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## **EARTH DAY AT 815**

Observe [Earth Day](#) by tuning into the Church Center's live webcast on April 24. the program will be available for on demand viewing starting the afternoon of the 25th.

## **NAVIGATING THE STORM**

This year's Diocesan Leadership Gathering (May 16) will focus on building a healthy congregation. for clergy, vestries, youth workers, Eucharistic visitors, and others in leadership positions. [Reservations by May 8.](#)

## **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.](#)

## **GONE VIRAL**

[The Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life](#) offers an example of how "news" (both true and untrue, accurate and distorted) can be spread like a virus on the internet. "online research and partisan tactics can combine to make or break a career." this time it's not a presidential candidate they are after, but the bishop-elect of Northern Michigan.

## **TELLING STORIES**

Episcopal Relief and Development has started [a monthly series of stories](#) about how our contributions are at work in the world. One set describes partnerships with diocese and the other how individuals can make a big difference.

## **BIBLICAL INERRANCY**

Father Matthew is at it again. This young Episcopal priest has made several clever YouTube videos as part of his teach ministry in his parish. [This one is a general introduction to the Bible](#), with a caution about treating it as inerrant.

## **THE RECESSION IS KILLING OUR BRAINS!!!!**

[Actually it's sadness and stress that do the damage.](#) What can we do as Christians to keep our bodies healthy and save those brain cells?

## ***opportunities for you and your congregation***

4/24-26 — *Curisillo Renewal Weekend*

4/25 — *Safe Church Workshops*

5/8 — *Desmond Tutu at MSU*

5/16 — *Leadership Gathering*

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](#)

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

### **WORK WEEK AT CAMP CHICK — May 22-25**

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

### **FAMILY CAMP FOR THE DIOCESAN FAMILY — June 28 to July 5**

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

### **SUMMER CAMP — CHRISTIAN STYLE**

**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](#).

### **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](#).

### **FREE**

we have a Thomas organ (Troubadour184) to give away. Contact Molly at 877-752-6020

### **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.

### **IT'S WHAT DEACONS DO**

deacons seek out ministry opportunities and invite the rest of us to get involved. the Rev. Claudia Hollinger is working with [a national community action group](#) and invites you to join her.

### **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.

### **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](#).

### **CURISLLO RENEWAL MEETING — April 24-26**

They are planning a [special weekend](#) of renewal for those who've been through the program and a forum for revitalizing the movement in the dioceses of Michigan and Eastern Michigan. [application](#).

### **DESMOND TUTU TO SPEAK AT MSU — May 8**

At 1:00 PM, the former archbishop of South African and Nobel Peace Prize winner will address MSU's spring undergraduate convocation at the Breslin Center. The program is free and open to the public.

### **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.

### **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](#).

## Minutes and Notices

- Blue Water Convocation
- Flint River Convocation (unapproved) [Minutes](#) for 8-08
- Northern Convocation [Minutes](#) for August
- Saginaw Valley Convocation [Minutes](#) for 3-09

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