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news, updates, and reminders from the bishop's office in the diocese of easton
February 15, 2010 : Lent

Environmental Ministries Commission sponsors "Water of Life" logo design contest

The Environmental Ministries Commission of the Diocese of Easton has initiated a contest for a logo to represent this ministry. There will be one category for artists fourteen and under, and one for artists fifteen and above. Entries must be post-marked by March 30, and winners will be announced in mid-April.

The initial theme chosen by the commission as a focus of awareness concerns is "water of life" due to the sacred connection of water to our faith, and some of the extreme water pollution issues throughout the Diocese of Easton.

To enter, follow these guidelines.

1. Download the entry form's informational and design sheets from the Environmental Ministries Home Page site found at <http://tinyurl.com/DoE-green>
2. Using the design entry sheet, create a circular logo that highlights the "Water of Life" theme and which could be easily reproduced for use on the web page, buttons, shirts, etc. The two categories for judging are: 1. Artists fourteen and younger; 2. Artists fifteen and older. (Be sure NOT to put your name on the entry sheet for the design. Identification numbers will be assigned to each entry in the two categories.)
3. Fill out the entry form informational sheet. NOTE: Artists under eighteen must have a parent or guardian's signature to submit an entry.
4. Mail the entry forms to the following address post-marked no later than March 30th: Environmental Ministries Commission, 314 North Street, Easton, MD 21601.

The winning artist at each level will receive a certificate presented by Bishop Shand at a dinner with members of the commission.

Ordination to the Diaconate
for Lenny Anderson at Old Wye, Wye Mills
February 20 at 11:00 a.m.
Clergy : red stoles

Diocesan Convention is Feb. 26 and 27

"See, I am making all things new."

Diocesan Convention is just about a week away! If you still haven't registered, we encourage you to do so, as this helps enormously in our planning with the Hyatt.

This year's program day on Saturday features noted author Phyllis Tickle (*The Great Emergence: How Christianity Is Changing and Why*) as well as Bob Honeychurch and Ana Hernandez. You are encouraged to reserve a spot for this day, even if not serving as a delegate. The business sessions, bishop's address, and banquet will be on Friday; a closing Eucharist is on Saturday afternoon.

A program for children ages 5-12 will run on both days, with a full program of learning and fun, featuring the stories and music of Rick Waterhouse (St. Mary Anne's, North East). Registration is necessary, but there is no cost. The complete schedule and registration forms are available on our diocesan website, www.dioceseofeaston.org.



Make donations online for relief efforts in Haiti

Many of you have expressed concern, and asked about making contributions to help with relief efforts. Our best avenue is to support Episcopal Relief & Development, which will be responding for some time. This link will take you to the Web page that will accept donations:
<https://www.erd.org/-donate-select.php>.
Donations may also be sent through the diocesan office, 314 North St., Easton, MD 21601.

Diocesan Calendar

All meetings held at Bray House/Miller Hall in Easton unless otherwise noted. When in doubt, call 410-822-1919.

February

- 15 Diocesan office closed
- 16 Council, 6:30 p.m.
- 18 Camp Wright, 6:00 p.m.
- 20 Ordination to the Diaconate for Lenny Anderson, Old Wye, 11:00 a.m.
- 21 Bishop Visit, St. Paul's, Hebron, and Trinity Cathedral, Easton
- 22 Theology Forum, Christ, Cambridge, 7:00 p.m.
- 26, 27 Diocesan Convention, Cambridge
- 28 Bishop visit, St. John's, Cornersville
- 28 Integrity, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

March

- 1 Diocesan office closed
- 1 Dept. of Missions, 2:00 p.m.
- 1 Camp Agape committee, Holy Trinity, Oxford, 7:00 p.m.
- 2 Commission on Ministry, 5:30 p.m.
- 7 Bishop Visit, St. Stephen's, Earleville
- 9 Clericus, 9:30 a.m.
- 9 Spiritual Life, 6:00 p.m.
- 13 Johns Hopkins Disaster Motivational Preparedness Training, Hyatt, Cambridge
- 14 Bishop Visit, Old Wye
- 15 Standing Committee, 2:00 p.m.
- 16 Diocesan Council, 6:30 p.m.
- 17 Children's Home Foundation, 10:30 a.m.
- 19-24 Bishop at House of Bishops, Camp Allen, Texas

please pray for...

Harry Bainbridge	Sally Breul
Kit Bainbridge	Carl Mosley
Pat Benjamin	Anne Shoemaker

Theology Forum meets February 22

Words we say of Jesus

Each Sunday in the Nicene Creed we say of Jesus, "the only Son of God." Is Jesus "Son of God" in a way that differs from biblical kings who were called "Son of God"? Questions related to the person of Jesus will be addressed at the February 22 meeting of the Theology Forum at Christ Church, Cambridge, at 7:00 p.m. The Rev. Gregory L. Powell will present material from Marcus Borg's book *The Heart of Christianity* that will enable us to talk honestly about the language we use to speak of Jesus. "Come and See."

Brian McLaren, international author, will speak in our diocese in April

Brian McLaren, noted international author and lecturer, will be a guest speaker this April at both Trinity Cathedral, Easton, and Christ Church, Cambridge.

Clergy and the general public are invited to attend his talks on the problems facing today's church and how to update our faith while staying true to the core message of Christianity. Admission is free.

McLaren will speak at Trinity Cathedral on Friday evening, April 23, at 7:00 p.m. and at Christ Church, Cambridge on Saturday morning, April 24 at 10:00 a.m. His talks will allow time for questions from the audience, and a reception will follow each presentation so attendees can meet him personally. Brian's speaking skills ensure that both talks will be unique and provocative and attendance at both presentations is encouraged.



McLaren is one of the most innovative Christian voices and the author of the recently published book *A New Kind of Christianity*. He faces head-on the questions that will determine the shape of the faith for future generations. His numerous books focus on a wide range of subjects including: the gospel and global crises, theology and postmodernity, spiritual formation, evangelism, inter-religious dialogue, and faith and social justice.

Bishop Shand is delighted that a speaker who is acknowledged internationally as a Christian leader is coming to the Eastern Shore. For that we have to give thanks to Scott Smith, a Trinity Cathedral parishioner who was a college classmate of Brian. Scott invited Brian for a social visit and cajoled him into a speaking engagement. The Very Rev. Gregory Powell, Dean of Trinity, and the Rev. Mike Reddig, Rector of Christ Church, are heading up a committee organizing the two lectures.

His first book, *The Church on the Other Side: Doing Ministry in the Postmodern Matrix*, has been recognized as a primary portal into the current conversation about post-modern ministry. Other books include: *Finding Faith*, *A New Kind of Christian*, *Everything Must Change*, *The Secret Message of Jesus*, *The Last Word and The Word After*, and *More Ready Than You Realize*.

He has written for or contributed interviews for many periodicals including: Time magazine listed him as one of the twenty-five most influential Evangelicals in America. He has appeared on Larry King Live, Nightline, CNN, FOX, PBS, and many other national media. Many of his articles, liturgical resources, and his popular weblog can be found at www.brianmclaren.net