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Ascension 2010

Achievements honored

Parishioner and parish cited for service in Mid-Cities, Dallas

Georgia Kidwell, a longtime member of St. Vincent's Cathedral in Bedford, was honored on March 31 by the Hurst-Eules-Bedford school district and John Peter Smith Health Network. The occasion was the ribbon-cutting for JPS's 18th school-based health clinic, named the



Georgia Kidwell

George Kidwell Clinic. It is located on the Central Junior High campus in Eules and is staffed by nurse practitioners. The center will house a pilot program in child behavioral health, funded by a grant.

Georgia has served as chair of the JPS Northeast Clinic Advisory Board since its inception. After St. Vincent's established a low-cost vision clinic for the community in 1995, she helped locate space to house it in a JPS facility.

A retired second-grade teacher, Georgia has been active in Northeast Tarrant County through a number of organizations. She chairs the Hurst Planning and Zoning Board, is the founding president of the Northeast Tarrant County American Association of University Women, runs local candidate forums for the League of Women Voters, and actively supports SafeHaven women's shelter, among several other volunteer activities.

Guests at the ribbon cutting included the entire HEB School board. Two state representatives, a county commissioner, and a county judge also attended and addressed those gathered for the ceremony. But the superintendent of schools, Dr. Gene Buinger, may have had the best comment of the day. "What a perfect name for a child health

care center," he said. "Kidwell."



On Saturday, April 10, the Roman Catholic Diocese of Dallas presented its annual Pro-Life Persons of the Year award to **Fr. David Allen and the parish of St. Francis in Dallas**. The award was presented at a gala dinner hosted by Bishop Kevin Farrell at the Anatole Hotel.

A pro-life ministry has been a part of St. Francis' parish outreach program for several decades and was firmly established when Fr. Allen was called as rector in 1992. Since then they have worked with the Catholic Pro-Life Committee, which emphasizes five points of involvement: prayer, education, public witness, civic action, and supportive services.



Fr. Allen is flanked by Bishop Iker and Bishop Farrell.

For over a decade, the parish has been a primary partner with the Catholic diocese in its Project Gabriel program, which seeks to "dispel fear and offer hope" to women facing crisis pregnancies. St. Francis hosts meetings and training workshops for volunteers and is home of the Gabriel Resource Center, which passes on household items to help meet material needs. The parish also raises funds for programs providing prenatal care and other services. Daily Mass at St. Francis always includes a special intention for the unborn.

The award presentation made special note of the "blessing" found in the "relationship for the cause of life with our Anglican brothers and sisters."

An update from the Bishop and Standing Committee

The Anglican Church in North America

The Anglican Church in North America numbers more than 100,000 faithful Anglicans in 53 states in the U.S. and provinces in Canada. This makes it larger than 12 Provinces of the Anglican Communion, including Scotland, Wales, Japan, Jerusalem, Southeast Asia and the Southern Cone. Since our inaugural assembly in June 2009, we have grown from 703 congregations to over 800 congregations at this time. In early April, the largest parish in the Diocese of South Carolina, St. Andrew's in Mount Pleasant, left TEC to join the ACNA.

Archbishop Robert Duncan has given us the missionary goal of "reaching North America with the transforming love of Jesus Christ." A strategy is under way to plant 1,000 new churches within five years. In February over 350 people participated in a conference in Plano on planting new congregations. Since last summer, nine new bishops have been consecrated, and several new dioceses are in the process of formation in various parts of the U.S. and Canada.

Fourteen Anglican Provinces have declared themselves to be in communion with the Anglican Church in North America, have sent official representatives to the Inaugural Provincial Assembly, or have officially recognized

Archbishop Robert Duncan as their Anglican partner in North America. The Archbishop of Canterbury has called us "faithful Anglicans in irregular order." The General Synod of the Church of England voted on February 10th "to recognize and affirm" ACNA's desire "to remain within the Anglican family." This is viewed as an important step forward in the recognition process taking place throughout the Communion.

The Orthodox Church in America has formally opened ecumenical conversations with the Anglican Church in North America, having suspended and ultimately canceled all such talks with the Episcopal Church. The stated goal of these talks is to move toward full communion. The role of our diocese in these conversations will be reported to you all later this spring.

