



## Congregations encouraged to become Jubilee Centers



Anne Clarke Brown photo

Keri Aubert (L) and Susanna Grannis (R) talk with the Rev. Carmen Guerrero, Episcopal Church Officer for Jubilee Ministry at the Rutland Jubilee Ministry gathering. Aubert and Grannis are the new diocesan Jubilee Ministry Officers.

by Anne Clarke Brown

The Rev. Canon Carmen B. Guerrero, Episcopal Church Officer for Jubilee Ministry, spoke to gatherings in Bellows Falls, Rutland, St. Johnsbury and Burlington the weekend of December 6-8, on the church's program of developing and supporting Jubilee Ministry Centers. Accompanying her were Keri Aubert of the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Burlington, and Susanna Grannis of St. Luke's, Chester, newly appointed Jubilee Ministry Officers for the Diocese of Vermont.

Jubilee Ministry Centers are congregations and agencies involved in ministry programs of social outreach, advocacy, evangelism, and empowerment among and with poor and oppressed people. Canon Guerrero, formerly Archdeacon for Multicultural Ministry in the Diocese of Los Angeles, has been in her current position since 1999, working out of the Episcopal Church Center to develop and oversee nearly 750 Jubilee Ministry Centers across the country.

Noting that Jubilee Ministry is twenty years old this year, Guerrero told the group at Trinity, Rutland, that jubilee has its origins in Chapter 25 of the Book of Leviticus.

"Jubilee is about sabbath freedom and forgiveness and justice. The call of jubilee is to repair the world so all can be in relationship with God and with each other. I am convinced," she said, "that jubilee is a very, very important aspect of the work of the Episcopal Church, especially today."

"To be a jubilee people is to be the sacrament of God's presence now," said Guerrero, and she said she had come to challenge the Diocese of Vermont to see how jubilee can be part of the work of the church in Vermont. "I go around discovering what you are already doing," she said. "Last night I went into Immanuel [Bellows Falls], and Mary [Haas] said, 'Let me show you our soup kitchen.' It is already going on."

Guerrero showed a video made for the last general convention that highlights the ministries of several Jubilee Centers: homeless shelters, soup kitchens, after-school programs, a home for women recently released from prison. "A congregation that becomes a Jubilee Center is given the freedom to become a more integrated place," she said. "It is not just a Sunday place—people are coming and going all the time."

### Becoming a Jubilee Center

Guerrero's office, through the diocesan Jubilee Ministry Officers, can provide some resources to congregations interested in becoming Jubilee Ministry Centers, but before an application can be considered, the ministry must already be underway. Applications need the support of the diocesan bishop, and they receive final approval from the national church's Executive Council.

One of the greatest benefits of becoming a Jubilee Center is access to the training events sponsored by the national Jubilee Ministry office. Each includes theological study, anti-racism training, Bible study, and workshops. Guerrero said three fourths of her budget now has to do with empowering people, which is a switch from a high focus on outreach. "If I want jubilee to be an empowering entity in our church, then the least I can do is empower people," she said.

To learn more about Jubilee Ministry, visit the Episcopal Church Web site, [www.episcopalchurch.org/jubilee](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/jubilee), and contact Keri Aubert ([keria@together.net](mailto:keria@together.net)) or Susanna Grannis ([susanna@yesi.am](mailto:susanna@yesi.am); 802-874-4013). ☩

## So, what about those scrolls?!

### Committee seeks creative visioning from congregations for strategic planning process

by the Strategic Planning Steering Committee

At Diocesan Convention, Bishop Ely encouraged us all to begin the process of envisioning and planning for our life together as a diocese five years from now. Each delegation received a "scroll" with a series of questions and space for responses to take back to their congregation as a beginning point for conversation. Through newsletters and reported sightings, we know at least some of the scrolls have found their way into parish halls around our diocese. We also know that the conversations are beginning to happen—if only in the form of, "What is it we're supposed to do with these?"

The Strategic Planning Steering Committee, an *ad hoc* committee of Diocesan Council and the impetus behind the scrolls, has been working with facilitator, Craig A. Collemer, D.Min., since October. The model Craig brings to us—called "Plannaging"—was developed by the Center for Constructive Change of Durham, NH, and adapted for the American Baptist Churches USA by Collemer.

As Bishop Ely shared with us at convention, Plannaging "provides a powerful and engaging process for assuring that people reach agreement on the direction an organization should take and that there are measurable criteria for evaluating progress and

improvement." This process will only be truly successful if we have broad involvement from throughout our diocese. Both the council and the committee are committed to doing everything they can to make this process one that is easily accessible to everyone.

The intent of the scrolls is to get informal conversations going—to take time to think about the future of our Diocese in preparation for forthcoming opportunities that are to share your hopes and visions—even your concerns. Keep markers, crayons, pens, pencils near the poster and encourage people to write their ideas down. We encourage you to create opportunities for conversation—at coffee hours, at vestry meetings. Annual meetings are coming right up, a wonderful opportunity to do some brain-storming around the questions. Be creative—involve everyone in your parish. Have some fun with this.

### Training offered

Individuals and churches have used Plannaging to enhance and enrich their life and future. It is an intuitive process that provides a means for envisioning a desired future and a means for moving toward that future with intentionality.

In February and March, Craig Collemer will be training "event facilitators" in the basics of Plannaging so teams of two can

lead one or two envisioning sessions in local congregations. This training is a unique opportunity for individuals to acquire skills that they will find valuable in various aspects of their lives. We hope you will consider volunteering.

Teams will be paired with congregations and will arrange a time for an envisioning session that will be most convenient for each congregation—it may be an evening, a Sunday morning, a Sunday afternoon, a Saturday, whatever will work best in each location. These envisioning sessions are key components of the diocese's envisioning process. Not everyone can—or will want to—be a facilitator; but everyone can and will have an opportunity to be a part of this exciting process.

For more information about the training sessions, which will be held on February 15<sup>th</sup> at Christ Church, Montpelier and on March 1<sup>st</sup> at Trinity, Rutland, please contact either one of the Diocesan Council members of the Steering Committee: Craig Smith (985-2269; [revcraigs@aol.com](mailto:revcraigs@aol.com)) or Peter Galbraith (862-7623; [carloway@aol.com](mailto:carloway@aol.com)).

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# Giving thanks at Christmas for the ministry of Saint Paul's Cathedral

by the Right Reverend Thomas Clarke Ely, Bishop of Vermont

On November 15 and 16, we gathered as a diocese for our annual convention at Saint Paul's Cathedral in Burlington. Once again, the staff and people of Saint Paul's provided excellent hospitality and a warm and friendly environment for our gathering as a diocesan family. I hope I am speaking on your behalf, as well as my own, in thanking them for this important ministry. Our cathedral, guided by the gifted leadership of Dean Ken Poppe, is a great blessing in this diocese. With that in mind, my column this month is offered in thanksgiving to our cathedral staff and the members of the congregation of Saint Paul's for their ministry in, to and with the diocese.

Our cathedral, like many in the Episcopal Church is also a parish church, with a vestry, budget, committees, program and all that goes along with being an Episcopal church. Like every other congregation in our diocese, Saint Paul's is faithfully engaged in discerning and sharing in God's mission as it *Prays the Prayer of Christ, Learns the Mind of Christ and Does the*

*Deeds of Christ.* In addition, the cathedral serves as a center for the bishop's liturgical and teaching ministry and as a gathering place for diocesan events, such as convention. We are indeed blessed to have a wonderful staff and lively congregation at Saint Paul's who carry out this dual ministry with great care, skill, love and devotion.

