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Thousands gathered for the Convention Eucharist at the Minneapolis Convention Center. (ENS photo by Jeff Smith)

“Profound Acceptance and Deep Apprehension”

General Convention Gathers the Faithful to “Engage God’s Mission”

Rise Thew Forrester

In what has been called “historic” and a “tremendous affirmation of inclusion and justice” by some, and a “tragedy” and “abandonment of tradition and doctrine” by others, the 74th General Convention of the Episcopal Church spent 10 days in the glare of a national media focused on issues of sexuality. The decision to consent to the election of the first openly gay man as a bishop, and to allow for dioceses to decide whether they will bless same-sex unions, gathered more attention for the Episcopal Church than any other event in our Church’s recent history. It remains to be seen what the effects of these decisions will have on the Episcopal Church and the wider Anglican Communion, and even on the conversations that other denominations have regarding issues of sexuality. Hundreds of other resolutions and policy and canon changes were also deliberated and passed, amended or rejected, some of which will have a deep and lasting effect on the life of our church. *Episcopal Life* carries further articles and pictures on General Convention and the Episcopal Church Women’s Triennial.

The Diocese of Northern Michigan sent seven Deputies (our eighth deputy was unable to attend) along with

our Bishop. *Church in Hiawathaland* asked them to share their reflections on the ten days spent in Minneapolis. Here are remarks from some of them. They will also be reporting further at Diocesan Convention in October.

Jim Kelsey, Bishop: (*Jim sent this description of daily life at Convention about halfway through, to UPChat, the diocesan email listserve*)

After early morning [beginning at 7-7:30am] legislative committee meetings... [we have] a massive Holy Eucharist, with a few thousand of your closest friends. Everyone there for any reason comes. House of Bishops, House of Deputies, Episcopal Church Women (there for their Triennial meeting), exhibitors, spouses, other interested visitors - you name it. Everyone is assigned to a separate table, at which 6-8 people sit. During each Eucharist (which offers varied liturgies, languages, music, from various different cultures) there is discussion time, following the brief homily. It’s a Bible Study with a reflection about the work of Convention, and is remarkable, since every table is made up of such a diverse assortment of folks. The same people meet at the same

table each day, so over the two weeks, you get to know one another pretty well.

Following Eucharist, you have about 15 minutes to make your way down the hall to (in my case) the House of Bishops. The House of Deputies meets just across the hall, and down the corridor, not far away, is the ECW Triennial. When you consider that there are about 2000 or more people who make up these three gatherings, you can appreciate how huge is the Convention Center itself.

As you walk down the hallway (or anywhere else in the city of Minneapolis during these two weeks, it seems) you are constantly running into people you know - from your seminary, from the other dioceses you have served, from various committees and commissions you have served on, from other dioceses of our province, and on and on. It’s like a huge family reunion, on overload. And the whole time, you are trying to focus on a huge load of legislative initiatives which are about to come to the floor.

Entering the House of Bishops, you walk past a cadre of guards who check your name tag to be sure you are

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General Convention, Continued...

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authorized to enter. (The House of Deputies has the same security - especially this year, since there have been death threats surrounding the controversial issues related to human sexuality) The Bishops sit in one section of a huge ballroom, and the spectators sit in a gallery set off by waist high dividers. There are 27 tables, each with about 7 bishops. The groupings are somewhat random, although effort has been made to have each table represent the diversity of theological and political positions in the church. In anticipation of this Convention, the same groups have sat together every time the House of Bishops have met over the past two years. So we know each other very well, and we have learned how to talk with each other about very difficult and sometimes explosive issues, even when we disagree.

When you arrive at your table, each person has a sheaf of papers waiting to be sorted through and placed into the huge notebook you are given. These are the resolutions that you are being asked to vote upon. There are literally hundreds of them. Each one has been reviewed by a legislative committee (that's what you're doing during those early morning sessions), given an open hearing, and given a recommendation. The Chair of the Legislative Committee presents the resolution along with the recommendation. There is open debate, and then a vote. Each and every one of the resolutions, if passed, gets sent to the

other House for concurrence. If the other House amends it, it is sent back to your House for re-consideration. Only when both Houses confer does any legislation become binding.

The Legislative Session continues until about 12:30 or 1:00pm.



