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Chapel becomes reality at Duncan Center

By Mary Lou Ricker

Knock. Knock. Knock. "Let the doors be opened."

At 5 p.m. on Sunday, June 19, Bishop Leo Frade rapped with his crozier on the doors of the new Calvin O. Schofield, Jr., Chapel at the Duncan Conference Center in Delray Beach.

As the doors were opened by Duncan Center Board President Bob Brown and Vice President Bob Anderson, Frade continued, "Peace be to this house, and to all who enter here: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."

Three other bishops—Assistant Bishop James Ottley, retired Bishop Calvin O. Schofield, Jr. (for whom the chapel is named) and retired Bishop Suffragan John Said—joined Frade in leading more than 250 people into the chapel for the dedication and consecration of the conference center's long-awaited worship space.

Participants and guests included not only diocesan clergy and parishioners, but also the Duncan Center's next-door neighbors, Monsignor James Fiore from Emmanuel Church and sisters from the Poor Clares' convent, as well as other ecumenical leaders and representatives of a variety of groups that use the Center.

In his sermon, Bishop Schofield said, "...When we needed more meeting space, we added the Stahl Building. Here, today, we are talking about spiritual development of individuals. We are talking about the education of the whole person.... A church is a sacred space. What is happening here today is the beginning of a greater life of the Duncan Center. We have a new era, now, in the life of the Center—we will provide living space and programming to make the Center the kind of place we want it to be."

Schofield concluded, with a twinkle in his eye, that he is glad to report that the building is

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"Let the doors be opened." Bishop Leo Frade prepares to knock on the doors of the Calvin O. Schofield, Jr., Chapel at the Duncan Center, beginning the service of dedication for the new worship space.

Frade schedules brief sabbatical in September

During September, Bishop Leo Frade will be on a brief sabbatical, "looking at monasteries", as he told the diocesan Executive Board in June.

Frade will travel first to England to spend time at Iona, Lindisfarne and other holy sites of the Celtic church in Great Britain, and then will be visiting monasteries in the Sinai and studying at St. George's College in Jerusalem until early October.

He will return to the diocese the week of Oct. 17, just prior to Diocesan Convention. He plans an additional two weeks of sabbatical travel and study in December.

During Frade's absence, Assistant Bishop James Ottley and Archdeacons Bryan Hobbs and Mary Gray-Reeves will be available in the event of any emergency in the diocese.

ERD grant aids diocesan hurricane preparedness

A \$20,000 grant to our diocese from Episcopal Relief and Development, funds donated to ERD to assist in Florida after last year's hurricanes, is being used to fund our preparedness for this year's hurricanes or any other disaster.

Two storage sheds will be rented, one in the northern part of the diocese and one in the south. Each of the sheds will be stocked with hurricane recovery supplies such as generators, chainsaws, tarps and roofing materials, as well as items needed for setting up a mobile church—tents, chairs, banners that reads "Episcopal Church" and communion kits.

Supplies are also planned to include water, snacks and other items for the comfort and refreshment of volunteers working in the disaster area.

The Diocese of Southeast Florida continues to coordinate with other dioceses and organizations in planning for disaster preparedness.

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“not the Schofield *MEMORIAL* Chapel”.

Norman Ross, the first executive director of Duncan Center, now the executive director of St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center, Seabrook Island, South Carolina, said that when he came to the Center 21 years ago, there was “nothing there but sand”, the land given by St. Paul’s, Delray Beach.

“What was a dream is now a reality,” he said.

Board President Brown said that the Duncan Center serves as the parish hall of the diocese, but added that the Center is now moving from being simply a host site to being a program site.

Brown thanked those who made the chapel a reality: Duncan Center Director Fr. Stephen Fregeau, his wife Pat and the rest of the Center the staff; the Duncan Center Board; the architect of the chapel, Canon Howarth “Hap” Lewis; volunteers; the construction company whose workers were found in prayer outside the Chapel at the close of work one day; and those whose gifts helped make the dream come true.

The service included dedication of the chapel furnishings—the labyrinth and Celtic cross laid into the floor, the stained glass window, chalice and paten, cross, candlesticks and lamps, tabernacle for the Sacrament, font, lectern and pulpit.

In addition to the bishops, clergy participating in the service included Fregeau, Lewis, the Rev. Marcia Beam, rector of St. Matthew’s, Delray Beach, and the Rev. Jennie Lou Reid, associate rector, St. Thomas, Coral Gables.

Master of ceremonies for the service was Walter Stuart, senior verger at St. Gregory’s, Boca Raton, and a member of the Duncan Center Board. Music was under the direction of Brian Wm. Davey, organist and choirmaster at St. Gregory’s, whose choir and instrumental group participated. Acolytes were Ian Headley, Drexel Forbes and Toya Carter, all from St. Matthew’s. Ushers were Wil-

liam and Nancy Hurd and the Rev. Mary Beth Wells, of St. Paul’s, Delray Beach, and Debra McLaughlin of St. John’s, Hollywood.

A reception in both the Stahl Building and the Bethesda Refectory followed the service.

At the service Fregeau announced that the Center’s “Building to Serve Appeal”, which has funded construction of the chapel and the Stahl Building, as well as other needed capital improvements, is nearly 2/3 of the way to its \$1,500,000 goal.

He added, “With the advent of the Schofield Chapel, we are in a position to become an educational leader both here and nationwide, implementing many new programs for both lay and clergy. Duncan Center is transforming from a host site to a program site. Veneta Lorraine has joined the staff as Program Director and Associate Director—she will be a spiritual director and retreat leader.”

“People are transformed here,” he said, “and sent back out into the world.”

Mary Lou Ricker, a member of St. Gregory’s, Boca Raton, serves on the Duncan Center Board.



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Retired Bishop Calvin O. Schofield, Jr., (right) and retired Bishop Suffragan John Said process to the dedication of the chapel named in Schofield’s honor. Behind them is Canon Howarth “Hap” Lewis, architect of the chapel and deacon of the mass for the dedication service.

Duncan Center requests appointment of parish liaisons

In a message to clergy and parish administrators last month, Duncan Center Program Director Veneta Lorraine urged the appointment of a Duncan Center liaison in each parish.

This person, she said, would “become a voice for the Duncan Center” in the parish, making sure that parishioners know about programs and opportunities for spiritual development offered by the Center. The volunteer liaison would be offered free opportunities to participate in Duncan Center programs.

Lorraine also announced that the Duncan Center website, www.duncancenter.org, has been updated and expanded, and needs to include links to parish sites. She asked that parishes link the Center’s site to their own sites.

For information on being a parish liaison, linking with the Duncan Center website, or for the details of any Duncan Center program, contact Lorraine at 561-496-4130 or vlorraine@adlephia.net.

Ad campaign will debut television spot this month

The national advertising campaign for the Episcopal Church that has been in development for the past two years will debut its first television ad during the weeks of Aug. 26-29 and Sept. 9-12. The “Monitors” ad in both English and Spanish can be previewed now at www.episcopalchurch.org/adcollaborative.

The ad is aimed specifically at making the Episcopal Church visible and inviting to Generation X viewers—persons ranging in age from early 20s through early 40s—who are unaffiliated with any church.

Our diocese will be participating in the campaign locally by using the ad in public service

announcements on television and radio from the Keys through Martin County, and by placing the print version of the ad in bus shelters.

In a letter to congregations in late June, Bishop Leo Frade asked for donations toward the approximately \$20,000 cost of this diocesan follow-up to the national campaign.

Donations can be made online on the “donations” page of our website, www.diocese.org, or checks marked for “diocesan ad campaign” can be made payable to the Diocese of Southeast Florida and mailed to: Diocese of Southeast Florida, 525 NE 15 St., Miami, FL 33132.

Duncan Center will host Lauren Artress for May 2006 labyrinth events

The Rev. Dr. Lauren Artress, founder of Veriditas, the organization that has re-introduced the labyrinth and walking meditation as spiritual tools, will be in residence at the Duncan Center for a series of labyrinth-related programs May 26-30, 2006.

In addition to leading a labyrinth retreat May 26 and 27, Artress will offer a day with clergy, spiritual directors and retreat leaders on May 28 and labyrinth facilitator training May 29-30.

For information, call 561-496-4130 or go to www.duncancenter.org.

Workshop on Anti-Racism will be held Nov. 5

The Diocesan Anti-Racism Commission will conduct an Anti-Racism Training workshop Nov. 5 at St. Paul’s, Delray Beach.

A second workshop is planned for Feb. 4, 2006, at a location to be announced in the South Dade Deanery.

General Convention 2000 mandated this anti-racism training for all clergy, staff and lay leaders. Clergy and lay leaders are particularly encouraged to attend the 2005-2006 workshops, but the training will be open to all.

For more information on anti-racism training and the work of the Anti-Racism Committee of the Episcopal Church, go to <http://www.episcopalchurch.org/social-justice> and click on links for the Committee or Anti-Racism Articles.

For information on the diocesan Anti-Racism Commission, contact Dr. Gay Outler, Commission chair, at gayoutler@worldnet.att.net.

ACC focuses on poverty relief, cross-cultural “process of mutual listening”

By Bob Williams

[ENS, Nottingham] Agreeing that global poverty and environmental abuse must be reversed – and voting unanimously to continue a cross-cultural “process of mutual listening” to understandings of human sexuality – the Anglican Consultative Council (ACC) adjourned its 10-day triennial meeting [June 18-28 in Nottingham, England] with many voices united in Christian mission.

Gathered under the theme “Living Communion,” ACC members assembled at England’s University of Nottingham for their work as the Anglican Communion’s principal consultative body and one of its four “instruments of unity.”

ACC members – who number more than 70 – are elected or appointed by the 38 interdependent, yet autonomous, provinces that span 164 nations and form the Anglican Communion.

Looking ahead to the July 6-8 G8 summit of the world’s wealthiest nations, ACC members voted to ask the council’s president, Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams, to remind G8 state leaders “of their responsibility towards the eradication of poverty in the world” where millions cope daily with the ravages of hunger and disease, especially HIV/AIDS and malaria.

“The wealthy nations of the world will be considering what particular crumbs from their table might fall somewhere in the direction of the needy of the world,” Williams said in a June 26 sermon that included comments on the G8 gathering set to convene in Scotland. “In a world where such a meeting is even necessary, we need witnesses to solidarity.”

“We need to remember that those who starve and struggle in terrible violence and deprivation are us, not them – part of one human community, loved equally with the passion of God,” Williams said.

Global concerns were central in ACC resolutions, one of which calls for a review of investments in Israel amid tensions with Palestine, recognizing the suffering on both sides. The council also voted to recommend reunification in Korea where negotiations continue to avert nuclear war, and to recognize the need for relief work in the Congo where years of civil war have left “a great social crisis.”

In another resolution, the ACC voted to ask the government of Zimbabwe to end policies of destroying the homes of hundreds of thousands of people there, and endorsed the Church of England’s efforts asking the United Kingdom to reconsider its current practices of repatriating refugees to Zimbabwe.

Environmental advocacy recognizing that “global climatic change is real, and that we are contributing to the despoiling of creation,” was also adopted unanimously.

Council members were encouraged to carry out the United Nations Millennium Development Goals to cut poverty levels in half in the next two decades—to “make poverty history.”

Members from both the U.S.-based Episcopal Church and the Anglican Church of Canada attended the ACC meeting as observers after both provinces voluntarily withdrew their participation in keeping with a request from last February’s meeting of the Anglican Primates—or principal archbishops—to allow space for consideration of sexuality issues.

At the invitation of the ACC, the U.S. and Canadian churches offered June 21 presentations describing how it has been possible, amid di-

verse views within both provinces, for the U.S. church in 2003 to elect bishop living in a committed same-gender union, and for the Canadian Diocese of New Westminster to move ahead with providing liturgical blessings for these unions.

