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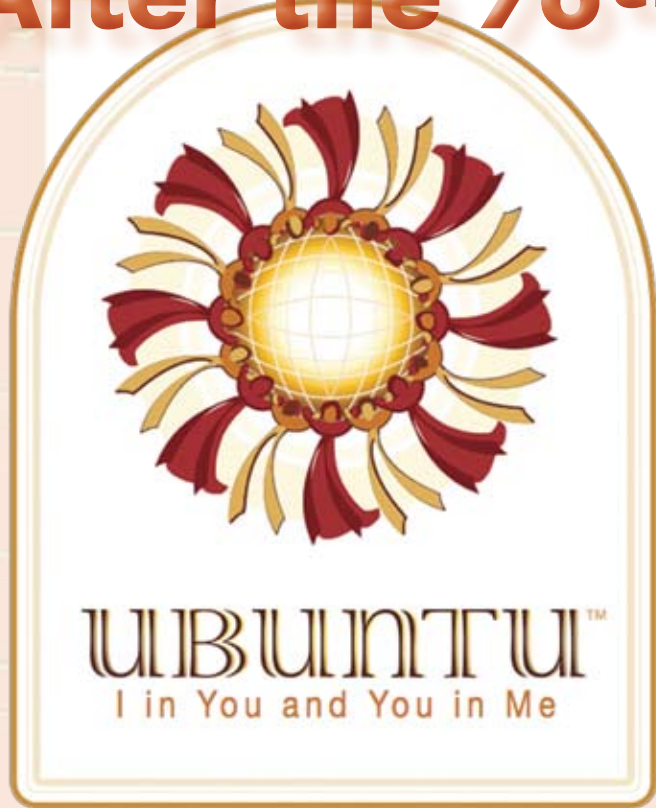
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## After the 76th General Convention



The Rev. Paul Fromberg, rector of St. Gregory of Nyssa Episcopal Church in San Francisco designed the convention logo with his interpretation of Ubuntu—a community of people dancing together.

### UBUNTU

Chosen as an overarching theme for General Convention 2009 is *Ubuntu*, an African word and concept describing the connectedness of humanity, or in the motto of the convention ‘I in You and You in Me’.

The Most Reverend Desmond Tutu, retired Archbishop of Cape Town, South Africa, describes a world with ubuntu as a world without war, a world without a huge disparity between wealthy and poor. “A person is a person through another person, my humanity is caught up, bound up, inextricably, with yours.”

Nelson Mandela continues defining ubuntu as the spirit where the traveling stranger stops in a village and without asking is offered water, food, and hospitality. Ubuntu poses the question, what are we going to do to help the community around us improve?

Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori in her opening address to GC spoke this way about Ubuntu, “There is no ‘I’ without ‘you,’ and in our context, you and I are known only as we reflect the image of the one who created us. Some of you will hear a resonance with Martin Buber’s I and Thou and recognize a harmony. You will not be wrong.”

Acknowledging that we are made for interdependence, we are made for family; calling upon our generosity, compassion, and hospitality—Ubuntu frames a prayerful backdrop for our work together this next triennium.

### WHAT NEXT?

**Canons and Legislation** As we go to press, legislation still being discussed, we won’t know which resolutions emerge to inform our next steps. We do know that integrating this body of work into our life in the diocese is an ongoing process, one that will take more than a day or month.

After the dust has settled and our returning deputation has the chance to catch up to their daily routine, the diocese will hold several “hearing” sessions. These will be a time for parishioners and clergy to hear from the deputation about their time in Anaheim, their study and observation, and the completed and ongoing work of this convention. Time and date notices will be available in *iSeek* ([diocesemo.org/subscribe](http://diocesemo.org/subscribe)) and sent to all parishes for inclusion in bulletins or newsletters.

One thoughtful question raised during the first listening session, “What do we actually do with these resolutions?” One felt it was then the Bishop’s responsibility, one felt it was the clergy’s responsibility, but perhaps it actually is ubuntu and requires all of our consideration.

Following the passed legislation will be easier this year with the online convention site at [episcopalchurch.org](http://episcopalchurch.org), but it will still be daunting. How will we respond to differences of opinion with resolutions passed or not passed? How do we live beyond “winning” or “losing?”

