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Almighty and everliving God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with those who take counsel [in the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland] for the renewal and mission of your Church. Teach us in all things to seek first your honor and glory. Guide us to perceive what is right, and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen. (BCP, p. 818)*

# Online Registration Debuts

BY SHARON TILLMAN

**FAST, EASY ONLINE** event registration allows attendees to sign up for Convention and choose their CFF Saturday workshops in one place. Only attending the Christian Formation Festival? No worries – online registration handles that too, as well as workshop selection for non-voting guests to Convention. Registrants will receive e-mail confirmation of their event registration and workshop selections.

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There are two categories for which to register:

## Full Convention registration

(May 12-14) includes:

Cost \$165 per person (\$215 after April 12)

- One dinner, two lunches and one breakfast
- Eucharist Friday morning and Morning Prayer at St. Paul's School on Saturday
- All Saturday events – featuring three Christian Formation Festival workshops
- All Convention materials – *Pre-Convention Journal*, resolutions, etc.

## Christian Formation Festival (May 14 only) registration includes:

Cost \$30 (\$35 after April 12)

- Breakfast and Morning Prayer
- Bishop Sutton's Convention address
- Three CFF workshops
- Lunch

### A Note for Clergy

According to Diocesan Canon 1-220, *Of Absentees from Convention*, if you are unable to attend Diocesan Convention you need to contact the bishops' office for permission.

## Convention Deadlines

**Lay Delegate Certification:** Feb 11

**Nominations:** Feb 25

**Reports for the Pre-Convention Journal:** March 1

**Resolutions:** March 11

**Convention/Festival Registration:** April 12

**Hotel Reservations:** April 12

Have you met your convention deadlines? Please contact Dawn Kline, [dkline@episcopalmaryland.org](mailto:dkline@episcopalmaryland.org), at the Diocesan Center with any questions regarding delegate certifications.

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# Preparing to Tell Our Story

227th Diocesan Convention with Christian Formation Festival, May 12-14

BY THE REV. CANON SCOTT SLATER

“How long have you been a member of your congregation in the Diocese of Maryland?” “Who or what drew you to that congregation?” “Why did you stay?”

**WHEN I TRAVEL TO PARISHES** on Sunday mornings as part of the visitation schedule with the bishops, I take every opportunity to ask these three questions. The stories that I hear tell me wonderful things about the individuals—more than 45,000 of us—who comprise the people of the Diocese of Maryland. I hear stories about churches that people were running from. I hear about important lay people in the congregation who invited or welcomed the person and made them feel at home. I hear affirmations of welcoming clergy, community ties and celebrations that connect people to people. The term “second family” comes up quite a bit.

I ask these questions as a way of introducing the Horizons 2015 Priorities. The Evangelism priority in particular involves equipping each and every person in our diocese to be able with confidence to tell their faith story. Such a task can be daunting to many of us, but all of us have a story about what brought us to our current church home. This is a beginning.

Stories are foundational to so much of what we do in ministry. So as we begin getting into the meat of our five Horizons 2015 Priorities in the year ahead, it is important for us to begin telling stories: stories of proclamation, stories of evangelism, stories of action, stories of Christian formation, stories of education. Each of us has many stories to tell. And this year’s convention will provide opportunities for us to begin to tell our stories.

As part of this year’s Diocesan Convention, Saturday features the **Christian Formation Festival**, a day of workshops to better equip each congregation and all of us to do ministry. This gathering provides workshops on myriad topics, including learning to tell our story, various congregational development topics, communications, stewardship and planned giving, spiritual formation, disaster

preparedness, and many others. There are more than 70 workshops to choose from. All convention delegates and clergy will register for workshops that will bring the Horizons 2015 Priorities to life in tangible ways for delegates to take home to their parishes.

The workshops will also be open to any in the diocese who want to register for Saturday only, as with Christian Formation Festivals in the past. At least one workshop that we are encouraging everyone to attend will involve storytelling and the three questions at the beginning of this article.

## May 12-14

Convention will be different this year. The business session will be held at the Marriott Hunt Valley Inn, beginning Thursday evening and concluding by 5 p.m. Friday. Then on Saturday, St. Paul’s School for Boys, Brooklandville (just north of I-695/I-83 on Falls Road), will host Bishop Sutton’s Convention address, followed by the Christian Formation Festival (CFF) – three workshop slots offering dozens of topics. Registration for clergy, delegates, alternates, youth, guests or CFF-Saturday-only participants will be available online beginning mid-March.

