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Global mission is theme of 173rd Diocesan Convention

by Sarah Gallagher

The 173rd Annual Convention of the Diocese of Vermont will be held November 4-5 at the Lake Morey Resort in Fairlee. The theme of global mission will be evident in the Friday afternoon workshops and Bishop Ely's address, as well as the dinner speech by Lallie Lloyd, vice-chair of Episcopalians for Global Reconciliation (EGR), and the sermon at Saturday morning Eucharist by the Most Rev. Martín Barahona, Bishop of the Anglican Episcopal Church of El Salvador and Primate of the Anglican Church of the Region of Central America.

Convention registration begins at 11:30 A.M. on Friday, and the ever-popular and informative workshop, "Convention 101," will be offered at noon. Jim Larkin and Gordon Bardos join forces to provide an overview of the process of Convention—particularly helpful for new delegates. Legislative procedures, how to amend a resolution, and what

we will be voting on and how we will vote are just a few of the topics covered.

Hearings will be held from 1:30 to 2:30 on Friday afternoon, providing a forum for people to discuss the issues that will come to the floor of Convention in the form of resolutions, canonical changes, and the 2006 budget. Members of the Resolutions Committee, Canons Committee, Council, and others will be on hand to answer questions.

Workshops and addresses

Friday afternoon workshops will begin at 2:45. The Rev. Ben Chase is coordinating the workshop on the Middle East, which will feature George Rishmawi of the Holy Land Trust in Bethlehem. Chase emphasizes that the church is active in all parts of the Middle East. Peter Galbraith and Marcia Stone are coordinating a panel discussion on mission work in various parts of Africa. The Reverends Lee Crawford and Diana Collins are

coordinating a workshop on cross-cultural mission opportunities in Central America. They will be joined by Bishop Barahona.

Bishop Thomas Ely will give his annual address after worship on Friday evening, which begins at 5:15. A social hour begins at 6:30, followed by dinner at 7:15. Lallie Lloyd of EGR will be the keynote speaker at dinner.

Lloyd, who lives in Lexington, Massachusetts, helped lead the Mission Strategy process for the Diocese of Massachusetts and is vice-chair of the Standing Commission for Domestic Mission and Evangelism for the Episcopal Church. She is vice-chair of EGR, a group founded in 2002 to serve as a resource for the Episcopal Church in its work for spiritual renewal and global economic justice. She earned her BA from Yale University and her MBA from the Wharton School. She received an MA in Theological Studies from Episcopal Divinity School in

May, 2005. A member of St. Anne's, Lincoln, she has three young adult children.

The Most Rev. Martín Barahona will preach at the Saturday morning Eucharist. He is the first Salvadoran to serve as bishop of the church in El Salvador, a church with strong commitments to human rights and the concerns of the poor. He was the only primate, besides Presiding Bishop Frank Griswold, to attend the consecration of the Rt. Rev. Gene Robinson in 2003.

Convention business will begin at 10:00 A.M. Saturday, with an expected adjournment at 4:00 P.M. Full registration information and forms are available on-line at the diocesan web site, www.dioceseofvermont.org, or call the Diocesan Office, 800-286-3437. It is not necessary to be a delegate to attend Convention, and fee packages are available for just the dinner or the day on Saturday.

Resolutions, the 2006 budget, and brief biographies of nominees will be published in the November Mountain Echo. ❖

Colchester group participates in YouthWorks mission

By Michele Viani

On Sunday, July 24, at 7:30 A.M., Holly Moorehouse, Liz Mooney, Angela Viani, Matt Olson, Prescott Nadeau, Brendon Sweeny, Victoria Chaffee, Victoria Iaria and I climbed into a 15 passenger van and left St. Andrew's, Colchester, for Philadelphia to join in a YouthWorks 2005 mission trip. YouthWorks is multi-denominational organization headquartered in Minneapolis that offers "life-changing, Christ centered youth mission opportunities" for 12-19 year olds. In 2005, nearly 37,000 people participated in programs in over 80 communities. While the trips have a work component, the focus is on building relationships.

The YouthWorks staff met us at a church in an area of Philadelphia called Fish Town. Groups from Connecticut, Wisconsin, Virginia and Kentucky joined us, and we were divided into work groups. The next five days were spent at various work sites. We all worked with the children of the area at least two days. Other work sites included a food shelf, thrift shop, shelters for the homeless, a nursing home and an old house being restored to house international students attending the University of Pennsylvania. Our work groups were also assigned chores such as meal prep or clean up.

In the evening after dinner, we had a chance to explore Philadelphia, and we even had a scavenger hunt in the historical section. One evening we attended a service at a local church that was hosting an "Invasion" group—another mission group of teens—and on our last evening, we had a neighborhood cookout in the park next to the church. It was awesome to see the



The St. Andrew's YouthWorks team. Back row left to right: Liz Mooney, Prescott Nadeau, Matt Olson, Brendon Sweeny, Victoria Chaffee, the Rev. Lisette Baxter
Front row left to right: Angela Viani, Victoria Iaria, Holly Moorehouse, Michele Viani.

community enjoying fellowship, music and food.

After the evening activity we had a group service and then we were able to meet with our church group to discuss the day before lights out. The days were busy and filled with hard work, sweat (lots and lots of sweat), laughter and love.

Every day I could feel God's presence and love—it was overpowering. An elderly patient at the nursing home needed to talk

to someone, and one of our young people was there to listen for over two hours. A homeless woman hadn't talked to anyone since she arrived at the shelter, and she spent an afternoon talking and laughing with one of our youth. YouthWorks' theme is to *Be Like Jesus*. I saw Jesus in and shining through everyone that week. I was so blessed to be able to accompany this fantastic group of young adults on this journey.

Michele Viani is a member of St. Andrew's, Colchester.

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Hurricane Katrina: Reflections and Concerns

by the Right Reverend Thomas Clark Ely, Bishop of Vermont

Reports from the Gulf Coast and the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina give us much to ponder. Like you, my thoughts and prayers have been with those most affected by this disaster, especially those who have lost everything, having been displaced from their homes, their livelihoods, and their communities. Those who have been evacuated from the familiar surroundings of their neighborhoods, and from the support systems of family and community, hold a special place in my heart. With the compassion of Christ, we grieve for the dead and weep with those who have suffered so great a loss. We realize especially at times like this how much others mean to us, how much we take for granted, and how much we need one another.

I am extremely proud of the many ways in which the people of our diocese have responded to the calls for help and support. Vermonters, not just Episcopalians, have shown the depth of our caring and compassion in a most generous expression of support, including money, supplies and a willingness to go to the Gulf Coast and be of whatever help we can. New Englanders know the importance of reaching out to those in need, especially in times of trouble.

The stories of how the congregations of our diocese have responded are just now beginning to make their way to me, and I am deeply moved by some of the sacrificial outpouring that is taking place. In the name of our diocese, I sent \$10,000 directly to three of the bishops from dioceses most affected by Katrina (Louisiana, Mississippi, Central Gulf Coast). This includes \$5,000 from funds available to the bishop and a \$5,000 matching grant from the Outreach and Social Justice Committee McClure/Discovery 2000 Initiative IV funds. This is just one of

the many ways in which the generosity of Vermont Episcopalians is being offered in the wake of this disaster. Ann and I have joined many of you in making a contribution to Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD). I am working on some other ways in which we as a diocese might respond and will keep you informed.

As the generosity that each of us is demonstrating continues to grow, I am also mindful of the many other issues surfacing in the face of this crisis. I am not interested in blaming or finger pointing, and yet I find myself deeply concerned about some of the realities that are emerging from this disaster. Among them, I am deeply concerned about the dynamics of race and class, as well as what this disaster has to teach us about our stewardship of the environment. It seems clear to me that the poor, persons from racial minorities, the disabled and the elderly have suffered tremendously and disproportionately from the Katrina disaster.

