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Synod draws Province together

More than 200 representatives of the Province's 20 dioceses and their guests assembled at Kanuga Conferences, near Hendersonville, N.C. June 4-6 for the Province IV 2008 Synod.

Using the theme, "Partners in the Spirit: Mutually Encouraged by Each Other's Faith," the participants heard a wide spectrum of reports and information from across the Province and the church at large, including:

— The Rev. Charles Fulton, president of The Episcopal Church Building Fund, The Rev. Canon Margaret Rose, director of the Center for Mission Leadership, the Rev. Canon Chuck Robertson, chaplain to the Presiding Bishop, and Timothy Vanover, Plan Administrator for the Episcopal Church Medical Trust, and project manager for the Church Health Care Feasibility Study (Resolution A147)

Delegates to Synod were introduced to a number of Provincial Network Chairs and their work (See photo on Page 7) and were led in meditations and worship by two of the Province's newly ordained bishops, the Rt. Rev. John Bauerschmidt (Diocese of Tennessee), who served as Synod Chaplain, and the Rt. Rev. Dabney Smith (Diocese of Southwest Florida), who preached at the Synod Eucharist.

In preparation for next year's Synod meeting, delegates heard a report from Chancellor Richard Perry, who presented a draft of a revised set of Ordinances. They are posted on the Province's website - www.provinceiv.org - for comments during the year.

President Bob Sessum named Navita Cummings James from the Diocese of Southwest Florida to chair the Nominating Committee, which is reviewing the offices to be filled by election in 2009 and the procedures for submitting nominations. The process will be posted on the Provincial website later in the year.



Above, Province IV officers at Synod, from left, Kathryn McCormick, secretary; Barbara Mann, treasurer; the Rev. Bob Sessum, president; the Rt. Rev. Clifton Daniel, vice president; and Belton T. Zeigler, PIV rep to Executive Council. Below, other scenes from Synod.



Return mission trip engages youth

July 2009 — Third PYE to assist hurricane-affected families

As the academic year for our young people gains momentum, Province IV Youth Ministries also moves forward with great excitement and tremendous enthusiasm! Many friendships were strengthened at The Episcopal Youth Event 2008 that was held this summer at Trinity University, San Antonio, Texas, and many new insights were gleaned as 1,400 young people and adults who work with our youth reflected upon the theme of EYE “Sown in the Heart of Christ.” The coming year promises to be a year filled with more spiritual growth and more amazing opportunities to live out our Baptismal Covenant and to serve other people as the Body of Christ!

In November, the Province IV Youth Ministries Network will meet in Birmingham, Ala. Each year the Diocesan Youth Coordinators from each diocese within Province IV and two or three young people from that diocese get together to share ideas, visions, hopes, concerns and information. We talk, learn, sing, play and worship as we enjoy the hospitality of the diocese that is hosting our event. The Diocese of Alabama will be our host for this gathering. While we will be staying Camp McDowell, the Diocese of Alabama's Camp and Conference Center, we will be visiting the Civil Rights Museum in Birmingham to learn more about the history and the future of the Civil Rights Movement and our Responsibilities in response to it! Many of us look forward to this meeting because we put our heads and our hearts together to see what we can accomplish together that we might not be about to do alone

It was at one of these Province IV Youth Ministries Network Meetings where the dream of having a Province IV Mission Youth Event was birthed. In July 2009, we will be having our third PYE which focuses on helping the residents of Mississippi

who have been affected by Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Ike. The PYE 2009 Design Team will put the pieces together for this incredible Outreach experience and all young people and adults who work with them will be encouraged to attend this mission opportunity. If your diocese and/or parish would like more information about registering for this PYE Mission Experience to be held June 23 - 28, 2009, please contact Cookie Cantwell, Province IV Youth Ministries Coordinator at cookie@stjame-sp.org

Another wonderful opportunity that awaits two young people from Province IV is the General Convention Official Youth Presence. Each Province will have two youth and their Provincial Youth Ministries Coordinator who will gather in Atlanta in April to prepare for their responsibilities at The Episcopal Church General Convention to be held in Anaheim, Calif. in July 2009. The 18 young people who are selected to be “The Official Youth Presence” at General Convention will have “seat and voice but no vote” on the floor of the House of Deputies. The 9 Provincial Youth Ministries Coordinators will help them with their schedules, information, processing and spiritual focus throughout their time in California. Many outstanding young people have applied for this unique and wonderful opportunity! Our Province is blessed with amazing young people and incredible young ministry adults!

