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Save the Date!

2012 Synod -
May 3-5, 2012,
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Explore with Province II youth

Our young people are one of our most precious resources. Looking through their eyes we see new things, are drawn into new ways of doing and thinking, renew our own excitement, joy and wonder and so, so much more. Look now around the province at "What I did on my summer vacation" and explore with our young people.

When I started thinking about this article back in June it was with the assumption that "everyone" would be going to EYE (Episcopal Youth Event) in Minneapolis and that's what we'd write about. Since EYE was June 22-26 and NY's Regents Exams were still being given on June 22 and 23, most of the NY dioceses were unable to send groups. Although much of the US is out by Memorial Day, school is not guaranteed to be out for the summer in NY and NJ until after June 25, especially if there have been heavy snows and fierce

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Coming Up

- The Youth Network meets on 10/6
- Provincial Council will meet at the Diocese of Newark on October 7th
- The Interfaith Network meets on 10/7
- Believe Out Loud - Welcoming and Affirming Parish Workshop
- Saturday, Oct 1 from Noon to 6:00pm
- October 29, 2011, Election of the Bishop Coadjutor, Diocese of NY, at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, NY, NY
- Anti-Racism Commission's conference on November 12, at Trinity Cathedral in Trenton, New Jersey
- Episcopal Diocese of Haiti election of Bishop Suffragan on November 25
- A Service in Honor of the 128th Anniversary of the Founding of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew on Wednesday, November 30th, 2011
- Synod Dates – May 3 & 4, 2012
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hurricanes. Of course, that doesn't even consider our three off-shore diocese that are very unlikely to be able to send anyone!

There was a Province II presence at EYE, however, since Western New York, New Jersey and Newark took delegations. Our other dioceses were not idle and many of them have sent word of what they did do. Read on and share the excitement, joy and wonder of our young people.

EYE

Compiled from the blog of Bronwyn Clark Skov, Officer for Youth

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The Episcopal Youth Event was a ten day event that included three

days of mission. The gathering was held at Bethel University and supported by their summer conference staff.

We need the prophetic vision of these young people, their enthusiasm, and their energy for mission. The Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop, told them to "get connected" and go out and "heal the world." House of Deputies President, Bonnie Anderson, invited them to "jump in to the waters of Baptism."

There were 730 high school youth, 310 adults, and 50

bishops at EYE, including the planning team and resource staff. Over 1100 people came together to Build upon their faith, Share their stories as Christians, and to Fulfill their call to join in God's mission for the world. Many put their faith in action during EYE as they participated in Mission Possible on the opening night. Hundreds worked on the Net Zero Habitat for Humanity House. Many more participated in a variety of mission experiences, cultural immersions, and historic pilgrimages during 3 Days of Mission. Many already had plans to help at home with camp, vacation Bible school, and local mission as well as mission afar this summer.

WNY

From Jay Phillipi, who is the Province II Youth Network Coordinator, as well as the Youth Missioner in the Diocese of Western New York...

Some people went to EYE11 and had the time of their lives. Western New York got a story to tell for the rest of their lives just getting to the event. Because of bad weather in the way of their connecting flight the WNY delegation ended up going on a five airport trip that extended over 24 hours. They slept on the floor of the St. Louis airport and had to find new resources inside themselves. In the end the entire delegation (and ALL their luggage!) arrived in Minneapolis in the final hours of the second day. During the

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time that they were trying to get there the rest of the EYE community held them in prayer.



The adventure continued as one of the young women in the delegation became ill the following morning and would spend virtually all the rest of the event in the nurse's complex. Her companions finally got the chance to enjoy the incredible music, worship and community that is always a part of the Episcopal Youth Event. Fortunately the return trip was quick and quiet!

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Unfortunately for us, Jay spent most of the event working at the information desk, so we don't have a zillion photos.

New Jersey



The Rev. Canon Debi Clarke, Dcn. was appointed to the position of Director of Youth Ministry in the Diocese of New Jersey, effective July 1, 2011.

She led ten youth and five adults (including our very own Bishop George Councill) from the diocese. She organized the trip to EYE and a four day mission trip that followed. See their slide show at www.newjerseyyouth.org/eye

Newark

Kaileen Alston, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries in the Diocese of Newark, took some young people to EYE.

Albany

From Fr. Tyler Slade, Youth Director, Diocese of Albany...

This past summer was a very



full season for the Diocese of Albany youth. As usual, Beaver Cross Camp was bustling with

kids from all over the region. Camp is such a fun time for our kids, with all sorts of activities from archery to our high and low ropes course, swimming, canoeing & kayaking, arts & crafts, nature, every kind of sport (we even tried rugby this year in honor of our counselors from the UK!), fishing, worship & music, dance and more.