Please consider attending a hearing session and continuing this conversation in chapter and vestry, in convocations, on to our next diocesan convention in November in Cape Girardeau.

**Public Narrative Project** One ambitious project that the deputations will be bringing back is the facilitation of a church wide project to empower our own mission storytelling. In the parlance of the project, “the story of why you’ve been called to your own mission (story of self), why we as a community are called (story of us), and the urgency of challenge that confronts us with the demand for action now (story of now).” For many of us, speaking about such personal moments, succinctly, is not a comfortable or intuitive process. This project imagines encouraging communication and leadership skills to help us retell our stories, not only to our sisters and brothers in Christ, but to a less familiar world.

The Presiding Bishop and President of the House of Deputies approached Marshall Ganz about imagining his leadership workshop tools in the context of the Episcopal Church. Some have dismissed him as just another ivy tower academician, but Ganz, son of a rabbi, has a backstory. After one year in college he was so touched by the civil rights movement, he dropped out in 1964 to register black voters in Mississippi. He continued work as a community organizer with the United Farm Workers and other groups for 28 years, before returning to Harvard. Ganz is now a lecturer in public policy at Harvard’s Kennedy School.

The convention deputations had four sessions with Ganz, all of which were captured on video. At the time of this writing the videos are available on TEC’s website, in addition to workshop teaching materials and project overview. For those that feel the materials are a little formulaic, Ganz reminded us in the sessions that when God inspired the Israelites he didn’t offer a vague hope of better days. He described the land of milk and honey and the roadmap to get there.

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# Holy Women, Holy Men:



Photos of the Rt. Reverends Demby and Delany from the online archives of the Episcopal Church available at [episcopalarchives.org](http://episcopalarchives.org)

Edward Thomas Demby (1869-1928)  
Henry Beard Delany, (1858-1928)

Demby was the first African American bishop in the Episcopal Church. From the time of his consecration in 1918, he contributed greatly to the westward expansion of the Episcopal Church. Michael Beary wrote of Demby's experience in his book *Black Bishop*, "Demby knew full well that the credibility of all black bishops rested in large measure on his shoulders and that, try as he might, a good many white people would never acknowledge his abilities and achievements because of his color."

Delany was the second African American bishop in the Episcopal Church and father of Sadie and Bessy Delany (*Having Our Say*). Delany was a strong advocate for keeping African American Episcopalians united with the Church despite southern Jim Crow laws and practices of segregation within the Church.

January 9



Julia Chester Emery was the National Secretary of the Women's Auxiliary of the Board of Missions for forty years, from 1876 to 1916. During those years she visited every diocese in the United States, coordinating and encouraging work in support of missions. Emery founded the United Thank Offering (UTO).

January 24



Florence Li Tim-Oi (Lei Tim'oi, Li Tian'ai; 1907-1992) was the first woman to be ordained to the priesthood in the Anglican Communion. Already appointed as a deacon to serve in the colony of Macau at the Macau Protestant Chapel, she was ordained priest on 25 January 1944, by the Bishop of Hong Kong, in response to the crisis among Anglican Christians in China caused by the Japanese invasion. Since it was to be thirty years before any Anglican church regularised the ordination of women, her ordination was controversial and she resigned

her licence (though not her priestly orders) after the end of the war. When Hong Kong ordained two further women priests in 1971, she was officially recognized as a priest in the diocese.

January 27



Lydia, Dorcas and Phoebe  
Lydia was "a seller of purple cloth" converted by Paul's preaching at Philippi in Macedonia. Dorcas (or Tabatha, the Aramaic form of the name) was raised from the dead by Peter. Phoebe was a follower of Paul and apparently the bearer of his letter to the Romans, a deacon of the church at Cenchreae. These three women exemplify the vital ministry of service women played in the early Church.

Julia Chester Emery, Florence Li Tim-Oi, Lydia, Dorcas, and Phoebe, Andrei Rublev, Frederick Douglass, Óscar Romero, Edward Thomas Demby, Henry Beard Delany, The Martyrs of the Sudan, Jan Hus, Bartolomé de las Casas, Herman of Alaska, Elie Naud, Karl Barth, Thomas Merton, Charlotte Diggs (Lottie) Moon.

