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The background of the cover is a photograph of a church building. The church has grey vertical siding and a dark roof. A tall steeple with a weather vane is visible on the left. A large, circular window with a red frame and a diamond-shaped leaded glass pattern is in the lower right. Some autumn leaves are visible in the upper right corner.

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR BISHOP

It is early morning and I can't get the movie *The Help* out of my mind. The images, people, events surrounding Mississippi and specifically Jackson in a particular era are all too real. It just so happened that I grew up going to those shops, drugstore and restaurants in the book and film. Much of the story involves an area of Jackson called by the locals, Fondren, and if the camera had turned 180 degrees you could have seen the church our family attended and maybe the home of Gertrude.

When I was three years old my mother hired Gertrude. She lived up the hill from the apartment complex my mother managed. My older sister and I would walk the dirt path in the mornings to Gertrude's house, knock on the door and then walk back down the path to our apartment holding Gertrude's hands. I was amazed some time later that what seemed like a long walk was actually just a few yards. When the two acres she lived on was sold, she moved and so did we, but the distance was miles apart and the routine changed. Gertrude would ride the bus to our new house and in the afternoon when my mother came home from work we would all pile into the car to take Gertrude home. Her yard was filled with flowers and a picket fence in the front. Gertrude had the prettiest yard on Johnson Street.

Over the years our family grew. There were seven of us, five children, two parents. We lived in an 1800 square foot house with three bedrooms, one bath. Our father was self-employed and our mother worked full time as a secretary. It was Gertrude who would be waiting for us when we arrived home from school. No cookies waited for us, just Gertrude telling us to get our homework done.

In 1968, the schools in Jackson went through desegregation. By this time all but one child was of school age. I was scripted to go to Powell Jr. High just a few blocks from where Gertrude lived. I remembered telling her that I was scared to go to a school outside my neighborhood. She sat me down and said that the black children were scared too. That thought had never occurred to me so I asked why. She told me that white people had not always been kind to black people and they were afraid of what the white children might do. You must be nice to them like you are nice to me, she said.

Sometime when I was in the Marine Corps Gertrude's husband Frank died, and unknown to anyone, his employer had been paying on a life insurance policy for



Frank. Gertrude came to work one day and showed my father a letter that she didn't understand. It turned out that she was the recipient of a very nice sum of money. She could have done anything she wanted — travel, buy a new home and still have money to spare, but she didn't. She gave to her church and came to work like she had done for 20 plus years. Somewhere in the early eighties she retired, but in the winter of 1985 our mother was diagnosed with breast cancer. Gertrude began coming over to have lunch with my mother daily and then sitting with her. She did this all through the illness. Even after mom died she would show up to have lunch with our father.

I was living in Kentucky when Gertrude died. We loved her and for over forty years Gertrude was in our lives. She was a strong, religious and protective presence in my life. She loved us, consoled us, disciplined us and taught us to respect the dignity of every human being.

I don't know how my parents met Gertrude but I am glad they did. I am grateful my parents taught us to be kind and respectful to everyone, even if the culture acted differently. I am grateful that Gertrude had the courage to tell me the truth about black/white history. I am grateful that in our house we were taught to share.

Brave journey,

+ *Mel's*

BISHOP'S JOURNAL: MAY THROUGH AUGUST

May 1: Celebrated, preached, confirmed and reaffirmed young adults at Chapel of the Holy Spirit, New Orleans, in the morning. In the evening, celebrated and confirmed youth at St. James, Baton Rouge, followed by a nice reception.

May 2: Day off.

May 3: Council of Deans luncheon hosted by the Rev'd Ken Ritter at St. James Place, Baton Rouge. Afternoon meeting of the Diocesan Board of Trustees, followed by an evening meeting with Senior and Junior Wardens of St. Michael and All Angels Church, and St. Augustine's Church, Baton Rouge. Pastoral dinner meeting with clergy. Overnight in Baton Rouge.

May 4: Conference calls in the Baton Rouge office. Lunch with Bishop Charles Jenkins, then drove to New Orleans.

May 5: Invocation for Mrs. Jackie Clarkson as President of New Orleans City Council. Lunch meeting with Canon Mark Stevenson and the Rev'd Keith Johnson, followed by an afternoon meeting with an aspirant to the priesthood.

May 6: Bishop's writing day – worked on a sermon in the morning then out for a haircut.

May 7: Deacon's Council meeting in the morning.

May 8: First anniversary to Episcopate. Celebrated, preached and confirmed at St. Martin's Church, Metairie. Enjoyed a lovely reception.

May 9: Day off. Met with Nell Bolton and Deacon Elaine Clements to discuss disaster planning due to potential flooding from the Mississippi River.

May 10: Morning meeting with seminarian, Joe Wallace, followed by a pre-marital counseling session. Drove to Baton Rouge for afternoon and evening meetings of the Diocesan Standing Committee and Commission on Ministry. Drove back to New Orleans.

May 11: Bishop's weekly staff meeting. Attended Jericho Road Executive Committee meeting. Lunch meeting with the Reverends Fred Devall, A. J. Heine and Tom Blackmon to plan future Vestry training retreats. National Episcopal AIDS Coalition meeting in the afternoon. Pastoral meeting with clergy. Met with planners of the Clergy and Congregational Develop-

ment Program (CCDP) initiative, followed by another pastoral meeting.

May 12-14: Rebecca and I travelled to Sewanee for commencement, luncheon and dinner as special guests. I was humbled and honored to receive an honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree.

May 15: Celebrated, preached and confirmed at Christ Church, Covington, followed by a lovely outdoor reception.

May 16: Citywide Empowerment Session with Mayor Mitch Landrieu and Chief Ronal Serpas at Franklin Avenue Baptist Church in the morning. Enjoyed a quiet afternoon of rest on my day off.

May 17: Conference call with Coach Bishop Don Johnson. Next, a pre-marital counseling session, then drove to Baton Rouge. Conference call in the afternoon for the College for Bishops Endowment Campaign. Met with Slater Armstrong and visiting Bishop Andudu Adam Elnail Kuku, Bishop of Kudugli Nuba Mountains Diocese, Kudugli, Sudan. Overnight in Baton Rouge.

May 18: Celebrated Chapel Eucharist for school closing at St. Luke's, Baton Rouge. In a previous Silent Auction, the fifth grade boys and girls won a prize, "Birettas and Beignets". They wore birettas during chapel and processed out at the end. The prize included a secret tour of the back rooms at church, followed by a trip to Coffee Call for beignets with the Bishop and the Rev'd Joe Hermerding. Development meeting over lunch with Ms. Nanette Noland. Afternoon meeting with Deacon Mark Hudson and Nell Bolton about Episcopal Community Services. Follow-up call from Slater Armstrong. Overnight in Baton Rouge.

May 19: Met with a postulant to the priesthood in the morning, then drove to Zachary for lunch at Sammy's Restaurant with the Diocesan Parish Administrators Group, hosted by St. Patrick's Church and the Rev'd Chad Jones. Telephone calls in the afternoon.

May 20: Bishop's writing day. Enjoyed breakfast with the Rev'd Henry Hudson, a visiting priest and his wife. Worked on a sermon, followed by an afternoon meeting. Drove to the conference center for overnight retreat of Diocesan Executive Board.

May 21: Met with the Diocesan Executive Board, celebrated the Holy Eucharist, and concluded with lunch. Drove back to New Orleans for a relaxing evening at home with Rebecca.

May 22: Celebrated, preached and confirmed at Trinity Church, New Orleans. Rebecca and I dined with the Rev'd and Mrs. Henry Hudson.

May 23-27: Travelled to Lake Logan Episcopal Center, Canton, NC, for new bishops' training, Living Our Vows.

May 28: Deployment conference call in the afternoon.

May 29-31: Finally - Family vacation at the beach.

June 1-4: Family vacation in Sandestin, FL. Fabulous week relaxing with Rebecca, Virginia, Emily and Trey.

June 5-10: Sunday was our wedding anniversary – celebration delayed. Rebecca remained in New Orleans while I travelled to Kanuga Conference Center, Hendersonville, NC, for Province IV Bishops meeting, followed by Province IV Synod.

June 11: No meetings.

June 12: Celebrated and preached at Fr. Ed Robertson's retirement service at St. John's, Church in Thibodaux, followed by a lovely pot luck reception.

June 13: Day off.

June 14: Met with applicant for the position of Diocesan Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministries. Met with UNO's Campus Ministry Coordinator. Updates by phone with Canon Stevenson. Call from Archdeacon Priscilla Maumus to discuss final details for the Community of Deacons Retreat. Caught up on phone calls during the afternoon.

June 15: Bishop's Staff Meeting, followed by Jericho Road Board meeting. Conference call with Marsha Wade, Canon Stevenson and Nell Bolton about Episcopal Community Services (ECS). Drove to conference center for a planning meeting with Ann Butts, followed by dinner and conversation with ECW Board during orientation, then returned home.

June 16: Caught up on correspondence in the New Orleans office and calendared with Agatha. Luncheon at Advent House with Linda Nelson and Post Ordination Group (Fresh Start). Afternoon meeting with the Rev'd Rob Courtney. I was an honored guest at the banquet of the 2011 Clergy Laity Assembly and Philoptochos Conference hosted by Holy Trinity

Greek Orthodox Cathedral, New Orleans.

June 17-19: Worked on a sermon on Friday morning, then drove to the conference center for Community of Deacons Retreat, which commenced on Friday evening and concluded at Noon following Celebration of the Holy Eucharist on Sunday. The Rev'd Patrick Edwards first Sunday at St. Margaret's, Baton Rouge.

June 20: Day off.

June 21: Met with Nell Bolton and the Rev'd Lonell Wright in the morning. Luncheon meeting with Lee Crean, Chair of the Racial Reconciliation Committee. Pastoral meetings in the afternoon with Deacon Maggie Dawson and the Rev'd Keith Johnson.

June 22: Drove to the diocesan office in Baton Rouge. Updates from Canon Mark Stevenson and the staff. Overnight in Baton Rouge.

June 23: Development meeting over lunch with David Pitts, then drove back to New Orleans. Haircut in the afternoon, evening meeting in which Nell Bolton and I met with the Advisory Board of the Chapel of the Holy Spirit, New Orleans, regarding Campus Ministry.

June 24-25: Traveled to Knoxville, TN, for the Ordination of Bishop George D. Young, III, Diocese of East Tennessee.

June 26: Celebrated, preached and confirmed at St. Matthew's Church in Houma. Delicious luncheon followed.

June 27 - July 2: Vacation.

July 3: Vacation. Today was CCDP participant, the Rev'd Dr. L. Calvin Lane III's, first Sunday at St. Mary's Church in Franklin. Welcome!

July 4: Independence Day holiday. Office closed.

July 5: Vacation.

July 6-7: Travelled to Lexington, KY for a College for Bishops development meeting with John Hall and the Rt. Rev'd Clay Matthews.

July 8: Bishop's Writing Day. Luncheon meeting at Herbsaint Restaurant with Cove Geary and Susan Talley, Diocesan Chancellor and Vice Chancellor.

