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## Bishop ordains two to the priesthood

By Christi Shaw, Editor

Robin Ritter Hatzenbuehler and Laura Foster Gettys were ordained by the Rt. Rev. Don E. Johnson, Bishop of West Tennessee, to the sacred order of the priesthood on Jan. 7 at Grace-St. Luke's Church in Memphis.

The service was attended by parishioners, friends and family of the ordinands, and clergy from throughout the Diocese. Bishop Johnson was celebrant and preacher.

"Today two women come to be ordained into a particular aspect of that common baptismal ministry which we all share as members of the priesthood of all believers," Bishop Johnson said in his ordination sermon. "And today they are charged with the power and responsibility to proclaim the Good News of God revealed in Jesus with hearts that call the believing world to rejoice and the darkened world to believe."

Both candidates were ordained to the transitional diaconate in June 2005 - Hatzenbuehler by Bishop Johnson at St. Mary's Cathedral in Memphis, and Gettys by Bishop Michael B. Curry at Church of the Good Shepherd in Raleigh, North Carolina, where she remains canonically resident.

Hatzenbuehler graduated summa cum laude in May 2005 from Memphis Theological



The Rev. Laura Foster Gettys and the Rev. Robin Ritter Hatzenbuehler were ordained to the sacred order of the priesthood by the Rt. Rev. Don E. Johnson on Jan. 7 at Grace-St. Luke's Church in Memphis. (Photo by Christi Shaw)

Seminary, where she received the Mary Elliott Miller Award as the most outstanding female student. She will continue serving as curate at Grace-St. Luke's, her sponsoring parish and where she has been part of the clergy staff since becoming a

deacon. Prior to her call to ordained ministry, Hatzenbuehler enjoyed a career as a speech pathologist and holds degrees from Rhodes College and the University of Memphis. She and her husband, Dan, are the parents of two grown children.

"As I approached my ordination to the priesthood, I remembered something a seminary professor told me a few years back," Hatzenbuehler said. "He had participated in the ordination of another priest from this diocese, John Patterson, and had congratulated him on his ordination. My professor said he always remembered John's response: 'Now I have to become who I am.'"

"I have thought a lot about that response, and I find it very helpful and insightful as I look ahead. Who I am was determined at my baptism. The priesthood will involve living into who I already am. What an adventure!"

Gettys, a native Memphian, was ordained to the priesthood in her home parish of Grace-St. Luke's by Bishop Johnson on behalf of Bishop Curry. A graduate of St. Mary's Episcopal School and Rhodes College, she was a teacher in New Orleans and Charlotte, North Carolina prior to beginning seminary. In New Orleans, she taught in the inner city at an under-resourced school through Teach for America. In Charlotte, she helped begin Trinity Episcopal School and developed religious curriculum and taught religious studies classes.

Gettys is a graduate of Virginia Theological Seminary, where she was class president and student

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### "Yes, We'll Gather at the River"

The 25th Annual Convention of  
The Diocese of West Tennessee  
Thurs., Feb. 23 - Sat., Feb. 25, 2006  
Calvary Church in Memphis

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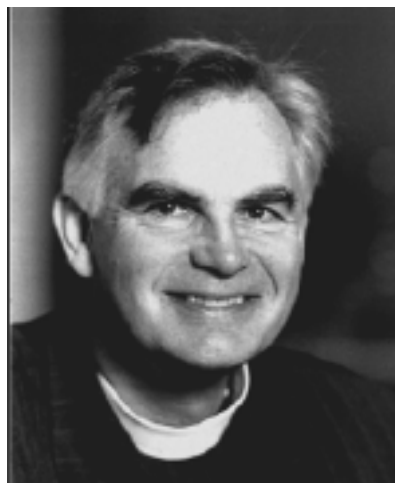


## FROM THE BISHOP

# An act of faith, intention and hope

Convention comes to us as a word derived from linguistic roots meaning "to come together, be suitable, agree." We use it as a short hand for "a legislative assembly" and as a synonym for "custom." Our annual diocesan Convention convenes in late February with the hope of accomplishing both. We hope to come together in an atmosphere that is suitably agreeable to do the customary work of the Church. We are to gather to be an assembly of God about the work of God for the sake of the world into which God has sent us. To do this work of convention we are called to be a praying, discerning and responsive people. In preparation for our proximate assembly, I ask you to be about this prayer work of God even now.

Coming into, during, and following the assembly of saints in West Tennessee, we can be about no more important work. It is in this way that we become the assembly, the ekklesia, the Church, the Body of Christ in and for the sake of the world. The Benedictine description of the special duty of prayer as the monks' first responsibility to God has long been described as the *Opus Dei*, Latin for "the work of God." It is not to monks, nuns and clergy that this work has been given as our primary responsibility. Let us all bend to this great work with our sisters and brothers around the world. Let us be a world-wide convention of people in prayerful response to the calling we have each received individually in our local settings. Not all alike in our personal circumstances, let us be alike in our responsiveness to Christ's call to go, preach, teach and baptize in the name



The Rt. Rev. Don E. Johnson

of the Triune God.

Does this mean that we always agree or even understand one another as we are locally about this global mission of *Opus Dei*, prayer translated into transformed lives of discipleship? Obviously, the answer is no. However, this is an obvious answer with biblical precedence at its root. Bishop N.T. Wright wrote of this in his 1997 book, *For All God's Worth*. Reflecting on a particular tension in the modern day Church, he recalls the history of how the Church has dealt with such situations in the past. I leave you with his reflections as a way to call us to continued prayer, discernment and responsiveness to God and one another. The parenthetical additions are mine.

In Bishop Wright's words, "What if we (the Church) have identity crises, if we live with ambiguities and face problems we can't solve overnight? Is that not what being a Christian is all about? As Paul continues, we are taken for imposters, and yet are genuine; dying, and behold we live; in

pain, yet always full of joy; poor, yet making many rich; having nothing, yet possessing everything (II Corinthians 6:8b-10). Paul is not describing an occasional unfortunate lapse from the norm. This is normal Christian existence.

"It is because people forget this that much nonsense is spoken and written today. From time to time in the UK (and US), certain journalists enjoy mocking the Church of England (and the Episcopal Church USA) for having lost its nerve. We are hopelessly divided, they say, heading for ruin, going round in circles like a rudderless ship, with our leaders in disarray and our people in confusion. The evidence they cite consists, often enough, of quotations from each other, and from a suspiciously short list of would-be spokesmen (they're usually men) from the church. [Note: This last parenthetical observation is Bishop Wright's own.]

"I wonder which world these people live in? Where is it written in scripture that we can expect the church to be free from financial problems, from doctrinal controversy, from difficulties about leadership, from deep personal and corporate anxieties? Where is it written in history that there ever was such a church? Where is it written in theology that God demands such perfection? Go back to Paul's second letter to Corinth and you will find that it concerns exactly these issues. And Paul addresses his readers in Corinth, not with carping criticism, but with the power of love; not with sneering put-downs about what a shabby lot they were in Corinth, but with the gospel of

Jesus; not with cynicism, but with the cross.

"And with the cross ... is the be-all and end-all of the gospel. It is the cross that generates celebration and offers healing. It is all God's work: the cross speaks of the God who didn't send someone else to do the dirty work but came and did it himself; of the God who lived in our midst and died our death; of the god who now entrusts us with that same vocation. Because of the cross, being a Christian, or being a church (or being a diocese), does not mean claiming that we've got it all together. It means claiming that God's got it all together; and that we are merely, as Paul says, those who are overwhelmed by his love. A cathedral (or any church assembled) is not the triumphalistic sign of a careless power and prestige; it is the covenant sign of a suffering love, the symphony in stone in honour of the Servant King."

We are soon to convene as the assembly of Christ's Church. We are to be about the work of God, the *Opus Dei*, of committed discipleship. This is a work into which we bring our differing gifts and our unified hope. It is to this assembly that I now invite you. Come early and get a good seat. The stakes are high. And the work of God is waiting to be done once again by the likes of you and me. God help us, and by God's grace we shall be helped.

### Bishop's Calendar February 2006

- 2 Clericus Meeting, St. Mary's Cathedral, 10 a.m.
- 5 Bishop's Visitation, Church of the Annunciation
- 5-7 Bishop's Meeting, Tampa, Florida
- 9 Finance Committee, Diocesan House, noon
- 10 Resolutions Hearing, Church of the Holy Communion, 7 p.m.
- 11 Resolutions Hearing, St. Luke's, Jackson, 10 a.m.
- 12 Bishop's Visitation, Christ Church, Brownsville
- 14 Cathedral Administrative Team, Diocesan House, noon
- 16 Bishop and Council, St. Columba Conference Center, 9:30 a.m.
- 19 Bishop's Visitation, Church of the Good Shepherd Happening Closing, St. Columba Conference Center
- 20 Evensong, Church of the Holy Communion, 5:30 p.m.
- 23-25 Diocesan Convention, Calvary, Memphis

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The Diocese of West Tennessee: 11,391 total baptized members in 34 congregations in West Tennessee.



## Holy Apostles groundbreaking

Participating in Church of the Holy Apostles' groundbreaking ceremony on Nov. 20 for a new church and parish hall in Collierville were the Rev. Barkley Thompson, rector; Linda Kerley, mayor of Collierville; Metcalf Crump, project architect; Chris Jameson, general contractor; Bob Capra, senior warden; and Bishop Johnson. (Photo by Christi Shaw)

## Ordination

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body vice president.

She currently is part of the clergy staff at Historic Christ Church in Alexandria, Va. She is in her first year at Christ Church as a clergy fellow and resident through The Foundations for Spiritual

Leadership program awarded to her through the Lilly Endowment Inc. She is the daughter of Grace-St. Luke's communicants Brad and Susan Foster. Her husband, Josh, is a teacher.

"Memphis and the Diocese deeply shaped the first 21 years of my life," Gettys said. "Growing up

at Grace-St. Luke's had a significant impact on my call to ordained ministry. I began the discernment process here, so it seems so right and appropriate to return here for my ordination. This place and the people here are home for me. What a gift and homecoming this has been!"

## Newly Confirmed

In November and December 2005, Bishop Johnson made seven visitations to congregations in the Diocese. During those visitations, he confirmed or received the following nine people into the Episcopal Church:

Calvary, Memphis  
Susan Clement

St. Mary's, Dyersburg  
Robert William Toth (received)  
Anita Pierson Najdek (received)

Katelin Kelsey Burns  
Brigitte Lee Anderson  
James Clifton Hawkins  
Teresa Stavely Hawkins

Kelden Kienitz  
St. Mary's Cathedral, Memphis  
David Bruce Mays

*A warm welcome to each of you!*

## Diocesan Deaths

Calvary  
Helen French  
Mary Robinson  
Bee Vance

Holy Communion  
Sarah Glassco  
Mopsy Holbert  
Scottie Noell Rembert

Grace-St. Luke's  
William N. Wilkinson

Immanuel LaGrange  
Nancy Hall

Saint John's  
Frank W. Andrus, Jr.  
Virginia Taylor Gibson  
Henry H. Haizlip, Jr.  
Anne Laurie Germaine Smith

October, November, December 2005  
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## ECW elects new officers



The Episcopal Church Women (ECW) of West Tennessee held its annual luncheon meeting, with a Eucharist and installation of officers for 2006, on Nov. 19 at Church of the Holy Communion in Memphis. Clergy and ECW officers at the event included Dot Neale, 2005 president; the Rev. Mimsy Jones, Calvary Church; Bishop Johnson; Rose Green, recording secretary, Emmanuel Church; Sibyl McKellar, president, Holy Communion; Shirley Bilger, vice president, St. Elisabeth's Church; and the Rev. Katherine Bush, Holy Communion. Incoming officers not pictured are Laurie Monypenny, treasurer, Calvary; and Ginger Acuff, corresponding secretary, Grace-St. Luke's Church.