## Chapter shapes ministry

Because the ministry of the cathedral belongs in some measure to all the people of our diocese, there is also a Cathedral Chapter that helps to shape and steer the cathedral ministry of Saint Paul's. Chapter members come from all over the diocese and they meet on a regular basis to help the dean, other members of the cathedral staff, and the people of Saint Paul's to live more fully into their ministry as our cathedral. The Cathedral Chapter helps to "connect" better the congregations and deaneries of our diocese to the cathedral and likewise the cathedral to the congregations and deaneries.

To help shape the direction and mission of the cathedral, members of the Cathedral Chapter have been holding deanery conversations during the past year. Out of those conversations have come some wonderful ideas and some important cautions. Thanks to all who participated in those conversations, both for your candor and for your creative thinking.

## Cathedral without Walls

In addition to being a place where the people of our diocese

gather for worship, educational events and meetings, one of the visionary hopes that Saint Paul's and the Cathedral Chapter have is to be a "Cathedral without Walls." The idea here is to extend the ministry of the cathedral throughout the diocese in various ways by partnering with congregations and deaneries and lending energy to things going on in the different regions of the diocese. Those of you at convention heard Dean Poppe talk some about this vision of collaborative ministry, and we will be hearing more about it in the months ahead. This model of mutual partnership and interdependence is an exciting one to me and I hope to you. No one really knows what this will all look like in the future, but the possibilities are numerous and intriguing.

## Center for Christian Meditation

Another area where the cathedral is moving forward is in its effort to develop a Center for Christian Meditation. Bringing such an effort to full fruition will obviously take time, but the work has already begun with some offerings on prayer and meditation. This ministry, along with our newly formed Diocesan Spiritual Life Committee, will provide valuable resources and support for our faith journeys.

## Ministries of education, social justice, and music

Many throughout our diocese look to the cathedral as a resource in the various areas of church life. The rich and varied ministry of our

cathedral includes diocesan-wide educational offerings like the Cully Lecture and leadership by example in outreach and social justice ministry. The cathedral is also helping to lead the way as we explore more fully the national church Jubilee Ministry program. The Hopkins Bookstore is especially appreciated by people far and near.

Another important cathedral ministry is the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered (GLBT) group that meets monthly for fellowship, conversation, prayer and support. It includes members of Saint Paul's and others from Burlington and beyond. I joined them for supper, conversation and prayers in November and listened to their hopes, concerns and insights about mission and ministry here and throughout the church. I am thankful for this group and its ministry.

Finally, no expression of thankfulness with respect to the cathedral would be complete without a word about the rich music ministry that is part of its life and mission. Under the inspired leadership of Mark Howe, Canon Precentor, this ministry brings joy to all who participate in it, as well as those who experience it. To have people from around the diocese share in this ministry during Evensong at convention was a great symbol of what a cathedral can and should be. The recent Advent program of lessons and music was wonderful and moving. Part of the hope for a ca-



thedral without walls is that this ministry of music can be shared even more fully throughout the diocese. I especially look forward to hearing them sing at the National Cathedral in Washington on Vermont Day, February 16, 2003.

As the people of Saint Paul's and the Cathedral Chapter continue to work at making our cathedral both a lively center for worship, learning and service and a cathedral without walls, my hope is that each of us will find *our connection to our cathedral!*

With a thankful heart and spirit,  
+ Thomas

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## Views from the Frontier

by Martha Holden

The town trail runs along two sides of my family's property. Other trails also wind through the woods of this small valley. I use the trails year around, to get from one place to another and to stretch my legs. I am grateful for the trails and for their use by the community. We all help to keep the trails open, and I do my part in breaking off eye-level twigs or clearing away downed limbs that could catch a ski tip or stub a toe or impale a snowshoe.

As I break and tug and heave, I consider the parallels between the woodland trails and the path of our faith tradition. It seems that it is the nature of both to close in and to become obstructed. If the path is not traveled it disappears and without generous travel it narrows. If a blowdown is not removed, it has to be either climbed over or circumambulated. I like having the

paths wide and clear. I like them to be as they were originally developed, not closed in or barricaded or diverted.

Sometimes the blowdowns are too big for me to handle alone and I ask for help. I am willing to ask for help because the openness of the trails is important to me. Often I find myself desperate to get outdoors as the light is fading. In the winter I put on my skis or snowshoes and head for the town trail, trusting it in dim light more than any of the other paths. It is like familiar liturgy. It offers me a place to pour my pent-up energies and to find release. Using it soothes me. It re-establishes my presence with What Is and with God, a presence that gets distorted and confused when I spend too much time indoors or with people.

The family has its own trail system within the arc of the town trail.

This past autumn I began establishing a new path. As I was scouting to see how it might lead me, I thought of Jesus' statement that he is the way and wondered whether establishing a new path made me a heretic.

I have pondered the question. The woods, like life, it seems to me, are God's. A path or a faith tradition is a way of being present with the woods, with the circumstances of my life, and with God. Jesus' way is his unique and complete presence with the woods through which he travels and with God, rather than the specifics of his route. I hope to be as completely present with God.

I do not always use the path used by my community, and I am becoming comfortable with that. My devotion to the way of Jesus

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Bishop Ely wrote to all Mountain Echo recipients in late December asking for contributions to help support the Mountain Echo. If you have responded, **Thank You!** If not, we hope you will consider making a contribution. Each year's diocesan budget assumes generous contributions from faithful Echo readers.

Use the envelope enclosed with Bishop Ely's letter, or send your contribution to the Episcopal Diocese of Vermont, 5 Rock Point Road, Burlington, VT 05401. Make checks payable to the diocese, with "Mountain Echo" in the memo line.

## Peter Galbraith will head new Vermont Interfaith Action

by Anne Clarke Brown

Peter Galbraith, a member of the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Burlington, is chair of the new Vermont Interfaith Action (VIA), a merger of Burlington Ecumenical Action Ministry (BEAM) and the Vermont Interfaith Coalition for a Just Society. The goal of VIA's twelve member faith groups—including the Episcopal Diocese of Vermont—is to strengthen the voice and role of interfaith communities in establishing social justice in Vermont communities.

Galbraith is a member of Diocesan Council and chair of the council's Outreach and Social Justice Committee. He also serves on the new Dismantling Racism Commission and will be a deputy to the Episcopal Church's 2003 General Convention meeting in Minneapolis in August.

BEAM was founded in 1968, by a Chittenden County interfaith coalition, for the purpose of "pursuing...God's peace and justice and reconciliation among people, issues and institutions in Vermont." Its many achievements include saving and renovating the Burlington Firehouse (soon to be Arts Center), establishing First Night and creating human service organizations such as Spectrum. Its most ambitious undertaking has been the Vermont Development Credit Union, founded in 1989 to bring capital and financial services to low-income Vermonters, and now a \$20 million development banking institution.

Vermont Interfaith grew out of a small study group at the Cathedral. Merryn Rutledge led the group, which examined a variety of social justice issues and concluded by inviting twelve faith communities to join in the effort. Though VIA has its roots in Chittenden County, its goal is to create a state-wide advocacy organization consisting of four to six regional coalitions. Peter Galbraith said, "We seek to collaborate with existing interfaith organizations in Vermont and to create new coalitions

where needed." He noted that VIA will utilize the expertise of the Industrial Area Foundation, an organization specializing in community organizing and supporting interfaith activities around the country.

Bishop Thomas Ely said, "Vermont Interfaith Action is an important step forward for the larger religious community of Vermont. Working on an interfaith basis will strengthen our capacity to address critical economic and social justice issues affecting the people of Vermont that are of common concern. Together we can help lead the way for positive change."

Former Governor Phil Hoff, a founding member, describes VIA as an organization "created to address significant moral and ethical issues in the area of social and economic justice that cannot be ignored by the religious community."

