

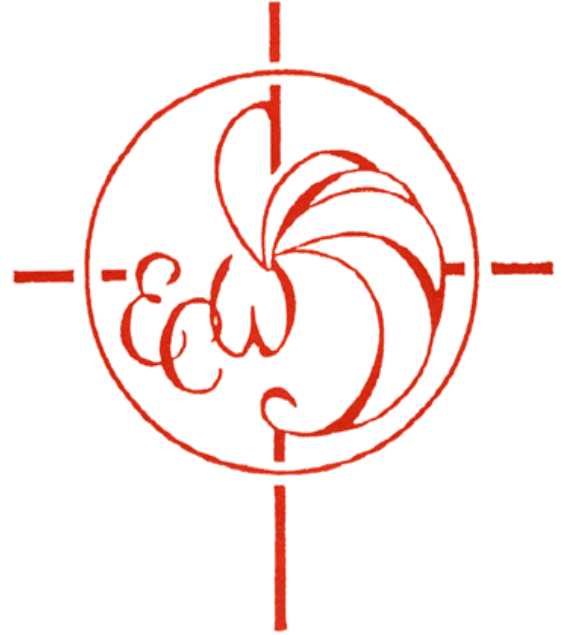


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Connections: *home... parish... diocese*

Episcopal Church Women in the Diocese of Tennessee



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47 congregations
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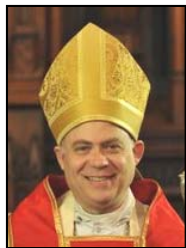
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Building Diocesan Youth Ministry



Youth ministry is an important part of the work of the Diocese of Tennessee, served by a committed group of youth ministers in our congregations.

Earlier this year I asked our network of youth ministers to think about the shape of a diocesan youth ministry, one with a useful role to play in strengthening our common life as a diocese and the youth work that is ongoing in our congregations. The following four points distill their thoughts and my own, and reflect our diocese's values and commitments.

1) Diocesan youth ministry is committed to forming the whole person in the Christian life. We will shape the Christian heart, mind and spirit. It's about discipleship, being a follower of Jesus Christ, and about equipping the next generation for the ministry they are being called to now. Fellowship and relationship-building

within our groups are a part of Christian formation, and serve to form the whole person in Christ.

2) Diocesan youth ministry is rooted in and committed to our Episcopal tradition, a reflection of our distinctive way of Anglican believing. We have much to learn from other Christian traditions, but we aren't ashamed of our own gifts. A commitment to and love of the Scriptures, an appreciation of prayer, liturgy and history, and a broadness of spirit, are not our exclusive gifts but are an authentic part of our distinctive heritage. We gladly claim this.

3) Diocesan youth ministry celebrates and affirms the whole Christian community, the Body of Christ, and exists to build up the whole Church. We will strengthen the inter-generational community of our parishes as well as the diocese as a whole. Youth ministry is bigger than our local context of congregational time and

place, and encompasses our connection to one another as a diocese. It's a ministry of the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church.

4) Diocesan youth ministry commits to serve and bless our local communities and leaders, especially those where youth and youth leaders may be few. We have much to learn from each other, and a generous fund of knowledge within our diocese about youth ministry. We have talented youth ministers and gifted leaders among our young people. We will serve and strengthen one another as we engage in a common ministry.

This work is ongoing in the Diocese of Tennessee, and these four points are definitely a work in progress. They provide a focus for faith at this moment for our diocese and for all leaders with a passion for youth ministry, and will help us chart a course forward. — *Bishop John*



Small Churches and The University Of The South Serve Each Other

Mission and other small congregation churches are special places. Historically they have played an important role in the formation of Episcopal clergy, especially on and around the Cumberland Plateau. The presence of the Theological Department, later the School of Theology, at the University of the South Sewanee, has been both a source for the founding of many of the missions in the area and a recipient of the ministry of formation offered by the congregations of those missions.

Over the years there have been as many as 28 to 30 different missions from Beersheba to Winchester¹. Some, such as Trinity Church Winchester, went on to become thriving



parishes while others, having lived out their mission, such as St. Timothy at Clouse Hill in Grundy County, or Calvary in Roark's Cove, closed or merged with other churches. Today

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ECW - Loving Christ And Doing His Work

In 1871, General Convention authorized the Board of Missions to organize the Women's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions. Three years later, the first Triennial Meeting of the Auxiliary was held in New York.