FROM THE BISHOP'S OFFICE

July 9: Drove to Baton Rouge for the Clergy and Congregational Development Program (CCDP) at St. Margaret's Church. Stayed overnight in Baton Rouge.

July 10: Celebrated and preached at St. Andrew's Church in Clinton. Delicious luncheon and great fellowship. Drove home for a relaxing afternoon with Rebecca. We enjoyed a lovely dinner with the Rt. Rev'd and Mrs. Don Johnson. Today was CCDP participant, the Rev'd Harry Jenkins', first Sunday at Christ Church in Slidell. Welcome!

July 11: Day off. Enjoyed lunch and conversation with the Rev'd Henry Hudson.

July 12: Enjoyed a nice lunch with the Rt. Rev'd Joe Doss. Phone calls in the afternoon. Met with Nell Bolton and Deacon Elaine Clements to discuss the recently updated Diocesan Disaster Plan. Met with Pete Nunnally, ECSLA's Coordinator of NOLA Service Corps and Mission & Volunteers. Evening meeting with the Vestry of St. Paul's Church, New Orleans.

July 13: The Rev'd Canon Mark Stevenson and I met in Hammond for updates. Luncheon meeting with the Very Rev'd Paul Bailey. Afternoon planning meeting with Bill Rhodes and Skip Scoggin for Men's Retreat. Met with JoAnn Ziller, new Directress of the Diocesan Altar Guild. Drove to St. Francisville for dinner with the Rev'd John Senette, but I had week wrong! We did end up dining together, though. Stayed overnight in Baton Rouge.

July 14: Met with the Rev'd John Miller and the Rev'd Mary Ann Garrett to discuss worship opportunities for the 2012 Diocesan Convention. Video interview about Episcopal Community Services. Pastoral meeting with the Rev'd Dianne Turgeon followed by a pastoral meeting with the Rev'd Peggy Scott. Drove back to New Orleans.

July 15: Bishop's writing day. No appointments.

July 16: Met with the Vestry of St. Luke's Church, New Orleans.

July 17: Celebrated, preached and confirmed at the Chapel of the Holy Comforter, New Orleans, followed by a very nice sit down lunch reception. Rebecca and I enjoyed a quiet afternoon and evening at home.

July 18: Bishop's day off.

July 19: Pastoral meeting with Deacon Louis Ogle. For our annual gathering, celebrated Holy Eucharist and dined with resi-

dents of Lambeth House and the Venerable Priscilla Maumus. Afterwards, met with the Archdeacon to discuss the formation of a postulant in the diaconate process. Calendared with Agatha. Celebrated Holy Eucharist in the Cathedral's Chapel with the new group of NOLA Service Corps interns, followed by a festive celebration in the parish hall.

July 20: Met with Jericho Road's Executive Committee. Drove to Baton Rouge for an afternoon of development with potential donors. Later, worked in the office and stayed overnight.

July 21: Interviewed with a candidate for the position of Diocesan Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministries. Caught up on correspondence and phone calls in the Baton Rouge office. Calendared with Agatha by phone. Afternoon meeting of the Standing Committee. Drove back home.

July 22: Bishop's writing day. Met with Holly Heine to discuss a development letter for Jericho Road. Addressed an ECS personnel matter. Luncheon meeting with the Rev'd A. J. Heine to plan St. Augustine's upcoming Vestry retreat.

July 23: No meetings. Rebecca and I attended a funeral at Trinity, New Orleans. Afterwards, enjoyed a pleasant day together.

July 24: Celebrated, preached, confirmed and received at St. Anna's Church, New Orleans, followed by a fine reception/ luncheon. Drove to Chatawa, MS.

July 25-27: Personal spiritual retreat in Mississippi. Drove to Baton Rouge office on Wednesday morning. Luncheon meeting with the Rev'd Mark Holland. Caught up on phone calls and emails, then calendared with Agatha by phone. Enjoyed the evening meal with the Rev'd Roman Roldan. Stayed overnight in Baton Rouge.

July 28: Blessed the columbarium at Trinity Church, Baton Rouge, followed by lunch. Met with the Rt. Rev'd Andudu Adam Elnail, visiting Bishop from the Diocese of Kaduna, Sudan. Drove back to New Orleans.

July 29: Bishop's writing day. No meetings.

July 30: All day Vestry retreat with St. Augustine's, Metairie at All Saints' Church in River Ridge.

July 31: Taught Sunday school class. Celebrated, preached and baptized at the Church of the Incarnation, Amite, followed by a delicious luncheon.

August 1: Day off.

August 2: Met with Dean David duPlantier to plan the Choral Evensong commemorating the tenth anniversary of the September 11 attacks. Caught up on correspondence and phone calls. Calendared with Agatha. Hiring interview with Amelia Arthur, the new Diocesan Coordinator for Youth and Young Adult Ministry.

August 3: Sick day – very much under the weather with a virus.

August 4: Met with Canon Mark Stevenson for several hours for updates, planning and decision making. Still under the weather so out for the remainder of the day.

August 5: Bishop's writing day. Worked on a sermon, correspondence and phone calls.

August 6: Celebrated the combined Ordination and Celebration of New Ministry of the Rev'd Sharon Ann Alexander at St. Michael's Church in Mandeville. The Rev'd Dr. Hill Riddle was the homilist. Canon Stevenson served as the Bishop's Chaplain and Master of Ceremonies. What a wonderful turnout and a nice reception afterwards in the Parish Life Building.

August 7: No Visitation today. Our daughter Virginia and I took Rebecca to Brennan's for brunch on her birthday. Drove to the conference center in the afternoon for the overnight Ministry Conference. I preached and celebrated that evening.

August 8: Continuation of the Ministry Conference. The diocesan Standing Committee and the Commission on Ministry met together in the morning and the Ministry Conference adjourned in the early afternoon. Drove back to New Orleans and enjoyed a quiet afternoon.

August 9: Day off and annual physical. Best cholesterol levels ever.

August 10: Bishop's staff meeting followed by Jericho Road's Executive Committee meeting. Drove to Baton Rouge for a luncheon meeting with Dr. Craig Gilliam. Pastoral meeting in the afternoon with the Rev'd Tim Heflin. In the evening, officiated at the Celebration of New Ministry of the new Clergy in Charge, the Rev'd Patrick Edwards, at St. Margaret's Church. Stayed overnight in Baton Rouge.

August 11: Met with Canon Mark Stevenson, then with the Rev'd Peggy Scott for their annual clergy meetings. Luncheon at the City Club of Baton Rouge with the Right Reverends Charles Jenkins, James Brown, James Coleman and visiting bishop, Andudu Adam Elnail, Anglican Bishop of Kadugli, to discuss and develop fundraising opportunities to assist with

humanitarian efforts due to fighting in the Sudan. Drove back to New Orleans for St. Martin's School's Back to School cocktail/reception for faculty & staff, held at the Southern Yacht Club.

August 12: Drove to the conference center for an all day retreat with the Board and Staff of Episcopal Community Service of Louisiana. Drove to Baton Rouge for Episcopal High School's Board of Trustees Summer Social. Stayed overnight in Baton Rouge.

August 13: Worked on sermons in the morning then drove to Morganza to celebrate the Holy Eucharist and to bless their new sign which has been erected on the front lawn, followed by a wonderful dinner at a parishioner's home.

August 14: Celebrated at the Sunday service at St. Mary's Church in Franklin and heard a fine sermon preached by their new Clergy in Charge, the Rev'd Dr. L. Calvin Lane III. I asked that he not tell anyone that I would be visiting. Afterwards he and his wife, Denise joined me for lunch. Drove back to New Orleans and dined with a group of deployment officers from Province IV visiting Canon Stevenson.

August 15: Day off.

August 16: Breakfast meeting with a parishioner from St. Luke's, New Orleans followed by annual consultation with the Rev'd Keith Johnson. Lunch with Fr. Henry Hudson and two clergy from New Orleans, Rabbi Edward Cohn and the Rev'd Don Frampton a Presbyterian pastor. Later that day had a wonderful conversation with Mr. and Mrs. Peter Monroe from Trinity, New Orleans. The day ended with a meeting with Orissa Arend from the Trinity Undoing Racism Network.

August 17: Up early to drive to Baton Rouge. Staff meeting and much needed office time to tie up loose ends. Lunch with Canon Stevenson and then drove to Franklin with the Canon and his wife Joy for their Celebration of New Ministry with the Rev'd Dr. Calvin Lane. Heard a very fine sermon by the Rev'd Craig Dalferes. Back to Baton Rouge late that evening.

August 18: Early breakfast with the Very Rev'd Ken Ritter for his annual consultation. Later that morning my annual consultation with the Rev'd Brian Koehler followed by a brief meeting with his wife Terri regarding mission work. Later that morning I met with Lance Armstrong regarding the very important and fine ministry of Addiction Recovery Ministries. Drove back to New Orleans to attend the St. Martin's School Board meeting. Arrived home that evening to find my new daughter-in-law and son who had come to New Orleans to celebrate their first year wedding anniversary.

FROM THE BISHOP'S OFFICE

August 19: In the office to work on sermons and other written material.

August 20: Jericho Road Board meeting most of the day. Good work by all.

August 21: Had a wonderful day visiting St. Paul's, New Orleans where I preached and celebrated. During the service we blessed the Stewardship team, St. Paul's school's leadership and following the service blessed the new school module. Lovely reception. Spirits are high at St. Paul's.

August 22: Day off. Doctor visit.

August 23: Met with Harriet Murrell about restructuring School for Ministry followed by a meeting with Fr. Tom Blackmon about Christ Church in Covington. Pastoral meeting with a candidate for priesthood. Updates from Amelia Arthur about Youth and Young Adult Ministry. Afternoon meetings with the Rev'd Stephen Craft and the Rev'd Scott Albergate for their annual consultations. Updates with Canon Stevenson by phone.

August 24: Bishop's staff meeting followed by telephone calls. Annual consultation with the Rev'd Spencer Lindsay. More phone calls and correspondence in the afternoon. Drove to Slidell in the evening and officiated at the Celebration of New Ministry of the new Clergy in Charge, the Rev'd Harry Jenkins, at Christ Church. Very nice reception afterward.

August 25: Rebecca and I attended the funeral of Mrs. Anne Grayson Howe, mother of the Rev'd Ralph Howe, at St. James Church. Meeting with Deacon Camille Wood later that after-

noon. Canon Stevenson and I drove to Clinton and met with the Vestry of St. Andrew's Church. Stayed overnight in Baton Rouge.

August 26: On our way home to New Orleans visited Carville's museum for Leprosy. Bishop's writing day – worked on sermons. Evening meal with the Rev'd and Mrs. Howard "Flip" Bushey in New Orleans.

August 27: Celebrated the Ordination of the Rev'd John Craft at the Cathedral followed by a lovely reception. In the evening, celebrated Holy Eucharist at the Cathedral for the incoming NOLA Service Corps interns.

August 28: Celebrated, preached and confirmed at St. Timothy's Church, Laplace, followed by a nice luncheon reception. There is a great spirit at St. Timothy's. Rebecca and I enjoyed riding our bicycles later in the day.

