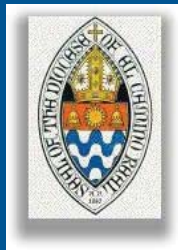


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Diocesan Youth Visioning Day

On Saturday, May 3, more than 40 youth and youth leaders representing 14 parishes gathered with Bishop Mary to explore connections to God, to church, and to one another. The intent of the day was to affirm and remind our youth that they indeed are full members of the church, that they do not have to wait to "grow up" to be members, and that they each have unique gifts to share and a ministry to explore within the Church.

Following a format similar to the diocesan visioning days, the youth engaged in two small group discussions. In the first discussion, they explored their unique gifts and the joy they experience in sharing those gifts with others. In the second discussion, they explored their best experiences at church and what left them feeling good about their involvement. Some "best experiences" ranged from preaching on Sunday after Easter to singing in the choir to just hanging out at coffee hour and catching up with people. Within the variety of responses, themes of authentic connection and participation emerged from the voices of our youth.

After lunch, we played a game called "Connections," which helped to explore further how we can offer and nurture connections to God, church, and one another. The six stations included: Confirmation, Worship, Music, Mission Trips, Service, Fun and Fellowship and a "What-Else" station. The youth gathered in the center of the room and were each given their own ball of yarn. Each was instructed to tie down and anchor one end of the ball of yarn to a chair in the center of the room, and then go to the three different stations they felt best matched their gifts and interests. "Essentially this exercise was to visually see what pulled at their heartstrings the most and to remind them that their passion and gifts come from the center of the Living God who writes on their hearts a passion for love and service," said Rev. Laurel Johnston. At each station, a youth leader asked the following two questions: How do you feel connected to God through _____ (fill in the blank for the station) and How can we support this connection?

The design team for the day, Rev. Jim Ezell from St. Paul's in Salinas, Rev. Katherine Baginski-Doar from St. Francis in San Jose, and Rev. Laurel Johnston from St. John the Baptist in Capitola, trust that the experience of this day was helpful in gaining a better understanding of what's on the minds and hearts of our youth. The team came away with some great insights that will be available to all parishes for continued exploration and discussion. At the end of the Connections exercise it looked like the group had made one big "God's-Eye" which was fun for the youth and invited adults to see a bit clearer through their eyes.

Submitted by The Rev. Laurel Johnston, Curate, St. John the Baptist, Capitola



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Faithworks - Three generations of clergywomen celebrate the Eucharist at St. Stephen's Parish in Pittsfield, MA

Art & Soul - Fifth and sixth-graders create colorful wall hangings for Christ Episcopal Church in Exeter, NH

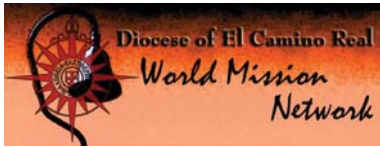
Book Review - "The Bishop's Daughter" by Honor Moore, daughter of the late Paul Moore, bishop of New York

Activevoice - Monthly editorial and Presiding Bishop's column



Dear Sisters and Brothers,
I greet you from the gathering of the bishops of the Anglican Communion. To see the whole Anglican global village gathered with all the variety of different cultures, theologies and opinions and yet discover the great and abiding sameness of our humanity and faith is truly moving. We, in El Camino Real, have touched and continue to touch this global village in a very real way. Below is a report to me from the Discernment Day for World Mission that was held in April. The discovery of local partnerships and projects revealed that we connect to people and churches in every part of the world. It is my hope that I will bring back from Lambeth some concrete plans

to begin moving towards diocesan companion relationships with some portions of our communion at a diocese to diocese level. I commend to you the work of the World Mission Network steering committee.



Report to the Rt. Rev. Mary Gray-Reeves, June 26, 2008

The following report is offered to you in as part of your discernment towards finding and drawing El Camino Real into a companion relationship with another bishop of the Anglican communion and his/her diocese. You have received the report of the Mission Discernment Day of April 19, 2008. In our process, several core values emerged from the small group discussions which we offer for your consideration:

