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*Celebrating 20 Years of
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd*

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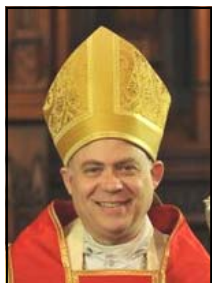
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Diocese of Litoral, Ecuador 2009



In late July, shortly after returning from the General Convention, I travelled to our Companion Diocese of Litoral for an official visit that had been scheduled over two years ago. I was accompanied by George Kurz, the Chair of our Companion Diocese Committee, and spent over a week in Ecuador with Bishop Morante and with clergy and lay people of the Litoral Diocese. I was also able to be in Quito for the consecration of the new bishop of Ecuador Central (the other Ecuadorean diocese), as this event had been scheduled fortuitously for the time of my visit.



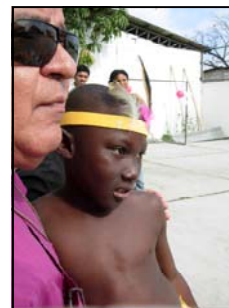
During the visit, I was able to visit most of the parishes that have companion relationships with our churches in Tennessee. In Guayaquil, I spent a day in Duran at Jesus Obrero (partner with St. Michael's Cookeville) with our Diocesan Medical Mission, watching the gradual construction of this new church and seeing the effect that our medical missionaries, in partnership with Ecuadorean medical personnel, are having on the lives of people in poor neighbor-

hoods and communities. After traveling to and returning from the consecration in Quito, I spent Sunday with Bishop Morante at the Cathedral in Guayaquil, and then another day at an extensive meeting with Litoral's Companion Diocese Committee. The Litoral Diocese has a dedicated and impressive group of clergy and lay leaders involved in ministry, and though this day was taxing and our conversation challenging, we were graciously received.



After visiting the Guayaquil churches of Jesus El Senor (partner with St. Joseph Hendersonville) and Virgen Maria (partner with Church of the Messiah Pulaski), we traveled to Manabi province along the Pacific coast, visiting churches in Manta, Monte Christi, and La Pila. These included San Jose Obrero (companion of Good Shepherd Brentwood), and Santiago Apostle (partnered with St. Mark's Antioch). Many of the churches we visited have been profoundly aided by churches in Tennessee, and lives profoundly influenced in the process: both folks in Ecuador but also people in Tennessee. I was impressed by the work I saw, especially some recent work done by Tennessee folk at San Pablo in Manta, the base of regional vicar Mariana Loor.

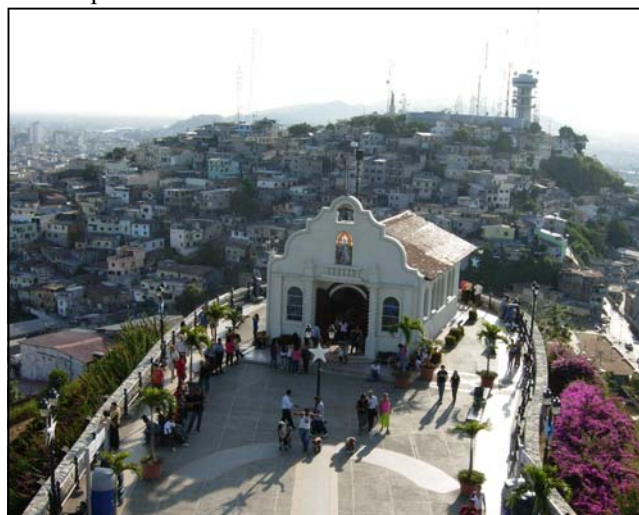
An additional day was spent on the journey to San



Eduardo to visit the church there (companion of St. Augustine's Chapel), which includes the Ann Stevens School. During this visit I was pelted with rose petals (a new

experience for the bishop)! The work done here by Becca Stevens and students and people of the Chapel has been transformative. At the end of a long day we returned to Guayaquil and spent some time the following day at the Diocesan Day School at a program organized by faculty and students before returning to Tennessee.

I am extremely grateful to my friend Bishop Morante and to his clergy and people for their hospitality during this visit. This year marks the end of a one year extension of our companion relationship with Litoral, an official relationship of almost twelve years. As our official relationship draws to a close, we have much to celebrate and important questions to ask. How are we going to facilitate the continuation of the good relationships between companion churches in Litoral and Tennessee? How can clergy and people in these two dioceses continue to learn from each other? These have been productive relationships, and friendship and companionship are not bound by official ties. I've seen much in Ecuador, and it has given me food for thought.— *Bishop John*



Celebrating 20 Years of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

"I know that Jesus is the Good Shepherd. I know that we are the sheep. I know that He will never leave me."

