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THE GREAT GATHERING OF ALL



Rudy Flores Photos

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The framers of the Diocesan Canons were certainly insensitive to the realities of life and travel and these days the cost of gasoline when they wrote those specific sections of the Diocesan Canons calling for a meeting of the Diocesan Council and each Department of the Council within a time specific of the close of the diocesan convention. Enshrined elsewhere and buried throughout is the same requirement for each Archdeaconry and several other agencies of the Diocese.

The same framers cannot be held responsible for the fact that Thanksgiving and Christmas fall within the given period as Convention was once upon a time held in February. So many meetings so little time so what do we do to meet the Canon?

Three years ago we initiated a great gathering of all for the pur-

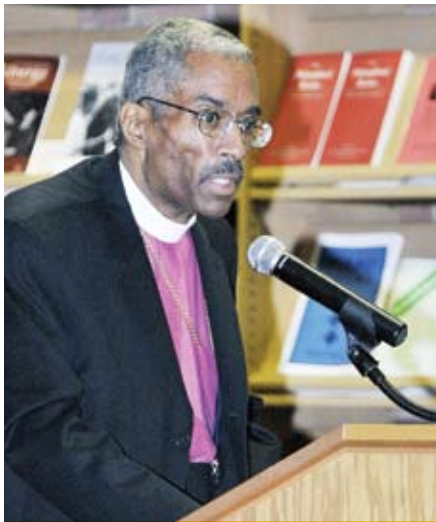
pose of the mandated meeting of the various bodies featuring the Bishop's charge, the Evening Office with Commissioning and a family dinner. This year was no exception and the leadership of the Diocese of Long Island gathered on December 4th at the George Mercer Jr. Memorial School of Theology for a time of fellowship and sharing that built upon the good spirit that prevailed at the Diocesan Convention.

In his remarks to the assembled, Bishop Walker challenged the leaders of the Diocese of Long Island to "dream about the future of our mission and ministry and to celebrate the fellowship that is ours in Christ." He commented further that "these are challenging days that constantly call for the best efforts we have to offer – namely our time, our talent and our financial resources because we are patterning our lives after the Great Creator God."

He went on to remind us "that to be faithful stewards of what has been entrusted to us by our fore parents and indeed by God is a daunting proposition." He closed his prepared remarks by reminding us "that we must be able to see beyond our present circumstances.

As the writer of Proverbs warned his contemporaries, 'where there is no vision, the people perish.' I have seen what courage, determination and vision can do in this faith community. And I hope we continue to inspire the Diocese, the National

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From Selamat Datang to Terima Kasih An Asia-Pacific Symposium

By The Rev. Dennison Richards

The Episcopal Health Services (EHS) along with the Diocese of West Malaysia and the New York/ New Jersey Chapter of the College of Pastoral Supervision and Psychotherapy (CPSP) joined to sponsor the Asia-Pacific Symposium November 17 - 21, at the Cititel Hotel Mid-Valley, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

This gathering of clinical pastoral professionals, and students provided a forum to explore, and share ideas and experiences on the profound and yet basic impact of indigenous culture in pastoral care. I'm sure that providing pastoral care and counseling, to people of different cultures with an awareness and appreciation for those varying cultures, shows honor and respect for the other.

The five day event opened with greetings from Bishop Moon Hing, of the Diocese of West Malaysia, Canon Diane Porter, of the Diocese of Long Island, the Rev. Dr. Richard Liew, a pioneer in the Malaysia Indigenous Clinical Pastoral



Education (MI-CPE) program, and Dean J. Mastine Nesbett of the EHS board.

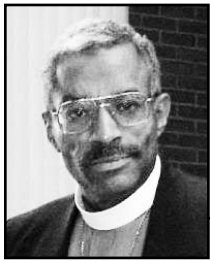
Every morning was spent in devotion led by Archdeacon Steven Abbarow where a different light from the Malay, Chinese, and Indian traditions was lit.

Delivering the keynote address at the first plenary session of the symposium was the Rev. Dr. Samuel Lee who invited participants to explore "Pastoral Practice in Multi-cultural Society." He reminded them that, "We cannot close our eyes or stop our ears to the people and context we purport to serve."

He said that this challenge is compounded by the experience that Western educational institutions seem to "lack the capacity to provide an education to address the multi-cultural context of the world." He suggested using the model of the kitchen and the central place it plays in every society serving as a place where people receive sustenance and are invited to try new recipes. So too in pastoral care, he said, where we are to be sources of spiritual sustenance as well as provide places

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*A Blessed
Christmastide
and
New Year to
Our Readers*




Message from the Bishop

The Rt. Rev. Orris G. Walker, Jr.

Welcome New Year!

I mistakenly thought that as one got older that time moved more slowly; however, the longer I live; I see this is not the case. Time is marching on!

Where did the Year 2008 go? I think that I, for one, am glad to see it go. 2008 was a year full of surprises and hardships for many. Economic uncertainties have compelled us to reassess our goals and some materialistic dreams such as a second car, greater savings toward retirement or just retirement. Families are asking such questions as can we afford this school or university? Do we need this addition to the house? Can the remodeling of the kitchen wait? Sometimes, we don't have any choice especially when the fifteen year old refrigerator stops working, the furnace cannot be repaired again and the transportation that we have depended upon is not reliable-be it public or our private automobile.

Under this kind of pressure, we are put to the test of where our heart truly lies "for where your heart is there is your treasure." Generations have been forced to face this trial and hopefully, we will make the right decisions as have of forbearers. As faithful Christians, we must see our lives in the broader context than the here and now for we live in the vestibule of eternity. In Christ we have received the assurance that he will

be with us forever.

With the New Year, comes the opportunity to make changes and assume new challenges and there is ever before us the chance of making New Year resolutions!

“The Gospel of Christ boldly proclaims ‘you are worthy’ because of what Jesus has done in his life, death and resurrection. We are called to live into the fullness of life.”

From past experience, we know that our intentions are rarely followed through on yet "hope springs eternal". Do you remember Holy Habits? As a former mayor of New York City was fond of asking "How am I doing?" Many of us would be quite unsettled if the Lord were to answer back

so this question bears some serious reflection on our part for the year ahead.

While many of us gain a strange sort of satisfaction in claiming "I am not worthy", this sort of superficial breast-beating is not what our Lord expects of us in the New Year.

The Gospel of Christ boldly proclaims “you are worthy” because of what Jesus has done in his life, death and resurrection. We are called to live into the fullness of life. From our mistakes and shortcomings, we learn what God is trying to do for and with us. In the midst of things we cannot change, or have no control over, we must learn to keep our focus on Jesus. For he is truly “the way, the truth and the life”.

Remember we are in this race for the long haul. So with boldness and courage, let us tackle the obstacles that the future may throw in our way knowing that we are Jesus' contemporary disciples. And we must always celebrate the glory of His care and concern for us especially as we seek to fulfill our duties on God's mission to God's creation.

It is the destination of our journey of which we must be ever mindful of. So enjoy this new occasion to start anew, knowing that in some small or perhaps large way, we can contribute to the revealing and building up of God's kingdom.

For God reigns in the hearts and minds of all people of good will.

Have a blessed New Year in 2009!

Canon's Corner

Canon Diane M. Porter
Deputy for Episcopal Administration

Unblocking our Qi

During my recent trip to Malaysia with Episcopal Health Services (see related article on Page A) I ventured outside my comfort zone. No – it wasn't sampling the exotic food that Father Richards describes in his article that did it to me. I experienced Eastern traditional medicine for the first time. For the greater part of the last two years, I have been the captive of Western medical practitioners. I have been tested, sliced, diced, reconstructed, nuked, radiated and more ... all to the good; however, a combination of constant pain and curiosity sent me to the door of an Eastern medical practitioner.

