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“Come and See”

Immersion in the Ministry of Myanmar

January 4, 2004 will see Marion Luckey of St. John’s Church, Munising on the road again.

This time she will be traveling to the country of Myanmar to spend a month with the people of the Anglican Church in three dioceses of that country. Marion



Marion Luckey of St. John’s, Munising will travel to Myanmar in January for a ministry immersion program.

says, “I expect to bring back much more than I have taken into the adventure.” She invites churches and regions in this

Diocese to partner with her. “The experience will be expensive, and it will be worth the cost. I invite individuals and churches to pray for me while I am gone. I need that. I also want to be accountable to share this adventure with others in the Diocese upon my return. I plan to prepare a ‘power point’ presentation that can be shared with groups in the Diocese – perhaps during Lent. I am seeking partners who will agree to share the cost by contributing \$100.00 or more to my expenses. I will be happy to speak with anyone or group about how that could be done.”

Most Americans know Myanmar as “Burma” which was its name in British Colonial days. And it is thanks to the British that there is an Anglican Church in Burma today. The country has been going through a rough time. It’s President, Aung Sang Sou Chee, who was elected in 1993 has been imprisoned or under house arrest for most of the past 10 years. The country continues to be governed by the military junta, which overthrew the elected government 10 years ago. Repression continues.

Marion is not a stranger to the Far East. She and her husband, Tom, have made six pleasure trips to that area over the past 6 years. Marion became interested in the members of the Anglican

Communion in that part of the world through her work with the United Thank Offering Committee and Episcopal Partnership for Global Mission. In her second term on the Committee, she was the Member at Large for Asia and the South Pacific. During that time she visited the Anglican Church of Korea and the Episcopal Church of the Philippines.

The Myanmar Immersion is a 4 week program designed to help Episcopal clergy, seminarians and others to form a better understanding of the state and our church operating in an embattled environment. The program is based on the scripture from John 2:37b-39a – “...and they followed Jesus. Jesus turned, and saw them following, and said to them, ‘What do you seek?’ And they said to him, ‘Rabbi, where are you staying?’ He said to them, ‘Come and see.’” The Rev. Katherine Babson, appointed Missionary to Myanmar, will direct the immersion. The office of Anglican and Global Relations at the Church Center in NYC approves it. The participants will be companions with those they meet. In areas with no clergy or lay leadership (they haven’t heard about Mutual Ministry, yet!) participants will lead worship and bible study, preach if asked and share in the rich diversity and faith found there.

Visit the diocesan website at www.dionomi.org

DEADLINES

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No February Issue

Inside Episcopal Life:

Reaction to Robinson Consecration;

Archbishop’s commission to explore limits of communion;

Christmas across the Church

Scripture and Nonviolence at MSTYC, Feb. 6-8, 2004

Walter Wink has said, “Scripture offers us a vision of what the future might be. Our calling is to live, pray and work toward making it a reality.” He and June Keener Wink will be conference facilitators at the Ministry Support Team Yearly Conference (MSTYC) to be held at Marygrove Conference Center on the Garden Peninsula, Friday evening, February 6, through Sunday noon, February 8, 2004. Their work is aimed at an encounter with the biblical text that will be transformative for the participants. June does body movement, drawing on a variety of approaches, and also leads meditation, work with art, and other integrative events. Walter facilitates dialogue about scripture, and by drawing on both the left and right sides of the brain, people are helped to experience scripture’s meaning at a deeper level than just academic discourse.

Parker Palmer, Christian author and teacher, has said, “Walter and June Keener Wink are two of the best teachers

and retreat leaders I know. From Walter I have learned much about working with texts in engaging and life-giving ways. From June, I have learned much about the power of non-verbal approaches to opening the mind and heart. Any retreat these two lead will be a superb experience. The only risk you take with them is that they just might change your life!”

Early registration is recommended, as space is limited. Cost is \$95 per person, including lodging and meals. Scholarships are available. All are welcome! To register, or for more information, contact Jane Cislucyis at the diocesan office 800-236-0087 or janecislucyis@dionomi.org.



ENCOMPASS Forms for Social Justice

A group of concerned citizens in our area have announced the inauguration of ENCOMPASS, an organization to support Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning persons in the Upper Peninsula. Realizing that intolerance, marginalization, and exclusion of individuals based upon sexual orientation presents a major obstacle not only to the individual, but also their families, friends and loved one, a group of concerned individuals from all areas of the U.P. and all walks of life began exploring the need for such an organization in March of 2003.

