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The Washing of Hands and Clean Water



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Dave and Alice Williams, Episcopal Relief & Development diocesan coordinators, write about two individuals, Leonardo and Xiomara, who sought ERD help to bring clean water to the community of Lomas de Caf in Camoapa, Nicaragua. They also quote from the Rev. Barbara Crafton, an Episcopal priest and noted author, about the importance of hand washing. For a PDF of the article, please [click here](#).

Fools for Christ's Sake Dinner at St. Andrew's, KC



A record number of people turned out for the annual Fools for Christ's Sake Dinner May 1, with proceeds supporting St. Andrews hot-lunch program at its partner school, St. Augustines in Maniche,

Haiti. In all, \$26,000 was raised.

The money will support the lunch program for an entire school year, accounting for the additional students at the school (due to the new 7th grade class) as well as refugees from the earthquake in Port-au-Prince. For pictures of the event, please [click here](#).

Downtown Outreach receives \$15,000 grant



Downtown Outreach, which operates a weekly hot lunch program and food bank at St. Marys in Kansas City, has received a \$15,000 grant from the Greater Kansas City Compassion Capital Fund Collaborative. The grant will be used to build the organizations capacity in the areas of fundraising and communications.

Downtown Outreach has operated at St. Marys for 18 years. It serves approximately 600 hot lunches each month and provides bags full of groceries to 70 households weekly.

Choral Evensong for the Feast of the Ascension



Grace & Holy Trinity Cathedral in Kansas City will host a Choral Evensong for the Feast of the Ascension at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 13.

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The guest director will be Dr. Arnold Epley (professor emeritus of music and former director of choral studies at William Jewell College), and the guest organist for the voluntaries will be J. Richard Coulter of Christ Episcopal Church, Los Altos, Calif. Bishop Barry Howe will be the officiant, with choral music by John Schaefer, Leo Sowerby and Gerald Finzi. A reception will follow the service. For more information, please call 816-474-8260.

Walk for the Homeless



St. Annes in Lees Summit will have a walking team at the Walk for the Homeless Saturday, May 15 on the Independence Square. Proceeds from the event will benefit Hillcrest Transitional Housing, which helps homeless families become self-supportive, self-reliant contributors to society.

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To sponsor or join the team, please call the Rev. Cindy Howard at 816-524-5552.

Special concert at St. George in Camdenton



St. George in Camdenton will host a special concert featuring The Firm Foundation at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, May 15.

The Firm Foundation is a gospel quartet from Nashville that was recently voted the No. 1 quartet in the United States at the Diamond Awards, a fan-based gospel music award program. A reception will follow the performance. Tickets are \$12 each and may be purchased by calling Bob Johnson at 573-873-1210.

Stanley Hauerwas in Kansas City



Renowned theologian and ethicist Stanley Hauerwas will be in the Kansas City area for a lecture at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, May 20th, at St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church, 6630 Nall Ave. in Mission, Kansas. He will speak on **"Practicing Pentecost: Learning the Language of Peace."** Hauerwas is professor of theological ethics at the Duke Divinity School and was named "America's Best Theologian" by Time

magazine in 2001. The event is free and open to the public. For a flyer of the event, please [click here](#).

Men's Spirituality Retreat



The House of Grace, a spirituality and retreat center, will host "The Men's Spirituality Retreat" 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. May 22. House of Grace is located at 16808 Holmes Road in the Village of Loch Lloyd in Kansas City.

The retreat is open to men only, allowing them to reflect on today's emerging masculine spirituality. The guest speaker at the event will be Mark Williams, a staff member at Souljourner's Ecumenical Formation Program for Spiritual Directors. The cost to attend is \$50, which includes lunch. For a flyer of the event, please [click here](#).

Episcopal Church Women



**The Episcopal
Church Women**

The second annual celebration breakfasts for the diocese's Episcopal Church Women will be held 9:30 a.m. to noon on Saturday, June 12 in Kansas City and Saturday, June 26 in Springfield.

The complimentary breakfasts will include musical entertainment, sharing and a lot of fun. Alexandra Connors will be present at both breakfasts. Connors, who is profiled in the upcoming edition of Spirit magazine, was one of 10 young-adult delegates from the Episcopal Church who attended the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women in March. Last year, 200 women

in the diocese attended the breakfasts. For an event flyer and registration information, please [click here](#).

Dean's Cup Classic Golf Tournament



The 2010 Deans Cup Classic Golf Tournament, sponsored by Grace & Holy Trinity Cathedral in Kansas City, will be held Saturday, June 26 at the Adams Pointe Golf Club in Blue Springs. All proceeds from the tournament benefit the Culinary Cornerstones chef training program of Episcopal Community Services.

For a donation of \$150, each golfer will receive 18 holes of golf and cart; range golf balls; a gift bag; continental breakfast; a box lunch and an opportunity to win a variety of prizes. For more information, please call 816-474-8260.

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