

Conference provides lessons from Celtic evangelism

By Mary W. Cox, editor

Dr. George Hunter wants to make sure we understand the "main business" of the church: There are 180 million "functionally secular" people in our society, one-third of them nominally members of our churches, another third who list a church of preference, and the final third who "can't even tell you the name of the church"



Hunter

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Three more bishops nominated for PB

Three bishops have been nominated by petition for consideration as the 26th Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, bringing the total number of nominees to seven.

The additional nominees are: Bishop Stacy Sauls of Lexington, Bishop Charles Edward Jenkins III of Louisiana and Bishop Francisco Duque-Gomez of

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Cuba trip builds bridges of hope for reconciliation, mutual ministry

On Feb. 16, Bishop Leo Frade led a team from the Diocese of Southeast Florida on a first mission from our diocese to the Diocese of Cuba.

The team, which included Frade, his wife Diana, diocesan World Mission Commission chairman Fr. Marty Zlatic, Archdeacon Bryan Hobbs, Beverley Heyl Roger of Our Little Roses Ministries and Fr. Eric Kahl and his daughter Abigail, of St. Philip's, Coral Gables, made the trip at the invitation of Bishop Miguel Tamayo, bishop of Uruguay and interim bishop of Cuba. The long and trusted relationship between Frade and Tamayo has opened the door to the possibility of more cooperative ministries between the two dioceses.

It is no secret that political, economic and theological tensions have existed between Cuba and the U.S., especially among many of the residents of Southeast Florida. Because of these same tensions, the Cuban Episcopal Church, founded in the 1870s by Episcopal missionaries from this country, separated in 1967 from the Episcopal Church in the U.S.

Both Frade and Tamayo have long grieved over the existence of such tensions between sister churches and are hopeful that these initial bridge-building efforts will blossom into a fruitful mutual ministry. Both frequently commented publicly during the visit that they are hopeful that this mission trip will be "the first-fruits of reconciliation between our peoples."

At the March Executive Board meeting, Frade reported on the



WITH JESUS IN HAVANA

• Members of the Southeast Florida mission team pause in front of a famous statue of Christ that sits on a hill across the bay from Havana and overlooks the city. This picture was taken by a Havana man who earns his living by taking pictures of visitors to the city. Left to right (front row) are Bishop Leo Frade, Diana Frade and Abigail Kahl, and (back row) Archdeacon Bryan Hobbs, Beverley Heyl Roger and Fr. Marty Zlatic.

trip, describing it as "an amazing experience."

"Why Cuba?" he asked, then answered, "For me as a Cuban Christian, I believe that this [partnership with the Church in Cuba] is something we need to respond to... it means a lot to people there that people from Southeast Florida, where the 'enemy' may reside, will go there to call them our brothers and sisters...."

Shortly after the group returned, Diana Frade also commented on the eagerness of Cuban Episcopalians to make contact with people from the Miami area. "They were so excited that we had come to visit them," she said.

The group began its weeklong orientation to the life of the Episcopal Church in Cuba with a visit to Holy Trinity Cathedral and other churches in Havana. Frade was also able to visit Iglesia Metodista Universaria, the Havana church where, as a Methodist youth, he preached his first sermon.

The group also visited an ecumenical seminary supported by the Episcopal, Methodist and Presbyterian Churches. The seminary currently has 49 students preparing for ordination, as well as 189 Episcopal laypersons who are taking courses in a program similar to our Diocesan School. Frade met with the ten Episcopal seminarians, all of whom are under age 30.

The team spent part of their time visiting La Trinidad parish in Bermeja, a small sugar cane farming town of 2,000 residents, three hours southeast of Havana. The congregation of more than 100 is growing rapidly and includes many children and youth, but the

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Episcopal clergy support janitors' strike at University of Miami

By Mary W. Cox, editor

When janitors went on strike Feb. 28 at the University of Miami against UNICCO, the company that employs them for janitorial work on campus, they had the support of many students and faculty members.

They also had the support of faith communities, and in particular, Episcopal clergy and the Episcopal Church Center at the university.

The rights of janitorial workers to a living wage, benefits and representation by a union have been an issue at the university since the summer of 2001, when an article in *The Chronicle of Higher Education* reported that of 195 colleges and universities surveyed UM ranked 194th in wages for custodial staff.

Last summer the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) began to organize

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"¡SÍ, SE PUEDE!"

• Assistant Bishop James Ottley (wearing hat) joins interfaith clergy in the March 28 demonstration on behalf of striking janitorial workers at the University of Miami.

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church building, a wooden structure, is disintegrating from age, termites and hurricane damage. The parish also lacks a rectory, and with a seminarian already assigned to serve La Trinidad after ordination, this has become an urgent need.

On Sunday evening, Feb. 19, Tamayo celebrated the Eucharist and Frade preached to a congregation that filled the church and spilled outside, where

parishioners sat in the street on chairs they had brought from their homes. There were baptisms, and the children of the parish danced, sang and presented gifts to both bishops.

"The air was filled with laughter and pure joy," says Archdeacon Bryan Hobbs.

"The communists have lost all these young people," Frade observed. "They are not afraid to go to church — they don't see the church as the enemy."

The team returned from Cuba with a request for our diocese to join with the Diocese of Cuba in building a church, parish hall, and rectory in Bermeja at a cost of approximately \$60,000. Frade issued that request through the

March issue of *Grapevine*, but almost as soon as the request was posted, a response came from St. Philip's, Coral Gables.

Fr. Eric Kahl, who was part of the committee in the Diocese of Florida that established a companion relationship between that diocese and the Diocese of Cuba in the late 1980s, returned to his parish prepared to ask for help for the church in Bermeja. After Frade visited St. Philip's on March 5 and also told the story, a parishioner came to Kahl at the end of the service to say, "I think the Lord is speaking directly to me." The full \$60,000 is on its way to the Diocese of Cuba, and St. Philip's is in the process of establishing a companion parish relationship with La Trinidad.

Kahl says 20 members of his congregation have already volunteered to go to Bermeja as soon as a trip can be organized.

With funds secured for rebuilding at Bermeja, Frade is now requesting assistance from parishioners in our diocese for another congregation, El Calvario, in the Luyano district of Havana. The church building has collapsed, and parishioners hold services in the living room of the rectory, next door to the

vacant lot where their church once stood. Tamayo told the Southeast Florida team that the parish has received government approval to rebuild, but has no money. Perhaps, he told them, if the church is rebuilt, it should be renamed as La Resurrección.

Plans are already underway for Frade to make another trip to Cuba in May, and for other opportunities to join in what Frade has called "the power and the witness of the Episcopal Church in Cuba."

For additional information on mutual ministry with the Diocese of Cuba, contact Rev. Marty Zaltic, chair of the diocesan World Mission Commission and rector of St. Joseph's Church, Boynton Beach, at (561) 732-3060 or mwzaltic@bellsouth.net. To help El Calvario become La Resurrección, go to www.episcopalchurch.org, click on "donations" and indicate that your gift is for "assistance for Cuban church," or mail your contribution to: Diocese of Southeast Florida, 525 NE 15 St., Miami FL 33132-1411.

Bishop Leo Frade, Archdeacon Bryan Hobbs and Fr. Eric Kahl contributed to this story.

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Colombia.

Bishops J. Neil Alexander of Atlanta, Edwin F. Gulick, Jr., of Kentucky, Katharine Jefferts Schori of Nevada, and Henry N. Parsley Jr. of Alabama were nominated in January by the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop.

Each nominee by petition is subject to the same background checks and screenings conducted for the four bishops selected by the Nominating Committee.

The election by the House of Bishops is set for June 18 at General Convention.

Biographical information on the additional nominees is found on Page 5.

Presiding Bishop calls for reconciliation with Cuba

On Feb. 24, the day after Bishop Leo Frade returned from his visit to Cuba, he received a call from Presiding Bishop Frank T. Griswold, who was on his way to the island nation for an official visit.

Frade says he was glad to have the opportunity to share with the presiding bishop his first-hand impressions of the faithful witness of the Episcopal Church in Cuba, as well as some of the concerns he had heard about the relationship between the Diocese of Cuba and churches in this country.

During his five-day visit, which included a meeting with Cuban President Fidel Castro, Griswold preached in Spanish on Feb. 26 at Holy Trinity Cathedral in Havana.

"During my visit here I have been moved greatly by the faithfulness and vibrancy of your church," he said.

"Also, I have been saddened to see the suffering caused by the policies of my country's government," he continued. "The Episcopal Church in the U.S. strongly opposes the blockade against Cuba. In the four decades of its existence, the blockade has done little except exacerbate the suffering of the Cuban people. Reconciliation must begin, and people of faith must lead the way."

The Episcopal Church's General Convention has called for the lifting of the embargo (which is known as "the blockade") since the early 1990s. The Church's Office of Government Relations works with a broad coalition of religious and human-rights workers to advocate against the embargo in the U.S. Congress.

The embargo, Griswold said, "even has put



• Cuba's Bishop Miguel Tamayo places ashes on forehead of Presiding Bishop Frank Griswold during Ash Wednesday service March 1 at Havana's Holy Trinity Cathedral.

distance in the relationship between our two Churches. American dioceses and parishes are hindered or blocked entirely from providing financial and logistical support for their brothers and sisters in Cuba, and my Church has been

prevented from paying the pensions rightfully owed to the clergy of your Church."

"We must look for creative ways to remain in partnership with the Diocese of Cuba despite the embargo's legal restrictions", he said.

He promised to return to the Episcopal Church in this country with four challenges:

"First, I will ask all Episcopalians in the U.S. to rededicate themselves to accompanying the ministry of the Church of Cuba in whatever way they can, certainly through daily prayer.

Second, I will ask my Church — at all levels — to rededicate itself to advocacy against the blockade.

Third, I will call upon dioceses and parishes of the Episcopal Church in the U.S. to intensify and expand companion relationships with the Diocese of Cuba.

Fourth, I will ask the national staff of the Episcopal Church and the Church Pension Group to continue pursuing ways to make full payment of the pensions owed to Cuban priests who were ordained by the American Church."

"The Episcopal Church in the U.S. is committed to reconciliation between our two nations because we are limbs and members of the body of Christ, the Church," Griswold said.

"Even the wide gulf of the embargo can be made small by God's love; even years of separation can be undone by the saving embrace of our God, who 'in Christ was reconciling the world to himself,'" he concluded.

Excerpted from reports posted by Episcopal News Service.

McGregors invite ordination guests to plan "vacation with a purpose"

Deacon Patsy McGregor is scheduled to be ordained to the priesthood Sept. 3 in Nairobi, Kenya, where she and her husband, Fr. Todd McGregor, are missionaries.

The McGregors are inviting those who would like to attend the ordination to make the trip a "vacation with a purpose" — to see first hand the mission work in Northern Kenya that has received great support from parishioners in our diocese, and to go on safari, before returning to Nairobi for the ordination.

The dates of the trip would be Aug. 21-Sept. 4, and the cost is approximately \$1,250, in addition to airfare to Kenya.

Bookings need to be made soon; those interested should contact Deacon McGregor as quickly as possible at ackstjulians@swiftkenya.com.

Boyd chosen as coadjutor for Bahamas diocese

On Feb. 24, the Rev. Laish Boyd, the rector of Holy Cross Anglican Church, was elected bishop coadjutor of the Diocese of Nassau and the Bahamas.

His ordination and consecration is set for June 29 at Christ Church Cathedral in Nassau. He will assume administrative duties on a part time basis first before assuming full-term duties towards the end of this year.

Archbishop Drexel Gomez had called for the election of a coadjutor last fall, saying that he intends to retire as bishop at the end of 2008, a month before his 72nd birthday in January 2009.

Boyd, who was elected from a field of eight candidates, said after the vote that his first duty as coadjutor will be to assist Gomez.

"I will say that close to my heart, as is close to the heart of the Church and the purpose of the Church, is to continue to bring the message of Jesus Christ home and into the lives of people," he said. "That's certainly my view of what the Church ought to be doing and that will continue to be what the Church is about."

From a report posted by Episcopal News Service.

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“...the Gospel is for everyone, especially the barbarians.”

— Dr. George Hunter

SINGING THE GOSPEL

• Sharon Josey (left) and Sarah Estime, choir members from St. Matthew's, Delray Beach, lead a gospel song at the Bishop's Spring Conference.



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they stay away from.”

“We Christians have been entrusted with the Gospel,” Hunter told participants at the Sixth Annual Bishop's Spring Conference, “not that we might protect it from the riff-raff, but for the sake of the riff-raff. Every person has the inalienable right to be reconciled with God, to be part of God's agenda for life and the world — and the local church has nothing better to do than to promote God's agenda.”

The March 24-25 conference, held at St. Mark the Evangelist, Ft. Lauderdale, took its theme, “Belonging Before Believing” from Hunter's book, *The Celtic Way of Evangelism*. Hunter's presentations during the two days focused on what our churches can learn from Celtic Christianity about reaching “pre-Christian” people with the message of the Gospel.

He began the first session of the conference by telling the story of St. Patrick, a young Briton enslaved in Ireland who became a devout Christian while in captivity, learned his captors' language and culture, and came to regard them as his people, later returning as an apostolic bishop to spread Christianity among the Celtic peoples of the British Isles.