ENCOMPASS presently includes members of United Methodist, Unitarian Universalist, Episcopal, Presbyterian, Roman Catholic and Buddhist Congregations. Organizations involved include Allies (NMU faculty group), Outlook (NMU students), Integrity (Episcopal organization), PFLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays), and the Faith Action Network of the Society of Friends.

ENCOMPASS has created a Vision and Mission Statement to guide its activities. "Our Vision: Michigan's Upper Peninsula is a community that includes Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning persons. Our vision is of a community that respects the dignity and individuality of all people, looks out for the common good, and ensures safety and justice for all.

"Our Mission is to support Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual/Transgender and Questioning persons and their partners, loved ones, friends and family in the Upper Peninsula, to collaborate with other community groups, and to promote strategies and resources that will recognize the gifts and maximize full participation of GLBT and Q persons within our unified community.

All individuals who share the ENCOMPASS vision are invited to participate. For more information, call (906) 227-1557 (Diversity Student Services at NMU), or visit the ENCOMPASS website at www.geocities.com/renzr/encompass.html. (Press Release)



Apply for UTO Grants Now

Marion Luckey

United Thank Offering Grant Application Forms have been received at the Diocesan Offices. Congregations may get applications by emailing Gloria Price at gloriaprice@dionomi.org or calling 800-236-0087.

The application form needs to be completed and returned to the Diocesan office for review and possible revisions, the Bishop's signature and comments, and prioritizing before the middle of January in order for the application to meet the January 31 postmark deadline for 'snail mail' to New York. The deadline for receipt of applications at the national UTO office is January 31, 2004, and awards will be announced in June 2004.

Wondering if your project meets criteria? Go to www.episcopalchurch.org/uto and click on 'How to apply for a grant'. The criteria is listed there. It is also included with the grant application materials at the Diocesan Office. Maria Maniaci, Northern Michigan UTO Coordinator, or Marion Luckey, past Committee member, will be happy to answer questions by e-mail or phone about any phase of the granting procedure.

The United Thank Offering is an equal opportunity spiritual program of the Episcopal Church USA. We grant to projects for men, women and children regardless of age, sex, race or national origin. We accept thanksgiving offerings on the same basis!

BISHOP ISSUES TEMPORARY INHIBITION OF PRIEST

In early September, Steven E. Ford, a District Judge in Mackinac and Luce Counties who also serves as a priest and preacher at All Saints Church in Newberry, pled no contest to one count of Aggravated Assault towards a court employee in St. Ignace. He also resigned his position as judge, effective November 1. A plea of no contest admits no guilt but is considered a conviction in the eyes of the law. On October 24, Ford was sentenced to 60 days in County Jail and two years of probation. Following canonical procedures, James A. Kelsey, Bishop of Northern Michigan, issued a Temporary Inhibition on September 19, which prevents Ford from all exercise of the ordained ministry, including sacramental leadership, preaching, and pastoral counseling for a 90 day period. Such an Inhibition may be extended for additional 90 day intervals if necessary. Care and consultation with the congregation of All Saints as well as the Ford family are being offered by Diocesan staff and resource people and the Response Team of the Diocese.

Resource for Reconciliation "Good News" for Tough Times

Episcopal Divinity School announces the inauguration of a major new ministry for reconciliation within the church, "Good News: A Congregational Resource for Reconciliation." In the aftermath of controversy and confusion following the decision of the General Convention to endorse the election of the first openly gay bishop in the Anglican Communion, the seminary has responded with a program designed to bring people on "both sides of the argument" together in mutual respect with a shared hope for healing and peace. "Good News" is a model for small group conversation within any parish built on the gospel of Jesus Christ. The content for the dialogues comes from the four gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. The process is simple and accessible. Guided by a covenant which honors persons of all opinions, "Good News" seeks to fulfill three goals: (a) to promote a fair and respectful dialogue among persons who hold different opinions, (b) to offer a context of reflection on the shared values of the gospel, and (c) to encourage a process of reconciliation within the life of the community.

