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ECW Annual Convention & Meeting

Saturday April 30, 2011

at

Iglesia Episcopal El Redentor
Episcopal Church of the Redeemer
40 Center Street, Elgin

Our first time meeting at one of our eight hispanic parishes!
We are so excited about this event....Do join us and bring friends.



Keynote speaker, Barbara Susman of Susman & Associates

Barbara is a top notch immigration lawyer AND a 'faithful Episcopalian.' She will make a personal presentation **and answer questions**. Remember US companies rely on foreign nationals to come to the US to help OUR businesses. Immigration issues affect lives on many, many levels which we may not be aware of. Barbara will enlighten us. Our program will also present personal narratives of how some of our hispanic sisters came to the Episcopal Church.



We are welcomed to Iglesia Episcopal El Redentor (Redeemer Episcopal) by (l to r) Assistant Rector Amity Conrado, Administrative Assistant Elsie Saldana and Estela Lopez, , wife of Fr Pedro Lopez Rector of Redentor.



Young adult members of Redentor performing an Aztec dance in authentic costume at St James Cathedral in December during 'Spanish Liturgy Day.'

9:00-10:00 Registration & coffee

10:00 ECW Board Meeting & Introduction to What ECW Does

11:30 Lunch

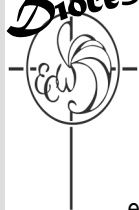
12:30-1:45 Program

2:00 Eucharist with Bishop Lee and Installation of Officers

\$25 includes lunch \$10 for clergy

A bus will be available from 87th &
Dan Ryan & St James Cathedral for an additional \$15

The Diocesan Mirror



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**Your Presence Would Be Greatly Appreciated
April 30th at Redentor/Redeemer, Elgin and
you will be glad you did attend!**

From President: Susan Lenz:

“A Faithful Episcopal Immigration Attorney” is how Barbara Susman describes herself and I can absolutely attest to her passion and dedication in helping others worldwide.

In 25 years of service as an attorney Barbara’s wealth of experience is going to give us a close and personal look at some immigration issues. It is a real eye-opener. Barbara’s company has worked for individuals, International Corporations, government service, banks as well as religious and social service organizations. There will be time for questions.

The entire day’s program will be translated simultaneously. Barbara is fluent in Spanish.

We will also hear the personal stories of women parishioners of Redeemer Episcopal and St Michael and All Angels. Berwyn and how they came to the Episcopal Church.

Our hispanic sisters want to know about the Episcopal Church Women’s organization and we shall speak to this during our annual meeting.

We will also present, in resolution form, the Board’s work on a new organizational model for our ECW Diocese of Chicago. We want as many to attend our Annual Meeting as possible to hear of this new model and take a first vote on its adoption. Remember in order to vote your Parish must pay its Voluntary Contribution to the ECW.



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This is The Rest of The Story

Stories pop up from very unlikely circumstances; some fascinate us, others we quickly forget. The ones we remember we tell over and over as a means of sharing something meaningful.

In the 1930's Captain Raymond Lewis of the Church Army and a nun from an Episcopal order were working in a small mountain town in Virginia. They saw the need for a library and realized that the Church Periodical Club was the best place to secure books. They contacted the CPC in New York and a shipment of over 300 books was sent to them. A young man from the community came to help them unpack and while working developed an interest in books. The young man was Earl Hamner, Jr., who is best known for his writing on two popular television series, *The Waltons* and *Falcon Crest*. As a novelist, he is best known for the novel *Spencer's Mountain*, which was inspired by his own childhood and formed the basis for both the film of the same name and the television series *The Waltons*. Hamner also served as the unseen narrator of *The Waltons*.

A book is an amazing thing!



Addictive Behavior = Dysfunctional Parish??

THE DEAN OF ST JAMES CATHEDRAL INVITES YOU on April 5, Tuesday, Noon-3:00 PM to hear The Rt Rev Chilton Knudsen, Retired Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Maine and co-author The Rev. Nancy Van Dyke Platt, a former medical technologist and rector of St Matthew's Episcopal Church in Hallowell, ME, discuss their book "*So You Think You Don't Know One?*" How addictive behavior in clergy and lay leaders can be a cause for congregational dysfunction; what can be done to help.

At St James Cathedral

For reservations:

please call Ann Ryba at 312 787 7360 or

aryba@saintjamescathedral.org

\$10 includes lunch

Parking vouchers are available at the Diocesan reception desk..before entering the parking garage: \$9 for 8 hours.

Straight for Equality Session

John Cepek joined **Parents and Friends of Lesbian and Gay** in 1991 after his son came out. He has been on the National Board of Directors and chaired the **Open and Affirming Taskforce at the First Congregational Church of La Grange**, Illinois, whose congregation voted to become *Open and Affirming* in 2000. John's goal is to engage millions of straight Americans in the struggle for LGBT civil rights and sociocultural affirmation. In 2006, John and Char were the primary litigants in raising objections to signatures on a petition calling for a state amendment to restrict marriage to heterosexual couples. As National President Emeritus John continues to work on *Straight for Equality* initiatives in the workplace, faith communities and health services. An enlightening and informative session sponsored by the Diocesan Episcopal Church Women will be held May 7th

I enjoy being an Episcopalian. The Order of Service, the Liturgy, the Eucharist, hearing the Gospel and the Sermon are meaningful to me. Quite often the Sermon is based on the Gospel appointed for the day. I admit, I like seeing the clergy vested in beautiful robes. Although Episcopalians are referred to as the "frozen chosen," I appreciate the dignity in our form of worship. I realize the church has changed in many ways; some of the old dignity still remains. Attending church, hearing the word of God, helps me to grow spiritually and I know I can do better.