In addition to caring for the needs of our youth, Province IV takes seriously the need to take care of our Diocesan Youth Coordinators and the other adults who work with our youth. In the spring, our Diocesan Youth Coordinators will gather for three days of Sabbath. It is always a time when these adults who have

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Youth return to Gulf for mission trip

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given so much to so many other people can have a few days where they can “be.” The environment is relaxed and casual and the time is used to share with one another, to participate in a Bible Study, to rest, to recreate and renew. It is our hope that this time is valuable as the Diocesan Youth Coordinators prepare for a summer filled with camp, travel, mission and planning!

We are blessed in Province IV to have tremendous support and encouragement for our Youth Ministries Program from so many people and from so many dioceses. We enjoy being together. Even though we can have vastly different opinions and radically different ideas about some aspects of our ministries, there is no doubt that we all want to serve our Lord with gladness and with singleness of heart! As we worship and pray together, we know that God is present and that God will continue to guide us and the young people with whom we serve. Thank you again for the privilege of working among our young people and the adults who accompany them!

— **Cookie Cantwell**
Province IV Youth Ministries

Youth from across the Province gathered a second time in the summer to work in the Mississippi area affected by hurricane damage several years ago.



Altar Guild observes 20th anniversary

As is its custom, Province IV Altar Guild opened its annual conference on June 1 with a welcoming Eucharist held in Church of the Transfiguration, a pine chapel nestled among towering pines in the heart of the Kanuga Conference Center, Hendersonville, NC. Since its first conference in 1988, the Guild has attracted men and women engaged in altar work throughout the 20 dioceses making up Province IV, and beyond, with programs combining workshops and worship.

In celebration of the Province IV Altar Guild's 20th anniversary, a reception was held following the opening worship service. A large, decorated cake was ceremoniously cut by former Province IV Altar Guild president and immediate past National Altar Guild Association president May Sherrod, assisted by E. Dene Adams, recently honored by the Diocese of Upper South Carolina for her leadership in altar guild ministry.

"Biblical Women: Bold Faithfulness Overlooked" was the title given to a series of teachings by guest speaker, The Rev. Martha H. Hedgpath of Christ Church, Charlotte, N.C.

May Sherrod presented a workshop on "Candles: Their Care and Usage," tracing the association of candlelight with worship from the Middle Ages to modern times, including their special use in Episcopal churches as torches, altar lights, votives and to mark certain seasons or occasions, such as Advent wreaths and Paschal candles. The use of oil candles was discussed as well as the desirability of soy candles.

A workshop on "Recycling Candles" was led by Barbara Parks of the Florida and Ann McCormick of the West Tennessee Diocesan Altar Guilds, assisted by Jean Stegall of Melrose, Fla.

The entire conference mobilized for a trip to the North Carolina Arboretum, located within Pisgah National Forest, for a presentation on "Cutting Gardens for Churches" by Ann McCormick, a Tennessee Master Gardener. In addition to distributing a generous collection of materials on Drying Techniques, Cutting and Conditioning for Arrangements, Aids for the Arranger and How to Force Flowering Branches, McCormick shared advice on soil testing, selection of seasonal plant materials, their placement and care.

In a final workshop Barbara Parks demonstrated how to weave dry palm fronds into "pine cones" or "grapes", as well as the traditional crosses in so much demand for Palm Sunday services.

At their 2008 annual business meeting, members of Province IV Altar Guild elected officers for the 2009 - 2012 term. They are: Barbara A. Parks of Chiefland, Fla., president; Jean Stegall of Melrose, Fla., vice president; Betsy Luke of Summerville, S.C., treasurer; and Patricia Barnes, Roanoke Rapids, N.C., secretary. Installation of new officers will be held at the May 31-June 3, 2009, conference.

