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THE BISHOP'S LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Bishop Todd invites us to *Wade in the Water*, to join him in using the Sunday lessons to help inform our thinking about our Baptismal Covenant.

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.

EPISCOPAL MINISTRY SUPPORT TEAM

the Diocese of Northern Michigan have taken Mutual Ministry one step further by confirming a [diocesan level team](#). this was something they have been talking about for 20 years and was partially instituted by Bishop Kelsey.

OBSERVING LENT ACROSS THE POND

the Church of England offers a [variety of ways to keep Lent](#). you can even Twitter or Facebook your way through the Season.

WANT TO BE A MONK FOR LENT?

the Society of St. John the Evangelist in Cambridge, MA, invites you to join them, either in person or virtually, for a Lenten preaching series, [Monastic Wisdom for Everyday Living](#). Tuesdays in March.

LENTEN PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

Christian Aid will take you on a [daily virtual pilgrimage](#). Not so much a travelogue as reflection on what Jesus' example can teach us about how we can make a difference in the world.

MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS

In 2006 Episcopal Relief and Development together with the Episcopal Church set a goal of raising \$3 million for global health programs by the end of 2009. [They are nearly there](#).

WHY I AM AN EPISCOPALIAN?

the Episcopal Church has recorded a bunch of short interviews with people who can answer that question. the response has been so heavy it has overwhelmed the Church Center's servers. [Check them out](#) ... but be patient.

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](#)

THEY ARE CALLED THE LOST GENERATION

we many not see as many of them in our congregations as we would like, but [not all of them are lost](#).

LOVE THE SINNER AND HATE THE SIN... NOT!

Father Matthew, one of the first to effectively use YouTube, has some [new video shorts](#), the latest on the old chestnut above. he calls it, Pastime Pardon.

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

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.

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.

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](#).

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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