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**Front Cover:** The Convention Eucharist at Trinity Church, Toledo.



# The Gift of Hope

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A year before his death in 1967, John Masefield, one-time Poet Laureate of the United Kingdom, published a small volume of prose remembrances entitled *Grace Before Ploughing*. It is a collection of brief autobiographical essays that cover the more than eight decades of his life. The final entry, *Piping Down*, concludes with these lines:

“Eighty years have brought such change as even a generous heart could scarcely have expected or even hoped; and here we are now, like Shakespeare, in some doubt saying, ‘What’s to come is still unsure.’

To most of us, it seems very unsure, but then, it always has been; and we, who have seen great changes, must have great hopes.

‘Hope is a jewel,’ somebody said. But Hope is not stolen, like so many jewels. Hope is a thing given, so that a more lovely thing can be.”

Since I was a boy, I have loved Masefield’s poetry. In elementary school I was required to memorize “Sea Fever” and recite it in an all-school assembly, a task that could not have been a greater gift to me as it led me to read and collect everything of Masefield’s that I could find. I think that his long poem, *The Everlasting Mercy*, is perhaps the most beautiful account of Christian conversion originally written in English verse. His biography of the tall ship, *Wanderer of Liverpool*, is a remarkable account in prose and poetry one of the last great sailing vessels built in England.

As we begin this new year together, I am particularly mindful of these simple lines about hope, written so near the end of his long and remarkable life. Like many who were born in the 19th century (1878) and lived well into the 20th (1967), Masefield saw a remarkable amount of change, “as even a generous heart could scarcely have expected or even hoped.” And he experienced how that degree of change led to uncertainty and insecurity. He understood, as well, that such rapid and remarkable change requires of us an equally remarkable hope. “We, who have seen great changes, must have great hopes.”

It is in the incarnation of God in Christ Jesus that we are given that jewel. In the season of Epiphany, we recount how, in his earthly life, Jesus was himself that jewel of hope, in the poet’s image, “given so that a more lovely thing can be.”

That is the hope we hold. It is not simple optimism. Rather it is the deep conviction that in the midst of this changing and uncertain life, in the midst of this violent and insecure world, a more lovely thing is always possible. This hope is not just a yearning for things to improve or work out for the good, but the belief that God can and wants to make it so. And because we are given the jewel of hope, each of us can become that more lovely thing ourselves, an agent of grace and a means of mercy, a source of compassion and a vehicle for healing. What’s to come is indeed unsure. Yet it is hope that challenges us to the next great thing. It is hope that urges us to adapt to the change around us. It is the source of our confidence in God, given to us that we might give ourselves to the good that God intends.

“Hope is a jewel,” wrote Masefield, “...a thing given, so that a more lovely thing can be.” In our parishes and mission areas, in the work of diocesan committees and commissions, in collaboration with our companion dioceses and interfaith partners, through Winter Convocation and camp and retreat ministries, in every choir, at every altar, through every outreach, with every bible study, in all the workings of the Diocese of Ohio we, as the body of Christ, are both given the jewel of hope and given as the jewel of hope to others, that a more lovely thing may be.

Gratefully,

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

# Diocesan Convention Recap

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See I am  
doing a  
new thing.

—Isaiah 43:19

The 197th Annual Convention took place November 8-9, 2013 in Toledo, OH, and was not without excitement as the clergy and delegates voted on and discussed three major matters--the amendment of the Clergy Compensation resolution (R1), the Camp and Retreat Ministry resolution (R2), and the election of laity & clergy to diocesan offices.

In the spirit of doing a new thing, social media played a larger role in communicating with those who could not attend Convention. Utilizing the hashtag #DOhio2013 on Twitter, people shared ideas and commented on the happenings of Convention. We also started an Instagram page for the Diocese of Ohio (edohio), which we used to share photos on Facebook.

Bishop Wright of the Anglican Diocese of Belize gave a presentation on what Belize has to offer the world and what their diocese is doing to improve their engagement with the youth as well as how they're trying to solve several health & social issues.

The Rev. Alan James presented an amendment to the Resolution on Clergy Compensation in order to create two tiers of cost sharing for health insurance based upon how much the employee is paid. The amended resolution passed.

After deliberation and discussion, an amended Resolution on Camp and Retreat Ministry (R2) passed with the votes as follows:

Clergy: Yes - 64; No - 23

Delegates: Yes - 144; No - 45

The passing of this resolution will allow the Diocese to start a capital campaign to begin the process of acquiring the property in Wakeman, OH, a more centralized location.



Delegates participated in table discussions



The Rev. Lydia Bailey displayed selections from the *Portraits of Homelessness Exhibit*



Bishop Wright and Bishop Hollingsworth prepare for the Convention Eucharist



The Convention Eucharist was held at Trinity Church, Toledo

# The Future of Belize: A Conversation with Bishop Wright

By Ashleigh Johnson

When you meet the Rt. Rev. Phillip S. Wright, the first two things you notice are that he seems to always be at ease and has a genuine smile on his face. He stands tall and proud as a leader, but he is not boastful. In fact he's incredibly humble, eager to share what he knows, and ready to listen. You may ask yourself, where did this man come from? He'd be more than happy to tell you that he comes from the beautiful country of Belize.

When most people think of Belize, they envision lush landscapes, white sandy beaches, striking blue waters, and

amazing plant life; everything you'd expect from a Central American tourist destination. While Bishop Wright would agree that Belize's natural beauty is unmatched, he'd like the world to know that Belize is "a place ripe with opportunities."