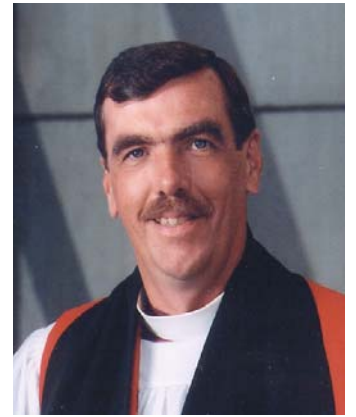
Clear to me also is the fact that attention to environmental concerns could have lessened, if not prevented, the disaster from reaching the proportions we are witnessing and others are experiencing first hand. Add to all this the related issue (already a growing concern before Katrina) of the rising cost of oil and gas and its effect upon us, especially here in New England as winter approaches, and the concerns grow even larger. Around this particular issue, I am very worried about individuals, families and congregations trying to meet rising oil and gas costs this autumn and winter.

So, what's a Christian to do? The answers, of course, are not simple, but our mindfulness of the need to take action is a step in the right direction. With all due respect, might I suggest that a first action step for us is not to be satisfied with easy answers and explanations to the issues of race and class as they relate to Hurricane Katrina. It is perfectly appropriate for us to ask hard questions of those responsible for evacuation plans and relief efforts as to why the poor were so adversely affected and why relief efforts were slow to reach many of the poorest. Perfectly appropriate also are the difficult questions about future decisions regarding the choices that will be made, and the tension that often

exists, between economic development and the environment and the affect of those decisions on the poor and on the future of the earth. Then there is the equally challenging question of who will pay for all this? As military spending continues to escalate with a protracted war in Iraq, this is a very significant question. Where will the money come from to do all that the President has pledged to do in the aftermath of Katrina?

Asking hard questions of ourselves is also appropriate. I wonder about all the decisions we make, all our choices about how we live our lives and how often (or seldom) we stop to consider the environmental impact of our decisions and lifestyles, or how our decisions—economic and otherwise—can affect the poor in negative ways. Perhaps with regard to the current oil and gas crisis, we need to think very intentionally about the use of our church buildings, with an even sharper eye toward the environment and good stewardship? Maybe we need to be

“We realize especially at times like this how much others mean to us, how much we take for granted, and how much we need one another.”



stronger and more vocal in our concern about the environment in our state and local communities as decisions around land use and related matters get made that carry with them long term consequences? And to be sure, we need to be generous in our giving to local fuel banks.

How can we help address people's growing anxiety about these matters? How can we offer leadership in response to crisis? To what extent is this a *kairos* moment—a God's time moment—for the church and for the world, calling for our deepest possible engagement before we “settle in” to the emerging patterns we are experiencing now as crisis?

I know these concerns are not mine alone and that you are likewise struggling with these and other concerns arising from the current circumstances, even as we hear and read about the many wonderful stories of grace, courage and hope and the incredible outpouring of generosity from people. I hope you will engage these and other related questions among yourselves and within your congregation. These are faith questions, and as people of faith we are invited to engage them as part of the church's prophetic ministry. As you do so, please continue to express your love and compassion for others through your own generosity.

In thankfulness and hope,
+ Thomas

Bishop Ely publishes op-ed column supporting food stamp program

A commentary by Bishop Thomas Ely titled “We must save the food stamp program,” appeared in the Burlington Free Press on August 20, and in the Barre-Montpelier Times-Argus on August 21. The column noted that the Budget Reconciliation Bill pending in Congress would take billions of dollars from the food stamp program, eliminating up to 300,000 people from its benefits, half of whom are children, and 20% of whom are elderly. “For a nation as wealthy as ours,” Ely said, “this is simply immoral and unjust. We cannot let this happen.”

Bishop Ely wrote, “Within the last year, the Food Stamp Program provided sustenance to 24 million Americans, and to 44,708 Vermonters every month.... In Vermont alone, 17,581 children under the age of 18 depend on this program for proper nutrition. Another 7,200 Vermont children may be eligible for food stamps but do not receive them, according to research from

the Vermont Campaign to End Childhood Hunger. Ask any teacher or physician about the connection between healthy eating and a child's mental, physical, and spiritual growth. Healthy children are much more likely to grow up strong and pay attention in school, contribute to their communities and diminish the burden on our health care system and social safety nets.”

The column concluded, “As a Bishop in the Episcopal Church, I believe that all people of good will are called to care for their fellow citizens in need. As Jesus told his disciples, ‘When you did it for the least of these, you did it for me.’ All of us should contact our elected officials and urge them not to cut the Food Stamp Program and to vote against the Budget Reconciliation Bill if cuts are included. I have.”

A link to the full column is on the diocesan Web site, www.dioceseofvermont.org, under “Mountain Echo Columns by Bishop Ely” on the home page. ❖

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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:

In your past columns, I have occasionally noticed that you are less than enamored of the King James Version of the Bible. Why is that?

King James Fan

Dear Fan:

I have a profound admiration for the King James Version (also known as "The Authorized Version"). Who isn't moved by the beauty and rhythm of its language? Also, it is impressive to remember that it was the work of a committee of scholars. Some committees I have worked with are the ultimate example of a group that wants to create a horse and ends up with a camel. The committee that produced the King James Version came up with a thoroughbred.

However, as much as I respect and am in awe of the work of those translators, I also have to remember that I am living in the 21st century and can be led astray by 17th century language. For example, in the King James Version of Psalm 119:147, we read, "I prevented the dawning of the morning..." How many days have you had when you wished you could have kept the sun from rising? A term paper due that afternoon and you haven't even started work on it: time to prevent the dawning of the morning! On the road all night coming back from the family vacation and you only will get two hours sleep before it's time to go to work: aha, let's prevent the dawning of the morning! That would be nice little skill to have.

But, of course, that's not what the Psalmist is talking about. That same verse in the New Revised Standard Version is translated from the Hebrew as "I rise before dawn..." Yikes! Instead of delaying the beginning of the day, now I've got to

get up even earlier and get to work on that term paper or get ready for the office. The misunderstanding encouraged by the KJV is based on the fact that "prevent" used to mean "precede." (In one of our old Prayer Book collects, we used to ask the Holy Spirit to prevent us—in other words, like the ancient Hebrews' pillar of fire and pillar of cloud, to "go before us"). Now, the word "prevent" has taken on an entirely different meaning and, in the case of the Psalm quoted above, an almost opposite meaning.

While we are on this topic, consider the incident described by Edward Chinn in his book, *The Wonder of Words* (C.S.S. Publishing, 1987): After the Great Fire of London destroyed the original St. Paul's Cathedral in 1666, Sir Christopher Wren, the architect, was commissioned to design and build the new Cathedral. When it was finished, Queen Anne toured the new edifice and said, "It is awful, it is amusing, and it is artificial." Surprisingly, Wren was pleased when he heard the Queen say these words, because at that time, "awful" meant "awe-inspiring," "amusing" meant "amazing," and "artificial" meant "artistic."

I don't want to rain on anyone's parade with my comments about the beloved King James Version, but I do feel obliged to remind readers that time marches on, and language changes. If we aren't aware of these changes, we might miss the parade, especially if it begins before dawn and we are still snuggled in bed hoping to "prevent the dawn."

In the meantime, I hope you find this column to be awful and artificial and that God's amusing grace, which has brought us safe this far, will also lead us home.

Send questions to Sr. Bible Person in care of the editor (address on Page B).