Emphasizing the scriptural basis for its consideration of same-sex affection and related dialogue during the past 40 years, the Episcopal Church offered a formal response to the Anglican Communion’s 2004 Windsor Report (paragraph 135) in the form of a theological paper, published as a 130-page booklet titled “To Set Our Hope on Christ”, and given to each ACC member.

Other provinces—some opposing and some favoring the U.S. and Canadian actions—offered their perspectives in subsequent business sessions. Strongest opposition was voiced by representatives of South East Asia, Kenya and South America’s Southern Cone, who said that some clergy and laity have been criticized publicly after a gay bishop was elected in 2003 in the United States. Additional provinces, including Uganda, registered their disagreement in written position papers.

About two-thirds of the presentations stated that while church provinces are not of one mind on sexuality issues, dialogue on the subject continues with commitment.

Various provinces cited the 1998 Lambeth Conference’s resolution 1.10 that declared homosexuality “incompatible with scripture.” While resolutions from the every-10-years Lambeth Conference of Anglican bishops are widely regarded by the provinces, the initiatives are understood to be advisory and non-binding under inter-Anglican polity.

“Although certain actions by the Episcopal Church have deeply distressed a number of you, we have not come to argue,” Presiding Bishop Frank T. Griswold said to open the Episcopal Church’s June 21 presentation, joined by six panelists, including a bishop who withheld his consent to the 2003 election of the bishop of New Hampshire.

“I want to be clear that the Episcopal Church has not reached a common mind,” Griswold said, emphasizing that “it is our desire to be faithful to scripture. It is my hope that in the tradition of classical Anglicanism we will be united in Christ’s love and called to serve the world in Christ’s name.”

In a resolution at the meeting’s close, the council recognized “with appreciation” the responses offered by the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Church of Canada.

Earlier in the meeting, the ACC voted to endorse the Primates’ request that “in order to recognize the integrity of all parties, the Episcopal Church (USA) and the Anglican Church of Canada voluntarily withdraw their members from the Anglican Consultative Council, for the period leading up to the next Lambeth Conference” and “interprets reference to the Anglican Consultative Council to include its Standing Committee and the Inter-Anglican Finance and Administration Committee.”

The provision does not bar U.S. Episcopalians and Canadian Anglicans from continuing to serve on ACC networks. The full ACC membership is not expected to meet again until 2009, and the next Lambeth Conference is set for summer 2008.

An additional ACC resolution on “the process

of mutual listening” includes “listening to the experience of homosexual persons” and calls upon the Anglican Communion’s secretary general to “collate relevant research...; to make such material available for study, discussion and reflection to each member Church of the Communion; and... to report progress on it to the Archbishop of Canterbury, to the next Lambeth Conference and the next meeting of this Council, and to copy such reports to the Provinces.”

In other business, the ACC received detailed reports on Anglican ecumenical and interfaith dialogues, the initiatives of its several networks, and programs conducted through the office of Anglican Observer at the United Nations, Samoan Archdeacon Taimalelagi Fagamalama Tuatagaloa-Matalavavea.

The council adopted an annual budget of some \$3 million (1.6 million British pounds sterling), and voted with a clear majority to include the Anglican Primates as ex-officio members of the ACC.

Adapted from an article for Episcopal News Service by Canon Robert Williams, director of ENS, and director of communication for the Episcopal Church.

- The full text of all resolutions passed by the ACC can be found online at <http://www.aco.org/acc/meetings/acc13/resolutions.cfm>.
- The booklet “To Set Our Hope on Christ” can be downloaded online at www.anglicanlistening.org or ordered from Episcopal Books & Resources, www.episcopal-bookstore.org.

Parishes respond to reminder of penalty for missing documents

Expressing concern about the failure of many congregations to submit canonically required reports, the diocesan Executive Board at its June 14 meeting passed a resolution asking Bishop Leo Frade to “invoke the remedy applicable to each canon and obligation.”

On June 17 a letter from diocesan Chief Operating Officer Cris Valdes went to each congregation that had not at that time submitted the 2004 Parochial Report, the 2004 parish audit or the 2005 Delegate Certification Form, stating:

“It is the obligation of clergy in charge of congregations to file all canonically required forms with the diocese on or before the date specified. All 2004 Parochial Reports, 2005 Delegate Certification Forms and 2004 Parish Audits must be completed and filed in the diocesan office no later than September 30, 2005, to have seat, voice and vote at the 36th Annual convention to be held October 21-22, 2005.”

As of July 28, only two congregations had failed to submit the 2004 Parochial Report. Eight congregations still had not submitted their delegate certification, and only 13 had submitted the 2004 audit report.

Also, 11 had had not submitted a complete Key Personnel List, which is not a canonically required document, but is an essential document for keeping the diocesan database current.

Two Lambeth Commission members bring differing views to Province IV Synod

(ENS) The Most Rev. Josiah Idowu-Fearon, Archbishop of Kaduna, told the approximately 200 clergy and laity attending a Synod gathering of the Episcopal Church's Province IV, held at Kanuga Conference Center, Hendersonville, NC, June 8-10, that he is hopeful about the future unity of the Anglican Communion if Windsor Report recommendations are unchallenged.

Fearon, of the Anglican Church of Nigeria, was a guest speaker along with Dr. Jenny Plane Te Paa, who is the "ahorangi" or dean of Te Rau Kahikatea, indigenous constituent of the College of St. John the Evangelist in Auckland, New Zealand, and the first indigenous lay woman to serve as a seminary dean in the Anglican Communion.

Fearon and Te Paa, as members of the Lambeth Commission on Communion, were asked to share their personal spiritual challenges while helping to author the Windsor Report. The widely publicized report was released in October 2004 with specific recommendations for maintaining unity within the Anglican Communion.

"The Windsor Report is the only realistic and realizable solution to the current crisis in the communion," said Fearon, as he cautioned that unity will be preserved only if the Episcopal Church in the United States accepts it without qualifying conditions. "We can live with it, but be patient with us," he said.

Te Paa called the commission's work "a micro-exercise in effecting reconciliation, through intentionally engaged, sheer human witness" and expressed hopefulness for future unity. She praised the Episcopal Church for its willingness to attend the Anglican Consultative Council (ACC) meeting in Nottingham, England, later in the month as observers only.

"The voluntary, temporary withdrawal of ECU-SA [the Episcopal Church] from the ACC is symbolic of repentance, of the willingness to enable the processes of healing to begin," she said.

"I bring a message of extreme sympathy to

you," she told the gathering, noting that the New Zealand church is poised to assist because of its own successful struggle to remain in communion while achieving conflict-resolution and reconciliation.



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During a break in the schedule at the Province IV Synod meeting at Kanuga Conference Center, Southeast Florida deputies Tom O'Brien, Richard Miller and the Rev. Carol Barron discuss issues raised by the speakers.

"Your decision to be present as observers is one of magnanimous proportion and extraordinary grace and we acknowledge that with enormous pride and gratitude."

Province IV Administrator Gene Willard, who coordinated the gathering, said Fearon and Te Paa were invited as a way to help fulfill one of the Windsor Report recommendations.

"We wanted to give everybody the opportunity to have their say if they haven't had it in their diocese, about how they think the church should respond to the Windsor Report," Willard said. "The report asked for us, the church, to talk about it so we're doing just that, we're giving people a forum."

Fearon, who describes himself as an evangelical charismatic, called for the Episcopal Church

to exercise humility and "be with the rest of the members of the communion," adding that the commission's mandate was to "find out what needs to be done to keep the family together."

Te Paa, the first Maori person to complete an academic degree in theology from the University of Auckland, noted that the understanding of family in indigenous culture implies deeper, more intimate relationships and connections through blood ties which can never be removed.

Te Paa said that she and Fearon, though disagreeing with each other, became close friends while serving on the 17-member Lambeth Commission, chaired by the Primate of All Ireland, Archbishop Robin Eames.

Commenting on the Synod at the June 14 Executive Board meeting, Bishop Leo Frade said, "I believe that there is a movement within the Anglican Communion to create space...for differences."

Archdeacon Mary Gray-Reeves, a graduate of the New Zealand seminary at which TePaa is dean, agreed. "What was modeled for us (at the meeting) was true reconciliation," she said. "Perhaps we are beginning to have a conversation not about winning or losing..."

"The presentations by Bishop Fearon and Dr. Te Paa provided very useful insight into the feelings and factors considered by members of the Eames Commission in the development of the Windsor Report," said lay deputy Richard Miller. "They shared their opposing points of view and indicated how they maintained deep respect for each other's position."

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Adapted from an Episcopal News Service story by the Rev. Patricia McCaughan, senior correspondent for ENS. McCaughan's complete report can be found at http://www.episcopalchurch.org/3577_62850_ENG_HTM.htm.

St. Gregory's is site of 36th annual Diocesan Convention

The South Palm Beach Deanery will host the 36th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Southeast Florida, Oct. 21 and 22 at St. Gregory's, Boca Raton.

Convention sessions will be 1- 5 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 21, and 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 22. The Convention Eucharist will be at 6 p.m. on Friday at St. Gregory's, followed by a banquet at the hotel.

The preacher at the Eucharist will be the Rev. Dr. Kortright Davis, who was one of the presenters at the Bishop's Spring Conference in April.

Complete information on hotel reservations, as well as other details of convention, will be sent directly to delegates and clergy.

Registration for convention will be online at www.diosef.org/register.html. The deadline for registrations is Oct. 12.

All material to be included in the convention packets must be submitted to the Diocesan office by Oct. 12.

Nominations are needed for the following positions, which must be filled by elections at Convention: Standing Committee—two clergy members, one lay member; University of the South Board of Trustees—one lay trustee; Cathedral Chapter—one lay member; Ecclesiastical Trial Court—one clergy member (the Rev. Lynne Jones is completing the unfinished term of the Rev. Alison Harrity this year and is therefore eligible for election). The person being nominated must consent to the nomination.

Submit nominations, along with a brief resume of each nominee, by Oct. 3 to the secretary of Convention, The Reverend Bernard Griffith, Christ Episcopal Church, PO Box 330006, Miami, FL 33133.

According to the Canons of the Diocese, resolutions to be presented at Convention must be submitted to the secretary no less than 45 days prior to Convention; that deadline is Sept. 6.

Edwards will lead Fall Clergy Conference

The Rev. Canon Paul Edwards, rector emeritus of Emmanuel Church in Fullerton, Cal., and author of *The Spiritual Intelligence Handbook*, will be the speaker for the Fall Clergy Conference, scheduled for Sept. 6-8 at the Duncan Center.

The conference begins with a social hour at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 6 (check-in is any time after 2 p.m.) and ends after lunch on Thursday, Sept. 8.

The conference theme is "Discovering New Ideas on How Transformation Benefits the Health and Well Being of Our Parishes and Our Ministries".

Edwards has had extensive experience in all phases of congregational development..

Registration for the conference is online at www.diosef.org/register.html. The registration deadline is midnight, Aug. 25.

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Martha Boruff, a member of St. Mark's, Palm Beach Gardens, will represent our diocese at the Aug. 24-26 Province IV Disaster Relief Annual Meeting at St. Luke's Camp and Conference Center on John's Island in Charleston, SC.

Our diocese has also joined with the dioceses of Florida, Southwest Florida and Central Gulf Coast (which includes the western half of the Florida Panhandle and the southern half of Alabama) in an Episcopal disaster relief network coordinated with state emergency operations. (See story right)



Ready for this? Hurricane Frances last September left this uprooted tree and damaged roof at St. Joseph's, Boynton Beach.

