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Group Health Care Open Enrollment Meetings Plan Year 2009

The Open Enrollment Website for Healthcare Plans opened Friday, October 17th and will close Monday, November 3rd.

You must log on and make any changes by the close date. Please disregard any other dates you may have received.

ACTIVE EMPLOYEES -
Thursday, October 30, 2008

Metairie, LA: 1:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m.

St. Martin's Episcopal School
5309 Airline Drive
Metairie, LA
504-736-9980

We will meet in the Merrick Conference Room in Saints Hall (Parallel parking is available near the entrance to the building.)

Baton Rouge, LA 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.

St. Luke's Episcopal Church
8833 Goodwood Blvd.
Baton Rouge, LA
225-926-5343

We will meet in Pope Hall.

RETIREEES ONLY -
Friday, October 31, 2008

Baton Rouge/New Orleans

9:00 a.m.- 11:00 a.m.
Diocesan Offices via Video Conferencing

Baton Rouge -

3rd floor Conference Room, Ministries Center
205 North Fourth St.
225-706-6634

New Orleans -

2nd floor Conference Room,
Noland Center
1623 Seventh St.
225-706-6634

Church Publishing Responds to Tight Economy 90-Day Payment Terms for Congregations

[Church Publishing]

Recognizing the particular hardships placed on church budgets during the current economic climate, Church Publishing Incorporated (CPI) today announced the availability of "generously" extended payment terms on orders totaling \$400 or more placed by December 31, 2008.

"Most businesses expect payment in 30 days, and we typically are no exception," said Mark Dazzo, CPI vice president of sales and marketing. "However, with the significant challenges being posed by our economy – especially for churches, and at this busy time in the church year – we hope to relieve some budgetary pressures by providing 90-day terms on purchases between now and year's end for our core institutional customers."

In view of the recent market volatility, CPI addressed the need for an immediate response to its church customers during strategic meetings in New York last week. "We realize church budgets are always tight," said Dazzo, "but these are extreme times for our best customers. Hopefully, our extended terms will allow churches a little breathing room in their 2008 and 2009 budgets. They'll be able to order and use our resources beginning now and payment won't be due until well into the new year."

The extended terms are applicable on any and all purchases from Church Publishing Incorporated, including Episcopal Church staples such as the Book of Common Prayer and the 1982 Hymnal, Singers Edition. It extends to include all curriculum offerings from Morehouse Education Resources, including the popular Godly Play Christian formation program, plus the comprehensive offerings from Morehouse Church Supplies.

To take advantage of the extended terms, churches should indicate 90-day terms on all orders totaling \$400 or more placed between now and the end of the year. Orders may be placed through the CPI customer service department by phone, 800-242-1918, fax, 717-541-8136, email, churchpublishing@cp.org, or mail, 4775 Linglestown Road, Harrisburg, PA 17112. The offer is available to any church or congregation. CPI will reinstate its normal payment terms on January 1, 2009, although it reserves the right to change the terms of this offer at anytime.

Church leaders are encouraged to browse CPI's new website, www.churchpublishing.org, to see the latest product offerings.

Founded in 1918 and headquartered in New York, CPI is an official publisher of worship materials and resources for The Episcopal Church, plus a multi-faceted publisher and supplier to the broader ecumenical marketplace. Book publishing imprints include Church Publishing, Morehouse Publishing, and Seabury Books. Additional CPI divisions include Morehouse Church Supplies, a provider of church supplies, ecclesiastical furnishings, vestments, and more, located in Harrisburg, PA; plus Morehouse Education Resources, which produces lectionary-based curriculum, faith formation programs, plus e-publishing resources and services, located in Denver, CO.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

8th Triennial

Black Ministries Conference Tours Church of All Souls in Ninth Ward

By Carrie Crockett

Black Episcopal clergy from the U.S., Canada, the U.K., the Caribbean, and Latin America were in New Orleans this week for the Black Ministries Conference. The Diocese sponsored a bus tour of Tremé, the Upper and Lower Ninth Wards, and Pontchartrain Park, with a stop at All Souls in the Lower Ninth Ward. More than 150 enthusiastic conference attendees signed up for the bus tour, and many expressed shock at the degree and extent of devastation three years after Katrina struck. "It's like visiting a third-world country," one attendee said.