The Episcopal Church Women in the Diocese of Tennessee was formed as the Tennessee Branch of the Women's Auxiliary in Memphis on April 23, 1888,

when Episcopal churches in the state were still under one diocese led by Bishop Charles Quintard. The first (and third and fifth) diocesan Auxiliary President was Hester Clark Shortridge.

By 1889, the Tennessee Women's Auxiliary consisted of two parish branches and seventy-seven members. Just one year later, there were six parish branches and two hundred, fifteen members. By the turn of the century, there were twenty active branches, eight Junior branches and two Baby branches.

In 1919, the National Council Executive Board was established and by 1958, it was known as the General Division of Women's Work.

Although the early 1900s was time of decreased activity in the Diocese of Tennessee in terms of missions and parishes, by 1940, the Women's Auxiliary had grown to seventy-two branches. Gifts and scholarships were being distributed to a broad range of organizations and efforts.

With times changing, as of 1952, the women in the diocese and, in fact, nationally became involved in social is-

ues such as child labor, prison reform, amnesty for conscientious objectors and others. The women in Tennessee were pioneers in the field of race relations, leading other Southern states in the incorporation of black women into one organization instead of the separate group they had once belonged to.

Throughout the 1950s, the diocese grew in a post-war vitality and renewed faith in the church. Though the state was still under one diocese, it was broken into four districts: Nashville, Memphis, Chattanooga and Knoxville, and the women supported many causes at home and abroad.

As a symbol of devotion and thanksgiving, a sterling silver alms bason was crafted in 1955 from silver gifts donated to the Auxiliary. The inscription reads "Be thankful unto Him and bless His name forever." A request can be made for use of the alms bason by the parishes in the diocese.



By 1959, women were serving on vestries and mission councils in forty-one dioceses and as delegates to diocesan conventions in forty-three. On the other hand, in the early 1960s, many Women's Auxiliary Boards suspended their by-laws and some even dissolved their boards altogether. Traditional women's organizations were no longer satisfying, especially to younger women.

The Tennessee Women, at their 1965 Annual Meeting, made drastic changes

in their by-laws, noting that the group was not merely an auxiliary organization but a "unit of the Diocese," operating under the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese of Tennessee.

In 1967, the National by-laws were suspended in order to restructure responsibilities and functions; a Structure Document was adopted in 1976. Yet in the Diocese of Tennessee, the women's organization continued to be heard. In 1971, as a group, they defeated a proposal to allow women to be ordained to the priesthood. This conservative stance would not be upheld nationally but it would not be until 1980 that the Diocese of Tennessee would ordain its first woman priest - the Rev. Lucy Shetters of the Convent of St. Mary Sewanee.

In 1985, the Triennial Meeting adopted by-laws, forming Episcopal Church Women, Episcopal Church, U.S.A., as the organization remains known today.

Centered in congregations, according to the ECW's mission, they strive to "empower women to do Christ's ministry in the world."

Charging the parish and mission chapters of ECW with more autonomy made for a smoother transition when the Diocese of Tennessee split into first two, then three dioceses. Strong chapters come together as a strong diocesan entity; and even now, the three dioceses in Tennessee work together to present a yearly conference.

Today, they work to increase pro-active advocacy for literacy, promote non-violence and support spiritual growth and nourishment for women in the Episcopal Church.

The chapters in the diocese report a great deal of activity such as the Women's Retreat in the spring, a summer luncheon at St. Bartholomew's Church Nashville and a garden luncheon at Church of the Messiah Pulaski.

In March, sixty-five women gathered at St. Mary's Sewanee for a retreat led by the Rev.s Tim and Jill Zook-Jones. Three women from St. Bartholomew's

offered testimonies based on the common theme of relinquishing power in their lives to God. In an article for *The Branch*, St. Bartholomew's newsletter, Marji Smith writes that Bev Mahan, St. B's EWC president, said the planning of the retreat was informed and inspired by the book of Ruth and the relationship of vulnerability and selfless giving between Ruth and Naomi.

In July, the ECW membership of St. Bartholomew's welcomed nearly 70 members and three graduates and employees of Magdalene/Thistle Farms to



their summer luncheon. The Magdalene women shared their stories of despair and redemption. Additionally, missionary Susan Power of the Black Forest Academy in Germany told stories of the students she and her family are privileged to serve. St. Bartholomew's fall ECW luncheon is on September 25; the Rev. Jerry Smith and the Rev. Dixon Kinser will share their personal testimonies with the women.

