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2007-2008 Grant Work Underway

Grant work for *Evangelism for the 21st Century Grants* has begun; many recipients have filed mid-grant and final reports and have exciting stories of gospel proclamation to share.

The Rev. Richard A. Towers, Director of the Seabury Institute and Director of Admissions at Seabury-Western, visited the island nation of Palau in Micronesia last summer to provide Christian Education and health education materials via handheld computers. In addition, he was able to research the role of distance learning for theological education.

Jane Jeuland, MDiv. Middler at Berkeley Divinity School at Yale, is working with St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in New Haven to build the capacity of

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◀ *Kids and Computers: A Universal Love Affair. Handheld computing is demonstrated to children on the Micronesian island of Kayangel by Andrew Kerr of Guam, in conjunction with the EES-sponsored project of the Rev. Rich Towers.*

▶ *Jane Jeuland, third from right, is shown with the Rev. Tracy Johnson, center (holding child's hands), and volunteers from St. Andrew's Community Crew. The group works on Saturdays to give youth community service credits, teach job and life skills, and perform renovations and repairs to St. Andrew's.*



From the Executive Director

Many thanks to the seminaries who have welcomed me so warmly on my visits this fall. It was a grace-filled privilege to worship with you, share meals and learn about the ministry that is inspired in your communities.

Although I can only begin to appreciate the uniqueness of each seminary, it is clear that the Holy Spirit is actively working among you. Meeting prior grantees and hearing the ideas of prospective applicants has excited me for the mission of EES, and given me great joy in the execution of the Society's work.



The Society is especially thankful to the Dean and community of the Church Divinity School of the Pacific for hosting our semi-annual meeting in October. Members of the Board enjoyed meeting the Very Rev. Donn Morgan, several faculty members and students. Joining us for dinner in the lovely Easton Hall Conference Center were grantees the Rev. David Gortner, who told us of his work with the Center for Anglican Learning and Leadership, and Shelley Denny, who entertained us with a slideshow of her Christian Education work in El Salvador. Chris Arnold, who co-convened the Seminarian Leadership Conference at CDSP, told of the bonds of friendship that were formed and the discovery of common mission that was experienced at the conference.

There is a widespread desire among those whom I have met this year for conversation, shared experience, and greater mutuality within the Anglican Communion. As Helen White, MDiv. '08 at VTS writes of her experience in the Canterbury Scholars program, "The Canterbury program offers an invaluable experience for Anglicans in priestly formation. Living in Christian community with people from all over the world who have committed themselves to similar vocations was one of the most profound experiences of my life. In sharing our stories, praying and worship, study and play the presence of Christ was made known in a very real way. Thus, cross-cultural bonds were made in Christ while our differences were explored, honored and celebrated!"

It is my prayer that God will use the resources of the Society to strengthen the church.



Nashotah House in Peru

A team of ten students, spouses and one faculty member from Nashotah House are participating in a two-week mission trip to Peru during January, supported by a grant from EES. The trip was inspired following a silent retreat at Nashotah House led by the Rt. Rev. William Godfrey, Bishop of Peru, in the fall of 2006. The group has also received training in planning and executing such a trip from the South American Missionary Society.

While in Peru, the missionaries will be based at the Anglican Cathedral of the Good Shepherd and will receive an extensive orientation to the ministries of the Diocese. They will engage in missionary work in urban and rural settings, including earthquake relief. Volunteers from SAMS and from the Cathedral have worked hard to coordinate the trip, and will serve as interpreters for the group. Upon their return, the missionaries will share their experience with the Nashotah House community, their respective parishes and dioceses, and in future ministry.

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the parish for community outreach and to establish an after-school program for older teens. She attended Faithworks, a week-long training conference of the Connecticut Institute for Faith-Based Grants, where she developed a proposal for St. Andrew's and was awarded first prize for her efforts.

Jane has been appointed Director of Long-Range Planning for St. Andrew's by the Rector, the Rev. Tracy Johnson. She has participated, with an Executive Commit-

tee, in facilitating a parish survey and round-table discussions to explore the parish mission and commitment to new programs. A Lenten series on church commitment and evangelism has been designed in response to the survey results. Monthly community dinners have raised awareness of St. Andrew's in the neighborhood community, and information packets have functioned similarly in the deanery. Two grants and several large donations have been received, which will be used for repair and renovation.

Having postponed her academic work for a year to devote her attention to St. Andrew's and her chaplaincy residence at Yale New Haven Hospital, Jane's plans for the spring include visiting several existing after-school programs for high school-aged youth in order to learn about the programs and to develop a network that would support the development of such a program at St. Andrew's. It is an exciting and grace-filled time at St. Andrew's and Jane has expressed thanks to EES for being part of it.



Participants in the Contextual Theological Programme at the College of the Transfiguration in Grahamstowne, South Africa attend church together. Pictured here are EES grantees Phoebe Roaf, left (VTS '08), Lindsay Lunnum, second from right (BDS '08) and Kathryn Reinhard, right (BDS '08) with students from Great Britain, South Africa and Namibia. The Americans' colleagues had diverse backgrounds and came from vastly different cultures, which impressed on the Americans the importance of context in theology. The grantees write that their immersion experience deepened their awareness of their own cultural and theological assumptions and informed their membership in the Anglican Communion.

