

Most loving Father, whose will it is for us to give thanks for all things, to fear nothing but the loss of you, and to cast all our care on you who care for us:

Preserve us from faithless fears and worldly anxieties, that no clouds of this mortal life may hide us from the light of that love which is immortal, and which you have manifested to us in your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and ever. Amen.

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Diocesan Convention is more than business, inviting us to discover the hope that sustains **Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori is special guest** Part Two of Two by Heather Cook

This year's Diocesan Convention theme is "Archaeologists of Hope." What might that mean in the context of a church convention, in the context of the Diocese of Easton, in the context of our lives as Christians? Let's explore.

What do archaeologists do?

Last month, we took a look at some of the nuances of the work of an archaeologist, the first part of our theme. An archaeologist goes below the surface to deep places, carefully removing layers to find what is beneath. An archaeologist finds fragments of things that may look useless, and pieces them together to discover a whole. An archaeologist places that whole into the midst of an even larger whole, a context. And an archaeologist doesn't work alone; together, on a dig, archaeologists cooperate to bring into the present the meaning of a civilization that seemed to be lost.

It's easy to understand what archaeologists do when they sift through the sand and the dirt and the rubble on an excavation sight in Israel or Greece or Peru. But what does it mean if it's a human life we're sifting through?

The phrase "archaeology of hope" comes from a book about the practice of narrative therapy,¹ the process of engaging a person through thoughtful questions and careful listening, to help uncover connections in the events of his or her life and discover meaning, to make sense of what might have been hidden to consciousness.

What is hope?

This leads to the second part of our theme: hope.

We Christian archaeologists are not just digging for anything; it's hope that we want to uncover, because hope is what carries and sustains us for the journey.

Just what is hope?

The Marist brother Donald Bisson, a pioneer in the Jungian-Christian dialogue, expresses it this way:

"Hope does not mean a kind of wishful thinking.

It's very different from mere optimism: 'oh, it's all going to work out, things are getting better.' Things may not work out, they may not get better, they may get worse. But hope is a kind of a spiritual awakening in which something which is beyond me stirs in me and says 'yes' in the face of all of the 'no's' and darkneses of my life."²

"And here's the paradox: unless you've known despair, you can't know hope. Only despair is the teacher of hope; otherwise, all it is is optimism; it's not hope. Being optimistic – putting a good face on life – is not hope. Hope is being in the darkness long enough to trust the fact that the light lives within us and will emerge in the darkest moments."

At Convention

At Convention, and living out this theme over the year ahead, we want to invite those who have experienced tough times and darkness to discover the hope that is within them, choose to embrace it, and help others awaken the hope that is

within them.

We can do this for and with each other, together, as a community. This can happen when we give compassionate attention to the pieces of our story, and someone else's story, and fit those pieces together to see a pattern that is of God's making. When we speak our experience, and listen lovingly to and draw out the experience of the other, we find connections to the biggest story of all, of which you and I are a unique and beloved part: God's story, which is the story of hope in the midst of suffering, life amidst death.

No matter how bad the news gets, no matter what transformations the church and society are going through, no matter how the comfortable and familiar are being disturbed in our lives, the despair we may feel has meaning, grounded in a hope that cannot be defeated.

You are invited to come explore this on Saturday, February 26, along with your fellow Episcopalians and our Presiding Bishop at the Hyatt in Cambridge.

Registration materials are on our website.

The Rev. Canon Heather E. Cook is Canon to the Ordinary in the Diocese of Easton, Md.

¹Gerald Monk et al., *Narrative Therapy in Practice: The Archaeology of Hope* (San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, 1997), p. 3.

²Br. Donald D. Bisson, FMS, from two lectures: "Conversion: From Loneliness to Solitude" and "The Wounded Healer: Nouwen & Jung," quoted with the permission of the author.

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Hope is not merely wishful thinking that things will get better

Hope comes from this profound yes. We open up to the experience of hope when we discover a profound capacity to say yes *in the midst of* pain, in the midst of suffering, in the midst of despair. And hope is not an experience of the ego; it's an experience of something else that moves within us, which is essentially mystery.

Hope is not a thin thing, not superficial or easily acquired. Hope does not land in your lap. Rather, it is a choice, born through persistence and toughness, defiance even, in the face of the worst that life can deliver.

These days, it seems there is despair in many places, evidenced in a kind of national malaise as folks grow weary of struggling with a poor economy, partisan politics, environmental degradation, and a host of other things. For church folks like us, there is the bad news of declining attendance, dwindling budgets, and a culture that no longer even associates "spiritual" with what goes on inside church doors. It would be easy, from fatigue if nothing else, to feel despair and numbness; and many people are feeling just that.

So if hope really is born *especially* in the midst of despair, we are positioned – precisely now in this bleak landscape – to find it, to find the light that only emerges in the darkest places.

"This hope is light that comes from within, not from without," Bisson says. "We don't get hope by pouring it in us; we have to be in the darkness and despair long enough for the light to emerge from us.



Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori will be our guest

A Word from the Bishop

My dear friends:

Have you ever received an invitation to a family reunion?

Most of us have, and our initial reactions can be varied as the colors of the rainbow. Some will think, “how boring.” Others will think, “I really would like to see my long-lost relatives from my father’s, or was it my mother’s side of the family, that I just love.” Still others will think, “Do I have the time to go to such an event? Is it worth my time and my energy to still connect with people I share a common heritage with, but see no longer?” You can think of other reasons or excuses why not to accept an invitation to a family reunion.

I would like to invite you to another type of family reunion, known as the Diocesan Convention of the Diocese of Easton. This is the 142nd anniversary of this reunion.

It is held every year toward the end of February. This year’s reunion is the 25th and 26th of this month and is being held at the Hyatt in Cambridge – you know, our diocesan retreat center.

Like most family reunions, there will be a host of different activities that should appeal to almost everyone.

The theme of the convention is “Archaeologists of Hope.” We will try to dig up the stories of each of us and uncover how we are connected to one another. We might even discover through our conversations some things that we might want to share with other members of the assembled body. These could be beneficial or insightful or even give us a new perspective on how we think about ourselves and the other brothers and sisters.

While we share, it is just as important to listen to our sisters and brothers as they tell their stories. The time spent listening to one another can also open us up to new ways of doing things as well as new approaches to solving new challenges, perhaps even a new life.

