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June 4-6 at Kanuga

PIV Synod: Focus on partnerships

The Province IV2008 Synod will be held June 4-6 at Kanuga Conferences, near Hendersonville, N.C., and will welcome delegates and visitors to explore the theme, "Partners in the Spirit: Mutually Encouraged by Each Other's Faith."

The program synod follows meetings of the Province IV House of Bishops, the Province IV Episcopal Church Women, and the Province IV Altar Guild meetings which also are scheduled earlier in the week.

"The Fourth Province has always related to each other as a family. We welcome all to this Synod where we hope to continue to find ways we can work together in new and continuing partnerships," said Province IV President the Rev. Robert Sessum.

Featured presenters will be

• **The Rev. Charles N. Fulton, III**, president of the Episcopal Church Building Fund and director of Congregational Development at the Episcopal Church Center. He will give a PowerPoint presentation on "Life Cycles" of the church aimed at assisting dioceses and parishes in planning partnerships.

• **The Rev. Margaret R. Rose**, new director of the Center for Mission Leadership and former director of the Office of Women's Ministries at the Episcopal Church Center in New York. She will speak on the four new Mission Centers at TEC Center and how dioceses and the church can work in partnerships.

• **The Rev. Isaias Rodriguez**, Province IV Hispanic Ministries network coordinator and Hispanic Missioner for the Diocese of Atlanta. He will speak to the bishops and delegates on how dioceses can reach out to the growing Latino communities and engage them more fully in partnership with the church.

In addition, a number of network chairs from the provincial ministry groups will be on hand to discuss their ministry programs and activities in an informal setting.

Fulton also will lead a seminar on "Reorganization of the Remnant Congregation," which will address how to develop a pro-active strategy for churches where a majority of members have decided to leave the Episcopal Church. This seminar will begin at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, June 4.

Province IV meets in synod twice during each triennial: a business pre-convention synod just prior to General Convention (June 3-5, 2009) and the year before the General Convention year (2008) for a program synod.

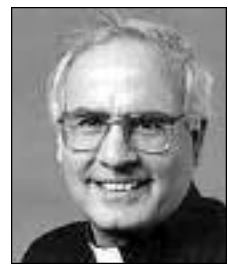
This year's theme reflects the intentional ministry of Province IV's 20 dioceses to continue work with each other and with the church as a whole in furthering ministry objectives. It draws from



Fulton



Rose



Rodriguez

St. Paul's first Letter to the Romans, which says, "...that you and I may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith."

The Rt. Rev. John Bauerschmidt, bishop of the Diocese of Tennessee, will serve as Synod Chaplain and the Rev. Timothy Kimbrough, Executive Council member and rector of the Church of the Holy Family in Chapel Hill, N.C., again will serve as Synod Musician.

Other reports will include the upcoming Lambeth Conference, the Ordinances Study Committee and a look ahead to General Convention 2009 in Anaheim, Calif.

Kanuga President Stan Hubbard will welcome the synod delegates and he and his wife, the Rev. Carol Hubbard, will host a reception on Thursday, June 4.

Fulton has served the church Building Fund for 20 years, 17 as president; however, he is no stranger to Province IV. He began his ministry at St. George's Church in Nashville, Tenn., and served 15 years as rector of St. Paul's Church in Franklin, Tenn. He is a national consultant, workshop leader, and keynote speaker for dioceses and international gatherings on issues of congregational health and development.

Like Fulton, Rose has roots in the Fourth Province as well. She was rector of St. Dunstan's in Atlanta, Ga., before joining the Episcopal Church Center as director of the Office of Women's Ministries in 2003. She also worked with the Ford foundation on a project to identify innovative women leaders in Christianity, Islam and Judaism. Earlier this year, she was tapped to be one of four new Ministry Center leaders.

