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The Episcopal Diocese of Central New York

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Episcopal Church Haiti Appeal ✓

Episcopal Church's Haiti Appeal ready to accept donations

Official launch of effort to rebuild diocesan cathedral set for this month

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By ENS staff, January 03, 2011

[Episcopal News Service] The Episcopal Church is preparing to launch a fund-raising effort to help "rebuild the soul" of Haiti, according to a Jan. 3 release from the [Episcopal Church Foundation](#).

The focus of what the release calls the "initial phase of rebuilding" will be the [Episcopal Diocese of Haiti's](#) Holy Trinity Cathedral complex in Port-au-Prince. Nearly all the diocese's church buildings were effectively leveled by the Jan. 12, 2010 magnitude-7 earthquake, the release said.

The cathedral complex once contained Holy Trinity Music School, Holy Trinity Professional School, primary and secondary schools, and a convent as well as the church with its world-renowned murals depicting biblical stories in Haitian motifs, which were crafted by some of the best-known Haitian painters of the 20th century.

"The cathedral was a beacon in a land where strength of faith is inversely proportional to economic development," the foundation's release said.

The Diocese of Haiti is numerically the largest diocese in the Episcopal Church and prior to the earthquake ran a network of 254 schools that taught more than 80,000 Haitians from preschool to university level. Other institutions included a school for handicapped children, a trade school, a music school, a two-year business school, a nursing school that granted the first baccalaureate degrees in the country in January 2009, a seminary and a university. A renowned philharmonic orchestra and children's choir were based at the cathedral and both are still performing. The diocese also provides ran medical clinics, development projects and micro-financing efforts.

For the complete story, visit the website http://episcopalchurch.org/79425_126382_ENG_HTM.htm

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Anniversary of Earthquake in Haiti

The Episcopal Church

Office of Public Affairs

Prayers for people and Episcopal Diocese of Haiti available for anniversary of earthquake

January 12 marks one year

[January 6, 2011] Prayers are available to recognize and commemorate the first anniversary of the earthquake that devastated Haiti and destroyed the Holy Trinity Episcopal Cathedral.

Prayers and collects are posted here: <http://www.episcopalchurch.org/haiti.php>

The Diocese of Haiti is the largest in The Episcopal Church. The January 12, 2010 earthquake leveled the churches and diocesan facilities, including Holy Trinity Cathedral in the capital city of Port-au-Prince. Also lost in the destruction of the Cathedral site were Holy Trinity Music School, Holy Trinity Professional School, and the primary and secondary schools.

To submit prayers for sharing: Haiti@episcopalchurch.org

Samples of Prayers

Among the prayers posted for use are a collect and Prayers of the people from two Episcopal Dioceses.

A collect for Haiti from the Episcopal Diocese of Connecticut

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family, and especially upon the people of Haiti; help us to heal those who are broken in body or spirit, and to turn their sorrow into joy; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Prayers for the People on the Anniversary of the Haiti Earthquake from the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania:

Throughout our holy scriptures, God promises mercy and deliverance from misery and disaster to all the people of God, especially to the poor of the earth.

Let us pray for the Church and the people of Haiti in their continuing struggle for relief and restoration after earthquake and deprivation, saying "God of the afflicted, extend your mercy."

O God, hope of the poor, raise your people from the dust of destruction and chaos, that homes, schools and hospitals may be recreated through the support of many;

God of the afflicted, extend your mercy.

O God, shepherd of your people, grant to your Church in Haiti your grace and strength, and especially to Jean Zache (Duracin), their bishop, and the clergy, to plan wisely in rebuilding to serve the poor and challenged.

God of the afflicted, extend your mercy.

O God, comforter of the afflicted, you opted for the poor of the earth in your Son Jesus Christ, who for our sakes made himself poor; strengthen the Haitian people in their struggle, bringing forth the talents and skills that you have given to us all. Drive away epidemic; heal the injured; raise up the infirmed.

God of the afflicted, extend your mercy.

O God, agent of justice, grant that the managers of systems and political leaders may be inspired to create new ways of eliminating poverty and creating prosperity, with equity and fairly compensated work.

God of the afflicted, extend your mercy.

O God, companion of the bereft, be present with and console your people in the loss of unnumbered loved ones, friends and neighbors. May they rest in peace and may your light shine forever upon them.

God of the afflicted, extend your mercy.

O God, maker of our imagination, we give you thanks for the artists and writers of Haiti who have enriched our lives with literature and painting and music; grant that we may continue to read their words, see their images and hear their music.

