
Special Session: Friday, June 5, 1:00 – 5:00 pm

Healing a Woman’s Soul: Domestic Violence Identification & Prevention Training: What We Can Do,

Presented by The Rev’d Dr. Anne Curtin and Jerusha Hubert

Arts & Crafts CE

Domestic violence is the antithesis of a loving God. It occurs in 50% of families. Therefore, victims of daily or past domestic violence pray with us every Sunday and we all must have churched and non-churched friends who are also victims. Unintentionally, our silence about or unawareness of this issue may be mistaken by the world as tolerance for the intolerable. To be known as the safe healing refuge that Christ intended, we need, as a community, to break the silence, know the signs of abuse, and be knowledgeable in ways we can help. Then we can provide the understanding and compassion that creates a safe place to heal.

Rev’d Curtin is a teacher, an attorney and an Episcopal priest. She coordinated and was a trainer for the Diocesan abuse prevention program, “Godly Boundaries.” She organized the Diocesan “Service for Survivors of Abuse” while she was a pastor at Holy Cross Church in Troy. She now leads “Healing a Woman’s Soul,” (HWS) including a prayer ministry at Christ Episcopal Church in Coxsackie.

Jerusha Hubert is a long time parishioner and member of the healing, worship and Alpha teams at Christ Episcopal Church in Schenectady. She has a Bachelor of Arts and a Master’s in Education. She recently retired from the NYS Office of Children and Family Services as a supervisor and trainer for the Child Abuse Hotline. She is a member of the Advisory Team for HWS; she volunteers her time for the Alpha Pregnancy Center in Schenectady and is a published author, currently working on a novel.

Special Session: Friday, June 5, 2:00 – 5:00 pm

Safeguarding God’s Children for Ministries, Presented by the Very Rev’d Michael Gorchov and Mrs. Marianne Gorchov

Zeitfuss I Large Room

The program consists of:

1. Two powerful professionally produced videos,
2. Workshop materials, and
3. An introduction to the diocesan document entitled, “*Policies and Procedures for the Protection of Children and Youth*”.

FOR PARENTS: A 29 minute video designed to give all adults who are concerned about children and youth a basic understanding of the dynamics of child sexual abuse, how to recognize signs that a child may have been abused, and what to do if you have concerns about a person’s behavior towards a child or suspect that a child or youth has been molested. A carefully planned discussion period follows the video, with ample time for questions. A workbook is provided.

FOR PROGRAM LEADERS: A 22 minute video is designed for clergy, employees of churches and non-profit organizations, and volunteers responsible for planning, implementing or supervising ministries, activities or programs for children and youth. It shows what steps can be taken to prevent child sexual abuse in church and other organizational settings. A period of discussion follows the video, and a workbook is provided. Those involved in ministries of any kind will be required to view both videos and participate in the following discussion periods.

The Very Rev'd Michael Gorchov is Rector of St. Paul's Church, Troy, and is Dean of the Metropolitan Deanery. He is President of the Board of Directors of Canterbury House, a senior housing facility in Troy. He has many years of experience in the field of human services, primarily as a substance abuse counselor.

Mrs. Marianne Gorchov, MA, has over thirty years of experience in substance abuse treatment and family mental health. She was in private practice as a psychotherapist and is the past Director of Community Services (DCS) for Hamilton County, NY.

Workshop Session 1 – Friday, June 5, 2:30 – 3:15 pm

C.S. Lewis's *A Grief Observed*, Presented by The Rev'd Michael Shank **Arts & Crafts WS**

Fr. Shank will present a book review and lead a discussion about the C.S. Lewis classic – about our faith in eternal life and pastoral care at death.

Fr. Shank is retired – but still active – as Vicar of St. Margaret's Church in Margaretville and St. Mary's Church in Downsville. He is also Chaplain at the Broome Developmental Center.

Evangelism and Church Growth, **Presented by The Rev'd Canon Robert Haskell**

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If the idea of evangelism makes you anxious, and church growth is confusing, this is the workshop for you. Fr. Bob Haskell will explain the difference between evangelism and church growth and show how the two of them work together to grow a church of committed disciples. Evangelism will be described as a process rather than an event and some simple methods of process evangelism will be described. The elements that produce church growth will be explained and some choices for each of the elements will be offered. The goal is for participants to take home some ideas for evangelism and church growth to use their church.

The Rev'd Robert Haskell, Canon to the Ordinary, has been a student of church dynamics, church growth and church leadership for many years. He led parishes into renewal in Philadelphia, PA and Syracuse, NY before coming to the Diocese of Albany, where he was in charge of St. James Church, Oneonta, and later served as Diocesan Canon for Congregational Transformation. He and his wife Margaret live in Burnt Hills.

Oral Reading Skills for Lay Readers, Presented by Randolph Lukas

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Basic oral reading skills and techniques for Lay Readers: Learn to project, enunciate and be understood when reading scriptures or prayers aloud. Learn how to pronounce “Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego” and be able to say them three times fast. Practical suggestions and available resources will be offered.

Randy Lukas is a Postulant for Holy Orders. He has years of experience as a Lay Reader, performer, public speaker and is a trained workshop presenter.

Renewing Your Spiritual Life: Personality and Prayer,
Presented by The Rev'd Susan Waldron

Jelinek 2 ↓

The Christian faith is a life-long journey of spiritual development. Just as we develop in stages physically, this occurs in our spiritual formation as well. Initially we are fed spiritually through methods that are easy for us to digest and we may progress later to more complex ascetical practices. There are many practices that can inform an individual's faith and aid them in growing closer to God. One of these – one's private prayer life – will be the focus of this workshop.

One's personality traits often affect how that individual relates to certain situations and other personality types. In like fashion, one's personality can determine how beneficial certain prayer forms may be for their spiritual development. This workshop will:

- Explore your personality type,
- Discuss how personality affects one's prayer life,
- Explore prayer forms that match your personality type, e.g. Lectio Divina, Ignatian type prayer, Augustinian prayer, Franciscan type prayer, and Thomistic prayer.

Mother Sue is the Curate at St. Peter's, Albany, where she lives with her 16 year old daughter, Victoria. She graduated from Nashotah House Theological Seminary and was then ordained a transitional deacon in May 2008. She was subsequently ordained a priest in December 2008. She thanks God for His blessing on her prayer life, especially its enrichment through her call and commitment as a Daughter of the King. She seeks to help others develop ascetical practices that draw them closer in relationship with God.

Prison Ministries, Presented by Tom Gizara

Wigwam

This workshop will present various programs that can be and are being used in ministering to prisoners in NYS facilities and county jails. There will be a discussion of how to start programs in local areas. Tom will be assisted by a clergy person and some lay people as well.

Tom Gizara, along with his wife, Jeanne has attended Trinity Church in Watervliet for many years. They have also attended Holy Cross Church in Troy and St. Paul's Church in Kinderhook. Tom grew up at the Church of the Ascension in Troy. He had been involved in Kairos and Alpha in prison for 10 years as well as a Bible study method developed by the Full Gospel Businessmen's Fellowship, International in Rensselaer County Jail for over 15 years. Tom is the Faith Alive representative for our diocese. He currently serves as Vice Chair of the Faith Alive National Board. He is also on the Missions Board of our diocese.

