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Welcome Synod 2012 visitors...



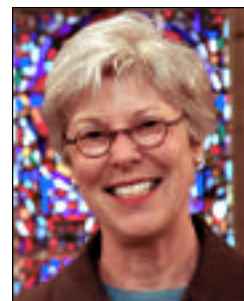
Jefferts Schori



Sauls



Zscheile



Anderson



Straub

President's Message

Preparing for Province IV's 2010 Synod

Light is upon us and we have been preparing ourselves for the celebration of Christ's victory over death. Part of this preparation is prayer, penitence and reconnecting to our God. In my last *Fourth Watch* message I was in the midst of radiation treatment for returning prostate cancer. I am happy to announce that the treatment was successful as indicated by a 0.1 PSA reading. Thanks be to God. My trust in God, remaining connected to him and continuous immersion in his work had a lot to do with this outcome. We serve a powerful God through whom we can do infinitely more than we can imagine.



Canon Bonnie Anderson, President of the House of Deputies has recently appointed me to the Joint Standing Committee on Program Budget and Finance (PB&F) of The Episcopal Church to fill the unexpired term of The Rev. Brian Cole. Brian resigned from PB&F because he is no longer a deputy, due to his move to a new diocese. It is an honor to have Canon Anderson's confidence in my ability to step in at the last minute to handle this challenging assignment.

The Congregational Development and Evangelism (CDE)

ministry network of Province IV is in the process of restructuring. I have appointed Ms. Karen Phillips Smith, from the Diocese of Southeast Florida, as interim coordinator of this ministry network. Ms. Phillips Smith is gathering volunteers from throughout the province to embark upon the delivery of congregational development in a manner consistent with guidance gained during last year's convocational synod. There will be a greater emphasis placed on CDE via electronic gatherings and information sharing.

Province IV Synod and General Convention (GC) are rapidly approaching. From June 6-8 the provincial synod will gather at Kanuga with its deputies, bishops and guests www.provinceIV.org. The Most Reverend Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop, Canon Bonnie Anderson, President of the House of Deputies and The Rev. Gregory Straub, Executive Director and GC Secretary (the officers of GC) will also be present. Synod will be an overview of GC where major GC matters will be reviewed and discussed.

GC officers' agenda will include deputy/bishop orientation and responsibilities, the proposed 2012-2015 GC budget, deputy/bishop concerns and related matters. There will also be workshops covering GC "energy items"; Proposed Liturgy for Same-sex Blessings, the Denominational Health Plan, and

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Province IV's 2012 Synod offers GC preview, discussion of issues

The Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church, will address the Province IV 2012 Synod on the opening night of the June-6-8 gathering at Kanuga Conference Center, near Hendersonville, N.C.

This will be the Presiding Bishop's first visit to a Province IV Synod. She and the new Chief Operating Officer of the church, the Rt. Rev. Stacy Sauls, former bishop of the Diocese of Lexington, are visiting as many synods and provincial gatherings this year as their schedules permit.

A key component of the Synod agenda will be the Preview of the upcoming General Convention. Present to offer an advance preview of the triennial gathering, July 5-12 in Indianapolis, Ind., will be the President of the House of Deputies, Bonnie Anderson, and General Convention's Executive Director, the Rev. Gregory Straub.

Keynoter for the meeting will be Dr. Dwight Zscheile, assistant professor of Congregational Mission and Leadership at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minn. Zscheile is an author, Episcopal priest and an authority on how the Church is best equipped to appeal to an ever-changing world. He will speak Wednesday evening, following the Presiding Bishop's remarks.

Zscheile, who joined the faculty of Luther Seminary in 2008, also serves part-time as associate priest at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in St. Paul. He is the author of *People of the Way: Renewing Episcopal Identity*, and the *Missional Church in Perspective: Mapping Trends and Shaping the Conversation*. He also serves as editor of *Cultivating Sent Communities: Missional Spiritual Formation*.