Some of these names you will recognize and some of them you will never have heard before. What they have in common is that they are among the commemorations proposed for inclusion on the calendar of holy days in the Episcopal Church. This proposal, a complete reworking of the familiar volume *Lesser Feasts and Fasts*, will come before the bishops and deputies at General Convention this month. And with this extensive revision there is this new title: *Holy Women, Holy Men: Celebrating the Saints*.

I have a two-fold investment in this proposal. First, during my six years as a member of the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music, I served on the subcommittee overseeing this revision. Second, during General Convention I will serve as a "cognate chair" (there being two chairs for every committee, one bishop and one deputy) of the legislative committee on Prayer Book, Liturgy, and Church Music. Our committee will no doubt spend a lot of time considering such a far-reaching overhaul of the calendar.

Here are the major sources for developing this calendar:

**The witness of all the people of God.** One historic trend in the church's commemoration of the saints has been to clericalize the calendar from beginning to end. Typically the list has been mostly bishops, a few martyrs, some royalty here and there, an occasional presbyter, three or four deacons, and a smattering of monastics. The calendar committee actively sought out the witness of all the baptized, especially the laity, for inclusion in *Holy Women, Holy Men*.

**The cultural diversity of the Episcopal Church.** The dominant culture as normative is no longer sustainable for our Church. Demographically, this notion cannot work. And the

*Lydia, Dorcas, and Phoebe, Witnesses to the Faith*

*II. Filled with your Holy Spirit, gracious God, your earliest disciples served you with the gifts each had been given:*

*Lydia in business and stewardship, Dorcas in a life of charity and Phoebe as a deacon who served many.*

*Inspire us today to build up your Church with our gifts in hospitality, charity and bold witness to the Gospel of Christ; who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*



# Bishop George Wayne Smith

## Celebrating the Saints

disciplines of the gospel-inspired life require something entirely different from us. The calendar committee actively consulted with stake-holders throughout the wide diversity that makes up our Church, and I think that you will see that the calendar extends beyond the dominant culture. It includes many heroes of the faith who are not men (gender-specificity intended here) of European descent.

**The commemorations as kept through the wider Anglican Communion.** The calendar committee collected and sorted through the calendars of almost every province of the Communion, having sought to consult with each of the thirty-eight provinces. We found great heroes of the faith from these brothers and sisters around the globe.

**The commemorations as kept by ecumenical partners.** We looked at commemorations from Roman Catholics, the Orthodox Churches, the Reformed traditions, Moravians, Lutherans, Methodists, and Baptists, among others.

**The lively experience of sainthood in local communities.** Local communities already have everything they need to celebrate one of their own—the competence and authority for it, if you will. For their own act of commemoration, they do not need the blessing of General Convention. And here our Church differs from Roman Catholic practice. It is a blessed thing when those who remember a holy life firsthand will take the initiative to develop fitting customs for celebrating that life.

A final word. Such an expansive calendar will require parishes to make decisions about which of these optional festivals to keep. No one could, or should, keep them all. But what a wealth of storied lives we have, flesh and blood accounts of faith in Jesus!

### December 22



Charlotte Diggs (“Lottie”) Moon, (1840–1912), Southern Baptist missionary to China. At age 32, Moon left her job and family for mission work. During a famine, she stopped eating in solidarity with the people she served. As her health deteriorated, she was sent back to US but died when the boat reached Kobe, Japan. She had served as a missionary for 39 years. The Southern Baptists still hold a Lottie Moon Christmas Food Offering for mission work.

### August 9



Herman of Alaska (d. Dec. 13, 1837) A lay monk and hermit in Russia, Herman was sent with others to found an Orthodox mission in the Aleutian islands. But the others died or returned to Russia. Herman continued the work alone, educating the native peoples and feeding and clothing orphans. His own life was as ascetic as that of the desert fathers, but he was loving and generous to everyone else and often interceded with the government for the Aleut who called him “Apa” [“grandfather”]. He fed the animals around him, even the bears, from his own hands, and sometimes sang the liturgy to them.