Qualities important to us for a companion relationship

- Consideration should be given to regions of the Communion where congregations in El Camino Real have historic connections so that a Companion Relationship might build on existing foundations. A Companion Relationship would be a next step in strengthening these efforts. The attached survey indicates that East Africa and the Caribbean and Central America have the highest cluster of current partnerships in our diocese.
- A priority for where the greatest need is in the Anglican Communion at this point in addressing the Millennium Development Goals.
- We anticipate being changed by our relationship with a people and Church of another part of the Communion as a way to discover what God is calling us to be. We cannot discover this alone.
- We desire to weave into our developing relations the time and space to reflect on the nature of our common humanity, our common faith, and the theological implications of where we are finding the Will of God.
- Consideration should be given to where the passion for partnership in mission is demonstrate [sp] in our diocese tapping into existing energy for furthering global companionship.
- Existing congregational and deanery partnerships have called on the skills of members of our diocese to bring about effective programs. Among these skills are community organizing, evangelism, communication, resource development including fund raising, political advocacy, education and agriculture.
- A desire to spark the imagination of children and youth, along with adults enabling them to see that as members of the household of faith they are intimately involved with sisters and brothers, young and old in cultures and countries that are far removed from our life in central California. We desire to help both sides of the Companion Relationship live fully into the global village which the Anglican Communion invites us to embrace.
- Ease of communication in forming relationships is important to us. Therefore, being in relationship with people where English (Sudan, Kenya, Uganda, Caribbean) or Spanish (Mexico, Central America) are an important consideration.

Desired Outcomes of a World Mission Network

- To move the diocese more fully into being a missionary diocese both abroad and at home, utilizing the resources of the diocese more fully in this effort.
- To help members of El Camino Real live more fully into a vital sense of what it means to be a member of the Anglican Communion.
- To receive and send missionary teams from and to the companion diocese for faith sharing, mutual discernment, and involvement in projects that facilitate the life of the Church between our two communities.
- To use existing deanery structures to engage congregations in a common sense of world mission through a companion partnership drawing people out of parochial ministries to a common diocesan mission.
- To develop an effective educational and communication system for on-going mobilization and involvement of an ever-widening circle of participation in the partnership.

- To understand the evangelical dimension of our partnership whereby the general public will come to know that El Camino Real has direct connections and involvement with a part of the world where people's struggle for existence is beyond the imagination of many Americans.
- To engage congregations in the diocese who are not currently involved in world mission for the sake of their own renewal and connection with the Body of Christ.
- To connect with the larger missionary community of the Episcopal Church and throughout the Communion, inviting missionaries to serve as resources.

We and the whole diocese will be praying for you and your discernment on our behalf as you join with the bishops of the Anglican Communion. We look forward to your reporting back to us in September.

Faithfully,
The World Mission Network Steering Committee

Robin Denney
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Silvestre Romero
Submitted by The Rev. Jerry Drino



This is the Life Health in the Faith Community

By Bev Bennett, R.N., F.C.N.

National Episcopal Health Ministries Liaison to Diocese of E. Camino Real

The glory which you gave me, I have given them, that they may be one just as we are one; I in them, and you in me. John 17:22-23

The Word of God is the best gift we can receive. Our words to one another can be precious gifts too, the kind that are truly good news!

We commonly think the greatest way we can help others is with tangible gifts, i.e., food, clothing, cash. These things are practical and necessary, to be sure, but consider words as gifts also. Words of comfort, encouragement, and inspiration bless both the speaker and hearer. They can reside in the heart for a long time. Mark Twain was quoted as having said, "I can live two months on a good compliment."

More words have recently caught my imagination: "Be a fisher of men; you catch 'em. God cleans 'em!", "Don't give up, Moses was a basket case too!", and these, especially in today's litigious society, "Love does what law could never do!"

While we're at it, don't forget the old country preacher who admonishes his flock to "stop worrying about your own halo, and shine up your neighbor's!" This could be the best formula for peace we'll ever hear! I like the simple implication that everyone, in some area of life, has a halo that's worth watching for and acknowledging. I like the image it portrays of each of us industriously polishing away at somebody else's little circle of divine light! I like it best for the way it shifts the emphasis from self to concern for others.

And, these words from the wisdom of Mother Teresa: "Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless."

Finally, I like all of these words because they reflect a deep truth: human beings have strong tendencies to become what we expect them to be!

For help with Health Ministries or Parish Nursing in your congregation, click on to NEHM's website, EpiscopalHealthMinistries.org, or contact me, BevBennettBSN@aol.com.