After an initial consultation, he pronounced my Qi as blocked. My energy flow was constrained because my meridians were out of whack. Those pesky meridians! What to do? I embarked upon a course of massage and acupuncture to balance my Qi. Was I embarking on the real deal or a placebo – I really don't know but I know this – I wanted to feel better so I gave it a go. Actually, I am glad that I did.

During the initial unblocking massage, I prayed to the Lord to die! I recall Dr. Chia muttering a not so old Chinese proverb "no pain no gain" and I muttered back that doesn't sound very Chinese to me but he

advised me to deal with it since my Qi was so imbalanced and had to be unblocked. So I dealt with it. After the massage came the acupuncture where I took on the appearance of a porcupine. I did all of this for the remarkable sum of US\$10.00. Let that minor fact not color the story.

After the series, did I feel better and do I feel better? Since I wanted to believe that I did, I did and still do. Is my Qi unblocked? Since I want to believe it is, it is. Is there a broader lesson to be learned from this? Absolutely.

If we could unblock our corporate/parochial Qi, just think how much better we all could feel. For the coming New Year, if we could collectively agree to unblock our energy flow just think how healthy we could be and that some of our sick family system congregations could experience healthy meridians. Isn't that a great thought for the coming year? Let's think about a few ways we can become unblocked and free our Qi.

Suppose we really welcomed newcomers into the leadership of our fellowship and stopped passing the seats on the Vestry back and forth between the same cliques of people or families.

Suppose we really welcomed the stranger to coffee hour and didn't default into the habit of leaving new folk on the sidelines.

Suppose we welcomed new ideas instead of singing our favorite cantata "we've never done it that way before."

Suppose we tithed rather than tipped. Suppose the women of the church met at a time and place when working women or women with young children could participate and get some new energy flowing. I venture to say the same probably holds true for men but I have no direct experience.

Suppose we really worked cooperatively with our neighboring congregations in our Deaneries, Archdeaconry and/or the Diocese and stopped trying to reinvent the wheel over and over and over.

I could go on but as you can see with just a modest massage of our practices and a little acupuncture, we can unblock our ecclesial Qi and release a much greater energy flow for the good of all and to the Glory of God. With a little effort, think about how really good we could feel in 2009 and best of all, we would not have to look like porcupines.

I wish all of you a Blessed Christmas and a balanced and energy filled New Year.

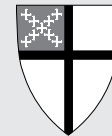


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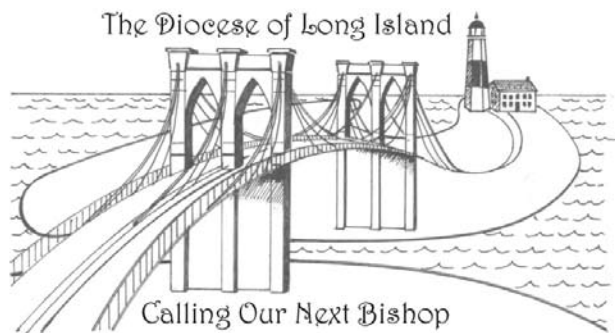
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Transitioning – From Search to Election

For the past year, three distinct groups of Diocesan leadership have been meeting to ensure a Spirit-led and transparent process for the election of a Bishop Coadjutor. Overseeing the entire process has been the Joint Oversight Committee comprised of members of the Diocesan Standing Committee and Diocesan Council.

A Search/Nominating Committee has been diligently listening, praying and discerning which individuals should be nominated. Their work should culminate in December when, God willing, a slate of four to six individuals will be placed in nomination.

Finally, the third group, the Transition Committee, has been meeting to work on issues of Transition which will be affecting the candidates for Bishop Coadjutor and her or his family, our Bishop and his staff, and the Diocese as a whole.

The Transition Committee has been diligently working on a variety of public events to assist the Diocese in getting to know the candidates. Once the Search/Nominating Committee has put forward its slate of candidates, and after the petition process is complete, the Transition Committee will be sponsoring a series of Walkabouts to introduce the candidates to the Diocese.

Beginning on Saturday morning, February 21st and ending on Tuesday evening, February 24th, there will be five Walkabout sessions in which voting delegates to the electing convention and other interested parties will have an opportunity to meet the candidates and have questions answered.

There will be one Walkabout in each Archdeaconry at a parish site identified by the local Archdeacon. There will also be a Walkabout session for our Diocese's youth delegates. The schedule is as follows:

**Saturday, February 21,
9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**
The Archdeaconry of Suffolk
St. Mark's, West Hampton Beach

**Saturday, February 21,
5:30 p.m. (pizza) 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**
The Diocesan Youth
The Cathedral House, Garden City

**Sunday, February 22,
4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.**
The Archdeaconry of Brooklyn
St. Luke and St. Matthew, Brooklyn

**Monday, February 23,
7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.**
The Archdeaconry of Queens
St. Joseph's, Queens Village

**Tuesday, February 24,
7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.**
The Archdeaconry of Nassau
The Church of the Advent, Westbury

**Three weeks later, on Saturday,
March 21, 9:30 a.m., the 2008 Diocesan Convention will reconvene to elect a Diocesan Coadjutor. The election will take place at the Cathedral of the Incarnation in Garden City. The delegates to the electing convention are the delegates to the 2008 Convention.**

As the election for a Diocesan Coadjutor falls within 120 days of the 2009 General Convention, the bishop-elect will have to be consented by the General Convention. Once complete, the Diocese will prepare for a consecration of the bishop coadjutor which will happen on Saturday, September 19, 2009.

More information on all of these events will follow in the *Dominion* and the *Calling our Next Bishop* website. As transitions involve the whole Diocese, the Transition Committee values your comments, suggestions and help. Please do not hesitate to contact any member with your thoughts.

THE TRANSITION COMMITTEE

The Rev. Deacon Lorraine Cusick
St. Anselm's, Shoreham
The Very Rev. Eddie Alleyne
St. Gabriel's, Brooklyn
The Very Rev. Christopher D. Hofer,
St. Jude's, Wantagh
The Rev. Christina van Liew
Church of the Resurrection,
Williston Park
Mr. Fritz Weinrich
St. Bede's, Syosset
Ms. Michelle Wiley
Trinity-St. John's, Hewlett

Convention Responds to Hate Crime in Patchogue

The diocesan convention several weeks ago passed a resolution condemning "the violence against Marcello Lucero based on his race," an Ecuadorean who was living Patchogue. He was stabbed to death in November during a gang assault by seven teenagers "in search of a Hispanic man to harass," according to police, and as reported in the *New York Times*, the *New York Post* and other media. Similar Long Island incidents have also recently been in the news.

The convention resolution, submitted by the Hispanic Commission of the diocese, was to be presented to the Suffolk County Legislature and the Suffolk County Executive.

The diocese has also supported a community wide and interfaith initiative of the Congregational Church of Patchogue and its pastor, the Rev. Dwight Lee Wolter, that offers a safe place for immigrants to share their stories of hate crime abuse. Archbishop Desmond Tutu, who

is also supporting that effort, said, this "will result in a form of healing and justice that my not come solely from a court of law."

Bishop Orris G. Walker has provided a \$1,000.00 check from the Bishop's Call discretionary fund as a contribution to the community reconciliation effort.

The full text of the convention resolution:

Be it resolved, that whatever one's views on the handling of immigration, all residents of Long Island are our neighbors and that we, the 142nd Convention, condemn the violence against Marcello Lucero based on his race and that we stand in support of his family and pray for those who committed this act of violence.

Be it further resolved, that this resolution be presented to the Suffolk County Legislature and the Suffolk County Executive and that all parties are encouraged to promote by word and deed compassion and sharing of Jesus' love.



