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

## Stepping Into History

There are projects scholars dream of doing, if only. If only there were enough time, or enough money, or enough support from the greater church for their vision. For years I have hoped to interview some of the chief architects of our baptism rite in the 1979 Book of Common Prayer and record some of their vision and experiences during their work of creating one of the most influential documents in the history of Anglicanism. My *Evangelism for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century* grant has made my research dream come true this past year. Through the help of EES, and the gift of time given by Bloy House, I was able to travel to South Bend, Indiana, Berkeley, California, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and New York City to meet with four liturgical scholars, each of whom had a significant hand in the development of the 1979 Prayer Book.

Through conversations with Dr. Dan Stevick, Dr. Louis Weil, and Dr. Lee Mitchell, I had the opportunity to hear what it meant to be a member of the drafting committee of the baptism rite. Through my conversation with Bishop Frank Griswold I learned about the vital grassroots commentary offered during the development of the prayer book, and how the voice of a young curate could be received with the kind of respectfulness that eventually allowed him to serve as a contributing author of one of the eucharistic prayers.



*The Rev. Dr. Leonel Mitchell with the Rev. Dr. Sylvia Sweeney in South Bend, IN*

As this project unfolded, the broad support offered by EES helped make other support possible, so that when I did travel to meet these church leaders, I was accompanied by professional videographers provided through the Episcopal Church Center. Now there are approximately twelve hours of archived footage of these pioneers available for anyone doing continued research into the development of the prayer book and the theology of our baptism rite. There will also be, when the project is fully realized, an entire video curriculum on the history and theology of the rite that will become available to Episcopalians across the country. Through it, Christians will have the opportunity to celebrate and explore the depths of meaning that come from knowing, "I am a baptized Christian." Thank you, EES, for your wonderful gift that made this labor of love possible. And thank you to the four amazing, generous, gifted men whose stories we captured in these interviews!

Sylvia Sweeney, Dean and President

Bloy House, the Episcopal Theological School at Claremont

## From the Executive Director

There are several reasons for my excitement over Sylvia Sweeney's work, which is featured on the cover of this edition of *The Lantern*. First and foremost, of course, is the work itself. I have seen the video footage and it is amazing. I know we will all enjoy watching it and using it in our parishes. My second reason is my enthusiasm for Sylvia herself, and the outstanding work she is doing at Bloy House ([www.bloyhouse.org](http://www.bloyhouse.org)). It's not surprising that a seminary committed to innovative theological education and a foundation committed to innovative witness to Jesus Christ would be mutually enthusiastic. And finally, her journey into contemporary liturgical history has inspired me greatly as I plan the celebration of EES' Sesquicentennial in 2012.

You will hear more about the Sesquicentennial in the coming year; we will launch the celebration at General Convention and all of our friends will have the opportunity to participate. This summer, inspired by Sylvia's work, I am videotaping interviews with current and former EES Board members who have been involved for many years. We have also commissioned the writing of a history of EES, based on archival research. As we celebrate our history we will pray for the Spirit to continue to inspire our future mission.

About the future ... it was my great privilege in May to attend a gathering of representatives from each of the seventeen Episcopal Service Corps programs, where E-21 grantee Suzanne Ehly (adjunct faculty, Episcopal Divinity School) was a co-leader. In a prior grant, Ehly worked with the young adult interns in the Diocese of Massachusetts program Life Together. Embodying the Great Commandment was her project to facilitate their integration of body and voice into the evangelism mission of telling their stories and being present to others. Her success spawned this year's Loaves and Fishes project, where she and the Rev. Arrington Chambliss, Director of Life Together, shared their servant leadership model with the other ESC program participants. It was a lively gathering of exuberant witness and joyful affirmation; I left filled with the promise of the Spirit's work in this next generation of leaders.



*Day Dodson*



*EES Executive Director Day Dodson, left, visits the Archives of the Episcopal Church with EES Board Chair the Rev. Dr. Cynthia Kittredge, center. Mark J. Duffy, right, Canonical Archivist and Director of Archives, has been instrumental in facilitating the work of the EES History Project.*

*Robert F. Pace (right) is the researcher and writer of the EES History Project. A senior at the Seminary of the Southwest, from the Diocese of Northwest Texas, Pace is a Ph. D. historian, former professor and nonprofit manager. His research has been primarily at the Archives of the Episcopal Church in Austin, where the EES collection is resident; additionally, on a recent trip to Washington, D.C., he was able to meet with the Rev. Dr. Robert Prichard (left) at VTS to discuss nineteenth-century evangelicalism.*

## New E-21 Grants for Innovative Gospel Proclamation

The EES Board awarded eleven *Evangelism for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century* grants to students and faculty from five Episcopal seminaries:

- **Hilary Camblos**, M.Div. '12, *Berkeley Divinity School at Yale*. A two-month internship at Good Earth Farm, an intentional Episcopal farming community in Ohio. She will develop and lead workshops on evangelism for the friars and design a campus ministry program.

