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NEXT DEADLINE: MARCH 8 FOR THE APRIL ISSUE

Work continues on Financial Plan for Diocese

Manuel Padilla

One of the goals Diocesan Council set for 2005 was to come up with a long term financial plan for the Diocese. The Strategic Financial Planning Group (SFPG) was created as a task force to schedule conversations with congregations in our several Regions and come up with a long term financial strategy for the diocese to be presented at the June meeting of the Council. The SFPG had its organizational meeting on January 8. Keith Brown from the Church Pension Group attended and offered us an informative statistical report on trends in the Episcopal Church and in our Diocese.

The Group is gathering and reviewing statistical data about the congregations and we are scheduling meetings with the Regions. The first meeting was held on January 29, at 11:00, at Trinity Church, Houghton for the Western Region. Further meetings will be at Holy Trinity, Iron Mountain on March 12 for the South Central Region; North Central Region at a location to be announced, on April 2; and in the Eastern Region on April 30, at St. James, Sault Ste. Marie.



Suzanne Farnham of Listening Hearts Ministries was the speaker at the ECW Winter Gathering in early February.

Winter Gathering offers exercises in Listening and Discerning the Spirit

More than thirty people gathered for the annual Episcopal Church Women's Winter Gathering. This year's presenter was Suzanne Farnham, author of a series of books and resources on discerning the movement of the Holy Spirit in groups and individuals. Participants were invited to pray, listen, and reflect on an issue or question in their life that they were working on. Throughout the weekend, in small groups and on their own, there were opportunities to practice different ways of watching for and listening to the God's Spirit moving.

The ECW Board met during the weekend, and set the dates for next year's Winter Gathering. It will be held February 3-5, 2006.

Lilly Grant Sends Piper on Sabbath Journey

Sabbatical article (Ramblings and Hiawathaland)

Thanks to a grant from the Lilly Endowment, I was able to take a 4½ month sabbatical (or study-leave) between mid-July and the end of November 2004. Grace Church, Menominee, and Holy Trinity Church, Iron Mountain, completed the application nearly two years earlier and shared some of the grant with me to fund their own growth opportunities while I was away.

The word "sabbatical" has its roots in the biblical concept of Sabbath ("to rest" or "to cease"). It is about setting time aside for refreshment and renewal. My sabbatical combined travel, formal learning, individual reading and reflection, visits with ministry partners, and time with family and friends. I hope to give you a flavor of my time-away in this article.

Both congregations officially saw me off on the last Sunday I was with them. The weeks – even months – leading to that departure were busy with arrangements for being away. I am deeply grateful for the effort and encouragement both congregations put forth which allowed me to make the most of my study-leave.

Soon after saying goodbye, Linda and I began the first segment of my sabbatical by traveling to the United Kingdom where we spent the next six weeks in a variety of settings. We started by settling into quaint Bury St. Edmunds for a long weekend to adjust to the time (and culture) change. The next eight days were devoted to an ecumenical seminar

Affirmation Weekend at Christ Church, Calumet

The people of Christ Church, Calumet celebrated their Affirmation Weekend January 15 and 16, 2005. Affirmation weekends are an opportunity for congregations with covenant groups in formation to reflect on their mutual ministry and formation, and to affirm the gifts that have been discerned. Present from the Standing Committee were Myrtle Weston and Marcia Franz; from the Commission on Ministry, Tom Luckey; Jim Kelsey, Bishop, presided, and the Missioner of the Western Region, Manuel Padilla, preached. This all took place in a blizzard! The Christ Church covenant group is made up of John Berry, Beverly Eaton, and Laura Eaton, all identified for presbyter and preacher, and Susan Church, identified for presbyter.

focusing on Celtic Christian roots in northern Britain. We were housed in Durham castle – across the green from the spectacular Norman cathedral in that northern city – and participated in lectures and field-trips to some of the top historic sites in that area: Jarrow, Hexham, Bamburgh and Lindisfarne.

"Hiring" a car (as they say), we visited Chris Hayes outside York. He was the first of several recent visitors to our diocese who extended hospitality to us in return. Driving north through Whitby,



Charlie Piper of Holy Trinity, Iron Mountain, and Grace Church, Menominee.

Edinburgh (where we stayed with Tim Morris, another U.P. alumnus), and Aberdeen (with its Samuel Seabury connection), we stayed with Susan and
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Lindisfarne Priory on Holy Island, Northern England was one of Charlie and Linda Piper's stops on their sabbatical.

