



Diocesan Council faces difficult 2004 budget choices



Anne Clarke Brown photo

Bishop Ely watches a monitor in the back of the Vermont Interactive Television studio in Colchester, as Canon Lynn Bates reports from Rutland on the diocesan budget timeline.

by Anne Clarke Brown

In an effort to include as many people as possible in the process of developing a budget for operating the Diocese of Vermont in 2004, the Executive Committee of Diocesan Council presented a first draft to the council at its teleconference on May 17. Council members convened at Vermont Interactive Television sites in Colchester, Newport, Randolph, Rutland and Brattleboro. Monitors at each site allowed them to hear and see one another.

Peter Galbraith presented the draft budget, which represents anticipated income plus the full initial "asking" for each line item. At this stage in the process, before any

adjustments are made, requested expenditures exceed income by \$188, 273.

Galbraith said the Executive Committee, which acts as the budget committee for Diocesan Council, is seeking feedback as it faces the difficult task of creating a balanced budget that can be presented to Diocesan Convention in November. For the first time, this initial "asking" budget has also been sent to all parish clergy and Diocesan Convention delegates, and it is posted on the diocesan web site.

Galbraith noted several priorities that are guiding the committee—among them support for the Ministry Support Team, including the full-time canon for youth ministry,

and a desire to move closer to meeting the full national church covenant—and said, "It would be helpful to hear early on if people have different priorities."

The initial budget reflects an increase in the amount contributed by the diocese to the work of the whole Episcopal Church. The full asking is a flat 21% of normal operating income (excluding the first \$100,000), and the Diocese of Vermont is currently paying just 12%. The budget shows an increase to 13.5%. The council tabled until its next meeting a resolution committing to reach the full asking percentage by 2009.

Bishop Thomas Ely encouraged council members to look carefully at the budget material and said, "The only way we will have a budget we can support is if we find a way to own it." He noted that adjustments do not have to be made only on the expenditure side. "Last year we had some surprises in terms of additional revenues [\$49,000 from Holy Trinity, Swanton, and \$10,000 from Grace Church, Sheldon]. Maybe there are others out there," he said, "who are in a position of some abundance and who could contribute additional support." The council will need to approve a final budget at its meeting September 6.

Other reports

The council heard reports from Bishop Ely and its several committees. Bishop Ely and Peter Galbraith both spoke about efforts to bring Bishop Nathaniel Garang from the Diocese of Bor, Sudan to Vermont in July. Bishop Garang baptized many of the Sudanese young men currently living in Vermont. The diocese, the cathedral, All Saints', St. James', Essex, and a number of individuals have made contributions to finance the visit, but additional funds are needed.

Bishop Ely noted that the men of the Sudan have begun worshipping at the Rock Point Chapel every other Sunday afternoon, with the assistance of area clergy. This worship is conducted in the Dinka language, with the exception of the Great Thanksgiving, which is done in English.

The Outreach and Social Justice Committee is supporting the emerging statewide organization, Vermont Interfaith Action (VIA), which has held regional meetings in the Burlington and Rutland areas.

The Environmental Ministry Team is planning workshops to be offered at the fall diocesan ministry fairs (regional days).



St. Paul's Cathedral designated Jubilee Ministry Center

by Keri Aubert

The Cathedral Church of St. Paul became the first Jubilee Ministry Center in the Diocese of Vermont when it received official designation by the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church at its May meeting.

St. Paul's submitted its application for designation as a Jubilee Ministry Center to the Episcopal Church's Jubilee Ministry Office in March. The application cited the cathedral's varied work in the community, including, for example, the use of cathedral space for community events such as concerts, art exhibits, AA meetings and the annual COTS walk; St. Paul's financial and volunteer support for Burlington's Joint Urban Ministry Project (JUMP); and, most especially, St. Paul's housing ministry, Cathedral Square Corporation.

The Very Rev. Ken Poppe, Dean of St. Paul's, does not see St. Paul's designation

as a Jubilee Ministry Center as a stopping point. Rather, he states, "We hope that this recognition will encourage the congregation to become even more active and visible in the community." St. Paul's plans a formal celebration of its designation as Jubilee Ministry Center with a special program in the fall.

Jubilee Ministry was created in 1982 by General Convention in New Orleans. It was mandated as a ministry of joint discipleship with poor and oppressed people wherever they are found, to meet basic human needs and build a just society. The mission of Jubilee Ministry is to make a direct and dynamic link between our theology and our ethics by empowering local people to "do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with their God" (Micah 6:8), and by responding

DYC bids farewell to seniors



Anne Clarke Brown photo

Standing with four graduating seniors are DYC coordinators, Alden and Keri Franzoni (R).

Members of the Diocesan Youth Committee joined worshippers at Church of Our Saviour, Killington on Sunday, May 11, to say farewell to four graduating seniors and to introduce them as new young adults in the church. The whole congregation participated in the special liturgy created for the occasion by Canon for Youth Ministry Connie Saeger-Proctor.

Asked if they were ready to let the seniors move forward from the group, the DYC youth responded, "We send them

with our love and thanksgiving for all the things we have learned together, for all the fun we have had as we journeyed through adolescence and struggled with our spiritual questions."

The congregation then said, "We receive you as young adults, ready to represent Christ and his Church, to bear witness to him, to carry on Christ's work of reconciliation in the world and to take your place in the life, worship and governance of the Church."

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“God gives each of us gifts and talents for ministry...”

by the Right Reverend Thomas Clark Ely, Bishop of Vermont

There are many days when being your bishop is the most amazing and wonderful thing in the whole world. Actually, most Sundays are like that, when I have the great privilege, joy and opportunity of worshipping in one of the fifty communities of faith in the Diocese of Vermont. Sunday May 11, 2003 was one of those very special days.

My visit (or homecoming as the Bishop of Maine likes to call them) that day was to Saint Luke's in Saint Albans. It seems there is always *something* going on at Saint Luke's and I have always enjoyed those times of fellowship in which I have participated. This particular weekend was the weekend of their Art Show. The Art Show was advertised as an opportunity for parishioners to display their creative talents. It was a “fund raiser,” but it was also a community event. The public was invited to the Saturday afternoon event and my plan was to attend. A late meeting kept me from getting to Saint Albans on Saturday, but the display of art was still set up when I arrived at 7:30 in the morning on Sunday for the first of two services.

I need to be honest here and say that my expectations for this “Art Show” were not that high. The thought of a few parishioners displaying their paintings, photographs and arts and crafts sounded like fun, but not re-

ally that big a deal. Despite repeated assurances from the rector, Dennis Hayward, that this was really a *great event*, it sounded to me more and more like one more church “gimmick,” one more chance to hold a raffle and “fleece” the locals! The minute I walked in the door that Sunday morning, I knew God had surprised me once again. Sure there had been a raffle, actually a fine painting by a gifted parish artist that fetched a pretty sum, but it was what I saw all around that room that really amazed me.

There, spread out on tables and hanging from every wall of the parish hall, were the beautiful and astounding works of art created by the parishioners of this active parish church. There were nearly thirty different artists, ranging in age from six to ninety, on display in that room. They expressed their creative gifts in every medium, from pencil to charcoal to paint, from needlepoint to counted cross-stitch to quilts and from wood to storybook to graphic design. I hesitate to single out any one artist, but the six-year-old who whose first appliqué of a butterfly was on display certainly captured my heart. I showed her the butterfly on my pectoral cross and we talked about the butterfly as a symbol of Christ's resurrection.