— Dolores J. Miller
President, Province IV Altar Guild

ECW active throughout Province

The Annual Meeting of the Province IV Episcopal Church Women was held on June 2 during the Women's Conference at Kanuga Conferences near Hendersonville, N.C. The following officers were elected for 2009-2012 and will take office after the 2009 Women's Conference: President, Jackie Robe, Diocese of South West Florida; Secretary/Treasurer, Evelyn Piety, Tennessee; Prov. IV Rep to National ECW Board, Barbara Owens, Louisiana; Prov. IV Rep to National UTO Committee, Georgia White, Atlanta; and Prov. IV Rep to National CPC Committee, Cai Armstrong, Upper South Carolina.

Around the province...

- The ECW Annual Gathering in the Diocese of Louisiana will be held April 17-18, 2009 in New Orleans (Metairie), La.

- On Sept. 13, the Diocese of Tennessee met at the Church of the Advent in Franklin, for their Annual Meeting. Bp. John Bauerschmidt was celebrant for the Holy Eucharist and Caroline Bauerschmidt spoke about her experience at Lambeth.

- Oct 9-10, the ECW Diocese of Alabama met for their 119th Fall Conference at St. Stephen's, Birmingham. "Blessed Is She Who Believes" is their theme for the year. The Rev. Jo Bailey Wells was to be the speaker.

- The ECW from Central Florida will gather for their Annual Meeting Nov. 1, at St. Luke's Cathedral, Orlando. The Rev. Janet Galbreath, St. George, The Villages, will be keynote speaker.

- The Diocese of Lexington meets each spring for their Women's Weekend. The retreat includes the third Sunday in May and is held at the Cathedral Domain. This is an opportunity to come together as a community of ECW for a weekend of faith,

fellowship and fun.

- February 7, 2009 - The Diocese of Upper SC will meet for their 87th ECW Convention at St. Francis of Assisi in Chapin.

- May 12, 2009 - The Diocese of Georgia will meet for their Annual Meeting at St. Francis of the Islands, Savannah.

- Blue Lake ECW Fall Conference (Diocese of The Central Gulf Coast) met Sept. 12-14. "Awakening Daily to God's Loving Presence by: Hearing the Voice, Tasting the Joy, Seeing the Oneness and Responding with Our Whole Being" Retreat Facilitators were The Rev. Marshall and Jan Craver

- The ECW Annual Meeting for the Diocese of Florida will meet on Oct. 22 at Camp Weed.

- The Diocese of South Carolina plans to meet April 26, 2009 for their 125th ECW Annual Meeting at Trinity Episcopal Church in Myrtle Beach. The Annual Women's Retreat is scheduled for Jan. 30 through Feb. 1, 2009 at St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center on Seabrook Island, S.C.

- A Holy Eucharist celebrated by Bp. Charles vonRosenberg launched the Annual Meeting of the ECW in the Diocese of East Tennessee Sept. 13 at Church of the Ascension, Knoxville. Bp. vonRosenberg and his wife, Annie, spoke about their experiences at the once-a-decade Lambeth Conference of Bishops.

- The ECW in the Diocese of Western North Carolina held their 86th Annual Women's Gathering meeting Sept. 19 & 20 at Lutheridge Conference Center in Arden N.C. Read more about this at www.episcopalchurchwomen-wnc.org

— Margie Williams, President Province IV ECW

EM network model urges active steward participation



Several diocesan leaders met at Synod in June 2008 at Kanuga. They hosted an exhibit filled with sample free resources materials and fact sheets about on-going work. Diocesan EM coordinators and representatives met to share best practices and program models that promote water conservation issues, the MDGS and other programs that connect social, economic and environmental justice.

Province IV's EM network engages in an environmental ministry of Reflection, Education and Action that protects the environment, promotes sustainable communities and preserves the sanctity of creation. In concert these three components affect the whole person; reflection, the heart and spirit; education, the mind; action, the body. This model ensures that environmental stewards participants are not just passive listeners to stand-alone sermons, lectures, workshops or one-time event activists.

- **Reflection** — offers new ways to celebrate the beauty and awe of both science and religion including arts in liturgies and meditative activities. This component is designed to enhance the education and action focus of our religion and science dialogue.

- **Education** — opens our minds, enabling us to learn and teach current science and religion issues. Multi-disciplinary workshops can demystify complicated science and religion issues.

- **Action** — invites us to open our hands to implement projects and to conduct activities that support vital public policy. Faith and environmental science work enhance our stewardship of earth and our companionship of all creation.