Workshop Session 2 – Friday, June 5, 3:30 – 4:15 pm

What Can We Learn from Anglicans in Africa, Asia & Latin America?

Presented by The Rev'd Dr. Grant LeMarquand

Arts & Crafts WS

Most of the worldwide Anglican Communion is found outside of Great Britain and North America. This workshop will explore how this southward “shift” has taken place, some of the major characteristics of Anglicanism in the non-western world, how we can pray for our sisters and brothers in contexts very different from our own, and what we can learn that can be of benefit to our own Christian lives and the health of the church here at home.

The Rev'd Dr. Grant LeMarquand is the Academic Dean and Associate Professor of Biblical Studies and Mission at Trinity School for Ministry in Ambridge, PA. He and his wife Wendy are Canadians (from Montreal, just north of our Diocese of Albany). They have two grown children and have been missionaries in Africa. Grant's writing and theological research include a strong interest in how African Christians read the Bible.

Reproducing Christian Leaders: An African Model, Part 1,

Presented by the Right Rev'd Todd McGregor

Demarest A

This presentation will look at the African worldview regarding the “circle of life” (made famous by the film, *The Lion King*), emulating the progressive rites of passage (birth, initiation, marriage and death). In light of this, Bp. McGregor will then introduce a model for reproducing Christian leaders which he has introduced in Northern Kenya and Southern Madagascar: Worshipper, Believer, Disciple and Minister/Leader. Beginning with the Worshipper, he will present how we are able to move to the next rite – Believer in Christ. This is an African way of evangelism.

Bp. McGregor, his wife, and daughters founded the ministry of *People Reaching People* in 1991. As a pioneer missionary family, their work began in Madagascar, expanding from city to remote rainforest. Bp. Todd and his wife Patsy served in a variety of capacities: teaching evangelism at St. Paul's Theological College, overseeing the construction of nine health clinics, the School for Lay Ministry and Evangelism and eleven new churches. In 2002, they moved from Madagascar to Kenya to continue their ministry to the poorest of the poor in Eastern Africa and to the many nomadic ethnic groups residing there. Todd was consecrated the first bishop of Toliara in Madagascar in December 2006. He has trained ten evangelists and started four churches in the past two years. During the summer of 2009, the McGregors will continue their work at Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary, where Bp. Todd will be focusing on his Doctorate of Ministry, Revival, Discipleship and Evangelism.

Missions at Home and into the World: Involving All in Missions,

Presented by Linda Stevens

Demarest B

The charge to missions comes from the “Man” in Acts 1:8 – “...witnesses from Jerusalem... to the ends of the earth!” Reading that verse you begin to realize that the mission Jesus gives us presents a wide ranging opportunity to reach out, down the street and across the oceans. Come and discover some of the most exciting ways people in the Albany Diocese are growing missions. And share some of those activities from your church with other mission-minded folks.

Linda Flagler Stevens is Diocese Mission Coordinator, a member of the Vestry of St. John's Church in Troy, a short-term mission leader to Haiti and a retired training manager.

Prayer Table Ministry, Presented by The Rev'd Nina George Hacker, The Rev'd Alan Hart, and Torre Bissell **Jelinek 1 ↓**

This workshop will share the joy and excitement of ministering by prayer with people on the streets of Schenectady and Coxsackie.

The Rev'd Nina George Hacker is a transitional deacon in the Diocese of Albany, serving as Deacon Vicar of St. Christopher's Church in Cobleskill. At Christ Church in Coxsackie, she initiated a weekly Prayer Table ministry this past February. Nina is one of the Diocesan Intercessors and is married to Rich Hacker.

Deacon Alan Hart was ordained in June of 2006. After serving at Christ Church in Schenectady for the past three years, he now is serving as one of the deacons at St. Mary's Church in Lake Luzerne. He is married to Deacon Mary Carol Hart of St. Andrew's in Scotia.

Torre Bissell served in West Africa with his wife Jean as a lay missionary teacher for the Episcopal Church for a dozen years. He heads up the intercessors for the Diocese of Albany.

Exploring the Sacrament of Reconciliation,
Presented by The Rev'd Canon William Cooper

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Participants will review the Rite of Reconciliation in The Book of Common Prayer. This workshop is designed for those who have not experienced the use of this Rite, but who may wish to consider making it a part of their faith journey. An effort will be made to show that participation in this Rite can become a most comforting, strengthening, and natural way to experience the love of God in a very personal manner, and not something to be dreaded or feared. A psychiatrist friend observed that if this was to again become a regular part of Christian devotional practice, she would have far fewer patients. No confessions will be heard during the workshop. However, participants will be invited to make use of a chaplains' availability during the Convention, especially during the Saturday evening healing service. ***Please bring a prayer book to this workshop.***

Fr. Bill Cooper is the Priest in Charge of St. Thomas' Church in Tupper Lake and St. John's in the Wilderness, Paul Smiths. He is Spiritual Advisor to the diocesan Cursillo Movement and Chaplain to the clergy of the Diocese of Albany.

Give Thanks in All Circumstances, **Presented by The Rev'd Art Peters**

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Holy Scriptures and the Book of Common Prayer are tools for instructing us on the importance of "Giving thanks in all circumstances," 1 Thessalonians 5. When we pray, giving thanks is usually a small part of our prayers. This will be a time for EXERCISING our thankfulness.

Deacon Art Peters has been married to his wife Sue for almost 30 years. While they have no children of their own, they have eight nieces and nephews as well as 13 great nieces and nephews. Art has served as the Deacon Vicar of Trinity Church in Granville since his ordination in 2003. He has been involved in prison ministry for 16 years and is currently coordinator of Protestant Volunteer Services in Washington Correctional Facility while they await the appointment of a chaplain.

What is *Ubuntu*? An Introduction to the 76th General Convention,
Presented by The Rev'd John L. Scott III

Sports Complex

Ubuntu is an African word, meaning *I in You and You in Me*. In this workshop, Fr. Scott will introduce the 76th General Convention of the Episcopal Church, which will be convened in Anaheim, California in July, 2009.

The Rev'd John L. Scott III is Rector of Calvary Church in Burnt Hills. He will be serving for a third time as a General Convention Deputy from the Diocese of Albany.

Stress Reduction the Christian Way,
Presented by The Rev'd Lynne Crimi

Wigwam

We all struggle with stress in this fast paced and often confusing world we call home. God equipped us with the ability to cope with stress but it isn't often taught or heeded. This workshop is designed to give the participants a chance to experience a relaxing Christian guided imagery. Participants will be encouraged to learn how to "be still and know that I am God." If you are feeling weary, then this workshop is for you!

The Rev'd Lynne Crimi is from Christ Church in Ballston Spa. She has a Master's Degree in Social Work and was trained by Dr. Herbert Benson at The Mind/Body Medical Institute in Boston. She has led numerous groups, teaching relaxation techniques and coping skills to people with terminal illness. Also, she has led several retreats, teaching church members how to draw near to God. She is married to Dennis and they have been blessed with three children.