A graduate of Stanford University (B.A. degree), Yale University (M.Div.) and Luther Seminary (Ph.D.), Zscheile previously served congregations in Virginia and Connecticut. His experience growing up in a secular home in California has shaped his commitment to helping the church cultivate

Christian community with new populations and generations in today's changing world.

Canon Richard E. Miller, President of Province IV, will preside at the Synod, which will also serve as an official business session in order to elect officers for the upcoming triennium. Offices to be filled by election include President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, lay representative to Executive Council, and nominees (both lay and clergy) for the Joint Nominating Committee to Elect a Presiding Bishop. (The Synod will narrow the nominees to two in each order, and during the Provincial Caucus at General Convention - Sunday, July 8 - Province IV deputies will officially nominate two deputies in each order, lay and clergy. The full House of Deputies will elect from the nominees the following day.) Deputies additionally will consider Resolutions that come before them.

There will be three Open Forum hearings on Thursday afternoon, June 7. Bp. Sauls will make a presentation at a forum on Structure; he and Dr. Zscheile will be present to lead the discussion.

Also on hand for the Synod will be Mary Kate Wold, the new president and chief executive officer of the Church Pension Group. She will offer a brief greeting and be present along with members of her staff (Frank Armstrong, Laurie Kazilionis, Michael MacDonald and Jim Morrison) to lead a dialogue in a second Open Forum Thursday afternoon on the new Denominational Health Plan.

The third Open Forum Thursday will be a discussion on the proposed liturgies for same-sex blessings, led by three members of the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music: the Rt. Rev. Kee Sloan, Diocese of Alabama; Joan Geiszler-Ludlum, chancellor of the Diocese of East Carolina; and Patrick Malloy, the

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President: Preparing for 2012 Synod

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Structure of the Church. Additionally, the "Blue Book" (report of GC standing committees, agencies and boards) will be discussed. Province IV's own Bishop Stacy Sauls, now Chief Operating Officer of The Episcopal Church, will also be with us.

During Synod, business matters will be addressed. Resolutions will be dealt with, president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and a lay representative to executive council (officers to lead the province) will be elected; and designees for election at GC to the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of a Presiding Bishop will be selected. Indeed there will be a full agenda.

In addition to synod, between Lent and GC is Easter. This is the time where the true glory of God is celebrated and made evident. Jesus' resurrection empowers each of us to go forth in the world to proclaim the gospel and show his love and mercy. No matter how much "business" we may have during synod and GC, our "true business" is the spread of the gospel. So I bid you all success in your private ministries as you go about doing the business of our Lord and Redeemer, Jesus.

Blessings,
Canon Richard Miller
President

**PROVINCE IV: SYNOD
KANUGA CONFERENCE CENTER
JUNE 6 (SUPPER) – 8 (LUNCH), 2012**
****Early Meeting for Bishops: June 5 (Lunch) – 6 (Lunch), 2012****
Registration Form

Name _____ Diocese _____

Badge Name _____ Day Telephone () _____

Name of attending Spouse or Partner _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Lodging Request: Cottage Guest House Inn

Special Requests: Dietary, Allergies, Mobility, etc.: _____

Roommates/Cottage Mates Requested Other than Spouse: _____

Residential/ Guest (Includes lodging and meals)	Number of Guests	Rate per person	Total Amount Due
Bishop's Meeting: Double occupancy June 5(L)- June 6(L), 2012		\$102.40	
Bishop's Meeting: Single occupancy June 5(L) -June 6(L), 2012 (Limited number available - private both not guaranteed)		\$134.65	
SYNOD:			
Double occupancy June 6(S) - June 8(L), 2012		\$184.00	
Single occupancy June 6(S) - June 8(L), 2012 (Limited number available - private both not guaranteed)		\$248.50	
Double occupancy June 6(S) - June 7(L), 2012		\$92.00	
Single occupancy June 6(S) - June 7(L), 2012		\$124.25	
Double occupancy June 7(S) - June 8(L), 2012		\$92.00	
Single occupancy June 7(S) - June 8(L), 2012		\$124.25	
COMMUTER - June 6(S) - June 8(L), 2012 ** ALL MEALS AND FACILITY FEE ARE INCLUDED		\$85.00	
Total amount due with registration			\$ _____

