



SUMMER CAMP 2009

Summer Camp 2009

Sunday, July 19th to Saturday, July 25th

Rock Mountain Bible Camp – Gibson, PA

Grades 2-12

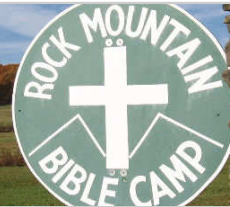
Sponsored by the Reformed Episcopal Church's
Committee on Young People's Work
Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic

Activities: Games, Bible Study, Skits, Singing, Swimming, Canoeing,
Competition, and MORE!

Arrival Time: 6:00 pm Sunday, July 19, 2009

Departure Time: 11:30 am Saturday, July 25, 2009

Registration: Must be post marked by July 1, 2009.



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Upcoming Events:

- PA Clergy Convocation Meeting June 6
- Bp. Cummins REC Missions Trip June 20-26
- Provincial Assembly of the ACNA June 22-25
- Int'l Spiritual Enrichment Conference June 26-28

Liturgical Season:

- * June 7: Trinity Sunday—White
- * June 14: Trinity I—Green
- * June 21: Trinity II—Green
- * June 28: Trinity III—Green

The Diocesan Digest wants to feature YOUR church in our "Parish Profile" section! Send a short article about your parish: services, personnel, activities, history—and pictures! We would like to feature a different Diocesan parish every month.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Board of Foreign Missions' President Bishop Grote has announced the **short-term summer mission trip to Nigeria** has been **postponed** due to safety and security concerns. The Board is optimistic that the trip can be rescheduled at a later date. The security issues at this time are not conducive to a safe, productive mission trip.

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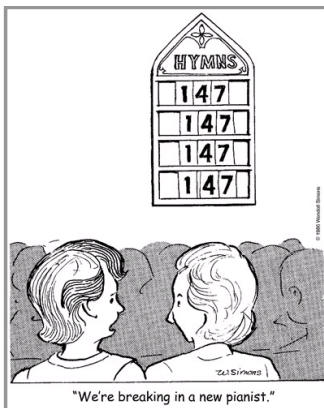
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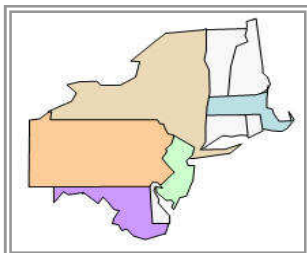
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Are exciting things happening
at your church?
Let us know! E-mail
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A Letter from Bishop Hicks

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

Next month, a momentous and historic event will take place at St. Vincent's Cathedral in Bedford, Texas. The first Provincial Assembly of the Anglican Church in North America (ACNA) will convene at 12 noon on Monday, June 22nd, and will conclude on Thursday, June 25th. The formation of the ACNA is the culmination of efforts over the past several years to form a unified, Anglican witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ in North America. The Reformed Episcopal Church has played a very important role at each stage of progress toward this goal, beginning with the Common Cause Partnership, then the Global Anglican Future Conference (GAFCON) in June 2008, and now with the formation of the ACNA.

The ACNA is organized as a federation, comprised of jurisdictions who share the common bond of faithfulness to the essential doctrines of the Christian faith as received in the Anglican tradition. This federated structure means that the Reformed Episcopal Church will retain her jurisdictional integrity, with her own constitution and canons, while agreeing to cooperate with sister jurisdictions under one over-arching frame-work.

The Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic is entitled to send three clergy and three lay representatives to the Provincial Assembly, with the Diocese of Central and Eastern Canada being linked to our Diocese for purposes of representation. The Standing Committee has elected the following persons to represent our Diocese at the Provincial Assembly: The Ven. Dr. Jon W. Abboud (St. Matthew's, Havertown), The Very Rev. Belgrave Pelle (St. Mary's, Bronx), The Rev. John Smith (St. George's, Hamilton), Mr. Russell Buchanan (St. Paul's, Oreland), Mr. John Hendershot (Grace, Collingdale), Mrs. Barbara Riches (Emmanuel, Pipersville). Information about the proceedings of the Provincial Assembly and the proposed constitution and canons may be viewed on the ACNA website – www.united-anglicans.org. I invite you to make use of this important resource.

Our participation in the ACNA is an occasion for great joy and celebration, as we take a significant step toward realizing the unity among Christians for which our Lord so earnestly prayed (St. John 17:21). It also may be an occasion for some to express concerns or raise questions regarding the effect that this new partnership will have on our church. Such concerns are to be expected. Although all member jurisdictions agree on the essentials of the Anglican faith, they also represent a wide spectrum of belief and practice in the expression of that same faith. Participation in the ACNA will require patience and humility on everyone's part, as we constructively engage in dialogue with brothers and sisters in Christ with whom we may sharply disagree on certain matters.

Please remember in your prayers all who will be traveling to Texas in June, and especially ask for God's continued blessing upon the work of the ACNA. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact my office.

Faithfully yours in Christ,
The Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks

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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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