Community Covenant Church and St. Sylvester's Catholic Church are hosting a workshop and prayer vigil on immigration issues on **Saturday, August 22** at 7:30 p.m. at Kimball Avenue and Medill Street (one block south of Fullerton Avenue) for an outdoor movie showing and prayer vigil around the issue of immigration. There will be a presentation of an episode of the television series, "30 Days" and a Prayer Vigil afterwards.

### **Clergy Day presentation on Title IV: Passions, Perversions, Property, Privacy**

All clergy are encouraged to attend the **Tuesday September 22** Clergy Day at Trinity Church, Wheaton.

All clergy are expected to periodically review the Title IV canons, and this promises to be both informative and engaging in a review of the revision of the Title IV ecclesiastical disciplinary canons adopted by the recent General Convention. Canon for Pastoral Care Randall Warren and diocesan Chancellor Todd Young will lead a lively exploration of the new provisions which emphasize reconciliation and healing.

The day begins at 9 am and ends by 2 pm. Trinity Church is located at 130 N. West Street. Registration information is

partnership with our neighbors (most of whom are "strangers") has raised nearly \$50,000 in three years for Heifer International to help impoverished families create a future of sustainable food and income for themselves and their community," said Holy Nativity's rector the Rev. Aimee Delevett. Holy Nativity members have been involved in support of Heifer since the 1950s. Learn more about [Heifer Project International](#).

**Nuestra Señora de las Américas in Logan Square** is holding its "End of Summer Rummage Sale" on **Saturday, August 29** from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Logan Boulevard in front of the church between Francisco and Richmond Avenues rain or shine. Vendors may rent tables for \$20.00 each. Food vendors will be assigned tables in the church basement. Come and join in this community event and either sell or buy children's toys, houseware good, books, clothing, great food and much more. Come and support Nuestra Señora and all its community outreach ministries. To rent a table and/or for more information, contact Rev. Sandra at 773.569.8838 or at [sca652@yahoo.com](mailto:sca652@yahoo.com).

Holding Haiti For Fifty, a fundraiser for Mallory Holding's one-year mission to Haiti, will be held from 7-9 p.m., **Friday, September 4**, in Mahon Hall at **St. Mark's, Glen Ellyn**. Everyone is invited to attend and meet Mallory and hear about her upcoming mission trip with the Episcopal Young Adult Service Corps (YASC). Wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served. A \$50 donation is requested; checks should be made out to St. Mark's with 'Haiti' written in the memo field. YASC requires all participants to raise \$10,000 to pay for airfare and other travel, insurance, and living expenses. Please RSVP to Mallory at [mallory.holding@gmail.com](mailto:mallory.holding@gmail.com). St. Mark's is located at 393 North Main Street in Glen Ellyn.

Mallory will depart mid-September for one year of service working with the Episcopal Diocese of Haiti in Port au Prince. She will teach English, train youth leaders, and conduct a micro-finance assessment to support education in the diocese.

A lifelong member of the St. Mark's parish, Mallory is a recent graduate of Miami University and holds dual bachelor's of art degrees in international studies and political science.

**St. Clement's, Harvey** is one of a dozen churches and organizations participating in the south suburb's first annual walk of prayer on **Sunday September 13**. The prayer walk is intended to draw attention to the issues of drugs, gangs, crime and violence that has spiraled over the past year. The Sweet

### **Cathedral series to feature Nadim Nassar August 27**

The Let's Talk About It series at St. James Cathedral will feature the Rev. Nadim Nassar of the Awareness Foundation on **Thursday August 27**. The evening begins at 5:15 pm with a light reception, followed by an illuminating presentation by Fr. Nassar from 5:45-7:00 pm. Seabury, the Diocese of Chicago and St James Cathedral are joining together to sponsor refreshments and conversation with this Syrian Christian who co-founded the Awareness Foundation and is devoted to helping Christians, Muslims and Jews understand the other faiths in relation to their own. Fr. Nassar will be the keynote speaker for the Whose Church is It Anyway? conference August 28-29, as well as the guest preacher at the 10:30 am service at St James on Sunday, August 30.

