

connections

news, updates, and reminders from the bishop's office in the diocese of easton

August 17, 2010 : Pentecost

“Safeguarding God’s Children” is necessary for everyone who works with children and youth

The Diocese of Easton is offering training for all church staff and volunteers who work with children and youth. Safeguarding God’s Children is a video and discussion workshop designed to help “safeguard” policies and create best practices while working with children and youth in the church. This training will give participants certification with the Diocese of Easton for five years.

The workshop is September 18 from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon at the diocesan center in Easton.

Dee Zeller, Director of Camp Wright, will lead the training. She has a Master’s Degree in Social Work from East Carolina University and has trained with this video series since 2003.

Contact: Lynn Anstatt at 410-822-1919 to register. There is limited space so please register soon.

Licensed Ministries training is in Easton this fall

The diocesan Commission on Ministry is again offering an autumn training program for three licensed ministries (Eucharistic ministers, Eucharistic visitors, and worship leaders) and for lectors, who are not required to have a license, but who can obtain a certificate by attending a one-day session (offered on both Day 1 and Day 3). All training sessions will take place on Saturdays in Easton at Trinity Cathedral’s Miller Hall. The Commission will provide lunch on all three days. There is no charge.

Day 1: Saturday, September 25, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. - training for all ministries (including a complete session for Lectors).

Day 2: Saturday, October 16, 9:00 a.m.-12 noon - training for Eucharistic Ministers and Eucharistic Visitors.

Day 3: Saturday, November 20, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. - training for Worship Leaders, Eucharistic Visitors, and Lectors (complete session).

Participants will only be able to train for one ministry at a time, with the exception of Eucharistic Visitor and Eucharistic Minister. Laity currently holding diocesan ministry licenses will not be required to attend the training, but they are strongly encouraged to do so.

Look for registration forms and additional information on the Diocese of Easton’s website (www.dioceseofeaston.org).

Bishop Shand’s Nets for Life Campaign

It’s mosquito season and we plan to do something about it – in Africa. Every year nearly one million people die of malaria, a mosquito-borne disease, in sub-Saharan Africa. In the time it takes you to read this sentence, another child will have died from malaria. Insecticide-treated nets provide an easy way to lower this death rate. Just \$12 will buy a net and pay for training in its use to save three lives.

In 2009, the General Convention of the Episcopal Church renewed not only its commitment to achieving the Millennium Development Goals, but also specifically committed to raising \$5 million in the triennium through Episcopal Relief & Development for NetsforLife®. This national campaign within the Episcopal Church to eliminate malaria in sub-Saharan Africa includes efforts to increase awareness and raise funds by involving dioceses, parishes, seminaries, schools, and individuals at the grassroots level.

The Diocese of Easton could provide 1,000 nets by raising \$12,000 this summer. This would save 3000 lives, roughly the total average Sunday attendance in the diocese. To reach this goal, each parish is asked to make a special appeal for contributions or hold an event to raise the equivalent of a net from each member. Checks for contributions should be made to the Diocese of Easton and marked for the Nets for Life project. The offering should be completed by September 21, the end of our summer, which is the beginning of summer in Africa.

**Goal: 1,000 nets – 100% participation
Episcopal Relief & Development
implements the Nets for Life program
in 17 countries in sub-Saharan Africa
by distributing nets and training volunteers
to educate communities about malaria
One net saves three lives
\$12.00 buys and delivers one net
Make your parish participation generous!**

***Make checks payable to your parish
or Diocese of Easton
marked “Nets for Life” in the memo line.***

Diocesan Calendar

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

August

- 18-9/10 Canon Cook on vacation
22 St. Bartholomew's service, Green Hill
30-9/6 Ruth Alexander on vacation

September

- 7 Commission on Ministry, 5:30 p.m.
12 Bishop visit, Christ Church I.U., Worton
13 Standing Committee, 2:00 p.m.
14 Clericus, 9:30 a.m.
14 Spiritual Life, 6:00 p.m.
14 Diocesan Council, 6:30 a.m.
15 Children's Home Foundation, 10:30 a.m.
15-21 Bishop Shand at House of Bishops
18 Safeguarding God's Children training, Trinity Cathedral, 9:00 a.m.-noon
20 Board of Managers, noon-3:00 p.m.
20-23 Canon Cook at Transition Ministry Conference, Richmond, Va.
24-25 ECW women's retreat, Camp Wright
25 Licensed Ministry training, Trinity Cathedral, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
25 Lenny Anderson ordination to the priesthood

October

- 3 Bishop visit, St. Paul's, Marion Station
4 Standing Committee, 2:00 p.m.
4 Environmental Ministry, 7:00 p.m.
5 Commission on Ministry, 5:30 p.m.
5-6 Bishop at VTS Convocation
10 Bishop visit, St. Paul's, Vienna
11 Diocesan office closed
12 Clericus, 9:30 a.m.

Strong Women for a Peaceful World: Healing, Gratitude & Co-Existence Women's Retreat

Friday-Saturday, Sept. 24-25

This year's Women's Retreat is a two-day event to be held at Christ Church, Kent Island.

It's all about women of all ages taking time out of their daily lives to come together for rest, relaxation, fellowship, healing, discussion, fun & creativity – and to be filled with the Spirit to take out into the world.

- Keynote address by the Rev. Mary Garner
- Marking of the hours by prayer & song – morning, noonday, evening & night
- Journaling Workshop by Laura Oliver
- Anglican Prayer Beads Workshop* by Carol Sullivan
- Cooking Demo & Book Signing by Katie Moose
- Mandalas & Mandorlas Workshop by Susan Harwood
- Book Discussion of *The Faith Club: A Muslim, A Christian, A Jew – Three Women Search for Understanding*, led by the Rev. Mary Garner
- A Candle-lit Labyrinth
- A Meditation by Deacon Melody Sutherland
- Yoga on the Grass by Sharon Cameron
- Women: Prophets & Priests – a workshop presented by Mary Garner
- Tea Time with Kathy Kwiatkowski – Herbal & Traditional Teas: Preparation & Lore
- Planning Workshop for St. Brigid's Day 2011 led by Susan Harwood
- Massage Therapy in a Chair (\$25 for 20 minutes) & Reiki Sessions (no charge) scheduled throughout both days
- Concluding Eucharist & Healing Service, Rev. Canon Heather E. Cook officiating and preaching, with Deacon Melodie Sutherland

For the full schedule and registration information, visit the diocesan website (diocese-of-easton.org).

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pray
for...

Pat Benjamin
Laura Dorsey
Bruce Nestlehutt
Doug Ridley
Elliott Sorge
Marge Sorge
Melissa Varner

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.