



José Lopez photo

The Rt. Rev. Martín Barahona, Bishop of El Salvador (left), and Sandra Swan (right), President of Episcopal Relief and Development, unveil the plaque commemorating the reconstruction of the Anglican community of San Marcos at Izalco.

ERD and the Anglican Church of El Salvador dedicate new homes

by Lee Alison Crawford

Exactly two years after the second of two devastating earthquakes hit the small Anglican village of San Marcos, Izalco, El Salvador, Salvadoran Anglicans began to move into new homes built with funds from Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD). The brick homes and community center of the original Comunidad San Marcos had been destroyed by earthquakes in January and February 2001.

The whole board of ERD, members of the board of Fundación Cristosal, representatives of the Anglican Church of El Salvador, and local dignitaries attended a brief but moving ceremony on February 13, 2003. It marked a new beginning for the residents of Comunidad San Marcos, the second of three Anglican villages founded in the late 1980s and built partly with funds from the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief and the United Thank Offering.

After prayers, thanks to all who helped in the reconstruction, and brief speeches, the gathering walked to the entrance of the community to bless a commemorative stone marker. The plaque thanks ERD and reads in part, "...not only were decent homes constructed, but also a dignified family has been built that will be a civic and religious example for our Salvadoran people."

Thirty-four cinderblock houses are situated on three streets flanked by "green

zones." Each house has three bedrooms (ensuring that parents will have a private bedroom), a separate kitchen, electric hook-up, well, and outhouse complete with its own septic system. A local construction group, with help from the future residents, built the new homes in two and a half months.

The founding eight families of the original Comunidad San Marcos received houses close to the entrance of the village. Maritza Hernandez, social worker for the Anglican Church of El Salvador, has been working through the list of interested people to help choose the residents for the remaining 26 houses. She also is working on community and social development issues, community organization and family services.

Señora Teresa, a founding member, spoke movingly of her new life: "I never would have thought that we could have houses as beautiful and strong as these. After the earthquake almost all was lost. But look what we have now: beautiful houses and a growing community."

The project not only provides dignified homes for the community but it also has opened opportunities for employment. Salvador Arevalo, another founding member, said, "I have been happy to work on this project. It gave me a job for several months, it has given my family a new start, and one day soon we will have a much larger com-

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Congregations participate in strategic planning process

by Anne Clarke Brown

Members of Diocesan Council learned at their March 8 meeting that the strategic planning process initiated at Diocesan Convention in November is well underway and generating enthusiastic participation.

According to the Rev. Craig Smith, a member of the Strategic Planning Committee, twenty-four people have so far received training as "plannaging" facilitators. In this visioning stage of the process, they are visiting congregations during Lent in teams of two to gather ideas, concerns, hopes and dreams for the future direction of ministry in and by the Diocese of Vermont.

The facilitators will meet in late April to share the results of their efforts, and a draft strategic plan will be developed and pre-

sented to Diocesan Council at its meeting in June. After seeking feedback from congregations and diocesan institutions, the council will present a final plan to the November Diocesan Convention.

Canon Lynn Bates, also a member of the committee, said, "I am excited about what I have seen happening and am impressed by the enthusiasm of the people who will be going out to neighboring congregations." She hopes many people will take the opportunity to participate in the conversations and share their dreams for the future.

Bishop Thomas Ely also encouraged participation and said, "The intention of the process is to be as grass-roots as we can about ownership of the future life of the diocese." ☩

Diocese seeks candidates for leadership positions

by Mary Lou Ashton

Do you know someone who has leadership gifts to offer the Diocese of Vermont? Elections will be held at Diocesan Convention in November for a variety of positions on diocesan committees and boards, and Bishop Ely will fill a number of appointed positions. A listing of open positions is printed on Page H, and it is posted on the diocesan web site (www.dioceseofvermont.org).

The Nominating Committee is publishing this information early on in hopes of receiving more nominations as well as suggestions for the bishop's appointed positions. Please prayerfully consider nominating candidates for these positions who are clergy canonically resident in Vermont or communicants in good standing—those "who for the previous year have been faith-

ful in corporate worship...and...in working, praying and giving for the spread of the Kingdom of God" (Title I, Canon 17.4). Also consider nominating yourself for a position that you may be qualified to fill.

Nomination forms are available at the Diocesan Center, and they may be downloaded from the diocesan web site. They will also be sent to all delegates to convention, all parishes, and diocesan committee chairs. Mail completed forms by mid-August to insure your nominee will appear in the Mountain Echo Convention Supplement. Send them to Mary Lou Ashton, Nominating Committee Chair, 1473 W. Lakeshore Drive, Colchester, VT 05446. For more information, call Mary Lou at 802-865-9912 or e-mail her at: mlavt@aol.com.

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Vermonters attend national Christian formation conference

Will Our Faith Have Children?: Christian Formation Generation to Generation, drew 601 people—including a team of five from Vermont—from throughout the Episcopal Church, along with international guests, to Chicago, February 13-17. Sponsored by the Office of Children's Ministries and Christian Education of the Episcopal Church, the conference plumbed the promises and impediments of embracing lifelong learning and formation at all levels of church life.

Among the week's events were worship services representing the diversity of the

Episcopal Church, workshops, small group gatherings for community building and resource sharing, and a series of keynote addresses.

The question of whether our faith will have children should be at the top of the church's mission priorities if today's leaders are to "ensure the future of the church by passing on the lessons and the legacies of the faith," said Bishop Franklin Turner, retired suffragan of Pennsylvania, preaching at the conference's opening Eucharist, a celebration of the life of Absalom Jones,

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"It takes a community to be a diocese."

by the Right Reverend Thomas Clark Ely, Bishop of Vermont

Many of you are familiar with the phrase, "It takes a village to raise a child." Recently, I was thinking about what it takes to develop a diocese into truly being an association of congregations working together. Actually, I have been thinking a lot about this since you called me to serve as your bishop. My conclusion is that, "It takes a community to be a diocese."

Working from that premise, I decided to see how many people are actively involved right now in helping to carry out the ministry of being the Episcopal Diocese of Vermont. I added up the number of people presently serving as elected, appointed or volunteer members of diocesan boards, councils, commissions and committees, as well as those elected or selected to represent the diocese at the provincial and national level. What I discovered is that there are over two hundred (200) Vermonters serving the church and our diocese in this way. That is over 5% of the Episcopalians attending church each Sunday in Vermont! **It does take a community to be a diocese.**

Please bear in mind that this number does not include all the parish representatives who serve on local vestries, or as delegates to Diocesan Convention, or in some other local leadership capacity. If we add those to the mix the number soars to well over 700 people involved in one or more ministries of leadership!

Where do all those people who serve in diocesan ministries come from, and how are they selected for their service? The answer is that they come from a variety of sources, but all have an active local church connection as well as a diocesan ministry. They are people sitting near to you in your local church community. They are your friends and leaders in your local church.

Elsewhere in this edition of the Mountain Echo you will read about many of the appointed and elected positions that need to be filled this year in our diocese. Contrary to what some might think, the bishop does not "hand pick" all these people. Many serve as the result of offering their time and talent in the service of the church and our diocese. Many are elected by Diocesan Convention to serve on our behalf, having agreed to let their names go forward in nomination for positions. Others ask that they be given an opportunity to serve, and we try to match their talents to the needs of the diocese by appointing them to diocesan committees. Still others are sought out and asked to serve, because they have certain gifts and skills that are needed in order to carry out the ministry of our diocese.

What each of these people shares in common is a love of the church and a willingness to offer their gifts and skills in service to the church and to our diocese. How about you? What gifts and skills do you have that could be offered in service to **your** diocese? What ministries in the Diocese of Vermont would benefit from the contribution of your time and talent?

In addition to the committees, commissions and other elected and appointed positions that are highlighted in this edition of the Mountain Echo, there are many Diocesan Council committees that need people with talent to serve our diocese in carrying out its mission and ministry. These committees include Spiritual Life, Youth Ministry, Music and Liturgy, Diocesan Study Program, Congregational Support and Resources, Outreach and Social Justice, Environmental Ministries, Communications, Stewardship, Accessibility, Christian Education, Dismantling Racism, and the Rock

Point Summer Conferences.

My appeal to you is that you think about your gifts and skills. Think about your interests and your available time. Think about what you would like to offer in service to our diocese as we seek truly to become an association of congregations working together for the doing of God's Mission as the Episcopal Diocese of Vermont. And then act on all that by being in touch with me, or by offering your name for election to one of the many diocesan positions that we will fill at this year's convention. Remember that when you do, there are responsibilities and expectations that go along with these ministries. There are also great joys and benefits that come from such service.

Now is the time to be thinking about this. Now is the time for discernment. Now is the time to be offering yourself for service in the Diocese of Vermont. Now is the time to become more and more a part of that



community of persons it takes to truly be a Diocese. Please don't wait to be asked. Talk with me about your interest and your availability. I'm sure that together we can find the best way for you to offer your gifts in the service of Christ's mission and ministry in the Diocese of Vermont.

In service to Christ with you,

+Thomas

Views from the Frontier

by Gina Logan

What if this were the year that spring failed to arrive?

A hundred and twenty or so years ago, there was a spring that never came. The old folks called that year, "Eighteen Hundred and Froze to Death," and stories—true stories—circulated from one coast to the other, of thermometers that went all the way down and froze, of whole herds of cattle, and even buffalo, frozen solid while standing in the fields, snow to the eyeballs. There were record snowfalls everywhere—and record low temperatures. I read once that this protracted winter was the result of a huge volcanic eruption. Mount Krakatoa, in Indonesia, spewed a cloud of ash into the heavens at a rate and on a scale that darkened the sun and cooled an entire world for months afterward.