Insurance Committee reviewing proposals

by Bill Rayner

All of the insurance surveys have been received, and the Diocesan Insurance Committee thanks all the congregations, the schools, and the diocesan staff for completing this important work. Proposals for the renewal of our diocesan insurance program have been received and reviewed. Committee members will attend the pre-convention hearings to answer questions

on the status of the committee's proposal for the insurance program to be recommended to the Diocesan Convention in November.

We strongly suggest that the information gathered for each congregation be retained and stored in a safe location. It will be important information in the event of a loss and for future renewals.

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Episcopal Church responds to Katrina

By Anne Clarke Brown

Reports of the devastating impact on the Gulf Coast area of Hurricane Katrina and the floods that followed in its wake have dominated the news since the powerful storm first crossed South Florida into the Gulf of Mexico in the last week of August. Many Episcopal churches in the dioceses of Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Central Gulf Coast suffered significant damage, and some, particularly in Mississippi, were completely swept away by the storm surge.

Vermont Episcopalians have joined others throughout the country in a generous offering of support. Many congregations devoted special offerings to Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD), which began working immediately with the affected dioceses and then those in areas that are receiving the thousands of people displaced by the storm. Donations to ERD have surpassed the \$10 million given to aid those affected by the South Asian tsunami, and Christ Church Cathedral in Indianapolis, Indiana, has given \$500,000 to assist in hurricane relief efforts—the largest church gift ever received in ERD's history.

Bishop Ely has sent \$10,000, half from funds available to the bishop and half from the Outreach and Social Justice Committee's Initiative IV funds. He is in preliminary conversation with Elisabeth von Trapp [see article on Page H] and diocesan clergy about a series of November fundraising concerts. Details will be posted on the Web site and in the next Mountain Echo.

How to help

Besides ERD, the Episcopal Church's Office of the Bishop Suffragan for Chaplaincies is assisting the affected dioceses with volunteer efforts, Episcopal Migration Ministries is helping coordinate temporary resettlement for those who have lost their homes, and the National Association of Episcopal Schools is placing some 3000

students whose Episcopal schools were shut down by the disaster.

One initiative, suggested by Episcopal Communicators and now underway in the chaplaincies office, is the creation of Katrina companions, a comprehensive system to coordinate companion relationships linking Episcopal Church dioceses and congregations to congregations and institutions hardest hit by Hurricane Katrina. Bishop George Packard was expected to take his recommendations to the House of Bishops for further discussion and refinement during their meeting September 22-27 in Puerto Rico. Updates on the companions initiative will be posted on the Episcopal Church Web site.

The Web is an excellent place to find information on ways to help. For news updates and links to a variety of sites, go to Episcopal News Service, www.episcopalchurch.org/ens.htm and click on Hurricane Katrina. The chaplaincies Web page (www.ecusa-chaplain.org) includes an online registry for volunteers. Information on the Episcopal Migration Ministries Katrina relocation project is at www.episcopalchurch.org/emmm.htm. A link to the ERD Katrina page is at www.er-d.org, where contributions may also be made.

The site for the Diocese of Louisiana is www.connectedola.org. The Diocese of Mississippi site, www.dioms.org, has contact information for volunteers and a list of needed items. One creative idea is to purchase and send gift cards from stores such as Home Depot (www.homedepot.com), Lowes (www.lowes.com) and Winn Dixie Supermarkets (www.winndixie.com). Cards can be purchased on all of those sites.

As opportunities or fundraising events arise in the Diocese of Vermont, they will be posted at www.dioceseofvermont.org.

More stories on the church and Katrina are in this issue of Episcopal Life. ❖



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Tom Little appointed to Episcopal Church Executive Council

Thomas Little, chancellor of the Diocese of Vermont, General Convention deputy and member of Trinity, Shelburne, has been appointed to fill an unexpired term on the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church, the body that makes decisions about church programs and finance between General Conventions. The Rt. Rev. Chilton Knudsen, President of Province One announced Little's appointment to succeed Del Glover, the Province One lay representative to the council, who has resigned.

"I am pleased to be able to help out Province I by filling out this term of office," Little said, "and I am eager to learn more about the Executive Council and what I can do to help its leadership role in the Church." ❖

Mississippi Bishop Duncan Gray III joined the congregation of St. Mark's, Gulfport, MS, for Eucharist on the slab of their former church on September 4.

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

Anne Clarke Brown, Editor
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Advent retreat to focus on God's love, power, and undeserved suffering

by Mary Lou Ashton

The annual diocesan silent Advent retreat is scheduled for December 2-4 at the Bishop Booth Retreat and Conference Center, Rock Point, Burlington. Phyllis Bristow-Johnson, a member of St. Andrew's, Colchester, will lead the meditations on "God's Love, Power, and Undeserved Suffering."

Bristow-Johnson will explore the question, "How can we trust in God when painful, horrible, things happen in the world, in the lives of our loved ones, and in our own lives?" She says, "From the cross Jesus cried out, 'My God, My God, why have you abandoned me?' In crying out this very human question, Jesus' example gives us permission to ask this question ourselves."

"Although popular piety often wants to assign a reason for the pain and tragedy that comes into people's lives, as the book of Job affirms, there is often no reason," says Bristow-Johnson. "As a Christian I affirm that God loves us, that God is powerful, and that senseless unreasonable painful things happen. Thinking about this and holding these truths in creative tension is the theme of the optional talks at this Advent Retreat." She notes that each meditation on this theme will explore a specific scripture text. The texts include Romans 8, John 9, Psalm 91, and the gospel account of Jesus' temptation.

Bristow-Johnson moved in 2000 to Burlington's "new north end" from Glen Ridge, New Jersey with her husband, Bob, and two daughters, Patricia and Pamela.

Raised in Colorado Springs, Colorado, Bristow-Johnson earned a B.A. in Religious Studies and English Literature in 1983 from Whitworth College in Spokane, Washing-

ton. As a young adult, she was involved in a Christian Community called Reba Place Fellowship in Evanston, Illinois. She has worked with adults with development disabilities and has also done library work.

After a sojourn with the Mennonite Church, Bristow-Johnson found a home with the Episcopal Church and was confirmed in 1991. She earned a Master of Divinity degree from Drew Theological School in Madison, New Jersey, in 1996. She completed a unit of Clinical Pastoral



Advent Retreat leader, Phyllis Bristow-Johnson.

Education at Fletcher Allen in April of 2005 and is doing a second unit this fall. Her hobbies include jogging, photography, baking bread, and writing poetry.

The Rev. Frederick K. "Rick" Neu will serve as retreat chaplain. He is an ordained Evangelical Lutheran Church of America clergy person and is licensed in the Episcopal Diocese of Vermont. He is currently part of the pastoral care staff at Fletcher Allen Health Care and president of the Vermont Ecumenical Council and Bible Society. He served Ascension Lutheran Church in South Burlington for twelve years and during that time helped found the Good News Garage. Neu is married with a son in college and a son at Champlain Valley Union High School. He is a member of Trinity Church, Shelburne.

The retreat will begin at 5:00 P.M. Friday and conclude at 2:00 P.M. Sunday. To reserve a place, please send a non-refundable registration fee of \$50 to John King, 433 Bean Road, Colchester, VT 05446. The total fee is \$130 for double or triple room, or \$150 for a private room, if available. Contact John King at 802-862-6834 with questions.

Mary Lou Ashton is a member of St. Andrew's, Colchester.

Vermont Interfaith Power and Light welcomes coordinator October energy efficiency workshop offered

by Libby Hillhouse

The Vermont Interfaith Power and Light (VIP&L) project has just taken a giant step forward by hiring the Rev. Michael Caldwell as its new coordinator/community organizer. Michael is a United Church of Christ pastor who lives in Wolcott. His own ministry is moving in the direction of environmental concerns and how people of faith can best answer the call to Earth ministry. He is very impressed with the work of the Episcopal Diocese of Vermont and its commitment to environmental ministries. While the position of coordinator is, at the present, only a 6-month position, we are hopeful that effective fund-raising will create the sustainable funding we need for future growth.

