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Presiding Bishop Proclaims May 4 For CPC Parish Observances

The Most Rev. Katharine Jefforts Schori has proclaimed May 4 Church Periodical Club Sunday in 2008. The full proclamation can be found on the CPC web site, churchperiodical.com, and in the Parish Kits mailed to all diocesan directors.

The first Sunday of May has been used to celebrate the Ministry of the Printed Word for several years. While it is the preferred day to bring attention to the ministries of CPC, any Sunday is acceptable. Now is the time to mark CPC Sunday on parish calendars and begin preparations.

The kits will have suggestions for publicity and events to acquaint parishioners with the Ministry of the Printed Word and a "to do" list to help get ready. Include talks about the grants given by the National Books Fund in the Sunday service or at the coffee hour. Traditionally monies collected for CPC during the celebration go to the NBF for book needs near home and around the world.

Contact directors, province representatives or national officers for help and suggestions. The kits are available to parishes; check with the diocesan director or the national office at cpc@episcopalchurch.org or 800-334-7626.

*CPC memberships make good gifts –
Buy one for you, one for a friend
and both can read the **Quarterly!***

Report from the President.....

At their annual meeting in November, members of the National Board of CPC talked about how seminarians meet the cost of their books. Most believed their dioceses helped but that led to more questions - how and how much?

I was asked to find out just how this challenge is handled. I wrote the CPC director in each diocese and asked her to return my self-addressed postcard with information about her diocese. As of today, February 10, I have received 27 cards.

The support falls into five broad paths. In Eau Claire and Lexington the funds come from endowments. In Missouri and Southern Ohio parishes support the seminarians. The ECW's Honored Women Programs and Outreach budgets help this theology students in Southwest Florida, Oklahoma, Central Pennsylvania and Milwaukee. The Diocese of Arkansas assists those who request help and Massachusetts sends money to the seminary and someone there decides who to help.

CPC directors in Spokane, West Virginia, Louisiana, Newark, California, Northwest Pennsylvania, West Missouri, Western North Carolina, Colorado, East Carolina, San Diego, Kansas, Washington, Springfield, Virginia, New York and South Carolina give money from their accounts for books, with bookplates, to their seminarians. Amounts of the awards vary; some help each seminarian.

Most of the postcards noted the seminarians are supported with prayers.

Thank you for all the work you do and for returning the cards so promptly. **Ursula**

Raise Money? Here's How

The replies Ursula Baxley got from CPC directors of 27 dioceses offer a number of ways to help seminary students buy the books they need. In addition to seeing that there is a line item in the Episcopal Church Women's budget or one of the diocese's committee budgets, there were ideas to raise funds.

Enthusiastic letters to parishes in the diocese is a good way to get contributions from the grass roots. Just as simple as "we need money to help our seminarians buy the books they need" followed up after it's all over with copies of the thank you notes that come back. People respond to specific needs.

A diocese in California knows everyone likes a party. The ECW entertains with a "high tea" every year with all proceeds going toward seminarian support. They raise \$1,200 to \$1,500 each year. And everyone has a good time!

Many parishes have "bring a book, buy a book" sales, an age-old CPC tradition that was popular before recycling caught on. Still others have bake sales and some have bazaars just for seminarian support.

The National Books Fund allocates funds every year to each of the eleven recognized seminaries in the U.S. Deans at the schools choose the recipients. The grants range from \$400 to \$800 per school; that doesn't buy many books; The Church Periodical Club in the dioceses tries to see that each student gets some help each year.

[The Quarterly wants to know how your diocese raises money to provide books for your seminary students. Send success stories and ideas to the editor – address on page 4]



Hawaii's ECW meeting had a visitor from the CPC National Board. Finishing up the meeting are (l to r) CPC rep Dio of Hawaii, Sandy Leialoha, ECW Pres. Dio of Hawaii Louise Aloy and Susan Lenz, Prov V.

NBF Grant Still at Work

In 2000 a goldsmith and master jeweler with a shop in Williamsburg, Virginia, and his wife visited General Convention in Denver. They stumbled onto the Anglican and Global Relations booth in the exhibit hall. They didn't even know the Episcopal Church had a department for missionaries but they got acquainted and made appointments to talk more in New York.

