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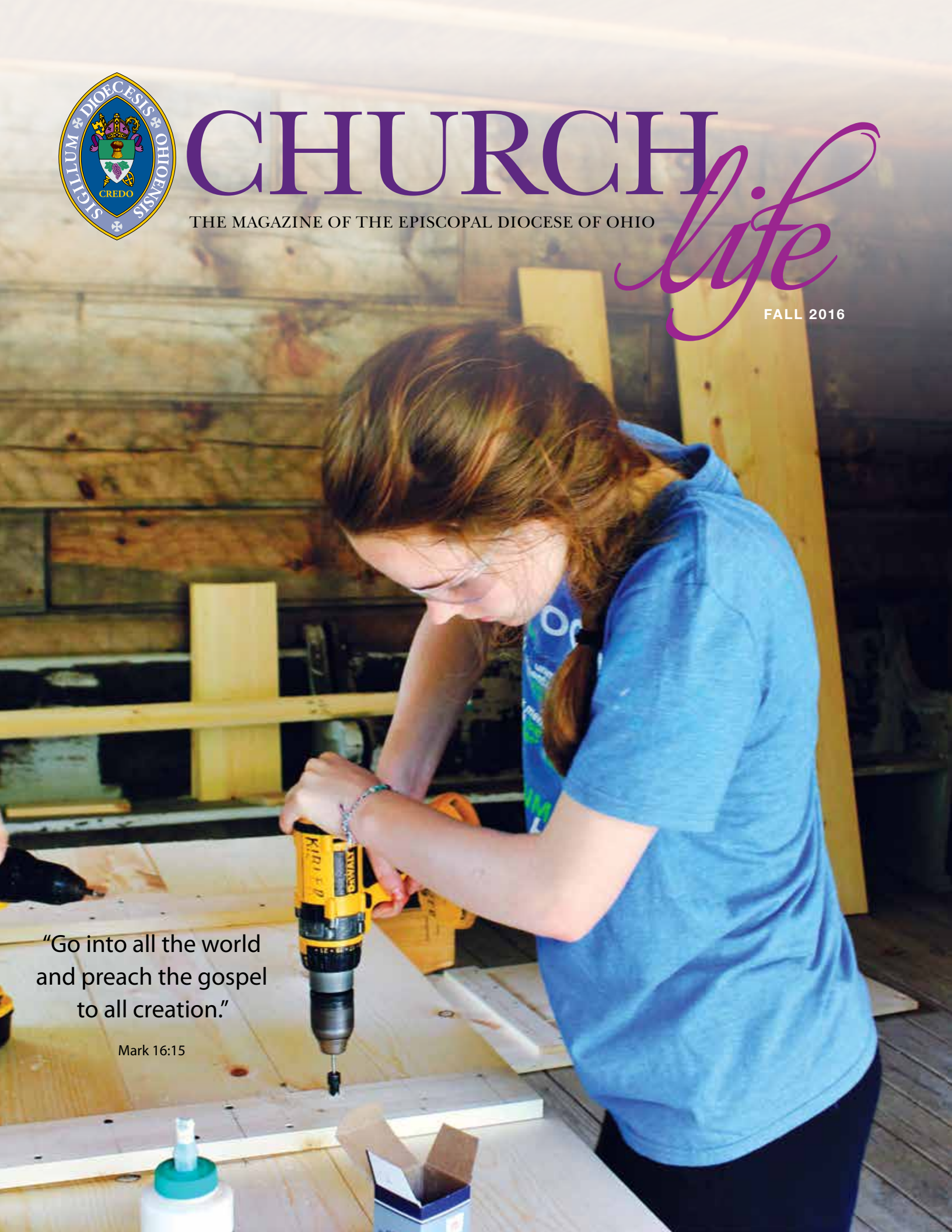
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# A New Century of Life on the Frontier

The Rt. Rev. Mark Hollingsworth, Jr.  
Bishop of Ohio

In 1817, the Diocese of Ohio was established by the 12th General Convention of The Episcopal Church, meeting in New York City. It was the same convention that authorized the founding of the General Theological Seminary. After many years of seeking to be recognized by the larger church, Ohio became the first diocese to be established beyond the 13 colonies. It was the frontier, both of the country and of the fledgling Episcopal Church.

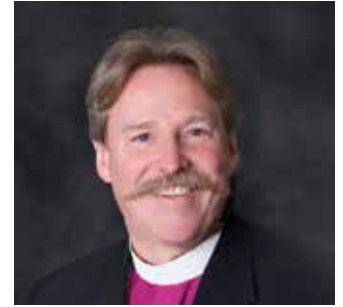
Beginning this November (11-12) with the 200th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Ohio and concluding with the 201st Convention in November of 2017, we will celebrate our bicentennial year. It will include special events in both the diocesan and parochial settings, inviting all of us to turn toward the future in prayer and action, to explore how Jesus is calling us deeper into God's love, to imagine where on the frontier of God's mission each of us might uniquely contribute, and to initiate new ministries advocating and caring for God's beloved.

At this year's convention in Bowling Green, we will have as our guest and companion the Bishop of St. Andrews, Dunkeld, and Dunblane and Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church, the Most Rev. David Chillingworth. The episcopacy and, thus, ordained ministry in our Episcopal Church owes their birth in part to the Scottish Episcopal Church, whose Primus and two other bishops consecrated Samuel Seabury as our first bishop on November 14, 1784. These two provinces of the Anglican Communion have been particular companions ever since, and continue so to this day. By his presence and participation, Bishop Chillingworth will help us deepen our understanding of what it means to be an "episcopal" church and what of particular benefit our churches can offer to the world in the years to come.

