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news, updates, and reminders from the bishop's office in the diocese of easton
March 15, 2010 : Lent

Education for Ministry program begins in Southern Convocation in the fall

Education for Ministry (EFM) is a four-year program of theological education developed by the School of Theology of the University of the South, in Sewanee, Tennessee. It is a Christian formation program established to prepare Christians for lay ministry through study, prayer, and reflection. EFM has been used worldwide by over 70,000 people. In the United States, over 22,000 people have completed the four-year course, and the Diocese of Easton has had numerous EFM groups over the years.

A new EFM seminar group is forming in the Southern Convocation. It will be mentored by Barbara Anne Fisher of St. Peter's, Salisbury, and Jim Cockey of St. Alban's, Salisbury. The sessions will meet on Monday evenings at St. Peter's beginning in September. Informational presentations are available for churches during March and the first week of April by contacting either Barbara (410-758-0553 x203; dreamer@stpeterschurch.net) or Jim (410-546-1575; james.cockey@verizon.net) to arrange the date and time.

On April 26, from 6:00– 7:30 p.m., an organizational meeting will be held at St. Peter's Church, 115 St. Peter's Street, Salisbury, Md. EFM registration materials will be available and an overview of the program will be presented. To RSVP for the meeting, call or email Jim by April 21.

Benedictine retreat is May 3 at the National Cathedral

The newly emerging Benedictine Community of Reconciliation anchored at the Washington National Cathedral invites you to come this May 3 to pray and listen for the divine in our midst, to rest and renew our bodies and spirits, and joyfully welcome, bless, and encourage one another. Come carve out a time of discovery while surrounded by the natural beauty of the Cathedral and its grounds, explore spiritual practices that bring balance to life and foster reconciliation in the world. For more information contact Deacon Penny Morrow, St. Paul's by-the-Sea, 410-213-2811.

R&R youth weekend is Friday–Sunday, April 23–25

Join us for the seventh annual youth weekend for 6-12th grades at Camp Wright. Registration forms can be found at your parish or on line at www.dioceseofeaston.org. Registration forms are due by April 10. The cost is \$50 and scholarships are available. Contact Camp Wright for more information, 410-643-4171. Send registration and scholarship requests to Camp Wright, 400 Camp Wright Lane, Stevensville, MD 21666. R&R weekend is run by the youth of the Diocese of Easton



with two advisors, and is an opportunity for diocesan youth to meet and enjoy the camping experience together. There is worship, play, singing, learning and time to hang out. It is a wonderful weekend to relax and enjoy the beauty on the Bay. There will be outreach projects and we will meet students from Salisbury University as they lead us in group activities. **Are you interested in helping to design the youth weekend?** Twelve high school age youth are chosen to design and run the R&R weekend. Preference is given to 11th & 12th graders. This is an opportunity for students to strengthen leadership skills and their faith in Christ. Download an application from www.dioceseofeaston.org or contact director@campwright.com

“Water of Life” logo design contest

The Environmental Ministries Commission has initiated a contest for a logo to represent this ministry. There will be one category for artists fourteen and under, and one for artists fifteen and above. Entries must be post-marked by March 30, and winners will be announced in mid-April.

The initial theme chosen by the commission as a focus of awareness concerns is “water of life” due to the sacred connection of water to our faith, and some of the extreme water pollution issues throughout the Diocese of Easton.

To enter, download the entry form's informational and design sheets from the Environmental Ministries Home Page site found at <http://tinyurl.com/DoE-green>, and follow the instructions posted there.

The winning artist at each level will receive a certificate presented by Bishop Shand at a dinner with him and the members of the commission.

Diocesan Calendar

All meetings held at Bray House/Miller Hall in Easton unless otherwise noted. When in doubt, call 410-822-1919.

March

- 16 Diocesan Council, 6:30 p.m.
- 17 Children's Home Foundation, 10:30 a.m.
- 19-24 Bishop at House of Bishops, Camp Allen, Texas
- 25 Camp Wright, 6:00 p.m.
- 28 Bishop Visit, All Faith, Tunis Mills
- 28 Integrity, 1:00-3:00 p.m.
- 30 Clericus with renewal of ordination vows, 9:30 a.m.

