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Province VII Daughters of the King meet at St. Timothy's, Alexandria

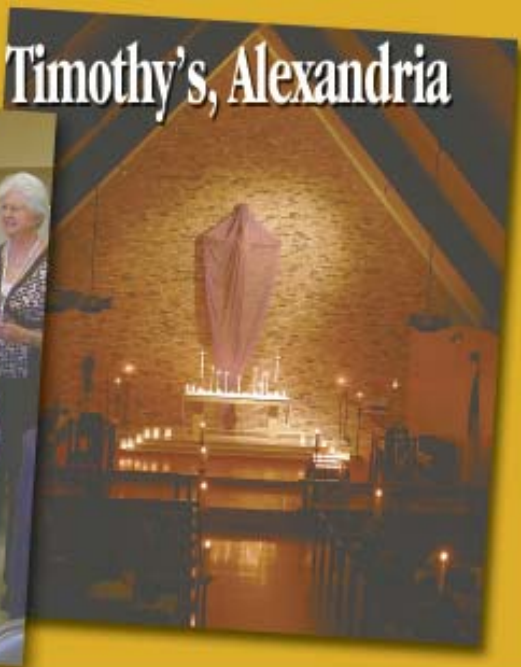
by Denise Rox

Held for the first time in the Diocese of Western Louisiana, the Province VII Spring Assembly of the Daughters of the King was hosted by the Diocesan "Daughters" of Western LA and held March 12-14 at St. Timothy's in Alexandria.

"Faith" as in Hebrews 11:1 which says "Now Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." was the theme for the weekend's activities. The familiar and popular Louisiana "symbol" the fleur-de-lis, was used as the weekend's symbol.

Traditional "Louisiana hospitality" was on display everywhere in the form of excitement and hard work offered up by all the Daughters from Western Louisiana chapters and from the

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"Alleluia. Christ is risen. The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia."

Dear Friends in Christ:

Around the time this issue of *ALIVE!* arrives at your homes, we will have entered that period of our life in Christ that we know as Holy Week and Easter. As we enter this time, Jesus invites us to join him on the road to Jerusalem: to walk with him in the procession into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday; to share in the final meal of Maundy Thursday; to be witnesses to his sacrifice on Good Friday; and to experience the great victory of Easter.

As we walk with Jesus to the Cross, we too share in that experience of the betrayal, the suffering, the death, and then rejoice in the Resurrection of Christ, knowing that because he lives, we live.



The Bishop's Message

Although the message of Holy Week and Easter is proclaimed every Sunday – *"Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again."* there is something about the experience of this week that brings about a sound of greater intensity to this message. The Cross is the

necessary prelude to Resurrection joy in our Lord's life and ours, and we enter into the Passion journey knowing that the Easter victory is the joyful conclusion.

I invite you to join with me in the week that is before us, and in the celebration of Christ's victory. May each of you experience the true joys and blessings of Easter in your respective places of worship. *"Alleluia. Christ is risen. The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia."*

Faithfully in anticipation of the risen Christ,

The Rt. Rev'd D. Bruce MacPherson, D.D.
III Bishop of Western Louisiana

An additional message ...

As many of you are aware, the House of Bishops met recently in Navasota, Texas. I shared in my *Monday Message* at the time that I did not attend the meeting, and this being a decision that came about following much prayer and conversation with trusted counsel. In my eleven years in the House of Bishops, I have only missed one other

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THE RT. REV'D D. BRUCE MACPHERSON'S
AROUND THE DIOCESE

The past month found us making our way home from a wonderful visitation at Epiphany, New Iberia, to almost immediately leaving for Monroe for the Louisiana Interchurch Conference 40th Annual Assembly. Susan and I were joined by the Rev'd Dr. Wayne E. Carter and the Rev'd Elizabeth R. Ratcliff for the meeting and worship opportunity. The service was held at First Presbyterian Church, Monroe, and it was my honour to be the preacher for this ecumenical gathering.

This was followed later in the week with my journey to just south of Fairhope, Alabama, where it was my pleasure to lead a men's retreat at Beckwith Camp and Conference Center. This event is held annually (this was their 29th consecutive year), and brings a number of men from across the Diocese of Central Gulf Coast.

Just a week later, the Western Louisiana Daughters of the Kings, under the leadership of our DOK president, Denise Rox, (St. Timothy's, Alexandria) hosted the Spring Assembly of the Province VII Daughters of the King at St. Timothy's. I was quite proud of the organization and planning that went into this event and the warmth of hospitality shown to the more than one hundred women from the twelve

dioceses of the province. It was my privilege to preach and celebrate for their opening service, and to be assisted by the Rev'd Dr. Frank W. Hughes, interim priest at St. Timothy's, and the Rev'd Dr. Michael C. Gemignani, chaplain to the Province VII DOK.

Redeemer, Ruston was the setting for my visitation of March 14, and in addition to the confirmation class of sixteen presented, we shared in a wonderful reception that followed. My added thanks to the Rev'd Deacon Polly C. Anderson for her presence and gracious assistance to me as deacon.

Other worship services included the regular services at Mount Olivet Chapel, and my weekly participation in the Lenten services at St. James, Alexandria. It was also a privilege for me to preside and preach at the Requiem Eucharist for Stephen A. Kartsimas, a detective of the Rapides Parish Sheriffs Office, whom I have come to know well in our time here. Known well throughout the community, he died following a courageous battle with cancer. "May his soul, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen."

The Rev'd Herman J. Ogea has been appointed by me to serve on a part-time basis as priest-in-residence at Trinity, Crowley

effective April 1, 2010. He has been serving as Sunday supply for the congregation, and in his new role will provide for the pastoral care in addition to the worship services, with the vestry providing the day-to-day leadership and business administration.

It was my pleasure to meet with the vestry of Holy Cross, Shreveport this past week, and to affirm their desire to call the Rev'd Mary B. Richard as rector. She has served the parish this past year as "priest-in-charge under special circumstances," and will be installed by me as rector on Wednesday evening, May 12, 2010.

The Rev'd Edwin C. (Ned) Webster will retire ... *once again!* He has been serving of late (*the past ten years*) providing Sunday services at St. Matthew's, Farmerville, and will conclude his ministry there on Easter Day, April 4, 2010. I am most appreciative of his service for so very many years at St. Luke's, Grambling and the Diocesan School of Theology, in addition to his work at St. Matthew's Preaching Station. My deep gratitude to him and his wife, Carol, for their faithful ministry to these congregations.

Looking at the week ahead, it is our honour to visit Epiphany, Opelousas on Palm Sun-

day, and then share in the Mass of Collegiality and Renewal of Vows with the clergy of the diocese on Tuesday in Holy Week. Preaching at this important gathering is the Very Rev'd William S. Stafford, dean of the School of Theology, Sewanee. This annual service will be held at St. James, Alexandria this year, and I am grateful for the hospitality of the Rev'd Fred H. Tinsley and the people of the parish.

The Easter Vigil and Celebration of the Resurrection on Easter will find Susan and me at St. Mark's Cathedral, Shreveport. Included in the services on the weekend will be the traditional Easter Vigil baptisms, and on Sunday morning, the dedication of the new Cathedral bells in the context of our Easter worship.

I leave you this day with my best wishes, blessings, and prayers for a most blessed Holy Week and glorious Easter experience.