Safeguarding God's Children workshops scheduled in September

On Tuesday, Sept. 6, from 1-4 p.m. at the Duncan Center (just before the Fall Clergy Conference begins), the diocese will offer diocesan clergy the *Safeguarding God's Children* workshop, an updated training in the prevention of child and adolescent sexual abuse. The workshop will be offered in both English and Spanish. Registration is available online at www.diosef.org/register.html.

A *Safeguarding God's Children* workshop in French will be taught by Haitian Commission Chair Fr. Frantz Casseus at the meeting of the Haitian clergy of the diocese, Sept. 17 at 11 a.m. at the Diocesan Office.

This training is now a requirement for diocesan clergy. In order to continue officiating in this diocese, all clergy, both canonically resident and non-canonically resident, must be certified as having completed the full three-hour training by Dec. 31, 2005. No previous diocesan child-protection training or other state or university course will satisfy this diocesan requirement.

In addition to the Sept. 6 and 17 workshops, training has been offered during the summer at several parishes and will be available during the Youth Convention, Aug. 19-21, for youth ministers and any adults who work with youth.

At present, only clergy are **required** to have this training, but it is recommended for all adults, both employees and volunteers, who work with children and youth. Diocesan policies and procedures concerning additional requirements for the training have not yet been completed.

For additional information, or if your parish is planning a workshop that will be open others outside the parish, contact Gail McShane at the Diocesan Office, 1-800-268-9993 or 305-373-0881, ext. 23, or gail@diosef.org.

Florida dioceses to coordinate disaster response

By Jim DeLa

As the 2005 hurricane season gets off to a busy start, four of the five dioceses in Florida are creating an Episcopal network to coordinate disaster relief efforts with the help of a state commission set up for that purpose.

Under the agreement with the Governor's Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service, participating dioceses will have a coordinator who would be notified when the state activates its Emergency Operations Center. One Episcopal representative may also be asked to staff the state operations center in Tallahassee during an emergency. Diocesan coordinators could also be asked to work in disaster field offices if needed.

According to Jack Tull of St. Augustine, the coordinator in the Diocese of Florida, the agreement initially involves only monetary donations, but could evolve. "We start out offering monetary assistance but it could be expanded to volunteers, food kitchens [and] shelters," he said. The effort would also include any funds received from Episcopal Relief and Development. "The idea for this network is to get ERD grant money and money you collect directly from individuals and congregations in your diocese to those in your local area or the state who need the funds," he explained.

Money collected would be directed to local support agencies and long-term recovery committees "as appropriate to assist in disaster response and recovery efforts." The dioceses would maintain a "good deal of control" over where the

money goes, Tull said.

Under a "memorandum of understanding," each diocese would agree to provide liaisons as needed at state and local emergency centers, collect and distribute money during and after a disaster, participate in training events and other meetings, and provide the state with an inventory of available emergency resources in each diocese, such as mobile kitchens, chain saws, etc.

The state agrees to assist dioceses in getting reimbursement for disaster-related expenses, to seek the dioceses' input in planning and operations, and to include them in a list of charities on its volunteer web site (www.volunteerflorida.org).

The Episcopal network is the result of a meeting in Orlando in January between ERD and representatives of the five dioceses within the state (Florida, Central Florida, Southwest Florida, Southeast Florida and the Central Gulf Coast, which includes the western half of the Florida Panhandle and the southern half of Alabama).

The Diocese of Central Florida has decided not to participate, Tull said. Diocesan spokesman Joe Thoma said Central Florida was comfortable with the relationships it has already established with local charities and other dioceses in Province IV, and already works closely with ERD to provide aid when needed.

Jim DeLa is the director of communications for the Diocese of Southwest Florida.

New CD offers audio pilgrimage at Ground Zero

The physical recovery is over and the large pit where the World Trade Center stood continues to attract crowds. "But what do we do with the hole this has left in our hearts?" asks Courtney Cowart, author of a new tool she hopes will help people cope with 9/11 and its aftermath.

Cowart has compiled interviews, stories, music and poetry on a 72-minute compact disc, "A Pilgrim's Walking Tour of Ground Zero: Stories from the 9/11 Recovery Community." It comes with a map and instructions for a seven-stop, mile-long tour starting at St. Paul's Chapel on Fulton Street.

Funded by a grant from the Templeton Foundation, it was written and narrated by Cowart, who, as an employee of Trinity Church, Wall Street, was one of thousands of people evacuated from the area on Sept. 11, 2001. She returned four days later and helped establish the volunteer effort at St. Paul's that supported recovery workers.

A scholar with a doctorate in American church history, Cowart quickly recognized she was watching history unfold around her. She began to record stories of other volunteers, recovery workers, and families who lost loved ones.

On one occasion, a visitor told Cowart, "This is truly a place of pilgrimage; do you know why? Because this is a place that changes you just by coming to it."

Contributors to the CD include Tony Palmeri and Joe Bassetti, two members of New York's Department of Sanitation; Brother Douglas Brown of the Holy Cross Benedictine Monastery; and Sister Grace of the Episcopal Society of St. Margaret, who served nine months as coordinator for

recovery workers at St. Paul's, and tells how she found consolation the following spring in a bird's nest containing debris from the disaster. (To listen to audio clips from the CD, go to <http://www.courage911.com/audio/>)

"A Pilgrim's Walking Tour of Ground Zero" also includes the stories of Joe Bradley, a crane operator, who helped dismantle the wreckage, and Ulla Suokko, a world renowned flutist who played daily at St. Paul's while workers took time to eat and rest. The Rev. Lyndon Harris, at the time the chapel's vicar, also describes his experience of the recovery effort.

The CD's cover features the now-famous "Courage" banner designed by Jessica Stammen, a former student at New York's Cooper Union School of Art and a member of St. Paul's Chapel.

"The goal of all of this is to make some kind of spiritual sense of where God was to be found in so much suffering and death," Cowart said. As Brother Douglas says on the CD, "This is about love that is stronger than death, love that reached down into the grave and didn't let go."

Acclaimed songwriter and singer Beth Nielsen Chapman contributed two of her songs for the production, and Emmy award-winning musician, composer and producer Gary Malkin his own ethereal music.

The CD was produced by the Episcopal Media Center and retails for \$15. It is available online at www.episcopalmedia.org, or by phoning 1-800-229-3788. A separate web site about the production of the CD is under construction at www.Courage911.com.

A portion of the proceeds will benefit New York Disaster Interfaith Services

Stewardship conference offers challenge: Helping youth fight the mall “machine”

By Angel Wilson

Two adults and three youth from our diocese participated in the Will Our Children Be Stewards? Conference sponsored by the national stewardship office of the Episcopal Church in Minneapolis, Minn., July 14-1. One of those attending was Angel Wilson of Grace Church, West Palm Beach, who sees what she learned as a challenge to the church.

On the day we arrived in Minneapolis for the conference on youth stewardship, I got to show two teenagers around the Mall of the Americas, a shopper's wonderland. We had four hours to explore, and all three of us were awestruck. Enjoying the clothing stores, food courts and the theme park nested in the center, we almost forgot how easily we could fall into the consumerism that the mall represents.

After the first day of the conference, we would be much more aware of how powerful the culture of the mall has become.

To summarize the situation: Kids as young as a year old are being targeted by companies with messages to buy. As soon as they can sit in front of a TV, the process has begun. If you think that commercials seen by kids don't stay on the mind, I'll give you an example of my own: Even though my parents never bought me the toy, I can clearly remember seeing at around age five a commercial for a laser-tag-like toy. The commercial took place in the future, where kids would play in giant arenas with commentators providing play-by-play—cool!

That was 1986. Here are a few facts the conference gave us concerning today's youth: Children spend five times more money than their parents did at their age—and that's adjusted for inflation; young adults (my age group) are now one of the fastest growing groups filing for bankruptcy; young people 18 and under will spend and influence the spending of more than \$1 trillion dollars this year.

After the first series of lectures, the three of us once again took to the mall. This time, we had to be critical of marketing ploys aimed at children. We saw it all.

A few stores had the clothing racks lowered so that four and five year olds could reach. One store had “It's All About Me” scrawled across its sign. Still another actually sprinkled “fairy dust” as young girls entered and told them to make a wish.

My personal favorite, though, was a stuffed animal-making store that was promoting a concert scheduled for that evening. A badge given out at the entrance to the store would be the only way to get in. The railed-off section by the store just happened to stop right at the entrance, where two giant stuffed animals were taking pictures. The store was packed.

Let's go back to that \$1 trillion a year given to companies by our youth. Think of the possibilities if even *half* of that was put back into the church. Whether your church is doing very well financially, or is struggling each day, that's a lot of dollars we're losing. Worse still, that translates

into a lot of future parishioners we are losing.

How can the church combat such a well-oiled machine, a machine that starts sucking in our youth from the time they can focus their eyes on the TV? Simple: We have to educate them and ourselves.

The conference clearly showed that today's children are naïve when it comes to money. They don't know that a checkbook is not endless money. They don't know how to save (actually, some of us don't know either). The saddest fact, though, is that they don't know how to share. The U2 limited edition i-pod is more important than the idea of pledging.

My challenge to our diocese is to start educating our kids. Teach them that name brands are not everything; teach them that the i-pod will be outdated in about a year, but that Christ is forever.

For those who think our kids do not care, that they are too far gone, I leave you with a ray of hope in the form of a simple question posed to me during the conference by a 14-year-old who attended it with me:

“How can I get those personalized money envelopes like my grandmother has?”

Frade honored for diocesan ministries to the elderly

On June 23 Bishop Leo Frade received the eleventh annual Clergy Award presented by the Miami Jewish Home and Hospital for the Aged at Douglas Gardens. The award recognizes “selfless dedication to the elderly” with the qualities of “spiritual devotion, compassion, understanding and interfaith cooperation”.

Presenting the award at the June 23 luncheon at the Douglas Gardens facility, Program Chair Rabbi Solomon Schiff, director of the Greater Miami Jewish Federation's Chaplaincy Service, said of the bishop, “He takes positions that may not be popular...”

He also commended the diocese for the Littell Trust, which was originally established to provide financial assistance for those who would not otherwise be able to live at the Bishop Gray Inns and now enables many elderly in the diocese to live in a variety of retirement or assisted living facilities.

In accepting the award Frade said that we need to be

concerned as people of faith and as a community for what is happening to our elderly, specifically the erosion of medical benefits.

“We have to take care of our elderly,” he said. “They are not to be discarded!”

The Miami Jewish Home and Hospital for the Aged at Douglas Gardens is the largest nursing home in the southeast and the only one that is also a teaching facility. The award is given in conjunction with the MJHHA annual seminar on ministering to the elderly.



Al Barg/MJHHA
Rabbi Solomon Schiff (left), program chair, and Judge Irving Cypen (right), chairman of the board emeritus and honorary president, MJHHA, present the Clergy Award to Bishop Leo Frade.

Corrections

- On p. 1 of the June/July issue of *The Net*, Fr. Alejandro Hernandez was incorrectly identified as affiliated with Holy Cross, Miami; he is rector of Todos los Santos, Miami.
- On p. 16 of the June/July issue, the story on Smith Fund grants and the accompanying photograph are incorrectly credited to Southeast Florida Episcopal Foundation Grants Director Ellen Stone St. John; the story and the photo were both by former SEFEF Grants Director Diane Kimes.

Knitters needed for Seamen's Church Institute's Christmas-at-Sea program

[Episcopal News Service] The Christmas-at-Sea program of Seamen's Church Institute (SCI) of New York and New Jersey is in need of knitters to make scarves, caps, socks and vests for seafarers who come from tropical to temperate countries and are unprepared for frigid winter weather.

SCI has an extensive ministry for the 30,000 mariners on the inland waterways called Ministry on the River that includes support from more than 100 River Friendly Churches in 11 states.

