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PRAYER NEEDED

Wendy Ward, senior warden at St. John's, St. John's has asked for prayers for her mother, Grace Haven, who is under hospice care. Remember Wendy and her family as well.

DUM-DA-DUM-DA-DUM....PAROCHIAL REPORT

this is your last week. they are due in the Diocesan Center by March 2nd, congregations that are late without very good reason will lose their vote at Convention. 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.

CURRENCY OF THE SPIRIT

the Leaven Center in Lyons, Michigan is offering a workshop **this weekend** entitled *Currency of the Spirit: Putting Your Spiritual Values into Financial Practice in a Time of Economic Uncertainty*. this is short notice but if you're interested try the [link](#) anyway.

SO THAT'S WHAT'S GOING ON

here's how the Church of England's [First Church Estates Commissioner](#) explains our current international economic crisis. i gather he's like the CofE's CFO. he explains how we got here; I just wish he had more to say about where we go from here.

WE'RE CLEARLY NOT THE BUCKLE ON THE BIBLE BELT

64% of Michiganders say religion is an important part of their daily life. we rank 29th among the 50 states in a [Gallup poll](#). They offer some possible explanations.

REACHING THE YOUNGER GENERATIONS

Brian McLaren was a featured speaker at last summer's Lambeth Conference. [Here's what he had to say](#) to the Diocese of Washington on faith-sharing and evangelism.

opportunities for you and your congregation

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](#),
and the second quarter [here](#).

news sources

[Anglican Connections](#)

[This month
archived](#)

[Episcopal Life Online](#)

[Anglican World](#)

[AC News Service](#)

WHY AM I AN EPISCOPALIAN?

the Episcopal Church is recording short interviews with people who can answer that question. some of the best will be posted on a YouTube site this Wednesday. since they will be sharable and imbeddable, you can send them to your friends and relations, post them on your blog, and feature them on your webpage. [Check them out](#) starting this Wednesday after noon.

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

Old stuff....

but it still might be useful.

DOWN UNDER HELP NEEDED

All Saints, Marysville is trying to do a good thing and invites you to join them. they are collecting prayer shawls (and prayers, of course) for some folks who lost their church and whole town in the catastrophic fire in Australia— Marysville, Australia. [Help](#).

ECONOMIC IMPACT

Short-falls in tithe income to the Diocese could force convocations to rethink their 2009 budgets. Here is a [letter from the bishop](#) who together with the presidents and deans is calling the convocation councils to enter into a collaborative process to work jointly on this.

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 or call for alternate way to apply: 810-234-8637.

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.

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](#).

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.

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