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## PRAYER NEEDED

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

## PAROCHIAL REPORT

they are due in the Diocesan Center by March 2nd. 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. deadline— March 15. [reservation form](#).

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## WHICH LORD ARE THEY TALKING ABOUT?

In the face of recent attacks by the "Lord's Resistance Army" in the Sudan and in other nations in central and eastern Africa, the Presiding Bishop has called upon Episcopalians to do [four things](#).

## *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*

## *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](#)

## EPISCOPAL EVANGELISM WITH YOUNG ADULTS

Check out this [YouTube production](#) from Father Matthew. It may be the best three minutes of advice on the subject anywhere. First, he says, “Don’t be a jerk.”

## 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.

## 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

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

### 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.

### 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.

### THE DIGITAL REVOLUTION

[Anglimergant](#), 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.

### 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](#).

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