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## PRAYERS NEEDED

**Nate**, son of Margaret and Bob Trask has entered hospice care. pray for his wife Deb and their twins, Landon and Morgan. [an insight](#) into Nate's faith in the midst of his fight against cancer.

## COPPAGE-GORDON SCHOOL FOR MINISTRY

*"Christians: Who Are We?"* is the title of our diocesan school's first major offering. **registration deadline is this Saturday, August 1st!**

*"A Preaching Practicum"* is offered for those who seek to be licensed to preach in the Diocese. **registration deadline is August 20th.**

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION GATHERING

the annual Diocesan gathering for those interested in [Christian Formation](#) will be on Saturday, August 22, 9:30 — 3:00 PM at St. Christopher's, Grand Blanc.

## C.L.I.M.B.

it's all about stewardship education in the parish. This is the [annual Diocesan stewardship conference](#) on Saturday, August 29 at St. John's, Midland.

## SAFE CHURCH / SAFEGUARDING GOD'S CHILDREN

a face-to-face **Safeguarding God's Children** will offered July 29 at St. Christopher's, Grand Blanc. [Info and reservations](#). A second face-to-face workshop will be held at Grace, Port Huron on Tuesday, August 11, 10-1:00 (registration fee—\$15, contact Molly Girard at 877-752-6020.)

## 2010 TITHE COMMITMENT LETTERS

the letters have gone out to the parishes and should be signed and return by September 1st. Remember, if this takes a vestry meeting, then August is your only chance.

## BELIEVE IT OR NOT

registrations for Diocesan Convention, October 23-24, are due by September 15th. there's a new form this year. each congregation is asked to return one form (with the names of delegates, alternates, and visitors) and a check for the appropriate combined registration fee.

## GENERAL CONVENTION 2009 — WRAP-UPS

from [Episcopal Life](#). from Jim DeLa of SW Florida comes this [6 minute video](#) suitable for showing at a coffee hour, etc. from [the PB](#). from [the ABC](#). and my favorite, from [the Rt. Rev. Pierre Whalon](#).

## *opportunities for you and your congregation*

7/29 — *Safeguarding God's Children*

8/11 — *Safeguarding God's Children*

8/22 — *Christian Formation Gathering*

8/28-30 — *Christians: Who Are We?*

8/29 — *Stewardship Conference*

9/26 — *Magnetic Church*

## *the Cycle of Prayer*

the third quarter [here](#).

## *news sources*

[Anglican Connections](#)

[This month archived](#)

[Episcopal Life Online](#)

[Anglican World](#)

[AC News Service](#)

## GENERAL CONVENTION 2009 — FOLLOW-UPS

[the PB and the President of the House of Deputies explained](#) GC09 to the Archbishop of Canterbury.

[The PB explained](#) GC09 to the Primates of the Anglican Communion.

## FIRST WOMAN ORDAINED DEACON IN THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH DIES

The Rev. [Phyllis Edwards](#) died July 7th.

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

## GC09 — ONLINE RESOURCES

here are some resources for learning about the recent General Convention.

**RELIGION AND ETHICS NEWSWEEKLY** — this PBS television program broadcast [this report](#).

**SELECTED LEGISLATION** — a listing of [some of the most important legislation](#) with links to the actual resolution or canonical change.

**SPEECHES AND PRESENTATIONS** — [video recordings](#) of the Presiding Bishop, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Ray Suarez, Brian McLaren, and much more.

**BULLETIN INSERTS** — for the next several Sundays [bulletin inserts](#) are available that will describe the feel, actions and consequences of GC09.

**THE WHOLE ENCHILADA** — there were some [419 pieces of legislation](#) dealt with at General Convention 2009. This page gives you their final form and what happened to them.

## NOMINATIONS NEEDED

while it seems far off, nominations for Standing Committee, Trustees, Commission on Ministry, and Camp Chickagami Board are due to the [Secretary of Convention](#) by August 1.

## MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY AND A THANK YOU

St. Paul's, Saginaw welcomes individual and congregations that would like to [help with their Sunday feeding program](#).

## LOOKING FOR A SUMMER REFRESHER?

Bishop Todd recommends [these online classes](#) from the Seminary of the Southwest.

## HAVE YOU FOUND eMINISTRY NETWORK YET?

it's a distance learning program for Episcopalians and others. [Coming classes](#) focus on "greening" your parish.

## THE BISHOP'S PORTRAIT

for those who would like to hang the bishop in the hall, here's an [order form](#) for Bishop Todd's formal portrait.

## 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 CONGREGATION MAGNETIC — September 26

there will be a Magnetic Church Conference 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](#).

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