Bishop Wright essentially created his own opportunities within the Anglican Church at the age of 16, writing letters to the then Bishop expressing his interest in ordained ministry. Much to his surprise, the Bishop took him seriously, calling him up to discuss ideas and what it means to be a priest.

After years of correspondence, Bishop Wright entered seminary at Codrington College in Barbados in 1989. He graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Theology from the University of the West Indies (Upper Second Class Honors) and a Diploma in Ministerial Studies in 1992. That same year, he was ordained a Deacon, and then in 1993, he was ordained as a priest at the historic Anglican Cathedral Church of St. John the Baptist in Belize City. In 2005, he became the Lord Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of Belize.

If you were wondering what Bishop Wright's favorite part of worship is, he would tell you

that he "love[s] the whole package. I love our liturgy and liturgical movements. I think we teach so much of what we believe in how we worship."

Bishop Wright has seen Belize go from being known as British Honduras to a growing country that behaves like "a 30-something year old, going through all that comes with leaving your parents' home for the first time." Belize is still building much of its infrastructure, but Bishop Wright believes that this is an opportunity for the country to tap into one of its most under-used resources; the youth.

As a country where over half the population is under the age of 25, Belize bears the responsibility of getting the youth involved in every facet of society, especially the church. Bishop Wright believes that it's "not just playing the music they like, not just getting them to lead the service. I think there really needs to be a conversation between the church and young people."

"I don't think we listen to them nearly as much [as we should]. We prescribe what we think they need and we say to them, 'Come, we've prepared a meal for you. Come and eat it now.' And they're saying, 'But I don't like that. I would like something a little more spicy.'"



The Rt. Rev. Phillip S. Wright  
Bishop of Belize

He added, “It doesn’t mean we’re going to give them everything they ask for because that’s not the real world, but it means we might begin to cater more for their needs.”

However there’s one insight that Bishop Wright has learned about the youth that could help any parish struggling with youth engagement. “I’ve discovered recently that a lot of our young people—the majority of them, I think—actually want to make a difference in the world...and they want to know that they could actually help that come into being.”

“So what I’m actually saying is [it’s] not just [about] young people filling the pews, but we [must] challenge them to go there. Let’s make a difference for the poor, let’s make a difference for the homeless, let’s brighten up our neighborhood. Let’s trust them to lead some of these

efforts on our behalf. I believe that’s where we need to go as a church to be honest.”

For those who may be interested in living and working in Belize, Bishop Wright says, “you have a wonderful opportunity to help shape things in a way you wouldn’t in many other places that have been doing it for a long time and have become established.”

There is such a large focus on what a country doesn’t have as far as economic and social resources; it’s easy to forget the positive facets of a country. Bishop Wright feels that one of Belize’s best assets is its people.

“You’ll find them to be very friendly, very welcoming, very easy-going...we are not militant in the way we express our differences. You can walk into an event and see all the strands of Belizean society having a good time together.”

Perhaps this communal trait of Belizean society is a byproduct of the presence of the Anglican Church and the belief that all are welcome. Though some attribute many of Belize’s problems to the aftermath of colonial rule, Bishop Wright believes “the development of Belize would have been very different without the presence of the Anglican Church.”

“So that’s our heritage. The question is, what will be our legacy from here on? And I want to think that we can continue to play a role in the further development of Belize. One of the ways I think we can do that is to help raise up our people...who will not settle for mediocrity, but always push for excellence. I hope and pray that the Anglican Church can play a key role in that, because the future of Belize depends on it.”

## Interfaith Thanksgiving

The Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service took place November 26th at Trinity Cathedral, Cleveland. Pastor Chris Smith delivered an amazing homily that centered around the theme “Somewhere Between Tragedy and Triumph Emerges Gratitude”.

Participating along with Bishop Hollingsworth: the Rev. Geoffrey Black, General Minister and President, United Church of Christ; the Rev. Dr. Kenneth Chalker, Senior Pastor, University Circle United Methodist Church; the Most Rev. Richard Lennon, Bishop, Roman Catholic Diocese of Cleveland; the Very Rev. Tracey Lind, Dean, Trinity Cathedral; the Rev. Christine Thompson, staff member, Northeast Ohio Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; Rabbi Stephen Weiss, Senior Rabbi, B’nai Jeshurun Congregation; and Mr. Todd Wilson, Director of Music and Worship, Trinity Cathedral



The Interfaith Thanksgiving Service was held Nov. 26

# Camp and Retreat Update

by Katie Ong-Landini, Consultant for Camp and Retreat Ministry

On November 9th in Toledo, Diocesan Convention approved a resolution to pursue a capital campaign for building a new camp and retreat center in Wakeman Township, Ohio. The Diocese needs \$8 million to complete the project, and the resolution stipulates that we must have one-third of that goal (\$2.67 million) cash-in-hand, and another third in pledges to be paid within a five-year period in order to purchase the property and start the construction process.

The Diocese has secured the fundraising firm, CCS, to manage the campaign, and diocesan project staff will continue to support the campaign efforts. CCS has installed Matt Harrigan as Senior Executive Director to work in the Diocese for the next 18 months to run the campaign. A second CCS staff member will join us later this month, and that person will have primary responsibility for managing the parish partner campaigns.

By participating in a partner campaign, parishes can raise funds for their own capital needs, including building projects, ministry development and endowment growth, as well as support the wider diocesan campaign. A percentage of funds raised would go to the new center, while the Diocese would provide fundraising counsel and administrative support to the parishes. Of course, participation is completely voluntary, and there will be a number of ways that parishes can join in the wider campaign. The Campaign Advisory Committee will distribute details about participation in the next few weeks.

