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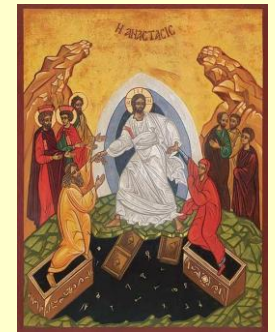
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## NEWS

### Register now for Clergy Day and Chrism Mass

Clergy day and Chrism Mass will be offered at two locations **March 17 and 18** of Holy Week. The clergy day and Chrism Mass for the western region will be held Monday, March 17 at Church of the Redeemer, Elgin beginning at 9:15 am. The eastern region clergy day and Chrism Mass will be held Tuesday March 18 at St. James Cathedral. Bishop Jeffrey D. Lee, Twelfth Bishop of Chicago, will begin each Chrism Mass day with a guided reflection for the clergy on the Icon of the Resurrection. This ancient image is also called the Anastasis or, "The Pulling up of the First Parents." It powerfully portrays the triumph of Christ over death, and the reconciliation of earth and heaven in the New Creation.



Chrism Mass follows at noon. Bishop Lee will bless Chrism for use in our congregations throughout the year. A Chrism Mass tradition is for the clergy to renew their ordination vows. Because we believe that Holy Baptism commissions all Christians as ministers of the Gospel, there is also time at Chrism Mass for the laity to renew their commitment to represent and bear witness to Christ and his Church.

Clergy are invited to attend the Clergy Day (beginning at 9:45 am), Chrism Mass & Lunch pre-register to <mailto:eerickson@episcopalchicago.org> by March 10th bring \$15.00 with you to the event.

Laity are invited to attend the Chrism Mass at both locations (beginning at 12:00) It's free and you don't have to pre-register. Church of the Redeemer, Elgin is located at 40 Center Street. The cathedral is at Huron Street and Wabash Avenue, Chicago.

### The Schedule:

Gathering/Registration 9:15am - 9:45am  
Introductions & Opening Remarks, 9:45-10:00  
Presentation by Bishop Lee 10:00 - 11:45  
Eucharist, Renewal of Ordination Vows, Consecration of Chrism:  
12:10 pm (12 pm at Redeemer)  
Lunch 1:00 pm  
Distribution of chrism oil follows lunch

### Bishop Lee to be keynote speaker at Leadership and Ministry Fair

Bishop Jeffrey Lee will give the opening address on **Saturday, April 19** when clergy and lay leaders gather at the Lutheran School of Theology for a day of learning and sharing as a diocesan community.

Leadership and Ministry Fair has something for everyone, with over 60 learning opportunities covering a broad range of topics. As has been true over the last few years, we will again be

presenting offerings for those intent on demystifying the intricacies of life on a vestry or bishop's committee, for those investigating a call to ordained leadership, for those beginning to think about ministries in daily life, and more. Although there are always, of necessity, some repeats from former Fairs, learning opportunities on new and timely topics are added yearly. This year there will again be a full set of sessions in Spanish as well as workshops dealing with technology and offerings on the nature of the church itself.

A full listing of learning opportunities is available on our website so save the date and encourage members of your congregation to join you on April 19. As one past participant commented, "This is a must do for all leaders in the church." For information contact [Anne Cothran](#) at (312) 751-4206. Schedule, workshops, directions and registration form are [online](#).

### **Youth Pilgrimage to St. James Cathedral to view Keiskamma Altarpiece**

The Bishop of Chicago and the people of St. James invite the youth of our diocese to make a pilgrimage to the Cathedral on **Saturday March 29** to welcome the return of the Keiskamma Altarpiece to Chicago. The Altarpiece will be on display through Eastertide, the last installation before its return to South Africa. The day begins with registration at 9:30 am, followed by the program starting at 10 am. The day ends with a closing worship at 4 pm. Transportation from Metra stations to the cathedral will be arranged with advance notice from those traveling. The [Metra schedule](#) and [registration form](#) are on the diocesan website



The Altarpiece was created by women of Hamburg, South Africa as a hope filled response to the tragedy of AIDS in their community. It stands 14 feet high and 22 feet across, three layers deep, opening layer after layer to tell the story of their lives – their courage and their faith. This day offers us all an opportunity to encounter the Spirit in art, in community, in worship.