The sharing and the listening we will do is only a part of the reunion. All reunions have a special guest. This year’s Convention is pleased to have as our special guest the Most Rev. Dr. Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop and Primate of the Episcopal Church. Dr. Jefferts Schori will be with us on Saturday, the 26th, beginning with the celebration of a Eucharistic banquet as the celebrant and preacher. This special meal is being organized by the younger members of the clan. Following the Eucharist, the Presiding Bishop will be sharing with us what she believes we can discover as Archaeologists of Hope.

Lunch on Saturday will allow Dr. Jefferts Schori to share a meal with the younger members of the family and answer their questions and listen to their inquiries. Following lunch, we shall reconvene our sharing and listening sessions with the Presiding Bishop before we adjourn and return home.

Of course, Friday is the day we all enjoy as we handle the business of the body. Besides resolutions, voting, hearing reports, and doing the business of the diocese, we will once again connect with others who share our passion for the mission and ministry we do together in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. There will be informal time for gathering as well as the sharing of a few meals, lunch

and dinner, and greeting each other and just catching up on what God has been up to in your life or the life of your congregation. You never know when sharing will be an opportunity for someone else to learn a new thing.

So, my brothers and sisters, consider this your invitation to a family reunion that could be a chance for God to open the doors of your heart, stimulate your thinking, and move you to looking at the world with new eyes, new thoughts, and yes, maybe, a new vision for life.

Hope to see you there.

God bless you always,

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I would like to invite you to our family reunion, known as Diocesan Convention



**Tipping Point:
Reclaiming Hope
workshop is March 5**

Registration forms :
www.dioceseofeaston.org.

Send a team from your parish to learn with Dr. Peter Fellowes, experienced in turning organizations around. This event is free.

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| 9:00 a.m. | Gathering |
| 9:30 a.m. | Talk 1: Overview & Examples (includes Q&A) |
| 10:30 a.m. | Break |
| 10:45 a.m. | Visioning in parish teams |
| 12:00 noon | Lunch |
| 12:45 p.m. | Talk 2: Sharing |
| 2:00 p.m. | Departure |

“See, I am making all things new.”

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Deadline for the March issue is Feb. 4. Send us your photographs showing how things are being made new in your parish.

Candidates will be elected during the business session of Diocesan Convention on Friday, February 25

Meet the nominees for diocesan positions

Nominees were asked to respond to the following: 1. In a brief paragraph, please give a sense of the vision and gifts/skills which you would bring to the position for which you have been nominated. 2. List the ways have you lived out your gifts/skills in the past, such as committees and organizations, as well as relevant job/life experiences. 3. As you are offering yourself as a candidate, please share areas of interest and other ministries you might enjoy.

Diocesan Calendar

All meetings held at Bray House/Miller Hall in Easton unless otherwise noted. When in doubt, call 822-1919.

February

- 1 Middle Convocation, Christ Church, St. Michaels, 7:00 p.m.
- 2 ESE board, 10:30 a.m.
- 2 Southern Convocation, St. Peter's, Salisbury, 7:00 p.m.
- 3 Northern Convocation, St. Paul's, Centreville, 7:00 p.m.
- 5 ECW St. Brigid event, Trinity Cathedral, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
- 5 Ordination to the Priesthood, the Rev. Barbara Bassuener, St. Mary's, Pocomoke
- 6 Bishop visit, St. Mary's, Pocomoke City
- 7 Dept. Missions, 2:00 p.m.
- 7 Environmental Ministries, 7:00 p.m.
- 7 Camp Agape, Shrewsbury, Kennedyville, 7:00 p.m.
- 8 Clericus, 9:30 a.m.
- 8 Spiritual Life, 6:00 p.m.
- 17 Camp Wright, 6:00 p.m.
- 20 Bishop visit, Old Wye, Queenstown
- 21 Diocesan office closed
- 25, 26 Diocesan Convention, Hyatt, Cambridge
- 28 Diocesan office closed
- 28 Theology Forum, Christ Church, Cambridge, 7:00 p.m.

March

- 1 Commission on Ministry, 5:30 p.m.
- 2 ESE board, 10:30 a.m.
- 5 Tipping Point: Reclaiming Hope workshop, Trinity Cathedral, Easton, 9:00-2:00
- 6 Bishop visit, St. Paul's, Berlin
- 7 Dept. Missions, 2:00 p.m.
- 7 Environmental Ministry, 7:00 p.m.
- 7 Camp Agape, St. Paul's by-the-Sea, Ocean City, 7:00 p.m.
- 8 Clericus, 9:30 a.m.
- 8 Spiritual Life, 6:00 p.m.
- 13 Bishop visit, All Faith, Tunis Mills
- 14-18 Canon Cook at Transition Ministry Conf.
- 17 Camp Wright, 6:00 p.m.
- 20 Bishop visit, Augustine Parish, Chesapeake City
- 21 Theology Forum, Christ Church, Cambridge, 7:00 p.m.
- 27 Bishop at House of Bishops

Convocation Meetings

at 7:00 p.m.

for all clergy and delegates to prepare for Diocesan Convention February 25 & 26.

Tuesday, Feb. 1: Middle
Christ Church, St. Michaels
Wednesday, Feb. 2 : South
St. Peter's, Salisbury
Thursday, Feb. 3 : North
St. Paul's, Centreville

We will review the budget, discuss resolutions, and prepare for the program day with the Presiding Bishop.

Diocesan Council

Elect one clergy, one lay, to serve as at-large representatives for three years

Council is similar to a parish vestry, functioning in the place of Convention when Convention is in recess. Its responsibilities include administration of the budget and management of business and secular affairs. Council is also charged with activities that promote unification, development, and prosecution of missionary work, church extension, and Christian education. Some vestry and parish experience is desirable.

Clergy

Kevin Cross

Holy Trinity, Oxford

1. Pastoral work has always been at the core of my vocations and is my leading strength in ministry. I firmly believe that combining pastoral ministry with the celebration of the sacraments can be a powerful healing force in the world today. I believe that the kingdom of God is represented amongst us through these sacred acts of community.



From this perspective, the sacraments can be seen as radical, prophetic acts, through which a priest and community celebrate God's dream in a broken, incomplete world. Additionally I possess strong leadership and administrative skills from my years as a business executive.

2. Prior to following my calling I worked for over 25 years as an executive in the finance field focusing on human resources and merger/acquisition work. I have managed organizations ranging from three to 65 employees. At work and in my communities I have served as a member and leader of numerous task forces and committees including co-chairing a parish rector search committee and serving on the Human Resources committee for my previous diocese.

3. I am passionate about taking the good news out into the world beyond the church, working with the elderly and in hospital chaplaincy. I have a special interest in working with adults and youth in recovery from addiction. In relation to this work I have lead national conferences and taught seminary classes on Addiction, Youth and Spirituality and serve on the national board of Recovery Ministries of the Episcopal Church. Ecumenical outreach working with other denomination has also been a leading activity of my ministry.