### May 16



The Martyrs of the Sudan. In 1983, the Christian bishops, chiefs, clergy and people of Sudan declared on May 16 that they would resist the demands of the Khartoum government’s imposition of Sharia Law insofar as it forced them to renounce

their understanding of God and Christ. For 22 years of Civil War, Christian leaders were persecuted, often tortured and killed, churches and schools were destroyed and many Christians were driven into exile. Despite this persecution, the Episcopal Church of the Sudan continues to grow because of their deep commitment to the mercy of God. The color red in the flag of the Sudan represents struggle, and many people identify it also with the martyrs of the Sudan.

#### Introduction to the Supplement to the Blue Book 2009 (excerpted)

*To Bishops and Deputies:*

*The work before you represents the latest development in the ongoing enrichment of our sanctoral calendar. When the Most Rev. Frank Griswold called for this work, nearly a decade ago, he hoped for a more international, ecumenical calendar, with better representation of the saints of the Episcopal Church in all our diversity. Earlier editions of Lesser Feasts and Fasts stressed the saints of the first millennium and leaders of the Church of England. Only lately have we begun to include the diverse ethnic groups who make up our history in North America...*

*No one who was in Lesser Feasts and Fasts 2006 has been dropped. A few changes to existing commemorations are recommended, e.g., separating Thomas Cranmer from Hugh Latimer and Nicholas Ridley. In a few instances, we have changed dates for significant people (such as Chrysostom) to bring our calendar in line with those of major ecumenical partners.*

*For several of the proposed new commemorations, we have chosen the title “prophetic witness,” from the calendar of the Order of St. Helena, to identify those who worked for the reform of the church and/or society. For some existing feasts, we are proposing revisions to the titles, for example, identifying Augustine of Hippo as a “theologian” as well as “bishop.”*

*Other provinces of the Anglican Communion have gone to laddered options within their calendars – Red Letter days, Black Letter days, and collects referred to common propers. For nearly half a century our pattern has been one of more equality, with collects and propers for all. We did not presume to break this Church’s traditional pattern.*

*At the end of this proposed volume, we have included a proposed appendix with a list of persons who may be found worthy of commemoration in the future, even though they do not meet all of the criteria at this time.*

*Full biographical narratives will be provided in the published volume, similar to those currently in Lesser Feasts and Fast.*

*The Calendar Committee  
The Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music*

The complete proposed text of *Holy Women, Holy Men* is available in the “Blue Book,” the printed copy of proposed resolutions distributed to each diocesan deputation. The Blue Book is also available online at the Episcopal Church website, <http://episcopalchurch.org>

Canon Ralph McMichael

# Baptized into the Mind of Christ

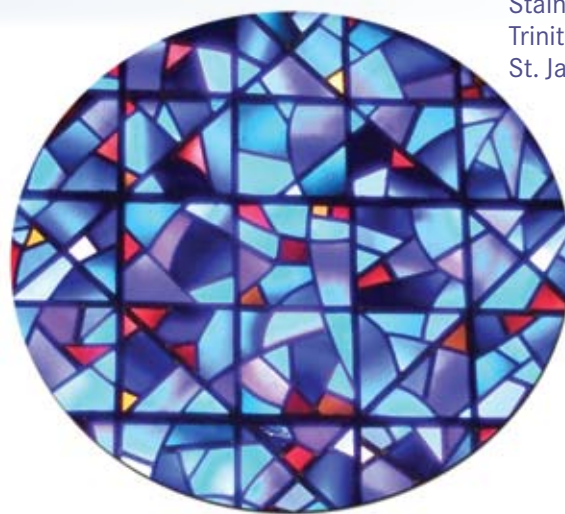
*Today's media is driven by the desire to say who we are, and what we think, to more people than ever; most of whom we will never physically meet.*

*What about us who are baptized into the Body of Christ, and who claim to have the mind of Christ?*

'Make up your own mind.' 'Speak your mind.' 'Everyone is entitled to their own opinion.' These phrases, and many others, represent the prevalent view that we are first individuals, each possessing and cultivating our own autonomous minds. This pervasive sense that our thoughts, understandings, and wills are primary for our identity and existence has yielded a sanctuary of the mind where we presume true worship occurs. We look for ways to express our views, to tell others what we think, for new ways to exercise our wills through expanded choices. Today's media is driven by the desire to say who we are, and what we think, to more people than ever; most of whom we will never physically meet. What about us who are baptized into the Body of Christ, and who claim to have the mind of Christ?