The following November, we will conclude the bicentennial year at our Diocesan Convention in Cleveland, welcoming back former diocesan leaders, lay and ordained, and having as our principal companion, celebrant, and preacher, the Presiding Bishop and Primate of The Episcopal Church, the Most Rev. Michael Bruce Curry. I have appointed a Bicentennial Committee to design and oversee the events and celebrations of our 200th year, from whom parishes will hear directly. Their plans include inviting each congregation to produce a Bicentennial Prayer, reflecting the hopes and intentions for the future, to be collected in a book which can guide our petitions as we move forward into our third century.

As well, they will help each parish and communicant explore the question, "What is your 200?" For some it might be increasing to 200% their current average Sunday attendance by improving the attendance of current communicants and inviting others to come to church with them. For a youth group, it might be 200 hours of raking leaves for seniors in their community. For a feeding

program, it might be serving another 200 meals per day or week or month. For a parish, it might be 200 communicant visits to the Cathedral over the course of the year. For a Mission Area or the Diocese as a collective body, it might be 200 trees for the new camp and retreat center, or 200 chickens, or 200 volunteer hours building a barn or cabin. For families, it might be reading 200 scripture passages and talking about what they mean to each person. For an individual, it might be developing and keeping current a list of 200 things for which to pray each day. For each of us it might be telling 200 people why church is important to us and offering to pick them up on Sunday! The possibilities are endless.



At the dawn of this third century as the Diocese of Ohio, we are in some ways still a frontier church. Unimaginably rapid technological and social change is continually putting us on the forefront of a new world, some aspects of it exciting and inspiring, some perilous and frightening. The opportunities to bring a Gospel perspective to issues confronting our world are immense and immediate. To challenges that include climate change and global terrorism, economic inequality and unabated racism, gun violence and religious extremism, we bring a courageous spirit of reconciliation, justice, and hope. Indeed, the vocation to be Christian calls us always to the front, to stand with and stand up for all the beloved of God, to lead the way into the future God is ceaselessly dreaming of for us.

It is right to take stock of whence we have come and what we have done over the last 200 years, but we do so to inform and direct our ministry as the body of Christ moving forward. The celebrations of the Church are always celebrations of what is yet to be. They point us always toward the future; they invite us always into the frontier. In the liturgies for baptism, confirmation, and matrimony, and when we renew our baptismal covenant, we are always asked, "Will you..." not "Have you...?" We are always led to the frontier.

As we begin this bicentennial year, it is a singular privilege to serve with you and to have your treasured companionship as we journey together in God's spirit of holiness toward the next hundred years.

Gratefully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

# Convention Nominations

To the people of the Diocese of Ohio:

“The Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go.”

In the readings from the Gospel of Luke on the Sundays after Pentecost, a theme of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus unfolds. Jesus teaches in the Gospel according to Luke what kinds of demands discipleship makes, not only for the disciples then, but also for the disciples now.

Jesus is on a mission, and he invites the seventy disciples into that mission. He commissions them. He makes them a part of his purpose:

to proclaim the kingdom of God coming near  
to proclaim the peace of God  
to offer healing and to cast out demons.

They are a part of the mission of God. And so are we.

The work of discipleship is not something done alone or in isolation, but one that requires companionship. Jesus sends them out for a daunting task, and entrusts them with responsibility and judgement for the work he gives them to do. The disciples have the sustaining strength of Jesus' sending and his vision for their ministry to carry them, and so do we.

To be a disciple of Jesus is not without cost and consequences. It is not easy. It calls us to do hard work. It asks for the full use of ourselves, our gifts, our hearts, our minds, our strength – whatever we have is meant to be put to use for the sake of God. For the sake of the good news. For the sake of God's mission in Jesus Christ.

As fall approaches and possibilities for ministry emerge in your congregations and in other areas of your life, consider also offering your gifts and skills to the Diocese. Invite and encourage others in your parish to offer their gifts in diocesan leadership. Let God invite you into discipleship in new ways.

Beginning in September, we are asking you and your congregation to pray for our elections within your Prayers of the People. Suggested wording might be: “We pray, O God, for the discernment and courage to offer ourselves or others we know to be nominated for election to diocesan ministry and leadership at our upcoming convention.”

If you have someone who might be interested in offering themselves for a position, please direct them to the Diocesan Nominations page ([www.dohio.org/nominations](http://www.dohio.org/nominations)) for the position descriptions and the application. For questions regarding the process or the positions, please contact me ([jennifer@stmichaelsinthehills.org](mailto:jennifer@stmichaelsinthehills.org)) or William Powel ([wpowel@dohio.org](mailto:wpowel@dohio.org)). For questions regarding the electronic or paper application, please contact Rita Rozell ([rrozell@dohio.org](mailto:rrozell@dohio.org)).

The letter to the Ephesians reminds us, “Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.” Do not be daunted; offer your gifts and skills; invite someone to see in themselves gifts for diocesan leadership; lean out into something new. God's power is at work within us and accomplishes more than we can ever imagine – thanks be to God!

The Rev. Jennifer Leider  
Chair, Diocesan Nominating Committee

# Job Description Overviews

Full descriptions can be found at [dohio.org](http://dohio.org). Nominations can be submitted on the website and must be received by September 19 for inclusion in the convention handbook.

## DIOCESAN COUNCIL

The Diocesan Council serves as an advisory group to the Bishop and the Diocesan staff on financial and other matters. Council oversees the development of the Diocese's operating fund budget and recommends the budget to Diocesan Convention for approval. The group also provides guidance and oversight for the Diocese between conventions as well as works in committees to support Diocesan staff and Diocesan ministries. Members of Council serve as liaisons to parishes of the Diocese.

## EPISCOPAL COMMUNITY SERVICES

Episcopal Community Services (ECS) builds Episcopal identity through strategic grant making focused on outreach. ECS reviews proposals for Bishop's Annual Appeal funds awarded through ECS and oversees the resulting grant awards. Episcopal Community Services also reviews proposals and awards grants from the Church Home Fund.

