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New revenue source offers the diocese an opportunity for continued faithful stewardship and financial management

“This is an opportunity for us to continue to practice faithful stewardship and responsible financial management of resources provided by the abundance of the earth.” Bishop Bruce MacPherson

by Bob Harwell

So stated Bishop MacPherson in announcing to Diocesan Council on May 25 his intention to name a committee of diocesan lay and clergy leaders to work with him to formulate a plan to be presented to Diocesan Convention in October of this year. For what are we planning you might ask?

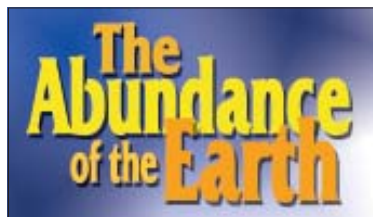
The story behind this “plan” is intriguing. The diocese owns approximately 1100 acres of land in DeSoto Parish, which is leased to the Boy Scouts of America, which operates the Garland Scout Ranch on that site. Leased years and years ago, mineral rights to the property were of course retained by the diocese. Move forward to 2008 when a new term flooded newspapers and television: “The Haynesville Shale,” which supposedly existed in East Texas and North Louisiana

and contained sizeable amounts of natural gas. Press reports characterized the gas deposits as “possibly the largest in North America.”

After considering several proposals, the diocese entered into an exploration agreement with Chesapeake Energy Corporation for its DeSoto Parish holdings. “With every estimate that I heard of the vast amount of natural gas to be found in the Haynesville Shale, I prayerfully began to consider what impact such an abundance might have on the diocese, if we were so blessed,” said Bishop MacPherson.

2009 bore witness to the effects of a depressed economy that finally impacted Louisiana. “I could see evidence of the recession as I visited around the diocese,” said the Bishop. “Beginning early in the year, we began to carefully watch over the diocesan budget and look at it with a heightened sense of stewardship.”

The formulation process for the 2010 diocesan budget was confirmation of the difficult economic situation gripping Louisiana and the diocese. Virtually every congregation was affected with belt-tightening and painful cuts.



The result of the budget process was a draft budget with expected expenditures \$300,000 greater than anticipated revenues. Reductions in staff, trimming in many budget categories and the use of some prior years’ reserves produced the 2010

diocesan budget approved by Council in January. “As we went through that process, I was struck by the level of faithfulness displayed by our congregations,” said the Bishop “Some were struggling hard to stay afloat and continue to minister to their communities, and also meet their obligations to the diocese. I was very conscious of the fact that every dollar sent to the diocese was a dollar that could not be spent for ministry in their community.”

At the May 25, 2010 Diocesan Council meeting in Alexandria, Council considered a proposal for the sale of mineral rights to its land in DeSoto Parish occupied by the Boy Scouts. After considerable discussion, Council declined the offer.

In his “Bishop Remarks” following that minerals discussion, Bishop MacPherson again brought up the DeSoto Parish prop-

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The hands of Christ ...

At the end of World War II, a couple of American soldiers were helping some villagers rebuild a small village church that had been destroyed by artillery fire. In the rubble they uncovered a statue of Christ. It was unharmed except for the outstretched hands, which were gone. “*Shall we discard the statue?*” the



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soldiers asked the priest. “No,” he said, “let’s place it inside the church door for all to see as we enter and leave. It will remind us that Jesus has no other hands than ours.”

Or to look at it another way, Meister Eckhart, the 13th century German mystic, put it with unusual boldness, “*God can as little do without us, as we without him.*” That is not arrogant boasting, but a statement of high responsibility. We are essential instruments in the fulfillment of the eternal purpose of God. This means that you are important, you are somebody, you are of unique worth, you are essential to the fulfillment of the eternal purpose of God.

One day a woman stood in the midst of a group of starving children in Ethiopia, their bodies ravaged with hunger; their fearful eyes bulging from their listless faces. She said she wanted to scream out at God, until she realized God was calling her ...

My brothers and sisters, God has entrusted to us - to you and me - the responsibility and glorious privilege to carry out Christ’s mission. We are partners with God. It seems God has no other plan, and Jesus has no other hands, than ours.

The lead story in ALIVE! this month is one of financial blessing for us as a diocese, but we can only become that which God has made us to be when we are master of our money, and not its servant. Jesus says it plainly, if we are going to call ourselves one of his disciples, we must realize our grip on the externals of life. Jesus is not saying that we cannot possess anything, but what he is saying is that we must not allow wealth to possess us.

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The Season of Pentecost

Not actually a season with a single common focus, the weeks between the Day of Pentecost and the First Sunday of Advent, are often referred to as "the long growing season," when we nourish the seeds planted at Easter and put down the roots of our faith.



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The Rev'd Mary Richard is installed as rector of Holy Cross, Shreveport

The Rev'd Mary Richard was installed as rector of Church of the Holy Cross, on Wednesday, May 12 by the Rt. Rev'd D. Bruce MacPherson.

Right: Hershel Richard, husband of the new rector, Mother Richard, Bishop MacPherson and the Bishop's deacon, William Raymond.



Left: Mother Richard with her sister, the Rev'd Betty Hudson.



Centenary College Canterbury Club chaplain retires

After ten years of faithful service as chaplain of the Canterbury Ministry at Centenary College in Shreveport, the Rev'd Dr. Benedict G. Songy has retired, turning over the leadership to the Rev'd Canon Andrew Benko of St. Mark's Cathedral. At the final gathering of that group for the academic year, Bishop MacPherson said, "In recognition of his commitment and faithful ministry within this academic community, it is my honour to make him (Songy) an honorary Canon of the Diocese." Left: Bishop MacPherson with Canon Songy. Right: Bishop MacPherson with Father Songy and his successor Canon Benko.