Deacon Lorraine Cusick Photo

A \$1,000.00 check from the Bishop's Call discretionary fund was presented to the Congregational Church of Patchogue for the Lucero Fund, a fund founded to provide assistance to the family of murdered immigrant, Marcelo Lucero. Presenting the check are (from the left) the Rev. Paulette Schiff, Priest-in-Charge, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Patchogue, the Rev. Dwight L. Wolter, Pastor, Congregational Church of Patchogue, and Archdeacon Mary Garde, Archdeacon of Suffolk.

Jamaica Combined Choirs Held Bi-Annual Deanery Concert

The Combined Choirs of Churches in the Jamaica Deanery, otherwise known as "The Jamaica Deanery Choir," held its bi-annual concert on November 9 at St. Gabriel's, Hollis, New York.

Hosted by Father Manning, the wardens and vestry of the church's parish, the program included classical, contemporary and Gospel selections, Praise Dance, Youth Combined Choir and a steel band. Highlighting the concert was 'GLORIA' by John Rutter with brass and percussion.

The occasion was also used to recognize Austin Pilgrim from St. Gabriel's, and Harriett Arrington and Lynn Peachey from St. Joseph's for outstanding service and contribution to the music ministry in the Jamaica Deanery. They were each presented with plaques.

For the concert, the adult choir was prepared and directed by music directors Judith Lowe of St. Gabriel's, Joycelyn Hunte of St. Stephen's, and Phyllis

Fibleuil of St. David's. Donald Morton of St. Alban the Martyr, and Arrington also sang with the choir.

The Youth Combined Choir had representatives from St. David's, St. Stephen's and St. Joseph's and were prepared and directed by Renee Brown, of St. David's, and Hunte.

Choristers from the Parish of Grace Church, St. Alban the Martyr, St. David's, St. Gabriel's, St. Joseph's, St. James the Less, St. Stephen's, participated along with Resurrection (Elmhurst) and St. John's UMC (Elmont) from outside the Deanery.

The steel band 'Praises in Steel' participated under the direction of Danny Serrant, the band's director and arranger of music.

In addition, on November 29, the Jamaica Deanery Choir with Lowe on organ participated and sung at the Mass for the 125th Anniversary Celebration of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew at the Cathedral of the Incarnation, Garden.



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The Rev. Dr. Adam Bartholomew

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The texts for the course will be several books by Gary Wills: *What Jesus Meant*, *What the Gospels Meant*, *What Paul Meant*. Wills writes in a way that both captivates and challenges a popular audience, but does not find it necessary to go outside the broad spectrum of orthodox tradition to do so. For the Book of Revelation, we will employ an equally popular book by Barbara Rossing, *Rapture Exposed*.

Dates: January 27 / February 3, 10 / March 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 / April 21 & 28 / May 4 & 11

Time: Tuesdays 7:00 PM - 9:30 PM

Fee: \$250

TH100 – The History of Doctrine: The Early Church to the Present Day

The Rev. Dr. Christopher King

The history of Christianity, while imbedded in human history, is much more than an institutional narrative or the chronicle of a movement. It is the compelling story of the Spirit at work in the deeds, words and minds of those who have gone before us in the faith. Building upon a solidly theological vision of the church, this 12-week course will acquaint students with the development of Christian doctrine from the early church to the present day. Class sessions will focus on signature thinkers and events in the history of doctrine, engage with brief readings from original sources and make room for group discussion. In the process, students will gain an overview of historical theology, learn to articulate the Christian message with greater awareness and deepen their appreciation of the historic faith.

Dates: January 22 & 29 / February 5, 12 & 26 / March 5, 12, 19 & 26 / April 2, 23 & 30

Time: Thursdays 7:00 PM - 9:30 PM

Fee: \$250

CH301 – The Episcopal Church in America: A History

Dr. Ted Gerbracht

This course is intended for diaconal students, laity interested in a deeper understanding of the history of Christianity, or individuals in the ordination process. It is also an appropriate introduction to Episcopal Church history for ordained persons being received into the Episcopal Church from other Christian denominations. The evolution of the Church of England in the colonies into the Protestant Episcopal Church will be reviewed by focusing on the individuals, institutions, movements and issues contributing to this unique form of Anglicanism. Topics covered will include: colonial Anglicanism; the Church during and after the Revolutionary War; formation of a national Episcopal Church; domestic and foreign missions; the Church and the Civil War; social, liturgical, theological and ecumenical issues in the 19th and 20th centuries. The Episcopal Church in the 21st century will also be considered from an historical perspective.

Dates: January 31 / February 7 & 28 / March 7, 14 & 28

Time: Saturdays 9:00 AM - 3:30 AM

Fee: \$250

Clergy Continuing Education

TH090121 – Trinity Institute Conference via webcast *Radical Abundance: A Theology of Sustainability*

As we rethink how to grow, build, supply, consume, dispose, and recycle everything in our lives, we often fail at partnering with the marginalized and powerless, and thus we adversely affect them. Building sustainable communities goes hand-in-hand with thoughtful building of infrastructures and physical spaces. Is there a theological basis for living abundantly while striving for justice and sustainability?

Through keynote speeches by leading theologians and grassroots activists, including Marjora Carter, Timothy J. Gorringer, and David C. Korten, this 3-day conference will consider radical ideas about abundance, sustainability and wellbeing. Interactive reflection groups throughout will enable participants to share their own experiences and solutions. 2 CEUs will be awarded.

Dates: January 21 - 23, 2009

Place: The Mercer School of Theology

Fee: \$100 (includes meals and materials)

CCE090124 – The Vocation of Anglicanism

After the Lambeth Conference 2008, and in the light of current Anglican divisions, we need to recover a vision of the vocation of Anglicanism. All part of the Church of Christ are called to conform to the creedal marks of the Church: one, holy, catholic and apostolic. But there seems to be a special calling for the churches of the Anglican Communion. Anglicanism seeks to hold together aspects

of the Church that are sometimes allowed to drift apart: it is catholic and reformed, episcopal and synodical, universal and local, biblical and reasonable, traditional and open to fresh insight. Above all, perhaps, Anglicanism today is called to work out what it means for Christians and churches to be in communion, even when they differ on important issues in the interpretations of the Faith.

Presenter: The Rev. Dr. Paul Avis, General Secretary of the Church of England's Council for Christian Unity

Date: Saturday, January 24, 2009

Time: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Place: The Mercer School of Theology

Fee: \$250

What Difference Does It Make?: Preaching with the Revised Common Lectionary

Get your preaching preparation done early! These one-day workshops will explore the different emphases brought by the shift from the BCP lectionary to the Revised Common Lectionary. We will work through the texts for each Sunday, identifying biblical, theological, homiletical and pastoral issues that can inform our preaching.

Course #: CCE090127

Presenter: The Rev. Dr. Raewynne J. Whiteley

Title: **Preaching Lent Year B**

Date: Tuesday, January 27, 2009

Time: 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Place: The Mercer School of Theology

Fee: \$50 (lunch and materials included)

Course #: CCE090331

Presenter: The Rev. Dr. Raewynne J. Whiteley

Title: **Preaching Easter Year B**

Date: Tuesday, March 31, 2009

Time: 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Place: The Mercer School of Theology

Fee: \$50 (lunch and materials included)

Course #: CCE090519

Presenter: The Rev. Dr. Raewynne J. Whiteley

Title: **Preaching Ordinary Time: Year B Part 1**

Date: Tuesday, May 19, 2009

Time: 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Place: The Mercer School of Theology

Fee: \$50 (lunch and materials included)

CCE090210 – 2009 Spring Clergy Day of Reflection

The Rt. Rev. Gayle E. Harris, Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of Massachusetts, will be our presenter. Further details relating to the subject of the day will be announced on the Mercer School website and in *The Dominion*.

Date: Tuesday, February 10, 2009

Time: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Place: Chapel of the Good Shepherd, the Mercer School of Theology

Fee: FREE - advanced registration is requested*.