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THE BISHOP'S CALENDAR

Bishop MacPherson's Calendar for April and May 2010

April			<i>Convention Center, Shreveport</i>
1	<i>Maundy Thursday</i>	16-17	Episcopal Church Women - Time for Joy, <i>Hardtner Camp and Conference Center</i>
1	Mount Olivet Chapel, Pineville - <i>Maundy Thursday Liturgy</i>	17	Closing Eucharist for CLEY, <i>Hardtner Camp and Conference Center</i>
2	<i>Good Friday</i>	18	St. Timothy's, Alexandria - <i>visitation</i>
3	St. Mark's Cathedral, Shreveport - <i>The Great Vigil of Easter</i>	20	Diocesan Council, <i>St. James, Alexandria</i>
4	<i>The Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Day</i>	21	Diocesan Board of Trustees, <i>Diocesan House</i>
4	St. Mark's Cathedral, Shreveport - <i>The Sunday of the Resurrection</i>	22	Mount Olivet Chapel, Pineville - <i>Eucharist</i>
6	Shreveport Convocation Clericus, <i>St. Mark's Cathedral, Shreveport</i>	23	St. Mark's Cathedral School - <i>Feast Day Eucharist</i>
8	Mount Olivet Chapel, Pineville - <i>Eucharist</i>	24	DYC - Commission on Youth and Young Adult Ministry, <i>Hardtner Camp and Conference Center</i>
8	Commission on Ministry, <i>Diocesan House</i>	25	Polk Memorial, Leesville - <i>visitation</i>
11	Calvary, Bunkie - <i>visitation</i>	26	The Living Church Foundation, Milwaukee, WI - <i>Board of Directors</i>
11	Cursillo 140 Clausura, <i>Hardtner Camp and Conference Center</i>	27	Hardtner Camp and Conference Center - <i>Board of Trustees</i>
12	Episcopal School of Acadiana, Cade - <i>Board of Trustees</i>	27	Canterbury at Centenary College, Shreveport - <i>Eucharist</i>
14	Northern Region Office, <i>St. Mark's Cathedral, Shreveport</i>	29	Mount Olivet Chapel, Pineville - <i>Eucharist</i>
15	Mount Olivet Chapel, Pineville - <i>Eucharist</i>		
15	Louisiana Historic Preservation Society, <i>Shreveport</i>		

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The Season of Easter

The Season of Easter, the oldest and greatest feast in the church year, celebrates the feast of Christ's resurrection and is the central day in the liturgical year. Easter Day begins the Easter season, which lasts for fifty days, until the Feast of Pentecost. The readings for this season center on the events of the resurrection and the appearance of Jesus to his disciples.



Church of the Redeemer in Ruston welcomes new members

On Sunday, March 14, the Rt. Rev'd D. Bruce MacPherson, preached and administered the Rites of Confirmation and Baptism at the Episcopal Church of the Redeemer. Those confirmed at the 10:30 a.m. service were Cyndy Drewry, Candis Carnahan, Savannah Holden, Trevor Holden, Alonge Olumicle, Katie Wilkerson, Robert Kyte, Sarah Wilkerson, James Wilkerson, Ajoke Omolade Jagunna, Jim Wilkerson, Maggie Manning, Caroline Hill, Oluwafolajimi Abimbola Jagunna, Elizabeth Guinn, Natalie Hogan, and Charlotte Hudson. John Kyte was received, and Annie Rose James, daughter of Matt and Jill James was baptized. Also pictured are Bishop MacPherson, Parker Carwile, the Bishop's Chaplain, Father Jim Benbrook, rector of Redeemer, and the Rev'd Deacon Polly Anderson.



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The Episcopal Church Women will sponsor their annual spring retreat, a **Time for Joy**, on April 16-18, 2010 at Camp Hardtner. The Joy weekend is for young women and this year's event promises to be fun, relaxing and an event even better than its forerunners. It will be an awesome weekend, because the staff will focus and work hard to make it a very special weekend for each of our guests.

Time For Joy was conceived by Bishop Robert Hargrove years ago as a time for young women to be away from the demands of both work and family. Time for Joy was conceived as a time for the guests to renew or revive their relationship with Jesus Christ.

Bishop MacPherson is an important part of the weekend, because he allocates quality time to the young women in attendance. He's a lot of fun, and it's interesting to get to know the Bishop and his wife Susan on a personal level in an informal and relaxed setting.

The central concept of the Time For Joy (Jesus, Others, Yourself) weekend centers on providing young women with a time to get away from the pressures of an overly-busy life. Once at Camp Hardtner, the message of taking time

for themselves and making time for a relationship with God is emphasized. The weekend is joyful and carefree, with the message that life is our gift from God and that He meant for us to enjoy it! It is a "stop and smell the roses" type of



weekend. There are fun activities that have no message, but equally important are the activities that stress the importance of slowing down and enjoying life and sharing a personal relation with God.

There will be lots of activities, but the emphasis on this weekend is relaxation. Taking part in any of the activities is always strictly optional. The participants can sleep, read a book, stay in the bubble bath, or just hang out by the lake if they wish. The porch swing is a favorite of many who attend.

Each candidate is treated as a very special guest! They are given a T-shirt, bubble bath, a hand & foot massage, a goodies bag containing all kinds of neat items, a gift basket, a dish garden and a group photo. Each woman will experience God's love and healing in different ways, and this weekend is meant to provide an opportunity for that to happen.

Applications have been sent to each parish in the diocese, with a request that each congregation send one or two women who will benefit from a weekend away from the stress and strain of their lives. They will be nurtured and receive the message that life truly is a gift from God, and it is meant to be enjoyed. We can't wait to see you there!

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Save these dates

EFM training workshop scheduled for May 6-8 at Camp Hardtner

A three-day EFM mentor training workshop is scheduled for Hardtner Camp and Conference Center May 6-8. Both basic and formation training (Experiential Learning) will be offered. The three-day session is expected to draw participants from Texas and Mississippi as well as both Louisiana dioceses. Sewanee requires all mentors to be retrained every eighteen months. The May training is an opportunity for mentors to update their certification and for those interested persons to explore the possibility of mentoring.



EFM is a program of theological education by extension from The School of Theology, University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee. EFM is for anyone who seeks to engage on a path of discovery about their Christian faith in a serious way. Participants in the program study the entire sweep of the Christian tradition from the earliest period to the present. Through study, prayer and reflection, EFM groups, led by trained mentors, move toward a new understanding of the fullness of God's kingdom.

New groups will be forming this fall in Shreveport, Lake Charles, Alexandria and Pineville. For information about mentor training or how to join a group, please contact Brenda Milam at 318/792-1095 or brendamilam@suddenlink.net

SAMS missionary to visit Trinity, Natchitoches on June 6



by Carol Brunsgaard

SAMS Missionary, Fr. Juan Marentes, will be the guest speaker at Trinity Episcopal Church in Natchitoches, LA on June 6 at the 10:30 a.m. service. Father Marentes, a longtime SAMS missionary, is currently involved with several ministries in San Ignacio, Belize, including serving as chaplain to the children of three Anglican schools in the area, reaching out to the homeless, and the development of St. Andrew's and St. Hilda's, where he

serves as priest-in-charge. If you are interested getting to know more about Fr. Marentes and his ministry in Belize, please contact the Rev'd Catherine Thompson at 318/352-3113.

—Carol Brunsgaard is a member of Trinity, Natchitoches



Workshop attendance needed for licensure by Diocese

"Each of the Diocese's five convocations will be the site of a workshop on lay ministry to be conducted by the Commission on Liturgy and Music, in cooperation with the Institute of Lay Ministry at the Bishop's Centre for Ministry," announced Canon Jim Boyd, M.D.

Participants must register for the event and each must have the endorsement of their priest to participate in the event.

This year's offering will be patterned after workshops initially held in 2009. Registration forms will be available in all parishes and missions in a timely fashion.