Several parishes have already inquired about joining in this effort, and the Diocese expects to have a few partner campaigns up and running in early this year. Additional rounds of parish campaigns will run in the spring and in the fall. Parishes interested in learning more about how to participate should contact Katie Ong-Landini at [kong-landini@dohio.org](mailto:kong-landini@dohio.org) or 216-774-0454.

Camp ministry will continue at Cedar Hills in 2014, starting with a family camp program from June 27 to July 3. Families can come for the amount of time their schedules allow. The regular summer camp program commences the week of July 6 and runs for three weeks. The 2014 camp brochure and registration information are available now in print and on the diocesan website, <http://www.dohio.org/cedar-hills/camp-a-conference-center>.

## Fifty Years Later: The State of Racism in America

On November 15th, the Episcopal Church hosted a webcast forum entitled: Fifty Years Later: The State of Racism in America.

The forum was broadcast from St. Andrew's Episcopal Cathedral in Jackson, Mississippi. The keynote was delivered by Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori. Moderated by Ray Suarez, journalist and commentator on PBS, the discussion prompted Episcopalians to examine the state of racism in America 50 years after the March on Washington.

The Diocesan Commission for Racial Understanding (CRU) hosted group viewings of this webcast on November 16th & November 23rd. Among the host churches were St. Andrew's, Toledo, St. James, Painesville, Christ Church, Kent, Grace Church, Mansfield, St. Philip's, Akron, and Christ Church, Shaker Heights.

The discussions were lively and prompted the participants to examine their own experiences with racism as well as how things have (or have not) changed since the March on Washington.

If you would like to view the webcast, visit [www.episcopalchurch.org/stateofracism](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/stateofracism). This forum is ideal for group viewings and discussions. The Episcopal Church encourages viewers to discuss the forum at community gatherings, discussion groups, and even Sunday School, in an effort to hear what the youth has to say on the subject.



# WINTER CONVOCATION

Jan 31-Feb 1, 2014

Kalahari Resort & Convention Center

Keynote Speaker:

## THE REV. LUIZ COELHO



The Rev. Luiz Coelho, an Anglican priest, visual artist, and engineer from Brazil, works with congregations in a wide variety of contexts to innovatively create and use liturgy and sacred art as tools for mission in the world today. Rev. Coelho will explore how our congregations can experience “imagery as both missional and

transformational” empowering “the people of God to act more effectively in the liberation, proclamation and reconciliation of all of Creation through Christ.” Rev. Coelho will also lead workshops in which participants will create art for these purposes and which will then be used in our convocation worship.

Workshop Leader:

## THE REV. DR. ROGER FERLO



The Rev. Dr. Roger A. Ferlo, president of the Bexley Seabury Federation and professor of biblical interpretation and the practice of ministry, is also the author of Opening the Bible (Volume 2 of the Episcopal Church’s New Teaching Series).

Dr. Ferlo will lead an accessible and interesting workshop about better

understanding and interpreting the Bible by better understanding the language and cultural differences between when it was written and our world today.

## Lodging Options

### Onsite Lodging: Kalahari Resort and Convention Center

(7000 Kalahari Drive, Sandusky) Kalahari is home to the largest indoor water park in the US, as well as spas, shopping, restaurants, and much more for all ages. For \$199 you can stay at Kalahari Resort on Friday night and you’ll get up to four tickets to the water park, good from noon Friday to at least 3pm Saturday. Tickets to the water park alone are \$46 per day for adults and \$35 per day for children. For an Additional \$99 you can combine your Friday night stay with one extra night (Thursday). That way, for a total of \$298 you’ll get water park tickets for up to four people to play for three days. Or for you can stay Friday and Saturday for \$369. There are a limited number of rooms available. **To make reservations at Kalahari Resorts please call, 855-875-7774 and be sure to mention “Episcopal Diocese” event to obtain the special group room rate.**

### Offsite Lodging: The Comfort Inn

(5909 Milan Rd. Sandusky) The Comfort Inn is conveniently located less than a mile from Kalahari. Each suite has a mini-fridge and microwave. Breakfast is included with your overnight stay and offers hot and delicious options. On-site Restaurant and live entertainment are available. Wi-Fi access, copy and fax services. Guest laundry facilities, a newsstand and game room are located on the premises. All of these amenities are available at a discounted rate of \$69.00 per night. **To make reservations at Comfort Inn please call 419-621-0200 and be sure to mention “Diocese of Ohio” or “Winter Convocation” event to receive the special group rate.**

### Friday, January 31

7:00–7:30 pm . . . . . Simple Evening Prayer

7:30–8:30 pm . . . . . Keynote Address:  
The Rev. Luiz Coelho

8:30–10:00 pm . . . . . Reception

### Saturday, February 1

9:00–10:15am . . . . . Welcome & Opening Session:  
The Rev. Luiz Coelho

10:30 am–Noon . . . . . Choice of Morning Workshop

Noon–12:45 pm . . . . . Lunch

1:00–2:30 pm . . . . . Choice of Afternoon Workshop

2:45–4:00 pm . . . . . Eucharist

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Convocation registration includes the sessions, workshops, reception (one complimentary drink), and lunch.

<i>Cost to Register</i>	<i>Adult Age 13+</i>	<i>Child Up to age 12</i>	<i>Family Same household</i>
Register by Jan 14	\$39	\$10	\$100
Register on or after Jan 15	\$49	\$15	\$125

### Infants & Toddlers (up to 4 years old)

Friday: 6:45–10:15 pm, Saturday: 8:45 am–4:15 pm

### Children’s Program (5-12 years old)

Friday: 6:45–8:45 pm

Saturday: 8:45–Noon, 12:45–4:15 pm (lunch w/parents)

Registrations are transferrable, however, non-refundable.