I suppose that many of us are wondering, this year, if war will come, and with it the renewed threat of nuclear weapons, weapons that could, if used, lead to a new darkness and the deadly chill of winter—nuclear winter—for an entire world.

Maybe. Those of us who have grown up since Hiroshima have felt the chill breath of threatened nuclear disaster since childhood. Remember fallout shelters and air-raid drills? (Quick: who can draw, from memory, the Civil Defense logo?) Remember when the voiceover of the Conelrad warnings on the radio said, "If this had been an actual **alert**," instead of today's "actual emergency"? Impatiently we press the button to turn off that nasty sound, with its uncomfortable memories of bomb shelters and the Cuban missile crisis and Krushchev promising to bury us....

In the old days, the 1960s, as a young peace and justice activist, I used to imagine that "nuclear disarmament" was not just a phrase but a possible reality, something that people could do, the way you clean a room or cook a meal. I used to think that "peace" was not an abstract, empty word, but a thing one could touch and hold and even see grow, like a plant or a child. I used to think that

"war" was a concept that humans could finally dispense with, the way we have given up child labor, slavery, and foot-binding. Nearly forty years later, I still think these things.

Oh, I know that there is still slavery in the world, and I know that children work, in horrible conditions and for low pay, and I know that even if foot-binding is a thing of the past, that there is still female genital mutilation. And AIDS afflicts too many, and disproportionately more of them are non-white, non-Western, and poor. All humanity suffers grievously, from sickness of body and mind, just as the earth itself suffers from the contaminations and injuries wrought by our modern technologies, our modern life.

But these are all ills that can be healed.

For if we can imagine an end to these things, might it not be possible also to imagine **how** to end them? And then to pass from imagining to **doing**?

This month, when it feels a bit as if our leaders were imagining us into a future without a future, into permanent winter without hope of spring, I think it is time we took our imaginations out and aired them. I think we should do this all together. Easter would be a good time, I think. Let's all try it. Visualize it: all of God's people freed from the fear of war. All of us, Christians and Muslims and Hindus and Jews, Buddhists and Ba'hais and Sikhs and Jains, everyone from Animists to Zoroastrians. Can you see it? I can. All of the containers of destruction, from aircraft carriers to missile silos, cleansed and open to the light, empty of death, completely and finally empty, like the empty tomb.

Spring will most likely come, in peace or war. And the empty tomb promises us that, earthly realities notwithstanding, there is nothing that is impossible with God. Meanwhile, imagine what we, with God's help, might do, this spring and every season that God sends. Amen.

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Ecumenical group calls for peace

Bishop Ely participated in drafting a statement issued on March 7, by the Vermont Ecumenical Council and Bible Society titled "Vermont Christians Call for Peace." See the text of the statement at www.dioceseofvermont.org.

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Ask Sr. Bible Person

Do you have questions about the Bible?
If so, ask Sr. Bible Person and get the answers!

Question: As usually happens during Lent, the Cecil B. DeMille movie "The Ten Commandments" will be shown on TV. Watching that movie has always been an inspiration to me. I am wondering just how accurate the film is in portraying the event of the Exodus.

A DeMille fan

Dear fan: Let's begin with the key word in your question: "accurate." I assume that by "accurate," you mean that the film version of the story should correspond in significant ways with the biblical version of the story. Let's begin exploring the notion of "accuracy" by considering the main character of the story, Moses.

According to Deuteronomy 34:7. "Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died." Working backwards in time from Moses' death, we therefore assume that if he had 120 candles on his cake after spending the alleged "40 years" in the wilderness, that would mean that Moses was at least in his late 70s at the time of his confrontation with Pharaoh. Even if we allow for the fact that some biblical authors like to exaggerate a bit and if we acknowledge that the number "40" usually is meant to suggest "a long time," the message does seem to be that Moses was fairly old when he did his best work for God.

Add to this observation about Moses' age the fact that anthropologists' and archeologists' research suggests that the average height of males at the time of the Moses story was a little over five feet tall and we have the beginning of a description of Moses—an old, short guy. And, oh yes, since Moses was a Mediterranean Semite in terms of his "ethnicity," that would mean that he was probably fairly dark-skinned.

So, let's see who DeMille cast in the role of Moses, who according to our analysis would have been: (1) old, (2) short, (3) Semitic, and (4) dark-skinned. Hmm, let's see. How about Charlton Heston? Yes, that's it. Let's take a (1) young, (2) tall, (3) European, (4) white guy and have him be Moses. Brilliant!

In terms of the "accuracy" question, the preceding discussion is just the tip of the iceberg. If you would like to pursue the issue further, let me know, but, in the meantime, you might want to consider the possibility of re-doing "The Ten Commandments" and this time being a bit more careful about who plays the part of Moses. Any objection to seeing if Danny DeVito is available?

Do you have a question for Sr. Bible Person? Send it to the editor (address below).

Opinion: An open letter to our General Convention Deputies

Dear Colleagues in Christ,

As you prepare to tackle all the issues of the world, the flesh, and the Church at General Convention this summer in Minneapolis, I want to urge you to bear special witness to our particular Vermont story with civil unions, and thus to encourage in turn our larger Church to move ahead with the development of liturgical rites for the blessing of same gender unions.

While this is not the place for me to present the many reasons that compel my urging, and while I know there are many who hold different and even opposing convictions to mine, I do however offer my own experience as a priest. Last summer I was graced with the privilege of preparing for and officiating at a civil union with a blessing in church with the Eucharist. I have thus come to know firsthand the blessings of such a state- and God-sanctioned celebration.

As a matter of fact, it would be a good thing if we introduced a resolution at Convention encouraging all dioceses to petition their governors and state legislators (not to mention their Supreme Courts) nationwide to undergo the same public process of hearings as we experienced here in Vermont prior to the civil union enactment. Talk about "listening for the sacred"! With the leadership of so many like Tom Little, that was a profound witness of political grace that does not get mentioned a lot.

But, above all, yes, we in Vermont have been able to experience these occasions of love for over two years now. And while we

have only begun, I, and many others, have been enriched along the way. In my case, interestingly, the non-marriage liturgy used was adapted from one used in Arizona with the theme of "covenant" at its heart. Another liturgy I attended earlier underscored the theme of our common baptism and community. Other themes such as faithfulness or incarnational love could work too, or, indeed, how about creation! Why not put our best liturgical scholars and biblical imagists to work as a Church?

All the more reason to profess "Hey, world, we Vermonters have something to say about grace at work!" May God bless you in your ministry of service to the Church.

Faithfully yours,
Timothy C. Eberhardt

The Rev. Timothy Eberhardt is rector of St. John's, Randolph, and a former deputy to General Convention.

Letters to the Editor

Letters to the Editor (300 words or fewer) and *Opinion* articles are welcome and encouraged on any relevant topic. Did something in an article inspire you, aggravate you, or move you in some way? Share your reactions with other readers. **Letters must have a name and phone number or email address so I can check details, if necessary. Anonymous letters will not be printed, but names may be withheld upon request. Submissions may be edited for reasons of space.**

Anne Clarke Brown, Editor, Mountain Echo

Racism and abortion

To the editor:

Allan Wylie's letter on Racism and Abortion (Mountain Echo, March 2003) raises several issues.

I agree with his statement, "The Church must be about teaching the love of Christ if it really wants to overcome racism." Right on! Teaching the unconditional love of Christ for all people in all circumstances!

The facts about abortion do not support the claim that "This [over 59% of abortions are performed on minority women] is the ultimate in racism—diminishing the numbers of the minority while simultaneously purifying the majority." Abortion has been practiced for centuries the world over. Planned Parenthood has documented that in Latin America in the 1960's nearly 80% of all hospital beds were occupied by victims of botched abortions. The women had no access to birth control methods or to legal and safe abortions. They chose the risk of self abortion or abortions by illegal practitioners for many reasons, i.e. the mother's health, a large family that already overwhelmed them emotionally and physically, the economic survival of their existing children—the same reasons that other, non-Latina, women elect to have abortions.

When Planned Parenthood began helping women control their reproduction with birth control, genocide was a concern for minority group organizations, mostly headed by males. Time has shown that minority women want the same access to effective birth control as other women. Cost is still a major barrier to the most reliable methods. Since minority women are dispro-

portionately represented among the poor, who lack health insurance and can't afford birth control pills, it is not surprising that they account for a higher percentage of the abortions.

Linking abortion and racism is like damning health insurance because a higher percentage of minorities are excluded.

Now, universal health care—that's an issue where Christians might organize to reflect the love of Christ for all people!

Margy Zabriskie
Burlington, Vermont

To the editor:

Allan Wylie, in the March Echo, writes that the church's support of legalized abortion and affirmative action "denies that it is God who heals sin, not our programs." Perhaps Mr. Wylie would like the church to advocate that all civil rights legislation be rescinded—and the Bill of Rights, to boot—so Christians make it clear to the world that only God, not our programs, overcomes sin.

Mr. Wylie also argues that legalized abortion is racist since it results in "diminishing the numbers of the minority while simultaneously purifying the majority." By this reasoning, the widespread practice of birth control in western nations is anti-white since it results in the diminishing of white populations in the US and Europe. With thinking like this to guide the church, who needs to worry that reason will ever weaken our faith.

Burton and Blanche Cooper
Corinth, Vermont

Germs and the common cup

To the editor:

There have been at least two clinical studies done on the subject of germs and the common cup [Echo letters, February and March]. They showed that sacramental wine will kill germs and that it is safe to drink from a common cup. Since whiskey, brandy, etc., have been used in emergencies to clean and disinfect wounds, this finding is not so surprising in retrospect.