Last year, nearly 14,000 hand-knitted gifts were placed onboard vessels for these inland mariners. This year, SCI chaplains are prepared to increase distribution in the Port of New York and New Jersey and along 2,200 miles of America's inland waterways.

To add your name to the 3,500 knitters from every state who contribute year-round contact Barbara Clauson at 212.349.9090 or cas@seamenschurch.org and download patterns at <http://www.seamenschurch.org>.

Workshop leads participants through new/old Catechumenate process

By Lauren Losson

They say there's nothing new under the sun—unless it's a “new” process of preparing seekers for Baptism and Confirmation that actually dates back to the first centuries of the Church's existence.

The seven clergy and lay participants in the June 18 New Member Ministry Workshop, “The Care & Feeding of Inquirers,” at the Chapel of Saint Andrew, Boca Raton, had the opportunity to experience through exercises and “sample” rites the historic form of preparation known as the Catechumenate. The event was sponsored and facilitated by members of the Bishop's Task Force for the Catechumenate.

The “Cat” Task Force was formed to reintroduce and promote the ancient biblical and theologically based model used by the early Church for those seeking admission to the Christian faith. The process includes four distinct preparatory stages coinciding with the seasons of the Church year: Inquiry (Fall up to Advent), Formation (Advent to Lent), Enlightenment (Lent to the Great Vigil of Easter) and Call to Ministry, more traditionally known as mystagogia, (Easter to Pentecost). This “Cat” model has been endorsed by both Bishop Leo Frade and his predecessor,

Bishop Calvin O. Schofield, Jr, as normative training in this diocese.

During the six-hour workshop participants not only heard explanatory presentations on the various stages, but also were active participants in the process itself through personal story-telling (inquiry), reflective Bible study (formation), prayer in the form of the Noonday Service for Individuals & Families (enlightenment), and writing a “mission statement” of goals and aspirations for their individual parishes' new member ministries, which then were sealed and offered at the altar during a closing service (call to ministry).

Interspersed throughout the experiential instruction were reenactments of the actual rites that mark a catechumen's (Greek for “seeker”) passage from one level of preparation and commitment to the next. Each participant had a chance to role-play being an inquirer and an inquirer's sponsor during the rites.

“In the words of an old car commercial, this (process) is not ‘your father's Oldsmobile,’” Fr. Steve Zimmerman, rector of Chapel of St. Andrew and author of *The Faith-Seeking Journey*, told the gathering, and participants uniformly agreed that the largely unfamiliar rites gave a moving,

“value-added” spiritual dimension to the inquiry experience and placed more emphasis on serious, intentional commitment.

Unlike the more commonly used catechism technique, the Catechumenate, which has been adapted to meet the needs of contemporary inquirers already baptized, seeking to be received from another denomination, or renewing their vows, offers a holistic, personal journey of faith rooted in Scripture, tradition, the Sacraments, the Book of Occasional Services and the Book of Common Prayer, and integrates new members into dedicated Christian service through the process.

The “Cat” Task Force intends to offer future “show-and-tell” presentations to familiarize more parishes with the Catechumenate, and is meeting again this month to plan its fall schedule. Those interested in the task force or the Catechumenate may contact Fr. Zimmerman, Emily Nell Lagerquist or Lauren Losson through the Chapel of Saint Andrew, 561-483-8044.

Lauren Losson, a member of Chapel of St. Andrew, Boca Raton, serves on the Catechumenate Task Force.

SE Florida offers opportunities to support missionaries

Human dignity in Northern Kenya will be the focus of a Christmas mission for 13 to 18 members of the Diocese of Southeast Florida. The team will depart on Dec. 19 and fly to Nairobi, Kenya, where they will be met by “our” missionaries, the Rev. Todd McGregor and his wife Patsy, to begin their three-week trip.

After leaving St. Julian's Anglican Retreat Center, managed by Patsy McGregor, the group will spend several days in Northern Kenya, sharing the Gospel in the area bordering the Sudan. Fr. Todd McGregor has been teaching at St. Paul's Theological College in Limuru, Kenya, and traveling to the Northern Kenya region, which is home to many Sudanese refugees and Kenyan tribes who had heard very little of Jesus Christ until McGregor's visits began.

The McGregors are missionaries supported by people in our diocese and by the Episcopal Church. For twelve years they ministered in Madagascar, establishing seven health clinics in remote rainforest villages, training evangelists and overseeing the construction of the Diocesan “center” in Antananarive, just a few blocks from the Cathedral. Since 2003 they have served in Kenya.

They are currently on furlough from their ministries in Kenya and will be in the United States through November of this year, traveling extensively to speak to their network of supporters, not only in our diocese, but also in several other states.

In conjunction with their visit and with the December mission trip, two major fundraisers are planned.

For about 30 people, more than half from our diocese, there will be the ultimate “climb-a-thon”—a trek up Tanzania's famous Mt. Kilimanjaro, beginning Dec. 26. The climbers are seeking sponsors to make the climb a successful fundraiser for the McGregors' work in Kenya.

For those who can't climb Mt. Kilimanjaro, or go to visit and pray directly with the tribes of Northern Kenya, there is a simpler way to support and participate in the McGregors' ministries: Will and Cheryl Harman are hosting a fundraiser at their home in Delray Beach on Saturday, Oct. 22 from 6 to 8 p.m. The ticket price is \$100 per person.

Todd and Patsy McGregor and their two teenaged daughters will be guests of honor at the event, the cost

of which has been completely underwritten, so that all money raised goes directly to the work of supporting human dignity in Northern Kenya. A matching grant of \$50,000 has been established by a supporter in Chicago, so every dollar raised will be doubled.

For additional information and tickets for the Oct. 22 fundraiser, or details of the December mission trip, contact Cheryl Harman at cmb103@aol.com. The registration deadline for the mission trip has been extended till Oct. 1.



Fr. Todd McGregor and a Samburu warrior carry a stone that will be part of the first church in the village of Karare in Northern Kenya.

Priest finds resources to help ex-offender find a new start

By the Rev. Jack Stanton

Arrested and convicted of a white-collar crime, a south Florida man faced a big problem when he was released. He needed a job, but employers shunned an ex-convict. He responded to newspaper ads with no success. An “off-the-books” job was the only doorway left, so he worked part-time at night for less-than minimum wages and, of course, no benefits and no job security.

One of his friends told me about him and I arranged to meet him. However, as a newcomer to the diocese, I knew nothing about local agencies which help ex-convicts get a job. Archdeacon Bryan Hobbs and Diocesan Coordinator Gail McShane gave me a number of telephone and internet contacts. The information I gathered is available to all who want to assist ex-convicts.

The most helpful contact was Transition Inc., which operates the South Florida Work Force (305-374-1987). Carrying his Florida ID, Social Security card and birth certificate, the man presented himself at the Work Force office, as required, between 7:30 and 8 a.m. There he learned job interviewing skills, met with a job counselor and was referred to a friendly employer. The Work Force also assists clients in obtaining the necessary documents including a passport or an INS card.

One week later, the man he was at my door and told me with a big smile that he had a job! This time it was a real job with benefits and opportunity for learning and promotion. The stigma of being an ex-convict was lifted and he had a new start in life—an important triumph for one person. God saves us one by one.

For more information on Work Force, go to <http://www.southfloridaworkforce.com>.

Fr. Jack Stanton assists at Trinity Cathedral.



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A “Sock Hop” on June 18 at **All Saints’, Jensen Beach**, raised over \$500 for the parish—and showcased the previously undiscovered dancing talents of parishioners.

Young people in grades 6-12 from **All Saints’, Church of the Advent, Palm City**, and **St. Monica’s, Stuart**, will join in a scavenger hunt Aug. 21 in All Saints’ historic cemetery, followed by a pizza party.

On Aug. 20 **St. Luke’s, Port Salerno**, is inviting the neighborhood for a “Back to School Celebration”, a free cookout with games for kids, back to school supplies for children, music and fun.

Children attending Vacation Bible School at **Good Shepherd, Tequesta**, this summer traveled back in time to “Antioch A.D. 49” to explore the life and times of the Apostle Paul.

Holy Spirit, West Palm Beach, welcomed new members into the parish family with a “Newcomer/Oldcomer Episco-Potluck” dinner on Jul. 23.

More than 20 people from **Bethesda-by-the-Sea, Palm Beach**, helped build three Habitat for Humanity homes in West Palm Beach in July.

St. Gregory’s, Boca Raton, welcomes its new rector, Fr. Andrew Sherman, on Aug. 15. He comes to the parish from Gettysburg, Penn., where he served for ten years as rector of the Memorial Church of the Prince of Peace.



Sherman

St. Matthew’s, Delray Beach, will celebrate its patronal festival the week of Sept. 17-25, beginning with a dinner dance from 6-11 p.m. on Sept. 17 at Ellie’s 50s Diner, 2410 N. Federal Hwy., Delray Beach. The cost for the evening is \$40. The week’s events also include special worship and guest speakers, and conclude with a Caribbean Night on Friday, Sept. 23, a Youth Fun Day and Bazaar on Saturday, Sept. 24 and two festive services, at 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., on Sept. 25. For details of events, call the church office, 561-272-4143 or email stmattdb@aol.com.

St. Paul’s, Delray Beach, continues its year of centennial celebration with the burial of a 50-year time capsule on the church grounds on Aug. 21.

St. Andrew’s, Lake Worth, will sponsor a wine-tasting and informal wine seminar, Aug. 28, 5-7 pm. For information and tickets, call 561-582-6609. As a preview, the Saturday evening service on Aug. 27 will include a dramatic reading “The

Wedding at Cana” by Margot Emery and Deacon Pat Masterman.

On June 12 the Youth Ministry of **St. Benedict’s, Plantation**, awarded \$500 scholarships to three of the parish’s high school graduates, Noel Osborne, Natania Baxter and Brittany Gooden. Scholarship applicants were required to be actively involved in youth ministry and at least one other parish ministry and to submit an essay on what life at St. Benedict’s has meant to them.

At the Deerfield Beach Mango Festival (see photo below) **St. Mary’s, Deerfield Beach**, participated in the parade and had a booth, where parishioners sold chances on a new computer, with profits going to the Building Fund. (Church members were not eligible to win.) The winner was Sadie Finley, a student at Nova Southeastern University, with a major in early childhood education; she said that winning the computer was “an answer to prayer.”

All Saints, Ft. Lauderdale, has made additions to its administrative staff: Vince Lowe is now parish administrator, with Walter Ross as his part-time assistant. Former administrator Bob Daugherty has returned in the new part-time position of Stewardship Development Officer.

As part of its hurricane preparations, **St. Nicholas, Pompano Beach**, is contacting each of its ill or homebound parishioners to make sure that each one has a hurricane plan, either for evacuation or for preparing to ride out the storm safely at home. The parish office is compiling a list of members who will either need help preparing for a storm or would be able to provide help.

St. John’s, Hollywood, is inviting its neighbors to an old-fashioned block party, with games and plenty of food, Saturday, Oct. 1, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Jane Collin-Butch, a member of **St. Mary Magdalene, Coral Springs**, is one of the artists featured in new “Spirit’s Fire” exhibit on the Episcopal Church Visual Arts website, www.ecva.org. Her painting in the exhibit, *Caroline, Child of the Light* (right) is one of her “Child of the Light” series of watercolors inspired by the faith of children at St. Mary Magdalene.



Church of the Transfiguration, Miami Gardens, celebrated the Feast of the Transfiguration, Aug. 6, with a choral Eucharist. Retired Bishop

Calvin O. Schofield, Jr., was guest preacher.