A bird's eye view of the House of Deputies during its meeting at the Minneapolis General Convention. (ENS photo by Jeff Smith)

You then have about an hour to get some lunch - and there is almost always a meeting or workshop or something going

on during each lunch break. The afternoon is spent in more legislation until 6pm.

Then we try to get our Deputation (from the diocese) together, to touch base and hear from each other what each House is doing, as well as Triennial, and other things happening.

Most evenings are filled with additional Hearings or presentations or concerts or formal dinners.

Most nights, we get to bed about 11pm (sometimes after midnight). Then it's up at the crack of dawn to do the whole thing over again. Whew!

(Jim sent this piece near the end of Convention) A matter of great concern for many of us was the proposed revision of the Ministry Canons (Title III of the national Church canons). I have been serving on the Standing Commission on Ministry Development which developed these drafts for the past three years, and at this Convention, I was Vice-Chair of the Ministry Committee, which reviewed, amended, and formally proposed the final versions. This is an extremely important re-shaping of our Ministry Canons. It re-focuses ministry from ordination to baptism; it clarifies the integrity of each order (deacon, priest & bishop) as separate and equal; it establishes Continuing Education as a requirement for everyone who is ordained or licensed in our Church; it establishes local ordination (such as many dioceses such as ours utilize with mutual ministry) as a norm in our church, by clearly authorizing a flexibility in the formation process. The proposal for Direct Ordination, which would have ordained candidates for the priesthood directly to the priesthood

rather than the current practice of first ordaining them as deacons for six months to a year, was rejected by this Convention. A couple of other changes were made as well.

As you may guess, this was a huge legislative process, to get such a massive and complex revision through General Convention... We made the presentation to the House of Bishops on Thursday afternoon, spending two hours on the floor answering questions and fielding proposed amendments. When the final vote came by the bishops, it was unanimous, and there was a standing ovation. But that great enthusiasm meant nothing when it (finally) arrived on the floor of the House of Deputies - late morning on the last day of legislation. The presentation by the Deputies' Committee leadership was unclear, and it seemed certain that the Deputies would protest that they didn't have time to deal with it and refer it back to the Ministry Committee (thereby killing it for this Convention), but when it came time for the vote, the Deputies voted overwhelmingly against the motion to refer. They then went on to vote the full proposal through, unchanged from the Table discussions were a highlight for me as we looked at: receiving, repenting, reconciling and restoring in our lives and draft presented to them, by the bishops, with 84% of the Deputies voting in favor. Our own Deputies played a key role in that final vote, speaking persuasively from the microphone of the importance of this revision. It was a dramatic and (for me, at least) an emotional moment, when the

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From the Bishop's Desk

The Wideness of God's Mercy

Jim Kelsey

The old familiar hymn begins "There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea". Those words certainly came to mind during and immediately following the recent General Convention in Minneapolis, which produced such stormy media coverage.

There, in the midst of several thousand Episcopalians, and with the whole world watching with a media hype seldom focused on Episcopal events and gatherings, we dealt with the reality of serious disagreements amongst the faithful. And it was hard; hard to face the fact that whatever decisions were reached, there would be some who would rejoice and others who would feel betrayed or estranged. Everyone of us, certainly myself included, had strong feelings about the matters at hand, and at such moments, it is easy for us to treat one another with something less than complete sensitivity and grace.

And yet, somehow, most of the Episcopalians in Minneapolis did find a way to live through those challenging days with a grace and civility which did not escape those who came to observe us. The Dallas Morning News, for example, reported the following:

"...we have been struck by the calm and deliberative process the Episcopalians followed in reaching their conclusion. The discussions amongst the clergy and laity were marked not by cheap name-calling but by honest soul-searching. And yes, there is division. But the common bond of faith took precedence....Perhaps their thoughtfulness and mutual respect for one another on this issue will have a positive impact on how all of us Americans carry on our larger social debate. At least we hope so."

The truth is that the Anglican/Episcopal tradition has always discovered ways of holding together through times of disagreement and controversy. There are some who choose to leave when their conscience demands, but for the most part, we have been able to move through any number of social and historical transitions, keeping our communion in tact. I feel confident that this will continue through the present tension of our own generation.

The last verse of that old favorite hymn about the wideness of God's mercy begins with these words: "For the love of God is broader than the measure of the mind." In the end, this is the heart of the matter. It has to do with love. It has to do with God's love, which is always beyond our understanding, and always stronger than any social forces or personal perspectives which threaten to divide us. If we can hold together within the embrace of that love, even while we do disagree about important things, we will learn again about that great force of good which does draw all things and all people back into the unity of the Spirit. It's the love which rests at the heart of creation.