Mary Ann Mento
Arlington, Vermont

[References will be posted on the web site: www.dioceseofvermont.org/]

To the editor:

As a Congregationalist growing up in Vermont, I was accustomed to receiving communion served in small cups to each individual person in the congregation. A change in the procedure of communion took place after my marriage when I became an Episcopalian.

In reading the letter by Robert Anderson in the February issue, I am relieved that someone has brought forth concerns regarding the use of the common chalice during communion. I am a retired registered nurse, and I have never been comfortable with only the wiping of the chalice rim with a purificator after the lips of the faithful have drunk from it.

Even dipping the wafer into the wine causes me concern as to what type of residue might be left floating in it from other peoples' mouths.

I agree with Mr. Anderson that a more hygienic system ought to be instituted, such as individual portions, to celebrate communion. The passing of germs has always been, and continues to be, the reason for my concern regarding communion as it is now practiced.

Madene R. Briggs
Virginia Beach, Virginia

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Cristosal board commemorates Salvadoran earthquake victims and survivors with publication of book

by Lee Alison Crawford

The Board of Fundación Cristosal, a foundation for the support of the Anglican Church in El Salvador, based in Ludlow, Vermont, had its second annual meeting in San Salvador over Presidents' weekend. A major highlight was the presentation of the newly published book funded by Cristosal, *Clamores en La Colina* [Cries from La Colina], by Susana Barrera, communications officer for the Anglican Church of El Salvador.

Barrera conducted interviews with survivors of the landslide caused by the January 13, 2001, earthquake that buried much of the community of La Colina, Santa Tecla, killing 520 people. Twenty-five of these stories are gathered in the book. (A story about La Colina and Barrera's project appeared in the April 2002 Mountain Echo.)

On Friday, February 14, survivors gathered to tell their stories and receive personal copies of *Clamores en La Colina*. For many of the survivors, the book represents more than words on pages; it is the sole record and memorial of a loved one's death. After much effort, Barrera was able to obtain the names of all who perished in the earthquake. Many survivors turned to these pages first to see if their missing family members were recorded on the list.

One survivor, Rocío Moreno, sang a song, "You'll always live in me," that she composed in memory of her mother, two aunts and two sisters who died in her house. As she played her guitar, a slim silver bracelet adorned Moreno's wrist; it was found on the body of her sister. Red soil remains in the silver, ground into the metal by the impact of the earthquake. Another survivor, María Ester de Lemus, spoke haltingly of her two hours of being buried five meters underground. In order to save her, rescuers

had to amputate her right leg above the knee; she now walks with difficulty with a prosthesis. She said that while she was buried, she kept praying to God, "Lord, give me the opportunity to live. My mission as mother and wife hasn't ended yet. I'm not ready..." Her daughter did not survive.

Barrera said of preparing the book, "My work is by the grace of God and in the service of God and the church. I give thanks to the Anglican Church and to Cristosal who gave me the opportunity to serve." Her book remembers those who died and commemorates the valor of those who helped rescue survivors. Most of all, these testimonies help us never to forget. The Anglican Church will provide copies of the book free to schools and libraries in El Salvador.

At the end of the weekend, Fundación Cristosal presented the Very Rev. Luis Serrano the first Cristosal medallion in honor of his fifty years as a priest midst the people of El Salvador.

Board member Lee Alison Crawford spent an additional ten days in El Salvador and was able to visit the Villa Anglicana of San Francisco de Asis in Lourdes. St. Mary's, Northfield, donated money last year to help pave the floor of a temporary classroom at the school. The San Francisco congregation elected to apply the funds toward the purchase of a small parcel of land adjacent to the "temporary" classroom and build a permanent classroom with better ventilation and stability. They hope soon to replace the temporary classroom.

Fundación Cristosal continues to walk with the people of the Anglican Church of El Salvador, both in El Salvador and in the United States. For more information, visit the web site, www.cristosal.org, or write info@cristosal.org.



Group raises awareness of sustainable agriculture practices

by Jim Ballard

What is a working landscape worth? How do we find common ground to achieve a safe, sustainable and secure food system? A subcommittee of the Diocesan Council Outreach and Social Justice Committee is working to bring a greater understanding of agricultural issues to the Vermont church community and beyond. Members are the Rev. Betty Berlenbach, the Ven. Catherine Cooke and Jim Ballard.

The group's concerns are focused in three areas: ecology, sustainable farming, and economic justice. All three are key to understanding the present state of agriculture in Vermont, the nation and worldwide. The prevailing industrial agriculture system is not sustainable. The question is, when and how do we move to a sustainable food system, and what will it look like?

As enormous as the topic is, at the community level (town, region, state) individuals and groups such as Rural Vermont are taking steps to move towards greater agricultural sustainability. The committee is planning workshops to help members of the Episcopal Church and participating members from the community at large begin to see how this change can come about.

Workshops can be preceded by showing a one-hour documentary film, *Strong Roots, Fragile Farms: Is the Family Farm Disappearing?*, produced by the United Church of Christ and the National Council of Churches. Hosted by Willie Nelson, with an original score by Peter Buffett, the film explores the real-life impact of globalization upon today's farm families in the United States, the Philippines, and Mexico.

Workshops will include a panel presentation by at least two farm policy/economics experts and one farmer (preferably from the local area), a question/answer and open discussion period, and small group discussions to develop a dream sustainable agriculture economy.

The committee is working in collaboration with Rural Vermont and has proposed two dates for sessions led by Rural Vermont: April 26, at St Paul's Cathedral, Burlington, and May 18, at Gethsemane, Poctorsville. If your congregation or deanery is interested in learning more, or in arranging to view the film or schedule a workshop, contact Jim Ballard 802- 893-7734; jimballard@hotmail.com.

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ERD homes dedicated in El Salvador



Lee Crawford photo



José Lopez photo

Above: The new houses at Comunidad San Marcos below the Izalco volcano.

Left: Abigail Nelson, ERD Director of Latin American Programs, and the Rev. Richard Bower of Fundación Cristosal at the dedication.

are twenty or more workers here, and I serve breakfast and lunch. It is wonderful to have a small business here in our community. All of my children help me." Workers still come daily to her restaurant, as they are now preparing the foundations for a clinic, community house and church.

The community of San Marcos, Izalco, stands as a symbol of hope and rebirth not only for the Anglican Church of El Salvador but also for all those who have participated in its reconstruction. February 13, 2003, simply marks the beginning of a new phase of its life.

The Rev. Lee Alison Crawford, Communications Officer and Secretary of Fundación Cristosal, is rector of St. Mary's, Northfield.

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munity to live with and work with. Primero Dios [God first], I will be committed to this community."

Arevalo's wife, Sonia, also participated in the rebuilding of the community. She reported that during the building of the new houses the church loaned her some money, and she opened a small *comedor* [restaurant]. She said proudly, "Every day there

"Drink a cup of justice" at coffee hour

by Anne Coulter

What kind of coffee do you serve at your coffee hour? How much does it cost and why? Where does it come from? Who grows it? This article is written to spread the "good news" of fairly traded coffee to those who have not yet heard it.

Two and one half years ago, St. Andrew's, St. Johnsbury, joined our UCC neighbors, St. Mark's, Newport, and over 4000 other communities of faith in the US and Canada in the Interfaith Coffee Program of Equal Exchange. We now serve "Fellowship Blend" fairly traded coffee at our coffee hours and every function where we offer hospitality.

We also sell Equal Exchange fairly traded coffees, teas and cocoa to our parishioners and friends and use the proceeds for mission. Last Christmas, many parishioners, even non-coffee drinkers, gave fairly traded products as gifts, enabling us to make generous contributions to our local food shelf and Heifer Project International.

It took a while for the project to catch on, for fairly traded coffee is more expensive. But we learned that drinking a cup of fairly traded coffee is "drinking a cup of justice," as one Lutheran Pastor has observed.

Coffee is one of the world's most highly traded commodities in a market dominated by a few multinational corporations. The world market price for coffee fluctuates drastically. Of the current 56 cents per pound, small coffee growers are lucky to get a few pennies. However, on the fair trade market growers receive \$1.26 per pound

and \$1.41 for certified organically grown beans, no matter how low the world market price. If that price goes up, growers in the fair trade market get more.

Much of the world's coffee is grown on large plantations where producing crops cheaply and quickly is the name of the game. Rainforest lands have been cleared for coffee production in the sun, the soil plied with chemical fertilizers. Not only does coffee grow naturally in the shade, but also the destruction of the rainforest has well known global consequences, including the loss of winter habitat of many North American bird species. At St. Andrew's, learning about the coffee trade has lead many of us to reflect on the "real cost" to human beings and the environment of not only "cheap" coffee, but other things we can buy so inexpensively in this country.

Equal Exchange, a 16 year-old fair trade company based in Canton, MA, trades with democratically run coops in South and Central America, Africa and Asia. Just one option for purchasing fairly traded coffees and teas, Equal Exchange began its Interfaith Program with the American Friends Service Committee and Lutheran World Service. More information is available at www.equalexchange.com or by calling 781-830-0303. And, of course, we at St. Andrew's would be happy to be of help in launching a fair trade coffee hour and/or project in your parish. Write Anne Coulter: anco@kingcon.com.

Anne Coulter is a member of St. Andrew's, St. Johnsbury.

Rock Point Summer Conferences 2003

Rock Point Summer Conferences are held at the Episcopal Diocese of Vermont's camp and conference center on the shore of Lake Champlain in Burlington, Vermont. Campers are involved in a full schedule of activities each day and have many opportunities to develop close and lasting friendships.

The daily schedule includes a thematic educational program, recreation (swimming, hiking, sports, etc.), creative interest groups, and a daily cycle of prayer. Cookouts, special programs and Banquet Night round out the week.