### **Interfaith IFTAR dinner**

The Archdiocese of Chicago is inviting members of other faith communities to join Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I., Archbishop of Chicago, in accepting the invitation of the Council of Islamic Organizations of Greater Chicago at the 2009 Interfaith IFTAR Dinner on **Tuesday, September 1** at the Mosque Foundation, 7360 W. 93rd St. in Bridgview beginning at 7 pm. Please RSVP to the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs by phone to 312-534-5325, by FAX to 312-534-0357, or by e-mail to [eia@archchicago.org](mailto:eia@archchicago.org)

### **Benefit concert for ERD**

Fifteen year-old violin virtuoso and St. John's parishioner Robin Lawler will be presenting a benefit concert, entitled "Simple Gifts", on **Saturday, August 29**, beginning at 3:00 p.m. at the Church of St. John the Evangelist, 2640 Park Drive in Flossmoor. Admission is free, but a free-will offering will be collected and

Hour of Prayer begins at 1:30 pm at 153rd Street and Loomis.

### In Memoriam

**James Hastings**, father of the Rev. Brian Hastings. James died July 31 of a sudden heart attack while walking near his home in Toronto.

### Pray for:

**Katherine Lee** who is recovering from rotator cuff surgery

**David Smith**, former member of Bishop and Trustees, who is recovering from cancer surgery

**Deacon Ron Valentine** who is recovering from neurological surgery

**Deacon Gwen Dillon** who has been hospitalized at Manor Care in Oak Lawn.

**Archbishop Daniel Deng Bul** of the Episcopal Church of Sudan who has been hospitalized in Khartoum for a bleeding ulcer.

### **Parish Administrator Day**

Save the Date for the annual Parish & Mission Administrators' Day -- **Wednesday, October 7th** from 9:30-2:30.

Gather with your colleagues across the Dio

cess and share the resources, techniques and quick-tips you've acquired as an administrator. Watch your e-mail or the Congregational Resources webpage (above) for further details. More information at the [Congregational Resources](#) page.

## TRAINING

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

**Level 1, Protecting God's People**

**Sunday August 30**

Grace Church, 924 Lake Street, Oak Park

1 pm to 3 pm

Contact: Parish office (708) 386-8036

graceop@sbcglobal.net before August 24

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donated to Episcopal Relief and Development. For more information, call St. John's at 708.798.4150.

### **Bread for the Journey features Phyllis Tickle**

Phyllis Tickle, author and commentator on the post-modern developments in church and society, will be the keynote speaker at Seabury-Western Theological Seminary's fall program of Bread for the Journey **September 21-25**. Tickle explores what the Great Emergence means for Christians, examining the primary cultural shifts and the many implications for Christians provoked by these dramatic changes necessitated by living in a post-christendom, non-hierarchical, technological world. In small group sessions participants engage how these significant societal changes necessitate new ways of carrying out mission and ministry. How do we help our communities recognize these shifts, navigate the wide variety of responses to them and finally begin to see some faithful, creative and life giving responses to these new realities?

The week will also feature a workshop on adaptive leadership, and a theology pub with Nadia Bolz-Weber, the "sarcastic Lutheran" and author of *Salvation on the Small Screen? 24 Hours of Christian Television and Signs of Emergence: A Vision for Church That Is Always Organic/Networked/Decentralized/Bottom-Up/Communal/Flexible/Always Evolving.*

Mission and Ministry in the Great Emergence begins Monday September 21 and runs through Friday September 25.

Participants have the option of the full week of programs or creating their own package. More information at

[www.seabury.edu](http://www.seabury.edu).

### **Tentmaker evening with Phyllis Tickle**

Tentmaker (bi-vocational, self-supporting) clergy and other interested people will engage in conversation with popular speaker and author Phyllis Tickle (*The Great Emergence - How Christianity is Changing and Why*) for an informal evening on **Wednesday, September 23**

Grace Church, 309 Hill Street, Galena  
Time: morning  
Contact: Parish office (815) 777-2590  
gracesec@gracegalena.org before August 31

**Keeping God's People Safe Training**  
**Level 1, Protecting God's People**  
**Sunday, September 5**

Grace Church, 309 Hill Street, Galena  
Time: morning  
Contact: Parish office (815) 777-2590  
gracesec@gracegalena.org before August 31

**Keeping God's People Safe Training**  
**Level 1, Protecting God's People**  
**Saturday, September 19**

St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 306 S. Prospect, Park Ridge  
Two sessions. First session: 8:30 am to noon. Second session: 1 pm to 4 pm.  
Contact: The Rev. Martha Durham (847) 823-4126  
marthasmessages@comcast.net before September 11.