Rodriguez, a native of Spain, is widely regarded as one of the church's foremost leaders in developing Hispanic ministries. He is the author of a number of pamphlets and books, including "Devociones Populares/Celebradas por los Hispanos," for Spanish-speaking Episcopalians. He serves as a member of the Advisory Committee for TEC's Hispanic Ministry Office.

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Environmental ministries widespread

Many of the 20 dioceses in the nine Southeastern states have good Environmental Ministry (EM) programs built on a Reflection, Education and Action model. Some have vibrant science and religion programs that are helping people connect liturgy, learning and lifestyle. These enable people to open their hearts, heads and hands when addressing important environmental issues - better care of God's world.

Reflection — Every element of creation is a gift of God and a revelation of God. How we relate to the natural world reflects our relationship with God, renews reverence for life. Environmental stewardship is grounded in a theology of creation, drawing from Christian and Celtic spirituality and the strong sacramental tradition of the Anglican Communion.

Some parishes are creating new liturgies for Creation Season (from Oct 4, Feast of St. Francis to First Sunday of Advent). More priests are adding references to God as Creator in prayers, sermons and litanies in several liturgical seasons.

Education — Open our minds to learn and teach the issues before us through individual study groups, and forums. Studying current science and religion issues deepen our understanding of the threats to Creation. Multi-disciplinary workshops demystify complicated science and religion issues and enable us to better understand years of irresponsible human behavior toward natural resources that threaten our generation and future generations. More parishes should examine how the growing environmental crisis impacts social justice and learn the connection between economics and sustainability - including MDGs promoted by ERD and other ECUSA networks.

We have a wonderful Catechism of Creation - an Episcopal understanding prepared by the Committee on Science, Technology and Faith. (Note: the key Catechism author is from our Province). This catechism provides a foundation for extensive study of theology of creation, the relationship of modern science to Christian faith.

See <http://ecusa.anglican.org/science/> to learn more and download free copy of this document.

Action — Open our hands to implement projects that support vital public policy. Live in ways that protect, heal and honor the integrity of God's creation. Intentional changes in lifestyles can reflect a reverence for God's creation. Simple living can be responsible and abundant living. Actions can transform lives.

Through our works we are known to the world. Every parish can:

- Organize environmental teams to address the crisis facing God's planet Earth.
- Develop and distribute worship and education resources concerning environmental issues. (Note: there are many free resources as described earlier. These resources help make Christ better loved and known as one who cared for all creation. EM or Creation Care activities can be collaborative; that is folded into many other parish and diocesan ministries - for example, with CE, ECW, EYC, stewardship, spiritual formation and other programs.
- Contact Episcopal Public Policy Network about effective advocacy work (the 2008 LENTEN on-line programs promoted better care of God's world).

Ongoing activities in our province include:

- TVA Green Power Switch or some other alternative green energy programs
- Collaboration with local watershed compacts that protect, preserve and "clean up" creeks, rivers and coastal waters Recycle pick-up service for parish cardboard and paper; volunteer recycling of bottles, cans and other recyclable items
- Ongoing implementation of GC 2003 water resolution including the connections between Mountain Top Removal to get coal for power plants, other energy and water issues; gardening, lawn care and farming issues - food, faith and hunger
- Expanded use of native plants that use less water and protect biodiversity
- Reducing and eliminating use of bottled water at parish events
- Purchases of 100 percent post consumer recycled paper and "tree-free" paper, as well as, promote practices that minimize and reduce paper use - connecting paper production with varied pollution problems and energy issues
- Intergenerational Weeds to Wreaths project - remove invasive honeysuckle plants then turn these vines into base for Advent wreaths
- Eco-Palm purchases for Palm Sunday,
- ERD Bishop's Blend Coffee & shares of organic produce from local farms and ERD World Water Day as well as other water and sanitation projects (part of Prov IV EM budget was sent to ERD water projects in 2006 and 2007)
- Purchases of local, healthy farm products (food co-op shares)
- Sustainable green building practices at camp and conference centers as well parish buildings and grounds - energy conservation and alternative energy
- Intergenerational care for creation retreats and workshops