Our first event will be a workshop Saturday, October 8, to assist faith communities in immediate energy efficiency and cost sav-

ing measures. It will be at Bethany Church on Main Street in Randolph, from 12:45-4 P.M. This winter promises to be one of financial strain for many Episcopal congregations who worship in old, inefficient and expensive-to-heat buildings. We are all watching energy prices soar. Many are facing closing down their primary worship spaces. Where is the Spirit calling us to respond as people of faith? One definite call is to preserve and conserve Earth's resources. Let VIP&L help you plan and save.

Please RSVP to Michael Caldwell, mcaldwell@vtlink.net, or 802-888-5811. For more information, contact Michael Caldwell or Libby Hillhouse, bobolink@kingcon.com.

Libby Hillhouse is a member of St. Andrew's, St. Johnsbury and the VIP&L board.

Rock Point gardeners celebrate successful summer

by Carol Walters

As the Rt. Rev. Thomas Ely scrubbed the barbecue grills and daughter Jennifer whisked in with her wedding gown over her arm, the Rock Point gardeners were planting the last sedum and trimming the grass. Thanks to the generosity of several donors for the purchase of plants and shrubs and to the labor (and lots of perspiration!) of the gardeners, the grounds surrounding the Bishop's House looked quite lovely for guests at the August 20 wedding.

The gardeners' ministry to renovate the once-lovely landscaping on this beautiful property faced daunting challenges. Carol Walters and Chuck Courcy, Rock Point property manager, had landscaped the front entrance of the house last summer, and the rhododendrons on the east side of the house had been replanted. Connie Quinby maintains the rhododendron garden. But the stone wall lay in shambles, the driveway circle was a tangle of weeds, and the rock ledge in the lawn overlooking the lake and cemetery was almost invisible. In addition to these problems, resident deer eat the hosta and other plants; one Thursday Carol saw a magnificent family, buck, doe and fawn, arriving for an afternoon snack.

Lee Bronson, with Chuck's help, deconstructed and rebuilt the stone wall with two sets of steps, using the original stone

as well as additions from the old Institute building. The Elys found Lee working many early mornings in order to beat the heat. On Thursday afternoons, Mary Tuthill, Andrea Todd and Carol, and often Lee and Chuck, removed bushels of weeds and debris from the driveway circle and rock ledge.

Donations from Carolyn Kerr (for 3 dogwood trees), Alban Richey (for 3 high-bush blueberries), Carol (for an Endless Summer hydrangea), and others, including a former Vermonter now living on the West coast, purchased many shrubs and perennials; these were supplemented from the gardeners' own plantings. The Rock Point Board presented the Elys with a burning bush.

Each garden site has become a focal point. For example, the garden in the driveway circle welcomes family and guests with a crabapple tree, low-growing junipers, hydrangea, hosta, lilies and sedum, and next spring with dozens of daffodils and tulips.

In appreciation for their work, the Rock Point gardeners were treated to a delicious lunch hosted by Debi Paterson, director of the Bishop Booth Conference Center. The gardeners also include Janet Smith (who's also the altar guild for BBCC), who plants and cares for the window boxes at BBCC. Debi Paterson and her staff maintain the

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Remember Convention offering of knitted items for seafarers

In the July/August Mountain Echo, Christine Moseley of St. Mark's, Newport, suggested that members of Vermont congregations knit scarves, caps, vests and other items for the Seamen's Church Institute of New York and New Jersey's (SCI) Christmas at Sea program and that the items be collected during the offertory at the Convention Eucharist. She said, "We can knit the Diocese of Vermont together [in love] and knit a connection to the world."

Last year, SCI chaplains delivered nearly 14,000 hand-knitted gifts, a tribute to the friendliness and compassion of Americans to seafarers who endure substantial physical hardships and confront dangerous seas. Many seafarers come from tropical to temperate countries and are unprepared for frigid winter weather. The chaplains hope

to deliver even more gifts this year.

The captain of one merchant ship wrote to SCI, "The fact that there are people who will sit down and make gifts like these for merchant mariners they've never met is truly moving. You have brightened our Christmas away from home. May God bless all of you."

Patterns may be downloaded at www.seamenschurch.org. To add your name to the 3,500 knitters from every state who contribute year-round, contact Barbara Clauson at 212-349-9090 or cas@seamenschurch.org.

For information about the Convention offering, contact Christine Moseley at ccmoseley@yahoo.com. She will have a display at Convention with packets of patterns and yarn people may take. ❖

Vermont Campaign to End Childhood Hunger offers training for service providers

The Vermont Campaign to End Childhood Hunger (VTCECH) is offering a series of free half-day training events designed for staff and volunteers who assist low-income Vermonters at schools, health centers, food shelves, community organizations, meal programs, state agencies, etc., titled "Hunger and the Nutrition Safety Net in Vermont."

The training will include an in-depth look at: hidden hunger, the reality of Vermont's bleak statistics; lost potential, how hunger undermines children's physical, emotional and social development; hunger and obesity, the facts behind the paradox; and solutions

to hunger, a guide to maximizing local and federal programs in your community.

Trainings are scheduled for October 17 in St. Johnsbury, November 2 in Barre, November 9 in Randolph, November 14 in Brattleboro, November 16 in Swanton, and November 30 in Rutland. All run from 1:00-4:30 P.M. A copy of the flyer with details about locations and a registration form may be downloaded from the diocesan Web site (www.dioceseofvermont.org). Or call VTCECH at 802-865-0255. Please register a week in advance of the training you wish to attend. ❖

St. John's and Tim Eberhardt celebrate 25 years of shared ministry

by Harriet Chase

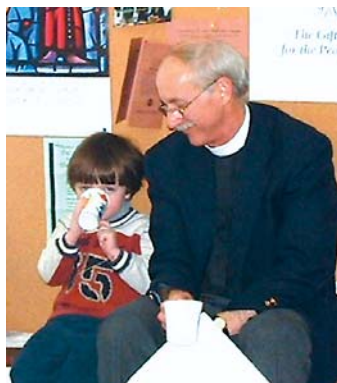
The members of St. John's, Randolph, chose a rather elegant setting to honor a Jubilee Celebration. On Sunday, August 21, some 70 members and friends gathered at the 3 Stallion Inn for food, drink and recognition of the Rev. Timothy Eberhardt's 25 years of service as rector or priest in charge of the congregation.

Tim, as he prefers to be called, came to Randolph on the 1st of January, 1981, from a parish in Rumford, Maine. There he had served three years after receiving his Master of Divinity from Bangor Theological Seminary, with special studies at General Theological Seminary in New York.

He came to St. John's because (as he recalls), after looking at another Vermont parish that lacked adequate housing, the then Bishop Robert Kerr suggested he interview in Randolph, where St. John's was just beginning to search for a new rector. "It was an Indian Summer day in October, when the search committee and I sat on folding chairs outside the Parish Hall. The children were playing in the leaves at the church rectory on Prospect Ave. It was love at first sight, at least for me and my young family," Tim continues, "That love has grown on all sides throughout the years. When you notice the pastorates of Kathy Eddy of Bethany Church and Ron Rilling of Green Mountain Chapel, both of which have been longer than mine, you realize that there is grace-filled chemistry about this community."

At this gathering of "just a few" of his close friends; many shared testimonials about how they have been affected by Tim's ministry. Bill Arnold, a 48 year "veteran" of St. John's served as moderator, with the Rev. Nancy Dubois offering a prayer of thanksgiving and blessing. Senior Warden Ellen Baker chaired the committee that made this event possible.