Wow, it makes you want to be a kid again doesn't it? And best of all, we had over two hundred kids commit their lives to the Lord Jesus Christ this year. The Lord was truly on the move at Beaver Cross this summer, and we are excited to see how He

follows up with that work this fall!

Another highlight of the season was a mission trip of High School girls from our diocese to Northern Ireland in July. The trip was set up as an opportunity to grow in Christian leadership and maturity in Christian discipleship. The first leg of the trip was spent at a Christian youth festival in N. Ireland called 'Summer Madness'. Summer Madness is an incredibly Godly and exciting undertaking by the Protestant and Catholic churches in N. Ireland which gathers thousands of youth from both branches of the church each year to worship and grow together in Christ. Our missionaries served their fellow youth during the conference as maintenance and program staff. It was a wonderful opportunity to love and care for kids their own age, but beyond that it was a truly unique opportunity to see the creative ways in which our Lord is working to reconcile the alienated N. Irish church (Protestants and Roman Catholics) and bring healing in peace after so many years of fighting and violence.

After Summer Madness concluded, the team traveled to the diocese of Down and Dromore to dive into further outreaches that were going on in the local parishes and to do some much earned (and

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enjoyed) sight-seeing. By all accounts it was a fantastic and successful trip. We hope to have many more such youth missionary journeys in the years to come.

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Haiti

From www.erd.org/HaitiYouthBrigadeGBV

One of the new Phase III earthquake recovery initiatives of Episcopal Relief & Development's partner, Centre Diocésain de Développement Intégré et de Secours (CEDDISEC, the relief and development arm of the Episcopal Diocese of Haiti), supports the mobilization of a Youth Brigade to address the high incidence of gender-based violence in Haiti's lingering urban tent camps. Using participatory techniques such as learning dialogues, dramas and debates, 18 university students have united to promote a culture of peace that both protects and empowers.

Through raising awareness and support for youth-identified activities, the Youth Brigade hopes to contribute to the protection of women and girls, as well as to the reduction of all forms of violence in the high-stress camp environments. At the same time, through the mobilization and support of the Youth Brigade, CEDDISEC hopes to create a space where Haitian young people can feel both empowered and engaged

in the present and future of their communities.

Beginning in June 2011, CEDDISEC's Youth Brigade received training in gender-based violence issues from prominent Haitian gender-rights advocates, lawyers, and priests. Then, working with camp leaders, the Youth Brigade conducted baseline surveys on the nature and frequency of violence and gender-based violence incidences in the four camps; this included interviews with camp leaders, women residents, and youth. In July the education program was officially launched through a series of camp presentations involving skits and music that the Youth Brigade members wrote themselves.

Read more about these remarkable young people at the Episcopal Relief and Development web site.

Diocese of Long Island

The Whole Story:

Celebrating the Acolyte Festival 2011

. . . the people of God came together to celebrate an important ministry in the church

by The Rev. Debra Bennett

"If God is the center of your life, no words are necessary. Your mere presence will touch hearts." Vincent de Paul was right. Hearts were touched on Saturday May 21, 2011 as the

sun shone brightly and as those assembled on the grounds of the Cathedral of the Incarnation were enraptured as over 300 acolytes from 36 parishes across the diocese of Long Island gathered for the first diocesan acolyte festival under the auspices of Youth Ministries.



To the beat of the drum, the flying of Jubilation streamers, and banners held high acolytes dressed in myriad colors, some in gloves, some with crosses, some with torches and some with thuribles, the young, the not so young, and the young at heart processed across the campus to the Cathedral. The columns entered the Cathedral to the tune of We Are Marching in the Light of God. They streamed down the side aisles and the center aisles as the Cathedral Choir of boys and girls sang in full voice along with the gathered congregation.

Who would've imagined that on a Saturday in late May, over 250 young people would be found seated at a church service?! And yet here they were: singing, serving as lectors, readers of the prayers of the people, and Eucharistic ministers. In their demeanor

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they personified the charge that Bishop Provenzano gave to them during his sermon that they should embody what it means to be a follower of the Cross not only on Sundays but at school and at home. Bishop Provenzano talked to the acolytes and to everyone else about what it means to be an acolyte and how that should be lived out.

It was a glorious day! Not only because the sun was shining after a week of rain, not only because of the number of acolytes present, but because the people of God came together to celebrate an important ministry in the church. The excitement was infectious. Parishioners from various congregations picnicked on the lawn, new friendships formed around the tables in Cathedral House and under the tent as a meal was shared, and laughter just permeated the air.