The Happy Heretic, Presented by The Rev'd Joel Grigg

Zeitfuss II Lobby

One of the greatest challenges Christians face today is sharing the Gospel with those with whom we disagree. This workshop's goal is to share strategies and techniques which can help anyone (regardless of their education, experience, background or the issue being discussed), to share their faith in such a way that when the conversation ends, not only is the truth spoken in love, but we just might learn something about the other person's views.

Fr. Grigg currently serves as Rector of St. John's Church in Massena. He graduated from Trinity Episcopal School for Ministry in 2001 and has served in the Diocese of Albany since June of 2001. His interests include Christian Ethics and Biblical Theology. Above all, he has a deep desire to see God's people reclaim their biblical heritage and roots, so that they will be salt and light to the world around them. Fr. Joel and his wife Carolyn have been married for 30 years and have two children, Teresa and Stephen.

Workshop Session 3 – Friday, June 5, 4:30 – 5:15 pm

Crown Financial Ministries, Presented The Rev'd Derik Roy

Arts & Crafts WS

Everyone, including Christians feel the effects of the current “economic downturn”. We can all become better stewards, but how? Fr. Roy will share his experience with Crown Ministries at Christ Church in Ballston Spa. He will enumerate the benefits of Crown, present the Mission Statement, explain how the Biblical Financial Study works, and how to begin the Crown program in your parish. Crown can also be an opportunity for evangelism.

Fr. Derik Roy, Jr. has been rector at Christ Church in Ballston Spa for 15 years. Altogether, he and his wife Cathy have ten children. He has served on many diocesan committees and has given many workshops on church growth, evangelism, leadership, welcoming ministry and more. Fr. Roy has always had a passion for growing the church and fulfilling the mission, “to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ.

Reproducing Christian Leaders: An African Model, Part 2, Presented by The Right Rev'd Todd McGregor

Demarest A

This workshop is a follow-on to Part 1. Building on the previous foundations, participants will look at the next couple of stages (believer, discipler and minister) of reproducing Christian Leaders. How does one move from a believer to a discipler, and from a discipler to a minister/leader? Bp. McGregor will give plenty of examples of renewal, which is taking place in Madagascar.

See Bp. McGregor's bio under Session 2.

Lectionary Bible Study, Presented by The Rev'd Samuel Abbott

Demarest B

How in the world does the preacher do justice to three lessons and a psalm in the context of Sunday Eucharist? The answer: S/he doesn't. Most of us refer in passing to several other lessons and focus on the Gospel. Time may not permit much work on the context, background, literary genre and place in the entire narrative. A lectionary Bible study is what is needed for those who want more. It also relieves the preacher from overstuffing the sermon. Come learn how to prepare and lead one. You need not be a preacher to do this. A committed layperson with a good study Bible could also undertake this. Fr. Abbott will talk about the method and study the propers for the Sunday of Convention: Trinity Sunday, Year B.

Fr. Abbott has led a lectionary Bible study for five years, while serving as rector at Christ Church in Cooperstown. He will retire at the end of June 2009 and will be moving out of the diocese. This is his opportunity to share what he has learned with others.

Small Groups that Multiply,
Presented by The Rev'd Canon Robert Haskell

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The largest churches in the world are “cell” churches. These churches ask their members to come to a small group every week. These small groups have times for listening, praying for each other and Bible study. But they also spend time planning to grow and start new groups. So the groups become a primary means of growth for the church. This workshop will describe how these groups work and how you might start them in your church.

See Fr. Haskell's bio under Session 1.

Update for All Vocational Deacons,
Presented by The Ven. Barbara Hanstine

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This will be an update for all deacons, covering: Deacon reporting responsibilities, the deacon covenant with their rectors, and what is going on with deacons in the diocese. There will be time for questions and answers.

Archdeacon Barbara is a member of the Deacon Council and the Commission on Ministry. She is Director of Vocations in the Diocese and is currently serving as Deacon Vicar at St. Paul's Church in Bloomville. She has served as Deacon Vicar at St. Christopher's Church in Cobleskill and has been a parish deacon at Christ Church in Deposit, Christ Church in Walton and St. Paul's in Bloomville.

Small Church, Big Vision,
Presented by The Rev'd Marty Wendell and The Rev'd Bill Tatem

Jelinek 1 ↑

Many small churches feel they have no resources to help them grown and settle for a maintenance model of ministry. In this workshop, Fr. Marty and Deacon Bill will share the story of a parish in danger of closing and how in a ten year period it has grown into a vibrant parish. They will share practical approaches that small parishes might find helpful to use in reversing decline and creating enthusiasm among their members. Most of these strategies require no money but can have significant results if there is a simple willingness to live out the Baptismal promises.

Fr. Marty Wendell is Priest-in-Charge at Trinity Church in Watervliet and Director of Spiritual Care for the Samaritan Campus of the Acute Care Division of Northeast Health. He received a B.A. degree in Philosophy from St. Pius X Seminary and studied graduate Philosophy and Liturgical Renewal at Fordham University. He did graduate Theology studies at Catholic University of America and received his M.A. degree in Theology from St. Bernard's Institute in Rochester, NY. He was ordained Deacon in 1988 and served at St. Paul's Church in Greenwich, NY. In 1998, he was ordained to the Priesthood and began his ministry at Trinity Church. He has served on the board of the Albany Episcopal Counseling Service and presently serves on the board of Canterbury House. He is also a member of the band that plays for the Convention liturgies.

Deacon Bill Tatem came to Albany in 1982. He first attended St. David's Church in East Greenbush, then St. Andrew's Church in Albany where he served at various times as part-time Parish Administrator, Warden, Vestryperson, Altar Guild member, Finance Committee member, Stewardship Committee member, and on the Five Year Plan and Centennial Campaign Committees. He served as Lector, Chalice Bearer, Acolyte and Lay Eucharistic Visitor. For the last two years, he has been Deacon at Trinity Church in Watervliet. His diocesan service has included consultant for rector searches, stewardship campaigns, and workshop co-presenter for Wardens and Vestries. Deacon Bill completed the four year Disciple course and has participated in Cursillo and Parish Leadership Conferences. He currently serves as

Assistant Treasurer of the diocese. He is on the Finance and Facilities committees of the Episcopal Counseling Service and is Treasurer of Episcopal Charities.

Leaping into Faith and Jumping for Joy: The New Diocesan Confirmation Curriculum,
Presented by Tina Mitchell & The Rev'd Laurie Garramone-Rohr **Sports Complex**

Come join the celebration!!! We are throwing a party and you're invited to join the official launch of the new Diocesan Confirmation Curriculum. Here are the "party favors" you can expect to leave with:

- Confirmation Requirements
- Confirmation Lessons (Hard copies of at least eight lessons you can use right away)
- Confirmation Curriculum Outline

As always, you can also expect the unexpected from this workshop – so bring your questions, bring your bug spray and wear your Hawaiian shirt. We expect some leaping and jumping!!!

Please note: This Friday session is an introduction for those who can't come to the Big Launch on Saturday, the main celebration.

