

# Hiawathaland

News for and about the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Michigan



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#### DEADLINES

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Holy Week  
and Easter  
Blessings  
to All!

May 2-4, 2004

## Annan to keynote Trinity Institute on "Naming Evil"

Kofi Annan, the secretary-general of the United Nations, will give the keynote speech at Trinity Institute, May 2-4, 2004. As head of the world's largest peace-keeping body, Annan joins a trio of top presenters to work through the conference's theme: "Naming Evil: An Interfaith Dialogue."

A satellite downlink site has been arranged at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island, and at least one other site is likely to be set up in the Upper Peninsula. The conference will also be available by webcast on the Internet.

The conference's director, Frederic Burnham, says "In our current climate of terror...we are ascribing the word 'evil' to perceived enemies rather indiscriminately. We have two very basic goals in this conference. First, to name the evils that afflict us. Second, to seek to understand their origin and to withstand their power."

Annan's task is to provide a kind of audit of evil, surveying his perspective of global iniquity. The other speakers will represent the traditional takes on evil of the three Abrahamic faiths – what it is, and how to combat it.  
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## Phone Bible with Michael White

Ready to try something new? How about a conference call Bible Study with one of the nation's foremost scholars? Michael White, Professor of Classics of the Religious Studies Program at the University of Texas at Austin, will join with us in studying the Bible--over the phone. Tentatively scheduled for 10am to Noon on April 29, a conference call will be available with White in Marquette and other areas around the diocese yet to be named. Plans were still being finalized as the April *Hiawathaland* was going to press.

White is best known for his role in the PBS series *From Jesus to Christ*, and has received numerous awards and honors for his work. For more information, check the diocesan website, [www.dionomi.org](http://www.dionomi.org) or call the diocesan office at 800-236-0087 or 906-228-7160.

## Renewed Commissioning liturgy celebrates ministry and mission

*Let us dream of a church*

*in which all members know surely and simply God's great love,  
and each is certain that in the divine heart we are all known by name.*

*In which Jesus is very Word, our window into the Father's heart;  
the sign of God's hope and his design for all humankind.*

*In which the Spirit is not a party symbol, but wind and fire in everyone;*

*gracing the church with a kaleidoscope of gifts and constant renewal for all."  
("The Dream," Wes Frensdorff, in Reshaping Ministry Borgeson/Wilson, Eds.)*



Members of Holy Trinity Church, Iron Mountain and friends gathered February 29 to reaffirm Baptismal Vows and commission 15 new members of the Ministry Support Team. (Photo Mary Kelsey)

*Rise Thew Forrester*

Readers standing within the gathered community proclaimed the vision of the church that we are, and are becoming, as Holy Trinity Church, Iron Mountain, commissioned 15 new members of their Ministry Support Team February 29, 2004.

Using a liturgy developed over the past few months by a committee of the diocese, the community renewed their baptismal vows, reaffirmed their ministries, and presented new members of their Ministry Support Team to Jim Kelsey, Bishop. The liturgy as it was redeveloped retains the integrity and tradition of the ordination services of the Book of Common Prayer, while serving the multiple tasks of affirming the ministry of all the Baptized, and commissioning the several particular ministries of the Support Team.

*"Let us dream of a church so salty and yeasty that it really would be missed if no longer around; where there is wild sowing of seeds and much rejoicing when they take root, but little concern for success, comparative statistics, growth, or even survival. A church so evangelical that its worship, its quality of caring, its eagerness to reach out to those in need cannot be contained."* (Frensdorff)

Taking the place of the sermon, sections of Wes Frensdorff's "The Dream" were read as response to scripture passages chosen to affirm apostolic, priestly and diaconal ministries. Frensdorff, an Episcopal bishop in Nevada, Navaholand, and Arizona, was a pioneering voice and developer of mutual ministry in the United States, and "The Dream" is a poetic compilation of his sermons and addresses about baptism, ministry and mission.