Each of us has at least one story to tell about how we were welcomed into a faith community, or were exposed to the gospel story, or saw the gospel in action or experienced the gospel in our own lives. All our ministries as individuals and as faith communities involve stories. It is time to hear these stories and to generate new ones as a diocese. Join us on Saturday, May 14, at St. Paul’s School for Boys, as we learn together how to be a people of God in the Diocese of Maryland.

*The Rev. Scott Slater is the canon to the ordinary, [sslater@episcopalmaryland.org](mailto:sslater@episcopalmaryland.org), 410-467-1399.*

## Latest Convention News Available On-Line

Visit [ang-md.org/convention.php](http://ang-md.org/convention.php), the Convention Page, for more information. Watch for important news and updates about Convention and the Christian Formation Festival in the *Parish E-Mailing* e-newsletter.

# New Keynote Speaker Announced:

Dr. Mark Chaves, professor of sociology, religion and divinity

**IN HIS KEYNOTE ADDRESS** to Diocesan Convention on Friday, May 13, *Trends in American Religion*, Chaves will focus on understanding the state of religion today as we prepare to meet our Horizons 2015 Priorities. Based on his new book, *American Religion: Contemporary Trends*, he will discuss trends in religion, including church attendance, ethnic diversity, aging, worship styles, politics and technology.



**Dr. Mark Chaves**

## Biography

Dr. Mark Chaves specializes in the sociology of religion, and is a professor of sociology, religion and divinity at Duke University. Most of his research is on the social organization of religion in the United States. Among other projects, he directs the National Congregations Study (NCS), a wide-ranging survey, conducted in 1998 and again in 2006-07, of a nationally representative sample of religious congregations. NCS results have offered better understanding of many aspects of congregational life in the United States. Chaves is the author of *Congregations in America* (Harvard, 2004), *Ordaining Women: Culture and Conflict in Religious Organizations* (Harvard 1997), and many articles. His latest book, *American Religion: Contemporary Trends* is forthcoming from Princeton University Press.

# Diocesan Convention Schedule

## Thur, May 12

4:00 p.m.  
Registration opens  
6:30 p.m.  
Dinner and business session  
9:00 p.m.  
Compline

## Fri, May 13

7:30 a.m.  
Youth Breakfast with the Bishop  
8:30 a.m.  
Eucharist and UTO Ingathering  
5:00 p.m.  
Session ends

## Sat, May 14

7:30 a.m.  
Breakfast followed by Morning Prayer  
9:00 a.m.  
Bishop's Address, close of Convention business  
9:15 a.m.  
Christian Formation Festival opens following Bishop's Address  
3:00 p.m.  
Dismissal

# Pre-Convention Meetings

## Tue, April 26, 7:30-9 p.m.

Diocesan Center  
4 E. University Parkway, Baltimore

## Thu, April 28, 7:30-9 p.m.

Emmanuel Parish  
16 Washington St., Cumberland

## Sun, May 1, 3:30-5 p.m.

St. John's Church  
11901 Belair Rd., Kingsville

## Tue, May 3, 7:30-9 p.m.

Christ Church  
6800 Oakland Mills Rd., Columbia

## Thu, May 5, 7:30-9 p.m.

All Hallows Parish  
3604 Solomons Island Rd., Edgewater

*Orientation for new delegates begins 30 minutes before each meeting (7-7:30 p.m. or 3-3:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 1).*

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# The Path that Leads to Healing



Our upcoming May 12-14 Diocesan Convention will conclude Saturday with an all-day festival of workshops and resource sharing designed to help all our parishes strengthen their ministries and mission. I want to invite every member of the Diocese of Maryland to attend; it will be a great day!

**T**O PREPARE YOURSELF spiritually this Lenten season for our annual gathering as a diocese, I want you to pause and take a moment to ask yourself, “Why should I give my attention to this? What is my intention in coming?”

In the human search to live a more authentic life, one that is true to our deepest selves as well as to God’s vision for our lives, it is helpful along the way to make a distinction between “attention” and “intention.” Paying “attention” means asking the question, “What am I doing?” in any given situation. “Intention” on the other hand means asking, “Why am I doing this? Why do I do what I do?”

The power of intention cannot be underestimated. It sustains an inner-propelled drive to become the person who we say we are, and who we’re ultimately created to be. Jesus pointed to its importance 2,000 years ago when he said, “The good person out of the good treasure of the heart produces good, but evil hearts produces evil treasure.” (*Lk 6:45*) Intention is thus an attitude – a matter of the heart – much more than the rational exercise of figuring out what we should do. That attitude is one of calm receptivity; that is, the facility to become more and more receptive to the truth about who we are.