# 2014 WINTER CONVOCATION WORKSHOPS

## Saturday Morning

### 10:30 am–Noon

**1M Sacred Art Making**— Our keynoter leads a hands-on workshop in which participants explore making liturgical art from and for the context of their own congregation. This is a workshop for everyone, no art experience or particular talent is necessary, just your heart and faith. The Rev. Luiz Coelho – Mangrove Room

**2M Vestry/Lay Leadership**— Bishop Hollingsworth leads a teaching and discussion around lay leadership in the church. Not only for vestry members, the Bishop will explore our Episcopal understanding and approach in particular. The Rt. Rev. Mark Hollingsworth – Ironwood Room

**3M Wrestling with Logos (or, It's all Greek to me)**— What is it like to encounter a page of the Bible as a first-century Greek-speaking reader might have encountered it? Can imagining that experience help us re-imagine our English-language Bible, and then come to it with fresh eyes and ears? An interactive, entertaining session, with absolutely no knowledge of Greek required! The Rev. Dr. Roger Ferlo – Crown Palm Room

**4M Something New Begins!**— Hear an update on the capital campaign for the new Camp and Retreat Center and learn how your congregation might participate in that campaign raising funds for both your parish and the new Center. Ms. Katie Ong-Landini – Portia Room

## Saturday Afternoon

### 1:00–2:30pm

**1A Sacred Art Making**— (A repeat of the morning workshop) Our keynoter leads a hands-on workshop in which participants explore making liturgical art from and for the context of their own congregation. This is a workshop for everyone, no art experience or particular talent is necessary, just your heart and faith. The Rev. Luiz Coelho – Mangrove Room

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tive, entertaining session, with absolutely no knowledge of Greek required! The Rev. Dr. Roger Ferlo – Crown Palm Room

**3A What Might Be?**— The Relationships of Congregations and Priests in Smaller Churches – We all know the model of one priest – one congregation is not sustainable in many of our congregations. How do we faithfully function as laity, deacon, and priest in our current and coming contexts? What resources are already available? What traditions do we build upon and where do we experiment? Hear some of what is being discussed and add to this continuing conversation. The Rev. Alan James and The Rev. Percy Grant – Acacia Room

**4A Exploring our Unique Episcopal Spirituality**— Episcopal spirituality is not just “Catholic-Lite” or “Protestants with Communion”. Our church has a clear, practical, and unique way of encountering God both individually and corporately. How can we recover the power of our Episcopal spirituality in ways both accessible and powerful for people of all ages? The Rev. Brad Purdom – Ironwood Room

**5A Worship and Mission**— Are you ready for 200 of your neighbors to visit this Sunday? A group of our congregations have been exploring how we can take worship outside our walls, bringing our church to our neighbors in fresh and exciting ways. Come to hear and discuss new ideas and experiences. The Rev. Gayle Catinella – Tamarind Room

**6A Faith and Facebook**— Want to connect with your congregation and attract more people? This workshop is for parishes that are already a little tech savvy or willing to learn. We'll cover why and how to start a Facebook page, the difference between a personal and parochial page, and how to use Facebook to your advantage. We'll also have a live demo of starting a parish Facebook page. Bring your laptop and let's get your parish on Facebook! Ms. Ashleigh Johnson – Banyan Room

**7A Living Compass: Connecting Faith and Wellness in a Whole New Way!**— Living Compass Ministries, grounded in Scripture and the tradition of the Episcopal Church, is a faith-based wellness ministry that provides resources, coaching, education, training (including a new Congregational Wellness Advocate Certification program), and support to individuals, families, and congregations as they seek to live the abundant life God intends for them. The Rev. Gary Manning

(from Living Compass) – Wisteria Room

**8A Fearless Finances**— For parish treasurers, bookkeepers, and anyone else involved in effectively managing the financial accounting and reporting leadership functions of your church, this is a time of review and update, with plenty of Q and A. Ms. Sue Leishman – Ebony Room

**9A A Conversation about Race**— On a Friday in November of 2013, The Episcopal Church hosted a webcast conversation about race and racism in our culture today: Fifty Years Later: The State of Racism in America. The two hour presentation was moderated by NPR commentator Ray Suarez, and included a keynote address from Presiding Bishop Katherine Jefferts-Shori and two panel discussions among notable speakers including Myrlie Evers-Williams, widow of slain civil rights leaders, Medgar Evers, The Rt. Rev. Michael Curry, Bishop of North Carolina, and author and anti-racism activist, Tim Wise. On the two Saturdays that followed, the Diocese of Ohio Commission for Racial Understanding hosted conversations across the diocese involving six locations and over sixty people. Portions of the webcast were re-played and space for safe conversation on this topic was created. Come join with member of the Commission for a viewing of a portion of the original webcast and further conversation on how the dynamics of race are playing out in our lives and in our faith communities in the Diocese of Ohio. The Rev. Lisa Hackney/ Ms. Linda Graves – Portia Room

**10A Discovering Relationships with our Companion Dioceses**— As our relationships with The Diocese of Belize and The Diocese of Tanga develop, new experiences and opportunities are arising. Come, learn, and discuss. Members of Commission for Global and Domestic Mission – Guava Room

**11A A Deacon in God's Church**— What's a deacon, who's a deacon, what does a deacon do? A roundtable discussion with deacons from the Diocese of Ohio to explore the role and ministry of the diaconate. Deacons of the Diocese of Ohio – Empress Room

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# Enigmatic Rev. Luiz Coelho to Speak at Winter Convocation

By Jeffery Fowler

Engineer. Artist. Priest. Rev. Luiz Coelho, Jr. of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and keynote speaker at the upcoming Winter Convocation, is a man of many dimensions as evidenced by his resume.