Tina Mitchell is Diocesan Director of Youth Ministry.
Mother Laurie is the Curate at St. George's Church in Clifton Park.

Rising from the Dead,
Presented by Duane Nettles, Osceola Lull & The Rev'd Joseph Acanfora **Wigwam**

Do you have trouble getting your church to move out into the community? This workshop will teach new ways to build true disciples in our congregations while evangelizing our communities, by reaching out to help those in need across cultural settings through the body of Christ. Duane Nettles will present how short-term mission are transforming their church, their community and their mission partners from around the country. Deacon Joseph Acanfora and youth from Christ Church in Gilbertsville will witness to the transformation of the local youth and adults who have participated and are continuing to participate in this work.

Duane Nettles is Director of Annunciation Mission in New Orleans, his native city. Duane has a heart for reaching the community around his church. The Mission welcomes over 2,500 volunteers annually to help rebuild the Broadmoor neighborhood. In addition to his duties at the Mission, Duane is studying for ordination to the priesthood.

The Rev'd Joseph Acanfora has been Deacon Vicar at Christ Church in Gilbertsville since January 2007. He is also a seminary student at Nashotah House in Wisconsin. Deacon Joe has been involved in many diocesan and parish ministries over the past 20 years, including Cursillo, the Standing Committee, Diocesan Futures Committee and Men's Ministries.

Following Christ in the Way of St. Francis in Today's World,
Presented by Members of the Franciscan Community of the Holy Cross **Zeitfuss II Lobby**

While some people only know St. Francis as a lover of animals, his spiritual path has affected the lives of millions of people over the past 800 years. His love for Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, was expressed powerfully through the total surrender of himself to the Lord Jesus with everything that he had and did. This path of poverty, simplicity and joy was not only embraced by people of his own time, but continues to be a vital guide for the spiritual journeys of millions of people in all walks of life today. Let us share our joy with you as we experience the way of St. Francis together.

The Franciscan Community of the Holy Cross began in our diocese in 2002 when nine founding members began meeting to explore their mutual call to follow Christ in the path of St. Francis of Assisi. The FHC Community follows a shared Rule of Life and meets monthly in three separate locations: Malone, Scotia and Sidney. There are currently 35 of us: married and single, clergy and lay people, female and male. We are a growing community dedicated to loving God by serving His people.

Special Men's Ministry Morning: Saturday, June 6, 6:30 am

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew

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Open 12 Step Meeting: Saturday, June 6, 7:45 am

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Morning Prayer: Saturday, June 6, 7:45 am

Tibbitts Auditorium

Plenary Session: Saturday, June 6, 9:00 – 9:45 am

The Right Rev'd Todd McGregor and The Rev'd Patsy McGregor

Tibbitts Auditorium

Workshop Session 4: Saturday, June 6, 10:00 – 10:45 am

Echoes of the Cross in the Hebrew Scriptures, Part I: The Torah

Presented by The Rev'd Peter Pierson

Arts & Crafts CE

The Christian Faith and Life pivot around the Cross of Jesus. Paul puts it bluntly: "...the word of the Cross is ...the power of God to us who are being saved" (I Corinthians 1:18). Where in the Bible should the disciple of Christ look to learn about the Cross? In this two session workshop, participants will look through the Bible that Jesus and His Disciples knew and preached – the Hebrew Scriptures (The Torah in Part I and the Prophets and Writings in Part II) for clear Echoes of the Cross. Actually, it's more than an echo; it's a mighty rushing wind!

Fr. Pierson is the Vicar of St. Andrew's Chapel in Blackinton, MA, Diocese of Western Massachusetts. He teaches History at Pine Cobble School in Williamstown. He and his wife Mary live in Grafton, NY. Fr. Pierson has been ordained for 32 years, serving in parishes from Maine to Florida, more than half the time in Youth Ministry. His introduction to the Diocese of Albany was his year of serving as the Priest-in-Charge at St. Mark's Church in Philmont in 2003. His ministry passions are Bible teaching and leading trips to Israel.

Faith Alive, Presented by Tom Gizara

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An experience of God's love shared in community...A time for parishioners to corporately rethink their Baptismal and Confirmation promises, to accept Jesus as their Savior and follow Him as their Lord and for each one to meditate on where they are in their personal walk with Him... This workshop will present a description of what goes on during a Faith Alive weekend and procedures for organizing a Faith Alive weekend. Tom will be assisted by a clergyperson and a layperson who have helped organize a weekend in their church.

See Tom's bio under Session 1

Workshop TBA, Presented by an Irish guest

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**Principles of Discernment: How We Hear the Voice of God,
Presented by Sister Mary Elizabeth, CSM**

Demarest B

How do we Hear God's voice in our daily lives? How does listening to God affect our choices? How do we build a life that listens, makes consistent choices for good, and grows in the upward call toward maturity in Christ? This workshop will cover some of the basics of discernment in the life of a disciple including the "end" or purpose of man, the nature of choice, how our spiritual type (after St. Augustine) touches the way we hear the voice of God, and how building a structured spiritual life fosters mature growth in Christ.

A native of Dallas, TX, Sister Mary Elizabeth has been Sister of St. Mary for over 18 years and currently wears many hats within the community (carefully hidden under the veil!) including vocation director, choir chantrix, farm manager, and web mistress. She is a volunteer prayer minister at Christ the King Spiritual Life Center in Greenwich and occasionally preaches, teaches and leads retreats or quiet days at CtK.

The Plan of Salvation, Presented by Barton MacDougall

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This workshop will present six propositions:

1. Man is sinful (Romans 3:23)
2. Sin has a penalty (Romans 6:23)
3. Christ paid the penalty (Romans 5:8)
4. Christ is the only way (John 14:6)
5. Salvation is a free gift (Ephesians 2:8-9)
6. We must receive Him (John 1:12)

There are four responses or conclusions:

1. Admit you're a sinner
2. Admit you can't help yourself
3. Believe God sent Jesus to save us
4. Receive Jesus as your personal Savior and Lord of your life.

Bart MacDougall is a retired teacher from Schoharie Central School. He is a Warden at Christ's Church in Duanesburg. He attended Albany Men's Cursillo #2 and served on team for #5 and #8. He has been on Alpha team three times and he completed Disciple 1 Course in 2000 – 01. Bart is also a lector and a Sunday School teacher at Christ's Church.

Psychological Counseling as an Aide to Soul Care and Reconciliation,
Presented by Peter Minucci

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This workshop will explore the nature of soul care within the Christian tradition and how psychological counseling contributes to reconciliation. Included will be an historical review of the relationship between psychology and religion and a description of how psychological counseling and spiritual practice can be combined in a holistic model of soul care.

Peter Minucci is the Executive Director of the Counseling Service of the Albany Episcopal Diocese. He is a clinical social worker specializing in individual and family psychotherapy. His interests included combining psychological counseling and spiritual practice to facilitate healing and in identifying mental health issues within the church setting.

Session 5: Saturday, June 6, 11:00 – 11:45 am

Echoes of the Cross in the Hebrew Scriptures, Part II: The Prophets and the Writings

Presented by The Rev'd Peter Pierson

Arts & Crafts CE

See the workshop description and Fr. Pierson's bio under Session 4.