*"Let us dream of a church in which each congregation is in mission, and each Christian, gifted for ministry...an open, caring, sharing household of faith where all find embrace, acceptance and affirmation... seeking to live with its own proclamation, therefore, truly loving what the Lord commands and desiring His promise."* (Frensdorff)

Members of Holy Trinity commissioned for the Ministry Support Team were Gail Baravetto, Gert Corrigan, Dave Johnson, Mary Johnson, Candy Lauk, Kathie Maynard, Dorothy Person, Linda Piper, Norm Satterly, Michael Scott, Robert Shelby, Jenny Spidle, Stacey Weecks, Barb Winkler, and Rose Marie Wittl.

## *Cislucyis named Diocesan Opera- tions Coordinator*

For eight years now, Jane Cislucyis has worked at the Diocesan Office. Over the years her responsibilities have evolved, and starting March 1, 2004, Jane's responsibilities took on a new shape, as she began to serve as the Diocesan Operations Coordinator.

Most Dioceses have a "Canon to the Ordinary", who is an administrative assistant for the bishop. In Northern Michigan, we have for the past decade and a half invested in a Ministry Development Coordinator: first Jim Kelsey, then Rayford Ray, and now Kevin Thew Forrester. While Jim and Rayford held the position, they focused a good deal of time and energy in providing the sort of administrative support normally carried by a Canon to the Ordinary. When Kevin came on board, he was asked to dedicate a concentrated amount of time and energy coordinating the development of *LifeCycles*, the formation process for adult learners. We have been successful obtaining external grant income to support Kevin's work on *LifeCycles*. But this work has left a vacuum in the administrative needs of the diocesan office. Now, utilizing funds released by the *LifeCycles* grant that covers part of Kevin's salary, Diocesan Council has approved a plan to solve the problem by developing the new position of Diocesan Operations Coordinator, and moving Jane Cislucyis into that slot.

Jane will continue many of the office support responsibilities she has performed over the past few years, but will now be adding some new ones as well. She will serve on the new Core Team (see article in the March, 2004 edition of *The Church in Hiawathaland*). She will assist in the preparation of agenda, oversee the distribution of minutes, and coordinate follow-up tasks and responsibilities for some key diocesan groups and other diocesan committees as requested. She will oversee the Jim Kelsey's schedule, as well as the flow of his correspondence and filing. She will continue to oversee arrangements for the Visitors Weekends, in partnership with Kevin Thew Forrester. She will be available to assist with any and all diocesan conferences and workshops as requested. She will serve as the primary liaison between the staff and the diocesan Webservant, Barbara Susan, and she will administer the diocesan list-serv known as UPCHAT (see page D of this issue), among other duties.

Jane recently received a communications degree from Northern Michigan University. She is an active member of St. Paul's, Marquette. She lives in Marquette with her husband, Bobby, and their two children Axel and Willa.

Jim Kelsey, Bishop, said "This is exactly what I have been aiming to see develop... We are strengthening our partnership and providing more effective support for the congregations, regions, and working committees of the diocese. We are blessed to have Jane with us, and we will be well served by supporting her in these added responsibilities."

## WHO'S ON FIRST? A guide to the Diocesan Staff

*Rise Thew Forrester*

"Hmm...I used to call \_\_\_\_\_ for this kind of question...who do I call now?" With some shifts in responsibilities, it seems a good time to check out the roster of people serving the Diocese of Northern Michigan in Marquette.

All the diocesan staff can be reached by calling 800-236-0087 or 906-228-7160, or emailing them at the addresses listed below.



*Jim Kelsey, Bishop of Northern Michigan*

### **Bishop**

**Jim Kelsey**

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Jim's priority is leadership within the diocese, working with others to engage the key issues of our diocese. He also works on partnerships in the wider church, providing leadership in areas that affect ministry in Northern Michigan, such as revisions to the canons on ministry. The Core Team was drawn together by Jim to partner with him in these roles, and to invite others into conversation and shared responsibility around key leadership issues.