This is what one seven year old said when asked about what he has learned during Sunday School using the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd curriculum.



This fall celebrates the 20th year for the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd in the Diocese of Tennessee, from the time when the Rev. Canon Anne Stevenson introduced the curriculum at Christ Church Cathedral in 1989.

Currently seven other parishes in the Diocese (St. George's Church Nashville, St. Paul's Church Murfreesboro, St. Paul's Church Franklin, St. Mark's Church Antioch, Church of the Resurrection Franklin, St. Bartholomew's Church Nashville, St. Augustine's Chapel Nashville) and St. Luke's Community House have incorporated the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd into their children's Christian formation programs. Belmont University also in-

cludes the curriculum in its Montessori education program.

At Christ Church Cathedral, an estimated 1500 children have experienced the three-level program over the past 20 years. Catechesis is based on the premise that the child and the adult come together to listen to the Word of God – where all share in their relationship with God. It has been described as the meeting of two mysteries, the mystery of God and the mystery of the child put into concrete images.

The Catechesis program, with its blend of the Montessori method of "hands on teaching" and a strong, clearly defined religious education, stands in stark contrast to the traditional style of hearing Bible stories and coloring pictures, and hoping that, over time, the child will develop faith.



The foundation of the Catechesis curriculum is the idea that children as young as 3 years old need no introduction to God – indeed, they already have a very deep relationship with God. The curriculum is Biblically based with lessons presented simply using words from the Bible. After years of experimentation, Jesus' parable of the Good Shepherd, from the Gospel of John, has been found to evoke a particularly rich image of being loved and cared about for the youngest children, ages 3-6, in Level I. Children in Level II, ages 6-9, have a strong need to define the difference between right and

wrong, so many moral lessons are introduced at this age. Their lessons are based on the image of the True Vine.

Children in Level III, ages 9-12, learn about God's plan for all of creation and their role in the world. They begin to have an understanding of incorporating the lessons of the Bible into their own lives and learn to seek out their own answers. At all ages the children are encouraged to wonder for themselves about the answers to faith questions. The adult is the conduit for passing along the stories of our faith.

The curriculum was first used in 1954 by Hebrew Biblical scholar Sofia Cavalletti in Rome, Italy, and has been constantly revised since then. It has spread worldwide and is used in many denominations. The catechesis was introduced in the United States in 1975.