Canterbury College Ministries want to hear from you

Due to the new privacy laws in effect on college campuses throughout the state of Louisiana, college chaplaincies can no longer access the denominational preferences of the students who will be attending.

If you have a high school senior going off to college in the fall, please take a minute to call or e-mail the Canterbury

ministry for the campus. We want to welcome your son or daughter into our communities of faith, and help grow his or her faith to impact the world for Jesus Christ.

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Cathedral tower bells dedicated on Easter Sunday

by Candace Higginbotham

Seventeen magnificent church bells, cast at the Whitechapel Bell Foundry in London were dedicated by Bishop Bruce MacPherson in the Easter Festival Eucharist at St. Mark's Cathedral. The bells include nine chiming bells and eight change-ringing bells, which revolve 360 degrees when rung. Similar to the bells in the National Cathedral and in Westminster Abbey, these bells can be chimed like a carillon to play hymns, or rung in the centuries-old Anglican style of change-ringing developed in the 17th century and still practiced in English churches. While there are over 5,000 churches with tower bells in England, there are only fifty active towers in North America. St. Mark's is the first tower in Louisiana to hold change-ringing bells.

The bells were a gift to the Cathedral through contributions from a host of bell sponsors and donors. They are given to the Glory of God and in memory or honor of loved ones.

Whitechapel has been making bells for

over 500 years. Bell historian George Elphick traces Whitechapel to Master Founder Robert Chamberlain in an unbroken line from 1420 during the reign of Henry V—72 years before Columbus sailed for America. Still a small, family-owned business with a loyal and dedicated staff, they cast Big Ben, the Liberty Bell, and the Bells of the National Cathedral, among many others.

The St. Mark's bells will ring each Sunday to call the faithful to worship and on occasions of local and national significance. In the Anglican tradition, the bells have aided us in our worship of God. They call us to services. They ring the Sanctus. They peal joyfully on wedding days and on great feast days of the Church. They toll mournfully as the departed receive the Church's last blessing. The voices of the bells direct our hearts toward God and draw us to church, to experience the presence of Christ, to listen to the word of God, and to offer our prayers.



Top: Dedication of the individual bells in 2009.

Bottom: Queen Elizabeth II, who visited the Whitechapel Foundry while the St. Mark's bells were being cast, inspects one of the bells now in the St. Mark's belltower.

Safeguarding God's Children workshops

June 26 — Safeguarding God's Children workshop, 1 – 3:00 p.m., St. Barnabas Parish Hall, Lafayette. Contact: Sabrina Beach, sbeach.ednsni@cox-internet.com for reservations.

July 10 — Safeguarding God's Children workshop, 9:00 a.m., St. Mark's

Cathedral, Shreveport, Call 318/221-3360 for reservations.

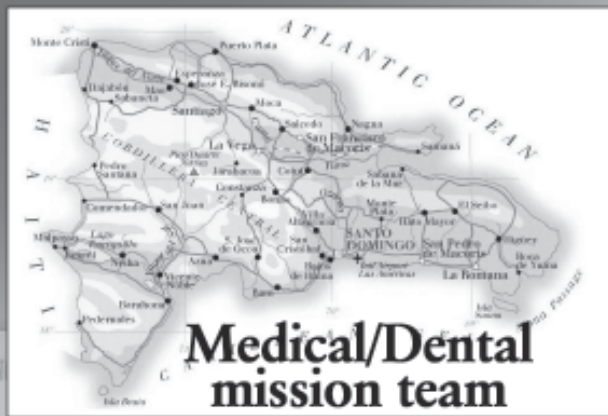
August 6 — Safeguarding God's Children workshop, Time to be announced, Ascension Episcopal Church Parish Hall, Contact Sabrina Beach,

sbeach.ednsni@cox-internet.com for reservations.

7— Safeguarding God's Children workshop, 8:30 – 11:30 a.m., Bishop Noland Episcopal Day School, Lake Charles. Contact the Rev'd Deacon "Boo" Kay at bkay@episcopaldayschool.org for

reservations.

22 — Safeguarding God's Children workshop, 2 – 4:00 p.m., Epiphany Episcopal Church Parish Hall, Contact: Sabrina Beach, sbeach.ednsni@cox-internet.com for reservations.



Medical/Dental mission team to return to Dominican Republic



by Dr. Richard Campbell

For the twelfth straight year, a medical/dental mission team from the Diocese of Western Louisiana will travel to the Dominican Republic. This year's trip will take place July 10–17. A core group will be traveling to the DR on July 9 to make sure that the team's medical supplies are in-country in a timely manner and to facilitate the rest of the team as they arrive.

Our team represents the Episcopal Diocese of Western Louisiana in its

companion relationship with the Episcopal Diocese of the Dominican Republic. The team is sponsored by Bishop Bruce MacPherson and the Rt. Rev'd Julio Cesar Holguin, Bishop of the Dominican Republic. The Bishop and Susan MacPherson will be members of this year's team.

This will be our twelfth consecutive trip to the city of Barahona and our fourth to the town of Jimani, both located near the Haitian border. The majority of the patients treated at these clinics is composed of Haitian immigrants living in the Dominican Republic. They are generally unable to avail themselves of healthcare offered by the Dominican government. Our primary goal is to provide timely, quality, loving medical and dental care to individuals who otherwise would not receive it. Equally important is the continuity of relationship that we have established with the local population and our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Last year we were able to treat over

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Lay Ministries Workshops are being held in all 5 convocations

“Each of the Diocese’s five convocations will be the site of a workshop on lay ministry to be conducted by the Commission on Liturgy and Music, in cooperation with the Institute of Lay Ministry at the Bishop’s Centre for Ministry,” announced Canon Jim Boyd, M.D.