I have written much about these in my Prov IV reports, ECUSAarticles and ENTREAT papers. Some are posted on the ENTREAT website (see www.sewanee.edu/ENTREAT). My EM reports and articles are in the Fourth Watch Province IV newsletter. These are posted as PDF files on the Prov IV website. Note: Water Conservation is big issue in our Province. Prov IV leaders help develop the water resolution that was adopted at 2003 GC and was promoted by Diocese of North Carolina. I am still tracking the implementation of this resolution.

The Diocese of Alabama has some new water stewardship resources funded by WWF grant. Diocese of Tennessee parishes are promoting a state bottle/container bill that expands recycling drinking containers as well helps minimize and eliminate use of bottled water. There are many free Resources On-line. If you unable to find the EM resources you contact your diocesan leader or Joyce Wilding at 615- 952-5812 or joycewilding@comcast.net and see <http://www.stewardsforcreation.org/educ.htm> - Diocese of Alabama The Stewardship of Creation Diocesan Task Force for Energy Audit tool; Five-Session Adult Christian Education Curriculum Leader's Guide prepared to accompany the Province IV Bishops' Pastoral Letter: Care of Creation and a 6-week "Watersheds and Warming" education program.

— Joyce Wilding
Chair, Province IV Environmental Ministries

CD&E organizes in Province IV

Province IV's newest ministry network - Congregational Development and Evangelism - met for its inaugural meeting Feb. 28-29 at St. John's Church in College Park, Ga., with 13 diocesan representatives and two visitors present.

The Rev. Charles Fulton, director of Congregational Development at The Episcopal Church Center in New York and president of the Church Building Fund, was the guest presenter at this roundtable discussion.

Participants spent time sharing what is happening in the individual diocese regarding Congregational Development and also began planning for the group's future: establishing a vision, ways to share resources, best practices and create a structure to address those points that can be better addressed at the provincial level.

The group additionally discussed their purpose as amplifying the Great Commission, to make disciples for Jesus Christ, becoming advocates for intentional congregational development, helping create opportunities for Holy Conversation to take place, and building up the diocese for the work of the Gospel.

Participating were the coordinator for the network, the Rev. Arnold Bush, Central Gulf Coast; the Rev. Trawin E. Malone



Congregational Development & Evangelism network organizes

and the Rev. Raymond Gotko, Atlanta; The Revs. Joyce Holmes and Danielle Morris, Central Florida; the Rev. Randy Ferebee, Western North Carolina; Julie Denman, West Tennessee; the rev. Cynthia Taylor, Georgia; the Rev. Bill Winters, Alabama; Elizabeth (Boo) Pennewill, South Carolina; the Rev. Vincent G. "Chip" Sedale, Florida; the Rev. Greg Hein, Central Gulf Coast. Also present was Gene Willard, administrator of Province IV.

'Lord Teach Us To Pray'

Women's Conference scheduled June 2-4

The Rev. Alan Hansen, president and CEO of the Atlanta-based ACTS 29 Ministries, will be the keynoter for the Province IV Women's Conference at Kanuga this year, June 2-4. The theme will be "Lord Teach Us To Pray."

Fr. Hansen was ordained in 1982 and has served at congregations in Kentucky and Florida and has transitioned two parishes from decline to growth. ACTS 29 Ministries has a 33-year history of bringing renewal, growth and new life in the Holy Spirit to congregations throughout the United States and abroad.

The Rev. Sharon Lewis will serve as chaplain for the conference. Since 1994, she has served as rector at Church of the Holy Spirit in Osprey, Fla. Lewis is the founder of Amazing Love Ministries, an international and interdenominational healing ministry housed at the church. Through ALM, over 70 healing conferences have ministered to thousand of people.