Attending one of the workshops will qualify an attendee, upon recommendation of his/her priest to Bishop MacPherson, for a 3-year license in any or all of the following lay ministries: Eucharistic minister, Eucharistic visitor, or Worship leader.

For reasons of convenience, attendees need not attend the workshop in their specific convocation, but may attend the session that is most convenient.

Conducting the workshops will be Canon Boyd of St. Mark's Cathedral, Robert and Pat Brown of Ascension in Lafayette, Reece Middleton of Church of The Holy Cross, Shreveport, and Dr. Frank Fuller of Trinity, Natchitoches.

The schedule of workshops include:

- Shreveport — May 1, 2010 at the Bishop's Center for Ministry
- Alexandria — May 15, 2010 at St. James Episcopal Church
- Lake Charles — August 14, 2010 at Church of the Good Shepherd
- Lafayette — October 2, 2010 at Church of the Ascension
- Monroe — November 13, 2010 at St. Alban's Episcopal Church

Questions concerning the upcoming workshops should be directed to Canon Jim Boyd at 318-222-1902 or by email: jdbgyn@aol.com.



Cursillo #140 is scheduled for April 8-11 at Camp Hardtner

Maybe you've heard of Cursillo, but have never really known what it is. Cursillo is a movement that's been a vibrant part of the Episcopal Church in Louisiana for the past thirty-six years.

By definition, Cursillo is a short, intense course in Christianity. Cursillo weekends are conducted by lay women and men with members of the clergy acting as spiritual advisors.

The three-day Cursillo weekend joins Episcopalians from different backgrounds from every area of the diocese to worship and share experiences while broadening their knowledge of the church. What's expected is to build a foundation of leaders in the lay order of the church by stressing the concepts of piety, study and action.

If you have been to Cursillo, please pray for guidance on who would benefit from the gift of the Cursillo weekend.

If you're interested in attending a Cursillo weekend, ask someone in your home parish who has attended Cursillo to sponsor you. Cursillo #140 will be held at the Hardtner Camp and Conference Center April 8-11. Lay Rector Jeanette Leger of Epiphany, Opelousas and her staff will welcome Pilgrims for a weekend that could shape the balance of their lives. Applications are available online at the Cursillo of Western Louisiana Web site, www.wlacursillo.com.



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these dates

Service of Secularization of Grace Mission, Waterproof scheduled

After many years of demographic and economic decline in the Waterproof area, the remaining members of Grace Mission, Waterproof have petitioned the Bishop for closure. For the past several years there have been only about a half dozen members, and they have participated in services at Christ Church, St. Joseph while only holding one service per month in Waterproof. The Rev'd Robert N. Cooper has been providing the ministry to both congregations.

The Bishop will preside at a service to Secularize a Consecrated building on Sunday, April 18 at 3:30 p.m. The service will recognize and celebrate the ministry offered to the community for more than 75 years, and the members of the diocese are invited to share in this time of closure.

Joy in the Journey ... this fall

The Diocesan Commission on Addiction and Recovery has announced that its annual "Joy in the Journey" addiction recovery retreat has been moved this year from its normally scheduled time in the spring to the weekend of October 29-31, 2010 at the Hardtner Camp and Conference Center.

Diocese of Western Louisiana

Bishop MacPherson's Office Days



In order to provide a more convenient setting for those in the northern portion of the Diocese, Bishop D. Bruce MacPherson continues to be available for appointments with members of the laity and clergy on the second Wednesday of each month at St. Mark's Cathedral in Shreveport.

With the closure of the regional office in Opelousas, those in the southern portion of the diocese are encouraged to make an appointment with Bishop MacPherson at Diocesan House in Pineville.

For an appointment at either location, please contact Dianne White, Assistant to the Bishop, 318.442.1304 or ladydiwhi@aol.com.



The Cursillo Music Fest

Save Saturday, May 22 on your calendar for our Diocesan Cursillo Music Fest. Everyone's invited to come to Camp Hardtner and enjoy food, fellowship and lots of music. There's no agenda, no program, just relaxation in the wonderful Hardtner environment after a cold winter. Saturday's lunch is a fundraiser for the Cursillo Movement. We have it on good authority that the meal will be very tasty indeed.

The music fest idea grew out of widespread love for the community-building and God-edifying music experienced by so many at Cursillo events. In 1990 a group of cursillistas organized an event called "Joysing," which took place at St. Thomas' Episcopal Church in Monroe and was followed a year later with a second Joysing in Abbeville. Joysing was just that – joy in singing God's music. Joysing moved to Camp Hardtner in the mid-nineties but then was forgotten – until now. The concept has been revived as a Cursillo-sponsored event called Cursillo Music Fest.

If you'd like to come early, call the Camp Hardtner office and make your Friday night reservation for a room or cabin space. The Camp's phone number is 318/765-3794 or email office@camphardtner.org.

More details will be forthcoming as we get closer to May 22, but mark your calendar now. We'll have a great time.

For more information, please contact Ed Ryland 318/345-5501 (Home) or 376-4794 (Cell)

St. James Day School, Alexandria to hold Lobster Boil Saturday, May 2

The 2010 St. James Episcopal Day School Lobster Boil will be held Saturday, May 1 from 6-8 p.m. in the day school gymnasium. The Lobster Boil is the main fundraiser held each year for the day school.



The \$45 ticket price for the Lobster Boil includes a boiled lobster, potatoes, corn, rolls, tea and dessert. There will also be live music. A cash bar is available and patrons may choose dine-in or carry-out.

One of the most exciting aspects of the Lobster Boil is the silent auction which always offers a variety of wonderful items.

Year after year, the Lobster Boil has been a fun and lively night-out for parents, parishioners, and friends of St. James, Alexandria. Playground equipment, to be installed in March, was purchased using the proceeds from past Lobster Boils.

To purchase tickets for the Lobster Boil, please contact Ms. Anna Theus, director, at the school office. Ms. Theus may be reached at 318-445-9901.

News of the Diocese

ACTS Honduras 2010 mission team



Pictured here is the ACTS Honduras mission team that traveled to Honduras in January.

Team members included: Dwain and Georgia West, Matt and Jenifer Matthews, Gary and Carly Barbee, Kevin and Judy Bordelon, Melanie McMullen, all from St. Timothy's, Alexandria. Wayne and Elizabeth Syron, of St. Lukes, Jennings; Dorothy Cabe-Maury of Ascension, Lafayette; Scott and Aurore Hamilton of St. Barnabas, Lafayette; Suzanne Long and Dianne Lawton of St. Michael's, Pineville; Wanda Alexander of St. Michael and All Angels, Lake Charles.



No "Gizmo" money yet, but Georgia is hopeful

"There's certainly been a lot of interest and comment, but I don't have money in hand yet. That's Georgia West's response to comment on an article in the March 2010 *ALIVE!* she contributed as a member of the ACTS Honduras missionary team, which told the story of "The Gizmo," as she had named it.

The device, as developed by a man engaged in missionary work, converts salted water to hypochlorite, which is then used to sanitize water. Its creator had made

a ministry of building the units in his basement and supplying them at cost to missionaries involved in providing safe drinking water to third-world villages.