Participants must register for the event and each must have the endorsement of their priest to participate in the event. Workshop attendance will qualify an attendee, upon recommendation of his/her priest to Bishop MacPherson, for a 3-year license in any or all of the following lay ministries: Eucharistic minister, Eucharistic visitor, or Worship leader. Workshops hours are 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Three of the five workshops are yet to be held with the next offering scheduled for August.

For reasons of convenience, attendees need not attend the workshop in their specific convocation, but may attend the session that is most convenient.

Conducting the workshops will be Canon Boyd, Robert and Pat Brown, Reece Middleton and Dr. Frank Fuller.

Workshops remaining include:

- Lake Charles — August 14, 2010 at Church of the Good Shepherd
- Lafayette — October 2, 2010 at Church of the Ascension
- Monroe — November 13, 2010 at St. Alban’s Episcopal Church

Questions should be directed to Canon Jim Boyd at 318-222-1902 or by email: jdbgyn@aol.com.



Christ Episcopal Church, Bastrop needs organist

An organist is needed for the 9:30 a.m. Sunday service at Christ Church, Bastrop. Their organ was built in 1978, and in 2005 underwent at console upgrade. The organ has 6 ranks (sets) of pipes, 4 under expression in the Swell, and 2 ranks that are non-expressive in the Great. The console has a multi-level combination action and is prepared for tonal additions. For information, contact Pat Evans at 318/281-4953 or call the Church Office at 318/281-5276, Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



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Bishop MacPherson's Office Days



In order to provide a more convenient setting for those in the northern portion of the Diocese, Bishop D. Bruce MacPherson continues to be available for appointments with members of the laity and clergy on the second Wednesday of each month at St. Mark’s Cathedral in Shreveport.

Those in the southern portion of the diocese are encouraged to make an appointment with Bishop MacPherson at Diocesan House in Pineville.

For an appointment at either location, please contact Dianne White, assistant to the Bishop, 318.442.1304 or ladydiwhi@aol.com.



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News of the Diocese



Millard family honored at Cathedral reception

Ordained to the diaconate and priesthood at St. Mark's Cathedral, the Rev'd Michael Millard and his family have spent the last two years at the Cathedral in Shreveport with Father Millard serving as curate while a part of the Diocesan Curacy program. At a reception honoring the service of the Millards held May 16 during Bishop MacPherson's visit, the Bishop announced that Father Millard has been appointed priest-in-charge under special circumstances at Christ Church, Mansfield, effective June 1.

FUEL blasts into the summer with paintball

"FUEL" is the name of the combined junior high and high school youth group of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Mer Rouge; Christ Episcopal Church, Bastrop; The First United Methodist Church in Bastrop, and St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church in Bastrop. Working with that group is the Rev'd Whit Stodghill, rector of St. Andrew's, Mer Rouge and vicar at Redeemer, Oak Ridge. On May 15, the group, with Father Stodghill along as chief target, traveled to OFF Limits Paintball Park in Bossier City for a end-of-the-year paintball shootout.



Shown left-to-right: Jordan Caldwell of Christ Church, Austin Clark, Brandy Gean, John Ellender, Chris Gean, Daniel Ellender, and Father Whit Stodghill of St. Andrew's, Daniel Gladney of Christ Church, Tracy Stodghill of St. Andrew's and Cullen Clark.



Cursillo MusicFest deemed a "success"

The Cursillo MusicFest was an unqualified success with about 70 people in attendance, all saying the music was "just great." The musicians enjoyed themselves as much as those in the audience. There was also a silent auction that provided good fun everyone. Several "bidding wars" went on for some of the items raising \$1,648 for Cursillo. Jerry Nash and members of the Cursillo Secretariat provided a tasty lunch.

T-shirts designed by Kathy George from Holy Trinity, Sulphur can still be obtained for \$15.00. Contact Debbie Langlois at dlanglois@xspediis.net if you would like to purchase a t-shirt. Plans are already in the works for a bigger and better event next year.

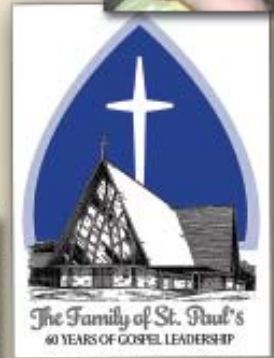


St. Paul's, Shreveport celebrated 60th anniversary May 21-23

St. Paul's, Shreveport celebrated 60 years of ministry during three days of fellowship, remembrance and praise May 21-23. "The Family of St. Paul's ... Celebrating 60 Years of Gospel Leadership" was the theme of the weekend.

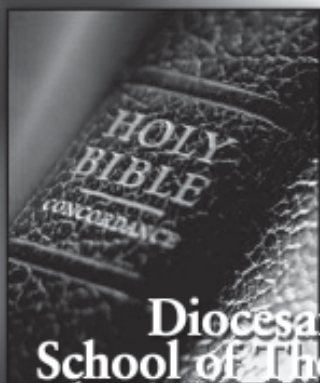
The weekend highlighted both the history and people of St. Paul's as well as the service that has been rendered to their community. The calendar of events included a Friday night movie under the stars on a giant screen on St. Paul's front lawn. On Saturday, 48 golfers participated in the St. Paul's 60th anniversary golf tournament at the Olde Oaks Golf Club. Tournament profits were dedicated to St. Paul's Matthew 25 Force Homeless Feeding Ministry.