April

- 3 Bishop at Cecil Co. Easter Vigil, North East
- 5 Diocesan office closed
- 5 Environmental Ministries, 7:00 p.m.
- 5 Camp Agape committee, Old Wye, 7:00 p.m.
- 8-19 Canon Cook at Conference of Diocesan Executives
- 11 Bishop visit, St. Alban's, Salisbury
- 13 Retired clergy gathering, 10:00 a.m., Old Wye
- 13 Spiritual Life, 6:00 p.m.
- 15 Camp Wright, 6:00 p.m.
- 18 Bishop visit, Christ Church, Cambridge
- 20 Diocesan Council, 6:30 p.m.
- 21 Children's Home Foundation, 10:30 a.m.
- 23-26 R & R weekend, Camp Wright
- 23-24 Brian McLaren seminar, Trinity Cathedral, Easton, 7:00 p.m.
- 24 Brian McLaren seminar, Christ Church, Cambridge, 10:00 a.m.

please pray for...

Harry Bainbridge	Judy Hartman
Kit Bainbridge	Carl Mosley
Melissa Barner	Bruce Nestlehutt
Pat Benjamin	Rob Rice
Sally Breul	Anne Shoemaker
Lloyd Butts	Elliott Sorge
Joyce Glancey	

congratulations!

... to Heather and John Hurst, and grandma Laura Dorsey, who welcomed baby Laura into the world two weeks ago.

Communications task force is forming

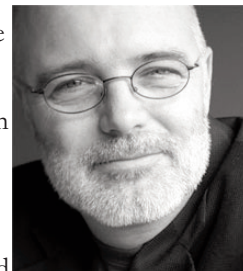
Bishop Shand is forming a task force to examine how the diocese undertakes communications and make recommendations for the future of print, web, and other forms of media in the years ahead. The group will meet in Easton over a period of six months or more, and will submit a report to Diocesan Council by early 2011.

Brian McLaren will speak in our diocese April 23 & 24

Brian McLaren, noted international author and lecturer, will be a guest speaker this April at both Trinity Cathedral and Christ Church, Cambridge. Clergy and the general public are invited to attend his talks on the problems facing today's church and how to update the practice of our faith while staying true to the core message of Christianity. Admission is free.

McLaren will speak at Trinity Cathedral, Easton, on Friday, April 23 at 7:00 p.m. and at Christ Church, Cambridge, on Saturday, April 24 at 10:00 a.m. His talks will allow time for questions from the audience, and a reception will follow the Friday evening presentation so attendees can meet him personally. Because each presentation will be unique, attendance both days is encouraged.

McLaren is one of the most innovative Christian voices and the author of the recently published book *A New Kind of Christianity*, which he plans to talk about in the Saturday presentation. He faces head-on the questions that will determine the shape of the faith for future generations. His numerous books focus on a wide range of subjects including the gospel and global crises, theology and postmodernity, spiritual formation, evangelism, inter-religious dialogue, and faith and social justice. Many of his articles, liturgical resources, and his popular weblog can be found at www.brianmclaren.net.



Participating with Brian in these presentations will be popular Christian musician and composer Ken Medema, who many will remember from our Diocesan Convention four years ago. Ken's incisive musical summary and response will enhance what audiences take away from these exciting informative presentations.

Later on Saturday, Ken will give a concert at Christ Church at 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$15.00 and can be purchased by calling (410) 228-3161 or 228-2652.

Bishop Shand is pleased to have Ken Medema return to the diocese and is looking forward to welcoming Brian McLaren to the Eastern Shore. We are grateful to Scott Smith, a Trinity Cathedral parishioner, for this opportunity. Brian and Scott developed a friendship years ago while seeking out and cataloging endangered Maryland turtles. Out of this relationship came the invitation for Brian to come to our area to share with us some of his insights.

Knowing that those who might like to attend these events from the far ends of the diocese, or from neighboring dioceses, would have a lot of traveling back and forth for the two days, the hospitality committee has made special discounted arrangements for lodging and at local restaurants and businesses. For more information, call Christ Church (410) 228-3161 or Kathleen Wise and Doug Ridley, 228-2652.

Please contact Canon Cook at heather@dioceseofeaston.org if interested in serving. (If you already indicated your interest on the Survey Monkey evaluation, this is not necessary.) Bishop Shand is hoping to gather people from all three convocations, with a good mix of age, experience, male and female, clergy and lay.