Laura Dorsey

St. Mary's, Tyaskin

Responses will appear in the Convention workbook.

Lay

Dick Bunting

St. Paul's, Berlin

1. I worked in the insurance industry prior to April 4, 2001 for 30 plus years, holding positions in sales and management using my people skills to sell and manage a staff of four. I took an insurance firm from \$250,000 in the red to showing a profit in 15 months time. While in the industry I was active in civic



organizations such as the Berlin/Ocean City Optimist Club, the Ocean City Lions Club while also serving as President of the Worcester, Wicomico, Somerset Independent Insurance Association.

2. Since my departure from the insurance industry I have been following my "call" to the ordained ministry of the deacon. I am currently active in St. Paul's, Berlin, completing a three-year term on the vestry, the last year serving as senior warden. I am licensed by the diocese as a Eucharistic Minister and Visitor as well as a Worship Leader.

Barbara Anne Fisher

St. Peter's, Salisbury

1. With 27 years of teaching experience and 17 years as a department head, I have a broad background in working as a part of a leadership team responsible for decision-making and defining future goals. The vision I would bring is that of seeing our Diocese as continuing a progressive movement towards the future while honoring that within our past which remains relevant.



2. Since arriving in Salisbury a little over two years ago to serve as the Program Director of St. Peter's I have served at the diocesan level on the Environment Committee and as the Youth Coordinator for the Southern Convocation. I have also been involved in curriculum development for various ages, presenting workshops, and bringing national presenters into the Diocese.

3. I am working on my Doctor of Ministry in Educational Leadership degree at Virginia Theological Seminary and hope to graduate in May 2012. For fourteen years, I had my own puppetry and creative dramatics company and performed in community theater. I love to write, bike, hike, and kayak in my spare time.

H. P. Ketterman

Christ Church, Easton

1. Having grown up as the son of not one, but two ministers, I have a unique perspective into church organizational structures; what works well and what could be improved upon. My vision would be for all of the churches in the diocese to collaborate so that much-needed services to the community at large are not duplicated. We are stronger together than individually.



2. Through my 23 year career with the Maryland State Police, I became skilled at diffusing difficult situations and resolving conflicts. I am part of the Diocesan Disaster Preparedness Committee and serve on the Board of Talbot Partnership for Drug Free Youth. Some of my most rewarding volunteer work has been with the Joseph House Crisis Center in Salisbury where I helped provide services to homeless and low income families.

3. In these difficult economic times, it is important to help those in need within in our own communities. Our churches should assist local charities in the work that they do to avoid duplication of efforts. I am interested in supporting this endeavor. I would like to see efforts within the diocese to find new and innovative ways to spread God's word.

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Nominees for diocesan positions, cont.

Jane Morgan St. Paul's, Hebron

1. As a nominee for Diocesan Council, I envision the churches in the Diocese of Easton working hand in hand. Being in competition, or in isolation from each other hinders us in our spiritual journey. I bring the ability to discern more than one side of an issue, continually seeking common ground. Open and honest communication is the key to our life together.

2. I have used my skills on the communication committee as well as the Vestry at St. Alban's, the Cathedral Chapter, and I continue in this vein at St. Paul's, Hebron. I have been a volunteer receptionist at Bray House for several years.

3. Outreach interests me. After one delicious dinner at St. Paul's, I suggested that we share our bounty and collect food for those less fortunate. I now deliver a basket of food each week to a crisis center in Salisbury. I retired from one of the first fully integrated schools in Wicomico County. Thus, I would like to know more about the diocese's anti-racism project.



worked in various settings including the FBI, GMAC and the nursing home industry. I bring a good blend of business sense and spiritual understanding to the table, and I would be honored to serve on the Standing Committee, if elected.

3. I am a pianist and composer, a swimmer, bicyclist and gardener. I enjoy reading and writing. I love animals and interacting with God in nature. I am a Washington Capitals fan.

Michael Reddig Christ Church, Cambridge

1. The Diocese of Easton is a decidedly different and better place since we arrived 8 1/2 years ago.



The more we continue to pray and study the scriptures and talk and laugh together, the better equipped we'll all be to love each other and share that love with others. I think I bring both vision and a sense of humor to the work at hand.

2. Serving as Deputy to Convention, and on

Constitution & Canons, Camps Wright & Agape, Commission on Ministry, Environmental, St. Andrew's group, Brian McLaren and other diocesan committees has helped reveal how we're related to each other and the greater church. Just as God has blessed us here in the DoE, so we have even greater opportunities to be a blessing to each other and our worlds.

3. Phyllis Tickle, Bob Honeychurch, Brian McLaren, and other visitors to the diocese have been positive about the potential the church has in these rapidly changing, challenging, yet exciting times. Recent sabbatical experiences in other churches and dioceses, coupled with a love for God, my diocese, and our church give me added energy to help build on the solid foundation our bishop and others have built.

Lay

Jo Merrill Trinity Cathedral, Easton

1. My background is in education and counseling. As a clinical social worker for many years I learned to listen and have worked with a variety of people facing myriad circumstances. I recently served as Bishop's Warden (Trinity Cathedral) and have worked closely with our Bishop during some challenging times. I have been a delegate to convention and have attended Convocation meetings.

2. When we moved to the Eastern Shore 20 years ago I purposely looked for ways to use my social work and teaching skills in new ways. I have served on the boards of Habitat for Humanity, Easton Day Care Center, Talbot Association of Clergy and Laity, Talbot County Free Library, Talbot Interfaith Hunger Coalition and the St. Michaels Art League. I have also served on the Chapter of Trinity Cathedral and as the People's and the Bishop's wardens.

3. I have been very involved in several ministries at the cathedral including Trinity Threaders (knitting sweaters for underserved population), Outreach (lunches for shut-ins in Easton), Stewardship, Teaching, and Pastoral Care. "Outside of church, I am challenging myself with art classes - learning to paint. And, my real treasured times these days are with our nine grandchildren ranging in age from 4-21 - preschool to a graduating college senior!



Board of Managers

Elect two lay to serve for three years

The Board's mission is to manage the invested funds of the diocese and of parishes whose portfolios are entrusted to the Board.

Bill Mariner St. Paul's, Berlin

1. I am a graduate of the University of Maryland with a degree in accounting. I was formerly the Managing Partner of the Ocean City office of a local CPA firm and chairman of the firm's Executive Committee. I now work in a consulting capacity. I am a member of several CPA organizations, and was past president of the Maryland Eastern Shore CPA Association.