On Sunday, May 23, a special anniversary Eucharist celebrated St. Paul's 60 years since its founding. A parish-wide picnic followed the worship service with food prepared by some of St. Paul's most distinguished cooks. Guests listened to Bluegrass music while the very young enjoyed inflatable "bouncers" and a gigantic water slide. There was even a special dunking booth that spelled a "quick bath" for both St. Paul's priests. Capping the weekend was a softball game in which a pick-up team tattooed a rather boastful EYC.



Seven confirmed at St. Mark's Cathedral during Bishop MacPherson's visitation

During his May 16 visitation at St. Mark's Cathedral, Bishop MacPherson confirmed seven into The Episcopal Church. Pictured at the event are: left-to-right, Bishop's Chaplain Chris Cottingham, Donovan Ohrt, Jennifer Cooper, Bishop D. Bruce MacPherson, Kimberly Stroud, Andrea Giacalone, Davide Giacalone, Karen Courtman. Not pictured: Matthew Woodard.



Diocesan School of Theology begins new term in August

The Diocesan School of Theology is now registering students for the 2010-2011 academic year that begins Saturday, August 21, 2010.

The Diocesan School of Theology offers individuals in this and neighboring dioceses, an opportunity for in-depth study in Scripture, Church History, Theology, and

Liturgy. Classes meet the third Saturday of the month, August through May, at the Bishop's Centre for Ministry on Youree Drive in Shreveport. Classes are open to all who seek a greater knowledge of our shared faith. The program offers a solid foundation for teachers in Christian formation programs, those engaged in Bible study groups, and those seeking a study program to assist them in their spiritual growth.

Individuals enrolled in Diocesan School courses can work towards completion of a nine-course Diploma of Christian Studies as part of the discernment process and/or lay leadership preparation. The Diploma program consists of the following courses: Old Testament I and II, New Testament I and II, Church History I and II, Book of Common Prayer, and two electives, one of which must be from the Theology offerings. The program can be completed in three years.

Course Offering for 2010-2011:

- 9am – New Testament II
Book of Common Prayer
- 1pm – Pauline Theology
Church History II

- 4pm – Old Testament I
Moral Theology

Students may take a maximum of three courses. Tuition is \$225 per course. Checks should be made out to The Diocese of Western Louisiana with "Diocesan School Tuition" in the memo line. Tuition payments should be given to the Rev'd Dr. Bill McBride prior to the second class meeting.

School Calendar:

- Saturday, August 21, 2010
- Saturday, September 18, 2010
- Saturday, October 16, 2010
- Saturday, November 20, 2010
- Saturday, December 18, 2010
- Saturday, January 15, 2011
- Saturday, February 19, 2011
- Saturday, March 19, 2011
- Saturday, April 16, 2011
- Saturday, May 21, 2011

To register, contact:

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Personal Notes

Canon Dee D. Drell is "Tablet of Honor" recipient

Lay Canon Dee D. Drell has been presented the prestigious Kiwanis International "Tablet of Honor" for his 25 years of devoted volunteer service.

Presentation of the award was made by Alexandria, LA mayor, Jacques Roy, at St. James Episcopal Church on Pentecost Sunday.

Long active with the Kiwanis, Canon Drell has held a number of responsible positions with the group, and served in many Kiwanis projects that furthered the organization's mission of helping impoverished children worldwide.

An example of his vision is the "Cause We Care Fair," established by Drell, as an annual event in Alexandria that showcases the Kiwanis global out-

reach mission for children.

In addition to making the presentation to Canon Drell, Mayor Roy proclaimed Sunday, May 23, 2010, "Dee D. Drell Day."

Mary McIntosh presented Volunteer Service Ward

Mary McIntosh, long identified with the Shepherd Center in St. Joseph, Louisiana, has been presented the Lieutenant Governor's Louisiana Volunteer Service Award. The award was presented by Connie Waters, a City of Shreveport Ambassador, who immediately thought of McIntosh when she heard of the award.

McIntosh is perhaps best known as the moving force behind the founding of The Shepherd Care Center in St. Joseph, Louisiana some 20-years ago.

Her efforts with the Shepherd Center were recognized in 2009 when Bishop MacPherson made her

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Save this date for the Spiritual Formation Retreat!

November 5-7, 2010

Hardtner Camp and Conference Center

Explore Celtic Spirituality with Retreat Leader, the Rev'd Mary Earle

of the Episcopal Seminary of the Southwest

More details to follow.

Bishop's Message

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As previously announced, I will name a committee of clergy and lay leaders to share in the development of a proposal that will be presented to Diocesan Convention this October. It is my intention for us as a group to prayerfully seek to discern how God's business can be worked out, and his goals and purposes for the diocese unfold in a manner in which he will be glorified.

One of the primary focuses of this proposal must look toward the enhancement of ministry at the local level by providing for a reduced Asking from the diocese. There is a fine balance in lowering the Asking while at the same time endeavouring to determine what the future looks like with respect to the outside funds. I believe deeply that we can determine this, if we keep our eyes on the Cross before us, and not lose sight of the fact that the real trea-

sure before us is within us, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Please pray with me for this work to be undertaken, and being always mindful that we are the hands of Christ, the only hands he has.