At All Souls, the buses unloaded and everyone crammed into the church, planted in an abandoned Walgreens, amid construction to listen to Deacon Lonell Wright talk about the church. "When you go back to your parishes, I want you to remember your poor cousins at All Souls. There were over 150 churches in the 9th Ward before Katrina, but not one was Episcopal. Now we have All Souls. We're extremely happy you've all taken the time to come down to talk to us."

The conference brought together diverse groups to identify challenges facing black and multicultural clergy in predominantly white congregations.



[photo by Carrie Crockett]

Deacon Lonell Wright addresses a group of visitors from the Black Episcopal Clergy conference touring the Church of All Souls.

Lay Professional Conference

Lay Professional Staff Retreat- Solomon Episcopal Conference Center



Pictured (from left to right): Harriett Murrell, Betty Evans, Shannon Wesley, Marigold Carter, Dianne de Vienne, Valerie Henderickson, Kriste Buck, Lori Lavelle, Adelaide Diaz, Terri Sarchione, Lynda DeBlanc, Sylvia Rabalais

Lay professionals in the Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana gathered October 16 and 17 at the Solomon Episcopal Conference Center for a day of fellowship.

Harriet Murrell and Audrey Threefoot, archivist of the diocesan office, spoke to the group about caring for historical records.

The group collected shoes for "Shoes for Afghanistan," a program through St. James, Baton Rouge, and they also organized bags of candy and treats to distribute to local children's hospitals during Halloween.

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Diocese Launches Parish Event Calendar

The Diocese has launched a new events calendar.

To have your parish events included, please email news@edola.org with the appropriate information. Call Heather Parker, publications coordinator, at 225.706.6634 with any questions.

To view the calendar of events, [CLICK HERE](#) or visit www.edola.org.

Economic Support Group

[St. Michael's, Mandeville]

St. Michael's Episcopal Church, Mandeville, is forming a group for people concerned about the uncertainties of this economic downturn and who want and need support. The group will be led by St. Michael's member Linda Dann-Leblanc.

Dann-Leblanc is an experienced, caring counselor having retired after 18 years of counseling including leading a group at Broadmoor Methodist Church in Baton Rouge. She received her Master's Degree in Counseling from LSU and completed an internship at Baton Rouge Mental Health. The Rev'd Roy G. Pollina will be there to assist Dann-Leblanc with spiritual support. The group will meet on Wednesdays at noon. The group's first meeting will be November 5 at the church at 4499 Sharp Road in Mandeville. You are invited to bring your lunch. Please contact the church office at 985.626.5781 if you have any questions or need directions.

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Family Friendly Advent Retreat

The Advent Retreat is a family friendly event that examines Advent themes in a relaxed setting. There will be programs for all ages. Time will be scheduled for walking the property and enjoying the great outdoors as well as each other's company.

Invite a friend! You need not attend the Cathedral to attend.

Solomon Episcopal Conference Center

- Friday, December 12 (arrive after 4 p.m.)- Sunday, December 14 (depart by noon)
- Single room (one person): \$210
- Double Occupancy (two people): \$165 per person
- Triple Occupancy (three people): \$155 per person
- Each room has a private bath, 2 twin beds and a twin size sofa bed.
- Children under 6: free
- Children ages 6-18: \$75 (meals only when staying in room with parents)
- Deposit of \$75 will hold a room. Remainder due December 1, 2008. Scholarships available—talk to Laurie Bailey, lbailey@cccnola.org

[CLICK HERE](#) to view a registration flyer or visit http://edola.org/dfc/newsdetail_2/159.



Fall 2008 ChurchWork Now Available

The fall 2008 edition of ChurchWork has now been mailed. If you have not yet received your copy, email news@edola.org or call Heather Parker, publications coordinator, at 225.706.6634, ext. 114.