Nashville, Tenn. — In the past year, Tennessee and other Southern states have witnessed drought conditions, but people of faith are convinced that public concern can "flow" to provide hope for the future. Religious groups are getting more involved in finding solutions to what they believe is a growing water crisis in the region, according to a new report from the Sierra Club. It says faith communities are embracing environmental activism and committing time and energy to conservation projects across the country.

Christ Church Cathedral in Nashville, for example, has part-

nered with the Cumberland River Compact to find ways to conserve and protect water. Joyce Wilding leads the environmental ministry at the church, and says she has long recognized the need to blend the environmental and faith communities.

"More people go to houses of faith each week than attend, probably almost all year, all the environmental programs - no matter what group is offering them."

The report also finds many religious leaders speaking out about how the climate crisis is affecting the poor.

"We do not want to see the public water fountain go the way of the public telephone. The poor and marginalized cannot afford bottled water." Wilding explains she has built her ministry around the concept of preserving the earth, which is a key part of the teachings of her faith. The Sierra Club report, *Faith in Action*, concludes that most major religions teach the same principle - and that, around the nation, churches are finding myriad ways to honor it. The report can be viewed online at www.sierraclub.org.

— *Barbara Dab/Don Mathisen, Public News Service - TN*

(See page 27 of the Sierra Club "*Faith in Action: Communities of Faith Bring Hope for the Planet*" (<http://www.sierraclub.org/partnerships/faith/>))

In April 2009, The Episcopal Cathedral of St. John the Divine will host two performances of Richard Harvey's and Ralph Steadman's *Plague & the Moonflower*, an oratorio that "addresses the urgency of the salvation of earth from destruction." This oratorio was commissioned for the 1989 Exeter Festival and has been performed at Canterbury and Salisbury cathedrals. "Plague & the Moonflower" was filmed for an award-winning BBC production. Province IV Environmental Ministry is endorsing these performances.

Several EM free resources including Power Point slide shows, fact sheets, list of EM diocesan leaders, EM starter kit materials will soon be posted on the Province IV Website.

— **Joyce Wilding, chair, Environmental Ministries**

CD&E reflects on initial year

The Congregational Development and Evangelism Network was launched at St. John's, College Park, near the Atlanta Airport Feb. 28-29, 2008. Representatives of nine dioceses were present as this network came into existence and started flying. After hearing lengthy and exciting reports from these dioceses, we adopted this Vision and Strategy for this group;

1. Discover resources, human and effective programs, within Province IV and the Church Center, and bring them to various venues within the 20 dioceses. (The Director of Congregational Development, Episcopal Church Center, the Rev. Charles Fulton, presented a keynote address on Life Cycles for parishes and dioceses at the Kanuga Program Synod in June.)

2. Develop three subgroups for networking and the exchange of ideas. We collected from the Province a list of (1) New Church Plants one to five years old, (2) "Remaining" congregations where a large percentage have left the Episcopal Church, and (3) large congregations (called "Resource Parishes")

3. Identify various parish assessment worksheets that measure how congregations are living into the Great Commission and Baptismal Covenant. (Especially Dioceses of TX; ATL, C.FL, SE FL and W.NC).

4. Develop and use Provincial website to post tested resources.

5. Advocate that dioceses become intentional in congregational development and evangelism or explore ways to improve their present structures and training in parish vitality. (Dioceses in our province that seemed highly "intentional" are Atlanta, Alabama, Central Florida, Southeast Florida, South Carolina, and Western North Carolina. This is the first impression of this writer.)

6. Connecting the Dioceses with each other, for regional multi-diocesan training events, conferences and seminars.

7. Identify persons with passion and expertise to join this Province Network.

8. Discover a developed diocesan successful, effective strategy, structure, parish resource, then communicate this "model" to other dioceses. Let the Province Network promote the "show and tell."

9. Dreaming for possibilities: The Diocese of Atlanta began a CDI (Congregational Development Institute) where teams of clergy and laity come for several weekends for instruction and application. There are about six other dioceses with CDI's across the country. We are exploring how another CDI could be in another area of the Province.

Some of our accomplishments in 2008

1. Compiled and distributed a 120-page Resource Notebook to each diocese at the June Program Synod.

2. Held a two-hour workshop, led by Charles Fulton, at the Program Synod to share insights and experiences from Remaining Congregations.