Faithfully in the Risen and Living Christ,

The Rt. Rev'd D. Bruce MacPherson, D.D.
 Third Bishop of Western Louisiana

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The Diocese of Western Louisiana
 Welcome to the worship of our Lord Jesus Christ and the service of all God's people.

HARDTNER NEWS



THE HARDTNER CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTER

Summer is literally “upon us”

by Patrick Higgins

Camping Season is Here!

The Camp Hardtner Summer Camping season is upon us! Even though registrations for this year’s camping sessions are running ahead of last year, there are still limited openings available. Quick action is needed if you are going to secure a spot for your child in one of this year’s camps. Registration is easy: either on-line or by regular mail. There are literally camp sessions for all ages. Please don’t forget about the NEW Family Camp with Father George Gennuso as dean. This session promises to add a dimension to camp, so plan to bring your entire family!

Emma Benton, Anna Broussard, Sydney Galland, Claire Gallaspy, Lauren Guillory, Haley Harrington, Ashley Holliday, Martha Simon, Rebekka Veith and Becky Woods. These college-age counselors will spend the summer at Camp Hardtner working with deans of each of the camp sessions and other volunteers to offer a great summer of fun and adventure for campers. The first order of business for



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our counselors is an intensive week of training in preparation for their summer’s work.

Another extremely active group will be our counselors-in-training (CIT’s) who are graduating high school seniors that will spend an extra week learning the responsibilities of being a counselor. Those who successfully complete their CIT training have a better chance at being selected as counselors for next summer. This year’s CIT’s include: Alec Armentor, Rebecca Carleton, Madeline Gibson, Simone



Laroussini, Janey Noble, Nicolette Ruzicka, and Hanah Sober.
Good Night’s Sleep, early start!

Parents should not forget that they can spend the last night of their child’s camp session at the Holy Day Inn! This is a great opportunity for parents who must make a long drive to pick up their campers at Camp Hardtner. Parents can make the drive to Hardtner the night before their pick-up time, meet other parents, enjoy a good night of rest, have a light breakfast the next morning, and then pick up their campers and head home. With this over-night stay now possible, there is no need to get up so early for the drive to Pollock! Contact the Camp office to make your reservation.

son, but other activities that took place included: Kairos Outside’s inventory; Episcopal School of Acadiana sixth graders came for a visit that included swimming, canoeing, good food and other activities as part of their overnight; a wedding that was held in the middle of the month; the Cursillo MusicFest was also held; and the Girl Scouts staged a canoeing clinic. All of these activities took place before the start of Counselor Training Camp.

Calendar Notes:

The Hardtner Camp Office will be closed on July 5 & 6 in celebration of the holiday.



Camp Hardtner’s Family Camp

July 30 – August 1

Staffing Summer Camp

Most of last year’s staff of excellent camp counselors has returned for another great season. Our staff of counselors includes: James Bordelon, Bruce Bordelon, Jacob VanHoof, Daniel Chapman, Gil Gonzales, Eric Carter, Sean Keough, Martin Marak, Will Phelps, Brahm Diaz,

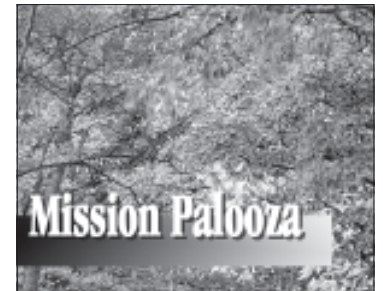


More Camp Improvements!

The small kitchen located near the Holy Day Inn now has a new stove, hood and dishwasher thanks to Bishop MacPherson and Susan. There is also a new ice machine in place. These new appliances will be of great benefit to the many retreats and programs held at this facility.

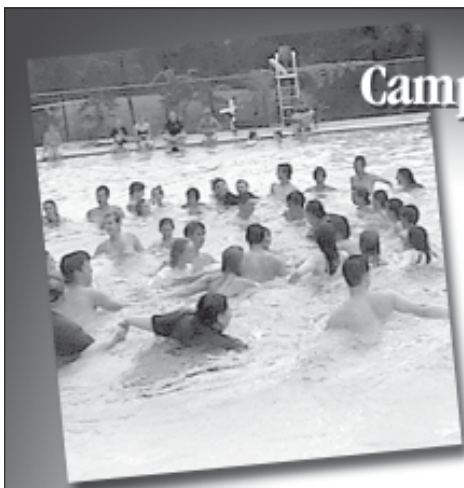
What’s been Happening?

By necessity, the month of May is preparation time for the summer camping sea-



It’s our hope that MISSION PALOOZA, set for Saturday, September 18, which is a Camp work day, is on everyone’s calendar! This is the day for ALL friends of Hardtner to come back to the camp to work on a project that will help improve the “place where God lives!” More details to follow, but please put it on your calendar now.

Have a wonderful summer! See you at Hardtner!



Camp Hardtner 2010 Summer Camping Sessions

First Camp, June 4 - 6, \$130

Senior High Camp, Grades 11, 12 & Graduates, June 9 – 16, \$460 per person

Junior High I Camp, Grades 6 & 7, June 19 – 25, \$420 per person

Primary Camp, Grades 4 & 5, June 28 – July 3, \$370 per person

Junior High II Camp, Grades 7 & 8, July 11 – 17, \$420 per person

Middle High Camp, Grades 9 & 10, July 20 – 26, \$420 per person

Family Camp, July 30 – August 1, \$260 for 2 people, \$300 for 3 people, \$340 for 4 or more

Go to www.camphardtner.org to register on-line

News of the Diocese

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2,000 patients in the medical and dental clinics. In January of this year Haiti suffered catastrophic earthquakes that reduced much of the country to rubble. Since most of those treated by the medical mission are Haitian, and many more of them have crossed into the Dominican Republic, the team is bracing for the greatest medical need that they have seen.

