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The Rev. Mary Jacobs Gives Invocation at NAACP Convention



The Rev. Mary Jacobs (St. Augustine's, Kansas City) gave the invocation on day three of the NAACP Convention at Bartle Hall from July 8 to July 15. Before a standing-room audience, Jacobs' seven-minute prayer set the tone for a day that included a keynote address from First Lady Michelle Obama, who spoke of the rising issue of childhood obesity, as well as speeches by U.S. Senator Claire McCaskill, U.S. Representative Emanuel Cleaver, Kansas City Mayor Mark Funkhouser and actor Blair Underwood.

Youth Pilgrimage



The diocese's youth ministry will be making a pilgrimage to Washington, D.C. Saturday, July 31 to Saturday, August 7.

Themed [Exploring Our Anglican Roots - Part II](#), the pilgrimage - the first pilgrimage was held three years ago in Virginia - offers an opportunity for youth grades 9 to 12 to understand there is more depth, more foundation to Christianity than we might otherwise notice. In other words, it is much more than a site-seeing trip. On the agenda are trips to the National Cathedral, Washington Mall monuments and museums, Mount Vernon, Arlington Cemetery, Harper's Ferry and the capitol building. Registration fees were due July 1.

For more information, please visit the [Youth website](#) or call Kim Snodgrass at 417-793-0780.

ECW Accepting Applications for Continuing Education Scholarships



Episcopal Church Women is currently accepting applications for Continuing Education Scholarships. Last year, ECW awarded nine such

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Bishop Search



As announced in the most recent issue of the Spirit, four to six nominees will be announced by the Standing Committee on August 3rd. Petitions will be accepted by the Search/Nomination Committee from August 9th to 27th.

Do you have questions?

Where we are on the timeline in the search for a new bishop?

Where can I read the history of the diocese or about our current and previous bishops?

scholarships to women of the diocese.

Scholarship opportunities are available to women 23 years and older who live in the diocese and are members of a diocesan church who are returning to an accredited academic institution to: complete their degree, enhance their skill for their current job position, make a career change, study for the diaconate or study for the priesthood.

Complete details and an application form may be found on the [ECW Web site](#).

What issues and opportunities are the churches of the diocese facing in the next decade?

Answers to these and many more questions can be found on the [Bishop Search](#) website.

Vacation Bible School



[Church of the Redeemer, Kansas City](#) - **SonQuest Rain Forest** - 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., July 26-30

[All Saints', West Plains](#) will be combining with four area churches of various denominations for their Vacation Bible School - **Out of the Box** - 6 to 8 p.m. August 2 to 4

[Church of the Good Shepherd, Kansas City](#) - **Blast off with VBS** - 6 to 9 p.m., August 2-6

[St. Anne's, Lee's Summit](#) - **The Fruit of the Spirit** - pre-school (beginning at age 3) to second grade from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. August 6 and 7 as well as 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. on August 8; third through eighth grade from 1:00 to 8:30 p.m. August 6 and 7 as well as 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon August 8.

For more information, please contact the church office.

Clergy Build Day for the House that Abraham Builds



Clergy Build Day, a project for the House that Abraham Builds in which diocesan clergy and leaders gather to construct a house, will be held August 17 at times to be determined.

The House that Abraham Builds is a ministry founded by the Rev. Stan Runnels (rector of St. Paul's in Kansas City) in which Christians, Jews and Muslims cooperate with Habitat for Humanity to build low-income housing. The project is now in its third cycle, having successfully seen the construction of houses in 2007 and 2009. The house currently under construction is projected for completion in

February 2011.

For more information, please contact Dana Byron at 816-924-1096, ext. 101 or dbyron@habitatkc.org.

School Supply Drive for Foster Children at GHTC



Grace & Holy Trinity Cathedral in Kansas City will host a school supply drive Sunday, August 15. The drive is intended for the foster children at Crittenton Children's Center and foster homes throughout the Kansas City area. The children are in need of tablets, pencils, pens, folders and other supplies for the upcoming school year.

For more information, please call the church at 816-474-8260.

Campus Ministry

The goal of Campus Ministry is to connect college students with the



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communities where they attend school. As students prepare to attend college, whether for the first time or returning, there is the need to be a part of a community - and, most importantly, part of a spiritual community.

The Rev. Mike Kyle, diocesan campus ministry coordinator, would like to connect current and incoming college students with their school's community through Campus Ministry.

The diocesan website has the following resources available:

- a [form](#) to help Kyle connect students within and outside the diocese.
- a link that students may use to [Find A Church](#) in the diocese, which includes a list of all churches and their Web sites.
- a listing of [Campus Ministry](#) programs at colleges within the diocese and contact information for each.

For more information, please visit the Web site, email Kyle, michaelkyle@aol.com, or call him at 417-505-0702.

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