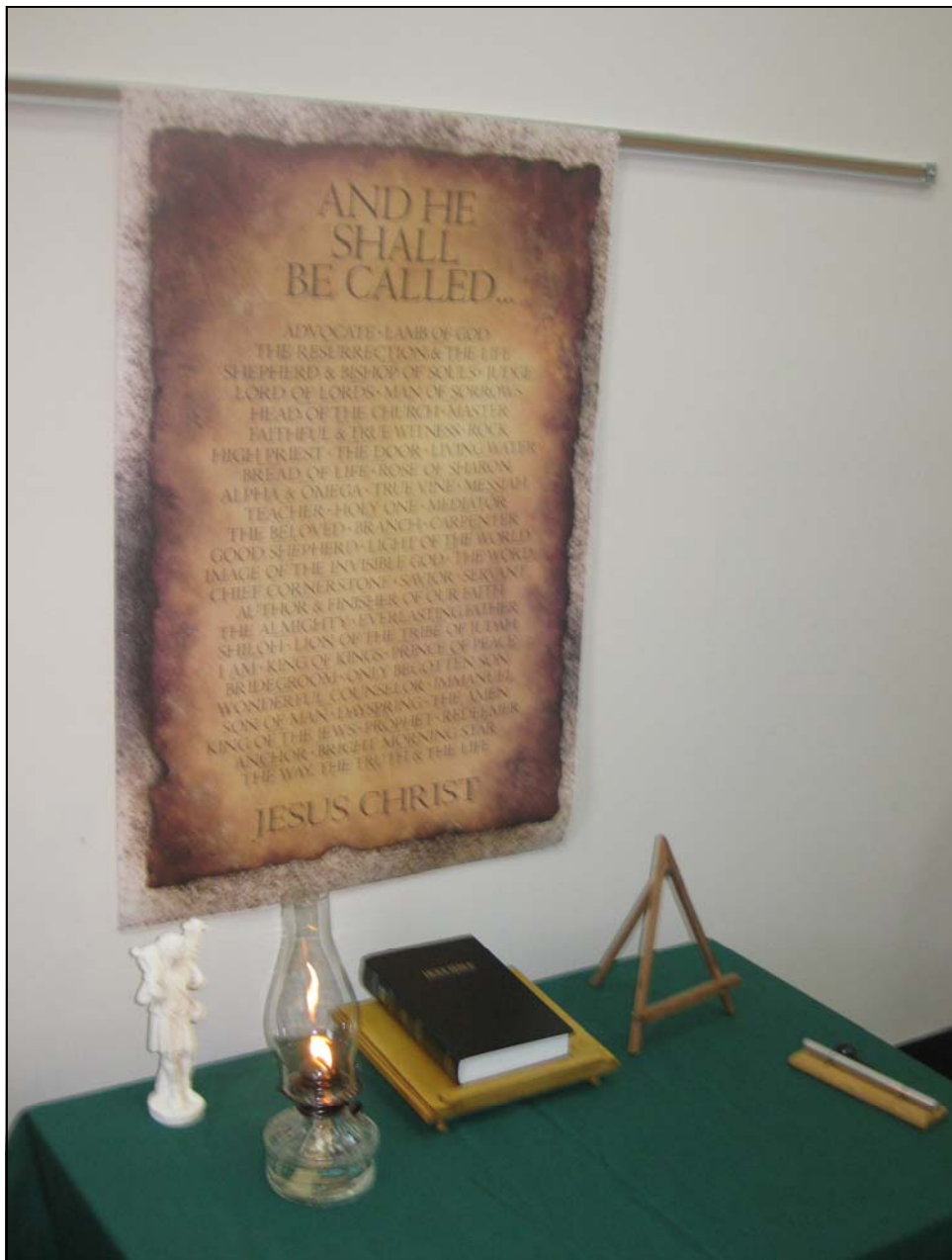
Training for Adults

One of the important characteristics of this program is the adult formation experience. Adult leaders (catechists) receive extensive training to prepare to be with the children and become "co-wonderers" with the children. For those looking for a way to further their own faith, learn more about the Bible and the liturgy, and engage in an adult learning experience that can be shared with children, training in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd will be offered at Christ Church Cathedral this fall. Training in working with children in Level I or children in Level II will be offered.

Each course includes 90 hours of training. Classes will be held on Tuesdays from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM beginning on September 29 and continuing for 18 weeks (with a break for Advent). There is a tuition charge and a resource fee the Level I course and a tuition charge for the Level II course. Both courses also include a fee for lunch. Child care is provided. Registration is required and scholarships are available for both Levels.

The courses will offer...

- knowledge in the basic philosophy and theology of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd;
- the general developmental charac-



explored mystagogy, typology and methods of biblical interpretation during the conference.

Attending were Joanna Williams of St. George's Church Nashville and Becky Rochford, Chris Hansen, Beverly Sanders and Rachel Barden of Christ Church Cathedral Nashville.

Praise for the Catechesis

Carla Schober, Director of Family and Children's Formation at St. Bartholomew's Church Nashville says, "At St. Bartholomew's, we have the privilege of providing both a standard Sunday school curriculum as well as Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Level 1. One of our moms commented recently on the contrast of two methods of teaching the Gospel. She then explained why their family enjoyed having both offered. She said for them, Catechesis presented the message of Jesus directly to the heart of the child. As the child aged, the message or truth made its way to the child's mind. With the standard Sunday school curriculum, the method and message of Jesus began in their child's mind and through the years blossomed in the child's heart."

"Catechesis of the Good Shepherd at Christ Church Cathedral has been so valuable to our children, as well as to the Catechists," says the Rev. Canon Anne Stevenson, Interim Rector of the Cathedral. "Each Atrium is unique, but all share a focus on Word and Sacrament; each is a beautiful reflection of the joy our children find in their own developing relationship to the Good Shepherd. I believe that many children who have been part of the Catechesis for years know far more than many adults about scripture, liturgy, and God's presence in their lives and in the worship of the church. The dedication of each Catechist, and especially Becky Rochford, our Coordinator, has enabled this program to become not only a resource for our cathedral parish, but for the city, the diocese, and even the nation."

