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COPPAGE-GORDON SCHOOL FOR MINISTRY

"*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 — 8/22

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. — August 29

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.

MAKING THE CHURCH SAFE

there will be several **Safeguarding workshops** held in our Diocese at the following locations and times:

Safeguarding God's Children [workshop flyer](#)

September 19, 2009 - St. John's, Saginaw or Midland

September 20, 2009 - Grace, Port Huron

November 7, 2009 - St. John's, Sandusky

December 5, 2009 - All Saints, Marysville

Safeguarding God's People

September 19, 2009 - St. John's, Saginaw or Midland

registration forms will be available closer to the date of each training. Cost is \$15 per person. if you have any questions please contact Molly Girard at 877-752-6020 or mollyg@eastmich.org

DIOCESAN CONVENTION — OCTOBER 23-24

registrations 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. check out the [Diocesan webpage](#) which links to the registration form, hotel listings, tentative schedule, and more.

FINDING TIME / MAKING TIME

St. Francis Retreat Center in Dewitt (just north of Lansing) offers Sabbath Time Retreats; a chance to consider how you keep the Sabbath and be renewed. spiritual direction available. [Individually directed](#) or [organized for you](#).

opportunities for you and your congregation

8/22 — *Christian Formation Gathering*

8/28-30 — *Christians: Who Are We?*

8/29 — *Stewardship Conference*

9/19 — *Safeguarding workshops*

9/20 — *Safeguarding God's Children*

9/26 — *Magnetic Church*

10/6-8 — *A.M.E.N. Conference*

10/23 — *D.O.K. Assembly*

10/23-24 — *Diocesan Convention*

10/27-29 — *LARC Retreat*

11/7 — *Safeguarding God's Children*

12/5 — *Safeguarding God's Children*

the Cycle of Prayer

the third quarter [here](#).

news sources

[Anglican Connections](#)

[This month](#)

[archived](#)

[Episcopal Life Online](#)

[Anglican World](#)

[AC News Service](#)

A.M.E.N. CONFERENCE — October 6-8

that's the **All Michigan Episcopal Network** is holding its clergy conference October 6-8 on Mackinac Island. the President of the House of Deputies is our guest. [Registration and details](#).

D.O.K. ASSEMBLY — October 23

the Daughters of the King of the Diocese will have their Fall Assembly on October 23, 10:00 AM at Grace, Port Huron. (they piggy-back with our Diocesan Convention)

CHECK THIS OUT AND DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT

The Episcopal Church has a [YouTube site](#) called TEtube. those of you with parish websites might want to link to it, especial to the 2 minute video called Kick Off of General Convention 2009. It presents a picture of a church that welcomes everyone.

BULLETIN INSERTS

Episcopal Life offers this final [inserts](#) reflecting on actions of the recent General Convention.

TEC AND THE HEALTH INSURANCE DEBATE

in case you were wondering, we have an official (approved, General Convention 09) [point of view](#).

DON'T YOU WISH YOU HAD THIS CHOIR?

they are truly the [cat's meow](#).

Old stuff, but it still might be useful.

TITHE COMMITMENT LETTERS DUE

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.

COPPAGE-GORDON SCHOOL FOR MINISTRY

["Christians: Who Are We?"](#) is the title of our diocesan school's first major offering.

TRANSFORMATIVE STORY TELLING

[this article](#) from the Alban Institute makes the case that telling stories is the core practice of evangelism and that Christ is present in the stories to transform the listener and the community.

FUN WITH SHEEP

shepherds, you get a lot of credit for watching over the flock, but don't forget that the [sheep dogs to all the work](#).

WONDERFUL WEBPAGE

St. John's, Saginaw has just launched a [new webpage](#). IMO it is just about perfect (just needs more pictures of kids.)

ALL SAINTS, MARYSVILLE IS ON FACEBOOK

they have [their own page](#). They are joining St. Alban's, Bay City, Grace Church, Port Huron, and Camp Chickagami who also have pages. used to announce activities, network and invite participation.

THE BISHOP'S PORTRAIT

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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