3. Shared Assessment and Audit Tools that may be used in parish planning, annual vestry planning retreats and congregational evaluation. (From web pages of dioceses both within and outside of Province IV: Texas, (12 Marks of Healthy Church Behavior), Virginia (Church Toolbox to Build and Grow your Church), Atlanta (30 Positive Discoveries in a Health Church),

Central Florida (Tools to Develop Vital Churches), Southeast Florida, Western North Carolina (Holy Conversations and Mutual Ministries), Alabama (book, Beyond the Ordinary, 10 strengths of U.S. Congregations), Southeast Florida (Church Growth Tools) and Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, ELCA, (Assessment Tools)

4. Planned a second meeting, Oct. 16-17, at St. Philip's near the Nashville Airport. The Rev. Dr. Bob Honeychurch, new Director of Congregational Vitality, of the Episcopal Church Center will work with The Revs. Randy Ferebee and Alan Akridge (Western North Carolina) and Rick Govan (East Tennessee) on two agenda items: (A) "From Followers to Leaders" (a book by Robert E. Logan) and (B) "Building Effective Congregational Development and Evangelism Organization within a Diocese." Also, at this, Nashville gathering, we will explore sponsoring a Provincial Training Event for the dioceses in the states of Kentucky and Tennessee.

5. In 2009, working with the Episcopal Church Center, we will explore ways to bring together clergy and lay leaders from New Church Plants for updating of skills and concepts. Also, we will consider developing a one-day training "model" for lay and clergy deanery settings on Congregational Development issues and ministries.

— The Rev. Arnold Bush, chair

'Radical Abundance' *webcast set Jan. 21-23*

Trinity Institute, in partnership with host-site The Center for Formation & Mission of The Episcopal Diocese of Mississippi, will present a conference webcast "Radical Abundance: A Theology of Sustainability" on Jan. 21-23, 2009.

The web cast conference will explore sustainability through the lens of liberation theology, which views Jesus not only as a redeemer but also liberator of the oppressed. It posits a vision of Christians working together toward social justice by considering all people as full partners in healing our planet and our communities, regardless of their social or economic status. Only in striving for sustainable relationships, rather than accumulating and consuming more for ourselves, can we discover true abundance.

Featured speakers include Majora Carder, Timothy J. Gorringer, David C. Korten, Nestor O. Miguez, and Sister Miriam Theresa MacGillis. Through keynote speeches and panel and small group discussions, this three-day conference will consider radical ideas about abundance, sustainability, and well-being.

For registration information, please visit the website www.dioms.org, News and Events, Diocesan Events. You may also contact The Rev. Debo Dykes at debo@dioms.org.

New UTO representative elected

Georgie White, UTO Coordinator for the Diocese of Atlanta since 2004, was elected Province IV Representative on the United Thank Offering Committee for the next Triennium, 2009-2012. She was elected to this position at the Province IV Women's Conference at Kanuga in June. She will succeed Zona Tounsley, the current province representative who will continue on the UTO Committee as Member-at-Large. Georgie will be installed along with the other 11 members of the UTO Committee at an installation service at the end of the ECW Triennial Meeting in Anaheim next July.

White's leadership in UTO started in 1990 when she began serving as Parish UTO Coordinator at St. John's Episcopal Church in College Park, Ga. During these 18 years, she served her church as a member of the Greeters Board and the ECW Committee. Also, she has been a Church School Assistant, a member of the Vestry, a delegate to Diocesan Council, a Southwest Convocation Representative, and was a delegate to Triennial in 2006.

She retired from Bell South Telecommunications, Inc. in Atlanta after 25 years of service. She has been an active member of Telephone Pioneers since 1976 and her bio reads like a *Whose Who* as a civic and community volunteer including *Woman of the Year* in 1989.

"Georgie is a 'doer' as evidenced by her varied resume. She not only accomplishes myriads of things in her own right, but she inspires others to great accomplishments. She does all of this with a sense of humor and joy in doing the Lord's work," wrote Gwen Hyman, President of Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese of Atlanta, in nominating White for the UTO position.