Intentionality enables us to perceive more clearly what is going on around us, and within us. There is an ancient Eastern wisdom that

John Heider points out in his book *The Tao of Leadership*, which goes like this:

“When you cannot see what is happening in a group, do not stare harder. Relax and look gently with your inner eye. When you do not understand what a person is saying, do not grasp for every word. Give up your efforts. Become silent inside and listen with your deepest self. When you are puzzled by what you see or hear, do not strive to figure things out. Stand back for a moment and become calm. When a person is calm, complex events appear simple. To know what is happening, push less, open out and be aware. See without staring. Listen quietly rather than listening hard. Use intuition and reflection rather than trying to figure things out. The more you can let go of trying, and the more open and receptive you become, the more easily you will know what is happening.”

The great insight of the early Desert Fathers and Mothers was that a pure intention leads to a purity of heart. That is, as we begin the quiet calm journey into God’s intentionality for the world, we will begin to manifest infinite compassion, mercy, justice and love. All this follows from the first question, “Why am I here? Why do I do what I do?”

I challenge you in this season to be still...be quiet...and find your intention.

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The intent is not to create feelings of guilt, but rather raise the consciousness of all people that issues of race continue to plague our society and subsequently our church. Followers of Jesus Christ can make a difference. Come with open minds and hearts, a willingness to share, listen and learn, leave with concrete ways to continue the work. Each workshop may be slightly altered to meet the needs of the group. In order to do this we will ask that a short

survey be completed prior to attending. Workshops are free and lunch is included.

## Upcoming 2-Day Workshops\*:

**April 1 & 2**

All Saints' Parish

106 W. Church St., Frederick

**May 20 & 21, Diocesan Center**

4 E. University Parkway, Baltimore

\* Days and times for all: Friday 3 p.m.-9 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Registration is essential.

*Please register in advance by contacting Kathrine Ebert, [kebert@episcopalmaryland.org](mailto:kebert@episcopalmaryland.org).*

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## Church and School Make a Connection, Make a Difference

**Saturday, April 2**

10 a.m. to 12 noon

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# Serving the Needs of Others

BY THE REV. MADELEINE BEARD

## Jubilee Ministries

Bishop Sutton designated the Tri-Parish Committee for Guardian Angel and Camp Amazing Grace as Jubilee Centers and Ministries.

The Tri-Parish Committee, consisting of Epiphany Church, Timonium; St. Andrews's Church, Glenwood; and St. Mark's Church, Highland, works with the Church of the Guardian Angel, Remington, to serve the people of this Baltimore City neighborhood. Together they provide filled backpacks and uniforms for the school children, serve Thanksgiving dinner, collect and distribute Christmas gifts, and host a "Souper-Bowl" Saturday at Super Bowl time. They help fund the summer arts camp. They help stock the food pantry and fill the shelves of the thrift shop. This ministry brings people from suburban and exurban Baltimore into the city to work with Baltimoreans.

Camp Amazing Grace provides children with incarcerated parents an opportunity to spend a week at summer camp at The Bishop Claggett Center in an effort to break a cycle that sends 70 per cent of them behind bars too. This year, the week, with the theme, "The Best I Can Be," will include activities like fishing, canoeing, swimming, music, art, crafts and worship. During the school year, the children have been remembered on their birthdays and at reunions at the Diocesan Center.

What is your church doing? Whom are they serving? Are you a Jubilee Center or do you participate in a Jubilee Ministry? Are you providing a place of refuge and hope, a living expression of our Baptismal promise to seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbors as ourselves? If you are, visit the diocesan Jubilee webpage, [jubilee.ang-md.org](http://jubilee.ang-md.org), and fill out the application. Some day every church's ministry will be recognized and designated a Jubilee Center.

## Public Policy

The 2011 session of the General Assembly opened Jan. 11. The House and Senate Committees got right to work. Within two weeks, 231 bills had been introduced in the House and 261 in the Senate with four resolutions between them. The 17th annual Environmen-

tal Summit met and introduced its legislative agenda, which includes: offshore wind, protecting the environmental budget, watershed protection and restoration, reduction of pollution from wastewater treatment plants, and reduction of pollution from storm water runoff, agriculture and developed land. Other legislation will address the proliferation of plastic bags and arsenic in chicken feed.

