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Just a note to everyone to let you know that things have been really cooking around here - and I'd like to be sure folks know:

CALUMET - Last Sunday (Feb 26) we commissioned the Ministry Support Team (see <http://www.upepiscopal.org/Congregations/Calumet/news.html>)

LIFECYCLES & EDS - Last Monday and Tuesday, Kevin and I were in Boston to meet with the faculty of Episcopal Divinity School (one of the seminaries of the Episcopal Church) to explore possibilities for a deeper partnership between them and our diocese - especially in the development of LifeCycles, our local formation process currently being used in so many of our congregations.

PAGE CENTER - Our new Board of Trustees is in the process of selecting a new Executive Director for the Page Center, and plans are underway for construction to begin next fall for its new year-round mission.

JUNIOR WINTER CAMP - for pre-high schoolers from around the diocese has taken place with great success this past weekend in Escanaba

ST. JOHN'S, NEGAUNEE - has just today completed its AFFIRMATION WEEKEND, with members of the Standing Committee and Commission on Ministry, along with Kevin and me, in attendance. A wonderful weekend!

ST. JOHN'S, IRON RIVER - will celebrate a BAPTISM and the COMMISSIONING of its MINISTRY SUPPORT TEAM next Sunday (March 12), at 11am (central time). We are hoping there will be a good representation of folks from around the diocese present to celebrate this big milestone with them. Can you come?

FRAN GARDNER (our Missioner Intern, who will move to Ontonagon and serve with us for the next two years beginning in early July) will be ordained as a Transitional Deacon at Virginia Theological Seminary next Monday (March 13). Carol Clark (as President of the Standing Committee) will join me as I preside at that liturgy in the seminary chapel. Please keep Fran in your prayers. (If you want to send her greetings, her email address is: FGardner@vts.edu)

And don't forget our SPRING CONFERENCE (see <http://www.upepiscopal.org/events/Spring%20Conference/2006SpringConfFront.pdf> and <http://www.upepiscopal.org/events/Spring%20Conference/2006SpringConfBack.pdf> for more information). This will be a rather remarkable gathering - and we are hoping (of course) for a really great turn-out. Also - invite others (including beyond the Episcopal Church) to join us!

So - you can see why I say that things are really cooking around here! Exciting time for our diocese. And I just wanted to be sure everyone knows about it all - and to invite you to post additional news about the vibrancy of the life and mission of your own congregation (and other ministries you are a part of!)

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