The Rev. Arnold Thomas, Conference Minister of the Vermont Conference of the United Church of Christ, emphasized the importance of interfaith advocacy. "In a nation barricaded by economic, racial and religious divides, an organization advocating interfaith cooperation and social and economic justice is long overdue and desperately needed. Vermont Interfaith Action furthers the legacy of BEAM by offering a way to promote justice as a sacred cause." Arnold Thomas will preach at the Vermont Day liturgy at the National Cathedral in Washington in February.

Dean Ken Poppe, and Archdeacon Catherine Cooke of the Cathedral Church of St. Paul both served on the BEAM board, and they will continue as members of the new VIA board.

Those interested in joining this emerging statewide initiative and developing a regional coalition can contact Peter Galbraith at 802-862-7623 or carloway@aol.com.

[Portions of this article are from a press release issued by BEAM and VIA.]

### Basic Principles of Just War Theory

When is it appropriate to resort to war to resolve conflict? According to Christian just war theory, the following conditions must be met:

- **Just cause:** For St. Augustine, this meant the need to "defend the vulnerable other." For St. Thomas Aquinas, it meant self-defense. These remain the accepted understandings.
- **Right authority:** The decision must be made lawfully through the sovereign power of the state.
- **Right intention:** This is usually understood as a goal of achieving a just and lasting peace. More good should result than the evil of violence.
- **Reasonable hope for success:** A hopeless cause may have a higher human cost than other alternatives such as civil disobedience.
- **Proportionality:** The means should be proportional to the ends, i.e., more force than necessary to achieve the desired goal should not be used; noncombatants should not be the target of attack.
- **Last resort:** War should be undertaken only after all diplomatic and other peaceful options have been exhausted.

## 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 include a name and phone number or email address so I can check details. 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

To the Editor:

I have just been reading an article in the Mountain Echo about Vermonters in El Salvador, and I wanted to tell readers about what my granddaughter Beth is doing. While in college, she worked as an elementary school teacher in Nicaragua. Recently, she raised money in the US to buy computers and textbooks, and she has started a li-

brary to help the students in Nicaragua further their education.

I really think that Beth is doing a wonderful thing. The family is very proud of her and everyone whom I tell about her project thinks it is wonderful.

Betty W. Merrill  
Montpelier, Vermont

## Opinion

### Just War or Just War?

by Richard A. Bower

In November, some of the clergy of this diocese met with George Packard, Bishop for Armed Services, Healthcare and Prison Ministries. Bishop Packard led us through a reflection on "just war" principles. His presentation was thoughtful but left me feeling uneasy about the church trying to find ways to bless war by calling it just.

Just war theory, which has its roots in the writing of Augustine of Hippo (4<sup>th</sup> century), and is fully developed by Thomas Aquinas (13<sup>th</sup> century), teaches that for Christians war is justified under certain conditions. [See box on this page.]

All of this may have made sense in Christendom, at the time when church, crown and culture were perceived as committed to the same things, but it makes little sense now. The question normally asked by us as people of faith is: If there has to be war, can "civilized" nations conduct this war in a just manner or not? That may be a good question for the United Nations but not for the Church. It seems like trying to provide a remedy without a cure.

For the church, the question is not, "Which war can we bless or support?" but "How do we realize our vocation as a people called to wage peace?" In our commitment to be peacemakers, the Bible is both helpful and problematic. I agree with Walter Bruggeman that "most people...probably make up their minds [on social issues] on other grounds than the Bible, but then are uneasy if it collides with the Bible....I think we basically bring hunches to the Bible that arrive in all sorts of ways..." (The Witness, vol. 85, no. 9, September 2002).

So it is my conscience, my deep hunches, that lead me to a strong skepticism of any theory that justifies war in the name of godly principles.

From a practical standpoint I don't remember any war in my life-time that was conducted primarily under just war principles, on any side. Nations always justify war with the rhetoric of justice, but the economic and political (including geo-political) issues which shape their decisions for war have less to do with justice than with self-interest. When push comes to shove, rules get thrown out the window, and war is waged by a commitment to "all means necessary." Wendell Berry reminds us that

"national self righteousness, like personal self righteousness [mine included] is a mistake. It is misleading. It is a sign of weakness," and I would add, of fear (*In the Presence of Fear*, Great Barrington, MA: Orion Society, 2001, p. 5).

So historically we, and others, have bombed cities and civilian centers on the presumption, as General Sherman suggested during the Civil War, that civilian populations should often be considered guilty! We uncritically see our atrocities as exceptions rather than predictable consequences of using violence to resolve violence.

From a theological point of view, the dream of God for us is to be instruments of peace in this world, to practice actions of peaceful resistance (Matthew 5)—turn the other cheek, give the occupying soldiers the "extra mile," return good for evil, and even love our enemies. Rather than passive acceptance of evil, these and many other gestures of faith and of peace-making are active, non-violent ways to resist war and to construct communities and a world around non-violent solutions for the sake of peace and justice.

Again Wendell Berry: "What leads to peace is not violence but peaceableness, which is not passivity, but an alert, informed, practiced and active state of being" (*ibid*, p. 7).

Why do not we as Christians put as much, if not more, energy into how we can be instruments of God's peace as we do into how we justify and condone war?

I cannot for the life of me find anything in the life, ministry or teachings of Jesus that point anywhere but in the direction of the cost of a kind of discipleship which is committed to work for peace (shalom), justice (which is the door through which peace enters) and reconciliation.

For me, then, the question is not, "Which war is in principle just, and how can we wage war in a civilized manner?" but, "As followers of Jesus and as the People of God in a broken world, how can we be willing to take risks in being channels of God's peace, here and now, in this time and place?"

The Very Rev. Richard A. Bower chairs the board of Fundación Cristosal and attends Church of Our Saviour, Killington.

# Diocesan Council learns about jubilee, organizes for coming year

by Anne Clarke Brown

The "new" Diocesan Council—continuing members and those elected at the November Diocesan Convention and at deanery meetings—met at Trinity, Rutland, on December 7. The group devoted the morning to a presentation on Jubilee Ministry by the Rev. Canon Carmen Guerrero [see page A] and the afternoon to a business session.

Bishop Ely told the council that a \$1.6 million grant recently received by the Episcopal Divinity School to participate in a five-year national program called "Sustaining Pastoral Excellence" will be used to develop a regional learning system for Main, New Hampshire and Vermont. As part of the grant will be used to fund a half-time diocesan coordinator for the program, and the bishop hopes to have someone in place early in the year.

The bishop said he is anticipating a small surplus of funds remaining from the 2002 budget, and the council approved his request that he, the canon to the ordinary and the

financial administrator be authorized to allocate some of those funds for 2003 reserve funds or program expenses before the 2002 budget is closed out. He explained that because of the way the diocese does its accounting, those funds would become part of available cash flow but could not be allocated in the future to specific programs.

The council approved a similar request by Outreach and Social Justice Committee chair, Peter Galbraith, to reprogram approximately \$10,000 that would not be spent on line items for which no funding requests had been received to other areas such as Prevent Child Abuse Vermont and the fuel assistance program.

The last Diocesan Council adopted a model for organizing its mission and committees based on the threefold diocesan mission statement: to pray the prayer of Christ, to learn the mind of Christ, and to do the deeds of Christ. Each element—prayer, mind and deeds—represents a cluster of committees, and the Executive Committee recommended that the new



Council members discuss work of committees in the "deeds" cluster.

Executive Committee have six members, two from each cluster.

