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Episcopal Health Ministries Workshop, April 28

The Health Ministries Cabinet of the Diocese will meet on Saturday, April 28 at 8:30 AM at St. Christopher's Church. A workshop for parish nurses, health ministers, and interested clergy and parishioners will be held following the cabinet meeting. Those attending are invited to join the Cursillo 67 team in the Eucharist at 3 PM. Contact Margaret Hiatt Williams, RN, for more information at mhiattwilliams@yahoo.com or 432.270.2144.

Blog Surveys Media Reports on the Episcopal Church

Offering an online overview of news and views "left, right and center," the Episcopal Church's Office of Communications has launched a new web log (or blog) available at episcopalchurch.typepad.com/episcople/. Called "epiScope: looking over the Episcopal Church," the blog seeks to add perspective and context to some stories, and to correct the record in other instances," according to Canon Robert Williams, the Episcopal Church's communications director.

Episcopal & Catholic Benedictines Lead Annual Retreat

The tenth annual ecumenical Dallas Benedictine Experience Retreat will take place in Dallas from Wednesday, June 13, to Sunday, June 17, at the Catholic Conference Center. Participants will live at the center for five days, forming a temporary monastic community to experience the Rule of St. Benedict. The retreat will be led by Sister Mary Donald Corcoran, OSB, Prioress of Transfiguration Monastery in Windsor, New York, who holds a PhD in Theology from Fordham University, and Brother Abraham Newsom, a Texas native and monk at St. Gregory's Abbey in Three Rivers, Michigan, who is a noted writer and retreat leader. Contact dallasbenedictine@yahoo.com or call 214.339.8483.

ECW Spring Board Meeting, April 21

All presidents/representatives of ECWs are invited to attend the ECW Spring Board Meeting at the Hulsey Episcopal Center on April 21 from 10 AM to 2 PM.

The annual ECW Conference is scheduled for September 28-30, led by the Rev. Susan Sims-Smith on "Dreams as a Way to Know Christ." Contact Nancy McReynolds at mcrey@arn.net.

Holy Trinity Vestry Votes to Leave Episcopal Church

The newly-elected Vestry of Holy Trinity, Midland, voted after their annual parish meeting to leave the Episcopal Church. Under the leadership of the vestry, parishioners of Holy Trinity are currently in a 40 day "discernment period" studying information sent out by the vestry as well as resolutions to change the by-laws of the parish which will disassociate the parish from the Episcopal Church. The parish vote to accept or decline the changes in the by-laws will take place at a special parish meeting on March 4.

Spring Fling 2007 - March 2-4, BQCC *"This fragile earth, our island home."*

A Diocese of Northwest Texas Youth Event for those in grades 6-8 at the Quarterman Conference Center, Amarillo. A Christ-centered weekend offering an opportunity for youth from around the diocese to come together for fun, fellowship, worship and building up of Christ's body in community. Contact the Rev. Ryan Kuratko at associatestpaul@nts-online.net or 806.762.2893.

St. Andrew's Organ Concert, March 4

Peter Richard Conte, concert organist, will perform on Sunday, March 4, at 7 PM at St. Andrew's Church in Amarillo. Presented by Friends of Aeolian Skinner Opus 1024, Mr. Conte's concerts have received rave reviews from around the country. Adults \$20, Students \$10.

Spring Series: Music at St. Paul's Lubbock

St. Paul's, Lubbock will present a series of music events this spring. The Texas Tech University Choir and chamber orchestra, under the direction of John Dickson, will perform Haydn's *Theresienmesse* followed by Choral Evensong on February 25 at 5 PM. On March 29 at 8 PM, The Lubbock Chorale and guest conductor Heinz Fast will present Gabriel Faure's *Requiem* along with other choral works for the Lenten season. Assistant conductor and organist John Hollins will also present seasonal organ works. Ticketed admission through Select-a-seat at 806.770.2000. On May 6 at 5 PM, St. Paul's Chancel Choir, John Dickson and John Hollins directors, will lead a Hymn Service entitled, "With Voices United: Our Songs for the Day." Admission is free. For additional information about the Spring Series, call 806.762.2893.

Seminaries Plan Visitors Weekends

ETSS in Austin will host its visitors weekend on March 23-25. Contact seminary@etss.edu or 412.472.4133. The School of Theology in Sewanee, TN will host its visitors weekend on March 1-4. Contact swelcher@sewanee.edu or 931.598.1288. Those interested in vocational discernment or pursuing seminary degrees, lay and ordained, are welcome.

Shamrock Episcopalians are Helping Hands

Congratulations to the eight-member congregation of St. Michael and All Angels' in Shamrock who assembled eighty boxes of items for families in urgent need (such as a house fire) for Helping Hands for the second year. Last year St. Michael's spent 36% of their budget on outreach and are aiming for 40% this year. Thanks be to God for this faithful little group!

Pathways to Ministry, April 13-15, in Dallas

The eighth national high school conference, Pathways to Ministry, will be held at St. Michael and All Angels church in Dallas. The conference is an opportunity for high school sophomores, juniors and seniors from throughout the country to gather to ask questions and reflect together on what might be involved in a life dedicated to God's service. Please download more information from pathwaystoministry.org.

PRAYERS AND THANKSGIVINGS:

The Rev. Canon David Veal was elected national president of the Episcopal Diocesan Ecumenical and Interreligious Officers at their annual meeting in Washington DC. **The Rev. Ryan Kuratko**, diocesan Ecumenical Officer attended the meeting representing the diocese. Please continue to keep **the Rev. Mary Dean Whitfield** in your prayers. **Deacon Fran Bessire**, St. Stephen's, Lubbock, is recuperating at home from an emergency appendectomy on February 2 (franb01@msn.com).

Mark Your Calendars:

Feb 24 **Apportionment Task Force,
Heavenly Rest, Abilene - 10:30 AM**

Mar 24 **Reconciliation Task Force,
St. Paul's, Lubbock - 10:30 AM**

CALENDAR

February

17-20 *Living Stones, Spokane WA
21 Ash Wednesday - HEC Closed
24 *Apportionment Task Force, Abilene, 10:30 AM
25 *Abilene, St. Mark's, Visitation
27-28 *Clergy Small Group II, HEC

March

1 *Deans, HEC, 10 AM
2 Commission on Ministry, HEC, 10 AM
2-4 Spring Fling (Grades 6-8), BQCC
2-3 Deacon Formation
4 *Dalhart, St. James', Visitation
8 Fresh Start, HEC, 10 AM - 2 PM
15-22 *House of Bishops, Camp Allen
23-25 Deacon Retreat, BQCC
25 *Big Spring, St. Mary's, Visitation
27-28 *Clergy Small Group III, HEC
31 *David Williams Ordination, St. Peter's, Borger,
11 AM

April

1 *Lubbock, St. Christopher's, Visitation
9 HEC Closed
10-11 *Clergy Small Group IV
12 *Standing Committee, HEC, 10 AM
13-14 Deacon Formation, St. Christopher's, Lubbock
14 *Beverly Couzzourt and Patrick Kelso Ordinations,
St. George's, Canyon, 11 AM
15 *Lubbock, St. Stephen's, Visitation

Send comments, suggestions, notices, and information to Carolyn Hearn, Editor, newsletter@nwt.org or The Newsletter, 1802 Broadway, Lubbock TX 79401, 807.7634.1370x204, fac 806.472.0641 - deadline is March 10

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