Plan to accompany your young people to the Cathedral to meet our new bishop and to open imaginations to God's workings among us. For information call the cathedral office (312) 787-7360 or email [dcampbell@saintjamescathedral.org](mailto:dcampbell@saintjamescathedral.org); or contact Sue Cromer, canon for youth and young adult ministry, [scromer@episcopalchicago.org](mailto:scromer@episcopalchicago.org)

### **Kennon Callahan returns for church development conference**

Church development expert Kennon Callahan will lead his second conference for the Diocese of Chicago on **April 7, 8 and 9** at St. Michael's, Barrington. In Leadership Resources for a Missional Church, Callahan will teach participants how to grow generous congregations, ones which focus on bringing ministry and mission to the real hurts, hopes, and needs of the community. His advice centers on twelve characteristics of effective congregations; six Relational and six Functional.

The sessions run from 1:30-5:00 and 7:00-8:30 pm each day. The 7:00-8:30 pm session is intended for those members of clergy and vestry that cannot attend the earlier session though participants can attend both sessions if they so desire.

Registration for diocesan members (lay & ordained) is \$100; the rate for non-Diocese of Chicago registrants is \$250 (meals not included). Clergy and lay leaders of other Province V dioceses and of other Northern Illinois denominations are encouraged to participate. Please register by March 28. The registration form is available on the [diocesan website](#). For information contact Elizabeth Erickson (312) 751-4212 [eerickson@episcopalchicago.org](mailto:eerickson@episcopalchicago.org)

### **Bishop Scantlebury to visit Sudan**

Assistant Bishop Victor Scantlebury will be representing Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefforts Schori on a fact-finding mission to Sudan April 16 through 26. The group will be gathering

information on the stalled peace accord between the government of Sudan and the Sudan People's Liberation Movement; and attending the enthronement of the Episcopal Church of Sudan's new primate, Archbishop Daniel Deng Bul, on April 21 in Juba. Archbishop Deng, who has served as bishop of Chicago's companion diocese of Renk since 1988. He succeeds The Most Rev. Joseph Marona who retired the end of December.

### **Applications needed for Bishop 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](#).

The deadline for receiving nominations is 4 pm on April 7, 2008. Awards will be presented at the Bishop's Associates annual luncheon May 8, 2008 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](mailto:bishopsassociates@episcopalchicago.org)

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

### **Good Friday offering for the church in Jerusalem and Middle East**

Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori has asked Episcopalians to continue their prayers and generous support for their fellow Anglicans in the Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East. In 2006 Episcopal churches and members gave a record \$368,000 through the Good Friday Offering. This commitment is needed for this year's Good Friday Offering to help fund, hospitals, schools and orphanages serving persons of all faiths in the Middle East. Resources including a poster, bulletin design, and offering envelopes are available on the [Episcopal Church website](#).

### **Workshop on MDG goals planned for Chicago area**

The Millennium Development Goals Task Force is planning a workshop and summit on September 20. Speakers for this provincial gathering include Bishop Jeffrey Lee; Alex Baumgarten of the Episcopal Church's Office of Governmental Relations; Abigail Nelson of Episcopal Relief and Development; and Mike Kinman of Episcopalians for Global Reconciliation. Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori has been invited and an invitation will be going out to House of Deputies President Bonnie Anderson. The location will be near Midway Airport. Contact: Newland Smith [n-smith1@seabury.edu](mailto:n-smith1@seabury.edu)  
<http://pr1.dfms.org/>

### **Deanery Confirmation Days**

The schedule for the spring deanery confirmations has been posted on the [diocesan website](#), and is accompanying this issue of Connect.

### Institutions

Bishop Lee will preside at the institution of **the Rev. Timothy Squier** as rector of [St. Ignatius, Antioch](#) on Sunday, April 12 at 3 pm.

