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From the Editor's desktop

Suitably, the first issue of *Episcopal Kentucky Quarterly* comes at a time of liturgical and seasonal transition when Lent meets Easter in Holy Week. Our diocese is in transition, preparing to choose a new leader, and this issue introduces the four priests who have said 'yes' to our call for them to join us in discernment. The quarterly's focus, however, is our historic ties with Haiti, prompted by the need for us to act generously now to the ongoing crisis. Featured are stories of Episcopalians who, decades ago, "proclaimed the Lord through service," as the bishop has said, and met the "Lord proclaimed" in those they found.

Diocesan communications also have been in transition this year as we work to diversify the means by which we share news and information of importance in our diocese. Taking the place of a monthly newspaper, *Episcopal Kentucky Quarterly* enables us to expand our Web and digital communications.

Our overriding goal for the magazine has not changed, and to that end we continue our printing partnership with the Episcopal Church (though its publication too comes in a new form, *Episcopal News Quarterly* [see page 12]). Both publications, contained in one magazine, are committed to publishing stories of interesting, important moments and ministries in our congregations, diocese and the wider church.

Mary Jane Cherry, Editor

Donations are sought to honor Bishop Gulick

The ministry of Bishop Ted Gulick will be celebrated Saturday, July 10, at All Saints' Conference Center near Leitchfield. The celebration will begin at noon with Eucharist, baptism and confirmation, followed by lunch and the presentation of a gift in appreciation for his 16 years of service to the Diocese of Kentucky.

Traditionally, dioceses in the Episcopal Church give the outgoing bishop a memorable gift. Some bishops prefer a personal gift, and some request something to benefit the diocese. Bishop Ted requested the latter. He would like to have a bishop's cabin at All Saints', so the new bishop will always have a place to stay there.

A suitable, modular cedar cabin has been located. The Transition Committee has sent out an appeal for donations to cover the cost of the cabin and site preparation, which will be about \$50,000; establish a small maintenance fund for the cabin; and cover the cost of the reception. To learn specifics about the



The modular cabin, named the Suwannee Lodge, is fully furnished and features solid wood cabinets, a cedar wardrobe and hardwood floors.

cabin visit <http://www.nationalcabinsales.com/rv-cabins-and-lodges/the-lodges.html>

Those wishing to honor the bishop are asked to make checks out to Trustees and Council with "Bishop's retirement gift" in the memo line. Please send your checks to Betty Blodgett, St. John's Episcopal Church, 1620 W. Main St., Murray, KY 42071.

If you have questions, call Rose Bogal-Allbritten at 270-293-9490 or Betty Blodgett at 270-293-4190.

About the cover photos

Photographer Dan Songer, a retired U.S. Air Force lieutenant colonel, has been taking pictures since 1957, primarily for his family's enjoyment and to keep a record of their military travels. Dan took the photos appearing on the front and back covers of this first issue of *Episcopal Kentucky Quarterly* and the photos from this year's diocesan convention, which have been posted online.

Both cover photos were taken at Grace Church during prior Spring and Easter seasons. The photo on the back cover shows the magnificent Alleluia "chandelier," composed of hundreds

of origami cranes that were handcrafted especially for the mobile that was hung in Grace Church's nave.

Dan best described the inspiration for the cover photo: "The picture is one of several dogwoods at Grace Episcopal Church. One day in April 2008, I stepped out the front door of the church onto the porch and there, framed in the decorative supports of the porch roof, was this beautiful dogwood." Hopefully, as Dan said, the pink dogwood will once again "show all of its 'pre-2009 ice storm' foliage" in the coming weeks.