



The Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia
Newsletter

Information for Clergy and Lay Leaders

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Diocesan staff message: Art Spooner, Treasurer

Over the past couple of years, we all have been seeing changes at the Diocesan Center. The bishop is directing the diocesan staff to expand services to our congregations, in anticipation of strengthening our Diocese. These services include expanding the support we provide to our clergy through Canon to the Ordinary Win Lewis' office, the support we provide to our formation leaders through Canon for Formation Caroline Black's efforts, the assistance we provide to the small and unique churches and the mission of the Diocese through Canon for Congregation Formation Fred Poteet, improved communications from the efforts of Director of Communications Sarah Scott Thomas, and accurate and reliable financial information from the treasurer's office.

We need to do more. The Diocese needs to address the issues facing many of our congregations, including stewardship and declining numbers of parishioners. The Diocese needs to offer stewardship programs. And we need to discuss how to grow our churches. We all need to be discussing how to provide the assistance—and identify the nature of the assistance—that each congregation needs and tailor our efforts accordingly.

Related to this is a need for all of our congregations to encourage planned giving. Our *Prayer Book* refers to this duty. Endowed funds can help every congregation with budget crises by providing additional money. The Diocese needs to sponsor planned giving seminars. The Diocesan Foundation provides an investment vehicle for congregations to use so that skilled investment strategists are managing their funds, and these have performed very well compared to the market.

One of our true gems is our camp and conference center, Chanco on the James in Surry. Chanco's Board is doing its best to hold down the cost so that families can afford to send their children to a safe camp. And the Chanco Board is encouraging all congregations and parish committees, families and other groups to use the conference facilities. Further, we are promoting the use of Chanco's camp facilities during the spring and fall for youth retreats. We encourage all of you to visit the Chanco websites.

The diocesan staff is working to improve our Diocese and to enrich the lives of all parishioners. We need your support – by using the resources that we provide. Please contact me, at a.spooner@att.net, if you need additional information.

Nag's Head Conference for clergy & spouses: May 10-12

Wellness for single clergy, married clergy, spouses and clergy families will be the focus of this year's Nag's Head gathering for clergy and families. In addition to her own private practice, conference leader Woodi Sprinkel serves as a CREDO faculty member, faculty member for the School for Bishops, and nationally known consultant for parishes and dioceses. She also runs support groups for bishops, clergy and clergy couples. The music keynoter will be Charles Porter, and dinner entertainment on Monday will be humorist Hope Mihalap.

Brochures have been e-mailed to clergy (or surface mailed to those without e-mail). Questions? Contact Samantha at the Diocesan Center: samh@diosova.org or 757-213-3391.

Chanco summer camp

Join in the summer fun at Camp Chanco. The latest camp brochure (with registration form) is hot off the press and is filled with exciting opportunities for wonderful camping experiences. Sign up early for best selection. Brochures were mailed to churches and past campers, and on-line registration is available at www.campchanco.org or call toll free at 888-724-2626.

Final summer Shrine Mont Conference

Make your plans now to participate on July 26-30 as keynoters Jean Rutherford and Randolph Charles lead conferees in "Remembering, Resting & Rejoicing" in a celebration of 36 years of summer adult Christian formation conferences at Shrine Mont. Brochures have been mailed to churches and past attendees, and a copy is posted on the diocesan web site under the "Forming Leaders" tab. For additional information, contact Caroline Black at the Diocesan Center: cblack@diosova.org or 757-213-3377.

Ridley scholarship applications 2009-2010

Current recipients of and new applicants for annual scholarship grants are reminded to have all required application documents in to the Diocesan Center in Norfolk **no later than June 20** for the coming academic year. Information and forms are available at www.diosova.org/finance.htm.

Sing to the Lord a new Song!

Psalm 149.1

CLERGY NEWS

Please join in offering sympathy and prayers as we remember:

Peg Buelow's family on the March 9 death of her father-in-law, Wally Buelow, in Arizona.

Transitions in the Diocese

[The *Clergy Transitions Quarterly* is mailed to clergy and churches in March, June, September and December.]

Jeunée Cunningham (NC-VA) was licensed April 27 to officiate in the Diocese for calendar year 2009.

Patrick Finn began May 3 as interim rector at Saint John's, Portsmouth.

Ron Greiser began May 1 as rector at Church of the Resurrection in Surfside Beach SC.

Linda Scholer (NC-NJ) was licensed April 27 to officiate in the Diocese for calendar year 2009.

Shop the Parish Bookstore

Located in Eastern Shore Chapel in Virginia Beach, the Parish Bookstore carries gifts, books, music, cards and stationery, church supplies and Episcopal logo items. Open MTRF from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., W from 9 a.m. - 7 p.m., S from 9 a.m. - noon. Contact books@easternshorechapel.org.

Diocesan staff changes

- ❖ After seven years on the diocesan staff, Samantha Horrocks leaves as assistant to Win Lewis effective June 3 to relocate to Rochester NY. Farewell and Godspeed, Sam!
- ❖ On May 18, Lisa Rapp will assume Sam's desk in a redefined position as assistant to transition ministries and formation. Welcome, Lisa!
- ❖ Rick Mason completed his interim diocesan youth missionary position on April 30. The search committee and transition committee are meeting regularly to develop a job description and identify candidates for this vacancy. Blessings, Rick!

Bus trip to National Cathedral

The NUOM bus trip to the Cathedral in DC has been **rescheduled** to Tuesday, June 30. For information contact Richard Bridgford at bridgford@earthlink.net.

Creating Safe Churches

The Diocese would like to thank those who updated their Creating Safe Church Training for Children during the past two months. To take Creating Safe Churches for Children online please email safechurchsva@gmail.com.

Diocesan Calendar 2009

Note: In order to allow more space on the calendar for diocesan events that are of greater interest to the general *Newsletter* audience, program group event dates are not listed here—members may contact group chairperson or diocesan liaison for information.

Abbreviations: THBR - Talbot Hall Board Room, THCH - Talbot Hall Chapel, CJ - Chanco on the James; THCC - Talbot Hall Conference Center, ER - Episcopal Residence.

May 10-12	Nag's Head Conference (clergy & spouses)	
May 25	Diocesan Center closed: Memorial Day observance	
Jun 2	Ordination to priesthood: David Smith	
	Emmanuel, Chatham	7 pm
Jun 5	Diocesan <i>Newsletter</i> deadline	noon
Jun 13	Diaconal ordinations—Redeemer, Midlothian	11 am

BISHOPS' SCHEDULES

(subject to change)

Bishop Hollerith

May 17	St. Aidan's, Virginia Beach	10 am
May 24	Manakin, Midlothian	9:30 am
May 31	Old Donation, Virginia Beach	8, 10:30 am
Jun 2	Emmanuel, Chatham (ordination)	7 pm
Jun 7	Emmanuel, Franklin	
Jun 13	Redeemer, Midlothian (ordinations)	11 am
Jun 14	St. Barnabas, Richmond	

Bishop Light

May 10	St. Andrew's, Newport News	8, 10:30 am
May 24	St. Luke's, Powhatan	10:30 am

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