### Pray for:

**Terry Bowers**, recovering from surgery  
**Katie Debbock**, partner of the Rev. M.E. Eccles

### Memoriam

**Warda Vincent Mauro**, grandmother of diocesan registrar Juleigh Ruby. Ms. Mauro died March 7 in San Diego.

### **Address updates for Anglican Advance**

Over 40 congregations have not sent in updated mailing lists for the Anglican Advance newspaper. The Office of Communications receives emails and calls each week from readers who have not been receiving recent issues. If your parish has not sent in an updated list in the past year, please do so as soon as possible. We prefer to receive lists electronically in Excel format if possible, though we can import Word and ASCII text formats. Lists should be emailed to Tracey James at [tjames@episcopalchicago.org](mailto:tjames@episcopalchicago.org)

## **EVENTS**

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### **Brent House hosts St. Matthew's Passion**

Since Felix Mendelssohn's famous revival of the St. Matthew Passion in 19th-century Berlin, this monumental piece has exerted enormous influence on countless composers and musicians. Calling for three choruses, a double orchestra, and many skilled vocal and instrumental soloists, the Passion is a musical tour-de-force that is not soon forgotten. Prepare for Chicago Chorale's **March 15** performance of the Passion with three prelude events orchestrated by Brent House:

**Act I. Overture.** The Baroque, Bach, and the Passion. Saturday, March 1, 3:00 p.m., Brent House. Organist and Roosevelt University professor David Schrader speaks on the composer, his era and the work.

**Act II. Exposition.** St. Matthew and the Passion. Saturday, March 8, 3:00 p.m., Brent House. Brent House chaplain Stacy Alan talks about Matthew's particular perspective on the events around Christ's trial and death."

**Act III. Interlude.** In Rehearsal: Chicago Chorale. Wednesday, March 12, 7:30–9:00 p.m., Hyde Park Union Church. Listen in as conductor Bruce Tammen leads Chorale members through its penultimate rehearsal. (Come or go as your schedule demands.)

**Finale: The Concert.** Saturday, March 15, 7:00 p.m., Church of the Holy Family Chicago Chorale, conducted by Bruce Tammen, performs Bach's St. Matthew Passion Performance is preceded by a 6:00 p.m. pre-concert talk by theologian Martin Marty.

Brent House tickets to The Passion include admission to the March 15 concert, as well as attendance at any or all of the prelude events. Donations are welcome to sponsor tickets for Brent House students. RSVP by Saturday, February 23. For more information, please call Lee Behnke at 773.324.2918 or email [office@brenthouse.org](mailto:office@brenthouse.org).

## **Book signing and discussion at St. Barnabas, Glen Ellyn**

Author Rodney Clapp, a member of St. Barnabas, Glen Ellyn, will participating in a book signing and discussion of his latest work, Johnny Cash and the Great American Contradiction: Christianity and the Battle for the Soul of a Nation on **Saturday, March 29** at 7 pm at St. Barnabas. The parish is located at 22W415 Butterfield Road. For information call 630-469-13894

## **Faith X-plorer weekend at Camp Algonquin**

Faith X-plorers is a weekend event designed to allow senior high youth the space and opportunity to grow as a Christian in a fun-filled outdoor setting. Formerly known as Confirmation Camp, this program has been offered in a retreat setting for over four years. It is all about forming a relationship with oneself, others, and Jesus Christ, all as the participants prepare to accept the radical claim that they are Christ's body on earth; in other words, that they are the church. It is open to high-school age youth and adult mentors. Whether baptized, confirmed or just exploring, everyone is welcome.

Faith X-plorers will be held the weekend of **April 4 through 6** at Camp Algonquin in Algonquin. For more information and/or to register your group, contact Sue Cromer (312-751-6722) [scromer@episcopalchicago.org](mailto:scromer@episcopalchicago.org) or Vicki Garvey (312-751-4204) [vgarvey@episcopalchicago.org](mailto:vgarvey@episcopalchicago.org)

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

### **Saturday March 15th Level 1 training**

9 am to 11 am

Calvary Episcopal Church

105 West Maple St. Lombard IL 60148

Please register with the parish office: 630-620-8899

### **Saturday April 12 Level 2 Training**

9 am to 1 pm

St. Benedict's Episcopal Church

909 Lily Cache Lane, Bolingbrook 60440

Register with the Church Office: [admin@stbenedict.ws](mailto:admin@stbenedict.ws) or 630-759-5955

### **May 15 and 16, 2008 Train the Trainer**

Church Pension Group will conduct a Sexual Harrassment Prevention Train the Trainer's event which will include the new videos. A new video on Equal Employment Opportunity laws will also be screened. Attendance will be by invitation from the diocesan Office of Pastoral Care. Contact: The Rev. Canon Randall Warren [rwarren@episcopalchicago.org](mailto:rwarren@episcopalchicago.org)

## **Panel discussions on Keiskamma Altarpiece**

St. James Cathedral, well known in Chicago as a venue for the presentation of high quality music and art, will host Community Concerns in the Arts, a four part series of panel discussions that will explore socially conscious artistic practice in Chicago. The free public programs will bring together panelists from the city's arts organizations for this series of lively discussions, with Q&A following.