"When the storm has swept by...the righteous stand firm forever."
Proverbs 10:25

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ECW Important Dates

By Noretta Stackel

- November 1- Fall Meeting of the Greater New Orleans Deanery hosted by the ECW at St. Martin's, Metairie. Please call Marge White at 504.394.8223 to register.
- November 7- CWU World Community Day
- November 9 – ECW Great Bake Sale
- November 16- UTO Sunday
- November 30- UTO money due to Rosemary Sullivan, 6901 Glendale St., Metairie, LA 70003

Upcoming SECC Events

Diocesan Mother/Daughter Retreat

November 7-9, 2008

Our theme this year will be "Saints from Ages Past and Among Us Now." Together we will experience Godly Play, yoga, music, the building of a castle, a Eucharist, a bonfire, and much more. Individually we will have time for meditation and reflection, facilitated by the labyrinth and a separate session for mothers only and daughters only, as well as plenty of time for mothers and daughters to play together.

Diocesan Women's Recovery Retreat

January 9-11, 2009

Our theme will be based on the book "Life of the Beloved" written by Henri Nouwen. "You are my Beloved on you my favor rests". It certainly is not easy to hear that voice in a world filled with voices that shout: "you are no good, you are ugly, you are worthless, you are nobody. Many of us keep running around in large or small circles, always looking for someone or something able to convince us of our Belovedness. Why is this so?"

Join us for reflection and lively discussion as we retreat together.

Trinity Episcopal School, New Orleans, Raises Funds for HIV/Aids

By Jerry Henson

The 19th Annual NO/AIDS Walk benefiting people affected by HIV/AIDS in Louisiana was held on Sunday, September 28 at Audubon Park in New Orleans.

Each year, Trinity Episcopal School dedicates its fundraising efforts to the memory of former Trinity teacher Carlos de Bango. de Bango taught Spanish in Trinity's Middle School for many years and is remembered fondly by all who knew him. Last year, Trinity raised \$1,030.00 and hopes to exceed that figure once all the dollars are in and counted.



[photo by Jerry Henson]

Faculty members, parents and students participate in the 19th annual NO/AIDS Walk to raise money for HIV/AIDS treatment and prevention.

Cathedral Raises \$5k for St. Andrew's, Bayou DuLarge

Christ Church Cathedral hosted its annual Rummage Sale on October 11, raising \$5,000 for St. Andrew's, Bayou DuLarge.

Normally, the Cathedral tithes funds raised at the sale to an outside cause. Diane Piret, chairperson of the rummage sale, said that this year the church decided to do a "reverse tithe," offering 90 percent of proceeds to St. Andrew's and then retaining 10 percent to help fund a few select items that the Cathedral desperately needed.

The people of Christ Church Cathedral were moved by the damage caused to St. Andrew's, and many of those who were not able to participate in the rummage sale offered monetary donations.

"We all know what it's like to live through a hurricane and have to rebuild after flooding," Piret said. "Hopefully what we are doing will offer moral support, in addition to a much-needed financial boost for St. Andrew's."

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SECC Available Weekends

The following weekends remain available at Solomon Episcopal Conference Center for your small group of personal retreat.

NOVEMBER, 2008
7-9
21-23

JANUARY, 2009
16-18
23-25
30-FEB 1

FEBRUARY, 2009
None at this time

MARCH, 2009
20-22
27-29

APRIL, 2009
None at this time

MAY, 2009
22-24

JUNE, 2009
19-21

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EHS Raingarden Dedication

Episcopal High School, Baton Rouge, celebrated the completion of a rain garden in the middle school quadrangle on October 15.

Flooding of Episcopal's campus during heavy rains has been a major concern of the EHS community for years. The new rain garden offers a solution by using natural elements to capture, channel, divert and take advantage of rain. The rain garden also includes proposed rain cisterns to collect water. The captured water will be used in times of drought to irrigate the Middle School quad.

The rain garden also ties-in to a "greening project," part of the Episcopal master plan. The greening project is a long-term focus of Episcopal,

"We gain something very important about our mission through this focus," Kay Betts, head of school for Episcopal said. "Our campus will become the breathing heart of our mission."

Bishop Charles Jenkins attended the rain garden dedication on October 15, which also included a special dance performance by the Middle School dance ensemble and concluded with a butterfly release.



(Top): Bishop Jenkins and Deacon Charles deGravelles look on as a group of middle school students unleash the butterflies. [photo by Heather Parker]

(Left): An artists rendering of the rain garden plans. [Episcopal High School]