In the beginning chapters of his first letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul tells them that the Gospel of Jesus Christ does not fit into schemas of reality previously understood: "For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified." He goes on to emphasize that what the world thinks is wisdom is actually foolishness, and what the world deems foolish is God's wisdom. While Christians may not be what usually passes for intellectuals, St. Paul exhorts them with "but we have the mind of Christ." What does it mean to have the mind of Christ?

The proclamation of Christ crucified is something that does not make sense, something that cannot be approached through our various regimens of logic, analysis, or explanation. Christ crucified does not have a ready-made place in our habitual world views. It is not the end of our thought, a product of our reasoning ability. The cross is where we begin to think, to understand, to know who Jesus is, and consequently, who God is, who we are, and what the world is destined to



Stained glass from Trinity Episcopal Church, St. James, Missouri

become. The cross, and all the events of Jesus' history, are not to be domesticated by the way we think at home, by understandings garnered in other places of human discourse and enterprise. Instead, we are to yield to its existence, allowing it to tell us what it means, to be not informed but transformed by it.

We have been baptized into the death of Christ so that we might share in his resurrection, so that we might have his life and his mind (Romans 6). "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect" (Romans 12:2). Before we can know the will of God (and how often do we really seek this?), we are beckoned into the crucifixion of our minds, into the death of what customarily makes sense. Fundamentally, we are baptized into a life and knowledge that cannot be gained by the imposing of our will, or by the projection of our understanding onto others. We are the Body of Christ and not a social club of like minded people. There is only one mind, will, and identity that matters, and to learn it requires passion: suffering and desire.

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This autumn consider taking a course at the Episcopal School for Ministry Christian Theology with the Rev. Dr. Ralph McMichael

**Orientation: August 15 Closing Session: December 19**  
**Classes meet Saturdays, Sept. 26, Oct. 24, Dec. 7, 7:45 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.**

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## CONFIRMATION 2009 at the CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL & ST. GEORGE



The Very Rev. James Kowalski, Dean of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, NY, preaches at the Ordination of the Rev. Emily Bloemker, June 27, 2009.



The Most Rev. Frank Griswold, former Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, visited the diocese June 18, 2009. He was homilist for the Order of St. John Evensong and Service of Rededication and hosted lunch and conversation with diocesan clergy.

## WATERS OF HOPE

The 650 mile ride around the Diocese of Missouri between Ascension and Pentecost 2009, to raise awareness and funds for clean water projects in Africa. [watersofhope.org](http://watersofhope.org)



The people of Transfiguration, Lake St. Louis providing breakfast before the ride begins.



Day Four, the Rev. Marshall Crossnoe, Vicar, and the people of St. Alban's, Fulton welcome the riders for a hydration stop en route to Grace, Jeff City.



Day Four, the people of St. Matthew's, Mexico, provided lunch and a resting place in the parish hall.



Mile 590, Day Six, the people of St. John and St. James, Sullivan, provided lunch before the next-to-last stop at St. Francis', Eureka.



Day Seven, a short ride from Eureka to Christ Church Cathedral, riders and bicycles invited to join the Pentecost Festival Procession at the 11:15 a.m. service.

## the Rev. PETER VAN HORNE

Dear Friends-

At the end of August, my husband Peter will retire after 39 years as an ordained minister in the Episcopal Church. It feels like just yesterday that we arrived in Boise, Idaho, as a newly married couple looking forward to serving in our first congregation. Thirty-nine years is a long time to give to one vocation, and he has loyally served with eight Bishops in four dioceses and with countless other clergy and lay people all over the Church.



The Rev. Peter Van Horne

Peter's ministry began as Curate at All Saints' in Boise and continued through college chaplaincy at California State University in Fresno. After our first son, Sam, was born, Peter accepted Bishop Lani Hanchett's call to become the Vicar of St. John's in Kula, Maui. In a few years, this little mission church became a parish, and he was called as its first Rector. Our second son, Michael, was born on Maui, and when Michael was three years old, Peter was called to a congregation in Honolulu, where he was Rector and Principal of its day school! After Bishop Edmond Browning was elected Presiding Bishop, he asked Peter to become the temporary administrator of the Diocese of Hawaii, until a new Bishop was

elected. When Bishop Donald Hart was elected to succeed Bishop Browning, he asked Peter to become his Canon to the Ordinary. Some years later, after a rich ministry with Bishop Hart and the congregations in Hawaii, he settled back into small church ministry, which had captured his heart many years before. Eventually Peter was called to All Saints' in Farmington.