Zona Tounsley, (left) current Province IV Rep. on the UTO Committee, Georgie White, (center) incoming Province Rep., and Regina Ratterree, (right) past Province IV Rep. and current President of the UTO Committee



Coordinators meet at Synod

Province IV's ministry network coordinators met just before the 2008 Synod at Kanuga. They include (from left, seated) Dr. Sharon Jones, Disaster Preparedness; Joyce Wilding, Environmental Ministries; the Rev. Isaias Rodriguez, Hispanic Ministries; Province IV Treasurer Barbara Mann; and Cookie Cantwell, Youth Ministries; (back, from left) the Rev. Bill Blackerby, Campus Ministries; Province IV Administrator Gene Willard; the Rev. Randy Ferebee, a representative for Congregational Development & Evangelism; Jenny Beaumont, Christian Formation; and Province IV President Robert Sessum.

Disaster Preparedness & Response

New name reflects changing focus

The Disaster Preparedness and Response Network of Province IV was hosted by the Diocese of East Tennessee for its annual meeting Aug. 7-9. Representatives of 14 of the dioceses in the Province were welcomed to a lovely setting near the entrance to the Smokey Mountains National Park in Townsend, Tenn.

Before our opening session, we were welcomed and joined for dinner by the Bishop of East Tennessee, The Rt. Rev. Charles vonRosenberg. Our first order of business was to change the name of the network from Disaster Relief to Disaster Preparedness and Response. It more accurately captures the work of the network and serves to clear any confusion about the mission of the network.

Additional attention at the first working session was to review the initiatives undertaken by this team in the past four years. They include:

- Development of the disaster network in Province IV
 - Developed and encouraged diocesan disaster preparedness awareness
 - Church in a Box
 - Parish disaster plans
 - Sharing of best practices
 - Housing contract for people hosting displaced people
 - Group training opportunities at provincial level
 - Awareness programs for children
 - Clergy response / respite team
 - Ecumenical partnership with Lutherans
 - Encouraged working across diocesan borders
 - Diocesan disaster plans
 - Disaster trailers
 - Diocesan teaching events
 - Skill sharing
 - Resource awareness
- This review was to prepare the group for the presence of the

Rev. Chuck Robertson, Ph.D., Canon to the Presiding Bishop. He graciously accepted the invitation to join us to provide us with a better focus on our mission to the benefit of, not only our province, but the entire Episcopal Church.

Father Chuck was generous in his assurance that the work accomplished to date was of great help and actually quite unique. He challenged the group to produce a resource guide for use throughout the church, based on the work we have done.

Another proposition was the development of a resolution to be brought to General Convention to establish and finance a national Episcopal Crisis Response Team, based on the model accepted by this group, to be available on an invitational basis to any diocese that experiences a major disaster. It would focus on the needs of clergy and parishes impacted by disasters to provide continuing spiritual support. Work has begun on writing and composing both of these initiatives.

The group was very grateful for the discussion and clarity, which was generated by Father Chuck's involvement. The meeting closed as usual with the celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

A special thanks to the Rev. Canon Stephen Askew, the Rev. Michael Stewart and Mrs. Dianne Britton who served as our hosts in the Diocese of East Tennessee. An invitation was issued by the Diocese of Georgia to host this network in 2009 and it was gratefully accepted.

Dioceses represented: Alabama, Atlanta, Central Gulf Coast, East Tennessee, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Southeast Florida, Southwest Florida, Tennessee, West Tennessee, and Western North Carolina.

— Sharon Jones, chair, Disaster Preparedness & Response



Disaster Preparedness and Response Network at August meeting in Diocese of East Tennessee

20 UTO Grants awarded in Province

Of the 91 grant awards totaling \$2,401,906.70 announced by the United Thank Offering Committee in June, 20 grants totaling \$608,294.00 were funded for projects in Province IV. 198 grant applications were submitted in all requesting \$7,923,979.05; of these, 31 were submitted from Province IV requesting \$1,076,336.00. The grants awarded in Province IV include:

Alabama - Shoals Family Success Center, Florence, Ala., \$23,000. To fund the salaries of facilitators, space and audio/visual equipment for anger management and life skills classes for incarcerated men and women who are in the Community Corrections Work Release program in order improve their lives, to strengthen their families and reduce future court involvement.

Alabama - Bakers on Wheels, Inc., Moody, Ala., \$5,500. To equip Bakers on Wheels (BOW) with a convection oven, customized for bakers in wheelchairs, in order to expand their Basket Ministry. BOW makes and donates breads to the homeless, friendless, sick, hungry and disabled in two counties that are more than 70% women and children.

