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News for and about the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Michigan

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## Renewing Our Commitment to Christ

### 108th Convention Meets for Business, Reflection

Rise Thew Forrester

The delegates, leaders and members of the Diocese of Northern Michigan met together for the 108<sup>th</sup> Diocesan Convention October 17-19, 2003, at the Terrace Bay Inn in Gladstone. Taking as their theme the first question of the baptismal covenant, “Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ,” the convention reflected on current strife in the church, on social justice, stewardship, and evangelism.

Jim Cruikshank, retired bishop of the former Canadian Diocese of Caribou, was Chaplain for the Convention, and offered his reflections on what it means to renounce evil and renew our commitment to Christ. Telling stories of scripture and



Jim Cruikshank, retired Bishop of the former Diocese of Caribou in Canada, was Chaplain for Diocesan Convention.

experience, he drew the gathered people into an embrace of humor, passion and thoughtful reflection. “I have often said that Christianity is not a religion at its heart,” he said. “Christianity is revelatory—God is continually revealing himself... and the revelation of God’s Holy Spirit is always self-effacing and uniting.” He suggested that we have come to a time when the good news of the Letter to the Ephesians is sorely needed, that those who are near and those who are far are one, that the dividing walls have been broken down.

Several months ago the Diocesan Council made the decision to begin this year to use the Baptismal Covenant as a basis for setting the theme for our successive annual Conventions. Regarding the theme of renouncing evil and renewing our commitment to Christ, Jim Kelsey, Bishop of Northern Michigan said in his



Leila Johns of St. Stephen', Escanaba, accepts Episcopal Church Women's award from ECW President Linda Vollwerth

address “As a culture, we’re not always good at talking about evil - or at least when we do, we tend to talk about the evil we see in other people and their behavior rather than what is going on in our own hearts and in our midst...I do want to acknowledge that what we are about as a Church and as a Diocese is precisely to do what we can to re-calibrate our vision to better understand both what we need to renounce and to whom we need to re-commit ourselves... I am looking for us to actually step out with confidence and fervor to invite and welcome into our faith community especially those who are estranged and those who share our passion for

inclusiveness: to include absolutely everyone in our circle.” Kelsey discussed and described his understanding and experience of General Convention and the aftermath of the decisions about confirming Gene Robinson’s election as bishop in New Hampshire. “I suddenly realized that it might well be the most important thing I ever do in my lifetime...to cast a vote which could have such an impact upon so many people.”

Kelsey called for a focus on a number of priorities, including some new ways of extending decision-making into a “shared episcopate,” forming an intentional core group, which might be

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## Walter and June Wink to lead MSTYC 2004 in February

The Ministry Support Team Yearly Conference and the Peace and Justice Committee are very pleased to invite you to a workshop on “Becoming a People of Nonviolence” with guest presenters June and Walter Wink.

Walter Wink is Professor of Biblical Interpretation at Auburn Theological Seminary in New York City. He has also taught at Union Theological Seminary, among others. In 1989-1990 he was a Peace Fellow at the United States Institute of Peace in Washington, DC. His published works include a trilogy on the Powers: *Naming the Powers*, *Unmasking the Powers*, and *Engaging the Powers*, which received three “Religious Book of the Year” awards in 1993. A condensed version of the Powers trilogy is available under the title, *The Powers That Be*.

He is also the author of

numerous other works. He has led workshops on nonviolence and other themes all over North America, as well as in South Africa, Northern Ireland, East Germany, South Korea, New Zealand, and South and Central America. Dr. Wink is a United Methodist minister, works for a Presbyterian seminary, and attends Quaker meeting.

June Keener Wink is an adjunct faculty member of Auburn Theological Seminary. From her background in body movement and art, she offers a unique approach to the integration of body, mind and spirit. She leads groups in movement and art activities. She is an internationally known potter whose specialty is “Dancing Flame Oil Lamps” which are used for personal and group meditation. She also makes chalices and

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## A Part of the Puzzle:

# SERVING THE WORLD

Gail Baravetto, Diocesan Coordinator

This year's annual networking meeting of Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) proved to be intense and exciting as we learned about the new direction the Fund will be taking. The theme of the conference was, "You are a key part of the puzzle."

Bread for the World, UTO, Lutheran and Catholic World Relief and other relief agencies gave presentations on how they seek and serve Christ in all persons and where they fit into the puzzle.

Over the past year the board and staff of ERD have been evaluating their

as a priority and with urgency, in order for people to have any hope for the future.