Piper's Sabbatical Journey, Continued

Barry Wiffin in Fochabers and enjoyed a surprise visit by Liz Moir for the weekend. Northern Scotland felt like the U.P. to us in many ways: forests, hard winters (at least for them), and rocky beaches like we find along Lake Superior. The Scottish Episcopal Church, like us, is a minority church and doesn't have any of the burden the Church of England feels by being "established."

After another few days in Edinburgh – where we met with their Collaborative Ministry "Think Tank" – we journeyed to historic Iona, a tiny island off the western coast of Scotland where Columba introduced Christianity from Ireland in 563 CE. We lived in community with other "pilgrims" for a week, enjoying the beauty and power of that "thin place."

Meeting up with our oldest son, Chris, in Glasgow and hiring our second car, we stayed at a "self catering" stone cottage in the rugged, rolling Pennines not far from the Scottish border and Hadrian's Wall in northern England. Our youngest son, Tim, and his fiancée Karri, soon joined us and we spent the final two weeks in a once-in-a-lifetime family "holiday" which also included time in York and London.

Linda went back to work when we returned to the states while my plans took me farther afield. I spent a total of six weeks (two blocks of three weeks in September and November) at St. Norbert Abbey in DePere where we used to hold an annual pre-Lent retreat for many years. They extended a hospitable welcome to me as I settled in for some extended time of reading and reflecting as I also took part in their morning and evening office. Those weeks also provided the freedom to delve into drawing once again and I rediscovered the close ties between contemplation and art.

The Lilly grant also provided for some extended weekends for Linda and me to get away together and we chose to explore areas in Wisconsin, including the Two Rivers-Manitowoc as well as along the Mississippi River.

The next major segment of my sabbatical took me to the East Coast. Driving alone, I cut across Ontario from Sault Ste. Marie to Ottawa before dropping into New York and Vermont where I visited Peggy Crane in Bellows

Falls. Many of you will remember that Peggy lived in our diocese about a decade ago before helping to introduce "mutual ministry" to that congregation in Vermont. Next, I spent some time in Connecticut with Steve Kelsey who organized several conversations on "mutual ministry" in New Haven and Middletown.

After spending some time with high school friends and family in New York, I traveled to Washington DC and settled in at the College of Preachers on the grounds of the National Cathedral for two weeks. During one of those weeks, I was part of a course entitled "The Art of the Homily" led by Herbert O'Driscoll. The Washington area provides a wealth of opportunities for the visitor and I tried to take in as many as I could, including the Smithsonian, the Holocaust Museum, the National Symphony at the Kennedy Center, and Antietam Civil War battlefield. I was also able to connect with the priest who guided me into ordination, now retired in Richmond, and with my college roommate who teaches at the seminary in Alexandria. Heading home, I was able to visit longtime friend Bea Wylie in Pennsylvania.

The sabbatical concluded for Linda and me with a weeklong visit to our kids in Denver over Thanksgiving.

In addition to the two congregations that shared this adventure with me, I would like to thank the missionaries and other clergy who filled in some of the gaps caused by my absence, especially Tom Lippart, Jim Kelsey, Tom Ray, Rayford Ray, and Rise and Kevin Thew Forrester. Rise also provided a series of workshops at Holy Trinity which were well received and excited people enough to merit further exploration during the coming year.

This remarkable opportunity has enriched me deeply and I encourage others to consider planning their own, with or without a grant like the one we received from the Lilly Endowment. I am convinced that we all need to step back every now and again in order to step out in mission and ministry.

A Mountain of Mud and Wood

Barbara Cawthorne Crafton

(from her Almost Daily eMO, a free email meditation)

He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Matthew 4:2-3

Food and shelter. Water. Someone to set your broken leg. Something to wear. Medicine. These are what you need right now. You were so shocked you hardly even knew you needed them at first — you walked on that leg all that first day, looking for your babies, clawing with your hands down, down into the mud and broken pieces of wood that were everywhere and you didn't find them, couldn't find them, and you didn't even notice how much the leg hurt until, at last, you fell down and then couldn't get up and you saw that it was all black and enormous and it hurt so much and you don't remember anything more after that.