Monetha Reaves, Secretary of the ECW chapter of Church of the Holy Trinity Nashville, reports on the past and present: "[Our chapter] dates back to 1907 when the church was given to its African-American communicants. The Holy Trinity chapter held conferences to train African-American ECW members of the Diocese of Tennessee. Since the 1970s to the present, women of Holy Trinity have served on the Diocesan ECW Board."

After a time of slowed activity, the Holy Trinity chapter had a collective awakening. Now with a multiracial congregation, in June 2009, the chapter reorganized, electing officers for the first time in many years. With new

leadership installed, they celebrated Women's Day, saluting two outstanding women of the church. Looking forward, their next Women's Day Luncheon will be held on November 13. They are also planning to hold a bazaar, a lecture series and to continue their Shrove Tuesday Supper tradition.

The chapter of St. Michael's Church Cookeville has between 15 and 18 members attending the quarterly meetings held in members' homes. This year, they've had presentations from the Children's Museum in Cookeville, Helping Hands (community outreach), Youth Director Rachel Robinson and Rick Wilt on Education for Ministry. During each gathering, they "pass the hat" and contribute the collection to the Diocesan ECW Board, the Children's Museum and Helping Hands.

Gail Watson, President of the Episcopal Church Women of Sewanee (Otey Parish and the surrounding area) reports that their chapter has six yearly meetings between October and May. The theme for the last year was "The Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion." Programs presented to the chapter were: The Formation and Polity of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the US, the Rev. Joe Ballard; The 76th General Convention from the Perspective of a Tennessee Delegate and the Triennial ECW Meeting, Gene and Judy Hines; The Church of England, Polity and Present Developments, the Rev. Dr. Benjamin King; The Anglican Communion Church in Canada, New Zealand and Australia, Dr. Cynthia Crysdale; The Anglican Communion Churches of Africa, Dr. Elwood Dunn; Anglican Religious Orders, Sister Madeleine Mary.

The chapter's dues and donations go to support the Diocesan ECW, Episcopal Relief and Development, Folks At Home, Housing Sewanee, Fire on the Mountain youth group, Blue Monarch and the Church Periodical Club among several others.

Each year in June, the ECW of Church of the Messiah Pulaski has a garden luncheon in the Memorial Garden next

to the church. The food is prepared by the women of the church. The church youth serve the guests. This year, the public was invited and over 200 people attended. Proceeds benefit the ECW Scholarship Fund at Messiah for graduating seniors continuing their education.

The chapter met in August to discuss activities and fund raisers for the rest of the year.

The women of Church of the Epiphany Lebanon have a full slate for the fall and they plan to kick it off with a Ladies Night Out at a local pub on September 15. They will discuss all their upcoming activities.

At Grace Church Spring Hill, all the women of the church are members of the ECW. They often sponsor breakfast outings for the member of the church, women and men, young and old. Their theme for this year has been "How The Other Half Lives" and they have had speakers from The Well (a food pantry) and Gilda's Club, among others.

These are just some of the ECW chapters in the Diocese of Tennessee. Throughout the Diocese, women of the Episcopal Church are learning, growing, doing and serving.

All ECW chapters are sponsor the United Thank Offering, which addresses needs through grants to alleviate poverty domestically and internationally. For further information on UTO, visit www.episcopalchurch.org/uto.

The ECW of the Diocese of Tennessee will have their fall meeting on September 11 at Church of Our Saviour Gallatin. The Rev. Canon Pamela Snare will be their guest speaker. One of the goals in the upcoming year is to become a more organized cohesive diocesan entity. They have a new website at www.ecwofndiocese.org and a digital newsletter, The Pipeline.

For more information on starting an ECW chapter or for details on upcoming events, contact diocesan President, Rebecca Markert at sew-

Clergy News -

The **Rev. Kenneth B. Higgenbotham Sr.**, former vicar of St. Anselm's Church Nashville, died on August 5, in Worcester MA. He was 82 years old. A memorial service was held on

August 21 in Bradenton FL. While the **Rev. Joe Davis** was on vacation, the **Rev. Gene Wise** filled in for him at Church of the Resurrection Franklin. He also subbed for the **Rev. Richard Zalesak** at St. Peter's Church Columbia.