***Please register for the Lenten Clergy Day at least one week in advance so that sufficient materials and food for lunch may be provided.**

Parish Development Program

Parish Based Clinical Pastoral Education Program:

This course benefits congregations and their ordained and lay leaders. Clergy will develop skills for supervision within the congregation and establish effective habits for self-care and work load management. Lay leaders will acquire the skills necessary to organize and implement a ministry that expresses their calling/life purpose and strengthens their congregation while learning about the theology, sociology and psychology that operate in their ministries. The outcome for congregations: more effective clergy/lay partnership; initiating a new or reinvigorating an existing ministry; team building; and prevention of burn-out and conflict among its leaders.

Tuition: \$1800 per participant payable to *EHS/CPE Program*

Program time frame: 8 months of weekly sessions (with 2 two week breaks).

Credit: One (extended) unit CPE and a Mercer School of Theology certificate in Parish Development.

Requirements: The weekly commitment for *ordained leaders* is a 3-hour class, 1 hour of individual supervision, and 3 hours supervising their laity. During this program clergy will write case presentation, present diadactics, read, and generate evaluations of themselves and for the lay leaders they supervise.

Clergy applicants should have experience as chief/senior pastor/rabbi, moderator, or rector of a congregation. Seminary education and one unit of clinical pastoral education or the equivalent are required.

The weekly commitment for *lay leaders* is a 3-hour class, 1 hour of individual supervision, and 6 to 8 hours writing case presentations, reading, and engaging in ministry.

Lay leaders must have 6 to 8 hours a week available, some experience organizing a ministry in the congregation, eager to learn, and receptive to critique.

The *sponsoring congregation* commits itself to identify, commission and release one ordained and five lay leaders for this program, pay half of the tuition cost, and work with the commissioned leaders to identify an area of ministry that will be the focus of their training.

TO REGISTER, CONTACT:

The Rev. Cecily Broderick y Guerra at:
cbroderi@ehs.org or Francine Angel, Program Supervisor at fangel@ehs.org

Safe Church Programs

Training in Prevention of Sexual Misconduct

Two workshops (mandatory for all employees and volunteers of the Diocese and its other institutions including parishes) outlining the legal, ethical and theological foundations for the prevention of sexual abuse or harassment and the development of safe working and learning places. We refer to these two workshops as **SHE** (Sexual Harassment and Exploitation) and **CAP** (Child Abuse Prevention).

The fee of \$20 per program does not include lunch. Please register for each workshop separately. Participants may register for any workshop regardless of location.

SHE Workshops:

All sessions are held from 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM (unless otherwise noted)

Date: Saturday, January 31, 2009

Place: The Mercer School of Theology

Instructor: The Rev. Dr. Lynn A. Collins

Course #: SHE090131N

Date: Saturday, January 31, 2009

Place: St. Gabriel's Church, Brooklyn

Instructor: The Very Rev. Edmund Alleyne

Course #: SHE090131B

Date: Saturday, January 31, 2009

Place: St. Mark's Church, Islip

Instructor: The Very Rev. Christopher D. Hofer

Course #: SHE090131S

Date: Saturday, January 31, 2009

Place: St. Mark's Church, Westhampton Beach

Instructor: Mr. Daniel Petersen-Snyder

Course #: SHE090131WHB

Date: Saturday, January 31, 2009

Place: All Saints' Church, Long Island City

Instructor: The Rev. Joseph Jerome

Course #: SHE090131Q

Date: Tuesday, March 24, 2008

Time: 7:00 PM - 9:30 PM

Place: The Mercer School of Theology

Instructor: Mr. Daniel Petersen-Snyder

Course #: SHE090324

CAP Workshops:

All sessions are held from 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM (unless otherwise noted).

Date: Saturday, January 31, 2009

Place: The Mercer School of Theology

Instructor: The Rev. Dr. Lynn A. Collins

Course #: CAP090131N

MERCER 2009 WINTER-SPRING SESSION

Date: Saturday, January 31, 2009

Place: St. Gabriel's Church, Brooklyn
Instructor: The Rev. Edmund Alleyne
Course #: CAP090131B

Date: Saturday, January 31, 2009

Place: St. Mark's Church, Islip
Instructor: The Very Rev. Christopher Hofer
Course #: CAP090131S

Date: Saturday, January 31, 2009

Place: St. Mark's Church, Westhampton Beach
Instructor: Mr. Daniel Petersen-Snyder
Course #: CAP090131WHB

Date: Saturday, January 31, 2009

Place: All Saints' Church, Long Island City
Instructor: The Rev. Joseph Jerome
Course #: CAP090131Q

Date: Tuesday, March 31, 2009

Time: 7:00 PM - 9:30 PM
Place: The Mercer School of Theology, Garden City
Instructor: Mr. Daniel Petersen-Snyder
Course #: CAP090331

Safeguarding Online!

The Diocese of Long Island and the Mercer School of Theology are pleased to announce *Safeguarding Online!* *Safeguarding Online*, the only internet-based training program of its kind, teaches our clergy, employees, wardens, vestries, youth workers, Sunday School, Pre-school and Day School teachers and volunteers how to keep children in our care safe from abuse. Developed by Praesidium, the national leader in abuse risk management and provided by Church Pension Group, *Safeguarding Online* combines science and technology to deliver the most up-to-date and useful information available.

The Diocese of Long Island has a zero tolerance policy for abuse and requires all clergy, educators, caregivers, volunteers, parents, guardians, and other persons in positions of trust with children and young people to participate in training programs designed to Safeguard God's Children. This online training will serve as either a supplement to the 3-hour CAP training already available or as an approved substitute for that training.

Safeguarding Online is Internet-based, so you can access it anytime, from anywhere.

You just logon to a high-speed Internet connection and complete your courses. The step-by-step courses are fun to watch, easy to understand and take between 30 - 45 minutes to complete. Each course ends with a brief quiz to ensure that you understand all of this important information. You must successfully complete the quiz to receive credit for the course. You'll also have a chance to provide feedback on the course content and usability.

Safeguarding Online is available to all clergy and to parishes that have appointed a trained local program administrator. Please call the Mercer Office regarding Administrator Training sessions.

RACISM AWARENESS PROGRAM (RAP)

The Episcopal Church has mandated that all lay and clergy leaders receive antiracism training. This highly interactive workshop is the official training of the Diocese of Long Island. Participants will be lead from an awareness of discrimination to an understanding of racism and other forms of oppression on the personal, interpersonal, institutional and systemic levels. *As per diocesan canon, this two-day workshop is a requirement for all diocesan/parish clergy, lay employees, wardens and vestries. Attendance at BOTH days from 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM is necessary for certification.*

Dates: Wednesday/Thursday, March 11 & 12, 2009

Place: The Mercer School of Theology
Instructors: The Rev. Dr. Lynn Collins & The Very Rev. Christopher D. Hofer

Fee: \$75 (for both days, includes lunch)
Course #: RAP090311

Dates: Saturdays, April 25 & May 2, 2009

Place: The Mercer School of Theology
Instructors: The Rev. Dr. Lynn Collins & The Very Rev. Christopher D. Hofer

Fee: \$75 (for both days, includes lunch)
Course #: RAP090425

Lay Ministry/Leadership

CE090228 – Day for Christian Educators: Thinking About Children's Chapel

Presenter: Bill Gordh, Chaplain of The Episcopal School, New York City

Drawing from his book *Building a Children's Chapel: One Story at a Time*, Bill Gordh will guide a consideration of stories, songs and circumstances for creating an effective children's Chapel program. These ideas, songs and stories can be used by Sunday School leaders and

Day School teachers/chaplains in devising more effective offerings for their children. Bill will sign copies of his book at the workshop. Please call the Mercer Office by Feb. 10 to preorder your copy.