Now you have a little tent which sits in a row along with a lot of other little tents, and it is treated with special insect repellent so that the mosquitoes don't give you a disease. And your leg is in a cast and isn't very swollen at all. You have food and water now — you really don't remember much about those first days, don't remember how thirsty you must certainly have been, don't remember who found you or who took care of your leg and hardly remember moving into this little tent. You only remember how the mud and splinters of wood and metal felt in your hands as you tore through them, looking and looking. If you hadn't fallen down you could have kept on digging. Maybe you could have found them. One of them, at least. Maybe.

Or maybe someone else found them. Maybe somebody reached out and caught them. This is what you're thinking now. You want the people who have come here to help to help you find your children, because you are growing more and more sure they're still alive. You dream of them at night. Doesn't that mean they're still alive?

You have never heard of Episcopal Relief and Development. You have never even heard of mental health. You have never seen a counselor: your family took care of you, and you took care of them, and that was always that. But here in the camp there are people who have come here only to listen as you tell your story, over and over again, and who help you think about what's happening right now. What might happen?
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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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CALENDAR			
MARCH 2005			
4	Finance Committee	10:00 am	Diocesan Offices, Marquette
4-5	Diocesan Spring Conference		House of Ludington, Escanaba
6	Youth Ministry Coord	3:00 pm	St Stephen's, Escanaba
9-16	House of Bishops		Camp Allen, TX
12	Childrens Minis Workshop	10:00 am	Trinity, Gladstone
11-13	Prov V ECW Annual Mtg		Milwaukee WI
19	Diocesan Council	10:00 am	Diocesan Offices, Marquette
19	Standing Committee	1:00 pm	Diocesan Offices, Marquette
24	Western Region		
25	Good Friday		
27	Easter Sunday – He Is Risen !!		
30	Minis Develop Strategy Team	10:00 am	Diocesan Offices, Marquette
APRIL 2005			
1-2	Life Cycles		
7	Judicatory Leaders	12:30 pm	ELCA, Marquette
16	Commission on Ministry	10:00 am	Diocesan Offices, Marquette
26	Minis Develop Strategy Team	10:00 am	Diocesan Offices, Marquette
27-May 1	US/Canadian House of Bishops		Windsor, Ontario
30	Standing Committee	10:00 am	Trinity, Gladstone
MAY 2005			
4	Trust Association	10:30 am	Diocesan Offices, Marquette
7	Diocesan Council	10:00 am	Diocesan Offices, Marquette
8	UTO Spring Ingathering/CPC Sunday		
10-11	Michigan Dioceses (AMEN)	Conway	
14-15	Affirmation Weekend		St James, Sault Ste Marie
19	Minis Develop Strategy Team	10:00 am	Diocesan Offices, Marquette
21	Commission on Ministry	10:00 am	Diocesan Offices, Marquette
21	Faith in Action Training	10:00 am	St Paul's, Marquette
JUNE 2005			
8	Judicatory Leaders	12:30 pm	Presbyterian Church, Marquette
11	Standing Committee	10:00 am	Trinity, Gladstone
18	Diocesan Council	10:00 am	Diocesan Offices, Marquette
19-24	Junior Camp		Page Center, Little Lake
25	Commission on Ministry	10:00 am	Diocesan Offices, Marquette
26-Jul 1	Senior Camp		Page Center, Little Lake
JULY 2005			
8-10	Family Camp		Page Center, Little Lake
26-31	Episcopal Youth Event (EYE)		Berea College, Kentucky
31-Aug 6	Camp New Day U.P.		Presbytery Point, Michigan
AUGUST 2005			
7-13	Camp New Day U.P.		Camp Michigamme, Michigamme
14-20	Camp New Day U.P.		Page Center, Little Lake
SEPTEMBER 2005			
23-24	ECW Women's Fall Retreat		Page Center, Little Lake

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

Ecumenical Gathering at Jarvis Ordination



Leon Jarvis is congratulated by a fellow staffer from Marquette General Hospital.

Leon Jarvis, head of Pastoral Care at Marquette General Hospital and a member of Holy Innocents, Little Lake, was ordained as a priest on January 30. The service took place in the conference center at the hospital, and was attended by 250 people from the many communities who are touched by Jarvis' ministries.

Bishop James A. Kelsey presided, and the service included Episcopalians from several different congregations, family members, hospital staff and local clergy from other denominations. Virginia Peacock, Missioner for Holy Innocents, was the preacher.

Jarvis has been a part of the Covenant Group and Ministry Support Team at Little Lake, a LifeCycles group at St. Paul's, Marquette, and individual study as part of his formation process. He will continue as Chaplain at Marquette General.

