



## Deloitte Volunteers Beautify St. Paul's Day School Campus

On Friday, June 6, St. Paul's Episcopal Day School, New Orleans, welcomed sixty five employees from Deloitte, one of the nation's leading professional services firms, who took the day off work to contribute their time and skills to constructing a Renewal Garden on the school campus.

The renewal garden was designed by the student Environmental Committee of St. Paul's Day School and celebrates the return of the campus following Hurricane Katrina.

The renewal garden offers students a peaceful place to relax, visit with friends or study, and will be used as an outdoor classroom for lessons on botany and gardening. It also serves to dramatically beautify the school, which lost all of its landscaping in the hurricane.

The design is centered on a fountain that represents how the residents of New Orleans have overcome the flood waters. A circular path of "tree cookies" around the fountain symbolizes continuity—this year will mark the 47th anniversary of St. Paul's Day School. The four grassy corners of the garden will be planted with small trees to represent the four corners of the United State from which the families of New Orleans returned to begin rebuilding their lives after Hurricane Katrina.

## Trinity Artist Series June Events

**June 15:** Angela Marchese, mezzo soprano; Carlo Pari, pianist; Dorian Hall, baritone; and Albinas Prizgintas, pianist.

Music by Liszt, Debussy, Poulenc, Mascagni, Schubert, Brahms, Ravel and more.

## Preparing for Lambeth: Presiding Bishop Asks for Day of Prayer

June 4, 2008

To the people of The Episcopal Church:

As we move toward a great gathering of bishops from across the Anglican Communion, I call this whole Church to a Day of Prayer on 22 June. The Lambeth Conference represents one important way of building connections and relationships between churches in vastly different contexts, and reminding us of the varied nature of the Body of Christ. I would bid your prayers for openness of spirit, vulnerability of heart, and eagerness of mind, that we might all learn to see the Spirit at work in the other. I bid your prayers for a peaceful spirit, a lessening of tension, and a real willingness to work together for the good of God's whole creation.

As many of you know, the Anglican Communion is one of the largest networks of human connection in the world. Churches are to be found beyond the ends of the paved or dirt roads, ministering to and with people in isolated and difficult situations. That far-flung network is the result, in part, of seeds planted by a colonial missionary history. The fruit that has resulted in diverse and local, and indeed, unpalatable to some in other parts of the world. Our task the Lambeth Conference is to engage that diverse harvest, discover its blessings and challenges, and commit ourselves to the future of this network. We must begin to examine the fruit of our colonial history, in a transparent way and with great humility, if we are ever going to heal the wounds of the past, which continue into the present. With God's help, that is possible. I ask your prayers. I can think of no better starting place than with the prayer for the Church (BCP p. 515):

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

I remain  
Your servant in Christ,  
Katharine Jefferts Schori

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# Letters of Thanks Divine Mercy Project Update

[The Missioner]

*St. Alban's, Baton Rouge*

This past Advent, parishioners and friends of St. Alban's, along with the school children of Trinity, Baton Rouge, raised money for the Divine Mercy Project.

The Divine Mercy Project, directed by the Rev'd Jack Katarishangwa, benefits school children and families in the rural Kabale district of Uganda. Funds raised by St. Alban's and Trinity enabled 60 children to attend school by paying for their uniforms, books and fees. The children's families, mostly headed by women widowed in the Rwandan genocide, each received seed for planting crops and a female goat. They also received training in good farming methods and goat-keeping. The school component cost about \$101 per child, and the goat and crop component cost about \$105 per child.

