



# All Saints' News

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## **Helping Victims of Hurricane Katrina through the Episcopal Church**

You can support the Episcopal Relief and Development response by donating to the US Hurricane Fund by credit card at <http://www.er-d.org/erd.htm> or by calling 1 (800) 334-7626, ext. 5129. Or you can mail to: Episcopal Relief and Development, c/o US Hurricane Fund, PO Box 12043, Newark, NJ 07101.

ERD is not able to accept miscellaneous in-kind contributions. The cost and logistics involved in packing, shipping, receiving, managing, and distributing unsolicited goods are prohibitive. Since disaster needs change on a daily basis, clothing or food items might not be needed by the time they arrive.

On the other hand, cash can get to the scene of the crisis immediately, with no shipping charges, to purchase the supplies that are most desperately needed.

Episcopal Migration Ministries (EMM), the refugee advocacy and resettlement program of the Episcopal Church, is developing a plan to engage parishes and individuals to provide relocation assistance for families displaced by hurricane Katrina.

If you or your congregation can extend hospitality to those in need of temporary housing and other services, please forward your contact information, including your name, address, telephone number and email to [EMM@episcopalchurch.org](mailto:EMM@episcopalchurch.org) or call 800-334-7626, extension 6057. You will be notified soon about how you can help.

Your prayers and support are the best way to help people who have lost loved ones, who are still awaiting rescue, and those who have been evacuated to emergency shelters. Pray for emergency rescue workers, law enforcement officers, and caregivers.

For more information, go to <http://www.er-d.org/erd.htm>

### **All Saints Well Represented in Youth Event**

More than 100 young Episcopalians representing almost every diocese in the Episcopal Church gathered at Berea College in Kentucky July 26-31 for the 2005 Episcopal Youth Event. This triennial meeting has the biggest attendance of any event in the church except the General Convention. Each diocese sends a dozen youth and three adults. A total of 1500 were at the exuberant event, including people from Ecuador, The Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, and Germany. Presiding Bishop Frank Griswold and more than 50 other bishops also participated in the week's activities, which included a variety of music, worship, public forums and workshops. The program is designed to inspire deeper faith in Jesus Christ and a renewed commitment to mission and ministry.

Our own Sierra Wilkinson was a speaker in two panel discussions which also included the Presiding Bishop. She led one discussion on Vocation: As a teenager, where do you see your calling? And one on youth involvement with the Church. She is a celebrity, I imagine, being a member of the Nominating Committee for the new Presiding Bishop. Sierra also wrote and produced a powerpoint presentation which she gave along with Bonnie Anderson from Pontiac, Michigan, the Vice-President of the House of Deputies of the National Church. The title was, "Episcopal Splendor," about the history, structure, and governance of our church and how you can be involved in making decisions. We're all so very proud of our dear Sierra!

To view photos and video from the event and to listen to interviews with the participants and much more, visit <http://www.eyc2005.org> .

*Submitted by Father Otto Immel*

### **Mark Your Calendar:**

Like to meet a king? Attend the Black and White Ball Saturday, September 10 at The Grill Beachside. It begins at 8:00 pm with free admission and a cash bar. King James O. Muruako is from the region in Nigeria where Julia Pearce and others from Savannah travel for medical missions. Please help make him feel welcome here on Tybee at the ball and again at the 10 a.m. church service on Sunday, September 11.

October 7-8 (Fri-Sat) Fall Ministries Conference at Honey Creek, "Looking Backward, Moving Forward." The weekend is designed for everyone, including Sunday School Teachers, LEMs, Clergy, Youth Leaders, and other parishioners. Led by Dr Donald Armentrout, author, professor, minister, and lecturer. For more information, call 912-265-9218.

Saturday, October 29, the church yard sale will be held from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Start collecting your giveaways now, and please put prices on them! We will be taking everything except clothes, and are collecting things now in the church hall. If you need help with large items such as furniture, contact Vickie Worden or Julia Pearce.