Parish News -

Recent confirmations: Jason Baird, Astrid Bowman, Christopher Burks, Art Growden, Kirby Jeffreys, Shannon Kaprive, Debbie Martin, Charlotte Masek, Bill McLaurine, Lisanne McLaurine, Melanie Price, Donna Scarlett, Mary Beth Wilson, Don Young, Kane Dayton, Sarah Growden, Derek Moffet, Ryan McLaurine, Mick Matteson, Patrick Oravetz, Bri Phillips, Alex Potts, Aaron Schneider, Andrew Schneider, Terri Sullivan Christina Williams, Caroline Young, **St. Paul's Church Murfreesboro.** Anthony Masters, **Church of St. James the Less Madison;** Jeffery Quayle, Jesse Hamilton, **Church of the Holy Cross Murfreesboro.**

Recent receptions: Mike Donovan, Karen Crenshaw, Alice Hamilton **Church of the Holy Cross Murfreesboro.**

Recent baptisms: Steven Bezlay, Alison Masters, **Church of St. James the Less Madison;** Aiden Huhner, Beck Huhner, **St. Mark's Church Antioch;** Eli Bradley, Micah Bradley, Kristina Cox, Marshal Simpson, **St. Bartholomew's Church Nashville.**

Christ Church Cathedral Nashville and their Sacred Space for the City Series will welcome Dr. Stanley Hauerwas, author and theologian as Guest Preacher on October 3, all services. On October 2, from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM, he will be at the Cathedral to sign his book *Hannah's Child: A Theologian's Memoir*. For additional details, contact the cathedral at 615-255-7729 or visit www.christcathedral.org. **Grace Church Spring Hill** will hold their annual church picnic on September 12 at the Fitts Family Farm. The outside service will be followed by a potluck picnic lunch. **St. George's Church Nashville** has announced their In Excelsis 2010-2011 schedule of musical programs, kicking off on October 10 with a concert from St. George's Choir with Music City Baroque. For a full schedule, visit www.stgeorgesnashville.org and click on the Music tab. Jackie Harris, Parish Administrator of **St. Ann's Church Nashville** was recently elected as Treasurer of the local chapter of the National Association of Church Business Administrators (NACBA). She has been a member of the organization for nine years and previously served as the Membership Coordinator. Congratulations, Jackie. **St. David's Church Nashville** members have seen a great deal of renovating going on: there is a new playground, the Henderson Room has new carpet and paint, exterior surfaces have been pressure washed and even more has been done to freshen up the church and grounds.

Youth News -

Here Comes Happening Again!



Happening is returning to the Diocese of Tennessee, November 5-7 at Church of the Resurrection Franklin. Youth in grades 10-12 are invited to attend. Details have been sent to the diocesan clergy and youth ministers and the

Registration Form can be found online at www.episcopaldiocese-tn.org.

Two youth leaders have this to share about Happening:

My name is Wesley Arning and I am the youth lay rector for the upcoming Happening #54. I invite you to join us during the weekend of November 5-7 to be a part of this special event. Through this weekend sophomores through seniors in high school will have the chance to rediscover their faith and learn about themselves. This is done in group discussions, singing, dancing, prayer, and so much more. This weekend is run by youth for youth in hopes of building a Christian community like no other for the youth in our diocese. I hope you will prayerfully consider joining us in this weekend of fun and

discovery while we challenge ourselves and realize the power of God's love. — *Wesley Arning, Grade 12*

Through Happening I connected with God on a more personal level through the community that Happening provides. At Happening, a huge part of the weekend is growing as a Christian commu-



nity and supporting each other on our journeys with God. While everyone's journey with God is a personal one, I have found that it is important to experience God through others. My Happening experience was unlike anything I have experienced before and my faith in God is much stronger because of it. Happening is a fun and exciting weekend and I hope you will join us this November! — *Rosie Compton, Grade 11*

Contact Caroline Rossini at crossini@christcathedral.org for more information.

St. Mary's Sewanee Fall Retreats

September and October will see St. Mary's Sewanee busy with some exciting retreats and programming. In fact, they are hosting two retreats at the same time.

Friday, September 10 through Sunday, September 12, take your pick between "Why Pray?" and "Celtic Spirituality and Jungian Psychology: Spiritual Resources for the Modern Soul."



"Why Pray?" will be presented by James L. Crenshaw, the Robert L. Flowers Emeritus Professor of Old Testament at Duke University. He is an author of numerous books on biblical study and is a published poet.