"Where is the devil's window?" "Where is the Bishop?": the two most important questions of the day one would surmise as a number of young people traversing the campus on a scavenger hunt queried any one they thought might have the answer. The scavenger hunt and adventure challenge course were two of the eight workshops that required working together to accomplish a particular goal. Emily Walker from St. Jude's in Wantagh could not contain her glee as

she commented, "I really had a great time during the adventure challenge course. It was so much fun!" The course was led by new Camp DeWolfe directors Matt and Emma Tees. But the excitement didn't end there. A number of the young people who attended the jubilation streamers workshop joyfully waved the mini-streamers they made during their time together. Others commented on their surprise and delight at the work-out received in the dance workshop. Rebeckah Severe from St Joseph's in Queens Village was one such person who remarked, "they actually worked up a sweat!" Not to be outdone was the drumming workshop, in which those gathered were able to play a tune as one. "They sounded really good, as though they'd been playing together for a long time," a passerby mentioned. "I liked the drumming workshop. It was fun," said Khasan Edwards from St. Paul's in Roosevelt.

As everyone returned to the Cathedral for the closing, the group of acolytes from St. Luke and St. Matthew collectively shared how much they enjoyed the day, "especially meeting new people." Another group from St. James the Less were hoping they could retrieve the "Ask Me" buttons worn by members of the committee, as souvenirs. The day ended with an opportunity for sharing what the participants enjoyed the

most, closing remarks, and the benediction given by Bishop Provenzano. The altar party recessed to the beat of the drums led by Mr. Courtney Bennett, the African Drum workshop facilitator, and by some of those who participated in the workshop. "This was a beautiful day of celebration and worship! I look forward to the Acolyte Festival growing in future years," cheerfully remarked Myra Garnes Shuler, Diocesan Director of Youth Ministry and Christian Formation.

Indeed "hearts were touched" this day by the "mere presence" of those acolytes and all who came to support and encourage them but mostly to witness to the presence of Christ in this gathered community in the Dominion in the Sea.

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New York

NY Summer Youth Conference, known as SYC, is a spiritual retreat for teens held in a summer camp setting. We come together for a week to worship, pray and sing. A typical day at SYC day begins with a theme-related morning program. Our theme this year was "Ways to Praise" and we explored the "seven ways to praise", as well as praise through movement, music and worship. From there, we moved to interest groups

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such as a camp newspaper, nature group, meditation, arts and crafts, or the ever-popular "surprise" group which might have participants doing anything from tie-dyeing, going to a petting zoo, or even a high ropes zip line! Our afternoon consists of group sports, including volleyball, softball, ultimate Frisbee and dodgeball. Once recreation time is done, we head to the 40 acre lake for swimming, kyaking, a thrilling ride down the waterslide, or jumping on the enormous water trampoline. Evening program activities often include a dance, a talent show, a whodunnit mystery and a bonfire.



SYC has been an annual event in the Diocese of NY for over 30 years. SYC is currently held at Incarnation Camp in Ivoryton, CT during the last full week of August, and is open to youth of the Diocese from ages twelve to eighteen. This year's conference had participants from all three regions of our Diocese, with 72 youth and 18 adults attending.



For more information about SYC, please contact any of the Directors: Liz Moeller,

Christian Girard or Christy Miller at NYYouthConference@yahoo.com.

The Virgin Islands Summer Camp at All Saints Cathedral



The area surrounding All Saints Cathedral, St. Thomas, VI, has for some time now been marred by the untoward behavior of persons becoming involved with drugs and other illicit activities. Also there are several vacant run down houses and more recently an influx of Hispanic immigrants from the Dominican Republic and Haitians. Most of the people living in the area are low income families who are in dire need of various types of assistance. It was therefore quite fitting that our Bishop, the Rt. Rev. E. Ambrose Gumbs, saw it appropriate to implement a six week summer camp so that the children of the neighborhood could be housed in a safe, learning environment. Even more significant is the fact that Bishop Gumbs, like a true shepherd, on the first week, walked the neighborhood, knocked on doors and brought most of the children to the camp, and the children kept

coming. To defray expenses of the camp, the congregation of All Saints gave generously of their time, talent and especially finances to accommodate the children. We embraced all groups and types of children and families, and the children ages 5-14 years benefited from many unique activities such as daily morning devotions, stories, language arts, music, arts and craft and field trips.

A total of 61 children attended the camp. An open house to display the children's work and a closing concert were



testimony to the success of the program. The entire program was well received, and was a most rewarding experience, especially for the children. Yes, our Campmania, "Where God is Wild About You" got rave reviews and has begun to change the "face" of the neighborhood.

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Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe

Youth Across Europe (YAE) had a gathering in early June at St. James in Florence, Italy.

Rochester

The Diocese of Rochester has begun to explore a new model for youth ministry. They have

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recently appointed District Youth Missioners: Rochester District, Dorothy Barnes (St. Marks and St. Johns), Karen Shuler (St. Lukes and St. Simon Cyrene), Monroe District, Laura Rosato (Episcopal Church of the Good Shepard), Jessica Longstreth (St. Lukes), Northeast, Christa Levesque (St. Peter's), Southwest, Joy Smith (Christ Church, Hornell), Southeast, Shane Craig (Christ Church, Corning).