Based on an article by Karen Williams, Media Relations Coordinator at Christ Church Cathedral Nashville.

teristics, the religious nature and religious needs of children in Level I and in Level II;

- guidelines for material making and the setup of the atrium.

Both courses are open to participants of all faith traditions. Complete information and registration forms are available on the Cathedral website, www.christcathedral.org/education, or by contacting Becky Rochford at brochford@christcathedral.org or 615-255-7729 for more information.

In August, several diocesan members attended The National Association of the Catechesis of the Good Shep-



herd's Conference for Formation Leaders in Chicago IL. Francesca Cochini, a professor at the University of Rome and executive committee member of the International Council, was the featured speaker. Formation leaders, who conduct courses in adult formation for those seeking to become catechists,

Clergy News -

The Rev. Doc Martin, Vicar of Grace Church Spring Hill, and his family attended "Soul Feast," a retreat for spiritual nurture hosted by the Upper Room publishing

Parish News -

Recent confirmations: William Colclough, **Trinity Church Clarksville**; Janice Whiteman, **St. James the Less Madison**; Craig Pittsinger, **Grace Church Spring Hill**. Recent baptisms: Lydia West, Emma Burns, Evangeline Shankel, Stella Shandel, Hadley Clair, **St. Bartholomew's Church Nashville**.

Grace Church Spring Hill is now open for historical tours of the church. A bus group from the St. Clair Street Senior Center in Murfreesboro was recently guided by a volunteer docent. If your group would like a tour, call 931-486-3223 to schedule a date and time. In early Au-

Youth News -

The **Youth** of St. Bartholomew's Church Nashville took an extended mission trip to Bay St. Louis MS. Through "Mission on the Bay," they were able to assist with continuing Katrina-related recovery. They helped take down the remains of a demolished home and did repairs in homes that still needed a bit of work. Church of the Ad-

Oscar Wilde Reworked For Cathedral's Arts Series

Christ Church Cathedral Nashville's Sacred Space for the City Arts Series will present "The Importance of Bein' Earnest," Oscar Wilde's classic, transplanted to the South.

An elaborate costumed, staged reading will be performed by members of the Nashville Shakespeare Festival during three performances in the Cathedral's Cheek Hall: Thursday and Friday, September 10 and 11 at 7:30 PM, and at a matinee on Saturday, September 12 at 2:00 PM.

Adapted by Ted Swindley, nationally known for creating the hit musical "Always... Patsy Cline," which is staged throughout the world, the play satirizes the hypocrisy of late Victorian society. "When I read of Oscar Wilde's trip to America and found he had visited Charleston, my wheels

started churning about a Southern adaptation of the play," says Ted.

house. **The Rev. Jerry Smith** of St. Bartholomew's Church Nashville, wife Marjie and five others recently travelled to Liberia to visit the Dr. Keith and Kristin Chapmen of Trinity Dental. Condolences to Fr. Jerry and Marjie on the death of her mother.

gust, **St. Peter's Church Columbia** held the first "Blessing of the Bookbags" to pray over all the students and teachers for a great academic year. **St. Mary Magdalen Church Fayetteville** Search Committee is working with Interim Rector the Rev. Randy Hoover-Dempsey on a parish profile so they might move forward in their search for a full-time rector. The Primetimers of **St. Michael's Church Cookeville** made a day of it in early August when they saw a production of *Hairspray* at the Cumberland County Playhouse. Following the matinee, they dined at Puleos Grille. **St. George's Church Nashville** was recently given a 13-passenger bus to help facilitate various programs and activities.

vent Nashville's **Youth Christian Education** will begin a Wednesday night Youth Bible Study this month. Contact the Rev. Michael Hurst at 615-653-0007 for details. St. George's Church Nashville is forming a **Junior Vestry**, for middle and high school students to be involved in the leadership of the youth ministry and help plan activities throughout the year.

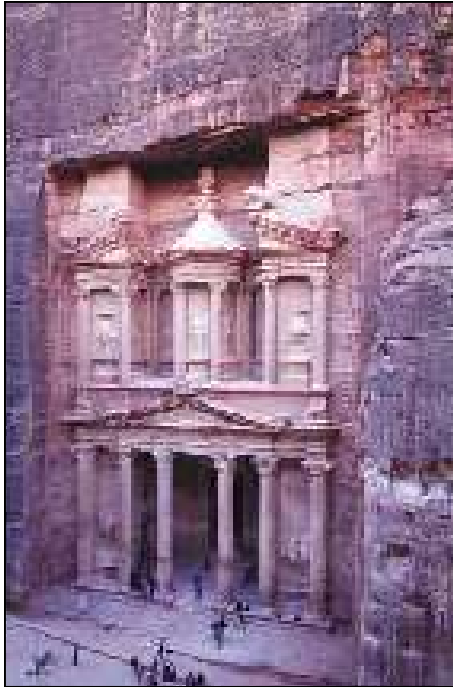
started churning about a Southern adaptation of the play," says Ted.

