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

## Homeless Artists Receive Directors' Award

An artist in the *Gospel Art!* program at the Church of the Epiphany in Washington, DC, was inspired to raise money for the church's Welcome Table breakfast by selling the original art that program participants create each Sunday. Dr. Lisa Kimball and the Rev. Marge McNaughton, faculty and faculty emerita at Virginia Seminary and *Gospel Art!* volunteers, saw an opportunity for unique gospel proclamation. So they used an *Evangelism for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century* grant to facilitate a remarkable story of collaboration, empowerment, and innovative witness.

The artists selected sixteen paintings to be reproduced on note cards. Kimball and McNaughton invited others to contribute their gifts to the project: parishioners, seminary faculty, a professional graphic designer, and outside vendors. Each interaction spread the story of *Gospel Art!*, created an opportunity for sharing faith stories, and built enthusiasm for the project. The artists became known for their creativity, imagination, and artistic abilities as note cards and paintings were sold at Washington's Eastern Market, at Epiphany and at VTS.

The evangelism that was practiced through a variety of diverse relationships inspired the EES Board of Directors to award the 2011 Morgan Directors' Award to the Gospel Artists. The award is named for the Rev. E. F. Michael Morgan, Ph.D., who served on the board of EES for many years until his retirement in 2007. It is awarded annually to grantees whose work is an exemplary fulfillment of EES objectives for innovation and gospel proclamation.



*The Notecard Design Team included (from left): EES grantees Dr. Lisa Kimball and the Rev. Marge McNaughton, graphic designer Alix Dorr, and project leader David G.*

*The artists at work, creating original works to sell as a fundraiser for the Church of the Epiphany's Welcome Table breakfast program.*



## From the Executive Director

It was a cold December night in 1868 when the Rev. Robert J. Parvin boarded the packet steamer *United States* in Cincinnati and headed downriver on the Ohio toward Louisville. As General Secretary of EES, Parvin was embarking on a fundraising mission; he had left the Board Meeting three days prior with this plan, in response to an operating deficit of over \$4,000. With him was the Rev. T. S. Rising, Agent of the American Church Missionary Society. The ability of EES to continue to fund theological education for ministry candidates was at stake.

Both men died several hours later, when the *United States* struck another mail steamer, the *America*, and both ships burned. This tragic loss, deeply mourned across various Episcopal communities, also increased the financial threat to EES. But within a year, a committee was appointed to “take measures to raise funds to meet the present deficiency.” The Revs. Robert Matlack, Phillips Brooks and J. Cotton Smith raised over \$10,000, with additional pledges, within several months. EES was, again, solvent and ready for mission.

You may look forward to reading this, and other stories of adaptive mission, in the history of the Evangelical Education Society, which will be released in celebration of our Sesquicentennial at General Convention. But I continue to find the most compelling stories in the work of our current grantees: those who are alert to the unique call and formation that God effects in seminary communities, and who envision new ways to proclaim the Gospel in a changing church and world. Evangelism is the issue that matters to the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Church, and EES is privileged to be a catalyst and a resource for innovative witness to Jesus Christ.



*Day Dodson preaches at Alumni Convocation at Virginia Theological Seminary, where she is President of the Alumni Association Executive Committee.*

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*Jonathan Potter, an experienced filmmaker, will produce a series of short videos called, “The Grammar of Eco-Justice.”*



## New E-21 Grants Promise Innovative Evangelism

The EES Board awarded six *Evangelism for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century* grants for the most recent Fall 2011 grants cycle. These projects represent an exceptional level of originality and initiative by the students and faculty who proposed them, and each promises innovative Gospel proclamation in the church and in the world. The following awards were made:

- **Dr. Anthony Baker**, Faculty, *Seminary of the Southwest*. He will create a website and podcast, “The Theology Page,” to familiarize students, scholars, pastors and lay leaders with current issues in theology.
- **Dr. Daniel Joslyn-Siemiatkoski**, Faculty, *Church Divinity School of the Pacific*. He will explore establishing an Episcopal congregation in Krakow, by convening a workshop for interested persons and discerning next steps and leadership.
- **Colin Mathewson**, M.Div. '13, *Sewanee*. He will equip emerging Hispanic congregational leaders for evangelism by holding a training series based on the principles of community organizing. He will also apply the experience to the translation and adaptation of an existing Anglo resource for use in Latino/Hispanic ministries.
- **Jonathan Potter**, M.A. '12, *Church Divinity School of the Pacific*. He will produce a series of short films exploring faith and science in eco-justice, for the purpose of engaging faith leaders, policymakers and individuals in the issues and conversation.
- **Twila Smith**, M.Div. '14, *Church Divinity School of the Pacific*. She will compile resources for the Episcopal Disability Network and re-work their website, in order to empower the church's ministry by and with persons with disabilities. She will survey each diocese and seminary for resources.
- **Bernard Yung**, M.Div. '12, *Virginia Theological Seminary*. He will lead a series of workshops on lay preaching in the Episcopal Diocese of North Central Philippines, in order to bring clergy and laity together for cooperation and to enhance their teaching and preaching skills.