### **Core Team**

**Jim Kelsey, Kevin Thew Forrester, Charlie Piper ([cepiper@up.net](mailto:cepiper@up.net)), Rayford Ray ([rayford@up.net](mailto:rayford@up.net)), Anita Wingert ([demagda@lighthouse.net](mailto:demagda@lighthouse.net)), Manuel Padilla ([mpadilla@up.net](mailto:mpadilla@up.net)), and Jane Cislucyis**

The Core Team meets about once every three weeks to strengthen communications, discern and develop consensus about a broad range of issues in the diocese. They act as liaisons to various leadership groups in the diocese, and their task is to be a "conduit for strengthening the shared life and mission of us all." (Jim Kelsey, March 2004 *Hiawathaland*)



*Kevin Thew Forrester, Ministry Development Coordinator*

### **Ministry Development Coordinator**

**Kevin Thew Forrester**  
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Kevin's priority is encouraging and enabling the further development of mutual ministry in our diocese. He leads gifts discovery workshops and is a resource for diocesan conferences and regional gatherings. He is the primary writer and coordinator of the *LifeCycles* formation process. He is a member of the Core Team, liaison to the Commission on Ministry, support and resource person for ministry development in the diocese.



*Gloria Price, Office Administrator*

### **Office Administrator**

**Gloria Price**  
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Gloria is most often the first person you will talk to when you call the diocesan office. She is responsible for oversight of reception, financial bookkeeping and record keeping, support to the Trust Association, and for diocesan personnel procedures. She also does much of the work around mailings, reports and registrations for Diocesan Convention.

Gloria has been serving with the Diocese of Northern Michigan for almost twenty years. (Thank you, Gloria!)



*Jane Cislucyis, Diocesan Operations Coordinator*

### **Diocesan Operations Coordinator**

**Jane Cislucyis**  
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Jane is responsible for coordinating all aspects of regular operations of the diocese, especially follow-through on decisions and plans made by the Bishop, Core Team, and other leadership Groups of the Diocese. She assists in planning agenda for various groups, and overseeing logistics for all diocesan meetings and conferences, as requested. She will oversee the Bishop's schedule, including Sunday visitations, and Bishop's correspondence and files. She will continue to coordinate Visitor's Weekends with the Ministry Development Coordinator, oversee scheduling and use of the diocesan apartment, and coordinate with the Webservant



*Barbara Susan, Diocesan Webservant*

### **Webservant**

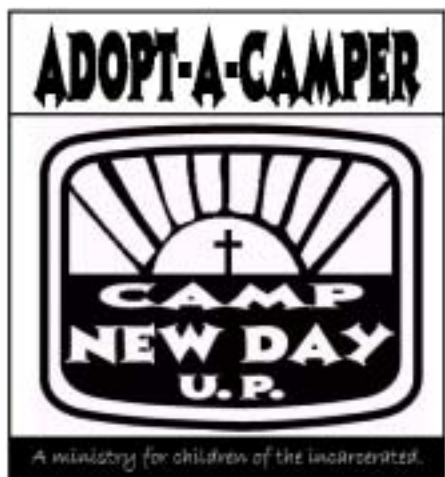
**Barbara Susan**  
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Barbara's primary responsibility is the effective and efficient workings of our diocesan website, [www.dionomi.org](http://www.dionomi.org). Congregations may contact her to add photos, news or events to their page on the website, and she keeps the site up to date with upcoming events, recent events, links to other sites and communications. Barbara lives downstate and works with our diocese via the Internet.

# Camp New Day UP gets ready for third year

Camp New Day U.P. is gearing up for its third year of operation as an ecumenical summer camp program for the children of prisoners. This year's camps will be offered from August 8 to 14, at Presbytery Point in Michigamme and at Camp Michigamme. A third camp, will be held at Page Center in Little Lake from August 15 to 21.

The purpose of Camp New Day U.P. is to help children at risk break the cycle of fear and discover that Christ can lead them to lives of compassion and love



for themselves, their parents and their neighbors.