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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General Convention Deputies Reflect...

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Presiding Bishop announced that the Deputies had concurred with Title III, and the bishops exploded into enthusiastic applause. The rest of our time in Minneapolis was filled with warm and enthusiastic hugs and congratulations by the many many people who have worked so hard on these revisions over the past six years, and longer.

Arlene Gordanier, Deputation Chair: "I was awed and amazed at the Episcopal General Convention 2003 in Minneapolis. The worship experiences were wonderful and exciting with so many different voices in music, liturgy and preachers as well as the many different languages. The silence for reflection prior to our table discussions was breathtaking and it is hard to imagine how so many people could be so still and focused on listening for the voice of the Holy Spirit—as the words to a favorite song say it so well: "Surely the Presence of the Lord is in this place." in our experiences at General Convention. The other highlight of this convention for me was being on a committee. I was on the Education committee where we talked about lifelong learning and Christian formation, which is something, we as a diocese strive for and have some valuable experience in. We presented several



Marian Luckey participates in the United Thank Offering ingathering at General Convention

resolutions for voting which included a commitment to the efforts of teaching Peace and Justice and the UN Program, efforts to teach young people about HIV/Aids with a focus beyond just the church setting but also seeking to encourage public schools to implement such education. We also presented resolutions regarding ministry with the 18—30 age group and looking to provide internships and other programs. The committee also generated a resolution designed to help teach about the role of money as a part of the Christian formation process and its impact on stewardship of all areas of our lives. I really enjoyed my time on this committee and feel it was very valuable to me personally as well as professionally. I am also very grateful we were not overloaded with assignments as was the Ministry committee.

I also enjoyed the time in the House of Deputies and am Thankful that as we discussed difficult and controversial issues we were able to do so without name calling or malicious acts(such as was experienced in Denver). It is truly an amazing, wonderful experience.

Bonnie Turner: This was my fourth General Convention, and I enjoyed meeting new people and being reacquainted with others that I have met previously, and new experiences. I was appointed to the Ministry Committee,

which kept me busy with early morning meetings, afternoon hearings on resolutions and as the chaplain for the committee. The morning worship and table discussions gave an opportunity to experience different music and viewpoints on issues. The love and care that was expressed during some difficult resolutions and the outcome was handled with prayer and silence. The noonday prayers were pictures on a PowerPoint with prayers, reflections and music. These prayers had a calming effect on the House of Deputies. I experienced the diversity of people and issues within our Church, however I feel we still work together to build up the body of Christ.



Deputation from Diocese of Northern Michigan to General Convention in Minneapolis (left to right): Marcia Pruner, Rayford Ray, Arlene Gordanier, Mrk Engle, Bonnie Turner, Kevin Thew Forrester, Dick Graybill

Rayford Ray: [General Convention] was a time of prayer, worship, bible study, learning, fellowship, and hard work. It was a time to deliberate the many resolutions that came before the House of Deputies and issues that brought about a great deal of debate. It was a time of pain and also a time of joy for many deputies, bishops, and triennial delegates.

The theme of General Convention was centered around receiving, repentance, reconciliation, and restoring. Many voices were heard and the Convention acted with dignity, compassion, and respect as we debated the confirmation of the election of Gene Robertson as Bishop of New Hampshire... This decision brings discomfort for some and joy for others. Our Baptismal Covenant reminds us that we are held together by who we are and what we are about even as we express our disagreements and affirmation. As reported in the "Center Aisle," "The lasting effects of this Convention may well be matters that received little attention from the media. The Church is committed to youth, to renewal of our congregations, to growth, and to the witness of the church to justice and peace. These emphases may well renew the Church at every level."

Our faith communities have much to celebrate. We can attest to the work of the Episcopal Church and the

vitality and abundance of gifts present in our faith communities, and at the regional, diocesan, and national level.

As always please keep our Church in your daily prayers as we continue the work of God's Church in this place and time.

Marcia Pruner: Once again our General Convention is over. I have been privileged to attend convention for the past 30 years... For me the General Convention of the church is to experience the Episcopal Church at it's best. That may sound strange in light of all the recent controversy, which has made the news during the convention. I was once

frustrating, yes, but always thrilling. Thank you all for allowing me once again the blessing of being able to attend and contribute what I can to this church I love so much.