2. I am a vestry member of St. Paul's, Berlin, and am a member of St. Paul's Finance Committee. The Finance Committee is responsible for putting together the budget and investing endowment funds. I am also a member of the Diocese of Easton Dept. of Finance. In the past, I worked as an IRS agent from 1965 - 1970.

3. I was one of ten partners that restored and operated the 1895 Atlantic Hotel in Berlin, Md. We also are involved with four other partners in the operation of a hotel and motel in Ocean City, Md. My former community memberships include: Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore, Greater Salisbury Committee, board member of a local bank, board member of a local house museum.

Chris Maxwell St. Paul's-Kent, Chestertown

1. The BOM is charged with the transparent supervision of investment assets entrusted to it from all parts of the Diocese. In my first term I was extensively involved in developing and overseeing the Easton Episcopal Funds which have lowered costs about 25%, generated returns greater than benchmarks and have provided timely and comprehensive information to participants. I hope that these Funds will become the investment of choice throughout the diocese.

2. As CEO of the mutual fund units of major financial institutions I developed the Vista Funds for Chase and the Victory Funds for Key. I have served as a Governor of the Investment Company Institute, and as an advisor to the \$100 billion New York State Teachers Retirement System. I was a founding managing partner of Conestoga Capital Advisors and of the Conestoga Funds.

3. I have served as chair of the Finance Committee of St. Paul's-Kent, I am a director and treasurer of St. Martin's Ministries in Ridgely, Md., I serve as a trustee of the Kent County Library, I was on the organizing committee of the Rock Hall, Md. tri-centennial committee, and serve on various other community development efforts in Rock Hall.



Standing Committee

Elect one clergy, one lay, to serve for three years

The Standing Committee's principal ministry is to be a council of advice for the bishop. In the event there is no bishop, it becomes the ecclesiastical authority. Among its other ministries is to assure a candidate for holy orders has fully met all the canonical requirements, to give or withhold approval for transfer of real property by congregations, and to consent or not to the elections of bishops in all other dioceses of the Episcopal Church. Some vestry and parish experience is desirable.

Clergy David Green

Christ Church, Kent Island

1. Standing Committees discharge constitutional and canonical responsibilities such as issuing recommendations in the ordination process, granting consent to Episcopal elections and consecrations, and acting as Ecclesiastical Authority in the absence of a bishop. Standing Committees also act as councils of advice to Diocesan bishops. Both of these functions require the gift/skill of discernment—the ability to prayerfully listen to God together with others in the decision making process. I love the Episcopal Church and have come to love the Diocese of Easton, during my six years here. I have a vision of growth and vitality for the Church at the parochial, diocesan and national levels. I believe that my "listening heart" would be helpful in leading the Church, during the days ahead.

2. I am a "cradle Episcopalian" who served as an active layperson for 20 years, before being ordained to the priesthood in 1987. Since then, I have served in three dioceses in the positions of rector, dean, diocesan council member, commission on ministry adjunct, retreat leader and spiritual director. While in the Diocese of Easton, I have served as chair of the Spiritual Life Committee, member of Diocesan Council, member of the Department of Missions, member of the Convention Task Force and member of the Brian McLaren Steering Committee. Before seminary, I



Nominees for diocesan positions, cont.

Clergy Penny Morrow

St. Paul's by-the-Sea, Ocean City

1. We are always enriched by the sharing of ideas and resources. This is particularly true in our own diocese. Asking questions and getting excited by new possibilities, I have experienced this many times since coming to the Diocese of Easton twenty years ago. Elected to the Provincial Synod, I would look forward to bringing that same kind of energy through 'Holy listening' and thoughtful communication.



2. Prior to diaconate ordination in 2008, I filled leadership roles at St. Paul's by-the-Sea, Ocean City, including worship leader, rector search committee, vestry and convention delegate. I served on the Bishop's search committee, created the 1st labyrinth ministry in the diocese, was instrumental in the creation of Camp Agape. I am chaplain at Atlantic General Hospital, lead an expanding prison ministry at ECI, and serve on the DOE Spiritual Life Committee. I am a companion with the Benedictine Community of Reconciliation, WNC.

Kenneth Thom

All Hallows, Snow Hill

1. I have served in several positions at the diocesan level for over six years, so have a unique and acute sense and understanding of relations between the diocese and the national church. With this background I can act as a knowledgeable and convincing spokesperson for our diocese at both the provincial and national levels.



2. Member of Diocesan Council for three years and vice-president for one year. Member of diocesan Standing Committee for three years and president for one year. Three years on the finance committee of the diocese. Diocesan Ecumenical Officer for seven years. Prior to ordination, was system engineering manager for a major aerospace company. In last position had responsibility for a team of scientists and engineers flying major NASA spacecraft with a budget of more than \$25 million.

3. Our Lord prayed that we might be one as he and his disciples are one. My hope is to foster that ecumenical spirit at the provincial and national levels both with separated parts of the Episcopal Church and with other Christian denominations. To me, there is no greater calling than to bring Christ's healing and reconciling word to everyone I encounter.

Charles Walthall

All Faith Chapel, Tunis Mills

1. I am deeply committed to outreach at the local, diocesan, provincial, national and Anglican Communion levels. My vision is grounded in the Baptismal Covenant: to seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbor as ourself; to strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being. At my own expense, I have attended Province 3 meetings as an observer for the past two years.



2. Doctor of Ministry, Sewanee, 2010; MDiv, Virginia Seminary, 2001; Doctor of Music, Catholic University, 1981; Rector, All Faith Chapel, Tunis Mills, MD, since 2005; Chaplain, National Cathedral, since 2004; Diocese of Easton: Diocesan Council, since 2009; Spiritual Life Committee, since 2007; Anglican Covenant Committee, 2008 & 2010; Nominating

Committee, 2008-10; Easton: TACL (ministerial alliance), board of directors 2007-8; William Hill, chaplain, since 2005.

3. As a retired professional musician, I have a great love for music, especially (Anglican) church music. I love travel: I have been to the Holy Land 3 times, and have toured almost all the Cathedrals and Abbeys in Great Britain. For my four-week sabbatical 2011, I plan to do an homage to St Paul: either in Greece and Turkey, or at St Paul's K St, DC, as a Fellow-in-Residence.

Lay Skip Wrightson

Trinity Cathedral, Easton

1. With the challenges that are facing the Episcopal Church today, I feel it is necessary to gain all of the knowledge from our surrounding Dioceses to help not only our Diocese but also our parishes.