The series will use the **Keiskamma Altarpiece**—on view **March 27 through May 11** at St. James Cathedral following a U.S. tour—as a starting point for the first presentation, and a backdrop for the next three discussions. The altarpiece is a truly remarkable work of community art created by 130 people, predominantly women, in rural, poverty-stricken, AIDS-affected Hamburg, South Africa. It is a masterful and massive (14 x 22 feet) work done in embroidery, appliqué, beadwork, and photography on three layers of wood panels, combining stories of the

loss of community members with a message of hope for the future. The work provided solace in the face of suffering and grief, and much-needed income, for the artists.

All programs in the series are at **6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** at St. James Cathedral, corner of Wabash Ave. and Huron Street, and are free to the public. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m.

The series is organized by Nathan Mason, Curator of Special Projects, Public Art Program, Visual Arts Division, Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs.

Community Concerns in the Arts is co-presented by the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs, the Hamburg Committee of the Chicago Sister Cities International Program, Chicago Artists Resource ([www.chicagoartistsresource.org](http://www.chicagoartistsresource.org)) and St. James Cathedral.

**April 1: "Introducing and contextualizing the Keiskamma Altarpiece."** The first panel will feature Eunice Mangwane, a healthcare worker and AIDS educator, and Noseti Makhubalo, the lead artist for the altarpiece. Both are Xhosa women from Hamburg intimately involved in the work of the Keiskamma Trust. Hear their stories of how a disheartened community came together to create a work of hope and a message to the world, and at the same time, a means of financial support in a poverty-stricken village.

**April 8: "Individual Practice."** Bernard Williams, Preston Jackson and Marva Jolly. Three well-established Chicago artists will discuss their artwork and how it addresses social issues and community concerns.

**April 22: "Community Practice."** Chicago is home to a long tradition of community-based art. *archi-treasures*, the Chicago Public Art Group, and Marwen are three important organizations currently involved in the practice and promulgation of community-based art. Joyce Fernandes, *archi-treasures*; Jon Pounds, the Chicago Public Art Group, and Scott Lundias, Marwen, are the panelists.

**April 29: "Presenters and Funders."** How presenters and funders of the Visual Arts address social issues and community concerns through the arts while also promoting and nurturing artists is the topic of the final panel. Panelists include Chuck Thurow, Hyde Park Art Center; Faheem Majeed, South Side Community Art Center; Riva Lehrer, Access Living; Michelle Boone, Joyce Foundation, and Encarnacion Teruel, Illinois Arts Council.

The Keiskamma Altarpiece is owned and exhibited by the Keiskamma Trust, which includes the Keiskamma Arts Project, the Keiskamma Health Project, and the Umtha Welanga HIV/AIDS Treatment Center in Hamburg, South Africa.

**Contacts:**

Community Concerns in the Arts: Nathan Mason, 312-742-1232

Chicago Dept. of Cultural Affairs: Kennon Brown, 312-744-8948

Keiskamma at St. James Cathedral: Eileen Harakal, 773-296-0779

## **National Workshop on Christian Unity**

The National Workshop on Christian Unity will meet for its 45th annual gathering in Chicago **April 14 through 17, 2008**. The Chicago Marriott O'Hare will be the primary venue for the workshop which is organized around the theme of "Pray without Ceasing." Participating churches include the American Baptist Churches in the USA, the Catholic Church, The Disciples of Christ, the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, The Episcopal Church, The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the National Council of Churches of Christ, USA, the Presbyterian Church USA, the United Church of Christ, and the United Methodist Church.