What does this mean, and why am I so taken by it all? As I reflect on my experience

that day, two things seem most important to share. One is the sheer delight in being surprised—how often that can happen to us if we give ourselves over to the opportunity for surprise and not just expect things to be a certain way. I wonder, for instance, how close I came to missing all this. How grateful I am that most of the Art Show was still on display the next day.

The other reflection is my delight in the incredible gift that was given to others by virtue of the willingness of those artists to be vulnerable, to put the results of their creative side out there for all to see. And not just for anyone to see. This was a display of one's gifts for friends and family and community members to see. This was no anonymous display of gifts and talents. This was “letting it all hang out” in front of people who knew their names and where they lived.

This Art Show is for me a metaphor for our life of discipleship. God gives each of us gifts and talents for ministry and invites us to be vulnerable, to share them in a public way. This vulnerability, this giving of ourselves, is the risk taking call of discipleship. It is the self-offering of our life to God, the engagement in God's mission according to the gifts and abilities with which God has blessed us in baptism. There is great



power, comfort and support in offering those gifts and abilities in community with other faithful disciples. The community of our relationship with one another as the church can give us great strength and that crucial support we need to risk vulnerability for the sake of the Gospel.

So, let your light so shine before all people that they may see your good works and give glory to God!

Thanks, people of Saint Luke's, for your gift!

In Christ,

+Thomas

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Views from the Frontier

by Gina Logan

On June 24th, Christians in the West celebrate the feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist (patron saint of our neighbor to the North, Quebec, La Belle Province). In the Middle Ages, the Eve of St. John was a feast-day as well, probably the legacy of pre-Christian times when the summer solstice was marked by festive revelry of all sorts. Some folk believed that St. John's Eve was a time when Fairyland drew close to the borders of this world, and when the line between “here” and “elsewhere” became thin enough to allow travel between the realms.

Christians certainly acknowledge more than one reality (what more natural for people whose Lord and Redeemer is a transcendent, ineffable God who is simultaneously fully human/of earth, earthy?), but we've more or less consigned Fairyland to the children's book writers and illustrators. That's too bad. It is in Fairyland that most of us make our first acquaintance with the spiritual world, after all—long before we get to Sunday School or confirmation class, we have met the eternal conflict between good and evil (the fairy godmother vs. the wicked witch); we've also experienced, in these tales that adults blithely dismiss as “childish,” many vivid examples of self-sacrifice and atonement (Gerda's search for Kay; the sister in “The Twelve Swans”); the persecution of the innocent (Cinderella; Hansel and Gretel); and the divine compassion that is offered freely to all, even those who have believed themselves undeserving (the Little Mermaid—not the Disney version, Hans Christian Andersen's real story).

These tales, and dozens more, shaped my thinking as a child and continue to echo in my mind today. One piece of Fairyland remains on the bookshelf in my bedroom, where I can see it from my bed and remember what it was like to be eleven and to be worried: about growing up, about being a girl, about whether I'd like junior high school, about the atom bomb. The book didn't help me much with the last two worries, but it was wonderfully effective at calming some of my anxieties regarding the first two. It's long out of print, but worth searching for: *The Children's Country*, by Katherine Burdekin, published in England as (trumpet fanfare here): *St John's Eve!* I didn't find that out until a few years ago, when, researching a textbook for a course on the Holocaust, I discovered that Burdekin also wrote under a male pseudonym, Murray Constantine, and, in 1937, published a book called *Swastika Night*, a dystopian novel about the future state of the world, seven hundred years after a Nazi victory. (This chilling piece of science fiction is definitely **not** for children, and at first I had trouble reconciling the fact that the authors of two such wildly disparate works were the same middle-aged Englishwoman. Then I learned that she was a longtime friend of George Orwell, who in fact used some of *Swastika Night* as source material for *1984*, and the pieces of the puzzle began to form a perceivable pattern.)

In *The Children's Country*, two twelve year-old children, Donald and Carol, receive a mysterious message that directs

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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!

Dear Sr. Bible Person,

I had never read the Book of Daniel, but it was recently assigned in the lectionary for Morning Prayer, which I have begun to read on a daily basis. In Chapter 5, the scene of Belshazzar's feast, I found a description of "a human hand writing on the plaster of the palace wall." Is that the origin of our phrase "handwriting on the wall?" And, more importantly, what do you think this story means for us today?

A Reader

Dear Reader:

Indeed, the answer to your first question is definitely, "Yes." When someone wants to forecast an ominous event or give a warning of probable danger, they often reach into the Book of Daniel and pull out this metaphor of seeing the "handwriting on the wall."

Your second question is trickier to answer—unless you have the magic biblical de-coder wristband, which was advertised in this column several years ago. This magic wristband helped us decode some of the strange images in the 16th chapter of the Book of Revelation, so it is only reasonable to use it to decode this strange story in Daniel. Since both Revelation and Daniel are "apocalyptic" books (by the way, the Greek word "apocalyptic" means "weird stuff that fanatics with way too much time on their hands get obsessed by"), it is helpful to use our best decoding methods to understand what these texts **really** mean.

Let's look carefully at the words that were written on the palace wall: "Mene, mene, tekel, parsin" (Daniel 5:26). The

usual interpretation of these words is that they mean "numbered," "weighed," and "divided," all of which suggest that old Belshazzar was in big trouble. His days on the throne were numbered because he had been a real "light weight" king, so, he could expect his kingdom to be divided up and given to someone else. That is exactly what happened to Belshazzar, who actually never did want to be a king in the first place. Ever since he was a child, he wanted to be a comic book superhero—"Look, up in the air, it's a bird...no, it's a plane...no, it's Belshazzar!" What a cool name for a superhero, right?

However, by using our magical decoder wristband, we find that the middle word—"tekel"—actually refers to a coin used in the ancient Middle East. (Notice how closely the word "tekel" is to the more familiar word "shekel.") Therefore, what this story really means today is to warn us about the contaminating influence of money in politics. In other words, a modern politician who is a "many, many shekeled person" will find that his/her campaign is doomed. So, my advice to you, dear reader, is to see which presidential candidate raises the most shekels in the next campaign and be reassured of that "parsin's" fall from power.

That forecast may disappoint some people, especially those who already are sending oodles of shekels to their favorite candidate, but, hey, don't blame me. I'm just reading the handwriting on the wall!

Send your questions for Ask Sr. Bible Person in care of the editor (address on page B).

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them to journey to a distant hilltop, where they must arrive precisely at sunset in order to have "An Adventure." They do so, and find themselves on the border of Fairyland, where, as is proper, they must first perform difficult tasks if they are to be allowed to enter. Donald has to clean a room (he protests that it is "girls' work," but his taskmistress, the goddess Ceres, ignores this) and Carol to milk a cow. Both children pass their tests, and they spend the next several years wandering over Fairyland in the company of Gillyflower, their guide, who is a Fairy Child, neither girl nor boy, but simply a Child. (Donald obsesses over this more than Carol does, by the way.)