One of the Gizmos had been taken to Honduras by a member of the ACTS Honduras mission team. Put to use providing fresh water to the mountain people seen by the ACTS team, the device went from being a

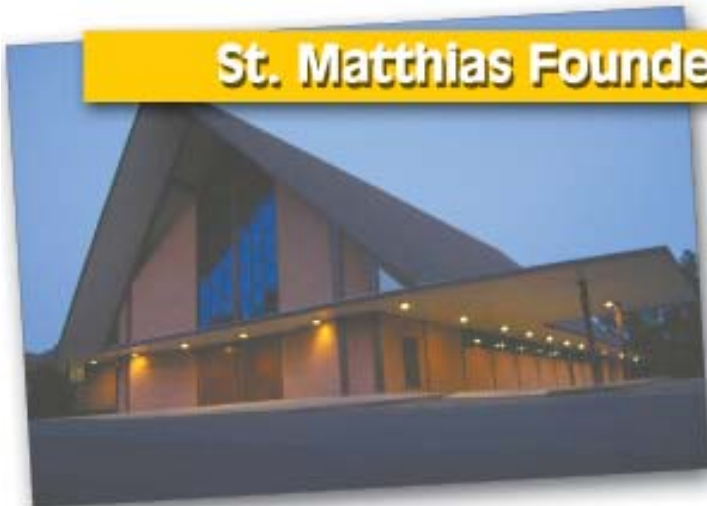
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Safe water produced quickly

On a small scale, chlorine can be quickly and safely manufactured in even the remotest of areas with just three components; water, salt, and electricity. The "Gizmo" comes in a small tool box kit which includes an instruction card, a chlorine test kit, 2 mixing bottles, a salt measuring cup, and a couple of solution droppers.

St. Matthias Founder's Day Celebration



St. Matthias Episcopal Church in Shreveport

May 22, 2010

10:00 a.m. — 6:00 p.m. on the church grounds

May 23, 2010

Church picnic following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Worship with the St. Matthias congregation and stay for food, fellowship, and fun.

Check the May ALIVE! for further details.

At 90, Kay Sutton celebrates surrounded by family and St. Paul's friends

St. Paul's parishioner, Kay Sutton, celebrated her ninetieth birthday at a reception following the Sunday, March 7 Eucharist at St. Paul's. Surrounded by her family and friends, Kay looked back on her 90-years of service to her Lord. Still active, and driving, after a recent medical checkup, Kay informed friends that the doctor told her she "still had good years ahead."

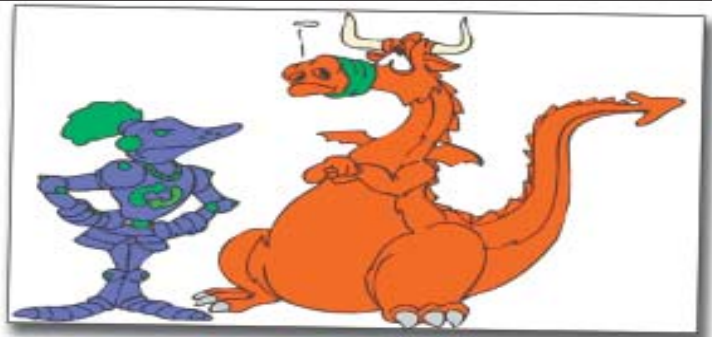


Above, Kay is surrounded by her family in attendance at the reception. Left, Photos on display at the reception document the milestones in Kay's life.



Son Rise Campers explore theme "Be the Moon, Reflect the Son"

During the weekend of February 26-28, nineteen campers and eighteen staff members gathered at Camp Hardtner for Son Rise! "Be the Moon, Reflect the Son!" was the theme of this year's offering. Campers learned about Christ's last days, and discussed where they were in their walk with Jesus. They also accomplished a beautification project for Hardtner with their family groups and had FUN! This year's dean was Jamie Simon.



"MEDIEVAL NIGHTS"

St. Michael's, Pineville to hold youth group (EYC) fundraiser

"Medieval Nights," the annual live/silent auction fundraiser staged at St. Michael's, Pineville will be held Sunday, April 18 at 12:00 noon at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 500 Edgewood Drive, Pineville, La 71360. The proceeds from this auction will benefit the various ministries of our "exceptional youth" at St. Michael's. St. Michael's is also offering a luncheon at no charge for those who attend the auction. If you would like to donate an item to the auction or would like to RSVP for the luncheon, please contact Celeste Coleman 318-623-8657 or topazlady@hotmail.com.

St. Michael's works diligently to send its young people, grades sixth through twelfth to summer camping sessions at the Hardener Camp and Conference Center, and believes that they are the only congregation in the Diocese which has been able to pay the full costs for all its campers. If you would like to assist St. Michael's with this year's commitment, prayerfully consider participating to defray these costs for campers:

- 25% of one child's fees\$105.00
- 50% of one child's fees \$ 210.00
- Entire fee for one child \$ 420.00

HARDTNER NEWS



THE
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Springtime is beautiful at Camp Hardtner

The daffodils are springing up everywhere. The redbuds are popping out and the clocks have been set an hour ahead! It is a wonderful time to be at Hardtner Camp and Conference Center.



Pat Higgins

The snow was pretty and nice for a day, (even that is hard for this northerner to admit) but it is time to look ahead to spring and summer! We are so fortunate to have this beautiful place known as Camp Hardtner. I encourage you all to be a part of the Hardtner experience.



of attending camp as reasonable as possible. Insurance costs alone total more than \$50,000 a year. Please help support the "Fill the Canoe" Campaign in any way you can!

Summer Camp registration is going on right now. This year you can register right online and save your 2010 summer camp spot instantly. Act soon, so you do not end up on a waiting list. Check out our Web site www.camphardtner.org and click on the online registration link.

Our summer camp staff of 2010 will look very familiar as most of last summer's staff are returning for another great summer of fun. Martha Simon was accidentally left off the list published last month, but Martha will be back this summer and we are glad to have her!

Hardtner Summer Camps have something for everybody! Camp sessions are set up by age groups and the program of games, crafts, music, aquatics, worship and more are geared to the age group. This year the whole family can also come have the Hardtner Summer Camp experience. A special weekend session of Family Camp will be offered July 30- Aug 1. Mom, dad, brothers, sisters and even grandparents can come to Camp and see what the fun is all about. Special rates

are available to families of four or more. Father George Gennuso will be dean of this new summer camp program.

Nurses are needed to serve at Summer Camp to help keep our campers healthy and happy. The nurses live in the Infirmary and monitor medicines, provide first aid and become a part of the camp family for their week. A stipend is available to registered nurses who help assist with the Summer Camp program at Hardtner. Contact Director Pat Higgins at Camp Hardtner office for more information.

Volunteer work groups

Volunteer work groups are always needed to assist with the ongoing maintenance of Hardtner's 25 buildings and 160 acres of grounds. If your church or organization would like to help or adopt a project at Camp, please let Pat Higgins know. We

have buildings to paint, windows to wash, fences to mend, gardens to tend, trails to clear and much more. Let's all pitch in and be extra proud of the "heart" of the diocese. Some projects can even be adopted and the name of the work group recognized.

Camp has been a very busy place during the last month. We have hosted SOLO retreat, Young Life family camp, Rainbow Girls, and Kairos Outside. Thank you to our volunteer facilitators (Barry LeFleur, Daniel Cutler, Krystal Conrad, André Bordelon, Rose Bordelon, Cedric Holden and Marian Tuck) who made the Alpine Tower and Giant swing available to the Young Life group. April will host Cursillo, Time for Joy, CLEY, Summer Staff and deans retreat and Lutheran Via D' Christo. Remember to book your events early to guarantee your spot!