God of the afflicted, extend your mercy.

Just and loving God, as the community of the baptized we have promised to seek and serve your Son Jesus the Christ in all persons, and to respect the dignity of every human being; may we ever be witnesses to your love in the world into which you send us, in and with Jesus, servant of the poor. Amen.

For more information

A special webpage has been prepared allowing easy access to information, facts, videos depicting the destruction, and ways to donate: www.EpiscopalChurch.org/HaitiAppeal

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Mission and Ministry

Last Call: February Pilgrimage to El Salvador



(Click on the picture to see enlarged image)

Last Call - Reservations are Closing

All who are interested in joining the February Pilgrimage to our Companion Diocese of El Salvador need to contact the mission trip leader, Chuck Stewart, at cnstewart@verizon.net or 315/695-8578 before January 16.

More information is also available at the Companion Diocese Committee website at <http://mysite.verizon.net/vzepmivk/id5.html>.

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Church World Service in Upstate NY



Church World Service Happy 2011

I hope you had a wonderful holiday season filled with friends, family, joy and peace. May 2011 find you happy and healthy!

I hope you will join with me in 2011 to help others in ways that we are able, to go about

each day with a grateful heart and to strive to make this world a better place.

"We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean. But the ocean would be less because of that missing drop." Mother Teresa

Sometimes what we are able to do or give may seem small but I would like to remind you that it makes a difference! Thank you for what you have done and for your continued support.

Blankets+

As you snuggle up to try to beat the New York cold consider making a donation to the Blankets+ program and give the gift of warmth and love. Order your Blankets+ materials today!

REMINDER: We do not automatically send Blankets+ materials out.

To place an order by phone call 1-800-297-1516. For more information or to order materials online go to www.churchworldservice.org/blankets.

Mark Your Calendars

SPRING KIT DRIVE

Want to keep busy this winter? Put your hearts and hands into action and put together Church World Service Kits. Our truck will once again swing down the east coast in May. For more information contact the Upstate NY Regional Office at 315-458-8535 or email amanning@churchworldservice.org . For detailed information about what goes into each Kit and how to pack them go to www.churchworldservice.org/kits .

If you have extra Kit components we will take them. Please mark on the outside of the box that they are extra kit components and what they are. Thank you!

Please help us run an efficient Kit Drive and follow directions on the website and in our brochure. Please deliver Kits to depots boxed with the type of kit written on the outside. Please prepare Kits as specified. Extra components or materials that don't meet our specifications will be removed. For example, please include in a Hygiene Kit **one** toothbrush in its **original** wrapping.

What do the Kit Shipping Fees we ask for cover?

- Payment for warehouse space for our Kits
- Cardboard boxes and pallets for our Kits to sit in and on
- Volunteers are utilized as much as possible but there is still a vast amount of staff time required
- Trucking arrangements and transportation fees from warehouses to locations in the US that receive our Kits
- Trucking arrangements and transportation to the Port of Baltimore for international shipments
- International and domestic shipment preparation costs prior to a shipment leaving our warehouses

- Freight forwarder arrangements and fees
- Insurance fees on our Kits in our warehouses, in transit in the US and on international shipments
- Custom charges
- Fees paid to ocean freight or air freight companies to transport kits
- Fees paid to transport companies from international shores inland to the destination

*****If you are in the Capital District please note that if enough kits are brought to your depot the truck will make a stop there rather than having them transported to Syracuse to be loaded on the truck. Can you meet the challenge?**

I have attached a full list of our Kit Drop-off Locations.

I am very excited to share that in January I will be part of a Church World Service trip to Nicaragua and Honduras. I will be visiting Church World Service supported programs and welcome opportunities to share information and photos from my trip about the important work YOU are a part of.

If you hold Church World Service programs or are looking to get involved a great way to increase support is through a Church World Service presentation. Doug and I are available to visit groups and make presentations as requested. Programs can be adjusted to meet your needs and interests. We have wonderful photos we can share that help tell the story of the importance of our work and the value of your support.

As you look ahead to 2011 and plan programs and events let us know if there is an opportunity for us to share information and say thank you.

Do you have a **CROP Hunger Walk** in your community? Many communities have been holding CROP Hunger Walks for a long time. Has your walk been struggling? Is there a community event or gathering of churches in your area that a Church World Service presentation could be made at? Sometimes a simple reminder of the importance of CROP Hunger dollars and the difference that funds raised make helps bring life to struggling walks. Think ahead and let us know if there are opportunities throughout the year for us to visit your community.