Participants receive a booklet written by EDS's President and Dean, Steven Charleston, which guides them through a prayer-centered experience in how Christians can stay together even when the differences between them seem

irreconcilable. These booklets can be purchased inexpensively from the seminary and then reproduced by the parish making the "Good News" ministry affordable for any congregation.

As Charleston writes in the introduction, "Good News" is not about trying to resolve the debates on human sexuality, but about helping the Christian community find reconciliation. "At the end of that path," he writes, "people may still disagree, but they will have found the peace of Christ which is at the heart of community.... To use Good News, no one is asked to give up his or her own opinions. They are only asked to enter into a shared journey with others to search for reconciliation...they are asked to take the path to peace, even if it means only taking a few steps at a time."

While "Good News" may be especially timely and supportive for communities struggling with the issues surrounding the last general Convention, it is equally helpful for any congregational conflict.

"In a time when people were being called to take sides," said Charleston, "EDS decided to stand with Christ in the crossfire. Our mission is one of reconciliation and that is what the church needs now more than partisan politics." Contact Nancy Davidge, 99 Brattle Street, Cambridge, MA 02138, or ndavidge@episdv.school.edu (press release)

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The mission of the Diocese of Northern Michigan is to share in the Church's mission to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ. The baptismal covenant is our guide and inspiration.

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The Annual visitor's weekend November 7-9 drew people from accross the United States and the UK. Pictured here after their gathering at St. Stephen's, Escanaba, they headed out to meet the Church in Crystal Falls, Munising, Gladstone, and Escanaba.

Church Periodical Club News One Mile and Counting!

Judy Britton, Coordinator

Thanks be to God and all His people who have participated in the ministry of the Church Periodical Club this year! As of November 3, nine congregations in our diocese have responded with a total of \$574.50 coming in. Thank you for your generous giving and I invite those congregations who have not yet participated in this need ministry to seriously consider doing so. Granting was done at Triennial this summer. There were 25 grants with 15 of those going to parishes in the U.S.



Our diocese has reached the 1 mile mark in the Miles of Pennies Program (\$884.80)! This fund is for the need of children's books, videos etc. Let's all help to make it 2 miles!! If anyone wishes to have more information regarding Church Periodical Club, or Miles of Pennies granting and applications for grants for needs in your own area you can reach me by email (rbritton@nmu.edu), phone 906-346-6854 or 365 Kirkpatrick Lane, Gwinn, Mi.49841.

New Resources for Godly Play

The Complete Guide to Godly Play, which features Jerome W. Berryman's imaginative method for presenting scripture stories to children, has added a fifth book, which includes practical help from trainers, and a three-volume video series in which Berryman guides teachers through Godly Play sessions.

Based on Berryman's work in the Montessori tradition, Godly Play uses a careful telling of scripture stories, engaging story figures, and activities to encourage children to seek and find their own answers to their faith questions. The series respects the innate spirituality of children and encourages curiosity and imagination in experiencing the mystery and job of God.

The first four books in the series include "How to Lead Godly Play Lessons" and volumes of presentations for each season. The series is published by Living the Good News and is available through bookstores and online booksellers, or directly from the publisher.

Living the Good News also has introduced the new Godly Play Training Videos that accompany print volumes 2, 3, and 4. Masterful storyteller Berryman guides teachers through two actual Godly Play sessions for each season, showing how to tell the story and invite children to experience the wondering.

Berryman, who founded Godly Play, has wide experience working with children ages 2-18. He has written numerous articles and books, and he presents lectures and workshops throughout the world. He is director of the Center for the Theology of Childhood in Houston, Texas.

Direct orders and requests for complimentary catalogs of all Living the Good News products may be placed by calling 800-824-1813. (press release)

Thinking About Advent and Wreaths...

excerpted from Gertrude Mueller Nelson

Pre-Christian peoples who lived far north and who suffered the archetypal loss of life and light with the disappearance of the sun had a way of wooing back life and hope... Their solution was to bring all ordinary action and daily routine to a halt. They gave in to the nature of winter, came away from their fields and put away their tools. They removed the wheels from their carts and wagons, festooned them with greens and lights and brought them indoors to hang in their halls. They brought the wheels indoors as a sign of a different time, a time to stop and turn inward. They

engaged the feelings of cold and fear and loss. Slowly, slowly they wooed the sun-god back. And light followed darkness. Morning came earlier. The festivals announced the return of hope after primal darkness.

