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## **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 5st!**

*“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** 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.)

## **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.

## **HAVING TROUBLE SLEEPING?**

[The Episcopal Church’s Budget for 2010-2012](#) is now online. “Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also...” this tell us a lot about our church, but...zzzz

## **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. such pages can be used to announce activities, network and invite participation. they are easy to use.

## **BULLETIN INSERTS**

Episcopal Life continues to produce [inserts](#) reflecting on actions of the recent General Convention.

## *opportunities for you and your congregation*

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](#)

## **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.

## **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.

## **FINALLY—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](#).

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

### **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](#).

### **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.

### **MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY AND A THANK YOU**

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

### **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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