Eight or more seminars will be offered each day on critical ecumenical issues. The conference will also offer denominational worship services, and a Wednesday evening cultural event at the newly designed Spertus Institute of Jewish Studies on South Michigan Avenue. All members of Chicago faith communities are welcome at the opening prayer service Monday, April 14 at Mary

Seat of Wisdom parish, 920 W. Granville Ave., in Park Ridge. Featured speakers include Sister Dr. Lorelei F. Fuchs, S.A., theological consultant for The Interchurch Center, New York and the preacher for the workshop's opening service; the Rev. Dr. Michael Kinnamon, general secretary of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA; and Dr. James W. Fleming, director of the Explorations in Antiquity Center in LaGrange, Georgia.

A closing panel discussion on Thursday April 17 at 10:45 am moderated by Dr. John Blessington, executive producer of cultural and religious broadcasts for CBS Television, will examine The Local Churches and the Global Church. Participating on the panel will be Dr. Margaret O'Gara, professor of theology at the University of St. Michael's College in Toronto; the Very Rev. Leonid Kishkovsky, director of external affairs and interchurch relations for the Orthodox Church in America; and Dr. Joseph Small, director of theology, worship and education for the Presbyterian Church USA.

Full registration, due by March 15, is \$125. After that it is \$150. Daily attendance is \$50 per day. Full registration for students is \$50.

For hotel reservations call (866) 614-8407 or for hotel information, call (773) 693-4444. More information online at [www.nwcu.org](http://www.nwcu.org)

### **Chicago Episcopal Cursillo weekend**

The next Chicago Episcopal Cursillo weekend will be **May 1-4, 2008** at the Italian Cultural Center, Casa Italia, 1621 N. 39th Ave., Stone Park. Team training will be in April at Church of Our Saviour, Elmhurst. The weekend team will be led by rectora Shanon Edwards of St. Paul's, LaSalle. Palanca can be left at St. Johns Episcopal Church in Naperville (630 355 0467). For information visit [Chicago Episcopal Cursillo](#).

### **American Friends of the Episcopal Church of Sudan conference**

The Diocese of Chicago and Commission on Global Ministry are hosting the 4th Annual American Friends of the Episcopal Church of Sudan Conference, *Growing Relationships....Building Partnerships*, **May 30-June 1, 2008**, at Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, with Holy Eucharist on June 1, at St. Paul and the Redeemer, both located in Hyde Park. Bishop Jeffrey Lee will open the Conference with welcoming remarks. Keynote speaker for this 3-day event will be Archbishop of the Episcopal Church of the Sudan, The Most Rev. Daniel Deng Bul, newly elected, and former bishop of Chicago's companion diocese, Renk Diocese.

Plenary sessions, with panels related to the theme, will lead to interest groups for continued networking and conversation; how to prepare for future relationships, making contacts, humanitarian efforts in Sudan sponsored by Sudanese in the US, nuts and bolts of building partnerships, spiritual reflection throughout, led by Fr. Matthew Gunter. This national conference will offer many opportunities for learning more about how connecting hopes and gifts can grow relationships... build partnerships.

Go to the website, [www.afreecs.org](http://www.afreecs.org), for information about AFRECS, past conferences, and registration information. There is an early registration discount of \$25.00. Contact conference coordinator, Jackie Kraus, with questions or offers to volunteer to be on the Planning Committee and/or volunteer during the Conference, [kraus.jackie@yahoo.com](mailto:kraus.jackie@yahoo.com).

### **Gulf Coast mission trip planned for August 2008**

The Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry has organized a second Gulf Coast mission trip this coming August for high school and college age youth and the adults who work with them. The week long mission, **August 2 through 9** will be based at two of the Katrina work camps: Mission on the Bay in Bay St. Louis, Miss., and Camp Coast Care at Long Beach, Miss. High school and college youth teams will be based at Mission on the Bay while adults not working with the youth will be based at Camp Coast Care. Both teams have a limit of 50 persons. Cost has not been set. The organizers hope to keep the youth costs to \$200 or less per student through

fundraising efforts and diocesan subsidies. Travel will be by Amtrak from Chicago to New Orleans and then in rented vans to the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

The Diocese of Chicago's 2008 Mission Trip is a ministry to the people whose lives were affected by Hurricane Katrina in Bay St. Louis, Long Beach, Pearlinton, and other areas in Mississippi. Volunteers participating in the activities of the mission trip will be expected to be involved in specific repair and building activities including, but not limited to: gutting houses, cleaning debris, gardening, yard work, roofing, carpentry, dry walling, digging and building steps, plumbing, glasswork, insulating, painting, flooring, masonry, electrical wiring and other facets of repair, remodeling and renovation. These activities include, but are not limited to: the use of power tools such as saws and drills, as well as the use of hand tools. The foregoing activities will also require climbing with and without supplies, tools and materials as well as working in high places such as on roofs and other facets of construction work.