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Announcements

28th Annual Meeting of Convention of the Diocese of El Camino Real to be held November 7 and 8, 2008, at Sherwood Hall in Salinas

Congratulations to The Rev. Mary Morrison and the People of St. James

The Rev. Mary K. Morrison has been called as Rector of St. James, Paso Robles and will begin her ministry there on August 1. Mary has been the Pastoral Associate at St. Luke's in Los Gatos since 2002. She was ordained in June of 2000 following her graduation from CDSP and served on the staff of the Center for Anglican Learning and Life for two years. Currently, she serves on the Standing Committee and as Liturgical Grand Poobah (not an official title!) for some diocesan events. The Rev. Claudia Jo Weber, who has been Deacon at St. Luke's, Los Gatos since her ordination in May of 2003, will also be moving to Paso Robles. Jo is the membership director for NAAD (North American Association for the Diaconate) and serves on the faculty and as Dean of Chapel at The School for Deacons. Mary and Jo look forward to participating in the work of the SLO deanery.



Those gifted with artistic/creative talents: Please share with us your art, your photos, your poems, your response to the diocesan vision statement -

TOGETHER WITH GOD, WE WONDER, WE BELIEVE, WE CREATE

Share with us your wonders, beliefs and creations. Please, send your submission via e-mail to: artofwonder@yahoo.com Please see additional info/postings in English and Spanish at: <http://www.edecr.org/news/wondernews.htm>

Resource Center News

There will have an Open House at the Diocesan Resource Center in Sunnyvale on Thursday, August 21, from 11-3. Emphasis will be on stewardship and intergenerational activities. Come join us, snacks will be available during lunch hour.

Spanish Material

Check the online catalog (<http://66.80.1.30/>) to see the growing list of Spanish material we now have available. Just type in the word "Spanish". If there is something you would like for us to have, please let us know.

News from Church Publishing

We now have a subscription to the new service from Church Publishing for Resource Centers. What does this mean to you? We will receive one copy of *everything* (beginning with the Spring 2008 catalog) Church Publishing, Morehouse, Living the Good News and Seabury produces. Along with books, we will receive a complete set of curriculum, not just bits and pieces, but complete sets for all ages.

The following have arrived:

EPISCOPAL CHILDREN'S CURRICULUM for ages 3-11. <http://www.livingthegoodnews.com/ecc.htm>

EPISCOPAL CURRICULUM FOR YOUTH for ages 12-18. <http://www.livingthegoodnews.com/ecy.htm>

We are certain you will appreciate the entire year's worth of curriculum to view all at one time.

A hands on opportunity to be a part of the governance and spiritual growth of our larger community of Faith, the Diocese of El Camino Real, is quickly approaching! On November 7 and 8, the Clergy and lay members of the Episcopal Diocese of El Camino Real will gather at Sherwood Hall in Salinas for a day and a half of worship, celebration, fellowship, discussion and action as we seek to discern and act upon the will of the Holy Spirit.

At present, the Friday morning training seminars are still in development but look for additional details in the coming issues of News N' Notes and Along the King's Highway. Following the training seminars, convention registration will open at 2:00 pm. The opening Eucharist, with the Rt. Rev. Mary Gray-Reeves, celebrant and guest preacher the Rev. Canon Anthony Guillén, National Latino Missioner, is slated to begin at 4:00 pm. Friday evening the fun and fellowship will continue with a theme dinner and entertainment to match!

Registration on Saturday is scheduled to begin at 8:00 am with Morning Prayer at 9:00am. We will have a full day of worship and work dealing with such diverse topics and tasks as:

- An address from Bishop Mary
- Updates on Diocesan mission trips
- Discussion and action on the proposed 2009 Diocese of El Camino Real budget
- Election & appointment of officers and members of various diocesan bodies
- Discussion and action on a wide range of resolutions and proposed Constitution and Canon changes

Resolutions & Constitution & Canon changes: Section 1.1 of the Rules of Order of Convention require that all resolutions other than those arising from the business of Convention, the Bishop's address, or the report of any Diocesan body be filed with the Secretary of Convention at least 60 days prior to the Convention.

To be in compliance with this rule, the due date for submission of resolutions for consideration at the 28th Meeting of Convention is

Monday, SEPTEMBER 8, 2008

Please submit both a hard copy and digital copy of all resolution(s) postmarked by September 8, 2008 to:

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digital format by email to: winealot@tcsn.net

Please also send a copy to the Chair of the Committee on Constitution and Canons:

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and a copy to the Chair of the Committee on Resolutions:

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Any resolution that does not meet the criteria above may be considered by Convention only upon the affirmative vote of 2/3 of those present and voting in Convention. (Section 1.6 Rules of Order of Convention)

Please be sure to include your contact information for any follow-up that may be required.