The Maryland Interfaith Legislative Committee also finalized its priorities. In addition to protecting budgetary cuts from the adversely affected disadvantaged, MILC will continue to advocate for programs that prepare people for work (literacy, basic adult education and job training), for low-income and affordable housing with an emphasis on legislation preventing housing discrimination based on source of income, and for maintenance of energy assistance programs. MILC also will oppose any legislation that fails to protect any child living in Maryland or fails to uphold legal protections for any person.

The Industrial Areas Foundation organizations in Maryland (BUILD – Baltimoreans United for Leadership Development, PATH – People Acting Together in Howard, and AIM – Action in Montgomery) have the in-state tuition, anti-usury (10% is Enough), and storm water runoff bills on their agendas. The BRIDGE (Baltimore Regional Initiative Developing Genuine Equality) agenda includes job creation along the Baltimore transit Red Line.

The Diocese works with all these organizations and others as we fulfill our commitment "to carry forward God's reconciling work through Jesus Christ as we build up the Body of Christ, strengthen one another for Christ's mission, and strive for justice and peace within the church and the world."

The Rev. Madeleine Beard, deacon  
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# 100 Cursillo Weekends – and Counting!

BY NANCY HORKAN AND PAMELA BLYTH

**THIS MAY 19**, the Maryland Episcopal Cursillo (MEC) will reach an historic milestone when it convenes its 100th Cursillo Weekend (MD #100) at the Bishop Claggett Center. This exciting weekend will conclude on Sunday, May 22, in the presence of many of the hundreds of Cursillistas from all over the diocese who will travel to Claggett in support of and celebration for the MD #100 participants.

In Maryland, the Episcopal Cursillo movement was born in 1979 with loving guidance from the established Cursillo of Northern Virginia. Eleanor Gebler, the first lay director of MEC, and her husband, attended a Cursillo weekend in Northern Virginia and subsequently extended invitations to others who also participated in this “short course in Christian Living.”

This first small group of 12-15 people from Maryland continued to meet and pray together, asking God for guidance regarding a Cursillo movement in this diocese. They approached the Rt. Rev. William J. Cox, suffragan bishop of Maryland, who was very supportive, telling them, “I have just been waiting for someone to get Cursillo started in my diocese!” He provided startup funding and offered the Bishop Claggett Center as the location for the weekend events.

The bishops that followed have continued the support that has made possible the success of the Cursillo Movement in Maryland. Currently, Bishop Sutton, also a Cursillista, continues to enthusiastically provide spiritual guidance to this important ministry.

The very first Cursillo weekend in Maryland (MD #1) was held Dec. 2, 1979. Bill White, Harford parishes, and Fran Nichols, St. Mark's, Lappans, were among the participants, and both will be serving on the team for MD #100 - quite a testimony to the impact that very first weekend had on their lives.

With continuing assistance from Northern Virginia, four more Maryland weekends quickly followed, and in 1980, Chris Jones led Weekend #5 with the first all-Maryland Cursillo Team. Throughout the years, the Maryland Cursillo community has shared in the joy of watching both Claggett and Maryland Cursillo grow together.

## About Cursillo

As its formal name depicts, *Cursillo de Cristiandad* means a “short course” in Christian living. The goal of Cursillo is the same goal of the Church – to bring all to Christ. God calls and teaches a group of dedicated leaders how to work for him in a way that bears fruit and helps equip others to *go and make disciples of all nations*. Conducted by a lay-led team of trained leaders, with two priests and a deacon serving as spiritual advisors, the weekend is patterned on Jesus’ own example – he searched out and called a small group of potential leaders; he trained them by word and example and inspired them with a vision; he linked them together and sent them out into the world to bring the world to him. The weekend is supported by the prayers, concern and action of the Cursillo Community both here in Maryland and all around the world.

In 2004, MEC was asked by the Bishop of Accra, Ghana, to bring Cursillo to the Diocese of Accra. With the blessing and support of Bishop Robert Ilhoff, 12 Maryland Cursillistas joined with those in Accra to experience Accra Cursillo Weekend #1. The Cursillo Community in Ghana continues to grow and flourish.

Through 100 weekends, 100 rectors, nearly 2,000 team members and candidates, countless people have been brought closer to Christ in the Diocese of Maryland and beyond. For more information on the Cursillo Movement in Maryland or how to participate in a Cursillo Weekend, please contact Lay Director Becky Fisher at 410-876-7672 or fishpond2@verizon.net.