The next meeting of the Annual Council of ACNA will be held June 9-11 in Amesbury, Mass. Our diocese will be represented by Bishop Iker, Fr. Tom Hightower, Kay Stromberg, and Walter Virden.

Please continue to pray for the ministry of the Anglican Church in North America and for Archbishop Duncan.

April 8, 2010

*For more information about the Anglican Church in North America, please visit
anglicanchurch.net*

New Province grows by 100 churches in first nine months



New Anglican congregations are springing up all over North America. Since the ACNA's founding with 703 congregations just last June, an additional 106 Anglican churches have either joined or been planted, bringing the church's total number of congregations to 809 by mid-April 2010.

"When we began in June," Archbishop Robert Duncan recalls, "I issued a challenge that we plant 1,000 new churches in the five years of my service as your Archbishop. It is wonderful to see how much progress has already been made."

One of those church plants is Restoration Anglican Church in Addison, Texas. The congregation, which began meeting last fall, numbers between 100 and 120 people for services each Sunday.

In everything Restoration has done, from finding a place to meet, to organizing the first worship service, Roseberry emphasizes that God has made impossible things possible. "I have come to see and realize that God loves working in the realm of the impossible," says the Rev. Jed Roseberry, Restoration's founding priest. "We really feel we have a calling for those who are broken, those who are lost, and those who are looking for a place where they can ... grow in faith with other believers." The church's name was selected as a reminder of God's ability to heal and restore lives.

Other newly-planted churches in Texas are located in Midland, Austin, Houston, Waco, and several smaller communities.

Global South affirms status of North American Anglicans

In a Communiqué published at the conclusion the Fourth Anglican Global South to South Encounter, held at St. Andrew's Cathedral, Singapore, April 19-23, the leaders of 20 Anglican

Provinces, representing 80 percent of the world's Anglicans, issued a call to make the next decade a "Decade of Mission" and welcomed the Anglican Church in North America as "partners in the Gospel." The Global South is made up of Anglican provinces in the Southern Hemisphere, Asia, and the Middle East. The Province of the Southern Cone is a member of the Global South.

Archbishop Duncan, who attended the meeting, said, "We are moving forward in mission and relationship with Anglicans all over the world. Our unity and shared commitment to [spreading] the good news of Jesus Christ is a reason for great joy," he said.

Speaking directly of the Anglican Church in North America, the gathered archbishops and representatives called the ACNA "a faithful expression of Anglicanism.

"We welcome them as partners in the Gospel and our hope is that all provinces will be in full communion with the clergy and people of the ACNA," the Communiqué said.

ACNA appreciation for St. Vincent's Cathedral

On a Sunday morning early this spring, a plaque reading

**In thanksgiving
to the Cathedral Church of St. Vincent
At this place on June 23, 2009
The Anglican Church in North America
was officially constituted**

was presented to the cathedral by the Rev. Daryl Fenton, the ACNA's Canon for Provincial and Global Mission. The diocese is grateful to the people of St. Vincent's for their role in the founding of the ACNA.

Around the Diocese

Mission church sets Sunday attendance record

Congratulations to Fr. Sergio Diaz and the people of Iglesia San Miguel, who had a record 484 souls present for Sunday services on May 2. The congregation welcomed Bishop William Wantland, who confirmed 17, received 13 and reaffirmed or blessed dozens more Anglican Christians.