This conference will help participants develop a more effective

prayer life and explore the power of corporate prayer in church. Presentations will cover how God answers prayer, hindrance to prayer and scriptural requirements for answered prayer. Participants will have the opportunity to experience a variety of prayer models.

New officers for Province IV ECW (2009-2012) will be elected at this conference. Opportunities for workshops, music, quiet time, prayers and worship will be provided along with time for fellowship with old and new friends.



Hansen

Youth to return for *PYE* in Mississippi

Recently I stood outside in my yard and I watched the magnificence of a Lunar Eclipse, a natural and unique experience that filled me with awe and wonder. I felt thankful that the clouds did not prevent me from being a witness to this wonderful event. I knew I had just participated in something wonderful - something that I would remember for years to come! Province IV Youth Ministries has been much like this Lunar Eclipse. It has been amazing and unique. It has been something wonderful in which to participate. It has been something that I will remember and that has filled me with awe and wonder!

The Province IV Youth Ministries Network Meeting was held in November at The Cathedral Domain in the Diocese of Lexington. Each Diocesan Youth Ministries Coordinator and two young people are encouraged to attend this meeting to share what is going well in their diocese and the challenges that they face.

Fifteen dioceses from Province IV participated with 56 young people and adults attending. We worshipped, learned, shared, planned, dreamed and listened. Our Outreach Activity was shopping to fill 15 shoeboxes to send to "The Samaritan's Purse." Coming together at network meetings has helped us focus on our love and commitment to Jesus Christ and challenged us to take the message of God's love out into the world. The Diocese of Alabama will host our 2009 Province IV Youth Ministries Network Meeting in November 2009.

Five years ago Province IV Youth Ministries claimed "Mission" as our united effort and combined outreach. Last summer our Provincial Youth Event at Mission on the Bay, Bay St. Louis was so successful that we decided to go back to Mission on the Bay again this summer. It was a giant step in faith to commit to going back this summer because nine days following our PYE, the Episcopal Youth Event 2008 will be held in San Antonio, Texas. We felt that the work that needed to be done in Bay St. Louis was so extreme that we could not walk away from it this summer.

The PYE Design Team, Annie Barnes, Austin Fodrie, Zach



Lisa Bailey, Leigh Wallace Hine and Jani Sarratt



Will Reimnsnider and Rachel Greneker

Brown, Will Reimnsnider, Sue von Rautenkranz, Jamey Graves, Chuck Culpepper, Beth Crow and Cookie Cantwell, met to lay the groundwork for our mission work this summer. The dates for PYE 2008 are July 24 - 29, 2008 and the theme is "One Hope in God's Call to Us" and the scripture we will be reflecting upon during the week will be Romans 5: 1-8 We will be exploring Faith, Suffering, Endurance, Character and Hope as we embrace and claim God's Love and Call in our lives.

In February, the Province IV Diocesan Youth Ministries Coordinators gathered at Wrightsville Beach, N.C. to have a "Sabbath" experience. For three days, they enjoyed getting to know one another better, listening to each other, discussing the joys and the hurdles that they are facing, sharing good food and great conversations, resting and walking on the beach. It was a time to step away from being known as their "job" and to share who they are as a "Beloved Child of God."

It is our hope that once each year, the Province IV Youth Ministries Coordinators will get together to build stronger friendships and to encourage one another in their ministries among young people.

Academy for Youth Ministries

An exciting new adventure for our Province IV Youth Ministries and Sewanee Theological Seminary is the creation of an "Academy for Youth Ministries." It is our hope that this academic educational opportunity will be held in the summer of 2009 at Sewanee and that the instructors at this academy will be super-

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Young people and youth ministers from 15 dioceses participated in the Province IV Youth Ministries Network Meeting at The Cathedral Domain in the Diocese of Lexington.

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ior in their knowledge, approach, and passion for Youth Ministry. This academy will differ from other conferences that target Youth Ministers, who have chosen this vocation as their life's profession, by its focus on theological foundations rather than activities and programs.