*Nancy Horkan is the assistant lay director, and Pamela Blyth is the communications coordinator for the Maryland Episcopal Cursillo.*

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## Diocesan Needles

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Diocesan Needles has been making and repairing church linens and vestments for more than 10 years for churches throughout the diocese. Members currently come from Baltimore, Howard, Harford and Anne Arundel counties, representing a variety of churches. This group has made in the past and is now making linens for the Cathedral of the Incarnation, Baltimore.

Diocesan Needles meets five times a year at the Diocesan Center, 4 E. University Parkway, Baltimore. Meetings are scheduled at 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. on the following dates: March 12, May 14, July 9, Sept. 10 and Nov. 12.

For information about membership or linen repair, contact Susan Harryman by e-mail at [cseharryman@aol.com](mailto:cseharryman@aol.com) or Wendy Maters at 410-628-7105.

— Sharon Tillman

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# Anniversary Celebration

**CHRIST CHURCH, COLUMBIA**, is celebrating the 200th anniversary of the consecration of its “Old Brick” church and 300 years of Anglican tradition in Howard County. The parish register shows both a birth and a marriage in 1711. In honor of the 300th anniversary of these two firsts the church will celebrate this spring with an Easter baptismal service, and in May, a renewal of marriage vows for parishioners.

As part of the celebration of the 200th anniversary of the consecration of Old Brick, Christ Church commissioned Thomas Benjamin to compose a musical work tentatively titled the *Old Brick Oratorio*. The public premiere of the oratorio, to be sung by the

Columbia Pro Cantare, will be on Saturday, Oct. 15.

On Oct. 16 Bishop Sutton will reenact the consecration of Old Brick, using the words that the original consecrator, Bishop Thomas John Claggett, used in 1811. The parish will also be celebrating the completion of the loving restoration of Old Brick. For more information visit [christchurchcolumbia.org](http://christchurchcolumbia.org).

*Send your church's anniversary to [mcn@episcopalmaryland.org](mailto:mcn@episcopalmaryland.org). Include a photo of your church and how you are celebrating the occasion.*

## Maryland Support for ER-D Thrives

Donations to Episcopal Relief and Development by churches and individuals in this diocese for 2010 have been reported in six figures. While the majority of these donations went directly to aid Haiti following the earthquake, other money was directed to ER-D's work combatting malaria, aiding flood victims in Pakistan, aiding rebuilding in the Gulf Coast, and supporting action for the Millennium Development Goals.

The total amount donated by churches and ministries was \$127,156.48. Individuals, 1,850 of them, throughout the diocese donated a total of \$424,526.99 to fund ER-D's work domestically and abroad. To donate to ER-D, visit [er-d.org](http://er-d.org).

— Sharon Tillman

## St. Luke's Member to Direct Camp Amazing Grace

BY VAL HYMES

**A NEWLY RETIRED** career Social Services Department employee has agreed to direct Camp Amazing Grace 2011, for children 8-12 with a parent in prison, scheduled for Aug. 14-19 at the Bishop Claggett Center.

Maria Robinson-Conaway, a member of St. Luke's, Carey Street, retired from the Baltimore City Department of Social Services in January after 32 years of working in all facets of the field, including those for abused and neglected children, child support and adult and homeless services. “We hope to focus on newly imprisoned mothers and their 8-year-olds,” she said. “Those families are grieving.”

She is seeking adult and teen volunteers 16 and older and those with special skills or careers like liturgical dancing “to keep the children moving” or a farm-to-table representative. For information, contact Ms. Robinson, 410 523-0191, [mrobinson-conaway@hotmail.com](mailto:mrobinson-conaway@hotmail.com), or the Rev. Angela Shepherd, canon for mission and outreach, [ashepherd@episcopalmaryland.org](mailto:ashepherd@episcopalmaryland.org)

*Val Hymes is the coordinator of the Prison Ministry Task Force, sponsor, Camp Amazing Grace.*

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## New Upper School Head at St. Paul's School for Girls

By BETH SMITH

Dr. Monica Gillespie, SPSG head of school, has announced that Christine Szala will join the SPSG community July 1 as Upper School head. Szala is replacing Alice Philips, who is retiring after 28 years of service to SPSG, serving for 10 of them as Upper School head. Szala is currently the deputy head of school at the Madeira School in McLean, Va.



Drawn to SPSG in Brooklandville because of the school's single-sex education and commitment to girls, Szala says she is very impressed with the diversity of the community and school's Episcopal tradition.