Volunteers may, in their free time, engage in non-sponsored activities including, swimming, or other sports activities of their choosing. Planned evening activities may include, but are not limited to: visiting the local community, traveling to visit places or people of regional interest.

For more information contact Canon Sue Cromer at (312) 751-6722 or [scromer@episcopalchicago.org](mailto:scromer@episcopalchicago.org)

## RESOURCES

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### Position Opening—Christian Education

St. Mary's, Park Ridge is seeking a director of Christian Education. The new Director will continue the strong programming currently in place, and lead the implementation of new programs to ensure that every child and youth feels a connection to the church family and has opportunity to explore their faith and Christian values.

The Director is responsible for developing and leading the spiritual life of the children, youth and their families within the parish; have oversight of children's programming from nursery through high school; have budget oversight; and may seek grants to enhance programmatic possibilities. Programs will be led and developed taking into account the issues facing today's children, youth and families, bringing a sense of fellowship and inclusion to all who become involved in the life of the church. The Director will be the primary catechist for the parish's middle and high school ministry.

This is a 3/4 time position that carries both salary and benefits commensurate with the responsibilities as outlined above.

**For more information:** Visit [www.stmaryspr.org](http://www.stmaryspr.org) to learn more about our parish and view our Parish Profile (<http://www.stmaryspr.org/node/271>).

Please direct inquiries to David Mazza, chairperson of our search committee, by email to [dcfsearch@stmaryspr.org](mailto:dcfsearch@stmaryspr.org), or c/o St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 847.823.4126.

#### **To be considered**

Please send your resume to: [dcfsearch@stmaryspr.org](mailto:dcfsearch@stmaryspr.org)

### Position Opening—Administrative assistant for Assistant Bishop

The Office of the Assistant Bishop and the Department of Christian Formation, and Youth and Young Adult Ministry is seeking an administrative assistant to fill a vacancy created with the appointment of Anne Cothran as administrative assistant to Bishop Jeffrey Lee. This is a full-time position with competitive salary and benefits. For a full description see the posting on the [diocesan website](#) or in the accompanying attachment.

### Position Opening—Youth Minister

St. James the Less in Northfield is seeking a part-time Youth Minister to lead programs for our Junior High and Senior High School youth. We are looking for a person who is creative and innovative, enjoys young people, has a deep Christian spirituality, and is able to teach the faith of



the Episcopal Church. Responsibilities include sustaining and growing the existing youth groups as a vital part of the parish community, combining groups (Junior High and Senior High) as the need indicates; working with the Youth Task Force to plan and assess the programs offered; planning and holding regularly scheduled gatherings throughout the year; contributing regularly to the life of the parish including a presence at Sunday morning services; serving the community beyond St. James the Less by leading periodic youth group service projects and an annual mission trip (for each group); communicating youth group activities through the weekly bulletin, monthly parish newsletter, emails, youth newsletter, website and occasional Adult Forum presentations; serving as a lay pastor for children ranging from 6th grade through high school (11 - 18 years) and their families; leading confirmation preparation on Sunday mornings; managing youth group budget; and participating in youth group fund raisers.

This is a parttime position, 12 hours weekly. Contact: The Rev. Jane Schaefer (Rector), 847-446-8430; Fax: 847-446-8734; or [jane@stjamestheless.org](mailto:jane@stjamestheless.org)

### **Position Opening—Editor for Episcopal Life Media**

Episcopal Life Media (ELM) — an integrated system of web, print and broadcast resources serving Episcopalians, seekers and observers — on March 3 resumed the search for an editor who will serve in a strengthened role of coordinating content across print and online platforms.