In the course of their journeys, Donald is enchanted by a beautiful but deadly witch, and Carol must rescue him; when she finds him, he is thin, ill, and pale, his golden hair falling about his shoulders like a girl's, while Carol is tall and muscular from months of riding in search of him; her hair cut short for convenience, she looks much more like a boy than he. I loved the gender reversals in this story long before I understood what Burdekin was doing, long before I began to imagine what life in the "real" world might be like if gender did not drive our expectations of ourselves or others. I rejoiced in Carol's ability not only to be the hero but to be the caregiver as well, for Donald is too weak to leave the witch valley on his own,

and she must carry him bodily out, and then revive him and nurture him back to health. Carol achieves wholeness in this book, and few of our heroes—or heroines—do so, at least in fiction. For that too we must turn to the world of Faerie, a world with which the Christian worldview is most definitely not incompatible. (For more on this, see J. R. R. Tolkien's excellent essay "On Fairy Stories.")

I don't mean that our Scripture and traditions are not real. Of course they are, but it's a reality that moves in and out of time and space similarly to the way that Fairyland does. We need the reminder that we are not only material beings, that we are not only limited to the here and now, to whether we are "male or female, Jew or Greek, slave or free." We need it in our lives of faith, and we need it in our imaginations as well. The power of these tales, ancient and modern, lies in their ability to show us other paths, other possibilities, things not dreamt of (thank you, Prince Hamlet), things not visible to the eye of twenty-first-century post-modern humankind. For the child inside us is always willing to believe and to dream, and Fairyland awaits, on the border of this reality, on St. John's Eve and always.

Amen.

Gina Logan is a member of St. Mary's, Northfield.

Lilly project coordinator appointed

by Thomas Ely

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Susan Ohlidal of St. Johnsbury, Vermont as the Pastoral Enrichment Coordinator for the Episcopal Diocese of Vermont. This half time position is fully funded through the recent \$1.5 million grant from the Lilly Endowment, awarded to the Episcopal Divinity School, in collaboration with the Episcopal Dioceses of Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine. The focus of the grant is on "promoting, deepening and sustaining pastoral excellence in an underserved area." This five-year project will have as its focus the offering of training and educational opportunities for clergy and lay leaders who share responsibility for ministry in the church.

Susan has a Masters of Divinity degree from Harvard, an M.A. in English from Penn State and a B.A. from Wilson College. She has a broad background in teaching, administration and program development. She has worked in university settings, church settings and community settings. She leaves

her current post as a program coordinator at Northeast Kingdom Youth Services in order to join the Diocesan Ministry Support Team. She will begin her ministry with us on June 1, 2003.

Susan will have responsibility for coordinating Vermont's participation in this collaborative and will serve on the Pastoral Excellence Project Steering Committee. She will work closely with clergy and lay leaders in helping us take full advantage of the opportunities available through this project. She will work with the Ministry Support Team and diocesan leaders in identifying and providing leadership training and educational opportunities here in Vermont to strengthen and sustain excellence in pastoral leadership.

Susan and her civil union partner, Vicki, live in St. Johnsbury, where Susan is a member of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. We welcome Susan to this new ministry and look forward to her contributions and to her ministry among us.



Spring ordinations scheduled Commission on Ministry names Postulants for Holy Orders

by Lee Alison Crawford

The Diocesan Commission on Ministry, comprised of twelve members (six lay persons, six clergy, all appointed by the bishop), recently held an overnight meeting—Bishop's Advisory Conference on Ministry (BACOM)—with people in the process of vocational discernment. The commission recognized Keri Aubert and Elizabeth Stedman, both members of Saint Paul's Cathedral, Burlington, as Postulants for Holy Orders in the Diocese of Vermont.

Postulancy is the first step at the diocesan level toward ordination (prior to that time, individuals meet with parish clergy and then a parish committee). After a period of time (no less than six months and when the person has completed half his or her course of theological studies), the person may apply

for candidacy. At the end of a year's time, and demonstration of sufficient preparation and proficiency, the person may then be ordained to the diaconate. (Those called as priests must be ordained to the diaconate before ordination to the priesthood.)

This spring, Bishop Ely will ordain several people to the diaconate or priesthood. On Ascension Day, May 29, Carole Wageman of Christ Church, Montpelier, will be ordained to the transitional diaconate on her way toward the priesthood. A May graduate of the Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, Massachusetts, she will serve as assistant at Trinity Church, Shelburne.

On the Vigil of Pentecost, June 7, Bishop Ely will reaffirm the shared common ministry of the people of Immanuel Church, Bellows Falls. At that Eucharist, he will commission and ordain the following members of the Ministry Support Team: Margaret Crane, rector; Jean Fuller, stewardship coordinator; Steven Fuller, priest and stewardship coordinator; Mary Haas, deacon and preacher; Victor Horvath, priest and preacher; Theodore King, ecumenical coordinator and preacher, Charles Mansfield, deacon and stewardship coordinator, and Gloria Mansfield, education and stewardship coordinator.

While much of the commission's work consists in conducting Bishop's Advisory Conference on Ministry meetings, it also oversees disbursement of continuing education grants, and creating educational opportunities for the baptized. For more information on starting a parish discernment committee, continuing education requests or educational opportunities, contact the chair of the Commission on Ministry, the Rev. Lee Alison Crawford, 802-485-8221, or lacinv94@aol.com.



Logan wins Polly Bond Award

Gina Logan—college English teacher, writer, postulant for Holy Orders and member of St. Mary's, Northfield—won a Polly Bond Award from the Episcopal Communicators for her "Views from the Frontier" columns in the May, October and December 2002 issues of the Mountain Echo. The award of Honorable Mention was in the category of "devotional/inspirational columns" appearing in newspapers with circulations of fewer than 12,000 (Mountain Echo circulation is approximately 4,700).

The award was presented to Echo editor Anne Brown at the annual Episcopal Communicators conference in Los Angeles in April. The Polly Bond Awards are given each year in a variety of categories and divisions (newspaper, newsletter, web site, video, etc.) "for special achievement in church communications." The judge commented that the columns showed an "excellent ability to deal with serious topics," and said, "I would return to this [column] with interest as a regular reader."



Letters to the editor and opinion articles on any relevant topic are welcome and encouraged.

More Coming Events

Arts at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul

2 Cherry Street, Burlington, Vermont

Free Tuesday Concerts, 12 noon – 1 P.M.

June 3: Green Mountain Chamber Players (Jean Anderson, piano; Dale Camara, horn; Melissa Brown, cello) playing music of Kodaly, Rachmaninoff, Glière, Ravel, and Schumann.

Art Shows

June: Japanese brush painting & calligraphy by Aya Itagaki

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

Annual All Saints' Lobster Supper

Saturday, June 7, 2003, Sittings at 5:00 P.M. and 6:30 P.M.

All Saints' Church, 1250 Spear St, South Burlington

This year, a Teriyaki Chicken Dinner will be offered as an alternative choice. Both dinners include homemade salads, rolls, pies and a beverage. The lobster dinner is \$16 and chicken is \$8. The chicken dinner is available for children under 12 for \$5. Reservations are required. Call 802-862-9750.

Inner Peace, Inner Joy

An Exploration of Buddhist Mindfulness Meditation

Saturday, June 7, 2003, 9:00 A.M.–1:00 P.M.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Route 5 North, White River Junction, Vermont

The Spiritual Life Committee is sponsoring a gathering to explore the practice of Buddhist mindfulness meditation. The group will join together to pray, to talk, to share a mindful meal and to discuss the incorporation of contemplative practices in daily life.