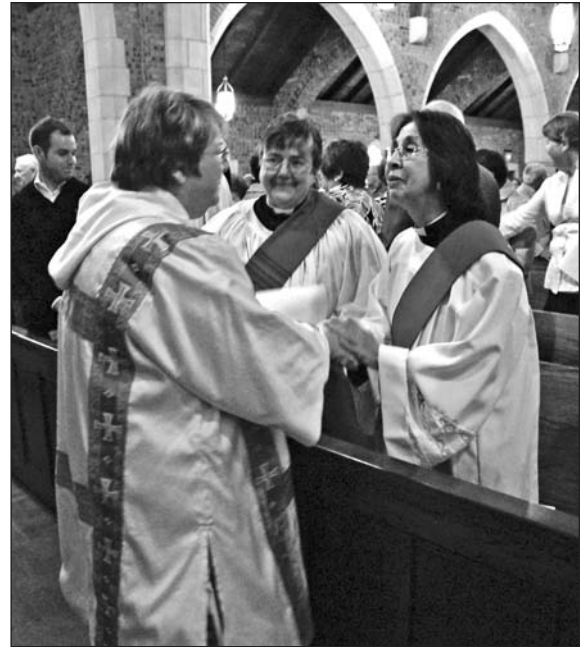
To meet the present and future needs of this thriving mission church, five neighboring lots were recently purchased with the assistance of All Saints', Fort Worth. San Miguel is located in southeast Fort Worth.

Benedictine retreat offered in June

The 13th annual ecumenical Dallas Benedictine Experience Retreat will be held at the Catholic Conference Center in Dallas from Wednesday, June 23, to Sunday, June 27.

Participants will live at the conference center for five days, forming a temporary monastic community, to experience the balanced way of life of the Rule of St. Benedict as it divides each day into private and group prayer, study, work, and leisure. Four Benedictine offices (Lauds, Sext, Vespers, and Compline) will be sung each day in Gregorian chant.

Leading the retreat will be Sister Mary Donald Corcoran, O.S.B.Cam., the Superior of Transfiguration Monastery in Windsor, N.Y., and Fr. Dwight Longenecker, who is based in South Carolina and is the author of numerous books on



Deacons Sandra McCown and Patricia Banks pass the peace with Deacon Gail Kleinschmidt at her service of ordination, Saturday, May 1, at St. John's Episcopal Church in Fort Worth. Bishop Iker has appointed Deacon Kleinschmidt to serve at St. John's, her home parish.

saints and spirituality. Both are Roman Catholics.

The leaders will give presentations on Benedictine values and their applications to life today. This retreat is open to anyone from any denomination who is interested in learning Benedictine spirituality.

The cost of the retreat is approximately \$300. For more information, please call 214-339-8483 or e-mail dallasbenedictine@yahoo.com.

ICON WORKSHOP

JULY 12 - 16
9:30 A.M. - 5:30 P.M.

ST. BASIL THE GREAT BYZANTINE
CATHOLIC CHURCH, IRVING



Fr. Elias Rafaj, pastor of St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church, Houston, will be the instructor for the five-day workshop. Fr. Elias will explain various techniques of icon writing and discuss the history and uses of iconography. Each participant will complete one icon, which will be blessed at the conclusion of the Workshop. This year's theme is the Passion of Christ.

Fees: \$300 for over 40 hours of instruction and acrylic painting supplies; a \$150 deposit holds your space. Child care is not available at St. Basil's.

For more workshop information, contact Missy Norrell at 972-438-5644 or web@stbasilsinirving.org

Around the Diocese

On June 4, play a round for the kids

The date for the 10th Annual Bishop Iker Challenge Golf Tournament has been set for Friday, June 4, and will again be played at Squaw Valley Golf Courses in Glen Rose. The format will be a four-person scramble. We'll have a great lunch following play, plus numerous prize drawings. If you like, you may stay at Camp Crucis on Thursday night. Call the camp office at 817-559-3343 for reservations.

This tournament continues to be one of the favorite golf tournaments in the area, so sign up now. A registration form is available online at



fwepiscopal.org, or see your Parish Coordinator. If you need help finding a team, contact your Parish Coordinator for assistance.

Also, we need hole sponsors, and remember, anyone can make a financial donation to help Camp Crucis even though you may not play in the tournament.

Again this year, proceeds will be used to provide Summer Camp scholarships to Camp Crucis for those who need financial aid, as well as to enhance the existing facility. What an enjoyable way to further God's work through our children!

St. Michael's Conference for youth

Young men and women 12 to 19 years of age are encouraged to register for the St. Michael's Southwest Conference, scheduled for June 13-19 at Camp Crucis. This is a week of Christian formation, designed to help you grow in faith. If you've got questions about God, and you want to be taken seriously, St. Mike's is for you.