Southern style refreshments will be served at each performance. Tickets are available at www.christcathedral.org/sacredspace/ticketsales. For more information, call the Cathedral at 615-255-7729. The Sacred Space for the City Arts Series is sponsored by Friends of the Cathedral.



Rev. Gene Wise Leads 2010 Holy Land and Petra Pilgrimage

The Rev. Gene and Janelee Wise will lead a pilgrimage to the Holy Land with a day trip to the wonderful site of Petra, Jordan. The group will fly to Amman, Jordan on January 24, 2010 and return February 2, 2010.



Fr. Gene is the rector emeritus at St. Paul's Church Murfreesboro and Janelee was the director of Main Street, Murfreesboro's revitalization program. This is the fourth pilgrimage they have led to Israel and they have heard time and again that it is a life changing experience.

In addition to visiting the sites of our Lord's ministry, you will be able to place scripture into its geographical context, and share in Communion in that special land. It is also wonderful to travel with other pilgrims from Middle Tennessee and be able to share the same spiritual experience.

For more information on the pilgrimage, e-mail wisegene@bellsouth.net and data will be sent to you, or call Fr. Gene at 615-849-9869 or 615-631-7000 for details.

Living In Creation Ministry To Meet

On Saturday, September 12, 10:00 AM, the Living In Creation Ministry will meet at St. Bartholomew's Church Nashville. Each parish in the Diocese of



Tennessee has appointed a liaison to this environmental task force to bring action and awareness throughout the diocese. This meeting is also open to all people interested in the Living In Creation Ministry.

The topic is environmental ministry in your churches. Discussion time will allow liaisons to inform the committee how to best help with their efforts and for the group to hear what other churches are doing. Also planned is an overview of the environmental resolutions passed at General Convention.



The guest speaker will be Dr. Katy Hinman, Regional Program Coordinator from Georgia Interfaith Power and Light. The organization develops ways for congregations to put their faith into action in caring for God's creation, with a focus on energy conservation.



St. Mary's Sewanee 2009 Spring Programs & Retreats

September 25-27, 2009

*Living the Day with the Heart:
A Retreat with Henri Nouwen*

Presenter:
Sr. Kathleen Flood, O.P.

September 27-29, 2009

3-Day Centering Prayer Retreat

Presenter:
The Rev. Geoffrey Butcher

October 18-20, 2009

*Centering Prayer as an
11th Step Practice*

Presenters:
Roberta Oster
Becky Hannah

October 30 - November 1, 2009

*Seeking Our Hidden
Wholeness in Christ*

Presenter:
The Rev. Marjorie Thompson

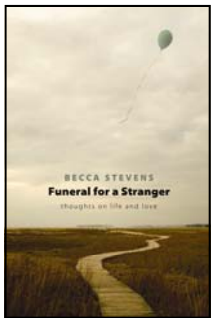
November 13-15, 2009

*Tongued with Fire:
The Poet's Voice and
Our Faith Journey*

Presenter:
The Right Rev. Henry Parsley,
Bishop of Alabama

For more information
please check our website:
www.StMarysSewanee.org
or telephone us at (931) 598-5342

New Book from the Rev. Becca Stevens



The Rev. Becca Stevens, chaplain at St. Augustine's Chapel Nashville has seen her fifth book published. *Funeral for a Stranger: thoughts on life and love* is a meditation on living and dying, reflections on her life, love and friends woven throughout a story of officiating at a funeral for a woman she did not know.

Publishers Weekly says "This book will be a loving, spiritual balm to those who, regardless of Christian denomination, feel the pangs of loneliness and loss." Renowned author Phyllis Tickle says, "I loved this book and will hold it in my heart with gratitude for years to come."

Funeral for a Stranger: thoughts on life and love is published by Abingdon Press and is available in fine bookstores and online.