Council members selected the committees they wished to join and spent time meeting with the others in their cluster—prayer, mind and deeds—to discuss the work of the various committees and select members for the Executive Committee. The Rev. Craig Smith and Gina Logan will represent the prayer cluster, the Rev. Lee Alison Crawford and the Rev. Tanya Wallace will represent the mind cluster, and Peter Galbraith and Bill Melhado will represent the deeds cluster.

To see a listing of the council committees by cluster, visit the diocesan Web site <[www.dioceseofvermont.org](http://www.dioceseofvermont.org)> and click on the link for Diocesan Council. ☘

## Convention adopts resolution on building peace

The November Diocesan Convention approved "A Resolution to Build Peace," a combination of two resolutions proposed at the Resolutions Committee hearing by Joe Grannis of St. Luke's, Chester, and five representatives of St. John the Baptist, Hardwick (Peggy Bressie, Elizabeth Hook, the Rev. Zarina O'Hagin, the Rev. Susan Tobias, and Harriet Wood). A fourth resolve, proposed by the Rev. Canon Thad Bennett of St. John's in the Mountains, Wilmington, was added during debate.

Because this resolution had not been submitted to the Resolutions Committee by the September deadline, it was not included in pre-convention materials (nor was it printed in the November Mountain Echo). The rules of convention thus required that two-thirds of the delegates vote to include the resolution on the agenda before it could be debated. That vote was successful, and the resolution, as amended by Canon Bennett, passed with only a handful of dissenting votes. The full text, with explanation, is printed below.

### A Resolution to Build Peace

*Resolved*, That the 169th Convention of the Diocese of Vermont urge the congregations individually and collaboratively to pray for peace and to pursue ways of building peace in the world, through forums that examine the conditions that foster war and oppression; and through local, national, and international efforts to ameliorate these conditions; and be it further

*Resolved*, That this Convention commend the multilateral negotiation of United Nations Resolution Number 1441 on Iraq, together with assurances to other nations from the United States that, provided there is no further "material breach," the resolution will not be used to launch war on Iraq; and be it further

*Resolved*, That this Convention communicate with the President of the United States and inform him that we recognize that, while war may sometimes be unavoidable, we do not believe that a war with Iraq can be justified at this time, since we have

not exhausted the possibilities for a peaceful solution to the present problem; and be it further

*Resolved*, That this Convention pray for and support those Christians who, expressing their right of conscientious objection, refuse to support war through war tax resistance or through funding an alternative to military service.

### Explanation

Whereas, as disciples of Jesus Christ, we abhor violence and war; and our faith requires us to work for justice and peace; and we believe restraint and commitment to international cooperation are means toward building peace; this present time, when international events might be moving toward war at a speed far beyond our control, is the moment that requires our greatest watchfulness and striving toward a life-affirming future beyond war.

World support is not behind a preemptive attack on Iraq, and the consequences of such action will inevitably extend beyond the boundaries of Iraq. A preemptive strike with the force required to attain a quick victory will have serious consequences, including civilian deaths.

The "conditions" we recognize as spawning war and oppression include poverty, hunger, inadequate shelter, ill health, limited access to education and information, racial and ethnic hatred and discrimination, the suppression of women's voices, political and economic exploitation, and others; waging war will have human and material costs that could better be spent to address these conditions which promote war.

Indeed, the "war on terrorism" in which our nation is already engaged must be conducted with greatest possible care for innocent lives, and for the future security and well-being of the peoples inhabiting the nations of the world. To "build peace" means first of all to have a positive regard for life. In the words of St. Paul, let us not be "overcome by evil," but let us "overcome evil with good."

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## All invited to join church leaders in prayers for Christian unity

Bishop Thomas Ely will join leaders of six other Christian denominations in a liturgy of prayer for Christian unity on January 26, 3:00 P.M., at Trinity United Methodist Church in Montpelier. The liturgy is a highlight of the observation of a week of prayer for Christian unity. All are welcome.

Others involved in the liturgy are Bishop Kenneth Angel of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington, who will preach, Metropolitan Methodios of the Greek Orthodox

Diocese of Boston, Bishop Susan Morrison of the Troy Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, Bishop Margaret Payne of the New England Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Dr. Arnold Thomas, Conference Minister of the Vermont Conference of the United Church of Christ, and Dr. Richard Wyatt, General Presbyter of the Northern New England Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church. ☘

## Episcopal Peace Fellowship chapter forming in Vermont

by Anne Clarke Brown

Vermont members of the Episcopal Peace Fellowship (EPF) are seeking charter members for a new Vermont chapter of the national organization. A number of Vermonters are currently members of EPF, and Laura Chase of Trinity, Rutland, is a member of the EPF board.

The mission of EPF is "to aid and encourage all Episcopalians to strive for justice and peace among all people and to bear nonviolent witness to Christ's call to peace. As a community we are dedicated to discovering and practicing the biblical concept of peace.

"This Shalom/Salaam includes a commitment to renounce, so far as possible, participation in war and other forms of violence. The EPF recognizes that there can be no peace without a commitment to justice, and no justice without reconciliation. Thus, the EPF endeavors to develop within

the Church a community of Christians pledged to peace, justice, reconciliation, and non-violence."

Dick Bower, who is facilitating the start-up of the Vermont chapter says, "More than ever the Episcopal Church and other communities of faith need to make a public witness for justice and peace, and to do this together." EPF chapters are communities of peace-makers who become involved in local and national peace and justice issues, who pray together, and who offer resources to the wider community.

EPF annual dues are \$30 for an individual and \$40 for couples. Contact Dick Bower, 802 228-5452, [rabvt@together.net](mailto:rabvt@together.net), if you are interested or have questions. An initial gathering is tentatively scheduled for the evening of Tuesday, January 7, location to be determined. The EPF is on the Web at [www.episcopalpeacefellowship.org](http://www.episcopalpeacefellowship.org). ☘

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does not require that I walk only the path established by my community over the years, the path which is my community's understanding of the way of Jesus. My devotion to the way of Jesus requires that I be present with What Is, with the woods, with God, as courageously and fully as he was. It requires that I be willing to explore the possibility of new paths, if that is where I am drawn.

I am grateful for the faith tradition of my community, as I am for the town trail. When the darkness is growing and I am desper-

ate, it offers me a route to connect with what is essential. I am grateful for its familiarity and presence. I am grateful for the less popular byways of our tradition, as I am for all the other trails in our neighborhood. They provide a refreshing change. I am happy to do my bit towards keeping the established trails clear and open. I am also grateful that, as drawn, I dare to explore and develop alternative routes, and to face the fears that arouses. Most of all I am grateful for Jesus, who contains it all. Amen.

Martha Holden is a member of Christ Church, Montpelier.

# More Coming Events

## Arts at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul

2 Cherry St., Burlington, Vermont

### Northern Harmony

Sunday, January 12, 3:00 P.M.

Led by Larry Gordon and Patty Cuyler, the fifth annual Music for MidWynter program, "Hail Morning Star," features medieval music, motets and traditional Christmas and New Years songs. Admission is \$12; students and seniors \$8.

### "Musical Warmth for Midwinter"

Sunday, January 19, 3:00 P.M.

Jill Hallett Levis, soprano, and Elaine Greenfield, pianist, will offer an afternoon of 19th century art song and solo piano music. A featured work will be "Frauenliebe und leben," Op. 42, by Robert Schumann. Admission is \$14; students and seniors \$7.

**Free Tuesday Concerts, 12 noon – 1 P.M.:** January 7, Young Artists Program. January 21, Jeanne Tourin and Friends.

**Art Shows: January,** Janet McKenzie: "Jesus of the People" and new paintings.

For more information on Cathedral Arts programs, call 802-864-0471, or email info@CathedralArts.org.