Instructors are clergy of the diocese. Mornings are reserved for worship and study; afternoons are relaxed, and evenings are fun. (Have you ever seen priests in a talent show?) Course selections include "Defense Against the Dark Arts," "The Sermon on the Mount," "The Mass" and "Apocalypse Wow!" See stmichaelsw.org.

Attention!

Men of all ages are encouraged to sign up for a diocesan retreat sponsored by the Brotherhood of St. Andrew. Your three-day enlistment begins Friday, Oct. 8. You'll be bivouacking at Camp Crucis, so you know the grub will be good. Fall in by July 1 and save some George Washingtons. For more information, contact Joe Francis at 817-821-1444 or josephfrancis@earthlink.net.

EYC Movie Night

All youth of the diocese are invited to a movie night at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 22, at St. Vincent's Cathedral, Bedford. Bring \$7 for admission, pizza, popcorn, and soda. RSVP to Lynne Shattuck at lynneshattuck@gmail.com or 817-938-7376. The title of the main feature is still TBA.


Eagle-bound?

Are you a Boy Scout looking for an Eagle Scout project, or do you just want to help with a service project and need an idea? Camp Crucis has a Wish List of service project opportunities at campcrucis.org/patronage/wishlist.html.

Save the date


The annual ECW Congress is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 23, at Church of the Good Shepherd in Granbury. This event brings together the Altar Guild and Daughters of the King, as well as parish ECW leaders, and is open to all women of the diocese – and their clergy! The annual ingathering for the Anglican Relief and Development Fund will occur during the opening Eucharist, which will be led by Bishop Iker.

CALLING ALL MEN!



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OCTOBER 8-10, 2010 - CAMP CRUCIS, GRANBURY**

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Equipping the saints for mission



Two dozen from diocese attend New Wineskins Conference

by the Rev. Stuart Smith

Every man serves the good wine first; and when men have drunk freely, then the poor wine; but you have kept the good wine until now. (John 2:1ff)

Every three years, a wonderful vintage of “new wine” is served up at Ridgecrest, N.C. in a four-day mission conference known as New Wineskins. This past April 8-11, over 1,000 participants drank deeply from this Spirit-filled conference. Some of the ingredients that went into this wonderful “new wine” were:

- Tremendous Bible Studies focusing on Christ’s Great Commandment: My favorite was led by Bishop John Rodgers, who linked God’s call to Abraham with Christ’s call to His Apostles to “go, therefore, to all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.”

- Inspired music provided by musicians from the Diocese of South Carolina, including strings, drums, keyboards, guitar, flute, and oboe. The atmosphere of joyful praise was like a sweet offering of incense.



A large group, including four youth members, represented the diocese at the 2010 New Wineskins conference.

- Challenging missionary testimonies from the field: My favorite here was the young couple who heard the Lord’s call to go to Turkey and faithfully offered their lives in a country where the Christian witness is almost extinct. This couple spoke of how their “church” was their mission field: the Turkish community in which they sought to share Christ’s love and power.

- Provocative workshops addressing every conceivable arena of missions – local, national, and international – and dealing with everything from the wise use of money, to the challenge of meeting Is-

lam’s aggressive jihad, to how to depend upon the Holy Spirit when the challenges of the mission field scuttle the planned “agenda.” I was deeply moved by our own diocesan missionary, Summer Tywman, who spoke about her work in Cambodia. (See page 7.) We can be proud of Summer’s commitment to show the compassion of Jesus Christ amongst those whose lives have been stolen away and enslaved.

- Deeply moving plenary addresses each evening: from Baroness Cox’s description of how Islam is invading the lives of millions in North Africa, to a tremendous testimony by a bishop who is pursuing a very difficult mission in Northern India. My favorite was the Saturday-night address, by Dr. Scott Kellerman, a medical missionary to Nigeria’s Batwa pygmies. Dr. Kellerman described the astounding conversion of many villagers in a single day – inspired by a skit performed in English by a Dallas youth group. The audience understood the story of the Good Samaritan from the performance alone and departed *en masse* to get the rest of the village and bring them to Jesus! I put this story in the first sermon I preached after returning home!