# Fall Festivals

## Redeemer hosts candle-lit supper club

**By June Scrivener**

On Saturday evening, Nov. 12, the sanctuary of Church of the Redeemer, 3100 Houston Levee Road, was transformed into an intimate, candle-lit supper club as members and guests feasted on a variety of chili and fixings while listening to a musical menu as varied as the chili recipes.

Redeemer Music Team member Marty Kempke coordinated the event and served as master of ceremonies. Guitarists J.T. Shaheen and Eric Martin, also Redeemer musicians, opened the festivities, followed by the father-and-son duo Pat and Elliot Calfee singing Tennessee

Ernie Ford's "Sixteen Tons." Will Renfroe, 7, delighted us with his solo, "Everywhere I Go."

Headlining the evening were the exquisite harmonies and hand-clapping rhythms of True Foundation, a group of young adults, under the direction of Tony Dickerson, who began singing together 11 years ago in the children's choir at the Emmanuel Episcopal Center. These rising stars of Memphis gospel music will soon release their first CD.

As a delightful change of pace, diners were next treated to Celtic music performed by a quartet from the University of Memphis, includ-

ing Redeemer Music Director Michael Parsons, piano and hammered dulcimer; Shannon Kelley, violin; Glennbruce Campbell, recorder and bass; and Robert Feol, guitar.

Not all of the evening's entertainment was musical. Cathy Calfee, a self-described "northern girl" transplanted from Ohio, took the mike with her original monologue "Mrs. Ambercrombie," the story of a sherry-sipping, sciatica-suffering southern belle caring for her husband's forgetful grandmother.

Tom Knowles, who with his wife, Julie, teaches voice, dance,

and fencing at their Collierville Arts Academy, blessed us with a set of contemporary Christian praise music in his clear, folk singer's tenor, accompanied by guitar.

Closing the program were the Mike Lee Three, who jammed with rock, country, and R&B while church members exchanged the supper club ambience for that of a sanctuary prepared for Sunday worship once again.

Do you love great music, food and fellowship, and worshipping the Lord? There's a place for you at Church of the Redeemer. You're invited to join us Sundays at 10 a.m.

## Emmanuel gets jazzy with Green Machine

**By Bryan Massey**

Whitehaven resident and veteran Memphis-based jazz saxophonist Herman Green and the Green Machine headlined the afternoon family-centered festival benefiting outreach programs at Emmanuel Episcopal Church. Pianist John Boatner knows quality musicians when he hears them. One of nearly 200 attending the jazz and gospel music festival held at the church last

fall, the longtime musician and parish music director appreciates such talent.

"They were skilled performers," said Boatner. "What I heard, I liked."

The parish, which boasts a number of talented, giving musicians, often holds such benefits but the festival as a fund-raiser was a first.

"I doubt it will be the last," said

the Rev. Bill Kelly, interim rector at Emmanuel, 4150 Boeingshire in Memphis. "The event clearly brought the church family together, that can never happen enough. Such events move people into things that stretch them spiritually, move them beyond themselves. Coming together this way builds community and in the church, that's always important."

The event sponsored by Emmanuel and Green Machine

Productions featured entertainment by gospel artist Darryl Miller and the New Voyages, singer Sandra Rainey, jazz musician T.J. Graham, jazz fusion group Free World and the Faith Temple COGIC dance group.

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# "Yes, We'll Gather at the River"

Agenda for the 25th Annual  
Convention of  
The Diocese of West Tennessee  
Feb. 23-25, 2005  
at Calvary Church,  
102 North Second Street in Memphis

## Thursday, February 23, 2006

- 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. Registration of clergy and lay delegates
- 5:30 p.m. Eucharist with Guest Preacher the Rt. Rev. Clifton Daniel, Bishop of The Diocese of East Carolina, Renewal of Baptismal Vows and Reaffirmation of Ordination Vows  
Renewal of Clergy Vows
- 7:00 p.m. Organizational Session on Convention
- 7:45 p.m. Convention Reception

## Friday, February 24, 2006

- 7:30 a.m. Registration and Breakfast
- 8:00 a.m. Second Business Session with Consideration of Resolutions
- 10:30 a.m. Eucharist with address by the Rt. Rev. Don Johnson, Bishop of The Diocese of West Tennessee
- Noon Lunch
- 12:20 p.m. Deadline for nominations
- 1:15 p.m. Afternoon Business Session with elections and introduction of proposed 2006 mission budget
- 4:30 p.m. Budget Hearing
- 6:30 p.m. Dinner Celebration at BRIDGES, 477 N. Fifth St.

## Saturday, February 25, 2006

- 7:30 a.m. Registration and breakfast
- 8:00 – 10:00 a.m. Workshops/Seminars (two 1-hour sessions, see page CN7 for information on presenters and topics)
- 10:00 a.m. Business Session with adoption of 2006 budget and other unfinished matters for consideration
- 11:30 a.m. Closing Eucharist

*Please note: the Rt. Rev. Duncan M. Gray III, Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, will discuss the effects of Hurricane Katrina on the diocese and the rebuilding process along the Gulf Coast on Saturday morning at a time to be determined.*

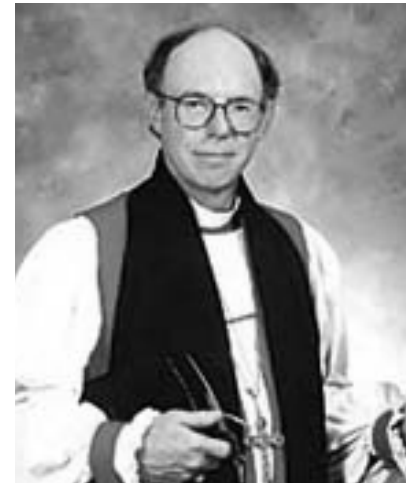
## The Rt. Rev. Clifton Daniel

The Right Reverend Clifton Daniel was elected and consecrated Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese of East Carolina in 1996 and became Diocesan Bishop in June 1997.

He was born in Goldsboro, North Carolina, on July 4, 1947. He graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Spanish/Education in 1969. He received a Master of Divinity degree from Virginia Theological Seminary, Alexandria, Virginia, in 1972. He was ordained deacon in June 1972 and priest in April 1973 in the Diocese of East Carolina. He has received Doctor of Divinity degrees from Virginia Theological Seminary in 1997 and the University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee in 1998.

Bishop Daniel was rector of St. Michael's Church, Bristol, Rhode Island, from 1984 until the time of his election and consecration. Prior to that post, he was associate rector of St. Paul's Church, Dayton, Ohio (1980-1984); rector of St. Thomas Church, Ahsokie, North Carolina (1975-1980); and curate at St. Mary's Church, Kinston, North Carolina (1972-1975).

Bishop Daniel was married to Anne



William Miller in August, 1978. The Daniels have three children: Margaret, Elizabeth and Charlotte.

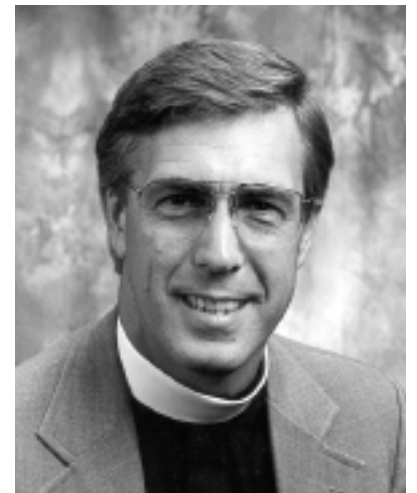
Bishop Daniel currently serves as a member of the Court of Review for the Trial of a Bishop; the Advisory Committee for the Bishop Suffragan for Military and Institutional Chaplaincies; the Standing Commission on the Structure of the Church; and is past Chair of the Board for Church Deployment. He also serves on the Board of Trustees of the University of the South and the Alumni/ae Executive Committee at Virginia Theological Seminary.

## The Rt. Rev. Duncan Gray III

Duncan Montgomery Gray III was elected bishop coadjutor of the Diocese of Mississippi in February 2000, consecrated bishop coadjutor in June 2000, and became the diocesan bishop in March 2003.

The son and grandson of former Bishops of Mississippi, Bishop Gray was born September 23, 1949, in Canton, Mississippi. He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree (magna cum laude) from The University of Mississippi in 1971. He received the Master of Divinity from Virginia Theological Seminary in 1975. He was ordained to the diaconate in 1975 and to the priesthood in 1976. He was rector of St. Peter's Church, Oxford, Mississippi from 1985 until the time of his consecration. Prior to this post, he was associate rector at Church of the Holy Communion, Memphis, Tennessee (1982-85); chaplain/assistant headmaster at Trinity Episcopal School, New Orleans, Louisiana (1978-82); and curate at St. James' Church, Greenville, Mississippi (1975-78).

Bishop Gray's work on the diocesan, provincial and national levels has been varied. A three-time deputy to General Convention, he chaired the diocese's deputation in 2000. Most recently, Bishop Gray chaired the diocesan Commission on Ministry, serving on its screening committee and as examining chaplain; served for many years as director of summer



camping sessions at the diocesan camp; and chaired the diocesan Task Force on Small Church Development. Bishop Gray served two terms on the Executive Committee, was a member of the Ministry Development Cabinet, served on the Finance Committee and was a participant in and served on the board for the diocesan Honduras Medical Mission.

Bishop Gray was a four-time Synod deputy. He has served on the Province IV Court of Review. Nationally, he served as secretary on the General Convention Committee on Committees in 1994 and 1997 and serves on the National Task Force for the Prevention of Sexual Exploitation.

Bishop Gray and his wife, the former Kathryn Ellen Whittlesey, reside in Jackson. The Grays have two sons, Duncan (IV) and Peter.

# Nominations

## Bishop and Council – Clergy



The Rev. Dr. Samson Gitau

## Bishop and Council – Lay



Ken Balogh



Hunt Campbell

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Thomas Scott

## Ecclesiastical Trial Court – Clergy



Edward Inman Curry III

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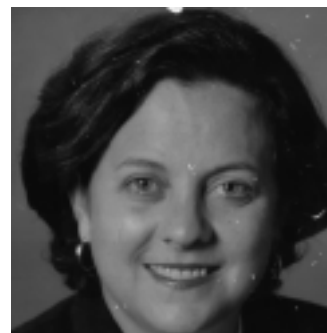


The Rev. Jeff Marx



The Rev. Reynolds Cheney II

## Standing Committee – Lay



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# Convention Resolutions Hearings

Mark your calendar to attend one of the two upcoming hearings on resolutions to be decided at the 25th Diocesan Convention.

Feb. 10, 7 p.m., Church of the Holy Communion, 4645 Walnut Grove Rd., Memphis  
Feb. 11, 10 a.m., St. Luke's Church, 309 E. Baltimore St., Jackson

Hearings are expected to last an estimated 90 minutes. Resolutions will be posted on the Diocesan website, [www.episwtn.org](http://www.episwtn.org), on Jan. 25.

# Four workshops to be offered at convention

Lay and clergy delegates will get the opportunity to expand their knowledge on a variety of topics at the 25th Annual Diocesan Convention, Thurs., Feb. 23 through Sat., Feb. 25 at Calvary Church in downtown Memphis. Two one-hour sessions from 8 – 10 a.m. on Saturday morning will cover the Windsor Report, youth ministry, planned giving and assessing parish viability. This is the first Diocesan Convention in West Tennessee to include educational workshops. Workshop topics will include:

• **“The Windsor Report: The American Church’s Response and Implications for General Convention”** presented by the Rt. Rev. Clifton Daniel, Bishop of the Diocese of East Carolina.