Registration
and
**PAYMENT IN
FULL**
Are due at
Kanuga by
May 4, 2012

Single
occupancy
may
be verified by
calling
weekdays
after
May 14, 2012

Payment: Check MasterCard/VISA/Discover # _____ Exp. _____
V-Code _____ (3 digit security code on back of card) Zip Code (where the credit card bill is delivered) _____

- Only ONE couple or participant per form. Please make copies available for your attendees.
- **Cancellation Fee: two nights: \$100.00; one night: \$50.00; \$25.00 Per Commuter.** **Applicable refunds will be verified by the Kanuga Reservations Department Conference Registrar.
- Housing assignments are made by preference and in date order of receipt of your registration form. If you do not show a preference you will be housed at our discretion.
- Check-in starts at 4:00 p.m. on your arrival date and checkout is 10:00am on your departure date.

Mail Registration Form and Payment to: Kanuga, P.O. Box 250, Hendersonville, NC 28793
Telephone: (828) 692-9136 Fax: (828) 696-3589

Early Nominations

President



Richard Miller
Southeast Florida



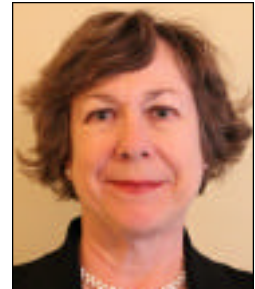
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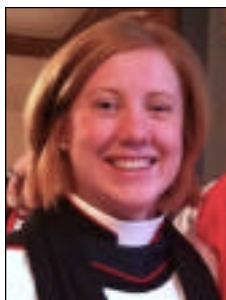


Angela Williamson
Atlanta



Jack Tull
Florida

Joint Nominating Committee to Elect a Presiding Bishop



Amy Coultas
Kentucky
Clergy



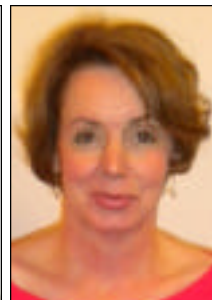
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Clergy



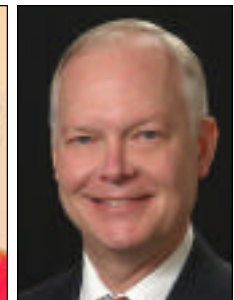
Robert Sessum
Lexington
Clergy



Josephine Hicks
North Carolina
Lay



Matilda Kistler
Western N.C.
Lay



David Quittmeyer
Central Gulf Coast
Lay

PIV Synod offers GC preview

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associate dean and professor of liturgics, holding the H. Boone Potter Chair, at General Seminary in New York, and chair of the Standing Committee on Liturgy and Music C056 Task Force on Liturgics during this triennium. The three will also make a presentation on their work on Resolution C056 in a Synod plenary session Thursday afternoon.

The Rev. Amy Coultas, Canon Missioner for Young Adults at Christ Church Cathedral in Louisville, Ky., will serve as the Synod Chaplain. The Very Rev. Timothy Kimbrough, dean of Christ Church Cathedral in Nashville, Tenn., again will serve as the Synod Musician.

Preacher for the Synod Eucharist Thursday evening will be the Rev. Dr. Wilmont T. Merchant, rector of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in North Myrtle Beach, S.C. The Rt. Rev. Clifton Daniel,



Coultas



Kimbrough



Merchant

Bishop of the Diocese of East Carolina and Vice President of Province IV, will be the celebrant.

A Registration Form for the upcoming Synod is on Page Three of this issue of *Fourth Watch*. A completed Registration Form and full payment are due at Kanuga by May 4.