Dr. Karen Ann Keely, whose partner is in the MDiv program at EDS, traveled to the Episcopal Church Archives for scholarly research. She read copies of the monthly "Young Soldiers of Christ" section of the Spirit of Mission magazine of the late 19th century in order to research the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society's outreach to children in that period. She seeks to publish articles that will inform faith communities of the Episcopal Church's history of evangelical witness, thereby affirming lay and children's ministries and inspiring future evangelism.



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News from the Board of Directors

The Board recognized the retirement of the Rev. E. F. Michael Morgan, Ph. D., as Chairman of the Board of EES by naming the annual Directors' Award for him. Mike's long affiliation with EES began when he received two merit scholarships from the Society as a seminarian at the Philadelphia Divinity School in the late 1960's. He served as a "reader" for grant applications for several years and joined the Board in 1996, serving as Chair since 2003. During his tenure, Morgan presided over the adoption of the Society's current strategic planning goals. He used a personal honorarium to establish the Director's Award in 2003, to recognize the grantee whose work most closely matches the goals of the Evangelism for the Twenty-First Century grants program. See page 6 for a description of the current Morgan Awardees.

In other Board news, Mr. John Harrison was elected Chair to succeed Dr. Morgan. Following an exemplary law career in Philadelphia, John and his wife, Alice, retired to Hanover, NH in 2001. During their years in Philadelphia, John and Alice were members of St. Paul's Church, Chestnut Hill, where both of them served on the vestry and as Rector's Wardens. John was a deputy to four General Conventions from the Diocese of Pennsylvania and he served a six year term on Executive Council, and he served on a number of diocesan and national committees and commissions. John and Alice have three sons and six grandchildren. They are presently members of St. Barnabas Church, Norwich,



Mr. John Harrison

VT, where John is just completing a term on the Vestry.

The Rev. Ann Coburn, Director of Alumni/ae and Church Relations at the Church Divinity School of the Pacific, was elected Vice Chair. Ann has served on the Board and on the Grants Committee since 2006. The Very Rev. Martha J. Horne, recently

retired Dean and President of Virginia Theological Seminary, was elected to a three-year term on the Board. Martha writes that she has long admired and appreciated the work of EES, and has witnessed firsthand the difference the Society's grants have made to Seminarians and other recipients. "I look forward to being part of the Society's work as it continues to support creative and innovative ways of proclaiming the gospel in places far and near," states Horne.

Ms. Ginger Goodrich, an active laywoman in the Diocese of Pennsylvania, retired from the Board after six years' service. Ginger served on the Grants Committee, the Hospitality Committee, and the Search Committee for the current Executive Director. Her enthusiasm and great cheer will be sorely missed.



Shelley Denney, center, with the Most Rev. Martin Barahona (left) and Padre Mario Nunez in La Divina Providencia, an Anglican Village built by Episcopal Relief and Development. Denney (CDSP '08) developed a curriculum and taught Sunday School there in summer '07 before facilitating a diocesan teacher training workshop, in which most parishes in the diocese participated.



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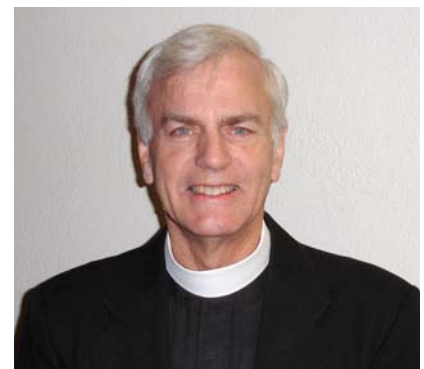
Directors' Awards Given to Three Grantees

The Board of Directors of EES awarded to three grantees from the '06-'07 grant cycle the Morgan Director's Award for work that best exemplifies the objectives of the *Evangelism for the Twenty-First Century* program. The recipients are Mr. Kevin Cross, MDiv. '08, Episcopal Divinity School; Ms. Dorothy Linthicum, Program Director at the Center for the Ministry of Teaching, Virginia Theological Seminary; and the Rev. Belle Mickelson, 2007 graduate of the Church Divinity School of the Pacific.

Mr. Cross's 2006 conference, *Listening for the Still, Small Voice*, brought together experts in youth addiction and recovery with parish, youth and campus ministers to facilitate an understanding of the spirituality of recovery and the role

of the pastoral caregiver in the healing process of adolescents and their families. He has received numerous invitations to repeat the conference elsewhere and will develop another conference, along with a parish program, for youth in 2008.

Ms. Linthicum developed and taught a three-month course on the principles of Christian Education to seminarians at the College of the Transfiguration in Grahamstowne, South Africa. Since her visit in the fall of 2006, COTT has hired an instructor in Christian Education, who uses her syllabus and research. She has served as the "external assessor" for the course and hopes to provide more curriculum in the future. Her work continues to inspire seminarians from multiple African nations and informs her teaching at VTS.



The Rev. E. F. Michael Morgan, Ph. D.

During her three years at CDS, the Rev. Mickelson convened bluegrass gospel music camps each summer for Athabaskan Indian children in Alaska. The camps strengthened the Native American communities across generations, passing along tribal music traditions and providing an alternative to the social ills that threaten the communities.