• **“The Ministry of Planned Giving,”** presented by William Nolan, regional gift planning manager for The Episcopal Church Foundation, will include how to structure and maintain a planned-giving ministry, and how to establish and manage an endowment fund.

• **“Metrics for Parish Asses-**

**sments,”** presented by the Rev. Jeff Marx, rector of St. Andrew’s Church, Collierville, will explore a fundamental question facing every parish, “How are we doing?” Too often our assessments are inaccurate. In our accountability to Jesus Christ (parable of the talents), we need to have clarity in assessing what we have done with the gifts God gives us. While this can be reduced to a set of boring metrics or endless meetings about “visions,” it can also be exciting and fun.

• **“Youth Ministry – Mystery**

**and Management,”** facilitated by the Rev. John Leach, rector of Church of the Annunciation, Cordova, will explore the ways in which congregations of any size can embrace a model of youth ministry that works for them. The workshop will consider the ways in which adult formation facilitates youth ministry, recruitment and retention of volunteers, and the incorporation of youth in the everyday life of the parish. Attendees will learn that no church is too small for a positive experience for their young people.

## 2006 Convention Reports

### Bishop and Council

**The one hundred and eighteenth** meeting of the Bishop and Council was held on January 20, 2005 at St. Columba Conference Center. At this meeting, a motion was passed approving the Church of the Holy Apostles’ request to increase its debt ceiling from \$900,000.00 to \$1.4 million. A motion was passed approving the Finance Committee’s recommendation of a lease agreement between St. Paul’s Episcopal Church and the proposed charter school, Promise Academy, for two years with a one-year option to renew and that all capital improvements made become the property of St. Paul’s Episcopal Church. A motion was passed stating that the designated amount of funds for stipend and housing allowances in the respective financial packages for Bishop Johnson and Canon Somodevilla be specified for tax purposes in those amounts as approved by the Annual Convention of the Diocese and is considered by the Bishop and Council to be in effect January 1 of the year for which these amounts are so designated in the annual budget of the Diocese. A motion was passed authorizing the Bishop and the Secretary of The Diocese to execute the Organization Account Agreement and, as required, along with the Treasurer, other related documents with Schwab to affect the proposed procedure for the transfer of funds. A motion was passed stating that the diocesan Fidelity Bond be maintained at an amount equal to the income of the Diocese. A motion was passed forming an ad hoc committee to review and make a recommendation to the Bishop and Council on whether, and, if so, in what ways proportional representation of delegates to Convention should be implemented and how election of delegates to Convention should be conducted. A motion was passed amending the resolution in the April 2004 minutes of the Bishop and Council regarding the sale of the St. George’s property to read, “RESOLVED, that the Bishop and Council ratify the interim action taken by the Bishop in signing the resolution calling for the sale of St. George’s Church to the Schools of St. George’s and furthermore, strongly recommends that the proceeds from the sale, minus the legal fees, an old outstanding capital improvement debt of \$285,000 and a \$250,000

CD to secure a line of credit, be placed with West Tennessee Endowment Corporation.”

The one hundred and nineteenth meeting was held on February 17, 2005 at St. Columba Conference Center. A motion was passed giving \$3,500 from the Building Restoration Fund to St. James’ Episcopal Church, Bolivar to build two handicapped accessible ramps. A motion was passed permitting St. George’s Episcopal Church to finance up to \$2.5 million with an interim cap of \$1.8 million until such time as construction begins, with assumption that the property will be secured by a mortgage. If required by the lender, the note from the school to the church may be used as additional collateral. A motion was passed to invest and restrict three special funds as outlined. A motion was passed adopting the amended Investment Procedures. A motion was passed referring the issue of employment by institutions of the Diocese of contractors without adequate liability coverage to the Insurance Committee for review and recommendation. A motion was passed suspending the regular agenda in order to take up the special order of business of the 2005 Proposed Budget. A motion was passed recommending the adoption of the amended Proposed 2005 Budget by the Convention at its annual meeting. A motion was passed approving the appointments of Mrs. Robbie McKinney, Mr. Mike Bilger and Mrs. Mollie Newman to the Finance Committee for terms ending upon the adjournment of Convention in 2008. A motion was passed nominating Mr. W. Lytle Nichol IV, Mr. Robert D Gooch III, and Mr. Lattimore Michael for terms on the West Tennessee Endowment Corporation ending upon the adjournment of Convention 2008, and nominating Mrs. Jenks McCrory for the unexpired term ending upon the adjournment of Convention 2007. A motion was passed giving permission to Emmanuel Church to move forward in recasting its loan and reducing its debt load, subject to the Mission Council doing due diligence on its options.

The one hundred and twentieth meeting was held on April 16, 2005 at Grace-St. Luke’s Episcopal Church. A motion was passed approving the Amended and Restated Charter and By-laws of the Church Home as presented in form and

as required by the Secretary of State of Tennessee.

The one hundred and twenty-first meeting was held on May 19, 2005 at St. Columba Conference Center. A motion was passed electing the Rev. Mimsy Jones Secretary of the Council. A motion was passed permitting Church of the Redeemer to renew its existing line of credit with its lending institution. A motion was passed establishing a special fund for the purpose of having a portrait painted of Bishop Johnson.

The one hundred and twenty-second meeting was held on September 15, 2005 at St. Columba Conference Center. A motion was passed ratifying the interim action taken by Bishop Johnson to approve Saint John’s Episcopal Church’s request to obtain a line of credit for \$2.5 million for the purchase of property adjacent to the church. A motion was passed providing funding out of the Building Fund to paint the exterior of St. Paul’s, Memphis. A motion was passed adopting the resolution on delegate representation to the Diocesan Convention which states that 1) all missions would continue to have two delegates, and 2) all parishes would have four delegates, provided that any parish with confirmed communicants of 1000 or more (based on the last filed parochial report) would receive one additional delegate, and any parish with confirmed communicants of 1500 or more (based on the last filed parochial report) would receive two additional delegates.

The one hundred and twenty-third meeting was held on November 17, 2005 at St. Columba Conference Center. A motion was passed giving permission to the St. Columba Conference Center Board of Directors to sell approximately five acres across Billy Maher Road and as shown on the plat provided, with appropriate restrictions limiting the sale to housing and not commercial ventures, and limiting the use of the proceeds from the sale solely for the benefit of capital improvements on the existing St. Columba property. A motion was passed endorsing the recommendation from the Finance Committee and recommending to Program, Budget and Finance that a 6% COLA be put in place for budget planning purposes. A motion was passed directing Program, Budget and Finance to develop a three-year fiscal planning cycle subject to modification at each Annual Convention. A motion was passed authorizing

development of general guidelines and an organizational purpose for a Bishop's Missionary concept to begin after the 2006 Annual Convention, and stating that such guidelines will be approved by the Bishop and Council prior to implementation, and stating that the project will be chaired by Mr. James E. McGehee, Jr.

## BRIDGES

**Enthusiasm. Energy. Hope.** These are words that describe the women's spirit who gathered from Calvary Episcopal Church and St. Mary's Episcopal Cathedral in 1922. Armed with a lot of heart and little resources, these volunteers got to work and what today is known as BRIDGES was born. For more than eight decades, BRIDGES has been an advocate for our youth. The number of participants who experience BRIDGES has increased in just a few short years from 1,925 to more than 10,000 annually. As a result more young people and adults in our community are:

- graduating from high school or earning their GED;
- volunteering;
- making life-long friendships with someone not like themselves;
- making good decisions; and
- finding employment and are on track to remain employed.

BRIDGES' FY 2006 operating budget is \$4.4 million, and the average cost per participant is just \$400. Our programs are not intended to serve just the wealthy or just the poor. Annually, more than 10,000 students from diverse backgrounds find common ground by reaching beyond their differences. In a city where nearly every neighborhood and school is made up of the same race, BRIDGES allows students to see beyond black and white, rich and poor, and public and private, to find shared dreams and vision.

On any given day at the BRIDGES Center, 300 middle-schoolers may be learning to trust one another as they dangle 35 feet in the air on the AutoZone Challenge Course, or a team of principals may strategize as they prepare to tackle the Grizzlies Climbing Wall. These students are utilizing the best indoor team training experiences in the Mid-South, training so successful that corporations now seek it.

A donor has issued a \$3 million challenge: for every \$2 committed between now and January 2007, BRIDGES will earn an additional \$1. BRIDGES' experiential learning requires great resources and funding - but the pay-off is tremendous.

## Chancellor

**In the past year,** I attended the Diocesan Convention, serving as Parliamentarian, and I attended the regular meetings of the Bishop and Council. At those meetings throughout the year, I reported on the following activities with which I have been involved:

Assistance to Church of the Holy Apostles in its efforts to attain parish status.

Assistance to Holy Trinity in closing the estate of a parishioner who left a bequest to the church.

Dialogue with the Church Insurance Corporation in interpreting insurance policy requirements in protecting the Diocese in liability-related matters pertaining to hiring of contractors (Canon 14).

Work with the Canons Committee in develop-

ing resolutions for Convention.

Review of need for assistant secretary for the Bishop and Council.

Review of requirements related to the reporting by the West Tennessee Endowment Corporation to the Bishop and Council.

Assistance to the Ad Hoc Committee on Convention Planning.

Attendance at the Province IV Bishops and Chancellors Conference in Birmingham.

Work with Bishop Johnson and the Wardens, head of the day school, Rector and Associate Rector of Grace-St. Luke's Episcopal Church regarding the ministry of More Than a Meal.

As called for by Canon 5, from time to time I have served as advisor to the Bishop, the Convention and the Bishop and Council on a range of matters, and I have reviewed divorce decrees to advise the Bishop in his making Godly Judgments for remarriage after divorce.

It has been a privilege to serve in the capacity of Chancellor during this past year, and I appreciate the assistance I have received from Vice-chancellors James F. Russell, M. Anderson Cobb, Jr. and C. Bradford Foster III.

## Church Home

**The Episcopal Church Home** Board of Directors are: Bishop Don Johnson, chairman, Emily Woodside, vice-chairman, Lorie Thorton, secretary, Nelda Marr, treasurer, Rev. Don Mowery and Anna Holtzclaw.

The directors completed work on the Amended and Restated Charter of the Church Home, a Tennessee not-for-profit corporation. New Bylaws were also adopted.

The year's work included developing new procedures and guidelines for programs in need of the resources held by the Episcopal Church Home. All churches in the Episcopal Diocese of West Tennessee received applications for the Church Home Outreach Program and Youth Program. Applications were also accepted from Diocese programs that address the needs of children.

The following 2006 grants were approved:

- Church of the Annunciation, \$49,408 for Director of Children and Youth Ministry
- Church of the Holy Apostles, \$57,350 for Children and Youth Programs Minister
- Episcopal Diocese of West TN, \$30,000 for Diocesan Youth Program
- Episcopal Diocese of West TN, \$20,000 for College Ministry, Assessment, Development and Planning Future Program
- Episcopal Diocese of West TN ECW, \$5,000 for Public School Teacher Grants
- Episcopal Diocese of West TN Happening Movement \$8,900
- Emmanuel Episcopal Center, \$50,000 for Expanded Youth Programs
- Emmanuel Episcopal Church, \$400 for Graceland Elementary School uniforms
- St. Columba Episcopal Conference Center, \$11,000 for At-Risk Inner-City Children's Overnight Camp
- St. Paul's Episcopal Church, \$10,000 for "Kids For Christ" Program
- St. Phillip Episcopal Church, \$24,000 for Youth Ministry

## College Ministry, Barth House

**Our programs this year** have gone excep-

tionally well at Barth House where we have focused on worship, Bible study, choir, fellowship and outreach. Morning worship, Monday through Friday, has doubled in attendance. Wednesday and Sunday Holy Eucharist, with dinner and lunch, have enjoyed steady attendance. Some of the many highlights at Barth House this year are:

Our pre-Thanksgiving dinner, November 20, was a great celebration; and Talents' Sunday, November 13, brought out the best in our students.