Peter and I have sometimes joked that we have never known a time in the Episcopal Church when it was not embroiled in some kind of conflict. We began our life together when the 1928 Prayer Book was being revised. A few years later the Church finally approved the ordination of women. The "to do" over the ordination of Bishop Gene Robinson felt like old times! Yet, through all these years the Episcopal Church has continued to open its doors every Sunday so that folks, young and old, men, women and children, gay and straight, black, white, and whatever, could come to God's table and receive the bread of eternal life.

When I look at the arc of Peter's ministry and recall many of the varied details, I see ever more clearly how God has been faithful to the Church and to us, and I am confident that this transition for the Van Hornes will be rich with new experiences, fresh challenges and other opportunities to serve the Church we love.

*The Rev. Beverly Van Horne  
Priest-in-Charge, Trinity Episcopal Church, Jefferson County  
excerpted from the newsletter of Trinity Church*



The Rev. Emily Bloemker, the Rev. Jan O'Neill, the Rt. Rev. George Wayne Smith in foreground, the Very Rev. James Kowalski, the Very Rev. Mike Kinman in the background.

## the Rev. EMILY BLOEMKER

On June 27th, 2009, the Rev. Emily Bloemker was ordained to the Sacred Order of Priests at Christ Church Cathedral. She will serve as Associate Rector at St. Timothy's Church in Creve Coeur. A native of Indianapolis, Emily attended Washington University in St. Louis and joined the Episcopal Church through Episcopal Campus Ministry. After working as the youth minister at St. Stephen's, Ferguson, Emily attended seminary at Berkeley Divinity School at Yale. There she served as an intern at the Cathedral of Saint John the Divine in New York City, worked for a year coordinating ecumenical liturgy at Yale's Marquand Chapel, and spent a summer as the chaplain of Kanuga Conferences' Camp Bob. Emily has traveled to Kenya, Haiti, and twice to Sudan for mission trips. It was on that first mission trip to the Diocese of Lui, Sudan, that Emily's vocation discernment became apparent to her.

## the Rev. TODD MCDOWELL

We are pleased to announce the Rev. Todd McDowell has accepted the call to be the fourteenth Rector of Grace Episcopal Church, Kirkwood. Todd comes to us from the Diocese of Missouri where he was doing ministry work for St. Peter's in Ladue. Todd and his wife Sabine have two boys, Andrew and Will. After his ordination in 2000, his ministry experiences have included parishes in Naples, Florida, and Frankfurt, Germany, and the Cathedral in Paris, France. Please join in the welcoming as we start the next phase of our faith journeys together.

*Dick Entenmann, Senior Warden of Grace Episcopal Church, Kirkwood*



The Rev. Todd McDowell

## the Rev. DAN APPLEYARD

The Vestry of Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Webster Groves, is proud to share the news that after months of discernment we have called a Priest-in-Charge. The Rev. Dan Appleyard is our unanimous choice for our next spiritual leader. Dan, his wife Elizabeth, and their two children look forward to joining us later this summer.

Dan has been the Rector of Christ Episcopal Church in Dearborn, MI, for the past fifteen years. Prior, he was Rector of St. Luke's in Shawnee, KS, and served as Curate at Grace Church in Kirkwood from 1983-1986.

His ministry specialties include preaching, church administration, Christian formation, pastoral care, and outreach. He was a leader in the Interfaith community in the Diocese of Michigan. Dan holds the Bachelor's Degree in Comparative Religion from Webster University and the Master of Divinity Degree from Berkeley Divinity School at Yale University.

We sincerely appreciate the support of Emmanuel staff and clergy and the entire congregation during these past six months of the search process. Please join us in our prayerful thanksgiving to God for the successful conclusion of the search as we now begin to plan for and anticipate the arrival of Dan and his family.