An example of an overseas grant targeting hunger and food security is the program in Uganda where ERD is equipping people in rural communities with animals, crops and training. ERD gave 76 families two oxen each, a plough, seeds and training. They are now able to cultivate two or three acres where before all they could manage were small plots.

The board and staff are now in the process of evaluating the domestic programs. They will identify areas of greatest need in the U.S. and



work and measuring its impact and effectiveness. They realized the importance of identifying specific themes and priorities in order to give a clear direction for accomplishing their mission. At the May 2003 meeting, the board approved two major themes for overseas work: Food Security and Primary Health. There are 800 million people around the world who are hungry and 29,000 children who die each day from preventable diseases. These two programs will be at the core of ERD's overseas programs. ERD will continue programs in countries where we are committed to long-term partnerships with the Anglican/Episcopal Church. The focus of this new policy is a movement away from small, one-time grants. These fundamental issues of hunger and disease must be addressed,

determine what ERD's role should be in helping the church fulfill its mission. The small grant program in the U.S. has been suspended until this evaluation is complete.

ERD will continue responding to emergencies with disaster relief.

You and I are part of the puzzle. Our support is necessary for ERD to complete the puzzle. Please send contributions to: Episcopal Relief & Development, Box 12043, Newark, NJ 07101; call 800-334-7626 or visit [www.er-d.org](http://www.er-d.org) to contribute online. Be sure to include the name your church and the Diocese of Northern Michigan.

## Preachers Do Windows Again: Workshop Nov. 1

Nope—it's not about preaching and computers! The South Central Region is hosting a workshop on preaching 1-3 p.m., Saturday, November 1, at St. Stephen's, Escanaba. Everyone is welcome, whether you are a long-time preacher, just starting out, or thinking about trying it on for size.

This workshop is a continuation of the conversations started last May about the book *Preachers Do Windows* by Ken Crysler. Rise Thew Forrester will lead participants in discussions of sermon preparation and delivery. This event is free. Copies of the book will be available for \$10, but are not required. Come early and have some free homemade soup and sandwiches.

Contact Rayford Ray for more information or to register; (877) 219-6375 or by email at [rayfordray@chartermi.net](mailto:rayfordray@chartermi.net). This workshop follows the South Central Regional meeting 10a.m to noon.

## WNTW: Barbara Susan Continues as Webservant

What's new on the web:

[www.dionomi.org](http://www.dionomi.org)

Jim Kelsey, Bishop of Northern Michigan, has announced that Barbara Susan will still be able to continue as our Web-Servant, maintaining our diocesan web site. Barbara and her husband Daniel have moved down-state, but the wonder of technology allows staff here to place information on our server site, and Barbara to work on it from her new home. Barbara says, "We're going to try to maintain and even expand the webservant role - so keep sending me information you would like to see on the web and I'll keep trying to provide communication services and links!"

You can send news for the website to Barbara at [barbarasusan@dionomi.org](mailto:barbarasusan@dionomi.org)



Jim Cruikshank (seated, front) just can't help singing with the Diocesan Convention Choir during the Sunday Eucharist at St. Stephen's, Escanaba.

## Diocesan Convention, Continued

Continued from the front page thought of as a diocesan ministry support team. Another focus will be the work of the Commission on Ministry, which was expanded by Convention to 12 members, (from the previous 8), the better to extend their work of ministry development in the diocese.

Other priorities were proposed: to gather those who are committed to ministry with youth and young adults for reflection and coordinated planning; and to begin renewed long range planning concerning diocesan missionary strategy through the regional structures. The full text of the Bishop's Address is available on the diocesan website, [www.dionomi.org](http://www.dionomi.org), or by request through the diocesan office.

Those who had attended General Convention last summer gave a report on the process and decisions that were made there. Kelsey encouraged people to talk with one another about issues arising out of General Convention, to listen carefully and well to one another. Kelsey made a brief presentation on the changes in Title III of the national Canons, which pertains to ministry, licensing, education and ordination. He is a member of the Standing Commission which prepared the changes, and was given a standing ovation by Diocesan Convention for his work.

Participants in Convention also shared in an abbreviated session from

LifeCycles, the diocesan formation program, about stewardship of money.

The Episcopal Church Women held their annual meeting at the end of the lunch hour on Saturday, offering a presentation on the role and work of the ECW, updates on preparations for the Provincial meeting in May on Mackinac Island, and the work of the Church Periodical Club, the United Thank Offering and the national ECW Triennial.