National Day of Prayer, Presented by Barbara Mitchell

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The National Day of Prayer was established by federal law in 1952, when the United States Congress passed joint resolution, which was signed by President Harry Truman. The law was amended in 1988 and signed by President Ronald Reagan, specifically designating the first Thursday in May as the official National Day of Prayer. Each year, millions of people across this country come together to pray for 7 points of prayer and for our people and our country. Come learn about the history of the National Day of Prayer and how to hold an event in your church and community.

Barb Mitchell is a member of Zion Church in Hudson Falls. She serves on the Vestry and the Altar Guild. She has served on Cursillo team. She is also a Daughter of the King and Junior Daughter Directress. Barb has coordinated the National Day of Prayer event in the Hudson Falls community with the Daughters of the King for the past 5 years.

Workshop title TBA,

Presented by Mr. Alyn Jones of Down and Dromore, Northern Ireland

Demarest A

Speak, Lord, for Your Servant is Listening: *Lectio Divina* and the Monastic Tradition of Contemplative Prayer, Presented by Sister Mary Elizabeth, CSM

Demarest B

Jesus is the Living Word of God who speaks to us through the written Word, the Bible. *Lectio Divina* is an ancient, monastic method of drawing Christ deeper into our hearts through the contemplative reading of Scripture. Explore the rudiments of meditation and contemplation as transformative elements in a recollected life of prayer.

See Sister Mary Elizabeth's bio under Session 4.

MADAGASIKARA (Touching Lives in Madagascar),

Presented by Mary Sherwood

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Mary Sherwood has very recently returned from Madagascar, where she lived with the Malagasy children and youth, whom she and many in the Diocese of Albany have grown to love dearly. She brings to her workshop up-to-date news, pictures, stories and challenges. Come, and perhaps even plan a visit to Akany Famonjena and Akany Tafita!

In May 2009, Mary Sherwood celebrated her 24th year of serving God and His people overseas, first in the Solomon Islands and then in Madagascar, since 1995. Global Teams, headquartered in California, is her sponsor/sending mission agency. Mary is a Canadian from near Ottawa, Ontario. She is the mother of three grown children and grandmother of seven, ages 10 – 20 years. Working alongside the Malagasy Mothers' Union, Mary has been instrumental in the establishment and development of an orphanage – Akany Famonjena – and an inner city outreach center for children and youth – Akany Tafita. She continues her involvement with these ministries on behalf of many sponsors in both Canada and the United States.

The Order of the Daughters of the King, Presented by Trudy Bailey

Jelinek 2 ↓

The Daughters of the King is a Holy Order whose vows are to live a life of prayer, service and evangelism – One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism. This workshop will discuss how a life of prayer can enrich and bless your life, your church, your clergy and your diocese.

Trudy Bailey is the incoming President of the Daughters of the King in the Diocese of Albany. Her term will start on September 1, 2009. She is the wife of The Rev'd Gregory Bailey, who is Deacon Vicar at Trinity Church in Gouverneur. They have two children and three grandchildren. Trudy is employed by the US Postal Service as a contract cleaner.

Session 6: Saturday, June 6, 1:30 – 2:15 pm

What Starbucks Taught Me About the Church,

Presented by The Rev'd Lorraine Lyons

Arts & Crafts CE

In this workshop, participants will look at some of the principles that Starbucks uses to train partners to help create a “third place environment” and provide “legendary service.” Can this corporation teach us anything about how to become more faithful Christian communities? Starbucks has a lot to teach us.

Mother Lorrie Lyons is the Vicar at St. Mark's Church in Hoosick Falls. She is the outgoing president of the Standing Committee and is the Chaplain for Daughters of the King in the Diocese of Albany.

What Do I Say When My Mom Says that She has Become a Buddhist?,

Presented by the Very Rev'd Canon Dr. Christopher Brown

Arts & Crafts WS

In a popular culture that thinks that Christianity is old news, the religions of the East are attractive to many people – even some people in our own parishes. Yet, ironically, in many cases, Christianity is growing rapidly in the cultures where these religions are traditionally practiced. This workshop will explain the more popular world religions, identify what people find appealing about them, and how they

differ from the Christian faith, and suggest how to respond to those who have embraced these religions or attempted to blend them with their own Christian faith.

Fr. Christopher Brown is Rector of Trinity Church, Potsdam. He studied Asian religions at Amherst College before coming to faith in Jesus Christ in his early 20s. He received his M.Div. from General Theological Seminary and a Ph.D. in Systematic Theology from Union Theological Seminary. He served parishes in Manhattan and in Westchester and Ulster Counties before coming to the Diocese of Albany in 2000. He is Provincial Chaplain for the Community of St. Mary, Canon Theologian for the diocese, head of the northern Deacon School faculty, and author of the diocesan canonical exams.

A Personal Prescription for Your Healing,
Presented by The Rev'd Nigel Mumford

Demarest A

A prescription of seven steps one can take to draw upon the promise of healing in the Word made flesh, based on Proverbs 4:20–22. This workshop offers practical ways of being proactive in your personal journey of healing and those you have the privilege of praying for. Just say the word, Lord, and I shall be healed.....

The Rev'd Nigel Mumford was born and educated in England. He served for 6 ½ years in Her Majesty's Royal Marine Commandos, the last two years as a drill instructor. In 1980, he came to America and set up a picture framing business in Connecticut. His conviction to pray for healing came in 1989 when his sister was healed from dystonia, a neurological condition that curled her up into a fetal position and left her very close to death. In 1995 he sold his business and dedicated his life to the ministry of healing. In 2004, Fr. Nigel was called to direct the Healing Ministries of Christ the King Spiritual Life Center. He was ordained a deacon in June 2005 and ordained to the priesthood in December 2005. Fr. Nigel's published works include *Hand to Hand: From Combat to Healing* and *The Forgotten Touch*. He is an international speaker for the healing ministry in religious, medical and academic venues. In 2008, Fr. Nigel, Col. Noel Dawes and Bishop David Bena launched "The Welcome Home Initiative," a retreat-based ministry to combat veterans and their families.

Pray Without Ceasing, Presented by The Rev'd Jacqueline Jones

Demarest B

This workshop will focus on the importance of praying for each other. It will discuss how to maintain an attitude of prayer throughout the day. Mother Jackie will share how God used everyone's prayers to spare her life during a long period of illness – that her physicians thought would be fatal.

Mother Jackie currently serves as Vicar at Trinity Church in Gloversville. She holds a Master of Arts degree in Pastoral Studies (2007), Master of Science in Education and a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology. She is a Licensed Mental Health Counselor and a Credentialed Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Counselor.

The Haiti Partnership: Experience and Opportunity,
Presented by the Haiti Mission Team – St. John's Church, Troy

Jelinek 1 ↓

Twenty-five years ago, the new Bishop of Haiti – Jean Zache Duracin – began a project to foster friendship between Haitian and U.S. Episcopal churches. The Haiti Partnership was born and St. John's Church in Troy linked with Holy Spirit Church in Lascahobas. Come and hear about St. John's experience, exciting recent developments in the Haiti Mission, and how the growing of friendships does the work of the Word in the world. The St. John's Mission Team will show and tell of the recent mission trips and how the additions of a new team member from St. Andrew's Church in Albany has grown mission friends.