2. As Trinity Cathedral Peoples Warden, I believe that I have skills in both communication and organization to serve to this committee. Serving on the Diocesan Disaster Preparedness committee and as co-chairperson to the Mississippi Missions, I feel that these past duties can help me if elected to this position.

3. I enjoy wildlife and land conservation, building ministries, stewardship of church buildings and helping others may who need assistance.

General Convention

Elect four clergy, four lay as deputies to serve for three years

Deputies and alternates elected in 2011 will attend the General Convention in Indianapolis in 2012. An understanding of the breadth of the mission and ministry of the wider Episcopal Church, beyond our own diocese, is important. Experience as a parish delegate to Diocesan Convention is desirable.

Clergy Heather Cook

Diocesan Staff, Easton

1. Deputies listen, discern, and contribute to wider conversation about how the Church responds to the gospel call. I bring perspective gained through relationships with colleagues across the country, representing our diocese on national boards and seminars. The Church's purpose is to be useful to God; General Convention's purpose is to live into that call, praying through differences, remembering we are intricately bound together in Christ.



2. In several dioceses I've served on a breadth of committees, from Finance to Commission on Ministry, communications and Christian education, Standing Committee and youth. I've enjoyed mentoring teenagers as a school chaplain; helping parishes discover outreach priorities as Canon for Mission; nurturing a lively, growing congregation as rector; and tending to the small things that build community as Canon to the Ordinary here in our diocese.

3. I love helping a person discover his or her true self and develop the gifts God gave. The older I get, the more I value healing and reconciliation. I'm a big-picture inspirational thinker who would love to change the world in a heartbeat, so for balance I practice appreciating the simple ordinary things that make life a wondrous adventure.

David Green

Christ Church, Kent Island

See response under Standing Committee.

Frieda Malcolm

St. Alban's, Salisbury

1. My leadership experience both in the Diocese of Easton and beyond has provided a sense of both what is possible and what is desirable for the spread of the Good News in Jesus Christ. Taking advantage of or creating opportunities for cooperative mission work will help the Episcopal Church fulfill its calling into the future.



2. Diocese of Easton: Standing Committee, Diocesan Council, Personnel & Compensation, youth advisory group, two-time General Convention deputy. Rotating off as coordinator of the Province III Christian Educators' Network. Have also served in the Dioceses of New Jersey, West Virginia, and Maryland.

3. Continued interest in overseas development work and in Christian formation for all ages.

David Michaud

St. Andrew's, Princess Anne

1. I possess skills to listen, study, comprehend the enormous information a Deputy is required to digest, to engage others collaboratively in debate and prayerfully discern my vote on issues. The Church has much to offer, but it needs to examine its organization and take advantage of emerging technologies. With less funds, it faces hard decisions. Promoting inclusiveness, mission-outreach, education are critical as we move forward.



2. Served previous two conventions in General Convention Secretariat as Database Manager, responsible for the smooth operation system that tracks and process convention's hundreds of resolutions. Very knowledgeable about legislative process; know many key actors. Political science degree and 12 years experience in Washington. Know the diocese: member of Diocesan Council, lead the Church Initiatives Grant Program, Diocesan Communications Task Force; authored history of the Diocese of Easton; member Camp Wright Committee.

3. I would like to continue serving on Diocesan Council and the Communications Task Force.

Gordon Morrison

St. Paul's, Trappe

1. I take the baptismal vow "respect the dignity of every human being" very seriously. As an adult I was confirmed in Iran and served there as Appointed Missionary of the Episcopal Church. I continue to work for better understanding between Muslims and Christians. In retirement I am delighted to be part-time Priest in Charge at St. Paul's, Trappe. My burning interests are interfaith dialogue and fostering justice and peace for all God's children and as a deputy I would support those efforts.



2. The most exciting Eucharists I have celebrated were with Anglican Sudanese refugees in Syria. I celebrate in English; they sing/dance in Dinka, some maimed by land mines. Their joy in the Body of Christ is greater celebration than words my mouth can say. "Cape of the Preacher" from Sunni Muslim seminary in Damascus, M.Div. from Sewanee, served in four dioceses. Sewanee Trustee, began Hispanic ministry in Odessa, Texas. Cursillo Spiritual Director and guest speaker.

3. Interfaith dialogue and justice and peace.

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Nominees for diocesan positions, cont.

Charles Osberger

Wye Parish, Wye, Queenstown

1. Serving as a deputy to General Convention I have learned in remarkable ways how a purposeful gathering of committed Christians exercises discernment. My vision of a deputy is one who participates in those counsels, committees and plenary sessions of Convention seeking to follow the direction of the Holy Spirit for the mission of the church. Convention life has taught me the wisdom of informed conversation, patience in prayer; a competence at the legislative process and above all believing in our church's highest calling to faithfulness in Jesus Christ.

2. It has been my privilege to serve four consecutive Conventions as a deputy from this Diocese. For the previous two Conventions I was appointed a member of a Special Commission on the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion. Looking forward to Convention 2012, I have been appointed to serve on a second Special Commission reporting on the Theology, Governance and Structure of the Episcopal Church. 3. Please see above responses.

Gregory Powell

Trinity Cathedral, Easton

1. I have time and stamina needed for team preparation prior to General Convention, the convention itself, and post-convention responsibilities. I have a worldview that values teamwork and group participation. I value the whole of our denomination having been influenced by, and made friends with, persons in the Charismatic, Evangelical, and Liberal parts of our denomination. I think such a perspective would be useful to a diocesan deputation.

2. Since my arrival in 1999 I've served formally as Chair of the Department of Missions, Vice-President of Diocesan Council, member of the Standing Committee, member of the Bishop Search Team, and initiated the Theology Forum. I coordinated an 18-month three church Alpha program, led a multi-church team that brought in Brian McLaren, and initiated a five-church venture aimed at forging a shared ministry.

3. When living in a Rectory I actually fished, played golf, and enjoyed target practice at a gun range. Now, I own a home and can be found there most non-working hours.

Michael Reddig

Christ Church, Cambridge

See response under Standing Committee.

Kenneth Thom

All Hallows, Snow Hill

See response under Provincial Synod.

Charles Walthall

All Faith Chapel, Tunis Mills

See response under Provincial Synod.

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Bonnie Caudell

All Hallows, Snow Hill

1. During my 22 years in the Episcopal Church, I have found my home and my family. I am particularly blessed that our church encourages me as a woman to minister as God leads me. (This was not true in the Baptist church, my former home.) My gift is teaching, and I enjoy writing, both of which are used in my work with our diocesan and parish news letters.