"Why Pray?" will ask difficult questions such as why prayers are met with seemingly opposite results, what does the Bible say about prayer and many others. Attendees will learn about prayers in other cultures, e.g. native American, African and Asian.



"Celtic Spirituality and Jungian Psychology: Spiritual Resources for the Modern Soul" will be presented by Dr. Jerry R. Wright, a Jungian Analyst from Flat Rock NC. An ordained Presbyterian minister, Dr. Wright holds degrees from Erskine College, Erskine Theological Seminary, the University of Georgia and Columbia Theological Seminary.

In this retreat, he will address the deep hunger for a soulful spirituality. He will draw on the "new ancient wisdom" found in Celtic Spirituality and Depth Psychology, especially the psychology of Carl Jung. No previous knowledge of Celtic Spirituality or Jungian Psychology is required.

At St. Mary's Sewanee, everyone is very excited about the retreat to be held October 29-31 and they want to be sure anyone interested in attending has plenty of advance notice.



"All Things Made New - On Being A 21st Century Christian" will be presented by The Rev. Dr. Samuel T. Lloyd, III. He has served as dean of Washington National Cathedral since 2005. Prior to that, he was rector of Trinity Church Copley Square in Boston and was chaplain of the University of the South Sewanee.

Dr. Lloyd says, "In this two-day program, we will look at the challenges facing Christian faith in a time of immense change in our world and churches. And we will explore what it will mean to live our Christian faith in this 21st Century."

There will be presentations by Dr. Lloyd as well as whole group and small group conversations. Periods of worship and prayer will be woven through the retreat.

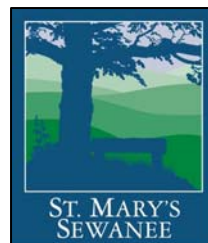
In addition to the presentations and discussions, attendees will listen to poets such as Welsh Anglican R. S. Thomas and Mary Oliver. This retreat is meant for parishioners, as well as lay and ordained church leaders.

For all three retreats, there are Residential and Commuter registration fees available.

The retreats begin at 6:00 PM on the Friday evening of their scheduled weekend and conclude at 11:00 AM on the Sunday.

These retreats are but three of the many fascinating programs offered by St. Mary's throughout the year.

For more details and information on registering for these or any other retreats and programs, visit their website listed in the box to the right or contact St. Mary's Sewanee by phone at 800-728-1659 or 931-598-5342.



St. Mary's Sewanee 2010 Fall Programs & Retreats

September 10-12, 2010

Why Pray?

Presenter: Dr. James L. Crenshaw

September 10-12, 2010

*Celtic Spirituality and
Jungian Psychology*

Presenter: Jerry R. Wright

October 8-10, 2010

*The Buddha's Four Noble Truths:
A Blueprint for Dancing with Life*

Presenter: Phillip Moffitt

October 29-31, 2010

*All Things Made New:
On Being a 21st Century Christian*

Presenter: The Very Rev. Dr.
Samuel T. Lloyd, III

October 21-November 1, 2010

*The Language of Loss:
Putting Grief Into Words*

Presenter: Amy Lyles Wilson

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

Free Music for Seniors

FiftyForward is a program connecting senior adults with area musicians

Fifty Forward

through live performance. Professional musicians visit senior centers, day programs, retirement facilities and even individual homebound senior adults monthly. The program currently serves more than 850 people each month. FiftyForward partners with area arts organizations and local performing arts providers to produce one-hour concerts at various locations throughout the community, complete with refreshments.

They also host a monthly event at their College Grove location. On Thursday September 23, at 10:30 AM, concert pianist Gunther Knaup will perform classical and Broadway favorites.

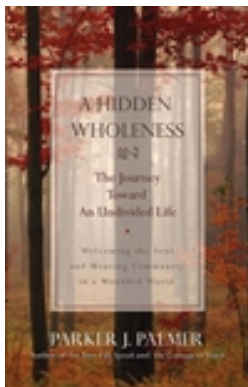
For more information on the September concert or details on how to have FiftyForward provide music for your senior group, contact Sarah Martin McConnell at 615-330-1937 or email her at sarah@musicforseniors.org. You can also visit www.musicforseniors.org to learn more about FiftyForward.

Clergy Spouses Continue To Gather This Fall

In the spring, the spouses of the clergy in the Diocese of Tennessee met for an opportunity of enrichment.