Creation Week Camp in the Diocese of Rochester

Another summer of Creation Week Camp has come and gone, and as one of the seasoned staff members, I find myself once again counting down the days until the next summer session. Creation Week Camp, which has been a ministry of St. Mark's Church in Penn Yan, New York for over 20 years, is a unique camping experience for youth age 11 through age 18. This year Creation Week Camp was able to welcome 78 campers to the beautiful site of Camp Koinonia located in Middlesex, NY.



Creation Week is an ongoing experiment in community.

Through respect and acceptance of one another; spiritual and personal growth, as well as creativity are easily fostered. The camp is designed to give young people an opportunity to experience areas of interest that might not be available in day to day life. They are encouraged to discover the creative side of their personalities through programs such as: Words & Music, Drama, Visual Arts, Tai Ji, Yoga, and D.I.Y. In each of these programs, young people are free to express their creativity in a safe environment – one totally free of judgement. In fact the most important rule at camp is one of "no-put-downs."

A typical day starts with campers and staff participating in some early morning Tai Ji before breakfast – then off to clean their cabins. Most of the day is filled with campers engaged in their chosen programs until the afternoon when there free time for swimming or games. As the day winds down, all participate in evening meditation, supper, and then a campfire every night. Campfires have come to be some of the best events of the week, with everyone participating in songs, skits, poems, and all sorts of great campfire fun. Typically during the week of camp, Bishop Singh and other clergy from the Diocese stop by to visit. For the past 2 years, that visit has

included a friendly game of soccer, dinner together, and the Bishop singing some songs at campfire.

Now as the summer is passing quickly by, I am left with great memories and pictures of Creation Week Camp 2011. And yes, I am looking forward to Creation Week Camp 2012 – which as of this writing will be in 9 months, 1 day, and 22 hours.

Marie Fessler, Head Counselor

"Transformers Meeting Eye to Eye" -The Transformer Garden in the Diocese of Rochester

by Dorothy Barnes

All things were done with the guiding hand of God and the loving teachings of Jesus Christ.



On May 28, 2011, the Rochester District Youth planted an organic community garden to help feed some of the low-income families and children in the 14609 area, who have a need for fresh vegetables that cannot always be afforded on a regular basis. This lot is about sixty feet by ninety feet and was once part of a larger well-known victory garden in the 1940's.

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The garden project was named, "Transformers Meeting Eye to Eye". The garden has been named, "The Transformer Garden". The Youth's Mission Statement for this project is: "To connect to Jesus Christ, to each other, and the 14609 community. Through the Holy Spirit, we come together from all sides of the city to help an impoverished area of the city, by assisting in helping to fill a need for fresh vegetables. As Jesus fed the five thousand, may we at least help to feed fifty or more people."

The garden had never been equipped with any type of water supply until now. Funds were raised to install a permanent water line to the garden. This also included an above ground pipe with faucet to allow easy access for water use in the garden. The youth planted corn, several types of beans, squash, tomatoes, peppers, and numerous rows of cabbage, greens, eggplant, potatoes, broccoli, herbs, and a few flowers. Throughout the summer, paper bags and vegetables were left in baskets on a table at the front of the garden so who ever needs may take. We have seen children and youth going in and out of the park just behind the garden, or to and from school take a handful of cherry tomatoes or strawberries, stuff their mouths and walk away with a smile. We have heard the laughter and seen the smiles on the faces of

two and three year-olds as they ask, " can I have a tomato?" Once a month some vegetables are taken to the food shelf held at St. Mark's & St. John's Church in the 14609 area.

Thanks be to the help of God, Jesus Christ, and The Holy Spirit, The Rochester District, St. Mark's & St. John's Church, our Master Gardener, Rev. Rosemary Lillis, the Henrietta United Church of Christ, Fairport United Church of Christ, and Riga Congregational Church. The Rochester District Youth planted, tended, and to date harvested vegetables that have been given out to over 100 families. Along with providing a healthy alternative snack, that is within easy reach for the untold number of neighborhood children and youth. The Rochester District Youth are blessed and they were able to spread the Spirit and the Love of Jesus throughout the neighborhood with this project.



Believe Out Loud - Welcoming and Affirming Parish Workshop

Saturday, Oct 1 from Noon to 6:00pm, LGBT Center, 208 West 13th Street, New York NY 10011



Is your parish welcoming and

affirming of LGBT persons? Are you as welcoming and affirming as you would like to be? Many unchurched lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender [LGBT] people in your community are spiritually searching. They are looking for a faith community where they will be welcomed and affirmed as beloved children of God. You can encourage them to visit and join your parish by becoming a Believe Out Loud Episcopal Congregation. An Integrity Believe Out Loud Episcopal Congregation is a mission or parish of our denomination that publicly welcomes and affirms LGBT people and that has completed a simple 3 step process.