St. Agnes' Canoe Trip

The young people at St. Agnes' Church Cowan celebrated the end of summer with a canoe trip down the Elk River on Sunday afternoon, August 17. The 6-mile ride took three hours and provided the two adult chaperones, Jarod Pearson and Wesley Garner, with some much-needed exercise.



At the end of the canoe ride the group met up with the rest of the congregation for an end-of-summer picnic at Tims Ford State Park. Nine hungry canoers were met with a wonderful feast prepared by the adult parishioners.

After dinner, the church family gathered for an outdoor Evening Prayer service, then the tireless kids all went down to Tims Ford Lake and swam a few more hours until sundown.

This was the first time in over three decades that St. Agnes' has provided an off-site youth activity. The congregation started a youth Sunday School class last year.

IN MEMORIAM: The Rev. Marion Hatchett

On August 7, 2009, the Rev. Marion Hatchett died in Sewanee after a lengthy illness. For 30 years, from 1969 to 1999, he was a professor of liturgy and church music at the School of Theology of the University of the South. He was licensed to officiate in the Diocese of Tennessee and served parishes in the dioceses of Upper South Carolina and South Carolina prior to relocating to Sewanee.

Born July 19, 1927, he earned his B.A. from Wofford College, a B.Div. from the School of Theology in Sewanee and a Master of Sacred Theology and Doctor of Theology from the General Theological Seminary in New York.

From 1973-1976, Fr. Marion served on the drafting committees that produced the 1979 Book of Common Prayer, and as convener and chair of the ecumenical committee that produced the "Common Eucharistic Prayer" included in the 1979 BCP as Eucharistic Prayer D. He chaired the committee that produced the first Book of Occasional Services (1979) and served on the Standing Commis-

sion on Church Music, chairing the text committee for The Hymnal 1982. He authored *Commentary on the American Prayer Book*, the definitive guide to the history and theology of the 1979 BCP, and numerous books and articles on the history and practice of liturgy and church music.

His funeral will take place at Otey Memorial Parish Sewanee on a date still to be determined.

IN MEMORIAM: John S. Rose

John Rose, Verger of St. Barnabas' Church Tullahoma, died on July 25, 2009 at the age of 68.

A native of Nashville, John was a graduate of the University of the South and George Peabody College. He served in the US Air Force, receiving an honorable discharge in 1967 with a rank of Captain. He was retired from the Tennessee Department of Corrections.

He is survived by wife Carol, daughters Anne Lewis and Jennifer Huskey, four grandchildren and a sister, Dolly Havnie of Nashville.

His funeral was held on July 28 at St. Barnabas. The family asks that memorials be made to the church.

St. Bartholomew's Forms Choristers Group

Children in 4th, 5th and 6th grades are invited to join the new Choristers of St. Bartholomew's Church Nashville. Co-directors Bethany Bakker and Tamara Rowland are looking forward to the first rehearsal on September 9 at 5:30 PM. The children will be taught appropriateness of worship, artistic interpretation, music theory and fundamentals and the vitality of continued spiritual formation.

For more details on how your child might participate, call the church at 615-377-4750.

Planning For Tomorrow Conferences presented by the Church Pension Fund

Lay Employees & Spouses: September 18 & 19, 2009 - Christ Church Cathedral Nashville

Register online at www.cpg.org/private/laypft/tennessee/index.cfm

Clergy & Spouses: February 26 & 27, 2010 - Location to be announced

Registration details available soon.

God's Green Earth...

The Tennessee State Fair, this year running September 11 - 20, is introducing a green initiative unlike any other program in the Fair's history. This green initiative will highlight green jobs and green technology through innovations in agriculture.



Started in 1869 as a way for farmers to showcase agriculture and livestock achievements, this year's Fair will focus on Tennesseans' connections to the earth and its vast resources. The Green Energy Expo is a large part of this new initiative, engaging in renewing, reusing and recycling. An estimated quarter of a million attendees to the Expo will walk through processes associated with sustainable efforts such as cardboard and paper recycling, plastic collections, and food waste composting. Used cooking oil from deep fryers will be recycled into bio-diesel on site which will be combined with bio-diesel purchased to fuel the midway rides.

Lacey Upchurch, President of Tennessee's Farm Bureau says, "Agriculture continues as a leading industry in the state. A part of Tennessee's future is in bio-fuels, bio-mass and bio-technology. The Tennessee Farm Bureau is proud to be a part of this unprecedented show of agricultural assets."