The Rev. L. Sue von Rautenkranz, Diocese of Upper South Carolina, will be coordinating the team from Province IV that will be designing and implementing this stimulating formational opportunity. This is an exciting new relationship and collaboration between the seminary and those involved in congregational ministry.

The Diocesan Youth Ministries Coordinators have strongly endorsed this new endeavor and many of them have volunteered to serve on the Design Team for its creation. In the following year, there are plans to develop a weekend program that will be offered in various places within Province IV for those who serve Youth Ministry as an avocation. More information will be available by the end of the summer.

In addition to the regularly scheduled meetings, mission experiences and gatherings, deep friendships and lasting relationships have formed among the young people and the adults of Province IV. At these various events, people come together and discover the fullness and the richness of the Episcopal Church. We come together united in the love of Jesus Christ and we strive to honor the fullness of God in our lives and in the lives of other people. Province IV Youth Ministries is alive, strong and creative! It is exciting to be a part of this special and dynamic ministry!

— Cookie Cantwell
Province IV Youth Ministries Coordinator



John Burris

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June 4-6, 2008 —Kanuga Conferences

PARTNERS IN THE SPIRIT

*Mutually Encouraged by Each Other's Faith**

(The Province IV Executive Committee will meet at 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 4, 2008, at the First-Floor End Room at Kanuga.)

Wednesday, June 4

3-5 p.m. - Registration (lobby) - ECW of Diocese of Western North Carolina

5-6 p.m. - Reception in Bishop Robert H. Johnson (Fireplace) Lounge

6 - 7:30 p.m. - Dinner

7:30 p.m. - Plenary Session (Balthis Building)

- o Gathering hymns - The Rev. Timothy Kimbrough, Synod Musician
- o Opening prayer/collect - The Rt. Rev. John Bauerschmidt, Synod Chaplain
- o Welcome - The Rev. Robert Sessum, President/Province IV
- o Greetings - Stan Hubbard, President of Kanuga
- o Introduction of Visitors and Special Guests
 - o Province IV Executive Committee
 - o Province IV Members on Executive Council
- o Review of Synod Agenda
- o **“How can we connect with our Hispanic brothers and sisters?”** - The Rev. Isaias Rodriguez, Province IV

Hispanic Ministries network chair and Hispanic Missioner for the Diocese of Atlanta; presentation followed by Question-and-Answer session

o Compline

8:30 p.m. - Ice cream social (Johnson/Fireplace Lounge)

9:15 p.m. - Ad hoc networking

Thursday, June 5

8 a.m. - Breakfast

8:50 a.m. - Plenary Session (Balthis)

- o Gathering hymns - The Rev. Timothy Kimbrough
- o Opening prayers - The Rt. Rev. John Bauerschmidt

9:15 a.m. - Report from the Province IV House of Bishops and preview of The Lambeth Conference

9:30 a.m. - **“Life Cycles of the Church,”** PowerPoint presentation - The Rev. Charles Fulton, President of The Episcopal Church Building Fund and Director of Congregational Development at The Episcopal Church Center

10:30 a.m. - Break

11 a.m. - Questions & Discussion on “Life Cycles” - The Rev. Charles Fulton

12 p.m. - Noonday Prayers - The Rt. Rev. John Bauerschmidt

12 p.m. - Deadline for Submitting Resolutions**

12:30 p.m. - Lunch

1:30 p.m. - Plenary session, Balthis: Gathering hymns

1:45 p.m. - **New Ministry Centers at The Episcopal Church Center** - The Rev. Margaret Rose, Director, Center for Mission Leadership, The Episcopal Church

3:15 p.m. - Break

3:30 p.m. - Eucharist (Chapel of the Transfiguration)

- o The Rt. Rev. Dabney Smith, Preacher
- o The Rt. Rev. John McKee Sloan, Celebrant