2. I retired as a psychiatric social worker, and my

training and life experience help me to find and develop the gifts and talents of others. I am Senior Warden at All Hallows, where as in most small churches, I pick up many odd jobs to serve our parish. In the diocese I am on the Editorial Board. In the past I have been on the Sexual Misconduct Committee, which helped formulate diocesan policy for dealing with misconduct. I have served on Diocesan Council and Standing Committee.

3. I am a director of the Children's Home Foundation as well as the Worcester Commission on Aging. This pictures my concern for folks throughout the lifespan, that I might help improve quality of life for all people. I also share with my daughter the responsibility for parenting two special needs foster children. (This doesn't leave me much time to get into mischief.) I was honored to serve as your deputy to the last General Convention, where I delighted in seeing the workings of our church. I would be delighted to return.

Nancy Dick

Emmanuel, Chestertown

1. My vision for the Episcopal Church is for us to live in dynamic tension that accepts and respects varying views of scriptural interpretation. General Convention requires prayerful and careful listening, an understanding of church polity, patience and lots of energy. I would bring these as a deputy to General Convention.

2. The gifts/skills needed for General Convention have been helpful as, at varying and numbers of times, I served on the Standing Committee, Commission on Ministry, Diocesan Council, member of the Canon Change Team for our cathedral, senior warden and a vestry member at Emmanuel, delegate to diocesan conventions, and deputy to General Convention. They were useful when I worked as a community health nurse.

3. Particular interests include singing in our choir, environmental issues, cooking, social justice, education (I serve on the board of a K-8 school); licensed ministry training which I have helped organize for the diocese.

Ruth Kemp

St. Paul's, Berlin

1. One of the many things that I love about the Episcopal Church is its ability to be one, and still offer a wide range of worship, views, understanding and compassion. Although these traits are evident throughout our diocese, they are overwhelmingly demonstrated during General Convention. My quests for seeing the whole picture, feeling the compassion, seeking the new, and listening to the old, draw me to the rare experience of General Convention.

2. I have had the opportunities of seeking, listening, and visioning throughout my life as a career teacher and serving on numerous community and diocesan committees. Most recently in the Diocese of Easton, the Standing Committee, Province III Anti-Racism Committee, alternate to the 2009 General Convention, deputy to the 2003 General Convention, Diocesan Council, delegate and alternate to diocesan conventions, search committees, and the Diocese of Easton's E.C.W. Board, member of Environmental Ministries

3. My interests remain with Environmental Ministries, the anti-racism endeavors, the welfare of women and children, growth of our churches and the continued welfare of our diocese and bishop.

Jane Morgan

St. Paul's, Hebron

1. As a candidate for Deputy, I believe the gift we share from the risen Christ is more important than the many differences we have whether with fellow Episcopalians or other Christians. I am especially interested in seeing The Episcopal Church in concert with other denominations make strides in stopping gender violence and continuing to live out the Millennium Development Goals.

2. I have served as Senior Warden of St. Alban's vestry and represented St. Alban's and now St. Paul's, Hebron, at Diocesan Convention. I have also and have represented the diocese at the Provincial level. I have served on the Worship Committee at St. Alban's and currently serve as a LEM at St. Paul's, and am in my fourth year of EfM. 3. I am interested in the diocese's efforts in emergency preparedness outreach, and anti-racism.

Eddie Vance

Christ Church, Denton

1. Active experience, including Christ Church, Denton, Vestry, Trinity Cathedral Chapter, diocesan rep, Province III Council, Diocese of Easton Deputy to General Convention, and TEC Standing Commission on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations. Ability to work with all, with those whom I disagree, especially. Vision for the church includes all of us staying at the table, always, all the while agreeing to disagree without being disagreeable, whenever necessary.

2. I've served happily when asked, when appointed, and when elected, to various parish, diocesan, convention, and provincial committees and offices. I'm a husband, father, brother, nephew, uncle, in-law, godson, godfather, neighbor, colleague, citizen, friend, and active church member. My professional life is very much involved with serving the public. Habitat for Humanity. Maryland Rural CARES. Camp Agape. Jail ministry. Integrity. Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner.

3. Among my interests: choir; the arts; cross-words; film & literature. I am called to three ministry categories: justice, reconciliation & peace; ecumenical & interfaith; parochial, diocesan & regional. I enjoy visiting jails, attending community services, being a member of an interfaith prayer group, attending events & supporting otherwise the church. I love enthusiastically, completely & without qualification family, friends & God's church.

Kathleen Wise Ridley

Christ Church, Cambridge

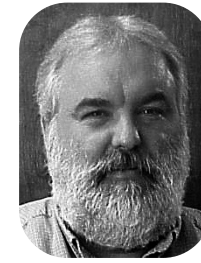
1. At this turbulent time in the history of the Episcopal and Anglican churches, deputies to

General Convention need both knowledge about the political workings of the church, and a strong grounding in how to live out our faith in the way we deal with each other. As the world watches, I would hope to demonstrate the love we have for one another and the world, in the decisions we make. I believe my

personal background and experience as a General Convention Deputy will enable me, with God's help, to do this.

2. My faith and my 45 years as a mental health clinician have been good background for living and working with people - in the community, the church, and the diocese. During my 25 years in the diocese I've served locally as a Sunday School teacher, Eucharistic Minister and Visitor, Worship Leader, vestry member, senior warden, and Delegate to Diocesan Convention. On the diocesan level I've been on the Standing Committee, Commission on Ministry, Spiritual Formation Committee, and a Deputy to General Convention, as well as a consultant for several Search Committees and Mutual Ministry reviews.

3. I have a special interest in Christian formation and enjoyed serving on the Education committee at the last General Convention (GC) when we passed a resolution encouraging dioceses to develop plans for lifelong spiritual formation. I would hope to be on that committee again during the 2012 GC. I also am interested in continuing to see more opportunities for lay ministry, and in helping to develop training for those ministries.



The Editors' Exchange



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St. Paul's by-the-Sea, Ocean City

Guests receive more than food during NOEL dinner

The purpose of the NOEL Community's annual Christmas dinner is more than just the obvious – to provide food to those in the community. The event also provides fellowship and companionship to people who may not have anywhere else to go on Christmas Day. NOEL, which stands for Nothing Other than Eating and Loving, served its 13th annual free turkey and ham dinner with all the trimmings on Christmas Day. Katie Coffman, co-chairwoman of the NOEL planning committee, said there is no place she would rather be on Christmas Day than the festively-decorated church, where she described the atmosphere as “incredible. It's a wonderful place to be. There's music, singing, the smell of good food and smiling faces.” The Noel Community continues to work after the holiday season. The group was able to provide lunch at the church every Saturday in 2009. This year, the organization expanded to offering hot breakfast as well. The NOEL Community prepared more than 5,000 meals/sandwiches in 2010.