- He received a Bachelor of Engineering degree from the Military Institute of Engineering in Rio de Janeiro and a Master of Science degree in Informatics from the Federal University of Amazonas in Manaus, Brazil. Currently, he is a PhD candidate in the Urban and Regional Planning Program at the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro.
- His secular work deals with the use of geographic imagery and information as a tool for planning, executing, and auditing government policies, especially those related to Environmental and Urban Planning.
- He received his Bachelor of Theology from Egmont Machado Krischke Theological Seminary of the Anglican Episcopal Church of Brazil. He was ordained a transitional deacon in September 2012 and a priest in October 2013.
- In parallel with his theological formation, he pursued painting classes at the Savannah College of Art and Design in Atlanta, Georgia, with a focus is on Sacred Art.

Rev. Coelho's interdisciplinary interests have made him an enigma to some people.

While Coelho was serving as an intern at the Christ the King Church in the City of God neighborhood of Rio de Janeiro, a parishioner asked him why he was studying both art and theology. He tried to explain to him the deep connections between art and theology and the historical uses of art by the Church. The man still did not understand. Coelho eventually told him: "I want to pursue this vocation because I firmly believe that God is the source of all beauty, and as part of God's

creation, we enjoy being able to create beautiful works to praise the Holy One".

Asked the same question by an art student at SCAD-Atlanta, Coelho answered: "I believe we are made in the image and likeness of God, not only are we gifted with creativity, but we also can use our creative abilities to praise God through the resources that were given to us".

Born in 1981 into a middle-class family mostly from Portuguese roots, Coelho's path was likely influenced by his father, a painter and illustrator, and his mother, a geography teacher.



The Rev. Luiz Coelho paints

During most of the time of his early life he was a member of another denomination. “Having been presented to the god of oppression at that time, I left everything and became an agnostic (and after some time, an atheist) at 17,” Coelho says. “However, the God of liberation pulled me from my ears and said ‘you belong to me and I will never stop loving you’ and five years later (and after a series of supernatural events in my life) I caught myself being a Christian again.”

Rev. Coelho is a proponent and practitioner of the use of liturgy and sacred art as tools for mission and for building intentional communities. His focus at the Winter Convocation will be to explore possibilities through which our local congregations can experience “imagery as both missional and transformational” empowering “the people of God to act

more effectively in the liberation, proclamation and reconciliation of all of Creation through Christ.” He will also lead workshops in which participants will actually create art for these purposes, which will then be used in our convocation worship.

In 2008, Coelho had the rare and distinct opportunity to demonstrate his vision at the decennial Lambeth Conference at Canterbury. He served as a steward, representing his native Brazil and the Church of Christ the King parish, where he interned. His days were filled with carrying luggage for bishops and their spouses, transporting conference materials from building to building, and directing wandering bishops to their seats. He was also given the opportunity to lead a workshop on art and prayer in the crypt of Canterbury Cathedral.

During the Lambeth Conference, he was also invited to produce a series of pieces (paintings,



The Rev. Luiz Coelho teaches a workshop

drawings, photographs, collages, etc.), based on the “Signs on the Way” Bible study series. He joined with the bishops during their studies then represented each study in a piece of art. Afterwards the pieces were sold and half of the proceeds were directed to Archdeaconry of Western Rio in the Anglican Diocese of Rio de Janeiro. This Archdeanery comprises five churches and is located in the poorest area of the city. Donations were used in evangelism and outreach programs and in urgent structure refurbishing.

During the closing Eucharist of the Lambeth Conference, seven martyred Melanesian brothers were added to the names in the Chapel of Saints and Martyrs of Our Own Time at Canterbury Cathedral. The seven members of the Anglican Religious Community of the Melanesian Brotherhood were killed by separatists in the Solomon Islands in 2003 while they were trying to serve as peacemakers in the conflict. On the altar where the names were received stood an icon of the Seven Martyrs of Melanesia, created by Coelho and given as a gift to the Melanesian Church. The icon was blessed by the Archbishop of Canterbury and, at the request of the Melanesian Church, remains in the chapel so that pilgrims can know the story of the Seven Martyrs and add their prayers to the prayers of the martyrs and of all the church for peace in the world.

“Icons are not signed,” says Coelho. “Once you finish the eyes and name them, you can’t change them or do anything else, just write on the back ‘to the glory of God by the hands of xyz’. All the merit belongs to God. All the people who will see it there won’t even know who I am, and that’s the most wonderful thing.”

Coelho believes that, for many people, art and faith are not connected. “It is still impressive to me to notice how many artists and art students, who in many cases are people of faith, do not perceive how precious the artistic creative process is and how

blessed we are to have the opportunity of doing it. Even churchgoers fail to see how natural it is to praise God through art.”

“In your communities of faith, you probably have had the joyful opportunity of feeling God’s presence through the beauty of lovely choirs, through

the glooming light that crosses stained glass windows, through various art exhibits, and even through well-chanted liturgies. All of these have something in common: they are the fruit of the human creative process, with the sole purpose of worshipping the One to whom all glory and honor should be given.”