Atlanta - St. Jude's Dayschool, Marietta, Ga., \$30,000 To renovate five classrooms in order to provide a quality, safe, education facility for children of the working poor in this culturally diverse neighborhood.

Central Florida - St. Paul's Pre-School, New Smyrna Beach, Fla., \$10,800. To repair structural damage and replace the roof on a pre-school serving 65 children a year ages 18 months to 5 years from diverse cultural backgrounds.

Central Gulf Coast - St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church, Robertsdale, Ala., \$30,600. To fund a handicap drive through and entrance to the worship space for a church serving a growing population of elderly and handicap people, including participants in Family Promise, a program for homeless families, many of who are victims of hurricanes Katrina and Wilma.

East Tennessee - Bradley Initiative for Church and Community, Inc., Cleveland, Tenn., \$20,000. To help fund the salary and administrative costs of developing an education initiative to increase student achievement in children of promise (at risk) from pre-birth to third grade, increasing parental involvement in their children's education by teaching parents skills to help their children do better in school.

East Tennessee - Morristown Hamblen Central Services, Inc., Morristown, Tenn., \$25,000. To purchase monitoring equipment enabling a larger number of juveniles and adults under court ordered probation to participate in an intensive on-the-job training program at a recently expanded Central Services facility.

Georgia - Christ Episcopal Church, Dublin, Ga., \$14,250. The Phun Camp - A ministry in the Episcopal Diocese of Georgia. To provide start up costs for staff and equipment for a summer camping experience for children ages 9 - 11 whose parent/s is/are or have been incarcerated.

Georgia - Arco Community Outreach Coalition, Inc. dba Harmony Square, Brunswick, Ga., \$25,000. To partially fund the salary of a volunteer coordinator for a fast growing not-for-profit organization assisting those at the margins of society through the development of a pre-school program and training courses in restaurant skills, construction skills and life skills.

Lexington - Mission Lexington, Inc., Lexington, Ky., \$27,264.

To renovate a building on Diocesan property for Mission Lexington Medical Clinic, a free medical clinic to provide primary health care for the working poor with no health insurance to help prevent job loss and to obtain a more secure future.

Louisiana - The Parish of St. Anna's Episcopal Church, New Orleans, La., \$95,000. To rebuild the foundation weakened by Katrina, of this historic home built in the 1860's, so it can continue to be used by St. Anna's for extensive outreach ministries that touch the lives of thousands of the city's poor & disenfranchised.

Mississippi - Trinity Episcopal Church, Pass Christian, Miss., \$20,000. To fund the partial cost of construction materials of a LEED (Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design) compliant multi-purpose Cemetery Committee Community Building in this town devastated by Hurricane Katrina.

North Carolina - St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Haw River, N.C., \$13,530. To fund additional staff costs for the expansion of a parish based volunteer support program to the elderly to a county wide program, Volunteer Care Givers for Elders, serving mostly women over 60 at or below poverty level allowing them to live with dignity safely in their own homes for as long as possible.

South Carolina - The African American Family Center for Biblical Dialogue (AFFCBD), Charleston, S.C. \$50,000. To purchase a 25-passenger vehicle, to be painted pink and equipped with an internal/external sound system, to transport young females living in this high crime inner-city area to/from six schools to an after school program.

Southeast Florida - Saint Paul et les Martyrs d' Haiti and Iglesia Episcopal Trinidad, Miami, Fla., \$56,000. To make desperately needed repairs and upgrades to a church, parish hall and grounds that serves Haitian and Latino congregations.

Southwest Florida - St. John's Episcopal Church, St. James City, Fla., \$10,150. To fund the costs of a covered patio and outdoor storage building to expand the worship and activity space for a growing Hispanic congregation and to purchase audio/video equipment and computers for an after school program for children and ESL classes for adults.

Tennessee - Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Nashville, Tenn., \$40,000. To fund the restoration of stone coping on this 155-year-old Gothic Revival church that has long been a beacon of hope and comfort to the community including residents of two inner-city housing projects and a homeless shelter.

Upper South Carolina - Hispanic Ministries at St. Francis Episcopal Church, Greenville, S.C., \$18,000. To pay the salary of a bilingual licensed social worker to offer support to Hispanic adults in areas such as parenting classes, bereavement counseling, and domestic violence prevention.