Ben Curtis, who moderated, is a Professor of Religion at Belmont University. With a practice as a Pastoral Counselor for 30 years and trained at Shalem and the Haden Institute, he has served as a Spiritual Director for 18 years. He works with Stillpoint in their programs

for contemplative prayer and spiritual guidance, and is certified with Parker Palmer's Center for Courage and Renewal in Washington state to lead Circles of Trust.



second Thursday of each month from 3:30 to 5:30 PM.

“Our book around which we will be reading is another by Parker Palmer - *A Hidden Wholeness*.”

Clergy spouses who are interested in attending, should be in touch with Caroline by phone or email.

She continues, “We would like for people to be intentional and figure out when they can join us. We realize that we all lead very busy lives with a lot that we are responsible for. With that in mind, we know that perfect attendance is probably not possible!”

She invites the spouses to feel comfortable coming to whatever sessions they can and to profit from this opportunity for grace in their lives.

Winchester Resident Turns 108 Years Old

On July 24, Mrs. Dorothy Stewart Krotzer of Winchester celebrated her 108th birthday. She is believed to be the oldest person in Middle Tennessee and is almost without a doubt the oldest Episcopalian in Middle Tennessee.

In 1902, the year she was born, the first telegraph cable was being laid across

the Pacific. Now, Mrs. Krotzer can, from her computer, send emails and instant messages with her friends and family around the world.



As an adult, she became an Episcopalian because her best friend was one. Each week a Lay Eucharistic Minister takes the Eucharist to her. A resident of the Southern Manor Living Center, she enjoys reading, watching tv and playing Bingo and Bridge... and celebrating birthdays.

Communications Workshop Presented by ECDC

The Evangelism and Congregational Development Committee will hold a workshop called “Marketing Your Church” on Saturday, September 25 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM in Cheek Hall of Christ Church Cathedral Nashville.

This event is perfect for parishioners in charge of communications on a parish level, clergy who want to keep their church current in the world of marketing and anyone interested in evangelism.

Topics to be covered include using social networking and parish websites to the best advantage, signage, branding and publications (bulletins, newsletters, etc.). The topics will be presented by members of the Evangelism Leadership Forum and the Diocesan Communications Task Force.

For more information or to register for the workshop, contact Brooks Loomis at brooksloomis@mac.com or by phone at 615-554-7889.

St. Agnes' Cowan Families Enjoy the Summer Fun

On Sunday, June 6, members of St. Agnes' Mission Cowan rode out to the Pearson farm for the annual "Barnaroo" festival. We camped, swam, played volleyball, rode horses, roasted marshmallows and listened to stories around the campfire. It was the perfect start to a wonderful summer!



We also came to church on Wednesday morning, June 30 for the annual work day. Our team of nine young people washed the siding on both buildings, painted the window trim, and weeded the flower beds. Several neighborhood

residents complimented us on how well we maintain our beautiful church.

The young people at St. Agnes' went for another "gentle thrill ride" on July 11. All six young parishioners and seven friends from the community paddled their canoes down the Duck River on a three-hour ride.

The weather, not to mention the plentiful shade trees and numerous swimming holes along the way, made for a most enjoyable trip. We got plenty of exercise and plenty of good laughs.

The trip ended at Henry Horton State Park in Chapel Hill where members of our church family prepared a wonderful picnic supper. We had, in fact, twice as many people canoe this year compared to last year.

Overall, it has been a busy year at St. Agnes'. For the first time in 111 years we have our own church parking lot. We were able to acquire the abandoned property next door to the church in March of this year. What was once a neighborhood eyesore is now a parking lot and green space that gives St. Agnes' much needed room to grow. If our worship attendance and youth participation is any indicator, we are growing already! — *Jarod Pearson, Senior Warden, St. Agnes' Mission Cowan*

God's Green Earth...

On August 21, Belmont University in Nashville unveiled its newest green initiative - the "green roof." Atop the 90,000 square foot academic building housing the School of Pharmacy, School of Physical Therapy and the Psychology program, the green roof is covered in four inches of soil and gravel. The plants are low-growing, low water-use plants such as the Tennessee Coneflower and others.

The green roof is designed to help reduce temperatures in the building, provide a natural habitat for wildlife and reduce pollution. It can retain rainwater for irrigation and lower the heating/cooling costs for the building.