Date: Saturday, February 28, 2009

Time: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Place: The Mercer School of Theology
Fee: \$60 (includes pre-ordered book and lunch)

Eucharistic Minister (EM) Workshop

for persons authorized to administer the consecrated elements at a celebration of Holy Eucharist. A Eucharistic Minister acts under the direction of a Deacon or otherwise, the Member of the Clergy or other leader exercising oversight of the congregation or other community of faith. (Canon III.4.6) **Written permission of clergy in charge of congregation is required. Fee \$20, lunch not included. Participants may register for any workshop regardless of location.**

All sessions are held from 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM (unless otherwise noted).

Date: Thursday, February 5 and 12, 2009
7:00 - 9:30 PM

Place: The Mercer School of Theology
Instructor: The Rev. Dn. Charles Nelson
Course # EM090205

Date: Saturday, May 2, 2009

Place: Christ Church, Bay Ridge
Instructor: The Rev. Dn. Connie Lorenz
Course # EM090502B

Date: Saturday, May 2, 2009

Place: St. Stephen's Church, Jamaica
Instructor: The Rev. Dn. Charles Perrin
Course # EM090502Q

Date: Saturday, May 2, 2009

Place: St. Thomas' Church, Farmingdale
Instructor: The Rev. Christine Petersen-Snyder
Course # EM090502N

Date: Saturday, May 2, 2009

Place: St. Mary's Church, Hampton Bays
Instructor: The Rev. Dn. Lorraine Cusick
Course # EM090502S

Eucharistic Visitor (EV) Workshop

for persons authorized to take the consecrated elements in a timely manner following a celebration of the Holy Eucharist to members of the congregation who, by reason of illness or infirmity, were unable to be present at the Celebration. A Eucharistic Visitor acts under the direction of a Deacon, if any, or otherwise, the Member of the Clergy or leader exercising oversight of the congregation or other community of faith. (Canon III.4.7) **Written permission of clergy in charge of congregation is required. Prerequisite: Eucharistic Minister Workshop. BOTH workshops must be attended to obtain license. Current SHE-CAP training is canonically required to obtain license. (See scheduled workshops on pages 13 - 16 of this catalogue.) Fee \$20; lunch not included.**

All sessions are held from 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM (unless otherwise noted).

Date: Thursday, February 26 and March 5, 2009
7:00 - 9:30 PM

Place: The Mercer School of Theology
Instructor: The Rev. Dn. Charles Nelson
Course # EV090226

Date: Saturday, May 2, 2009

Place: Christ Church, Bay Ridge
Instructor: The Rev. Dn. Connie Lorenz
Course # EV090509B

Date: Saturday, May 9, 2009

Place: St. Stephen's Church, Jamaica
Instructor: The Rev. Dn. Charles Perrin
Course # EV090509Q

Date: Saturday, May 9, 2009

Place: St. Thomas' Church, Farmingdale
Instructor: The Rev. Christine Petersen-Snyder
Course # EV090509N

Date: Saturday, May 9, 2009

Place: St. Mary's Church, Hampton Bays
Instructor: The Rev. Dn. Lorraine Cusick
Course # EV090509S

Wardens/Vestry Workshops

These sessions provide an opportunity for wardens and vestry members to explore their roles, duties and responsibilities; and how they support each other in their ministry of leadership. *This is a two-day seminar.*

Part 1. The Fiduciary Ministry of the Vestry. The role and responsibilities of a parish vestry as the legally-recognized board of directors of a New York State not-for-profit and religious corporation has become increasingly more

complex. This all-day workshop will assist current and prospective vestry members in understanding and fulfilling their fiduciary responsibilities to their congregations in their primary managerial role, i.e., caring for parish finances and property. Among the topics covered are the following: compliance with federal, state and local government regulations as well as national and diocesan canonical requirements; clergy compensation and benefits; financial and property management; donor-restricted and quasi-endowment funds; and much, much more.

Part 2. The Spiritual Ministry of the Vestry. It is rare that members of vestries see their role as being a spiritual ministry. Too often the "majority rules" way of thinking is what happens when we take God out of our decision making process. This workshop will help members of vestries to seek together to discern what Christ would have them do - teaching how to listen to one another, because we are listening for the voice of the Spirit, and we never know through whom the Spirit will choose to speak. So what might this shift look like? What difference does it make to shift from "majority rules" to the process of discernment? What impact will it make on the life of the people we mutually lead with the priest? This workshop is based on 1 Corinthians 11:27, and we invite you to come and explore what the Lord might be saying to you.

Course # WVD090314

Presenter: Ms. Louise Baietto
Title: **The Fiduciary Ministry of the Vestry in the Parish**
Date: Saturday, March 14, 2009
Time: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Place: The Mercer School of Theology
Fee: \$50 (lunch and materials included)

Parochial Report Preparation Workshop

While the filing of the annual parochial report is a canonical requirement, it can also be a wonderful tool for assessing a congregation's financial health. Past attendees of this popular annual workshop have marveled at the possibilities. Designed for individuals responsible for preparation of these reports, the workshop also benefits clergy and lay leadership alike. Line-by-line instruction will be provided for the Membership, Attendance, Services, Stewardship and Financial Information sections using the workbooks issued by the General Convention Office. Web-based graphing tools for data analysis as well electronic filing will also be covered. Attendees are encouraged to bring copies of the parochial report and workbooks which can be downloaded at www.episcopalchurch.org/research.htm and, if possible, to review the workbooks prior to attending. *A choice of two workshops is offered for your convenience.*

Course # PRP090110

Presenter: Ms. Louise Baietto
Date: Saturday, January 10, 2009
Time: 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM
Place: St. John the Baptist, 33 Railroad Avenue, Center Moriches
Fee: \$50 (includes lunch & materials)

Course # PRP090114

Presenter: Ms. Louise Baietto
Date: Wednesday, January 14, 2009
Time: 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM
Place: The Mercer School of Theology
Fee: \$50 (includes lunch & materials)

EVS090207 – How to Conduct a Parish/ Mission Audit by Committee

Presenter: Ms. Louise Baietto

National and diocesan canons require that the accounts of all parishes and missions be audited either by an independent certified public accountant (CPA) or such audit committee as shall be authorized by an appropriate diocesan authority which, in the Diocese of Long Island, should consist of no less than three (3) members. This new all-day workshop is designed for congregations with less than \$150,000 of Normal Operating Income (as reported on the most recently filed Parochial Report). Using the audit guidelines of the Manual of Business Methods in Church Affairs, participants will receive detailed instruction in how to conduct an audit. Topics will include: committee composition and skill criteria; audit scope and objectives; accounts to be audited; report contents; and timing and filing of the report. Procedures and sample schedules, checklists and other resources for use in conducting the audit will be reviewed and distributed.

Date: Saturday, February 7, 2009

Time: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Place: The Mercer School of Theology
Fee: \$50 (includes lunch and materials)

PA090421 – Parish Administrators' Self Wellness Day

Presenters: CPG Medical Trust & The Rev. Dn. Connie Lorenz

As the corporate world celebrates Administrative Profes-

sionals' Week, parish administrators, secretaries, and book-keepers are once again invited to focus on wellness issues dealing with self-care, nurturing personal spirituality in the parish office, time management, putting schedules in perspective, stress management techniques. This day, which is repeated by popular demand, will help the attendees to step back to allow God to speak and nourish their souls.

Date: Tuesday, April 21, 2009

Time: 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM
Place: The Mercer School of Theology
Fee: \$30 (includes lunch & materials)

EVS090502 – New Treasurers & Finance Committee Workshop

Presenter: Ms. Louise Baietto

This all-day workshop will orient *new* parish treasurers and finance committee members to their responsibilities to clergy, congregations and the diocese. The peculiarities of clergy compensation, pension, taxes and housing allowances will be explored in depth as will lay compensation and other payroll issues, including Episcopal Payroll Services available through the diocesan office. Other topics include: budgeting; financial reporting requirements; discretionary funds; and the handling of donor-restricted funds.

