

## ***“Therefore Let Us Keep the Feast”***

The Church springs back into action after those halcyon days of resting and relaxing and vacationing.

- Labor Day is Monday, 1 September.
- Holy Eucharist, Rite I, at the **Manor House**, is at 10:30 a.m. (2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays) on *Wednesday, 10 September*.
- The **ECW** meets on Tuesday, *23 September*, in the Great Hall.
- The **Vestry** meets on *Tuesday, 16 September, 7:00 p.m.* in the Vestry Meeting Room. (The Vestry normally meets on the Third Tuesday of a month.)
- The **Lofland Service** (3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays) is on Sunday, 21 September, at 2:30 p.m.
- **Thursday services of Holy Eucharist and Healing** continue at *6:00 p.m.* Come and learn a bit about various Saints and Holy Days.
- The **Property Committee** normally meets on the Saturday prior to the Vestry Meeting day. Gene Grantz is the Chair.
- The **Brotherhood of Saint Andrew** will plan to meet regularly. All men of the parish are invited to join. Days TBA.

***Note, for your Calendar:***

**Parish Life Day is Saturday, 22 November, 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.,** at St. Anne's School, Middletown. Morning and afternoon workshops, exhibitors, children's program, music, breakfast, lunch, door prizes, shopping, fellowship, learning, and fun! You can register online <http://www.dioceseofdelaware.net/>. (If computers are "not your thing" you can speak with Lisa in the office to arrange registration.) The day's theme is "Go Green! Caring for Creation."

**Diocese of Easton Stewardship Conference, Saturday, September 13, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.,** at Christ Church Stevensville, Maryland, on the Delmarva Peninsula. Mr. John Vernon Oaks, Stewardship

Officer of the Diocese of Indianapolis, will be the featured speaker on a day of lectures and workshops, with ample time for discussion. Lunch will be served, and there will be a modest fee of \$10 to cover some of the expenses. To make a reservation or if you have further questions, please don't hesitate to contact Lynn Anstatt or Al Smith at the Diocese of Easton at 410 822-1919.

**Delaware Day at the Washington National Cathedral, Sunday, September 14.** For details, call your county representative: Kent County, Gale Thornbury, 698-9080; New Castle County, Pat Walbert, 656-6086; or, Sussex County, Bernie Brown, 945-9156.

**The Episcopal Church Service of Repentance, Friday, October 3 & Saturday, October 4.** A two-day solemn observance has been planned at the historic African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. *Note change of venue!* The Episcopal Church will take a monumental step and publicly apologize for its involvement in the institution of transatlantic slavery. Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori will serve as celebrant and preacher at the October 4 service of repentance.

**The Episcopal Visitation of +Wayne Wright is Sunday, 18 January 2009.**

**Annual Convention -- 224th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Delaware**  
Christ Church Christiana Hundred, March 27-28, 2009. Details of our 2009 Convention are pending.

We all look forward to new beginnings and continuations of wonderful things at our Saint Luke's Parish.

Faithfully,  
*Jeanne+*

*INDABA: (Wikipedia) The term has found widespread use throughout Southern Africa and often simply means gathering or meeting.*

*It is also used in the Scouting movement. The World Scout Indaba was a gathering of Scout leaders.*

*The Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams, used the expression when he announced, in April 2008, a move away from plenary meetings voting on formal resolutions for bishops attending the 2008 Lambeth Conference. He introduced "middle sized groups for discussion of larger issues", saying:-*

*"We have given these the African name of indaba groups, groups where in traditional African culture, people get together to sort out the problems that affect them all, where everyone has a voice and where there is an attempt to find a common mind or a common story that everyone is able to tell when they go away from it. This is how we approached it. This is what we heard. This is where we arrived as we prayed and thought and talked together."*

## THE LAMBETH CONFERENCE

+John Howe is a friend of mine from my seminary days when I did my internship at Truro Church in Fairfax, VA when +John was the rector of this large and Spirit-filled parish. He is now the bishop of the Diocese of Central Florida.

From the Lambeth Conference in Canterbury, he wrote every day to his diocese; the following is the last letter from him in that series. J+

Sunday, August 3

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Fourteenth Lambeth Conference has come to an end. The "Reflections Paper" I described to you yesterday has been released (all 44 pages of it!)