Leader Barbara DiPietro is a member of St. Barnabas', Norwich, and a teacher of both Christian and Buddhist meditation. She is a member of the Order of Interbeing, the lay Buddhist order connected with Thich Nhat Hanh, who is a Buddhist monk, a Zen master originally from Vietnam, the author of many spiritually-centered works and a noted peace activist.

Bring a bag lunch or food to share. Beverages will be provided. For information call Barbara DiPietro at 802-649-3920, or email Leslie Black at leslie.black@valley.net.

Enough for All

Sustainable Living in a Global World

Friday, June 20–Sunday, June 23, 2003

Seattle University, Seattle, Washington

The National Council of Churches' Eco-Justice Working Group is a sponsor of this biennial gathering of the ecumenical community focusing on individual, congregational, and societal actions for a healthier, more just, environmentally sustainable world. Workshops will address globalization, lifestyle/consumption, congregational ministry models, people of color/indigenous peoples, and biodiversity of the Northwest.

For information, contact Cassandra Carmichael, Cassandra@toad.net, or visit www.webofcreation.org/ncc. A link to the conference brochure is on the diocesan web site, www.dioceseofvermont.org.

Majesty in the Mountains: Celebrate Jesus 2003!

A Concert of Worship and Praise

Saturday, July 5, 2003, 4:00 P.M.–10:00 P.M.

Hunter Park Amphitheater, Riley Rink, Manchester, Vermont

The gates open at 2:00 P.M. for the concert sponsored by Celebration Ministries of Arlington. Featured will be the Noel Richards Band from England, the Danny Daniels Band from Colorado, the Owen Hurter Band from Canada, Lauren Johnson from North Carolina, local praise and worship teams and an area-wide children's choir.

Space is limited. Tickets are \$35 /adult, \$15/child 12 and under, and may be purchased on-line at www.itickets.com or by calling 1-800-965-9324. Or send a check with an additional \$3 handling fee to Celebration Ministries, Inc., 334 Sycamore Lane, Arlington, VT 05250.

79th annual St. James' Church Fair

Thursday, July 10, 2003, 10:00 A.M.–3:00 P.M., rain or shine

Church Green opposite Town Hall, Woodstock, Vermont

Bargains of all kinds: clothing for all ages (some nearly new), jewelry, books, fabrics and linens, white elephants, toys, baked goods, rummage. Also plants and garden vegetables. Lunch available. For more information: (802) 457-1727 mornings.

Louie Crew to preach at St. Paul's gay pride choral evensong

The Cathedral Church of St. Paul will welcome participants in Burlington's annual Gay Pride Parade, Saturday, June 14, to a special service of choral evensong in the cathedral at 3:30 P.M.

The Rt. Rev. Thomas C. Ely will officiate, Dr. Louie Crew will preach, and the cathedral choir will offer music of Orlando Gibbons and Gabriel Fauré, in addition to traditional Anglican chant psalmody and congregational hymns.

Dr. Louie Crew is founder of Integrity, the Episcopal Church's ministry of Lesbian Gay Episcopalians, and he currently

serves on the national Episcopal Church's Executive Council. He is a lay deputy to the 2003 General Convention representing the Diocese of Newark.

A retired professor of English at Rutgers University, Dr. Crew is editor of *A Book of Revelations: Lesbian and Gay Episcopalians Tell Their Own Stories*, compiler of the recently published *101 Reasons to Be an Episcopalian*, and author of 1450 items, including the first openly-gay material published in nine publications.

All are welcome!



St. James' plans festival of liturgy and the arts in Woodstock

by Katherine Webster

St. James' Episcopal Church festival of liturgy and the arts, scheduled for **July 17-20, 2003**, in Woodstock, will explore "Visions of the Divine," with emphasis on the contrasting approaches of the Eastern and Western Christian churches.

Centerpieces of the 2003 festival will be seven worship services. The Festival will also feature art shows focusing on iconography and other approaches to depicting God, lectures, workshops, a hymn sing, and a liturgical drama. Pentangle Council for the Arts will co-host a concert on Saturday night. Participants will include the Downing College Choir from Cambridge University, England, and the "Alternatives," a Boston-based sacred music ensemble.

The current schedule starts on Thursday evening with Evensong and a keynote talk. Friday will have educational programs in the morning and afternoon, complemented

by worship services, including an evening Orthodox service. Following the service, there will be a staged drama depicting the relation of humans with God.

Saturday morning, the focus will be on hymns and congregational music, and in the afternoon on the visual arts, with gallery talks and exhibitions. Saturday evening will feature another Evensong, to be followed by the concert at Town Hall. The Sunday morning Eucharist will bring all of the Festival's resources together for a grand offering of worship. There will be workshops Sunday afternoon and a final Evensong in the English tradition to close the event.

Detailed brochures will be available. For information, please contact St. James' Episcopal Church, On the Green, Woodstock VT 05091; 802-457-1727; or sjeparish@aol.com.

Katherine Webster is a member of St. James', Woodstock.

Roundtable will introduce Province One Vital Small Church Network

Members of the diocese are invited to participate in a gathering to introduce the Vital Small Church Network of Province 1 on Saturday, **June 28**, at St. John's, Randolph. The session will begin at 10:00 A.M. and run until noon.

Bishop Thomas Ely has asked Genie Rayner, diocesan co-coordinator for Living Stones, to convene the gathering. The discussion will also explore what Living Stones is—who is involved and how, and why the Diocese is a partner—and begin dialogue about how our small congregations can support each other through the Network and through sharing resources.

This initial roundtable discussion may lead to future gathering opportunities, such as the October 4 meeting of diocesan representatives of the Vital Small Churches Network at Episcopal Divinity School.

For more information and details, please contact Genie Rayner at 802-773-1422, or

WdsWmn54@aol.com. Everyone is welcome. Please bring your questions, ideas, and your own vitality that is already evident in the faith communities in which you serve and worship. ❖

Safer Church Training at BBCC

A Safer Church Training session for Rock Point counselors and others needing the training is planned at the Bishop Booth Conference Center, Burlington, on June 26, 8:45 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. It is aimed

The training is required for clergy, church employees, lay eucharistic ministers, all who work with children and youth (except unpaid church school teachers who teach in a public place on Sunday morning), spiritual directors, and those who make pastoral visits in homes, hospitals and nursing homes. It is highly recommended for wardens, treasurers, vestry members and church school teachers.

Please plan to bring lunch, and register in advance with Anne Brown, 802-672-5250, or abrown@vermontel.net.

ERD president visits Vermont

by Anne Clarke Brown

Ms. Sandra Swan, president of Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) came to Vermont May 17-18, to meet with Bishop Ely and diocesan ERD co-coordinators, Margy Zabriskie and Kristin Wood, to visit with ERD donors and to preach at all three Sunday services at St. Paul's Cathedral.

ERD is a new name, as of the summer of 2000, for the former Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief. Swan explained to a gathering on Saturday evening that the name had been changed for two primary reasons: to identify the agency more clearly with the Episcopal Church and to express the nature of its activity as being in both relief and development. More and more, she said, ERD is involved in long-term projects that do much more than meet the immediate relief needs of the aftermath of a disaster. To do this work, ERD needed to broaden its funding base, so it has become a separate non-profit corporation. This enables ERD to seek grant money from foundations and groups that can not provide financial support directly to churches.