August 29: Day off. Quiet reflection and prayer on the sixth anniversary of Hurricane Katrina.

August 30: Canon Stevenson and I met with Betty Zachary of Grace Church, New Orleans, to discuss their pastoral needs. Met with the Rev'ds Stephen Holzhalt, Fred Devall and Lonell Wright for their annual consultations. Pastoral meeting with Deacon Mike Hackett.

August 31: Staff meeting and catch up time in the office. Canon Stevenson and I met with leadership at All Saints', Ponchatoula in the evening. Drove to Baton Rouge and stayed overnight.

Test Your Knowledge of GC 2012

The following questions test your knowledge about the development of the structure of the Episcopal Church, specifically related to the General Convention. The answers will be found in the article about the 2012 Convention on page 12.

1. Who is considered the father of the Episcopal Church? Samuel Seabury Thomas Cranmer William White
2. In maintaining the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church, how many voting bodies enact legislation?
3. How often does General convention meet? Annually Every five years Every three years
4. When and where is the next General Convention?
5. Do dioceses have their individual constitution and canons? Yes No
6. Of issues dealt with by General Conventions over the last fifty years — Book of Common Prayer revision, ordination of women, marriage rites for couples of the same gender — which one is still under consideration?
7. Why is Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States of America no longer the title for the church organization? What is the name? Explain briefly.
8. Match the following titles to a person's rank

Most Rev.	Priest
Rev.	Bishop
Rt. Rev.	Dean
Very Rev.	Presiding Bishop
9. How would a priest have been addressed in 1953?

Solomon Center is Looking Forward to Seeing You!



By Frank Hall, Executive Director, Solomon Episcopal Conference Center

LIFE'S MOST PERSISTENT AND URGENT QUESTION IS: WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR OTHERS?

The above quote by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is located on a poster on a wall in the office of our Director of Guests Services, Tanja Wadsworth Ramos. The Solomon Episcopal Conference Center (SECC) "does for others" each and every day by extending first-class hospitality and providing ample meeting space, lodging and recreational areas for our guests.

We also provide quality food and well maintained grounds and buildings. We believe and truly hope that all leave here on a closer walk with God than when they arrived and we strive every day to make

our ministry better and better. Our vision statement printed on the enclosed envelopes further states our priorities within the Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana and beyond.

Come out and see us. On behalf of the entire staff here, we invite you to come out to the SECC and see how we are doing. Many supporters over the last 21 years since our groundbreaking ceremony in 1990 (and even prior) have donated their time, resources and effort into making the SECC one of the premier retreat and conference centers in the United States. Their stewardship has been critical in helping our ministry touch and even help transform the lives of so many.

Come out and see us. If it has been a while since your last visit to the SECC, I can assure you we are prepared to continue our ministry and service to others for years to come. I would be happy to personally spend time with each of you interested in returning, either for an event or to spend personal time by yourself or with your family. You may learn new things about our facility and people, or be reminded of the reasons you came to see us in the past.

Come out and see us. Those who are reading this open letter and have never been to the Solomon Center, there is no time like the present. We are located about 18 miles east of Hammond and 25 miles northwest of Covington, LA. We would be thrilled to take you on a tour of the buildings, grounds, lake and trails that comprise our 172 rolling acres. Make your plans and just call me and let me know you are coming. Please trust me, your visit to our center will be worth it.

To our regular and constant visitors, thank you very much for your continued presence and support and for all your honest and constructive suggestions on how we may continuously improve the where/when/how and what that we are doing for others. We ask for your continued stewardship and that you help us renew interest in the SECC within your communities by telling your friends, colleagues and neighbors how much you enjoy coming to the SECC. This year has been all about renewal in our diocese and here at the SECC, that renewal is apparent in our freshly painted chapel, bridge and pavilion, as well as in other improvements. Our staff has done an amazing job this year with the resources we have available, but there is more to do in the weeks and months ahead to address other deferred maintenance projects and beautification efforts.

In case you did not know, the first retreat was held here on January 8th, 1993, and we are already planning our 20 year birthday in 2013. We need your help in getting the SECC ready for our 20th year and poised to continue to deliver service to others well into the future. I can assure you that you will be properly thanked for your donation.

In this issue of *ChurchWork*, we have enclosed special envelopes to help you get your donation to us, or you may donate online at SolomonCenter.org. Our website is new and improved and significantly more functional and informative. Check it out!



Deacons Do the Gospel



By Archdeacon Priscilla Maumus

"Preach the Gospel always — and sometimes use words," advised St. Francis of Assisi, one of history's famous deacons. The purpose of this column is to reveal what deacons are doing with their congregations and in the community to bring the Good News to a hurting world, most especially to the poor and marginalized. "But, my congregation doesn't have a deacon," you say? Well, maybe God is calling you to discern a diaconal vocation. But more likely, as a lay person, God is calling you to join one of these ministries or to start a similar effort in your parish.

Deacon Elaine Clements is one of the founding members of a group that has been working to establish a statewide Louisiana Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty (LCADP), a chapter of the National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty (NCADP). Amazingly, Louisiana had no such chapter. While the well-

known Sister Helen Prejean, author of "Dead Man Walking", works to establish a moratorium to halt the death penalty in the United States, there has been no local organization to do so. Father William Barnwell of All Souls' Episcopal and Trinity Episcopal is also a founding member and facilitator. Currently, several groups have been established throughout the state, a charter for the group has been filed with the state and action is being taken to equip participants for advocacy on the issue. A recent action was held in Shreveport to protest the racial inequality of the imposition of capital punishment. A black perpetrator against a white victim has the largest probability of receiving a capital conviction. The group has active participation from not only the Episcopal Church but from the local Unitarian church, Catholics Against the Death Penalty, The Innocence Project, The Capital Appeals Project, and from Sister Helen Prejean's staff as well as others. A full-time intern with The Capital Appeals Project is coordinating the efforts of the group. For more information about how you can get involved, you can contact Elaine at deaconelaine@gmail.com.

Deacon Jay Albert and a parishioner from St. Paul's run a movie ministry on Monday nights at Bridge House, a residential Addictions Recovery facility in New Orleans. The group watches movies together and discusses them, relating events in them to the 12 steps and talking about where God is in the movie. Once a month, he takes a group from Bridge House to St. Anna's for their 12-Step Eucharist. Jay can be reached at albertjay3@gmail.com.

Deacons Quin Bates, Alyce Jefferson, and Michael Hackett are CASA (Court Apointed Special Advocates) Quin in New Orleans and Mike and Alyce, in Jefferson Parish. They are appointed by a juvenile judge to advocate for a child that has been abused and/or neglected. Almost every parish in LA has CASA and needs advocates. Deacon Quin Bates is also a mentor for a young graduate of the Youth Challenge Program of the Louisiana National Guard. For more information on either of these programs, contact Quin at quinbates@gmail.com.

Deacon Michael Hackett has now successfully initiated regular visits to the Louisiana Correctional Institute for Women (L.C.I.W.). Bishop Morris Thompson presided at the first Eucharist there on April 6, 2011. Right now, services are scheduled on the fifth Sunday of months having five Sundays, with the hope of expanding the schedule soon. If you feel called to this ministry, contact Mike at michael.hackett@cox.net or michaelg.hackett@gmail.com or 504-343-0020. Be sure to contact him ahead of time since security clearances are needed and may take some time to obtain.

Deacon Elizabeth Coleman has been teaching life skills to men and women at the Ascension Parish Jail. She recruited several women from her parish to help. She also recruited six women to go to L.C.I.W. for the July Episcopal visitation. She is also very involved with hosting Teen Challenge groups at Our Father's Garden. These at-risk youth come to the garden to fulfill their community service requirement. You may contact Elizabeth at ecoleman7@cox.net.

Deacons Elaine Clements, Charmaine Kathmann, and Priscilla Maumus helped provide pastoral care to lower Terrebonne Parish residents affected by the BP Oil Spill at community dinners in sponsored by Bayou Grace Community Services.

Deacon Charmaine Kathmann facilitated the organization of a monthly 12-Step Eucharist in her parish, in conjunction with their very active Addictions Recovery Ministry. The Eucharist is slated to be held monthly at St. John's, Kenner. For more information, contact Charmaine at rfkathmann@aol.com.

Deacon Ormonde Plater reports he continues to act as a deacon presence at the meetings and events of Integrity New Orleans. For further information, contact Ormonde at oplater@cox.net.

Deacon Maggie Dawson organized her parish and others to volunteer for the New Orleans 2011 New Orleans Care Clinic (Communities are Responding Everyday) held at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center on Monday, August 29, 2011. A one day free medical clinic for the uninsured, the event sponsored by the National Association of Free Clinics. Both medical and non-medical volunteers are needed. Her volunteers will meet afterwards to process the experience. To participate contact Maggie at mgdrake@juno.com.

Deacon Camille Wood has been busy developing the new deacons' website. The site has information on the diaconate, community resources, a directory of deacons and news about deacons in the diocese. Check it out at <http://deacons.edola.org>.

Deacon Kathleen Comer has organized her congregation at The Chapel of the Holy Comforter to collect socks for the homeless ministry at St. Joseph's Rebuild Center. For more information, contact Kathy at kcomer3@cox.net.

Archdeacon Priscilla Maumus attended the Summer Action Summer Institute, a national convocation of peace and justice ministers from around the country. She attended sessions on the theology of the preferential option for the poor in public policy, worker's rights and immigration law. She heard directly from a leader of Louisiana oysterman about conditions and challenges in the wake of the BP Oil Spill and the opening of the Bonnet Carre and of the Atchafalaya Spillways (The dispersant from the oil spill cleanup caused more damage.).

She also heard from a local restaurant workers' advocate about the injustices that sometimes befall restaurant workers, both in front of the house and in back of the house in the industry so central to our tourism economy. These included failure to turn over credit card tips, to pay payroll taxes and other deductions, as well as the failure to promote people of color from the back of the house to the higher paying positions in front of the house.

During the legislative session, she organized clergy and lay persons for an educational session on the Safe Schools Bill, an anti-bullying bill sponsored by Rep. Austin Badon. The bill sought to include six parishes excluded under last year's bill, to more clearly define bullying and harassment, and to give examples of groups which are often bullied. She also testified in favor of the bill before the House Education Committee. Despite having the support of a wide range of organizations, including the Advocacy Center, Louisiana Association of Educators, Louisiana School Counselors Association, The Louisiana Chapter National Association of Social Workers, Louisiana Chapter National Alliance on Mental Illness, The Louisiana Children's Coalition of Greater Baton Rouge, and the Citizens for 1 Greater New Orleans as well as from representatives of a number of churches, the bill passed the Committee, but was voted down in the House, largely because the only two organizations that testified in opposition, the Louisiana Baptist Convention and the Family Forum, objected to inclusion of sexual orientation in the examples of reasons why students may be bullied. For more information on any of these issues, contact Priscilla at deacon@cccnola.org.

