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PRAYERS NEEDED

the health of **Nate Trask**, son of the Rev. Bob Trask of Grace, Port Huron, continues to decline. You can read more from [Nate's most recent blog entry](#).

the Rev. **Don Tepe** has undergone surgery for a subdural hematoma on the brain and is progressing.

the Rev. **John Good**, formerly of St. Alban's, Bay City is having radiation therapy following surgery for cancer.

the Rev. **Shirley Seely**, of the Mutual Ministry Team at St. Paul's, Port Huron is home after surgery and a stint in a rehab center following an automobile accident

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](#).

CLERGY CONFERENCE 2009 — June 9-10

[Schedule](#). Clergy are expected to attend. [Reservation forms](#) are due by May 26th.

EAGLE BUTTE MISSION TRIP — June 13-23

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](#).

UNDERSTANDING THE "F" GENERATION

Did you know there was an "F" generation? According to the *Wall Street Journal*, the F is for Facebook. They live in the online social environment and we need to consider their expectations if we hope to see them in church. [Here's a start](#).

READY OR NOT... IT'S COMING: GENERAL CONVENTION 76, July 8-17

GC76 will be the topic of a live webcast on Wednesday, May 13 at 8 a.m. Pacific time. Questions will be accepted via email. To access the live webcast, go to the [Episcopal Church](#).

opportunities for you and your congregation

5/8 — *Desmond Tutu at MSU*

5/16 — *Leadership Gathering*

5/22-25 — *Work Week at Chick*

6/9-10 — *Clergy Conference*

6/13-23 — *Eagle Butte Mission Trip*

6/28-7/5 — *Family Camp*

7/5-10 — *Junior Camp, CIT Camp*

7/8-17 — *General Convention*

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](#)

COULD YOUR CONGREGATION DO THIS?

[The Chronicle of Philanthropy](#) offers some good advice on managing in hard times.

Old stuff, but it still might be useful.

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.

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?

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.](#) [Ap- plication.](#)

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.

MAKING YOUR CHURCH SAFE

Sunday School teachers are now required to take *Safeguarding God’s Children*; it’s [available online.](#)

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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