Bp. Sloan invested as Alabama's 11th

The Rev. John McKee Sloan (pictured at right) was invested as the 11th bishop of the Diocese of Alabama Jan. 7 at the Cathedral Church of the Advent in Birmingham. In this photo, a month later (Feb. 18), he is celebrating at the Festal Eucharist on the second day of the 181st convention of the Diocese of Alabama at the Von Braun Civic Center in Huntsville,



Province IV Youth Ministries

PYE to build on ‘Freedom Ride’; General Convention youth picked

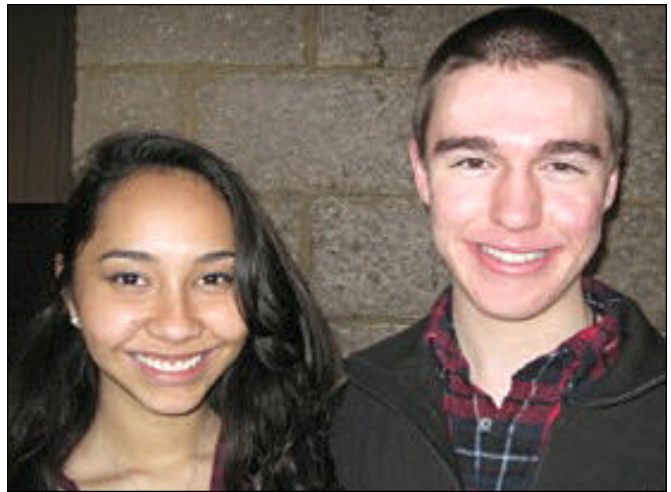
“Jesus himself came and walked along with them.”

— Luke 24:15

Using this scripture as the foundation for the Province IV Youth Event 2012, each of the 20 dioceses in Province IV are encouraged to send five high school young people and accompanying adults to the “The Summit,” Haw River State Park, Brown Summit, N.C. on June 24 - 30.

The Province IV Youth Event 2012 will build upon the foundation formed at “Freedom Ride”: PYE 2010. The Province IV Youth Event 2012 will be “A Journey of Personal Reconciliation and Transformation.” By exploring our past and the injustices within our society and the church, through interviews and dialogue with those who have paved the path of reconciliation, through reflection on the radical hospitality of Jesus Christ, and through service to others, the PYE participants will be encouraged to confront their own prejudices and fears, while also developing resources to empower other youth throughout Province IV to confront these issues in their communities.

The PYE 2012 Design Team members are: PYE Coordinator: Beth Crow (N.C.), PYE Registrar: Lisa Aycock (N.C.), The Rev. Lawrence Womack (N.C.), Nora Vinas (Southeast Fla.), Abigail Blow (Southwest Fla.), Ben Cowgill (N.C.), Nathaniel Hanson (East Carolina), Kayla Mills (N.C.),



Nora Viñas (Southeast Florida) and Ben Cowgill (North Carolina), PIV’s Youth Presence at GC

Shelby Noustens (La.), Alison Ryan (Upper S.C.), Karl Widney (East Carolina), Sherita Womack (N.C.), Jamey Graves (East Carolina), Drew Courtright (N.C.) and Province IV Youth Ministries Coordinator: Cookie Cantwell.

Registration forms are available for download on the Province IV website and registration is open until April 11.



2012 Design Team

Province IV is blessed to have many young people who are outstanding leaders and who are extremely interested in learning more about The Episcopal Church. Province IV had a large number of young people who applied to be a part of the Province IV Official Youth Presence to The Episcopal Church General Convention being held this summer in Indianapolis, Ind.

Two young people were chosen from each of our nine provinces to have “seat and voice” in The House of Deputies at General Convention. Nora Vinas from the Diocese of

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PIV Youth Ministries Leadership Conference to be in Mississippi

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Southeast Florida and Ben Cowgill from the Diocese of North Carolina have been selected to be the Province IV Official Youth Presence.

The 18 young people and the adults who will accompany them will meet for four days in April to learn more about General Convention and to discuss the issues that will be addressed and topics that will be discussed. Nora and Ben will also be present at the Province IV Synod Meeting in June. We are proud of these outstanding young people!

