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### *Visit to Good Shepherd REC Brockton, MA*

The Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks made his annual visit to Good Shepherd REC in Brockton, MA, on Sunday, July 29, 2007. Bishop Hicks delivered the sermon and presided at the Holy Communion Service. Two persons, husband and wife, Earl and Erin Chartier, were presented to Bishop Hicks by Rev. Eduardo Andrade for Confirmation. Both the service and the following luncheon were well attended.



*Picture on left: Bishop Hicks,  
Erin Chartier, Earl Chartier,  
(in background) Deacon Schmuck,  
Very Rev. Eduardo Andrade*



*Picture on right:  
(front row) Earl and Erin Chartier  
(confirmands),  
(back row, from left) Very Rev.  
Eduardo Andrade, Bishop Hicks,  
Deacon Thom Schmuck*

Traditional Liturgical Evangelical Scriptural

## *In Memoriam....*

On Wednesday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, the **Rev. Thomas E. "Tim" Couch** went to be with the Lord. He was a Reformed Episcopal clergyman in the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic and financial planner with Papalia Financial Services. He was 68 years old.

Tim came to the Reformed Episcopal Church from the Presbyterian church in 1991 and made his church home at Bishop Cummins Memorial Church, Catonsville, Maryland. When he moved to Ligonier, Pennsylvania, His orders were regularized by the Rt. Rev. Leonard W. Riches, the Rt. Rev. Robert Duncan of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh and the Rt. Rev. Daniel Cox in a service held at St. Michael's of the Valley Episcopal Church, Ligonier, Pennsylvania in January, 2001. Tim made history by being the first Reformed Episcopalian to be licensed by the Episcopal Church to serve in one of its dioceses.

Tim preached throughout Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, but chiefly assisted the Rev. James Simons at St. Michael's of the Valley. "He had a real pastor's heart. He loved to spend time with people and tell them about Jesus," said Mr. Simons, "The people really loved him.

A service of Christian burial was held on Monday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at St. Michael's of the Valley. The celebrant was the Rt. Rev. Henry Scriven, Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Pittsburgh. The Rt. Rev. Daniel Cox and the Rt. Rev. David Hicks were concelebrants. The Rev. James Simons delivered the homily. The church was filled to overflowing with friends, family, clergy and laypeople from the Episcopal Church and the Reformed Episcopal Church. Tim is survived by his wife, Marilyn, and his daughters, Heather C. Young and Michelle A. Evans.

### Liturgical Colors

<b>September 2</b>	<b>XIII Trinity</b>	<b>Green</b>
<b>September 9</b>	<b>XIV Trinity</b>	<b>Green</b>
<b>September 16</b>	<b>XV Trinity</b>	<b>Green</b>
<b>September 23</b>	<b>XVI Trinity</b>	<b>Green</b>
<b>September 30</b>	<b>XVII Trinity</b>	<b>Green</b>

# Calendar of Events:

Date	Time	Explanation
Monday, September 10	10:00 a.m.	RESeminary Convocation, Blue Bell, PA The Rev. Walter L. Hawkins, Guest Preacher
Saturday, September 15	9—11:30 a.m.	Maryland Area Ministerium Grace REC, Havre-de-Grace, MD Lunch provided
Saturday, September 22	9:00 a.m.	Philadelphia Area Ministerium Holy Communion, McCausland Chapel RESeminary, Blue Bell, PA
Monday, September 24	RESeminary, Blue Bell, PA 9:00 a.m. Standing Committee Meeting 2:00 p.m. Nominations Committee Meeting 3:00 p.m. Diocesan Trustees Executive Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m. Diocesan Trustees Meeting	
Saturday, September 29	6—8:00 p.m.	Youth Night for area churches Church of the Atonement, Philadelphia, PA
Friday—Sunday, October 5—7	Details forthcoming	Ladies' Spiritual Enrichment Conference Williamsburg, VA
Monday—Saturday, Oct 8-13		General Committee Meetings Summerville, SC