West Tennessee - Freewill Shelter and Outreach, Inc., Humboldt, Tenn., \$65,000. To purchase the property on which Freewill Shelter sits plus adjoining property in order to expand the shelter and it services to the homeless and participants of its addiction rehabilitation programs.

Western North Carolina - Hospitality House of the Boone Area, Inc., Boone, N.C., \$29,200. To purchase major kitchen appliances for a newly constructed shelter facility that will serve a growing homeless population as well as all individuals and families in need of a meal in the Boone area.

2009 UTO Grant Applications are now in diocesan offices and available online at www.episcopalachurch.org/uto. Please contact your diocesan office for information regarding diocesan deadlines. Grant policy and criteria have changed so please read all instructions carefully. The grant application has been simplified and shortened and can be submitted online according to instructions. If you have questions about UTO grants, please contact your diocesan office or Diocesan UTO Coordinator.

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Johnston named PIV ERD coordinator

The Rev. Robert Sessum, President of Province IV, has confirmed the appointment of Eugene Johnston, a parishioner of St John's in Mobile, Ala., to the position of Province IV Network Coordinator of Episcopal Relief and Development.

He succeeds Harmon B. Person, from the Diocese of South Carolina, who previously served as the PIV coordinator.

For the last seven years, Johnston has served as the diocesan coordinator for ERD. During Hurricanes Ivan and Katrina he was instrumental in getting aid to devastated areas in the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast and working in the recovery effort.

"It is an exciting time to be involved with ERD," Johnston said. "The work done by Camp Coast Care in Mississippi and the Jericho Road Episcopal Housing Initiative in New Orleans are some of the most successful programs in those devastated areas. Also, ERD has implemented some very creative programs in support of the Millennium Development Goals."

Johnston is a life-long Episcopalian and a graduate of Education for Ministry (EFM). He was recently selected to become a mentor in the program. He is also serving on the diocesan Registrar-Historiographer's Team and was recently named to the Board of



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Trustees of Canterbury Cathedral in the United States (FOCUS).

Before retiring in 2001, Johnston was a college admissions consultant. During this time he served on several professional association boards and was a trainer of new college admissions officers. He is married to Emily who is Director of Financial Aid at the University of South Alabama, also a lifelong Episcopalian.

Some of his other retirement activities include working for Elderhostel, taking underprivileged HIV positive children to summer camp, serving in the Clark University Alumni Admissions Program, volunteering for the local public broadcasting station, WHIL, and the annual LPGA golf tournament held in Mobile. He also serves on the Supervisory Committee of Azalea City Credit Union.

Anti-racism conference set Dec. 5-6 in Mississippi

"Seeing the Face of God in Each Other," an anti-racism conference, will be held Dec. 5-6 at The Duncan M. Gray Camp & Conference Center in Canton, Miss.

The conference invites participants to listen attentively and to experience essential spiritual growth and reconciliation. It offers opportunity for participants to open their minds and hearts to others' suffering.

For registration information please go to www.dioms.org and scroll to News and Events, then click on Diocesan Events. Or, you may also call 601-948-5954.

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2008

October 16-17, 2008 - Congregational Development & Evangelism Network Meeting. St. Philip's Church, Nashville, Tenn.

November 7-9, 2008 - Fall College Conference, Camp McDowell, Alabama

November 24-26, 2008 - Chaplains' Retreat, St. Ignatius Center, Atlanta, Ga.

November 20, 2008 - Province IV Executive Committee meeting, Charlotte-Douglas International Airport, Charlotte, N.C.

December 4-6, 2008 - Province IV House of Bishops, Camp Weed, Live Oak, Florida

December 3-5, 2008 - Provincial Leadership Conference, General Theological Seminary, New York, N.Y.

2009

May 31 - June 3, 2009 — Province IV Altar Guild Conference, Kanuga

May 31 - June 3, 2009 - Province IV Women's Conference, Kanuga

June 2-3, 2009 - Province IV House of Bishops meeting, Kanuga

June 3-5, 2009 - Province IV Synod, Kanuga

June 14-19, 2009 - Province IV Christian Formation Steering Committee, Kanuga

June 23-28, 2009 - Province IV Youth Event, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi

July 8-17, 2009 - General Convention, Anaheim, Calif.