Our student-led choir shared the joy of music with the residents of the Allen-Morgan Nursing home at Easter and Christmas, as well as performing at Immanuel Episcopal Church, LaGrange.

The Barth House community cooked for 120 guests at "More than a Meal" at Grace-St. Luke's Church.

Our Bible study and Noon Prayer at Christian Brothers University, Memphis have also gone very well. The number of Episcopal students at CBU has doubled this year.

The Rev. Bill Kelly and Dr. LaChelle Wilborn, a professor at the University of Memphis and a member of Emmanuel Episcopal Church, have worked with me at LeMoyné-Owen. Bishop Johnson, the Rev. Canon Rene Somodevilla, the Rev. Kelly and I met with Dr. Wingate and some of his staff to brainstorm on an Episcopal presence at LeMoyné-Owen.

Early this year, Bishop Johnson invited Clarisse Schroeder to take over college ministry at Rhodes College, which has the biggest Episcopal student population in the Diocese.

Over the summer, I met with the Rev. Don Brooks and the Rev. Jack Rogers at Martin with the aim of re-establishing our college ministry presence there. Rev. Brooks is working with other chaplains in the Interfaith Center run by the Methodists at UT Martin. We would like to establish college ministry programs in Jackson and in Dyersburg.

We have enjoyed partnership and worship at Barth House with our brothers and sisters in the Presbyterian Place. Plans for a mission trip to Kenya in 2006 are being discussed.

I have shared my dream with Bishop Johnson for extending Barth House to provide residential facilities for at least five students.

## College Ministry, Rhodes College

**As the Episcopal student** organization at Rhodes College, Canterbury represents a vital connection between the present and future of the Episcopal Church. Our Episcopal students have a strong Anglican identity; and embrace the challenge to balance personal spiritual growth, community worship and service to the larger community.

Presently, Canterbury meets three times during the week. Our students address life issues and world events through the lens of the Gospel, or reflect on the current week's lectionary. Compline provides an on-campus liturgical option, while our students attend area churches for the Sunday Eucharist. Our current outreach focuses on feeding the hungry through established church programs.

Each Episcopal student receives a weekly written message from the Episcopal adjunct chaplain, who also attends Canterbury meetings and provides a one-on-one pastoral presence as needed.



## Commission on Ministry

The Commission on Ministry is charged with determining needs for ministry and supporting the ministry of all the baptized. Commission members are appointed by the Bishop and approved by Diocesan Convention.

In 2005, the Commission on Ministry welcomed new members the Rev. Brent Powell, the Rev. Karen Barfield, Jack Bugbee, and Alicia Puckett. The Rev. Barkley Thompson assumed the chair, and the Rev. Canon Rene Somodevilla became ex officio.

In April, the Commission recommended to the Bishop that Robin Hatzenbuehler be ordained to the diaconate. In the spring, Bill Murray and Terry Street were also admitted as candidates for Holy Orders.

Throughout much of 2005, two sub-committees of the Commission labored to revise the Manuals for Holy Orders for both the priesthood and diaconate. As a result, a new program for the vocational diaconate was developed and subsequently approved by the Bishop. This program will facilitate the formation of new deacons for service in our Diocese.

At its annual retreat in September, the Commission recommended that the Bishop invite Eyleen Farmer, Gayle McCarty, and Clarisse Schroeder to apply for postulancy. Further, the Commission recommended that the Bishop invite Drew Woodruff, James Newsom and Aaron Shelley to begin the process of diocesan discernment for Holy Orders.

In accordance with Title III, Canon 9.1 passed by the 2003 General Convention, the Commission spent several months formulating a plan for the continuing education of priests. This plan was approved by the Bishop and communicated to the Clericus in October. Also in October, a sub-committee was formed to study the licensure of lay ministers in the Diocese.

In November the Commission recommended that Eyleen Farmer be made a candidate for Holy Orders and that Robin Hatzenbuehler be ordained to the priesthood.

## Communications

Diocesan-wide communications were fulfilled in 2005 with print and other media, along with several special projects. Ten eight-page issues of Church News were published in partnership with Episcopal Life, the official newspaper of The Episcopal Church USA. In 2005, Church News included articles and announcements submitted by Diocesan organizations and the 34 parishes and missions in West Tennessee, as well as monthly articles from Bishop Johnson. A special diocesan Convention edition of Church News was published in February 2005. Two editions, October and November, included coverage of the Diocesan response to Hurricane Katrina.

The Diocesan website, [www.episwtn.org](http://www.episwtn.org), was completely overhauled and launched with a new design and organization of information in October. The new website contains information on upcoming events, the Diocesan Convention, articles and postings from the Bishop, a clergy directory and other information on the Diocese. A parish directory section will be launched in January 2006.

Content and distribution for The Communicator, a monthly one-page newsletter



sent to clergy and diocesan leaders, was reviewed by the Diocesan staff. Plans are underway to improve this publication.

Communications support was provided to various initiatives including Tennessee Day at the National Cathedral on April 10; the restructuring of the Diocesan Convention; the Hurricane Katrina relief effort; and the Visioning Task Force. Christi Shaw made presentations on planning communications strategies to the Bishops of Small Dioceses meeting at St. Columba in Memphis in the Spring, and to the College of Bishops Mentoring Project, meeting in Memphis at the Fogelman Center in May.

## Cursillo, West Tennessee

A movement of the church, Cursillo's purpose is to help those in the church understand their individual callings to be Christian Leaders. This leadership may be exercised in work situations, in the family and social life, in leisure activities, as well as within the Church environment.

The goal of Cursillo is the goal of the Church: to bring all to Christ. Many people have said Cursillo provides an important learning experience which causes them to feel like newly made Christians with a purpose and strong community support.

The Cursillo three-day weekends bring together diverse groups of Episcopalians to share the richness of many modes of worship and broaden each person's appreciation for our Church. Lay people conduct the weekend with several clergy members functioning as spiritual advisors. Cursillo is not intended to be a conversion experience but an enriching and deepening of what is already there. It often provides new insights into our faith as well as fostering ministry among lay people.

During this past year, West Tennessee Episcopal Cursillo presented two Three-Day Weekends,

#42, April 21-24, with Emily Johnson of St. Elisabeth's as Lay Rectora, and # 43, November 3-7, led by Melissa Cook of St. George's. A total of 26 WTN Episcopalians from eight parishes "made" their Cursillo during these weekends.

The Rev. George Klee, Spiritual Director, represented the WTN Secretariat at the National Episcopal Seminar in Norfolk, Virginia, with Judyth Wilson, Secretariat member from St. Elisabeth's, also in attendance.

The Cursillo community continued its regular cycle of monthly Ultreya gatherings and weekly group reunions, both designed to provide support for individuals in the movement. Several discussions were held about the format of Ultreyas to the

end of making these meetings more meaningful for those attending.

## CYCLE

Among the highlights of the CYCLE

Teams, the Lay committee has been working on new and exciting ideas for the Diocese of West Tennessee. The Committee consists of Jim McCarter of St. Anne's Millington, Rick Lantz of St. Andrew's in Collierville, Elizabeth Wirls of St. Mary's Cathedral, Kathryn and Jimmy Horn of Christ Church in Brownsville, the Rev. Carol Gardner of St. Mary's Cathedral as well as co-chairs Sherrye Williams of St. Anne's Millington and Nancy Somodevilla of St. Elisabeth's in Bartlett.

A Vestry and Treasurer workshop is being planned for the Spring so watch for dates and places. It should prove to be helpful to new and returning vestry members.

The major focus has been and will continue to be the Diocesan Resource Center which will open at the Diocesan House. This will be a Center of Excellence for learning, study and fellowship.

With regard to Evangelism, the Great Commission presented in Matthew 28: 16-20 and echoed at the ending of each service of our Church sets the tone for our call to discipleship. This year the congregations of The Church of the Annunciation in Cordova and St. Thomas Church in Somerville are working on a pilot project that could be used as a guide for churches in the locale in which they are planted. The concept will allow us to identify, empower and send forth those persons in our church community to do the work we are all called to do. Members of our faith community are already accomplishing most of these works, it just needs to be shared with the greater community, in which we live, work and worship. We are working on a plan to implement by job description, vision and purpose. More to come in 2006.

(The Youth Report can be found in the Diocesan Youth Council and Happening reports.)

## Diocesan Resource Center

The Diocesan Resource Center was relocated from the Church of the Holy Communion to the Diocesan House in May. The move of the Resource Center is part of an overall plan to develop the Diocesan House as a center for worship, study and gatherings of groups from throughout the Diocese. Resource materials include a wide variety of books and video tapes. In 2006, the Resource Center will reopen to all in the Diocese.

## Diocesan Youth Council

2005 has been a wonderful and busy year for the Diocesan Youth Council. In January, the DYC hosted the Feast of Lights Epiphany Celebration at St. Mary's Cathedral. More than 100 youth and youth workers from around the Diocese showed up to help with our project with MIFA. In April, the DYC hosted the Jr. High Spring Fling with over 40 Jr. High youth from around the Diocese. The kids skated, bowled, played games and learned about Compline during

this annual event. This summer, our Diocese sent four representatives and our Bishop to the Episcopal Youth Event at Berea College in Kentucky, where they worshiped and learned about our church with 1,500 Episcopalians from the United States and Latin America. In August, rain couldn't stop the spirits of the youth as they gathered for the annual Fall Kick-off Celebration at St. Columba. More than 50 youth and youth workers gathered despite the weather to play games, sing songs, and grill out. The last major event of the year was the Sr. High Retreat, Bishop's Bash. The weekend joined over 50 youth and youth workers together at Lakeshore United Methodist Assembly in Eva, TN. The youth learned about Centering Prayer, Icons, Meditating, the Anglican Rosary, and Lectio Divina, and had a good time singing with North Carolina songwriter Sam Hensley. The weekend after Bishop's Bash, youth Natalie Jones and Amanda Law attended the Province IV network meeting at Honey Creek Conference Center in Waverly, GA. The two shared with other youth what makes our Diocesan Youth Council and their programs so special.

## Dubose Conference Center

**DuBose Conference Center** is jointly owned by the three Dioceses of Tennessee and is operated independently of any financial subsidy. The mission of the Center is to provide hospitality for the religious and secular communities. DuBose strives to accomplish this mission by offering a place for people to gather in a community of faith.

Camp Gailor-Maxon is held at the Center and welcomed over 168 campers from across Tennessee in 2005.

The Laymen's Conference of the Episcopal Churchmen of Tennessee is also held at the Center in August of each year. The 2005 meeting was the 59th annual meeting held at the Center where 348 men attended.

The end of 2005 found the Center in fair financial condition. The conference center operated within a \$533,000 budget generated from gifts and user nights. At this writing, the Board is working on the 2006 budget. The Center was occupied over 241 days of the year, during which time it hosted over 127 conferences, welcomed over 6,154 people, generated 11,086 user nights and served 34,572 meals.

A twenty member Board of Directors presently governs the Center, and this Board meets quarterly. It consists of the Bishops of each Diocese of Tennessee (serving as ex-officio members) who appoint up to four members each. The Board may also elect nine additional at-large members. Officers in 2005 were as follows: Bob Van Cleave, President; Evans Clements, Vice President; George Bishop, Secretary; and Andy Pate, Treasurer. Board members from West Tennessee in 2005 included Donovan Smith, Clay Bethell, and Dr. Eugene Nobles, who resigned earlier in the year.