Mark Engle: With the General Convention's consent to the ordination of Rev. Canon V. Gene Robinson as Bishop of New Hampshire and its permission to local jurisdictions to institute rites for same sex unions, we have taken steps many years in the making. What shall we think about these actions?

They represent the full recognition that the Good News of God in Christ is universal in nature, for all people. There have been many among us who sought to live out faithful relationships and discharge the duties of ministries without our blessing, or worse, dishonestly, in secret. To acknowledge their presence represents a step away from a fixation on things sexual, remembering that our God has even deeper ways of relating to us. As our Presiding Bishop noted, we will show ourselves first to be a community of love and mutual respect not only by the steps we are taking, but also by the way we have so far taken them.

So, we seek to embrace all who intend lifelong commitments to lifelong relationships, any who are called in ministries in the church. We have not relaxed our standards. Quite the opposite is true. We are now able to call each to a fidelity, which is our true priority, the sign of Christ present here among us.

To some, this step is an occasion for deep apprehension. For others, it is a moment of equally profound acceptance... We enter a time that demands the very best from us. In time, we will see with clarity the wisdom or folly of such a step, even as we are all embraced in the mystery of God's love for us. It will be imperative that we carry out this conversation in the deepest respect. Let us grow a conversation that orbits our deepest concerns, even as we adjust to this change in our life and ministry.

Transitions

Baptisms

Trina Povich
Trinity, Gladstone

Dylan Held
Christina Held
All Saints, Newberry

Giovanni Vincent Strong
St. Stephen's, Escanaba

again privileged to serve on the Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music committee at convention, which I have done each time... We were the committee charged with considering and [formally proposing] the resolutions dealing with approval of Gene Robinson's election to the episcopate in New Hampshire as well as those having to do with blessings of same-sex unions. The committee consisted of 48 people and in my experience was one of the best committees I have served on. Each person was treated with respect and dignity regardless of their views. You have all heard the results of what was accomplished at Minneapolis and also about the news that the church is in danger of schism. I personally have no fear of that. I believe that this church is strong and will survive because I believe that Holy Spirit is working within us and we will continue to grow as God continues to reveal to us. We are finite humans living in a nano-second of eternity and we have so much to learn about the creation that surrounds us. Our calling is to be aware and to listen and learn from those around us and to care for every human being, as Christ would have us do. You see, aside from all of the issues that make headlines there are always a myriad of people who speak to many many of the issues confronting us as a society that we need to pay attention to and so General Convention for me is a wonderful learning experience; exhausting, yes, sometimes



Bagpiper Chad Norton welcomes the standing room only crowd to the centennial celebration at St. Stephen's, DeTour Village in July. Jim Kelsey, Bishop, looks on.

St. Stephen's, DeTour Village Centennial Celebration Draws SRO Crowd

Jim Kelsey

St. Stephen's in DeTour Village put on a spectacular celebration of the 100th anniversary of the dedication of the beautiful stone church which has sat on the main street of DeTour Village for a century. We began the day with a celebration of the Eucharist, including the dedication of pulpit & lectern hangings, a burse and a veil, and a stole, all matching with symbols of a ship at sea (appropriate, given the initiation of the mission as a mariner ministry). They were presented in memory of long-time member of the congregation, Miriam Lawless, who died recently.

The congregation of St. Stephen's began in the late 19th century, with marriages recorded in the parish record book in 1894 and 1899. The Church was built and dedicated in 1903.

The Church was packed for that morning service, and most of the crowd stayed on for a box lunch which was consumed inside the church, due to inclement weather. The place roared with conversation and laughter until the time came for the afternoon liturgy, at 2pm. The morning crowd was joined by others from throughout the town and region, until there was standing room only.

As everyone was seated, the bell tolled, and suddenly the sound of bagpipes came in through the open doors, growing louder as the piper entered the church, playing Amazing Grace, walking up the aisle, then standing in front, playing a medley of several hymns, before walking out the way he entered. As the bagpipe tones faded away, the piano started up, and the overflowing congregation sang loudly, "Almighty Father, strong to save" - the old mariners Navy hymn.

