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DIOCESE OF THE NORTHEAST & MID-ATLANTIC OF THE REC

NEW BISHOP CONSECRATED IN SC

On Saturday, January 17th, several hundred people gathered at New Israel Reformed Episcopal Church, Charleston, South Carolina, for the consecration of the Rev. William J. White as suffragan bishop of the Diocese of the Southeast. The celebrant and chief consecrator was the Most Rev. Leonard W. Riches, Presiding Bishop; and the Rt. Rev. Royal U. Grote, Vice-President of the General Council and Ordinary of the Diocese of Mid-America, delivered the sermon. Our diocese was represented by Bishop David L. Hicks and the Ven. Dr. Jon W. Abboud, both of whom participated in the service. Also participating in the consecration was the Rt. Rev. FitzSimmons Allison, retired Episcopal bishop of South Carolina. Immediately after the service a reception dinner was held in the parish hall of New Bethel Reformed Episcopal Church, where Bishop White is the rector.



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FEBRUARY 2009

Upcoming Events:

Mustard Seed Farm Sunday	February 1
Winter Camp	March 6-8
PA Clergy Convocation Meeting	March 7
Women's Day	May 1
Int'l Spiritual Enrichment Conference	June 26-28
Short Term Missions Trip	July 13-30

Liturgical Season:

- * February 1: Epiphany IV—Green
- * February 8: Septuagesima—Purple
- * February 15: Sexagesima—Purple
- * February 22: Quinquagesima—Purple
- * March 1: Lent I—Purple

WINTER CAMP 2009

This year camp will take place from Friday, March 6 until Sunday, March 8. Camp is open to youth in grades 6-12. This year's theme is

WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO:

Worship in the

Reformed Episcopal Church

Activities include Games, Bible Study, Skits, Songs, Bon Fire, Paintball, and MORE!
Registration must be postmarked by February 9th—see your Youth Leader today!

SEMINARY AUXILIARY PROJECT UPDATE

The RES Auxiliary Project is preservation and accessibility of journals for the Library. This project is an integral part of the accreditation process for RES.

The goal is \$3,000; \$755 has been received thus far. Send donations to RES, 826 Second Avenue, Blue Bell, PA. Please mark donations "2008 Auxiliary Project".

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The Bible in 90 Days

St. Matthew's—January 18

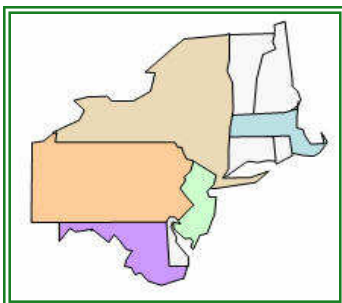
St. Mark's—February 1

St. Paul's—February 25

When does yours begin?



We're on the Web!
<http://rec-nema.org>



SHORT TERM MISSIONS—BRAZIL 2009



Is the Lord calling you to a mission adventure this summer? The REC is looking for individuals willing to serve on a short-term mission to the Amazon River of Brazil.

We will work with an indigenous tribe called the Apurina. Missionary Judy King has been working with the Apurina Indians for many years. God has allowed Judy and her co-laborer Cathie to raise up many Christian believers, a church building, and a New Testament translated into the Apurina language. We want to disciple the Apurina, and encourage Judy in whatever way possible.

Some work will take place in Judy King's house in Manaus, Brazil. Most of the worship and labor will happen with the Apurina. Refurbishing the church building will be the main concern. The present church is half wood that is falling to pieces due to termite infestation. We will tear down the wood and put up bricks. We also hope to erect a small laboratory to house two microscopes critical for analyzing blood samples and prescribing the correct medication. We might also get involved in sinking a well. Other activities include discipling the Apurina Indians, showing the Jesus film, and doing a children's ministry. At the end of trip we will enjoy a couple days of tourism in Manaus, Brazil.

We plan to fly out of JFK airport (NY), make a stop in Panama, then on to Manaus, where we will stay at Judy's house for a day or two. Then we (and much cargo) will board a boat on which we will float 2.5 days down the Amazon River to the mouth of Monkey River. From there we will transfer our supplies onto canoes for an hour trip to the mission site. Judy will match each person with an Apurina family so they can show us how they fish, farm, and live. We will sleep in mosquito nets, and must be inside them at sunset when the mosquitoes appear. On the return to Manaus we will fly in cargo planes.

See contact information at left for more details.

Submitted by Rev. Paul Howden, Grace RE Church, Scranton, PA

When? July 13-30, 2009

Who? Anybody in good shape, over 15 years old, and with good references.

Where? Manaus, Brazil and the banks of the Monkey River, a tributary of the Amazon River

How much? ± \$2,000

Contact? For more info contact Pastor Paul Howden at:
pastorpaul6@verizon.net

Or call Grace R.E. Church, Scranton, PA at:
(570) 346-2762.

COWM NEWS

Women's Day 2009

P E A C E

Speaker: Linda G. Butler
of Holy Comforter REC
Moncks Corner, SC

"Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful." Colossians 3:15 (NIV)

10:30 AM

Friday, May 1, 2009

National Christian Conference Center
Valley Forge, PA

Project: \$10,000 for kitchen stoves at the Knoll Camp in Schwarzenborn, Germany
(Bring donations with you or mail to: Diane Wright
65 Harrison Drive, Berkley Heights, NJ 07922)

Mail your luncheon reservation form and cost of \$20 per person to

Dawn Mitchell
1411 Birchwood Avenue, Roslyn, PA 19001
by Friday, April 24, 2009
(luncheon fee must accompany reservation form)

International

Spiritual Enrichment Conference

"There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to one hope when you were called—one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all."

Ephesians 4:4-6

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Friday, June 26—Sunday, June 28, 2009

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Book your flight & room now!