Patrick and his small apostolic band camped near settlements and lived among the people, engaging with them in their daily lives — and the missionary bishop was able to speak to the Irish people in their own language. Eventually, there were churches and new bands of apostles, and within a century,

missionaries from the Celtic church planted by Patrick had reached Scotland and all of England north of the Thames.

This was significant, Hunter says, because the Celtic peoples of Ireland, Scotland and England were barbarians — uncivilized people who didn't speak Latin — and the Roman church believed such people to be incapable of becoming Christians.

So how did Patrick and his successors become such successful evangelists to these “barbarians”?

“They obeyed God, they rooted themselves in scripture, they were fervent in prayer — and they loved lost peoples,” Hunter said.

He suggested these principles and practices embraced by the Celtic evangelists: Pre-Christian people are lost, and cannot find in themselves the meaningful life they need; making new disciples is the job of the whole church, not just the clergy; Christians are shaped and empowered for mission only in community;

outreach/evangelism is a team ministry; outreach

must begin where the people are, with their needs, fears, language and beliefs; you must understand people in order to reach them; effective outreach is culture-friendly — the church must be indigenous; effective outreach incorporates the understanding of the Holy that people already have; begin with ministry, then conversation, over a period of time; effective communication of the Gospel is redundant — we need imaginative ways to say the same thing over and over; belonging to the community of faith comes before any commitment to a creed; and the Gospel is for everyone, “especially the barbarians.”

Hunter believes that we live in a time of “apostolic opportunity,” in which secular people are seeking and open to experiences of faith. To reach them, we need to understand, as Patrick and his followers did, that relationships come first.

He said that the main reason given by people for why they don't do evangelism, even though they believe they should, is: “I am not that kind of person. I don't want to be that kind of person!”

He then asked conference participants to think of a person or persons who led them into active discipleship, and to describe what that person was like, their feelings in that person's company, and what the person said or did that helped point the way to Christ.

Responses were words like loving, encouraging, friendly, exemplary, non-judgmental, accepting and patient — as opposed to the stereotypical “evangelist,” whom participants described with words like pushy, self-righteous, manipulative, annoying and fanatical.

“Being an active faith-sharer,” he said, “involves being the kinds of people we already are, at our best.”

The process of conversion, he said, involves a chain of experiences, over time, with conversation — especially listening — as a key factor.

Video presentations during the conference told the stories of Willow Creek Community Church in South Barrington, Ill., perhaps the best-known “seeker church” in the country, and of a powerful spiritual revival led by the indigenous Anglican church in several Inuit communities in Canada.

These examples illustrate 21st century applications of what the Celtic missionaries did: They sought out the people God was calling them to reach and lived among them in order to

understand how to present the Gospel in ways that they would understand and accept; and they grew an indigenous church, making disciples who would go out among their own people and make more disciples.

Hunter said the Episcopal parish church of the future will have many different congregations, each worshiping in its own language and liturgical style.

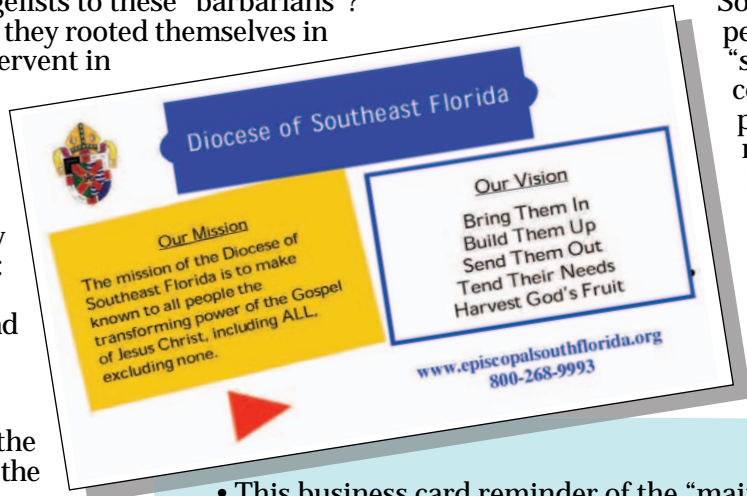
“The harvest has changed,” he said, “and we need new ways to gather it... if you don't risk change, you risk losing the harvest.”

“When you know who you're doing it for,” he concluded, “you find ways to do it differently... I invite you to practice what I preach!”

Different styles of music and dance during the Saturday session of the conference offered a vibrant example of the variety of worship experiences already available in our diocese. Fr. Leonel Ortez and his family, who also performed at last year's conference, have expanded their music ministry to include many of the youth of their parish, Holy Family, Miami; they began the day with a joyous explosion of singing in Spanish. Later, the choir from St. Matthew's, Delray Beach, led participants in Gospel songs; a liturgical dance group from Holy Sacrament danced a story of forgiveness and reconciliation with God; and the day ended with a Caribbean musical depiction of Holy Week by the Jamaican Folk Review.

More than 100 people attended the conference each day. St. Kevin's, Opa-locka, with 19 parishioners participating, received the prize for the highest number of members present — \$250 toward the parish's evangelism program. Fr. Mark Sims, rector of St. Mary Magdalene, Coral Springs, promised that his congregation will match that amount.

The Seventh Annual Bishop's Spring Conference is scheduled for March 23-24, 2007.



• This business card reminder of the “main business” of our diocese can be downloaded at www.episcopalsouthflorida.org/resource.htm#resource.

African bishop speaks at Bishop's Spring Conference

The Rt. Rev. Albert David Guillaume Gomez, bishop of the Anglican Diocese of Guinea, in West Africa, was a guest at the Bishop's Spring Conference.

He had been in Miami for a Church World Service meeting and was invited by Bishops Leo Frade and James Ottley to attend the conference and to speak briefly.

Gomez praised Hunter for speaking of “what mission really is — mission by laypeople.”

Explaining that Guinea is 80 percent Muslim, Gomez said that his church is “witnessing to Christ in a very peculiar situation.” Fortunately, he said, the form of Islam in his country is not fundamentalist, so churches have been able to develop ways to work together with their Muslim neighbors. He chairs the Interreligious Council.

Because they are a minority, Gomez said, Christians in Guinea have had to find a unified voice “to let people know there is only one God.” By doing this, he said, “Ten percent of the population has become the conscience of the nation.... The church has shown the face of Christ by telling the truth and fighting for dignity and freedom.”

The Muslim majority trusts and respects the nation's Christians, and has asked the Church to intervene in national crises.

“You can share your faith by respecting other faiths and listening to them,” Gomez said. “Jesus is about peace.”



Gomez

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Changes planned for diocesan Youth Ministry

On Palm Sunday Fr. Terrence Taylor, who has headed diocesan Youth Ministry since June 2003, began a new ministry as rector of St. Christopher's, West Palm Beach.

Taylor was called by Bishop Leo Frade nearly three years ago to the interim position of Youth Missioner — at that time envisioned as a two-year commitment — and charged with, among other tasks, working with diocesan leaders and the Youth Commission to determine how best to administer Youth Ministry in our diverse and geographically daunting diocese.

Named Canon for Youth and Young Adult Ministry in November 2004, Taylor has stayed in the position nearly a year longer than originally planned. During his tenure he has continued and expanded such diocesan youth events as the Acolyte Festival, Happening and Youth Convention, has instituted a summer camp program,

sponsored jointly with the Diocese of Southwest Florida, and has provided a variety of training events for parish youth ministers and advisors. He has also accompanied youth from our diocese to provincial and national youth events, such as EYE.



Taylor

As the diocesan staff position for youth ministry comes to an end, much of the funding that supported this centralized administrative function will be redirected to the youth ministry

at the deanery level. Current diocesan youth programs and events will continue as planned, with ongoing administrative/secretarial support from Mary Cobiella in the Diocesan Office.

Watch for information from the Youth Commission in the coming months as they continue to develop new plans for ministries with and for the youth and young adults of our diocese.

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— Fr. Frank Cobishley

Registration opens for May 26-30 labyrinth programs at Duncan Center

The Duncan Center has announced the schedule and fees for the May 26-30 labyrinth programs featuring the Rev. Dr. Lauren

Artress, founder of Veriditas, the organization that has reintroduced the labyrinth and walking meditation as spiritual tools.

A retreat, “The Labyrinth as Living Parable,” will be May 26 and 27. The cost for the entire retreat, including meals and lodging, is \$275; the fee is \$25 for the Friday evening session only.

“Opening the Divine Imagination,” designed especially for clergy, spiritual directors and retreat leaders, will be 2-8 p.m. on May 28. Cost is \$65.

Labyrinth facilitator training will be May 29-30. The cost is \$105 payable to the Duncan Center for lodging and meals and \$600 payable to Veriditas for training and certification as a labyrinth facilitator.

The Duncan Center, which now has two labyrinths, one outdoors and one inlaid in the floor of the new Schofield Chapel, currently offers labyrinth walks led by program director Veneta Lorraine on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

For additional information or to register for any of these events, call the Duncan Center, 561-496-4130 or email at vlorraine@adelphia.net.

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among the UNICCO employees at UM, quickly gathering support from faculty, a student group called STAND (Students Toward a New Democracy) and faith communities on and off campus.

The South Florida Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice, of which Assistant Bishop James Ottley is the current president, has actively supported the workers. Fr. Frank Corbishley, rector of Chapel of the Venerable Bede and Episcopal campus chaplain at UM, and Pastor Willie Allen-Faiella, rector of St. Stephen's, Coconut Grove (Miami) have also been part of the Interfaith Committee's involvement with the workers' situation.

The Episcopal Church Center, which houses the Chapel of the Venerable Bede and the UM/Canterbury Preschool, sits on the UM campus but is diocesan property. Because the Chapel and its land are not university property, the Chapel has had the autonomy to host meetings of workers and union organizers that were barred from taking place on campus. Since the strike began, the Chapel has served as “strike sanctuary,” a gathering place for workers and their supporters.

Noonday prayer services in Spanish, led by the Rev. Cruz Cardona of Trinity Cathedral, have been held for the workers. Some faculty members who have supported the strike by refusing to hold classes in university buildings have held classes on the Chapel patio or in the Chapel library.

When the Chapel was not available, workers sometimes met at Holy Comforter, Miami, whose rector, Fr. Dwight Morgan, has also been an active supporter of the workers.

The vote to strike was taken at a workers' meeting on Feb. 26 at the Chapel. On Ash Wednesday, the day after the strike began, retired Bishop Calvin O. Schofield, Jr., joined Corbishley to greet striking workers on the Chapel lawn.

On March 3 Ottley, Corbishley and Chapel Business Manager Ana Carter joined more than 500 students, faculty, and workers in a march across campus and around Sunset Place in South Miami.

On March 16, the university announced that it would implement a new policy of establishing a floor wage of \$8 an hour for contract workers, but workers and their supporters responded that the university had not yet addressed the basic issues in the strike, including the worker's right to form a union and allegations against UNICCO of health and safety violations and unfair labor practices, including surveillance of union meetings, threatening reprisals for workers who support the

union and firing workers who have been active in working for unionization.

As a worker explains, “We are not on strike because of money issues. We are on strike because we want them to respect our rights.”

The strike continued, and on March 28, the one-month anniversary of the janitors' walk-out, Episcopal clergy and students joined a two part protest on and off campus.

At noon about 300 demonstrators — workers, students, faculty and clergy — marched from the Episcopal Student Center on campus to the intersection of U.S. 1 and Granada, chanting, “¡Sí, se puede! (Yes, we can!, or It can be done!)”

Joining with Ottley, Allen-Faiella, Cardona and Morgan in the protest march were three other diocesan clergy: South Dade Dean Don Sullivan; Fr. Leonel Ortez, rector of Holy Cross, Miami; and Mother Christina Encinosa, priest-in-charge at Holy Redeemer, Lake Worth.

Encinosa is a UM graduate and went to seminary from Chapel of the Venerable Bede.

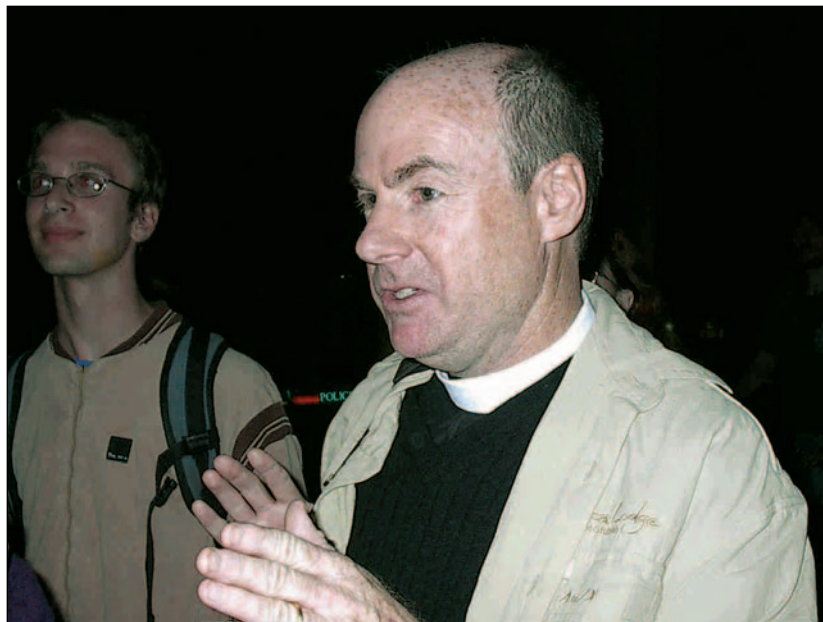
As the marchers secured of the perimeter of the intersection, Ottley moved to the center and began a prayer, saying in Spanish and English, “God is with you. God is always available.”