Russ Murphy offered a welcome, as Missioner of the St. Mary District of the Eastern Region of the Diocese. Jim

Pulliam read Ephesians 2:13-22. I led a marvelous litany, prepared by the congregation for the liturgy. We then sang "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling", after which Joe Thompson summarized the history of the congregation, and I offered some remarks about "The Future". Presentations were then made to the Underwood Foundation and to Vesta Knuth, long time Senior Warden, for their many years of support and dedication to St. Stephen's. Following a blessing, the liturgy concluded with a singing of "O Spirit of the Living God", and a dismissal.

After the liturgy, the crowd stayed on for ice cream & strawberries, served outside on the grounds (since the storm had passed and the sun broke through the clouds).

It was a grand celebration, and left everyone feeling uplifted and inspired for the future, both in DeTour Village and throughout the diocese, wherever there are congregations ministering in our small towns and villages.



It was a standing room only crowd at the centennial celebration at St. Stephen's, DeTour Village.

Balanced Budget Prepared for Council Finance Committee says No to Increase in Apportionment

Rise Thew Forrester

The Ad Hoc Finance Committee has prepared a 2004 budget for Council that accounts for a projected \$82,600 deficit without suggesting an increase in congregational apportionment, as had been proposed in an earlier draft.

Meeting in Marquette July 26, participants from around the U.P. received comments and feedback from regional and congregational meetings regarding the first draft of the budget. It was clear listening to the response of the wider diocese that there was no support for increasing the congregational apportionment (the percentage of income in congregations that supports local and diocesan ministry through the diocesan budget) from 21% to 23%. There was also concern about the proposal to increase the funds drawn from the Trust Association from the current 5.5% to 6.0%, so the Committee is recommending that this be a one year only increase, and that it returns to 5.5% in 2005.

Dick Graybill, Diocesan Treasurer, informed the group that the Trust Association took steps at their July meeting to increase the allocation of funds that they are able to make available to the diocesan budget, without increasing the percentage of draw from the investments. "We are moving into a different way of investing, to increase income," Graybill

said. "In fact, we have already taken steps to provide an additional \$22,000 for 2003." With this information, the Committee was able to finalize their recommendations to Council with a balanced budget for 2004.

Revenue Enhancements include raising registration fees for Visitor's Weekends, requesting gifts for *Church in Hiawathaland*, raising the draw from the Trust Association from 5.5% to 6.0% (for 2004 budget year only), and utilizing the Trust Association's additional income from investments. Expenditure reduction recommendations include reducing payment of the national church apportionment by 10%, reducing reimbursement for travel to and from committee meetings within the diocese by 50%, reducing the delegation to the General Convention (2006) from eight people to six, reduce diocesan support to ECW, reduce support for Page Center Director by 25%, staff paying for 50% of future increases in health insurance.

Diocesan Council meets September 6 to receive the Finance Committee's recommendations and finalize the budget for presentation to Diocesan Convention in October.



The mural in the Sunday School room at St. Stephen's, Escanaba was painted by the children throughout the past year.

Water and Scripture, Listening and Painting

The Youth of St. Stephen's, Escanaba, have spent the last year exploring water and the Bible, hearing the stories of Creation, the Great Flood, Jonah and the whale, Moses as a baby and later parting the Red Sea during the Exodus from Egypt. They heard stories of Jesus' baptism in the Jordan river, nets too full of fish, Jesus walking on water and water turned into wine. They listened...then they painted, and painted and painted. Now the Sunday School is brightened by the mural of water in scripture, flowing into a baptismal font that is patterned on the font at St. Stephen's.

The kids said:

"It was neat,"

"It was fun!"

"I did the birds!"

"I learned Bible stories" and

"I did the purple!"

(From *St. Stephen's Outlook*)



Light up a Life!

Camp New Day UP Completes Second Season

Camp New Day UP completed its second year as an experience offered to the kids of Michigan's Prison Inmates. It offers a remarkable opportunity for some great, but "at risk" kids to build self confidence and leadership skills to help them break a cycle of failure. "The kids had a great time. Many of the ideas we learned in our staff training are making this year's camps a good deal more enriching than even than last years," said Mark Engle, a member of the Camp's planning group.

Transportation, camping supplies (such as sleeping bags and beach towels), and lots of staff volunteers made the season a good experience for all.

The first week took place at our own Page Conference Center in Little Lake. The second week was held at Camp Michigamme, the Methodist camp on Lake Michigamme, and the third week was at Presbytery Point, the Presbyterian camp, also on Lake Michigamme. The staff for these three weeks is made up of persons from various denominations, and include several Episcopalians, including Mat Metor of Escanaba, who is the Camp Director.