Reflecting on what the years have meant to him, Tim pointed to Marcia King's funeral as an example. He had officiated at her grandmother Leaphy Bent's funeral and



Harriet Chase photo

at that of Marcia's mother, Rose Haupt. In the congregation were Duane and Marcia's children and grandchildren. "That's five generations I've had the privilege to know and love."

Representing diocesan Bishop Thomas Ely was the Rev. Canon Jeanette Tweedy, who read a moving letter from the bishop. She also presented to St. John's a gift of money from all the clergy of the diocese to purchase chairs for the Parish Hall, which is used by many community and diocesan groups. (Were they perhaps thinking of their own comfort during long meetings?!)

Tim Eberhardt's ministry reaches beyond the walls and homes of St. John's. The church played a leading role in the revitalization of downtown Randolph and the beginning of the volunteer chaplaincy at Gifford Hospital. Tim was the first to point out that his jubilee celebration was "as much about the ministry of all members of St. John's Church" as about him.

It takes a lot of work, commitment, love and community to have such a successful ministry. This love was indeed felt at the afternoon of celebration. The community of St. John's and Tim look forward to many more years of this ministry.

Harriet Chase is a member of St. John's, Randolph.

St. Andrew's welcomes New Orleans native

by Libby Hillhouse

Hurricane Katrina delivered to St. Andrew's, St. Johnsbury, a blithe spirit named Leigh Grace. Leigh is a native born New Orleanian and a 68 year old grandmother, a member of Trinity Church, New Orleans, and a writer. She left her 8th floor apartment on Sunday, the day before Katrina hit, and spent the next week at the Solomon Episcopal Conference Center. She describes her stay there as a time of perfect safety and comfort, yet everyone spent the first days not knowing if their families were alive or if their homes were still standing. Leigh's son rode out the storm, and she did not learn for a week that he was alive. The rest of her family is fine, all her children and grandchildren are safely out of the city. She still does not know if her apartment is intact and is quite sure friends of hers are dead.

Leigh spent the past several months finishing up her book, *Say Grace, Spiritual and Ancestral Cajun Recipes Ladled into your Consciousness and Hungry Soul*. One

of the chapters, curiously precient, is titled, "The Hurricane Is Coming." Leigh hopes to settle in St. Johnsbury and has been looking for some financial and material support to get her settled and started in her new state. She left New Orleans with only some airline vouchers and a suitcase of clothes.

Leigh fell in love with Vermont a year and a half ago when she came to visit the Dowsers' Convention in Danville. Leaving New Orleans is a mixed blessing, a parting of the seas, leading to... "a year of high adventure," she cracks. Under her Southern charm and her enormous ability to hold in her sadness until she gets done what needs to be done, is the coming of deep grieving and farewell to her native city. Yet the city of New Orleans has been in serious economic, political and financial trouble for years. Leigh recognizes that the writing of her book was, in some sense, her way of saying good-bye. We say, "Welcome."

Libby Hillhouse is a member of St. Andrew's, St. Johnsbury.

St. Peter's welcomes new rector

by Anne Clarke Brown

The Rev. Anita Schell-Lambert and the congregation of St. Peter's, Bennington, began a new season of ministry together on August 21, when the new rector celebrated her first Eucharist at St. Peter's. She came to Vermont from the Diocese of Pennsylvania, where she had been serving as associate rector of St. Paul's, Chestnut Hill.

Along with sharing the usual pastoral and liturgical responsibilities at St. Paul's, Schell-Lambert designed and managed the spiritual formation program for children, youth and adults and helped to launch a parish-wide initiative in environmental sustainability. She also planned and led a high school mission trip to work with pediatric AIDS patients in Puerto Rico.

Schell-Lambert said, "I truly felt called to St. Peter's." She is excited about the real emphasis on mutual ministry. "It's in the air," she said, "and it has been a focus of the discernment committee. The people here are honest, upfront and generous," she added, "and they have been very welcoming to me." She said she was attracted by the congregation's "respect for the dignity and beauty of worship," and she loves "the sense of intellectual engagement here." She noted that she has always worked with children and youth and education in general and will continue that emphasis at St. Peter's.

A primary goal St. Peter's has set for itself Schell-Lambert said, "is to reach out visibly to the wider community," and she looks forward to engaging with the challenges Bennington faces. She also appreciates Bennington's active music and arts community and plans to sing with the community chorus.

A graduate of Brown University with a BA in English Literature and Religious



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Studies and a minor in vocal performance, Schell-Lambert earned a Master of Divinity from the General Theological Seminary in 1983. While at seminary, and for a short while after her ordination, she served as the assistant for education at Trinity Parish, Wall Street, New York. She then spent 13 years as assistant chaplain at Episcopal Academy in Merion, Pennsylvania, where she taught religion, designed curricula and also assisted the varsity boys' swimming coach. Although she had never played water polo, when the students wanted to form a team, they asked her to serve as coach. "I loved it," she said.

Schell-Lambert says she loves to sing classical music, run, read, and practice yoga. She and her husband, Jordan Schell-Lambert, who works in the information technology field, have two adult children. Theodore, a recent graduate of Brown, is a writer living in California, and Rachel is a student at Cornell University.

[Judith Krum of St. Peter's, Bennington, contributed to this article.]

Restorative justice aims at healing community

Mike Lawrence, a member of St. James', Essex Junction, has volunteered in prison ministry for 24 years. He helped organize Kairos, an interdenominational prison ministry at the Northwest Correctional Facility in St. Albans, and at the Clinton Correctional Facility in Dannemora, New York. He hopes to submit occasional articles to the Mountain Echo to inform members of the diocese about the concept of restorative justice. The article below is by the retired chief chaplain to the Texas Department of Corrections and head of Restorative Justice Network. It is reprinted with permission from *Restorative Justice News*.

by Emmett Solomon

The American public, as well as the citizenry of many other nations, are increasingly expressing their dissatisfaction with the current criminal justice system. Why is this? Because the system isn't even asking the right questions.

The primary question asked by our current retributive system of justice is, How much pain did the offender cause so that we can inflict a similar amount of pain on the offender?

The problem is that we are dishing out more and more pain, but we refuse

to focus on the real issues related to the victims, the offenders and the community.

The more appropriate question should be, What will it take to bring a sense of well being (Peace, shalom) back to the community? That is precisely the question that Restorative Justice asks. ✦



Mike Lawrence photo

Paco Reus, retired Episcopal Bishop of Puerto Rico, and member of St. James', Essex Junction, and Con Quinby, retired Episcopal priest, now of St. Paul's Cathedral, Burlington, at the Clinton Correctional Facility in Dannemora, New York after a Kairos reunion visit. With Michael Lawrence, they will participate in a two-day retreat offered to a group of residents in late November entitled, "Friendship with God."

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The Northwest Deanery held its quarterly meeting on Sept. 14 at St. Luke's, St. Albans (Details in the next Echo). The deanery also held a progressive liturgies weekend Sept. 17-18. Host churches included St. Matthew's, Holy Trinity, St. Luke's (St. Albans) and Grace. Participating clergy hailed from the host parishes and St. Luke's (Albarg). The offerings from the combined services (more than \$400 as of press time) will go to ERD for Hurricane Katrina relief efforts.

It is good to see the Rev. **Howard Van Dine** wheeling about St. Luke's again. He is making phenomenal progress in his recovery from injuries sustained in a nearly fatal car accident last spring. Immediate plans include completing a theology paper for a graduate program at a divinity school in California.

Michael Burfoot, MD, of ST. MATTHEW'S, Enosburg, has recently been in Libya with the ORBIS program to deliver eye surgery and medical care to children. The Rev. **Linda Maloney** will attend the "Values, Vision and the Via Media" conference Oct. 13-15 at the National Cathedral in Washington, DC. Featured speakers are the Rev. **John Danforth**, retired US Senator, and **Jim Wallis**, author of *God's Politics*.