**Keeping God's People Safe Training**  
**Level 1, Protecting God's People and Level 2, Leading and Caring for God's People**  
**Saturday, October 3**

Church of Our Saviour, 530 W. Fullerton Parkway, Chicago  
9 am to 2 pm  
Contact: Contact: Josh Frank (773) 549-3832 ext 12  
joshfcos@sbcglobal.net before September 25

**Keeping God's People Safe Training**  
**Level 1, Protecting God's People and Level 2, Leading and Caring for God's People**  
**Saturday, October 10**

Church of the Annunciation of Our Lady, 5725 Stearns School Rd., Gurnee  
Level 1: 9:30 am to 11:30 am; Lunch: 11:30 am to noon (bring lunch, beverages provided); Level 2: Noon to 4 pm  
Contact: Parish office (847) 336-3730  
parishadmin@annunciation.org before October 2

at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Evanston. The evening begins with reception at 5:30 pm followed by the presentation and discussion at 6 pm. The discussion ends at 7:30 pm.

Regarding tentmaking ministry, Tickle says, "There is a rapidly accelerating realization that so-called 'entrepreneurial' or self-supporting ministry is often the most feasible, as well as most palatable, way to pastor emergence cells or larger communities of emergence faith, or mixed-economy parishes.... This area is one to which we should - all of us, lay, ordained, stipendiary, non-stipendiary--be paying focused, creative, and prayerful attention now, rather than later. Emergence Christianity is going to look more and more to the tentmaker for its pastoral support, and both tentmakers and the Church at large need to be cognizant of this imminent shift and prepare for it."

St. Luke's is located at 939 Hinman Ave. The evening event will be held in the parlor. Contact Davis Fisher at 847-733-9977 or davisfishr@aol.com if you plan to attend.

**Magnetic Church Conference**

The Evangelism Commission of The Episcopal Diocese of Chicago is pleased to announce that noted evangelist Andrew Weeks will be presenting a Magnetic Church Conference on **November 6 & 7, 2009** at Trinity Episcopal Church, 218 E. Benton St., Aurora, IL. Registration forms will be available shortly through the diocesan website; meanwhile, to learn more about his ministry, Andy invites you to log onto [www.magnetic-church.com](http://www.magnetic-church.com).

If you want to send folks from your congregation, Andy encourages churches to send multiple members with many different interests - communications, property, hospitality, finance, greeters, so they may return home as more effective and diverse teams. Also: many churches have found it very productive to bring their entire management group, often in combination with an after-event retreat.

The Magnetic Church Conference is non-confrontational, practical evangelism to

help our churches attract and retain new members. To date, this event has been hosted by more than 135 ECUSA sponsors, including most recently in this diocese, February 2008 at St. Lawrence Episcopal Church in Libertyville.

## POSITIONS OPEN

Employment opportunities at congregations, diocesan offices, diocesan affiliated organizations and institutions, and The Episcopal Church. Check for updates online at [Employment Opportunities](#).

### **Youth minister for Holy Nativity**

The Church of the Holy Nativity seeks a vibrant part-time youth minister to support the faith journeys of the parish's youth. Holy Nativity seeks a youth minister who can grow a ministry in which youth can relate to one another authentically in a Christian environment with a modern Christian worldview of inclusivity and service. To be successful in this position, the candidate must have a heart for youth of all ages; be skilled at building relationships with teens and their parents; be organized and able to plan programs.

