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PRAYER NEEDED

The Rev. **Don Hartsuff** has had a small stroke. Pray for the Don and Gloria.

Johnathan Linsey, grandson of the Rev. Peter and Ann Cominos, died recently. add his parents Jim and Carol to your prayers as well.

COMPLETED YOUR PAROCHIAL REPORT YET?

I have. now I just have to present it to the Vestry at their February meeting and get the signatures on the forms. that way I'll be able to enter the data online and get the paper copies into the Diocesan Center by the deadline, March 2. do you see the deadline coming?

the instructions, the workbook, and a **Congregational Data Form** can be found online at the [Diocesan website](#). While you file the Parochial Report online, signed paper copies, together with the Congregational Data Form, go to the Diocesan Center by March 2. None of this is hard to do, but it does take some forethought.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

February 22 has been designated World Mission Sunday. the Church Center website has a [host of resources](#) for focusing on the work of our missionaries around the world.

THE ANNUAL SPIRITUAL RETREAT DAY

the topic of this year's Day of Prayer (Saturday, March 28 at St. John's Midland) is: *"Stay with Me, Remain Here with Me": Three Meditations Leading into Holy Week*. Our retreat leader is [Diane Paterson](#). for everyone, clergy and lay, so mark your calendars now.

MOSTLY FREE LENTEN PROGRAMS AND DEVOTIONALS

the Growth and Development section of the Church Center has developed a downloadable 5 week small group [Lenten Program](#) called *A Spiritual Journey*.

Episcopal Relief and Development offers [a bulletin insert and a daily devotional](#) focusing on the ways ERD works toward the Millennium Development Goals. you may download the resources, but if you plan on ordering printed versions, please do so by February 16.

opportunities for you and your congregation

1/30-31/09 — *Formation workshop*
2/22 — *World Mission Sunday*
3/9-11/09 — *Spiritual Directors*
3/28/09 — *Spiritual Retreat Day*
4/17-18/09 — *Diana Butler Bass*

the Cycle of Prayer

...for the first quarter of 09 [here](#).

news sources

[Anglican Connections](#)

[This month](#)
[archived](#)

[Episcopal Life Online](#)

[Anglican World](#)

[AC News Service](#)

THE DIGITAL REVOLUTION

[Anclimergant](#), the website about all things Anglican and emergent, has a fascinating [paper](#) by the Rev. Mark Brown, a New Zealand priest, that explores how the digital revolution is forcing change upon the institutional church.

MAKING BAPTISMAL MINISTRY REAL

Chris Carr has done an amazing [interview of +Tom Ray](#), Retired Bishop of Northern Michigan, about baptismal ministry and Mutual Ministry Support Teams. It's about a hour and 16 minutes long, but well worth it.

CHRISTIANITY FOR THE REST OF US

Diana Butler Bass is coming to the Horizon Conference Center, Saginaw, on April 17-18, 2009. Bass, an Episcopalian, is an author, speaker and scholar specializing in American religion and culture. [Details](#).

Minutes and Notices

- Blue Water Convocation
- Flint River Convocation (unapproved) [Minutes](#) for 8-08
- Northern Convocation [Minutes](#) for August
- Saginaw Valley Convocation [Minutes](#) for 12-08

Old stuff... but it still might be useful.

NEW SUPPLY LIST

[here's](#) the latest list of clergy available for supply work. Make a copy and mail all the old copies lying around in your files to your enemies to confuse them.

KINKIIZI

We have [received word from Bishop John](#) that the Diocese of Kinkiizi is ministering to thousands of refugees fleeing the fighting in Eastern Congo. He requests aid.

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

Do you have young people who are looking for a way to make a difference? [Mike Spencer](#) recommends the [Episcopal Service Corps](#), a national federation of young adult service programs. He worked on a program in Los Angeles (97-98). I bet he wouldn't mind offering some first-hand information.

WORSHIP LEADERS

a new list of competencies and exam have been developed for those who would be Worship Leaders, i.e., folks who lead Morning/Evening Prayer services in the absence of a clergy person. Contact Barb (877-75206020) for details.

WRAP IT IN PRAYER

Charles Olsen at the Alban Institute [offers suggestions](#) on how to make prayer more than perfunctory "book ends" to church meetings.

MAKING YOUR CHURCH SAFE

most of us are familiar with the two workshops offered by the Diocese called *Safeguarding God's Children* and *Safe Church*. *Safeguarding God's Children* is now available online. here's [a letter from the Bishop and instructions](#) on how to get started.

FORMING CHRISTIANS

the Diocese of Western Michigan is hosting a [two day workshop](#) on Christian education and formation featuring Ruth Ann Collins, associate program officer at the Episcopal Church Center, January 30-31, 2009.

FOR SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS

there will be a colloquium for spiritual directors on March 9-11 at the Dominican Center for Religious Development in Detroit titled *God Is Into Groups: Thinking Systemically about Spiritual Direction*. [Flyer](#)

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