## Safe Church Training

Saturday, January 11, 2003, 8:45 A.M.–3:30 P.M.

### Christ Episcopal Church

64 State Street, Montpelier

Please contact Anne Brown (802-672-5250 or abrown@vermontel.net) if you need to participate in the training. The location for this session could be changed if another site would be more convenient for those who register—and you must register!

## Epiphany Quiet Day: A Window into the Castle

Saturday, January 25, 2003, 10 A.M.–3 P.M.

### Cathedral Church of St. Paul

2 Cherry Street, Burlington, Vermont

The Rev. Suzanne Guthrie, Episcopal chaplain at Vassar College and author of *Praying the Hours* and *Grace's Window: Entering the Season of Prayer*, will use meditations from St. Teresa of Avila's *Interior Castle* and from her own work to show how ordinary life is a window of grace into the holy, where nothing is wasted because everything teaches the art of prayer. Her books will be available for purchase.

The fee of \$15 includes the cost of lunch. Scholarships are available. Send name, address, phone and e-mail address to twallace@stpaulscathedralvt.org, or call the Rev. Canon Tanya Wallace, 802-864-0471, ext. 16, to register, and pay when you arrive.

## Congregational Studies Days

### Episcopal Divinity School

99 Brattle Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts

### Chant for Spring and Easter

Saturday, January 11, 2003, 10 A.M. to 3 P.M.

This participatory workshop is open to all who want to know more about, and experience, styles of chant, as well as other ways to "unleash their voices." Leaders are Kevin Hackett, SSJE, composer and director of music for the Society of St. John the Evangelist, and Ana Hernandez, composer, arranger and workshop leader.

### Preaching and Teaching Lectionary Year B – Session II

Friday, February 7, 2003, 10 A.M. to 3 P.M.

A "refresher course" on some of the major themes of Lectionary Year B for preachers and teachers, laity and clergy.

Cost for each program: \$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 registration information contact Adrien Doherty in the Congregational Studies Office, adoherty@episdivschool.edu; 617-868-3450, ext. 380.

## The Essence of Tibetan Buddhism

Sponsored by the Randolph Interfaith Council

Sunday, February 2, 2003, 12 NOON–3 P.M.

### Bethany United Church of Christ

Main Street (Route 12), Randolph, Vermont

Part of a free series designed to foster greater understanding among the world's great religions, Dr. John Makransky will offer an in-depth presentation on Tibetan Buddhism. Makransky is Associate Professor of Buddhism and Comparative Theology at Boston College. While training in Tibetan Buddhist practice the past 25 years, he has studied under Lamas of several Tibetan lineages.

A soup and bread meal will be provided. The meal and program are free, but enrollment is limited. Call the Rev. Kathy Eddy at 802-728-5849 to register.

# "Whatever happened to racism?" is topic for Cully Lecture

## Saturday workshop follows in Randolph

by Anne Clarke Brown

The Rev. Dr. Harold T. Lewis, acclaimed preacher, author and rector of Calvary Episcopal Church in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, will deliver the Kendig Brubaker Cully/Christian Century Lecture, "Whatever happened to racism?" at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul on Friday, January 17, at 7:30 P.M. The cathedral is located at 2 Cherry Street, Burlington and is fully accessible. Dr. Lewis will also lead a workshop on the same topic Saturday, January 18, from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M. at Bethany United Church of Christ, Route 12, in Randolph (bring your own lunch).



Offered on the weekend devoted to honoring the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the lecture and workshop are part of the Diocese of Vermont's commitment to work with interfaith and ecumenical partners toward dismantling racism in the church and local communities. The events are sponsored by the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, the Cathedral Chapter, the Dismantling Racism Commission of the Episcopal Diocese of Vermont, and the Uprooting Racism Task Force of the United Church of Christ Vermont Conference.

The Saturday workshop will include:

- Presentation by Harold Lewis on racism in the church and telling of his story;
- Break-out groups for discussion and telling of our own stories;

- Presentation by Eric Sakai, Chairman of the Vermont Advisory Committee to the US Commission on Civil Rights. He will discuss racism in Vermont and provide a follow-up to the Committee's 1999 report, "Racial Harassment in Vermont Public Schools."

- Plans for action steps in local/geographical cluster groups

The Kendig Brubaker Cully/Christian Century Lecture was designed and endowed by Iris Cully in memory of her husband, the Rev. Kendig Cully, and his association with the *Christian Century* magazine and the Episcopal Diocese of Vermont. He was

rector of St. Paul's, White River Junction from 1971 to 1976, and he wrote book reviews and articles for the *Christian Century*.

### About Harold Lewis

The Rev. Dr. Harold Lewis has been the rector of Calvary Church, the largest parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh, since 1996. Since his ordination in 1971, he has been an overseas missionary in Honduras and in Zaire, and has served parishes in England, Washington, D.C., New Haven, CT, and his native Brooklyn, NY. From 1983 until 1994, he served on the staff of the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church as Director of the Office of Black Ministries. He holds a Bachelor of Arts from McGill University, a Master of Divinity from Yale University, and a Doctor of Philosophy from the University of Birmingham, England.

Among Dr. Lewis's publications are *Yet With a Steady Beat: the African American Struggle for Recognition in the Episcopal Church*, *Christian Social Witness*, and *Elijah's Mantle: Pilgrimage, Politics and Proclamation*. He is also the author of articles in scholarly journals and chapters in anthologies. A musician who enjoys accompanying soloists, he has written hymns that are included in *Lift Every Voice and Sing II: An African American Hymnal*, *Wonder Love and Praise*, and *This Far By Faith*.

**Please register for the Saturday workshop** by calling the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, 802-864-0471, or email the Rev. Canon Tanya Wallace, twallace@stpaulscathedralvt.org. Canon Wallace can answer questions about both events. ☩

### Last chance to sign up for new Diocesan Study Program!

Spring dates are January 25, March 1, April 5, May 3, and June 7.

Sessions will meet at Church of Our Saviour, Killington, 9 AM-4 PM.

Contact the Rev. Larry Yarbrough,  
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## Province I Stewardship and Evangelism Conference set for March 28-30

The annual Stewardship and Evangelism Conference sponsored by the Province of New England—"Converted Lives...Transformed Congregations"—is scheduled for March 28-30 at the Wyndham Hotel in Westborough, Massachusetts. This year, participants will be able to select one of three "schools" to attend for the weekend: evangelism, stewardship, or congregational development.

Keynote speakers will be the Rev. Canon Kevin Martin, Congregational Development Officer for the Diocese of Texas, and the Rev. Bonnie A. Perry, rector of All Saints' Church, Chicago, Illinois. Each school will have its own faculty.

The registration deadline is March 6, but early registration is advised—last year's conference sold out at 300 participants.

Congregations are encouraged to send teams, and the fees reflect discounts for larger groups. The fee for one person from a congregation is \$195. It is \$175 per person for two from a congregation and \$135 per person for three or more. The fee includes all materials and meals. Accommodations at the Wyndham are an additional \$69 per night for a single room, and \$79 per night for double occupancy.

For brochures and questions about registration, contact Judith Barnes at the Diocese of New Hampshire, 603-224-1914, or jbinnh@juno.com. Stewardship and evangelism coordinators for the Diocese of Vermont are Con Quinby (802-862-4174) and Genie Rayner (802-773-1422). They can answer questions about the conference and about possible scholarship assistance. ☩

## Northwest Deanery 1

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The Northwest Deanery is planning a trip to Montreal on Jan. 5, to attend the service of Lessons and Carols at the Cathedral. The travelers will gather at Holy Trinity for a light lunch after the 10:00 A.M. service and will depart when everyone has arrived. The tour will stop for dinner on the way home. Contact **Rose Bacon**, Holy Trinity parish coordinator, at 868-7185 or holytrinity@gmavt.net for more information or to sign up.