Thank you to all who made this experience possible by your giving of time and money for scholarships and supplies. Planning is already underway for next year, as word of this program spreads to families with loved ones in prison. (UP Chat)



Members of Calumet and Eagle Harbor congregations gathered for the annual beach liturgy in August (Photo Peg Padilla)

Around The Diocese...

On August 10 about 37 folks from **Calumet and Eagle Harbor**, along with some other summer visitors, gathered for the annual Beach Liturgy and picnic at Bete De Gris. It was a lovely day and the service was a lot of fun, as always. Manuel Padilla officiated at the liturgy with Bev Eaton assisting. After the liturgy, several people stayed for a picnic on the beach. .

Holy Trinity, Iron Mountain held its annual parish picnic at Lake Antoine Park on August 24, with Eucharist and potluck, followed by games.

Members of **Trinity, Mackinac Island** organized a lecture at the Mackinac Public Library in August. Howard Miller, University Distinguished Teaching Professor of History is currently finishing the research for a book on the effect of General Lew Wallace's novel, **Ben-Hur**, on American Culture since the book's publication in 1880.

Ben-Hur was, by most estimates, the best-selling novel of the nineteenth century. In some years of the last two decades of that century, it sold more copies than any book except the Bible in America. Miller's lecture dealt with the remarkable author of **Ben-Hur**, a Civil War general who wrote parts of the novel in the territory of New Mexico, where, as governor, he led the search for Billy the Kid. Miller will relate Wallace's best seller to the culture of leisure that also produced vacation spots such as Mackinac Island and its remarkable Grand Hotel. Many of the first vacationers who sat on the hotel's spectacular porch would have been reading **Ben-Hur**.

St. Mark's, Crystal Falls held their "second annual" Ice Cream Social with 27 people attending. It was great fun and the planning committee included the Sunday School kids (ice cream experts). It's was a fun time because it's an event that the kids help plan and execute. They were busy dishing out ice cream and cleaning up afterward.

Also, the Women of **St. Mark's Crystal Falls** enjoyed their annual picnic at the home of Lou McCreary on June 24. It's a beautiful setting on Fortune Lake and it was a nice evening, although the dreaded flies were still plentiful enough to drive us inside for our potluck picnic.

Trinity Houghton welcomed guest preacher Perry Wiggins, a United Methodist minister from Chicago. His pastoral experiences includes chaplaincy serving on the staff of AIDS Project Los Angeles and the Los Angeles Free Clinic.

EACW Announces 2003 Scholarship Awards

Joyce Fletcher Menard

The Episcopal Association of College Work (EACW) will be assisting twenty-two students to achieve their academic goals through the distribution of \$28,775. The prayers of the EACW Board are with each student as they continue their education and faith journey. The EACW Board is pleased to announce the following awards:

Graduating High School Scholarships = \$1,000 each

Elizabeth King, Holy Trinity, Iron Mountain
Central Michigan University

Abby Larson, Holy Trinity, Iron Mountain
Grand Valley State University

Jason Washburn, Grace, Ishpeming
Northern Michigan University

Jennifer Wyman, St. Paul's, Marquette
Lake Superior State University

Undergraduate Scholarships = \$1,000 each

Natalia Bumazhokova, Good Shepherd, St. Ignace
Lake Superior State University

Cathy Clark, Grace, Ishpeming
Northern Michigan University

Rachel Gardner, Trinity, Houghton
Kenyon College

Paul Hector, Grace, Ludington
Michigan Technology University

Christopher Heilala, Grace, Ishpeming
Northern Michigan University

Theodore Heilala, Grace, Ishpeming
Northern Michigan University

Julie Holm-Wallace, St. Alban's, Manistique
Bay De Noc Community College

Anthony King, Holy Trinity, Iron Mountain
Central Michigan University

John Dewey Morrison, Holy Trinity, Iron Mountain
Michigan Technology University

Megan Thyne, Grace, Menominee
University of Minnesota

Dana Wils, Trinity, Gladstone
Bay De Noc Community College
Christopher Witry, St. Peter's, Chicago
Michigan Technology University

