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† *In a changing church  
and world, EES serves as  
a catalyst and resource  
for innovative witness to  
Jesus Christ.*

## E-21 Grants Now Awarded Semi-Annually

*E*vangalism for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century grants, which EES gives to Episcopalians in seminary communities for innovative ministry projects, will now be awarded semi-annually. Prospective grantees may now submit applications in September and in February; September applicants will receive notification in November for disbursement beginning in December and February applicants will receive notification in April for disbursement beginning in May. “We hope that introducing a fall grants cycle will facilitate planning for summer work,” notes Day Dodson, Executive Director. “Those who are able to submit an application in September will know their funding status earlier in the year, which will allow them to finalize plans or investigate alternatives.”

Applications for the first Fall Grants Cycle are due Monday, September 27, 2010. Prospective applicants are encouraged to visit the EES website at [www.ees1862.org](http://www.ees1862.org) for more information, and to contact Ms. Dodson by phone (703-807-1862) or email ([office@ees1862.org](mailto:office@ees1862.org)) well in advance of the deadline to discuss ideas.

“There’s really no one else in the church that does what you do,” said a recent grantee. “What a blessing!” The *E-21* grants program, now in its fifteenth year, intends to help define, encourage and support the emerging forms of lay and ordained ministry that the new century demands. For a description of the most recent awards, see the article beginning on page 2.



*The EES Board of Directors met April 27-28, 2010 at Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria, Va. Front row: the Rev. Jerry Shigaki, John Harrison, the Very Rev. Martha Horne, the Rt. Rev. John Buchanan, David Beers, Mark Miliotto, the Rev. Jim Papile, the Rev. Cynthia Kittredge. Back row: Day Dodson, Linda Curtiss, the Rev. Ann Coburn, Ariel Miller. Not pictured: the Rev. Jimmy Bartz, the Rev. John Thompson-Quartey, the Rev. Robert TwoBulls. Photo: Susan Shillinglaw.*

## From the Executive Director

Recently I was at a meeting of local church leaders who were brainstorming ways to do church differently. We took turns sharing why we think it is important to do so. I'm sure you can imagine the church-speak that rolled off our tongues with great fluency. Finally, there was a breath of fresh air as one participant smiled broadly and said, "I just want to be able to share the Good News with everybody!"

*E-21* grantees share that sentiment. Dr. Julie Lytle will hold a conference at EDS to look at the future of faith formation. Several grantees are visiting emergent communities and will share their experiences with their seminary communities. International students are taking home what they have learned at TEC seminaries. Stephen Blackmer at Yale will figure out how use the environmental concerns of the church and the unchurched as a means of evangelism. Heather Sisk at General will use sculpture and Sarah Kitch at Bloy House will use drama to share the Good News with any who would hear it through these media.

I visited Bloy House – the Episcopal Theological School at Claremont – for the first time this past fall. While my seminary visits are always inspiring, I must say that the atmosphere at Bloy House is electrifying. The program serves commuting students with widely varied calls to ministry; because classes meet every other weekend, students continue in life, work and ministry as they study. I believe it is a direct consequence that the students have wildly creative ideas for ministry. The Very Rev. Sylvia Sweeney, Dean of Bloy House and *E-21* grantee, notes that Bloy House "tends to attract outside-the-box thinkers." Evangelism in the twenty-first century requires that we continue doing what we do well, while embracing ways to do church differently. With God's grace we will, perhaps, be able to share the Good News with everybody.



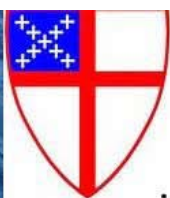
A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Day Dodson".

## Evangelism for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grants Awarded, Spring 2010

The Board of Directors awarded 18 grants to representatives of nine seminaries, including students, faculty and staff. The proposals for domestic and international projects reflect the scope of ministry in the Anglican Communion. Grants were awarded to:

- **Mike Angell**, MDiv.'11, *Virginia Theological Seminary*, for an intentional program of training and immersion in various communities to study the intersections of community organizing and evangelism. He will offer a workshop to the seminary community.
- **Kirsten Baer**, MDiv.'11, *Virginia Theological Seminary*, to explore the breadth and depth of the emerging movement, its relationship to traditional churches, and its implications for Anglican identity by visiting several emerging churches in the US and UK in summer of 2010, and to share the results with the seminary community through a guidebook and workshop.
- **Stephen Blackmer**, MAR '11, *Berkeley Divinity School at Yale*, to develop strategies for how the church might engage people, church and unchurched, in the environment as a spiritual concern by conducting interviews with environmental leaders. He will produce an integrated white paper, a blog and will formulate the next phase of the project.

