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## PAROCHIAL REPORT

this an item for this month's vestry meeting. the vestry has to receive the Parochial Report and the clerk, treasurer, and rector have to sign it. they are due in the Diocesan Center by March 2nd, so the Vestry will need to act in February. the instructions, the workbook, and a **Congregational Data Form** can be found online at the [Diocesan website](#). while most will file the Parochial Report online, signed paper copies, together with the Congregational Data Form must arrive at the Diocesan Center by the deadline.

## 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.*** for everyone, clergy and lay. [reservation form](#). deadline— March 15.

## IT'S NOT JUST DISASTER RELIEF

Episcopal Relief and Development [assists victims of civil conflict](#) as well. lately that's meant food, water and medical supplies for displaced people in Sri Lanka, the Philippines, and the Sudan. you can help.

## SEWANEE MUSIC CONFERENCE

July 13-19. [a conference](#) for organists, choir directors and clergy. at the University of the South in Tennessee. they have 2 full-time scholarships for first-time attendees. contact Janet. application deadline, May 1st.

## CHARLES DARWIN—WASN'T HE AN ANGLICAN?

this Sunday's [bulletin insert](#) will observe the 200th anniversary of his birth and discuss his impact on the church.

## IN TIMES LIKE THESE—IT'S MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER

the Rev. Chuck Curtis recommends [this book review](#) and the book reviewed. it's from the *Alban Weekly*. real good stuff.

## MORE RESOURCES FOR LENT

*Episcopal Life* has collected [a long list of resources](#) you might find helpful.

## *opportunities for you and your congregation*

2/17 — *Clergy Quiet Day*

2/22 — *World Mission Sunday*

3/9-11/09 — *Spiritual Directors*

3/28/09 — *Spiritual Retreat Day*

4/17-18/09 — *Diana Butler Bass*

7/13-19/09 — *Music Conference*

## *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 PRIMATES HAVE MET

if you have to ask who or what they are you probably won't want to know [what they said and did](#) last week in Alexandria, Egypt. [here's a video](#) from the PB (our primate)-- see 2/5/09 — that sums it up (2:15)

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

### LENT WITH THE BISHOP

Bishop Todd will start posting to his blog on February 4th. This year's study, *Wade in the Water: The Baptism Journey of Lent*, invites an exploration of the Christian life through the dual lenses of baptism and the Sunday readings.

### CHRISTIAN FORMATION DIRECTOR

St. Paul's, Flint, is looking for someone to direct their program of education and moral formation for children, youth, and adults. Strong, personal Christian faith required. Experience in education or education management strongly preferred. Familiarity with Episcopal Church helpful. Part-time. Salary based on experience. E-mail resume to [stpaulschurch@ameritech.net](mailto:stpaulschurch@ameritech.net) or call for alternate way to apply: 810-234-8637.

### IDEAS FOR CHRISTIAN FORMATION DURING LENT

Sharon Pearson from Church Publishing and Morehouse offered [some neat ideas](#) in her e-newsletter, *Living IN Formation*. If you're not [getting her newsletter](#), you should be.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### QUIET DAY FOR CLERGY

The Center for Christian Spirituality at St. John's Episcopal Church, Mount Pleasant, is offering a day of refreshment for clergy on February 17, 10-3:00. reservation deadline-2/8. for details call 989.773.7448.

### 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.

### 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](#)

### 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](#).

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## Minutes and Notices

- Blue Water Convocation
- Flint River Convocation (unapproved) [Minutes](#) for 8-08
- Northern Convocation [Minutes](#) for August
- Saginaw Valley Convocation [Minutes](#) for 1-09

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