Once again, Bishop MacPherson has made it possible for Tom Dalton, diocesan chair, Commission on International Mission to be a part of the team. Tom will have the opportunity to work with Fr. Jesus in Jimani and Fr. Nephtaly in Barahona. Bishop Holguin is generously lending us the services of his canon to the ordinary, Bob Snow, as well as three other members of his diocese to serve as translators for the week. Without the support of Bishop Holguin, Bishop MacPherson and tireless work by Mission Facilitator in the DR Ellen Snow, our annual trip would be impossible.

Although our most obvious presence in the Dominican Republic is our summer visit, our mission work goes on throughout the year. Previous trips have allowed us to identify areas of sustained need. Support is currently being given to missionaries, priests, churches, and several college students and seminarians. I share all of this information so that you may be aware that in addition to the clinical services the team provides, we are holding fast to the idea behind our companion diocese relationship: an interaction and exchange between the members of the two dioceses in the effort to support and maintain the self-sufficiency and growth of the Dominican Episcopal Church.

Please keep all patients, clergy and team members, U. S. and Dominican, in your thoughts and prayers as we prepare, travel, work and fellowship.

Team Members—Home Parish

Cynthia Anderson – St. Mark’s, Shreveport; Jim Anderson – St. Mark’s, Shreveport; Cyndi Bond – Minden; Fred Cabaniss – Minden; Hooker Campbell – St. John’s, Minden; Lisa Campbell – St. John’s, Minden; Richard Campbell – St. John’s, Minden; Lexie Coulson – Woodbridge, Virginia; Tom Dalton – St. Paul’s, Shreveport; Chester Finley – Epiphany, Opelousas; Warren Fraser – Baton Rouge; John Jackson – Jackson, LA; Sunny Lagrone – Shreveport; The Rt. Rev’d D. Bruce MacPherson, Diocese of Western Louisiana; Susan MacPherson – St. Timothy’s, Alexandria; Lori Maddy – St. John’s, Minden; Steve Maddy – St. John’s, Minden; Al Martinez – Lafayette; John McConnell – St. John’s, Minden; Ali Morgan – St. Mark’s, Shreveport; Mandy Morgan – St. Michael & All Angels, Dallas; Mary Pat Morgan – St. Mark’s, Shreveport; Lila Nelson – St. Mark’s, Shreveport; Terri Nelson – St. Mark’s, Shreveport; Erica Doerle Ray –

Lafayette; George Rolfe – St. John’s, Minden; Will Rolfe – Shreveport; Latonya Sibley – Shreveport; Winona Thomas – Shreveport; Diane Wagner – St. Mark’s, Shreveport; Katy Wagner – St. Mark’s, Shreveport; Melinda Willis – Minden; Sydney Young – Lafayette
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the recipient of The Bishop’s Mount Olivet Award, which is presented to a lay person “whose ministry is above-and-beyond and truly exemplifies Christian living, witness and service to others.”

Since her retirement as Director of the Shepherd Center, McIntosh has been active in support of nursing home patients and shut-ins. Effective in public affairs, McIntosh recently secured a book grant that made it possible for the Tensas Library to purchase 100 large-print books for the elderly.

Her award, presented by Lieutenant Governor Landrieu, reads: “Louisiana Volunteer Service Award for your dedication, leadership and ongoing service to the Delta region of Louisiana – presented to Mary Ruth McIntosh in recognition and appreciation of your commitment to the State of Louisiana for making a difference through volunteer service.”

Father Tom Wade celebrates ninety-sixth birthday.



The Rev’d Thomas M. Wade, III, a retired priest who served in the Dioceses of Louisiana and Western Louisiana celebrated his ninety-sixth birthday on May 2 at a special service held at Christ Episcopal Church

in St. Joseph. Father Wade is a native of the area and was a communicant at Christ Church when he went to Sewanee’s School of Theology. He graduated from Sewanee in 1958, enjoyed a long career in the church and returned to the area when he retired.

At the May 2 service, Father Wade was presented with a plaque recognizing his sta-

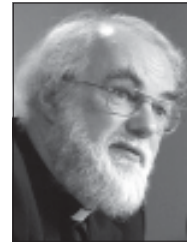
tus as “the only person from the congregation of Christ Episcopal Church to be ordained to the priesthood.” In attendance with Father Wade at the presentation was his wife, Alma, his son and daughter-in-law, Tom and Marsha Wade, and his daughter, Roberta Wade.

News of the Anglican Communion

Tensions between primates escalate

As the Anglican Communion Office has taken initial disciplinary steps toward the Episcopal Church, tensions have escalated between the Archbishop of Canterbury and Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori regarding the nature of Anglicanism.

On May 28, Archbishop Rowan Williams suggested in a Pentecost letter to the Anglican Communion that the Episcopal Church’s representatives on inter-Anglican ecumenical commissions should become consultants instead of continuing as full members.



Williams

The Rev’d Canon Kenneth Keaton, Secretary General of the Anglican Communion, released a statement on June 7 about dismissing five Episcopal representatives from their memberships on commissions. Bishop Jefferts Schori responded forcefully to both the archbishop’s letter and the removal of Episcopal representatives.

In a pastoral letter to the Episcopal Church, distributed on June 2, she wrote that efforts to “impose a singular understanding in such matters represent the same kind of cultural excesses practiced by many of our colonial forebears in their missionizing activity.”