"After just one visit with the diverse members of the SPSG community, I knew this was a special place," she said. "I could feel the excitement and dedication to the academic, physical and spiritual excellence of its students. I am looking forward to the opportunity for continued personal and professional development at SPSG. I embrace the challenges that will be presented in an all-girls environment. It is a true honor and privilege to join the SPSG family."

*Beth Smith is the director of communications for St. Paul's School for Girls, bsmith@spsfg.org or 443-632-1028. Learn more about the school at [spsfg.org](http://spsfg.org).*

### MCN Online

Visit [marylandchurchnews.org](http://marylandchurchnews.org) for additional news and information, including Listening Hearts Ministry and a list of books, DVDs, etc. featured in the Resource Center.

## Clergy Movement and Staff News

- Susan Shellman Baer completed her ministry at Holy Cross Church, The Rocks, Street
- Jan Hamill to chaplain, Copper Ridge; assistant chaplain, Fairhaven, Sykesville, and acting director of Episcopal Service Corps of Maryland
- Daniel Hinkle from Diocese of Bethlehem to interim rector, Church of the Transfiguration, Braddock Heights
- John Price from retired, non-parochial, to interim rector, St. Mark's Church, Highland
- John L. Rabb from bishop suffragan to bishop-in-residence, St. John's Church, Ellicott City
- Chris Tang from rector, St. George's Church, Hampstead, to rector, Church of the Holy Comforter, Lutherville

### Ordinations

- Gina Arents, Christ Church, Columbia
- Matthew D'Amario, St. John's in the Village, Baltimore
- Jessica Knowles, All Saints' Parish, Frederick
- Charles Mercer, St. Bartholomew's Church, Baltimore
- Sara Shisler, Cathedral of the Incarnation, Baltimore

### Celebrations of New Ministry

- Cristina Paglinauan, Church of the Redeemer, Baltimore
- C. James Williams, Mutual Ministry team member (priest), St. John's Church, Frostburg

### Staff news

On Monday, Feb. 7, Kathrine Ebert joined the diocesan staff as an administrative assistant. She comes from St. Michael's and All Angels in Baltimore. She lives in Washington, D.C. and is very active at the Church of the Epiphany in the District. Ebert has more than eight years of professional church administrative experience. She will assist the canons in their ministry and work in the diocese. She will also manage the diocesan database, and help with Diocesan Convention as needed.

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## Find “It” at the Resource Center

BY RANDI HICKS ROWE

The Diocesan Resource Center contains more than 3,000 resources to help lay leaders and clergy in all aspects of their ministry. The Resource Center is equipped and operated as a service of the diocese. Any member of a parish or Episcopal institution within the diocese may use the Resource Center for free. Laity and clergy may borrow resources for their own continuing education and formation, as well as for equipping others or providing programs in the parish. Whatever “it” is, chances are the Resource Center has it.

**T**HE RESOURCE CENTER provides advice and counsel on resources or specific Christian formation issues, as well as resources. There are traditional resources such as books, DVDs, magazines and videos, as well as nontraditional or compiled resources, which include notebooks, folders or CDs of materials that have been used in other parishes or presented at conference work sessions.

Many of the resources are designed for use in teaching situations such as in classrooms or forums. Others are designed to better equip and sustain lay leaders and clergy in their ministries, both specific (such as running a stewardship campaign or leading a mission trip) and general (such as nurturing one’s own relationship to God or improving one’s leadership skills.)

The Resource Center operates like a library. Individuals become patrons of the center by providing their names and contact information, including phone number, e-mail and parish or institution. Most resources can be checked out for six weeks and renewed for an additional few weeks unless requested by another patron. Some resources, such as Godly Play materials, have shorter checkout periods.

A few materials are for use in the center only.

Assistance in choosing resources is provided in person, by phone or e-mail for eight hours each week, generally on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to noon and Wednes-

days from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Committees that want to review a number of resources may make appointments at other times. Baltimore-area patrons can browse the shelves any time the Diocesan Center is open; patrons in other areas can browse the online list of resources. Patrons who live outside of the Baltimore area can receive and return resources through the mail, or at prescheduled ResourceMobile visits.

The Resource Center is located on the first floor of the Diocesan Center, 4 E. University Parkway, Baltimore. Contact Randi Hicks Rowe, Resource Center director, at 410-467-1399 or 800-443-1399 or by e-mail, rhicksrowe@episcopalmaryland.org

### What’s Inside the Resource Center?

Resources are available to help in ministries of stewardship; outreach, missions and evangelism; congregational development; justice and reconciliation; Anglican Communion studies; spirituality; and leadership development and wellness, as well as more traditional areas of Christian formation such as teaching; volunteer recruiting and development, and worship.