Most of the Bishop Booth Conference Center facilities are available for camp use, including the dining room, the chapel, common rooms of Kerr Hall, the beach at Eagle Bay and Fred's beach. Campers live in four cabins, each under the direction of a permanent staff counselor. Resident and volunteer staff and their families live in Van Dyck Hall and Butterfield Hall.

High School Conference

A "design team" of young people and adults is crafting a program based on the theme, "Exploring Our Faith and Building Bridges." Today, more than ever, young people are confronted with different faiths and customs. At times this can be confusing, and many wish they understood more. Exploring prayer and worship allows young people to learn about different religions and compare them to the Christian faith. There will be guest speakers and activities, and participants will be encouraged to go deeper into their own Christian faith.

Middle School Conference

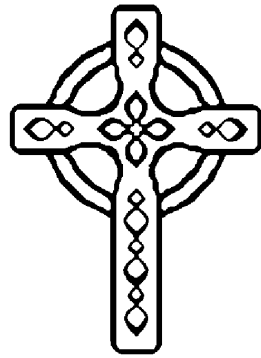
Middle school participants will focus on inclusion, building community and survival. The planning group decided to play with the theme of the popular TV show, "Survivor," and, after a few adjustments, the resulting theme resembles something like, "Survival, and everybody stays."

Grades 5 & 6 Conference

The theme for the week is "Aslan is on the Move." During this conference we will travel through the magic wardrobe with Peter, Susan, Lucy and Edmond into the magical land of Narnia. In Narnia we will meet with Mr. Tumnus, Mr. and Mrs. Beaver, the White Witch and of course Aslan. We will consider our values and relationships through film, drama, games, arts and crafts, songs, and prayer. At the end of the week we will celebrate and remember life changing moments in our lives.

Grades 3 & 4 Conference

Third and fourth graders will explore the environment and what it means to be good environmental stewards. Rock Point is an excellent place to explore creation and how God calls us to care for the earth and all that live on it.



**A program
of the
Episcopal Diocese
of Vermont,
providing
opportunities
for
participants
to experience
"the Holy Rhythm"
of
Christian community
in an intimate,
supportive, and
loving
environment.**



Arts Conference

This year's theme came from the Diocesan Convention Resolution on racism. Dismantling racism would mean that we celebrate diversity, and as one young person said, we need to "make it into an action." Thus the Arts Conference will be "Celebrating Diversity through the Arts" by focusing on building a "peace village." The peace village uses artistic forms such as those from Native American and Muslim prayer traditions to find ways to explore other religions and understand different methods of prayer. Artists from the Vermont area will work with the young people, and the morning program will help participants explore our common ground through prayer. There will be time for swimming and sports, but much time will be spent in creative activities and in experiencing God in new and exciting ways.

All Ages Conference

The All Ages Conference gathers at Rock Point to enjoy membership in the Christian community. Age limits have never been imposed on this group, and the size of the families participating varies from one to ten members. The theme this year will be "Living Waters: Exploring Baptism."

The daily routine includes three meals, three chapel services, morning and evening programs, quiet time, and an unstructured time in the afternoon. All activities are optional, and child care is provided for most activities in which young children do not wish to share. Music is an integral part in camp activities, and many campers bring their own instruments to share in the joy. The All Ages Conference is a true multigenerational Christian community.

Bike Trip

Experienced bikers will lead the group on a tour through the Connecticut Valley. The trip promises to be another terrific year of cycling, swimming and the annual trip favorite, eating. The trip will begin on August 9 and end 16. Details will be available soon.

Summer Conference Staff

Connie Saeger-Proctor, Canon for Youth Ministry will oversee the summer conferences. We are seeking a new director and an assistant director. Watch the Mountain Echo for further news. Bonnie Fournier of Holy Trinity, Swanton, will return as cook, and each conference will have a nurse on staff.

Each week, a team of adult volunteers from various congregations around the diocese will lead the morning spiritual program. The team will also participate in camp activities. This year, young people will be added to the volunteer staff for high school. Together the young people and the adults will develop, design and lead the conference.

A team of counselors—three female and three male—will lead the afternoon and evening activities. Some counselors will be returning from last year, and some will be prior—and in some cases long term—campers.

2002 Rock Point Summer Conferences



Fees

Fees are \$170 per camper for all residential conferences except the All-Ages Conference, for which the fees are \$125 per adult and \$60 per child. The maximum for a family at All Ages is \$400.

The fee for the bike conference is \$180.

A deposit of \$50 is needed at the time of registration for residential programs and \$60 for the bike trip. Scholarships are available. Please speak to your parish priest or Connie Saeger-Proctor (802-479-1246; clsproctor@dioceseofvermont.org).

Need to Know More?

For more details about the Rock Point Summer Conferences, please contact Connie Saeger-Proctor (802-479-1246; clsproctor@dioceseofvermont.org).

To find out about skill levels needed for the bike trip, contact the trip leader, the Rev. Brad Clark at St. James', Arlington: 802-375-9952.



Smoking Policy

Rock Point is a smoke free environment. No smoking is permitted on the grounds.

Please Note!

- ❖ Scholarships are available; consult your local parish priest or Connie Saeger-Proctor (802-479-1246; clsproctor@dioceseofvermont.org) for more information.
- ❖ Rock Point Conferences are open to everyone, regardless of religious creed, race, color, or national origin.
- ❖ Conferences are open to children just finishing the grades indicated.
- ❖ Upon receipt of registration, a letter will be sent to you with details of arrival and departure times, what to bring, and other important information.
- ❖ The real cost per camper is \$230. Those who can pay this amount are encouraged to do so.
- ❖ Register early! Enrollment is limited!

Volunteer Staff Retreat Weekend

Friday, May 16–Saturday, May 17

All volunteer staff are invited to participate in this special training and orientation retreat at Rock Point. For information, contact Connie Saeger-Proctor (802-479-1246; clsproctor@dioceseofvermont.org).

Conference Dates & Leaders

Senior High

June 29-July 5

Leaders: Connie Saeger-Proctor and the Sr. High Design Team
Grades 9-12*

Junior High

July 6-12

Leader: Stephanie Keitel
Grades 7-8*

Grades 5 & 6

July 13-19

Leader: Marianne Marshall

Grades 3 & 4

July 20-26

Leaders: Jenny Ogelby and the Rev. Gordon Bardos

Arts Conference

July 27-August 2

Leader: TBA
Grades 6-8*

All Ages Conference

August 3-9

Leaders: Kim Woodbury, Connie Saeger-Proctor and the Rev. Peggy Crane

Bike Trip

Aug 9-16

Leaders: The Rev. Brad Clark and John Bertelson
Grades 7-12*

*Indicates grades just finished.

2003 Registration

Camper Name _____

Parents' Names _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____

Finishing Grade _____ Age _____ Sex _____

Parish _____

Conferences

- High School (June 29-July 5)
- Middle School (July 6-12)
- Grades 5 & 6 (July 13-19)
- Grades 3 & 4 (July 20-26)
- Arts Conference (July 27-August 2)
- All Ages Conference (August 3-9)
- Bike Trip (August 9-16)

For ALL conferences, please return this form with a (non-refundable) \$50 deposit to:

Rock Point Summer Conferences
The Episcopal Diocese of Vermont
5 Rock Point Road
Burlington, VT 05401

All Ages Conference (ONLY)

Please list names and ages of each person:

IMPORTANT! If you are attending two or more conferences, please complete one form for each. Obtain extra brochures from your church office, or photocopy this form.



Connie Saeger-Proctor photos



Bus travelers to Vermont Day at the National Cathedral had unique experience

When last month's Mountain Echo went to press, the group who traveled to Vermont Day at Washington's National Cathedral by bus were still on their way home to Vermont. Although bus problems and a snowstorm kept them from the cathedral's morning service, and much of their time was spent snowed-in at the National 4-H Center in suburban Maryland, they did participate in Evensong at the cathedral, take a bus tour of Washington's monuments and visit some of the Smithsonian's museums.

Connie Saeger-Proctor, canon for youth ministry and organizer of the trip, received high praise for her efforts and flexibility. Chaperone Andrew Pillsbury said, "[She] did a great job with logistics, coping with all of the changes in plan, and keeping us together and happy." Aside from the burdens of being in charge, Connie said a memorable part of the trip for her was the Monday night bus tour of downtown Washington. They had the city to themselves and saw its monuments as part of a rare quiet and snow-filled landscape.

Some members of the group shared their impressions in parish newsletters:

Top: Vermont Day group with their bus at the National 4H Center.

Bottom: Members of the group prepare to process at the cathedral's evening service.

Brian Mick of Trinity, Shelburne, said, "Washington, DC, definitely doesn't know how to deal with snow... Many people were shoveling with whatever they had, including a few dustpans. That was the best."

Sara Jones, a chaperone from St. Paul's, White River Junction, wrote, "Once inside [the cathedral], God's presence was sensed immediately. All the hassles of getting there, the long trip, snow, and bus problems just faded away... As I sat across the aisle from all the acolytes, I watched them looking at the splendor of that great place of worship and saw excitement and awe in their eyes. It was great to watch and hear them point out the things they saw to each other and us."

Emily, an acolyte from St. Paul's, thought, "The Smithsonian Museum was wonderful... I personally think that the best part other than the things we saw, was making new friends and seeing new people from different churches."

Andrew Pillsbury, also from St. Paul's, wrote, "I will never forget the sight of the group storming the snowy steps of the Lincoln Memorial and sliding down on scraps of cardboard. We enjoyed the historic sites in a truly Vermont fashion!" He expressed gratitude "for the opportunity to get to know a great group of kids, and see them make new friends and grow, even a little bit." ❧

2003 Diocesan Committee/Board Members to be appointed by the Bishop

Commission on Ministry

Four Members (1 cleric, 3 lay people) to be appointed by the Bishop to three-year terms

The Commission assists the bishop in determining present and future needs for the ministry of all baptized persons and for ordained and lay professional ministries. It is responsible for selecting persons for Holy Orders and guiding the ordination process, and it promotes, and oversees funds for, continuing education for clergy and lay persons. The commission meets four to six times per year, usually on Saturdays in Burlington. Contact person: the Rev. Lee Alison Crawford, chair (485-6011).