In 2010 Coelho participated in the World Missionary

Conference in Edinburgh. He contributed art to the conference and wrote articles for two of the books published afterwards. In 2012 he contributed to the book *Life-Widening Mission: Global Perspective from the Anglican Communion*. His chapter, *A Visual Gospel: Imagery as Mission*, is directly related to the work he will do at the Winter Convocation.

The Winter Convocation will be held at Kalahari Resort and Convention Center in Sandusky on Friday January 31st and Saturday February 1st. Rev. Coelho will deliver his keynote address at 7:30 pm on Friday. His liturgical art workshops are scheduled at 10:30 am and 1:00 pm on Saturday afternoon. Registration information is available at [www.dohio.org](http://www.dohio.org).

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# Halo Hoopers

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By E. Mark Geiger, Jr., Church of the Epiphany, Euclid

Little Isaiah voiced a concern to his grandpa, while riding to Sunday services at the Church of the Epiphany, in Euclid, Ohio. His grandpa, Dan Hine, said because he was not wearing his new Halo Hoopers shirt he thought that he might not be allowed into Sunday school.

Actually, Halo Hoopers have nothing to do with Sunday school.

Last spring I had a concern. The children had nothing to do during the coffee hour held after the Sunday services. Some were hollered at for doing what children should be doing—running and jumping—but they were getting underfoot of the adults.

They needed a place to let loose because they have been so good all morning and we were feeding them sugary snacks. They refer to coffee hour as “snack time”.

I talked with Rosalind Hughes, the priest-in-charge. She agreed.

I wanted to take them outside for supervised unorganized play. Playing with balls was out of the question since our small churchyard and parking lots are so close to the roads and neighbors’ yards.

An epiphany came. After checking with Rev. Hughes, I showed up one Sunday morning with hula-hoops. I took the children, little ones through teenagers, outside and we hula hooped, ran, jumped, and used outside voices. Little Davian’s grandma, Joanne Burrows, came out to help me and has continued to help. As weeks went on other adults also helped.

The children always get excited when they see me with the hoops over my shoulder. They follow me outside. My wife Nancy said, “My husband is the Pied Piper of the church”.

Halo Hoopers also use sidewalk chalk on the black top. The teenagers draw amazing art. The

little ones like to draw train tracks and roads. Chalk is also used for Tic Tac Toe and hopscotch. I learned from the children that hopscotch games could be created using the hoops.

Rev. Hughes told me I could use the pantry room for inside activities. She said she would like the children to decorate the walls any way they like. She also brought in a set of wooden trains and roads.

I brought in crayons and plain paper. Years ago, I learned from my granddaughter, Zoe, also a Halo Hooper, that coloring books are okay but plain paper is better because she could draw and write.

Nancy and I use the paper from our home printer that has a mistakes printed on them but still have a blank side. Children couldn’t care less that there is printing on one side. They are encouraged to sign and

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tape their artwork anywhere on the walls.

Davian has an interest in trains. Sometimes he actually becomes a train, chugging and tooting around the hallways. He wrote a sign in crayon and taped it face out in the pantry window, across from Rev. Hughes’ office. It reads, “The Train Room”. Rev. Hughes said during a service that the room that was called the pantry is now The Train Room. That made it official.

The children own The Train Room. Davian, little Momo, and others have posted signs on the doors that say things like, “Do not enter”, and “No people allowed.”

I told my sister Elaine, a graphic designer, about my success. I asked if she would use her artistic talent to come up with a logo for us. Not only did she design a winning logo, she coined the name “Halo Hoopers”. She donated her work to the church with no copyright. “God bless my little Halo Hoopers,” she said.

Remember, Isaiah’s Halo Hoopers shirt? I presented the long sleeved winter shirts to all the Halo Hoopers, during a Sunday service. As Rev. Hughes announced what I was about to do, referring to my epiphany, she said, “Mark Geiger came up with a brilliant idea.” I was thrilled.

Rev. Hughes is also a Halo Hooper. She comes out to play when she has time. You should see her go. She taught herself while working at our church

booth during Euclid YMCA’s back to school event, last August. She passed out a flyer that she wrote and in part it reads our children “get the wiggles out” after church.

We hoop on rainy and snowy days by taking over the undercroft. One Sunday when the adults took over the undercroft for a chili cook-off we took over the little chapel behind the lobby, where coffee hour is usually held.

Some parents like to use The Train Room during the service when their children become restless. There have been mysterious appearances of coloring books, puzzles, children’s books, and toys in The Train Room, no doubt a show of gratitude from parent parishoners.



Halo Hoopers 2013

# *My Neighborhood Group Board Improves Local Park*

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*By Peter W. Bean, St. Peter's Church, Ashtabula*

The My Neighborhood Group Board held a block party on July 20th at the West 58th Street Park which, pending City Council approval, will be known as Clifford Kayden Presidential Park. The event was a huge success; we had face painting, cornhole and several other games. A group started to assemble the picnic tables, kits were donated by the Home Depot.

St. Peter's Striker's, our softball team, had a pick-up game and Father David did a presentation on the Time Banking program. Jeff Scribbs, one of our Community Action partners, acted as grill-master cooking up the hotdogs. Lori Woodard presented information about the Community Garden.

Since then, more work has been done on removing brush and other debris from the park; Steve Leubking has taken a lead role in that effort. Also, the skateboard group has done a great deal to keep the park in shape. Jeff had purchased new nets for the basketball hoops and they have had constant use by folks from the neighborhood.

Chris Raab, from the County Park Board, and Ann Stranman, Ward 3 City Councilwoman were in attendance at the August 8th meeting. Ms. Stranman is also Chairperson of the City Council's Parks and Recreation Committee.