As a rule, green roofs are designed for low maintenance and can actually increase the life of the roof. And while it may seem like a new trend, green roofs have a long history. Centuries ago, in Northern Scandinavia, green roofs were a common sight. In the 1960s, Germany developed a green roof system and now approximately 10% of all German roofs are green. The trend is also booming throughout Europe. Now, they are being built in Chicago, Atlanta, Portland and other US cities; in fact, the Chicago City Hall is one of the earliest examples in the US. On a hot day, the temperature on their roof can be 25-80 degrees cooler than on a traditional roof nearby.

The new Belmont building has other environmentally sustainable features in place: there is a four-story underground garage to reduce the building's footprint and there is a 20,000 gallon water storage tank to collect excess ground and storm water which will be recycled and used to irrigate the campus. Two new residence halls nearby were also built with sustainable elements: green flooring and environmentally friendly paint.

It's not just commercial and government buildings who can green their roofs; homeowners can experience the advantages as well. For more information, visit www.greenroofs.com.

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there are still 6 small congregation churches in the area, representing a vibrant Episcopal presence in the southeast part of our diocese.

Until 1940, most of these churches were served by students from either the Theological Department at Sewanee or the Theological Department of the DuBose Training School. The Theology Department of the DuBose School trained primarily older men for work in rural missions. A copy of the Gospel Missioner, undated but written sometime during the Episcopate of Bishop Gailor (1989-1935) and most likely in the early 1930s, lists the schedule of services at missions served by students from the DuBose School and Sewanee. A total of 14 missions were being served, 7 by each school. In 1940-1941, Bishop Dandridge, in conjunction with Dean Fleming James of The School of Theology, changed the old system and placed priests in charge of the missions. The Rev. Dargan Butt was placed at Trinity Winchester, with additional responsibilities for Calvary Roark's Cove, St. Agnes' Mission Cowan and Christ Church Alto.



While all of these missions had a ministry specific to both the people of their area as well as their respective congregants, they continued to provide a place for the formation of seminarians, and to this day that ministry of formation is likely to be one of the chief ways in which they define themselves. While all churches, no matter what their size, have something to offer those preparing for ordained ministry, small churches provide an intimacy that is difficult to find elsewhere, and this is important. While not all clergy will end up in small church work, many begin there, and given that 50% of our churches have 70 or fewer membersⁱⁱ, many will spend much of their ministry working in these churches. Small congregation churches are not simply smaller versions of their larger sister churches; the personal dynamics are different. Small rural churches are very specific to their communities and this, coupled with the intimacy of those communities, affords seminarians with an opportunity to study and learn about the liturgical, teaching pastoral, and psychological nature of their calling at a very basic level. In a small church there is nowhere to hide.

While it is true that small, rural churches have a more difficult time growing than churches located in other areas, the churches of the Cumberland Plateau continue to be an important part of the diocese. The lessons learned at these churches stay with clergy all of their lives. Fr. Hugh Jones recounts that the Rt. Rev. Craig Anderson served at St. Bernard's Gruetli-Laager during his seminary career. He later served as priest-in-charge at Christ Church Alto while teaching at the School of Theology and from there he became the Bishop of South Dakota and Dean of General Seminary. Many other priests carry with them lessons and memories of their days at our mountain and valley missions; a number of them in this diocese.

These mission churches currently enjoy a close relationship with The School of Theology. The Rev. Dr. Susanna Metz, who is in charge of the Field Education Program, is an authority on small churches and is always seeking new ways in which these mission churches and the School of Theology can partner to better serve both the congregations and the seminarians who serve in them during the field education portion of their formation. The heart of this relationship is contained in a remembrance by the Rev. Thomas Roberts, who served Christ Church Alto from 1962-1970: "After all, the Church is not primarily programs, plans and achievements; it is people, the people of God. Living together, loving together, sometimes quarreling, but always forgiving — the people of God, growing together in many ways. Experiencing pain and suffering, loss and death, but knowing the joy of belonging, to each other and to God."ⁱⁱⁱ This is the experience awaiting those called to ordained ministry who are fortunate enough to experience life and ministry in our mission churches.— *The Rev. Bill Barton, Vicar, Southeastern Tennessee Episcopal Ministry, Christ Church Alto, Church of the Holy Comforter Monteagle and Church of the Epiphany Sherwood*

ⁱ Letter from Gil Adkins to Archie Stapleton, Appendix A, June 11, 1986, copy in possession of the author.