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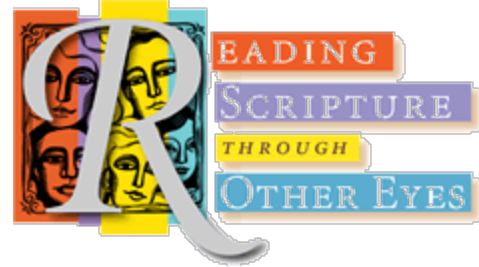
Education

Reading Scripture Through Other Eyes ∨

Trinity Institute Presents:

How Do We Read Scripture?

Eminent Bible Scholars, Walter Brueggemann; Teresa A. Okure, SHCJ; Mary Gordon; and Gerald West, Keynote Speakers



Do we read them on our own, deciding what to believe? Do we read them as part of a group, with a similar mindset? Do we read them with a world view? Often in times of change, we find our grounding in reading scripture. But what we read and believe may be different from what someone around the world reads and believes.

[St. Margaret's House & Ecumenical Center](#) will serve as one of nearly 100 partner sites presenting Trinity Institute's 41st annual conference as a simulcast. Attendees may qualify for two Continuing Education Units (CEUs). The speakers will address topics including:

What concerns do scholars have when reading scripture?

What does an ordinary reader bring?

How does our culture influence what truths we may find in scripture?

How do we read scripture together?

To help us become more conscious of what we are looking for when we return to the Bible as a source of inspiration. Guest panelists include representatives of the next generation of Bible scholars.

Webcast at [St Margaret's House and Ecumenical Center](#) 47 Jordan Rd Utica NY.

Fee for the program at St. Margaret's is \$30 including lunch. Participants from all faith traditions are welcome.

Register now to reserve your place: Call 724-2324 or email smhec47@aol.com if you plan to attend or would like further information. You may also access further information on our web site smhec47.org

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Jan/Feb 2011 Vestry Papers



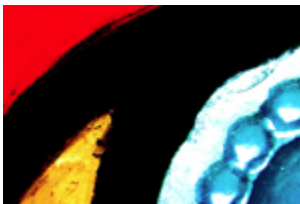
From the Editor

Happy 2011!

In the United States, the start of a new calendar year signals time for reflection and renewal and setting goals. Out with the old! In with the new!

Honoring the New Year's tradition of evaluation and goal setting, *ECF Vital Practices* invited church leaders to share 'healthy practices' in the areas of mission, formation, leadership, stewardship, and wellness. What best practices might congregations adopt to facilitate the work God is calling them to do in the coming year and beyond? How might these new, healthier practices prepare congregational leaders to meet the challenges presented by the world we live in today?

Here's what you'll find in the [January/February 2011 issue of Vestry Papers](#):



The End to 'Business as Usual'

By Tom Ehrich

Tom Ehrich of Morning Walk Media challenges us to take a hard look at how our approach to 'being church' has contributed to the continuing, overall decline in membership, participation, and giving. ["The End to 'Business as Usual'"](#) may be tough to read yet Tom's six radical operating shifts offer a road map for vestries and other congregational leaders to reverse this decline and reclaim their role as vital members of their communities.



Let Your Light Shine: Naming and Sharing Your Gifts

By Dorothy Gibson and Barbara Larson

Dorothy Gibson and Barbara Larson of Seattle's St. Andrew's Episcopal Church share their "Let Your Light Shine: Naming and Sharing Your Gifts" program which supports and encourages congregational members to live out their baptismal call seven days a week. Their 'Gifts Inventory Resource' offers a way to help individuals identify their gifts and then link them to areas of service.



Understanding and Celebrating Differences

By William M. Kondrath

Episcopal Divinity School professor Bill Kondrath shares a model for understanding and celebrating differences. He offers a three step process to help congregations to move from good intentions to action using exercises from his book *God's Tapestry: Understanding and Celebrating Differences*.



Closing the Planning Gap

By David Farrand

Closing the Planning Gap moves from congregational practices to personal practice. Planned giving specialist David Farrand of Calvary Episcopal Church in Summit, New Jersey encourages each of us to make 2011 the year we tackle end of life issues such as a writing a will, planning our own funeral services, and specifying medical directives.