We deacons are hard at work in the fields of the Lord and we hope that many of you will join in our work in the coming months. As we say in our dismissal, "Go in peace to love and serve the Lord."

Amelia Arthur Named Diocesan Youth Coordinator



Bishop Thompson has named Amelia Snider Arthur as Diocesan Coordinator for Youth & Young Adult Ministries.

Her responsibilities include initiating, developing and overseeing various programs that make up Youth and Young Adult Ministries like retreats, spiritual formation events, and camps; developing educational programming and providing support for Youth Ministers, volunteers, and clergy; and supporting and creating opportunities for youth and young adults to engage in outreach and service that promote a biblical vision for social justice.

Originally from South Carolina, Amelia lives in New Orleans with her husband Michael and their toddler, Lucy. Before coming to work for the Diocese, she was the youth leader at St. Augustine's in Metairie.

Amelia can be reached at 504.895.6634, extension 226 or at aarthur@edola.org.

Welcome, Amelia!

Governing Ourselves as Episcopalians



By Harriet Murrell, Director of School for Ministry and Diocesan Archivist

The seventy seventh convention of the Episcopal Church will convene at the Convention Center in Indianapolis, Indiana on July 5, 2012. It will be a gathering of 200 bishops and 1,200 deputies and alternates plus several hundred support staff, exhibitors and visitors from the United States, several Central American countries and church entities in Europe. They will be drawn together to worship, study, interact with each other and enact legislation that will provide structure for the life of the church. This triennial gathering of men, women, youth; people listening to simultaneous translation into a language other than English in all sessions, some in wheel chairs, deaf people who rely on the signing at each session. All are drawn together by a common bond as Episcopalians. The description of a General Convention has been changing over the last two hundred and twenty seven years because church leaders have wanted to insure that the core values of this faith group remain firm while adjusting to cultural changes and technological advances.

The church that crossed the Atlantic Ocean with the eighteenth century European adventurers was known as the Anglican Church in the Colonies. Many issues came to a head with the success of the War for Independence when this new nation no longer swore allegiance to King George III or the Archbishop of Canterbury. Maintaining the apostolic succession and creating a book of worship represented issues to be resolved. We begin our story in 1785 in Philadelphia, where the Declaration of Independence had been signed ten years before, when several Anglican clergy, under the leadership of the Rev. William White, called a meeting of Anglican colonial leaders along the eastern seaboard. It was becoming clear that this fledgling America was going to remain pluralistic in religious expression with the southern colonial legislators supporting Anglicanism and active lay leadership.

In contrast, the New Englanders saw Anglicanism as a counterculture to the Congregationalism that was the prevailing expression of Protestantism in those colonies. So how were these Anglicans going to organize and structure themselves? Individual colonies had asked these questions before but now it was time to pull leaders together to grapple with them. Within several years, a constitution and canons had been adopted and a Book of Common Prayer had been created but there were still many thorny issues to be faced. Should the church adopt the same form of governance that the country was adopting? What was the role of clergy? What about the laity? What do these Christians call themselves and their denomination? By 1804 they became the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America and they called themselves Episcopalians in recognition of the structure governed by bishops. The organizing conventions created a form of government that included clergy and laity at every level, a tradition that persists to this day and puts us at odds with Anglican leadership in other parts of the Communion. The perplexing question of the apostolic succession had been solved by 1785.

By the first quarter of the nineteenth century, the geographic expansion of the country was shaping much of what was happening in church structure. The Louisiana Purchase opened the lower part of the Mississippi valley to freedom of religious expression. In September of 1838, Louisiana was received into union with the United States and at the General Convention of 1841, Leonidas Polk became the Bishop of Louisiana. He had previously served as Missionary Bishop over a large part of what are now five states in the Gulf region (including Louisiana). Much of the activity at General Convention in the rest of the nineteenth century dealt with the heartbreak of the Civil War in its many manifestations, the dilemma of incorporation of the emancipated slaves, the missionary work among indigenous people, the rise of the liturgical movement and the church's response to scientific hypotheses such as evolution. In dealing with the overwhelming changes following the Civil War, Episcopal leaders took steps to deal with the social, economic and theological implications by expanding seminary education, encouraging critical study of scripture, incorporating change in worship expression, even creating a revision of the Book of Common Prayer in 1892 which scholars characterize as being too cautious in the face of stiff opposition.

By the twentieth century the deputies to the General Conventions had to deal with the Episcopal Church's response to two world wars, the great depressions in the thirties and others later in the century. There were drastic changes in the way people traveled and communicated with each other, suburban living became the norm, church unity attempts were made among denominations, social justice advocates became a fervent voice. Veterans returned from wars and conflicts with a more global experience. The 1928 revision to the Book of Common Prayer made many of the changes that had been avoided thirty years earlier. A plan was established to revise the prayer book at regular intervals but societal concerns resulted in no action until the adoption of the 1979 BCP. A new hymnal came three years later. Some of the decisions of this period such as liberalized divorce and remarriage criteria, the Episcopal Church's stance on economic and social justice issues and fracturing of unanimity

among churches and diocese became what is now considered the norm.

The major issues of the General Convention during the last fifty years centered on ordination of women, the revision of the prayer book and rights of gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transgender individuals. The first two of these have been basically resolved. The last is a subject that shall surely appear on the agenda for 2012. With civil marriage rights being adopted in many states, the question for the Convention is the creation of liturgical rites celebrating the marriage of two people of the same gender. There are many other less controversial rites that have been under study, some of which are now available for use with diocesan bishop approval. The recommendation that study begin on a new Prayer Book is surely coming in the foreseeable future.

At General Convention next summer, there will be informational sessions. Educating persons for the ordained life without imposing overwhelming debt on them, creating a secure retirement for lay employees, persecutions of Christians in parts of the world, abuse of the planet's resources, living in harmony with break away congregations are perplexing situations that need conversation and solutions. While expressed stands by Episcopal leaders no longer have the impact they used to, the General Conventions announces the Church's position on global issues following each Convention.

The vote by delegates to the Diocesan Convention eighteen months ahead of each General Convention elects ten individuals to be sent as deputies to the next national meeting. Preparation through meetings and study prior to the general meeting will send these individuals to a busy and challenging ten days strengthening the health and mission of the Church.

THE NATIONAL EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN ALSO MEET

While the General Convention is meeting at the JW Marriott in Indianapolis, the triennial meeting of the churchwomen will be in session at the Indianapolis Westin Hotel. Four leaders of the Louisiana ECW were elected to attend. In addition, Barbara Owens, the president of the Louisiana ECW will be attending as the Province IV representative. While the women meet separately, they share in worship, Bible study and open meetings with deputies to the General Convention.

The contribution of women to the life of the church was noted first in 1871 when the General Convention authorize the national board of missions to include the work by groups of women as well as that of individual women under their responsibilities. For many years the word auxiliary became the term that referred to the work of the women because their work was under the financial and administrative control of the men of the various mission groups. In 1901 for the first time, the women were given permission to designate the recipients

of the UTO (United Thank Offering), the already large fund they created.

The work of individual women, especially in the foreign mission fields, is now being recognized for its vital importance in giving indigenous women skills to support and improve the lives of their families. By the mid 1930s a few women were being allowed to occupy seats on committees and boards outside their own organizations where their response to the social gospel movement was considerable. It was during the 1970s that the canons permitted women to have equal status with men in the Episcopal Church. In 1967, women were granted legislative representation at General Convention.

The Episcopal Church Women shed the auxiliary designation and has continues to grow in its contribution to the health of the church. At the last triennial meeting, the women voted to establish a financial and service relationship with the Jericho Road Episcopal Housing Initiative. Louisiana has received UTO grants in the past. As with the General Convention deputies, the ECW delegates will be reporting through Churchwork to the people of the diocese.



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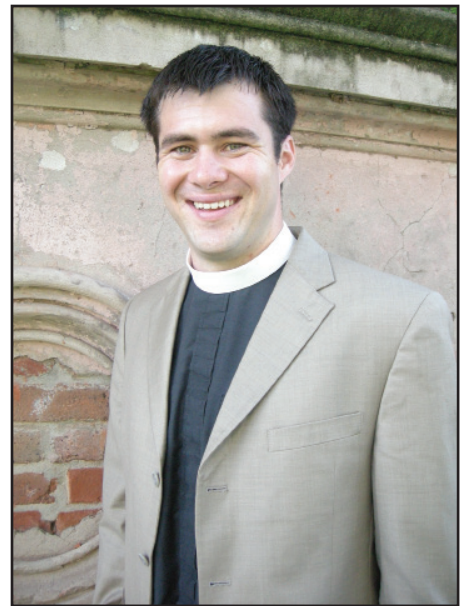
Clergy Transitions



The Rev'd Kirkland Wallace "Skully" Knight is the new Middle School Chaplain at Episcopal in Baton Rouge.

A Baton Rouge native, Skully attended LSU and then went on to receive his M.Div. from Sewanee. He has spent 18 years in education, working with middle schoolers in Episcopal schools in Mississippi, Texas, and Louisiana.

Prior to Episcopal, he was at All Saints Episcopal School in Tyler, Texas. Skully and his wife Mary Sue have two daughters, Emily and Katie.



The Rev'd Mitchell Smith is now the Associate Rector at Trinity, New Orleans.

Originally from Orlando, Mitchell attended Western Illinois University and completed his seminary training at Seabury Western Theological Seminary in Evanston.

Mitch is an avid cyclist and triathlete. He also loves to hunt, fish, and entertain the idea that his boat may one day be sea worthy. Mitch and his wife Denise have two children — Noah, age 5 and Lydia, age 2.

- **The Rev'd Brien Koehler** has announced his retirement from St. Luke's, Baton Rouge effective January 1st. In November, Fr. Koehler will celebrate 35 years of ministry in the priesthood.
- **Deacon Camille Wood** is now the pastoral coordinator at St. Andrew's, Clinton.
- **The Rev'd Mary Koppel** has been named the part-time priest-in-charge at Grace Church, Canal St, New Orleans.
- **The Rev'd John Craft** was ordained to the sacred order of priests and is now at Annunciation in New Orleans.
- **The Rev'd Rich Clark** has transferred to the Diocese of Florida and **the Rev'd Roy Pollina** has gone to the Diocese of Southwestern Virginia.
- The following clergy have left the ordained ministry of the Episcopal Church: **the Rev'd Diane Turgeon**, **the Rev'd Shola Falodin** and **the Rev'd Milt Gibson**.
- As part of the Clergy & Congregational Development Program, **the Rev'd Harry Jenkins** is now at Christ Church, Slidell, the **Rev'd Dr. Cal Lane** is at St. Mary's, Franklin, **the Rev'd Patrick Edwards** is at St. Margaret's, Baton Rouge, and **the Rev'd Sharon Alexander** is at St. Michael's, Mandeville.

We wish everyone well and pray they have blessed journeys!