*The Vestry of Emmanuel Church, Webster Groves*

Our Diocese welcomes the Rev. Dr. Aune Strom as the next Rector of Christ Church, Rolla, the Rev. Jed Fox as Curate at the Church of St. Michael and St. George, and sends prayers of thanksgiving for the ministry of Father Larry Hooper who has answered a call to be Rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Key West, Florida, for the ministries of the Rev. Hope and the Rev. Andrew Benko, who have answered calls at the St. Mark's Cathedral, Shreveport, Louisiana, and the ministry of recently retired Father Ned Bowman, Rector of Holy Cross, Poplar Bluff. Next Seek will include more information on these transitions.



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# CHRIST CHURCH CAPE COMMUNITY GARDEN

As one small part of our developing Red Door Food Ministries at Christ Church, Cape, we made a couple of vegetable gardens. This will allow us to put some of our real estate to work for the poor in our neighborhood. Along a narrow patch of grass between the parking lot and the drive way, in the fall we laid down cardboard (reused) and put bales of hay (donated) over it. Then, on Ash Wednesday (actually the day after) we put in cuttings of Yukon Gold potatoes. In the photo you can see, they are thriving – weed free and need no watering (at least not yet, after two weeks @ 95 degrees).

Why potatoes? Because when we asked our food pantry customers what their favorite vegetables are, they said “potatoes.” Coming in second was tomatoes. We are growing the latter in an intensive, organic raised bed of 4 x 8 feet; six tomato plants and enough for our 20 pantry patrons (per month) for two months.



This year I'm trying heritage tomatoes, Black and Pink Brandywine and German green. We helped convince our local coffee shop to put in another community garden, donated the tomato plants, and are keeping them staked and pruned. We think that produce will be given to coffee house patrons, mostly college students who just might add a little organic produce to their diet.

*The Rev. Robert A. Towner  
Rector, Christ Episcopal Church, Cape Girardeau*

## NYC RECITAL

Earl Naylor, Minister of Music at Emmanuel Church in Webster Groves, played a recital on May 17th, at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in New York City. All reports are his ambitious program was beautifully played and well received. Archdeacon Susan Naylor had arranged her travel schedule to include attendance at her husband's recital before leaving that evening for the diocesan mission trip to Lui. Incorrect directions caused her to board a train which didn't stop at the airport. By the time she had circled back, it was too late to board for the international flight. Naylor is looking forward to joining the next Lui mission trip scheduled for November 2009.



## CHRIS HECKMAN, EAGLE SCOUT



Saturday, May 23rd, the Boy Scouts of Troop 739 held a ceremony in Tudor Hall at St. Barnabas' Church, honoring Chris Heckman for achieving Eagle Scout rank. To achieve this level a scout must be a Life Scout, earn a minimum of 21 merit

badges (Chris has 28), and complete a community service project, all before his 18th birthday. Before his retirement, Father Rich Tudor suggested Chris build a wooden bench around the tree in the center of the church's circle drive, and Wardens Dave Sinclair and Dennis Haefner .

“It was a very cold day when Chris and fellow scouts gathered to build this bench, snow was on the ground and it was very windy. I was in the process of changing the church sign and the wind was so strong that I needed help to hold the sign steady. They persevered the weather and completed the project that day,” reported Mike Dobbs.

*Mike Dobbs & Liz Heckman  
Editors of the St. Barnabas Salter*

## SUMMER CAMP PAST



From diocesan Archivist, Sue Rehkopf, a couple of photos of camps past—above, the Junior Choir Camp at Camp Mound Ridge outside of St. James, c. 1962. Organist is Ronald Arnatt. From the notes, “We felt like mountain goats. Everything was either at the top of the hill or the bottom. Nothing was level except the Meramec River!” Below, the Cathedral Choir Camp, c. 1900 in Illinois “somewhere along the River.”