Canons Committee

Five Members to be appointed by the Bishop to one-year terms

The committee reviews proposed amendments to the diocesan canons and reviews the canons with respect to their internal consistency and agreement with the

national canons. Contact person: Steven Marshall, chair (868-3369).

Credentials Committee

Three Members to be appointed by the Bishop to one-year terms

The committee oversees the credentials and seating of delegates at Diocesan Convention. Contact person: John Rouleau (863-1104).

Dispatch Of Business

Seven Members to be appointed by the Bishop to one-year terms

The committee serves as a planning and operations committee for Diocesan Convention. It sets the agenda and arranges for speakers, workshops, worship and other planning as needed. Contact person: James Larkin, chair (878-8047).

Nominating Committee

Eight Members to be appointed by the Bishop to one-year terms

The committee solicits and approves nominations for election to Convention offices. Contact person: Mary Lou Ashton, chair (865-9912).

Resolutions Committee

Six Members to be appointed by the Bishop to one-year terms

The committee reviews resolutions proposed for consideration by Convention, puts them in proper form, and holds hearings prior to convention. Contact person: Laura Chase, chair (483-2995).

Rock Point Board

Three Members to be elected to three-year terms; two members to be appointed by the Bishop to three year terms

See list below for responsibilities.

Rock Point Summer Conferences Committee

Three Members to be appointed by the Bishop to three year terms

The committee is responsible for the planning and operation of the annual Rock Point Summer Conferences. Contact person: Connie Saeger-Proctor (479-1246).

Diocesan Treasurer

Nominated by the Bishop and elected by Diocesan Council for a term of 3 years

The Treasurer is chair of the Finance Committee, Treasurer of Convention, holds seat and voice, but no vote, on Diocesan Council, is an *ex officio* member of Oversight and Audit Committee, serves with the Bishop and Secretary of Convention as a committee with full authority to deal with matters connected with the Church Pension Fund, serves as consultant to Council in preparation of the annual diocesan budget, and is an *ex officio* member of the Rock Point Board. The Treasurer must work cooperatively with the Financial Administrator and may appoint an assistant treasurer, with the approval of the Bishop. ❧

2003 Diocesan Committee/Board Members to be elected at Convention

Brookhaven Trustees

Three members to be elected for three-year terms

The Board has full jurisdiction and authority over the management and operation of the Brookhaven Home and School, including the program, discipline and regulation, and the engagement or dismissal of faculty and staff. The Board meets the third Wednesday of the month at 3:30 P.M. Contact Person: Dr. Brewster Martin, President (685-4541).

Diocesan Council

Four at-large members to be elected for two-year terms and Two Youth Representatives to be elected for one year terms

The Bishop and the Council exercise the executive powers of the Diocese between

conventions and are responsible for the promotion of the mission of the church. The Council, in consultation with the Treasurer of the Diocese, prepares a comprehensive budget each year for submission to the annual Convention. Of the 26 elected members, 16 are elected by deaneries, 8 are at-large members and 2 are youth members. The Council meets five Saturdays per year at various locations from 10 A.M.-2 P.M. Contact person: Lynn Bates, Canon to the Ordinary (863-3431 or 800-286-3437).

Ecclesiastical Court

Five members (3 clerics, 2 lay people) to be elected to four-year terms

The Court is responsible for conducting trials of cases relating to ecclesiastical discipline of clergy under Title IV of the can-

ons of the national church. At least one member "shall be learned in the law." There are no regularly scheduled meetings. Contact person: Lynn Bates, Canon to the Ordinary (863-3431 or 800-286-3437).

Oversight and Audit Committee

Two members (1 cleric, 1 lay person) to be elected to three-year terms and one vacancy to be filled to 2004

The committee of three clergy and three lay persons is responsible for implementing and enforcing the audit, financial reporting, funds management and other requirements of diocesan and national canons relating to diocesan and parish financial management. They provide resources and consulting to parishes and diocesan organizations and are responsible for an annual

audit of accounts of the Diocese and Trustees. The committee meets several times a year. Contact person: Alice Rouleau, Chair (658-1438).

Rock Point Board

Three members to be elected to three-year terms; two members to be appointed by the Bishop to three-year terms

The Board is responsible for administration and maintenance of the buildings and grounds of Rock Point. The duties include planning for the use, maintenance, management and security of the property and purchasing and contracting for all goods and services. The Board normally meets every third Wednesday of the month in Bur-

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More Coming Events

Congregational Studies Programs

Episcopal Divinity School

99 Brattle Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts

Developing Public Leaders for the 21st Century

Saturday, April 5, 2003, 10 A.M. to 3 P.M.

This workshop will introduce participants to the basics of congregation-based organizing: developing relationships within the congregation and beyond, discovering people's passions, understanding and building power, and taking public action. Leaders are the Rev. Geoff Curtiss, rector of All Saints', Hoboken, NJ, Fran Early of Trinity Church, Boston, and Stephanie Spellers, an EDS student.

Cost is \$40 per person, \$80 for groups of 2-4 with advance registration; \$50 per person, \$90 for groups of 2-4 at the door. Includes lunch and materials. Cathedral Crossing Bookstore available. For information contact Adrien Doherty in the Congregational Studies Office, adoherty@episdivschool.edu; 617-868-3450, ext. 380.

Lecture by Kenneth Leech

Spiritual Direction and the Pursuit of Justice

Wednesday, April 9, 2003, 7 to 8:30 P.M.

Kenneth Leech is an Anglican priest living in London, where he has had a long ministry of social activism in the poorest parts of the city. The lecture is free. Please sign up with Adrien Doherty, adoherty@episdivschool.edu; 617-868-3450, ext. 380.

Mary Pipher on work with refugees

Tuesday, April 8, 2003, 7 P.M.

Unitarian Universalist Church, Pearl Street, Burlington

The author of *Middle of Everywhere: The World's Refugees Come to Town* and *Reviving Ophelia*, will speak of her involvement with refugees in Lincoln, Nebraska and the valuable lessons she has learned, particularly in light of September 11. She will also offer advice to the greater Burlington community on how to make our growing refugee population feel more at home. This event is free and open to the public. Pipher will be available after the talk to sign books. For more information, call Joyce Carroll at 802-878-4655.

Embracing a World of Diversity

Strategies for Supporting Identity and Building Community

Wednesday, April 9-Thursdays, April 10, 2003

Radisson Hotel, Burlington

The second annual Northern New England Conference on Refugee Health is designed for a broad array of human service providers who work with refugees or others who are often seen as outside the dominant culture. Dr. Mary Pipher, nationally renowned speaker, psychologist and author, will open the conference. A variety of workshops will be offered, and the conference will conclude with a panel presentation by four Burlington area residents—including Rebeccan Flewelling and Peter Galbraith of St. Paul's Cathedral—who will discuss how embracing diversity and being open to humanity have enriched their lives.

The fee of \$150 includes continental breakfast and lunch both days. Registration deadline is April 1. For information, call 802-656-3888.

Claiming the Blessing – New England

Saturday, May 3, 9 A.M.-4 P.M.

Episcopal Divinity School, 99 Brattle Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts

A gathering to celebrate and strategize for the full inclusion of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people in the Episcopal Church. The featured speaker is the Rev. Susan Russell, the executive director of Claiming the Blessing, a collaborative effort of the leading Episcopal LGBT organizations (Integrity, the Oasis ministries, and Beyond Inclusion), in partnership with other church justice organizations and leaders, all working together to promote wholeness in human relationships, to heal the rift between sexuality and spirituality in the Church, and to obtain approval of a liturgical blessing of the faithful, monogamous relationship between two adults of any gender at General Convention 2003. **A theology statement about blessings may be downloaded at www.claimtheblessing.org.**

The fee of \$20 includes breakfast, lunch and materials. Waivers are available. To register, contact Adrien Doherty at (617) 868-3450, Ext. 380, or e-mail adoherty@episdivschool.edu. Registration forms are also available at the EDS website: www.episdivschool.edu. Registration deadline is April 22.

St. Stephen's seeks part-time church musician

Musician-rector (former SCCM) committed to music that supports excellent liturgy. Fine 16-stop 1875 Johnson tracker organ; volunteer choir; competitive salary. For job description and details, contact the Rev. Catherine Nichols St. Stephen's Church, PO Box 223, Middlebury, VT 05753; 802-388-7200; revcpn@together.net.

Trinity offers noon organ concerts

Trinity Episcopal Church has announced a special series of organ concerts to inaugurate the 25th consecutive year of their semi-annual Friday noon Luncheon Music Series. These free concerts have been presented by the church to the Rutland area each Spring and Fall since 1979 and have featured many prominent local and New England artists. The programs this year are scheduled somewhat earlier in the season than has been customary to coincide with a project to repair the 80 year-old E. M. Skinner organ.

The series opened March 21, with a concert by Alan Walker, Organist Emeritus of Grace Congregational Church, now at Proctor Union Church. George Matthew, Jr., of Brandon, played on March 28. He is Music Director of the Middlebury Congregational Church and *carillonneur* of Middlebury College and Norwich University.

Betty Clark, Trinity organist, will play a recital on April 4, featuring compositions by and honoring former organists and friends of Trinity Church.

John Riddle, Fellow of the American Guild of Organists and presently organist at St. Peter Church, will conclude this series with a recital of Lent and Easter music.