*The Rev. John Newton is Canon for Lifelong Formation in the Diocese of Texas.*



*The Rev. Phoebe Roaf is Rector of St. Philip's Episcopal Church in Richmond, VA.*

## EES Board Elects Two New Members

At the Semi-Annual meeting of the EES Board at the Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, MA, the Rev. Canon John Newton and the Rev. Phoebe Roaf were elected to three-year terms on the board. Each is a fairly recent seminary graduate, and a former EES grantee.

A lifelong Episcopalian and Texan, John Newton worked in campus ministry at the University of Texas in Austin both before and after seminary. He has been in his current position as Canon for Lifelong Christian Formation in the Diocese of Texas since early 2011. His desire to introduce people to the saving love of Jesus Christ and his call to form uniquely Episcopalian disciples of Jesus is what makes him most passionate about his work. As a former EES grant recipient with a passion for evangelism, John is thrilled to serve on the EES board.

Phoebe Roaf was raised in Pine Bluff, Arkansas. After pursuing a career in public policy and a legal career, she was called to ordained ministry. She served as Associate Rector of Trinity New Orleans for three years before accepting a call as Rector of St. Philip's Episcopal Church in Richmond, VA. As a seminarian, Phoebe received an EES grant to teach and study at seminaries in Sudan and South Africa. The experience had a profound impact on her understanding of what it means to be a member of the Anglican Communion, and the cost of proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ. She is excited about joining the EES board because she knows firsthand that EES grants facilitate life-changing experiences.

## From the EES Board Chair

Dear Friends,

We held our fall Board meeting this year at the Episcopal Divinity School where we met with grantees Liz McGill and Suzanne Ehley who have who shared their work with us - Liz with the Worcester Fellowship and Suzanne with the interns of the Episcopal Service Corps. We spent a lovely evening at the Deanery where Dean Katherine Ragsdale updated us on the health and vitality of EDS. We made six grants in our fall grants cycle, including one to Dr. Daniel Joslyn-Siemiatkowski, of the faculty at CDSP, to explore establishing an Episcopal congregation in Krakow. You may read about the other grants awarded elsewhere in this issue.

We are looking forward to General Convention this summer where EES will be launching the celebration of our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. It will be good to reconnect with our friends in person there.

The grants that EES has made in recent years to seminarians and members of seminary communities as part of the *Evangelism for the 21st Century* program have encouraged students preparing for ministry to think creatively and to make their visions for Christian service and evangelism to become real. Your generosity, which will directly support our grants program, will help EES significantly in its mission of continuing to encourage innovative and useful work on the part of members of the seminary communities.

This is the only appeal that we will be sending to you on behalf of EES this year. With all the uncertainty in the economy and with changing times in the Church your support is more important than ever. Please use the envelope included in this mailing to make your annual contribution to the grants program of EES.

Thank you for your support,  
The Rev. Dr. Cynthia Briggs Kittredge  
*Chair*



*Cynthia Kittredge, Academic Dean and Professor of New Testament, Seminary of the Southwest*



*Former EES Grantee the Rev. Andrew Sumani (center) has been appointed Evangelism Coordinator in the Diocese of Lake Malawi. While studying at Nashotah House, Fr. Sumani received EES grants to provide HIV/AIDS education and to establish home-based lay pastoral care in Malawi. He is pictured with grantee Brian O'Carroll (left, M. Div. '11, Nashotah House) and former grantees the Rev. Beth and the Rev. Tom Papazoglakis of Milwaukee on a 2010 mission to Malawi.*

*Fr. Sumani welcomes the prayers and support of US colleagues as he implements his vision of evangelism. He may be reached at [andrew.sumani@gmail.com](mailto:andrew.sumani@gmail.com).*

## E-21 Grants Calendar

### Spring 2012 Cycle

Applications Due: February 6, 2012

Notification: mid-April

Disbursement: May 1, 2012 – August 30, 2013

### Fall 2012 Cycle

Applications Due: September 24, 2012

Notification: mid-November

Disbursement: December 15, 2012 – March 31, 2014



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Hilary Camblos (left), of the Diocese of Southwestern Virginia, spent the summer following her middler year at the Berkeley Divinity School at Yale at an intentional Episcopal farming community in Ohio. An E-21 grant supported her offering of extensive training in evangelism to the friars of the Good Earth Farm, using a model developed by the Episcopal Evangelism Network. She also interviewed the friars, visitors to the farm, and nearby college students to enable the friars to articulate and refine their mission with these persons.



The Rev. Linea Haufiku, a recent graduate of the Seminary of the Southwest, returned to her native Namibia with an E-21 grant to lead a workshop on HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention. She was affirmed by the strong attendance and lively conversation among participants of both genders and a wide range of ages. She writes most people had never attended such a workshop offered by a member of the clergy, and that she is inspired to continue to address the misconceptions, stigmata, and prejudices associated with the disease from the pulpit.



Suzanne Ehly of EDS leads a meditation at the national conference for Episcopal Service Corps interns and program directors, for which she also served on the design and leadership team.