5 p.m. - Hospitality Hour, hosted by Kanuga President and Mrs. Stan Hubbard

6 p.m. - Dinner

7:15 p.m. - Plenary Session (Balthis)

- o Gathering Hymns
- o Introductions of Provincial Network chairs

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7:45 p.m. - Closing Worship - The Rt. Rev. John Bauerschmidt

8 p.m. - Informal workshop/conversations with Network Chairs — Gooch Hall (Coffee & cookies available in the lobby of Gooch)

Friday, June 6

7:15 a.m. - Holy Eucharist, Chapel of the Transfiguration

8 a.m. - Breakfast

9 a.m. - Plenary Session (Balthis)

o President's Report

o Treasurer's Report

o Interim Report from Ordinances Study Committee — Mr. Richard Perry

o Other business

o Looking ahead to General Convention 2009: What additional preparation do we, as a Province, need to do?

o Concluding worship

10:30 a.m. - ADJOURN

** Paul said:*

...in my prayers at all times; and I pray that now at last by God's will the way may be opened for me to come to you.

I long to see you so that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to make you strong - that is, that you and I may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith.

— Romans 1:10-12

** Since this is a Program Synod, resolutions are not anticipated; however, if a resolution is submitted, 200 copies must be provided by 12 p.m. on Thursday, June 5 to the President of the Province. The Synod will then consider the Resolution during the Business Session on Friday morning, June 6.

Remnant congregations session scheduled

The Rev. Charles Fulton additionally will speak on “The Remnant Congregations” on Wednesday, June 4, from 1-4:30 p.m. in the Gooch building. This is a session that grew out of discussions at the provincial Congregational Development and Evangelism meeting in February in College Park, Ga.

Remnant Congregations are those where a large percentage of members have chosen to

affiliate with another Anglican province. Fulton will outline options, planning and leadership for parish reorganization.

The meeting is for clergy and lay leaders ministering to build and grow a “remnant congregation”; clergy, possibly retired, who may be asked (or may desire) to serve in this setting; and bishops, diocesan staff or diocesan commissions responsible for overseeing or giving ongoing consulting and supervision.

Church growing in Province IX

Since this is the middle year of the triennium, the president of the United Thank Offering Committee was scheduled to make the annual report for UTO in person at the Executive Council meeting in Quito, Ecuador. Regina Ratterree, from the Diocese of Upper South Carolina, was accompanied by Connie Coindet-Segura, Province IX Representative on the UTO Committee.



The presentation to Executive Council highlighted the granting of \$2,439,342.46 for funding mission work across the Anglican Communion in 2007. Work supports the Millennium Development Goals, especially grants that help achieve universal primary education for children and grants which promote gender equality and empower women. In addition projects are identified that support the budget priorities of The Episcopal Church and need for Theological Education as identified by the primates.

In 2007 the UTO Committee had several changes, including selection of a new president, vice president and staff coordinator for the UTO office in New York. At the fall meeting in Stony Point, N.Y., the committee spent two days with consultant, Mary MacGregor, and developed a new Vision Statement:

We will significantly impact the lives of women and children because of Christ's love.

Several members of the committee traveled to work with mutual ministries in Africa, the Philippines, Panama, Spain and the United States. They continued work with Diocesan UTO coordinators, the Joint ECW/UTO Committee, EPGM, GEM and others. Training was provided to new diocesan coordinators at Face to Face in August at the Roslyn Center in Richmond, Va. As a new, creative way to work with companion dioceses, the grant criteria were revised for 2008 applications, allowing dioceses in the U.S. to use one of their two applications for work in an official companion diocese. Grants for 2008 will be approved in April.

A copy of the 2007 Annual Report may be obtained from the UTO office or from President Regina Ratterree by e-mailing rd2ra@aol.com.