In September and October the **Budget Advisory Committee** will begin their tri-deanery presentations of the proposed 2009 budget. Please take advantage of these tri-deanery presentations as an essential opportunity to understand and ask questions about the budget as it will be proposed to convention for review and action on November 8. Dates and locations for the budget "Roadshow" gatherings will be forthcoming.

It is an exciting time to be a part of the process of growing in Faith and community as we seek Christ and seek to be Christ's hands and feet along The King's Highway! Be sure to mark your calendars and reserve these dates.

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Mission Highlights

History and news about our mission congregations, old and new.

Parish Highlights

History and news about our parishes, large and small.

Organizations

Information about the various active organizations in our Diocese such as the Order of St. Luke, Daughters of the King, the Order of St. Francis, the Brotherhood of St. Matthew's, and more.

Renewal Groups

Information about Via Media, Alpha, Cursillo, 40 Days of Purpose and others.

Comings and Goings

Prayer Requests

Calendar of Events

Regular Updates

Standing Committee, Diocesan Council, DIEM, Diocesan Corporation, Commission on Ministry, Conference Planning Team, Search Committee



August Calendar

12	SMUM Open House 778 So. Almaden, San Jose 5:30 - 8 pm
21	Resource Center Open House St. Thomas, Sunnyvale 11 - 3 pm
23	Monterey Deanery Meeting Epiphany Church 10 - 12:30 pm
25	5th Annual Golf Tournament for St. Stephens-in-the-Field Almaden Country Club 1pm shotgun
26	Commission on Ministry 10 - 2 pm, Seaside



September Calendar

6	Post Lambeth Feedback on World Mission Location TBD, 9:30 - 12:30 pm
7	Visitation, All Saint's, Watsonville 10 am Visitation, Cristo Rey, Watsonville 12 pm
13	Magnetic Church follow-up Locations TBD
14	Visitation, St. Paul's, Salinas 10 am Visitation, San Pablo, Salinas 12:30 pm
18	Board of Trustees Meeting Seaside, 10 - 3 pm
19	House of Bishops Meeting through 9/25
20	U2Charist, St. Andrew's, Saratoga 7 pm
23	Commission on Ministry 10 - 2 pm, Seaside
25	Mary Lou Thompson Retreat Villa Maria del Mar, Santa Cruz 1 pm --- 1 pm 9/26
28	Visitation, God Shepherd, Salinas 10 am

Annual Drive for School Supplies

It is that time again – time to prepare our own children for a new school year and time to help the young clients of Santa Maria Urban Ministry (SMUM) to get off to a great First Step! The First Step program at SMUM is very successful and provides close to 1,000 children with a new backpack and age-appropriate school supplies every year.

The Santa Clara Deanery churches will be collecting supplies and backpacks through August 10. On August 12, there will be an open house at SMUM where people can not only drop off the supplies that have been collected, but can also sort supplies, stuff backpacks, and tour the facility. If you do not live in the Santa Clara Valley, but would like to help with the First Step Campaign, please contact the Rev. Lawrence Robles at 408-292-0728 or smum83@gmail.com.

Everyone is invited to the open house on August 12 from 5:30 – 8:00pm

**SMUMday - Mark your calendars now.
Another great event with Barnes and Noble
will occur on October 6!**

If you would like to assist with this event, or have additional information, contact Edy Unthank at edyunthank@yahoo.com

Vouchers and event details in the next Edition of AKH

Sept-Oct – God, Gays and Faith

4 Wednesday evenings starting September 10 at St Benedicts Los Osos – 7p.m.

In the last few years the press has been full of arguments within churches over the full inclusion of gay and lesbian people, especially within the Episcopal Church following the ordination of a gay man as Bishop of New Hampshire in 2003. In this class we will examine how Christians have understood and understand sexuality, especially homosexuality, and why it seems to be so divisive. We'll look at the relevant Bible passages as well as the experience of people who feel that God calls them to be gay. Why do some churches say that you're welcome if you're gay but only if you're celibate while others welcome partnered gay people? Why does religion make such a fuss about sexuality? What's the difference between civil marriage and marriage in a church or synagogue? Led by the Rev. Caroline Hall, priest in charge of St Benedicts, who is completing a doctorate in this subject area. For more information contact Caro Hall at 528-0654 or stbenedicts1@aol.com.

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