At the urging of Earl Tucker, Chairman of the citizen's Parks and Recreation Board Committee, the My Neighborhood Group Board attended the Park Board meeting on August 13th. Earl and his board were very supportive of our efforts to revitalize the park, he said our group should present a written plan for what we want to do with the park, some of which has already happened—the skateboarding and basketball court—as well as renovating the restroom building. Earl explained

that with the written plan, his board can approach City Council to get approval. Even without a written proposal, the Board did give its blessing to the restroom roof repair plan; a work day has been scheduled for September 14th to redo the roof. He expressed concern about the noise affecting the neighbors which is part of the reason the park was abandoned years ago—neighbor complaints—but

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things can be done to lessen that.

Also, with the renewed activity, the City will have to make a change in its liability insurance for the park. Jeff Scribbs mentioned that he had researched rules and liability issues for the

park and came up with a plan based on a plan in place in Delaware (Ohio), which is popular with skateboarders.

The Group Board will also be attending the Pre-Council meeting of Ashtabula City Council on August 19th to discuss issues involving the park.

The Park Board expressed pleasure that citizen groups are taking an interest in the parks, they noted that there are currently no recreational parks in the city south of Route 20 and bringing this park back to life will be an asset to the neighborhood and the city in general.

I attended the Pre-Council meeting on August 19th to present an update on the park. Council gave its blessing to our efforts and encouraged us to continue. Because volunteers are completing the labor for the restroom project and the materials

are donated, Council did not have to give formal approval; we will work with City Manager Timonere on the waiver and liability issues. He said a similar waiver was signed for work done at Cornelius Park and could be designed for us.

Council was especially pleased to hear that the park is getting daily use and Ward 2 Councilman Auggie Pugliese brought up the security issue; he asked Mr. Timonere to check with First Energy about placing two lights at the park for security and the Manager said he would.

Issues concerning getting the restrooms up to code and compliant with the ADA will probably prevent those facilities from being used any time soon.

Steve Luebking attended the regular Council meeting with me and at that meeting, they formally approved (by ordinance) the name change to “Clifford Kayden Presidential Park.” Council approved bike racks for three city parks and one of them will be at our park. This will allow bike riders to secure their bikes while enjoying the park.

The My Neighborhood Group Board is committed to this project; we want to thank all those who have supported this effort including but not limited to Lakeview Federal Credit Union, Home Depot, the Ashtabula Foundation, Eagleville Bible Church and Kent State-Ashtabula as well as the Administration and Council of the City of Ashtabula.

# *Barnabas Ecumenical Ministry*

*By Ashley Zarle, St. Paul's Church, Akron*

**B**arnabas Ecumenical Ministry was originally established in the 1980s as a ministry of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Akron, OH to assist members of the parish with their job searches. Two years ago, however, it was expanded to be an ecumenical ministry, serving people outside of the St. Paul's congregation. Peter DiMezza and The Rev. Amjad Samuel envisioned this expanded ministry. Since this time, Barnabas Ecumenical Ministry has partnered with various other churches and ministries in the area to assist job seekers in Northeast Ohio.

In the last year, Barnabas Ecumenical Ministry hired a Program Coordinator, Ashley Zarle, to create and implement a standardized mentoring program for the ministry. As per this program, the mentors are recruited from participating churches. They volunteer 6-8 hours per month. These volunteers are each assigned to one mentee at a time, whom they meet with face-to-face once every other week for a period of 8 to 10 weeks. Together, the mentor and mentee work on resume development, interviewing skills, networking resources, etc.

Additionally, the mentor and mentee pray together at each meeting, thereby realizing the primary goal of Barnabas Ecumenical Ministry: to network others for spiritual well being as well as discovery of vocation. This approach has borne much fruit; within the last 2 years, Barnabas Ecumenical Ministry has successfully helped 21 job seekers find gainful employment!

You are invited to share the blessing of Barnabas Ecumenical Ministry. There is really nothing more rewarding than to witness a person restored to dignity and self sufficiency. If you would like to learn more or would like to get your parish involved, please email Ashley at [ashley.zarle@barnabasakron.org](mailto:ashley.zarle@barnabasakron.org). You can also receive updates on networking opportunities, job fairs, employment listings, etc. by visiting [www.barnabasakron.org](http://www.barnabasakron.org) and liking the Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/BarnabasEcumenicalMinistry](http://www.facebook.com/BarnabasEcumenicalMinistry).

Barnabas Ecumenical Ministry  
Building Relationships. Empowering People.

# SYG 2014

**2** Chronicles 5:13 – “The trumpeters and singers joined together to praise and thank the LORD as one. Accompanied by trumpets, cymbals, and other musical instruments, they began to sing, praising the LORD.”

How does music make you feel? The Spring Youth Gathering on May 2-4, 2014 at Church of the Ascension in Lakewood, will give youth in grades 7 through 12 the opportunity to explore that feeling and how we incorporate music into not only church but also our daily lives. Through small group activities and live music youth will have the opportunity to explore and enjoy the sound and words that shape us.

At the Diocesan Youth Event last October youth were introduced to The LivingStones, a group of 4 young men who began playing together in 2006 in their own church youth group in Michigan. In 2011 they released their first full-length album, Glow. In July of 2012, they released the Worship EP.

Youth will have the opportunity to meet and hear these young people at a concert on Saturday Evening, they will join them in their small groups on Saturday afternoon and perform the music for worship on Sunday morning.

This event is not to be missed.