In her sermon, Sandra Swan noted a verse from the day's epistle reading: "How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses to help?" She referred to what she calls "the CNN factor: Today there are few of our brothers and sisters whom we have not seen. But do we love them?" We must reach out to our brothers and sisters, she said, particularly those who



suffer. We at ERD, she said, "are your presence when tragedy strikes. We work through the local churches whenever possible."

Swan cited the new community of some 280 homes built by ERD near San Pedro Sula, Honduras, for those made homeless by Hurricane Mitch. ERD put in the physical infrastructure, community facilities and a church. "Over 2,000 Episcopalians went to Honduras—including 60 from Vermont—to build what is wholistic community development at its best."

In Iraq, ERD is working with the Mideast Council of Churches, and she expects the focus to be in the area of food security—agriculture and food processing, with special attention to the needs of children. Funds are needed for this work.

Swan was particularly emphatic about the need to address the tragedy of AIDS in Africa. She said, "More die of AIDS each day in Africa than died in the fall of the twin towers." Noting that the Anglican Church in Africa is confronting the disease, Swan said, "AIDS in Africa is a world problem. It is our problem. We must speak out. We must be there with them."

Contributions to Episcopal Relief and Development may be sent to PO Box 12043, Newark, NJ 07101. They may also be made by credit card at www.ER-D.org. ❖

General Seminary to house new Tutu Peace Center

Trustees of The General Theological Seminary (GTS) have approved the creation of a new educational conference center on the Seminary's historic property in the Chelsea district of Manhattan. In addition to housing 60 guest rooms with state-of-the-art conference facilities, the new complex will become home to the Desmond Tutu Center for Peace and Reconciliation.

The Tutu Center will have a faculty-rank director and will sponsor research, institutes, and lectures that seek new understandings in the Church's mission to promote peace and work toward an end to violence and injustice at home and abroad. Construction will begin next year.

Diocesan Study Program honors three new graduates

Three members of the Diocesan Study Program (DSP) group that has been meeting over the last three years in Montpelier and Northfield will receive diplomas in a graduation ceremony planned for St. Michael's Chapel at Rock Point, Sunday, June 22, at 7:00 P.M. All are welcome.

Scott Neal of St. Mary's, Northfield, Remington Rose-Crossley of the Slate Valley Regional Ministry, and Duncan Tingle of St. John's in the Mountains, Stowe, are the last to complete the DSP in its three-year format. They studied Christian formation, scripture, theology, church history, liturgy and Anglican ethos, and ethics, with dif-

ferent faculty members assigned to each area.

Beginning in January of this year, a group began meeting at Mission Farm, Killington, using a two-year format with a more integrated approach to the basic subject areas. Two faculty members remain with the group throughout the program, and guest faculty are brought in as needed.

Those interested in participating in a new two-year DSP group that will start in January 2004, should contact the Rev. John Morris at 802-333-9725, or jcmvt@sover.net. The group will meet one full Saturday a month for ten months each year.



St. Paul's designated Jubilee Center

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to the Gospel's call to "feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked care for the sick, and visit the imprisoned" (Matthew 25:35)

The Jubilee Ministry Office of the Episcopal Church defines a Jubilee Ministry Center as "a congregation, an ecumenical cluster with an Episcopal presence, or an agency with connections to the Episcopal Church, already engaged in mission and ministry among and with poor and oppressed people. Each program comes out of the history of its community."

St. Paul's designation as a Jubilee Ministry Center realizes only a small part of Bishop Thomas Ely's commitment to recognizing and thereby fostering outreach ministry in Vermont. In the October 2002 Mountain Echo, he stated, "I think many congregations in the Diocese of Vermont... would qualify as Jubilee Ministry Centers." As part of this effort, last fall Bishop Ely appointed Co-Diocesan Jubilee Officers for the Diocese: Susanna Grannis (Otter Creek, Southwest, Southeast, and Three Rivers Deaneries) and Keri Aubert (Northwest, Central, Northeast, and Champlain Deaneries).

A congregation or organization begins the process of becoming a Jubilee Ministry Center by applying to its Diocesan Jubilee Officer. Both the Diocesan Jubilee Officer and the Bishop must approve the application. On receipt of the application, the Jubilee Ministry Office schedules a site visit. With the site visitor's approval, application materials are forwarded to the Executive Council, which makes the final Jubilee Ministry Center designation.



Maggie Claud, Jubilee Officer from Connecticut, with Dean Ken Poppe. Claud conducted the site visit that was part of the designation process.

St. Paul's site visit took place on April 22, and was conducted by Maggie Claud, Diocesan Jubilee Officer for the Diocese of Connecticut. After touring the Cathedral and meeting the clergy and staff, Claud visited the JUMP drop-in center at the First Congregational Church of Burlington. She witnessed the client intake process and met with JUMP Co-Director the Rev. Becky Strader. She then moved on to Three Cathedral Square, where Cathedral Square Corporation's Nancy Eldridge explained the corporation's history and mission and led a tour of the new assisted living facility.

If your congregation is interested in further exploring Jubilee Ministry, please contact Susanna Grannis (802-874-4013 or susanna@yesi.am), or Keri Aubert (802-288-9338 or keria@together.net). You can also view the ECUSA Jubilee Web site at <http://www.episcopalchurch.org/jubilee/>.

Keri Aubert is a member of the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Burlington.

Cathedral Square assisted living facility nears completion

by Anne Clarke Brown

The Cathedral Square Corporation chose Mother's Day, May 11, to invite the St. Paul's Cathedral congregation, residents of Three Cathedral Square and other guests to a reception and tours of the new assisted living facility at Three Cathedral Square. Cathedral Square Executive Director Nancy Eldridge told the group gathered in the new dining room that Mother's Day seemed an

appropriate time, because St. Paul's is "the mother of the Cathedral Square Corporation, and the cathedral has nurtured us for 25 years, as all good mothers do."

Eldridge introduced Dean Ken Poppe, who asked God's blessing on the new facility, "from roof to floor, from wall to foundation," and offered prayers for the individual apartments, the common spaces, the future residents and the staff.

The twenty-eight assisted living units and supporting spaces are located in an addition to the existing Three Cathedral Square senior housing building and in renovated space in its lower two levels. The facility will be the first licensed in Vermont as an affordable assisted living facility. Apartments will be available for a mix of incomes, and residents with incomes below a certain amount will be eligible for HUD rent subsidies. The State Medicaid program will lower the cost of the health and personal care services for eligible residents.

Approximately sev-

enty applications have been received for the twenty-eight units. Current residents of Three Cathedral Square have priority, followed by those in the other thirteen Cathedral Square senior housing properties. Nancy Eldridge said that Three Cathedral Square residents who are unable to remain in their independent living setting will now be able to remain in their home with a move downstairs.

For more information on the Cathedral Square Corporation and its properties, visit the web site at www.cathedralsquare.org, or call 802-862-2224.



Cathedral Square's Nancy Eldridge shows guests the kitchenette in one of the new assisted living units.

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The Northwest Deanery held its quarterly meeting May 18 at St. Luke's, Alburg.

ST. LUKE'S, Alburg, hosts the great 4th of July Yard Sale from about 9 A.M. to 12 noon. St. Luke's summer schedule is Eucharist and Healing service on Saturdays at 5:30 P.M.

