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127th Council highlights...

The sessions of the 127th Council of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic were held at Grace Church, Havre-de-Grace, Maryland on November 1st and 2nd. The service of Holy Communion was celebrated by the Rt. Rev. Leonard W. Riches at Grace Church with the Rev. William Jenkins delivering the sermon*. After a wonderful luncheon, served by the people of Grace Church, the business session of Council opened at the nearby Holiday Inn. Reports were received from the various committees and agencies of the Diocese. The report of the Ordinary, Bishop Leonard W. Riches, included information about the creation of a new diocese of the Reformed Episcopal Church, which is a necessary step in view of the growth of the church. The new Diocese of the Central States will be formed from the existing dioceses, with the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic contributing the states of Virginia and West Virginia. Bishop Riches also announced his intended retirement as Bishop Ordinary at the end of 2008. The report of the Coadjutor, Bishop David L. Hicks, announced a plan for church planting in the major metropolitan areas of the Diocese where the Reformed Episcopal Church has a strong presence - New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore.

Friday's session began with Morning Prayer, led by the Rev. Ron Martin (St. Paul's, Oreland) and the Rev. Belgrave Pelle (St. Mary's, Bronx). During the service, the Rev. R. Charles Gillin was installed as the newly appointed Canon to the Ordinary. The delegates then attended one of two workshops on Youth Ministry or Church Finance. The clergy met with Bishop Hicks at the same time. Council concluded with the final business session and lunch.

* (his sermon can be heard at:
[http://rec-nema.home.att.net/
media/saints.wav](http://rec-nema.home.att.net/media/saints.wav)).

**The 128th Council will
be held at St. Paul's,
Oreland, PA, on
November 6 & 7, 2008.**

**Please be aware that Founders' Day/
Kuehner Lecture Series is quickly ap-
proaching. Dr. Jon Pahl will discuss both
American Civil Religion and American
Cultural Religion along with the found-
ing of the REC at this year's lectures.
The Seminary is asking for a \$15.00 dona-
tion to attend the lecture series which
includes lunch. Should you choose not to
have lunch at the church; please make
that known when reserving your space
for the series. The Kuehner Lecture Se-
ries will begin promptly at 10 am on Mon-
day, December 3, 2007 at St. Paul's Re-
formed Episcopal Church.**

Reservations are currently being ac-
cepted by Tonya at 610-292-9852.

Traditional Liturgical Evangelical Scriptural

Other News:

On Saturday, October 31st, the Rev. Eric W. Jorgensen, rector of St. Stephen's Church, Eldersburg, Maryland, served as guest chaplain to the United States Congress and gave the opening invocation for the session that day.

On Saturday, October 27, 2007, Mrs. Olivene Browne was set apart to the lay order of deaconess in the Reformed Episcopal Church. A special service was held at St. Mary's Church, Bronx, New York, where the Rev. Belgrave Pelle is rector. Mrs. Browne has the distinction of being the first deaconess in the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic.

On Saturday, September 22, 2007, Samuel Orimogunje was ordained deacon by the Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks at All Saints Church, Newark, where the Ven. Dr. Paul U. Ekezie is rector.

On Friday, September 14, 2007, Mark A. Bleakley, was ordained presbyter by the Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks at Grace Church, Pittsburgh.



At diocesan council the Long family (St. Michael's, Harrisburg, Pa) had a conversation w/someone whose child plans to attend Messiah College next fall. The Longs have a guest room and are willing to open their home to others interested in visiting Messiah College.

Contact Jim and Elizabeth at: jim.ws@longfamily.ws, if you are interested.



Liturgical Colors

December 2	1st Sunday of Advent	Violet
December 9	2nd Sunday of Advent	Violet
December 16	3rd Sunday of Advent	Violet
December 23	4th Sunday of Advent	Violet
December 24	Christmas Eve	White
December 25	Christmas Day	White
December 30	1st Sunday after Christmas	Green

Calendar of Events:

Date	Time	Explanation
Monday, December 3	10:00 a.m.	Founders' Day Kuehner Lectures St. Paul's REC, Oreland, PA \$15.00 donation requested
Saturday, December 8	3:00 p.m.	Eric W. Vowles ordination to Diaconate Grace REC, Havre-de-Grace, MD
Saturday, December 22	9:00 am	Philadelphia Area Ministerium Holy Communion RE Seminary, Blue Bell, PA
February 15-17, 2008		Youth Winter Camp at River Valley Ranch, Millers, MD We are in need of both male and female counselors for this year's Winter Camp. If you know of anyone in your church 20 years or older who would be interested in participating in this ministry, please have them contact Rosalind Chavis directly at jacee423@yahoo.com immediately. She will be organizing the counselors and providing them with necessary and important information. Any questions about being a counselor or the responsibilities should be addressed directly with Rosalind.