All concerts—at 12:05 on the four Fridays—are in the church at 85 West St. All are free and the public is invited to bring lunch, with tea and coffee provided. Please call 775-4368 for more information. ☩

Safe Church Training session scheduled

Zion Church, Manchester Center
April 12, 2003, 8:45 A.M.-3:30 P.M.

The training addresses issues of sexual exploitation and harassment and abuse of children and other vulnerable populations.

Please register in advance so we will have enough materials available. Plan to bring lunch. Contact Anne Brown, 802-672-5250, or abrown@vermontel.net.

Vermonters attend education conference

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the Episcopal Church's first African American priest.

An advocate for children's ministry and "ministry with children" for over 20 years, Turner said young people "must be at the center of the church's mission and be included in and involved in the worship, ministry and total life of the church so far as they are able."

Keynote speaker Dr. Robert Kegan, Professor of Adult Learning and Professional Development at the Harvard University Graduate School of Education, said, "Your faith will have children if they are well held, if they feel well held—if the person we are holding is not just a person of our imagination but a person who is actually there in front of us." He emphasized the importance of accepting the individuality of children. Parents can blind themselves by being so fused to their children, seeing them "as an extension of ourselves and our own aspirations for ourselves."

Dr. Parker Palmer, writer, teacher, activist, and author of *The Courage to Teach*, agreed. He said too many kids are alienated by religious education that is "distant, uninviting, unengaging and lifeless." What

they are missing Palmer claimed is the one element that children most need: a relationship with adults around matters of weight and significance. "A living, breathing adventure, hand in hand with an adult seeker. That is an adventure in faith," Palmer said.

Will the Episcopal Church have children? Part of the answer may come when General Convention this summer considers a resolution from the Standing Commission on Domestic Mission and Evangelism that would commit \$4 million to fund a children's minister, a youth minister, and a young adult minister in every congregation, and an Episcopal ministry on every college campus. The money would be funneled through the provinces, said the Rev. LeeAnne Watkins, a commission member from the Diocese of Minnesota, but it will be up to the dioceses and provinces to develop the programs and resources to realize the goal.

The team representing the Diocese of Vermont at this event was sponsored by Bishop Ely, and was comprised of the Rev. Paul Carling of St. Michael's, Brattleboro; Christine Moseley of St. Mark's, Newport; Jenny Ogelby of St. James', Essex Junction; Carole Wageman of Christ Church, Montpelier; and the Rev. Tanya Wallace of St. Paul's Cathedral, Burlington. The diocesan team represents a wide variety of interests and expertise in Christian education and formation, and it hopes to be able to offer itself as a resource to the diocese in the near future.

David Skidmore, writing for Episcopal News Service, and the Vermont participants at the conference contributed to this article.

The first session of the Leadership Program for Musicians Serving Small Congregations

has been changed to May 16-17

There is still room for new participants. Contact the Rev. Catherine Nichols, 802-388-7200; revcpn@together.net.

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ST. THOMAS' & GRACE, Brandon/Forest Dale, are engaged in a planning process that has identified evangelism, stewardship and communication as top priorities in parish life. Guests and former members will be invited to a "history afternoon," with tea, fellowship and displays of old photographs and memorabilia. This year is the 150th anniversary of the Grace Church building, consecrated on July 20, 1853 by Bishop Hopkins. Plans for a celebration are under way.

The church school and the Second Sunday group at ST. STEPHEN'S, Middlebury, will hold a potluck family seder the evening of Palm Sunday. St. Stephen's bid a fond farewell to their choir director, **Don Corbett** and his wife **Rose**, who have moved to Nova Scotia.

TRINITY, Rutland, is sponsoring a special series of organ concerts to inaugurate the 25th consecutive year of the semi-annual Friday noon Luncheon Music Series [see Page I]. The programs this year are in conjunction with a project to repair the 80 year-old E. M. Skinner organ.

Jeanne Wisner of ST. PAUL'S, Vergennes, who has traveled extensively in Tibet, gave a talk and slide presentation on "Tibet: The People of Lhasa" on Mar. 9. The St. Paul's ECW will hold a Book and Bargain Sale on June 14.

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ST. JAMES', Arlington, is offering a Lenten video and discussion series featuring Bishop **John Shelby Spong** on four Saturday evenings at 6 P.M. beginning Mar. 15. Childcare is provided and refreshments will be served to fuel discussion on racism, sexism, the fall and redemption myths, theism and Christ beyond Incarnation. **Judie Brower** and **Joanna Taylor** are chairing a spring bulb and perennial fundraiser.

Organist **Rebecca Sampson** will attend the new cycle of the Leadership Program for Musicians classes. On Mar. 15, the Men of St. James' sponsored a breakfast and discussion of the Dead Sea Scrolls.

Every Friday evening during Lent at 5:30 P.M. at ST. PETER'S, Bennington, Deacon **Penny Hawkins** is leading the Stations of the Cross. The youth group met in early February to plan future activities. The Rev. **William Coyne**, archdeacon of the Diocese of Western Massachusetts, led the vestry in a retreat and mutual review of ministry.

The congregations of the SLATE VALLEY MINISTRY—Castleton/Fair Haven, Poultney and Wells—have been busy since their last report. Space does not permit a full recount, but among their many joint activities have been a St. Francis day celebration at ST. PAUL'S, Wells, with a bless-

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compiled and reported by the Mountain Echo "Deanery Bureau Chiefs"

ing of the animals, an All Saints' celebration at TRINITY, Poultney, and a potluck and crowning of the king at ST. MARK'S, Castleton. In November, St. Mark's and St. Luke's, Castleton/Fair Haven, joined St. John's Catholic Church and the Federated Church, both of Castleton, in an ecumenical Christmas Bazaar.

St. Mark's/St. Luke's has for several years had a bazaar and silent auction the Saturday before Thanksgiving, and the monies generated go to organizations such as the Heifer Project, Grace Children's Home, (an orphanage); Mission Home in Rutland; Fair Haven Food Shelf; Castleton Food Shelf; Fair Haven Concerned; E.R.D.; Brookhaven Home; and Dismas House in Rutland (a halfway house for convicts). The Sunday school children put on a Christmas pageant, directed by **Amy Brown**, with music by organist, **Mary Peters**.

St. Paul's, Wells, has a rummage sale on the second Wednesday of the month at their parish hall on North Street.

Southeast Deanery 4

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This month's news from the Southeast is not starting out on a "cherry" note. In fact, we have decided to remove Feb. 24 from the calendar altogether! The Rev. **Thomas Hayes**, Rector of ST. PAUL'S, Windsor suffered a heart attack on that date. He underwent angioplasty and a stint implant. After rehab to regain his strength, he will undergo another operation to correct a malfunctioning heart valve. Doctors are expecting a complete recovery.

On the same day **Paul Darnauer**, one of the "pillars" of GETHSEMANE, Proctorsville, also had heart problems. He was airlifted to DHMC where he had triple bypass surgery. He was home in 72 hours and is progressing nicely. Following their March 2, service the people of Gethsemane had an intergenerational activity building modern-day stations of the cross to be used throughout Lent during their mid-week evening service and soup suppers.

On Tuesday evenings during Lent, IMMANUEL, Bellows Falls, will have a study program focusing on the videos "Peter and Paul" and "Reconciliation Walk" (a chronicle of the three year journey of a group of European Christians who walked the Crusades route to Jerusalem seeking reconciliation with Muslims and Jews along the way).

Some of the folks at ST. MICHAEL'S, Brattleboro, are meeting during Lent to read and discuss Carol Lee Flinders's book, *At the Root of Longing: Reconciling a Spiritual Hunger and a Feminist Thirst*. Churches of the Brattleboro area, St. Mike's among them, held their annual "fun-d-raisers," Men Who Cook Dinner, in late March. Proceeds go to various local charities.

ST. LUKE'S, Chester, is participating in the local ecumenical services held each Wednesday during Lent at a different

church. A video series based on the New Testament is being offered after the Sunday morning coffee hours during Lent.

The folks at ST. MARK'S, Springfield, and their counterparts at ST. LUKE'S, Charlestown, NH, are gathering together weekly during Lent for pot luck followed by readings/discussion of four Dorothy Sayers radio plays from "The Man Born to be King," which deals with the passion. In late February, the Rev. **Anne Webb** was one of the hosts of an interfaith discussion of concerns about the impending war with Iraq.

ST. MARY'S IN THE MOUNTAINS, Wilmington, are doing a Wednesday evening Lenten program on the Diocesan Convention Peace Resolution. It starts with the typical Episcopal pot-luck and includes videos, discussion, and prayer, focusing on how can we as Christians be peaceful during a time of war.

Three Rivers Deanery 5

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CHRIST CHURCH, Bethel, has named its newsletter: *The Ambassador* seems appropriate for these times, especially given its accompanying Scripture passage: "So we are ambassadors for Christ..." (2 Corinthians 5:20). Congratulations to **Karen** and the Rev. **John Speerstra**, who will join the Vermont board of the Leadership Program for Musicians (LPM)! Using their Lutheran heritage and expertise, Karen and John will also help staff particular courses.

The Rev. **John Morris** suggested to parishioners of ST. MARTIN'S, Fairlee, that they can learn a lot about Lent and Easter from watching the film, *Chocolat*. He writes, "The movie is an excellent reminder that the season of Lent is most profitably spent on improving relationships and overcoming barriers—within oneself, with other people, and, ultimately with God..."

OUR SAVIOUR, Killington, has joined with the local UCC congregation to provide a place for prayer in the event of war. The Rev. **Diane Root** has also participated in "just war" discussions at Vermont Technical College in Randolph. Their Lent program is focusing on dismantling racism.