The Operations Director is Kim Agee. The administrative staff includes Lorrie Coutu, Accounting; Pratt Paterson, Camp; Rena Terry, Food Service; and, Chester Searle, Maintenance.

## Ecumenical Officer

Following are the highlights of the past

year in ecumenical and interreligious work:

Churches Uniting in Christ (CUIC) held its spring worship service at Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). As is the custom, the service was timed to coincide with Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Approximately 250 people from the several denominations were in attendance.

CUIC held its fall worship at Grace-St. Luke's Episcopal Church on October 2, World Communion Sunday. Approximately 200 persons gathered to worship and attend "More Than a Meal" following the service.

CUIC continues to be the central focus of ecumenical efforts in our diocese. The clergy steering committee meets monthly at Lindenwood Christian Church, and the laity representatives of the various denominations meet monthly at Idlewild Presbyterian Church.

Dean Baker of St. Mary's Cathedral spoke at the October gathering of laity at Idlewild.

The Downtown Churches Association, which includes Calvary and the Cathedral, meet monthly in one of the participating churches. During the year the group has been working out a way to be more cooperative and in communication in our serving of the homeless and poor in the downtown area.

On the interreligious front, Dean Baker was invited by American and Israeli Jews to visit the Holy Land in September. The trip was one whereby 15 mainline Christians from five different denominations toured and listened to all sides in the middle-east conflict.

## Emmanuel Episcopal Center

**The mission of the Emmanuel Episcopal Center (EEC)** is to evangelize, guide, and empower inner-city youth and adults so that they may be elevated out of poverty and into full participation in the mainstream of society. We seek to offer a message of hope and love of God to the community of Cleaborn and Foote Homes housing community.

During the past sixteen years of ministry, we have focused our efforts on an after-school program which tutors youth age 5-18 in math, science, reading, and computer skills, assisting participants with scholarships to private schools, organized sports, food distribution, Christmas Adopt-a-Child program, emergency assistance, My Kids Design which is a screen printing business training young adults, and spiritual direction.

EEC has seen many successes this year. We have assisted 18 participants with scholarships to private schools, 26 attended our Emmanuel Scholars Tour which awards participants for academic excellence, and 228 participants enrolled in the after school and summer program.

The most exciting thing to happen in 2005 has been the construction of the Community Life Center expected to open in early 2006. It will allow EEC to serve an additional 100 children and encourage wellness programs such as walking clubs and illness prevention to community adults.

## Episcopal Church Women

**The theme for 2005** was "Women - Sharing Our Gifts" with a focus on public education and fellowship. We provided education on public edu-

cation issues, promoted educational outreach projects, and coordinated support for public school educators. As we focused on fellowship, we sponsored intergenerational events for women as well as fun, fellowship, and spiritual development opportunities. A new ECW chapter was launched at Church of the Annunciation in Cordova.

Programs and initiatives in 2005 included:

- a kick-off at the Downtown Elementary School in January to share the needs and ideas for volunteer involvement in public schools;

- "The Gift of Grace," presented by Sue Johnson at St. Columba in April;

- "Gifts and Treasurers" at St. Mary's Cathedral in May, highlighting the history and archival items from the Episcopal Church in West Tennessee;

- "Back-to-School Rally" in August where ECW represented the only group outside Memphis City Schools' employees to be present as a show of community support of public education;

- "Brunch with the Bishop" in October at the home of Jeannie and Bishop Don Johnson;

- \$8,690 collected for United Thank Offering (UTO) in West Tennessee;

- St. Clare Silent Retreats held ten times during the year;

- Two \$1,500 scholarships and one \$1,000 scholarship given to Episcopal high school seniors for their outstanding work in their church, school and community;

- Tennessee Day at the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C.;

- the reception for the diocesan wide confirmations at Holy Communion;

- the history project for West Tennessee ECW;

- book bags created, designed and sold to benefit the Emmanuel Episcopal Center and those students needing funds for books;

- the Diocesan Offices Volunteer Effort (DOVES) assisted with various administrative tasks to support the Diocesan House staff;

- and the silver alms basin took a turn in West Tennessee and was used for seven different UTO Ingatherings and services at various churches.

## Episcopal Day Camp

**Record numbers of campers** and record numbers of youth counselors made the camp exciting for all that participated. This year was a year that many of the adult workers were former campers and counselors of the camp. This made everything run smoothly and with excitement.

Many of the counselors and camp workers had been coming to Episcopal Day Camp at St. Columba since they were in first grade. Many college students return as staff to give back what they received as campers at their diocesan camp. A safe, playful atmosphere was experienced by all.

The camp is an inclusive camp that has all of God's children coming together to play, worship and learn regardless of race, creed, or physical disability.

This year our adult staff was Marin Rieman, co-director; Lindsay Rieman, arts and crafts; Al Newberry, mentoring camp coordinator and lake; Daniel McDonnell, life guard and mentoring camp; Naja Shabazz, mentoring camp; Daniele Curicca, mentoring camp; Mary Jane Wiseman, life guard; Robbie Caldwell, mud hole; Winston Folk, adventure; Adam Nelson, music and counselor; and Tim Geske, director.

## Episcopal Relief and Development

**Victims of two mega catastrophes** – the tsunami that hit South Asia on the day after Christmas 2004 and Katrina that hit New Orleans and the Gulf Coast at the end of August 2005 – benefited from the astounding generosity of our diocese in contributions to Episcopal Relief and Development, the international relief and development agency of the Episcopal Church of the United States. For the years of 2003 and 2004, The Diocese of West Tennessee gave \$21,519 and \$27,432, respectively. The first six months of 2005, contributors in our diocese gave \$62,293. Much, but not all, was to aid tsunami victims in South Asia. West Tennessee Episcopalians also gave generously in the latter part of the year, particularly through a generous response to the Katrina relief efforts. Total figures for 2005 will be released in January 2006.

Please continue to keep in mind that both tsunami and Katrina efforts need to be funded for years to come. If you feel committed to these efforts, please consider long term support of these recovery efforts. But also keep in your radar, the fact that other catastrophic events are continuing to claim the lives of children and families all over the world.

In addition to disaster relief, ERD's food security programs and community development initiatives provide the first step to helping people get out of the cycle of poverty. Simple, yet effective solutions to poverty (increased livestock production, better farming methods, and new business opportunities to name a few ways) are possible only because of your continued support. Some other areas where Episcopal Relief and Development's presence was felt in 2005 include Sudan, Haiti, El Salvador, Northeastern Congo, Guatemala, Honduras, Pakistan, India and Tanzania.

## Finance Committee

**The Diocesan Finance Committee** continued to address its primary responsibility for making sound financial and real estate recommendations to the Bishop and Council and, at the same time, to make its individual and combined talents available as both a resource and advisors for all of the churches in the Diocese which might need financial or real estate counsel and assistance.

It did not become necessary this past year to sell any additional church property given that the committee was successful in selling four properties in the previous year.

Other activities include:

To review with Program, Budget, and Finance (PB&F) the proposed annual budget prior to making its recommendation to Bishop and Council. Each line item of both income and expense was thoroughly reviewed, and there then followed a general discussion during which it was recommended that the Finance Committee propose to Bishop and Council the adoption of a three-year budget beginning with the 2006 budget. Given the inordinate amount of time that is consumed at each Diocesan Convention to review and approve the budget, it was felt strongly by the Finance Committee that to make this a once-every-three-year challenge as opposed to each year would be a significant improvement. Chairman McGehee again emphasized that had each church committed to the Diocese ten percent

of their "after-endowment income" the discussion would have centered on how to spend a significant surplus. The recommendation was unanimously approved for recommendation to Bishop and Council so that at the 2006 Diocesan Convention a three-year budget will be presented.

Again this past year, various members of the Diocesan Finance Committee worked with any Mission or Parish which found it necessary to reduce its voluntary commitment to the Diocese.

Through the Audit Sub-Committee chaired by CPA Buddy Dearman, we continue each year to attempt to complete approximately six to eight financial compilations with the assistance of our audit firm, Whitehorn Tankersley, of those churches which, because of their small size, cannot afford a full-cost audit.

Assisted as requested various Missions, Parishes, and their Rectors, Wardens, and Vestries which were contemplating either the sale of church property, relocation, or the arrangement of debt for capital improvements and/or expansions.

The enthusiastic participation by all members of the Finance Committee is gratefully acknowledged and appreciated.

## Happening

**The Happening movement** in West Tennessee had two weekends filled with Christ's love and shared by more than 100 10th -12th graders. The weekend experience provides teens with an opportunity to explore their spirituality while living and learning with others their age who want to share the faith they have found in Jesus Christ.

Happening #37 was held at St. Columba over President's Day weekend. Happening #38 had a good time at St. George's Church, Germantown over the Labor Day weekend. Nearly 100 youth served on weekend staff, on Celebration Staff, or were first time participants. Corinne Gardino had this to say about serving with the youth of West Tennessee: "Working with Happening in The Diocese of West Tennessee is truly an honor. The youth staff of the Happening program continues to amaze me with their willingness to serve other youth who come to Happening. The staff of each weekend dedicates countless hours to prepare and set up the weekend"

With a healthy dose of help from both St. George's school and church, Happening #38 went off without a hitch. J.W. Gallina a senior from St. Andrew's Church, Collierville has served on staff for both Happenings in 2005 and had the following comments about how Happening has affected his faith: "Spiritually, it has awakened and enkindled my faith and driven me to become a more ardent Episcopalian with a more firmly rooted belief. It is an experience that I will truly cherish forever."

Happening continues to grow in numbers and faith. Preparations for the first Happening in 2006 are well under way, and plans are underway for Happening #39 on February 19 at St. Columba.

## Historiographer

**As a result of the reallocation** of staff space in the Diocesan House, the Archives was moved in the summer from the third floor of the Diocesan House to the second floor of the Cathedral's Moody Building. Earlier, the IBM Corporation donated 30 matching file cabinets. A special thank you to Dot Neale, who arranged for the generous gift of these much needed storage units.

Placement of furniture in the new location was facilitated by detailed drawings done by Jack McFarland.

In May, many historical documents, photographs and liturgical items from the Diocesan Archives were displayed at a special Diocesan-wide ECW meeting at St. Mary's Cathedral. "Gifts and Treasures," highlighting the history of the Episcopal Church in West Tennessee, allowed participants to view and enjoy the archival items, as well as gain an understanding of the Church's local history.

In September, the Archives Committee, including Paul Calame, Bette Ray Callow, Dr. Tim Huebner, Patricia LaPointe, Tim Sloan, and Diocesan Staff members Stephanie Cheney and Christi Shaw, met in the Moody Archives to inspect the new location and discuss future goals for the Archives. The Moody Room has thermostatically controlled heat and cooling and excellent natural light. The new location also provides more space for storage of records and supplies, as well as good working space for those processing the large amount of materials, which are being reorganized. Bette Ray Callow has been of special help as a volunteer, including providing research assistance for Bishop Johnson.

The closing of Christ Church in Whitehaven and the Church Home closing late this year have added a substantial amount of accumulated records to the archival holdings. Finally settled after numerous moves, we hope to complete primary reorganization in 2006.

## Registrar

**During 2005, the Registrar** has maintained the necessary Diocesan Records of ordinations and clergy transfers, both in and out of the Diocese.

### Ordinations

Bishop Johnson ordained John Philip Leach to the priesthood on January 8, 2005 at Church of the Annunciation, Cordova. He serves as Rector at Church of the Annunciation.