In an intentional act of civil disobedience, several of the workers, along with members of the South Florida Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice, sat down in the intersection and were quickly removed by police. Those arrested were charged with a misdemeanor and released on their own recognizance within four hours.

While the protesters blocked the intersection, Corbishley and a group of 17 students occupied the Office of Admissions in the Ashe Building, the university's main administrative building, stating that they would stay until forcibly removed or until university President Donna Shalala agreed to meet with them to discuss substantive action on the part of the university to address the workers' issues.

“This is an act of civil disobedience,” Corbishley said, “and Jesus' overturning the tables of the money-changers in the temple was an act of civil disobedience. I'm doing this to follow my Lord.”

Shalala met several times with the students during their protest. The protesters' spokesperson



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• Fr. Frank Corbishley speaks to supporters after the student sit-in ends.

and facilitator for these discussions was Mewelau Hall, a parishioner at Historic St. Agnes, Miami, and a member of the Episcopal student group at the Chapel.

“She took charge!” Corbishley says. The sit-in ended at about 1:30 a.m. on March 29 when the university issued a statement saying that it would not tolerate intimidation or coercion of workers and that it would host a meeting of all parties involved within 48 hours in order to seek an agreement on the issues raised by the workers.

Meetings were held on March 31 and April 4; but because there was little progress toward an agreement, some of the workers and their student supporters began a hunger strike on April 5 that continued at the time *The Net* went to press.

Reflecting on the sit-in a day later, Corbishley said, “For the past week I had been really scared — scared of what could happen to me. Yesterday morning I was still scared, but what I was scared of was failure — that we'd do this and nothing would happen... I realized as we got to Ashe that no matter what happened, we'd achieved something significant.”



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New Nominees for Presiding Bishop

The Rt. Rev. Charles E. Jenkins III, Bishop of Louisiana

A native of Louisiana, Charles Edward Jenkins III, 54, attended Louisiana schools and graduated from Louisiana Tech University in 1973 and Nashotah House Seminary in 1976. He was consecrated bishop coadjutor of Louisiana in New Orleans on January 31, 1998 and was invested as the tenth bishop of Louisiana at Christ Church Cathedral, New Orleans, on March 28, 1998.



Jenkins was awarded an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from Nashotah House and an honorary doctorate from the University of the South, Sewanee, Tenn. In his continuing education, he studied for five years with Rabbi Edwin Friedman.

Jenkins was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop James Brown in 1977.

At the 73rd General Convention, Jenkins chaired the House of Bishops Structure Committee and served as a member of the church's Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons. At the 74th General Convention, he served on the Cognate Committee on Evangelism and was appointed to the Presiding Bishop's Council of Advice. In 2004, he was elected president of the council.

In 2005 he was invited by Presiding Bishop Frank Griswold to join the delegation to address the Anglican Consultative Council's meeting as representatives of the Episcopal Church.

The Rt. Rev. Stacy F. Sauls, Bishop of Lexington

Stacy F. Sauls, 50, is the sixth bishop of the Diocese of Lexington (Kentucky).

Sauls serves as a member of the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church, the Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons, and the Budgetary Funding Task Force. He is a member of the board of Forward Movement Publications, the Episcopal Media Center, and the American Committee for the Kiyosato Environmental Education Project (Japan).



Under Sauls' leadership, the Diocese of Lexington hosted the 2004 Provincial Youth Event, which resulted in the building of St. Timothy's Youth Outreach Center at the diocesan

mission at Barnes Mountain, Ky. The diocese also hosted, at Berea, the 2003 national Episcopal Hispanic Youth Event at Berea College, and the 2005 Episcopal Youth Event.

Sauls is a native of Atlanta, but lived for part of his childhood in the New Jersey suburbs.

In 1977 he graduated summa cum laude from Furman University with a degree in political science. He went on to attend the University of Virginia School of Law, where he graduated in 1980. After practice in the corporate law department of Delta Air Lines and in a law firm, he entered General

McCaleb installed as Trinity's third dean

By Mary W. Cox, editor

In a festive Eucharist on the afternoon of Feb. 25, Trinity Cathedral, Miami, installed the Very Rev. Douglas Wm. McCaleb as its third dean.

Bishop Leo Frade was chief celebrant for the service, with Assistant Bishop James Ottley, retired Bishop Calvin O. Schofield, Jr., and Bishop Onell Soto, retired bishop of Venezuela, celebrating. Archbishop John C. Falavola of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese

of Miami was present to support the new dean as a member of the ecumenical clergy community in downtown Miami.

Other North and South Dade Deanery congregations joined the cathedral in

welcoming the new dean. Acolytes came from Historic St. Agnes, Miami; St. Stephen's and Christ Church, Coconut Grove; and St. Thomas, Coral Gables. Choristers from Christ Church, St. Thomas and St. Philip's, Coral Gables, joined with the cathedral choir to lead the music, which included a Celtic "Alleluia," the traditional African-American spiritual "Steal Away" and "Here I Am, Lord," sung in both English and Spanish.

McCaleb was surrounded by friends old and new as he began his new ministry. More than 40 people came from Winchester, Va., — not only former assistants and parishioners from Christ Church, where he served for ten years, first as priest-in-charge, then rector — but also members of other Winchester churches who said they valued him as a friend and community leader.

Five special friends, clergy who were ordained to the diaconate with McCaleb in 1987 in the Diocese of Virginia, also took part in the service. Over the past 19 years the six priests in the "Colleague Group" have supported each other's ministries, making time to meet together even when separated by great distances, and celebrating milestone events, personal and vocational, together.

One member of the group is

the Rev. Willie Allen-Faiella, rector of St. Stephen's, Coconut Grove (Miami). Another is the Very Rev. Zachary W. M. Fleetwood, dean of the American Cathedral in Paris, who was the preacher for the service. The others are the Rev. Gail A. Epes, the Rev. Dr. Jo-Ann R. Murphy and the Rev. Daniel Robayo.

In his sermon Fleetwood cautioned the congregation not to "make Doug the only focus... the only representative of Christ at Trinity Cathedral." All baptized persons are ministers of Christ, he said, adding that the service of installation marked a time of "celebrating a new

new thing," he concluded, "to break through the self-erected barriers and the armor we put on... God is always calling us to speak a new word of compassion, of love, to our friends."

At the installation, when representatives of the cathedral congregation and the diocese presented the new dean with symbols of his new ministry, he responded with symbols of a ministry that the people of the cathedral community are to share with him.

Members of Episcopal AIDS Ministry, diocesan Hispanic Ministry and other outreach ministries presented olive oil,

saying, "Douglas, use this oil, and be among us as a healer and reconciler." They received from the dean a broken cup, presented with the words, "Friends, take this broken vessel, and remember that each of us is in need of Christ's healing power."

When officers of the Cathedral Chapter presented the keys to the Cathedral, they received Trinity's guest book, with the reminder, "...Join me in ensuring that all who come here may find a welcoming community of faith."

After all the gifts were presented, Frade led the new dean to his stall in the chancel and spoke the words of installation: "In the name of the Chapter of Trinity Cathedral and the Diocese of Southeast Florida, I install you Douglas as dean of this cathedral church in the stall symbolic of your office."

McCaleb knelt in silent prayer, then prayed aloud for his new ministry: "Make me an instrument of your salvation for the people entrusted to my care...."

The bishop then presented the dean to the congregation, who greeted him with enthusiastic applause.

Welcoming the guests from Virginia, Frade thanked them for being part of the celebration, but warned with a smile, "We have alerted the airport and the highway patrol — you may not take him back to Virginia! He's ours now!"

The congregation — McCaleb's friends, old and new — laughed, cheered and applauded.

The celebration continued after the service with a reception.



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• The Very Rev. Douglas Wm. McCaleb accepts applause as he is seated for the first time in the dean's stall at Trinity Cathedral.

ministry for everyone here," as God calls all of us to the ministry of radical hospitality.

He spoke of the importance of the Colleague Group in each other's lives and the value of "profound and holy friendships."

"All of us need friends," he said. "Even when you think you can't believe, believing friends can bring you into life."

"Part of what the church is for," he continued, "is to be a vehicle in which sacred friendships are nurtured... We go to church to be together... Our unbelief is gathered up in the belief of those around us."

"We don't have to do it all ourselves," he said. "It comes from beyond us."

"God is always ready to do a

Theological Seminary, graduating in 1985.

Sauls and his family were investigating opportunities to serve as missionaries in South Africa when he was elected bishop.

The Rt. Rev. Francisco J. Duque-Gomez, Bishop of Colombia

Francisco J. Duque-Gomez, 55, was chosen unanimously on Feb. 2, 2001, as Bishop Coadjutor of Colombia and consecrated in the Church of San Albán of Bogota on July 14, 2001. He is the fourth bishop of the Episcopal Church in Colombia.

He studied theology at the Seminary of the

Caribbean, the Universidad Javeriana of Bogota, and the Theological Training Center of the Diocese of Colombia (CET), where he serves as a professor.



Duque holds a doctorate in law and social sciences from the Universidad Libre de Colombia in 1978. He is a practicing trial attorney in the financial sector, as well as a university professor, teaching in the area of civil, family and commercial law since 1978.

From 1997 to 2003 he represented the Episcopal Church's Province IX as a member of the Executive Council and also served on its communications and international relations subcommittees.

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Diocese offers guidelines for disaster response planning

The diocesan Disaster Response Task Force has recently completed guidelines to help parishes prepare for hurricanes and other emergencies.

The document is being distributed to all congregations and can also be downloaded from the "Hurricane Response" section of the diocesan website, www.episcopalsouthflorida.org.

Each parish is urged to use the guidelines in order to create its own disaster preparation and response plan before the June 1 start of the hurricane season.

The guidelines advise that each parish appoint a Disaster Response Committee, including the rector, the head of maintenance, the senior warden or another vestry member, and the parish administrator or another representative of the staff.

They also recommend that the parish disaster response plan be posted in several conspicuous places on the property, as well as in locations off-site.

Other recommendations include collecting contact information from all parishioners, including information on those who might need particular assistance in an emergency; keeping readily available a list of important phone numbers (i.e. police, fire/rescue, power and phone companies); having current copies of insurance information; and making backup copies of all parish registers, financial information, computer files and other essential data.

Two members of the diocesan task force, Linda Schlepp-Gray of Holy Sacrament, Pembroke Pines, and Alex Rios of St. Bernard de Clairvaux, North Miami Beach, represented Southeast Florida at a March 7 meeting of the Episcopal Emergency Support Network in Orlando. The network, which includes four Florida dioceses in partnership with Volunteer Florida, was organized early last year as a structure for coordinating resources for disaster response.

The March 7 meeting focused on development of diocesan disaster response plans. Discussion included contingency plans for providing

Multicultural Ministry training set for May 5-6

The two-day workshop on Multicultural Ministry for clergy and lay leaders, postponed from last November by Hurricane Wilma, will be held May 5-6 at the Chapel of St. Andrew, Boca Raton.

The workshop will be led by the Rev. Dr. Eric F.H. Law, consultant and trainer for multicultural ministry development; Martha Fugate, presenter of the Project YES "Communications Solutions" workshops on conflict resolution; and Assistant Bishop James Ottley. Law was the speaker at the diocesan Clergy Conference in September 2002. The Multicultural Ministry course, a

continuation of the theme of the 2005 Bishop's Spring Conference, "One Body — Many Members," is designed to provide participants with the knowledge, skills, and tools needed to create diversity-capable ministries. The diocesan ECW has chosen to use the course as the program focus of its annual meeting, which will also be held May 5-6 at Chapel of St. Andrew.

The registration fee for the course is \$75, which includes meals and materials. Overnight lodging is available for an additional \$75 at Doubletree Guest Suites, 701 NW 53 St., Boca Raton, 561-886-3314. Registration is online at www.episcopalsouthflorida.org/register.



ECW will participate in Multicultural Ministry training

The Annual Meeting of the Episcopal Churchwomen of the Diocese of Southeast Florida will be held May 5-6 at Chapel of St. Andrew, Boca Raton, and will incorporate the diocesan workshop on Multicultural Ministry (see story, above) as the focus of its program.

The meeting begins with Morning Prayer at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, followed by a business session in which elections will be held for second vice-president, recording secretary, corresponding secretary and assistant treasurer/treasurer-elect. Most Honored Women from each deanery will be presented, as will the diocesan

Most Honored Woman, who will be recognized at the national ECW Triennial Meeting held in conjunction with General Convention this June in Columbus, Ohio.

The morning's business will also include presentation of resolutions and the announcement of the recipients of the Corporate Missionary Gifts, one inside the diocese and one in the wider Church.