Jim Cruikshank, reflecting on Sunday morning about his experience of our Diocese, commented on the amount of laughter, and the caring of and for one. But he echoed the sentiments of many when he said, "the phrase I will take home, though, is this: 'It's not about the fish!'" "He was referring to the video offered by Manuel Padilla on behalf of the Evangelism Committee. The message of the video was that we choose how we will live out our days, and that people are the most important thing; have fun!"



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# MEETINGS AND EVENTS

All times Eastern

## NOVEMBER 2003

|       |                          |           |                             |
|-------|--------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------|
| 1     | South Central Region     | 10:00 am  | St Stephen's, Escanaba      |
| 1     | Presching Workshop       | 1:00 p.m. | St. Stephen's, Escanaba     |
| 3-5   | Sindicators              |           |                             |
| 7-9   | Visitors Weekend         |           |                             |
| 15    | Commission on Ministry   |           |                             |
| 20    | MinisDevelopStrategyTeam | 10:00 am  | Diocesan Offices, Marquette |
| 21-22 | Diocesan Council         |           | Diocesan Offices, Marquette |
| 22    | Evangelism               | 10:00 am  | Diocesan Offices, Marquette |

## DECEMBER 2003

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| 1-8 | CREDO                 |          |                             |
| 13  | Diocesan Council      | 10:00 am | Diocesan Offices, Marquette |
| 16  | Min. Dev. Strat. Team | 10:00 am | Diocesan Offices, Marquette |

## JANUARY 2004

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| 4  | Min. Dev. Strat. Team    | 10:00 am | Diocesan Offices, Marquette |
| 10 | Baptismal Ministry Conf. |          |                             |

## FEBRUARY 2004

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| 6-8 | MSTYC: Walter & June Wink |  | MarygroveCenter, Garden, MI |
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To have meetings included, call 1-800-236-0087

## Stewardship All Year 'round - Part 6 of 6

# A Living Generosity

Uzziah R. Steigwards

A decision to percentage financial giving, to the offer your time where it is most effectively used and to use your talents in ways that make them more effective, these are the disciplines of the Steward. They are also the most valuable gifts you can give to yourself as a growing spiritual being. For, in the end, Stewards are in touch with the abundant life of God, lavishly offered. Listen to an ancient story:

*Abba Lot went to Abba Joseph and said, "Abba, as far as I can, I keep a moderate rule, with a little fasting, and prayer and meditation and quiet: as far as I can I try to cleanse my heart of evil thoughts. What else should I do?" The old man rose, and spread out his hands to heaven, and his fingers shone like the candles and he said: "If you will, you could become a living flame."*

-Sayings of the

Fathers from the Philokalia

When all is said and done, a Steward is one whose life is more and more included into God's life on earth. One can wish to become more and more a reflection of the generosity of God, but without the steward's tools, it has little chance of actually happening. No generosity is the fruit of the exercise of stewardship, just as health is the fruit of the exercise of the body.

Abba Lot was being invited ever more deeply into an empowered and empowering life. And that is what is at the bottom of percentage giving of time and treasure and the nourishment of your talents in practice. In the end, the

Steward is inhabited with generosity. And that can be one of the greatest gifts of all.

By now, this year's Every Member Canvass is probably winding up in your congregation. We are tempted to measure our effectiveness by the bottom line, asking, "Do we have more resources this year than last?" That is an important question. Let me suggest that you also ask, "What are the signs that we are becoming more generous this year than we were last year?" "How are we more able to offer ourselves to the work of ministry?" "What are the signs that we are growing in our ability effectively to do our God given mission?" As you ponder the answers to these questions, you will see whether you are growing as Stewards of God's gifts.

## MSTYC Dates and Information

Continued from front page patens, and other liturgical ware.

The workshop is planned for the evening of Friday, February 6 through lunch on Sunday February 8, at Marygrove Retreat Center on the Garden Peninsula. Overnight space is limited at Marygrove, so *early registration is recommended*. Cost is \$95 per person for two nights, including meals and lodging. Scholarships are available. All are welcome, including non-Eiscopalians! To register or for more information, contact Jane Cislucyis at the diocesan office, (800) 236-0087.