Date: Saturday, May 2, 2009

Time: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Place: The Mercer School of Theology
Fee: \$50 (includes lunch and materials)

Los Talleres En Español

Ministro Eucarístico (EM)

para personas autorizadas a administrar los elementos consagrados a una celebración de la Santa Eucaristía. El Ministro Eucarístico ejerce su ministerio bajo la dirección del Diácono o a falta de éste, bajo el miembro del clero u otra persona a cargo de la congregación u otra comunidad de fe. (Canonigo III.4.6) **Necesita el permiso del clérigo encargado. Costo \$20. NO incluye almuerzo. Esperado los días siguientes de 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM**
Fecha: Sábado, 2 de Mayo, 2009
Lugar: La Iglesia de San Andreas, Brooklyn
Instructor: El Revdo. Francisco Rodriguez-Padron
Course # EM090502E

Visitante Eucarístico (EV)

para personas autorizadas para llevar los elementos consagrados oportunamente despues de la celebración de la Santa Eucaristía a los miembros de la congregación que, por razón de enfermedad o debilidad, no les fue posible estar presente para la Celebración. El Visitante Eucarítico ejerce su ministerio bajo la dirección del Diácono, o a falta de éste, el miembro del clero o líder a cargo de la congregación u otra comunidad de fe. (Canonigo III.4.7) **Necesita el permiso escrito del clérigo para inscribirse. Éste es un taller de dos días y deben asistirse a los dos para obtener la licencia. Costo \$20. NO incluye almuerzo. Talleres de Prevención de mala Conducta Sexual SHE-CAP son requisitos canónicos para obtener la licencia. Se agregarán más talleres en el año de acuerdo con la disponibilidad de instructores. Esperado los días siguientes de 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM**

Fecha: Sábado, 9 de Mayo, 2009

Lugar: La Iglesia de San Andreas, Brooklyn
Instructor: El Revdo. Francisco Rodriguez-Padron
Course # EV090509E

Talleres de Prevención de Mala Conducta Sexual

Dos talleres (obligatorio para todos los empleados y voluntarios de la Diócesis y sus otras instituciones incluyendo las parroquias) detallando los fundamentos legales, éticos y teológicos para la prevención de abuso o acoso sexual y el desarrollo de lugares de trabajo y aprendizaje seguros. Nos referimos a estos dos talleres como **SHE** (el Acoso y Explotación Sexual) y **CAP** (la Prevención del Abuso de Niños). **La cuota de \$20 por el programa no incluye el almuerzo. Por favor registre separadamente para cada taller.**

SHE: Esperado los días siguientes de 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Fecha: Sábado, 31 de Enero, 2009
Lugar: La Iglesia de San Marcos, Jackson Heights
Instructor: El Revdo. Antonio Checo
Course # SHE090131E

CAP: Esperado los días siguientes de 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM
Course #: CAP080920EE

Fecha: Sábado, 31 de Enero, 2009

Lugar: La Iglesia de San Marcos, Jackson Heights
Instructor: El Revdo. Antonio Checo
Course #: CAP090131E

Long Island Cursillo weekend drew candidates closer to God

By Barbara Taylor,
Cursillo Communications Committee

Long Island Cursillo weekend #83 was held at St. Joseph's Renewal Center in Brentwood, November 20-23. Twenty candidates and twenty-six team members were in attendance. Another very beautiful and spirit filled retreat was held.

The candidates, now babe chicks, came away with a new sense of closeness to God and a desire to do more in God's kingdom. We were blessed to have can-

didates from the islands of Trinidad and Barbados. Over the past few years we have had several candidates from Barbados, where we will be taking Cursillo in August of 2009. Since they have made their weekends on Long Island, they will be prepared to be the strength of the new community in Barbados.

If you have not attended a Cursillo weekend, plan to join us on Long Island #84 which is planned for March 26-29, 2009. More information and applications are available on our website www.licursillo.org.

CLERGY Changes

The Rev. Canon Denis C. Brunelle has resigned as Director of the George Mercer Jr. School of Theology, effective December 31, 2008.

The Rev. John Farrell has been appointed Priest-in-Charge of St. James Church, East Elmhurst, effective September 1, 2008.

The Rev. John A. Mulryan has retired from the active ministry, effective July 12, 2008.

The Rev. Berry E. Parsons has retired from the active ministry, effective September 1, 2008.

The Letters Dimissory have been received and accepted from the Convocation of American Churches in Europe for the **Rev. Thomas J. P. Pellaton**, effective November 3, 2008.

DIOCESAN Intercessions

JANUARY 2009

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| 1 St. Andrew's, Mastic Beach | 17 St. Cuthbert's, Selden |
| 2 The Spouses of Diocesan Clergy | 18 The Diocesan Episcopal Church Women |
| 3 Church of the Redeemer, Mattituck | 19 Caroline Church, Setauket |
| 4 St. Mark's, Medford | 20 St. Mary's, Shelter Island |
| 5 Trinity Church, Northport | 21 St. Anselm's, Shoreham |
| 6 St. John's, Oakdale | 22 St. Thomas of Canterbury, Smithtown |
| 7 The Bishop Suffragan of Long Island | 23 Hispanic Ministry Commission |
| 8 St. Paul's, Patchogue | 24 Iglesia de la Santa Cruz, Brooklyn |
| 9 Christ Church, Port Jefferson | 25 St. John's, Southampton |
| 10 Church of the Atonement, Quogue | 26 All Souls' Church, Stony Brook |
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About This Issue of The Dominion

This issue of *The Dominion* was edited by Daphne Mack, a freelance journalist who served for many years on the Presiding Bishop's staff. Marcia Yeates, recently retired Dominion editor, served as consultant. Linda Brooks, who has been a graphics consultant to *The Dominion*, served as Art Director. Rudy Flores is staff photographer.

Linda Malvin, who served as assistant editor for two years, retired in early December.

Please note that articles and photos from churches and organizations related to the diocese are welcome but they must be submitted by email as word processing documents, preferably in Microsoft Word format. Photos should be submitted as digital files.

Submit inquiries or materials for *The Dominion* to this email address:
editor@dioceseli.org

Join us for a

Winter Concert at the Cathedral

The Mineola Choral Society

presents its winter concert

Cathedral of the Incarnation

Sunday, January 25, 2009 at 4 p.m.

Program will feature *Laudate Dominum* by Mozart, *Dona Nobis Pacem* by Ralph Vaughan Williams and *Te Deum* by Antonin Dvorak.

The 50-voice choir, along with soloists and orchestra, will perform these classics in the lovely cathedral setting.

Tickets are \$15; For seniors / students \$10.

For information call 516 294-1175

www.mineolachoralsociety.org

The Great Gathering

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Church, the Anglican Communion and all the people of faith who seek to serve God in freedom, justice and peace."

His specific challenges to the various Departments were:

Stewardship

- to develop more training workshops for parish leaders
- to work with individual congregations to develop a specific parish stewardship plan
- to improve coordination with Episcopal Charities Appeal

Program and Services

- to continue work on "greening the Diocese"
- to monitor the Diocese's response to the Millennium Development Goals
- to review situations around the Diocese that might require our special attention drawing specific attention to the recent tragedy in Suffolk County

Mission

- to work with the Hispanic Commission in identifying and supporting new initiatives in support of this growing mission field
- to identify new opportunities for mission and develop a long range strategy
- to assist moving missions to parish status

Budget

- to continue to encourage the support of the diocese and the national church by the congregation
- to develop processes to acknowledge goals met

- to help congregations develop long range financial development programs including help with parish budgets, establishing wills and bequests and insuring annual cost of living adjustments for all employees
- to initiative multiple year financial planning for the Diocese

Diocesan Council

- to explore the feasibility of using all available new technologies for meetings

In addition to the persons who were elected at Diocesan Convention and at the respective Archdeaconry meetings, Bishop Walker appointed The Reverend Christine Petersen-Snyder, Chair, Department of Program and Services, the Reverend Lynn Collins, Chair, Department of Stewardship, the Reverend Brenda Overfeld, Chair, Department of Mission and Don R Derrick, Chair, Department of Budget.