The Bishop's Visitation Schedule

9/11: St. Paul's/Holy Trinity Church, New Roads

9/25: Church of the Annunciation, New Orleans

10/2: St. John's, Kenner

10/9: St. James, Baton Rouge

10/16: St. Luke's, New Orleans

10/23: Christ Church Cathedral

10/30: St. Philip's, New Orleans

11/06: All Saints', River Ridge

11/13: St. Luke's, Baton Rouge



Diocesan Events

10/6: Standing Committee Meeting

10/8: SECC Board Meeting

10/11: Commission on Ministry Meeting

10/22: Diocesan Acolyte Festival

10/24 – 26: College of Presbyters

11/8: Commission on Ministry Meeting

11/12: Executive Board Meeting

11/17: Standing Committee Meeting

11/19: CCDP Gathering



In August, the Rt. Rev'd Jim Brown, the Rt. Rev'd Morris K. Thompson, Jr. and the Rt. Rev'd Charles E. Jenkins stopped to visit for a moment on the steps of St. James, Baton Rouge.

St. Andrew's Episcopal School: Fall Admission Open Houses

St. Andrew's Episcopal School, the oldest Episcopal school in Orleans Parish and a member of the Independent Schools Association of the Southwest, will hold open houses for prospective parents interested in Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, or Grades 1-8. The open houses are scheduled for Thursday, October 6 & 13, November 3, and January 12, at 9:15 a.m. The tours will begin at 8012 Oak Street. Parents will have the opportunity to visit the entire campus.

Located in the Uptown/University area for 54 years, St. Andrew's provides a nurturing atmosphere where children experience a challenging curriculum in a small, co-ed classroom setting. Students are encouraged to apply ethical concepts to their lives and are active participants in chapel and a weekly Eucharist.

For more information, call Lisa Witter at 504.861.3743, or visit standrewsepiscopalschool.org.



Annunciation Youths Participate in Reverse Mission Trip

By Duane Nettles, Executive Director of the Annunciation Mission

For the second year in a row, youth from Annunciation Church in New Orleans participated in a reverse mission trip to upstate New York. Philip Carbo and Taylor Weeks enjoyed a week of worship, water sports, archery and camping at Beaver Cross Camp.

Their attendance at camp was sponsored by the people of Christ Church (Episcopal) in Gilbertsville, New York.

For the past three years, the youth of Christ Church have stayed and worked through Annunciation Mission. Fr. Joe Acanfora, rector of Christ Church, and I attended Nashotah House together. From our friendship, our parishes decided to partner together. Last year, Annunciation youth worked in the town of Gilbertsville, an upstate hamlet of 400 people. In the future, we hope to spend time at Beaver Cross Camp and also a few days of service in Gilbertsville.



Kairos : God's Special Time

by David Musser, parishoner at Trinity, New Orleans

This past July was the 52nd time that Kairos Prison Ministry entered the walls of the largest maximum-security prison in America: Louisiana State Penitentiary in Angola. Nicknamed the "Fightin' 52," this was the team that almost wasn't. Kairos normally goes into Angola three times per year – February at Camp C, June at Camp D and November at Main Prison. In addition to the normal adversity of recruiting team members during the vacation-heavy days of summer, this team had an added challenge: the flooding of Angola's campus due to the opening of the Morganza Spillway to help relieve the swollen waters of the Mighty Mississippi. All volunteer programs, including ecumenical ministries like Kairos, were temporarily suspended.

With this Kairos Weekend originally scheduled in June, we weren't sure if or when it would ever happen. The new date in July caused over 20 folks to drop off the team. As the weeks went by during our team formation, we struggled to collect enough money, home-baked cookies and kids' artwork. The prayer chain time slots were hardly being filled. But, the "Fightin' 52" didn't go down easy! I don't know why I continue to be surprised when God's will is accomplished, seemingly against all odds. With some extra hard work, the prayer slots were filled, money came in and cookies piled high at the last minute. We were also blessed to have Camp D's Chaplain Gary Sumrall, an 18-year veteran of Kairos weekends at the all-female LCIW in St. Gabriel before being transferred to Angola, join us the entire weekend.

Due to our small team size, there were only 30 resident participants instead of the normal 42. As Observing Leader, I watched from a distance as the Holy Spirit swirled through the community room. Sure, our cook team's ribs were "off the chain" and filled their bodies, and the talks given by team members on themes such as "Choices," "You Are Not Alone" and "Opening the Door" filled their minds. But, it was the simplicity of the kids' cards that filled and melted their hearts with the love of the Holy Spirit. Amazing, especially since we barely had any cards this time around. The participant who had a scowl on his face and said that "the devil's got a stranglehold on me" ended up accepting Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior, thanks to God working through the kids. Another man cried for the first time in 23 years of being incarcerated. A third shared, "Look at me, locked up in Angola, and I am free because a five-year-old led me to the love of Jesus." And transformation doesn't just happen in the lives of the participants. As one team member said, "I knew what was going to happen to them. God doesn't lie. I wasn't prepared for what was going to happen to me."

The mission of Kairos Prison Ministry, which currently operates in 350 prisons in 31 states and eight foreign countries, is to bring Christ's love and forgiveness to all incarcerated individuals, their families and those who work with them, and to assist in the transition of becoming a productive citizen. The first Kairos Weekend at Angola was led by my father, John Musser, in March of 1993. I remember agreeing to bake cookies and set my alarm to wake me up at 2 and 3 in the morning to pray for prisoners – "undeserving" men who had committed unspeakable crimes – that I didn't even know. I have been a team member now since 2006, and my dad has been supporting my efforts like I did for him. Now, God willing, 18+ years later, my father will serve on the team that I will be leading at Main Prison – Kairos #53 – on November 10th-13th. Team formation begins Saturday, October 1st, and it is my prayer that both men and women, of all races, denominations, neighborhoods and socioeconomic backgrounds, will join me on this team. Like the prisoners who participate, we reflect the beautiful diversity that is God's kingdom. Wherever you are on your journey and however unworthy, uncomfortable or broken you may be, don't underestimate the mighty acts that God can accomplish through you in your faithful obedience.

Please contact me at dmusser72@yahoo.com or 504.615.0001 as soon as possible to learn more about the ways you can be part of this ministry – from serving on the cook, supply or agape teams on the outside, to sharing musical skills, conversation or fellowship with the participants on the inside, to just attending the powerful Closing Ceremony on Sunday, November 13th. All of us are integral parts of the Body of Christ, and we are all called to seek and serve Christ in all people.



The first Kairos gathering in 1993.

I was in prison, and you visited me.

Matthew 25:36

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Oportunidades NOLA at St. Anna's

by Jamie McDaniel

For the past 4 years Oportunidades NOLA has offered adult education — including English as a Second Language, Computer Literacy, Health Education, GED and Adult Basic Education in Spanish and English, and Spanish as a Second Language — to over 800 students at varying levels of proficiency. Our June 2011 graduation honored the achievements of more than 80 learners, and our current classes accommodate nearly 100. Of those 55 students who participated in a recent anonymous survey, 96% express strong satisfaction with their classes, 97% feel that the classes have been both interesting and useful in pursuit of their goals, and 100% plan to continue studying. As a community-based education center which takes its cue from the priorities and interests of our students, we feel that their expression of confidence offers the best evidence of our program's success!

In addition to teaching, we have been able to make a significant impact on a number of students' lives through coordinating healthcare and social service referrals, and by providing translation or interpretation assistance.

We have helped students in many situations, including surviving domestic violence, opening bank accounts, paying taxes, obtaining ID cards, undergoing surgery, seeking mental health services, accessing emergency food supplies and petitioning for child support. We have averaged between 2-4 "social service" interventions per week since our beginnings, and have also brought in professionals from the medical, legal and financial services fields to educate our student population. This significant investment of time is justified by the fact that the impact of this assistance goes far beyond the individual to positively affect children, families and whole communities.

In the last year, Oportunidades NOLA and the other missions of St. Anna's Church have purchased, and begun the process of renovating an 1847 Creole mansion, with impressive potential. Students from the Oportunidades program have contributed more than 100 hours of volunteer labor to the renovations, and are committed to helping make this venture a success. The Dodwell House will soon serve as a center of

community life of education for children and adults, cultural and musical celebrations, volunteer and mission group housing, and diverse other resources for both the immigrant and native New Orleans communities.

Also in the last year, we have made considerable progress in ensuring the sustainability of Oportunidades NOLA over the medium- and long-term. In the past six months, we have been awarded significant grants by the Entergy Charitable Foundation, The Rosamary Foundation and the Foundation for the Mid South, in addition to our core funding from the Royer Family Philanthropic Trust. The current funds guarantee our survival for at least the next year, and the relationships we are building with these funders will lay the groundwork for our future.

Oportunidades NOLA was founded by Jamie McDaniel, who has also directed the program since its inception. As we enter our fall 2011 semester, Ms. McDaniel will be stepping aside to pursue graduate studies. Her successor as Program Director, Christina Abreo, holds a PhD from Tulane University in Latin



American Studies, and moreover brings to the table many years' experience in both formal and community-based education settings. We anticipate many exciting developments in the year to come as Ms. Abreo strengthens our core capacity and takes the program in new directions. Please feel free to contact Christina Abreo at christina@stannanola.org

Ms. McDaniel expressed her thoughts on leaving Oportunidades: "I deeply appreciate the opportunity that St. Anna's Episcopal Church has afforded me. I have learned and grown a great deal personally from the experiences I have had here. Most importantly, with your tolerance and support, we have been able to build a program of genuine value and sustainability, and it is a source of great satisfaction to me to know that Oportunidades NOLA will continue to grow and thrive as I move on. To know that our efforts and energy have had an impact and will continue to be a source of pride and benefit for this community is a great gift, for which I am truly grateful."

Please visit us at stannanola.org and casanola.org.

News from Christ Church Cathedral

By Laurie Bailey, Director of Christian Formation and Communications

Cathedral Accessibility Project

As many church leaders are aware, nineteenth century architecture was not designed with twenty-first century accessibility standards in mind. With the encouragement of Bishop Thompson, the Cathedral has worked for over a year to find ways to retrofit our beautiful facilities to be as fully accessible as possible to persons with limited mobility. To this end, we have created a ramp in the breezeway between the Cathedral and Diocesan offices allowing wheel chairs and scooters to enter both facilities. We have also added a ramp on the Seventh Street side of Stuart Hall (accessible by walkways connected to the Cathedral and Diocesan parking lots.)

The next phase entails replacing the dying wheelchair lift between the Chapel and Cathedral with a ramp that will be far more user friendly, and reconfiguring the Chapel sanctuary floor so that wheelchairs and scooters will be able to travel easily through the Chapel to the restrooms.

This work is very important and very expensive to do properly, and we have received some special contributions in memory of Mrs. Horace Williams allowing us to get started. If you, or anyone you know, would be willing to make a tax deductible contribution toward this project, it would be greatly appreciated during these lean financial times. Linda Nelson, director of Advent House is coordinating this effort and would be happy to provide you with more information. She can be reached via email at lh@aristotle.net; by phone at 504-895-0553; or by snail mail at Advent House, 1637 Seventh Street, New Orleans 70115.