- Perhaps the most significant blessing was the chance to deepen my friendship with World Mission Committee members from our diocese. At our “debriefing” late Saturday night, we savored all the sweet experiences and profound mission insights we had gained. Please pray that the Lord of the Harvest will give us new hearts to hold this “new wine” and to share it with those who do not know Him.

Editor’s Note: Future issues of the Forward will feature reports from the “Front Lines” of the Faith, where our brothers and sisters in Christ sacrifice daily.

Fr. Stuart Smith is rector of Good Shepherd, Granbury.

Answering God's call

Rescuing young lives caught in the snare of evil

a report by Summer Twyman

There is an international humanitarian crisis in our world today, and many of us in the United States have no idea that it's going on. More men, women, and children are held in slavery today than during the entire trans-Atlantic slave trade. The modern international trade of human beings, known as human trafficking, generates profits in excess of \$12 billion a year. Among the victims of this horrible crime are over two million children who are trafficked for the purpose of sexual exploitation.*

While this is happening all over the world, the small country of Cambodia has been particularly affected. Perhaps it is due to Cambodia's volatile political history, its extreme struggles with poverty, or the nation's weak educational system. Whatever the causes, Cambodia has been hit hard by this illicit trade of human beings.

It isn't enough simply to remove victims from the power of those who exploit them. When children are rescued from sexual slavery in Cambodia they need to have a place to go. They need healing of body, mind, and spirit; and they need education, hope, and a future. Cambodia's resources are so limited that its medical and social agencies cannot meet all the needs of these brave survivors. The World Health Organization recently published statistics that show for every 1 million Cambodians there are only an estimated 1.6 psychiatrists, 4.5 psychologists, and 0.5 social workers.

God has blessed me with formal education and training as a social worker. In October 2009 I moved to Cambodia as a missionary under the partnership of two Anglican mission agencies, the Society of Anglican Missionaries and Senders (SAMS) and Sharing of Ministries Abroad (SOMA). I'm working in Phnom Penh with a U.S.-based non-profit agency called Transitions

Global. Transitions runs a facility for survivors of sex trafficking, where I am working to provide local Cambodian social workers with the training they need to be able to bring healing and restoration to these young lives.

As followers of Jesus Christ, it is our responsibility to shine His light into the darkness in our world. Many churches and individuals in this diocese have joined me as I seek to do that. I sincerely thank you all for your prayers and support and look forward to sharing more with you in the future as God opens doors both in Cambodia and in the lives of the girls in our care. Even in the short time I've been in the field, through God's open doors I have had the opportunity to share His love with these girls and see first-hand the effects of prayer in their lives.



**Statistics provided by the International Justice Mission.*

GOD'S heart for healing and justice for His people is found throughout Scripture.

Micah 6:8 says, "He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."

Psalm 82:4 says, "Rescue the weak and needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked."

And we have JESUS' healing ministry on this Earth as our example.

DIOCESAN CALENDAR - ASCENSION 2010

Boldface type indicates Bishop Iker's visitations • Unless otherwise indicated, all meetings are held at the Diocesan Center for Ministry

<i>January</i>	5/13	Ascension Day
<i>February</i>	5/16	Discretion
<i>March</i>	5/17	9:30 a.m. Committee on Ministry 1:30 p.m. Standing Committee
<i>April</i>		
<i>May</i>	5/23	<i>The Day of Pentecost</i> ST. JOHN'S, Fort Worth
<i>June</i>	5/27	1:30 p.m. Executive Council
<i>July</i>	5/30	ST. TIMOTHY'S, Fort Worth
<i>August</i>	5/31	Memorial Day holiday – <i>Diocesan offices closed</i>
<i>September</i>	6/4	8:30 a.m. Bishop Iker Challenge Golf Tournament, <i>Squaw Valley Golf Courses, Glen Rose</i>
<i>October</i>	6/5	10 a.m. Ordination of Samuel Keyes to the diaconate, <i>Church of the Holy Apostles, Fort Worth</i>
<i>November</i>	6/6	ST. LAURENCE, Grapevine
<i>December</i>	6/13	GOOD SHEPHERD, Granbury

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