The Bishop's Staff then served dinner to all the guests before they divided into their respective groups to make sure that all were in compliance with Title V, canon 1, Section IV, Sub.g and Sec. V Sub. i.

In the context of the Evening Office, Bishop Walker commissioned and thanked the members of Council and its respective Departments, the Commission on Ministry and its respective sub-committees, the Standing Committee, Board of the George Mercer Jr. Memorial School of Theology and Trustees of the Estate of the Diocese of Long Island for their work on behalf of all the people of the Diocese.



Kathleen Loomis-Ward, Director

DeWolfe Center Provides Year Round Spiritual Haven

As we begin a new year, we thank God for the great blessing of this beautiful place and the opportunity that it has provided for so many lives to be enriched through a deepening relationship with Christ, opportunities for environmental education, discovering new friendships, the experience of community, and many other ways. Thank you to Episcopal Charities, many churches in the Diocese, and friends, for your prayers and critical support making it possible to offer a vibrant summer camp ministry for youth and year-round hospitality to people of all ages.



On the first weekend in December, the St. Mark's Islip Confirmation class spent an inspiring two days at the DeWolfe Center (see photos.) One of their leaders, Carl Lomanno, told us that the leaders look forward to bringing the confirmation class every year to DeWolfe Center – a peaceful place in nature – as a way to set the stage for their group experience in their walk with Christ.

“We want them to take part in the retreat and team building experience as close to the beginning of their work as a confirmation class as possible,” he explained adding that the challenge course program facilitated by Jeff Gottlieb was very valuable. “Some of the students achieved goals that they never dreamed possible and that will have a life long effect on the way they think about themselves and others. There’s no question about it. They worked as a team and rooted each other on.”

He said they watched the movie, “The Passion of Christ,” and “had a lot of questions, and a very good discussion.”

The class also spent time in St. Luke's chapel for prayer and a long glimpse of the Long Island Sound, the distant Connecticut shoreline, and the dramatic winter sky (for some, their first opportunity to view this magnificent site from the full length chapel windows at 110 feet above sea level).

The following feedback from recent groups, echo the sentiments of the St. Mark's class:

“The setting is a wonderful way to experience the Creator at work and within us, and I know each of us took home something special in the way of spiritual growth. Your ministry in creating such a sacred place is incalculable.” – The Rev. Jack King, Interfaith Clergy Association.

“We bring our ninth grade class to Camp DeWolfe every year for an overnight orientation program. The beautiful setting, the warmth of the staff, the peacefulness of the place, make it possible for us to work with the students on a profound level that brings them closer to God in real and tangible ways that are not available in a classroom. It changes their lives. This, in turn, has a lasting impact on our school community as our students grow spiritually and emotionally over the next few years.” – Pastor Ron Gothberg, Long Island Lutheran High School.

“The first time I arrived at Camp DeWolfe, I was awestruck by its beauty and the warmth of the hardworking people that run such a beautiful yet busy place. I now cannot imagine any

other setting for our Natural Helpers retreat... the grounds are beautiful, offering the view of the Sound for quiet reflection time. The staff has been wonderful, helpful, and has given the students so much to talk about and learn. The students talk about the team building experiences as some of the most powerful moments of the retreat (and sometimes, their lives). The grounds are ideal for our “trust walk,” the fireplace is the setting for our “sharing time,” where students share some of the most powerful experiences of their lives.” – Jacqueline Searing, social worker, William Floyd High School.

There have been many recent improvements that make the meeting rooms warm and inviting throughout the year – including new windows in the meeting hall, chapel, and dining hall made possible by a grant from the Trustees last spring. With such a beautiful property, this Diocesan treasure is not only a dazzling site for summer campers – but is available to be enjoyed year-round. As many Episcopal groups and others have discovered, with comfortable and affordable facilities 60 miles or less from all our Diocesan churches, the Center can and should be used year-round. This is good stewardship of our Diocesan resources and also makes good sense for families and parishes who want to plan an affordable retreat without the expense and time of traveling off the island.

2009 Spring Calendar Scheduled Episcopal Groups*

- 1/17-1/19/09 Rite 13 Cathedral Youth Group
- 1/23-1/24 St. Stephen & St. Martin's Vestry
- 2/6-2/7 Church of the Redeemer, Brooklyn
- 2/13-1/16 Teens Encounter Christ
- 2/20-2/22 Winter Camp for Diocesan Youth
- 4/17-4/19 Spring Camp for Diocesan Youth
- 5/15-5/17 Work Weekend
- 6/5-6/7 St. John's, Huntington, Youth Group
- 6/12-6/14 Work Weekend
- 6/27-7/3 Staff Training
- 7/5-8/14 Summer Camp 2009

* For summer camp applications, Episcopal Charities scholarship information, to schedule a parish visit by Camp DeWolfe staff, and for more information about retreats, please call the Center office at 631 929-4325, visit the website: www.campdewolfe.org, or email kvloomis@aol.com / campdewolfe@optonline.net.



Participants in the ceremony included (l to r): Howard Siskind, vice president, development board; Margaret Carpenter, president, development board; Ullman, honoree; Tate, honoree; Leibowitz, honoree; the Right Reverend Orris G. Walker, Jr., Bishop of Long Island and president and chairman of the Board of Managers of Episcopal Health Services; and John Gupta, chief executive officer, St. John's.

Chrysanthemum Ball Benefit Raises \$230,000 for St. John's Hospital

Nearly 450 were in attendance at the Sands in Atlantic Beach on November 8 for the Chrysanthemum Ball in support of St. John's Episcopal Hospital. The charity ball, hosted by St. John's Development Board, raised \$230,000 to benefit the hospital's emergency, intensive and surgical care services.

During the gathering, the board awarded humanitarian awards to Daniel Leibowitz, president, Hunter Ambulance; Dr. Perla Tate, Department of Obstetrics/Gynecology, St. John's, and president and medical director of Tate Medical Center; and Allan Ullman, member of the development board, president of TV Trac, Ltd., and chairman, Shoe Care Innovations.

Award recipients also received engraved crystal vases and were presented with citations from New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg and New York State Assembly member Audrey Pheffer.

Annual Tree Lighting in Cambria Heights at St. David's Episcopal

The Very Rev. J. Mastine Nisbett and Deacon Charles Nelson welcomed a crowd of Cambria Heights' residents who braved the cold weather to attend the annual tree lighting and caroling celebration, at the St. David's Episcopal Church on Saturday, December 6.

The parishioners and residents enjoyed the wonderful rendition of carols played by the St. David's Praises in Steel Orchestra. Other entertainment included a few selections sung by the Joyous voices (St. David's junior choir) and the neighborhood kids, and a reading of the origin of the Christmas tree by Acolyte, Yorel Greene.

Tia White was on hand, representing New York Senator Malcolm A. Smith, while Marilyn Huggins represented the Cambria Heights Civic Association.

Queens Assemblywoman Barbara Clark (pictured on the right) threw the switch to light the beautifully decorated tree. Shown with her is coordinator Shelly Ann Smith.



St. David's Photo



Gail Madden, ERD Diocesan Coordinator

Merry all-the-rest-of-the-Twelve-Days-of-Christmas, and a Happy and Healthy New Year! Greetings to you all, through me, from the folks at ERD, 815 Second Avenue, NYC.

Robert W. Radtke, President of ERD, sent me a wonderful thank you note for supporting ERD. I think it sums up what ERD is about.

“Dear Gail,

“Christmas is a special time of year. A time to be grateful for what we have...to deepen our commitment to serving God...to reflect on how we can better serve humanity.

“It is also a time to rejoice!

“Yes, even in times of uncertainty and even in places afflicted with the burdens of poverty and disease, the joy to be shared.