At the end of April, the Province IV Sabbath Retreat will be held at Wrightsville Beach, N.C., for all Diocesan Youth Ministries Coordinators in Province IV. This is a three-day retreat where these adults who work so hard and who give so freely to other people will have time to renew, reflect, recreate and regenerate before their summer programs or mission trips begin.

It is also a time where these adults can network with other adults who share the same challenges and similar experiences. It is a time to restore one's spirit and to reconnect with our Lord.

As our Province IV Youth Ministries Network looks forward, we are excited about our Province IV Youth Ministries Leadership Conference to be held in November 2012 in the Diocese of Mississippi.

We are also beginning the process of creating our first Province IV Middle School Event, which will focus on mission and outreach. Of course, we will be offering a high school PYE in 2013!

We are blessed to have a healthy and growing community of young people and adults who appreciate what we can do and be together as a Province of "Fishers of People!" Our goal as a Provincial Network is to supplement the programming, teaching, opportunities and experiences that are being offered in our dioceses. Another essential component is our Province IV Youth Ministries is to create a time and a place where our young people and adults can come together to experience the depth and vast-



Young people planning the details of PYE 2012 at the PYE Design Team Meeting in February.

ness of The Episcopal Church.

It provides an opportunity for our young people to develop meaningful relationships based on their commitment to love and serve our Lord. It is exciting to see lifelong friendship develop based on focusing on Jesus Christ.

Once again, I thank you for the privilege of serving within Province IV and working with these amazing and talented youth and adults!

— **Cookie Cantwell**
Province IV Youth Ministries Coordinator

Cole to continue on Executive Council

The Rev. Brian Cole, Province IV's clergy representative to Executive Council, will begin a new call as rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd in Lexington, Ky., March 25. His move within the Province (from the Diocese of Western North Carolina to the Diocese of Lexington) allows him to continue his service on Executive Council.

PIV Environmental Ministries to host May retreat at Sewanee

Province IV's Environmental Ministries group is partnering with the Center for Religion and the Environment at Sewanee to host a retreat, "Transfiguration of Christ and Creation: A Ministry of Wholeness: May 4-6.

The retreat, for those engaged in environmental ministry within the Province of Sewanee, will be held on the "Domain," the land holding of the University of the South.

Dr. John Gatta, Dean of the College at Sewanee, the University of the South, and author of several books and articles on religion and the environment, will be the retreat presenter. His new book is "Christ and the Transfiguration of Creation."

The Rev. Jerry Cappel, PIV's EM coordination, will be a retreat leader, along with Joyce Wilding, former PIV EM coordinator and environmental ministry leader at Christ Church Cathedral in Nashville, Tenn.

The Biblical passage of Jesus' transfiguration "on a high mountain" will be used as a reflection on the concept that Christ's glorification is for the whole creation, and, accordingly, that it has the potential to re-energize environmental attitudes and policies.

Through teaching, discussion, reflection, networking, resourcing, planning, and walking a "Canticle Trail" at the Organic



Prayer Project (a program of the Center on Religion and Environment centered on a biodynamic farm at the Sisters of St. Mary Convent), this retreat is designed to provide theological insight, restful reflection and practical advice for those involved in environmental ministry.

For registration information, visit the website: <http://www.kinshipearth.org/em4> and click on "EM4 and CRE Retreat" under EM4 News.

Training in Charlotte

This fall PIV's EM group will be partnering with GreenFaith and the North Carolina Interfaith Power and Light to co-sponsor the two-day training event, "Ground for Hope - Charlotte," Oct. 7-8.

The event is for clergy, lay leaders, seminarians and comparable students from denominations and faiths throughout the Southeast. It is part of a national series sponsored by GreenFaith.

The program will include an environmental health and justice tour. A green jobs or green building tour, and a series of presentations by religious leaders from diverse traditions.