The Skill and Craft Auction will be held on Saturday, November 5, beginning at 5:30 for beverages. The auction will begin at 6:30. Please be thinking of a skill or craft that you can donate. Some ideas of things to donate are: prints and art work, dinner for two or more, hair cut and styling, boat rides, yoga classes, specialty baked items, massage, use of your beach home for a week or weekend, a bed and breakfast weekend, computer class, nature walk, calligraphy, painting, baby sitting, yard work, use of your time share, concert, high tea... let your imagination soar and donate something you like and that someone else might like to share. If you are donating a service, please write it on a piece of paper that can be handed to the lucky winner! Contact Beccy Greico with questions.

## **EfM: an Opportunity to Inform Your Ministry**

EfM is an abbreviation for Education for Ministry. But just what does that entail, you may wonder. I recently received an e-mail from C. Les Parsons, who quotes the writing of Rev. Johnna Camp, Interim Director EfM. Rev. Camp thoroughly and eloquently describes EfM as well as tells what makes it unique:

“... I think what EfM does better than any other adult theological education program for the laity is to equip persons to integrate the faith life with daily life in ways that bring meaning and lead to ministry. This process of integrated learning not only benefits individuals but also their communities and the Church. The gift EfM offers to the Church is a laity that is informed theologically and formed reflectively. This formation takes place within communities committed to ministry defined through discernment. EfM communities, at their best, stand on a solid foundation of tradition, possess a secure understanding of self, recognize the cultural and contextual nuances of the world in which we all live, and are able to articulate their deepest values and beliefs. A theologically reflective laity responds differently to challenges facing the Church than a reactive laity. The “reflective” laity acts out of identified values and beliefs. The “reactive” laity acts out of emotion. The Church is full of reactive Christians. However, EfM can serve as a vehicle for God-given transformation in a world often resistant to change and transition, driven by fear and defensiveness.”

“So, what makes Education for Ministry unique? Is it the education we provide? Maybe, but there are Christian education programs everywhere. The difference in our education is that it is FOR ministry. The knowledge gained through EfM study is integrated with life experience through reflection so that the world is served through Christ’s Church. Education is what we offer. Ministry is the outcome. Thanks be to God.”

EfM is administered through the University of the South at Sewanee, and all graduates are actual graduates of this specialized program of the University. In the Fall of 1999, the first All Saints EfM group was formed under the dedicated mentoring of Deacon Eddie Adkins. Eight members have graduated from the program to date. Currently, All Saints EfM has four members who have completed year one and one member who has completed year three. EfM is a four year program. Members commit to the group process one year at a time. Most members become so dedicated that they continue on, completing all four years. As graduates have noted, the time seems to fly by!

EfM offers you an opportunity to deepen your faith. If you are open to the challenge and adventure of growing in your religious and spiritual awareness, then you are welcome to join the classes starting back up this Fall at All Saints.

For further information, you can contact Deacon Eddie Adkins or Betsy Boyd Strong.

*Submitted by Will Strong*

**“Giving Comes from the Heart,” Sam Leverette**

We are losing our faithful stewardship chair and vestry member, Sam Leverette, to a lucky church in Atlanta! We wish Sam and Hazel the very best in this new chapter in their lives.

Jim Anderson will be our new Stewardship Chair, and on his behalf as well as in appreciation for Sam’s good work over the years, we offer this quote from Bruce Rockwell:

*I believe that the reason that God gives us the gift of the tithe is that God knows we need it as spiritual discipline. God knows we need to make thankful, sacrificial offerings to God if we are to be in relationship with God.*

*Without making meaningful offerings to God, we are merely takers of all the good things God gives us.*

*Without making loving offerings to God, there is no real relationship with God. There can be no healthy relationship with God if we are not making thankful offerings to God.*

**I Hear Music!**

Welcome back to Irina Gorb, who has returned from her annual pilgrimage home to Latvia! And thanks again to our willing “subs” in Irina’s absence, Carole Immel and Jamie Maury.

**Directory Update:**

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We wish Marlyce and Edgar the very best in their new lives together!

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