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The Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia  
*Newsletter*

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Information for Clergy and Lay Leaders

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**February**

**2009**

**Diocesan staff message: Art Spooner, Treasurer and Administrator**

One item on this year's Council agenda is approval of the 2009 Executive Board-recommended Budget. Over the past couple of weeks, diocesan staff outlined for the delegates of each convocation the services the Diocese provides and the funding necessary to continue providing those services.

Our budgeting process includes having the diocesan treasurer inform you of each congregation's proportionate share of the budget, determined by the total amount of pledges needed to provide the services. This is a true sharing arrangement. No congregation is requested to give more than their share. A provision in the diocesan Canons requires that any congregation unable to pledge the requested amount inform the Diocese of the reasons why. This letter is important in that it tells me—and I will be sharing these letters by posting a summary on our website—the state of the Diocese.

In reading these letters, I was not surprised that a number of our congregations report financial problems caused by too many years of deferred maintenance. What is surprising to me is that the diocesan budget includes funds to assist those congregations, and yet we do not hear from them. The same is true with respect to financial assistance for continuing education of our clergy and lay leaders. The diocesan budget, funded by distributions from endowed funds, also includes funding for this purpose. In addition, Seeds of Hope grants are available to all congregations to assist them in providing an outreach program, whether it is a computer class or after-school day care or a program to assist the elderly or to start a food bank, to name a few. Simply contact me with a summary of the program and the amount requested.

The Diocese encourages all our congregations to discuss with us what we can do to assist you. This is part of the budgeting process: what services can we provide to improve your congregation. In one sense, the budget is a pooling arrangement, where we help each other.

I look forward to seeing all of you at Council.

**Register now for summer Camp Chanco**

Summer camp 2009 sessions list and registration forms are now available on line at [www.campchanco.org](http://www.campchanco.org) or by contacting Stacey Richards at Chanco at 757-294-3126. Register early to ensure a place for your child at Camp Chanco 2009!

Jim Sitler also is accepting applications for summer camp counseling staff 2009. Contact Jim at [director@chanco.org](mailto:director@chanco.org).

**And the winner is . . .**

Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Cape Charles, received \$500 toward Annual Council expenses. They were among the 89 churches who qualified for the "Be Our Guest" drawing by submitting all completed registration materials by the deadline. Congratulations!

**Reaffirmation of vows**

Bishop-elect Hollerith announced that reaffirmation of baptismal and ordination vows will be incorporated into the Sunday morning worship service at Council this year, reminding us that we share in the ministries of the greater Church.

**Annual Council info on web site**

The 117th Annual Council will convene at 9 a.m. on Saturday, February 14, at the Williamsburg Lodge. Registration will be open from 1-3 p.m. on Friday and will re-open at 7:30 on Saturday morning. Complete details and materials can be found at [www.diosova.org/council.htm](http://www.diosova.org/council.htm)

**Bishop's Days with vestries in March**

This year's theme is "Sing to the Lord a New Song—*Hopes and Dreams in a Time of New Leadership*." A variety of workshops, corporate worship and resource fair are incorporated into this event. All parishes are encouraged to send representatives to one of the following Bishop's Days:

Saturday, March 21, Emmanuel, Virginia Beach  
Saturday, March 28, Amelia High School

8:15 a.m. - Registration/coffee  
9 a.m.—3:15 p.m. - Program

Visit [www.diosova.org/bpdays](http://www.diosova.org/bpdays) for more information and registration forms.

**Chanco on the James**

The Chanco Representative Program (CRP)—which enlists a parishioner to provide announcements to his/her parish about Chanco and to conduct a presentation on summer camp—is growing in numbers. Each CRP representative receives a \$200 discount toward summer camp for his/her own child or for another child. If you are interested in serving as a Chanco representative, please contact Talley Banazek at [talley@banazek.com](mailto:talley@banazek.com).

Help spread the word of Chanco's ministry to growing numbers of campers and conferees!

*For everything there is a season . . . [Let this be] a time to Heal . . . and a time of Peace.*

*Eccl. 3:1 ff*

## CLERGY NEWS

### **Please join in offering sympathy and prayers as we remember:**

The family of Norman Peter Forde (MD), who died January 19 in Williamsburg.

Edith Raby, on the death of her grandson, Eric, on January 11 in Springfield, Ohio.

### **Transitions in the Diocese**

[The *Clergy Transitions Quarterly* is mailed to clergy and churches in March, June, September and December.]

Marjorie Bevans left as interim rector at St. Paul's, Petersburg.

Lottie Cochran is no longer interim at Good Samaritan, Virginia Beach.

Carolyn Craft left as rector at St. James', Cartersville, on Feb. 2.