In the afternoon and evening the ECW members will join other participants in the Multicultural Ministry workshop.

Saturday morning will feature the presentation of the Catherine Brown Scholarships, which are open to individuals who wish to attend trade or professional school, junior college, four-year college, graduate school or

seminary, and the closing Eucharist. Participants are urged to stay after the Annual Meeting ends to attend the afternoon sessions of the workshop.

Overnight accommodations for the Annual Meeting can be made at the Doubletree Guest Suites, Doubletree Guest Suites, 701 NW 53 St., Boca Raton, 561-886-3314.

Applications for scholarships and for the Corporate Missionary Gifts can be obtained from each parish ECW president.

For additional information on the ECW Annual Meeting, contact diocesan ECW President Cynthia Williams at cjwecw@aol.com.



Williams

disaster relief information on the website of a geographically distant diocese if the website of a Florida diocese is inoperative following a storm.

After Hurricane Wilma last fall, our diocese posted information for several days on a temporary page on the Diocese of Maine website, and the task force is currently in conversation with the Diocese of Upper South Carolina regarding communications backup.

The Tri-Parish Council in West Palm Beach (Holy Spirit, Holy Trinity and St. Patrick's) has already distributed to parishioners in the three congregations a detailed Hurricane Preparedness Questionnaire in order to gather information on where and how parishioners could be reached after a storm, who might need help with preparations and/or clean-up and who would be able to offer assistance.

This questionnaire, like the guidelines for disaster response planning, is available in the "Hurricane Response" section of the diocesan website.

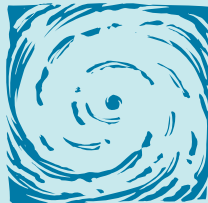
Diocese readies hurricane supplies

Preparedness in the diocese for this year's hurricane season includes two storage sheds, one in western Broward County and one in the Lake Worth area, stocked with supplies that would be needed after a storm, such as generators, chainsaws, tarps and roofing materials, as well as water, snacks and other items for the comfort and refreshment of

volunteers working in a disaster area. The Disaster Response Task Force also hopes to add to the supplies in each storage shed a "church in a box" — a kit containing items necessary to celebrate the Eucharist in any setting.

A grant from Episcopal Relief and Development made possible this stockpiling of supplies during last year's hurricane season, which enabled the diocese to provide help after Hurricanes Katrina and Wilma. This year the sheds need to be restocked, and as supplies are used during the season, they will need to be replenished.

Donations of Home Depot gift cards for this purpose would be welcome. Contact Linda Schlepp-Gray, 954-450-7247, or Linda@diosef.org, if you can make such a donation.



New appeal seeks to rebuild transformed Episcopal Church on Gulf Coast

By Mary Frances Schjonberg

[ENS] In early March, Presiding Bishop Frank T. Griswold announced the launch of an appeal to restore the Episcopal Church in the Gulf Coast dioceses of Mississippi and Louisiana, both ravaged by Hurricane Katrina.

"Darkness into Day: Restoring Hope in the Wake of Katrina" is meant to raise money to rebuild church buildings and congregations, ensure compensation until congregations become self-sufficient again, create new opportunities for church schools, and establish ministry centers.

The appeal will be a "unique partnership" of the two dioceses, the

Episcopal Church, and the Episcopal Church Foundation, according to Rebecca McDonald, the foundation's marketing director.

"We have received an outpouring of generosity," Griswold wrote in a March 3 letter to Episcopal bishops announcing the effort. "The people of the Episcopal Church have reached out in unprecedented ways to provide relief, financial support, and volunteer help to the victims of Katrina."

For instance, about \$15 million has been contributed to Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) for hurricane relief.

The church has learned a great deal about how to deliver needed assistance more effectively and how

to form unique alliances for outreach and missions work, Griswold wrote.

Bishops Duncan Gray of Mississippi and Charles Jenkins of Louisiana will chair the appeal. Griswold, former Presiding Bishop Edward Browning, and Ann Allin, widow of John Allin, who was bishop of Mississippi when he was elected Presiding Bishop in 1973, are the appeal's honorary chairs.

Matthew Chew of the Diocese of Arizona will be the appeal's treasurer and the Rev. Kyle Dice Seage is the manager.

As the appeal builds, it will include a congregation partnership program that will encompass existing partnerships, including those formed through the current "We Will Stand

With You" program administered by the Office of the Bishop Suffragan for Chaplaincies.

"Darkness into Day" will be publicized by a variety of events throughout the church, advertising, email, and a website that will offer, among other information, resources for congregations to download and use to promote the campaign.

Anyone who wishes to donate to the appeal may send a contribution to the Rev. Kyle Dice Seage, Darkness into Day, Box 365, Madison, MS 39110.

The Rev. Mary Frances Schjonberg is national correspondent for the Episcopal News Service.

The NEWS

“We’re in a difficult time in God’s history... a time of dread and enmity... How we treat each other while we are in disagreement is what the world needs to see... unexpected examples of costly love will change people’s minds and hearts.”

— The Very Rev. George Werner

Cursillo sets three weekend dates for fall

Three Cursillo weekends are planned for fall, all to be held at the Duncan Center.

For the first time, two of the weekends are bilingual, English/Spanish: a men’s bilingual weekend Sept. 7-10 and a women’s, Nov. 2-5. Previous weekends have been conducted in English or Spanish only.

A women’s weekend in English is scheduled for Sept. 14-17.

To be a candidate for one of these weekends, contact registrar Joyce Mears, 561-622-8877.

Rodgers to be honored as “Servant of Justice”

The Hon. Edward Rodgers, a retired circuit court judge and a member of St. Patrick’s, West Palm Beach, will be the first recipient of the “Servant of Justice” award, given by the Southeast Florida Episcopal Foundation and the Palm Beach County Episcopal Lawyers’ chapter of the Guild of St. Ives.



Rodgers

The award will be presented at a service of Choral Evensong at 4 p.m., Sunday, May 7, at Bethesda-by-the-Sea, Palm Beach. All 1,200 Palm Beach County members of the Bar, including 40 judges, have been invited to the service.

The lawyers’ group plans to give the award annually to a prominent member of the Bar who exemplifies the interface of personal faith with the legal profession.

Net subscribers will receive June issue of Episcopal Life

Our diocese has arranged for everyone on the mailing list for *The Net* to receive the June issue of *Episcopal Life*, the national newspaper of the Episcopal Church, which will provide an extensive General Convention preview.

If you would like to help defray the cost of this *Episcopal Life* mailing, donations would be gratefully accepted; go to www.episcopalsouthflorida.org, click on “donations” and indicate that your donation is for “*Episcopal Life* mailing.”

Congregations may purchase ten or more copies of the June, July-August and September issues of *Episcopal Life*, with coverage before, during and after General Convention, for the reduced price of 43 cents per copy. An order form is available at <http://www.episcopal-life.org/documents/SuperIssueOrderForm>.

Werner says behavior in “difficult time” is crucial

In an informal discussion with clergy at Bethesda-by-the-Sea, Palm Beach, on March 17, the Very Rev. George Werner, standing president of the House of Deputies and retired dean of Trinity Cathedral, Pittsburgh, Penn., spoke of the three critical issues that concern him as General Convention approaches.

First, he said, “We have forgotten that the franchise is that we’re to have healthy congregations... we’re not focusing on the people we’re supposed to serve.”

Second, we are caught up in fights over orthodoxy and are failing in *orthopraxis* — right behavior — toward those with whom we disagree.

Third, the current system for electing a presiding bishop is too costly, both in money and in the time and energy of leaders, and doesn’t include the laity in the voting process.

“The thing we need to be talking about is not homosexuality,” Werner said. “It’s the fact that on a Sunday only 21 percent of the people are in a worshiping situation — that’s one in five.”

He believes that “how we behave” will have more to do with being able to reach the



Werner

other 79 percent than any decisions on homosexuality, an issue he feels may take another 200 years for society and the Church to resolve.

“We’re in a difficult time in God’s history... a time of dread and enmity,” he said. “We’ve got the kind of hatred that’s a cancer that metastasizes, not in our lymph nodes, but in our brains and hearts and even our very souls... Too many clergy are encouraging enmity.”

“How we treat each other while we are in disagreement is what the world needs to see... unexpected examples of costly love will change people’s minds and hearts.”

He says the church needs to rediscover how to be a

community, and added that at General Convention there will be a time for conversation before legislative work begins to provide a chance for deputies to “see the Christ in each other.”

“When we model community, maybe people will pay attention to what we say.”

Werner is concerned that the process of electing a presiding bishop contradicts our polity, which includes both laity and clergy in decision-making. Only the House of Bishops votes for the presiding bishop; the deputies, clergy and laity, do not.

The nominating process is costly, at a quarter of a million dollars, and time-consuming for both the nominating committee and the candidates.

“It isn’t really a system designed to identify leaders,” he said.

Despite these concerns, Werner says, “I’ve seen too many good things happening in too many places not to have hope and excitement.”

Fifteen clergy attended the March 17 discussion and luncheon. Werner also spoke that evening and the following morning, and was guest preacher at Bethesda’s Sunday services; all events were part of the John C. and Elizabeth Smaltz Lecture Weekend.

2007-2009 Episcopal Church budget to focus on five priorities

By Thomas G. O’Brien III

At General Convention 2003, five key priorities were adopted for the Episcopal Church.

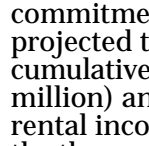
Consistent with the overarching goals of diversity, inclusion and power sharing in the Church, the priorities are: (1) reaching out to youth and young adults; (2) reconciling and evangelizing; (3) revitalizing and transforming congregations; (4) promoting justice and peace for all; and (5) reaffirming partnerships within the Anglican Communion and with other faith communities.

A Draft Budget for the next triennium was approved by the Executive Council in January 2006 and sent to the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance for review, hearings, revision and presentation to General Convention in Columbus, Ohio, in June.

PB&F held three days of intense meetings in late February to begin to analyze the Draft Budget, confer with key Church Center staff, discuss the work it will do between now and Convention, determine the information it needs to make informed recommendations to

Convention and plan its open hearings and sub-committee meetings at General Convention.

The Draft Budget for the next three years is \$151 million or about \$50 million each year. Revenues for the triennium are expected to be \$10 million more than for the three years ending Dec. 31, 2006, largely because



O'Brien

commitments from dioceses are projected to increase by a cumulative 8 percent (about \$7.1 million) and \$2.2 million in rental income is expected over the three years from the recently renovated Church Center in New York.

Total salaries and benefits for Church Center personnel are budgeted to increase by only a total of 8 percent over the three years because of reductions in staff from retirements and attrition, offset by health cost increases and limited salary increases.

A substantial new expense in the Draft Budget is \$5.7 million to reduce debt incurred in renovating the Church Center. This renovation was needed for abatement of deteriorating

asbestos, to upgrade antiquated electrical and HVAC systems and to ready two and a half floors for outside paying tenants. Over time, this rental stream will pay for the cost of the renovations.

PB&F is a Joint Standing Committee of the House of Bishops and the House of Deputies with one bishop and two other representatives from each of the nine provinces. Of the 27 members, nine are bishops, seven are clergy, and 11 are laypersons.

PB&F has a strong sense that the budget is a moral document and reflects the missions, values and priorities of the Church. Because of the merit of many spending proposals that are presented to Convention, there is a sense of “trying to cover a king size bed with a twin blanket.” With the five priorities listed above, PB&F will diligently and prayerfully work to present a budget to Convention that enables the Episcopal Church to serve and grow.

Tom O'Brien, a member of Bethesda-by-the-Sea, Palm Beach, and a General Convention deputy from our diocese, serves on the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance.

Prayer octave planned to precede General Convention

(ENS) An Octave of Prayer for the 75th General Convention will open on Pentecost Sunday and conclude Trinity Sunday, just as deputies and bishops begin to gather in Columbus, Ohio, for the June 13-22 legislative sessions.

Patterned on a similar observance in the Diocese of Maine, the octave features meditations and

prayers reflecting the General Convention’s theme of “Come and Grow.” The Rev. Helen Svoboda-Barber of the Diocese of Ohio chairs this effort.

Prayers and related resources will be posted online at www.episcopalchurch.org by early May, planners say. For more information call Svoboda-Barber at 740-427-2187.

Church of the Advent, Palm City, hosted a Kairos prison ministry team March 9-12, providing housing in the fellowship hall, as well as some meals, as the team went to and from Martin Correctional Institution, where the weekend was held.

During Lent the Sunday School students at Good Shepherd, Tequesta, worked on projects to raise funds to help the ministries of St. John's, Belle Glade, with children in the Glades communities who suffered severe damage from Hurricane Wilma.

The Nursing and Allied Outreach Committee at All Saints', Jensen Beach, provides blood pressure screenings every third Sunday after the 10 a.m. service.

St. Mary's, Stuart, will host a "Light of the World Christian Conference" May 5-7. The conference will be led by Eriylmne Barnum, the founder of Ariel/A Ministry of Proclamation and the Call to Discipleship program (on the web at www.arielpawleys.org), and songwriter Andrea Glenn will lead the worship. The schedule includes welcome worship and teachings Friday evening and Saturday from 9-3 and 7-9. Sunday will conclude with the Eucharist. Childcare will be provided. The cost is \$85 with limited scholarships available. For additional information, contact the church at 772-287-3244.