On June 22, ST. MATTHEW'S, Enosburg, will celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Reverend **Virginia Thomas**' ordination as a deacon. The service is at 10 A.M., and will include a baptism. Luncheon will be served afterwards. Join the congregation to celebrate her ministry! Please call 933-8942 to give numbers.

ST. LUKE'S, St. Albans, is collecting pennies so that parishioners **Dot and Jim Lear** can take them to San Felipe, Mexico, to be melted down to make a bell for a mission there. St. Luke's hosted the St. Albans Historical Society's annual meeting in May. **Jeanne A. Brink** of Barre talked about Western Abenaki history, culture, and traditions, drawing upon her family history and experience serving as Native American consultant to schools and organizations. Her focus was on cultivating an appreciation of the long history of the Abenaki people and what they are trying to accomplish today. The annual salad luncheon was scheduled for May 28.

GRACE CHURCH, Sheldon's Summer Music at Grace includes:

May 29: **Mark Sustic and Friends** Farewell Reunion, 7 P.M.

June 16: **Aurora Ancient Music** presents Iberian Miracles, 7:30 P.M.

July 14: **Village Harmony** Returns!

Community potluck at 5:30 P.M., followed by concert at 7 P.M.

The schedule is still filling in. Please check www.gracechurchsheldon.org, or call 326-4603 for more concert information.

HOLY TRINITY, Swanton, celebrated Native American Sunday on the third Sunday of Easter.

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ST. STEPHEN'S, Middlebury, will host the annual Peasant Market on July 5. The famous pies will be on sale, along with a wide variety of other items and the new Peasant Market cookbook.

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ST. JAMES', Arlington, had a combined 9 A.M. service on May 18, leading into a parish forum focusing on the work of the various committees and the future of the Church School program. The 2003 Elvis Open Golf Tournament at the Arlington Rec Park followed the same afternoon.

ST. PETER'S, Bennington, welcomed **Kristin Wood**, diocesan co-coordinator

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

for Episcopal Relief and Development on May 11, to talk about ERD's mission. This year, the Parish Fair will be Saturday, June 7, from 10 A.M. to 3 P.M. **Catherine Burns** and **Gary Whiting** are heading up the preparations.

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IMMANUEL, Bellows Falls, in response to "Why were there no women disciples—or were there?" hosted an interesting and informative presentation and discussion on "Women in the Bible" by the Rev. **Ben Chase**. On June 7, the Eve of Pentecost, the Covenant Group—now known as the Ministry Support Team for Immanuel Parish—will be commissioned and ordained by **Bishop Ely**. Our prayers and congratulations for years of hard work go out to them—**Margaret Crane, Jean and Steve Fuller, Mary Haas, Vic Horvath, Ted King, Charles and Gloria Mansfield**.

"Joy in God's Creation" is the theme for ST. MICHAEL'S, Brattleboro, Parish Weekend at Rock Point in mid-June. The parish had two successful fund raisers in May—a Chicken Pie Supper on the 3rd and the Spring Tag Sale on the 17th. The Town of Brattleboro and the church will share repair and replacement costs of sidewalks and walks adjacent to the church.

Determined to share the Good News of the Gospel as well as some of their "abundance of light" with the wider community, the Evangelism Committee of ST. LUKE'S, Chester, designated June 1, as "Bring a Friend to Church" Sunday. Visitors to Chester's May 10 "Quilts Around Town" event found delicious soup lunches available in Willard Hall. The men will hold their 4th Annual Bake Sale on the front lawn during Chester's Alumni Day Parade.

Two large pine trees that grew far beyond their original expectations and literally hid GETHSEMANE, Proctorsville from passersby have been removed. The parishioners and the community are so delighted with the results that offerings of plants for landscaping have been made and funding for a new front walk and ramp (or another project) has been given by **Lee Stockwell** in memory of her husband **Frank**. **Margaret Bixby's daughter Paula** has also offered the church a stained glass window being removed from a construction project in Boston to either use or sell.

Overheard by "yours truly" in the kitchen of ST. MARK'S, Springfield, during a recent breakfast cleanup were some of the women discussing a possible pot luck supper and "shower" for the church. They are planning on folks bringing their best dish to share along with a gift that can be used at the church (soap, paper towels, light bulbs, etc.). These women were getting psyched—it was the power of the Holy Spirit at work while they were doing dishes!

The other day I decided to catch-up on current happenings in the area by tuning

my TV to the local public access channel (SAPA) and voila! There—as big as life—ST. PAUL'S, Windsor is hosting a public brunch on the first Sunday of the month after their worship service. Knowing these folks and their food, it will be well worth the visit (why not arrive early and partake in some spiritual "appetizers" as well).

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CHRIST CHURCH, Bethel, parishioners are looking forward to moving to their summer home in the country, Old Christ Church. In anticipation of the annual move, the congregation is welcoming back summer members and friends, and even the annual cleaning session and moving of prayer books, hymnals, vestments, vessels and linens were eagerly announced and "peopled."

"Second Sunday" discussion on Mother's Day at ST. MARTIN'S, Fairlee, focused on biblical texts that "encourage us to use feminine images for God," in addition to the God-as-Father texts with which we're familiar. Congratulations to the five parishioners—and their sponsors—who walked in the 26th Annual Lenten Walk that benefits the Upper Valley Haven and Habitat for Humanity: St. Martin's raised over \$300!

Many people who have worshiped in or visited CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR in Killington know about the intercession book that is prominent in the back of the nave. Because of the combat in Iraq, a new section has been added to the monthly pages: "For those in harm's way." Visitors are encouraged to add their own petitions and thanksgivings of any kind so the community may pray along.

The book group at ST. BARNABAS' in Norwich has been meeting monthly since March for stimulating discussion. All participants agree that cementing friendships is an important outcome of the gatherings, all the while exploring spiritual and religious themes in a supportive environment.

If you happen to go to ST. JOHN'S in Randolph, you just might hear the rector whistling the strains of Easter's choir finale. **Tim Eberhardt** notes that there's still a lot of "Easter living to do and be," including the generous scholarship help available to graduating high school seniors, and exploration of the provocative book *Jesus Didn't Go to Church*.

The middle and high school students of ST. PAUL'S, White River Junction, met through Lent for what are reported to be "incredible" sessions. A good part of their time together resulted in their leadership of, and participation in, the Good Friday service. Their spring events appear to be true to their name, as well: "Keeping the Faith" students' plans include a Heifer Project fundraiser and a visit to the labyrinth at neighboring St. Barnabas' in Norwich.

Teenagers in the Woodstock area were mighty lucky! The good folks at ST. JAMES', Woodstock, hosted an after-

prom breakfast for students as part of the alcohol-free prom events at the high school. **Marcia Boyer** reports that another aspect of the congregation's outreach is busier than ever, as people try to "catch up" because of the harsh—and long—winter: now that the Food Shelf houses the local Women with Infants and Children (WIC) program, more people have been introduced to the Food Shelf and Clothes Closet.

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At GOOD SHEPHERD, Barre, on Saturday evening, May 3, **Bishop Ely** was the co-officiant with the Rev. **Jean Jersey** at a pre-confirmation vigil. On May 4, the bishop baptized one new infant member, confirmed eight teenagers and three adults, and received one adult into the Episcopal Church. He also met with the vestry to discuss options the church might employ as it looks to the future and what kind of leadership it might need.