Trinity Cathedral, Miami, plans an art show for the weekend of Sept. 23-25, with an invitation-only viewing and reception Friday evening, a guided historic tour of the cathedral on Saturday, public showing of the art on Saturday and Sunday, and at 4 p.m. on Sunday, a service celebrating the gifts of art and artists.

The Rev. April Berends was ordained to the priesthood July 22 at **St. Stephen’s, Coconut Grove (Miami)**. She is serving as priest associate at **Trinity Cathedral**. Both Berends and her husband, Fr. Drew Bunting, St. Stephen’s associate rector, were ordained to the diaconate and the priesthood at St. Stephen’s.

St. Matthew the Apostle, Miami, said goodbye in June to its rector of nearly 15 years, Fr. Ray Reid. Over 120 parishioners and friends attended a retirement dinner June 12 at Signature Gardens, and at Reid’s last service in the parish, June 26, the congregation presented him with a gift of money and Sunday School children gave him paper flowers they had made in class. Fr. Perry Fuller is serving as St. Matthew’s interim rector.

St. Faith’s, Miami, will celebrate its fiftieth anniversary Oct. 1 with a festive service of Evensong at 4 p.m., followed by a dinner dance at 6 p.m. at Signature Gardens.

Kick-off Sunday for fall Christian education programs at **St. Thomas, Coral Gables**, will be Aug. 21. Suggested attire for the day is “your safari best”.

The adult education class this fall at St. Thomas will focus on the Anglican concept of the “via media”—the middle way—with a study of the book *Always Open: Being an Anglican Today* by Richard Giles.

The weekend of June 3, **St. Paul’s, Key West**, hosted vergers from around the diocese for a vergers’ conference.

St. Paul’s has become a member of the Albertson’s Community Partners program, which means that a percentage of what each parishioner with a Preferred Shopper card spends at Albertson’s will be given back to the church.



Nancy McCarthy/**The Net**

Parade shade—Sunday School students Latonya Williams, Jasmine Felton and Shara Fleming share some shade on the float sponsored by St. Mary’s, Deerfield Beach, in the annual Deerfield Beach Mango Festival Parade on June 18. St. Mary’s float, which won the parade’s third-place trophy, was designed and decorated by parishioner Julia Nero and celebrated the children’s academic achievements.



“Wild about God”—“Serengeti Trek: Where kids are wild about God” was the theme of Vacation Bible School at St. Mark’s, Palm Beach Gardens. Mask making was a popular craft and during the week of June 6-10, sightings of creatures like this were common on the church grounds.



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Marvin Ellis/**The Net**

Honored graduates—At its annual Senior Worship Day service June 18, Church of the Incarnation, Miami, awarded scholarships to three of its high school graduates: (left to right) Shirelle N. Wright, Sade Adekambe and Walter Anderson. Wright received \$2,000 and the other two graduates each received \$1,500. Wright, a graduate of Stranahan High, Ft. Lauderdale, will attend the University of Central Florida, where she plans to major in biology; Adekambe, who graduated from William H. Turner Technical Arts High School, Miami, has been accepted at Bethune-Cookman College, and will pursue degrees in nursing and business; and Anderson, a graduate of Everglades High School, Miramar, hopes to study law.



Gerry Sweeting/**The Net**

E pluribus Unum—Worship at Church of the Resurrection on July 3 was a celebration of the American experience of becoming “one from many”. The parish, which is the only church in the diocese to hold regular services in English, Spanish and French, observed Independence Day with a procession of parishioners carrying flags of the many nations represented in the congregation. Joining the rector, Haitian-born Fr. Ricot Gay, to officiate at the trilingual service were the Rev. Cruz Zenaida Cardona, who leads Resurrection’s Spanish services, as well as Spanish ministry at Trinity Cathedral, and Fr. Jack Stanton, who also assists at the cathedral.

Sue D’Amore/**The Net**

New Daughters—Jane Brigid Cortright (left) and Frances Price (right) bring the gifts to the altar at the June 26 service in which they were admitted to the Order of Daughters of the King at St. Nicholas, Pompano Beach. Price, at age 94, becomes of the order’s oldest new members.



Sue D’Amore/**The Net**

Gifts for the road—Alyssa Jamison and teen counselor Karli McDonald hold hygiene kits prepared for clients at St. Laurence Chapel by the children in Vacation Bible School at St. Nicholas, Pompano Beach. The theme of the VBS program was “Ramblin’ Road Trip”, focusing on following God’s directions for life. Along the way, the children learned about the worldwide Anglican Communion, enjoyed crafts that included painting their own backpacks and not only filled the hygiene kits for persons who live on the streets, but also made cards and collected donations for the girls at Our Little Roses home and school in San Pedro Sula, Honduras.



Helena Bartlett-Hanna/**The Net**

Blessing—Hugh Clarke (left) holds the thurible and Fr. Jim Spencer watches as Bishop Leo Frade sprinkles holy water, blessing the new parish hall at St. Monica’s, Stuart, on July 17. The parish purchased the building several years ago, but with assistance from the diocesan Property and Loan Fund, has finally been able to complete renovations so that the space can be used for meetings, classes and fellowship



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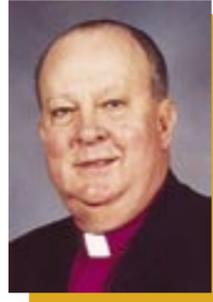
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Five years have brought challenges and blessings

By the time you read this column, I will be on my way to Iona, Lindisfarne and the Holy Land for part of a short sabbatical after my first five years as your bishop.

A lot has happened since my enthronement in September 2000. It was just a year later that we all had to face the tragic events of September 11, 2001, that transformed our American society and our relationship with the rest of the world, creating many challenges that we still face.



A weakened stock market has affected our economy and has had a direct impact on the ability of all churches to provide funding for mission and ministry.

Our nation's military involvement in Afghanistan and Iraq has also been part of the reality of many families and congregations that have seen their loved ones facing the horrors of war.

At the same time, reactions to the decision taken at the 74th General Convention to confirm the election of the Bishop of New Hampshire still challenge the whole Anglican Communion, as well as the Episcopal Church.

And of course, for us in Florida, the constant threat of an active cycle of hurricanes has been pretty much the cherry on the top of all our other stresses!

Because of this discouraging list of challenges and obstacles to our ministry, some people are surprised when they ask me how things are in the diocese and I respond that our church is growing and getting stronger. I say this based on my visits to the various congregations in our diocese that have been facing all of those obstacles and have made a reality the words of St. Paul: "I can do all things through him who strengthens me." (Philippians 4:13).

As I go around the diocese I am blessed by witnessing the work that has taken place in the past five years, and I rejoice in the perseverance and creativity of our hard working clergy and laity. We are indeed blessed by a phenomenal group of clergy throughout the diocese, who strive to rise above differences, dissension and difficulties, working very hard to make a positive impact in our communities.

As a bishop, I have received the support and respect of our clergy, even from those who may disagree with me at times. We are of one mind in our commitment to proclaim Christ as Lord and Savior and to transform lives in his name.

I rejoice in the success of the Nehemiah Project, in which 27 churches of our diocese have been working to strengthen their ministry and grow both numerically and spiritually. We are now in the third year of this renewing experience, and every congregation that participates has been able to witness first-hand the renewed vitality of its church. As both bishops travel throughout the diocese, we continue baptizing, confirming, receiving and reaffirming an increasing number of candidates. Our church is growing!

We have also dared to face the ethnic divides of our very diverse diocese. Our congregations are working tirelessly to bring healing and a greater understanding of the richness that our multicultural communities bring to our life as the Body of Christ. We are all aware that we still have a long way to go, but we will not falter in our commit-

ment to be a reconciling church in the midst of the divided world we live in.

It is our hope that next year we will be able to lift the temporary administrative hold on the process to ordination that was imposed last year in order to manage the large number of persons responding to God's call to the ordained ministry. After two years we are beginning to work through the backlog of vocations and to restructure the process towards ordination. Our Diocesan School for Christian Studies has also been revising its curriculum, and stricter academic standards are now in place. As some of some of our clergy retire or move away, we have been working carefully to place in our congregations first-class clergy, and you can see that we have been able to do this.

We have also during this time started two new congregations, and before the end of the year will be starting another one in Palm Beach County. As we start new churches, we are also working hard to strengthen the existing ones and requiring all to move from good to great. Congregational Growth, Assessment Appeals and Property and Loan are working in a coordinated way to maximize our efficiency and accountability.

It has been a joy to consecrate new worship space at several churches throughout the diocese, as well as several parish halls and school buildings. Most recently I rejoiced in the blessing of the brand new Stahl Conference Building and the consecration of the Schofield Chapel at the Duncan Center. (See story p. 1.) We have raised over one million dollars for capital improvements to our diocesan conference center, and we are on well on our way to raise the remaining amount.

I am aware that none of this progress would have been possible without the efforts of the many persons who share with me in our common ministry, and I thank them for their faithful commitment to our mission. Both the diocesan staff and the many volunteers who joyfully work in our diocese give me hope that we will succeed in our task.

I also want to acknowledge the tremendous work done in the past by the clergy and laity that preceded us. Especially we must not forget the tireless efforts of Bishops Schofield and Duncan that laid the foundations for our vital and enjoyable diocese.

These past five years have been indeed a blessing to me and to Diana as we reacquainted ourselves with living in America after being missionaries overseas for almost two decades.

As I face my next five years working together with you in *this* missionary diocese, I ask our Lord to grant us a double portion of his loving grace in order to be able to build a strong, dynamic and faithful church where all persons can share in his love and care. I ask you for your prayers and your commitment to continue the task that has been given us. Let us always remember, "Unless the Lord builds the house, their labor is in vain who build it." Let us work together with our Lord to build up our church in order that many may come to believe in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior!

See you at Diocesan Convention.

+Leo Frade



Jesus laughs: A tribute to Richard D. Maholm

By Archdeacon Bryan Hobbs

On my study wall are three pictures of Jesus. Two have Jesus at prayer. The third is quite different—it doesn't seem to depict any of the Biblical stories or images that I have grown up with or witnessed in film or heard expounded in sermons. Maybe that is why it is my favorite. It's simple and obvious—Jesus is laughing!

Can't say that I have heard anyone describe Jesus as laughing or that he was fun to be with. The stories we read are naturally serious. But drinking all that wine at the wedding in Cana must have sparked the usual dancing, laughter and gaiety that are part of any wedding party. And I cannot imagine Jesus and 12 guys touring the countryside for three years without a little sharing of jokes, telling stories of the funny things that happened during the day, and even playing an occasional practical joke on one another. Certainly 12 guys constantly together found ways to share the humor and joy that had become part of their transformation. I just can't imagine such strong, inquisitive, compelling men being serious all the time.

One special guy stands out when I think about laughing. I don't think there is anyone else who taught me more about the unique power of laughter than Richard D. Maholm. When I heard that he had died, I knew that we had lost a special witness for Christ that few in the Anglican Communion emulated, much to our common loss. Perhaps if there is one thing Anglicanism needs today it is the image of Christ laughing. Tends to put things into perspective!