On March 3 St. Andrew's, Lake Worth, hosted an interfaith service for World Day of Prayer. Participants offered prayers and songs from the Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist and Bah'ai traditions.

On April 8, the Eve of Palm Sunday, the 6 p.m. Eucharist at St. Andrew's included blessing and distribution of palms, and also celebrated the ministry of deacons, with Canon for Deacons Howarth "Hap" Lewis and Deacons Rosa Lindahl-Mallow, Robert Perrino, Anita Thorstad, B. Patricia Masterman and Valerie V. Vernon participating.

The J2A youth group from St. Paul's, Delray Beach, traced their spiritual roots on a 10-day pilgrimage, March 17-26, to Lindsfarne, Iona, and other Celtic and Anglican sites in Scotland.

Parishioners and neighbors of St. Mary's, Deerfield Beach, have two opportunities for food and fellowship each week — the parish offers a fish fry each Friday evening and pancake breakfasts on Saturday mornings.

Evening services at St. James-in-the-Hills, Hollywood, on the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week included the Anglican Rosary in both English and Spanish, followed by the Eucharist.

Friends Reaching Friends (FRF), an outreach mission ministry of Holy Sacrament, Pembroke Pines, has been addressing the needs of orphaned, sick, abused and underprivileged children since 1987. The Annual Dinner Dance will be held on Friday, April 28, 2006 at Signature Grand Banquet Hall. All proceeds will go to support the 2006 Local and Foreign Mission programs. For tickets call 954-253-1774.

The Blessing of the Fleet at All Saints, Ft. Lauderdale, is scheduled for May 21 from 12:30-4:30 p.m. In addition to the blessing ceremony (details at www.blessingofthefleet.org), the afternoon will include a barbecue,

live jazz, art exhibits, children's activities, tips on hurricane preparation for households with pets and a "Hurricane Raffle" featuring as prizes a "Get out of town cruise," a \$1,000 "Hurricane repair fund and a generator.

On Feb. 5 Church of the Incarnation, Miami, held a farewell reception for Fr. Robert McCloskey and his wife Kay, who have now moved to the North Carolina mountains. McCloskey, who retired at the end of 1999 as rector of St. Stephen's, Coconut Grove, has served for the past four years as associate at Incarnation.

On Feb. 15, the Cathedral Chapter named the Very Rev. Donald W. Krickbaum the Dean Emeritus of Trinity Cathedral, Miami. Krickbaum served as dean from 1988 till his retirement in 2003. He now lives in West Virginia and works with the Shalem Institute in Bethesda, Md.

Students at All Angels' School, Miami Springs, held their own version of the Olympics on Feb. 10. Each class represented one of the ancient Greek city-states, and competed in many of the ancient sports. For the sake of safety, the equipment was somewhat modified — a broomstick for the javelin, a two-pound barbell weight disk for the discus and a croquet ball for the shot put.

Deacon Charles Humphries of St. Stephen's, Coconut Grove (Miami) has an agreement with the managers of local Publix supermarkets to "recycle" their used bright green slickers that their employees wear to carry out customers' groceries on rainy days. Humphries gives the slickers to the homeless to use as coats; they are warm, and the bright color provides added safety on the streets at night.

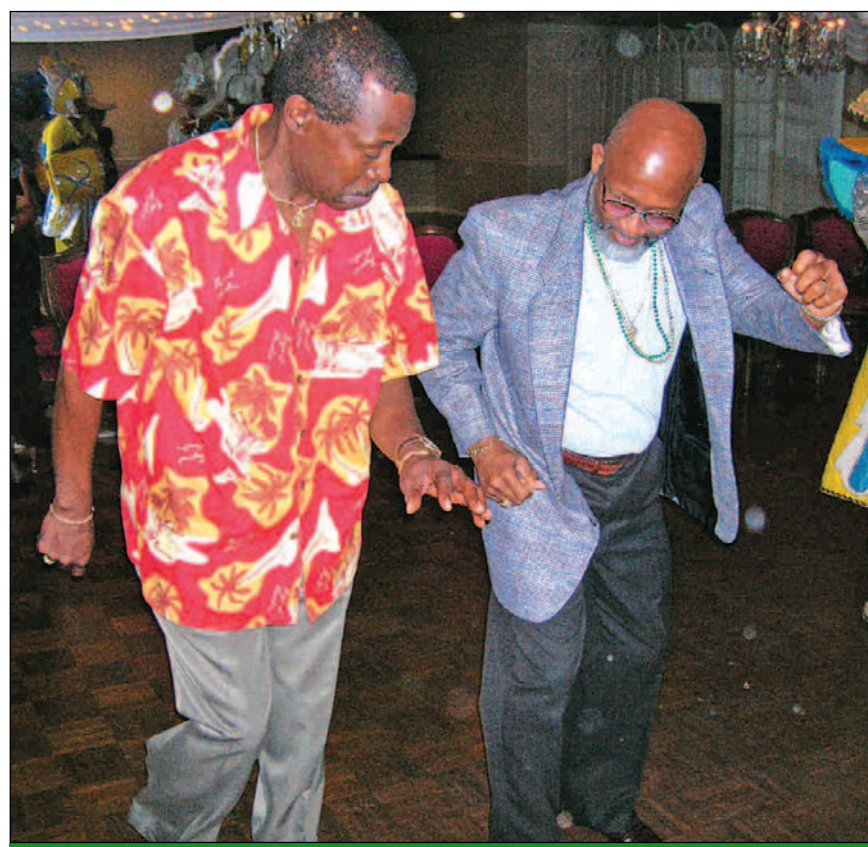
St. Matthew the Apostle, Miami, offers "Benedictine Sunset, A Monthly Experience of Benedictine Spirituality" on the fourth Thursday of each month from 6 to 7:45 p.m. The evening includes a light supper, for which a small donation is requested, followed by devotional study of St. Benedict's Rule and lectio divina. For more information, call the church, 305-665-7333.

Church of the Ascension, Miami, will hold its annual "Bash" on April 29, from noon to 8 p.m. at the church. The event features "taste of the islands" foods, children's activities and live entertainment, including steel bands, cultural skits and a folk review. Call 305-238-5151 for information or to reserve space as a vendor.

Matthew Cowden, a graduating senior at Virginia Theological Seminary, was ordained to the diaconate by Bishop Leo Frade on April 1 in his home parish, Chapel of the Venerable Bede, Coral Gables.

A three-part Lenten study series at St. James the Fisherman, Islamorada, focused on the theme "God's Earth and Human Responsibility." The rector, Fr. Ron Johnson, gave the introductory presentation. Speakers for the other two sessions were conservation ecologist Dr. Stuart Pimm, speaking on global ecology, and Dr. Tom Van Lent, senior scientist with the Everglades Foundation, speaking on the Everglades and Keys conservation.

Visitors who signed the guest registry at St. Paul's, Key West, in January came from 41 states and 28 countries.



MARDI GRAS

• Andrew Pratt (right), senior warden at St. Mary's, Deerfield Beach, trades dance steps with Neville Gombs at the parish's Mardi Gras dinner dance on Feb. 10.



ETHIOPIAN EVENING

• Ethiopian Jewish musicians play traditional instruments in an Apr. 1 performance by the Bahalachin Ensemble at St. Gregory's, Boca Raton. The performing group, which also includes dancers and storytellers, is part of the Tel Aviv-based Bahalachin Ethiopian Jewish Heritage and Cultural Center, a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving the traditional Ethiopian-Jewish culture and identity. The performance was part of St. Gregory's ongoing dialogue with the Jewish community.



BLESSING ARTISTS

• The Rev. Willie Allen-Faiella, rector of St. Stephen's, Coconut Grove (Miami), blesses the artists' displays before the opening of the annual St. Stephen's Art & Craft Show, held Feb. 18-20. Parish volunteers prepared breakfast each morning for the show participants and served a home-cooked spaghetti meal at the Artists' Awards Dinner. Each participating artist was invited to bring a piece of work to be blessed at the altar at the Celebration of the Arts Mass on Sunday, Feb. 19.

Parishes in Progress



NECESSARY INVENTIONS

• In a Black History Month skit at St. Margaret's, Miami Lakes, Michael Nnadi, Yamonna Moss and Mark Ellis portray a family dismayed by life without the inventions of African-Americans — everything from the dustpan to the traffic light.



CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL

• Because St. Luke's, Port Salerno, has a number of "snowbird" parishioners, who are still in their northern homes on St. Francis' Day in October, the parish held its Blessing of the Animals in February, when more members — and their pets — would be able to participate. Wasabi the cat, held by Lisa Dietz, seems wary of the blessing being offered to the dogs — Alphonse (with Lee Seams), Lucy (with Alison Sharpe) and Fearless.



CELEBRATING GRANDPARENTS

• Fifth-grader Cierra Klampert welcomed her grandmother, Barbara Adduci, visiting from Vermont, to Grandparents' Day at St. Joseph's School, Boyton Beach. Activities included a buffet breakfast in library for grandparents; simultaneous classroom activities and performances for each grade; and a special Chapel program. Students also interviewed their grandparents and worked on art projects with them.

CARING READERS

• Students at St. James Children's Center, a ministry of St. James the Fisherman, Islamorada, hold some of their favorite books. The children participated this winter in the Classrooms Care reading program, sponsored by Scholastic Book Clubs, which honored each class that read 100 books by Feb. 17 with a donation of 100 new books to charities like First Book, Reach Out and Read and Save the Children. Each of these organizations distributes books to children in under-resourced schools and communities in the United States, including many that were affected by Hurricane Katrina.



Sue Ellen Bennett

Points of View

“She had made a conscious decision to sacrifice her pride and comfort, and perhaps even to risk her safety, in order to keep her faith alive...”

— Bishop Leo Frade

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Faithful Episcopalians in Cuba bring “peculiar honors to our King”

Ever since I heard for the first time hymn 544, “Jesus shall reign” (found with the same number in both the 1940 and 1982 hymnals), I have wondered about the meaning of its last stanza that refers to our giving “peculiar honors to our king.”

“How peculiar,” I thought, “to describe in that manner the type of honors our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is due from us.” What peculiar thing would a person have to do to that would qualify him or her as one giving such honors to Christ our King?

Recently I was able to find a case that definitely qualifies — I want to share with you the story of a person we met during our recent trip to the Diocese of Cuba who has definitely given such “peculiar honor” to our God.

In February, at the invitation of Bishop Miguel Tamayo, the interim bishop of Cuba, I was able to visit the country of my birth, the big island nation south of our diocese. Accompanied by several of our diocesan clergy and

laity, I visited churches and seminaries, as well as the homes of several Episcopalians who rejoiced in welcoming their American sisters and brothers from Southeast Florida. (See story, Page 1).

It was during one of our stops that we came to a small but beautiful church east of Havana, where we saw a little old lady standing by the front door. I knew about her because my wife Diana had been at the same church several years ago as a member of the Standing

Commission on World Mission of the Episcopal Church, visiting the Diocese of Cuba to show support for its missionary work. After she came home she shared with me the story of the little old lady who had been waiting for them at the front door of her church. Diana mentioned how impressed she had been by meeting this woman and seeing the care and love she showed for her church.

Those were difficult times for both Protestants and Catholics before the Rev. Jesse Jackson and Pope John Paul II visited, when the government was not as welcoming to Christianity as it is today. Those church leaders interceded, each in his own peculiar way, for a more understanding policy toward the church; but before their visits there was a price to pay for being an active church member, and people were reluctant to identify themselves openly as Christians.

But not that little old lady. She was willing to open the church daily, and if clergy were unable to come, she would sometimes celebrate Morning or Evening Prayer on Sundays by herself; but worship never faltered at her church. When Diana met the woman, she asked if the absence of worshipers didn't bother her. The woman

responded that time was going to make a difference and that people were going to come back to church in the future.

“We are patient and know that Christ will prevail at the end. People will come back,” she said.

Now that future has arrived, and we were visiting her church during different circumstances. There she was, standing with flowers on her hand in the same place that Diana had seen her years ago. As she proudly shared with us the hospitality of her church, we began to notice several other people arriving, including the seminarian assigned to her parish

full time. These are different days, when a more tolerant attitude on the part of the government prevails toward not only Episcopalians, but also Protestant and Roman Catholic churches and religion in general.

As we were getting ready to leave it occurred me to ask the woman why she had stayed behind. Probably she was not in agreement with the government's ideology, and she had told us that she had family living in the U.S. who gladly would have taken her in.

She stared at me in bewilderment as if I were asking a ridiculous question. Looking straight at me, she said, “But Bishop, if I had left, who would have opened the church?”

Her answer brought tears to my eyes and still does every time I tell the story. She had made a conscious decision to sacrifice her pride and comfort, and perhaps even to risk her safety, in order to keep her faith alive in a

country that at the time was officially atheist and not hospitable for religious people.

As I see it, such faithfulness is indeed a “peculiar honor to our King.” It is this peculiar honor of faithfulness and commitment that we need today in our church. How unfortunate and sad it is when you hear of people who abandon their church when they get mad with something

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• The faithful “doorkeeper in the house of the Lord” at Iglesia Episcopal San Juan welcomes Bishop Miguel Tamayo (left) and Bishop Leo Frade to her church.