ⁱⁱ Data from the Episcopal Church website

ⁱⁱⁱ From an unpublished memoir, in the archives of Christ Church Alto



Why I Was Wrong About The “CCCD”: A Report From Mississippi

From June 25 to July 3 more than 70 people gathered in Mississippi at the Duncan M. Grey center to attend the College for Congregational Development. The conference was a joint effort of six southern dioceses - Alabama, Arkansas, East Carolina, Mississippi, Tennessee and Upper South Carolina - and was led by the Reverend Canon Melissa Skelton, director of the College for Congregational Development in the Episcopal Diocese of Olympia. I was one of the attendees and I have to admit, I was skeptical.

Because what does that name, The College for Congregational Development, even mean? Is this going to be one of those church growth conferences where I come away feeling guilty and frustrated? Is someone going to try and sell me a church-growth-in-a-box model by the end of the week? With these questions ringing in my head I began the college with my defenses up.

How delighted I was to be completely wrong!

Far from a “cookie cutter church growth commercial,” the CCCD is a program developed to empower leaders of all congregations (both large and small) to successfully implement positive and dynamic spiritual formation in their communities.



Drawing heavily on Organizational Development and Systems Theory yet earthed in a robust Episcopal ecclesiology, the CCCD equips leaders

and teams with various models of how to assess and respond to congregational life, gaining tools to then help a parish move forward in mission and ministry. Our instruction included everything from basic group dynamics and facilitation skills to how to implement change and mediate conflict. Couple this with some in depth Myers-Briggs work and you can see why eight days was barely enough.

It was also refreshing to see the way Skelton and Co. encouraged all of us to stop comparing ourselves to other churches and discover what was unique and beautiful about our own communities. Then, once we found that beauty, we were both challenged and equipped by the CCCD to actually get out there and share that Good News of the Kingdom with our own unique voice.

Our training will conclude after eight more days next summer with each participant designing and completing a congregational development project in the months between the 2010 and 2011 conference. The dream is to have at least one person trained in the facilitation of the curriculum and able to lead a similar program in here in the Diocese of Tennessee.

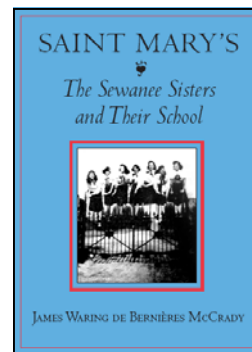
Also in attendance from the diocese were the Rev. Bill Dalglish and Justin Mangrum from Church of the Holy Cross Murfreesboro, the Rev. Jody Howard and Adam Waltenbaugh from Church of St. Joseph of Arimathea Hendersonville and the Rev. Canon Pamela Snare.



If you have any questions feel free to contact Canon Snare or myself. I’ll be happy to tell you all about how good it was to be wrong about the CCCD. — *The Rev. Dixon Kinser, Asst. Rector, St. Bartholomew’s Church Nashville*

Saint Mary’s School Immortalized in Book

A new book by James Waring de Bernières McCrady, professor *emeritus* of French at The University of the South, examines the story of the Southern Province of the Community of Saint Mary, the earliest Episcopal religious order to be founded in the United States.



Published by the Sewanee Trust for Historic Preservation, *Saint Mary’s: The Sewanee Sisters and Their School* draws upon multiple archival

collections to trace the evolution of St. Mary’s School which was established in 1896 as a training school for local girls and later evolved into a preparatory school. St. Mary’s School operated continuously until its closing in 1968.

In 183 pages, Dr. McCrady captures the spirit of the little-known order and its longstanding commitment to education on the South Cumberland Plateau, along with the rise and fall of the school through the significant cultural shifts of the mid-twentieth century.

“One cannot say whether the much-loved old Saint Mary’s School for Girls came to its unanticipated end through the misdirected decision of too-distant administrators or the wise guidance of an enigmatic Holy Spirit, but it is clear that both the secular world and the spiritual Lord move in mysterious ways,” McCrady writes in his Foreword.

Dr. McCrady, a fifth-generation member of a seven-generation family of Sewanee identification, taught French at The University of the South from 1962-2000.

To order this publication, contact the Sewanee Trust for Historic Preservation, PO Box 21, Sewanee, TN 37375.



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Italics denote Bishop Bauerschmidt's visitations

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