This kind of success—hauling the very sun back: the recovery of hope—can only be accomplished when we have had the courage to stop and wait and engage fully in the winter of our dark longing. Perhaps the symbolic energy of those wheels made sacred has escaped up and we wish to relegate our Advent wreaths to the realm of quaint custom or

pretty decoration. Symbolism, however, has the power to put us directly in touch with a force or an idea by means of an image or an object—a "thing" can do that for us.

Imagine what would happen if we were to understand that ancient prescription for this season literally and remove—just one—say just the right front tire from our automobiles and use this for our Advent wreath. Indeed, things would stop. Our daily routines would come to a halt and we would have the leisure to incubate. Having to stay put, we would lose the opportunity to escape or deny our feelings or becoming because our cars could not bring us away to the circus in town.

But to sacrifice our wheel means not so much "to do without" wheels as it means to "make holy" this stopped time. *Sacre ficere* means to make holy, and holy means hale, healthy, whole. We want to make this time holy and be made whole. And it is not easy to make this time holy. We recognize that the search for the Holy is so urgent and real that we are vulnerable to the lure that the commercial world offers in its promise to fill in the gaps that we so painfully feel. Materialism has contaminated the truth that "things" indeed can be carrier of the Divine. We do not want to fall for the ruse or Christmas becomes just another expensive disappointment.

During Advent, we are invited to be vulnerable to our longing and open to our hope. Like the pregnant mother who counts the days till her labor and prepares little things for the child on the way, we count the days and increase the light as we light our candles and prepare our gifts.

We work our way toward Christmas. With quiet excitement, we go about those simple gestures that ratify the mystery about to take place... we make

Meetings and Events

All Times Eastern

DECEMBER 2003

13	Diocesan Council	10:00 am	Diocesan Offices, Marquette
16	MinisDevelopStrategyTeam	10:00 am	Diocesan Offices, Marquette
18	Judicatory Leaders	12:30 pm	Episcopal Diocese, Marquette
25	For Unto Us A Child Is Born		

JANUARY 2004

7	MinisDevelopStrategyTeam	10:00 am	Diocesan Offices, Marquette
10	Baptismal Conference	10:00 am	
19-21	Prov V House of Bishops		Detroit, Michigan
23-24	Life Cycles		Diocesan Offices, Marquette

FEB 2004

4	Trust Association	10:30 am	Diocesan Offices, Marquette
6-8	MSTYC		Marygrove Center, Garden
12	MinisDevelopStrategyTeam	10:00 am	Diocesan Offices, Marquette
15-18	Living Stones		San Francisco, CA
29	Commissioning of Support Team		Holy Trinity, Iron Mountain

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

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Thanksgiving and Blessings Donations for School in South Africa

Margaret Sottile

I would like to thank all of you who have so generously given to the scholarship fund, which will allow children in the black township of Khayelitsha, near Cape Town in South Africa, to attend St. Michael's Primary School. At the

Diocesan Convention I showed some wonderful pictures of the children at school that were sent to me by Rachel Mash, the Rector of St. Michael's Church. The Diocese of Northern Michigan has raised \$1100, which includes a

special donation of \$500. I am touched by your generosity towards this vital project. Many South African children desperately need the opportunity to be educated.

Just to refresh your memory, in November 2001 I visited Khayelitsha. St. Michael's Anglican Church has a vibrant and diverse community outreach ministry. Some of their programs are similar to those of the Keweenaw Family Resource Center, an outreach ministry of Trinity Church in Houghton. The Rev. Mash of St. Michael's told me of her dream to expand the preschool, which I visited, and open a primary school. This January her dream was realized when Grade R (reception) opened with 22 students and Grade I with 25 students. All parents pay in part for their children's education, even in public schools. If you cannot pay your child does not go to school. It is that simple!

If you still wish to contribute, please mail donations to: Margaret Sottile, 21706 Woodland Rd, Houghton MI 49931

Please make checks payable to: St. Michael's Church, Khayelitsha.