Bryan Hobbs

Of the Church Wall



The sin of racism: A call to covenant

A pastoral letter from the House of Bishops, March 2006

We, the bishops of the Episcopal Church, acknowledged the painful reality of the consequences of racism in the 1994 pastoral letter "the Sin of Racism." In that letter, we stated "the essence of racism is prejudice coupled with power. It is rooted in the sin of pride and exclusivity which assumes 'that I and my kind are superior to others and therefore deserve special privileges.'" We issue this new pastoral on the pervasive sin that continues to plague our common life in the church and in our culture. We acknowledge our participation in this sin and we lament its corrosive effects on our lives. We repent of this sin, and ask God's grace and forgiveness.

When Jesus entered the synagogue in his first public act of ministry (Luke 4), he read from the prophet Isaiah. The vision proclaimed is known as the desire of God, the peaceable kingdom, a society of justice and shalom, or the city set on a hill. It is an icon of what God intends for all creation — that human beings live in justice and peace with one another, that the poor are fed and housed and clothed, the ill are healed, prisoners set free, and that the whole created order is restored to right relationship. That vision is our goal and vocation as Christians.

The fundamental truth undergirding this vision is that all are made in the image of God. It is in our diversity that we discover the fullness of that image. If we judge one class or race or gender better than another, we violate that desire and intent of God. And when our social and cultural systems exacerbate or codify such judgments, we do violence to that which God has made. Racism is a radical affront to the good gift of God, both in the creation described in Genesis, and in the reality of the Incarnation. Jesus came among us to bring an end to that which divides us, as Paul so clearly identifies in Galatians 3:28, "in Christ there is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female."

Whenever individual or community behaviors work against God's vision, we have promised to respond in ways that will serve to heal: "Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being? I will with God's help (BCP p 305)." God has created us with skins of many colors, God has created us in thousands of tribes and languages, and none is adjudged more godly than another. It is our behavior that gives evidence of godliness, not the color of our skin.

The world has witnessed the evil of institutionalized racism and classism in the United States in the aftermath of the hurricanes of 2005. The poor and persons of color were often served last — or not at all — while wealthy and privileged residents had greater resources to escape the immediate danger of the hurricanes and begin the process of rebuilding. We are all shamed by the sin of racism in the reality of inequity in housing, employment, educational and healthcare opportunities, and the disaster response.

This House of Bishops, meeting in Hendersonville, North Carolina on 21 March 2006, which is the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, commit ourselves as bishops to discern and confess our own prejudice and complicity in the pervasive sin of racism, to confront it, and make amends for it in intentional ways every time we gather as a House. We ask the Holy Spirit to empower the House to fully live into this covenant, and we invite the members of this Church to covenant with us, in the following actions personally, corporately and globally. With God's help, we will:

- renew our commitment to the 1994 pastoral letter, "The Sin of Racism;" take responsibility to expose, dismantle and heal those situations of injustice based on racism;
- seek forgiveness for our lack of charity and

consciousness in recognizing those situations which degrade the image of God in our neighbors;

- make amends for our undeserved position and benefit as a result of unjust situations both now and in the past;
- empower all members of God's human family, that they may live into the fullness of what God intends;
- encourage the larger church to continue and expand its work of education, spiritual formation, and anti-racism training, that all might discover the riches of God's diverse creation, especially in those who differ from us;
- advocate for the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals by the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, our respective dioceses, the parishes which comprise them, and our governments, as well as our own households, that God's desire may become increasingly evident for all of humanity;
- recruit and empower people of all races and ethnic origins as leaders in our church, and as members of all boards, agencies, commissions, and committees;
- dedicate equitable resources for all races and national origins in the funding of theological education for all ministries, lay and ordained;
- advocate for continued response to the sinful legacy of slavery; expose situations of environmental racism and classism which poison and threaten the poorest among us, and seek justice for those communities; and
- advocate for compassionate care of the stranger in our midst, and demand just immigration policies.

Having entered into covenant with each other to root out the sin of racism in very specific personal and corporate ways, we, the bishops of the Episcopal Church, invite all members of our Church to join us in this mission of justice, reconciliation, and unity. This is an expression of our commitment to the fundamental covenant each of us entered into at the moment of our baptism.

May God give us the will to do this reconciling work, and the power and grace to accomplish it.

20 reasons not to leave the church — the basics of living in Christian Community

At last fall's Clergy Conference, Canon Paul Edwards led the clergy into deeper discovery of what he calls "Spiritual Intelligence," the ability to access the Presence of God at all times and in all circumstances. He introduced a cartoon character, "The Rev," who offered humorous dialogues with someone determined to live "out of the Presence." "The Rev" now offers 20 Reasons Not to Leave the Church.

The Church is like a salad bar. There is a lot of good food out there, and you can eat what nourishes you. There is one cardinal rule: Do not spit on the food you do not like — it might be feeding someone else.

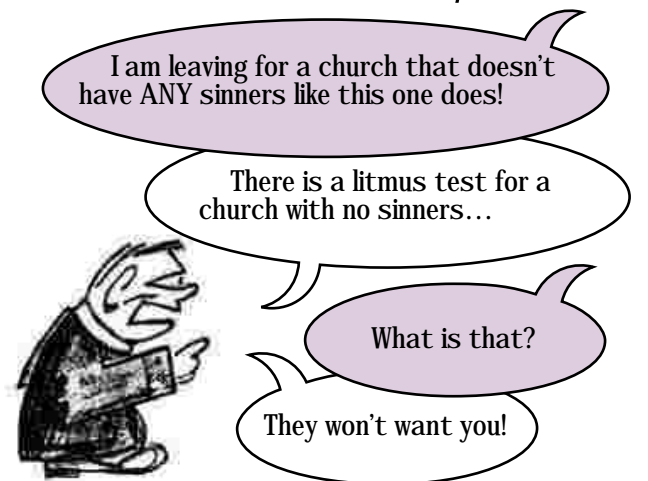
There are a lot of reasons why people stay or leave a church, but the only valid reason for leaving is personal — because one is no longer being fed by worshiping Jesus Christ in that community, and feels called to continue the journey of faith in another community.

Judging what might be nourishing someone else, or criticizing someone else's reason for either staying or leaving, violates the primary rule of the salad bar. We can move from one church to another, but remember that we are still at the same table

together, where Jesus Christ is our host and our feast.

Look for "The Rev" cartoons and meditations online at www.diosef.org/therev_cartoons. Canon Edwards has given permission for reprinting these in parish publications.

The Rev — Reason No. 14



+Leo Frade

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be willing to stand firm when things are not working our way, knowing that at the end Christ will prevail and that our faithfulness, mixed with our tears, indeed offers "peculiar honors to our King."

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their pastor or vestry did, or something that happened in another diocese, or something that one of our many bishops said.

I am glad to say that there are also many others who have chosen to stay and not run away at the first sign of conflict or disagreement. These are people who love the Lord and will not be discouraged if things are not

happening exactly as they want. No one is going to take their church and their faith from them.

I believe that the "harmonious dissimilitude" that I keep talking about as a norm for our dealings with each other in our diocese is also a "peculiar honor to our King." When we treat each other with anger, disdain and even lack of civility, we are not

modeling for our neighbors the Gospel we are called to share; but if we are able to show that we as Christians of many different backgrounds, opinions and convictions can live together in harmony with each other, the life of our diocese will be an effective witness to the love of Jesus Christ.

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The NEWS

Diocese considers changes in support for congregations

Since May of last year a group of representatives from the Property and Loan Committee, the Parish Finance and Assessment Commission and the Nehemiah Steering Committee has met regularly to “search for common policies and actions that can be taken... to implement the diocesan vision as it relates to how best to encourage congregations of the diocese that are seeking to grow in their mission, while at the same time addressing the needs of congregations that are currently declining and requesting diocesan support.”

At the March 14 Executive Board meeting, Tino Diaz of Todos los Santos, Miami, a member of the Property and Loan Committee who has led the work of this Joint Committee on Congregational Development, presented a preliminary report.

The board responded with strong support for the group’s continued work.

The report cites these facts: In 1993, unpaid assessments totaled \$105,000 and in 2005, the shortfall was \$600,000; in the past ten years, 20 congregations have sought assessment reduction or diocesan aid from the Parish Finance and Assessment Commission five or more times, and an additional ten congregations have come more than nine times; at any given time, one-third of our congregations are not self-sufficient; and in the last 15 years the diocesan budget has not increased, when adjusted for inflation.

“Our reality,” the report says, “appears to be a trend of chronic enabling on the part of the diocesan system for congregations that lack the long-term ability to be self-sufficient due to systemic health, leadership issues or demographics.”

The committee affirms that there is no proposal to end ministries that “are doing ministry which lives out the gospel imperative and are simply poor.” Rather, the committee intends to develop “a more effective diocesan system that will allocate our limited resources in ways that are healthy and strategically supportive of the diocesan vision.”

Such a system, the report suggests, would be designed to achieve the following:

1. Uphold the canons already in existence for congregational development that are constructed for upward financial and ministerial mobility.
2. Utilize the access and power granted by those canons to empower appropriate deployment and congregational development decisions which will hold the parish and its leadership accountable to this joint committee’s agreed upon definition of success.
3. Define the boundaries of success for three categories of congregations: self-sustaining congregations that are living out the gospel imperative, outreach outposts that will require diocesan-wide support for their ministry and that are not expected to be financially self-sufficient, and new-church plants that will adhere to the upwardly mobile expectation of the existing canons.
4. Create a thorough list of questions that must be answered by all applicants to Parish Finance and Assessment Commission and Property and Loan Committee, the answers of which will be tracked and utilized to determine if the parish is doing what is required to move toward success in its category.
5. Self-regulate our own emotional process to stop enabling those congregations which cannot, for whatever reason, live into the boundaries of success as defined by one of the three categories

“Voice, place, people” — dean shares new vision for WNC

By Mary W. Cox, editor

Dean Samuel T. Lloyd III of Washington National Cathedral brought his vision for the mission of our National Cathedral to our diocese the weekend of Feb. 10-12.

Lloyd was the preacher at the noon Eucharist at Trinity Cathedral, Miami, on Friday, Feb. 12, and afterward met with diocesan clergy at an informal luncheon in the cathedral hall.

On Saturday morning he met with a group of 16 community leaders in Miami and was at the Duncan Center in the afternoon for a reception attended by about 40 people from around the diocese.

At all these events he stressed his vision of what the National Cathedral can be for the whole country: “a voice of generous-spirited Christianity;” “a place of reconciliation and dialogue” and “a people serving a broken world.”

He also was eager to engage in conversation, to gather impressions and observations from clergy and laity throughout our diocese, as part of the strategic planning process to “define what the cathedral will be in the 21st century.”

“We spent 100 years building the hardware,” Lloyd told the group on Saturday morning. “Now we have to put the software inside it... We have this great, powerful building in the nation’s capital — how can we use it for God’s work?”

Mainline churches, he says, have lost their “public voice,” and have allowed Christianity to be perceived as narrow and polarizing. He believes WNC can provide a voice for “thoughtful, open-minded Christian faith... deeply grounded and deeply respectful.”

In service of this “consistent voice,” Lloyd, who was installed as dean a year ago, has committed himself to preach 60 percent of the time. Sunday morning forums focus on how Christianity addresses current issues in the nation and the world. The College of Preachers has become the Cathedral College, offering courses for laypeople as well as clergy.

The cathedral is exploring use of its website to offer webcasts of sermons and services and to provide distance learning, a technology Lloyd admits, “doesn’t work well with our generation,”

noted above.

6. Cease to support those congregations that will not or cannot engage in positive change.

7. Reallocate diocesan assets to those ministries which are functionally healthy, meet the agreed upon criteria, and that are living out the diocesan vision and strategically supportive of it.

8. Continue to change accordingly, in light of improved understanding of ourselves as a diocesan system that has the power, or lack of it, to mobilize our congregations for health and effectiveness.

The Parish Finance and Assessment Commission has already begun working with these goals in mind, basing their decision-making process on a set of values that begins with the questions: “Where is God leading this ministry? Would your community be significantly diminished if your church disappeared today? Is this a wise use of the sacrificial gifts of other parishes? That is, will this ministry benefit from the financial assistance from

but which will be necessary if the “voice” is to be heard by younger people. Podcasts of sermons are already available.

As a “place of reconciliation,” Lloyd said, the cathedral has called Canon John Peterson, former secretary general of the Anglican Communion, as its first Canon for Global Justice and Reconciliation and director of the Center for Global Justice and Reconciliation of the Cathedral College. Last

• For more information on Washington National Cathedral, its programs, mission and ministries, go to www.cathedral.org. To offer observations, opinions or suggestions on the mission of the National Cathedral in the 21st century, email vision@cathedral.org.



• Dean Samuel Lloyd speaks at the Duncan Center.

fall the cathedral hosted a conference with African leaders on the Millennium Development Goals. It sponsors an annual Abrahamic Roundtable, at which representatives of Judaism, Christianity and Islam meet to consider how each of the three faiths addresses a common theme.