"Fill the Canoe" Campaign is underway with Hardtner Sundays happening in most churches in the Diocese. Have you scheduled a Hardtner Sunday for your congregation? A Hardtner Sunday is a great way to tell everyone the amazing story of this special place. Experiences at Camp Hardtner are such an important part of so many faith journeys and a Hardtner Sunday presentation is a wonderful way to share those stories, as well as show your support of the Camp ministry. The funds raised through this campaign will help fill the gap between true operating expenses and the fees derived from summer camp and Camp rentals. Hardtner Camp and Conference Center operating expenses include things like utilities, insurance, staff salaries, maintenance, food and office expenses. These all add up and we want to keep the cost

Upcoming for the Youth

C.L.E.Y....Grades 9-12

Hardtner Camp & Conference Center

April 16-18, 2010



C.L.E.Y. is a high school retreat weekend staged by the Diocesan Youth Commission and staffed by high school and college-age youths and adults. Each C.L.E.Y. has a design team from a different convocation which is responsible for the content and character of the weekend.

Each weekend is a blend of worship, instruction, music, and fun that teaches the tenets of the faith.

For more information contact Debbie Slater: debbie@stmarkscathedral.net

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novelty to become much sought-after equipment that could raise the living standard of many Honduran villagers.

"My article told of how the Gizmo was introduced into the Honduran mountain communities, and what promise it held for affecting real change there," said Georgia. "I closed my article with an appeal to ALIVE! readers to provide funds for additional Gizmos that could produce safe drinking water for these mountain people."

Georgia does not have funds yet for

additional units, but she is hopeful.

In order to effect change among the suspicious mountain people, it is necessary to enlist the leadership of a trusted person within their community. Conchita Paredes, a local teacher and the senior warden of Trinidad Episcopal Church was approached. She learned how to properly use the chlorine producing unit, (a.k.a. the Gizmo) and began making po-

With a 12-volt battery to provide electricity and a small amount of salt, enough chlorine solution can be produced to purify the water of a family or small village.



table water for her class. Then she sent home two-ounce bottles of hypochlorite with each student; enough of the substance to sanitize a week's worth of water for a family. The families were elated, and Conchita now had a mission! She approached the local public health clinic with the new discovery, and they were impressed with the prospect of a user-friendly, cost-free way to purify water.

Now that Conchita had sold the health unit, and they had developed a plan for distribution, she came back to us with a request for 12 more Gizmos. Each unit

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Sewanee School of Theology to host Anglican Consultive Council Bible project

The School of Theology at Sewanee: The University of the South has been chosen as one of six sites worldwide to host a regional group working on a major new project of the Anglican Communion. The School of Theology will host the North American group that will be part of a new exploration of the ways the Bible functions in the life of the Church.

The Rev'd Robert MacSwain OGS, instructor of theology and Christian ethics at Sewanee, has been named the coordinator of the regional group, which will organize the project's case study work within Canada and the United States.

"The Bible in the Life of the Church" project was launched by the Anglican Communion late in 2009. It aims to explore how Anglicans in different contexts actually use the Bible by exploring Scripture together and reflecting on the encounter; to produce resource materials for use at all levels of Christian education; and to re-evaluate the ways in which Anglicans have heard, studied, and received Scripture.

This major three-year project was mandated by the Anglican Consultative Council at its Jamaica meeting in May 2009. It



MacSwain

has been described by the Archbishop of Canterbury as a "serious examination of

how the Bible is used in our [the world-wide Anglican Communion's] worship and decision-making."

While much of the project's work will be prepared by the regionally-based groups and brought to a Communion-wide coordinating group, local groups within each region will take part in the project by contributing to and testing the material that emerges from the work of the regional groups. MacSwain says, "In this way, the project will involve wide grassroots participation from around the Communion, as well as draw upon the work of academic biblical scholars and theologians."

Other regional groups are based around theological education institutions in East Africa, Southern Africa, South East Asia, Oceania, and Britain.

The Very Rev'd Dr. William S. Stafford, dean of the School of Theology, says, "With our faculty, who all think hard and care deeply about the Scripture's use in the church, and with Education for Ministry spreading particularly effective ways for adults to reflect on the Word and their lives, Sewanee is a natural site for a project such as this. We are honored to serve the Anglican Communion in this way."

UTO study group reorganizes for triennium

By Mary Frances Schjonberg

[Episcopal News Service] Mark Harris, the new chair of the Episcopal Church's United Thank Offering study group, grew up watching his grandmother put coins into the UTO blue box she kept on her dining room table while she said her daily prayers.

It's that legacy of thankful giving that Harris wants to help UTO build on as the organization that has helped the Episcopal Church expand its mission for the last 120 years by making grants to ministries that address human needs facing the 21st century.

"One of the things that everybody agrees with is the UTO has had an extraordinary impact on the church over the years and that impact is not something we want to see disappear or dissipate, but as the church itself changes and finds new ways of working, its relationship to UTO and UTO's understanding of its own role need to be looked at and examined," Harris told ENS recently.

In 2009, UTO received 123 grant applications asking for just more than \$5.9 million. The organization granted close to \$2.1 million in 63 grants. There were 28 grants to domestic Episcopal Church-related groups amounting to \$528,222 and 35 international grants that totaled \$1,537,520. In addition, UTO granted \$621,105 in 17 companion diocese grants. Grants for 2010 are due to be decided on during an April 7-17 meeting.

UTO was established in 1889 as the United Offering by the Women's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions and primarily supported the work of women missionaries. UTO later broadened its emphasis to include all areas of the church's work.

UTO suggests that people should daily pray and give in recognition of their daily thanks for what God has given them. Oftentimes, the people whom the UTO calls "thankful givers" supplement their daily contributions before sending the money to UTO either individually or through a process known as the diocesan ingathering. The UTO believes that thankful giving spiritually unites the givers with the people who benefit from their gifts.

"UTO has never been just a matter of donor participation, but really prayer participation, [so] the question comes up of how do you attract more people into the prayer life of UTO," Harris said. "UTO says that it is essentially a prayerful organization and out of that prayer grows funding for

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Bishops stay busy during Camp Allen spring meeting

The House of Bishops had a busier schedule of plenary sessions this year in a spring meeting that has traditionally served as a retreat.

Meeting at Camp Allen in Navasota, Texas, on March 19-24, the bishops:

- Elected the Rev'd Dr. James "Jay" Magness, canon for mission and diocesan administration in the Diocese of Southern Virginia, as the sixth Bishop Suffragan for Federal Ministries.

- The Rt. Rev'd Nathan Baxter, Bishop of Central Pennsylvania and a member of the nominating committee, said in a media conference call that he was impressed by the bishop-elect's pastoral skills, and his experience as both a Navy officer and an enlisted man.

Magness, he said, stressed "the importance of presence and supporting chaplains and commanding officers in their ministries." He also referred repeatedly to the importance of ministry to families when one of their members serves in the military, or is imprisoned — both of which fall within the responsibilities of the bishop's office.

- Elected the Rev'd Canon David Bailey as Bishop of the Navajoland Area Mission. In October 2009, Navajoland representatives elected Bailey as interim canon to the ordi-

- Issued a statement that condemned the attempted assassination March 17 of the Most Rev'd Martin Barahona, Bishop of the Anglican Episcopal Church of El Salvador and archbishop



of the Anglican Church in Central America.

- Heard the Rt. Rev'd Jean Zaché Duracin, Bishop of Haiti, describe his struggles — and the struggles of his nation — when a magnitude-7 earthquake struck on January 12, 2010.

- Received a 95-page report, "Same-Sex Relationships in the Life of the Church," prepared for the bishops' theology committee by eight theologians. The eight scholars are Dr. John Goldingay, Fuller Theological Seminary; Dr. Deirdre Good, General Theological Seminary; Dr. Willis Jenkins, Yale Divinity School; The Rev'd Dr. Cynthia Kittredge, Episcopal Seminary of the Southwest; the Rev'd Dr. Grant LeMarquand, Trinity School for Ministry; Dr. Eugene Rogers, University of North Carolina at Greensboro; the Rev'd Dr. George Sumner, Wycliffe College; the Rev'd Dr. Daniel Westberg, Nashotah House.