A few weeks ago, Jeanie Rollins, wife of the Rev'd Drew Rollins, received pictures and letters of thanks from many children who received help through the outreach efforts of St. Alban's and Trinity Day School. Below Rollins offers a sampling of the notes:

*Dear my friends in America, How is America? I am called Agnes Kiconco. I am in primary seven. I love reading the Bible. I go to church on Sundays. Thank you very much for the goat you sent me. I was very happy. My father too loved the goat. We are now at school. I love singing at school. I am in school choir. My choir master is good. He teaches us very well. I want to do music when I grow up. Pray for me so that God gives me the power and knowledge. Greet for me all members of your church. My father and I love you so much. We are always praying for you. I am your daughter, Agnes Kiconco*

*Dear my friends in America, Praise God my friends! My name is Jacob Mwiine. I am in primary six. I study Maths, English, Science and Social Studies. My best subject is Maths. I want to work in a bank when I grow up. Thank you very much for the goat you bought for me. My goat is very beautiful. I love taking her in the hills to graze. My mother loves you. We always pray for you. God bless you. I am your son, Jacob Mwiine.*

# Christ Church, Covington Calls Rector

It is with great honor that the vestry of Christ Church, Covington announces that the Rev'd Andrew Thomas Blackmon has been called as the next rector.

Blackmon comes to Christ Church from Church of the Incarnation, Dallas, Texas, where he served since 1999 as a Curate, director of Christian Education and director of mission/outreach. Previously, Blackmon served as senior associate rector and director of program at St. Michael and All Angels, Dallas, Texas; as an associate rector at St. Alban's, Washington D.C. and as assistant rector at Holy Trinity, West Palm Beach, Florida.

Blackmon is married to Molly Steele, a senior partner and litigator at the Dallas law firm of Thompson and Knight. The couple has two adopted children, David, age 23, who will remain in Dallas, and Sally, age 12, who will begin 8th grade this fall at Christ Church.

The Blackmon family will arrive in mid-August.

"I feel excited, delighted and blessed to be joining Christ Church," Blackmon said. "It is a spiritually vital parish with a healthy balance of respect for traditions and the capacity for growth, both spiritually and in numbers."

# St. Anna's Receives 2008 UTO Grant

St. Anna's, New Orleans, is an honored recipient of a \$95,000 grant from the 2008 United Thank Offering (UTO).

The grant, the largest awarded by UTO in Province IV, will allow St. Anna's to begin a post-Katrina revitalization and restoration project on their campus.

The parish hired an architect to resign its campus to make more effective use of space and create better opportunities for community.

"Right now, all of our space is almost always booked by something," the Rev'd Bill Terry, rector of St. Anna's, said. "It has gotten to the point where we have had to turn away ministries because there is no room."

The first step of the process, Terry said, is to preserve the historical significance of the rectory. It is an antebellum structure originally designed by a renowned New Orleans architect. Over the past 25-30 years, the building has suffered from erosion and must be shored to remain functional. After that, the parish hopes to restore the exterior with a gift from longtime parishioner Gordon McGuinnis.

Additional grants and financial support will be necessary to complete the entire project, but St. Anna's is thankful for the UTO grant which will enable their work to begin.

"The UTO grant is a lifesaver," Terry said. "It will serve hundreds of people who depend on this building for therapy, health care, fellowship and so much else."

The United Thank Offering is a program of The Episcopal Church for the mission of the whole Church, founded by and administered by the Episcopal Church Women (ECW) since 1889. Each year, UTO distributes grant monies nationally and throughout the world.

Parishes within the Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana have been honored to receive four grants since 2005.

## 2005

St. Margaret's, Baton Rouge.....\$20,000  
Service Project: To equip and furnish a playground and classrooms for a newly constructed outreach center, using the skills of university students as volunteers for design and fabrication.

## 2006

Office of Disaster Response, New Orleans.....\$85,000  
Diocese Building Expansion: To help renovate a building which will serve as the Office of Disaster Response for the Diocese of Louisiana, housing office staff, displaced survivors, and volunteer groups.

Trinity, New Orleans.....\$35,000  
Recover, Resettle, Renew: To fund a coordinator of disaster relief for one year as this church implements a new Mobile Loaves and Fishes ministry, as part of the clean-up and resettlement efforts in New Orleans.