In February, ST. BARNABAS', Norwich, welcomed guest preacher **Rizek Abusharr**, recently retired Director General of the Jerusalem International YMCA; a men's group and a book club started meeting; and a Stewardship Committee initiative on making the church more environmentally friendly started taking shape. The Rev. **Sarah Horton** announced her retirement as rector in June, commending the "outstanding strengths" and "unique character" of this "remarkably gifted" community.

The congregation of ST. JOHN'S, Randolph, is focusing on "Racism in Vermont" for Lent, with video presentations, discussion opportunities, and guest speakers. The Pastoral Care Committee welcomes new communicants with loaves of bread. The Rev. **Timothy Eberhardt** received accolades from the whole parish recently for

his work in "shaping a fine chaplaincy program" at Gifford Medical Center in Randolph.

What better way to follow up a pre-Lenten exploration of the images of Jesus in each of the Gospels than with Compassionate Listening? ST. PAUL'S, White River Junction, hosted a workshop on this "dynamic" and "transforming" process in March. According to their newsletter, *The Vine*, Compassionate Listening "involves noticing one's own judgments, putting them aside...in order to be truly present."

The people of ST. JAMES, Woodstock, have discovered a new saint: St. Jox! Patron saint of St. James Outdoor EXperiences, St. Jox likes to encourage the parish family to go out of doors. Early suggestions include a ValleyQuest walk, a canoe trip, leaf-peeping bike ride, and caroling on a horse-drawn sleigh. Though unnamed, it appears St. James has a patron saint of fellowship as well. Their calendar of new and long-standing fellowship events for the year takes up almost a whole page of their most recent newsletter!

Central Vermont Deanery 6

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Deanery members met Mar. 29, at Christ Church, Montpelier, to hear guest speaker **Paul Costello**, representing the Vermont Council on Rural Development, who led a conversation about how the work of the churches can support community development efforts. VCRD is a neutral policy body that works to unite all sides in a conversation to find ways to help communities come together, identify priorities and build plans for better futures. Rural development can have some relationship to economic justice.

In February, CHRIST CHURCH celebrated the 25th anniversary of Rector **David M. Hall's** ordination to the priesthood. The service began with a brilliant fanfare played by organist, **Brian Webb**. The lessons were those read at David Hall's ordination in Dayton Ohio.

"No way!" The Sunday morning Adult Forums begun in March continue on April 6 and 13 at 9:00 A.M., led by parishioner and seminarian **Carol Wageman**. This Bible study is exploring some of those difficult passages to which our reaction is "How can that be the Word of the Lord? No way!" Participants are considering what the authors were trying to say, discussing why the passages are so difficult, and offering their own "No way" passages.

Northeast Deanery 7

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ST. PETER'S, Lyndonville, celebrated Scout Sunday on Feb. 2, honoring all types of scouting. Parishioners of all ages worked on a nativity banner during Advent to decorate church, and a banner for Epiphany has just been completed. **Jean Davis** has made a Deanery 7 banner. A Lenten Bible study on the Gospel of Mark is being held before the service each Sunday. St. Peter's will take its turn on April 9, for the weekly ecumeni-

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St. Stephen's rings Revere bell

by Henry Prickitt

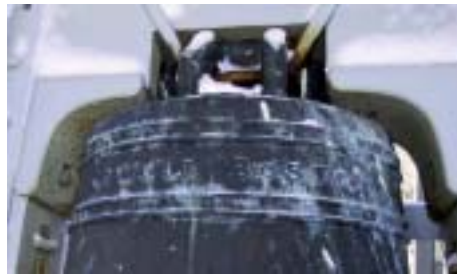
In December, Edward C. Stickney of Bedford, Massachusetts, wrote St. Stephen's, Middlebury, seeking verification that the church has a Revere bell, cast in 1835 when Joseph Warren Revere, the son of Paul Revere, was in charge of the Revere Copper Company. If a Revere bell, it would be inscribed REVERE BOSTON. Jessica Hoagland, St. Stephen's parish administrator, turned the inquiry over to me.

I had made the climb to the belfry perhaps a dozen times, but I had never examined the bell for external markings. So up I went early in January, and there it was at the top of the south side of the bell: REVERE BOSTON.

Reporting my discovery to Edward Stickney made his day. He and his wife, Evelyn, have been tracing Revere bells for fifty years, finding 151 extant. Pending a visit in the spring, he asked for pictures and any documentation we could come upon. Elizabeth Allison agreed to look for documentation, and Granger Thurstone climbed with me to the belfry with his digital camera in hand.

Documentation has been difficult. Elizabeth discovered a letter—dated Boston, December 6, 1835—in a scrapbook kept by parishioner Henry Sheldon, founder of the Henry Sheldon Museum, that refers to a “bill for the Bell.” The cost of the bell, weighing 890 pounds, and the tongue, weighing 24 pounds, was \$219.26, priced at \$.24 per pound. The cost of the yoke for the bell was \$24.00, and an additional added 1/2 percent brought the total to \$236.53.

There is no mention of the Revere Copper Company in this letter, but we know that our church's bell is a Revere bell. We can



Granger Thurstone photo

only wonder when it arrived in Middlebury and when and how it was hoisted high in the air and placed in its headstock. I have found no mention of the bell in the local newspaper of the day. Perhaps the whole town was on hand to watch the bell installed and in no need of being told what they had already seen.

We may find further reference to the bell in the museum's research center or elsewhere. It is hard to believe that the evidence is not hidden in someone's letters, journals, diaries, or even business accounts. We shall keep looking.

Meanwhile, we are happy to know, thanks to Ed Stickney, that there are now eleven identified Revere bells in Vermont. Six are in Woodstock: St. James' Episcopal Church, the Congregational Church, the Universalist Church, the Masonic Hall, at the Woodstock Inn and one stored in a barn on the Rockefeller property. Others are in the First Congregational Church, Norwich, Immanuel Episcopal Church, Bellows Falls, the Congregational Church, Williamstown, and Bethany Congregational Church, Montpelier. Possibly there are others still to be identified.

Henry B. Prickitt is a member of St. Stephen's, Middlebury.

St. Martin's honors Julia Fifield

by Hank Buermeyer

St. Martin's, Fairlee, surprised and honored parish member and Orford, NH resident Julia Fifield by declaring January 19, the day of the annual parish meeting, “Julia Fifield Day.” The vestry resolution notes that she is often called “The Matriarch of Saint Martin's.”

Fifield has been a parishioner at St. Martin's since the early 1960s, when the congregation worshipped in the Fairlee Town Hall. The present church building was built in 1963 and dedicated on November 17 of that year by then-Bishop Harvey Butterfield.

Fifield has served St. Martin's in many capacities over the years, including worship leader, lay reader, senior warden, greeter, overseer of gardens and grounds, “and an all-around spreader of good cheer.” She will continue to serve as parish historian.

Bishop Thomas C. Ely sent a letter to Julia Fifield that was read aloud during the annual meeting. He congratulated her for this recognition, and for assuming the role of parish historiographer. “This is certainly a most appropriate position of honor for someone who has contributed so much to the life and history of Saint Martin's,” he wrote. “The fact that you have been at the center of most if not all of the history of Saint Martin's should insure an accurate accounting.”



Hank Buermeyer photo

Bishop Ely's letter continued, “Your tireless ministries of leadership and service have helped to build a solid foundation for the many years of history yet to be written. Years from now when we have all gone to our reward, the people of Saint Martin's and of the Episcopal Diocese will look back on your contributions and marvel at all that you meant in the life of Saint Martin's. I do so even now.”

Hank Buermeyer is a member of St. Martin's, Fairlee.

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cal Lenten service and lunch.

ST. ANDREW'S, St. Johnsbury, held a war tax resistance informational meeting on Mar. 2. There were four presenters and ten inquirers. Follow-up meetings will continue this important discussion of faith in action. St. Andrew's continues to have Taizé worship the first Sunday of the month at 6 P.M.

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Our Lenten season culminates in the celebration of Easter on April 20. Check your newsletters for the schedule of Holy Week observances. Lenten study groups are taking place in many parishes and offer a rich opportunity for education and dialogue.

The CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, Burlington, is doing a photo membership directory. The Outreach Committee will hold a retreat April 4-5 to focus on plans for a new Jubilee Center Ministry at the Cathedral.

ST. ANDREW'S, Colchester, offered an instructed Eucharist at both services March 23. The 7-9 grades Sunday School class fin-

ished the baby quilt they will donate to the Lund Family Center.

ST. JAMES', Essex Junction, is selling summer bulbs as a fundraiser, and the annual spring rummage sale is set for April 25-26. A Lenten luncheon series with the theme, “Faith Spaces,” rotates among the Essex churches. A ten-week Alpha course began in March.

At TRINITY, Shelburne, the Lenten theme, “A Global Village,” focuses on areas of need—unity, peace, education, hunger and homelessness. The theme for each Sunday is integrated into the liturgy, music and prayers of the people. In addition, the Sunday School is helping to prepare Lenten cards for each member of the congregation. They are raising money for the Heifer Project, and the funds raised will be matched by the Mission and Outreach committee.

ALL SAINTS', South Burlington, celebrated the Spring Equinox with a peace walk on an indoor labyrinth. The restored organ was reinstalled at the end of March. The Lenten forum studied the biblical covenants. On April 6, the discussion focuses on Jeremiah 31:31. The Altar Guild seeks new members, as **Dorothy Austin** has retired after many years of service.

CALVARY, Underhill, used *War-A Primer for Christians*, by Joseph Allen, as the focus for Lenten discussions. ☩

Convention elective offices

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lington. Contact person: Stephen Reynes, Chair (229-1900).

Rock Point School Trustees

Four members to be elected to three-year terms

The Board of Trustees has full jurisdiction and authority over the management and operations of Rock Point School, including the curriculum, discipline, regulation and the engagement or dismissal of the faculty and staff. The Board meets quarterly (August, November, February, May), in Burlington. Contact person: John Rouleau, Headmaster (863-1104).