WNC is looking at ways to collaborate with people and organizations that are already working on reconciliation, such as the Center for Faith and Politics and the Duke Divinity School.

Perhaps one of the most challenging opportunities to practice a ministry of reconciliation, Lloyd says, is in the cathedral’s own backyard, Washington, D.C., where generations of racism and poverty divide people and churches. The cathedral is working to bring black and white congregations together on a regular basis, so that they can begin to “come to terms with the past” and address present needs and conflicts.

Lloyd stressed the importance of “a living, breathing community at the heart of the cathedral’s life.” The cathedral has a congregation, as well as more than 1,400 local volunteers and the communities of the cathedral schools.

“There is a community there,” he says. “We have to help them find each other... Probably the most radical thing I’ve done since I’ve been there has been to start serving coffee after church.”

Another essential part of the cathedral community, he said, is the National Cathedral Association, with its 14,000 members throughout the country. He urged the people of Southeast Florida — not just Episcopalians — to become involved in forming

and supporting the vital mission of this cathedral for the whole nation.

“It’s not just a beautiful place on top of a hill in the middle of Washington,” he said, “but a place that draws people in... and gives them the tools to do God’s work.”

other parishes? What is the best use of diocesan resources in fulfilling the Diocesan Vision & Mission? Will an investment in this ministry bear fruit in the long run?”

The Commission has also developed a list of criteria for parishes receiving diocesan support. These criteria include such factors as: willingness, ability and initiative to help self; number of persons receiving ministry; management of financial resources; awareness and ability to adapt to changing demographics; and clear statement as to what the parish has done, is doing, and hopes to accomplish in fulfilling its Ministry Plan. First on the list is the question: “Does this ministry help to fulfill the Diocesan Vision and Mission?”

With the support of the Executive Board, the Joint Committee on Congregational Development will continue its work, but without a specific timeline for completion of final recommendations. The committee’s next meeting is May 3.

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Episcopal Foundation needs your financial support

"Funding Parish Ministries — Transforming Lives" is more than just a letterhead slogan for the Southeast Florida Episcopal Foundation. In fact, it is what the Foundation is about and has been doing since it was established in 1998.

From its inception, the Foundation has been actively involved in ensuring the financial well being of our congregations. Planned giving programs, endowment fund workshops, and will clinics have been offered in close to 40 congregations, and are available to any congregation that wants information on these aspects of

stewardship.

During the past four years, the Foundation has also been providing direct funding for ministry. Through the Smith Charity Fund, the Foundation has awarded approximately \$600,000 in grants to more than 35 different congregations throughout the diocese for a wide range of parish-based outreach ministries. By God's grace, lives have in fact been changed through such ministries as feeding programs for seniors, after-school programs for middle school children and summer camp enrichment programs for migrant children.

The Smith Fund has also provided emergency relief grants for parishes and parishioners affected by Hurricane Wilma.

Your financial support is vital to the Foundation's continued ability to help our congregations and parishioners live into our diocesan vision: "Bring Them In, Build Them Up, Send Them Out, Tend Their Needs and Harvest God's Fruit." Please consider being a financial partner with the Foundation by enclosing your donation in the envelope provided in this issue of *The Net*. Be a part of ministries that transform lives.

Grant application workshop May 2

The Southeast Florida Episcopal Foundation is offering a Grant Application Workshop for those interested in applying for 2007 grants from the diocesan Human Needs budget and/or the Smith Charity Fund. The workshop will be May 2 from 10 a.m. to noon, with lunch included, at St. Mark the Evangelist, Ft. Lauderdale. For information contact Ellen Stone St. John at estonestjohn@adelphia.net.

More than 400 participate in annual Acolyte Festival

More than 400 acolytes, youth and adults, gathered at St.

Thomas, Coral Gables, on March 4 for the annual diocesan Acolyte Festival, which now frequently surpasses even Diocesan Convention in the number of participants.

The morning was spent in lively learning. There were opportunities for each acolyte to choose two of ten workshops that ranged from "Why We Do What We Do," "Music and the Liturgy" and "Preparing the Sanctuary for Worship" to labyrinth walks, and

hands-on opportunities to practice swinging a thurible to make "Holy Smoke" or to try

on elegant vestments. In another popular workshop, 13-year-old Katie Reeves of All Saints, Ft. Lauderdale, explained the Anglican Rosary and helped the acolytes make prayer beads.

At the festival Eucharist that ended the day's activities, acolytes processed with crosses and banners from their parishes, renewed their baptismal vows and were commissioned by Bishop Leo Frade for their ministry at the altar.

The bishop presented awards of honor to the acolytes chosen by each parish to be recognized for faithful service. (See box, below).

The preacher for the service was the Rev. M. Katherine Tate,

director of Youth, Young Adult and Higher Education Ministry for the Diocese of Southwest Florida.

Speaking of Jesus' sending the 12 disciples out to "proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal," she urged the acolytes to trust God to provide what's needed for their journeys as they follow Jesus' call.

Tate reminded them of the example of Fr. Mychal Judge, the firefighter chaplain who died ministering to others on 9/11.

"I pray that each of us can be faithful servants of Christ," she said, "...to go out with faith and good courage... I hope that each of us can be a light in the world and agents of God's healing power."



Mary Gray-Reeves

MAKING ROSARIES

• Katie Reeves (kneeling, center) of All Saints, Ft. Lauderdale, shows fellow acolytes from Holy Cross, Miami, how to make Anglican rosaries.



• Bishop Frade presents an award of honor to Jared Liverpool from Church of the Atonement, Lauderhill.

Honored acolytes

Simone Allen, Trinity Cathedral; Keira Arnold, Historic St. Agnes, Miami; Wayne Barnes, Jr., Grace, West Palm Beach; Brandon Bullock, St. Faith's, Homestead; Jeremy Cunningham, St. John's, Hollywood; Ashley Davenport, St. Anne's, Hallandale Beach; Johann Douglas, St. Mary Magdalene, Coral Springs; Sacha Franklin-Jeune, St. Christopher's, West Palm Beach; Takya Gardener, St. Peter's, Key West; Bradley Harrington, All Angels', Miami Springs; Kristy Hennessey, St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Pompano Beach; Tarica Labossiere, St. Matthew's, Delray Beach; Elodie Lambert, Resurrection, Biscayne Park; Jared Liverpool, Atonement, Lauderdale Lakes; Wesley McPhee, III, Transfiguration, Miami Gardens; Rebecca Milne, St. Benedict's, Plantation; Francis Morlu, St. David's-in-the-Pines, Wellington; Erika Nnadi, St. Margaret's, Miami Lakes; Derrell Parker, Incarnation, Miami; Pamela Pacheco, St. James-in-the-Hills, Hollywood; Georgell Peckoo, St. Bernard de Clairvaux, North Miami Beach; Jackie Prado, Holy Comforter, Miami; Errol Riley, St. Kevin's, Opa-locka; Robert Riley, Christ Church, Coconut Grove (Miami); Marcial Roman, Holy Cross, Miami; Margaret Rowland, St. Andrew's, Miami; Brayan Sanchez, Holy Redeemer, Lake Worth; Rashaun Sharry, St. Patrick's, West Palm Beach; Justin Tejera, St. Thomas, Coral Gables; Alain Whelock Veillard-Panza, St. Andrew's, Hollywood; Megan Williams, Holy Family, Miami Gardens.

Annual conference focuses on role of deacons

On March 10 and 11, the deacons of the diocese gathered at the Duncan Center for their Fifth Annual Conference, a time for fellowship, worship and discussing with Bishop Leo Frade their shared vision of the role of diaconal ministry in the mission of the diocese.

After a social hour and dinner on Friday evening, Frade met with the deacons for conversation on his vision for the diocese and the role of the deacons in that vision. Ten items were brought up for discussion, including continuing education, mentoring

and liturgical guidelines; and some new standards for diaconal ministry were adopted.

Deacons will now be required to have 24 hours of continuing education yearly, including conferences, school and self-study. They will report this to both Canon Howarth "Hap" Lewis, the diocesan Canon for Deacons, and to the bishop. The reports are due on each deacon's anniversary of ordination.

As Frade told the Executive Board the following week, the deacons expressed concern for the need for a clearer understanding in the diocese of

what diaconal ministry is — that they are "not just glorified acolytes or junior priests."

It was decided that in addition to regular liturgical duties, each deacon will also be asked to take on, with mentoring, one of the following areas of ministry: colleges and universities; prisons; nursing homes and homebound elderly; environmental and social justice issues; Seafarers' House; and ministries to the poor and homeless.

At present there are 27 active deacons in the diocese and five or six in (or beginning) the process toward ordination.

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Michael Battle visits Saint Andrew's School

By Mary Ellen Cassini

On Sunday, Feb. 12, the Rev. Michael Battle, PhD, led a service of Justice and Reconciliation at the Chapel of Saint Andrew, Boca Raton. Clergy and members of St. Paul's and St. Matthew's, Delray Beach, along with the school community of Saint Andrew's School, also participated in this Black History Month observance. The joint service was an opportunity for church and school communities who had not experienced each other before to worship together.

The Reverends Steve Zimmerman, Marcia Beam, Chip Stokes, Kathleen Gannon, Mary Beth Wells, as well as School Chaplains Mary Ellen Cassini and Matthew Kozłowski, assisted Battle at the Eucharist. The adult and youth choirs from St. Matthew's, along with the Delray Community Choirs provided music.

Battle spoke to Saint Andrew's students the next day in two school chapel programs. His message for the kindergarten through eighth graders was that they need to follow "superheroes" like Harriet Tubman and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who reveal strong ethics. He told students that his favorite superhero is Jesus Christ.

He also spoke to the Upper School students about other cultures and religions, and encouraged them to be unafraid of experiencing

extraordinary encounters with people from around the world. According to Battle, and his mentor, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, "Ubuntu, as life in relation to God and neighbor, nourished by worship, manifests the church's integrity to show a hostile society a better way to determine identity than through an implicit cosmology of violence."



Battle

After his visit to Saint Andrew's, Battle returned to our diocese as leader of the Clergy Retreat.

Battle currently serves as Associate Dean of Academic Studies and Associate Professor of Theology at Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria, Va.

He lived in residence with Archbishop Desmond Tutu in South Africa for two years, 1993-1994 and was ordained a priest by Tutu in South Africa in 1993. The focus of his ministry and writing is Christian non-violence and the spirituality of the African Church.

Mary Ellen Cassini is a chaplain at Saint Andrew's School.

Holy Cross seeks former parishioners for centennial celebration

Holy Cross/Santa Cruz, Miami, is planning a centennial celebration the weekend of Sept. 16 and 17, commemorating the first services held in the Buena Vista neighborhood in 1906 by the fledgling congregation that was later incorporated as Holy Cross.

The parish, where Bishop Leo Frade began his ministry as a deacon in 1977, has been a Hispanic ministry since 1983.

Centennial planners are hoping to locate as many former members as possible, especially those from the English-speaking congregations prior to 1983 who may have moved away.

Tentative plans include festive Eucharists in both English and Spanish and a dinner. There will definitely be music from the rector, Fr. Leonel Ortez, his family and the youth of the parish.

For more information, or if you can help with contacting former parishioners, whether English or Spanish speaking, call the church office, 305-576-0852, or Martha Richards, 954-989-9718.

Holy Family ECW hosts Canon Angela Ifill

Canon Angela Ifill, Missioner for Black Ministries in the Episcopal Church, was the guest of the Episcopal Church Women of Holy Family, Miami Gardens for their ECW Weekend, Feb. 11-12.

At a Saturday brunch in the Clinton Brown Parish Hall, Ifill led ECW members in a discussion that ranged over such issues as missionary work, the state of the church as it relates to the black community and what might be done to attract more people of color to the Episcopal Church.

On ECW Sunday, Ifill was the preacher at the 10 a.m. service, which drew a large congregation from the community and other churches.

During the service the parish recognized several outstanding women, including Daisy May Marsh, at age 104 the oldest member of Holy Family; young ECW member Megan Williams; Most Honored Woman nominee Francesca Onyejuruwa; and Tameika Pottinger, a young attorney from the community.

A native of Trinidad, Ifill began her work at the National Church Center as Missioner for Black Ministries in the Episcopal Church in 2004.

She has also served as a member of the delegation of the Anglican Observer to the United Nations at the World Conference on Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance, and is a student of African Christianity.

Based on material provided by Eugenie Henry, ECW president, Holy Family, Miami Gardens.



Ifill



• Upper School Students Zekeya Hall, Tara Robinson, Caleb Raymond and Krysta Markus from Saint Andrew's School lead the Prayers of the People at the Feb. 12 Service of Justice and Reconciliation.

Boyer provides history and harmony at music workshop

By Mary W. Cox, editor

When Horace Clarence Boyer leads a workshop on the songs in the Lift Every Voice and Sing II hymnal, it's part history lesson, part choir practice, part revival and entirely, as he describes music, "an opportunity to see God through the voice of the angels."

On March 4 at St. Benedict's, Plantation, 130 people listened, sang, laughed, wept, swayed and even did a little dancing in the aisle as Boyer led them through the rich tradition of African-American sacred music.