For a list of examples in these categories visit MCN Online at [marylandchurchnews.org](http://marylandchurchnews.org).

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- Entrants illustrate the **Horizons 2015 priority Proclamation** through a Biblical passage, parable, Psalm or other scene depicting proclamation that features Peeps, in a standard-size shoe box. Other materials may include non-perishable food items, candies and crafts supplies (Peeps from other holidays are permissible).
- Entrants submit no more than two high-resolution digital photos (300 dpi or greater) as JPEG attachments for judging and review to **communications@episcopalmaryland.org**. In the message, include the title of your project, your name and age or group name, parish, daytime phone number, the Biblical passage, parable or Psalm, and a brief description the scene.
- Categories: Please specify the category in the subject line of your entry e-mail.
  - Individual Children and Youth: K-5th grade; 6th-8th grade; or 9th-12th grade
  - Individual Adult: age 18 and older
  - Group Effort: any project created by multiple people (Sunday school classes, youth groups, Bible study groups, Altar Guilds, families, etc.)

- Photo entries due by May 2; winners announced at Diocesan Convention on May 12 (*visit the home page for Convention details*). Keep your diorama intact after submission.
- Entrants are invited to display their dioramas at Diocesan Convention on May 12 and 13. Just let us know if you want to bring yours or send it with your delegate. It should be transportable by one person.
- Winners' dioramas will be featured in the summer issue of *Maryland Church News*.
- "Celebrity" judges.
- Diocesan Staff are not eligible to win but may enter an exhibition diorama.



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# THE BISHOPS' ANNUAL APPEAL

On *Bishops' Appeal Sunday, May 15, 2011*, congregations throughout the Diocese of Maryland will learn more about the ministries supported by contributions to the Annual Bishops' Appeal.

The ministries served include:

- disadvantaged children and young people
- college students on Maryland campuses
- refugees and new immigrants; seafarers
- the Bishop Claggett Center
- older, low income adults
- the chaplaincy at Johns Hopkins Hospital

– to name a few.

For additional information about these and other ministries and how to support them, please contact the Rev. Charles Cloughen, director of stewardship, planned giving and development at the Diocesan Center, 410-467-1399 or [ccloughen@episcopalmaryland.org](mailto:ccloughen@episcopalmaryland.org)



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## TREASURES SALE

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301-855-4865

## LENTEN QUIET DAY

9 a.m.-2 p.m.  
St. John's Church  
9120 Frederick Rd,  
Ellicott City  
The Rev. Nick Szobota:  
nszobota@stjohnsec.org

## BISHOPS' BALL

6-10 p.m.  
St. John's Church  
9120 Frederick Rd.,  
Ellicott City  
Sponsored by the diocese. Celebrating youth and youth ministry leaders. Semiformal dinner-dance, tickets \$10. Contact [www.bishopenhorst@episcopalmaryland.org](http://www.bishopenhorst@episcopalmaryland.org) for tickets.

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## ORGAN RECITAL

3 p.m.  
All Hallows Parish  
3604 Solomons Island Rd.,  
Edgewater  
Mark Brombaugh,  
guest artist. 410-798-0808,  
[allhallowsparish.org](http://allhallowsparish.org)

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## CLEAN SWEEP RUMMAGE SALE

9 a.m.-2 p.m.  
St. John's Church  
9120 Frederick Rd.,  
Ellicott City  
Gently used toys, sports equipment, clothing, house wares, furniture, holiday items. Monica Fabbri, [wfabbr@pol.net](mailto:wfabbr@pol.net).

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## OPEN HOUSE

9 a.m.-noon & 5-7 p.m.  
St. Martin's in-the-Field  
Day School  
375-A Benfield Rd.,  
Severna Park  
[stmartinsdayschool.org](http://stmartinsdayschool.org)

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## INTEGRITY/BALTIMORE MEETING

7-9 p.m.  
Cathedral of the Incarnation  
4 E. University Parkway,  
Baltimore  
Eucharist in the Peace Chapel followed by potluck supper with conversation and fellowship. All are welcome.  
[maryh.miller@verizon.net](mailto:maryh.miller@verizon.net)

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## 8TH ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE CITY

9:30 a.m.  
Baltimore City Hall  
100 N. Holiday St., Baltimore  
Sponsored by St. James' Church, Lafayette Square.  
410-523-4588,  
[stjamesonthesquare.org](http://stjamesonthesquare.org)