The members of the Haiti Mission Team from St. John's Troy include Linda Stevens, Mission Coordinator, Edge Bagg, Lucinda Ballard, Bill and Carol Daniel, Cindy and Tim Schmehl, and Dawn Weinraub. There are two engineers, two retired teachers and three caregivers on this team.

Riding the Wind – Discerning the Spirit: Learning to Discern Spiritual Gifts,
presented by The Rev'd Ellen Neufeld

Jelinek 2↓

The gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit are essential to the life of any authentic Christian community. In our diocese, we have been very blessed to be open to and growing in the use of many gifts such as words of knowledge and healing. It is absolutely crucial to the full functioning of the gifts of the Holy Spirit that we learn to discern how God is calling us to live and work in loving obedience to His direction. Mother Ellen will discuss principles of discernment according to the classic sources of authentic Christian spirituality. (It is hoped that this workshop may begin an ongoing seminar on this topic later in the year.)

Mother Ellen Neufeld has lived in the Diocese of Albany since 2000. She is part of the faculty of the Diaconal Training Program and has taught theology at St. Peter's College in New Jersey. She has been a Ph.D. candidate on the topic of Christian Mysticism at Fordham University with extensive experience in charismatic renewal. She is one of the founding members of the Franciscan Community of the Holy Cross and is currently Vicar of St. Luke's Church in Chatham.

Daily Prayer and Praise: Sacred Rhythms with God and the Book of Common Prayer,
Presented by The Rev'd Kenneth Hunter and The Rev'd Vicky Hunter

Jelinek 1↑

Many of us would love to have a daily time spent with God in prayer and the reading of Scripture, but have struggled with making this daily habit a reality in our lives. Participants in this practical workshop will become familiar with the resources of the Book of Common Prayer for daily devotions and comfortable using the Daily Devotions, Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer, finding daily Scripture readings in the Lectionary, Psalms and Canticles for both private and simple public worship. This workshop is both for individuals seeking to deepen their prayer life in our tradition and for lay readers or others who may be called upon to lead Morning Prayer or Evening Prayer in church. This workshop is hands-on. Participants will actually use the Prayer Book to find and use the selections of Scriptures, Psalms and Canticles for this Saturday – even if they start out having no idea what any of those items are! If you have your own 1979 Book of Common Prayer, please bring it (if not, copies will be available).

Fr. Kenneth Hunter has been in full-time ordained ministry for two decades, serving in parishes throughout the country – in the Dioceses of Los Angeles, Southern Ohio, Dallas and Fond du Lac before becoming rector of St. James Church in Oneonta in 2003. Formerly Theological Consultant for the American Anglican Council and the author of several nationally distributed articles; he is currently a consultant for Natural Church Development and a facilitator for True Colors personality inventories.

Deacon Vicky Hunter is one of the diocese's newest deacons, ordained on May 30th! Prior to ordination, she has participated in numerous church ministries, has played a key role in establishing two chapters of the Daughters of the King, served as Clerk of the Vestry, Delegate to Diocesan Convention, Lay Eucharistic Minister, Lector and Sunday School Teacher. She has raised and home-schooled five children in the Church and is a fervent devotee of Church history and the Book of Common Prayer.

Rising from the Dead,

Presented by Duane Nettles, Osceola Lull and The Rev'd Joseph Acanfora

Jelinek 2↑

See the description and bios for this workshop under Session 3.

Men's Ministries – A Life of Prayer, Study and Service,
Presented by Jeff Gulock

Wigwam

This workshop will address key issues facing men today and present ways in which each man can make a difference with his family, in the work place, in the community where he lives, in his church and within our diocese.

Jeff Gulock attends Christ Church in Ballston Spa. He is married to Catherine and father of two sons, ages 12 and 8. Jeff attended Cursillo weekend #55 and will be on team for #57. He has helped to found two chapters of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew in the Diocese of Albany: Calvary Burnt Hills and Christ Church Ballston Spa. He has been a Brother for five years and is currently President of the Christ Church chapter. Jeff has also been involved in youth ministries, coordinating retreats for St. Laurance Church in Conifer, CO.

From Text to Sermon,
Presented by The Rev'd Dr. Grant LeMarquand

Zeitfuss I Large Room

This workshop will address the question often asked (or at least felt) by most preachers: How do I apply the exegetical tools I learned at seminary to the weekly realities of producing a sermon? Dr. LeMarquand will explore some crucial questions that preachers should ask when attempting to understand a biblical text so that our preaching can become more centered on the exposition of the Bible, rather than simply the sharing of our own personal opinions.

See Dr. LeMarquand's bio under Session 2.

Reaching the Least, the Last and the Lost,
Presented by The Rev'd Frank Lockwood II

Zeitfuss II Lobby

This workshop will discuss living out the kingdom of Matthew 25 through Bible study, evangelism and discipling. Participants will take a look at what the Bible calls us to do and discuss tools to equip us to do so.

Ordained a deacon in 2008, The Rev'd Frank Lockwood is dad to two children and foster dad to two of his nieces. He has served at Zion Church in Hudson Falls for eight years and he recently moved to Christ Church in Coxsackie. In serving Christ and His church, Frank has worked with many who would be considered to be living among the least, the last and the lost – not only in ministry, but in his employment in the secular world as well.

Session 7: Saturday, June 6, 2:30 – 3:15 pm

Messianic Haggadah: Christ in the Passover, Presented by The Rev'd Margaret Theodore

Arts & Crafts CE

Passover, the traditional Jewish feast that Jesus celebrated every year, comes to life in a video by David Brickner, a Jew for Jesus. The Hebrew names and meanings of each element of this biblical festival are described. Discover the amazing connection between Passover and Christian Communion – the prophecy and the fulfillment. All items used at a Seder will be on display.

Deacon Margaret (Peggy) Theodore was ordained in June 2003 at Trinity Church in Potsdam. Choir, Altar Guild, Lay Eucharistic Ministry, the Disciple course and Stephen Ministry leadership were all part of her journey leading to the Diaconate. At present, Peggy is Deacon Vicar for St. Philip's Church in Norwood. She also serves on the Chaplaincy Team and Spiritual Care Committee at Potsdam Hospital and serves on the Executive Board of Helping Hands of Potsdam, Inc. She meets weekly to lead a Bible study with men at the Franklin Correctional Facility.

Prayer for Revival: Will You Stand in the Gap?, Presented by The Rev'd Steve A. Hart

Arts & Crafts WS

This workshop will examine the characteristics of major revivals. Participants will discover the relationship between confession and repentance and how we might develop hearts for revival and renewal in our Church. Steps toward pursuing vision and passion for Christ, His Word and His ways will be presented. This workshop will encourage and equip those individuals who desire or dream that they might be used in a mighty way for the Lord.

Fr. Hart is Rector of St. Michael's Church in Colonie and is a Trustee of the Diocese of Albany. He has taught on prayer, healing and spirituality.