St. Mary's, Pocomoke City New Beginnings

by the Rev. Barbara Bassuener

Christianity can't often be reduced to a phrase suitable for a bumper sticker. Recently though I saw just such a sticker. I only wish I knew where to buy one because I wouldn't hesitate to purchase one. The sticker said, “The Good Life: Get it. Try it. Live It Together.”

This is a time of beginnings. The calendar year is drawing to a close, the end of the liturgical year is upon us and a new life together is being formed. The past week or so, I have lived that ‘good’ life. It is such a joy for me to finally come to live in Pocomoke and be with you at St. Mary's. Your welcome and assistance have made my transition as smooth as a move of this kind could ever be. Members of the congregation have fed me, sheltered me, drained the hot water heater – not once but several times, cleaned the rectory, filled it with beautiful flowers and baskets of snacks, and helped unload bags and bags of things from a U-Haul. All of this is a reflection of living the ‘good’ life in a community – in the faithful Christian community that is St. Mary's. It has truly been the story of welcoming a stranger, a theme that has resonated across the ages. From biblical time, hospitality was an offering of the highest importance. To the ancient peoples of the Mediterranean, hospitality was far more than the offering of a meal although that, too, was given. In Genesis, Father Abraham on the plains of Mamre welcomed three strangers. We're told he ran from his tent entrance to welcome them. (Genesis 128) The story of Abraham's generous hospitality also heralded the announcement of the future birth of Isaac. In the New Testament, scripture makes an even more emphatic statement regarding hospitality in the Gospel of Matthew (Matt. 10:7-8). In Matthew, Jesus empowers the disciples to minister and heal the sick because

ECW celebrates St. Brigid of Kildare

Saturday, February 5, 10:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m.

Trinity Cathedral, Easton

St. Brigid (c.A.D. 452-525) is venerated in Anglicanism, Roman Catholicism and Orthodoxy on February 1. Her day is celebrated as the mid-point between the first day of winter and the first day of spring. It is also connected with Candlemass and Ground Hog Day. St. Brigid is patron saint to many different professions, including poultry and dairy farmers, beer and ale brewers, sailors, watermen, children, mothers and children, mothers of domestic violence and many more. Our St. Brigid's gathering will include the making of St. Brigid's straw crosses, the art of churning butter, a meal of traditional foods associated with St. Brigid's Day celebrations including spiced beef, coleannon, boxty cakes and oaten bread. (The final menu is still being developed.) The Rev. Mary Garner of Christ Church, St. Michaels, will speak on the life and ministry of St. Brigid and the meaning for us today. A Eucharist patterned on the traditional celebrations for St. Brigid with a candle-lit procession will end the day.

those who receive them receive the Lord. Hospitality has always been an important bridge between strangers and was a way of crossing the divisions between Jew and Gentile. Hospitality changes strangers into friends and has always been the way we share our Christian faith. It is the Good Life writ large among us. Thank you for making me feel so welcome.

St. Alban's, Salisbury Anti-Racism Is Our Work, Too

by the Very Rev. Frieda Malcolm

For the past 10 years, The Episcopal Church has formally been working on anti-racism within its structures, because we understand ourselves to have a Gospel mandate to do so. This is not very apparent from the perspective of the pew-sitter, as it continues to be an unpopular and difficult work.

Loving our neighbor, the one that looks different, does not come naturally to us. Our own diocese has had only one anti-racism training that I am aware of, and that was several years ago. ‘Respecting the dignity of every human being’ (one of our Baptismal vows) is easy to say, much harder to live. Working on anti-racism requires us to not only look at our personal behavior and attitudes, but at the systems within which we operate. And after we look, we are called to actually work on changing both ourselves and the systems that are unjust.

The Episcopal Church has benefitted from racism and slavery, and continues to do so. I have served a parish whose buildings were built by slaves with stone that was quarried by slaves. Many parishes are sustained in part by endowments that were funded by direct or indirect profits from slave labor. Working to overcome the injustices of the past does not require us to tear down the buildings, nor to “give back” the financial resources that were given to the Church. Instead we are asked to acknowledge the benefits we have received and continue to enjoy.

We are asked to challenge ourselves with the difficult and uncomfortable issues of educational and economic injustices, of the de facto segregation of neighborhoods and churches, of the disproportionate rates and sentences for blacks and other ethnic minorities in our criminal justice system.

During the months of January and February, when we honor Martin Luther King, Jr., and observe Black History Month, we will explore our emotions around the issue of racism as well as specific actions we can take as a parish to work against racism and to use the privileges we enjoy to empower those who are not so privileged.

Perhaps it will be said of us ‘they’ “brought down the powerful from their thrones and lifted up the lowly” as proclaimed by Mary (Luke 1:52). May God give us the courage and the imagination to engage in this work.



There may not be snow to shovel here, but there's still plenty of other work to do. Mike Reddig (Christ Church, Cambridge) writes that he's recently begun studies at the Pacific School of Religion, part of the Graduate Theological Union (a consortium of nine theological seminaries and eleven other centers/affiliates in the Bay Area) located near the campus of the University of California, Berkeley. His first class, Refuge in the City, inner city ministry wit and to marginalized communities, involved study of and visits to areas in the Tenderloin and South of Market neighborhoods of San Francisco, and similar areas of Oakland, home to many transient hotels, a lot of drug traffic, homelessness, run away youth, and prostitution. His work with this course involved both the study of development of ministries for marginalized people, methods of sustaining them, and hands-on visits to all kinds of interesting sites around the Bay Area. His next class, held at the Episcopal Church Divinity School of the Pacific, also at Berkeley, involved an exploration of the practice of adult education in congregations where ministry and learning are shared among all the baptized. Finally, but not least, he's slated to attend a three-day social justice and leadership conference entitled Our Daily Bread: Faith, Work, and the Economy, also in Berkeley. Mike and his wife, Judith, look forward to being back ‘home’ for the Diocesan Convention at the end of the month.

The environment and the poor

It's a pretty good guess that Jesus never said anything about environmental stewardship. The whole concept would not have made any sense in his time. Human welfare generally seemed to be at the whim of nature rather than the other way around. In Jesus' time, creation – whatever concepts people had of it – appeared to be entirely in God's hands, as it always had been, and human activities were not a factor in how nature worked. On the other hand, Jesus talked a lot about the poor, and our responsibilities toward them, and about human relationships in general. So, a legitimate question for us is whether the modern church's increasing interest in environmental stewardship is a diversion from its mission of caring for the poor, a mission that is so obvious and imperative in both Old and New Testament writings.