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### Episcopal Village Resources & Support for Lay Leaders in Native Alaska Villages



*Mary Crist, a student at Bloy House, received a grant to develop and implement a training workshop for lay leaders of three Alaskan villages, and to implement weekly distance-learning Bible study. She has made two trips to Alaska and established various forms of communication, including Skype and Facebook. Shown here is the profile graphic for the **Episcopal Village** page on Facebook – join today to follow her work.*



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- **Kevin Caruso**, MDiv. 2011, Berkeley Divinity School at Yale, for visits to three emergent communities to learn their stories and their systems and to offer a workshop, bibliography and reading course to the seminary community.

- **Andrew D'Angio White**, MDiv. 2011 and **Sara D'Angio White**, MDiv. '12, Virginia Theological Seminary, for a two-month internship in the Diocese of Navajoland, to create a self-sustaining youth program that will act as an evangelical witness to the wider community.

- **Dr. Ellen Davis**, Faculty, Duke Divinity School, to conduct a Leadership Seminar for the Episcopal Church of Sudan, on the topic of the Bible and the Environment.

- **The Rev. Ann Franklin**, Staff, Episcopal Divinity School, for a three-month mission tour in the Holy Land. She will serve as chaplain for Sabeel pilgrimages and will serve in parish ministry in the Northern West Bank.

- **Mary Ann Huston**, MDiv. '10, Seminary of the Southwest, to present a workshop on labyrinths, to create prayer cards and to post signs at St. Mark's, San Marcos, to draw people into the church and to deepen their faith through meditative prayer.

- **Lisa Kimball** and the **Rev. Marge McNaughton**, Faculty, Virginia Theological Seminary, to support the ministry of evangelism by homeless members of the Church of the Epiphany in Washington, DC. Participants in the Gospel Art! program will paint and sell wooden crosses to the general public.

- **Sarah Kitch**, CA '10, Diaconal Program, Episcopal Theological School at Claremont/Bloy House, to teach a four-week course of interactive experiential drama at the Arab Evangelical Episcopal School in Ramallah.

- **Dr. Julie Lytle**, Faculty, Episcopal Divinity School, to produce EDS' Faith Formation 2020: a conference of practitioners and academics to strategically consider how the Episcopal Church can help God invite, inspire and transform God's people.



*Mrs. Clemence Ngijoe Yanke, MTS '10, CDSP engaged several of her classmates in mission to Cameroon in 2009. She is shown here inspecting damaged homes in Bawock with the Rev. Bruce Swineheart, MDiv. '09. This summer she will return to Cameroon to begin implementing the difficult work of healing and reconciliation in her homeland, using a contextual theology approach she learned at CDSP and will refine at the College of the Transfiguration in Grahamstowne, South Africa.*

- **The Rev. Liz Magill**, Staff, Episcopal Divinity School, to expand the visibility of Worcester Fellowship (an outdoor street church) by enhancing the visual presence and adding a mission presence.

- **Clemence Ngijoe Yanke**, MTS '10, Church Divinity School of the Pacific, to start a transformative process of healing and reconciliation using a contextual theology approach in Cameroon.

- **Bryan O'Carroll**, MDiv. '11, Nashotah House, to culturally translate and implement the Community of Hope program of lay pastoral care in the Diocese of Upper Shire in Malawi.

- **Heather Sisk**, MA '10, General Theological Seminary, to develop a sculpture exhibit dedicated to exploring Spiritual Direction through the ministry and witness of Mary Magdalene. The exhibit will be shared at a Quiet Day sponsored by the Center for Christian Spirituality at GTS.

- **The Rev. Andrew Sumani**, MTS '10, Nashotah House, to train and implement home-based care committees for HIV/AIDS using the established Channels of Hope resource in the Diocese of Malawi.

- **The Very Rev. Sylvia Sweeney**, Dean, Episcopal Theological School at Claremont/Bloy House, to expand the vibrant vision of evangelism articulated in the baptismal covenant, by interviewing the living authors of 1979 BCP.

- **Jesse Zink**, MDiv. '12, Berkeley Divinity School at Yale, to teach for three weeks at the Bishop Gwynne College in Juba, Sudan. He will also interview students and create a multi-media presentation to share in the US.

## E-21 Grants Calendar

### Fall 2010 Cycle:

Applications Due: September 27, 2010

Notification: Mid-November

Disbursement: December 15, 2010 – March 31, 2012

### Spring 2011 Cycle:

Applications Due: February 7, 2011

Notification: Mid-April

Disbursement: May 1, 2011 – August 30, 2012

## Renk Media Team Promotes Work of the Episcopal Church in Sudan

When Connie Wilson was on staff at Seabury-Western, she received a grant for a filming mission to Renk Diocese in Sudan, to film the work of the Episcopal Church and to document the impact of the church on the lives of the displaced and persecuted peoples there. The trip was postponed twice, due to civil unrest in Sudan, and finally completed in January '10. The Renk Media Team (see photo, below right) conducted 45 interviews in 24 locations over the ten-day visit.