On May 29, the Feast of the Ascension, **Carole Wageman** was ordained to the diaconate by Bishop Ely at CHRIST CHURCH, Montpelier. The service was very festive, with trumpet voluntaries played by parishioner, **Ron Clark**. Carol will be working as an assistant at Trinity Church, Shelburne.

The Sunday morning adult education group is reading and discussing *Reading the Bible Again for the First Time*, by Marcus Borg. The book deals with who Jesus really was within his faith, what Bible quotes are really his, and examines the way we look at the Bible and find ourselves in our own experience. This study started in May and goes through the middle of June.

The exhibit in the Christ Church Sacred Space gallery during May was a collection of colorful abstract oil paintings by Montpelier resident **Sarah Munro**. She describes her work as "good fun, play and shared conversation between oil paint, gesso, paper, canvas, texture, shape and color, which conspire to shape this Sacred Space show." She is known in the area for her Silkscares, colorful suncatchers painted on silk.

ST. JOHN'S IN THE MOUNTAINS, Stowe, continues to pursue the purchase of a nearby parcel of land for relocating the church. One person was baptized, one received and ten confirmed at **Bishop Ely's** May 25 visitation to St. John's.

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The Deanery representatives met at CHRIST CHURCH, Island Pond on May 4th. The main topic of discussion was news from each parish. Of the six parishes in Deanery 7, three are searching for clergy. The deanery banner has been presented to the cathedral to be hung with the other deanery banners.

ST. PETER'S, Lyndonville had a team of ten (from youngster to grandmothers) to help green-up Lyndonville. They collected 23 bags full of trash.

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Trinity, Rutland, celebrates Betty Clark, tells the parish story

Members of Trinity Church, Rutland, gathered Sunday, April 27, for three important celebrations, beginning with a service of Holy Eucharist that brought together

worshippers from the regular 8 and 10 A.M. services.

More than 100 people stayed to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Betty Clark's music ministry at Trinity, followed by "Telling Our Story," a key element in the congregation's discernment and self-study process toward the calling of a new rector.

The Rev. Thad Bennet, Canon for Ministry Development and a consultant to the discernment process facilitated the communal effort to recall important elements in the congregations's history. The Rev. Hugh Tudor-Foley, interim rector at Trinity, said,



"When we finished about 3:00 P.M. we still had approximately ninety people in attendance. The 'Telling Our Story' was a celebration as well."

Clockwise from top: The Rev. Canon Thad Bennet invites offerings for the Trinity timeline; Betty Clark, Trinity organist and music director (left) and Kathy Hall; Senior Warden Larry Jensen; Ruth St. Onge and Jean Huebner; Nancy Gordon and Veda Ghio listen to Alfred Ghio.



Bill Wiles photos



St. Martin "revealed" at St. Martin's

by Hank Buermeyer

The Reverend John Morris, priest-in-charge for the past year at St. Martin's, Fairlee, recently gave some of the new members a tour of the church on a Saturday afternoon. Several members wanted to know something about the church's patron saint, Saint Martin of Tours.

As part of the tour, Morris showed the new members some artwork in the church depicting the famous scene in which Martin cut his Roman legionary's cloak in half in order to give comfort to a cold beggar.

He then said that there was another great story about Martin, one involving his reluctance to be named Bishop of Tours. The story, as he told it, was that Martin hid in a cave so that no one could find him, hopefully so that he would not be elected as Bishop of Tours. But a goose followed him and started honking, alerting the people of Martin's whereabouts. One might say that this cooked Martin's goose.

At the end of the tour, John Morris told the members that it was too bad that there

was no artwork in the church depicting this story. "Oh, there is," said one of the new members. "There's a picture in the sacristy that has a goose in it."

Indeed, there was such a picture in the sacristy, painted by a church member many years ago, one that Morris had never noticed during his first year of ministry at St. Martin's. "It never got on my radar screen," he said.

John Morris shared this story with members of the congregation the next day during his homily. He even held up the "goose" picture for everybody to see, so that everybody would know we had a "goose" picture in the church.

"You have another one," said long-time member Julia Fifield from the back of the church. Morris looked puzzled. "Under your seat—where you sit (during the service)," she added.

Fifield should know—she did the needlepoint herself, back in the late 1960's.

John Morris walked over to the three chairs on the left side of the church near



Hank Buermeyer photos

Needlepoint seat cushions at St. Martin's depict legends of the congregations's patron, Saint Martin of Tours.

the altar and examined the needlepoint work on the seat cushions. Sure enough, there was another goose, on the seat reserved for the chalice bearer, a goose hiding in back of a bishop's miter.

Morris smiled and apologized for this oversight. Everybody had a good laugh. Thanks to a new member, and to one of St. Martin's longtime members, all of

the church members now knew of the lovely needlepoint they had in their church documenting not only of the story of Saint Martin cutting his cloak in half, but also of Saint Martin and the honking goose.

Legend has it that, as an act of revenge, Martin killed this goose and cooked it for his dinner, on the spot.

To this day the "goose connection" with St. Martin remains—in France, Germany, Austria, Denmark, Scandinavia, Latvia, Estonia, Poland. And in Sweden, roast goose on November 10, Martinmas Eve, is traditionally accompanied by *svartsoppa*, or "black soup," made of goose parts. *Svartsoppa* turns out to be sweet-sour, full of fruit, stuffed with spices, totally alcoholic, and, to get that characteristic black-red color, given a really big jolt of goose blood.

I think I'll just admire the needlepoint, thank you.

Speaking of which, the first chair that Fifield needlepointed for St. Martin's was the Bishop's chair, which has a needlepoint seat depicting the seal of the Diocese of Vermont. The priest's chair has the needlepoint of St. Martin's cloak being cut in half to give to the cold beggar.

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Summer worship schedules begin in June; check your newsletter for times. Good News Garage (331 North Winooski Ave., Burlington) seeks donated automobiles. Call 802-864-3667 for information on donating to this ministry that provides

cars for those in need. The web site is at www.goodnewsgarage.org/vermont.

The Rev. **Stewart Pierson** of ALL SAINTS', South Burlington, and the Rev. **Robert Macauley** of St. Paul's, Vergennes, participated in a pulpit exchange Sunday May 18, conducting services and education forums at each other's congregation. The children of All Saints' took part in the service on Mother's Day, doing the readings, singing an anthem and learning from an instructed Eucharist. The Annual Lobster Supper will be June 7 (see page D).

The CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, Burlington, continues to support the children's summer lunch program at the

Bobbin Mills site. This Vermont Campaign to end Childhood Hunger program started in 1999, serving 273 lunches; in 2002, 800 meals were served. Volunteers are needed to assist with children's activities. Call **Angela Vanderhoff**, 802-865-0255. The Christian Meditation group meets on Tuesday evenings at 7 P.M. for one hour; the program includes quiet music, a short talk and time for silent meditation.

ST. JAMES', Essex Junction, continues to support **Jorge Cruz** of Honduras with funds for housing, meals, clothing and medical needs. The parish will hold its annual retreat at Rock Point June 6-8.