Registration for the whole two-day conference will be \$50 per person, with scholarships available. Seminary students may attend for free. Additionally, this will be a "green" event, using vegetarian and local food, waste-reduction practices and carbon offsets.

For more information contact Cappel at jjcappel@hotmail.com

Available to EM groups

Cappel has made several visits in recent months and is available to visit parishes and diocese for retreats, teachings and discussions with dedicated environmental ministry groups.

Women's Conference set June 4-6

The 2012 Province IV Episcopal Women's Conference will be held at Kanuga Conference Center June 4-6, with the theme, "Believe in a Miracle— Episcopal Church Women: Past, Present, Future."

ECW President Jackie Robe of the Diocese of Southwest Florida was injured in an automobile accident returning home from Kanuga last summer and is hoping to be present for the conference. ECW President-elect Barbara Owens of Louisiana and members of the ECW's Executive Committee will be present.

Conference chaplain will be the Rev. Gigi Conner of Woodstock, N.Y.; Fran McKendree, well-known musician from Western North Carolina, will be the conference musician; and

author, journalist and speaker Katerina Whitley will be the keynote speaker. Whitley, a native of Thessaloniki, Greece, is the former editor of the diocesan newspaper for the Diocese of East Carolina. She also worked for the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief, forerunner of Episcopal Relief and Development.

Another special guest will be Marcia Hines, National President of Episcopal Church Women, in her first visit to the Province IV Women's Conference.



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Province IV chalks up another strong year of giving to UTO

Are We There Yet?

Almost, not quite. The United Thank Offering is a joyful witness to Christ's presence within us by sharing our blessings; a reverent and thoughtful giving of thanks to God; the forming of loving bonds that unite us into one community in Christ.

The United Thank Offering Board is authorized to promote participation in prayer and giving and to allocate the Offering between Triennial Meetings of the Episcopal Church Women. At this time giving thanks is blessings acknowledged. Love is blessings shared. United in the commitment to prayer and thanksgiving, we offer ourselves to be faithful servants, to love justice, to do mercy, to empower and enable people everywhere to witness and proclaim the grace of God.



Province IV had another great year of giving in 2011. We had seven dioceses to give over \$20,000 in Ingathering funds. Keep Up The Good Work. If we could get every parish to have one ingathering, the ones that are not participating, the prayers and blessings would be awesome. Just think about the grant requests we could honor.

Guess what? The doorbell rang and it was FedEx with a package for me. In it is my batch of Grant Request Applications. I hope we will do as well as we always do in receiving grants. In this group of requests, no matter how many Province IV gets, I will ask that pictures, thank you cards, etc. be sent to the UTO Province Representative. Why? Because in the past three years we received more grants than any other, and I have no information for a scrapbook or slide show for Triennial in July.

Keep those Blue Boxes handy and keep on praying. Remember, "7 days without prayers make one weak."

Georgie White
Province IV UTO Representative

CD&E working on a new strategy

Dear Sisters & Brothers,

Our Provincial President, Canon Richard Miller, has asked me to continue in a leadership role in congregational development and evangelism. I am honored, and also humbled, to serve you in this capacity and encourage all of you to contact me with your thoughts and ideas.

After reading the responses we have received from all of you it is our hope to initiate a strategy that will take advantage of the numerous social media tools that, hopefully, will provide everyone with easier access to information. We recognize that each day all of us face demanding schedules and in many cases financial limitations, so by taking advantage of the enormous capacity of the internet we shall attempt to limit the time and expenses involved in attending conferences and workshops.

We have been working with experts in the field of social media in creating a strategy that will provide a platform and develop resources which will assist you, as we all endeavor to grow our churches. Just as importantly, we hope to have the opportunity to learn and exchange ideas regarding best practices in congregational development and evangelism. After all, is it not our primary goal to invite people into the Body of Christ?