In 2001 new missionaries Vernon and Francis Wilson went to Belize, companion diocese of Southern Virginia. She was the volunteer coordinator in the diocesan office and he set up a school to teach jewelry manufacturing to young people who needed a trade.

They attended the Southern Virginia Council meeting in February 2001 and talked with CPC people who were running a mission booth. He took an application form with him. In the fall he had applied and was granted money to purchase manuals, DVD's and other textbook type materials to use in his school.

Since that time the Wilsons have established an Anglican school, Holy Cross, on an island in Belize. The school serves severely impoverished families whose children were not attending school. Attendance has grown to more than 400 in two years; more children are awaiting the building of more classrooms.

Although the jewelry school didn't go exactly as Vernon had envisioned he found people in the Belize prison who were anxious to learn a trade they could use when they return to their homes.

Six years after their purchase, the jewelry manuals are at work in the prison, guiding the prisoners' labors; the Jewelry School at the prison has a 75% success rate for rehabilitation; Vernon spends his time helping Francis operate the school and visits the prison once a month or so.

Back in Williamsburg in February he said this prison ministry couldn't be done without his physical presence except for the grant from National Books Fund. The Holy Cross Anglican School has received a Mile of Pennies for books for the pupils and will be applying again. The children need dictionaries.

"These grants are changing the lives of many who never thought they had a future," missionary jeweler Vernon said.

Province III Helps International Students

The CPC directors of Province III have been supporting seminarians from around the world for many years. In the early 1970's some of the CPC workers in the Pittsburgh area worked with faculty and staff members of Trinity Episcopal School for Ministry. The new school was attracting students from overseas' dioceses and the women soon learned they needed help with the purchase of textbooks, Bibles and reference books. Not many of them got help for buying books from their dioceses.

With thoughts of possibly expanding the ministry of the Province board the women came up with a plan. Province III CPC was already organized with a president, vice-president, etc.; it met annually around the Province, and worked as a unit to support the national program, primarily the National Books Fund. At this time they added an officer to their elected committee, a Missioner. Her job was to communicate with deans at the two seminaries in the Province about the needs of seminarians who came from countries outside the United States and to offer aid. Each of the 13 dioceses in the Province was asked to contribute above and beyond the usual assessment for administration and mission needs. The extra money was divided among the "overseas seminarians" at Trinity and the Protestant Episcopal Theological Seminary in Virginia.

This has been a happy marriage. When the missioner lives near one of the seminaries she becomes acquainted with some of the visiting students. Many students have kept in touch with the missioners after they returned home and started their ministries. One sent a picture some years after he graduated from VTS to Esther Tucker, his missioner. It was of a new Christian Education building in his village. It is named for Esther.

Province III seminaries currently have nine international students, mostly from African countries. The missioner, Johnetta Merritt, Diocese of Virginia, is talking to the deans and sending money every year to help with the seminarians' book needs.



Angela Barksdale, r, Southern Virginia CPC Director, gave checks to help start personal libraries to seminarians who were ordained at SoVa's Annual Council in February. From left they are The Revs. Megan Castellan, Gini Distanislao, Sue Crommelin-Dell, Lauren McDonald and James Medley. Gary Butterworth was ordained to the diaconate also.

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Greetings from your national office at 815 Second Avenue, New York, NY. Your office is on the 8th floor and I'm there every Monday. Stop by if you're ever in the Big Apple – I'd love to see you!

Hopefully the diocesan directors have received their annual mailing with this year's Parish Kit. Please contact me if you are a director and didn't get one or if you have any questions. You can reach me at cpc@episcopalchurch.org. And be sure to check out our website for more information, grant applications and order forms. The site is churchperiodical.com. Please allow sufficient time for me to fill orders – the mail is slower than you think and I'm only in the office one day a week. Plan ahead for supplies needed! Thanks!
Pam Stewart, Administrator

Welcome new directors:

Alabama - Brenda Mayhall

Chicago - Linda Vaill

California, here we come!

That's what Church Periodical Club volunteers will be singing from now until July 2009. The Triennial Meeting will be July 4 - 8 at a place not yet known, but not far from Anaheim – the site of the Episcopal Church General Convention.

Knowing it will be in Southern California is a good thing. It is a reminder that plans must be made. It is not too early to start setting money aside. Transportation, registration and hotel fees are in the making, not to mention incidentals that could even include some sightseeing.

From the editor:

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