# Upcoming EYE Events

## Happening

March 7-9, 2014  
Christ Church, Hudson  
grades 9-12

## SYG 2014

May 2-4, 2014  
Church of the Ascension,  
Lakewood  
grades 7-12

## Episcopal Youth Event

July 9-13, 2014  
Vilanova University  
Philadelphia, PA  
grades 9-12

For registration information and details, visit <http://www.dohio.org/offices/congregationsformation/children-a-youth-formation>

# What is Happening?

*by Drew Mudhen*

For me, Happening has always been a special time of year. A time to be together. A time to learn about God. And a time to leave some of the problems of the real world behind for at least a little while.

This retreat is run entirely by high school kids for high school kids. Its fun, it's spiritual. And it's relevant to kids' lives. It has been an escape for me and has established a large group of friends whom I connect with on a different level.

Overall it's an amazing experience for any high school student.



# *Six (or Less) Degrees of Separation... Senior Saints Connect us with a Living History / Tradition*

*By The Rev. Dr. Brian K. Wilbert*

**A** month or so before the 197th Convention of our diocese, the Rev. Alan James, Canon to the Ordinary stopped me in the hallway outside the Bishop's office. He had been on a parish visitation to Epiphany Church, Euclid and while conversing with a 90 plus year old elder saint he suddenly thought, "Wow, this fellow grew up in our diocese during the time William Andrew Leonard, the Fourth Bishop of Ohio!" We spent a few moments brainstorming and the genesis of an oral history project was born.

In preparation for the 200th anniversary of the Diocese of Ohio we would like the opportunity to speak with church members who are in their 80s and 90s (and above!) to hear about what it was like to "live and move and have [their] being" in the Ohio Episcopal Church during the 1920s, 30s, 40s, and 50s. Of course we want to know and remember the 1960s, 70s, 80s, 90s and beyond too but for now, the focus will be on those who remember the life and ministry of our diocese under the episcopal oversight of Bishop Leonard, (1889 – 1930), Bishop Warren Lincoln Rogers (1930 – 1938), Bishop Beverly Dandridge Tucker (1938 – 1952) and Bishop Nelson Marigold Burroughs (1952 – 1968).

An "advert" went out prior to convention in the weekly online bulletin and in an email correspondence

to all rectors and priests-in-charge calling for the names and contact information from senior saints of Ohio congregations to be forwarded to the Rev. Dr. Brian K. Wilbert, Diocesan Archivist.

An announcement made by Fr. Wilbert at the 197th Convention called attention to this request for information and gave thanks for the 75 names already submitted! It is hoped that interviews will be organized and begin shortly after January 2014. If there is an elder saint in your congregation who could contribute to this oral history project please contact Fr. Brian Wilbert either by email: (bwilbert@dohio.org or bwilbert@oberlin.net or by phone: 800-551-4815, ext. 465 (Diocesan Archives) or 440-775-2501 (Christ Church, Oberlin parish office) Please note that Fr. Wilbert is usually only in the Diocesan Archives on Thursdays from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. and can be reached at his parish office Monday – Wednesday.



Pictured are Rev. Wilbert and Molly Mather Anderson, mother of the Rev. Deacon Philip "Denny" Anderson, who assists at St. Paul's Church in Cleveland, Heights. Molly is also the daughter of Philip Mather, Jr. and the granddaughter of Samuel Mather who were close friends of the fourth bishop of Ohio, William Andrew Leonard. The Mather family was instrumental in helping to build Trinity Cathedral.

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## calendar HIGHLIGHTS

*January 18*

**Prayer Writing in Epiphany**  
TBD

*January 24-26*

**Happening Staff Retreat**  
Christ Church, Hudson

*January 27*

**Ohio Ministries Convocation**  
Columbus

*January 31-February 1*

**Winter Convocation**  
Kalahari Resort, Sandusky

*February 8*

**TrebleFest**  
Trinity Cathedral, Cleveland

*February 19*

**Clergy Day**

*February 28-March 1*

**Planning for Tomorrow**

*March 7-9*

**Happening**  
Christ Church, Hudson

*April 14*

**Clergy Renewal of Vows**  
TBD

*April 15*

**Clergy Renewal of Vows**  
Trinity Cathedral, Cleveland

*April 16-17*

**Fresh Start**  
River's Edge Retreat Center, Cleveland

*Bishops' Visitations*

*January*

**19 St. Thomas, Berea**  
(Hollingsworth)

**26 St. James, Painesville**  
(Hollingsworth)

*February*

**2 New Life, Uniontown**  
(Hollingsworth)

**9 Harcourt Parish, Gambier**  
(Hollingsworth)

**16 Trinity, New Philadelphia**  
(Hollingsworth)

**16 Our Saviour, Akron**  
(Williams)

**23 St. Alban's, Cleveland Heights**  
(Hollingsworth)

For the complete  
calendar of events visit  
[www.dohio.org](http://www.dohio.org)

*March*

**9 Epiphany, Euclid**  
(Hollingsworth)

**16 St. Luke's, Cleveland**  
(Hollingsworth)

**16 Grace, Willoughby**  
(Williams)

**30 Trinity Cathedral, Cleveland**  
(Williams)

*April*

**6 Grace, Ravenna**  
(Bowman)

**6 Christ Church, Oberlin**  
(Hollingsworth)

**6 Trinity, Lisbon**  
(Persell)

**6 St. Patrick's, Brunswick**  
(Williams)

**13 St. James, Wooster**  
(Hollingsworth)

**27 St. Andrew's, Elyria**  
(Persell)