GRACE CHURCH, Sheldon installed a furnace in December, just in time for Christmas.

In November, ST. LUKE'S, St. Albans, celebrated the Feast of St. Andrew again with the kirking of the tartan, pipes, revelry, and a delectable repast of salmon and beef.

The Rev. **Peter MacLean** and HOLY TRINITY, Swanton, are offering a workshop Jan. 11, 10:00 A.M. to 1:30 P.M., for lecturers and other laypersons who read and lead prayers during the liturgy. Lunch will be provided, and all are welcome.

Workshop objectives are: 1) "that all of us who either read or lead in prayer will do our ministry with better understanding of what we are doing. In the workshop, we hope to make a distinction between reading and proclaiming. We hope to make our readings make the folks in the pew sit up and take notice of what they are hearing." 2) "to get all of us who are partners in the liturgy in our separate congregations to know each other better." Contact **Rose Bacon** at Holy Trinity, 802-868-7185 or holytrinity@gmavt.net to indicate your intention to participate.

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The women's group of ST. THOMAS & GRACE, Brandon/Forest Dale, invited all women in the parish to bring Christmas cookies to the Dec. 27 meeting to share with those in nursing homes, the homebound and others in the community. The children in the Sunday Morning Program are learning the Lord's Prayer in sign language. It is a great way for them to become more sensitive to the fact that some people can't hear and communicate in a way that is familiar to all people.

January forums between the services at ST. STEPHEN'S, Middlebury: the Rev. **Larry Whittemore** and the Adult Education Committee will present and lead discussions on the Epiphany Jan. 5; **Sue Prager** from Social Rehabilitation Services will speak on Partners in Service Jan. 12; the Parish Worship Committee will lead discussions on the Revised Common Lectionary Jan. 19 and 26.

An Alpha Celebration Dinner at ST. PAUL'S, Vergennes Jan. 20, will honor those who completed Alpha last spring; it's their "graduation ceremony," complete with a speaker imported from England. The next course will begin Jan. 27 at 6:30 P.M., when St. Paul's and the

# ❖ deanery doings ❖

News of Parishes and People in the Diocese of Vermont  
compiled and reported by the Mountain Echo "Deanery Bureau Chiefs"

New Wine Covenant Church will begin cooperatively running Alpha.

TRINITY, Rutland, had an Advent Study Series on Racism. The Rev. **Hugh Tudor-Foley** offered a three evening study series based on the work of the Rev. Dr. **Harold T. Lewis**, using his book of meditations, *Elijah's Mantle*.

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I'm sulking! After being belittled by a "faithful" reader for the lack of brevity in my reporting (perhaps it was a bad hair day) it behooves me to attempt to comply, thus:

... at IMMANUEL, Bellows Falls, three goats, a water buffalo, some chickens and fish will be realized from the recent public supper to benefit the Heifer Project;

...at ST. MICHAEL'S, Brattleboro, congratulations go to the Rev. **Paul Carling** who was ordained to the priesthood on Dec. 21;

...at ST. LUKE'S, Chester, congratulations to **Joe Grannis**, who was presented the Presiding Bishop's Certificate in Church Music at Diocesan Convention dinner for completing the two-year Leadership Program for Musicians (LPM);

...at GETHSEMANE, Proctorsville, on Dec. 15, the Rev **Margaret G. Payne**, Bishop of the New England Synod of the ELCA, performed a Lutheran liturgy and joined parishioners in a pot luck brunch [watch for a story in the February Mountain Echo];

...at ST. MARK'S, Springfield, grand Epiphany festivities, complete with a dinner, are in the works for Twelfth Night;

...at ST. MARY'S IN-THE-MOUNTAINS, Wilmington, their First Annual Book Sale to benefit outreach raised almost \$450.00;

...at ST. PAUL'S, Windsor, they have recently started holding two vestry meetings a month, one for regular church business and the other as training for vestry growth and development.

I pray that I have been brief enough and that "bellyaching" cease. A Holy and Happy New Year to you all!

## Three Rivers Deanery 5

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Deanery parishes observed Advent in various forms of silent reflection, study, and prayer. St. Paul's, White River Junction, spent Monday evenings focusing, in part, on "the work of creating racial justice." St. Martin's, Fairlee, looked at "St. Nicholas, Santa Claus, and the meaning of Advent." Our Saviour, Killington, followed Advent worship services "deepening connections" in talk, prayer, and response to the lessons and homilies. Parishioners at St. James', Woodstock, participated in Evening Prayer, potluck dinners, creating Advent wreaths, and exploring the Church calendar. And St. Barnabas in Norwich invited parishioners to rest in an Evensong service and two other evenings of centering prayer and meditation.

CHRIST CHURCH, Bethel, has a Christian Formation Team in the works that will explore new and different ways to include children, teenagers, and adults in worship and education.

At ST. MARTIN'S, Fairlee, "Barbara's Red Stocking Project" provides Christmas food baskets to the congregation's "extended family" in Orford, Fairlee, West Fairlee, and Piermont. The new Welcoming Committee is organizing name tag materials, hosting a newcomers' reception, and seeking Sunday morning greeters.

OUR SAVIOUR, Killington, had a fun night of tree-trimming, carol singing, food eating (which is always easy to do there!) and story-telling. They decorated an outdoor tree for the birds and wildlife.

ST. BARNABAS', Norwich, in conjunction with other Norwich faith communities, collected "Gift of the Heart" kits for schools in Afghanistan. The church school children gathered in a phenomenal \$130 to send a water buffalo to a family elsewhere in the world through their "Fill the Ark" project to benefit the Heifer Project.

Young and old alike at ST. JOHN'S, Randolph, enjoyed a visit from St. Nicholas (below), aka Jeff Tolbert on Dec. 7.



The newsletter from St. John's included a *most* attractive gift for readers: an Advent calendar designed so it can be used for any Advent season. The parish has started a work-in-progress as they

begin to look at baptismal ministry.

ST. PAUL'S, White River Junction, has started a Family Portraits feature in the newsletter, written by **Marlene Headley**. Belated congratulations to the Rev. **Nancy Voge**, rector of St. Paul's, upon her election as Dean of the Three Rivers Deanery. And congratulations *again* to Nancy: she finally saw a moose, after nearly 10 years of watching and waiting! That moment led to a reflection about "the importance and value of waiting." Rather appropriate for Advent!

The Women of ST. JAMES', Woodstock, enjoyed a presentation by **Marie Kirn**, head of Hospice and the Palliative Care Program in the Upper Valley. The whole congregation responded very generously in support of the UTO Ingathering, and parish coordinator **Joan Lang** was enthusiastic in her thanks.

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Ten adult mentors at GOOD SHEPHERD, Barre are preparing eight young people and three adults for confirmation, using "Keeping the Promise," a mentoring program by Andrew Parker, published by Morehouse. The congregation is engaged in a series of discussions on Sunday mornings about options they might take in planning for future ministry.

ST. MARY'S, Northfield, continued its celebration of Choral Evensong on the second Friday of the month, followed by a potluck supper. December's Evensong was combined with a service of Advent Lessons and Carols. **Scott Neal** officiated. **Gina Logan** and the Rev. **Lee Crawford** were both selected by members of Diocesan Council to serve on the council's Executive Committee.

St. Mary's holds in its prayers **Rick Roessler**, **Alex White**, **Christopher Murphy** and **Mary Beth Southwell**—all of whom serve in the armed forces and may be deployed to the Middle East.