"The Board of Governors of Episcopal Life Media is both pleased and energized that the search for an ELM editor has been re-opened," said board chairman Eugene Willard. "We look forward to continuing good cooperation and consultation in our church's multi-layered communications system."

"The restructured position will serve the Episcopal Church in a far more comprehensive way in developing and shaping content across print and electronic platforms," said Robert Williams, Episcopal Church communication director. "We at ELM are grateful for the strong support of the Board of Governors and Church Center senior staff officers who have assisted in making this strengthened position possible."

In this restructured role, the editor will produce the Episcopal Life Monthly newspaper and guide coverage and content integration supporting the Episcopal Life Online website, its daily email editions, and the Episcopal Life Weekly parish-leaflet inserts, working collaboratively with current online and print editorial staff.

Readership of these media reflects monthly averages of 132,000 website visits (non-staff) and some 200,000 video viewings in addition to the monthly newspaper's 220,000 circulation and 40 diocesan printing partnerships. Online statistics are tabulated from metric data supplied by Google Analytics since October 2007, and newspaper data is confirmed by a professionally conducted 2007 readership survey.

In keeping with this scope of work, the editor's position will be based at the Episcopal Church Center in New York City, and the application deadline extended through March 28, 2008. Position description and details are provided online [here](#) by the Church Center's Office of Human Resource Management. All qualified candidates should forward applications promptly.

The restructured position is securely positioned within the current 2008 budget approved by Executive Council. Funding for this newly posted position is a result of reorganizing the current ELM budget and staff duties. A previous search for an ELM editor, with a job description focused on the monthly newspaper only, was suspended February 21 after the line item proposed to support that position was unfunded in the budget as adopted by Executive Council.

To apply, submit a cover letter with salary requirements, a resume and a list of three professional references via fax to: Vivian Harrison, Human Resources Manager @ 212 867-6174. Qualified applicants will be contacted.

### **Bulletin inserts for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday**

The Episcopal Church bulletin inserts for March 16 (Palm Sunday) feature the work of Episcopal chaplains at home and abroad and the March 23 (Easter Sunday) inserts include Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori's Easter message. Bulletin inserts are available [here](#).

### **Consecration DVD**

The Office of Communication has the DVD of the February 2, 2008 Ordination and Consecration of the 12<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Chicago available for orders. Titled *Together Proclaim*, the DVD runs two hours and nine minutes and may be ordered for \$10 per disk, shipping included by contacting David Skidmore, canon for communication. Or send your order with check made payable to The Diocese of Chicago (with notation Consecration Video) to:

Office of Communication  
Episcopal Church Center  
65 E. Huron St.  
Chicago, IL 60611

### **Church Periodical Club Sunday is May 4**

Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori has designated Sunday May 4 as Church Periodical Club Sunday. The CPC wants parishes to request grants for books for adults (associated with the anglican communion worldwide) and for children (any children) for parish outreach. Go to [episcopalchurch.org/cpc](http://episcopalchurch.org/cpc) for grant request forms, and information on where to send donations. Also, encourage your parishes to put out penny collection jars. A mile in pennies adds up to \$844.80 In 2007 The CPC gave \$61,851.00 for book requests (adult & children) worldwide

### **Support group for family caregivers and supporters**

Rekindling the Flame is a new ministry of Grace Episcopal Church for the support and sustenance of Family Caregivers and Their Supporters. It includes a monthly Interfaith service of prayer and reflection followed by a time of discussion, networking and sharing of experiences. Periodic speakers and programs will provide resources and information on issues faced by Caregivers. We have established a directory of Caregiver Services and resources that is accessible from the Grace Church website ([www.graceoakpark.org](http://www.graceoakpark.org)).

Rekindling the Flame meets on the third Sunday of each month, beginning December 16, 2007, at 2:30 p.m. at Grace Episcopal Church, 924 Lake Street, Oak Park, IL 60301. Our e-mail address is: [rekindlingtheflame@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rekindlingtheflame@sbcglobal.net). Our phone number is 708.386.8036 ext. 36.

If attendance makes respite care necessary, Steven Smith, the Caregiver Specialist at Oak Park Township Senior Services, can arrange respite care when either the caregiver or care recipient is 60 or older, or when a grandparent of any age is raising a grandchild. He can be reached at 708-383-8060.