“The joy is the light and love of Jesus in our lives. And the capacity, through our faith, our devotion and our generosity, to make the world a better place for those who need it the most.

“...the Zambian drummers (pictured on the card to Gail) joyously celebrate the world’s commitment to eliminating malaria – thanks in part to your support of Episcopal Relief and Development.

“And they are celebrating new hope for a future in which they can count on better health and new opportunities to improve their lives.

“Please know that your support for Episcopal Relief and Development is providing that hope – and sustaining their faith.

“By tapping into the network of Episcopal and Anglican Churches, we are channeling your generosity directly to those in need. Providing insecticide treated nets, preventing mother-to-child HIV transmission, offering better seeds and training so that farmers can improve their crops and efficiently get them to market.

“In this way, your donations to Episcopal Relief and Development achieves

many goals at once.

“It is *efficient* because we work through the existing church infrastructure already on the ground rather than reinventing the wheel.

“It is *humble* because we take our lead from the people we help rather than imposing our own ideas.

“It is *moral* because we are lifting up those whom the world has beaten down.

“And it is *spiritual* because we are further strengthening the ties between people and their faith around the world.

“In short, contributing to Episcopal Relief and Development is a powerful way to express the values of our faith.

“Please join us today in answering Jesus’ call to help those less fortunate than ourselves. Together we can give those in need the tools to build better lives for themselves and their families.

“Thank you for all the work you do to help us heal a hurting world.

“Yours faithfully,
Robert W. Radtke

S.O.S. to all ERD Parish Reps:

Please be sure your supplies are current and visible. Discard/recycle outdated catalogues. Thank you.

For online giving, go to www.er-d.org, or call 800 334-7626, ext. 5129. Gifts can be mailed to: ERD, PO Box 7058, Merrifield, VA 2216-7058. The ERD website has all the information, as well, about ordering catalogues, making donations, and keeping up-to-date about Episcopal Relief and Development.

Peace,
Gail Madden

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The Rev. E. Clare Nesmith, ECLI Director

it is in giving that we receive...

St. Francis of Assisi

Episcopal Charities of Long Island was pleased to award a \$10,000 Archdeaconry and Church Based grant to Grace Episcopal Church in Riverhead to support its collaboration with the Long Island Council of Churches and FECS-Long Island. The check was presented at the Annual Meeting of the Archdeaconry of Suffolk on November 18, 2008. The grant to Grace Church will provide job counseling and job development services for East End residents who recently lost their jobs due to the economic crisis.

Noting the urgent need for such a program, Archdeacon Mary Garde, Rector of Grace Episcopal Church in Riverhead, said “After reading the news reports and seeing how terrible the economy is on the East End, the need for a job counseling and development program was obvious. We are already a site for many support groups, and we are delighted to welcome the LICC and FECS-LI to our team.”

Episcopal Charities of Long Island is delighted to support this urgently needed job development program for the Riverhead area. Our Board of Directors approved this archdeaconry and church-based grant as part of its mission to support its Episcopal churches in initiating new outreach ministries in parishes throughout the diocese that help their neighbors in need. The Grace Episcopal Church/LICC/FECS job development program is an excellent example of how we fulfill our mission on the ground.

The program began in early December. Workshops, one on one counseling, job development support and community outreach are being provided one day a week at Grace Episcopal Church by a FECS (Federated Employment and Guidance Services) counselor for East End residents who lost jobs between March 1, 2008 and

the present. Clients served through the program will also be referred to the Long Island Council of Churches’ Riverhead office, located at 407 Osborne Avenue, tel. # 631-727-2210, for social services assistance including emergency food, housing, transportation, medical assistance, clothing, bedding, books, household items and other basic needs.

Rev. Tom Goodhue, LICC Executive Director, noted that the LICC is already seeing huge increases in the number of people who are turning to the faith-based emergency food and social services agency for help because they recently lost their jobs. “We’re really excited that Episcopal Charities and Grace Episcopal Church in Riverhead have made it possible for us to help the unemployed in conjunction with FECS. FECS was a great partner in interfaith disaster response after 9/11 collaborating with us to help people who lost their jobs. The FECS/LICC partnership helped 353 households recover from the 9/11 crisis. We are grateful for this important new grant from Grace Episcopal Church and Episcopal Charities of Long Island that will enable us to help our neighbors in need.”

Kathy Rosenthal, Vice President of Family Services and Long Island Regional Operations for FECS, noted that her agency, FECS Health and Human Services System, has been providing employment services for more than 70 years. “During these uncertain times, FECS is pleased to work with the Long Island Council of Churches, Grace Episcopal Church and Episcopal Charities of Long Island to provide individualized employment counseling to residents of Riverhead and the surrounding communities who have been impacted by the current economic crisis.”

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From Selamat Datang

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where people can be invited to try “the new.”

Following the keynote address, attendees came together in small groups to share their spiritual journey from their unique cultural context. This was very interesting and enlightening. Chaplains expressed that evangelism was essential to their survival. It was stated that it is absolutely necessary to evangelize in what is considered a non Christian nation and that the survival of the church or Christianity in general is first and foremost in their espoused and operational theology

Workshops were also a part of the gathering. They provided the delegates with in-depth information on pastoral care topics that included: “Personal observation of Asian Culture”; “Pastoral Care to Persons Living with Alzheimer’s Disease”; “Reclaiming the Role as a Community Center for Health and Wholeness”;

“Care to Muslim patients by Non-Muslim Care-givers”; “Providing Pastoral Care to Seafarers”; “Contextually sensitive Clinical Pastoral Care Model in the Philippines”; and “Asian Cultural and Religious impact on Supervision in CPE.”

The Rev. Dr. Steven Voytovich delivered a keynote address titled “World without Walls - a Multi-Cultural Typology.” Voytovich invited all to envision a cultural world without walls or colors. He said the idea was realized during the post 9/11 recovery efforts at “ground zero” where he worked with a colleague who, in an effort to process her pastoral presence in the area, likened “ground zero” to a “hospital without walls.” Voytovich said this allowed her to serve as a chaplain in a new way. Voytovich’s address served to challenge participants to consider that, as chaplains in any cultural context; they must have the faith to “step out” - to trust that the ground before them is safe ground. Also that the ground they have never walked on is safe

ground if they dare to live a life and continue to move out of the static places and take trusting steps in new directions.

The Rev. John deVelder delivered a keynote address themed, “Pastoral Care as Wounded Story telling and Listening,” where he provided an informative history of Clinical Pastoral Care and the revolution in the clinical method.

He highlighted the life and the work of pioneers in the clinical method that included: Anton Theophilus Boisen, Richard Cabot and Helen Flanders Dunbar. Boisen and Cabot formed the institute for Pastoral Care with the focus “**What must I do as chaplain.**” After a separation from Cabot, Boisen teamed up with Dunbar to form the Council for Clinical Training with the focus “**What must I be as chaplain.**” The address concluded with a presentation from the first batch of Malaysia Indigenous Supervisors in Training (MI-SIT). It was amazing to hear their stories and their learning experiences as a result of their training

process. We saw and experienced the fruits of their labor. “By their fruits you shall know them.”

The final workshops for the symposium were: “Ministry and Pastoral Care in the Prison Culture,” “Humor and Clowning as an avenue of Pastoral Care,” and “Ministry and the Effect of Confucianism on adult Learning in CPE.”

The symposium also included a sight-seeing tour, shopping and a closing ceremony with dinner that consisted of a nine course meal.

Overall the hospitality, courtesy, and food of the people in Malaysia were second to none. Surely the kitchen plays a pivotal role in their culture. As we traveled across the world on our 22 hour flight, we transcended all walls, boundaries and borders in our effort to share our stories and listen to the stories of others realizing that their wounds are like our wounds and are in need of healing. With this awareness we say to God, “Terima Kasih” (Thank you.)