Real Presence at Christ Church Cathedral

Encounter the sacred at Real Presence on Sunday evenings at 6 o'clock at Christ Church Cathedral. Real Presence is an informal service of Holy Eucharist set in the candlelit Cathedral. The service is designed to encourage your awareness of God's loving and healing presence in your life. Those who attend are free to move around the worship space as they wish to study the beautiful stained glass windows or visit prayer stations.

Real Presence was launched the first Sunday of Lent this year and began its fourth season at the end of July. The music changes seasonally — currently it is piano and vocalist. In past seasons we have had piano, cello and vocalist as well as piano, clarinet and vocalist. The prayer stations invite contemplation of themes presented in the gospel readings and change throughout each season. You are invited to your Cathedral to encounter the sacred at Real Presence. Come and see.

Special Events at Christ Church Cathedral

September 11 at 4 pm: Choral Evensong commemorated the Tenth Anniversary of the September Eleventh attacks, with Dean David duPlantier officiating and Bishop Morris Thompson preaching. The evensong featured the combined choirs of Christ Church Cathedral and St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

• **October 2 at 3 pm:** Jarrett Follette, Director of Music & Organist at Christ Church Cathedral will play a concert on the 94-rank pipe organ on Sunday, October 2 at 3 pm. He will play works of J.S. Bach, Felix Mendelssohn, Herbert Howells, Joseph Jongen and others. This is a free concert.

• **October 8:** Christ Church Cathedral Thrift Sale in Stuart Hall.

• **December 11 at 4 pm:** Lessons and Carols service.



Episcopal Dirty Words

By the Rev'd Jay Angerer

I love to do something that really is not typically Episcopal. In fact, in the Episcopal Church it is like a “dirty word.” A study taken ten years ago suggests that half of you will stop reading this article once the subject is revealed!

Evangelism! Are you still with me? It's the great double edge sword of the Church: most of us want the Church to grow, and we all want people to come to God through Jesus Christ (although we have a hard time articulating it). The Bible is pretty clear we need to go out and do it (Matthew 28:19)! Evangelize. Yet, I find it hard to talk about faith with the people I really know and like, much less the grumpy neighbor across the street I try to avoid.

This is what I've tried: I've read 38 books on evangelism, I've helped hang fifteen thousand door knob hangers, I've knocked on five thousand doors in neighborhoods and I've organized an evangelism revival (yes, as an Episcopalian!).

This is what my work has produced: Nothing.

Not one person has come to church from these evangelism actions. Not one “hit” from a doorknob hanger, not one visit on Sunday from a knocked on door, not one “lost” person at the evangelism revival.

You may be thinking, “Pshaw, what else is there to try?” (or you may be rereading about the revival in the Episcopal Church, in a cold sweat). There is one thing I didn't try: being myself.

I think, looking back at my efforts, I was doing evangelism wrong. My efforts were like using the wrong tool for the job, like trying to use a Phillips head screwdriver for a flat head screw. I had the right idea (reaching out to others), but it just didn't fit (I was reaching out in ways that weren't authentic to my personality). Don't get me wrong, I think in some situations a doorknob hanger can build excitement for a great Church event and can connect people with events that can be life changing. It just didn't happen that way for me. So I reconnected with two evangelism books that are very well written: *The Holy Bible* by God and *Becoming a Contagious Christian* by Bill Hybels.

The Bible illustrates the importance of evangelism, the need to be who I am, and the drive that God is with me in everything I do. The Bible also teaches me that I can't do it alone, that I do not have the gifts alone to be a successful evangelist: I must evangelize through a community. Hybels pointed out, among other things in his book, that there are many different patterns of evangelism illustrated through the different lives of the New Testament. Let me give you an example through three radically different lives: Paul, Dorcas and Matthew.



Paul's approach to evangelism is likely the best known. He used an “intellectual” approach found clearly in his work in Athens as described in Acts 17. Paul used logic and reason with the people of Athens to win people to Christ. He walked into Athens, looked around for a few days, then went right to the heart of the community and challenged them with a clearly reasoned argument.

If you are the inquisitive type who enjoys working with ideas and evidence (and you're a little bold), you likely share Paul's pattern for evangelism.

Dorcas has a different pattern: She is simply described in Acts 9:36 as, “devoted to good works and acts of charity.” So devoted, when she died, the people got together and sent a messenger to Peter asking for him to come and help them. Through Peter, Dorcas is brought back from the dead. Her life was one of service, she made robes and articles of clothing for the widows and needy of the community, and her witness, her evangelism, wasn't her words, but her actions of service. If you have a hard time talking about your faith, but you can fix a car or make meals for people, you likely share Dorcas' pattern for evangelism.

Let me add one more pattern: Levi the tax collector. I like Levi's pattern because it's the most unlikely in the Bible and it is one of the patterns I share. Levi, in Luke 5:27, is called by Christ to follow. What's the next thing that happens? Levi invites Jesus to a “great banquet” where there is a “large crowd.” Basically, Levi was well connected and had some resources, so after Jesus called him, he threw a party for all his friends and invited Jesus!

Do you like to party? (Come on, the schools here close for Mardi Gras, tell the truth!). Have you ever thought about inviting friends who are out of relationship with God to a cookout and also inviting a few people of faith? When you do, you share the pattern of Levi, the tax collector.

There are other patterns in the New Testament, but you have to buy Hybels book to learn about them! What I'm trying to illustrate is that you are an evangelist, every person reading this article, in your own way. Think about what you like to do in your life: garden, sing, party, argue, puzzles, bike riding, drinking coffee, meeting new people... these are all ways to evangelize, all ways to introduce people to the love of Jesus Christ as you experience the love in your life.

The two keys are to be yourself with what is comfortable for you and to do it! The Church, Jesus Christ and the Kingdom of God are counting on you (no pressure or anything).

I love talking about this and hearing other people discover his or her patterns for evangelism. Contact me at Jay.ASRR@gmail.com — maybe you are a missing piece in my pattern of evangelism, maybe we are meant to work together for the Kingdom.

All Souls' Summer Enrichment Camp

A Success In Many Ways

By Sarah Miller



This summer, 80 children from the Lower Ninth Ward and surrounding neighborhoods attended the annual All Souls Summer Enrichment Camp, operated Monday through Friday for seven weeks. This third year of camp saw All Souls' highest enrollment yet, as well as the incorporation of new programming and partners. Yet despite the growth and changes, the core mission and program of the camp stayed the same: engaging under-served children in reading, math, and the fine arts during the summer months.

All Souls serves children during the school year with an after-school tutoring program and weekly string music instruction, which provide remediation and instruction in reading, math, and fine arts as an addition to regular schooling. Yet during the summer, most of the youth who attend All Souls programs do not have access to quality summer camps or programs, making the summer a time when children are vulnerable to inactivity and regression in academic skills. Instead of spending their summer inactive and unengaged, All Souls campers spent most of their summers having fun, reading and writing every day, and making beautiful music and art.

Each week, camp focuses on a different theme or skill, often with a volunteer group coming in to lead the week's activities. This year's themes were Reading, Music, Zoology, Math, Gardening & Nutrition, Art, and Vacation Bible School. Groups like Le Moyne College's LEAP organization, and Trinity Wall Street's Choir returned from years past to lead reading and music activities, respectively. Children made books, wrote journals, and read stories about heroes of the past and present during Le Moyne's reading week, and they learned choral music and played string instruments and recorders with Trinity Wall St. Choir during music week. Also returning this year were individuals like professional artist Susan Tilt, who planned and led art week,

and gospel singer and conductor Lionel Baskin, who taught campers gospel and contemporary pop songs during two weeks of the summer.

Camp veterans were joined by new volunteers this year, like youth from St Michael and All Angels, Dallas, TX, who facilitated math week, Emelia Clement from the LSU-Ag Extension Center, who taught nutrition classes during Gardening Week, and youth from local New Orleans churches, who helped lead Vacation Bible School. All Souls also brought in help from an array of new partners this year; NORDC provided bus transportation for field trips, Second Harvest provided breakfast and lunch for campers, The Center for Women & Ethnic Studies led classes for older campers on making healthy choices and sexual health, and Operation REACH co-sponsored and trained five Americorps members who worked as camp counselors for the entirety of the summer.

The 2011 summer camp will continue to have an impact on future programming at All Souls, as the community center hopes to enroll most of the campers in tutoring in the fall, and to generate interest and enrollment in brand new offerings, like a six-days-a-week string music program modeled on the El Sistema program, cooking and nutrition classes, and parent support and education groups. The ultimate impact of the camp, however, will be realized in the lives of the campers themselves, as they continue to grow in their learning, creativity, and character.



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Go on A Journey with Cursillo

by the Rev'd Karen Gay, Spiritual Director of Cursillo

"Cursillo ... it only changed my life forever!" Perhaps it won't change your life forever, but it will certainly provide an opportunity to explore your faith journey. Come, see what this well kept secret is all about!

Cursillo offers participants an opportunity to dig a bit deeper into their spiritual lives through talks presented by clergy and lay persons on basic foundational elements for living the Christian life. An opportunity to spend a bit of time away, taking time out of your busy life to spend time on "God's time" as you explore the

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The talks are interspersed with discussion, prayer, songs, recreation, laughter and moments of reflection and quiet. The Eucharist is celebrated daily. The Cursillo weekend begins after supper on Thursday, November 3rd and concludes on Sunday afternoon, November 5th. To attend the Cursillo weekend please sign up at solomoncenter.org.

The lay rector for the weekend is Vicky

King, a member of Trinity in Baton Rouge and the Spiritual Directors for the weekend include The Rev'd Susan Gaumer, St. Andrew's New Orleans; The Rev'd Roman Roldan, Grace, St. Francisville; and the Rev'd Dan Krutz, St. Francis, Denham Springs.

For more information watch the E-DoLA newsletter for updates and you can talk to your parish priest or contact me at karen.holycommunion@gmail.com or 225.687.2611, or John King, Chairman of the Cursillo Secretariat at jbk@bswllp.com.

Music at St. John's in Thibodaux

The Music at St. John's Concert Series has kicked off its 2011-2012 season! The series presents one-hour concerts each year in the intimate setting of St. John's, Thibodaux. The music programming includes classical chamber music, choral, Broadway, opera, and jazz. The programs aim to promote the study, appreciation, and understanding of music by bringing excellent, recognized performers to the tri-parish area at a modest cost.

- **November 6, 2011:** Soprano Valerie Francis, Assistant Professor of Music at Nicholls State University. Ms. Francis received her Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the University of Oklahoma. In 1994 she placed first in regional auditions of the Metropolitan Opera National Council.

- **January 29, 2012:** The Wayne Maureau Jazz Quintet will perform, featuring Latin jazz with Wayne on drums and percussion joined by saxophone, trumpet, bass, and keyboard players. Wayne is an adjunct faculty percussion instructor at Loyola University and Delgado Community College. He has a bachelor's degree from Louisiana State University and studied at Drummers Collective in New York City.

- **March 11, 2012:** The chamber ensemble Musaica returns to the St. John's series on with another entertaining chamber music program featuring a variety of instruments. This non-profit ensemble consists of professional New Orleans musicians, most of whom play with the Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra and/or teach at Loyola University.