Bishop Johnson ordained Robin Ritter Hatzenbuehler to the diaconate on June 18, 2005 at St. Mary's Cathedral. She serves as Deacon at Grace-St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Memphis.

### Clergy transferred into the Diocese

The Rev. Dean Kenneth Kellerhouse, Rector, St. Elisabeth's Episcopal Church, Memphis, from the Diocese of British Columbia, Church of Canada

The Rev. R. Jane Williams, Chaplain, St. Mary's Episcopal School, Memphis, from the Diocese of Bethlehem

### Clergy transferred out of the Diocese

The Rev. Ira Joseph Johnson, to the Diocese of South Carolina

The Rev. Gary Durward Jones, to the Diocese of Virginia

### Clergy deposited

The Rev. Charles Leon Filiatreau

The Rev. Charles Alfred Williams IV

### Clergy who renounced Orders

The Rev. Clifford Eldred McWhorter

## St. Columba Conference Center

**This year, St. Columba** experienced much of the same thing that everyone in the Diocese is experiencing with changing times and rising prices. The center is attempting to maintain low

prices for our groups. Due to rising costs of doing business, more solicitation of non-Episcopal groups has been pursued. Every effort is being made to keep the center affordable.

There have been major expenses this year to improve and repair the center's infrastructure. More construction and repair activity will be noticeable in 2006. The St. Columba Board continues to need funding for the ongoing construction and repair needs of the center. They will have to pursue this through fundraising.

St. Columba continues to be an outreach of the Diocese. Many organizations helping mankind, as well as spiritual growth programs, are using the facility. All guests who present themselves are to be welcomed as Christ, for he himself would say "I was a stranger and you welcomed me" (Rule of St. Benedict).

## Standing Committee

**At the 24th Diocesan Convention** of The Diocese of West Tennessee, the Rev. Katherine Bush was elected to a term to expire in 2009, the Rev. John Sewell was elected to a term to expire in 2007, and Ms. Debra Harris DuGard was elected to a term to expire in 2009. Continuing members of the Standing Committee were Mr. Fred K. Beeson, the Rev. Susan K. Crawford, the Rev. John H. Moloney, Dr. Bruce Steinhauer and Mr. David Work.

At the first meeting of the new committee, the Rev. Susan K. Crawford was elected president and David Work was elected secretary. During the 2005-2006 year the following actions were taken:

- Consent was given for the sale and deconsecration of St. Elizabeth Episcopal Church in Raleigh.
- Received notice and consent of clergy members for the voluntary resignation and renunciation of ordination vows of Clifford Eldred McWhorter.
- Consent was given for St. Paul's, Frayser to enter a lease agreement with the proposed charter school, Promise Academy.
- Consent was given to Saint John's, Memphis to increase mortgage indebtedness in order to purchase several residences that adjoin church property in order to expand church parking.
- Consent was given for the ordination to the diaconate of Robin Ritter Hatzenbuehler.
- Consent was given for the ordination to the priesthood of the Rev. Robin Ritter Hatzenbuehler.
- Consent was given for Church of the Holy Apostles, Collierville to secure a loan with the property it is purchasing on which its new building will be constructed.

## Standing Committee on Canons

**Following the Twenty-fourth** Annual Convention of the Diocese, Bishop Johnson appointed an Ad Hoc Committee to study the way we conduct our convention business, and to make recommendations as to any changes. That committee met and proposed, among other things, the scheduling of a Special Convention for October 2005 in order to present and adopt recommended changes to the Canons and Rules of Order.

The Standing Committee on Canons met in August 2005 to consider the recommendations and concluded that a Special Convention would not be necessary. The Standing Committee on

Canons offered an alternative plan that would save the large investment of both time and expense which would be associated with the call of a Special Convention.

The alternative plan was accepted by the Ad Hoc Committee on Convention Planning. As part of the plan, certain procedures were initiated for pre-convention work on a "co operation" basis. This committee has prepared a change in the Rules of Order to be adopted at the commencement of the Twenty-fifth Annual Convention. Finally, appropriate changes to the canons will be presented during the Twenty-fifth Annual Convention.

Between the time of preparation of this report and commencement of the Twenty-fifth Annual Convention, the Committee will meet and consider a number of issues some of which may come before the Annual Convention.

## Tennessee Association of Episcopal Schools

**The Tennessee Association** of Episcopal Schools (TAES) exists to assist the diocesan Standing Committees by certifying those schools in the three dioceses that are entitled to be called Episcopal Schools. Currently, the association has 13 member schools. School heads, rectors, chaplains and board members meet for networking and fellowship through an annual meeting held in the fall. In 2005, the association met at St. George's School in Nashville and had as our speaker Laura Walker, senior associate consultant to NAES. In support of community service efforts the TAES awards grants on an annual basis to aid a school's efforts to reach out in service and fellowship. These outreach projects may be local, regional or international in scope. Officers of the association are Nancy Sutherland, Headmistress of the St. George's Kindergarten of Nashville, chair; Jay Secor, Headmaster of the Episcopal School of Knoxville, vice chair; Thomas Beazley Grace-St. Luke's Episcopal School of Memphis, treasurer, and Kathy Lanza, Headmistress of St. Paul's School in Chattanooga, secretary. Our next meeting will be at St. Andrews-Sewanee on September 29, 2006.

## University of the South, Sewanee

**Governing Board Representatives** from West Tennessee

### Board of Trustees

The Rt. Rev. Don E. Johnson, D.D.

The Rev. John H. Moloney (March 2008)

Mr. Waldrup Brown (March 2007)

Sarah Frulla (March 2006)

Enrollment for the 2005-2006 Academic Year from The Diocese of West Tennessee:

10 Episcopal Students in the College of Arts and Sciences and one School of Theology student  
2004-2005 Financial Aid Awarded to Undergraduate Students from West Tennessee: \$602,706

2004-2005 Amount of Support from West Tennessee Churches and the Diocese of West Tennessee: \$9,625

Programs Center Information for West Tennessee:

EFM groups: 11

EFM Coordinator: Ms. Jean A. Johnson

5490 South Angela Lane

Memphis, TN 38120

donandjeannie@yahoo.com

Sewanee's Relationship to the Episcopal Church

Founded in 1857 and chartered in 1858 by bishops of the Episcopal Church, Sewanee has a long history of combining academic excellence with reverent concern for the world. Sewanee is the only university in the country with both a college and graduate seminary established by the Episcopal Church and in which the Episcopal Church is actively involved in its governing board.

The chancellor of the University is a bishop of an owning diocese, elected to that position for six years by the University Board of Trustees. The current chancellor is the Rt. Rev. Henry N. Parsley Jr. of the Diocese of Alabama. Lay and clergy trustees are elected from the 28 owning dioceses: Alabama, Arkansas, Atlanta, Central Florida, Central Gulf Coast, Dallas, East Carolina, East Tennessee, Florida, Fort Worth, Georgia, Kentucky, Lexington, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Northwest Texas, South Carolina, Southeast Florida, Southwest Florida, Tennessee, Texas, Upper South Carolina, West Tennessee, West Texas, Western Louisiana, and Western North Carolina.

2005-2006 Statistics

Please note: These are statistics for the current academic year.

College of Arts and Sciences students: 1,383

First-year students: 421

Middle 50 percent ranges, undergraduate Class of 2009

SAT combined: 1180-1330

ACT: 26-31

High School GPA: 3.5

Student/faculty ratio: 10:1

Percentage of college students on financial aid: 40 percent

Percentage of college students declaring Episcopal heritage: 36 percent

Percentage of female, male students:

55 percent female, 45 percent male

Majors offered (college): 39

Minors offered (college): 25

School of Theology students: 177

Newly enrolled students: 33

Returning students: 63

Advanced degrees students: 81

Percentage of seminarians on financial aid: 95.5 percent

Percentage of female, male seminarians:

35 percent female, 65 percent male

Degrees offered (seminary): Master of Divinity, Master of Arts in Theology, Master of Sacred Theology, Doctor of Ministry, Certificate of Anglican Studies, and Certificate of Theological Studies

Fiscal Year July 1, 2004-June 30, 2005:

Unrestricted operating revenues: \$55.6 million

Endowment: \$252.9 million

### University Financial Aid

Sewanee consistently ranks as a top value in higher education. In the 2004-2005 academic year, 40 percent of the undergraduates received some form of institutional financial aid. Scholarships in the amount of \$13.1 million were awarded to undergraduates, and more than 95 percent of seminarians received financial aid, depending on need and established institutional guidelines. The University strives to ensure that accepted students can afford a Sewanee education

and that seminarians can graduate with as little education-related debt as possible.

#### Finances and Academic Grants

Between July 1, 2004 and June 30, 2005, the Sewanee Fund contributed a record \$2,977,846 for a total of \$15.3 million to the University from gifts and bequests from alumni, parents and friends. College graduate participation in the Sewanee Fund dropped three percentage points to 44 percent. Church giving through the Episcopal One Percent Program, an important part of the Sewanee Fund, provides tuition assistance to ease the financial burden for seminarians and their families. This year contributions from parishes to the seminary totaled \$277,779, a decrease from last year's total of \$290,830. Seminary alumni annual giving rose from 30 percent or \$80,000 to 36 percent or \$119,000 this year. In the 2004–2005 fiscal year, Sewanee's endowment grew from \$239.9 million in June 2004 to almost \$252.9 million in June 2005. In part, this growth came from new endowed accounts established by alumni and other friends of the University, and gifts that provided resources for new scholarships, as well as program and faculty development. The endowment also grew as a result of improvement in capital markets. The University's strategic plan calls for doubling the endowment in the next 10 years. The University's 2004–2005 operating budget was \$55,604,000. Approximately 65 percent of revenues to the University come from student-funded tuition, room and board, and fees. Competitive foundation grantors included the Lilly Endowment, The Getty Grant Program Campus Heritage Grant, The Henry Luce Foundation, The Arthur Vining Davis Foundations, The Canale Foundation, The Coca-Cola Foundation, and the National Science Foundation.

#### Faculty and Administration

The Very Rev. Dr. William S. Stafford was installed as the 13th dean of the School of Theology on January 25, 2005. Dean Stafford officially took his post January 1, 2005, coming to Sewanee from Virginia Theological Seminary. University faculty and staff spent the year involved in a self-study process to prepare for re-accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and, for the seminary only, the Association of Theological Schools. Self-study documents are being written and submitted for subsequent on-campus visits from the assessment teams. The process will be completed in 2005–2006. The School of Theology faculty established the Bishop Leo Alard Prize for Excellence in Liturgical Readings in Spanish. Four professors retired at the end of the academic year: Laurence Alvarez, professor of mathematics and political science; Edward Carlos, professor of art; David Lumpkins, professor of Russian; and Brown Patterson, professor of history.

#### Student Life

During the Class of 2005 Commencement services, 292 students graduated from the College of Arts and Sciences and 54 seminarians were awarded graduate degrees. The School of Theology awarded 34 Master of Divinity degrees, 11 Doctor of Ministry degrees, and five Master of Arts in Theology degrees. One Diploma in Anglican Studies, two Master of Sacred Theology degrees, and one Certificate of Theological Study were awarded. Three seniors in the seminary's Master of Divinity Degree program attended Canterbury Cathedral's three-week International Study Center course; they were living, studying, and worshipping with 29 of their peers from 22

countries. Sewanee students' commitment to service is expressed by the 80 percent of undergraduates who are involved each year in activities ranging from tutoring elementary school students to working as volunteer firefighters to environmental stewardship. During Spring Break, more than 100 college students and staff headed to New York, New Orleans, Miami, Jamaica, Ecuador, and Costa Rica to perform outreach work. Seminarians completed a number of successful outreach projects and traveled to Romania, Haiti, and Honduras for mission work.