I first met Richard D. Maholm on June 1, 1975. He was the rector at St. James the Fisherman in Islamorada, Fla., and I was being ordained a deacon at St. Paul's in Key West. To see Richard was to smile. He always had a joke to tell or a humorous story about himself or a parishioner. Even in the most stressful moments, there was a place for a smile, an affectionate touch, a word of encour-

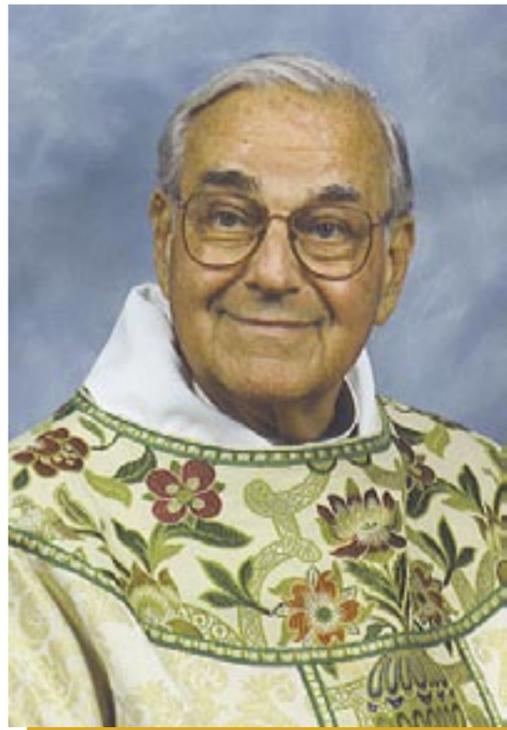
agement.

He taught me that even funerals have their moments of humor. We both participated in a funeral at St. Peter's Church in Key West. Incense enveloped everything around the altar including Richard and myself. He was a low churchman from Southern Ohio. He choked on the incense, gasped for breath and started to laugh as he contemplated dying on the spot.

Then there were the Florida Keys Deanery clergy meetings. There were only four of us—Richard, Blount Grant, Donald Krickbaum, myself, and later Eric Potter who replaced Donald—which made for long and cordial all-day meetings. Blount prepared gourmet meals that rivaled the finest chefs in the Keys. I think we even had a glass of wine, or maybe it was a Bloody Mary—amazing what time and age does to one's memory.

Richard was always present, always laughing, always with a simple joke, always with a kind word, always with his penetrating and disarming smile. He was just genuinely happy. At first I thought it was a front to cover the troubles and struggles of life and ministry. Along the way of our thirty year relationship I recognized his demeanor for what it truly was, the outward sign of a warm and gentle heart that had been touched by Jesus—the Jesus who laughs.

So, when Bishop Frade told me that Richard had died, I knew we had lost a precious gift. I couldn't make the funeral. I wish I could have. I hope it wasn't sad. I hope that people cried—but I really hope that people laughed. Richard would have liked that. I hope people told stories, lots



The Rev. Richard D. Maholm, 1927-2005

of stories, fun stories, not-too-serious stories, stories filled with laughter, stories filled with silly, simple jokes. And then, maybe some more tears—the same tears that I am fighting back now as I remember Richard and try to type a tribute to him through blurry, tear soaked eyes.

If I had been there and been given the privilege of speaking, I would have wanted to say that he was one of the most genuine people I have ever met. Also one of the truly joyful people God has placed in our midst. I

can honestly say that I never heard him say an unkind word about anyone—really. And, I would have wanted to share my favorite and most revealing story about Richard.

About a year ago, Bishop Frade received a rather unhappy email from a professor of English Literature from Oxford who had attended a service at All Souls', Miami Beach, where Richard was supplying. The PhD type was disturbed by the jokes Richard told during the announcement time. The professor, being the student of the English language and Anglicanism that he was, believed that such antics did not adequately portray the richness of the Anglican tradition. He was quite offended. Bishop Frade sought my advice before he responded, as he knew that I had known Richard for almost 30 years.

Well, I laughed! I am still laughing. Not only did I know Richard, but I had recently visited All Souls' when he was officiating at the service, and yes, Richard did tell jokes to introduce the announcements. Actually, more of us ought to do the same to spruce up what is typically the most boring part of the service. He told *Reader's Digest* jokes, simple jokes—the "Why did the chicken run across the road? To get to the other side!" type of jokes. They were funny because he found them funny. I laughed because he began to laugh even before he delivered the punch line. I laughed because Richard admirably portrayed the abiding love of Jesus that he had experienced during his long pilgrimage with Jesus.

Richard laughed, Jesus laughed, everyone laughed. I know that isn't typically Anglican; it certainly is not in the rubrics—but maybe it should be. I don't know if that professor from Oxford "got it" but I am sure Richard did. And now he gets it *all!*

When I think of Richard, I think of Jesus—laughing, just like my favorite picture hanging on my wall. Laughter is not listed as one of the classical virtues, but it surely is a key that unlocks the rich blessings of life. Thank you, Richard, and may you bring as much laughter to heaven as you brought to us on earth.

Fr. Richard Maholm's obituary is found on the next page.

Off the Church Wall





Obituaries

The Rev. Richard Maholm, 50 years a priest

Fr. Richard Maholm, a priest for more than 50 years, 47 of them in this diocese, died June 24 at the age of 78.

Born April 20, 1927, in New Philadelphia, Ohio, Maholm was ordained to the priesthood Dec. 21, 1954, and in 1958 came to what was then the Diocese of South Florida as assistant at St. Thomas, Coral Gables.

He subsequently served as rector of St. Christopher's-by-the-Sea, Key Biscayne (1960-73), St. James the Fisherman, Islamorada (1973-80) and St. Luke the Physician, Miami (1980-94).

After his retirement in 1994, he served as interim and supply in several parishes, most recently at All Souls', Miami Beach, where he shared the celebration of his fiftieth anniversary of ordination last December with the parish's fiftieth anniversary of its founding.

At the time of his death he had begun a ministry as supply priest at St. Matthew the Apostle, Miami.

He is survived by his brother, James Maholm of Lancaster, Ohio, a niece, two nephews, three grandnieces and a grandnephew.

(See p. 11 for a reflection by Archdeacon Bryan Hobbs on Maholm's life and ministry.)

William Thorstad, EFM coordinator

William Thorstad, for many years the diocesan coordinator for the Education for Ministry program, died July 7 at his home in Boca Raton after a year-long battle with cancer. He was 76.

A retired military and customs officer, Thorstad had served as an air marshal and in drug enforcement, but in retirement his life was focused on ministry. In addition to his work with EFM, he was active in the Cursillo movement, was a Ste-

phen Minister and served as a lay reader, chalice bearer and usher in his parish, St. Gregory's, Boca Raton.

"I never realized how many ministries he was involved in," says his wife of seven years, Anita Fortino Thorstad, "and all about helping people."

She remembers his "always washing the pots and pans" on Cursillo weekends, and says that even during his illness he constantly supported and encouraged her studies toward her own ministry. (She is a candidate for the diaconate.)

Thorstad is also survived by four adult children.

Family and friends have established a memorial fund at Food for the Poor, with donations designated for the Episcopal Feeding Program for children in Haiti.

Youth from SE and SW Florida enjoy shared summer camp program

By David Pringle

Four adults, two counselors-in-training and 11 young people from Southeast Florida joined with counselors and youth from the Diocese of Southwest Florida for two week-long summer camp sessions in June at DaySpring, the camp and conference center of the Diocese of Southwest Florida. This was the second year for the shared summer camp program. David Pringle, 17, of Trinity Cathedral, Miami, was a counselor-in-training.

On the 12th of June 2005, four daring souls embarked on journey across the state of Florida to Episcopal Summer Camp 2005. Those who accompanied me on my journey included the most entertaining brother-sister duo of Matt and Rachel Thomas and of course Canon Terrence Taylor. I was a counselor-in-training, better known as a CIT, while Matt and Rachel were counselors.

Our experience at DaySpring was full of fun and adventure, but also served up a healthy amount of tiring activities. Nonetheless, I am looking forward to my next experience at Episcopal summer camp.

We spent a total of two weeks at the camp; the first week was middle school and early high school camp, while the second week was the dreaded elementary school camp. (Rachel was smart and headed home before the second week began.) During both weeks we enjoyed many different kinds of activities that the wonderful DaySpring camp had to offer, like swimming, canoeing and ropes courses.

Both counselors and CITs worked on the same schedule as we herded kids back and forth across the campgrounds. There were designated music and worship sessions, as well as a vast host of guest speakers that made themselves available as much as possible. Kids had the opportunity to do sign language, paint, and play a number of musical instruments that the wonderful band was gracious enough to bring with them—including Bar-

ney's bongo drums. Staff enjoyed breaks when we had them, especially our large pizza party/break that we got in the middle of each week, just to keep us going.

At the end of the two weeks we all had to say our farewells to the kids, and at the end of the last week we had to say goodbye to each other. We are all looking forward to seeing each other again at Advent Camp this winter. After such a wonderful experience with the Diocese of Southwest Florida over the past several years, we plan to continue our joint ventures in youth ministries.



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Youth from the Dioceses of Southeast and Southwest Florida enjoy canoeing at summer camp.



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During an evening of music and games at elementary camp, Myles Bullock, 10, from Church of the Ascension, Miami, slips under the limbo stick.

Creative ideas bring new hope for Glades ministry

By Mary W. Cox, editor

The two small congregations at Holy Nativity, Pahokee, and St. John the Apostle, Belle Glade, are on the eastern edge of Lake Okeechobee, the western edge of our diocese and for many years, apparently, the farthest edge of vibrant, growing ministry. Not now. This summer, the Episcopal presence in the Glades is on the cutting edge of some new beginnings.

In July, the Rev. Denise Hudspeth, vicar of the two congregations, received two grants. The first was the second part of a \$7,500 diocesan Human Needs grant to fund a youth program for teens in St. John's Haitian congregation.

The second was a \$25,000 grant from the national United Thank Offering. These funds will be used for renovation of Voerge Hall, originally built in the 1950s as the church's parish hall, but used in recent years as the education building and the home of classes and meetings for the Haitian congregation. The work, which is already underway, includes a new roof, new floor and complete renovation of the interior, with new furnishings.

But renovation at St. John's won't stop with the building. Fr. Sebastien Guillaume, who has been priest-in-charge of the Haitian congregation, is leaving to concentrate on his ministry with the congregation of Sainte Croix, based at St. Joseph's, Boynton Beach, and a newly formed Haitian congregation at St. Nicholas, Pompano Beach. At a June meeting with Assistant Bishop James Ottley, Hudspeth, Guillaume and other clergy pondered the best way to continue the ministry to the Haitian community in Belle Glade.

North Dade Dean Fritz Bazin suggested a solution: In mid-September the worship schedule will change—the French/Creole-speaking congregation will begin its service at 9 a.m. with the Liturgy of the Word, then move to Voerge Hall for Christian education while the English-speaking congregation begins its service. Both congregations will come together at 11:30 to share the Eucharist.

"This would allow the entire parish family to come to the altar for communion together", says Hudspeth. "This becomes a creative way to help us look at different way to do and provide ministry."

Dieuma Alnatas, a member of the Haitian congregation who was a pastor in another denomination in Haiti, will lead the Liturgy of the Word in French and Creole. In order for Hudspeth, as vicar, to supervise his preaching, he will give her his sermons in French, and she will fax them to Fr. Sam Thomas, rector of St. Martin's, Clewiston. Thomas, who is fluent in French, will fax her the translation, so that she "can be comfortable with what is begin preached".

Meanwhile, in Pahokee, Hudspeth has been in conversation with the Interfaith Health and Wellness Association and the Glades Initiative Committee about starting a Parish Nursing program based at Holy Nativity. It may be time to look for more grants.

"I believe if God wants this to happen it will happen," Hudspeth says. "Stay tuned for more updates."

The story of Episcopal ministry in the Glades is "to be continued".

Half of SE Florida parishioners lack "will power"

By Charles B. Ring III, President, Southeast Florida Episcopal Foundation

A person who recently sent a check to the Episcopal Foundation requested information about the best way to include her parish in her will or estate plan. When I called her, I learned that although she and her husband have teenage children, they still do not have a will in which to include their church—or anyone else. In this, they are not alone.

When I recently met with a vestry, we conducted an anonymous poll, asking who had made a will. After the senior warden tallied the twelve ballots, can you guess how many vestry members had a will valid in the state of Florida? There were six yeses and six no's—50% of these parish leaders did not have a will.