## STANDING COMMITTEE

The Standing Committee serves as the Bishop's Council of Advice, bringing diocesan concerns to the Bishop's attention and responding to the Bishop's own thoughts and concerns. The committee also deals with property matters. All parish decisions to sell or encumber property must be approved by the Standing Committee. This group gives consent to candidacy and ordination of deacons and priests and to the election of bishops in other dioceses of the Episcopal Church. Standing Committee is also involved with disciplinary matters pertaining to clergy and designs and manages the search and election process when a new bishop is needed.

## DIOCESAN TRUSTEES

The Diocesan Trustees, a group of five laypeople and clergy, manage and have fiduciary responsibility for the Diocese's Joint Investment Fund and Real Property of the Diocese. The Trustees meet quarterly with the Fund's investment advisors and evaluate their recommendations for the Fund regarding asset allocation, types of investments, and the spending policy. As needed, the Trustees work with the Bishop on the disposition of real estate and allocation of the proceeds.

## DIOCESAN DISCIPLINARY BOARD

If there is a case involving potential Clergy misconduct, the Diocesan Disciplinary Board is the pool of individuals from which people are selected to serve as members of a conference or hearing panel. The current Title IV canons seek to provide for appropriate and transparent accountability when clergy have committed some sort of infraction or misconduct. It also seeks to be built upon a model of reconciliation and healing, as opposed to confrontation. The panel is comprised of five clergy and four lay members, each serving a 3-year term.

## GENERAL CONVENTION DEPUTY

Clergy and lay members elected to this position serve at the 79th General Convention in 2018, or any Special General Convention between their election and the election of their successors. At Convention, the deputies consider amendments to the church's constitution and canons, resolutions on ecclesiastical matters and social issues, adopt a budget for the ministry of the Episcopal Church, and elect people to various national offices. Clergy members must be canonically resident in the Diocese; lay members must be adult communicants in good standing of the Church in the Diocese.

## CATHEDRAL CHAPTER

The Cathedral Chapter is a council of advice for the Cathedral. The chapter is to meet at least once per year. The Convention elects one (1) clergy and one (1) lay member biennially for two-year terms. The Cathedral Chapter has not been active and therefore the elected and appointed positions are not currently filled. The Dean and Bishop look forward to re-creating this advisory body.

# Stewards of St. Andrew

## A Small Parish Achieving Big Results

by Reva Telfer, Development Intern

It is a common misconception that small parishes don't have the capacity to create an endowment fund, but St. Andrew, Mentor, is helping to dispel that myth.

In 2009, The Rev. Kelly Kirby, St. Andrew's rector at the time, approached Beth Brown, a parishioner, who also happened to be an experienced professional fundraiser, with the desire to create an endowment fund. St. Andrew is a small town parish with approximately 100 families and there was some initial reservation about their ability to raise enough to create an endowment.

But faith and persistence paid off and today St. Andrew's endowment is \$48,000 and growing. Beth said, "Any parish, regardless of their size, can achieve the same success if they commit to it." She went on to say, "It is vital to have clergy and laity who are committed to the effort and willing to provide the leadership."

The success did not happen overnight. It took several years of consistent meetings of the endowment board and educational sessions for the members of the board and the parish. "The support of the development office of the Diocese was a tremendous asset. We were able to set up an endowment fund through the Joint Investment Fund (JIF) at the Diocese with a relatively modest initial investment," Beth shared.

Beth also pointed out that although her experience as a fundraiser helped get things started at St. Andrew, any parish could enjoy the same success if they are willing to make the commitment and invest the time.

"St. Andrew was fortunate to receive one gift of \$11,000; however, the bulk of our endowment is made up of gifts of less than \$1,000. In fact many of the gifts have been in the \$50-100 range," Beth said. The church continues to add to the endowment by directing undesigned memorial and tribute gifts to the fund. The fund's growth will also benefit from estate commitments made by the Stewards of St. Andrew, a growing group of parishioners who have chosen to include the church in their will. One couple has made gifts through creating charitable gift annuities through the Diocese.

St. Andrew is proof that small is a relative term that doesn't fit a church with big dreams and big plans for the future.

*For more information about your parish creating an endowment fund, enhancing the one you have, or making a planned gift to your parish or the Diocese, please contact Laura Hnat, at [lhnat@dohio.org](mailto:lhnat@dohio.org) or phone her at 216.774.0463.*



# Mission with a World in Motion

by Drew Gittins, Missions Intern

The Rev. Beth Frank and I were traveling partners, members of a delegation from the Diocese of Ohio to the annual GEMN (Global Episcopal Mission Network) conference in Ponce, Puerto Rico. As Beth and I got off the plane, it became clear that we would be doing God's work without the comforts of our luggage for a few days, which had apparently been sent to Philadelphia. It is amazing that God can take an inconvenience like losing your luggage, and make it a learning opportunity for a week or a lifetime.

We were part of a joint delegation with our companion Diocese of Belize, funded in part by a Province V grant. The delegation included the Rev. Margaret D'Anieri, Ms. Barbara Jones, the Rev. Beth Frank, the Rev. David Kendall-Sperry, and myself from Ohio, and the Rev. Barbara McBride, Ms. Debbie Domingo and Ms. Briannie Young from Belize. More than 120 people from the Episcopal dioceses of the United States and Latin America attended the conference in May. GEMN is a freestanding network of dioceses, congregations, seminaries, organizations and individuals who support one another in world mission and advocate for the Episcopal Church's deeper global engagement. This year's conference theme was "God's Mission with a World in Continuous Motion," a recognition of the changing landscape of mission work in a world that has seen more than 60 million people displaced in the past year alone. The programming for the conference reflected these concerns: in workshops discussing global mission and migration; in a question and answer session with a multinational panel representing many of the Latin American countries present; in a trip to mission sites in and around Ponce, the keynote address by the Presiding Bishop, and a bilingual Eucharist.