Church of the Holy Nativity in Clarendon Hills, IL, is a progressive congregation in the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago. The parish is committed to diversity and radical hospitality and aim to make the church a place of welcome and spiritual nurture for all people. Holy Nativity has a heart for outreach and enjoys a broad spectrum of liturgical expression. Members believe in having fun together as they seek and serve Christ in one another and in the world. Holy Nativity is a "Mustard Seed Congregation," positioned for growth and committed to growing the Body of Christ. The parish is looking for a youth minister who shares such values who can minister among the parish youth. For more information about Holy Nativity, visit: [www.holynativity-church.org](http://www.holynativity-church.org). Full description of the position is attached to this message.

### **Christian Formation Director for St. John's, Chicago**

The growing, vibrant parish of St. John's Episcopal Church in Chicago, Illinois ([www.stjohnschicago.com](http://www.stjohnschicago.com)) seeks a Director of Christian Formation to guide and support our intellectual and spiritual growth. We are seeking a joyful, organized, and experienced leader to be the primary staff member directly involved in the development and management of the Christian Formation Program for adults, children, and youth.

### **Music Director, St. Martin's, Des Plaines**

St. Martin's Episcopal Church in Des Plaines, Illinois, seeks a part-time music director to lead the congregation in worshiping God with music, teach the congregation to sing and otherwise worship with music, develop confidence and joy so that musical participation increases measurably and teach and lead our youth and children in leading worship music. The music director will meet with the rector (pastor) regularly to plan and select music and will provide organ and other musical accompaniment to support congregational singing and worship at Sunday and holiday services. The music director also directs the choir, oversees maintenance of instruments (organ, pianos, bells, etc.), and writes occasional articles for newsletters, web site, etc. She or he must have good people skills, be a good listener, comfortable working with all ages and have a good sense of humor. We are a loving and fun-loving group of faithful Christians in Chicago's northwest suburbs. Contact the Rev. Steve Godfrey at [steve@saintmartinschurch.com](mailto:steve@saintmartinschurch.com).

A good candidate will have experience in leadership development and be able to recruit, develop, train, and support adult and youth leaders. This is a ¾ time (30 hours per week), partially grant-funded position and includes health and pension benefits. Applicants should send a cover letter and resume to Rev. Kara Wagner Sherer at [stjohnschicago@aol.com](mailto:stjohnschicago@aol.com) or 3857 N. Kostner Avenue, Chicago, IL 60641.

### **Nursery Coordinator, St. Martin's, Des Plaines**

St. Martin's in Des Plaines is seeking a Nursery Coordinator to provide childcare for babies and toddlers on Sundays from 9:45 to 11:00 am and certain other times for church meetings and events, working with a volunteer on rotation, and to set up and clean up the nursery, 2 hours per week, \$10 per hour. Contact [The Rev. Steve Godfrey](#) at 847-824-2043.

### **Music Director for United in Faith Lutheran**

United in Faith Lutheran Church in Chicago is seeking a Director of Music for one traditional and one contemporary service. The candidate should be proficient in playing the organ and the piano and directing choirs and a contemporary band. Needs to be available to plan and lead worship approximately 20 hours per week. Detailed job description can be found at [www.unitedinfaith.org](http://www.unitedinfaith.org). Please submit resume to United in Faith Lutheran Church, 6525 W. Irving Park Rd, Chicago, IL 60634 773-283-2326. E-mail: [pstrsue@unitedinfaith.org](mailto:pstrsue@unitedinfaith.org). Contact: Pastor Sue Schneider

### **Parish Administrator at Our Saviour, Chicago**

Church of Our Saviour, Chicago is seeking a parttime parish administrator. The parish administrator is responsible for the overall administrative activities of the church and its infrastructure. Duties include reception, communication, clerical and file maintenance, financial accounting and building and grounds oversight (hiring & supervision of labor). Often, the Parish Administrator is the initial and sometimes only contact some may have with Church of Our Saviour, therefore projecting a sensitive, respectful, professional and responsive manner through in-person and phone interactions is essential. Because this is a part time position, coordination and collaboration with the Membership Coordinator is expected. Contact: The Rev. Brian Hastings at 773-549-3832 X13 or send a resume directly to [revbriancos@gmail.com](mailto:revbriancos@gmail.com)