Season tickets are \$30 (\$15 for college students). Admission at the door is \$10 per concert, \$5 for students, and free to those 18 years old and younger. Donations are greatly appreciated to help keep ticket prices low. Please consider contributing to this excellent non-profit music series. These concerts are supported in part by a grant from the Louisiana Division of the Arts, Office of Cultural Development, Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism in cooperation with the Louisiana State Arts Council as administered by the Houma Regional Arts Council.

All concerts take place on Sunday afternoons at 3 pm at historic St. John's, 718 Jackson Street in Thibodaux. Each performance is followed by a reception where the public can enjoy light refreshments and meet and talk with the artists. For more information or to order season tickets, call LaDonna Alexander at 985-446-1506, or mail your check to Music at St. John's, P. O. Box 733, Thibodaux, LA 70302, including your name, address, telephone, and email. You may also visit www.stjohnsthibodaux.org.



Coming Soon to your Area: Asset Based Community Development Training

Is your parish looking for ways to revitalize your community outreach? Are you seeking to reach beyond the walls of your church, and build new collaborative partnerships? Do you struggle to find a meaningful response to the sometimes-overwhelming needs around us?

If so, Asset-Based Community Development (ABCD) may be just the toolkit you have been looking for! Episcopal Community Services of Louisiana is pleased to sponsor a series of free ABCD trainings this fall, and welcomes lay and clergy leaders from all parishes in our Diocese to attend one of the trainings. ABCD is an approach to engaging effectively with the communities around us. It emphasizes building on the strengths and assets in our midst rather than being stymied by the tremendous needs. Each training will provide an overview of ABCD and allow participants to practice using skills and tools to apply these concepts to your own ministries and contexts.

The 6-hour trainings will be held in each area of our diocese, as follows:

- Saturday, October 22: Southwest Deanery, Trinity Morgan City
- Saturday, October 29: Baton Rouge Deaneries, St. Luke's
- Saturday, November 5: North Shore Deanery, St. Michael's, Mandeville
- Saturday, November 12: New Orleans & Jefferson Deaneries, Christ Church Cathedral

For more information or to sign up, please contact Deacon Elaine Clements, eclements@ecsla.org or 504.895.6634 x211.

These trainings are made possible with the generous support of Episcopal Relief & Development and Trinity Church, New York.



ECS recently helped 2 more families move back into their rebuilt homes, and is working on 6 additional houses, including this new home on Martin Luther King Blvd. in New Orleans.

Special thanks go to our volunteers and to Williams Architects, Master Builders, and Gurtler Bros.

Updates from ECS in Morgan City

• On July 13th, ECS held a Meet & Greet Reception for employers in the Morgan City area to take part in a round table discussion. Case Manager Melanie Bias, and Trinity Church rector, the Rev'd Rob Courtney, met with these employers to discuss their involvement in a Resume and Interview Workshop held on August 11th and a Job Fair held on August 17th. All events were free to the public. Visit to ecsla.org for pictures and stories from these events.

• Bias also assisted in the purchasing of school uniforms for her clients with school-age children. Six children — five boys and one girl — were each supplied with two uniforms and one pair of sneakers. An extra purchase was made for the only girl in the group, a book bag. The school items were passed out on Wednesday, July 27th. The parents were truly shocked and the children were all smiles. Everyone was appreciative of the assistance.

Gaudet Scholarship Awards

Mrs. Frances Gaudet, a turn of the century educator and activist, was born in a log cabin, the daughter of a former slave. She earned a national reputation in her life as a prison reformer and missionary. She was a driving force behind the establishment of the first juvenile court in New Orleans.

Upon her death, Gaudet left a trust to the Diocese of Louisiana to be used for programs benefiting underserved children and families. ECSLA, as stewards of this fund, each year award scholarships and grants for the purpose of enhancing the education of African American students.

For school year 2011-2012, over \$105,000 in scholarships were awarded to 92 students from the following schools:

Episcopal High, Baton Rouge
St. Andrew's, New Orleans
St. George's, New Orleans
St. James, Baton Rouge
St. Luke's, Baton Rouge
St. Martin's, Metairie
St. Matthew's, Houma
St. Paul's, New Orleans
Trinity, Baton Rouge
Trinity, New Orleans

When asked what meaning the awarding of Gaudet Scholarships had at Episcopal High School, Baton Rouge, Noël Parnell, Director of Advancement stated, "Over the years, Episcopal High School students who have received funds from The Frances Joseph Gaudet Scholarship Program have expressed deep gratitude. Each family, I think, reads the application and is inspired by Mrs. Gaudet's story, by her meaningful contribution to her community not only in her time, but for these times, well beyond her lifetime. Like her, they have prioritized a quality education and are making sacrifices for their children's futures. These funds make possible an Episcopal education for their children. From our perspective, the Gaudet scholarships enliven and enrich our school. We are able to welcome new families and children into our community who we may not otherwise have the opportunity to enroll. So, like the students and families, we, too, are grateful."

Lisa Witter, Director of Admission & Financial Aid at St. Andrew's Episcopal School expressed the impact of



the Gaudet Scholarship program at that school. "Year after year, the Frances Joseph Gaudet Scholarship has graciously assisted St. Andrew's Episcopal School in New Orleans, Louisiana by granting scholarship funds to African American students. These need-based partial scholarships have helped increase diversity within our School and given students the opportunity to attend St. Andrew's. Our sincerest gratitude to Episcopal Community Services and the Frances Joseph Gaudet Scholarship."

The deadline for submission of Gaudet Scholarship applications for the 2012-2013 school year will be April 2012. Not-for-profit organizations that create, manage, and expand educational opportunities for African American children within the Diocese of Louisiana are eligible for grants through the Gaudet Fund. Applications are available after October 1st and carry the deadline of November 1st.

For more information on the Francis Gaudet Fund, please visit the Episcopal Community Services of Louisiana website: ecsla.org/gaudet-fund.

Update on Living With Purpose: New Orleans

by Pete Nunnally, Program Director

On July 19, Living With Purpose: New Orleans said goodbye to its first class of young adult fellows with a Eucharist and Farewell Banquet at Christ Church Cathedral, celebrated by Bishop Thompson and attended by mentors, supervisors, friends of the fellows, and supporters of the program.

Sophie Day, David Maxson, and Adrian Madriz each summarized their experience in a moving homily that touched on their fond memories, struggles, and personal transformations throughout the year. These 7 young adults have persevered through many obstacles while giving a year of their lives to the toil and turbulence that is the New Orleans recovery. Amanda Law, Adrian Madriz, Claire Debow, David Maxson, Denny Scaria, Sarah Miller, and Sophie Day, thank you so much for your commitment to service, your devotion to the vulnerable, and your dedicated spirit!

Living With Purpose: New Orleans is a year-long residential young adult fellowship that forms leaders and fosters spiritual growth through service learning, spiritual formation, and intentional Christian community. Last year our 7 fellows worked 40 hours a week in 5 different site placements, all of which tackled different aspects of the cycle of poverty:

- **ECS Rebuild Program (shelter):** David Maxson, Amanda Law, Sophie Day
- **Trinity's Mobile Loaves and Fishes (hunger):** Claire Debow
- **St Anna's Medical Mission (health):** Denny Scaria
- **Holy Comforter/University of New Orleans (relationships/service):** Adrian Madriz
- **All Souls (education, family and community services):** Sarah Miller

In addition to investing in the New Orleans community, the fellows engaged in a rigorous curriculum of spiritual formation and social justice that tackled not only external issues of race, class, and poverty, but internal issues of personal discernment, contemplation, and spiritual discovery. The nine books covered throughout the year include *Race Matters* (West), *Life Together* (Bonhoeffer), *Becoming Who you Are* (Martin), and *Where We Stand: Class Matters* (Hooks).

What the said about their experience:

Claire Debow: "I learned about the grand scope of homelessness in NOLA, and how hard it is to move through the system as a homeless person, dealing with fear from outsiders, health issues."

Denny Scaria: "Working with state and local agencies I came to understand hopelessness and the causes of abuse...I learned that the vulnerable are underserved, especially the mentally unstable—they are unable to access basic needs. Because I'm interested in the medical field I've been able to mold my ideas on how I'll approach medicine in the future."

Amanda Law: "I learned how to frame, rock, mud, tile, and how to build a deck, install siding and trim."

David Maxson: "I learned a phenomenal amount about of construction skills and how to manage volunteers of different ages and backgrounds. As someone who will be teaching next year, I'm much more aware of how to present information, be free with information, and think outside the box."

Sophie Day: "I really developed my leadership skills, and became much more comfortable leading volunteers...I learned a ton about the housing process in NOLA and came to understand the systemic problems around housing in NOLA."

Adrian Madriz: "I learned that the vulnerable don't always look like you think...there are many students from UNO who are from marginalized backgrounds. This placement helped me figure out my place, what I can do to help allow people to take control of their lives."

Sarah Miller: "I learned different community development models and theories, and how to navigate the grant landscape. Through working with our parish and community I was exposed to the poverty of education and how that affects values and life skills; normal things that are harder for poor people with little education."

Where are they up to now?

Sarah and Adrian are staying in New Orleans to continue their ministries, Sarah with All Souls and Adrian with Holy Comforter/ UNO. Sophie has returned to college to finish her degree at Eckerd College in Florida. David is studying for his Master's in Communication at Indiana University. Claire has moved to Baton Rouge to pursue other interests. Amanda is working as an associate in the Bonner Scholar program at Berry College. Denny is attending med school at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.



Welcome the LWP Class of 2011-2012



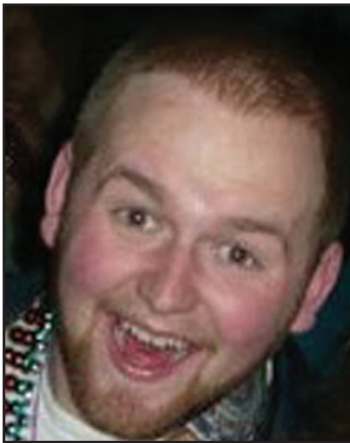
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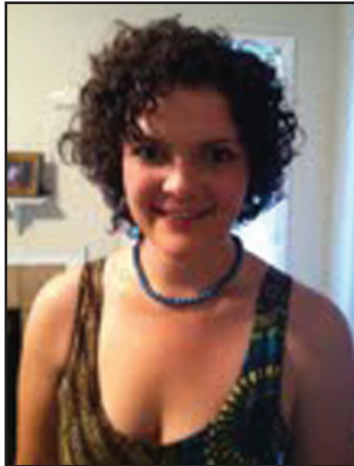
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We are proud and excited to offer these wonderful young adults fellowships in Living With Purpose: New Orleans.

They will be working in the following site placements this year:

- St Thomas Community Health Center
 - Habitat For Humanity (2)
 - Brushes With Kindness
- All Souls Episcopal Church and Community Center
 - Trinity Mobile Loaves and Fishes
 - Jericho Road Housing Initiative

Want to know more about Living With Purpose and meet our new Fellows? We encourage members of the diocese to become involved with LWP. We're looking for fun and creative ways to enrich their experience and connect them to community events and cultural happenings. Host them for dinner, invite them to an event or sponsor an activity — we welcome your interest and participation!