They demonstrated that in this respect, Episcopal lay leaders show no improvement on the national average: One of every two Americans dies without a will. Despite the fact that The Book of Common Prayer (page 445) clearly points out "the duty... of all persons to make wills, while they are in health, arranging for the disposal of their temporal goods, not neglecting, if they are able, to leave bequests for religious and charitable uses," many Episcopalians have not yet addressed this important aspect of Christian stewardship.

Lacking this simplest of estate planning tools, their assets will be distributed without respect to

their wishes, their values or their faith. Without a will, a probate judge will decide who will raise their young children. Without a will, they lack "will power."

"Will power" is the power to determine who upon our death will get whatever we leave behind—which is everything we have "owned" in this life. "Will power" can prevent children from receiving their inheritance at one fell swoop at age 18 and thereby possibly ruining their lives. "Will power" can ensure that our "temporal goods" are dispersed in a way that expresses our values and our faith.

A will or trust protects your loved ones, and can also express your faith and values. Consider including a gift to your church or charity. Let your will be known but also your faith.

You may have had "will power" in a previous period in your life, but with an altered marital or financial status, or state of residence—or state of mind—it's time for your estate plan to catch up with the new you.

Call the Foundation office to schedule a Wills Clinic in your parish or for more information about Estate Planning in general call 561-799-6424 or visit the SEFEF website at www.episfoundation.org.

Singing attorney brings humor to estate planning

By Mary W. Cox, editor

Until recently, nobody ever walked out of a "wills clinic" humming the tunes, but now a Coral Gables attorney with a guitar is subversively altering the solemn image of estate planning.

John Adams and his wife Susan, parishioners at St. Philip's, Coral Gables, are attorneys specializing in wills and trusts. He serves the parish as a member of the St. Philip's Foundation, established to receive planned gifts to the church.

"I do a good bit of speaking about estate planning and planned gifts," Adams says, but what has made him a star of recent Southeast Florida Episcopal Foundation workshops and wills clinics is that he doesn't just speak about wills—he sings.

Creating new lyrics for familiar tunes, Adams strums his guitar and serenades his audiences with songs that mine humor from a subject that is, to say the least, dead serious. "Back in the Saddle Again" will never sound quite the same to someone who's heard the Adams version: "Where there's a Will there's a way./It's your chance to have the last say./Say how your money will be spent./Don't send it to the government./Where there's Will there's a way."

Another song reminds listeners of the security provided by homestead protection:

"Ob! Give me some land,/In the Florida sand,/Where the dolphins swim under the docks./Let my creditors moan,/The cash in my home,/Is as safe as the gold in Fort Knox.. Home, home on the bay..."

The attorney says he started playing folk and "country-style" music in the '60s, but adds that he's from Louisiana, where, "when you're born, they issue you a guitar or a banjo."

"I have actually gotten paid a few times," he laughs, admitting that he has a regular Friday evening gig at Wall's Ice-Cream on US1 and SW 67 Ave.

To arrange for a musical introduction to estate planning, call Adams' office, 305-448-9022.



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Attorney John Adams combines his "day job" with his singing to teach about making a will.

Despite limited space, resources, Jubilee Center feeds the needy

By Mary W. Cox, editor

"You can't talk to anybody about anything when their stomachs are talking," says Tammy Morton, program director of the Jubilee Center of South Broward.

That's why the first thing this ministry offers its homeless clients is a hot, nutritious meal. About 70 people show up for lunch at the Hollywood facility every day, five days a week, 52 weeks a year. The Center's board estimates that some 500,000 meals have been served in the 20 years since St. John's, Hollywood, first opened a soup kitchen for the neighborhood homeless in 1984.

The ministry was incorporated in 1995 as the South Broward Jubilee Center, with a board of directors made up of representatives of four parishes, St. John's, St. Andrew's and St. James-in-the-Hills in Hollywood and St. Anne's in Hallandale. After outgrowing the space at St. John's and later at St. Anne's, the Center moved in 2004 into a leased building on South Dixie Highway in Hollywood. With the impending sale of that building, the Center was forced to move again last month, to a somewhat smaller facility at 2020 Scott Street.

The dream of the board, the staff and the army of volunteers is for the ministry to have a permanent home, but meanwhile, despite limited space and resources, the needy are fed in many ways.

Trained volunteers in the Center's Office of Social Services meet with clients after they've eaten to determine each individual's or family's immediate needs. The Center provides clothing, hygiene items, groceries, bus passes and a post office box address clients can use, as well as referrals for HIV testing and other medical needs, or to community agencies that can provide shelter and financial assistance. Clients can also be referred to the neighboring Broward Outreach Center, a residential rehabilitation program.

The Center offers life skills and job readiness training, and helps clients apply for food stamps

and other government subsidized entitlements. A social worker from the VA meets regularly with veterans, and representatives of Legal Aid and



While her three-year-old daughter Taylor enjoys dessert, Kimberly, who has been evicted from her apartment, listens hopefully as a Jubilee volunteer explains that the Center will work to help her find temporary housing.

the Healthy Moms/Healthy Babies program also visit the facility to meet with clients.

Morton and board vice-chair William Bliss, a member of St. James-in-the-Hills, Hollywood, speak of the need to make the Center more welcoming to families. Parents are reluctant to bring their children to a facility where they encounter "the hardcore homeless", Bliss says, adding that

the Center plans to apply for a grant with emphasis on meeting the needs of children in homeless families.

Jubilee receives no direct funding from Broward County or the City of Hollywood, depending upon donations from the supporting parishes, other local churches and individuals, as well as grants from government and other sources, to support its work.

"Ninety percent of our work force is volunteers," Morton says.

Volunteers from the four supporting congregations and other denominations cook the lunches in the kitchen at St. Andrew's (Jubilee has no kitchen facilities), transport the food to the Center and serve the meals. Volunteers also sort and organize donated supplies and after training, serve as intake counselors, assessing clients' needs.

Due to confusion about the date for applications, Jubilee missed receiving an anticipated diocesan Human Needs grant for this year, so money has been particularly tight. However, the Center recently received a donation of \$5,000 from the Hollywood Police Department—a gift "we've been working on for years", Bliss says.

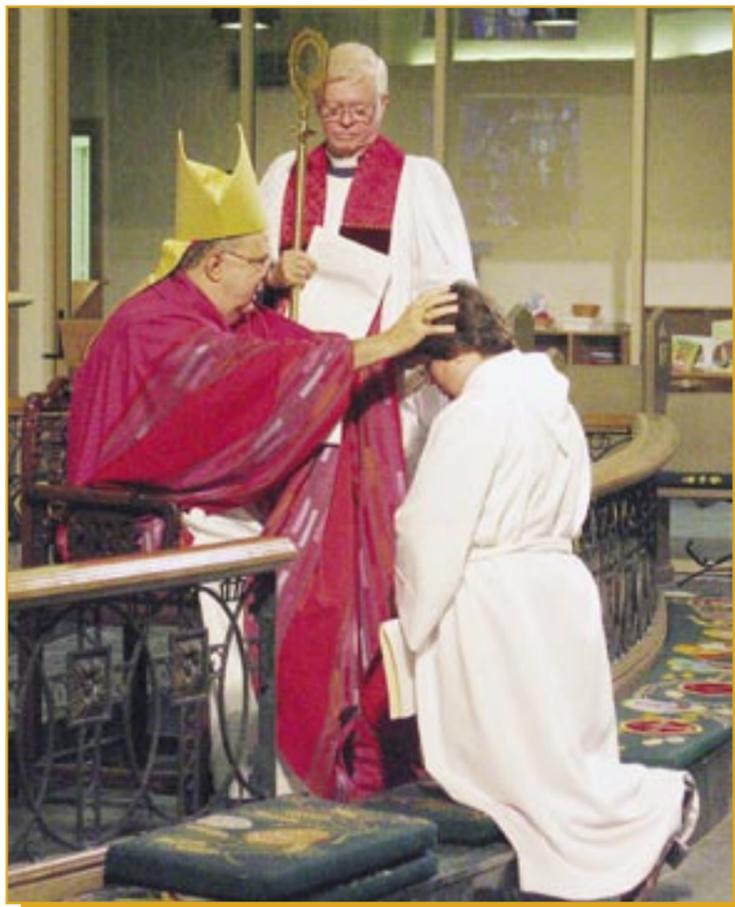
A benefit golf tournament May 7 raised over \$7,000, and the Center's Tenth Anniversary Dinner and Dance on Aug. 10 was expected to bring in additional funds.

Bliss says the board plans a new emphasis on ecumenical support, which has diminished with the various relocations of the ministry.

"I really believe we will get through," he says, "because the good Lord smiles on this operation!"

For information on volunteering at the Jubilee Center, contact Tammy Morton at tmortonfl2003@yahoo.com, or 954-920-0106. Donations can be sent to: The Jubilee Center of South Broward, Attn. Tammy Morton, PO Box 221340, Hollywood, FL 33004.

A new deacon



Steve Vinik/The Net

Bishop Leo Frade ordains Rosa Lindahl Mallow to the transitional diaconate July 6 at All Saints, Ft. Lauderdale. Canon Richard Nolan (center), retired priest in residence at St. Andrew's, Lake Worth, was the bishop's chaplain for the service. The new deacon was presented by members of the clergy and representatives of All Saints congregation, including members of the vestry, the ECW and Integrity Fort Lauderdale. Fr. Sherod Mallow, rector of All Saints—and husband of the new deacon—vested her with her stole.

Deacon Mallow continues her ministry as the parish's director of religious education.

Integrity group offers tickets to "King Tut" exhibit

Integrity Fort Lauderdale has been given exclusive rights by the Museum of Art Fort Lauderdale and the Broward Center for the Performing Arts to offer individual advance reservations and tickets—for weekdays only—to the "Tutankhamun and the Golden Age of the Pharaohs" exhibit, coming to Fort Lauderdale from Dec. 19 through Mar. 31. Tickets go on sale to the general public in October.

Reservations may be made for any number of tickets. Reservation times are every hour on the hour, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday. The cost is \$30 for adults, \$25 for seniors and \$18 for students. An order form can be downloaded at <http://www.diosef.org/grapevine.html#parish>.

For additional information, contact Dr. Lebron Cooper, Co-Convener, Integrity Fort Lauderdale at integrityftl@yahoo.com, or by phone at 954-816-8270.

Integrity is a national ministry of the Episcopal Church to and for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered and their families and friends. Integrity Fort Lauderdale has its parish home at All Saints, Ft. Lauderdale.



Good Shepherd, Tequesta: Teamwork lays a foundation in Jarabacoa

By Stephanie Pollard

Our youth group at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Tequesta, along with our rector, Fr. Bob Taylor, and other adult leaders, spent the week of June 20-29 on a mission to Jarabacoa in the Dominican Republic to continue the construction of a church and school for the tiny village.

As we drove from the airport in Santo Domingo to Jarabacoa, we passed through lush jungles only to be surrounded by urban filth within a few miles, then, shortly afterward, drove by destitute shacks covered in fruit ads, pastels and dirt. The inequality and poverty was extensive and undeniable, and I began to doubt how our group could be of help. But worship that evening reminded me that we were all members of one team, different appendages of the same body and I hoped that, while my individual contribution may be miniscule on an island so full of need, collectively as a team we could have a lasting impact on the village and its endearing villagers.

The next day before we began our work, the sexton, Pablo, and the foreman of the construction, Euclide, took us on a tour of their village. Pablo was the richest man in the village; his house had concrete flooring and more than one room. Walking along the narrow dirt pathways between the houses we caught glimpses of the daily lives of these people. Through half boarded up windows and doorless frames we saw poverty as none of us, thank the Lord, has ever experienced first hand. These were the members of the church and students of the school that we would help to build.