“Native Americans were forced to abandon many of their cultural practices, even though they were fully congruent with orthodox Christianity, because the missionaries did not understand or consider those practices exemplary of the Spirit,” she added. “The uniformity imposed at the Synod of Whitby did similar violence to a developing, contextual Christianity in the British Isles. In their search for uniformity, our forebears in the faith have repeatedly done much spiritual violence.”

At a news conference during the General Synod in Canada, the presiding bishop called the demotion of Episcopal representatives “unfortunate” because “It misrepresents who the Anglican Communion is.”

“We have a variety of opinions on these issues of human sexuality across the Communion,” she said. “For the Archbishop

of Canterbury to say to the Methodists or the Lutheran [World] Federation that we only have one position is inaccurate. We have a variety of understandings, and no, we don’t have consensus on hot button issues at the moment.”

Archbishop Williams has written of repeated requests by the Instruments of Communion that, until a new consensus emerges, provinces show restraint on disputed matters.

“In our dealings with other Christian communions, we do not seek to deny our diversity; but there is an obvious problem in putting forward representatives of the Communion who

are consciously at odds with what the Communion has formally requested or stipulated,” he wrote in the Pentecost letter. “This does not seem fair to them or to our partners. In our dealings with each other, we need to be clear that conscientious decisions may be taken in good faith, even for what are held to be good theological or missional reasons, and yet have a cost when they move away from what is recognizable and acceptable within the Communion.”

The Most Rev’d Frederick J. Hiltz, Archbishop of the Anglican Church of Canada, said he shared the presiding bishop’s concerns. “One is left wondering if provinces whose primates continue to interfere in the internal life of other provinces and extend their pastoral jurisdiction through cross-border interventions will be contacted,” Archbishop Hiltz said in his presidential address to General Synod. “I maintain and have publicly declared my belief that those interventions have created more havoc in the Church, resulting in schism, than any honest and transparent theological dialogue on issues of sexuality through due synodical process.”

In his June 7 letter, Canon Keaton mentioned that he has written the Most Rev’d Gregory Venables, of the Anglican Church of the Southern Cone, to ask for a clarification on his relationship with churches outside of his province.

—From the Web site of The Living Church.



Jefferts Schori

DIOCESAN DATES OF NOTE

June 2010

- 1 — Hardtner Board of Trustees, *Hardtner Camp and Conference Center*
- 2 — Standing Committee, *Diocesan House*
- 4 - 6 — Hardtner First Camp, *Hardtner Camp and Conference Center*
- 5 — Safeguarding God's Children workshop, 8:30-11:30 a.m., *Bishop Noland Episcopal Day School, Lake Charles. Contact the Rev'd Deacon "Boo" Kay at bkay@episcopaldayschool.org.*
- 6 — Bishop's visitation - *St. Alban's, Monroe*
- 9 - 16 — Hardtner Senior High Camp, *Hardtner Camp and Conference Center*
- 9 — Bishop's Northern Region Office Day, *St. Mark's Cathedral, Shreveport*
- 10 — Commission on Ministry, *Diocesan House*
- 13 — Bishop's visitation - *St. Andrew's, Mer Rouge*
- 13 — Bishop's visitation - *Redeemer, Oak Ridge*
- 15 — Diocesan Council, *St. James, Alexandria*
- 19 - 25 — Hardtner Junior High I Camp, *Hardtner Camp and Conference Center*
- 20 — Bishop's visitation, - *St. John's, Minden*
- 22 — Hardtner Camp and Conference Center - *Board of Trustees*
- 26 — Safeguarding God's Children workshop, 1-3:30 p.m., *St. Barnabas Parish Hall, Lafayette. Contact Sabrina Beach, sbeach.edsnii@cox-internet.com for reservations*
- 27 — Bishop's visitation - *Holy Trinity, Sulphur*
- 28 - July 3 — Hardtner Primary Camp, *Hardtner Camp and Conference Center*

July 2010

- 4 — *Independence Day*
- 10 — Safeguarding God's Children workshop, 9:00 a.m., *July 10, The Garden Room of the Family Life Center at St. Mark's Cathedral in Shreveport. Call 318/221-3360 for reservations.*
- 10 - 17 — Dominican Republic Medical Mission, *Dominican Republic*
- 11 - 17 — Hardtner Junior High II Camp, *Hardtner Camp and Conference Center*
- 20 - 26 — Hardtner Middle High Camp, *Hardtner Camp and Conference Center*
- 21 — Diocesan Board of Trustees, *Diocesan House*
- 27 — Hardtner Board of Trustees, *Hardtner Camp and Conference Center*
- 30 - August 1 — Family Camp, *Hardtner Camp and Conference Center*

August 2010

- 1 — Bishop's visitation, *Christ Church, Bastrop*
- 4 — Standing Committee, *Diocesan House*
- 6 — Safeguarding God's Children workshop, *Time to be announced, Ascension Church Parish Hall, Contact Sabrina Beach, sbeach.edsnii@cox-internet.com for reservations.*
- 7 — Safeguarding God's Children workshop, 8:30-11:30 a.m., *Bishop Noland Episcopal Day School, Contact the Rev'd Deacon "Boo" Kay at bkay@episcopaldayschool.org for reservations.*
- 7 — Diocesan Youth Event Training Day, *Hardtner Camp and Conference Center*
- 8 — Bishop's visitation, *St. Matthias, Shreveport*
- 11 — Bishop's Northern Region Office Day, *St. Mark's Cathedral, Shreveport*
- 12 — Commission on Ministry, *Diocesan House*
- 14 — Lay Ministry Workshop, *Good Shepherd, Lake Charles*
- 15 — Bishop's visitation, *St. Luke's, Jennings*
- 17 — Diocesan Council, *St. James, Alexandria*
- 21 — Commission on Ministry Aspirant Orientation, *Calvary, Bunkie*
- 22 — Bishop's visitation, *St. James, Shreveport*
- 22 — Safeguarding God's Children workshop, 2-4 p.m., *Epiphany Episcopal Parish Hall, Lafayette. Contact Sabrina Beach, sbeach.edsnii@cox-internet.com for reservations*
- 24 — Hardtner Board of Trustees, *Hardtner Camp and Conference Center*
- 28 — Diocesan Youth Council, *Hardtner Camp and Conference Center*
- 29 — Bishop's visitation, *Trinity, DeRidder*

