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## PRAYERS NEEDED

The Rev. Canon F. Robert Davison died March 27. Services on April 3 & 4. Remember Constance and their family. [Funeral arrangements](#). Also, for the special synod meeting this Saturday of the Episcopal Diocese of Quincy as they work to reconstitute their diocesan structures following their former leadership's attempt to take the diocese out of the Episcopal Church.

## WORK WEEK AT CAMP CHICK

give some time and effort while having fun. [Here's how](#).

## FAMILY CAMP FOR THE DIOCESAN FAMILY

camp Chick is hosting a [church camp experience](#) for the whole family (however yours is constituted). [here's a flyer](#).

## HELP WANTED

**camp counselors** and **support staff** needed for the two weeks of Youth Camp this summer. [Application](#).

thanks to a grant from *Breaking New Ground* Camp Chick is able hire several as **Core Staff** for 10 weeks this summer. [Details](#). [Application](#).

## CHURCH CAMP—YOUTH CAMP

**Three exciting youth camp programs** are being offered in two one-week programs. There are great opportunities and fun for campers, counselors, and youth who would like to be trained as counselors. [Brochure](#).

## GREEN BANKING

[some concrete ways](#) that both individuals and congregations in Eastern Michigan can proactively respond to Millennium Development Goals 7 & 8 which are focused on environmental stewardship and healing of our world.

## LAST CHANCE

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. **Registrations are due April 1—tomorrow!** [Details](#).

## *opportunities for you and your congregation*

4/17-18 — *Diana Butler Bass*

4/25 — *Safe Church Workshops*

5/22-25 — *Work Week at Chick*

6/13-23 — *Eagle Butte Mission Trip*

6/28-7/5 — *Family Camp*

7/5-10 — *Junior Camp, CIT Camp*

7/12-18 — *Senior Camp*

7/13-19 — *Music Conference*

9/26 — *Magnetic Church*

## *the Cycle of Prayer*

the second quarter [here](#).

## *news sources*

[Anglican Connections](#)

[This month  
archived](#)

[Episcopal Life Online](#)

[Anglican World](#)

[AC News Service](#)

## THE PB'S EASTER MESSAGE

[Easter recollects us and reorients us](#) toward God's eternal light of truth and peace and love.

## THE BLUE BOOK IS RED THIS YEAR

It's [the book](#) that contains standing committee reports and some of the resolutions likely to be offered at this year's General Convention. You can research it online.

## THIS CHURCH IS GOING TO THE DOGS

[Here's a congregation](#) that has a weekly service that welcomes dogs. An evangelism tool?

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

## EAGLE BUTTE MISSION TRIP 2009

the Global Missions Task Force has set a date for the next Diocesan Mission trip to Eagle Butte, South Dakota. [you are invited](#) to consider going. [application](#).

## MAKING YOUR CHURCH SAFE

[here's the latest](#) on *Safeguarding God's Children* and *Safe Church*, the two training programs required of all employees. Sunday School teachers are now required to take *Safeguarding God's Children*; it's [available online](#).

## GOOD IDEAS FOR HARD TIMES

[here are some examples](#) of how congregations are responding to the hardship brought on by the recession.

## MAKING YOUR CONGREGATION MAGNETIC

there will be a Magnetic Church Conference September 26 in Windsor, Ontario. it's lessons in practical evangelism taught by Andrew Weeks. the Essex Deanery of the Diocese of Huron is inviting all interest parties to attend. for [more on Magnetic Church program](#). Registration: [Jane Graham](#).

## GETTING THE WORD OUT

need a short course in parish communications? [this article](#) from the Alban Institute gives you a place to start.

## TALKING ABOUT COMMUNICATING IN THE PARISH

the Alban institute [interviewed Susan Elliott](#), a freelance writer, editor, and communications director in a large parish.

## ADVERTISING

congregations in a diocese in Pennsylvania are trying [a different sort of ad](#) in their local paper; a real local person explains why they attend the local Episcopal church.

## WITHHOLDING CHANGES

Katharine Rose points out that the IRS has [an online form](#) that "helps" treasurers figure out the new withholding rates resulting from the "stimulus" package.

## GROWING OR SHRINKING?

did you know that Episcopal parishes with a strong liberal emphasis have been growing fastest? Episcopal Life reports on the [latest trends](#). Vestries and evangelism committees might want to check out [this link](#).

## 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.

## 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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