At press time, there are still some spaces available at Camp Phoenix, registration is open until July 15th. Camp Director Bob Daniels reminds us that no camper will be turned away because of financial need, scholarships are abundant. New this year, parishes are building pews (benches)

for the Camp's outdoor chapel. This year's workday cleared the chapel space, an altar is being built, and the call went out to diocesan parishes to build (and decorate) pews for campers and parents. Pews need to be finished by July 15, more information online at <http://diocesemo.org>



## CALLED TO MISSION



Melanie Jianakoplos, Postulant for Holy Orders, graduate of Mizzou and ECM in Columbia, is heading to the Philippines for a year with Young Adult Service Corp. of the Episcopal Church. She'll be using her business degree to help a women's group on island of Luzon in the Philippines. This group grows organic pineapples, processes them into jams, and then sells the jam. It has become a great source of livelihood for their community, which they fight to bring out of poverty every day. Mel writes, “I'll be living in community with these women in their village. It is sure to be an amazing experience.

I will need a lot of prayers in the coming months.” Donations to support this mission year will be gratefully received; you can send a check to Grace Episcopal Church, Kirkwood, memo line: Mel J.

If you followed the Waters of Hope ride, you'll recognize Melanie as a member of the SAG team and photographer extraordinaire. Melanie will be blogging her experiences this coming year at <http://MelaniesPineappleDiaries.blogspot.com/>

Open to Episcopalians 21-30 years of age, applicants to the Young Adult Service Corp will have a high degree of maturity and possess a faith commitment; and a willingness to be a humble guest, a gracious ambassador, and an authentic companion. The program is intended to bring young adults into the life of the Anglican Communion and into the daily work of a particular community. More information online at the Episcopal Church's website.





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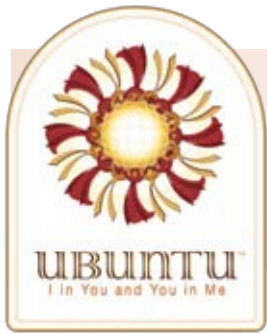
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### Bishop Smith's Visitation Schedule

- Sunday, July 26 Holy Cross, Poplar Bluff
- Sunday, Aug 2 St. Stephen's, Ferguson
- Sunday, Aug 23 St. Thomas Church for the Deaf, Kirkwood
- Sunday, Aug 30 Trinity, Hannibal & St. Paul's, Palmyra
- Sunday, Sept 13 St. John's, Tower Grove
- Sunday, Sept 20 St. Paul's, Ironton
- Sunday, Sept 27 Calvary, Columbia
- Sunday, Sept 27 Columbia Campus Ministry

### Selected Upcoming Events

- Wed, July 8-Thu, July 16 The 76th General Convention of the Episcopal Church, Anaheim, CA
- Wed, July 15 Diocesan Budget Requests Due
- Sat, July 18 ESM Summer Term - July Session
- Sat, Aug 08 10:00 AM Episcopal Church Women's Speakers Series: Members of ECW bring news back from the 2009 Triennial, meeting in Anaheim concurrently with General Convention. Church of St. Michael and St. George hosts, ECW meeting at 9:00, speakers at 10:00, and reception at 11:00 a.m.
- Mon, Aug 24 The Diocese of Missouri plans for at least two missions trips to the Diocese of Lui each year, God willing, and our last trip for 2009 is scheduled for November 22 through December 4. Applications and more information are available on the diocesan website, diocesemo.org. Notification of selection for the next mission trip will be by September 4, 2009.
- Sat, Sep 12 Making Disciples Conference
- Sat, Sep 19 Safeguarding God's Children workshop, Calvary-Columbia

Third Tuesday Tech workshops are open to all, and meet at St. Mark's Church, St. Louis, 6:30-8:30 pm. Bring your own laptop.

Tue, Jul 21 Photos and video sharing

Tue, Aug 18 Mashups: Blending maps and applications

Tue, Sept 15 Metadata: How tagging locates information

October 23 (evening) and 24, 2009

### ECW asks you to Save these Dates!

The Diocese of Missouri Episcopal Church Women Board announce the 2009 Annual Meeting with workshops. At St. Timothy's in Creve Coeur, Saturday's event begins at 9:30 a.m. with worship and should end by 4:00 p.m. Come and find out more about the history of the ECW and some diocesan projects including Christmas Shoe Boxes. The theme for this day will be "Grow in Grace." Registration and more information will be available at the end of summer, online and in iSeek.

Complete diocesan calendar is online at  
<http://diocesemo.org/calendar>