Believe Out Loud is a program being used by 16 different main-line denominations as a means of learning to be come more welcoming and affirming of LGBT people. Come and learn how your parish can become an Integrity Believe Out Loud Episcopal Congregation.

The workshop is free to Integrity members, there is a small fee for non-members to cover costs.

For details and to register go to: <http://integrityusa.givezooks.co>

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m/events/believe-out-loud-workshop-nyc

For more information contact: Paul J. Lane, Diocesan Organizer-New York, Integrity USA at newyork@integrityusa.org
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Rebuild Our Church in Haiti Announces new and updated resources for congregations and dioceses launching their fall appeal to help rebuild Holy Trinity Cathedral in Port au Prince

September, 20, 2011, New York, NY [ENS] – New and updated resources for dioceses and congregations who are about to launch campaigns to support the Rebuild Our Church in Haiti appeal are now available online. In addition to the practical tools, news, and progress reports already available, there are newly updated communications materials (weekly bulletin inserts and e-communications), as well as seasonally relevant materials.

Advent Devotional: This advent devotional, Advent Reflections, was written by the seminarians at Séminaire de Théologie Episcopale d'Haïti.

Working with volunteer Kyle Evans (Diocese of Pennsylvania), each student picked a day in Advent and chose a verse from the assigned readings on which to write a reflection and prayer. These can be shared in congregations to help pass on the hope rising from the ruins in Haiti.

Gift Card: Participants can now give friends and family the gift of renewal by buying a brick toward the new cathedral. This fun gift card makes a great stocking stuffer, Thanksgiving place card, teacher or office gift.

Sample Fundraiser Ideas: For congregations looking for inspiration for a fundraiser, examples of already successful fundraising ideas from innovative Episcopalians across the globe are available.

Frequently Asked Questions: Answers to questions about the Rebuild Our Church in Haiti appeal can be found in the updated FAQ's.

Rebuild Our Church in Haiti is a national, grass-roots effort launched on the 1st anniversary of the magnitude seven earthquake that decimated Haiti in 2010. The appeal was authorized by Executive Council in response to the request from Bishop Jean Zach Duracin and the people of Haiti to help rebuild the Holy Trinity Cathedral in Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

For more information visit www.episcopalchurch.org/haitiappeal or contact Terri Mathes at tmathes@episcopalfoundation.org or 717-599-0627.

Links available for Episcopal Church logos, shields, graphic guidelines, affordable websites, social media info

[September 19, 2011, ENS] The Episcopal Church logos and shields featuring the new type treatments in both English and Spanish are available for downloading:
www.episcopalchurch.org/ImageShop_345_ENG_HTML.htm

Also available are the new graphic guidelines, outlining such details as fonts, color palette, use of the shield, important design information:
www.episcopalchurch.org/documents/TEC-styleguide-v5.pdf

New The Episcopal Church Welcomes You signs are available for purchase from Episcopal Marketplace:
www.episcopalmarketplace.org

Affordable websites for congregations and dioceses are available through the Office of Communication. For more information contact Jake Dell, Episcopal Church senior manager of Digital Marketing and Advertising at jdell@episcopalchurch.org

An important White Paper on Social Media and the Episcopal Church is available:
<http://episcopal.ekkleisia360.com/white-paper/> In Spanish:
<http://episcopal.ekkleisia360.com/white-paper/es/>

On the web: Links available for Episcopal Church logos, shields, Graphic guidelines, affordable websites, social media info www.episcopalchurch.org/newsline_129856_ENG_HTML.htm

The Diocese of New Jersey launches another One Book! program for Fall 2011.

Bishop George Cuncell's choice for the Fall 2011 One Book program is ***'Becoming an Anti-Racist Church: Journeying toward Wholeness'***, by the Reverend Joseph Barndt.



Why read this book, asks Bishop Cuncell? He answers this way:

'When I was engaged in an anti-racist program twenty years ago in another diocese we

encountered strong resistance. The effort to become an anti-racist church was dismissed as just another attempt at "political correctness." I said to a black priest, "I don't want to do this to be politically correct." "Good," he said. "Do it because you're my brother."

'I am inviting us to read this book as an expression of our commitment to repent and to follow Jesus Christ. We know that, by stretching out His arms upon the hard wood of the Cross, Christ reconciled the world to God. No one is to be left outside His saving embrace. And yet, when we look at the hard realities of our life as Church, we can see what Paul described as "the dividing wall... the hostility between us" (Ephesian 2:14). Christ has broken down all walls and made us one. But we do not see the evidence of His reconciling work, not even in His Church. This sin of racism is a slap in the face of our Savior. For this we must repent'.