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Realizing this issue of ALIVE! will carry us through most of the summer, permit me to close with the following - "Friends, Christ our Saviour has taught us many things, things we shall spend our lifetimes learning. Perhaps basic among them is that God is approachable and yearns to befriend us. But we must indicate our willingness to engage in this best of all friendships. Therefore, as you make your summer journey, wherever this may be, take Jesus' words to heart: ask, seek, knock. You will be given daily bread, find your heart's desire, and find the door open. Over these next weeks, let us worship the Lord with trust and joy! Amen." [drawn and adapted from All the Seasons of Mercy]

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erty owned by the diocese, detailing the existing lease with the Boy Scouts and the diocese's exploration agreement with Chesapeake Energy (actions approved by prior Councils).

"In December 2009 Chesapeake Energy drilled and completed their first natural gas well on our DeSoto land," said the Bishop, "and we recently received a check for our share of the revenues for the months of December 2009, and January and February 2010. The check totaled some \$421,000 dollars."

"Any speculation as to the total revenues that we can expect are just that," said the Bishop. "Rather than give in to speculation, we should realize this is an opportunity for us to continue to practice faithful stewardship and responsible financial management of resources provided by the abundance of the earth." He further said, "We cannot follow the example of some of the other dioceses which have not practiced good stewardship and found themselves battered by economic forces and seen

their ability to minister greatly diminished." Announcing his intention to name a committee of clergy and lay leaders of the diocese to work with him, the Bishop set the goal of developing a plan before Diocesan Convention in October that will state: "How we can most effectively utilize the natural gas revenue for the diocese, while recognizing these revenues will eventually 'level off' and 'diminish'." He further stated, "It is not unusual for this source of funds to drop about 80% before leveling off."

Bishop MacPherson feels strongly that a portion of these new resources should be used to make it possible for local congregations to devote more of their local income to local ministry. Towards this goal, the Bishop will ask this new group to look with him at the question of "How a portion of the new funds can be used to reduce the Asking Formula for all congregations."

"From the abundance of the earth we have been presented a gift that can have far reaching implications for the ministry of Jesus Christ as expressed by the Diocese of Western Louisiana," the Bishop said. "With prayer and candor and hard work we can maximize the impact of this wonderful gift."

—Bob Harwell is communications officer of the Diocese and editor of ALIVE!



News of the Diocese



St. Matthias, Shreveport Arts and Crafts Festival deemed a success

The first annual St. Matthias Arts and Crafts Festival was held on Friday and Saturday, May 21-22 at the church in west Shreveport.

Vendors sold jewelry, candied nuts and popcorn, sheet sets, diabetic socks, primitive (Clementine Hunter-type) framed art and decorated clothing, toys, stuffed animals, t-shirts, silk flower arrangements, wood turnings, birdhouses, decorated ceramic tiles/coasters, cookbooks, and sewn and quilted items and gifts.

The women of St. Matthias served attendees chili dogs, Frito pie, nachos, etc. The Holy Angels School, Centenary College's Literacy Volunteers and LaChip had complimentary booths. Over fifty percent of the vendors declared their intentions to return to the next art and crafts festival.

With a success under their belts, St. Matthias organizers are already at work on their next festival.

TIME FOR JOY

Held the weekend of April 16-18, the Time for Joy weekend was a wonderful time dedicated to the life and ministry of Father Keith Milligan. Through his ministries and spiritual outreach, Father Keith had touched each one of the staff members and we thought that the Joy in Time for Joy was so befitting to describe him and how he felt about Camp Hardtner and the service of the ECW to the Lord.

Eighteen guests from all over the diocese participated in wild flower arrangements, herb gardening, making bath salts, crocheting, hand and foot massages, retail therapy, the making of no-sew blankets, music therapy and spiritual guidance. There were also "get-to-know-you-bingo," late night games and wonderful food.

The Rev'd Rowena White shared glimpses of her life with us and Bishop MacPherson welcomed our guests and thanked the ECW for their ministries in the diocese.

Time for Joy is a weekend for women of all ages the purpose of which is to bring peace and joy back into busy lives and offer helpful tools for life's decisions. It's a spiritual weekend full of God's glory at Camp Hardtner.



Grace Confirmations

Pentecost Sunday Confirmations at Grace, Monroe

During his visit to Grace, Monroe on Pentecost Sunday, Bishop MacPherson confirmed (left-to-right, front row) Walt Garlington, Graham Knight, Kelly Youngs, Brooke Moran, Kristen Youngs, Amaka Ifediora, Sade Lapite, Chika Ifediora, Margaret Ann Zentner. Back row: Grace rector, the Rev'd Canon Gregg Riley, the Rt. Rev'd Bruce MacPherson. Not pictured: Mary Snellings Inabnett