Our first day of work, like the days that followed, was a bit daunting. The work was intense—shoveling, picking, barreling and leveling gravel to serve as the flooring of the building—and the weather brutal, hot, sunny and swarming with attacking bugs. We also had to overcome a language barrier, as the villagers spoke little English and we spoke even less Spanish. But soon it was

obvious that the task itself became our basis of communication, as we worked hard together, pointing and gesticulating.

By the end of the week, we had filled the 11



Cathy Hart/*The Net*

Katie Parson and Matt Bardin of Good Shepherd shovel gravel for the foundation of the church in Jarabacoa.

rooms with leveled ground and as we slept we made the same monotonous motions of shoveling and lifting in our dreams. Though the work was arduous and we complained amongst ourselves, fantasizing about ice cream and cold pools, we kept working—mainly because the villagers working with us were putting us to shame. Nothing

puts you in your place quicker than seeing an eight-year-old boy pick up the wheelbarrow you just put down in frustration and wheel loads his size and weight toward a room.

As hard as they worked, they played. Every afternoon the children and young adults would gather in the compound where we stayed and played basketball, tag and soccer. We became their pale playthings as they romped around, braiding our hair and convincing us to give them piggy-back rides. The children were wonderful, kind and affectionate, trying to teach us Spanish or just running us till we collapsed. We were all greatly privileged to be helping such a proud and fervent community.

Our final days in the village were bittersweet. We had finally gotten used to cold showers, which were actually quite refreshing after a hard day's work and no AC, and almost gotten used to the food. But our limbs were bruised and tired and bug bitten and we all greatly looked forward to two days of leisure in Santo Domingo. The night after our final day of work we had our worship in the upper room of the yet to be finished church. We sat upon the dirt floor we just spent days filling and leveling and had Communion beneath the brightest stars I had ever seen.

As we sat together enclosed by the concrete skeleton of the church's foundation and the vast expanse of sky, there was a feeling of accomplishment yet not of conclusion. Above all, there was a greater respect for the joy that comes from simplicity, from hard work and from the Christian fellowship that breaks the isolation of language, race and lifestyle.

Stephanie Pollard, an 18-year-old member of Good Shepherd's mission team, is a 2005 graduate of the International Baccalaureate program at Suncoast High. She is entering Wellesley College in Wellesley, Mass., and plans to major in neuroscience and drama.

Holy Sacrament, Pembroke Pines: Healing and teaching in Bonao

By Karen Eddy

For many of the team from Holy Sacrament, a trip to Bonao, Dominican Republic, is truly Friends Reaching Friends—another opportunity to share God's love with a community that has become familiar and beloved.

There were 19 people on the team for this year's June mission, including not only parishioners from Holy Sacrament, but also from other Broward parishes and churches of other denominations.

The mission had two components: a pediatric medical clinic and a Vacation Bible School (VBS). The medical team treated 535 children in four and a half days and VBS hosted more than children each day.

Our base was the church of San Juan Bautista, where VBS was held the entire week. The medical team set up a clinic at the church for the first two days and then traveled to three different barrios the rest of the week. We treated children with such common conditions as sores, scabies, funguses, mumps, measles, chicken pox, parasites, amoebas, worms, colds and asthma.

The parents waited in line for hours to have their children tended to and were all so apprecia-



Scott Nicholas/*The Net*

Nurse Alicia Campbell, a member of St. Benedict's, Plantation, examines a child in Boano.

tive that we had come bringing medicines and vitamins for their children. They have poor medical care in the country and some children have never seen a doctor. Each year when we return we hear wonderful stories from the parents on how well their children have done, due the vitamins and medications that we dispensed. One mother told us "You cured my son's seizures when you left

me Motrin. I can treat his fevers now and he doesn't seize any longer."

The children clamor to get in the door for our VBS program, which includes discussion of a specific topic, accompanied with lots of singing and crafts. This year's theme was Creation.

We have seen tremendous growth in the church in Bonao since we arrived four years ago. When we celebrated mass the first year we had nine members in attendance. This year we were amazed to see the church filled with 96 in attendance. The Lord is richly blessing not only San Juan Bautista, but also all the churches throughout the Diocese of the Dominican Republic.

Holy Sacrament's Friends Reaching Friends ministry sponsors a mission each June to the Dominican Republic. For anyone interested, mission meetings are held in room 3 East at the church, 2801 North University Dr., Pembroke Pines, on the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. For more information, go to www.friendsreachingfriends.org.

Karen Eddy is a founding member of the Friends Reaching Friends ministry.



St. Mary's, Stuart: Work, play and prayer on a "Mile High Mission"

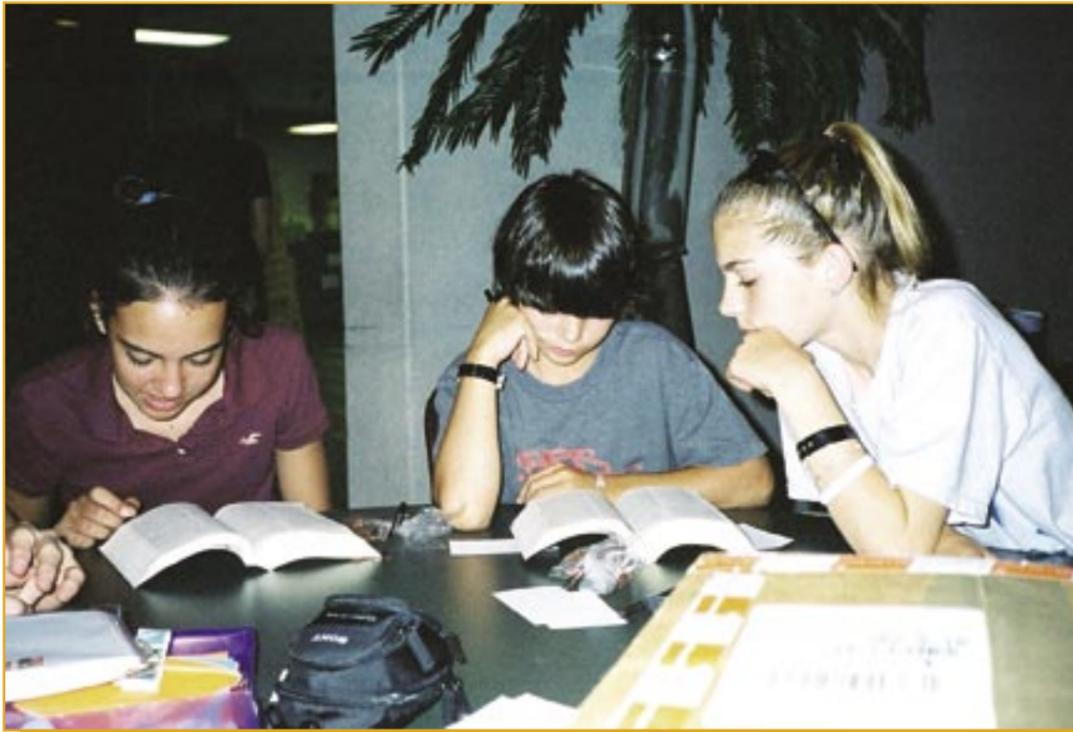
By Billy Tischbin

On July 10, 2005, 19 "Mile High Mission Trippers" of St. Mary's, Stuart, met at the Palm Beach airport at 4:15 a.m. to fly to Commerce City, Colo., to a youth work camp.

We stayed in an event center, sleeping on air mattresses on a concrete floor, along with 360 other youth and adults from all over the country and from a wide variety of denominations. We all were assigned to work crews to help different needy persons or families. My crew of six sorted books, cleaned a house, and painted the house and shed.

The rest of the 59 crews did similar tasks. Over 8,000 hours were donated to the community that week. We all had a wonderful time and were a lot closer at the end of the trip. We also got a lot closer to God.

On Wednesday we went white-water rafting at Clear Creek, a new experience for many of us. At night after dinner, we all attended an evening program where we sang



Kaitlyn Phalon, Dylan Massing and Shilee Schaeffer prepare for evening devotions for the "Mile High Mission" team. The group took time each morning and evening to reflect on the mission, the Bible passages for the week and God's presence in their work.

Holly Ostlund/The Net

songs and worshiped together.

On Friday we left the work camp and went to the YMCA in the Rocky Mountains. On the way to the YMCA we traveled to over 12,000 feet into The

Rocky Mountains National Park. One of the highlights was when we found a valley filled with snow. Since I was born and raised in Florida, I had never seen snow before. We all—even the adult chaperones—participated in a snowball fight.

Saturday evening was spent at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church in Estes Park. We participated in their services on Saturday evening and Sunday morning, doing the readings and also sharing our experiences on our trip. We returned home late Sunday evening July 17.

This trip was a life-changing event. It felt really good to help other people who needed help. It made me think of all of the blessings I have received in my life so far.

Billy Tischbin, 13, is entering eighth grade at South Port Middle School in Port St. Lucie.

Ft. Lauderdale parish meets a need with summer tutoring program

By Mary W. Cox, editor

It all started two years ago, when the State of Florida made drastic cutbacks in funding for summer school programs, eliminating enrollment for all except failing students.

"I knew we needed to do something—I couldn't just sit back," says semi-retired teacher Mary Sands. A longtime member of St. Christopher's, Ft. Lauderdale, Sands challenged her congregation to provide a summer tutoring and enrichment program that would help students who had not failed continue to learn during the summer.

The parish had no funds to begin such a program, but it had a large parish hall—and parishioners had immediately caught Sands' passion to "do something" for children. Retired teachers donated materials they'd accumulated during their careers, those still teaching borrowed from their schools and many parishioners brought in armloads of children's books. Donations from the congregation paid for other supplies and for daily lunches, and Sands' conviction that the parish could meet this need quickly became a reality in the summer of 2003.

This summer St. Christopher's tutoring program, which ran from June 20 to July 15, had 27 students, the youngest in pre-kindergarten and the oldest a rising senior in high school, working to improve his FCAT and SAT scores. Some of the students were church members, but many were there because they'd heard about the program from neighbors who are parishioners.

Although a \$5,000 grant from the Smith Fund of the Southeast Florida Episcopal Foundation

and another grant from Publix have helped with needed supplies, support of all kinds from the parish is still the engine that drives the ministry.

In all three years that the program has been offered the tutors have all been volunteers, most

A parishioner came each day to prepare and serve the lunch. Others copied materials needed for the lessons.

The program began every morning with brief worship and Bible study, followed by reading and language arts, then math, a period of sustained reading, lunch and games.

On a morning in June the parish hall buzzed with the voices of tutors giving instructions, students reading aloud and an alphabet video watched by three pre-K children, but the activity all seemed cheerful and purposeful. As Black observed, the students wanted to be there.

Clifford Rinvil, 11, will be in sixth grade this fall; he has participated in the program all three years. "It helps me with my work," he says, and Sands nods in agreement. "He's an excellent student," she says.

Reggie Goosby, a fifth grader, says he came to the program because he knew he would get some extra at-



Katie Parson and Matt Bardin of Good Shepherd shovel gravel for the foundation of the church in Jarabacoa.

of them parishioners. Some are teachers or retired teachers, but others are nurses, counselors, beauticians or parents of the students.

"It's rewarding," explained Lorna Black, a nurse who volunteered in the 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. tutoring program before beginning her hospital shift at 3 p.m. "They're good kids; they want to learn."

tention in reading.

In addition to the benefits for the students, Fr. Leonel Charles, rector of St. Christopher's, says the program has also been a blessing for the parish because of the involvement of so many parishioners in a ministry that's important to them.

"It's really good to see the church coming together to reach out into the community."