

4. Cada uno de nosotros podemos hacer algo.

Each one of us can do something. [Oscar Romero]

Many Vermonters have connections with Anglican/Episcopal churches in Latin America. This workshop will explore facets of our accompaniment in Latin America, focusing in particular on a new micro-loan program, Hasta la Cosecha (Until the Harvest). This program gives out small loans to farmers so that they may buy all that is needed to plant a crop and harvest it. It is administered through local Episcopal vestries in the Baja Lempa area of El Salvador. Participants will also learn about the Nets for Life anti-malaria initiative that Episcopal Relief and Development plans on expanding into Latin America and the Caribbean.

5. Kids4Peace

Kids4Peace is a project devoted to building the Abrahamic Partnerships among Jewish, Christian and Muslim children from both Israel/Palestine and Vermont. Vermont hosted its first Kids4Peace summer camp in late July, with 24 children, ages 10-12. The camp is just part of a nine-month long program led both here and in Israel that is aimed toward reconciliation, transformation, and communion among the "People of the Book." Only when the conflict in the Middle East is brought to an end can the MDGs truly be realized in that part of our global community. The workshop will share the experiences of the inaugural summer camp season as well as plans for the future. There are many ways to get involved, as parishes, as individuals, as community contacts.

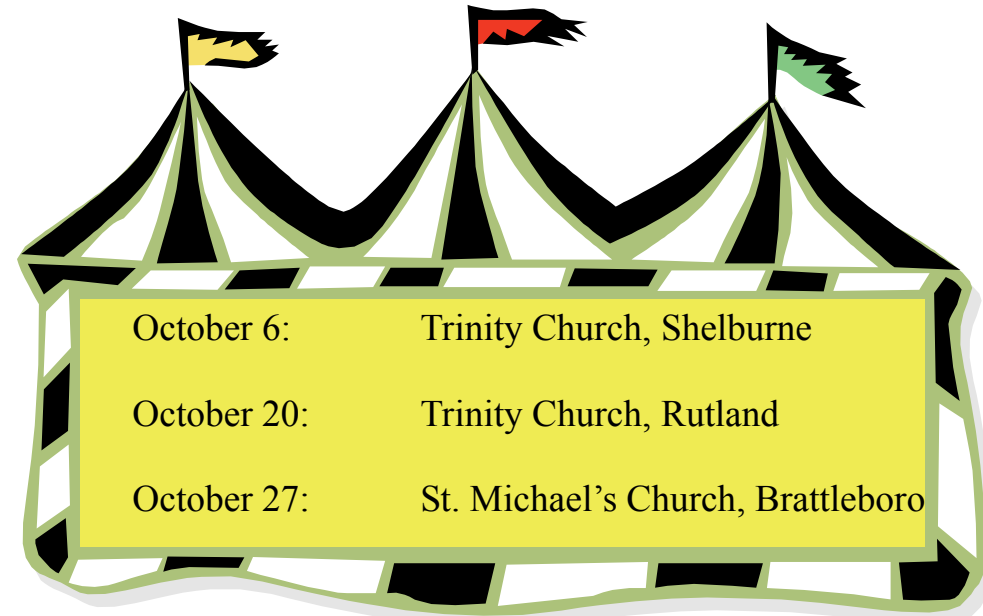


The Episcopal Diocese of Vermont

2007 Ministry Fairs

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Everybody's welcome! Come all day or come for part of the day. Choose from a variety of workshops in the morning. Worship and break bread together. Be a part of the Pre-Convention Hearings in the afternoon, a time to learn more about the issues Convention will be covering.

SCHEDULE

9:00—9:15 a.m. Registration and Coffee
9:15—10:15 a.m. First Round of Workshops
10:15—10:30 a.m. Break
10:30—11:30 a.m. Second Round of Workshops
11:30—11:45 a.m. Break
11:45—12:30 p.m. Eucharist
12:30—1:15 p.m. Lunch (bring your own)
1:15—2:00 p.m. Diocesan Ministry Presentation
2:00—4:00 p.m. Pre-Convention Hearings

REGISTRATION

Pre-registration is simple and helps us to plan the appropriate use of space. There are two easy ways for you to register.

1. Complete and send the enclosed form to:
Ministry Fair Registrations
Diocese of Vermont
5 Rock Point Road
Burlington, VT 05408
2. Contact the Diocesan Office and give your name, parish and workshop choice:

by phone 802-863-3431/ 800-286-343
by e-mail: adminasst@dioceseofvermont.org

WORKSHOPS

1. Meeting the MDGs: a Human Response to Christ's Call to Reconciliation

This workshop will provide an overview of the MDGs and how, in the context of globalization, we can with God's grace transform the world with respectful awareness and openness to God's diverse creation. We are asked to engage in global mission to become involved with sustainable solutions to meet the MDGs. Come explore where you are called to share your gifts to bring Christ's hope and love to the suffering.

2. Africa's Excluded and Invisible Children

Children in Africa are beset by poverty and factors that interact with it: lack of education, poor health, food insecurity, limited access to benefits, and, ultimately, the loss of childhood. They are excluded from basic services and become invisible. CHABHA (Children Affected by HIV/AIDS) has learned of two models that effectively find, help, and ultimately, include excluded children. Both are community-based, provide a range of services and care over the length of time required to enable the children and families to become independent and are relatively efficient in terms of cost. While these programs target children affected by HIV/AIDS, the examples are appropriate for all excluded and invisible children who are without help. The workshop will share these examples of hope.

3. New Sudan Education Initiative

The New Sudan Education Initiative (NESEI), a Chittenden County based non-profit, is a partnership between Southern Sudanese and a global network of friends and Sudanese living abroad that is working to bring the gift of education home to Sudan to ensure a lasting peace and to promote prosperity, gender equality, and self-reliance through holistic education. NESEI plans to build twenty secondary schools in Southern Sudan that will offer basic secondary education as well as specialized training in many of the areas needed to rebuild the area's social and economic infrastructure. The first, projected to open in April 2008, will educate 200 teenage girls and young women with a focus on community health and nursing. Offered by Sudanese representatives of NESEI living in Vermont, the workshop will include a video made during NESEI co-founder Abraham Awolich's return visit to Sudan. The presenters will share their stories, describe NESEI's secondary schools project, and respond to questions.