Boyer, Professor Emeritus of Music Theory and African-American Music at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and editor of the LEVAS hymnal, began the day with some history: Like him (Boyer is a native of Winter Park), the song "Lift Every Voice and Sing" was born in Florida.

In 1899 poet James Weldon Johnson, who was principal of Stanton High School in Jacksonville, asked his brother to compose music for his poem so that the students could perform it at a Lincoln Day celebration. It was sung for the

first time Feb. 12, 1899. By 1949, the song had become "The Negro National Anthem," sung at all gatherings of black people.

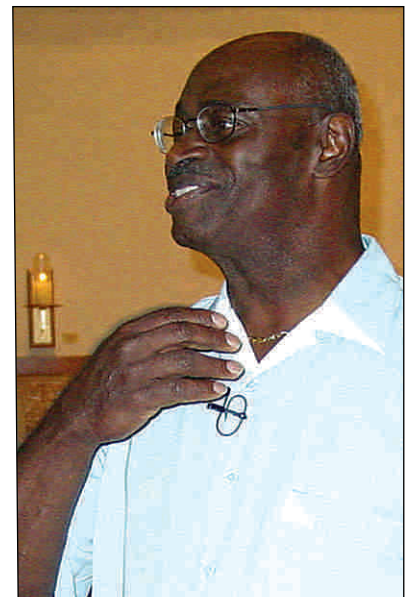
Boyer recalled from his childhood seeing old black women singing "Lift Every Voice." "By the second stanza, they began to resume their youthful stature... they always held up their heads as if they were looking at something."

By the time workshop participants sang "Lift Every Voice," the song's history resonated through every note.

With each song, Boyer taught something about African-American music.

To accommodate the rhythm brought by slaves from their West African musical tradition, "sometimes we have to adjust the words a little."

"You don't have to sing what's



Boyer

in the book..." "Wandering couplets" can be added to whatever song is being sung.

"The Lord doesn't like too much melody without harmony... he didn't make all of us black — he made some of you white, and brown and yellow and red — for the harmony, the harmony of the spheres."

Profits from the workshop had been intended for purchase of Lift Every Voice hymnals for St. Benedict's, but a substantial donation meant the books were already there for use by workshop participants. St. Benedict's rector, Fr. Bob Deshaies, said that any proceeds from the event would help the parish to buy additional copies.

Boyer concluded his weekend at St. Benedict's by leading music at the parish's 10 a.m. service on Sunday, March 5.

Obituary

Fr. W. Gammon Jarrell, retired priest

Fr. W. Gammon Jarrell, who served

as associate rector of St. Thomas, Coral Gables, from 1987 to 1993, died Feb. 8 in Miami, where he was visiting his sons. He was 83.

Jarrell was born in Durant, Okla., Sept. 30, 1922. A graduate of the

Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest, he was ordained in the Diocese of Texas. He served parishes in that diocese, in the Diocese of Missouri and in the Diocese of Georgia before coming to Southeast Florida.

In retirement he assisted at St. Peter's, Skidaway Island, Savannah, Ga., where he was interred with his wife, the late Carter C. F. Jarrell.

He is survived by three sons, a daughter and eight grandchildren.

Committed to MISSION

Our Little Roses is “family” for SE Florida parishes

For several congregations in our diocese, the girls at Our Little Roses home and school in San Pedro Sula, Honduras, have become an extension of the parish family, as more mission teams visit and more parishes and parishioners make the commitment to sponsor a girl.

Founded in 1988 by Diana Frade, the wife of Bishop Leo Frade, Our Little Roses provides a home and education for girls who are orphaned, abandoned or abused, as well as a bilingual school, health clinics and a range of other ministries for women and children.

In December, 2005, a team of 20 members of St. Mark's, Palm Beach Gardens, spent a week at OLR, building, painting, cleaning and repairing, but most importantly, spending time with the girls. Together, the girls and their guests went to the beach, visited a coffee plantation, toured the Mayan ruins at Copan and even went shopping.

Five of the girls are now sponsored by team members.

In January, Bethesda-by-the-Sea, Palm Beach, sent its fourth team to OLR. Writing in the *Bethesda Bulletin*, team member Rick Miessau comments on the impact of spending time with the girls, who have come to the home because they were orphaned, abandoned or abused:

“A gesture as simple as a hug or a smile can touch the depths of your soul when it comes from an innocent child who has experienced the worst life has dealt.... Painting a wall may seem a mundane chore, but when the color and the freshness brighten a home where so much suffering is being overcome, you approach the job with much more enthusiasm. The simple act of taking the time to sit and talk or listen can brighten the eyes of a girl who is battling demons inconceivable to us, and who likely feels as if the rest of the world has written her off...”

“The seemingly happy faces of these girls hide the harsh reality that they have suffered deep emotional pain and have been forced to fight for their survival at an age when children should be blanketed in the comfort of nurturing parents.”

“It is from this perspective that acts of kindness, compassion, and giving are viewed as extraordinary by the girls and the caretakers at Our Little Roses Ministries.”

Bethesda has already scheduled another trip to Our Little Roses in January 2007.

Teams from St. Paul's, Delray Beach, and Chapel of St. Andrew, Boca Raton, visited in March, and other parishes plan trips later in the year.

Diana Frade was the preacher, and the bishop was celebrant, at the 6 p.m. service March 11 at St. Andrew's, Lake Worth. A fund-raising dinner after the service, sponsored by Integrity Palm Beach, brought in more than \$3,500 for Our Little Roses.

For more information on Our Little Roses, go to www.ourlittleroses.org.



Alex Symington

• Children line up for classes at the elementary school operated by the Sisters of the Transfiguration near San Pedro de Macroix, Dominican Republic.

Keys parishioners make annual visit to mission in Dominican Republic

Alex Symington of St. Paul's, Key West, has been involved with the ministries of the Episcopal Sisters of the Transfiguration in the Dominican Republic for 12 years.



In January, he made his annual trip to the Sisters' mission, Centro Buen Pastor, in Barrio Las Flores outside San Pedro de Macorix, accompanied by fellow parishioner Ricky Jackson and Peter Sehlinger of St. Columba, Marathon. The men came bearing gifts — cash donations from their parishes; printer cartridges that they had purchased, knowing that these are prohibitively expensive in DR; and two large suitcases full of children's

clothing donated from the thrift shop at St. Peter's, Key West.

The Sisters' facilities now include a clinic, an elementary school and a new chapel, which Symington says was still under construction when he was there last year. On this trip the men painted several rooms in the clinic and two rooms in the school.

For information on ministries in the Diocese of the Dominican Republic, one of our companion dioceses, visit www.dominicanepiscopalchurch.org. For more information on how to help the ministries of the Sisters of the Transfiguration, contact Symington at madmaud@bellsouth.net.

• Fred Schwartz of St. Mark's and one of the “roses” enjoy a conversation.



• Rick Miessau of Bethesda-by-the-Sea collaborates on a drawing with two of the girls at Our Little Roses.

Committed to MISSION

St. Laurence Chapel resumes Sunday services

Prayer — led by clergy and laypersons of various denominations — is a daily part of the ministry to the homeless at St. Laurence Chapel in Pompano Beach.

But in January, regular Episcopal Sunday worship resumed at the Chapel, a ministry founded and supported in part by our diocese.

A van picks up clients who choose to attend at the corner of Dixie Highway and Martin Luther King Blvd. in Pompano Beach at 12:30 p.m. each Sunday for the service and the lunch that follows, and returns them to that location at 2:30 p.m.

Clergy from the Broward Deanery are alternating as celebrants at the 1 p.m. services. St. Nicholas, All Saints', St. Ambrose, St. James-in-the-Hills and St. Martin's were among the first to commit their clergy and parishioners to be part of the services and to visit with the Chapel's clients at lunch after the service.

Deacon Peter Wallace from St. Ambrose, Ft. Lauderdale, a member of the Chapel's Board of Directors, led the first service on Jan. 22, with music provided by his band-mates in The Mighty Band of God.

Chapel Board President M. Kathleen Bass says, "It has been our dream for a long time to re-establish Sunday worship services. We're off to a great start."

She adds that Board member Eilene Wallace, Deacon Wallace's wife, was instrumental in recruiting the Broward churches to participate.

Chapel Executive Director Pat Wald says, "I have to say how supportive the Broward Deanery has been... Sunday will always be an Episcopal service — that's very important to us."

Based on material provided by Mary Lou Ricker, a member of the St. Laurence Chapel Board of Directors.

- Parishioners from around the diocese are encouraged to attend the services at the Chapel. Directions to St. Laurence Chapel: Exit I-95 at Copans Road in Pompano Beach. West on Copans Road to Blount Road (just before the Florida Turnpike). Left (south) on Blount Road (a short 1/2 mile). Look for the yellow building on the left with a big flag in front. St. Laurence Chapel occupies the south end of the building, which it shares with Broward Outreach Center.

Pat Wald named Executive Director at SLC

Pat Wald, a member of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Pompano Beach, was recently named Executive Director of St. Laurence Chapel.

Wald, who has been serving as Interim Executive Director for the past year, has volunteered at the Chapel in a variety of capacities for nearly ten years.

She was president of the Chapel's Board of Directors during the 2000-2001 negotiations with the city for the move of the facility from downtown Pompano Beach to its present location in the Broward Outreach Center on Blount Road.

Wald is positive about the future of the ministry at SLC. "I know God is working here," she says. "Things are happening that are good for St. Laurence and the people that we serve."



Wald

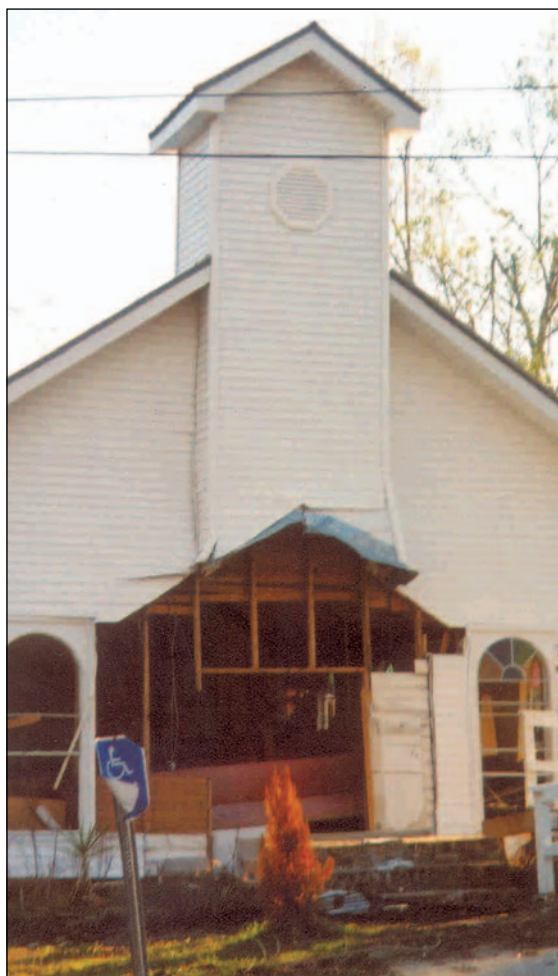
Pat Wald

Deacon's birthday gift gives hope to small Gulf Coast town

What Deacon Valerie Vernon wanted for her birthday was "to go on a mission." Members of her parish, St. Nicholas, Pompano Beach, led by its Daughters of the King president, Dr. Dannel Anschuetz, decided to give their deacon that birthday present.

Anschuetz's sister, Melody Thompson, who is a member of the Army Corps of Engineers, had told her about the devastation that Hurricane Katrina brought to the village of Pearlington, Miss., and its 2,500 people. The town has no mayor or city commission to request government assistance, so its needs after the storm had received little attention.

By early January the town had some electrical service restored and had received a government voucher for \$25,000 to purchase food, but everything else was



Joan Engskow

- Moldy Bibles and hymnals spill out onto the front steps of the ruined 193-year-old Methodist church building in Pearlington, Miss. The congregation hopes to rebuild and to help the community's other churches rebuild. Before Katrina, Pearlington had one grocery store, one gas station, one bar and churches. None of those buildings survived the storm.

lacking. There were no stores, no gas stations, no schools, no phones, and most families were living in campers or were still in a shelter in the school building. Eight churches had been destroyed.

Pearlington would get Vernon's birthday gift.

St. Nicholas sent out an appeal to the diocese for supplies needed in the town — everything from diapers and rubber boots to building supplies and ceiling fans — and the boxes immediately began to pile up at the church, adding to supplies already donated by the parish.

Before dawn on Feb. 2, Anschuetz, Vernon and six other parishioners were given a "Cursillo send-off" as they climbed into a fully loaded truck for their mission to Mississippi.

They were met in Pearlington the next day by their local contact, tugboat captain Larry Randall, who had arranged a drop-off center for the supplies brought by the team from St. Nicholas.

Vernon and her team spent her birthday, Feb. 4, in Pearlington, and headed home the following day, committed to a lasting partnership between St. Nicholas' congregation and the people of the small town in Mississippi.

- Homes in Pearlington that are still standing sustained severe damage from Hurricane Katrina.



Valerie Vernon



- Deacon Peter Wallace gives communion to worshippers at the Sunday Eucharist at St. Laurence Chapel.