Supported by the many of the members of the Mayor's Green Ribbon Committee and the Governor's Alternative Fuel Task Force Committee, the initiative encourages Nashville and Tennessee residents and businesses to explore ways to ensure green jobs to become more plentiful. Dave Pelton, who has worked with both committees, says, "Green jobs are common sense jobs. Tennessee has an opportunity to expand its job base in a positive, lasting way."

Jim Fyke, Commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, says, "Fair goers will benefit from being able to experience a variety of innovative technologies that support great energy efficiency and the use of clean, renewable power on the farm and in their neighborhood."

Another big change at the Tennessee State Fair is the disposal of animal waste. "The Fair is home to some of the country's largest livestock competitions, so there is no shortage of manure," says Chrysty Fortner, director of marketing for the Fairgrounds. "We will be working with a composting company and a mulch company to recycle the manure instead of carting it to a waste facility. This is a vast improvement over the 560 tons of bedding and bio mass that cost us \$28,000 to haul off last year. The mulch company will use it for resale in the community and the composting product is going to a working farm in the Bells Bend area."

All these improvements should make Fair goers with a green conscience feel a little better as they enjoy the cattle competitions and the Deep Fried Goo, knowing the Tennessee State Fair has made every effort to set a standard of sustainability for fairs and businesses alike.

For more information on the Tennessee State Fair, activities and new policies, visit www.tnnesseestatefair.org.

Christ Church Cathedral Nashville Calls Rector and Dean



After a lengthy search process, the Wardens and Vestry of Christ Church Cathedral Nashville are pleased to announce that the Rev. Timothy E. Kimbrough has accepted the call to become Rector and Dean.

“Mr. Kimbrough received the unanimous and enthusiastic support of both the Search

Committee and the Vestry and we are confident that the Cathedral will thrive under his leadership,” say Charlie Cook, Senior Warden and Hal Johnson, Junior Warden, in a statement released in August.

Born in Birmingham in 1957, Fr. Timothy has been Rector at the Church of the Holy Family Chapel Hill NC for the past twenty years. He and Darlene Detomo Kimbrough were married in 1982. They have four children - Joshua, Caleb, Otis and Hannah. Hannah is a rising

high school sophomore and will be moving with her parents to Nashville.

A graduate of Duke University (B.A. 1979; M.Div. 1983) and The General Theological Seminary (Anglican Studies, 1984), after ordination he served as Deacon-in-Charge and later, Vicar at St. David's Church Laurinburg NC.

After settling in to a new home, he will preside and preach at all morning services and at Choral Evensong on All Saints' Sunday, November 1, 2009. A date for the Celebration of New Ministry will be announced soon.

Bishop John Bauerschmidt says, “This is a great call for Christ Church Cathedral. Fr. Kimbrough brings unique gifts for ministry to this historic and dynamic community of faith. We're grateful to the Cathedral for bringing this outstanding priest to the Diocese of Tennessee.”

The Wardens' statement concludes, “Let us all prayerfully look forward to receiving him as our faithful pastor and welcoming the Kimbrough family into the Cathedral community.”

St. George's Welcomes Mark Ring



Dr. Mark Ring is now serving as Director of Music Ministries at St. George's Church Nashville. He was previously Choirmaster/Organist at Gethsemane Episcopal Cathedral Fargo ND for 11 years and was also Director of Choirs for Moorhead High School in Moorhead MN. Additionally, he was founder and

Artistic Director of Voices of Concord, a professional vocal chamber ensemble, and was Artistic Director of the Fargo-Moorhead Chamber Chorale.

Mark received his Doctor of Musical Arts degree in Choral Conducting from the Yale University School of Music and Institute of Sacred Music, where he also received his Mas-

ter of Musical Arts and a Master of Music. He received his Bachelor of Music degree in Organ from Union University in Jackson TN.

Mark's earlier experiences in music ministry include serving as Director of Choral Activities and Assistant Professor of Music at the University of Notre Dame and as Assistant University Choirmaster/Organist at Yale University.

Mark is an active conductor, having performed hundreds of concerts throughout the United States, Europe and the Caribbean, including performances in Carnegie Hall, Meyerson Symphony Center (Dallas), the Abbey at Mont St-Michel and in audience with Pope John Paul II at the Vatican.

On October 25, Mark and Gerry Senechal will present an organ concert at St. George's Church.