In addition to the presentation to Executive Council, Regina and Connie met with the International Concerns sub-committee and made several visits to UTO grant sites. Included were the diocesan offices, the cathedral and school, and the conference center under construction in Central Ecuador. They participated in the site visits to Emaus Mission and the Cathedral School. A highlight was the workshop held with the women of Ecuador Central so they could reorganize and present their UTO ingathering. Also, the service presided over by Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori and Bishop Wilfredo Ramos, ended with dinner with the congregation and entertainment by youth of the diocese.

Prior to the Executive Council meeting, Regina and Connie traveled to the Diocese of Ecuador Litoral. They attended Ash

Wednesday services in the cathedral in Guayaquil, and Bishop Morante and his wife took them in the UTO funded car to churches, schools and the camp and conference center which had received funding from UTO. One big surprise came to Regina, Olga (the bishop's wife) and Elizabeth (diocesan staff) as they were enjoying a stroll on the beach, a wave from the Pacific Ocean came in faster than expected and left them with wet pant legs from the knee down. No complaints though - it was a wonderful place to be in February!

UTO expresses its heartfelt thanks to the bishops, clergy, and all the people who provided such wonderful hospitality. Many folks in Province IV (for example mission teams from the dioceses of Atlanta and Tennessee) have experienced this same great hospitality. The church is growing in Central Ecuador, Ecuador Litoral and all of Province IX.

— Regina Ratterree
UTO President

UTO collections in PIV highest in three years!

The UTO Coordinator, Elizabeth Beach Hacking, announced at the January meeting of the UTO Committee at Camp Allen that the 2007 UTO offering totaled \$2,125,587.79 - down \$8,617.99 over the 2006. \$564,964.43 was collected in Province IV - the highest in three years and up \$34,046.41 over 2006. Way to go, Province IV!

One hundred ninety-six UTO grant applications were submitted this year requesting a total of \$7,823,979.05. Thirty-one of these applications requesting \$1,076,336.00 are from Province IV. The UTO Committee has been busy researching these grants and will meet in California in late April to make the grant selections. Grant awards will be announced in early June.

It's spring and the time for our first UTO Ingathering of the year. This ingathering is important because the offerings sent in now will earn interest that will fund many additional grants in 2009.

As requests for grant funding increase, offerings must increase. UTO needs the wholehearted support of all bishops and priests alike to make this happen. Remember UTO is not a fundraiser; however it does raise funds. It's all about the simple act of thanking God for His bountiful blessings each day and dropping coins and dollars in the Blue Box as our response to this thankfulness. UTO needs every person in every church in every diocese to participate in order to meet the growing needs of worthy and compelling grant requests.

— Zona Tounsley
Province IV Representative on the UTO Committee

UTO receives gift from Philippines

The Episcopal Church in the Philippines held its Roundtable Celebration of Thanksgiving in honor of autonomy March 3-5, 2008. UTO President Regina Ratterree was invited as one of the partners for many years to attend. Several staff of The Episcopal Church, members of the Joint Covenant Committee, and partners from other countries also attended. This was held at the ECP National (Provincial) Office and Cathedral Heights Compound in Quezon City. In addition to presentations and partnership agreements that were highlighted, honorary degrees were conferred by Trinity College of Asia on Lyn Johnson (former UTO Committee President) and the Rev. Mark Harris, both of whom had served on the covenant committee.

The opportunity to visit UTO grant sites in Manila and in Baguio City provided a view of mission work that has been done and time to meet the people involved. Several women from the Philippines accompanied National ECW President Kay Meyer, Cordelia Burt (ECWand CPC), Lyn Johnson, and me. We stayed at Brent International School Baguio, visited several churches and Easter Weaving School, met with bishops, clergy and the presidents of the Episcopal Church Women.

At the close of the meeting, a check for \$1,000 was presented to UTO by Ursula Daoy. This is a tithe of offerings collected by the women in the six dioceses of the Philippines for PASASALA-



FranBawayan, Philippines ECW President; Kay Meyer, TEC ECW President; Regina Ratterree, UTO President; and Ursula Daoy, Pasasalamat chairperson

MAT, their version of UTO. It represents continuation of partnership in mission work — past, present and future.