St. Matthew's is hosting a number of community events, including Rural Vermont's training for those who want to learn the workings of the legislature and be involved and effective, "This is What Democracy Looks Like," on Oct. 11, 6-8:30 P.M. For more information on this and other trainings around the state, and to RSVP, call 802-223-7222.

GRACE CHURCH, Sheldon completed a very successful Summer Music at Grace season on Sept. 9, with music by **Pamela Wyn Shannon**. Many thanks to all the performers, patrons, chefs, and hosts who made this season of music so wonderful.

HOLY TRINITY, Swanton, resumes its very well-attended Open Doors community dinner program on Oct. 28, 5:30 to 6:45 P.M. Beginning Oct. 5, Holy Trinity is holding a six-week adult study program, "Why We Worship the Way We Do," or "W6." The class meets each Wednesday from 7:00 to 8:30 P.M. The theme for the fall Zoom Zone, a program for children and youth, is "Zoom Zone Trilogy." Call **Rose Bacon** or **Carol McCurdy**, 802-868-7185, for information.

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Adult Christian Education at ST. STEPHEN'S, Middlebury, featured the Rev. **Gunnar Urang** on "Why Christian Fundamentalism Matters to Us," Sept. 25 and Oct. 2. "The Relations of Jews and Christians" will be led by **Marjorie Lamberti**, on Oct. 3, 10 and 17, 7:15-8:30 P.M. The group will read *A Bridge to Dialogue: the Story of Jewish-Christian Relations*,

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by John Rousmaniere, and two short essays from Richard Harrie's *After the Evil: Christianity and Judaism in the Shadow of the Holocaust*. "Journey Into Advent" group discussions, led by **Jack Buttimer**, will be Nov. 21 and 28 and Dec. 5 and 12, from 7:15-8:30 P.M. Children's Education began Sept. 11 with a new program for children ages 3-11 based on Godly Play, a story-based, worshipful way of introducing children to the wonders of our faith.

TRINITY, Rutland, will begin an Adult Inquirer's class Oct. 18. The companion text is, *Looking at the Episcopal Church*, by **William Sydnor**. Sunday School classes resumed Sept. 18, using the Episcopal Children's Curriculum. Fall Bible study is using *Out of the Garden: Stories from the Bible of Four Fascinating Women*.

Women of Trinity will host a forum on "Vermont's New Advanced Directive Law and the Palliative Care Program at RRCM," Oct. 24, 7 P.M., in Nourse Hall. Their Fall Rummage Sale is Nov. 12, 9 A.M. to 2 P.M.—a must do event with wonderful bargains and a fabulous bake table.

Trinity's Fall Concert Series is scheduled for Fridays, Sept. 30, and Oct. 7 and 14 at noon. Kicking off the series will be **Alan Gibson**, baritone, **Betty Clark**, piano and **David Klock**, clarinet. The following concerts include the Green Mountain Brass Quintet and the Green Mountain College Cantorion.

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The ST. JAMES', Arlington, market was held every Saturday this summer, and the goods of various vendors and the fresh produce available were very popular. The men of St. James' manned and cooked for the grill at the Norman's Attic town-wide tag sale. Fall will be marked with the Oct. 8 Harvest Fest, with crafts and a variety of items, including baked goods, for sale.

The Rev. **Anita Schell-Lambert** has begun her ministry as rector of ST. PETER'S, Bennington [see article on Page E]. Organist and Choirmaster **Randall Krum** participated in a summer program for church musicians in York, England.

At ZION, Manchester, Children's Church began September 18. Each week will begin with a Praise Party in the undercroft using a set of worship songs from Holy Trinity Brompton in London.

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IMMANUEL, Bellows Falls, invited the community to a brown bag supper and showing of *Faith and Doubt at Ground*

Zero, a PBS Frontline film that looks at the events of 9/11 and asks the challenging questions, "Where was God?" "What is evil?" "Does religion breed evil within us?" **Victor Horvath** facilitated the Sept. 20th discussion.

ST. LUKE'S, Chester, had a very successful August Supper, an annual community event that included this year a silent auction and concert to benefit the Organ Restoration Fund. The September Supper featured a presentation by **Susanna and Joe Grannis**, **Jane Davis** and **Belinda Worth** on their recent visit to Africa on behalf of CHABHA, Children Affected by HIV/AIDS.

ST. MARK'S, Springfield, donated \$600, more than half the proceeds of the 18th Annual Gigantic Yard Sale, to ERD for Hurricane Katrina relief. Funds raised normally go to support the regular ministries of the congregation.

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Dr. **Caroline Steele**, daughter of Dr. **Richard Steele** of CHRIS CHURCH, Bethel, graced all comers with a presentation of her recent time in Iraq. She is a forensic archaeologist, who is working among the mass graves resulting from the Saddam Hussein regime, and, while not as grim as anticipated, the realities of such work and life in Iraq were made clear. Caroline returned to the region in September, and the prayers of the diocesan community are much appreciated, both for her safety and work, and for the people of Iraq.

ST. MARTIN'S, Fairlee, used the last Sunday of September for good food and good conversation. Instead of the usual coffee hour, parishioners chatted informally about two questions: "What is a very memorable meal you had?" and "What is a very memorable Holy Eucharist you participated in?" This was intended as a time to get to know others better, finding things in common for future time together.

The "faithful organist" of CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR, Killington, has instituted a new practice for music on Sundays. **Tim Owings** is using parishioners' favorite hymns in addition to the selections provided in the Episcopal Musicians' Handbook. A "new" favorite hymn will be introduced and taught the first Sunday of each month and then used for the remaining weeks.

ST. JOHN'S, Randolph, is addressing an important challenge this fall. They have welcomed **Jennifer Sparadeo**, who will teach a lectionary-based Sunday school curriculum, and she is being joined by **Hayley Smith** for the nursery-aged youngsters. The vestry is supporting this financial challenge in many ways, including contributing additional monies

beyond their pledges. As rector **Tim Eberhardt** notes, this and other parishioners' support is "a thankful investment in one of the most important building blocks for the future of St. John's."

Ember Days are not just for clergy and/or seminarian reports anymore. ST. PAUL'S, White River Junction, has initiated a way to "recognize, support, pray for and help [all] people claim what they do in their daily lives as ministry." Coinciding with the start-up of school, September was the time to recognize educators and everyone involved in the life of education, including the all-important bus drivers, cafeteria workers and support staff. Other Ember Day recognitions, planned through 2007, will cycle through such ministries as body and soul, the arts and creativity, working with and for the land, home and family, providing goods and resources for others, and church-related ministries. And then the cycle will start all over again!

"The Dove Program" has found new life at ST. JAMES', Woodstock. Parishioners are invited to participate in this "joint adventure" with ACORN, the local AIDS and Hepatitis C Service Organization, by collecting food and personal items for distribution to individuals and families living with AIDS and Hepatitis C. Donors receive a "dove card" identifying an anonymous individual or family and their particular needs. Financial contributions can also be made at the quarterly collections. Questions and more information can be addressed to **Bev Kinne** at 457-1078 or Dottie at ACORN, 603-448-8887.

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CHRIS CHURCH, Montpelier, and ST. MARY'S, Northfield, each sponsored a concert as part of the ten-day concert tour of "Lovin' Ya Louisiana." Former Central Vermonter **Chip Wilson** and his musicians played to eager audiences at both venues. Wilson, a denizen of New Orleans for the past ten years, lost everything—his music shop where he built guitars, his studio and home—to Hurricane Katrina. Each evening began with a dinner of gumbo, salad and bread, donated by local food purveyors, and was followed by an hour of music. Proceeds from the concerts went to the Southern Branch of the American Red Cross for Hurricane Katrina relief. For more information about Wilson's music, go to www.jumpinsomething.com.