Standing Committee

Two members (1 cleric, 1 lay person) to be elected to four-year terms

The Standing Committee, consisting of four clergy and four lay persons, is an advisory committee to the bishop and acts in the absence of the bishop as the ecclesiastical authority of the diocese. The committee must consent to ordinations and to episcopal elections in other dioceses. The committee meets the third Tuesday of each

month in Randolph, 2:00–4:00 P.M. Contact person: The Very Rev. Ken Poppe, President (864-0471).

Trustees of the Diocese

One member to be elected to a seven-year term

The Board of Trustees is responsible for receiving, holding and properly disposing of all assets, real and personal, of the Diocese. In other words, the Board is owner of all diocesan property and is responsible for management of diocesan investments. The Board meets quarterly (January, April, July, October) in Burlington. Contact person: John Larson, President (234-5577).

Vermont Ecumenical Council and Bible Society

One member to be elected to a one-year term

The diocese elects one person to the Board of Trustees of the Vermont Ecumenical Council for a term of one year. The Council is made up of nine denominations. The board meets quarterly on the first Wednesday of June, September, December and March. Contact person: Peg Hamlin (878-4672). ☩

The Rev. Canon Frederick Beale, 1913-2003

The Rev. Canon Frederick Beale died on Friday, February 21, 2003, at Miles Memorial Hospital in Damariscotta, Maine, after a brief illness. He was born in England in 1913 and moved with his parents to Canada at the age of 10. He was ordained a deacon in 1952 and a priest in 1953. After serving some years in the Canadian church, he moved with his family to St. Albans, where he was rector of St. Luke's Church for five years. He then became rector of Immanuel Church in Bellows Falls, where he remained until he retired in 1980 to New Harbor, Maine. Survivors are his wife, Elizabeth (65 Schooner Street, Apt. 109, Damariscotta, ME 04543); two daughters and two grandsons.

A celebration of Canon Beale's life was held at St. Andrew's Church in Newcastle, Maine, on February 25. Burial will be in Immanuel Churchyard in Bellows Falls at a later date.

Diocesan Calendar

April 2003

- 2 Executive Committee, Diocesan Center, 1 PM
- 4 Visioning Data Collection Session, St. John's, Randolph, 2:30-5:30 PM
- 5 Diocesan Study Program, Mission Farm, Killington
- 6 Bishop at Jerusalem Gathering
- 7 **Deadline, May Mountain Echo**
- 12 Safe Church Training, Zion, Manchester, 8:45 AM
- 13 Palm Sunday, Bishop at St. John's, Randolph
- 18 Good Friday (Diocesan Office closed)
- 20 Easter, Bishop at St. Paul's Cathedral, Burlington
- 23 Rock Point Board, Diocesan Center, 1 PM
- 26 Visioning Session, St. John's, Randolph, 10 AM-12:30 PM

May 2003

- 1-3 Clergy Conference, Fairlee
- 3 Diocesan Study Program, Mission Farm, Killington
- 4 Bishop at Good Shepherd, Barre
- 6 Congregational Support and Resources, St. Stephen's, Middlebury
- 6 Trustees, Diocesan Center, 12:30 PM
- 7 Executive Committee, Christ Church, Montpelier, 1 PM
- 8 Altar Guild Annual Meeting, All Saints', South Burlington, 12:30 PM
- 9 **Deadline, June Mountain Echo**
- 9 Fresh Start, St. Barnabas', Norwich, 9:30 AM
- 9-10 Bishop's Advisory Commission on Ministry, BBCC
- 10 Journey to Adulthood Workshop, St. Stephen's, Middlebury, 10 AM-3 PM
- 11 Bishop at St. Luke's, St. Albans

Reserve time at BBCC for church retreats

by Debi Paterson

Many people have expressed the feeling of peace they sense the moment they drive through the gates of Rock Point. It is indeed sacred ground, a place to experience the presence and power of God. This is a place away where you can leave behind the pressures and distractions of life to focus on God's creation while walking on one of our many wooded trails, or watching the sunset over Lake

BBCC seeks church photos

by Debi Paterson

The Bishop Booth Conference Center staff has been working to improve the ambiance of our rooms. As we looked for appropriate artwork to hang, photographs of churches inspired us. We hope to hang photographs of Episcopal Diocese of Vermont churches in each bedroom. We need your help to complete our inspiring gallery and hope that your church will help us fulfill our mission.

Please let us know if you are interested in donating a picture, and we will provide more information regarding the size needed. Contact Debi or Anne at the Bishop Booth Center 802-658-6233 or email to bishopbooth@dioceseofvermont.org. ☘

Champlain. Add the joy of fellowship with new or old friends and feel the love of Christ.

Weekend dates at the Bishop Booth Conference Center are available for your retreat or meeting. Groups are able to reserve two years in advance. Contact Debi Paterson or Anne Ellis (802-658-6233; or bishopbooth@dioceseofvermont.org) soon to reserve your dates. Our staff is ready to serve you and assist with planning a program that will be refreshing and inspiring. Think about a:

- Spiritual Life Retreat
- Couples Weekend
- Youth Retreat
- Mother/Child or Father/Child Weekend
- Confirmation Retreat

Bishop Booth Conference Center is a modern, comfortable facil-

ity ideal for adult, family or youth groups. Bedrooms with 2-4 beds accommodate 62 people. All rooms in the Van Dyke Building have attached bathrooms, with linens and towels provided. Meeting spaces are comfortable, with a beautiful view of the lake from each window.

Rock Point Cabins are available from May-June 22, and August 10 through October. These cabins provide a great environment for youth group retreats. There are four cabins with 12 beds each, bathrooms with showers, and a wood stove. The adjacent recreation building has tables, chairs, refrigerator, stove, and sink. The cost of cabin and recreation building use is just \$12/person/day.

Debi Paterson is director of the Bishop Booth Conference Center.

Rock Point Summer Conferences Position Posting

The Rock Point Summer Conference Committee is taking applications for the following positions:

Director, Assistant Director, and Counselors

Job descriptions and salary information are available. For an application or more information, please contact Connie Saeger-Proctor, Canon for Youth Ministry at 802-479-1246 or clsproctor@dioceseofvermont.org.

Rock Point Summer Conference positions are diocesan positions and subject to background checks and diocesan personnel policies. Summer Conference training takes place June 25-28 and the conferences are June 29 through August 2. The application deadline is April 7, 2003.

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Diocesan Youth Committee Calendar

For more information about the activities of the Diocesan Youth Committee, contact Keri & Alden Franzoni
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May 11 Farewell to seniors
Church of Our Saviour, Killington

Bishop Booth Center welcomes new staff member

by Debi Paterson

Last fall, the Bishop Booth Center welcomed Anne Ellis to our team as the administrative assistant. Anne is like a breath of fresh air, bringing a unique blend of skills and experiences acquired in customer service, financial management and tour planning.

Anne lives in nearby Colchester with her husband Jeff Remillard, their three children, Kyler, Michaela and Camron, two cats and four Siberian hamsters for the "cats' entertainment."

She is a talented painter, and she hand-paints glass containers for a Vermont based company in her spare time. We recently learned that Anne has the gift of a lovely voice. She sings jazz and songs

from the past. She is also an avid knitter, loves to read and most of all enjoys spending time with her family.

Anne has adeptly learned the difficult job of reservations, scheduling, and guest services. She has fit right in with her cheerful smile and welcoming personality. Anne likes learning about the groups and their programs, and she especially loves meeting new people over the telephone and in person.

She said, "Just my being here at the Bishop Booth Conference Center gives me positive energy. I

wake up every morning looking forward to being at work and helping to make a difference in someone's life. I value knowing that I do make a difference in coordinating events that will run smoothly for those attending."

Anne's gifts of genuine warmth, high energy, and sense of humor enrich us. We are quite sure group leaders and guests will enjoy their contacts with this delightful individual. If you have occasion to talk with Anne, please welcome her to the Bishop Booth Conference Center team. ☘

The J. Warren and Lois McClure Discipleship-Discovery 2000 Fund

Funds Available for Parish Use As of March 1, 2003

Total Pledged	\$1,600,000
Pledges Received (92%)	\$1,464,545
Funds available:	
Initiative I	
The Bishop Butterfield Revolving Loan Fund	\$ 241,824
Initiative II	
The Talent and Resource Network	\$ 7,071
Initiative III	
The Congregation Renewal and Emergency Assistance Fund	\$ 0
Initiative IV	
The Diocesan Outreach Fund	\$ 11,698

Appropriate uses for each initiative, application forms and requirements may be found in the Diocesan Handbook. For further information, please call the Diocesan Office.

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every Saturday
from 2-2:30 P.M.
in front of
St. Paul's Cathedral
2 Cherry Street
Burlington**

Rock Point Spring Green-Up Volunteer Work Day Saturday, May 3, 9 AM to 5 PM

Gather round, Friends of Rock Point, families, church, and volunteer groups for a day of camaraderie, accomplishment, and working together. Make a difference in the ministries that will touch many lives by helping to prepare Rock Point for another year of ministry. Projects for all ages are planned. There is a job for everyone, including raking, clearing brush, gardening, trail work, washing windows, painting, cleaning, and more. Dress for work; bring gloves, a picnic lunch, and a smile. **Please contact Chuck Courcy (802-355-8737) or Debi Paterson (802-658-6233) if you will be joining us.**

If You Can't Volunteer May 3rd...

Call and tell us when you would like to volunteer. We are planning more workdays soon. Volunteers who are skilled in carpentry are also needed for a few special projects. Let us know what special skills you would like to use for the benefit of the ministries at Rock Point.