— **Regina Ratterree, UTO President**

Bp. Tamayo of Uruguay gives back to Fla. ECW

The Diocese of Florida ECW Annual Meeting was honored to have The Right Rev. Miguel Tamayo and his wife Marta in attendance. Bishop Tamayo, the Bishop of Uruguay and the interim Bishop of Cuba, presented the Diocesan UTO Coordinator, Jeanette Brode, with UTO money collected by the ECW of Uruguay amounting to \$257.00.

Brode said, “He shared with us how he told the ladies in that South American Diocese that each of us needs order in our lives, which means we should have two boxes: one from which we receive and one in which we give.” He fur-

ther stated “The Diocese of Uruguay has received United Thank Offering grants in the past, now is the time to give some back.”

She added, “Our Diocesan ECW is planning to help the ECW in Uruguay by sending UTO supplies to help with their endeavors.”



Bp. Tamayo, wife Marta

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Chaplains to gather at Tutu Center

Campus Ministries continues to grow

Annual Fall College Conference

November saw the 33rd annual Fall College Conference for Province IV campus ministries, held at Camp McDowell, the Episcopal Camp and Conference Center for the Diocese of Alabama. Over 80 students from throughout the Province gathered to discuss "Life Comes at You Fast," a program on what happens after graduation.

The panel leading the conference consisted of Eric Liles, now a priest in Alabama, Adam Brush, a specialist at the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta, and Sarah Blizzard, who works for a non-profit organization in Atlanta. All of them were recent graduates of seminary or college and talked about the surprises life after college presented.

Next year's conference, scheduled for the first weekend in November (November 7-9) will feature Terry Parsons, currently Stewardship Officer at the National Church office talking about students' stewardship of their lives.

Chaplain's Retreat

November was also the month when chaplains from the south-east gathered in Atlanta for their annual retreat. Over 20 chaplains from Florida to Tennessee met at the St. Ignatius Retreat Center to work with Natalie Guthrie, assistant director of the Episcopal Church Foundation to talk about ways to raise money for college

work. Provincial Administrator Gene Willard also joined the group.

College Chaplains Gathering

Chaplains are invited to the Desmond Tutu Center in New York on the campus of the General Theological Seminary from Tuesday, June 24 through Friday, June 27, 2008

Location: Desmond Tutu Center, New York City for "How Shall They Hear," a conference which seeks to take a deeper look at the business around us: at the university, in the media and mediums of student engagement and explore the ways in which we might become better listeners to a call of and cry for the gospel in the world around us.

New York City, the American center of multiculturalism, will serve not only as the playground for this gathering, but also as its classroom. Registration information is on line at <http://www.conference.com/eventmanager/OnlineRegistration.asp?EventCode=O2O>, and further information can also be found by contacting Ken Fields, Provincial coordinator at fields45@comcast.net. New college chaplains can also take advantage of a pre-conference training session beginning on the Monday before the conference itself starts.

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Provincial Calendar

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May 27-29, 2008 — Provincial Leadership Conference (Province IV hosting), All Saints Episcopal Church, Atlanta, Ga.

June 1-4, 2008 — PIV Altar Guild 20th Anniversary meeting, Kanuga

June 2-4, 2008 — Province IV Women's Conference, Kanuga

June 3-4, 2008 — Province IV House of Bishops meeting, Kanuga

June 3-4, 2008 — Province IV Network Coordinators Conference, Kanuga

June 4-6, 2008 — Province IV Synod (Program Synod), Kanuga

June 24-29 — Province IV Youth Event, "One Hope in God's Call to Us," Bay St. Louis, Mississippi

June 24-27 — "How Shall They Hear?" chaplains conference, New York, N.Y.

2009

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

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

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