## Chancellor receives award for Pro Bono Project for Domestic Violence Victims



Pat Micklow (seated second from left), Diocesan Chancellor, with other Pro Bono Project leaders. (Photo Doug Elbinger)

The Michigan State Bar's Pro Bono Project for Domestic Violence Victims has won a prestigious Community and Educational Outreach Award that is presented each year by the National Association of Bar Executives and Lexis Nexis. Project leaders met in Lansing recently to accept the award that was first presented at the American Bar Association meeting in San Francisco, August 2003. The Pro Bono Project for Domestic Violence Victims was the brainchild of retired judge Patricia Micklow of Marquette, a member of St. Paul's, and Northern Michigan Diocesan Chancellor (legal consultant). The project is designed to encourage and enhance pro bono legal services for low-income domestic violence victims through the development of statewide training programs, manuals, and other support materials to assist attorneys representing victims in civil proceedings. So far, close

to 300 attorneys have received the training, and pledged to provide 30 hours (or three cases) per year. The project, which is the first of its kind in the country, put together an enthusiastic coalition of legal service providers, domestic violence advocates, and attorneys from the Legal Access Division of the State Bar. The trainings were free of charge to the participants and they also received comprehensive manuals on the legal and protection issues surrounding legal representation of these clients, together with a Michigan Judicial Institute legal manual on the legal proceedings involved, and a bonus disc from a private Michigan company with all the forms for all Michigan proceedings.

Micklow said, "It is one thing to provide pro bono legal representation generally but another when the attorneys are themselves often in physical danger. So the trainings not only included how to deal with the legal obstacles they may face but protection issues for both the clients and the attorneys handling their cases. I think it's important that people understand how much courage and dedication these particular pro bono attorneys must have to represent these clients. They are truly the unsung heroes of the legal profession."

Project leaders seated left to right in photo above: Hon. Harold Hood; Hon. Patricia Micklow; Supreme Court Justice Hon. Marilyn Kelly, and John Berry. Standing, left to right: Linda Rexer, Gregory Conyers; Evanne Dietz, Lorraine Weber, former State Bar Open Justice Consultant and Kathleen Conklin

## Brown Campbell Shines at 2nd AMEN Conference

Rise Thew Forrester

More than 300 clergy and partners gathered September 9-11 at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island for an All Michigan Episcopal Network (AMEN) wellness retreat. They spent the time worshiping, playing, and listening to Joan Brown Campbell, former Executive Director of the U.S. office of the World Council of Churches, and currently the Director of the Department of Religion at the Chatauqua Institute. She was asked to respond broadly to concerns and questions brought to her at the conference, and her talks included reflections on conflict within and between churches, issues of social justice, current debates and actions around human sexuality and especially homosexuality, and her own experience of working in the midst of disagreement and conflict.

Reflecting back to her work on behalf of racial justice in the 1960s, Ms Brown Campbell told of her experience when she invited Martin Luther King, Jr. to speak at her church, and how strongly her fellow Christians reacted against it. She said, "whenever you decide to enter

in to the great issues of our day, you can tell yourself that this won't disrupt your family, this won't cost you anything. But it is divisive, and painful. Yet finally, in retrospect, I can say it is worth it."

She also told of a meeting that she was invited to while Bill Clinton was President, where great scientists had been gathered to reflect together on the possibility of whether there is life on Mars. She said she sat there wondering why she was there with this group, feeling terrible out of her league, until a young biologist spoke and said something like this: "We know that there is an essential unity in the universe. Everything relates to everything, and everybody to everybody. In the biosphere, life equals interdependence. Independence is death-dealing. Life is ecumenical, which means 'all of the same family'. Either our future will be ecumenical, or there will be no future." Brown Campbell said she knew then why she was there.

She exhorted those gathered to listen well to one another, to strive to see God moving in the midst of great trouble, and not to give up on dialogue with others with whom one disagrees.

## Around the Diocese...



Bill Hodge (left) was Grand Marshall of the Parade of Nations Event in Houghton

William H. "Bill" Hodge was the Grand Marshall of the Parade of Nations Event, an international event with the town and Michigan Tech. in Houghton. He was a choir boy and acolyte at **Trinity, Houghton**, when the choir was paid 50 cents a service. He grew up to be a business man in Houghton and on Trinity's vestry.



October 12th it was Standing Room Only at the **Canterbury House in Houghton** as the Episcopal Association for College Work hosted the salad and bread stop on the the 7th annual Cooperative College Campus MInistry Progressive Dinner, an ecumenical effort. Each faith community's collegiates were accompanied by adult members of the congregation.