The team documented services now in place because the Episcopal Church of Sudan (ECS) is present, active and growing: new churches, including one converted mosque, and several that serve military bases; new clinics and staff; a Women's Center; new buildings at Renk Theological College; and various income-generating projects. Two videos will be produced: a shorter, ten-minute video that documents the developmental needs of the diocese, and a longer, 25-minute video that tells the faith stories of those interviewed. There will also be a coffee-table style photo book of portraits. All will be distributed widely among partner parishes, dioceses and organizations (EPGM, AFRECS) and ECS.

Wilson noted, with great appreciation, the preparations and hospitality provided by the ECS: "Preparations had to be made at 16 different churches and worshipping centers to welcome the media team: special worship services planned; interviewees chosen; churches of natural materials repaired or even built for our arrival; gifts readied; the purchase of a traveling generator; special food prepared to keep us from getting sick; and dances and songs practiced. An advance team had to precede the film crew gaining permits from the different county commissioners where we would be filming. While traveling into the interior South, three carloads of over 20 people traveled in a caravan leaving large pillars of dust in our wake."



Join Renk Media Team on Facebook to see more photos and video of this outstanding project.



*Andrea Bardelmeier, MDiv. '10, Princeton, researched and developed a premarital initiative for TEC. She is shown here facilitating a small group discussion at the "Foundations" workshop she convened for committed, engaged and newly married couples. The workshop was held at Princeton in January '10.*



*The Renk Media Team - Charlie Simokaitis (photographer), the Rt. Rev. Jeff Lee (associate producer), the Rt. Rev. Joseph Garang Atem (executive producer), Constance Wilson (producer), the Rev. Kevin M. Goodman (director, videographer).*



*A traditional dancing necklace was given to Constance Wilson as a welcome gift from St. Mark's Jalbak Mother's Union.*

## Seminarians Explore the Emergent Church

Several seminarians received E-21 grants to explore the emergent movement, receiving funding to visit emergent communities and meet with leaders and members. Ms. Kirsten Baer (pictured at right) visited the Micah Project and the Crossing in Boston. Ms. Baer and her husband, Tim Baer, are MDiv. students at Virginia Theological Seminary. They will also visit emergent communities in Seattle and the UK, and will share the results of their work with the VTS community.

The *Micah Project* is an eleven-month internship program where young adults live in intentional Christian community and discern their vocational calls while serving the Boston area in site placements with a focus on social and structural justice. The *Micah Project*, along with the *Relational Evangelism* program, is led by former EES grantee the Rev. Arrington Chambliss. Read more at <http://www.diomassintern.org/Home.html>.

The Crossing is an emergent church with a vibrant ministry out of St. Paul's Cathedral in Boston that is often visited by those who wish to experience and learn more about the movement (<http://www.thecrossingboston.org/index.html>). It is led by the Rev. Stephanie Spellars, whose book *Radical Welcome* began with an E-21 grant when Spellars was a student at the Episcopal Divinity School.



*Kirsten Baer (second from right) meets with Micah Project interns in the Diocese of Massachusetts.*

## Western Tanzania



*The Rev. Emmanuel Bwatta, MTS '10, Sewanee, is pictured above at Kasulu Bible College, where he has been appointed Dean and is busy preparing for the seminary's August opening. A longer-term goal is to bring EfM to Tanzania. He writes that the immediate needs of the seminary are scholarship funds, mosquito nets and NRSV Bibles. The EES office has contact information for any interested supporters.*



*The Rev. Emmanuel Bwatta received an E-21 grant last year to train and equip lay ministers in the Diocese of Western Tanzania. He is pictured here coaching a new lay reader.*



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*Deborah Hughes-Habel, MDiv. '10, Seminary of the Southwest, pursued her interest in Hispanic ministry by interning in the Mission de San Francisco community in Moab, Utah. She is shown here (back row, center) with participants in the After School Tutor Club at the Moab Valley Multicultural Center. She will use what she has learned about the cultural practices, and the unique challenges of relationship-building between non-Hispanic and Hispanic communities, as a tool for evangelism in the Diocese of Utah.*



*The Rev. Andrea Baker, MDiv. '10, CDSP (far right) convened Camp Holy Spirit in Tela, Honduras in June 2010. The camp included ten adults and two youth from the Diocese of Northern California, along with six adults and twenty youth from Honduras.*



*Hilary Greer (far left), MDiv. '11, EDS visited Kenya and Rwanda on an E-21 grant in summer '09. Her work included an internship with REACH Rwanda, an organization that promotes reconciliation and healing among genocide offenders and survivors. Her prior experience as an organizational consultant was well-used, as she worked with REACH staff to improve and automate the financial reporting and forecasting systems and create a management plan for the new Center for Unity and Peacebuilding.*