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ST. MARK'S, Newport, continues its "Music for a Sunday Afternoon Series" with the **Baxter/Ghezzi** Guitar and Flute and Guitar Duo, Oct. 16 at 4 P.M.

Bishop **Thomas Ely** conducted a service at ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, Hardwick, Sept. 8, dedicating and consecrating

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More Coming Events

Arts at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul 2 Cherry Street, Burlington, Vermont

Classic Counterpoint

Friday, November 11, 2005, 8 pm

Counterpoint, Vermont's professional vocal ensemble directed by Robert De Cormier, brings the classics, from Benjamin Britten's Choral Dances to a Bach Motet. Also enjoy the lighter side of Aaron Copland and Vaughan Williams, along with a work by Robert De Cormier, Everything is Music, commissioned by the Vermont Arts Council in celebration of their 40th anniversary.

General Admission \$15, Seniors & Students \$12, Age 6 and younger - free

Tuesdays Noon to One

Tuesdays 12 to 1 is a free, informal Noontime concert series presented by Cathedral Arts. Bring a bag lunch. Coffee and tea are provided. For information, call 864-0471.

October 4: Lesley Ely and Friends

Lesley Ely, piano, Carol Green, piano, and Kara Linn, flute, will play works by Brahms and Rachmaninoff (solo piano), John Rutter (flute and piano) and 3 movements for piano duo from the Mother Goose Suite by Maurice Ravel.

October 18: L'Île Inconnue—The Unknown Isle

Roxanne Vought, soprano, and Annemieke Spoelstra, piano, return to the nineteenth and early twentieth century era of romanticism, impressionism and neo-classicism with well-loved and rare works for voice and solo piano.

November 1: Vocal students of Jill Hallett Levis

November 15: Vermont Chamber Group

ancient • future • now an emerging church learning party Saturday, October 15, 9 A.M. to 5 P.M.

St. Paul's Cathedral

138 Tremont Street, Boston, Massachusetts

Sponsors describe the "emerging church" as beyond conservative, beyond liberal, a church at the intersection of the ancient Christian story, contemporary culture and God's future. The experiential learning party will be led by the postmodern tour guides from Church of the Apostles, Seattle, an emerging, monastic, missional community of the Episcopal Church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. (Catch the COTA vibe at www.apostleschurch.org.)

All are invited to explore fresh forms of worship, evangelism and ministry shaped for mission in today's media and tech savvy ancient/future, emerging culture. The fee is \$35 (\$20 students) for those who register by September 30 at www.stpaulboston.org. Registrations after September 30 or at the door are \$5 more. For information, contact Stephanie Spellers at sspellers@diomass.org, or 617-482-4826, x318.

Music for a Sunday Afternoon Baxter/Ghezzi Guitar and Flute Duo

Sunday, October 16, 2005, 4 P.M.

St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 44 Second Street, Newport, Vermont

The Baxter/Ghezzi Guitar and Flute Duo from New Hampshire have appeared on college campuses and in concert series and have been featured in live performances on Vermont Public Radio and WCAX/TV in Burlington, Vermont.

Suggested Donation: \$5.00. Reception following. For more information visit www.riverbendvt.com/concertseries.html or call 802-334-7365.

Valaam Ensemble Concert

Thursday, November 3, 2005, 7:00 P.M.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 27 State Street, Windsor, Vermont

The Valaam Ensemble is a professional choir of five male voices that sing for the Valaam Monastery near St. Petersburg, Russia. They tour North America about every other year. Their focus is sacred music of the Orthodox Church as well as Russian folk tunes. Hearing them is quite an experience, and the acoustics at St. Paul's should result in a marvelous sound.

The performance is underwritten by O & H Holding Company of Windsor, but donations will be welcomed for the building restoration fund. The Women of St. Paul's are also offering a chicken and biscuit dinner at 5 P.M.

Evensong

Choirs of St. Paul's Cathedral and St. Peter's, Bennington

Sunday, November 6, 2005, 5 P.M.

Cathedral Church of St. Paul

2 Cherry Street, Burlington, Vermont

The Rev. Anita Schell-Lambert, Rector of St. Peter's, Bennington, will be the precentor. Randall Krum, St. Peter's organist-choir director, and Mark Howe, canon precentor at the Cathedral, will direct the combined choirs and play accompaniments and voluntaries.

Parish audits due

Parish audits for 2004 are now due. At right is a list showing audits received and approved as of September 1, 2005. Remaining congregations have yet to submit 2004 audits. It is important these audits be performed to assure that all is in order financially and that the parish rectors, vestries, treasurers and others are not at risk for liability for any losses which would have been discovered by an ordinary audit but were not discovered because one was not conducted. If there are any questions about this process please call the diocesan office. [Data from the diocesan Financial Administrator and the Oversight and Audit Committee.]

Audit Approved

Arlington	Springfield
Bennington	St. Albans
Bethel	Stowe
Rutland	

Audit Received

(Awaiting Review or Clarification)

Bellows Falls	Poultney
Brandon/F. Dale	Proctorsville
Canaan	Shelburne
Castleton/F. Haven	Swanton
Colchester	Waitsfield
Island Pond	Windsor
Lyndonville	

Annual Convocation of the Province of New England Sacramental Relationships of Fidelity, Holiness and Commitment:

The Church Reflects on Marriage, Unions and Blessings

November 18-19, 2005

Wyndham Westborough Hotel, Westborough, Massachusetts

Save the dates. Brochures with registration forms will be available at the diocesan office in early October. The brochure will also be posted on the Province One Web site, www.province1.org

Newcomer Ministry Tip

Welcome newborns to your church family

While visiting St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Geneseo, New York, this summer, I discovered an eye-catching welcome poster in the church vestibule. Its centerpiece was an adorable 8 1/2 by 11 inch color photo of a new baby boy, obviously taken a few days after his birth. The poster contained a statement that St. Michael's welcomes Braeden...to our church family. Also included were the parents' names, Braeden's date of birth, height and weight.

What a wonderful way to welcome newborns to a parish family. As a grandparent of a child in the process of adoption, I would recommend a similar welcome poster for any adopted child joining your church family.

Don Scott
Chair, Evangelism Committee

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the newly completed building for the Hardwick Food Pantry, expansion of the sanctuary and improvements of the parish facilities. The congregation gathered outside for the blessing of the door and threshold, then processed through the Food Pantry into the church. Bishop Ely blessed the font, the lectern, the organ and the altar, after which members vested the altar for the Eucharist that followed. The evening ended with light refreshments.

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The annual Champlain Valley CROP walk is Oct. 16. Plan to walk and/or sponsor a walker to benefit groups working to alleviate world hunger.

At the CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, Burlington, the church school program for children ages 2-12 will combine the model, Godly Play, with the curriculum, Living the Good News. On Oct. 16, 1-2:30 P.M., **Burt Cicchetti** will lead a session on Wills, Living Wills and Estate Planning. Lunch is provided. Cathedral Arts needs ushers and ticket sellers for

their series; contact **Martin Poppe** 860-7183, poppe@cathedralarts.org

The Inquirer's Class at ST. ANDREW'S, Colchester, which will meet beginning Oct. 9 at 11:30 A.M., will use *Those Episkopals*, by Dennis Maynard. Thank you to **Alice and Michael Daley** for donations for Sunday School classroom bookshelves and to **Cathy Merrihew** for the Cross on the altar of the new Children's Chapel.