Camp New Day U.P. is free of charge to participants and funded by grants and donations. Individuals or groups

wishing to adopt a camper for this summer can send their tax-deductible contribution to: Camp New Day U.P. Registrar, P.O. Box 85, Republic, MI 49879.

Participation in Camp New Day U.P. continues to grow. Twenty-two children took part in the week-long camping experience that was offered in three different locations during the summer of 2003, up from 19 in 2002.

Last summer most of the youth came from Lower Michigan, and the majority was boys. Many had not spent time in the woods before, but Camp Director Mat Meteor said they became acclimated to the wilderness fairly quickly. "Most kids in the beginning of camp were afraid of the water, but by the second day of camp were full crazy for going swimming even in nasty weather!" Meteor noted.

The children participated in the usual camp activities, like canoeing, crafts, campfire singing, games and Bible study.

The camp is the result of a cooperative prison ministry program organized by the Methodist, Presbyterian, Lutheran, Roman Catholic and Episcopal churches.

For more information, visit the camp's website at [www.fortunelake.org/newdayup.htm](http://www.fortunelake.org/newdayup.htm).

## Meetings and Events

All times Eastern

### APRIL

3	Diocesan Council	10:00 am	Diocesan Offices, Marquette
9	Good Friday		
11	Easter Day: He is Risen!!		
13	Dead Saints Society	5:30 pm	Diocesan Apartment, Marquette
14	MinisDevelopStrategyTeam	10:00 am	Diocesan Offices, Marquette
17	ECW Prov V Work Day	10:00 am	St Paul's, Marquette
24	Commission on Ministry	10:00 am	Diocesan Offices, Marquette
30	Trust Association	10:30 am	Diocesan Offices, Marquette

### MAY 2004

1	LifeCycles	9:00 am	Diocesan Offices, Marquette
2-4	Trinity Institute Teleconference		
3-4	Provincial Synod		Detroit, Michigan
4-5	Provincial Ministry Conf		Detroit, Michigan
8	Diocesan Council	10:00 am	Diocesan Offices, Marquette
14-16	Prov V ECW		Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island
18-19	Michigan Dioceses		St Augustine, Conway
20	MinisDevelopStrategyTeam	10:00 am	Diocesan Offices, Marquette
21	South Central Region	6:00 pm	St Stephen's, Escanaba

### JUNE 2004

5	Page Work Day		Page Center, Little Lake
8	Judicatory Leaders	1:30 pm	Diocesan Offices, Marquette
11-12	ECW Board		Page Center, Little Lake
12	Commission on Ministry	10:00 am	Diocesan Offices, Marquette
14-15	Prov V Bishops/Chancellors		Chicago, Illinois
19	Diocesan Council	10:00 am	Diocesan Offices, Marquette
20-25	Senior Camp		Page Center, Little Lake
27-Jul2	Junior Camp		Page Center, Little Lake

### JULY 2004

21	Trust Association	10:30 am	Diocesan Offices, Marquette
24	Diocesan Council	10:00 am	Diocesan Offices, Marquette
31	Commission on Ministry	10:00 am	Diocesan Offices, Marquette

To have meetings included, call 1-800-236-0087

## YOUTH CAMP AT PAGE

### UPCOMING EVENTS AND NEWS

June 5, Morning and Afternoon (come when you can)  
 Page Work Day: Get on your work clothes and come to the Page Center for day of spring cleaning and preparation for the summer. Lunch is provided, last year we did some good work and had fun, too!

### ALSO

We're exploring the possibility of a "Discovery Camp" for third and fourth graders and an adult friend/family member. It is tentatively scheduled for Friday evening June 18 to Sunday morning June 20. We're hoping to offer this as an opportunity for kids who aren't yet ready for a week-long camp to bring along an adult and discover a taste of summer camp at Page.