Joy Wallace of **St. Alban's, Manistique** was honored recently at a luncheon. She has just retired as Treasurer for St. Alban's after 35 years. The celebration was a surprise, and Jean Mather says, "The look on Joy's face was priceless!"



**St. Luke's on the Trail** and the residents and friends of **Sugar Island** collected \$1,832 as part of their annual Mountain of Food drive. The resulting "mountain of food" will help people in need in Chippewa County. This is an increase of nearly \$700 over last year's drive. The food and a check for \$360 dollars was presented to Captain Jeremy Dunkirt of the Salvation Army on September 12.



Warren Maki and Carolyn Orchard greet a wooly friend at the Blessing of Animals, St. Mark's, Crystal Falls

**St. Mark's, Crystal Falls** held a Blessing of Pets service on Sunday, September 28. About 22 humans with 13 of their pets showed up for the event. In addition to several dogs and a cat, blessings were bestowed upon a goat, a sheep, a guinea pig and a lizard. Officiating at the service were Carolyn Orchard and Peg Padilla. Those attending the service also brought gifts of animal food, treats blankets and money which were collected and delivered to the Northwoods Humane Society in Iron River. The congregation is already looking forward to sponsoring the event again next year.



*Ministerios Nuestras Pequeñas Rosas 2004 Calendar*  
Our Little Roses Ministries - A Complete Ministry for Women and Children in Honduras

## Our Little Roses 2004 Calendars Available Now

Pat Micklow

God does work in mysterious ways. Last January Coralie Hambleton gave an inspiring sermon at St. Paul's, Marquette, about listening to those little "nudges" God gives us. Coincidentally my husband Judd and I left for Honduras the very next day with Mary Kelsey to work at Our Little Roses (OLR), a residential home for girls in San Pedro Sula, the second largest city in Honduras, Central America. This home cares for girls from infancy to adulthood who have been abused and/or abandoned, and was established over fifteen years ago by the wife of the Episcopal Bishop of Honduras. We didn't know quite what to expect but Mary's enthusiasm about the work being done there for about seventy homeless girls in a country where these girls would have been previously placed in the only facility available—a women's prison—was very contagious, and perhaps one of those little "nudges" from God that Coralie described.

Our first impression upon our arrival there was a bit intimidating. At both the home where we would be staying, and at the Our Little Roses home, heavy steel gates swung open and guards with sawed-off shotguns emerged. Homes and businesses alike have these armed guards and high stone fences topped with barbed wire and broken glass shards. We later learned that crime is prevalent in Honduras, understandable in one of the poorest countries in this hemisphere with very few governmental protections and an extraordinarily unequal distribution of wealth.

The girls at Our Little Roses quickly dissipated any apprehensions we may have felt. They were so happy and welcoming, giving us hugs and holding our hands as they showed us around their home. Even with our very poor Spanish, we managed somehow to communicate with those smiling, accepting little girls. There were so many wonderful images to capture that Mary and I kept our cameras busy photographing bits of the girls' lives at Our Little Roses: dressing up for church, going to school in their uniforms, playing with the volunteers, enjoying

games. A second trip in April led to even more photo opportunities and interaction.

Eventually it became very clear that each of us received much more from the girls than we could ever give them in return. The Our Little Roses 2004 calendar was conceived as a means of sharing our experience with others. With technical help from Marquette artist Kathleen Conover, and the expert printers of Lake Superior Press, Mary and I were able to put some of our images into a format that would not only tell others about this unique outreach program but also raise funds to help support the education and well-being of the girls at Our Little Roses. OLR is solely supported by donations from individuals, churches, and organizations around the world.

You can help (and perhaps respond to one of those little "nudges" from God) by purchasing calendar(s) for \$10 each or whatever donation beyond that you would like to make (since in our enthusiasm we have a lot of calendars!) by mailing your check made payable to the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Michigan, 131 E. Ridge Street, Marquette, MI. 49855. Your caring, support, and generosity will help transform the lives of these little girls.

## EACW Announces More Scholarships

Joyce Menard

The following students were also awarded EACW Scholarships of \$1,000 each.

Brynn Maynard, Holy Trinity, Iron Mountain  
Katherine Kilok, Trinity, Gladstone  
Adam Maynard, St. Paul's, Marquette

The EACW Board apologizes for the delay in the award and announcement of these scholarships and wishes each student a successful academic year.

### The Episcopal Diocese of Northern Michigan

*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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