The report "offers new theological insights and grist for conversation," said the Rt. Rev'd Joe G. Burnett, Bishop of Nebraska, who helped oversee the report's preparation.

On a related note, the bishops did not formally discuss the Archbishop of Canterbury's response to the scheduled consecration of the Rev'd Canon Mary Glasspool as a Bishop Suffragan in the Diocese of Los Angeles. That statement was not on the bishops' agenda, said the Rt. Rev'd Kenneth Price, provisional bishop of the Diocese of Pittsburgh and secretary of the House of Bishops.

Nor did the bishops discuss a statement by bishops and rectors within Communion Partners who dissociated themselves from the election and scheduled consecration of Canon Glasspool.

- Heard from author Phyllis Tickle, historian Diana Butler Bass, and Karen Ward, Abbess of Church of the Apostles, Seattle, about emergent spirituality. The Rt. Rev'd Dean Wolfe, Bishop of Kansas, called those sessions "very robust," "very exciting," and "life-giving."

—From the Website of The Living Church

Dr. Rowan Williams criticizes election of lesbian bishop, Mary Glasspool

by Ruth Gledhill

The Archbishop of Canterbury's office yesterday described the election of an openly lesbian bishop in the United States as "regrettable" and warned that it could further threaten the unity of the Anglican Communion.

The London office of Dr. Rowan Williams responded to the election of Canon Mary Glasspool to a suffragan see in Los Angeles by warning of "important implications." The statement from Lambeth Palace said that further consultations would now take place and regretted that calls for restraint had not been heeded.

The Episcopal News Service reported that Canon Glasspool, who held from the start that her sexuality was not an issue, had received the necessary consents from bishops and standing committees in the U.S. for her consecration by Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori to go ahead in May.

Her election comes after that of the Anglican Communion's first openly gay bishop, Gene Robinson of New Hampshire, whose election in 2003 took the worldwide Church to the brink of schism, where it remains. Both Bishop Robinson and Bishop-elect Glasspool have been with their current partners for many years.

Her election was strongly opposed by conservatives and is expected to exacerbate tensions and imperil the success of the new Covenant process, intended to find a basis of common doctrine and practice for the entire Church.

The Rt. Rev'd Jon Bruno, Bishop of Los Angeles, praised the Episcopal Church for its "courage." He said that Canon Glasspool's election showed that the Episcopal Church "creates no barrier for ministry on the basis of gender and sexual orientation, among other factors."

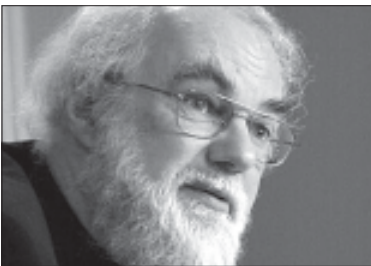
Canon Glasspool, 56, said that she was overjoyed and grateful.

She added: "I am also aware that not everyone rejoices in this election and consent,

and will work, pray, and continue to extend my own hands and heart to bridge those gaps, and strengthen the bonds of affection among all people, in the Name of Jesus Christ."

During her 28-year ministry as a priest, she has served congregations in Maryland, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania.

The Bishop of Maryland, the Rt. Rev'd Eugene Sutton, said that the election marked "a great day for the cause of justice and the ministry of reconciliation in the Episcopal Church. I rejoice that a majority of bishops



Rowan Williams

and standing committees have seen in Canon Glasspool what we have experienced in the Diocese of Maryland, that she is an exceptionally gifted pastor, administrator and spiritually centered leader who will prove to be an outstanding member of the House of Bishops."

He prayed that "the whole church will be open to the Spirit's guidance as we all move forward together in light of this historic event. The time is now for us to remove old barriers of bigotry and exclusion, and recommit ourselves to welcoming all of our brothers and sisters in Christ."

Canon Kendall Harmon, a conservative blogger, said: "I'm very sad but I'm not surprised. It represents not simply a decision or a single act but a habit and therefore a pattern and therefore a chosen direction, without question."

He told the Episcopal News Service: "If

you care at all about a sense of the church as a whole, the church has to read Scripture with and through the church. What's so sad about this is throughout history ... the church is reading Scripture to say you can't do this. But the Episcopal Church has already done it and done it repeatedly with no sense of the damage they're causing."

In spite of calls for restraint from clerics trying to preserve the Church from schism, the Episcopal Church's General Convention last July passed the controversial resolution that God's call to ordained ministry is "a mystery which the Church attempts to discern for all people through our discernment processes acting in accordance with [its] Constitution and Canons ..."

The Rev'd Susan Russell, campaigner on behalf of gay Christians and former president of the lobby group Integrity, said: "I've never been prouder to be an Episcopalian or a daughter of the Diocese of Los Angeles — where we are ready to turn this election into an opportunity for evangelism."

While Canon Glasspool, a clergy daughter, was rector of St. Luke's and St. Margaret's Church in Boston from 1992 to 2001, parish membership tripled from 50 to about 150.

However, the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lambeth Palace statement made clear the tensions her election will provoke. It said: "It is regrettable that the appeals from Anglican Communion bodies for continuing gracious restraint have not been heeded. Following the Los Angeles election in December the Archbishop made clear that the outcome of the consent process would have important implications for the Communion. The Standing Committee of the Anglican Communion reiterated these concerns in its December resolution which called for the existing moratoria to be upheld. Further consultation will now take place about the implications and consequences of this decision."

The Most Rev'd Peter Jensen, the Arch-

bishop of Sydney, said: "With the election of the Rev'd Canon Mary Glasspool, a partnered lesbian, as a bishop in Los Angeles in The Episcopal Church, the Anglican Communion reaches another decisive moment.

"It is now absolutely clear to all that the national Church itself has formally committed itself to a pattern of life which is contrary to Scripture. The election of Bishop Robinson in 2003 was not an aberration to be corrected in due course. It was a true indication of the heart of the Church and the direction of its affairs."

—Ruth Gledhill is religion correspondent of The Times Online of London.

Treasures of Lambeth Palace Library to exhibit for 400th anniversary

[Episcopal News Service] To celebrate 400 years since its foundation, Lambeth Palace Library is set to open its doors May 17-July 23 with an exhibition, "Treasures of Lambeth Palace Library - 400th Anniversary Exhibition 1610-2010."

"The exhibition will reveal centuries of history and hints at the depth and intellectual value of the items in the library's care, some of which will be on display for the first time," said an announcement from the Church of England. "It will draw from the incomparably rich and diverse collections of manuscripts, archives and printed books, built up over the past four centuries."

- Highlights of the exhibition include:
- The MacDurnan Gospels, written and illuminated in Ireland in the 9th century
 - The Lambeth Bible, masterpiece of Romanesque art
 - 13th century Lambeth Apocalypse
 - A Gutenberg Bible printed in 1455, the

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can make an unlimited amount of hypochlorite. You add a little salt to impure water and pour it through the gizmo three times. To sanitize a liter of water takes about five minutes. The hypochlorite will last about seven days before it degrades, so only a small amount is dispensed to each family. The Gizmo is powered by a small solar panel or a battery similar to that of a motorcycle. Nothing on the Gizmo wears out, so the soda can-sized unit lasts a very long time. The catch? There's isn't one—in fact, there's a delightful surprise—each unit costs only \$250! The cost of the battery or a solar cell is an additional \$50-100, but one so-

lar cell can re-charge several units. The total investment is a very small price to provide multiple villages with sanitary drinking water.