Please follow our blog at livingwithpurposenola.tumblr.com and follow us on Twitter, @LWPNola. For more information, please email Program Director Pete Nunnally at pnunnally@ecsla.org.

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The Diocese of Louisiana - Budget Analysis -- 31 AUGUST 2011 (Assessment and Program)				OVER/ UNDER BUDGET
	2011 ANNUAL BUDGET	YTD BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	
REVENUE				
Revenues from Congregations	\$1,269,905	\$846,473	\$768,457	\$78,146
Other Revenues	195,979	130,653	112,305	\$18,348
Targeted Donations	\$90,000	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$0
TOTAL REVENUE	\$1,555,884	\$1,037,256	\$940,762	\$96,494
EXPENSES				
Total Diocesan Center	\$852,850	\$568,833	\$576,868	-\$8,835
Diocesan Property Reserve	\$7,500	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0
Episcopal Transition Reserve	\$7,500	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0
Total Academic Chaplaincies	\$315,243	\$218,962	\$220,777	-\$10,615
Total Christian Education	\$2,000	\$1,333	\$583	\$741
Total Commissions	\$13,900	\$9,267	\$2,706	\$6,561
Total Communications	\$45,700	\$36,467	\$25,475	\$4,991
Total Conferences	\$28,300	\$13,533	\$11,961	\$1,572
Total Church Mission Ministry & Grants	\$29,754	\$46,583	\$34,858	\$11,652
Total Seminarians	\$7,800	\$4,867	\$5,748	-\$573
Total School for Ministry	\$14,904	\$9,936	\$8,077	\$1,859
Total Specialized Ministries	\$3,550	\$2,367	\$3,558	-\$1,183
Total Stewardship	\$2,700	\$1,800	\$0	\$1,800
Total Work Outside the Diocese	\$146,535	\$87,680	\$89,071	-\$1,381
Total Youth	\$184,865	\$29,990	\$65,419	\$4,491
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,613,501	\$1,075,867	\$1,064,586	\$11,081
NET INCOME / LOSS	-\$57,617	-\$38,411	-\$123,824	\$85,413

ASSESSMENT & PROGRAM SITES
As of 6/30/2011

Church	City	2011 ASSESSMENT				2011 PROGRAM			
		2011 Total Assessment	YTD (Jan - Aug)	Rec'd YTD	Variance	2011 Total Program	YTD (Jan - Aug)	Rec'd YTD	Variance
Church of the Incarnation	Amite	\$1,358	\$816	\$1,022.66	\$117.33	\$0	\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00
Church of the Holy Spirit	Baton Rouge	\$8,099	\$5,393	\$5,393.36	\$0.03	\$0	\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00
St. Alban's Chapel	Baton Rouge	\$10,324	\$5,883	\$5,182.00	-\$1,720.67	\$17,550	\$11,700	\$8,775.00	-\$2,925.00
St. Augustine's Episcopal Church	Baton Rouge	\$1,833	\$1,222	\$1,182.00	\$0.00	\$420	\$280	\$200.00	\$0.00
St. James' Episcopal Church	Baton Rouge	\$82,403	\$54,935	\$34,334.60	-\$20,600.73	\$88,180	\$58,780	\$41,741.65	-\$17,045.02
St. Luke's Episcopal Church	Baton Rouge	\$41,399	\$27,598	\$27,599.34	\$0.01	\$43,601	\$29,067	\$29,067.31	-\$0.02
St. Margaret's Episcopal Church	Baton Rouge	\$10,330	\$6,880	\$6,066.71	\$0.04	\$1,200	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.01
St. Michael's & All Angels' Episcopal Church	Baton Rouge	\$3,485	\$2,323	\$1,161.60	-\$1,161.65	\$3,136	\$2,081	\$888.32	-\$1,252.35
Trinity Episcopal Church	Baton Rouge	\$30,900	\$20,610	\$20,610.00	\$0.00	\$36,771	\$24,514	\$24,514.00	\$0.00
St. Matthew's Episcopal Church	Bogalusa	\$4,251	\$2,834	\$3,233.33	\$399.33	\$550	\$367	\$386.67	\$0.00
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church	Clinton	\$1,341	\$894	\$871.00	-\$223.00	\$0	\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00
Christ Episcopal Church	Covington	\$32,087	\$21,391	\$21,035.36	-\$355.97	\$54,547	\$36,365	\$26,026.00	-\$9,544.67
St. Francis' Episcopal Church	Dorham Springs	\$5,554	\$3,703	\$3,720.00	\$17.33	\$7,220	\$4,813	\$4,040.00	\$26.67
St. Mary's Episcopal Church	Franklin	\$5,374	\$3,593	\$2,885.00	-\$897.67	\$6,435	\$4,290	\$3,217.00	-\$1,073.00
Grace Memorial Church	Hammond	\$13,368	\$8,912	\$8,912.00	\$0.00	\$16,500	\$11,000	\$11,000.00	\$0.00
St. Mark's Episcopal Church	Harvey	\$3,590	\$2,393	\$2,496.00	\$102.67	\$3,231	\$2,154	\$2,180.00	\$6.00
St. Matthew's Episcopal Church	Houma	\$13,700	\$8,133	\$8,133.33	\$0.00	\$10,300	\$6,867	\$6,866.67	\$0.00
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church	Irris	\$2,418	\$1,612	\$2,418.00	\$806.00	\$2,176	\$1,451	\$2,176.00	\$725.33
St. John's Episcopal Church	Kenner	\$1,155	\$770	\$770.00	\$0.00	\$519	\$346	\$346.00	\$0.00
St. Timothy's Episcopal Church	Laplace	\$1,948	\$1,299	\$1,288.72	\$0.05	\$1,753	\$1,169	\$1,188.64	-\$0.03
St. Michael's Episcopal Church	Mandeville	\$10,076	\$6,717	\$6,717.36	\$0.03	\$0	\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00
St. Augustine's Episcopal Church	Metairie	\$15,708	\$10,472	\$10,472.00	\$0.00	\$15,708	\$10,472	\$10,472.00	\$0.00
St. Martin's Episcopal Church	Metairie	\$20,908	\$13,938	\$13,938.64	-\$0.03	\$5,000	\$3,333	\$3,333.32	-\$0.01
Trinity Episcopal Church	Morgan City	\$7,676	\$5,117	\$3,938.02	-\$1,279.31	\$9,978	\$6,682	\$4,989.00	-\$1,663.00
St. Mary's Episcopal Church	Morganza	\$680	\$453	\$480.00	\$226.67	\$612	\$400	\$612.00	\$204.00
All Souls	New Orleans	\$1,000	\$667	\$667.00	-\$333.00	\$1,800	\$1,200	\$800.00	-\$400.00
Church of the Annunciation	New Orleans	\$9,129	\$6,086	\$2,829.00	-\$3,457.00	\$500	\$333	\$0.00	-\$333.33
Chapel of the Holy Comforter	New Orleans	\$2,874	\$1,916	\$1,916.00	\$0.00	\$2,586	\$1,724	\$1,724.00	\$0.00
Chapel of the Holy Spirit	New Orleans	\$2,648	\$1,765	\$2,648.00	\$882.67	\$2,383	\$1,589	\$2,383.00	\$794.33
Christ Church Cathedral	New Orleans	\$24,437	\$16,291	\$16,291.36	\$0.03	\$41,543	\$27,695	\$27,695.36	\$0.03
Grace Episcopal Church	New Orleans	\$5,034	\$3,356	\$3,356.00	-\$3,056.00	\$0	\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00
St. Olivet Episcopal Church	New Orleans	\$2,653	\$1,769	\$1,768.72	\$0.05	\$400	\$267	\$400.00	\$133.33
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church	New Orleans	\$15,280	\$10,180	\$10,186.67	\$0.00	\$12,988	\$8,659	\$6,411.64	-\$3,247.03
St. Anna's Episcopal Church	New Orleans	\$14,143	\$9,429	\$3,535.74	-\$5,892.93	\$6,000	\$4,000	\$1,000.00	-\$3,000.00
St. George's Episcopal Church	New Orleans	\$14,701	\$9,801	\$9,825.10	\$24.51	\$12,496	\$8,331	\$10,001.94	\$1,671.27
St. Luke's Episcopal Church	New Orleans	\$11,013	\$7,342	\$7,346.00	-\$6.00	\$0	\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00
St. Paul's Episcopal Church	New Orleans	\$26,823	\$17,882	\$17,882.00	\$0.00	\$22,800	\$15,200	\$15,200.00	\$0.00
St. Philip's Episcopal Church	New Orleans	\$9,437	\$6,291	\$6,293.00	\$1.67	\$9,814	\$6,543	\$6,546.00	\$3.33
Trinity Episcopal Church	New Orleans	\$110,559	\$73,706	\$73,706.00	\$0.00	\$134,441	\$89,627	\$86,293.98	-\$3,333.35
St. Paul's-Holy Trinity Church	New Roads	\$5,462	\$3,641	\$3,641.36	\$0.03	\$5,300	\$3,533	\$3,533.36	\$0.03
Church of the Holy Communion	Plaquemine	\$5,637	\$3,750	\$4,322.88	\$564.88	\$2,500	\$1,667	\$1,982.15	\$235.48
All Saints' Episcopal Church	Ponchartroula	\$1,825	\$1,217	\$1,203.88	-\$12.78	\$1,642	\$1,035	\$1,032.22	-\$12.45
All Saints' Episcopal Church	River Ridge	\$8,967	\$5,970	\$5,978.00	\$0.00	\$1,200	\$800	\$1,192.57	\$392.57
Church of the Nativity	Rosedale	\$2,159	\$1,439	\$2,159.00	\$719.67	\$1,943	\$1,295	\$1,943.00	\$647.67
Christ Episcopal Church	Sidell	\$10,756	\$7,171	\$7,171.00	-\$70.67	\$0	\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00
Grace Episcopal Church	St. Francisville	\$22,675	\$15,117	\$2,588.27	-\$7,558.40	\$22,675	\$15,117	\$2,588.27	-\$7,558.40
St. John's Episcopal Church	Thibodaux	\$7,155	\$4,770	\$4,770.00	\$0.00	\$1,200	\$800	\$800.00	\$0.00
St. Patrick's Episcopal Church	Zachary	\$6,756	\$4,504	\$4,504.00	\$0.00	\$9,222	\$6,148	\$6,148.00	\$0.00
Totals			\$204,838.67	\$191,322.18	-\$42,696.49		\$412,546.67	\$355,599.06	-\$46,547.59



To celebrate their orchard's successful first year, and to cool down at the height of the summer, Jericho Road invited the local neighborhood to a Summer Splash party in July.

Neighbors of the orchard feasted on summertime favorites, like snowballs, hotdogs and played games between the rows of trees.

Along with these games and food, Jericho Road was able to connect with new neighborhood residents interested in volunteering at the site, which is key to making the orchard thrive in the years to come.