Chris Cunningham was received from the Diocese of Virginia effective Jan. 8.

Jeunee Cunningham began as priest-in-charge at St. Anne's, Appomattox, on Feb. 1.

Rick Greenwood (NC:VA) began as rector at St. Paul's, Petersburg, on Jan. 26.

Bob Hayden is no longer priest associate at Johns Memorial, Farmville.

Charles Joy is interim rector at St. Anne's, Scottsville VA.

## New staff at Chanco

Facilities manager: Brad Cunningham

Weekend hospitality director: Darlene Grady

## A Benedictine Experience

"The Challenge of Living a Balanced Life," a contemplative retreat sponsored by The Friends of St. Benedict and the Diocese of Virginia, will be offered at the Roslyn Center on March 26-29. Young and old, active and retired, laity and clergy are all welcome. The presenter will be Br. Bede Thomas Mudge, prior of Holy Cross Monastery in West Park NY. Full fee is \$430; daytime only fee is \$300.

For detailed information, contact The Friends of St. Benedict at [saintbenedict@prospect-tech.com](mailto:saintbenedict@prospect-tech.com) or 202-363-8061. Web site: [www.benedictfriend.org](http://www.benedictfriend.org).

## Creating Safe Churches

The Diocese would like to thank those on the attached list who updated their Creating Safe Church Training for Children during the past two months. To take Creating Safe Churches for Children online please email [safechurchsva@gmail.com](mailto:safechurchsva@gmail.com).

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## Diocesan Calendar 2009

Note: In order to allow more space on the calendar for diocesan events that are of greater interest to the general *Newsletter* audience, program group event dates are not listed here—members may contact group chairperson or diocesan liaison for information.

Abbreviations: THBR - Talbot Hall Board Room, THCH - Talbot Hall Chapel, CJ - Chanco on the James; THCC - Talbot Hall Conference Center, ER - Episcopal Residence.

Feb 13	Ordination/Consecration of a Bishop: Herman Hollerith IV Wm & Mary Hall, Williamsburg	7 pm
Feb 13-15	Annual Council, Williamsburg	
Feb 22	Absalom Jones Day—Grace, Norfolk	4 pm
Mar 5	Diocesan <i>Newsletter</i> deadline	noon
Mar 21	Bishop's Days: East Emmanuel Church, Virginia Beach	(8:15) 9-3:15
Mar 28	Bishop's Days; West Amelia High School, Amelia	(8:15) 9-3:15

### **Future**

Apr 2-5 EYC Spring Conference: Blackstone  
Apr 18 EYC spring dance—St. Martin's, Wmsbg

## BISHOPS' SCHEDULES

(subject to change)

### **Bishop Hollerith**

Feb 22	Absalom Jones Day—Grace, Norfolk	4 pm
Mar 1	Galilee, Virginia Beach	
Mar 8	St. Paul's, Suffolk	
Mar 22	St. Andrew's, Norfolk	
Mar 29	St. Michael's, Bon Air	

### **Bishop Cameron**

Feb 22 Bruton Parish—Williamsburg

### **Bishop Light**

Mar 29 St. Cyprian's, Hampton 11 am

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The Rev. Herman Hollerith, IV

Bishop-Elect

**The Following people completed Safe Church training  
in December 2008 & January 2009**

Shaun Anderson of Christ Church, Danville

Melissa Desmond of St. Matthias' , Midlothian

Gail Long of St. George's, Newport News

James Beaty of Christ & St. Luke's, Norfolk  
James Lewis of Christ & St. Luke's, Norfolk

Georg Dahl of St. Andrew's, Norfolk

Scott Hennessey of St. Paul's, Norfolk

Kathleen Aiello of Trinity, Portsmouth

Jan Kibler of All Saints', Virginia Beach

Bill Barns of Eastern Shore Chapel, Virginia Beach  
Bill Hunter of Eastern Shore Chapel, Virginia Beach  
James Laurance of Eastern Shore Chapel, Virginia Beach  
Lou Ann Laurance of Eastern Shore Chapel, Virginia Beach  
Bill Marzec of Eastern Shore Chapel, Virginia Beach  
Robert Neff of Eastern Shore Chapel, Virginia Beach  
Christopher Thompson of Eastern Shore Chapel, Virginia Beach

Suzanne Brophy of Emmanuel, Virginia Beach

Stephanie Castleman-Argue of St. Martin's, Williamsburg  
Ginger Flynn of St. Martin's, Williamsburg  
Deirdre Roesch of St. Martin's, Williamsburg  
Sven van Baars of St. Martin's, Williamsburg  
Kathy Wincheski of St. Martin's, Williamsburg

Robert Frady of Grace, Yorktown  
Shirley E. Bailes of Grace, Yorktown