The week began with a day of formation education, and this is where we got to know our partners from Belize. We did an exercise that asked the group to come up with an object that could serve as a metaphor for mission and we chose luggage. Our luggage is not guaranteed (as Beth and I found out), and we should not count on it to carry out our mission. There is a certain amount of physical and spiritual "packing" that needs to take place before a trip so a person may be ready for whatever faces them when they go. And it is often the case that when a person goes on a trip, they bring back more than they brought. It is this last theme that is so important when thinking about global mission.

The most important thing I learned from this conference is how crucial relationships are to mission. Truly getting to know the people that that you are walking with is as important as anything. Far too often, mission is performed with a "what can I do for YOU" attitude. The people who have much go and help the people that have little and that is the end of the



interaction. This conference emphasized truly getting to know and understand our neighbors, and allowing them to get to know and understand us. Mission performed in this way is a give and take action, a circle that allows everyone to bring home something extra in their spiritual suitcase. As we got to know the people from Belize, they echoed this sentiment. As I talked to long term missionaries in the Young Adult Service Corps, the Episcopal church's young adult long term mission program, they agreed that mission is much more than digging wells and building houses. It results in relationships that last forever, breaks down barriers that were previously impregnable, and allows us to share the gospel in ways that I had not thought possible.

I think the Rev. Barbara McBride of Belize said it best when she said "I was very much encouraged by the excitement on both sides to see that the relationship we share continues to grow." Moving forward, our groups have kicked around ideas of doing a "Happening" retreat with members of the Diocese of Belize, having members (especially youth and young adults) travel up to help with the Wakeman Camp and Retreat Center Project, intern exchange programs, and even a potential trip to the Holy Land. Every member of the combined delegation was engaged and excited about the future we were all helping to build. We have a lot of things to learn in Ohio from their diocese, such as the best way to handle multiple churches with a single priest, lessons in cultural differences, and new perspectives on life and on God.

In all, the conference was an amazing success. Our delegation made amazing friends and strengthened our relationship with our companion Diocese with whom we have a bright and exciting future. We were in the presence of men and women who have heard God's call to action in this world and have chosen to follow it. We heard God's call to make a difference in the world, with or without our worldly possessions. We heard God's call to be flexible in our work, and to look to others for support along the way, and we left Puerto Rico with love and many spiritual souvenirs to keep with us in our lives to come.

# Youth Initiative

by Mary Anthony

June 25 through July 2, twenty youth and three chaperones from the Diocese of Ohio joined together in a mission trip to Youngstown, Ohio to work with the Youngstown Initiative. The participating churches were Trinity Cathedral; St. Paul's, Medina; St. Matthew's, Brecksville; and St. Timothy's, Macedonia. The Youngstown Initiative works with several agencies in the Greater Youngstown area, serving the poor, the homeless, inner city children, and those who are less fortunate. Mary Anthony, DRE and Youth Director from St. Paul's, and Chris Decatur, Children, Youth and Young Adult Minister from Trinity, worked with the Rev. Gayle Catinella, Priscilla Hayes and the Rev. Suzanne Hill. With Jon Logan joining us as a chaperone, we were able to divide into three groups for the week, mixing ages, genders, and churches to better know one another as we worked throughout the week. We reconvened as a large group for breakfast, dinner, and evening activities.

Chris' group spent their week working at several different agencies: Rescue Mission of Mahoning Valley, The Fish Samaritan House, Easter Seals and Habitat for Humanity. The goal of Rescue Mission is to help people who come from many unfortunate circumstances attain their dreams. Here, Chris's group cleaned the facilities where the men and families eat, cleaned the hallways and windows of the building, got a tour, and heard about the programming. The Fish Samaritan House assists families and individuals that are in need of items like food, clothing, furniture and other household items. The group sorted and organized the donated items in the Thrift Shop to make it easier for the clients to find specific items. As the largest provider of disability-related services, Easter Seals offers military and veterans systems of care with viable options to support and augment current reintegration efforts. Chris and his group of youth worked at the Adult Day Care Center and Center for Adults with Disabilities. They ate lunch and socialized with the senior citizens and played Bingo. Our youth let the seniors know that they are not forgotten. At the end of the week, Chris took his group to Habitat for Humanity. The youth worked at three different locations throughout the day doing landscaping and planting and then returned to the headquarters to sort through the supplies in the storage areas that are used on the construction of Habitat homes.

Jon's group worked at three different locations: Casa Madre, Needles Eye, and Youngstown Community Garden. Casa Madre is a renovated triplex on Youngstown's southside where children infected or affected by HIV/AIDS are nurtured, challenged, encouraged, mentored, and enriched. The youth did not get to meet the children at Casa Madre. Our youth provided weeding and yard maintenance at the house. At the Needle's Eye, the group worked with the Rev. Suzanne Hill at a Vacation Bible School for inner city children. The youth got to interact and bond with the children, making them feel loved and valued. Jon's group also worked at a community garden planting fruits and vegetables and repotting plants.

Mary's group spent the week working for Neighborhood Ministries, Westside Community Center, and the Rockwell Village Community Center. The youth engaged with the children, playing indoor and outdoor games, crafting, swimming, reading, and more. The youth also listened to the children's personal stories. Many of them come from single family homes, some have been sexually abused, and/or have a parent in prison. These children receive boxed breakfasts and lunches at the center; they often ate only one thing or nothing out of the meal so they can take it home to their family so they can all have something to eat. We did not have to travel to a foreign land to help those in need. We have systemic poverty right here in our own back yards.

