

DIOCESAN DIGEST

DIOCESE OF THE NORTHEAST & MID-ATLANTIC OF THE REC

INT'L SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT CONFERENCE

June 26-28, 2009
Houston, TX

On June 26, more than 70 women from all over the United States and Canada traveled to Houston, Texas for the first-ever International Spiritual Enrichment Conference. While the Committee on Women's Ministry chose Houston for its somewhat central location, God also used the location to foster fellowship, and re-enforce the conference theme, "We aRE One". The muggy 105 degree temperatures gave little consideration to going outside of the hotel!



Bishop and Mrs. Royal U. Grote (Ellen) and their daughter, Mrs. Jeff Adams (Ellen), greeted us at registration; the Grotes are very familiar to some in our diocese. After registration, the evening began with a meal and time of fellowship. Later we shared a "getting to know you" segment, where a woman from each diocese was given the assignment of explaining the worship styles, culinary delicacies and cultural idiosyncrasies of their respective diocese. The diocese of the NE & Mid-Atlantic was ably represented by Mrs. Richard W. Workowski (Joan), of St. Mark's RE Church, Rydal, PA. Mrs. Workowski could have been voted Most Popular for bringing Tastykakes for each woman to sample.

The conference speaker was Donna Partow, who is internationally known for inspirational and motivational talks. She gave a thought-provoking talk on being used by God, which whet the conference attendees' appetites for the next day's activities.

On Saturday morning, the Diocese the NE & Mid-Atlantic led the morning devotional headed by Mrs. David Hicks (Lisa) before Mrs. Partow again spoke. Following her, the conference attendees were part of a workshop conducted by Mrs. Julius Barnes (Burnie) of the diocese of the Southeast. The workshop challenged us to work together, even if some of the people we work with are uncooperative or unmotivated. It was truly eye-opening. Later in the evening, we were treated during dinner with a performance led by pianist Ms. Donna Taylor of the Diocese of the Mid-America.

On Sunday morning, the conference was moved to Cathedral of St. Matthias, where the Right Rev. Royal Grote and Father Jason Grote conducted the service of Holy Communion. A time of fellowship followed, which featured dishes prepared by the parish. The conference successfully blended high and low church, North and South, East and West, and old and young, and we look forward to the next ISEC.
Submitted by Mrs. Richard E. Baird (Karen), St. Mark's REC, Rydal, PA

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Upcoming Events:

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Liturgical Season:

- * August 2: Trinity VIII—Green
- * August 9: Trinity IX—Green
- * August 16: Trinity X—Green
- * August 23: Trinity XI—Green



"It was very uplifting in every way. The music was beautiful, the food was good, the fellowship was exquisite, and the speaker had many good things to say to us." B.H.

"It's always an awesome experience when people come together in God's presence and receive something that reinvigorates their spirit. I loved meeting people I never met before and learning more about people I only know through email." M.A.W.



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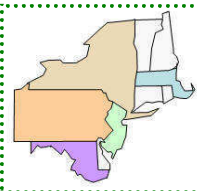
Sunday, 9:30 a.m. The elite visitor awareness commandos go into action.

Cartoonist: Ed Koehler, 1991

Save the Date:

September 24, 2009
Retirement Dinner for Rev. Dr.
Wayne Headman &
Mrs. Danae Smith
Penn Oaks Golf Club
West Chester, PA
Details to follow.

<http://rec-nema.org>



Do you have news to share?
Do you have a question for the
bishop?

Let us know! E-mail
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ACNA

The Inaugural Assembly of the Anglican Church in North America (ACNA) took place June 22-25, 2009 at St. Vincent's Cathedral, Bedford, Texas.

The proposed constitution and canons were easily adopted, and our own Presiding Bishop, Leonard W. Riches, presided at the investiture of the Most Rev. Robert Duncan, as the first archbishop of the ACNA. For further information, go the ACNA Assembly website: www.acnaassembly.org.



Important Dates:

8/9: Philip Lambooy will be received as a Presbyter at St. Stephen's REC, Eldersburg, MD, at 6 pm.

8/15: Robert Pardon will be ordained to the Presbyterate at Good Shepherd REC, Brockton, MA, at 1 pm.

8/23: Mark Specht will be installed as Rector of Grace REC, Havre-de-Grace, MD at 10:30 am.

MSFC

Mustard Seed Farm Camp is being held August 9 to 15 at Black Rock Retreat in Quarryville, Pennsylvania. This year the camp will be for adults with developmental disabilities only. If anyone is able to assist with this camp please contact Dr. Barbara West at 856-362-5339 (evenings and weekends) or email her at barbarawest11@comcast.net. Those who come to assist will participate in the program alongside the adults with disabilities and would be asked to assist, as needed, with self-care activities and transportation. Volunteers must be at least 21 years of age and have an automobile that can be used to help transport participants to activities around Lancaster County. Please be praying for all the participants in this year's Mustard Seed program.

THE JERDANS

Dear Friends,
Earlier this summer, Barbara Riches sent out a letter asking specific churches (12 in number) to participate in restocking/refurbishing one of the missionary houses for the Jerdans' arrival. She has heard from six of those parishes. Please **ask your parish** if this need is being addressed. The Jerdans' long years of service are deserving of a comfortable retirement.

For your planning, the **needs** on the list that have not been met are:

CLEANING PRODUCTS
STAPLES FOR THE KITCHEN
FULLY STOCKED SEWING BASKET
DOOR MATS

If you are unable to shop for these items, please **send a contribution** to cover the expenses to:

Charles W. Twining
2112 Fortune Drive
Glenside, PA 19038
Checks made payable to: Board of Foreign Missions earmarked:
Missionary Homes/Jerdans

The Jerdans will not be physically moving into the house until October 1. They arrive in the country September 1, but will be spending a month visiting family and friends before settling in Pipersville.

Thank you for your prompt attention!