Of course, it isn't surprising that the Bible says little about caring for the natural world. It wasn't until the industrial revolution that our capacity for environmental harm became significant. And it took almost two centuries more of increasing population and industrialization for us to take that capacity for harm seriously; those of us of a certain age remember when belching smokestacks were considered a vision of modern progress.

The current reality is that care for the poor and care for the environment are actually inseparable, for several reasons.

The first is that the many of poor live in the most undesirable and contaminated places on Earth: near industrial sites, dumps, polluted rivers, open sewers, and other places that wealthier people wouldn't go near. Industrial accidents and corporate environmental irresponsibility disproportionately affect those near the bottom of the economic ladder, who work at and live near the factories. Our concern for the environment must include a commitment to help everyone have a cleaner and greener place to live. For example, our diocese has helped by providing funds for wells in places where the surface water is unhealthy to drink; clean water should be considered a basic human right. We need to ask questions about where our disposed-of electronics ("e-waste") are going, because much of it has ended up in dumps in Asia, where the ground water is contaminated with heavy metals and the local children have lead poisoning (try googling "Guiyu, China"). We need to be concerned about everyone's environment, not just our own.

Secondly, the industrialized world's enormous demand for resources has a global reach, and both the environment and the people living on a few dollars a day end up the losers. We may tolerate a dollar increase in the price of a gallon

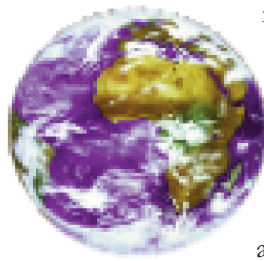
of gasoline with some grumbling, but for much of the world, that increase may be the difference between affording basic necessities or going without. Our fondness for large cars, large houses, and red meat requires enormous amounts of energy, adding billions of tons of carbon dioxide to the atmosphere annually, while the law of supply and demand raises prices on commodities worldwide. Even some of our attempts to free ourselves from foreign oil have perverse consequences: the U.S. is the largest exporter of corn, but our increasing use of ethanol as a fuel additive has driven up corn prices, and in this decade may reduce the amount of corn available for export. If we do not learn how to live more simply, burning less fuel and using fewer resources, and eating greener, both the environment and the poor will continue to suffer, to say nothing of our own physical and mental health.

Thirdly, the poor contribute to environmental degradation themselves and will continue to do so until their living conditions improve. For example, some forests in Africa, critical to many endangered species, have been reduced by local people who have to rely on biomass burning for cooking. Poor farming practices and lack of sanitation lead to polluted streams and rivers. In many cases, a village well and a source of electricity (perhaps from solar cells), together with a little training, would make an enormous difference in people's lives and would improve the local environment as well.

Finally, climate change will not be kind to the world's poor. We may think that an increase in global temperatures of a degree or two might make everyone just a tad warmer, but it doesn't work that way. Global climate models show that atmospheric dynamics change in complex ways and the effects are uneven. There will be more rain in some areas and less in others, and southern Europe and northern Africa in particular are likely to see drier conditions, although there is much uncertainty in the predictions. In many areas of the world, even a small change in rainfall patterns can have devastating effects on subsistence farmers and the poor generally.

In the 21st century, the people of the world are all connected by economics and trade. But we are also connected by a shared desire – indeed, a desperate need – for a cleaner world and a reduced human impact on the environment. All these connections are now inextricable, and affect rich and poor alike. Increasingly, economic justice and environmental justice are just two aspects of the same thing: Jesus' command to love our neighbors as ourselves.

George Kaplan is chair of the Environmental Ministries Commission and worships at St. Mary Anne's, North East, Md.



Environmental Survey is coming

At the upcoming Diocesan Convention, the Environmental Ministries Commission will be taking a survey of parish activities and plans related to care for the environment, including energy saving. The two-page survey is already available at <http://tinyurl.com/DoEgreen/>. We hope to receive a survey back from every parish in the diocese. This will help the commission to better focus its future activities. We will publish a summary of the results in a future ESE. Thanks for your time and help.

Episcopal Youth Event 2011

COME TOGETHER: Intimately Linked in This Harvest Work

June 22 - 26 on the Bethel University Campus in St. Paul, Minnesota

The 2011 Episcopal Youth Event will feel similar to past events in many ways, yet it is shaping up to be a very different experience. Reflecting the growth, progress and transformation of our church over time, the EYE Mission Planning Team has identified a theme from scripture that, combined with the Five Marks of Mission, will call participants into a greater awareness of and commitment to God's mission in the world.

There will be three very full days of worship, sharing, praying, learning, singing, and working between the arrival and departure days. The primary event will be followed by an opportunity for Three Days of Mission.

Each diocese of the Episcopal Church is allowed up to 32 youth participants and 8 adult participants, observing a one adult to four youth ratio. In an effort to keep prices low and access open, we plan to charge \$275 per participant (youth and adult).

An additional cost of approximately \$300 for transportation to and from Minnesota also needs to be factored in, bringing the total cost to approximately \$600 per person. (There are plans in the works for the participants from each of our 13 dioceses from Province 3 to travel together on several buses).

What we propose for the cost of such an adventure is the 1/3, 1/3, 1/3 scheme. Each participant will pay 1/3... their parish will pay 1/3 ... and the diocese will pay 1/3.

Sister Barbara Jean Brown has been put in charge of this event by Bishop Shand. She will be sending out the registration materials and making contact with each congregation of the diocese. However, if you wish to reserve your space before they are all filled up, please contact her at 302-420-7117, or by email SisterBJBrown@aol.com.

coming events

Sunday, January 30

Historically accurate service

to commemorate the founding of the parish in 1672. Services at 8:00 and 10:15 a.m. will be based on the 1559 Prayer Book
Christ Church, St. Michaels
410-745-9076

Thursday, February 10

Soup Day

Soup, biscuits, dessert and beverage
\$3.50, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Christ Church, Cambridge
410-228-3161

Friday, February 18

Organ Recital

Ahreum Han is Principal Organist and Artist in Residence at First Presbyterian Church, Davenport, Iowa.

Tickets at the door, 7:30 p.m.

Emmanuel Church, Chestertown
410-778-3477

Friday, March 4

University of Maryland Eastern Shore Concert Choir

Sheila Harleston, Director. 6:00 p.m.

Holy Trinity, Oxford
410-226-5134