If you would like to help our friends, donations should be made payable to ACTS:Honduras and sent to 1636 Palmer Chapel Rd, Pineville, LA 71360.

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May 2010

- 2 St. Paul's, Shreveport - *visitation*
- 4 Court of Review for the Trial of a Bishop, *Cathedral of St. John, Wilmington, Delaware*
- 5 Standing Committee, *Diocesan House*

- 6 Mount Olivet Chapel, Pineville - *Eucharist*
- 9 St. Columba's, Winnsboro - *visitation*
- 9 St. David's, Rayville - *visitation*
- 12 Northern Region Office, *St. Mark's Cathedral, Shreveport*
- 12 Holy Cross, Shreveport - *celebration of new ministry and institution of rector, the Rev'd Mary B. Richard*
- 13 *Ascension Day*
- 13 Mount Olivet Chapel, Pineville - *Eucharist*
- 13 Commission on Ministry, *Diocesan House*
- 16 St. Mark's Cathedral, Shreveport - *visitation*

- 18 Diocesan Council, *St. James, Alexandria*
- 20 Mount Olivet Chapel, Pineville - *Eucharist*
- 23 *The Day of Pentecost*
- 23 Grace, Monroe - *visitation*
- 25 Hardtner Camp and Conference Center - *Board of Trustees*
- 27 Mount Olivet Chapel, Pineville - *Eucharist*
- 28 Episcopal School of Acadiana, Cade
- 29 Episcopal School of Acadiana, Cade - *Eucharist with graduates and parents*
- 29 Episcopal School of Acadiana, Cade - *Commencement*
- 30 Incarnation, Lafayette - *visitation*
- 30 Hardtner Camp and Conference Center - *Training Camp Eucharist*

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mission. So the question then is: how do we engage more people in that prayerful activity and, hopefully, in more mission giving."

The group that Harris will lead in the 2010-2012 triennium was asked in October 2008 by the church's Executive Council to conduct a "serious and extensive" study of the UTO. The council's request (via Resolution INC055) resulted from a series of conversations that began in January 2008 and centered on the need to clarify the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society's legal relationship with UTO. (The DFMS is the church's corporate legal entity.)

Other issues included exploration of ways to increase giving to the UTO, ways to make UTO better known to others in the church and ways to expand the organization's approach to funding mission activities.

"When these issues first arose, I think they were difficult questions to state and I think they were difficult questions to hear, and so there's been some awkwardness at first about either stating the questions or hearing them," Harris said. "I think we're beginning to get through to the level of being able to talk about the questions."

Executive Council member and Diocese of Connecticut Bishop-elect Ian Douglas headed the study group in 2009 and told Executive Council during its February 2010 meeting that Harris would take over chairing the committee. Douglas will continue as a member.

Harris said that Douglas had gone a long way toward helping the parties get to where they are now by "being able to get people to slow down, talk together, build some confidence with each other and I think we're at a place where we might be able to do some really creative work."

Sarita Redd, president of the UTO Board (formerly known as the UTO Committee), told ENS recently that the board, including seven new members, and the study committee have been "able to sit down and just put the facts on the table and to give them a clear understanding of structure and what had taken place that was in writing and how we were going to proceed."

"I think that door being opened for the study group to come in and collaborate laid the foundation for trust," she said. "It was not a distant relationship; it's more we're going to walk hand-in-hand."

To that end, the study committee will divide itself into five small groups made up of UTO Board members as well as study group members. The groups will delve into

UTO's history, its theology of thankfulness, new technologies, Anglican Communion matters and organizational structures and relationships. The groups will have their first meetings between mid-April and mid-June, according to Redd.

"Once we get down to the nuts and bolts of each one of these areas, then all those ends will be tied up and I believe there will be a bright future for UTO," she said.

The study group, of which Redd has been a member since the start, is due to make a report and recommendations to the Executive Council and the 2012 General Convention.

Douglas, saying that he gave thanks to God for what he called "the relationships of trust and mutual understanding that have developed and are deepening" between the study group and the UTO Board, told ENS that he is "very hopeful — given these developments — about our work over the next triennium and I trust that we will bring a creative and positive report and recommendations to the 2012 General Convention."

Harris, who has not yet met with the study committee, said he's been thinking about how to translate his grandmother's commitment to UTO so that a changing Episcopal Church and a changing society can adopt its legacy and its attitude of prayerful giving.

"Suppose we really encouraged members of the Episcopal Church to have a household context for prayer and giving," he asked, adding "[suppose] we encouraged people to do simple daily prayers" such as a prayer for mission, the Lord's Prayer and some scripture reading, culminating in making an offering to the UTO.

"Encouraging households to spend even five minutes a day in common prayer and offering — that would be dynamite if we could get people to do that," he said.

— *The Rev'd Mary Frances Schjonberg is a national correspondent for the Episcopal News Service and Episcopal News Monthly editor.*

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meeting and this was when we were in the midst of being pummeled by Hurricane Rita.

The reason for my absence was due to the demand upon me with respect to pastoral issues within the diocese at this particular time. This was conveyed to the Presiding Bishop, and acknowledged by her.

On a separate and unrelated note that was also conveyed in my *Monday Message*, I have shared in the following action, and this being in keeping with the statement from the Archbishop of Canterbury on behalf of the Anglican Communion expressing regret "that the appeals from the Anglican Communion bodies for continuing gracious restraint have not been heeded" by the Diocese of Los Angeles and The Episcopal Church.

The statement is being shared here in order to ensure that all see it as made.

Communion Partner Response to the Consent for Consecration in Los Angeles

It is with profound sorrow that we, the Communion Partner Bishops and Rectors, express our deepest regret to our brothers and sisters in the Anglican Communion for the action of the majority of the diocesan bishops and standing committees of the dioceses of The Episcopal Church in voting to consent to the consecration as a bishop of a woman living in a sexual relationship outside Christian marriage. Unfortunately, where restraint was respectfully requested by the leadership of the Communion, it has been ignored. Where the General Convention has counseled study of the Anglican Covenant, this action has rendered that counsel moot.

Therefore, we disassociate ourselves from this action and grieve the state of separation that exists in The Episcopal Church and Anglican Communion. This separation is a witness to the need for the Anglican Covenant as a means through which dioceses and congregations in The Episcopal Church can affirm their commitment to the Anglican Covenant.

The above was signed by twelve bishops (including me) and the six clergy serving on the Communion Partner Advisory Committee. The document, including names, can be found on the diocesan website.

In closing, know of my prayers for each of you and for the ministry we share in this diocese. Please, in the words of St. Thomas More, "Pray for me as I will for thee ..."

Faithfully in continued anticipation,

Bishop D. Bruce MacPherson

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first great book printed in Western Europe from movable metal type

- Books owned and used by King Richard III, King Henry VIII, Queen Katherine of Aragon, Queen Elizabeth I and King Charles I as well as landmark texts in the history of the Church of England

- An exceptionally rare edition of the Babylonian Talmud which survived a 1553 Papal Bull ordering all copies to be burnt, which was rediscovered in 1992

- The warrant for the execution of Mary Queen of Scots

- Papers of archbishops, bishops and leaders of church and state, ranging from the 13th century to the modern day, including papers relating to the rebuilding of St. Paul's Cathedral after the Great Fire and physicians' reports on the illness of King George III.