ST. JAMES', Essex Junction, will use the theme, "Dessert First... Celebrating God's Blessings," for this year's stewardship effort and will hold a family dinner Oct. 1. Canon **Thad Bennett** preached Sept. 18 and led a discussion at the adult forum about the discernment process.

TRINITY, Shelburne, resumed the Senior Community Luncheons in September. They will be held the second Monday of the month. **Gail Anderson**, 425-6143, and **Maxie Ewins**, 985-2108, are the team leaders, and **Geoffrey Burnham** will be the head chef. Call **Midge Hill**, 862-7754, to make reservations.

ALL SAINTS, South Burlington, will host a "Thanksgiving dinner" on Oct. 5, at 6 P.M. Louise's Room will be dedicated Oct. 16 following the 10 A.M. service. The **Corey and McGibney families** participated in refurbishing the space.

CALVARY, Underhill, held its annual Spaghetti Dinner and Auction in conjunction with the Sept. 24 Harvest Market. ❖

Diocesan Calendar

October 2005

- 1 Ministry Fair, Christ Church, Montpelier
- 2 Bishop's Visitation, St. Andrew's, St. Johnsbury
- 4 Clergy Fresh Start, Good Shepherd, Barre, 9:30-2:30 PM
- 5 **Deadline, November Mountain Echo**
- 6 Ministry Developers, Trinity, Rutland
- 8 Diocesan Study Program, Christ Church, Montpelier
- 9 Bishop's Visitation, St. Mark's, Newport
- 13 Trustees of the Diocese, Diocesan Center, 12-5 PM
- 14 Rock Point Board, , Diocesan Center, 2-4 PM
- 15 Ministry Fair, Trinity, Rutland
- 16 Bishop's Visitation, St. Luke's, St. Albans
- 18 Clergy Day, St. John's, Randolph, 10 AM-2 PM
- 20 Ministry Support Team, Diocesan Center, 10 AM-1 PM
- 20 Ministry Developers, Diocesan Center, 1-4 PM
- 29 Ministry Fair, St. Michael's, Brattleboro
- 30 Bishop's Visitation, St. Peter's, Lyndonville

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- 1 Clergy Fresh Start, Good Shepherd, Barre, 9:30-2:30 PM
- 3 Ministry Developers, St. Martin's, Fairlee
- 4-5 Diocesan Convention, Lake Morey Inn, Fairlee
- 7 **Deadline, December Mountain Echo**
- 12 Diocesan Study Program, Christ Church, Montpelier
- 12 Christian Formation Committee, St. John's, Randolph, 12-3 PM
- 13 Bishop's Visitation, St. Matthew's, Enosburg Falls
- 15 Clergy Day, St. John's, Randolph, 10 AM-2 PM
- 16 Dispatch of Business, Diocesan Center, 1-3 PM
- 17 Ministry Developers, St. Michael's, Brattleboro, 10 AM-1 PM
- 18-19 Province One Convocation, Wyndham Westborough Hotel, Westborough, MA
- 20 Bishop's Visitation, All Saints', South Burlington
- 24-25 Diocesan Center closed for Thanksgiving

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Diocesan Youth Calendar

For information about the activities of the Diocesan Youth Committee, contact Keri & Alden Franzoni, 802-644-8989

For information about other diocesan youth activities, contact Connie Saeger-Proctor, Canon for Youth Ministry, 802-479-1246

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Nov. 11-13 Diocesan High School Event, BBCC

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

Funds Available for Parish Use As of June 1, 2005

Initiative I	
The Bishop Butterfield Revolving Loan Fund	\$ 190,000
Initiative II	
The Talent and Resource Network	\$ 4,937
Initiative III	
The Congregation Renewal and Emergency Assistance Fund	\$ 360
Initiative IV	
The Diocesan Outreach Fund	\$ 16,440

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

Elisabeth von Trapp releases new CD

by Anne Clarke Brown

"Love Never Ends: Sacred Sounds," the newest album by Waitsfield singer and songwriter Elisabeth von Trapp, is produced in collaboration with Church Publishing, publisher of the Episcopal Church's hymnals. Ten of the sixteen songs are from the *Hymnal 1982, Wonder, Love and Praise, Lift Every Voice and Sing II* and *Voices Found*. The others include chants, traditional sacred works and two of von Trapp's own compositions.

I met with von Trapp and her husband and business manager, Ed Hall, in their office in Waitsfield. They describe themselves as a team working to bring her music to a wider audience. When asked about the genesis of the album, Hall said they had an email from Church Publishing wanting to discuss von Trapp's Christmas album. When Hall contacted Marilyn Haskell of Church Publishing, she said they had been listening to the Christmas album and asked, "Would Elisabeth consider doing an album for us?"

Von Trapp says Haskell "has a vision for reviving the music in the hymnal," opening it to a broader spectrum of experience. She wanted the traditional sacred music to be heard in new ways and with instruments not always associated with church music. The two worked together to choose music for the CD.

The result is a rich and diverse collection, ranging from a traditional "Ave Maria" to a Charles Wesley hymn ("Come, O thou traveler"), to the Negro spiritual, "Deep River," to a 12th century Hildegard of Bingen chant, to von Trapp's own title song, "Love Never Ends." Familiar hymns such as "Comfort, comfort ye my people" and "The Call" seem fresh and new with von Trapp's arrangements and use of instruments such as cello, saxophone, guitar and percussion.

Von Trapp said she wrote "Love Never Ends," which is based on 1 Corinthians 12:4-8, for her brother's wedding. Her other composition, "In the Morning," dates back to her days in a fellowship group at Johnson State College in the 1970s. Its words are from Numbers, Psalm 30 and 1 Samuel.

Von Trapp spoke of finding the "drone" that is part of Gregorian chant and early music and how it has found its way into her own music. "It's like walking the balance beam. I discovered the importance of finding that even tone and pitch all the way through." Erich Kory's cello plays that role in the "Ave Maria,"



Stefan Hard photo

with von Trapp's voice moving away and coming back. By the final "amen," the two blend together almost as a single voice.

Though the collection is diverse, the songs are bound together by common threads. One is von Trapp's pure, strong and sometimes haunting soprano voice. Another is a theological perspective rooted in a deep sense of God's abiding love and mercy. And yet another is the sense of joy and hopefulness that von Trapp conveys, even through a song of captivity like "By the rivers of Babylon," in which she is joined by jazz singer Sandra Wright.

"This music must be sung," says von Trapp, "to counterbalance what we see and hear that is too negative. Somebody has to connect with the beauty when one is sending out beautiful things. It's a vocation," she added. "You just keep at it. I don't want to have the time come when we get feeling hopeless. We get to such a hectic point that we don't have time to be quiet and let the soul listen, to find the blueprint that is in us already."

One of the most beautiful things von Trapp sends out with this CD is the concluding song, "Peace, Perfect Peace," to a tune by Orlando Gibbons. "My father," she said, "would play it every night on the little pump organ before going to bed."

To learn more about Elisabeth von Trapp's music, visit www.elisabethvontrapp.com. The CD can be ordered at www.churchpublishing.org or from local book and music stores. ❖

Rock Point gardeners celebrate successful summer

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cutting garden at the entrance to the BBCC office.

A gardener's work is never done; likewise, a garden is never really "done." Maintenance, especially weeding, is a constant challenge, and additional deer-resistant plants are needed. If you would like to join the Rock Point gardeners in caring for the grounds, please call Mary Tuthill at 878-2086. Donations for plantings may be sent to the Diocesan Office.

Look for the Rock Point gardeners' display, those "before and after" photos, at Diocesan Convention.

Gardener Carol Walters is a member of the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Burlington.

Rock Point gardeners on the new stone wall (from left): Chuck Courcy, Mary Tuthill, Lee Bronson, Connie Quinby and Carol Walters.