#### Campus

The University launched "The Sewanee Call" capital campaign April 16, 2005. More than \$112 million of the \$180 million goal has been raised to date in this effort to secure and enhance the University's position among the nation's premier liberal arts colleges and graduate schools of theology. The campaign has three funding objectives: 54 percent of the amount raised will be directed toward strengthening the University's endowment for faculty support and programming enhancements, 33 percent will fund building projects, and 13 percent will fund ongoing operating support. Campus summer programs that continue to attract talented scholars are the Sewanee Summer Music Festival, now in its 48th season, Sewanee Writers' Conference, Sewanee Young Writers' Conference, Sewanee Church Music Conference, Bridge Program in Math and Science, FACES Asian studies program, and the "Sommer in Sewanee" German seminar. Organized by students, the annual Sewanee Conference on Women presented a week of lectures and activities with the theme, "Backwards and in High Heels: Inspiring Women of Today, Tomorrow, and Yesterday." Extensive renovation of All Saints' Chapel was celebrated with a dedication service April 17, 2005.

#### School of Theology

At the beginning of the 2005–2006 academic year, 31 new seminarians were welcomed to the Sewanee campus. The residential student body of 96 represents 32 Episcopal dioceses from across the nation and the Diocese of Huron in the Anglican Church of Canada. The School of Theology's 2005 Advanced Degrees summer program drew 56 students from 14 states, Canada, South Africa and the West Indies. This specially designed academic program stresses the relationship between the practice of ministry and biblical, historical and theological knowledge. The School of Theology's Programs Center continued to offer spiritual growth and leadership opportunities, education at-a-distance, and continuing education for laity, clergy and congregations. Education for Ministry (EfM), graduated the first students to complete the four-year, on-line version of its theological education course and held its 30th anniversary celebration conference in June 2005. Through EfM, the Disciples of Christ in Community (DOCC) and the Center for Ministry in Small Churches (CMSC), the Programs Center annually serves more than 10,000 individuals as well as dioceses and congregations.

## Vice Chancellors' Reports

**In addition to consultation** with the Bishop in the past year on a variety of issues, the services that I have rendered have predominantly involved real estate matters. Some of the transactions that I have handled for the Diocese include the following:

(a) The negotiation and preparation of Subordination documents pertaining to a loan outstanding regarding St. James Church, Bolivar;

(b) the negotiation of a lease of St. Paul's Church in Frayser; and

(c) the review of title issues pertaining to property held for St. Columba and other parcels of property held by the Diocese.

In October, I attended the annual Province IV meeting of Bishops and Chancellors in Birmingham.

– Andy Cobb

My work has been in the following general areas: continued work and updating diocesan policies on preventing child sexual abuse; work on the restructuring of The Church Home, which is a nonprofit corporation rather than a trust, as has previously been understood by a large number of people; work with diocesan issues in connection with parish and school developments; attend Bishop and Council meetings; work on the Standing Committee on Canons; work on risk management issues and insurance for the Diocese; and work in connection with the Emmanuel Episcopal Center.

I was unable to attend the provincial chancellors' conference in Birmingham this fall, but I have discussed the issues with Chancellor Crump and Vice Chancellor Cobb. I have counseled with Bishop Johnson and Chancellor Crump on other matters concerning diocesan issues, and I remain available to serve the Diocese as a vice chancellor.

– C. Bradford Foster III

During the reporting period I have attended meetings of Bishop and Council and has responded to issues regarding construction of the Constitutions and Canons of the Diocese and The Episcopal Church. In addition, I have consulted with the Chancellor, the other Vice-chancellors and the Bishop on matters concerning a range of subjects. The substance of those consultations would be covered by the attorney/client privilege of communication and are not reported.

– the Hon. James F. Russell

## West Tennessee Endowment Corporation

**The Diocese of West Tennessee Endowment Corporation** is a Tennessee chartered corporation organized under the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 under Sections 501c (3) and 170. The WTEC has custody and is charged with investment of Trust and Endowment funds and property that may be turned over to it by the Convention or the Council and all donations, bequests, devises, legacies and grants of land and personalty that may be given, conveyed or bequeathed to the Endowment Corporation for the use and benefit of the Diocese and disburses the income and principal thereof as directed by the Convention or by the Council in accordance with the direction of the grantor, donor or testator as contained in the document of transfer.

There are nine members of the Board of Directors, each serving three-year terms. Three members are thereby elected at each annual Diocesan Convention. The WTEC oversees the investments of the Scheibler Trust, the Church Home Trust, the Robinson Trust, the Patten Trust and 26 other pooled accounts. The total amount in these funds exceeded \$15.9 million as of October 31, 2005.

# E.A. Carmean appointed lay canon for architecture

By Christi Shaw, Editor

Bishop Don Johnson announces the appointment of E.A. Carmean as Lay Canon for Art and Architecture in The Diocese of West Tennessee. The Bishop formally appointed the new Lay Canon on Dec. 4 in a presentation during his annual visitation at St. George's Church in Germantown.

In Bishop Johnson's official letter of institution, he said, "Your knowledge and skills in the arts will be offered across the Diocese to assist our churches and diocesan institutions in assessing existing works of art, recommending and, as requested, facilitation the acquisition of works of art as directed by your Bishop."

The former director of the Memphis Brooks Museum of Art and a full curator of the National Gallery of Art, Washington, Carmean's career includes an impressive variety of work

as an accomplished curator, art professor, author, film maker and researcher. He has completed four years of Education for Ministry courses, and has undertaken graduate studies at Memphis Theological Seminary. He has been a Lector, Eucharistic Minister and Stephen Minister at Calvary Church, where he continues as an officiant for Morning Prayer. For the last year, he has served in a variety of capacities at St. George's, including preaching and the Sunday Office of Morning Prayer.

Carmean's immediate plans in his new role include organized tours of various diocesan churches with differing architectural styles.

"Just as with music and song, architecture and painting, sculpture and other ornamentation may serve to enlarge and deepen our worship and prayer," said Carmean.



Bishop Johnson in December appointed E.A. Carmean as Lay Canon for Art and Architecture in The Diocese of West Tennessee. With the new Lay Canon is his wife, Kathy, during the installation at St. George's Church in Germantown.

# Calvary announces Lenten programs

Calvary Episcopal Church announces the 2006 Lenten Noonday Preaching Series, March 2 through April 7, 12:05-12:40 p.m. For the first time this year, Calvary introduces evening events with Lenten speakers each Wednesday during the series at 6:30 p.m. For more information on the speakers and the series, visit the Calvary website, [www.calvaryjc.org](http://www.calvaryjc.org), or call the church at (901) 525-6602.

## Thurs. & Fri., March 2, 3

The Rev. Canon John L. Peterson, Canon for Global Justice and Reconciliation, Washington National Cathedral, Washington, D.C.

## Mon. & Tues., March 6, 7

Phyllis Tickle, renowned author and lecturer, Millington, Tenn.

## Wed., March 8

Cynthia Winton-Henry, philosopher, teacher, performer, Oakland, CA; and Masankho Kamsisi Bana, African dancer, storyteller, educator, healer, Oakland, CA

Evening Event at Calvary: Wednesday, March 8, 6:30

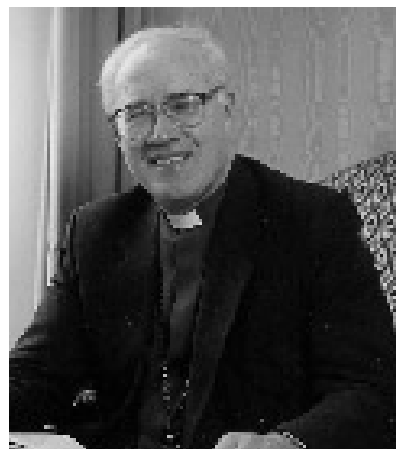
## Thurs. & Fri., March 9, 10

The Rev. Dr. Daniel P. Matthews, Co-chair, Development Committee, Cathedral of St. John the Divine, New York, NY

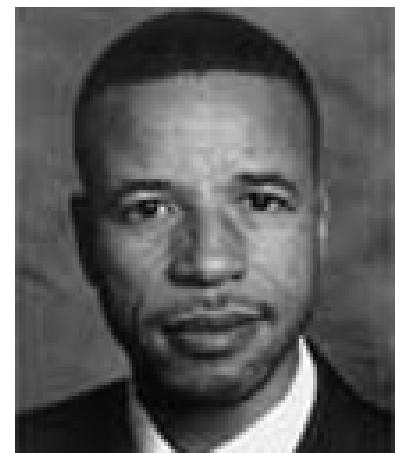
## Mon., March 13

Dr. Marcus J. Borg, Hundere Professor of Religion and Culture, Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR

Evening Event at Idlewild Presbyterian Church: Sunday, March



Carey



Thomas

12, 6:30

## Tues. - Fri., March 14 - 17

Lord George Carey of Clifton 103rd Archbishop of Canterbury, Westminster, London

Wednesday, March 15, 6:30

## Mon., March 20

The Rev. Katherine Bush, Associate Rector, Church of the Holy



Burnham



Tickle

Communion, Memphis

## Tues., March 21

Rabbi Micah Greenstein, Senior Rabbi, Temple Israel, Memphis TN

## Wed. & Thurs., March 22, 23

The Rev. Dr. John Buchanan, Pastor, Fourth Presbyterian Church (USA), Editor/Publisher, Christian Century, Chicago, IL

Evening Event at Calvary: Wednesday, March 22, 6:30

## Fri., March 24

The Rev. Christopher B. Davis Sr., St. Paul Baptist Church, Memphis, TN

## Mon., March 27

The Rev. Dr. Stephen R. Montgomery, Senior Pastor, Idlewild Presbyterian Church, Memphis

## Tues. & Wed., March 28, 29

The Rev. Dr. Frank A. Thomas, Senior Pastor, Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church, Memphis

Evening Event at Calvary: Wednesday, March 29, 6:30

## Thurs., March 30

The Rev. John Geaney, CSP, St. Augustine Roman Catholic Church, Memphis

## Fri., March 31

The Rev. Dr. Michael Jesse Battle, Vice President, Associate Dean of Academic Studies, Associate Professor of Theology, Virginia Theological Seminary, Alexandria, VA

## Mon. & Tues., April 3, 4

Sophy Burnham. Author Mystic, Healer, Intuitive, Washington, D.C.

## Wed., April 5

The Rt. Rev. Edwin F. Gulick Jr., Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of Kentucky, Louisville

Evening Event at Calvary: Wednesday, April 5, 6:30

## Thurs. & Fri., April 6, 7

Dr. Daniel J. Earheart-Brown, President, Memphis Theological Seminary

# Coming events in the Diocese

## Feb. 3 Silent retreat

St. Clare Retreats presents "Half-Day Silent Retreat for Women" led by the Rev. Mimsy Jones. The Silent Retreat will be held on Fri., Feb. 3 from 8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Scheibler Lodge of St. Columba Retreat and Conference Center. Cost is \$20 which includes morning coffee and lunch. Reservations are due by Jan. 30 with checks mailed to Greta Heru, 427 N. Highland #1, Memphis, TN, 39122, (901) 324-2652. For directions to St. Columba, visit [www.stcmemphis.org](http://www.stcmemphis.org).