Vice Chancellor Nominated to Serve As Appellate Judge



Diocesan Vice Chancellor Jane Stranch has been nominated by President Barack Obama to serve as a Judge on the United States Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals. The seat has been vacant since Judge Martha Craig Daughtrey took senior status.

The Sixth Circuit Court hears appeals from US District Courts in Tennessee, Kentucky, Ohio

and Michigan and is based in Cincinnati OH.

Jane, an attorney at Branstetter, Stanch and Jennings, has long served the Diocese of Tennessee as Vice Chancellor and on a number of committees.

She was the first Board Chair of the Bellevue YMCA and on the Vanderbilt University School of Law National Alumni Board.

She is a summa cum laude graduate of Vanderbilt, 1975 and received her J.D. degree from Vanderbilt School of Law in 1978.

ECW Annual Meeting

The 121st Annual Meeting of the Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese of Tennessee will convene on Saturday, September 19 at St. Bartholomew's Church Nashville.

Registration and Coffee Hour begins at 9:15 AM and the meeting starts at 10:00 AM. The Holy Eucharist and installation of officers will follow at 11:00 AM and lunch will be served at 12:15 PM.

Among the officers being installed are Rebecca Markert - President, Marqueda Dunnivant - Vice President and Lynn Conroy - Treasurer.



Debbie Smith will be the keynote speaker, presenting "Growing as Women of Grace," a continuation of this year's triennial theme "Grow In Grace."

Debbie provides coaching and spiritual direction for women seeking guidance related to career, relationships and personal growth. She holds a B.S. in Business Administration, an M.A. in Professional Counseling and is a Hudson Institute Certified Professional Coach. She founded and serves as the Executive Director of the Center for Women in Medicine, a non-profit organization.

From: Campus For Human Development

The community of Room In The Inn's Campus for Human Development wishes to express our deepest gratitude to the Episcopal parishes who take part in the Sunday Lunch Program at our downtown residential facility. On Sundays throughout the past fourteen years, volunteers have prepared and served warm, hearty meals for the men and women who live with us as they recover from life on the streets. In 2008, the Sunday Lunch Program provided more than 4000 meals to our residents.

This generosity is a blessing to our agency. In the past year, our kitchen budget has almost doubled. We rely on food donations to defray our expenses, and the Sunday Lunch Program has saved the agency more than \$12,000 in costs annually.

More importantly, our residents enjoy the fellowship of the volunteers. Homelessness often leads to broken relationships and heartbreaking loneliness. By sharing a meal and treating our participants as honored guests, the volunteers offer hope and encouragement.

It is through such kindness and welcoming relationships that one gains the strength to make lasting changes in one's life.

We appreciate the gift of time and resources so freely given by everyone who volunteers with the Sunday Lunch Program at Room In The Inn's Campus for Human Development. Volunteers are the heart and soul of our work here. Your efforts are nourishing both bodies and hearts.

With gratitude, Mary Wilder, Congregational Development Coordinator

DOK Installs Officers

On September 12, the Daughters of the King of the Diocese of Tennessee will install their new officers for the 2009-2012 Triennium. Bishop Bauerschmidt will be on hand at St. Paul's Church Murfreesboro to celebrate the Holy Eucharist and participate in the installation of the following officers:

Carolyn Avery, St. David's Church Nashville - President; Gayle Happell, Church of the Good Shepherd Brentwood - Vice President; Pam Foster, St. Philip's Church Nashville - Secretary; Sandy Gleaves, St. Paul's Church, Murfreesboro - Treasurer.

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- 12 Daughters of the King Fall Assembly, St. Paul's Church Murfreesboro
- 13 *Bishop's Visitation, Church of the Messiah Pulaski*
- 19 Episcopal Church Women Annual Meeting, St. Bartholomew's Church Nashville
- 19-20 Cardboard Village Youth Lock In, Trinity Church Clarksville
- 20 Choral Evensong, St. Gregory's Choir, St. George's Church Nashville
- 20 *Bishop's Visitation, Church of the Holy Cross Murfreesboro*
- 22 Alpha Course, Church of the Good Shepherd Brentwood
- 23 Clericus Luncheon
- 25-27 Living the Day with the Heart, St. Mary's Retreat Center Sewanee
- 27 Annual Harvest Dinner, St. George's Church Nashville
- 27 *Bishop's Visitation, St. Michael's Church Cookeville*
- 27-29 3-day Centering Prayer Retreat, St. Mary's Retreat Center Sewanee

Italics denote Bishop Bauerschmidt's visitations
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