On Wednesday, the youth enjoyed a day off. We went to Butler Art Museum and Extreme Air Indoor Trampoline Park in Niles. Brother Brent Whetstone, Youth Director for South East Mission Area, and his wife, Heather, welcomed us all to Christ Church, Warren, for dinner, games, and Compline. We are grateful to them for their wonderful hospitality and to St. John's, Youngstown for providing such a rewarding program and wonderful facilities to house all of us.



# Love in Action

by Michelle Killin-Keith

This was our first trip to Hosanna Industries, located near Pittsburgh, PA. We chose this location because we felt it was a more concrete way to change the world for the better.

The Hosanna Campus was perfect for our team of 33 missionaries. We shared a kitchen and 8 bathroom/showers with another group staying on campus with us. There is enough room for 57 missionaries. There is a beautiful chapel, an additional amphitheater/outdoor chapel, picnic area under a pavilion, a fire pit, volleyball court, basketball court, warehouse for supplies, another warehouse for furniture donations to be stored until a need is presented, two honey bee hives, and numerous study/prayer areas. Each day we worked with our fellow residents who were from Iowa and Nebraska Congregational Churches and a local group of youth from Saint Ferdinand's Catholic Church.

On Monday morning, we reported to the chapel for devotions and then onto the training center. We learned the proper skills to paint, replace windows, replace flooring, and repair roofs. The trainers explained that everyone has different techniques and many will get the job done. At Hosanna, where materials are scarce and mostly donated, we would be performing the work using their techniques to save resources and create the least amount of waste.

We were on a job site that same afternoon. Dave is an elderly widower. Home maintenance had really gotten away from him and he needed our help. The Hosanna staff split us up into different jobs and very efficiently showed us what needed done. Some kids cleaned out closets and took things out to the barn. Other kids removed old flooring and scraped joint/drywall compound off of stairs. We also put new flooring in four bedrooms. It was so fast and amazing not even pictures could do it justice. We had just learned how to install carpet and vinyl sections only two hours beforehand.

Tuesday morning we were split into three different groups and each went to different work sites. Some of us went and replaced a roof for Hazel, a 90 year old widow. Another group built a retaining wall for Carl who lived alone. His home was built near a hill. When it rained, the rain would flood right into his house. The retaining wall was very needed. The third group replaced 21 windows in the house of an older woman who was celebrating her one year anniversary as a successful liver transplant. It was truly a gift for all of us to accomplish so much in such a short amount of time.

Wednesday, we were together at Earl and Irene's home. Both are in their 90s and not very mobile. We scraped and painted the front facade, porch, skirting, stairs, awning, and foundation. All of us pitched in on landscaping. On the inside we replaced drywall and flooring. Lastly, we had the opportunity to learn how to mix concrete and spread it.

Thursday, our last work day, we went to Hosanna's new property in Gibsonia, PA, to clear brush. We worked tirelessly cutting, chopping, burning, and spreading mulch. It was on this 10-acre property that all of the church groups really came together and made friends for life. We have already made plans with St. Ferdinand's to coordinate our mission trip with them next year and go to their church for dinner one night and vice-versa. Each evening was spent in worship. Pastor Kelly Aughenbaugh prepared an upbeat service focused on mission and team building. The pastors from Nebraska joined in and a great and meaningful time was had by all.

We really were the hands and feet of Christ. We helped to complete \$60,000 of market value construction services for households in rural and urban areas of Pennsylvania. Hosanna did an amazing job of organizing us; we've never worked in such a fast paced construction environment. It was a rush of adrenaline to see how fast our hands and feet transformed someone's life. Many of our St. Peter's families have expressed their wishes to go back next year.

Thank you to our Diocese, our Bishop, and the generous parishioners of Saint Peter's, Lakewood. We are excited and grateful to have participated in this wonderful ministry and are looking forward to returning. We truly are sharing "humble service in the Body of Christ."



# Mission Accomplished

by the Rev. Jeff Bunke

Barnes Mountain, KY, has found a home in the hearts of ten young men and women (and their adult chaperones) from the West Mission Area. Our week on the mountain began on June 12 as youth from St. Michael's in-the-Hills, Toledo and St. Timothy's, Perrysburg joined hands in a prayer circle, seeking God's protection for safe travel and effective service among the people of Appalachia.

Building on a six-year relationship with St. Timothy's Mission Center, a ministry of the Diocese of Lexington, missionaries rapidly engaged in a week filled with diverse opportunities – installing underpinning and pipe insulation beneath Miss Nellie's mountain home, building two caskets for mountain families, repairing and painting mission center playground fences, offering a day camp for mountain children, and replacing floors in a previously-abandoned manufactured home being “recycled” for residential use. There was also group worship, reflection, a morning exulting in God's creativity at Natural Bridge State Park, and the requisite splash in nearby Cathedral Domain's pool.

So what exactly does one get when she combines power tools, young teens, cooking in teams, and a new culture?

Here are some insights gleaned from missionary journals:

- Being educated doesn't mean that you're smart – and lack of education doesn't mean that you're not!
- I saw Jesus through the people on the mountain. I saw Him in their optimism, friendliness and their ability to make something out of nothing.
- I've learned to not judge people based on the number in their bank account, but by their love.
- I take home the understanding that not all stereotypes are true.
- I relearned the basics of my faith and rediscovered, in part, why I am Episcopalian.
- I saw Jesus in the independent spirit of the people of the mountain, the community bonds that held them together, the ability of each member of this team to pick up the slack of another, the kind nature of Father Bryant [mission center director], the peaceful awakening of the mountain.

Once again, we thank the Bishop's Annual Appeal and our diocesan family for their support of the summer mission through youth mission trip grants. To access a brief video about the mission trip, go to [https://youtu.be/rAbCoAGJf\\_s](https://youtu.be/rAbCoAGJf_s) or visit [sttimsky.org](http://sttimsky.org) for more information on St. Timothy's Mission Center on Barnes Mountain.