### DATES:

Page Center Work Day: June 5

Discovery Camp (tentative): 3rd-4th Grades with adult June 18 - 20

Senior Camp: 8th-12th Grades June 20 - 25

Junior Camp: 5th-7th Grades June 27 - July 2

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## The Episcopal Diocese of Northern Michigan

*We envision a world in which all people live together in peace and in harmony with all of creation; where all can contribute and the gifts of all are joyfully received, nurtured, and supported; where our diversity is celebrated in community, and every human being is recognized as having eternal significance.*

*We commit ourselves to identify, nurture, and support the baptismal ministry of every single member/person of this diocese. The Baptismal Covenant is our guide and inspiration.*

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## Turn to UPChat for news, events, resources, updates

Rise Thew Forrester

If you wanted to be in touch with congregations, diocesan leadership and staff, and friends of the diocese in the time it takes to type a message, where would you turn?

Why, UPChat, of course!

If you wanted the latest diocesan news, events, and updates to our webpage, where would you turn? UPChat!

UPChat is the free email listserv that is available to any who are interested in news and notes about the Episcopal Church in the Upper Peninsula. It is the way the Diocesan office gives short-term information of upcoming events or resources, and updates on conference registrations. People around the diocese use it to offer or request information or prayers, or to share invitations and ideas. It is a fairly low-volume email list, with perhaps an average of 4 - 6 emails a week.

Hosted by Ecunet, an ecumenically-based Internet provider, and administered by the diocesan office, you can get more information or sign up by sending a request to Jane Cisluycis, [janeisluycis@dionomi.org](mailto:janeisluycis@dionomi.org) or calling her at 800-236-0087 or 906-228-7160.

## Transitions

### BAPTISMS

Janger Len LaMarch  
Ethan James Walker

St. Stephen's Church, Escanaba

### DEATHS

Cy Stimpson  
St. Alban's, Manistique

Catherine Horning  
St. Stephen's, Escanaba

Warren Smith  
St. James the Less, Harvey

## Around the Diocese...

**St. Paul's, Marquette** will Commission their new Covenant Group on Palm Sunday. The group will be using *LifeCycles* for their formation process. St. Paul's has undergone a very thorough discovery and discernment process; last year the leadership canvassed all parish groups about needs and gifts, and named a discernment committee, which worked for several months to discern invitations to specific ministries for parish members.

**St. Stephen's, Escanaba**, will be doing the play "The Room Upstairs," a dinner theatre-style play (with lunch instead) of what a Seder supper is about. The kids cook the first Sunday of the month so they have planned it for Palm Sunday - 1st Sunday in April.



Callie and Connor Wilkinson of Marquette (center and right) explore some toys with girls from Our Little Roses, San Pedro Sula, Honduras. (Photo: Pat Micklow)

## Our Little Roses Seeing with new eyes, sharing fun and games

Callie and Connor Wilkinson  
(Ed. Note: Callie and Connor are the grandchildren of Pat Micklow and Judd Spray of St. Paul's, Marquette. They travelled to San Pedro Sula, Honduras to visit Our Little Roses, a home for girls.)

On January 23, 2004, our journey to Honduras began. At first we felt very worried about being on a trip without our parents, but being with our grandparents made us not as afraid. They had been to Little Roses two times before and we were excited when they offered to take us. Honduras is in Central America (which is very very far from our hometown in Marquette, MI.)

Mary Kelsey is also from Marquette and is on the board of directors of the orphanage. She was traveling with us the whole time. We met up with a few other people at the Miami airport. Their names were Peg, Connie, Kristy, Ginny, and Evelyn. They traveled from several different cities in the world. It took us two days to get to Honduras from Marquette. It could have taken only one day but it would be very dangerous because we would have to travel during the night.