- **Hilary Greer**, M. Div. '11, *Episcopal Divinity School*. In a continuation of prior grant work with REACH Rwanda, she will make a thirty-day trip to establish partnership opportunities for US parishes, and coordinate a US visit by the director of REACH to promote parish partnerships.

- **Rebecca Hall**, MSF '13, *Seminary of the Southwest*. Building on her experience as Small Group Coordinator at St. David's, Austin, she will plan and execute a Small Group Ministries conference at the Seminary of the Southwest, for practitioners and seminarians.

- **The Rev. Linea Haufiku**, MAR '11, *Seminary of the Southwest*. She will hold a five-day, ecumenical workshop and retreat on HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention in Namibia.

- **The Rev. Stephanie Johnson and the Rev. Rainey Dankel**, STM '12 and MDiv. '11, *Berkeley Divinity School at Yale*. They will teach classes in parish administration at St. Nicholas Seminary, Cape Coast, Ghana.

- **Beryl Kenney**, MDiv. '12, *Seminary of the Southwest*. A linguist, she will intern in the Diocese of Alaska and re-introduce indigenous language to the liturgy and develop a portable model for this process. She will also attend a two-week consortium on Native Ministries at Vancouver School of Theology.



*Matt Seddon of CDSP and the Diocese of Utah poses with Rvdmmo. Carlos Touché-Porter and the Rev. Salvador Martinez Rios, Rector of Santa Maria Virgen in Mexico City. Seddon will develop a website to help Episcopal churches create welcoming worship spaces for immigrants. It will feature photos like the one of the "archetypical" Anglican altar area from Santa Maria Virgen to demonstrate the characteristic simplicity of Anglican churches in Mexico, as compared to the abundant use of images of saints and icons in Roman Catholic churches.*



- **The Rev. Laurie McKim**, MDiv. '12, *Seminary of the Southwest*. She will spend the summer in Costa Rica, teaching ESL and engaging clergy and lay leaders, and will contribute her experience to the Hispanic Church Studies program at SSW.

- **Kyle Oliver**, MDiv. '12, *Virginia Theological Seminary*. He will design, create, publish and promote a web-based curriculum module on the conversation between science and Christian theology, for parish use.

- **The Rev. Dr. Robert Prichard**, Faculty, *Virginia Theological Seminary*. He will facilitate the construction of a sustainable, straw bale building adjoining an Episcopal mission on the Pine Ridge reservation in SD. The project will train local workers to address a housing need with ecologically responsible design, and make the church more visible.

- **Matthew Seddon**, MDiv. '12, *Church Divinity School of the Pacific*. An anthropologist, he will study Mexican religious symbols and worship spaces in the US and in Mexico; he will produce a website explaining the symbols to assist non-Latinos in developing welcoming authentic and welcoming Latino worship.

- **Jesse Zink**, MDiv. '12, *Berkeley Divinity School at Yale*. He will visit three dioceses of the Episcopal Church in Sudan, building on relationships established in prior grant work. He will write and share the stories of those he visits through his blog, articles, presentations and a book. Follow his blog at <http://jessezink.wordpress.com/>.



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## E-21 Grants Calendar

### Fall 2011 Cycle:

Applications Due: September 26, 2011  
Notification: Mid-November  
Disbursement: December 15, 2011–  
March 31, 2013

### Spring 2012 Cycle:

Applications Due: February 6, 2012  
Notification: Mid-April  
Disbursement: May 1, 2012–  
August 30, 2013

**Fall 2011 grant applications due September 26, 2011**

## A Season of Prayer for Sudan

Hope and faith have sustained our sisters and brothers in Sudan for the last fifty years, and these gifts continue to be crucial as South Sudan becomes independent this summer. Fighting and violence continue, as does the unfailing witness of the Episcopal Church in Sudan. All of us at EES are following the news from Sudan with great concern, as it has been our privilege to engage the situation there through the outstanding work of grantees past and present. We encourage you to be informed, pray, and become involved as you are called through the excellent resources of TEC (<http://www.episcopalchurch.org/sudan/>) and of the American Friends of the Episcopal Church in Sudan (<http://www.afrecs.org/>).



*Jesse Zink used an E-21 grant last summer to teach at the Bishop Gwynne Theological College in Juba. He returns this summer to visit student friends in their home dioceses and share in the work of their ministry. His writing focuses on worldwide unity in the global Body of Christ.*



*The Rev. Dr. Jo Bailey Wells, of Duke Divinity School, is a co-leader of the Renk Visiting Teachers Program. An E-21 grant in 2009 supported her teaching efforts there. She returns this summer to facilitate the Leadership Seminar for ECS leaders on "Unjust Economic and Gender Structures."*



*Connie Wilson, of All Saints', Chicago, was partially supported by an E-21 grant as she produced the work of the Renk Media Team in 2010. The Team chronicled the work of the Episcopal Church in Sudan through two DVD's, a musical score, and two photo books. Learn more about these excellent resources on Facebook: Renk Media Team.*