'Frederick Buechner once wrote that repentance is not so much about looking at the past and saying, "I'm sorry," as it is about looking at the future and saying, "Wow!" In calling for our Diocese to read Joseph Barndt, I am not calling for another expression of political correctness or white guilt. I am calling for our Diocese to continue to undergo conversion to the Kingdom of God made

manifest in Jesus Christ. He is our peace (Ephesians 2:14). The agenda is Jesus'.

'Behind my desk at Diocesan House there hangs a famous photograph (by Ernest C. Withers) of the Memphis sanitation workers whom Dr. Martin Luther King visited on the day before his assassination. Each one of the workers is holding a sign that reads, "I am a Man." I believe that, in the name of Jesus Christ, we must work to bring an end to any and all practices, policies, attitudes and arrangements that would cause brothers and sisters of color to have to bear signs to bear witness to their humanity while white brothers and sisters never have to think about such things. Joe Barndt's book will not only show us the things of which we need to repent. It will help us to come closer to Jesus, to His kingdom and to one another. It will help us to say, "Wow!" together'.

Probing the uncomfortable topic of "Christian complicity in the structures and ideologies of racial oppression," and supported by a wealth of theological, biblical, social, and historical evidence, the book offers both practical advice and resources as well as urgent motivation to take up the challenge of building an anti-racist church.

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A 13-week timeline covers a chapter per week, beginning in September and ending in December. A companion blog -- One Book, One Blog! (<http://antiracistchurch.blogspot.com>) -- will feature conversation starters each week. Anyone reading the book can join the conversation and post comments and questions.

The Reverend Joseph Barndt will be keynote speaker at the Anti-Racism Commission's conference on November 12, at Trinity Cathedral in Trenton, New Jersey.

Cynthia McFarland, Canon and Director of Communications, Diocese of New Jersey

Diocese of Newark Marks the 10th Anniversary of the September 11 Attacks



Photo: Nina Nicholson

Gathered at the nation's oldest Episcopal cathedral building, members of the Jewish, Muslim and Christian faiths joined together to mark the 10th anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks. The interfaith service, held at Trinity & St. Philip's Cathedral in Newark, NJ and attended by the city's mayor,

Cory Booker, blended religious readings, chants and music from the three faiths under the guidance of the Rt. Rev. Mark Beckwith, the bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Newark, Rabbi Matthew Gewirtz, of Temple B'Nai Jeshurun in Short Hills, and Imam Wahyud Deen Shareef, of the Masjid Waarith ud Deen in Irvington.

The three clergymen, the executive team of the Newark Interfaith Coalition for Hope & Peace, work together on anti-violence initiatives in Newark.

Video by Nyier Abdou/The Star-Ledger - <http://videoembed.nj.com/services/player/bcpid651974715001?bctid=1154728254001>

Nina Nicholson, Director of Communications & Technology, The Episcopal Diocese of Newark

Episcopal Church Executive Council draft triennial budget preparation process underway

[August 25, 2011, Episcopal Church Media Release] In preparation for the 77th General Convention in July, 2012, the year-long budget preparation process for funding the mission and ministry of the Episcopal Church has begun. The Executive Council is announcing a new approach to solicit input broadly from across the church on what the

program section of the draft budget should contain and our funding priorities.

The triennial or three-year budget, to be adopted by General Convention 2012 (GC12) for the years 2013-2015, will fund the governance, mission and ministry work of the Episcopal Church. The budget for the Episcopal Church serves as the blueprint for the mission and ministry that happen on a churchwide level between meetings of General Convention.

Seeking input

The Executive Council wants to hear the voices of the Church: elected deputies to General Convention 2012 (GC12); bishops; members of commissions, committees, agencies and boards of the Church; diocesan organizations such as diocesan councils, standing committees; and diocesan staff members.

To solicit input, the Executive Council, with assistance from the General Convention Treasurer, the Chief Operating Officer and the Officer for Congregational Research, has created a survey that can be completed online. The survey is directed to: GC12 deputies; bishops; committees, commissions, agencies and boards of the Church; diocesan standing committees; and diocesan councils/boards.

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The data will be used to guide Executive Council in establishing its recommended priorities for mission work and funding allocations. In addition to the survey, a web site has been created that will both provide information on the effort to solicit input and afford members of the Church to provide input to the Executive Council. Changing and challenging financial realities at the churchwide level and for dioceses and congregations demand that a reassessment be done. The website is located here:

http://generalconvention.org/ec/episcopal_church_budget

Survey deadline was September 7.

How can you be involved?

There are various ways to become involved in the budget preparation process:

- Talk to your deputies to GC12
- Visit the website to provide input and for information.
- E-mail your questions/comments to members of Executive Council.
- Discuss budget priorities in your congregations, diocesan conventions and provincial meetings.

Read the complete ENS article: www.episcopalchurch.org/news_line_129577_ENG_HTML.htm

New York to Elect Bishop Coadjutor

The Committee to Elect a Bishop Coadjutor for The Episcopal Diocese of New York has completed its work of selecting nominees. On October 29, 2011, it will nominate the following persons for Bishop Coadjutor:

The Very Rev. Peter Eaton, who is presently from Denver, Colorado where he is the Dean of St. John's Cathedral.