**Haiku from Barnes Mountain**

Where the veil is thin  
I can best see the Holy.  
Back to Barnes Mountain.

I'm worried, Pawpaw.  
You always want me with you.  
What if you might die?

We will care for you.  
The women on Barnes Mountain -  
Christ's presence on Earth.

She is unlike me.  
Mountain women are wisdom.  
We are one in You.

Stay open to change.  
That's not what I expected.  
So . . . Flex. Adapt. Grow.

Blessed are the poor  
Who thrive up on Barnes Mountain,  
Held close in God's hands.

-Allison Fisher



# Snapshots: Stories of Inspiration &



Parishes all over the Diocese have been participating in the Pokémon Go craze since the app launched on July 6. The makers of the game made many churches Pokéstops. Some parishes even operate as gyms in the game. Whether a gym or a Pokéstop, many parishes have seen the game as an opportunity to reach out and interact with the community around them. Some parishes in the Diocese have put up posters welcoming Pokémon trainers, others have put Pokémon themed messages on their signs, and some have left cold drinks in coolers outside to welcome the players to the parish. Parishes have also been involved with, or organized, area wide Pokémon catching events. May we continue to be blessed with new and unique opportunities to reach out and connect with people in our communities.



This summer eight interns joined the staff at the Diocesan offices. The interns were Reva Telfer (Development), Drew Gittins (Missions), Grace Gamble (Camp and Retreat Center), Natalia Perkins (Camp and Retreat Center), Grace Comley (Archives), Megan Hughes (Archives), Stephen Bell (Office of the Canon to the Ordinary), and Beth Bergstrom (Communications). The internship program is designed to benefit both the interns and the staff. The internship aims to give hands-on experience and resume and portfolio building opportunities for the interns. The staff is given the opportunity to help teach the interns as well as gain a new perspective and additional help in their departments. The interns met with the Rev. Vincent Black, Canon for Formation, three times throughout the summer for spiritual formation.



**St. Martin's, Chagrin Falls** had S.O.A.P (Saving Our Adolescents from Prostitution) training in April. During their training, the team members learned how to properly educate local hotel and motel staff about how to stop human trafficking. The team then went to 12 different area hotels and motels in May to apply their training. The team provided the management staff with a recent list and pictures of missing youth between the ages of 11 and 17, posters to post in work areas, information cards in English and Spanish to train the staff on the warning signs of trafficking, and small bars of soap with the hotline number included to place in the bathrooms. The team has already visited with ten hotels and plans to visit with more in the upcoming future.

# Ministry From Around the Diocese

**St. Paul's Church, Cleveland Heights** honors a former member, Bob Chesier, and encourages reading within the community with the Bob Chesier Memorial Little Free Library. The library, located near the preschool entrance of the church, is part of the widespread Little Free Libraries movement. Chesier loved the movement and attempted to get a Little Free Library near every Cleveland Public School. The libraries are shaped like an old school house. The hope is that there will be a constant rotation of books with each visitor taking a book and leaving a book behind. The Little Free Library at St. Paul's includes a plaque memorializing Chesier and explains his vision for the Little Free Libraries in Cleveland. The Rev. Alan Gates, a former rector of St. Paul's, dedicated the library in June of 2014.



Throughout the Diocese, many parishes gathered donations of school supplies that were given to local students for the upcoming school year. Many congregations donated to schools that are previous or current partners. Others donated to members of various programs in their communities. In addition to gathering donated supplies, some parishes also purchased backpacks that they filled before giving them away to students in need. The supplies and/or backpacks were blessed before distribution.



**St. John's, Bowling Green** helped welcome new students to Bowling Green State University on August 18. St. John's has been active within the university through their affiliation with the FOCUS (Fellowship of Campus University Students) group. During move-in day, members of St. John's set up tables on the front lawn. They offered new students and their families sticky notes with F.O.C.U.S. information, bottles of water, cookies and information about the church. St. John's saw move-in day as an opportunity to be visible in the community and to stand out in the crowd.



# Laying the Groundwork

by Katie Ong-Landini



And so it begins. The site construction for the new center commenced in July. The contractor, Workman Industrial from Kent, Ohio will work through September 2016 to complete the first phase of the site construction: cutting the driveways and parking areas, boring water and sewer lines and communications and electrical conduits, installing cisterns, and preparing the areas for storm water management. When the buildings are completed, the crew will return to add the finishing layer to the driveways and parking areas, as well as plant the storm water features.

While preparing for the site construction, the project team also hosted a couple of events at the property, including the Stations of the Terrain Hike on Saturday, June 18 and the Western Reserve Land Conservancy's Firelands Chapter Annual Picnic on Wednesday, July 27. The weather was hot for both events, but the crowds had a great time. More than 60 people attended each event, and everyone was excited to hear about the progress of the Diocese's new center.

In preparation for the next phase of the project, the project team has been interviewing potential construction managers/builders, and they expect to have selected the firm that will work with the Diocese on the buildings by the beginning of September.

To celebrate the start of the building construction, the project team will host the official Groundbreaking Ceremony on Saturday, October 1 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Wakeman. The youth attending the Fall Diocesan Youth Event, hosted by St. Michael's-in-the-Hills, Toledo, will also join us for the event. In addition to the ceremony, we will have a barbeque picnic and fun activities that showcase some of the programs we will offer when the new center is up and running. If you are interested in attending, please make your reservation by contacting Claudia Wilson at 216.774.0483 or [cwilson@dohio.org](mailto:cwilson@dohio.org).

# New Deacon Training

by **Beth Bergstrom, Communications Intern**

The Diocese of Ohio's new Deacon Training began this August. This three year training program is designed to have the students actively involved in the church and the community.