DIOCESAN DATES OF NOTE

April 2010

- 1 — Maundy Thursday
- 2 — Good Friday
- 3 — Holy Saturday
- 4 — The Sunday of the Resurrection
- 7 — Standing Committee, Diocesan House
- 8 — Commission on Ministry, Diocesan House
- 8-11 — Cursillo #140, Hardtner Camp and Conference Center
- 11 — Bishop's visitation, Calvary, Bunkie
- 14 — Bishop's Northern Region Office Day, St. Mark's Cathedral, Shreveport
- 16-18 — Episcopal Church Women — Time for Joy, Hardtner Camp and Conference Center
- 16-18 — C.L.E.Y. Youth Retreat Weekend, Hardtner Camp and Conference Center
- 18 — Bishop's visitation, St. Timothy's, Alexandria
- 20 — Diocesan Council, St. James, Alexandria
- 21 — Diocesan Board of Trustees, Diocesan House
- 25 — Bishop's visitation, Polk Memorial, Leesville
- 27 — Hardtner Camp and Conference Center - Board of Trustees

May 2010

- 2 — Bishop's visitation, St. Paul's, Shreveport
- 5 — Standing Committee, Diocesan House
- 9 — Bishop's visitation, St. Columba's, Winnsboro
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- 30 — Bishop's visitation, Incarnation, Lafayette



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 members of St. Timothy's, the host church.

The preaching of Bishop Bruce MacPherson, as well as the performance of the Glory Bound Singers, helped welcome the presence of the Holy Spirit to the group for the entire weekend. Bishop MacPherson was also the celebrant at the opening service.

The meeting hosts were delighted with attendance at the weekend; representatives were present representing Daughter's chapters from each of The Episcopal Church's twelve provinces. It was quite a turnout indeed! Province VII President Brenda Amos said that she thought that this gathering was "the large-



est provincial meeting she had ever attended."

Attendees felt blessed by the remarks of speakers from the National DOK Council. Marjorie Rogers of the Diocese of Long Island is our prayer and worship chair and Carolyn Booker from the Diocese of Pittsburg, is our membership chair and province presidents' facilitator. Another outstanding speaker was Father Michael Gemignani from the Diocese of Texas, the Province VII chaplain. Our speakers dealt with the topics "faith" and "leadership" in interesting and informative ways. The weekend also included organized discussions and lots of singing.

Diocesan Daughters who organized the weekend were delighted with the turnout and attribute the success they experienced to "everyone's prayers and desire to help." Those whose work contributed to the weekend's success are too numerous to mention by name. I give thanks and praise to everyone who worked so hard to bring this all together. I truly believe that our Lord had a hand in everything that was done and said at this Spring Assembly. Again I thank all who worked so hard to glorify His name through their work and actions!

—Denise Rox is president of the Diocesan Daughters of the King.

2010 Diocesan Asking / Acceptance - First Quarter

	2010 ASKING	2010 ACCEPTANCE	2010 ACCEPTANCE TO DATE	2010 ACCEPTANCE RECEIVED TO DATE *
Abbeville, St. Paul's	\$11,055.00	\$7,500.00	\$1,875.00	\$0.00
Alexandria, St. James	\$120,230.00	\$61,460.30	\$15,365.08	\$10,243.38
Alexandria, St. Timothy's	\$35,082.00	\$35,082.00	\$8,770.50	\$8,770.50
Bastrop, Christ Church	\$10,777.00	\$5,000.00	\$1,250.00	\$1,249.99
Bossier City, St. George's	\$17,026.00	\$17,026.00	\$4,256.50	\$0.00
Bunkie, Calvary	\$4,892.00	\$3,500.00	\$875.00	\$0.00
Cheneyville, Trinity	\$2,485.00	\$1,918.00	\$479.50	\$479.53
Crowley, Trinity	\$7,134.00	\$7,134.00	\$1,783.50	\$0.00
DeRidder, Trinity	\$3,524.00	\$3,540.00	\$885.00	\$885.00
Grambling, St. Luke's	\$1,877.00	\$1,877.00	\$469.25	\$1,000.00
Jennings, St. Luke's	\$3,565.00	\$3,565.00	\$891.25	\$0.00
Lafayette, Ascension	\$107,274.00	\$61,137.20	\$15,284.30	\$10,189.50
Lafayette, Church of Incarnation	\$946.00	\$600.00	\$150.00	\$0.00
Lafayette, St. Barnabas	\$86,343.00	\$57,000.00	\$14,250.00	\$11,750.00
Lake Charles, Good Shepherd	\$106,056.00	\$106,056.00	\$26,514.00	\$22,095.00
Lake Charles, St. Andrew's	\$4,376.00	\$4,376.00	\$1,094.00	\$1,092.00
Lake Charles, St. Michaels & All Angels	\$41,968.00	\$33,154.72	\$8,288.68	\$8,288.67
Lake Providence, Grace Church	\$3,977.00	\$3,500.00	\$875.00	\$0.00
Lecompte, Holy Comforter	\$4,407.00	\$4,407.00	\$1,101.75	\$0.00
Leesville, Polk Memorial	\$2,352.00	\$1,200.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Mansfield, Christ Memorial	\$24,622.00	\$24,622.00	\$6,155.50	\$6,157.33
Mer Rouge, St. Andrew's	\$9,437.00	\$9,437.00	\$2,359.25	\$2,359.26
Minden, St. John's	\$40,664.00	\$40,664.00	\$10,166.00	\$10,167.00
Monroe, Grace Church	\$141,039.00	\$123,283.00	\$30,820.75	\$30,820.74
Monroe, St. Albans	\$25,227.00	\$6,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
Monroe, St. Thomas	\$9,574.00	\$8,700.00	\$2,175.00	\$1,450.00
Natchitoches, Trinity	\$18,326.00	\$14,826.00	\$3,706.50	\$0.00
New Iberia, Epiphany	\$26,693.00	\$26,693.00	\$6,673.25	\$6,673.24
Oak Ridge, Redeemer	\$2,604.00	\$2,604.00	\$651.00	\$0.00
Oakdale, St. John's	\$961.00	\$400.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
Opelousas, Epiphany	\$15,609.00	\$4,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
Pineville, St. Michael's	\$21,624.00	\$11,000.00	\$2,750.00	\$0.00
Rayville, St. David's	\$6,901.00	\$6,901.00	\$1,725.25	\$6,901.00
Ruston, Redeemer	\$17,403.00	\$17,403.00	\$4,350.75	\$4,350.75
Shreveport, Holy Cross	\$28,875.00	\$28,875.00	\$7,218.75	\$0.00
Shreveport, St. James	\$19,612.00	\$19,612.00	\$4,903.00	\$4,903.00
Shreveport, St. Mark's	\$279,918.00	\$200,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$33,333.34
Shreveport, St. Matthias	\$42,961.00	\$42,961.00	\$10,740.25	\$10,740.00
Shreveport, St. Paul's	\$135,929.00	\$107,384.00	\$26,846.00	\$17,897.34
St. Joseph, Christ Church	\$3,980.00	\$3,980.00	\$995.00	\$0.00
Sulphur, Holy Trinity	\$18,228.00	\$6,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Tallulah, Trinity	\$6,074.00	\$5,000.00	\$1,250.00	\$0.00
Vidalia, Good Shepherd	\$11,867.00	\$6,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,234.00
Waterproof, Grace Church	\$1,014.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
West Monroe, St. Patrick's	\$13,227.00	\$13,227.00	\$3,306.75	\$3,306.75
Winnfield, St. Paul's	\$1,573.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Winnsboro, St. Columba's	\$3,143.00	\$3,143.00	\$785.75	\$0.00
Total	\$1,502,431.00	\$1,151,748.22	\$287,937.05	\$218,137.32

* As of March 25, 2010