[<http://www.lambethconference.org/daily/news.cfm/2008/8/3/ACNS4510>], and the Archbishop of Canterbury has just concluded his Third and Final Presidential Address, stating unambiguously that Jesus Christ is, indeed, "the Way, the Truth, and the Life," and that we find our unity in him.

In our Indaba group this morning we discussed our discomfort at the thought that this Paper might be read as if it had the character and (moral) authority of the Reports and Resolutions of previous Lambeth Conferences. We drafted a brief Introductory Statement that we wish to be attached to the Paper. (Note: this is the Statement of OUR group of 40 Bishops, not that of the Conference as a whole.)

Nevertheless, if you download (or otherwise receive) the "Reflections Paper" it would be my hope, personally, that you read it in the light of the following Introduction:

*"The statement which follows cannot hope to capture the mood and experience of the Lambeth Conference 2008.*

*"Cold words are inadequate to express the quality and passion of the journey we have shared. We have listened intently to one another, we have laughed together and wept together. We have discovered in our Bible Study and Indaba Groups the kind of friendship and fellowship which is life-changing.*

*"This statement represents a distillation of insights and opinions, not from a single group but from 16 Indaba Groups and it therefore takes the form of a patchwork which no editorial process can make seamless without creating a garment that never existed.*

*"In order to read this document with appreciation you must allow yourself to imagine that you are in a safe space with others whom you have come to love and whose opinions you have grown to respect at the deepest level. Only the reader can breathe love, humor, tears, admiration, urgency and imagination into this document so that it can truly live, and so that the experiences that gave it birth can be seen to have animated our renewed relationships."*

Again, my profound thanks to all of you for your prayerful support of the Bishops gathered here in Canterbury for the past three weeks.

Warmest regards in our Lord,

The Right Rev. John W. Howe  
Episcopal Bishop of Central Florida

[www.lambethconference.org/](http://www.lambethconference.org/)

**Lambeth Indaba Capturing Conversations and Reflections from the Lambeth Conference 2008**  
**Equipping Bishops for Mission and Strengthening Anglican Identity**

From the Reflections Group Lambeth Indaba 2008

Capturing the conversations and reflections from the Lambeth Conference 2008: Equipping bishops for mission and strengthening Anglican identity.

*Bless the Lord, O my Soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.*

*Bless the Lord, O my Soul, and forget not all his benefits.*

The Reflections Group has been privileged to serve the Lambeth Conference in their capacity as Listeners in and for their indaba. Face to face conversations, often exchanging conflicting and challenging points of view, have led to deeper understanding and new insights. The task of the Listener has been to capture the spirit of these encounters.

This document is not the primary outcome of this Conference. Written words can never adequately describe the life-changing nature of our time together. We have gained a deeper appreciation of the worldwide Anglican Communion and of our common calling as disciples of Christ.

Each listener has tried to prayerfully reflect the conversations that have taken place in the sixteen indaba groups mindful of the mandate given to them to be faithful to the gospel, the indaba process, the bishops gathered at Lambeth Conference and the Anglican Communion.

The status of the document is that of a narrative. It seeks to describe our lived experience and the open and honest discussions we have had together on the daily themes of the conference. We acknowledge that the most powerful narrative that accompanies us on the journey back to our diocese is in the transformation that has taken place in our lives through the renewal of our faith in Jesus. Friendships formed, pain and

brokenness experienced, gestures of generosity, and the testimonies of those who live out the gospel daily in costly acts of discipleship remain etched in our hearts.

The indaba must go on in our lives, in our diocese and in our communities, as we continue the process of purposeful discussion. This document may be used in appropriate ways to tell forth the good news of Jesus Christ and to strengthen our common life in the Anglican Communion.

I am grateful to the group of Listeners and to the Revd Canon Gregory Cameron and Miss Katrina Stevens from the Secretariat who worked together with dedication modelling through many hours of work the spirit of indaba. We thank the bishops who participated in their indaba and in the hearings for their wisdom and comments that have enhanced the Reflections document.

Our prayer is that God may teach us to continue our indaba with reverence, to go forth in obedience, to finish our conversations with love, and then to wait patiently in hope, looking joyfully to Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose promises are faithful and rewards infinite.

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Chair, Reflections Group  
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