Healthy Transitions: The Role of Leaders (Part 1)

By Sandy Kolb

Sandy Kolb of Fresh Start's "[Healthy Transitions: The Role of Leaders \(Part 1\)](#)" uses the Exodus story as a model to guide congregations experiencing a change in ordained leadership. She names the difference between 'change' and 'transition' and offers specific steps congregations can take to help members weather the 'inward and spiritual' process of transition beginning with the announcement of the change and continuing until the new rector is firmly established in the life of the congregation. Part 2 of this article will be posted in early February.



Resurrection Leadership

By Jeff W. Fisher

"[Resurrection Leadership](#)" tells the story of how St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Waco, Texas was reborn as both a vital member of the Waco community and as a thriving congregation after closing their 60-year old school.

Over the next two months, *ECF Vital Practices* will be adding to this content with additional Vestry Papers articles as well as related Vital Posts, VP Talks, and Tools. We invite you to add to this content by sharing your healthy practices in the Your Turn section and by participating in VP Talks and/or posting comments related to our articles, blog posts, or other content. You can also download a PDF of the Jan/Feb 2011 issue by clicking the "Download Issue" button on the [following page](#).

Faithfully,
Nancy Davidge
Editor, *ECF Vital Practices*

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News of the Diocese

Thanksgiving Service at St. John's. Ithaca



(Click on the picture to see enlarged image)

[St. John's, Ithaca](#) hosted an area ecumenical thanks service for youth the week of Thanksgiving. Spearheaded by Mindy Oakes, St. John's minister for youth, the service brought together youth from many of Ithaca's area churches who offered their musical gifts on the theme of Thanksgiving. It was agreed by all that this should become an annual event. Pictured here are some of the youth at the reception after the service.

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ECW 2011 Honored Women Celebration

SAVE THE DATE
The 2011 Honored Women Celebration
hosted by
The Episcopal Church Women Ministries Commission

*of the
Diocese of Central New York
will be held on
Saturday, May 21, 2011
11:00 a.m.
Christ Church, Manlius, NY*

Please watch for a mailing that will arrive either at the parish or another designated recipient's address which is going out by March 1, 2011.

Registration forms will be due no later than May 10, 2011.

Questions can be sent to Jennifer Kenna by e-mail at jkenna@twcny.rr.com referencing "Honored Women Celebration" as the subject.

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Commission on Ministry Report Dec. 2010

COM, December 9, 2010

The Commission on Ministry (COM) at its December meeting discussed the following:

- A discussion on College Chaplaincy with The Rev.'s Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows of Syracuse University and Clark West of the Episcopal Chaplaincy at Cornell. They feel supported in their ministry and feel there is good communication between them and the Bishop's Office. We discussed ideas on how to better communicate to the Diocese their role and ministries. Colleges can be a place of possible vocations to the diaconate and priesthood.
- Heard a report from the Rev. Peter Williams on anti-racism training and how we should proceed with putting training in place in CNY (Fr. Williams is a trained trainer). At some point there will be a train-the-trainer session. Make-up of a team of trainers, how we should proceed and cost was part of the presentation.
- Heard a progress report on the Team Ministry in Moravia. They are working on their application for postulancy; the priest candidates are working on acquiring their licenses to preach; members are involved in EFM and other continuing education programs. They are continuing their spiritual direction as a group and individually.
- The Mentor's Guidelines were approved as amended and will be available on the web site.
- Update on the Formation Developer position: Bishop Adams expects a person will be named after the first of the year.
- A discussion was held on how some cultures view call to ordained ministry differently and, as we have different groups gather in the Diocese, how that will impact our process.

- Team reports were given:
 - Continuing Education for Clergy will hold an Epiphany Clergy Day on January 5th at Christ Church, Manlius and a Clergy Lenten Quiet Day on April 5th at Christ the King Retreat House, Syracuse.
 - Ordination for Ministry is working with those in process for ordination.
 - Formation for Ministry is working on a Vestry Notebook and the Ministry Fair.
 - Discernment for Ministry continues to help people with discerning their gifts to be used in all the ministries of their parish church and the Diocese.

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Odds and Ends

Dent-de-Lion



If this is going to be a Christian nation that doesn't help the poor, either we've got to pretend that Jesus was just as selfish as we are, or we've got to acknowledge that he commanded us to love the poor and serve the needy without condition and then admit that we just don't want to do it.

-- **Stephen Colbert**



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Articles are always welcome and may be sent to the editor at:

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 [\(messenger@cny.anglican.org\)](mailto:messenger@cny.anglican.org)

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