The students participating in the first Deacon Training are Daniel Hinde (Church of the Epiphany, Euclid), Steve Mockensturm (St. Andrew's, Toledo), Barbara Telfer (St. Patrick's, Brunswick), David McBee (St. Paul's, Akron), and Marie Moore (St. James', Wooster).

The first semester will focus on teaching the students to offer the ministry of presence to the Church. The following semester the students will begin engaging in the parish and/or mission area through outreach projects and mission work. During the second and third years, the students will implement a Ministry Project with the guidance of the Deacon Training team, their priest supervisor, and the Commission on Ministry.

The Ministry Project is designed to inspire, equip, and empower. The project will be comprised of three phases. The student must determine the needs of the parish neighborhood, develop a ministry with parish leadership to address one of the needs, and lead parishioners in that ministry by modeling and training them to engage the poor and marginalized.

The students are expected to spend 18 hours per week training, including three and a half hours weekly spent in field work. Every week, attendance at a Sunday worship service at the student's field work parish is also required. Each student will be assigned to a parish where a priest supervisor will assist in their training for the remaining two years. The placements will be Hinde at St. James', Painesville; McBee at Church of the Epiphany, Euclid; Mockensturm at Old Trinity, Tiffin; Telfer at Church of the Ascension, Lakewood; and Moore's placement is to be determined. Students will also partake in six retreats, including one silent weekend retreat.

The Task Force on Deacon Training, a sub committee of the Commission on Ministry, is comprised of both lay people and deacons. The Task Force is chaired by the Rev. Vanessa Clark, the rector of St. James' Church in Painesville. Also on the committee are the Rev. Lydia Bailey, Josh Butler, Linda Martin, Steve Sedgewick, and Mary Bowan. Sedgewick created the last deacon program.

This program is essential to help the Diocese of Ohio train deacons in ways that will be most beneficial to the parishes. As Bishop Hollingsworth says, we need deacons that make us get up out of our pews and live into our Baptismal Covenant.



# VBS 2016



# Getting to Know Your Neighbors

## Profiles and Testimonies from the People in the Pews

### **Louise Plusquellec**

*St. James, Wooster*

I grew up in a family overflowing with Presbyterian ministers: my father, my grandfather, two uncles, two cousins, and, eventually, my husband. The steady, quiet, well-lived faith of these people guided my early years and was the example for the development of my own faith: not a sudden bolt out of the blue but a growing understanding of and belief in the importance of a Christ-centered life, and an attempt to live it.

When my husband left the active ministry and went into college work, the church remained vital in our lives. Decades later, for a variety of reasons, we stopped attending church for a period of time. It soon became clear to us that something very important was missing from our lives. As



soon as we walked into St. James Episcopal Church we knew we had found that something.

St. James and the Episcopal Church have been inspirational, inclusive, supportive and non-judgmental. When my husband died suddenly five years ago, I wondered what direction my faith would take. With the support of the St. James congregation and our priest, Evelyn Manzella, it has only grown stronger. I have no idea how this works, but I firmly believe my husband is in “light perpetual” in the Kingdom of God. I also believe that it is up to us the living to make that Kingdom come here and now, on earth as it is in heaven, through lives of peace, justice, care for our earth and compassion for our fellow human beings. Love God. Love your neighbor. Change the world.®

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### **Grace Comley**

*Trinity Church, Coshocton*

As a member of a parish at the very southern tip of the Diocese, the idea of venturing up to downtown Cleveland was a bit daunting at first. However, I was in love with the idea of an internship in the archives, where I could gain a deeper perspective of our Diocese’s 200 year history.

The Diocesan offices provide a professional setting with the comforts of loving people, where work and card games preside. It is a perfect place to explore anyone’s talents without worries of messing up, and if mistakes were made my advisor, the Rev. Dr. Brian Wilbert, worked patiently with me.

I have learned so much through this internship process and



had fun along the way. I was not always able to go to youth events but the seven other interns provided jokes and companionship, making me feel welcome. I especially enjoyed our time

during Formation days with the Rev. Vincent Black, where I learned even more about the Episcopal Church and the morals and teachings we follow.

I just graduated high school and am off to college, which is a big step for many to seemingly abandon their hometown.

This internship has provided a great stepping stone. This internship has taught me how to function in the world, to enter a new environment and meet friendly faces. I am thankful to have been welcomed with open arms.

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Do you or someone you know have a testimony to share? Email: [jrocha@dohio.org](mailto:jrocha@dohio.org). Subject: Getting to Know Your Neighbors.



# ECW News *and* Notes

by Elaine Willis

## United Thank Offering Reminder

The United Thank Offering (UTO) is an outreach ministry of the Episcopal Church. Founded more than 125 years ago to enable the missionary work of the church, UTO is entrusted to promote thank offerings, to receive the offerings, and to distribute UTO monies to support mission and ministry throughout the Episcopal Church and in provinces of the Anglican Communion in the developing world.

UTO encourages us to give thanks for our blessings and share them with others. Every penny donated is granted. (Leadership salaries are paid from other funds.) Even the smallest donations, when added together, can make a huge difference in the lives of others. In 2016, UTO awarded 32 grants for a total of \$1,161,314.62 for the mission and ministry of the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion. The 2016 grants were awarded to projects in 32 dioceses, which included 25 dioceses located in the United States, five non-domestic dioceses, six companion dioceses, one grant to the Office of the Presiding Bishop - Episcopal Migration Ministries, and one Presiding Bishop Grant.

Congregations are invited to hold both a Spring and Fall Ingathering for UTO. This year, the traditional date for the Fall Ingathering is October 30, 2016 (the Sunday closest to All Saints' Day).

Since Barbara Jones was elected President-elect at the last ECW Annual Meeting, Linda Smith has taken over as the Diocese of Ohio UTO Coordinator.