EPISCOPAL
Relief and Development

Gail Baravetto, Diocesan Coordinator
Episcopal Relief and
Development (ER-D), is a ministry of the
whole church

for the whole world. Our diocese is
thankful to have the following Parish
Representatives support this important
mission:

Betty Smith, *All Saints', Newberry*
Sue Karnack, *St. Mark's, Crystal Falls*
Audrey Hay, *St. Stephen's, Escanaba*
Joan Dufour, *St. Alban's, Manistique*
Pam Briglio, *St. James, Sault Ste. Marie*
Maria Maniaci, *Trinity, Gladstone*
Ellen M. Burgess, *Ascension, Ontonagon*
Judy Britton, *Holy Innocent, Little Lake*
Robert Rafferty, *St. John's, Iron River*
Pat Micklow and Judd Spray
St. Paul's, Marquette

Mary Miron, *Grace Church, Menominee*
Mark Britt, *Trinity, Houghton*
Gail Baravetto, *Holy Trinity, Iron Mtn.*

I am happy to announce that
Mary Kelsey has joined me as a Diocesan
Coordinator for ERD. We look forward
to working together as our diocese
continues to care about the needs of
people in the U.S. and around the world.

If your congregation does not
have a Parish Representative please
contact
Mary Kelsey and Gail Baravetto with the
name of the person(s) interested in
representing the Fund.

11th Annual International Fair Offers Holiday Options

Kai Carrigan

The first weekend in December, St. Paul's, Marquette, will be offering its eleventh annual International Crafts Fair. It is an opportunity to buy something unique and wonderful, created by craftspeople in poor communities. The proceeds of this consignment sale support the artisans, their families, and communities. With other denominations around the world, we create a wonderful 2 day market of international crafts. Unique items in categories that include: Christmas decorations, baskets, musical instruments, toys, pottery, jewelry, home decor, and a specific group of gifts under \$10, plus more, are available for holiday shopping. If you want something for the people on your list who have everything (or just too much) we offer the alternative gift market. In the past few years you could buy a fetal pig for a family in Haiti, food and fuel trees for a village in Africa or India, a night in a homeless shelter for a street person, educational tools for poor schools, AIDS medicines for families in South Africa and the list goes on. You receive a special card to give to the person in whose name the gift is given and the feeling that you have helped someone in need. We also plan to have representation from community and church programs such as Harbor House, "Our Little Roses" shelter for girls in Honduras, Habitat for Humanity, and The Salvation Army bell ringers. All profits from this fair go to the outreach groups involved. St. Paul's holds this fair each year in thanksgiving for our blessings and not as a fund raiser for ourselves. St. Michael Catholic churchwomen are providing homebaked cookies for our Friday night coffee and cookies refreshment table. On Saturday, the men of St. Paul's will provide a homemade

soup lunch and fresh baked bread; proceeds from the lunch help fund our kitchen. The senior women's group of St. Paul's will have their "white elephant" and bake sale downstairs on Saturday, also. Many people in the Marquette area volunteer to help us create this amazing market and it has grown in 12 years to represent all of us and our concern for the world.

Advent Wreaths and Waiting

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the wreath and light the candles, and we gain the courage to stop the wheeling and dealing of our outer life: to sacrifice the wheels that grind away in our heads, the endless rationalizations...the wheels that grind away at outward "progress" at the cost of peace and justice in this world...the wheels that dial and roll and spin and whirl and drive us to distraction. The sacrificed wheel of the Advent wreath encourages us to stop and wait.

—From "To Dance With God: Family Ritual and Community Celebration", Paulist Press, 1986 (*an absolutely wonderful book on the festivals and rituals of family and community life—ed.*)



Members of the congregation and ministry support team gather with Jim Kelsey, Bishop, as Alice Schuiling is ordained a deacon at All Saints, Newberry.

All Saints, Newberry Celebration of Ministry

Bob Trautman

Over 40 were in the congregation at All Saints, Newberry, on October 12 for the ordination of Alice Schuiling to the Diaconate by James A. Kelsey, Bishop. Alice was to have been ordained about a year ago, along with her husband Mel who passed away that summer. Both had been active in the Covenant Group preparing for that celebration of ministries. She chose to delay her ordination until this fall.

The congregation joyously honored Alice and her commitment of service.

As part of the service, Kelsey dedicated a new piano keyboard given in memory of Elizabeth Ford and Ruth Mahar, lifelong friends and members of All Saints. The keyboard is a versatile addition to worship, and musician Jane Freeborn is exploring its many capabilities.