How to Facilitate (Teach) School of Healing Prayer®, Presented by The Rev'd Nigel Mumford, Sandra Lester, and Roberta Sullivan

Demarest A

This workshop will teach participants how to offer SHP in their church and church community:

- Requirements for facilitators
- Size of the classes
- Questions that are addressed
- Cost concerns
- Students assumption of being on a prayer team after taking the class
- Itinerary schedule

See Fr. Nigel's bio under Session 6

Sandra Lester is Program Coordinator for the Healing Ministry at Christ the King Spiritual Life Center. She has been part of the Healing Ministry since 2004. Volunteering as Prayer Team Minister and currently a full time staff member at the Oratory of Christ the Healer, Sandra has facilitated all three levels of SHP classes for the last four years and she currently schedules all classes held at CtK.

Roberta Sullivan is Prayer Team Supervisor for the Healing Ministry at Christ the King Spiritual Life Center. Roberta coordinates all the prayer team volunteers for the Healing Ministry. She has been a prayer minister at CtK for the past four years. She has facilitated all three levels of SHP classes for the last three years.

Why Cancer God? Why Me?,

Presented by The Rev'd Fayette VanDermark

Demarest B

Cancer can strike any of us. The diagnosis itself stops life in its tracks and we suddenly see everything in a different light. Fayette knows fear, but found true healing in her walk with God through many bouts of cancer. She tells the story of her first three episodes in her book, *A Gift of a Rose*. She describes her walk with God from her diagnosis to her healing. She laughed, cried, questioned and sometimes railed at God. She found true peace even in the midst of the havoc of the disease. Fayette's new book, *O There's Joy in the Morning* tells of her deeper walk of faith as she continues to battle cancer, healed in spirit if not in body.

The Rev'd Fayette VanDermark has been an Episcopal Deacon for eight years and she lives in Unadilla, NY. She is the wife of The Rev'd Roy VanDermark, Deacon Vicar at St. Timothy's Church in Westford, NY. They have been married for 42 years. They have three grown sons, wonderful daughters-in-law and nine grandchildren. Fayette assists with services at St. Timothy's. Her ministry is in the Susquehanna Deanery and at the Healing Center at Christ the King Spiritual Life Center. A native of the Sidney-Unadilla area, Faye worked for the Unatego School District for 20 years.

This is My Solemn Vow, Presented by The Rev'd John and Terry Bassett, and Tom and Eve Lansing

Jelinek 1 ↓

Living a Christian marriage seems to be increasingly difficult at our typically frantic pace. Learn concrete strategies to rediscover why you married in the first place, as well as strategies for dealing with the inevitable stressors that occur, and ways to successfully – even lovingly – navigate conflict. Learn ways to increase and deepen the joyous times as well, learn your “love language” and make a joyous marriage your usual experience in every season of your marriage. All are welcome, whether married, engaged or single – to learn more about God's promises to us in Holy Matrimony.

Fr. John and Terry Bassett are parents to grown children and have been advocates for living out the promises made in marriage. They are part of the Episcopal Marriage Encounter team and they serve on the EME National Board of Directors.

Tom and Eve Lansing are new grandparents and are actively involved in the local community for Worldwide Marriage Encounter. They present Episcopal Marriage Encounter weekends and have recently served on the EME National Board. Eve and Tom attend Christ Church in Ballston Spa.

Coming Home: The Reality of Missionary Re-entry Stress,

Presented by The Rev'd Patti Johnson

Jelinek 2 ↓

You answered God's call to serve Him far from the comforts of home. You left clean running water, electricity, abundance of food, and a comfortable bed. You immersed yourself in another culture and made new friends, sang new songs, tried new foods, experienced a new climate and best of all – experienced God's love and provision in new ways. You returned home full of the Holy Spirit and eager to share your experiences. Suddenly, you find yourself in shock as you stand in the grocery store aisle. *Was all that food there before?* You feel physically ill at the thought of spending \$3.00 on a cup of coffee. *That could feed a whole family for a day.* You sit in the pew or stand in the pulpit and find yourself thinking, *Do I really belong here?* Re-entry stress is real! The presenter of this workshop will

discuss re-entry stress and re-integration. She will share their experiences and how they were able (or not) to work through the challenges of coming home. She encourages *all* missionaries, their families and the churches that support her and other missionaries to join her and gain a deeper understanding of what the stresses are and how to support their missionaries back on home ground.

Deacon Patti Johnson is a nurse who has answered God's call to serve His people in Sudan and in the Dominican Republic. She serves His people on her home turf at St. James Church in Au Sable Forks. She is married to Roy Johnson and has two children, Mathias and Amie Foss.

Evangelism to Muslims, Presented by the Right Rev'd Alpha Mohamed Sports Complex

Bp. Mohamed was born into a Muslim family in Tanzania, East Africa. He was introduced to Christ at the age of 19. Ordained a priest in 1967, he became Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Central Tanganyika in 1976, then the first Bishop of the Diocese of Mount Kilimanjaro in 1981. In 1992, he became Bishop of the Diocese of the Rift Valley. Founder of the Anglican Evangelistic Association in 1994, Bp. Mohamed conducts missions throughout Tanzania and other parts of Africa. And evangelist with a heart for missions, he has a history of planting churches, schools and an orphanage for children with AIDS. He also serves as Bishop Missioner for African Team Ministries. His outreach to Moslem communities is extremely effective, with thousands coming to Christ. Bp. Mohamed is married to Marian Violet and together they have six grown children.

**Leaping into Faith and Jumping for Joy: The New Diocesan Confirmation Curriculum,
Presented by Tina Mitchell and The Rev'd Laurie Garramone-Rohr Teen Center**

See the description of this workshop and bios of Tina and Mother Laurie under Session 3.

**Natural Church Development,
Presented by The Rev'd Canon Robert Haskell Wigwam**

Find out the strengths and weakness of your church using a diagnostic method from Natural Church Development. Then work on improving your weakest weakness and watch your church grow as it becomes healthy. Use this method every year and you have a long range planning process. Canon Bob Haskell has worked with more than 20 churches in the diocese.

See Fr. Haskell's bio under Session 1.

**Safeguarding God's People: Preventing Sexual Exploitation for Congregations,
Presented by The Rev'd Michael Gorchov Zeitfuss I Large Room**

Safeguarding God's People: Preventing Sexual Exploitation in Communities of Faith is an in-depth educational and training program for preventing sexual exploitation of church workers in everyday life and ministry. While the Episcopal Church has done much work and education of clergy about sexual exploitation in pastoral relationships over the past decade, we now know more about the behaviors involved and the reasons they occur. Those findings have been incorporated into this new misconduct prevention program. This particular workshop is designed for adults in the congregation who, with increased awareness, can help prevent sexual exploitation in their congregations. This program was created by the Church Pension Group in association with Praesidium, Inc., in response to General Convention Resolution A156, which calls for dioceses to develop and institute policies for training.

See Fr. Gorchov's bio under Special Session at the beginning of this booklet.