## 2007

Grace, New Orleans.....\$63,964  
To rebuild and expand kitchen facilities which were destroyed by Hurricane Katrina; the kitchen is part of a childcare program serving a low-income, multi-ethnic, multicultural area of the city.

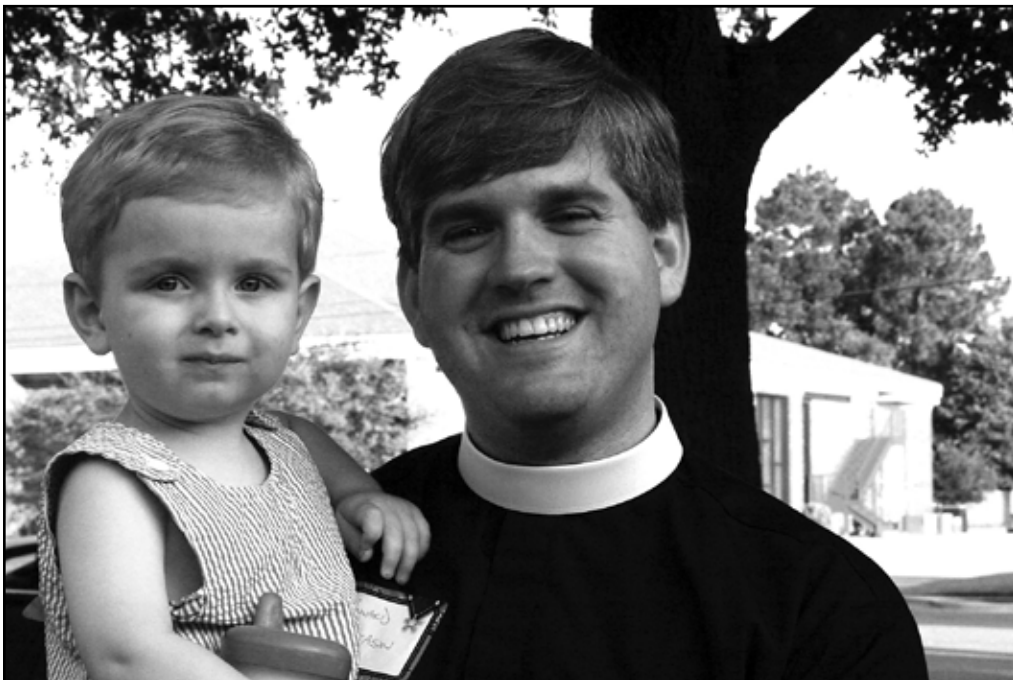
## 2008

St. Anna's, New Orleans.....\$95,000  
Restoration and Revitalization Project: To rebuild the foundation, weakened by Hurricane Katrina, of this historic home, built in the 1860s, so it can continue to be used by St. Anna's for extensive outreach ministries that touch the lives of thousands of New Orleans' poor and disenfranchised.

# St. Luke's VBS Family Hoedown

By Sharon Holeman

St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Baton Rouge, celebrated their final night of Vacation Bible School with a Family Hoedown Thursday, June 5th. The theme of this year's VBS was Cactus Canyon. The celebration included a final assembly held in the sanctuary, followed by a down-home style dinner complete with dancing and live music provided by local Christian band Boat 14. This year Vacation Bible School was held in the evenings for four consecutive nights and included stories, crafts, games and music for the children, while adult volunteers and parents hailed it as one of the best VBS programs yet.



[photos by Sharon Holeman]

(Top): Christian Education Director Andrea Van Burkleo poses for the camera with Anna, one of her VBS students.

(Bottom): Deacon Edward Gleason and his son, Howard, enjoy the VBS Family Hoedown.

## Women's Creativity Retreat: "Come to the Banquet: Bring Your Own Plate"



**Date:** October 9-12, 2008

**Cost:** Single Room \$336,  
Double Room \$270

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## What's New on the Web

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- Women's Creativity Retreat
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