The Episcopal Diocese of Northern Michigan presents...
a Spring Conference

Dancing Through Deserts and around Wells of Grace

March 4-5, 2005
St. Stephen's Church, Escanaba

"Dancing Through the Desert and around Wells of Grace" will be presented by speaker Ed Leidel, Bishop of the Diocese of Eastern Michigan, along with music workshops by Kevin & Rise Thew Forrester and David Vickers.

The conference will be at St. Stephen's Church in Escanaba, which is located at the corner of 5th Street and 500 Ogden Avenue.

For more information call: Jane Cislucyis at (800) 236-0087 or by e-mail: jane@upepiscopal.org, or visit the diocesan website at www.upepiscopal.org

"Let the children come to me..."

You Are Invited to Attend and Participate in a Children's Ministry Workshop hosted by the South Central Region

What does it mean to welcome all God's children to worship?

The South Central Region will host a Children's Ministry Workshop on Saturday, March 12th beginning at 10:00am and ending by 2:00pm at St. Stephen's Church in Escanaba. The four hour workshop will focus on brain storming, reflecting, and gathering resources for children's ministry.

To register please call the diocesan office at 1-800-236-0087, email Jane at jane@upepiscopal.org, or go to the diocesan website at www.upepiscopal.org

Lunch will be provided along with childcare. Come and experience a day of excitement as we share our resources and giftedness!

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Episcopal Public Policy Network

Information from the Justice and Peace Committee, from EPPN

The Episcopal Public Policy Network (EPPN) is a nationwide grassroots network of Episcopalians who call and write their members of Congress and the Administration to advocate positions of the Church. Members of the EPPN receive policy alerts updating them on what is happening in Washington, the Church's position on public policies, and techniques and information on contacting government leaders. EPPN members also receive a congressional directory and action guide, legislative updates and newsletters, online resources and sample letters. The Network is coordinated by the Church's Office of Government Relations and is part of the Peace and Justice Ministries cluster headquartered at the Episcopal Church Center, located in New York City.

The Office of Government Relations, home of the EPPN, is located on Capitol Hill in Washington D.C. It brings the positions of the Episcopal Church to our nation's lawmakers. This office represents the social policies of international peace and justice, human rights, immigration, welfare, poverty, hunger, health care, violence, civil rights, the environment, racism, and issues involving women and children. The Government Relations staff meets directly with government leaders, works with media, recruits and mobilizes Episcopalians, builds relationship with members of Congress and staff, and forms coalitions of both religious and secular interest groups to further the Church's positions.

Any member or group of the Church may submit a resolution either to a diocesan convention for referral to General Convention, or to a deputy or bishop who can submit it for them. The programs, action, and ministry of the EPPN and the Office of Government Relations are based solely upon resolutions approved by General Convention, or in the interim, by the Convention's Executive Council. This office does not formulate policy, but strives to implement the policies passed by the Episcopal Church's legislative bodies.

As Episcopalians, we promise in the Baptismal Covenant to "strive for justice and peace." Striving for a just and peaceful world can take the form of helping those in need one-on-one. It can also involve pursuing broad, social change through public policies designed to help the needy. The EPPN is committed to the ministry of justice and peace through public policy advocacy. Each year, Congress considers hundreds of bills that impact the mission of the Church. Many organizations are actively engaged in the debates on Capitol Hill. If we are not, others wind up speaking for us. We have a Christian view of public policy that our nations' leaders need and want to hear. Your letters and calls make a difference. For more information, visit their website: www.episcopalchurch.org/eppn

Faith Action Network Training at St. Paul's, Marquette

Do you wonder about where to start effectively to negotiate an increasingly polarized religious landscape? Are you looking for ways to support the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender members of your congregation and community? If your answer to either question is "yes" then this weekend is for you. The Faith Action Network (FAN), a statewide coalition of people of faith, seeks to create partnerships with individuals and congregations in order to promote the rights and recognition of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender people.

Worshops will be held May 20 and 21, at St. Paul's, Marquette. On Friday evening (7:00 to 9:00 pm) The Faith Action Network Outreach Team will help participants discover the particular skills and interests that will best suit the situation of an Upper Peninsula congregation. The evening will include an introduction to the Faith Action Network.

On Saturday, (10am to 3:00 pm) The Team will train participants to effectively grow relationships with conservative, moderate and progressive faith groups across Michigan. Participants will also be given the tools to develop their own local Faith Action Network Circle and to engage with the statewide network.