We will have more news for all of you in the upcoming



Smith

Wishing you God's peace & love,

months as we explore the most prudent course of action. As of this date, our objective is to tie into the existing provincial web site and provide you with the most innovative social media technologies available that will allow for blogging and webinars and much more. The principal limitations we might face as we progress to the next stage are budget restraints and volunteers willing to participate across the province.

Karen Phillips Smith

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Editor's Note — Karen Phillips Smith, who served as a member of the Province IV Congregational Development Task Force, is Parish Administrator and Warden at All Saints Episcopal Church in Jensen Beach, Fla., in the Diocese of Southeast Florida. She is also a member of the Diocesan Standing Committee and the Steering Committee for the Nehemiah Project. In addition, she is a lay deputy to General Convention 2012.

Lexington sets up tornado relief fund

The Diocese of Lexington has established a Diocese of Lexington Tornado Relief Fund to help fill people restore their lives following a massive sweep of winds and tornadoes in the Kentucky and Indiana areas March 2.

The diocese is accepting checks mailed to the Diocese of Lexington, P.O. Box 610, Lexington, KY 40588-0610 and designated 'Eastern Kentucky Tornado Relief.' Additionally, gifts may be made via credit card online by visiting www.diorex.org/donate and selecting 'Eastern KY Tornado Relief' as the designated fund.

In the photo here, taken by David Perry of the Lexington (Ky.) Herald-Leader newspaper, a mobile home was blown off its foundation in the community of Middle Fork in Johnson County, Ky. Two men were killed; one survived. The community was part of a 16-county area in eastern Kentucky struck by storms and tornadoes March 2, killing 23 people and injuring hundreds of others.

The Rt. Rev. Chilton Knudsen, who is assisting the Diocese of Lexington while a search for a new bishop is under way,

offers the following prayer:

“We are thinking with great concern about all of those impacted by the storms in the area that comprises the Diocese of Lexington, our sister Diocese of Kentucky and our neighbors in Southern Indiana, Southern Ohio, West Virginia, Virginia and East Tennessee... Please keep all impacted by the storms, and all relief workers in your prayers.”



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We have now made the decision to stop the print edition altogether, for several reasons: cost of printing, cost of postage and turn-around time (processing and delivery).

Over the past triennial we have worked hard to acquire email addresses for as many people as possible in provincial leadership roles. We are mirroring

the trend in the larger church (General Convention, especially) which *requires* email communication. And while we understand and realize that there are a few people who still do not have an email address, we are depending on the kindness of their church friends to deliver the news contained inside to them by downloading/printing copies of this newsletter for them.

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We are also happy for you to forward this online edition to others who might be interested in what's happening in Province IV. And we invite you to visit our provincial website for news and information updated in between editions.

Provincial Calendar

- **March 24** — Consecration of the Rev. Gregory O. Brewer as Fourth Bishop of the Diocese of Central Florida, First Baptist Church, Orlando, Fla.
- **May 4-6** — Environmental Ministries Retreat, "Transfiguration of Christ and Creation: A New Wholeness," at The Domain, University of the South, Sewanee, Tenn.
- **June 2** — Election of a new Bishop, Diocese of Atlanta, Cathedral of St. Phillip, Atlanta, Ga.
- **June 3-6, 2012** — Province IV Altar Guild Conference & Workshop, Kanuga Conferences
- **June 4-6, 2012** — Province IV Women's Conference, "Believe in a Miracle," Kanuga Conferences
- **June 6-8, 2012** — Province IV 2012 Synod, Kanuga Conferences, Hendersonville, N.C.
- **June 24-30** — Provincial Youth Event, "A Journey of Personal Reconciliation and Transformation," The Summit, Haw River State Park, Brown Summit, N.C.
- **July 5-12, 2012** — General Convention, Indianapolis, Indiana
- **July 8, 2012** — Provincial Caucus, 6 p.m. at General Convention, Indianapolis, Ind., Specific Location TBA
- **Oct. 7-8** — Environmental Ministries training, "Ground for Hope — Charlotte," in conjunction with GreenFaith and the N.C. Interfaith Power & Light, Charlotte, N.C.