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ST. MARK'S, Newport, welcomes the Rev. **Mary Marguerite Kohn** as part time priest. She comes from the Diocese of Western Massachusetts and will be at St. Mark's until mid-summer 2003. She is also a psychotherapist and has done hospice chaplaincy. She will enter a doctoral program at Loyola University in Baltimore next fall.

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The CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, Burlington, will host the Cully

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## Trinity, Rutland, welcomes new interim rector

by Anne Clarke Brown

The congregation of Trinity Church, Rutland, welcomed their new interim rector, the Rev. Hugh Tudor-Foley, on November 4, 2002. He succeeds the Rev. Christopher Powell, who was called as rector of a parish in Jackson, Mississippi.

Hugh Tudor-Foley was ordained in 1992 after a career in public affairs and work with non-profit organizations. A graduate of the University of Houston and Berkeley Divinity School at Yale, he also holds a masters degree in communications from Fairfield University in Connecticut. He said he felt a call to the ordained ministry as a kid but "put it away until God whacked me on the head" and circumstances enabled him to go to seminary.

Tudor-Foley's first parish assignment was at Grace Church, Norwalk, Connecticut, Bishop Ely's home parish. He spent three years as associate rector at St. Bartholomew's in New York City before returning to Connecticut, where he served at Christ Church, Greenwich. While there, he discerned a call to the challenge of ministry with congregations in transition and has since been interim rector at St. Matthew's in Wilton and Christ Church in East Norwalk, Connecticut.



Though his title is "interim rector," Tudor-Foley said he prefers to use the more dynamic term, "transition," to describe the experience of a congregation that is between rectors. "Interim," he says, "implies the status quo, and we are in transition at Trinity."

Hugh Tudor-Foley's wife, Rebecca, is managing director of the New York office of Masius, a London-based advertising firm. She lives in their home in Stamford, Connecticut, during the week and comes to Vermont on weekends. The Tudor-Foleys have four grown children and four grandchildren. "We are like many of the families I have encountered here—our kids are spread all over." Two of their granddaughters will spend Christmas vacation in Rutland.

Tudor-Foley is a skier and a jazz drummer. He has played the drums as a hobby since high school and said he had even played with a big band for two summers in the Vermont Jazz Festival. He said he is really enjoying Rutland and is looking forward to the transition journey with the people of Trinity. ☩

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Lecture on Jan. 17, a quiet day on Jan. 25, and concerts sponsored by Cathedral Arts on Jan. 12 and 19 [see Page E for details on all four events]. Christmas flowers were delivered to 40-50 members of the parish who are ill or shut-in. The Wednesday morning Bible study group will continue the study of the book of Kings beginning Jan 8. The group meets at 7:00 am in the Commons Room.

ST. ANDREWS', Colchester, held a book fair Dec 8. Hopkins Book Shop donated 20% of the proceeds back to the parish. The parish adopted an SRS family for Christmas. In December, the youth group went ice skating at Leddy Park and had a scavenger hunt using the symbols of Advent and Christmas.

ST. JAMES', Essex Junction, will begin an eight-week Monday night adult education series Jan. 5, led by **Michael Hechmer**, on stories of violence in scripture. **Kris Lewis** sent greetings to the parish from New York City where she is a student at General Seminary. The recent annual Rummage Sale raised over \$1000. Area families redeemed their vouchers for over \$900 worth of clothes. Thanks to **Kathy Carter** and **Shirley Pine** for their help with this outreach project.

ALL SAINTS', South Burlington, has formed a newcomer committee, led by **Jerry and Judy Huetz**. Newcomer Sunday will be Jan. 19. The organ will be removed in January and freighted to Chester for rebuilding. It will return in time for Easter services. The parish will participate in the grocery bag project for JUMP in January. ☩

## New Spiritual Life Committee starts work

### Lenten retreat planned

A new diocesan Spiritual Life Committee appointed by Bishop Ely has begun meeting to discuss and plan opportunities for spiritual growth and enrichment. The first event the group will sponsor is a Lenten retreat at Rock Point the weekend of March 14-16. They are exploring offering a youth retreat and women's and men's retreats.

The committee will send out questionnaires to congregations in January to seek creative ideas for future retreats and other offerings. They hope for a 100% response.

The Rev. Jean MacDonald of St. Andrew's, St. Johnsbury chairs the new committee. Other members are Donna Abramov, Jim Ballard, Leslie Black, Michael Daley, Ernie Hathaway, John King, Gina Logan, Randi Moelter, Chuck Templin, and the Rev. Anne Webb.

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## Provincial Convocation draws large Vermont contingent

by Anne Clarke Brown

Nearly 280 people from the Province of New England and beyond—52 of them from Vermont—converged on the Mont Marie Conference Center in Holyoke, Massachusetts on November 22-23 for the twentieth annual Provincial Convocation. Titled "Baptized into Christ's Mission: Living the Covenant—Northeast," the event offered a rich feast of plenary sessions, workshops, worship and a "ministry fair."

The Diocese of Vermont had the second largest contingent at the convocation (the largest was from Connecticut), and several had leadership roles. Genie Rayner and Zeke Hanzl were on the design team and led workshops, and Bishop Ely was a presenter at the first plenary session. Thad Bennett, Peggy Crane, Victor Horvath, Bob Lee and Jeanette Tweedy were also workshop leaders, and Catherine Nichols and Joe Grannis were music leaders.

After an initial plenary session on what it means to be called into full stature in Christ, or in Bishop Ely's words, called "to live into the gift of baptism as a sacramental person," participants had an opportunity to discuss the question in small groups. Bishop Steven Charleston celebrated at the afternoon Eucharist, and the Rev. Jean Campbell, OSH, preached about being reborn in the waters of baptism.

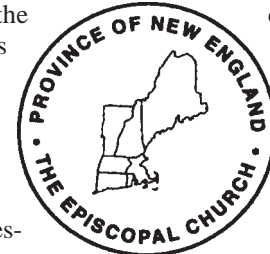
Participants were confronted with difficult choices, as they could attend only two

workshops from among twenty-two offered, eleven Friday evening, and eleven more on Saturday. Workshops ran the gamut from discussion of children's ministry to regional ministry, from the congregation as a learning community to preaching, from ministry beyond church walls to faith formation in the home, from the internet to the way we use language.

In one workshop, the Rev. Sheryl Kujawa-Holbrook spoke about the need to move from seeing the ministry of the church in terms of charity and service to a ministry of advocacy and justice, from a ministry to others to a ministry with others.

Bishop Chilton Knudsen of Maine reflected on baptism using the imagery of birth. She said the church is in the midst of a paradigm shift about baptism. "Before, we had thought about it as washing something that is dirty. If that is the governing paradigm," she said, "we will never forget the primal myth of our inadequacy and will be constrained in everything we try to do."

Bishop Knudsen said, "The new paradigm of baptism is birth, emerging from water into life. It is both a finishing of something begun and a beginning." She said we lose the constraints "that prevent us from flexing our being in the unique way we are called to be," and she suggested that we should keep the emergence image of baptism as the uppermost liberation that empowers every moment of ministry. ☩



## Good Shepherd honors memories

by Alban Richey

The current display in the Parish Hall Gallery at Good Shepherd, Barre, is a fascinating collection of family memorabilia contributed by a number of parishioners who are not at all bashful about showing their scrapbooks.

Family and wedding photos, oil portraits, line drawings of family members, framed collections of old mementos, poems and children's artwork are joined by Libby Ralph's New Testament, given to her husband, Fred, by a parish in Leeds, England,

when he served as a captain with the U. S. forces in World War II, and a theatrical costume design done by Diana Cleborne for her master's thesis. Judy MacDonald brought a collection of her hand-carved and period-costume dolls and the tools used to make them.