Local congregations join in aid to South Asia efforts

Around the diocese, congregations have been responding generously to the tragedy of the Christmas tsunami on the other side of the world in Southeast Asia. A sampling of those efforts:

Trinity Church, Mackinac Island joined with the two other year round churches on the Island, Ste. Anne's Catholic Church and the Bible Church, to hold a chicken dinner for everyone at the Community Hall to raise money for the tsunami victims. The turnout was wonderful, the price of admission was any donation and \$4500 was raised.

St. John's, Iron River voted to donate \$10,000 to tsunami relief. They

also voted to send ERD \$5,000. There was another \$8,000 donated to various other organizations.

St. Paul's, Marquette sent \$830 in donations from parishioners to Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD), and congregations and individuals in the South Central region have been encouraged to make individual contributions to ERD.

ERD is committed to helping victims of disasters not only receive help in the near term, but also to rebuild their lives. Gifts can be sent to Episcopal Relief and Development/Southeast Asia, PO Box 12043, Newark, NJ 07101-5043. Please indicate that monies came from the Diocese of Northern Michigan.



Theatre Group to offer workshops for Diocesan Family Camp

Get out your calendars!

This summer, July 8-10, Friends of the Groom, a professional theatre company dedicated to communicating the Christian message in an entertaining and challenging format, is coming to Page Conference Center. They will invite us to engage in re-imagining our worship as something that might begin to speak to us in different, perhaps surprising ways.

All of our diocesan family is welcome: children, adults, families, singles, seniors. Along with the workshops with the team from Friends of the Groom, you'll have some time for the pleasures of Page:

canoeing in Little Lake, games, campfires, singing, walks in the woods.

If you've not been to Page in a while, come join us. If you've never been to Page, come join us. If you were there last week (well, it was pretty snowy then...) come join in the fun.

Additional details will be in upcoming issues of the Church in Hiawathaland, and on the website.



The very first Sr. Winter Camp was a huge success! Held in the wintery background of Presbytery Point in Michigamme, approximately 20-30 youth and additional staff celebrated through song, discussion and fun activities.

Movies were watched, sledding, games and many fantastic meals all made the weekend a really relaxed fun time. For many, it was a chance to re-connect with old friends as well as meet new ones, all the while being able to relate to others and grow spiritually. We look forward to Summer Camp, and hope to see everyone there!--

Brynn Maynard

Junior winter camp was cancelled, due to scheduling problems.

EPISCOPAL RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT

Mountains of mud, continued...

From Page B...

About how terribly you miss your babies and, over and over again, how you dug and dug and couldn't find them.

Sometimes you talk about what you had and what you have right now. What you might do now. Sometimes you just don't care. But sometimes you do, and it is so clear that the lady to whom you've been talking cares a great deal what happens to you, and she isn't even in your family.

The counselor returns to her own tent, thinking of the young woman who clawed through the mud. Wouldn't it be something if her children were still alive? She has the basic physical things she needs now, she tells herself, and I have been given the privilege of bringing God's word to her. Just by my listening, God has spoken words to her that will help her live again.

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To learn more about ERD's ministry and how you and your congregation can help, visit <http://www.er-d.org/> or call 1-800-334-7626, ext 5129.

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SUMMER YOUTH SCHEDULES

JUNIOR CAMP JUNE 19-24
for youth finishing grades 5-7

SENIOR CAMP JUNE 26- JULY 1
for youth finishing grades 8-12

FAMILY CAMP JULY 8-10
for all the diocesan family

EPISCOPAL YOUTH EVENT (EYE)
JULY 24 - AUGUST 2
for youth who have completed grades 9-12, not in college

Washburn at NatGat 2004

Jason Washburn of Grace Church, Ishpeming, attended the National Gathering of College Students, 2004 held December 28, 2004– January 1, 2005. The bi-annual Episcopal conference was held at the YMCA of the Rockies, Estes Park, Colorado. The theme was "be transformed by the renewing of your minds, ... — Romans 12:2 (NRSV). The Episcopal Association for College Work (EACW) paid his registration.

CPC GRANT TO CRYSTAL FALLS

The Church Periodical Club has awarded a Miles of Pennies grant to St. Mark's, Crystal Falls, for Sunday School bibles and other resources for church teachers. For more information about the Miles of Pennies program, or the Church Periodical Club, contact Judy Britton, the diocesan representative, through the diocesan office at 800-236-0087.