Cecilia Woodworth, St. Stephen's, Escanaba
Calvin College

Graduate School Scholarships = \$1,000

Elizabeth Foster, Holy Trinity, Iron Mountain
Northern Michigan University

Beth Jamison (Dietzel), St. Martin's, Kalamazoo
Western Michigan University

Jessica Stolze, Holy Trinity, Iron Mountain
Northern Michigan University

Phoebe Woodworth, St. Stephen's, Escanaba
University of Miami

A \$4,000 Foreign Study Scholarship was awarded to Sarah Kempke, Trinity Episcopal Church, Houghton, and a \$3,000 Clergy Scholarship was awarded to Rayford Ray for work/travel/study in our companion

Editor's Note: Thank you to all scholarship recipients who sent in your photos to Church in Hiawathaland. Due to space constraints, we were unable to print the photos along with the scholarship announcements. We apologize for the omission, and wish you all well in your studies.



Participants in the Episcopal Divinity School/Diocese of Northern Michigan Course on Ministry Development gather for a group photo.

EDS and Northern Michigan Partners in Education

In June, Kevin Thew Forrester, Ministry Development Coordinator, traveled to Cambridge, Massachusetts to team-teach a course at the Episcopal Divinity School (EDS). Thew Forrester and Fredrica Harris Thompsett, professor in church history, along with Steve Kelsey and Bill Kondrath, led a workshop/course entitled "Understanding and Encouraging Local Ministry Development." The workshop represented a joint venture of Northern Michigan and EDS, in which we are responding to the growing need to provide an experiential-based learning opportunity

for those having interest in becoming ministry developers. Charlie Piper joined them for two days of the week-long course, offering his story of ministry development in Iron Mountain. Iron Mountain's story was particularly relevant for the 25 course participants, because most of them come from parishes with rectors in place. Participants came from California, Oregon, Idaho, Wyoming, Missouri, the New England states, Ohio, Quebec, England, and Jamaica. They hope to develop another class for 2005 or 2006. (UPChat)

Partnerships with Wales, Scotland Develop

Kevin Thew Forrester

Charlie Piper and Kevin Thew Forrester traveled on a two-week trip in July to the Church in Wales and the Episcopal Church of Scotland.

Caroline Pascoe (who visited N. Michigan last year) invited us to spend our first week primarily with the Diocese of Llandaff, Wales, participating in their Diocesan School for Clergy, which meets every four years. 150 clergy attended the School, where I was one of the keynote speakers. I offered my reflections on the history, as well as current develops, of mutual ministry. Charlie and I also led two workshops – one focused on our Discovery Process as well as LifeCycles, and the other on the development of Mutual Ministry in Iron Mountain (and Charlie's changing role as Rector/Missioner). We also had a chance to meet with the diocesan staff, which includes Barry Gordon, the new Archbishop of Wales. The Diocese has committed itself to developing Local Collaborative Ministry (their name for the ministry of all the baptized). Our hope is for continued partnership between our Diocese and Llandaff. After the Clergy School, we traveled north to the Diocese of Bangor, where we met in the morning with 40 persons from around the diocese to discuss Local Collaborative Ministry. In the afternoon, we met with what would be the rough equivalent to our Diocesan Commission on Ministry. Bangor is also committed to Local Collaborative Ministry, and traces its own genesis within the diocese to Northern Michigan.

Our second week was in the Episcopal Church of Scotland. We spent time with the Local Collaborative Ministry Think Tank, as well as with several individuals leading the development of ministry in Scotland. Once again, our conversations were full of energy and hope, especially as we discussed our Discovery Process, LifeCycles, and Iron Mountain.

I return quite grateful for the chance to share our story and learnings with the churches in Wales and Scotland, as well as the opportunity to forge closer links between Northern Michigan and these Celtic dioceses.

Diocesan Calendar

All times Eastern

SEPTEMBER 2003

4	Dead Saints Society	5:30 pm	Diocesan Apartment, Marquette
6	Diocesan Council	10:00 am	Diocesan Offices, Marquette
9-11	Rectors/Missioners		Page Center, Little Lake
11	Camp New Day Planning	6:00 pm	St Paul's, Marquette
12	South Central Region	6:00 pm	St Stephen's, Escanaba
13	Evangelism	10:00 am	Diocesan Offices, Marquette
13	Sexual Boundaries Wkshop	9:00 am	St Stephen's, Escanaba
17	Justice/Peace/Child Advocacy	3:00 pm	Diocesan Offices, Marquette
19-20	LifeCycles		
19-21	Happening		
26-27	ECW Fall Retreat		Page Center, Little Lake
27	Commission on Ministry	10:00 am	Diocesan Offices, Marquette