The Rev. Cathy Hagstrom George, who is presently from Dorchester, MA., where she serves as Priest-in-Charge at St. Mary's in Dorchester, MA

The Rev. Canon John T. W. Harmon, who presently serves as Rector at Trinity Episcopal Church in Washington, DC

The Very Rev. Tracey Lind, who presently serves as the Dean of Trinity Cathedral, Cleveland, Ohio

The Rt. Rev. Pierre Whalon, Bishop-in-charge of the Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe, and presently in Paris, France

Two floor nominations have been received:

The Rev. Canon Andrew M.L. Dietsche, who serves the Diocese of New York already as Canon for Pastoral Care

The Rev. Canon Petero A.N. Sabune, currently the Africa Partnership officer for the Episcopal Church

The election of a coadjutor is to take place on October 29, 2011 at the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine.

Episcopal Diocese of Haiti announces three nominees for Bishop Suffragan

[September 16, 2011 ENS]
Three nominees for Bishop Suffragan for the Diocese of Haiti have been announced.

The nominees are:

The Rev. Ogé Beauvoir, Dean of the Episcopal Theological Seminary in Haiti.

The Rev. Bernier Noe, priest in charge of Cap Haitien in Haiti.

The Rev. Joseph Jean Jeannot Priest in Charge of St Pierre, Archdeacon Centre, Mirebalais, Haiti.

The election will be held on November 25. Pending all necessary consents, the consecration will be held on a date to be determined in 2012.

This marks the first time that the Diocese of Haiti will elect a Bishop Suffragan.

The Bishop Suffragan of Haiti will assist Bishop Jean Zaché Duracin as he serves the needs of the people and clergy of the

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diocese, the largest diocese in the Episcopal Church, which continues to recover from a devastating January 2010 earthquake.

For more information contact Bishop Clay Matthews, Office of Pastoral Development, cmatthews@episcopalchurch.org.

A Service in Honor of the 128th Anniversary of the Founding of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew

Sponsored by Province II, Brotherhood of St. Andrew Wednesday, November 30th, 2011, Celebration Begins at 7:30 PM

Contact: Hamilton Simpson, Antonio Pilgrim, Richard Williams, Donald Bookal, Charles Harewood, Keith Anderson, Wendell Bristol, Murtland Yaw, Garfield DaCosta, Lonnie Barnes, Samuel Gill, Vincent Welch, Allan Inniss, or any member of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew

Allan Inniss, Province II President , 718-712-3014

Initial Plans for Provincial Synod 2012

Synod 212 will be held at the Holiday Inn, Wolf Rd, Albany, NY on May 3 & 4, 2012 in preparation for the coming General Convention, which will be held on July 4 -12, 2012 in Indianapolis, IL.

There will be free parking and complimentary van transportation to and from the airport. Wired internet access will be provided in sleeping rooms and there is WiFi in the general spaces. All areas are handicapped accessible. Gluten-free and vegetarian meals can be provided.

Tentative Program Outline & Agenda

Thursday

10:00 – 11:30 AM...Registration
11:30 AM – 12:30 PM...Luncheon
12:30 – 2:15 Provincial Business Session Welcome Elections
Triennium Budget Resolutions
2:15 – 3:30 First Workshop Period
3:30 Break (Move to Second Workshop)
3:45 – 5:00 Second Workshop

Period

5:15 – 6:15 Eucharist
6:15 – 7:00 Hospitality
7:00 – 8:00 Dinner
8:00 – 8:45 Keynote...Haiti Rebuild – Donald Romanik (his office contacted)

Four workshops will be presented twice, allowing all attendees to attend two: Denominational Health Plan, Anglican Covenant, Title IV, Economic Justice.

Friday (Breakfast on your own)

8:15 – 8:30AM Morning Prayer
9:00 - 12:00PM General Convention Office Presentations
Bonnie Anderson
Gregory Straub
PB&F - Budget
12:00 – 1:00 Luncheon
1:00 – 3:00 Plenary – Same Sex Blessing
3:00 Adjourn (Brief meeting of the Provincial Council may be held)

Watch for registration information and further details.

Episcopal Church Women National Board Meeting

Margaret Cash, the Province II Representative

Greetings from the National Episcopal Church Women Board. Please share the comments of this letter with all who are interested in the

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mission and ministry of the Episcopal Church Women.

The National Board met at the Franciscan Retreat and Conference Center at Mount Saint Francis in Colorado Springs, Colorado from July 13-19, 2011. The Center was a place that provided a quiet, reflective and beautiful environment that provided a sense of serenity and calmness that allowed us to focus on the work we are called to perform. We were warmly welcomed each day by the staff and many deer that peacefully roamed the grounds of the center.