Once we arrived we went straight to the orphanage. Our Little Roses is an Episcopal orphanage for girls. All the girls range in age from newborn to about 25 years old. Everyone of them are very nice and they enjoy having people visit them. At first they are shy, but then you get to know the real them, crazy, wild, outgoing, and loud. The one thing that I didn't like about Honduras (other than sharing a room with my brother) was that the girls would start to whisper in Spanish behind your back. Then all of a sudden you would hear your name and they would giggle. Some of the songs they would sing make you feel very happy. All of the girls love

to sing and dance. We learned some very interesting dance moves from them. Every night is one big party in Honduras. Everyone dances and plays games. Such as tag, soccer, and football. They also like to play cards and monkey in the middle. These girls are very tiny and active. They definitely wore us out. All day they had you up and moving or they got very mad at you. It is never good to see Honduran girls on their bad side!

The house we stayed at was about twenty minutes from the orphanage. The housekeeper was named Nellie. She had a son named Kevin and two dogs named Quale, and Buster. And get this, she had three parrots too! Connor named them Doctor Pepper, Coca Cola, and Pepsi. That's a lot to take care of when you're renting a house also! Every morning we would wake up and go outside and lay in the hammocks and read. At about eight o' clock Nellie would make us breakfast. Usually it was either eggs, cereal, or pancakes.

We did many things in Honduras. We went to the Honduran mall to buy clothes for the girls who had job interviews. We went to the movies, and we went to Guamelito which is a market in San Pedro Sula.

Honduras is like any state in the U.S. They have a McDonalds, KFC, Pizza Hut, Wendy's, TGI Fridays, Ruby Tuesdays, and a lot more American restaurants.

We are very lucky because we got to see a whole different world. It really opened our eyes to everything else going on around us. Now we realize how fortunate we are and how good we have it. So when you think you have it bad, think about the people in Honduras or anywhere else that has it worse than us. It will make you feel a lot better.

## A ministry for the dogs

(This article originally appeared in the newsletter of the Humane Society of Schoolcraft County, about John Parsly, member of St. Alban's, Manistique.)

A man of grace, dignity, good humor and big heart volunteers at the Eva Burrell Animal Shelter. John Parsly, a young-at-heart 76 year-old, arrives at the shelter in his red and white pick-up truck during the heart of every week-Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Garbed in his distinctly unfashionable but ever so practical "kennel clothes," John gives his heartfelt attention to the shelter animals. He explains simply, "I just love animals, especially dogs."

As a child growing up in Philadelphia, John wasn't allowed to own a dog, but that never stopped him from having a dog. A neighbor's pooch would wait faithfully for him on the corner after school every day. A local artist was so impressed by John's natural way with dogs that she sculpted him with a Doberman Pinscher when he was fifteen. John recalls that she "not only gave me the dog, but she also gave me myself" when she presented him with the sculpture which he treasures to this day. Since that time, John has owned, loved and treasured several dogs.

But once again, John finds himself in a position where he can't own a dog.

And once again, John has found a way to indulge his love of animals by volunteering at the shelter. The dogs somehow know the moment he arrives and faithfully await their turn with him-just like that pooch on the corner long ago. John exercises each dog, reinforces obedience commands and imparts lots of affection. John Parsly's dedication to animals is truly a story of a man who knows his own heart and lives it. Thank you, John, for giving your heart to the Eva Burrell Animal Shelter.

## Trinity Institute

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Jon Levenson, of Harvard University depicts the Jewish conception of evil; Hossein Nasr, of Georgetown University outlines the Muslim vision; and Joan Chittister, a former Benedictine prioress who wowed last year's Institute with a rousing call to social action, takes the Christian perspective. Throughout the conference, Michael Sandel, of the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard, will lead a Socratic-style dialogue, asking how people are to cope when facing evil.

Trinity Institute is an educational initiative of Trinity Church, New York City. For more general information, go to Trinity's website, [www.trinitywallstreet.org](http://www.trinitywallstreet.org) and click on "Trinity Institute." For more information about viewing sites in Northern Michigan, check the diocesan website, [www.dionomi.org](http://www.dionomi.org), or call Jane Cisluycis at the diocesan offices, 800-236-0087 or 906-228-7160.