Ministry in Time of Disaster,

Presented by the Reverends Scott Garno, Jim Shevlin and Sue Cole

Zeitfuss II Lobby

In June of 2006, one of the worst floods in upstate New York history hit the Susquehanna Valley. As a result, St. Matthew's Church in Unadilla and St. Paul's Church in Sidney received severe damage to the downstairs of their facilities, as well as widespread devastation to the congregations served in Unadilla, Sidney and Walton. While none of the pastors involved is by any means an "expert" in disaster preparation or recovery, each one found things that worked and things that didn't – and they will share them all with who attend this workshop. Most importantly, they will share how mightily God worked in and through this challenging time in their collective lives.

Fr. Scott Garno is rector of St. Matthew's Church in Unadilla. Fresh out of seminary, Fr. Scott, his wife Sarah and son Samuel moved to Unadilla about two weeks before the floods of June 2006. He was ordained deacon in early June 2006 and priest in December of that year. This July, Fr. Scott will represent the Diocese of Albany at the General Convention of the Episcopal Church in Anaheim, CA.

Fr. Jim Shevlin is rector of St. Paul's Church in Sidney and St. Paul's Church in Franklin. He, his wife Jeanie and two of their children, Eugene and Eve live in the rectory in Sidney. Fr. Jim was assigned to both St. Paul's churches in December 2003 as Deacon. In December 2004, he became Deacon Vicar and after finishing seminary, he was ordained to the priesthood and became rector in December 2007.

Mother Sue Cole has been rector of Christ Church in Walton for the past 6 ½ years. She is the secretary for the Board of Directors of the Episcopal Counseling Service and served as head of a task force for the planning of Beaver Cross at CtK/SLC. She will share how prior mission work in the Dominican Republic helped with flood recovery in Walton.

Sunday, June 7, 7:45 am
12 Step Meeting – Demarest B

Session 9: Sunday, June 8, 9:00 – 9:45 am

What Do I Say/Do/Pray? – Lay Pastoral Care,

Presented by The Rev'd Lynne Curtis

Arts & Crafts CE

When a friend, family member or fellow parishioner faces illness, death, job loss or divorce, how best can we offer them lay pastoral ministry? Clergy are trained to do this. How can lay persons prepare for their own baptismal ministry? Come and explore, discuss and learn various approaches to pastoral care to those in need.

Deacon Lynne Curtis serves at St. George's Church in Clifton Park. She is also a social worker and has worked at Hospice of Saratoga. She has offered numerous grief support groups to people from many different denominations as well as to the un-churched. In these groups, the Holy Spirit is present to evangelize, transform and heal.

Family Caregiving, Presented by Kathlyn Rooney

Arts & Crafts WS

Did you know that over 44 million Americans are caring for elderly or ill family members? This workshop is for family caregivers, friends and relatives of family caregivers and clergy who have family caregivers in their parishes. Resources such as how to set up an emergency care folder, ways of dealing with the stress of caregiving, ideas on how to help the caregivers in your life and a booklet of prayers, meditations and reflections will be included in the packet participants will receive. There is a close to 100% chance you have either been a caregiver, are a caregiver, know a caregiver or will need a caregiver at some time in your life. Come and find out ways to make this sometimes difficult season a little easier.

Kathy Rooney is a graduate of Trinity Episcopal School for Ministry, with a M.A. degree in Missions. She was primary caregiver for her sister, who had ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease) for more than seven years until her death in 2007. Kathy is a member of Christ Church in Ballston Spa.

Praying in Color, Presented by The Rev'd Patsy McGregor

Demarest A

The women in Madagascar really enjoy "praying in color." Remember in kindergarten how you loved to color? Come join this workshop! Learn a system of prayer that can be fun, creative and beautiful. Praying in color allows spontaneous, inspirational and intercessory prayer in a new form, used to the glory of God and the body of Christ! Prayer no longer needs to be boring or only in the form of being on our knees and sitting in a pew, but can be enjoyable, beautiful and taken anywhere! Even when you have a few minutes waiting in the doctor's office you can offer up this new type of prayer. This workshop will be a short introduction followed by application.

The Rev'd Patsy McGregor was ordained as a deacon in November 2005 and ordained priest in September 2006 by Archbishop Benjamin Nzimbi, Anglican Church of Kenya. See more about the McGregors under Session 2.

**Barbie and Ken: Looking Imperfect in a "Perfect" World,
Presented by The Rev'd Dr. Anne Curtin**

Demarest B

Barbie and Ken dolls are society's models of perfection: good looking, popular and rich. In real life, none of us can be perfect. Come explore what it means to say that our bodies are all temples of a loving God whose love doesn't depend upon how we look.

See Mother Anne's bio under Special Session, at the beginning of this booklet.

Small Church, Big Vision,

Presented by The Rev'd Marty Wendell & The Rev'd Bill Tatem

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See the description of this workshop and Fr. Marty's and Deacon Bill's bios under Session 3.

**The Importance of Prison Ministry,
Presented by The Rev'd Art Peters & Bob Huntington**

Jelinek 2 ↓

This workshop takes a look at the ongoing need for prison ministry in the correctional system from the viewpoints of both volunteers and inmates. Deacon Art Peters and Bob Huntington will give their testimonies. Anyone who has heard Bob's testimony will want to hear his continuing story. This will be Bob's third diocesan convention.

See Deacon Art's bio under Session 2.

Bob Huntington is a former inmate who served 25 years in the NY State Department of Correctional Services. He is currently living in Rensselaer with his mother. He works two jobs and has started his own landscaping business. He is a member of the Baptist Church.

**Workshop for Parish Treasurers,
Presented by Clark Curtis and Jerry Carroll**

Wigwam

The objective of this workshop is to discuss the fiduciary nature of the parish treasurer position, discuss helpful suggestions in dealing with the parochial report, give insight into publications available to treasurers, discuss accounting and auditing standards for parishes, and provide a forum for treasurers to interact with their own solutions to problems they encounter. This is a repeat of the Treasurer's Workshop given during the 2009 Parish Leadership Conferences.

Clark Curtis is Diocesan Treasurer and serves as a member of the Trustees of the Diocese, Finance Committee and the Diocesan Development Fund. He was a member of the Construction Oversight Committee for the Spiritual Life Center from its inception. He is a retired banker.

Canon Carroll is a past Diocesan and Parish Treasurer. He serves as Lay Canon for Administration of the Diocese of Albany. He is a retired Navy officer.

**Cursillo – Christ is Counting on You!,
Presented by John Hyde**

Zeitfuss I Large Room

Cursillo is not a secret club. Cursillo is patterned on Jesus' own example. He searched out and called a small group of potential leaders (pre-Cursillo). He trained them by word and example and inspired them with a vision (Three-day Weekend). He linked them together and sent them out into the world to bring the world to Him (Fourth Day). This workshop will outline Pre-Cursillo, the Three-day Weekend and Fourth Day. There will be two guest speakers from the last Men's and Women's weekends.

John Hyde has been on team, music team and has been Coordinator for both Cursillo and Faith Alive weekends. He is an active member of St. Mark's Church in Hoosick Falls with his wife Sue and daughters Molly and Heather. John owns a medical equipment company in Albany.