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## TENEBRAE – LAMENTATIONS OF JEREMIAH

7:30 p.m.  
Chapel of All Hallows Parish  
864 W. Central Ave.,  
Davidsonville  
All Hallows' choir, conducted by Michael Menne. 410-798-0808, [allhallowsparish.org](http://allhallowsparish.org)

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## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

10, 10:45 & 11:15 a.m.,  
St. John's Church  
9120 Frederick Rd.,  
Ellicott City  
Designed for children and families, we will travel the path to the cross together with music and exercises intended to foster a deeper understanding of Christ's passion. Nancy

[Narrett,narrett@stjohnsec.org](mailto:Narrett,narrett@stjohnsec.org)  
or 410-461-7793

# MAY

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## ORGAN RECITAL

3 p.m.  
All Hallows Parish  
3604 Solomons Island Rd.,  
Davidsonville  
Bryan Mock, guest artist. 410-798-0808, [allhallowsparish.org](http://allhallowsparish.org)

## ORCHESTRA CONCERT

4 p.m.  
St. John's Church  
9120 Frederick Rd.,  
Ellicott City  
The orchestra of St. John's with Howard County students perform Bach, Vivaldi and Dvořák. Nancy Stavelly,  
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## SPRING CARNIVAL

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Day School  
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## SPRINGFEST

9 a.m.-3 p.m.  
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[stjamesparkton.org](http://stjamesparkton.org)

## CALVERT WINE & ARTS FEST

11 a.m.-6 p.m.  
All Saints' Church  
Rts. 2 & 4, Sunderland  
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## SPRING DINNER-DANCE

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## SPRING DINNER & MD. HOUSE & GARDEN PILGRIM-AGE

2 - 6 p.m.  
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# JUN

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## EMBER DAY

9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.  
Bishop Claggett Center  
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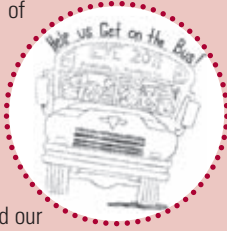
# Come Together

## Intimately linked in this harvest work

BY THE REV. CANON WES WUBBENHORST

### THIS YEAR MARKS THE GATHERING of

Episcopal Youth from across the Episcopal Church. EYE (Episcopal Youth Event) comes around every three years, and celebrates and challenges our youth to be the Body of Christ to our parishes, our dioceses and the world. Traditionally Maryland has had a very strong EYE presence the last four events, and our youth have brought this energy and spirit back to the diocese through increased participation in mission trips and leadership roles in the diocese.



This year's theme comes from Matthew 10:40-42, how we are all linked to one another and called to mission. Participants will learn about Christian mission through workshops, conversation, prayer and worship. Bishop Sutton is one of the keynote speakers at the event.

We will be traveling to St. Paul, Minn., by bus, leaving Maryland on the morning of the June 21, picking up representatives from Province III dioceses along the way. We arrive on the 22nd in St. Paul as a province to begin the event.

We will leave Minnesota on June 26 and arrive back in Maryland on June 28. On our return we will be stopping along the way for special acts of faith. This is somewhat along the lines of a *flash mob* activity. Stops include Mall of America, and locations in Chicago, South Bend and Pittsburgh. During these stops the youth will be offering prayer and Christian presence at specific sites. In Pittsburgh the group will have a sunrise Eucharist and breakfast as our closing provincial act.

Your financial and spiritual support is needed to "Help us Get on the Bus" to EYE. We have a fundraising goal of \$12,000 by Diocesan Convention to offset the cost of this trip to the Maryland youth and chaperones. There are 32 high school youth from our diocese registered for this wonderful event, as a part of the 300 representing Province III. In addition eight adult chaperones are accompanying our youth. Please contact me to help get us to this triennial event.

The Episcopal Youth Event (EYE) began in 1982 and was embraced by The 67th General Convention of The Episcopal Church as an international event in which "... the energy of the youth of the Episcopal Church can continue to be utilized in active ministry as members of this part of the Body of Christ;"

*"We are intimately linked in this harvest work. Anyone who accepts what you do, accepts me, the One who sent you. Anyone who accepts what I do accepts my Father, who sent me. Accepting a messenger of God is as good as being God's messenger. Accepting someone's help is as good as giving someone help. This is a large work I've called you into, but don't be overwhelmed by it. It's best to start small. Give a cool cup of water to someone who is thirsty, for instance. The smallest act of giving or receiving makes you a true apprentice. You won't lose out on a thing."* Matthew 10:40-42

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