OCTOBER 2003

1	MinisDevelopStrategyTeam	10:00 am	Diocesan Offices, Marquette
4	Stand Comm/Crisis Response	10:00 am	Diocesan Offices, Marquette
7-9	Michigan-wide Clergy Gathering		Mackinac Island
17-19	Annual Convention		The Terrace, Gladstone
24	Trust Association	10:30 am	Diocesan Offices, Marquette
25	ECW Board	10:00 am	Diocesan Offices, Marquette

NOVEMBER 2003

1	South Central Region	10:00 am	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

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

Encountering Jesus: The Emmaus Project

Joyce Fletcher Menard

This May and June 2003, desiring to strengthen communication, trust, relationships, and the long-term financial future of the parish, members of Trinity Episcopal Church engaged in a facilitation process called the Emmaus Project. This name was chosen from the story about the encounter with the risen Jesus on the road to Emmaus. The passage was read at each meeting to remind us that we are all on a journey and that we need to look for the Christ in each other on our journey together. To help focus and sensitize us to this way of looking, we were led by Jon Magnuson, Executive Director of the Cedar Tree Institute in Marquette. Jon is an ordained minister of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America with Masters Degrees in Divinity and Social Work. The project included: consultation with the Rector, Ted Durst, Senior Warden, Nancy Auer, and Episcopal Association for College Work (EACW) Board Chair, Joyce Menard, 47 personal interviews with members of the congregation, an open forum with members of the congregation, facilitated retreats with the Vestry and EACW Board, a joint training session with the Vestry, EACW Board and Bishop Kelsey, and two facilitated conversations between the Rector and members of the congregation.

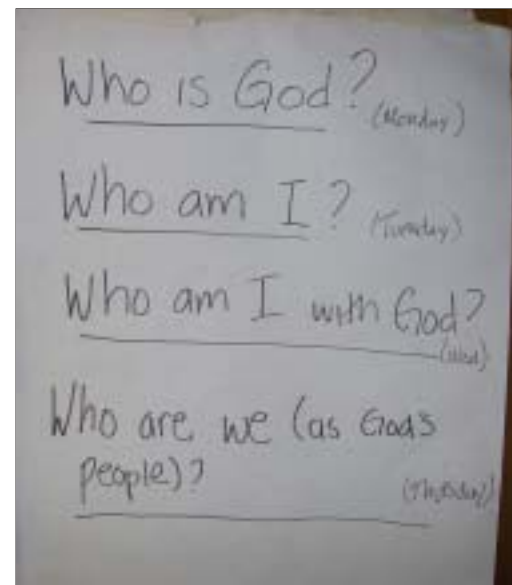
The facilitated portion of the Emmaus Project concluded on June 8, Pentecost Sunday, with Jon Magnuson preaching at the Festival Eucharist of Pentecost. Afterward an open forum with the congregation was held where findings were reported, comments summarized, and next steps outlined. Outcomes of the project include: a working agreement between the Rector, Senior Warden, and EACW Board Chair regarding communication and meeting dynamics, a meeting protocol for the EACW Board to improve meetings and internal communication, covenants of understanding for communication among Vestry members and between the Vestry and the congregation, and the identification of four critical issues facing Trinity (Relationships, Mission, Finance, and EACW) that will be addressed through task forces and time lines set by the Vestry and EACW Board.

Thank You!

As of the end of July, we have received gifts for the Church in Hiawathaland from 218 contributors, with a total received of \$6117. After expenses for the mailing, we have a net total of \$5592. Thank you for your generosity and support of the Communications Ministry in the Diocese of Northern Michigan.



Junior Camp had 22 campers from Grade Four to Grade Eight



Senior High asked the Big Questions!

Youth Camps Summer 2003



Eleven campers came to Senior Camp, smaller this year because camp included the morning of July 4th. But the fun was big!



Activities included canoeing for the first time. Some days were so hot that canoeing became swimming!



Board Chair Jim Martindale spent some time splitting and stacking firewood.



Jim Kelsey presides at Holy Eucharist while Nate Schaaf looks on



Capture the Flag with tissue bags of flour! Jon Tyler got dusted.



Mary Kelsey dusted her nose (and shoulder, and hair...) with flour, too.