Diocesan Calendar

June 2003

- 1 Bishop at St. Barnabas', Norwich
- 1 Dismantling Racism Commission, St. John's, Randolph, 2 PM
- 4 Executive Committee, Diocesan Center, 1 PM
- 6-7 Diocesan Study Program Retreat, Killington
- 7 Rock Point School Graduation
- 8 Bishop at St. Stephen's, Middlebury
- 11 Rock Point Board, Diocesan Center, 1 PM
- 12 Deadline, July/August Mountain Echo**
- 14 Diocesan Council, Trinity, Shelburne, 10 AM
- 15 Bishop at St. Paul's, Vergennes
- 17 Standing Committee, St. John's, Randolph, 2 PM
- 18 Dispatch of Business, Diocesan Center, 1 PM
- 19 Fresh Start, Good Shepherd, Barre, 9:30 AM
- 22 Diocesan Study Program graduation (Montpelier group), St. Michael's Chapel, Rock Point
- 22 Bishop at St. Peter's, Bennington
- 26 Safe Church Training, BBCC, 8:45 AM
- 29 Bishop at St. Paul's, Windsor

July 2003

- 2 Executive Committee, Christ Church, Montpelier, 1 PM
- 4 Independence Day, Diocesan Center closed
- 12 Bishop at St. Luke's, Alburg
- 13 Bishop at St. Ann's, Richford and Grace, Sheldon
- 20 Bishop at Christ Church, Bethel
- 23 Rock Point Board, Diocesan Center, 1 PM
- 30-Aug. 8 General Convention, Minneapolis

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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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- June 29-30 Province 1 Youth Network Meeting
Southbridge, MA
- Oct 25-27 Province 1 Youth Event
Barbara Harris Conference Center

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

Funds Available for Parish Use As of May 1, 2003

Total Pledged	\$1,600,000
Pledges Received (92%)	\$1,464,545
Funds available:	
Initiative I	
The Bishop Butterfield Revolving Loan Fund	\$ 271,380
Initiative II	
The Talent and Resource Network	\$ 7,194
Initiative III	
The Congregation Renewal and Emergency Assistance Fund	\$ 5,134
Initiative IV	
The Diocesan Outreach Fund	\$ 12,328
Appropriate uses for each initiative, application forms and requirements may be found in the Diocesan Handbook. For further information, please call the Diocesan Office.	

Rock Point Summer Conference staff appointed

The Rock Point Summer Conference Personnel Committee is pleased to announce the staff appointments for the 2003 season. The committee welcomes the summer staff and looks forward to their arrival on June 25.

The director this summer will be **Susan Claytor**, who is in the ordination process and in her second year at Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria, Virginia. Prior to seminary, she was the youth and family minister at the Episcopal Church of Our Savior in Jacksonville, Florida. She has also served as a Christian education director and youth minister, as a church bookkeeper, and as a director of a Methodist day school.

Assistant Director **Meredith Visco** is a long-time Rock Point camper and counselor. She is currently employed as the assistant director for YMCA Live Y'ers afterschool site in Charlotte. She organized and coordinated a Spanish language day camp for nine to twelve year old children, has taught Spanish and was an English camp counselor in Salamanca, Spain.

Female Counselors:

Anna Haensch currently attends the University of Maryland. She has been employed by Episcopal Anglican Campus Ministry as a peer minister and has been active in the Episcopal Church.

Heather Ogelby, a long time camper at Rock Point, just completed her first year at St. Michael's College in Colchester. Heather was on the design team for the Episcopal Youth Event last summer and was active in the Diocesan Youth Committee.

Sarah McAuley Perry currently attends Fordham University in New York, majoring in music with

a minor in biology. She attended Rock Point Summer Conferences. Sarah enjoys activities such as the Concert Choir.

Male Counselors:

Nathaniel Broughton is a long time camper at Rock Point. Nate has been active in Diocesan Youth Committee, and last summer, he worked at Rock Point as a groundskeeper and trail worker. He graduates from Burlington High School this year and plans on attending Haverford College in Pennsylvania in the fall.

George Marshall is returning as a second year counselor. George is a long-time camper at Rock Point and served on the volunteer staff at the conferences for six years. He is attending the University of Vermont College of Engineering and Math. He is an Eagle Scout.

Christian Keitel is returning as a third-year counselor after many years as a camper at Rock Point. Chris is attending Columbia College in New York, majoring in mathematics. Currently, Chris is working for Lerner Hall Student Services as a junior lead technician doing web-server development.

Lead Cook:

Bonnie Fournier is returning as the camp cook for the tenth year. She is a long-time Episcopalian and is a member of Holy Trinity, Swanton. Bonnie has served as the Rock Point Summer Conference treasurer and bookkeeper for seven years and has been on the Summer Conference Committee for seven years.

The committee anticipates another great summer at Rock Point with a great staff. ❖

Trustees announce distributions from the Unit Fund

The Investment Committee of the Trustees of the Diocese of Vermont received from the Chittenden Bank the report of the performance of the diocesan Unit Stock and Bond Funds on May 6. According to the trustees, high unit valuations in the Unit Stock Fund during 1999 and 2000 are being replaced by lower current valuations. The effect will be a gradual reduction in distributions from the funds over the next several quarters. Unit Stock Fund distributions, in spite of this trend, remain higher than Unit Bond Fund distributions. Distributions are set at 5% per year of a moving average of unit values.

The March 31, 2003 distribution from the Unit Stock Fund was \$ 0.11925 per unit, compared to the \$ 0.13540 distribution for the

same period in 2002. The December 31, 2002 distribution from the Unit Bond Fund was \$ 0.10623 per unit, compared to the \$ 0.10339 distribution for the same period in 2002. The trustees announced that second quarter distributions will be \$ 0.11231 from the Unit Stock Fund and \$ 0.10728 from the Unit Bond Fund.

July/August Mountain Echo Deadline

The next issue of the Echo will cover both July and August. The deadline for submitting material is June 12. Delivery will be approximately July 5.

Congregational Support and Resources Committee announces grants

The Rev. Diane Root, chair of the Congregational Support and Resources Committee, announced that the committee had awarded the following grants at its May meeting:

Initiative II, Talent and Resource Network

- St. Luke's, Chester
\$200 for stewardship conference
- St. Mark's, Springfield
\$650 for Education for Ministry (EFM) tuition for two people
- St. James', Essex Junction
\$500 for Alpha program start up
- Trinity, Rutland
\$1,200 for a consultant
- St. Mark's, Newport
\$1,200 (max) for a new computer
\$200 for a vestry retreat
\$300 toward LPM tuition
- St. James', Arlington
\$500 for preaching workshop
\$450 toward LPM tuition
- St. James', Woodstock
\$500 for Liturgy and Music Festival

- Diocese of Vermont
\$1,000 for supplemental funding of Plannaging work
 - St. Stephen's, Middlebury
\$750 for youth service trip
 - Three Rivers Regional Ministry
\$1,500 to partially fund a seminarian for summer work
 - Initiative III, Congregational Renewal**
 - Calvary, Underhill
\$525 for roof repair
 - St. James', Arlington
\$5,000 for furnace replacement
 - Irish Grant/Emergency Requests**
(Exhausts Irish funds for 2003)
 - St. John's, Hardwick
\$5,000 for Phase III of their feasibility study
- The application deadline for the next round of grants is August 15, 2003. Application forms may be found in the diocesan handbook, or they may be downloaded from the diocesan web site, www.dioceseofvermont.org/Orgs/Congsupport.html. Click on the link at the bottom of the page. ❖