## Feb. 5 Addition/Recovery

The next meeting of the Diocesan Addiction and Recovery Commission will be held Sun., Feb. 5, at 4 p.m. at Grace-St. Luke's Church, 1720 Peabody Ave. in Memphis. If you attend the Diocesan Convention at Calvary Church, look for our display. We will have resources available to share with you. Also, mark your calendars for March 24, 6:30 p.m., when a "Celebration of Recovery" will be held at St. Mary's Cathedral. Watch for flyers posted at your churches. The commission welcomes new members. If you are a member of a 12-step group, work in the addiction and recovery field, or have family or friends in recovery, please come get involved. If you don't feel you have time to be on the commission but are still interested and would still like to get individual notices/e-mail about our events, contact Lucy Owens, 272-7425, [lucy@gslparish.org](mailto:lucy@gslparish.org), or Shannon Tucker, 281-0785, [shannon.tucker@gmail.com](mailto:shannon.tucker@gmail.com).

## Feb. 9 St. Olaf Choir

The St. Olaf Choir will perform at Calvary Episcopal Church, 102 N. Second St. in Memphis, on Thurs., Feb. 9 at 7:30 p.m. The St. Olaf Choir, the widely acclaimed ensemble and longtime creative influence behind the a capella choral tradition, has toured annually since 1912. General admission tickets (no reserved seats) are \$30 for adults and \$15 for students. For ticket and choir information, please call the Calvary Music Office, 525-6602, ext. 120.

## Feb. 11 Silent auction

The Episcopal Church Women of Emmanuel Church in Memphis will present their annual Silent Auction event on Sat., Feb. 11, 5 – 8 p.m., 4150 Boeingshire. Tickets are on sale now for \$10. The event's theme is "Light Up the Night New Orleans Style: Glitz, Glamour and Gumbo," and will feature dozens of items for auction including art, cuisine, antique collectables and even professional services. To add an extra touch of elegance to the night, the auction rooms will be filled with live music and hors d'oeuvres representing the sounds and flavor of New Orleans. Dress is semi-formal for the event. Proceeds from the silent auction will benefit Emmanuel's Mortgage Fund. Additionally,

The Windsor Report, published by the Lambeth Commission in October 2004, is posted under the Bishop's Corner section of the Diocesan website, [www.episwtn.org](http://www.episwtn.org). All West Tennessee Episcopalians, especially Convention delegates, are encouraged to read the report prior to the Diocesan Convention, Feb. 23-25.

the church's ECW will donate a portion of all funds raised that night to the Episcopal Relief and Development Fund, which has set aside money to aid hurricane victims in the United States. For ticket information, or to donate items for the auction, contact event chairperson Candace McRae Walsh, 942-2668 or Emmanuel's church office, 346-7434.

## Feb. 13 Documentary movie showing

To learn more about civil marriage rights, Grace-St. Luke's Church, 1720 Peabody Ave. in Memphis, will host a documentary film and discussion on Feb. 13. The free event will begin at 6 p.m. with refreshments and information, followed by the movie at 6:30 p.m. For more information, contact Jonathan Cole at (901) 374-9484 or [jonathantn@juno.com](mailto:jonathantn@juno.com).

## Feb. 17 Organ concert

St. Mary's Cathedral "Music at St. Mary's" free concert series presents an organ concert on Fri., Feb. 17 with organist and composer Craig Phillips. The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Cathedral, 692 Poplar Ave. For information, visit [www.stmarysmemphis.org](http://www.stmarysmemphis.org) or call 527-3361.

Feb. 18, 19 Tickle to lead workshop Phyllis Tickle, the best-selling author, lecturer and Episcopalian from West Tennessee, will lead a workshop on Sat., Feb. 18, 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. at Grace-St. Luke's Church, 1720 Peabody Ave. in Memphis. Cost is \$20 and includes a light lunch. Tickle will also deliver the homily on Sun., Feb. 19, 10:30 a.m. at Grace-St. Luke's. To regis-

ter for the workshop, call the church office, (901) 272-7425.

Feb. 21 Harvard professor to speak Diana Eck, professor of comparative religion at Harvard University, will speak at Church of the Holy Communion, 4645 Walnut Grove Rd., on Tues., Feb. 21 at 7 p.m. Eck is the foremost expert on the growth of religious pluralism in the U.S. She is the director of the Pluralism Project, a foundation dedicated to the study of this new religious diversity and its role in contemporary America. For more information, visit [www.holy-communion.org](http://www.holy-communion.org).

## March 3 & 4 Flower arranging

"The Glorious Language of Flowers, The Art of Flower Arranging for the Home," featuring Linda Roeckelein, head of the Flower Guild at the Washington National Cathedral, will be held at 10 a.m. on Fri., March 3 at the Memphis Botanic Gardens, 750 Cherry Road, in Memphis. Admission is \$40. On Sat., March 4 at 10 a.m., Roeckelein will conduct a free demonstration on flower arranging for sacred spaces at the Church of the Holy Communion, 4645 Walnut Grove Road. Following the free demonstration, there will be a workshop limited to 25 participants at a cost of \$40, which includes lunch. Both events are sponsored by the West Tennessee Committee of the National Cathedral Association. For advance reservations and information, contact Anne Connell, (901) 270-3827, or Nancy Fulmer, (901) 767-0804.

## March 10 – 12 Jungian conference

Grace-St. Luke's Church in Memphis, in partnership with Journey into Wholeness Inc., will sponsor a conference, Fri., March 10 – Sun., March 12, entitled "Carl Jung and the Language of the Soul." Jung's psychology gives signposts as to how we can open ourselves to the Divine – signposts that the early Church knew but ones which our "enlightened" civilization has lost the ability to see. For Jung, unlike Freud, God was no "illusion." He believed many of our modern ills were due to our being cut off from our religious roots. Tuition, which includes lunch on Saturday, is \$235 until February 19 (\$260 after February 19). Partial scholarships are available. Registration will be held Friday, 4 – 5 p.m. The conference schedule is Friday, 7 – 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. – 9:30 p.m.; and Sunday, 9 a.m. – noon. To register, or for a brochure, call 828-877-4809, or call the Rev. Senter Crook at 272-7425, ext. 26. Registrations forms are also available on the diocesan website, [www.episwtn.org/events.html](http://www.episwtn.org/events.html). For information about Journey into Wholeness, go to [www.journeyintowholeness.org](http://www.journeyintowholeness.org).

# 'The Hidden Life' garners rave reviews

By Elizabeth Wiris, manager of the Episcopal Bookshop

Betty Skinner will be speaking at The Church of the Holy Communion on Feb. 1 at 10:30 a.m. *The Hidden Life* is about her remarkable journey out of clinical depression by means of prayer, and of her current life as an 80-year old modern contemplative. Evidently, she is an extraordinary "ordinary" person, someone you should make an effort to hear in person. But, if you cannot attend her talk, this book may be the next best thing. Both authors have known and been spiritually mentored by Skinner for many years. They relate her story through that lens—what they have learned by being in her presence. And, at the end of each chapter, they include a poem or meditation written by Skinner herself. *The Hidden Life* has been praised by many well-known therapists and authors, including Lauren Winner, who writes the forward. What follows are just a few of those reviews....

Jeanne Stewart Jemison, MD, Memphis: "Have you ever met someone who made you look forward to getting older? Being in Betty Skinner's presence produced a profound shift in my attitude about aging. At the mid-century mark myself, I had been gradually accepting the fact that I wasn't going to get better physically or mentally in my future years, but in Betty the prospect of seriously growing and getting better spiritually fleshed out before me. And I began to get excited, really excited,

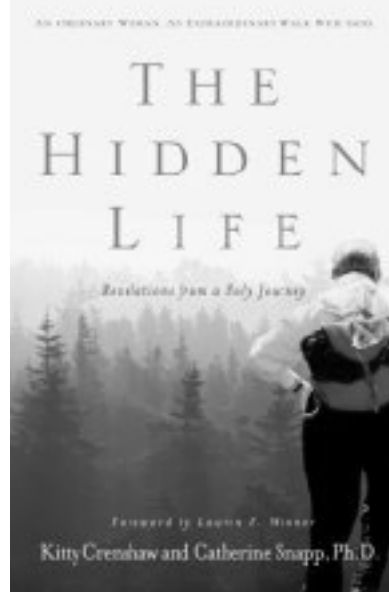
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about growing spiritually. If pursuing God over time could produce the level of spiritual peace and awareness I saw in Betty, then I could eagerly anticipate getting older."

"The concept of the 'thin places' is an ancient one in Christianity. Thin places are those places and times when the divide between the divine and our tangible reality narrows, allowing the depth of contact not otherwise possible. Betty Skinner has spent much time in those thin places and now provides a window into them for each of us."

The late Dr. Gerald May, author of *Dark Night of the Soul*, *Addiction and Grace*, *Will and Spirit*: "On the surface, Betty Skinner is everybody's grandmother: a diminutive 79-year-old woman with bright eyes, a contagious smile and arms always open, ready for a hug. Get to know her, though, and something far more

deep and powerful emerges. It is what I would call Wisdom, not the normal human wisdom that comes from life experience, but the Divine Wisdom that comes only as a gift from God. Betty shares this divine insight and guidance with others in quiet, ordinary ways. The last thing she would want is to be known as a guru or a famous spiritual leader. Thus we are deeply indebted to Kitty Crenshaw and Cathy Snapp for making Betty



available to the rest of us. *The Hidden Life* is a work of love, revealing the many facets of this remarkable woman: her life story, her insights and guidance, and her beautiful poetry. Through the pages of this book, Betty Skinner will touch your heart in profound and healing ways."

Dan Allender, author of *To be Told*, *Bold Love*, *Intimate Allies*, *The Healing Path*, *Wounded Healer*: "Stories have the potential to transform and redeem our life, but only by a story that both deeply connects to us and yet carries us to see beyond our current vision. Crenshaw and Snapp offer us a story for the ages. Betty Skinner, their mentor, is a passionate and compelling woman who knew deep darkness and the yearning for the coming dawn. Her courageous engagement with what seemed like

impassible barriers is a call to never settle for an ordinary life or a predictable God. You will love this remarkable life and book."

Phyllis Tickle, former religion editor, *Publishers Weekly*: "For this affectionate biography of their spiritual mentor, Crenshaw and Snapp have deftly woven into a single narrative the life, the teaching, and the words of Betty Walthour Skinner, a modern-day, Protestant contemplative. Readers will find courage here and hope, as well as comfort for the journey."

Stephen Pressfield, author of *The Legend of Bagger Vance*, *Gates of Fire*, *Tides of War*, *Alexander the Great*: "What's particularly inspiring to me about Betty Skinner's saga, as told so eloquently by Kitty Crenshaw and Cathy Snapp in *The Hidden Life*, is that it could have been lived by St. Theresa of Avila or Julian of Norwich. But Betty is just a regular American gal. In other words, we can do it, too! *The Hidden Life* will be invaluable to countless women (and men), assuring them that they are not alone in their interior trials and that such dark passages are not just not new, but can prove with faith to be gateways to wisdom."

*The above title and most of those mentioned in this issue of Episcopal Life can be found at the Episcopal Bookshop, 672 Poplar Ave., Memphis. Open 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Saturday. To contact the Bookshop, call 527-5684.*

## Emmanuel Center bags

The West Tennessee Episcopal Church Women are working with the Emmanuel Center to produce canvas bags with wooden dowels and printed by the Emmanuel Center. The bags may be used for carrying books to Bible study, materials to Sunday School, items for various church meetings or any number of other uses. The proceeds will go to the Emmanuel Center Exodus Program to fund the purchase of books.

Order one for yourself and others as gifts! Please share the story of the Emmanuel Center as you use your bag!

To order, please include your name, address, phone number, church, e-mail and the number of bags you are purchasing. All orders must include checks for \$20 per bag. Check should be made out to the West Tennessee ECW and orders mailed to: Dot Neale (766-7428 or dneale@us.ibm.com), 8275 Tournament Drive, Suite 300, Memphis, TN 38125.

Orders must be received by February 15. Unless other arrangements are made, orders will be delivered to the churches and you will be notified when they arrive.



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