Charlotte Laurretta Durgin, who organized the show, regularly arranges for displays of various art forms on a rotating basis of approximately six weeks.

Alban Richey edits the newsletter at Good Shepherd, Barre.



The Martineau Family mementos, part of Good Shepherd's display of memorabilia.

Alan Craig Rogers photo

## Diocesan Calendar

### January 2003

- 1 Diocesan Center Closed for New Year's Day
- 5 Bishop's visitation, Calvary, Underhill
- 8 **Deadline, February Mountain Echo**
- 8 Executive Committee, Christ Church, Montpelier, 1 PM
- 10-11 Standing Committee & Commission on Ministry retreat with postulants and candidates, BBCC
- 11 Safe Church Training, Christ Church, Montpelier, 8:45AM
- 12 Bishop's visitation, Christ Church, Montpelier
- 17 Clergy Day with Dr. Harold Lewis, St. John's, Randolph
- 17 Cully Lecture, St. Paul's Cathedral, Burlington, 7:30 PM
- 18 Workshop with Dr. Harold Lewis, Bethany United Church, Randolph, 10 AM-2 PM
- 19 Bishop's Visitation, Trinity, Rutland
- 20 Diocesan Center Closed for Martin Luther King Day
- 25 Diocesan Council Teleconference, 12:30 PM
- 25 New Diocesan Study Program, Mission Farm, Killington
- 26 Bishop's Visitation, Good Shepherd, Barre
- 26 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity service,

### February 2003

- 1 Continuing DSP group, St. Mary's, Northfield
- 3 **Deadline, March Mountain Echo**
- 5 Executive Committee, Diocesan Center, 1 PM
- 9 Bishop's Visitation, Holy Trinity, Swanton
- 15-17 Trip to Vermont Day at National Cathedral

## Attend Vermont Day at National Cathedral

The Episcopal Cathedral Church of St. Peter and St. Paul—also known as the National Cathedral—in Washington, DC, will celebrate the State of Vermont on Sunday, February 16, in a special 11 A.M. liturgy. Bishop Thomas Ely will preside, and the Rev. Arnold Thomas, Vermont Conference Minister of the United Church of Christ will preach. Members of Congress, distinguished citizens, religious leaders, pilgrims, and youth from Vermont are invited to attend and participate.

Connie Saeger-Proctor, Canon for Youth Ministry, has organized a weekend adventure that will include tours of Washington attractions. The trip is open to anyone. Busses will leave from six different locations on Saturday morning, February 15, and return Tuesday evening, February 18. Lodging and breakfast will be provided at the National 4-H Conference Center.

The choir of the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, directed by Mark Howe, will perform a prelude to the liturgy beginning at 10:30 A.M. Acolytes of all ages are invited to vest, process and carry



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their congregation's banner. If a congregation does not have acolytes processing, someone else may carry the banner in procession. Priests from the diocese are also invited to vest and process.

After the service, all are welcome to attend a reception in the Pilgrim Observation Gallery. Various tours are available in the afternoon, and after dinner, participants can go on a night tour of the

Washington monuments.

Monday, the group will tour Arlington Cemetery and see the many sights, including the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The group will enjoy lunch at the Air and Space Museum and tour the many buildings at the Smithsonian.

Participants should bring a brown bag lunch for the trip on Saturday and money for Tuesday's dinner at a fast food rest area. All other meals, tours, and expenses are included in the fee. Youth will stay in quad or triple rooms. Adults may stay in triple or double rooms. The cost per person staying in a quad or triple room is \$285.00 and the cost per person staying in a double room is \$360.00. Scholarships are available.

Registration with a 50% deposit is due no later than January 15, 2003. The full amount is due February 1. Please direct questions or requests for brochures to Connie Saeger-Proctor at 802-479-1246 or [clsproctor@dioceseofvermont.org](mailto:clsproctor@dioceseofvermont.org).

Visit [www.cathedral.org](http://www.cathedral.org) and [www.smithsonian.org](http://www.smithsonian.org) to learn more. ☩

## Exciting youth ministry events planned

by Connie Saeger-Proctor

The February trip to Washington, DC, is just one of the events planned for this winter and spring for youth and youth ministers. Here are some others:

The Champlain Deanery is planning a youth ministry focus group January 12, 2003, from 6-8 P.M. at St. Paul's Cathedral. Middle and high school youth, youth leaders, priests, and those interested in youth ministry are invited to share ideas and brainstorm about how a deanery youth program could strengthen congregational youth groups and the activities deanery youth could participate in. If you have questions or need more information please contact Tanya Wallace at St. Paul's Cathedral at 802-864-0471.

The High School Diocesan Youth Committee Design Team will meet in Rutland, January 17-18, 2003, to plan the High School NYC Retreat. The young people will plan and lead the retreat scheduled for March [see below]. Young people and youth leaders interested in being on the design team should contact Keri and Alden Franzoni at 802-644-8989.

A workshop to introduce the Journey to Adulthood youth ministry program will be held in Middlebury on February 1, from 10 to 3. This is a timely workshop, as a diocesan license has been purchased and all congregations can now offer this program for young

people [see below for details].

The Diocesan Youth Committee (DYC), High School Retreat for young people in grades 9-12 will be March 7-9, 2003, at the Bishop Booth Conference Center in Burlington. Registration forms will be available in late January.

The Cathedral Church of St. Paul is offering "Vermont Watch" March 28-29, 2003, for middle and high school young people and

youth leaders. This special event will include fellowship, fun, amazing workshops, midnight candlelight Eucharist, a cathedral scavenger hunt and more. Contact Tanya Wallace at 802-864-0471 X16 or [twallace@stpaulscathedralvt.org](mailto:twallace@stpaulscathedralvt.org) if you have questions or would like to receive a registration form.

Connie Saeger-Proctor is Canon for Youth Ministry.

## Learn about the Journey to Adulthood Program

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Middlebury, will host a workshop to introduce "Journey to Adulthood," a spiritual formation program for young people between the ages of 11 and 18. The workshop will be Saturday, February 1, from 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. There is no fee for the workshop, although a simple soup, bread and fruit lunch will be available for a cost of \$5.00.

Journey to Adulthood provides a liturgical frame for the experiences of young people in our modern culture, celebrates their individuality and their creative potential and instructs them in skills needed for successful adult participation in church and society.

Connie Saeger-Proctor, Canon for Youth Ministry will lead the workshop, which will cover: an

introduction to the Journey to Adulthood Program; program goals and objectives; implementation of the program; sample lessons and the basic structure for leading a session.

Who should attend? Youth leaders, priests, youth, Christian Education Committees, or anyone interested in how the program works, how to use the materials and how to implement it in your congregation.

The deadline for registration is January 27, 2003. Contact Connie Saeger-Proctor at 802-479-1246, with questions or to request a registration form. Forms may be sent to her at 48 Pleasant Street, Barre, VT, 05641. Make checks payable to Diocese of Vermont - J2A.

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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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- Jan. 17-18 Senior High Event Planning Meeting
- March 7-9 Senior High Event, BBCC
- March 28-29 Vermont Watch at St. Paul's Cathedral

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

#### Funds Available for Parish Use As of December 1, 2002

<b>Total Pledged</b>	<b>\$1,600,000</b>
<b>Pledges Received (92%)</b>	<b>\$1,464,545</b>
<b>Funds available:</b>	
Initiative I	
The Bishop Butterfield Revolving Loan Fund	\$ 175,602
Initiative II	
The Talent and Resource Network	\$ 3,800
Initiative III	
The Congregation Renewal and Emergency Assistance Fund	\$ 1,700
Initiative IV	
The Diocesan Outreach Fund	\$ 10,116

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