



DIOCESAN DIGEST

for Central Pennsylvania

May 21, 2010

FROM THE DESK OF.....

BISHOP NATHAN BAXTER

Dear Friends in Christ,

As you may be aware there are currently two key diocesan staff positions to be filled: Canon to the Ordinary and a half time staff position for ministry with Children and Youth. Interested persons should forward their letter of interest and resume to Office of the Bishop post dated no later than May 31st. Below is a brief summary of each position:

Canon to the Ordinary is the bishop's executive officer, with operational oversight for the critical resources of the diocese (fiscal, physical and human). The Canon to the Ordinary is the bishop's chief of staff and has direct responsibility for working bodies, such as the finance committee, communication committee, Council of Trustees, convention planning, and on-going projects such as strategic planning, Provincial and National Church as regards administrative and canonical matters. With the Archdeacon, the Canon to the Ordinary is a chief advisor and leader of diocesan administration, congregational and leadership development. The successful candidate will be skilled and experienced in team leadership, administration and organizational development, communication, attention to detail and thorough understanding of the Episcopal Church polity and culture. Formal training in theology, business, organizational development and communication is desired.

Canon for Children and Youth Formation is the bishop's missionary to the younger members of the diocese and their congregations. This is a ½ time ministry, which is part of the bishop's ministry formation team. This position assumes significant "hands on" support from and shared leadership for the programs and ministry objectives with the members of the Commissions on Children and Youth. In addition, administration and communication responsibilities are shared with the Diocesan Events Coordinator. Responsibilities include:

- Planning and leading of annual diocesan conferences and expand such activities to include children and youth from all congregations of the diocese;
- Collaborate with the commissions membership to

visit, sustain communications, and build mutual support with all congregations;

- Collaborating with clergy and lay leaders to develop ministries with children and youth appropriate to their local congregational needs;
- Ensure ongoing training and support for local children/youth leaders and commission members (e.g. leadership/planning, developing young leaders, faith development, group building, Safe Guarding God's Children);
- Ensures diocesan representation/participation at Provincial and National events.

Qualified candidates should be knowledgeable of The Episcopal Church's vision, resources, and canonical requirements for ministry with children and youth; will have significant leadership experience (e.g. planning, facilitating and teaching) at all levels of this ministry, especially diocesan; and has demonstrated ability to work with clergy and lay leaders in a variety of settings. Additionally, formal training in Christian ministry (including areas such as faith development, leadership and Christian education with the young) is particularly desired.

A more detailed description for each of these positions will be posted on the Diocesan website in the next few days.

Faithfully,

+Nathan

BRIAN MCLAREN TO HOLD WORKSHOP AT CONVENTION

Our special guest speaker at Diocesan Convention this year will be Rev. Brian D. McLaren. Rev. McLaren will be the keynote speaker during the Convention business meeting on Friday. He will also conduct a special workshop on Saturday morning at 8:00am in the Vaughn Lit Building/Trout Auditorium. This workshop is open to all, even if you are not attending convention on Friday and it is free of charge.

Brian McLaren is an author, speaker, pastor, and networker among innovative Christian leaders, thinkers, and activists. He is a frequent guest on television, radio, and news media programs. Brian has been active in networking and mentoring church planters and pastors since the mid 1980's, and has assisted in the development of several new churches.

Please pass this information on to the members of your parish, and encourage them to attend what will undoubtedly be a very special event.

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REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Deacon Ginny Dunn who has recently received a diagnosis of liver cancer.

Courtland Dunn, Ginny's husband, who is recovering from several falls.

Deacon Barbara Hary, who is in Harrisburg Hospital, following surgery on her hand.

Alice McNutt, as she continues treatment for colitis and a non cancerous tumor in the pancreas.

Bob Rose, who continues his cancer battle.

Maddie Letsche, Acolyte at St. Luke's, Altoona, as she undergoes treatment for both thyroid cancer and Image Negative Transverse Myelitis.

Deacon Kerry Walters, who continues treatment for heart problems.

The Rev. Erica Wood, (Retired) Rector of St. Luke's, Mt. Joy, as she continues her chemotherapy.

UPCOMING EVENTS...May-July

- May 30** Bishop at Church of the Trinity, Washington DC
- May 31** Diocesan office closed for Memorial Day
- Jun 6** Bishop Baxter visits St. Edward's, Lancaster
- Jun 6** Bishop McNutt visits St. Paul's, Columbia
- Jun 11-12** Diocesan Convention
- Jun 13** Bishop visits St. Andrew's, Lewisburg
- Jun 14** Diocesan office closed
- Jun 14** Bishop's Open, Tyoga Country Club, Wellsboro
- Jun 17** 10am Council of Trustees mtg at diocesan office
- Jun 18-19** Bishop Baxter in Washington DC for ordination of Bishop Suffragan for Federal Ministries
- June 20** Bishop visits St. Luke's, Mechanicsburg
- Jun 20-25** Summer Youth Conference, Messiah College
- Jun 24** Bishop at Summer Youth Conference
- Jun 26-27** Bishop visits GLEAM3 churches
- Jun 28-Jul 2** Bishop at Union of Black Episcopalians Annual meeting, Charleston, SC
- Jul 18** Bishop visits St. Benedict's, New Freedom
- Jul 22** Bishop visits All Saints, Selinsgrove
- Jul 25** Bishop visits St. Luke's, Mount Joy

If you have an event of interest to the Diocese that you would like to have listed on the Diocesan website calendar, please contact Deacon Pat Strohl at pstrohl@diocesecpa.org or 888-236-5959

SPACE STILL AVAILABLE FOR CONVENTION EXHIBITORS

If you would like to have an exhibit at the Diocesan Convention this June 11th and 12th at Bucknell, please contact Pam Ballinger, at 888-236-5959 Mondays through Thursdays 1:15 to 5:00pm and Fridays 8:30am to 12:15pm.

SAFEGUARDING GOD'S CHILDREN TRAINING

A training program in sexual abuse awareness for clergy, Sunday School teachers, nursery workers, vestry members, and others who work with minors in our churches

Monday, May 24, 2010

6:30-9:30pm

**St. John's Episcopal Church
1 North Hanover St., Carlisle**

The Diocese of Central PA requires all who are employed by the congregation, all who work or volunteer with children and youth take this training from a diocesan-certified trainer. Diocesan certificates will be issued upon completion of the course.

Note—our Episcopal Church and Diocesan policy states training is required every two years

For information contact The Rev. Robyn Szoke at rszoke@stjohnscarlisle.org or 717-243-4220

CALLING ALL GOLFERS!



BISHOP'S OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENT
Monday June 14th



Tyoga Country Club, Wellsboro

Registration 9:30am ~ Shotgun Start 10:30am

Following golf, a steak dinner will be served on the clubhouse patio

Entrance Fee: \$80.00

(includes greens fee, golf cart & dinner)

Proceeds will benefit the Bishop's Discretionary Fund

Everyone is encouraged to participate, regardless of golf ability, as the tournament will be a scramble, suited to all.

You may register as an individual or a group.

Information & entry forms attached with this Digest

**Mail entries, along with registration fees to Mike Lundgren at St. Paul's Episcopal Church
PO Box 701, Wellsboro, PA 16901**

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION & FEES JUNE 4TH

(A flyer with more details is attached with this Digest)

Youth Summer Conference 2010

THE COLOR OF PRAYER

Messiah College, Grantham, PA

Sunday June 20 - Friday June 25

Open to Youth of the Diocese, Grades 7 to 12

Registration : \$340

Deadline for Registration: May 28th

Registration form available at www.diocesecpa.org

If you have any questions, please contact:

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