We were delighted to meet and welcome the Rev. Deborah Jennings, Vicar, St. Basil Episcopal Church in Tahlequah, Oklahoma, who will serve as the Chaplain for the 47th Triennial Meeting. Rev. Jennings was the Celebrant for the Opening Eucharist and the Officiant for the Closing Worship Service. The Worship Committee along with Rev. Jennings are working hard to ensure a meaningful and inspiring devotional experience for everyone.

We were pleased to welcome fourteen of our sisters from Province 6 on Saturday, July 16th. Among those in attendance was Harriet Neer, one of our beloved past Presidents. Following a delicious lunch, a lively and provocative conversation was held regarding ECW

accomplishments, concerns and challenges. On Sunday, we worshipped at St. Michael's The Archangel Parish, along with the women from Province 6, who were attending their Province Meeting which occurred that weekend.

The Rev. Gregory Straub, Secretary of General Convention and Secretary of Executive Council, joined us for several days and shared insights and highlights of the upcoming General Convention.

The National Episcopal Church Women will once again partner with the Episcopal Woman's Caucus and the Anglican Women's Empowerment in the 16 Days Activism program which will begin November 25th-December 10th, 2011. Additional information will be forthcoming.

The Social Justice Initiatives for this Triennial are aimed at improving the quality of life for women and children. We urgently need your prayers and financial support for all or any of the following projects:

"Nets for Life" (Unified Gift)
This program is a major push for Episcopal Relief and Development and six major corporations to eliminate Malaria in Africa. The goal for NECW during this triennium is to provide 1000 Nets, at a cost of \$12.00 per Net.

Craine House (Community Gift) Craine House is in the city of Indianapolis which is the host site for the General Convention and the Triennial Meeting. The Community Gift is an outreach project for Episcopal Church Women and others to support and contribute to a deserving local community organization. Further information about this organization and its mission is available on their website, <http://crainehouse.org/>. Donations of items or monies as well as your prayers are appreciated. A Wish List of needs from the agency will be made available in the fall **Communique**. Information may also be found on the agency's website which is noted above.

Lillian Vallely School. This is the only boarding school for Native American children. It is in the Diocese of Idaho.

El Buen Centro Pasteur. We are assisting the Sisters of Transfiguration in the Dominican Republic as they care and educate girls in need within their communities.

Women to Women Program Grants for women are made available for education, improving job skills or financing a business (i.e. sewing machine, seeds and tools for farming, chickens for eggs and meat, etc.

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A grant of \$2500 was approved for the **Five Talents Organization in the Sudan** to help provide grants for education and job training for women and their families. We continue to be concerned and offer prayers for those in the Sudan as they face change, turmoil and loss from the North.

The focus of the upcoming edition of **Communique** will feature our clergy. The original focus, Health Ministries, will be featured in the winter edition along with a full description of the first 5K Walk which will be held during the Triennial Meeting in July, 2012. If you submitted articles to the communication officers regarding your health ministries, they will appear in the winter edition. There is still time to submit health ministries information. Please send it and other information regarding your diocesan program to me, including dates, for the Calendar at macash401@aol.com no later than October 10, 2011.

Hopefully, you have received information regarding the Distinguished Woman Award Program. Information regarding the award was mailed to Diocesan Presidents and Contact persons in March, 2011. It is also available in the summer edition of the **Communique**, the July/August **Communique**

and on the NECW website. We look forward to receiving your information no later than December 31, 2011.

Green Envelopes with Certification information will be sent to ECW Delegates in March 2012.

Respectfully,

Margaret A. Cash, Province II Representative

Editor's Comment


Many thanks to all of the youth ministers who contributed content to the featured article. It looks as though you all had a wonderful summer. Several dioceses did not send anything, but I was able to find a little information on their websites and I used that.



I look forward to featuring content from the provincial networks in January as we begin to look forward to the coming Synod meeting and General Convention 2012.

Jan Paxton, Communications Officer for Province II

This issue of the In Prov 2 is archived so that you can find it online. Go to the Province II website at www.province2.org/inprov2.html. The full web site version is linked to the same page, so you can go [directly](#) to that complete version.

Province II has a Facebook page - check it out! Find Us on Facebook  and at least "like" the province and commend it to your friends. The latest information about what is happening in the province is posted to that page almost daily. Maybe you didn't know, but you can Add to My Page's Favorites, Subscribe via SMS, Subscribe via RSS, and Share a Facebook page, so it would be really easy for you to keep up with Province II in between issues of the In Prov 2.

The next issue of the In Prov 2 will come out toward the end of January, 2012. All networks and dioceses please make sure to get news and coming events to webeditor@province2.org by **January 16, 2012** - mark your calendars!

Jan Paxton, Communications Officer for Province II