## Mission Area and Parish News:

The Summit Mission Area has been collecting medicine bottles for our Companion Diocese, Belize. The bottles are cleaned and their labels are removed. They are used in Belize to distribute prescription medications, which often come in bulk. (While we have plenty of prescription bottles here in the United States, that's not always true in other parts of the world.) The Summit Mission Area recently sent

3,000 bottles, which have arrived and will be distributed on Diocesan Day. Since the need will continue, Summit is still collecting!

## Seaman's Church Institute/Christmas-at-Sea

I'm very pleased to note that this year everybody followed SCI's instructions – everyone worked in the SCI-approved patterns, nothing in pastel yarn, no pompons or tassels, and lots of interesting yarns and combinations.

Following are the totals by parish:

• Church of the Ascension, Lakewood	18
• St. James, Boardman	2
• St. James, Painesville	22
• St. Mark, Canton	50
• St Thomas, Berea	3
• Trinity, Toledo	11
• Anonymous	18

Chairing the Christmas-at-Sea project is like riding a roller coaster. While St. James Painesville does not attend ECW events, they've been knitting for the project for many years and ship their completed work directly to New Jersey.

Three cartons of knitting and crocheting were sent to Port Newark – 124 items in all. Thank you to all of our industrious knitters!

Carol Culp  
Liaison, Christmas-at-Sea

*Does your parish or Mission Area ECW have a project you're particularly proud of, like a very successful fundraiser or an outreach project like these? We'd like to hear about it! Share it with the Diocese by emailing an article to Elaine Willis at ewillis1254@gmail.com or calling 440.930.5291.*

# Diocesan Calendar

## September

- 5 Diocesan Offices Closed for Labor Day
- 8 Diocesan Council, Trinity Commons
- 13 Commission on Ministry, Trinity Commons
- 19 Standing Committee, Trinity Commons
- 22 Planned Giving Seminar, St. Paul's, Cleveland Hts.
- 28 Fresh Start, Trinity Commons
- 30-Oct 2 Diocesan Youth Event, St. Michael's in the Hills, Toledo

## October

- 1 Ground Breaking Ceremony, Wakeman
- 4 Clergy Day, Trinity Cathedral
- 8 Clergy and Vestry Leadership Conference, St. Andrew's, Elyria
- 12 Planned Giving Seminar, St. John's, Youngstown
- 14-16 Deacon Formation Retreat, River's Edge, Cleveland
- 15 Commission on Global and Domestic Mission Outreach Fair, Our Saviour, Akron
- 15 Ministry Discernment Day, St. Paul's, Akron
- 17 Standing Committee, Trinity Cathedral
- 19 Planned Giving Seminar, St. Timothy's, Perrysburg
- 20 Diocesan Council, Trinity Cathedral
- 28-29 Lay Preaching College, St. Paul's, Canton
- 29 Eucharistic Visitor Training, St. Paul's, Canton

## November

- 8 Commission on Ministry, Trinity Cathedral
- 11-12 Diocesan Convention - Bowling Green University
- 18-19 BACAM, River's Edge, Cleveland
- 22 Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, Trinity Cathedral
- 24-25 Diocesan Offices closed for Thanksgiving Holiday
- 30 Fresh Start, TBD

## December

- 2-3 Diocesan Council Organizing Meeting, Trinity Cathedral
- 9-11 Deacon Formation Retreat, River's Edge, Cleveland
- 26-Jan 2 Diocesan Offices Closed for Christmas/New Year's Holiday

## January

- 11 Fresh Start, TBD
- 16 Diocesan Offices Closed for MLK Holiday
- 20-22 Deacon Formation Retreat, River's Edge, Cleveland

## February

- 10-11 Winter Convocation - Kalahari Resort, Sandusky

# Bishops' Visitations

## September

- 4 St. Luke's, Chardon—Hollingsworth
- 11 Christ Church, Geneva—Williams
- 25 St. Peter's, Lakewood—Persell
- 25 St. Mark's, Sidney—Hollingsworth

## October

- 2 St. Michael's in the Hills, Toledo—Hollingsworth
- 2 St. John's, Bowling Green—Persell
- 9 St. John's, Cuyahoga Falls—Williams
- 9 St. Paul's, Marion—Hollingsworth
- 16 St. Paul's, Canton—Persell
- 23 St. Philip's, Akron—Hollingsworth
- 23 St. Timothy's, Perrysburg—Williams
- 23 St. Augustine's, Youngstown—Persell
- 30 St. Paul's, Medina—Hollingsworth

## November

- 6 Trinity Cathedral, Cleveland—Hollingsworth
- 6 St. Mark's, Wadsworth—Persell
- 13 Ascension, Lakewood—Hollingsworth
- 20 St. Paul's, Cleveland Heights—Persell
- 20 St. Hubert's, Kirtland Hills—Williams
- 20 St. Matthew's, Toledo—Hollingsworth
- 27 St. Timothy's, Macedonia—Hollingsworth

## December

- 4 St. John the Evangelist's, Napoleon—Hollingsworth
- 11 Good Shepherd, Lyndhurst—Williams
- 11 St. Paul's, Norwalk—Hollingsworth
- 18 St. Luke's, Nile—Hollingsworth

## Clergy Changes

The Rev. Kelly A. Aughenbaugh has been hired as the curate for St. Peter's, Lakewood.

The Rev. George R. Baum has been hired as rector for St. Timothy's, Massillon.

The Rev. Julie T. Beitelschees has been hired as interim rector for Trinity, Toledo.

The Rev. David Connor has been hired as interim supply for St. Thomas, Berea.

The Rev. Dale T. Grandfield has been hired as the curate of St. Paul's, Cleveland Heights.

The Rev. Philip F. Kunder has been hired as interim rector for New Life, Uniontown.

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**11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

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