Today I do not know what makes one an Episcopalian. Apparently new members come into the church without receiving any instructions as to what we do or why. They are unaware of the Church Year and the Liturgical Colors. I am a firm believer that Confirmation Classes should be as important now as in the past. Some have no knowledge of Confirmation, and Holy Days of Obligation which are not stressed anymore

*St. Andrew's-Pentecost Episcopal Church Women
Welcomes all Women to Our*

“Quiet Day 2011”

Date: Saturday, February 26th 2011

Time: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Place: 1928 Darrow Ave. Evanston, IL

Holy Eucharist

With Fr. Emeka P. Nwachuku

Join us in Our Labyrinth Walk to Experience the Journey of Life

The labyrinth is an intriguing tool for understanding our psychological and spiritual journey. Walk our indoor labyrinth with your sisters in Christ while mindful of your life's journey. Envision your life's goal. Walk to your destiny, learn and be reenergized.

Luncheon at 12.00pm

Speaker: Anita Anderson

Retaining Young Adults in the Church

Lunch Donations: \$5.00

Please Call to Reserve Your Seat

Wilma Anderson: (708)819-1998

Doreen Nwachuku: (773)613-9123

Lorna Myles: (773)754-5354

Carolee Ballard: (224)425-9063



The ECW is challenging the women of the Diocese to match funds provided through a \$1500 gift from the ECW International Outreach Project.

Each book will have a bookplate on the inside cover indicating the person or group who will donate the book. The name of a person, church or group to be honored can also be added to the bookplate.

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Number of books to be donated _____ Amount enclosed _____

A \$15 donation for each book is requested. Please make checks payable to "ECW Diocese of Chicago" ♦

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Checks in any amount should be mailed to:

Episcopal Church Women, St. James Commons, 65 East Huron, Chicago, IL 60611-2718

REGISTRATION:
Province V Annual Gathering:
 Lifting Our Voices in Prayer, Love & Service
 May 13 – 15, 2011

Registration Begins November 15, 2010 and Ends March 15, 2010. Please mark these dates on your calendars.

NO REFUNDS after March 15, 2010

Conference Rates: Singles Rooms: \$375.00 (includes meals)
 Double Occupancy: \$275.00 (per person)
 Commuter: All Weekend - \$175.00
 Friday and Saturday only \$150.00
 (Reception, Dinner, Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)
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A Letter to Bishop Lee regarding Rev. Goldi Santana Mera and the

My name is Curtis Wait and I am the associate rector at Intercession Episcopal Church in Thornton, Colorado USA and the Executive Director of an ecumenical organization (Amiguitos) supporting community development projects in southern Mexico. The Rev. Goldi Santana Mera, whom you met this week in Veracruz, is a jewel of the Episcopal Church. The first woman ordained in Latin America, she grew up in Guayaquil, Ecuador (a city of 2 million, half chronically unemployed). In 2006, Goldi began new community centers in Veracruz, Mexico and Amiguitos was created to support her work. Your visit to Laguna in Veracruz, Mexico brought you to one of our Amiguitos centers.

Living and working in poverty her whole life, Goldi is an amazing person, my mentor and hero. I met her as a seminarian while I was on medical missions to Ecuador with the Episcopal Diocese of Tennessee (I attended seminary at Sewanee). I saw first hand Goldi's work with impoverished children and continued to visit her in Ecuador each year for 5 years. When Goldi left all her family and all her friends to help children in Mexico, I stopped traveling to Ecuador and began taking teams to Veracruz, Mexico to support her wonderful work. From 10 children in 2006 to over 120 children today, Amiguitos is making a huge difference in the life of children in Veracruz, Mexico.

You are the first bishop from the USA to visit the Amiguitos center in Veracruz, Mexico. Presiding Bishop Katherine designated this location a Jubilee center two years ago and although Katherine visited Mexico this month, was unable to make it to the city of Veracruz. I want to thank you for taking the time and having the interest in the vulnerable children of Veracruz. I want you to know that the ECW of Chicago was one of the very first groups to support Goldi's work in Laguna. In 2007, the smallest tables and chairs at the Laguna center were a gift from ECW Chicago. ECW Chicago also worked to improve the site of our 1st temporary center in Laguna (with a patio and porch roofing; you visited our 4th temporary center in Laguna). I am incredibly grateful to the Diocese of Chicago for your ongoing support.

Please continue to pray for the children of Veracruz. After Hurricane Karl struck Veracruz on September 17, 2011, our student enrollment doubled. You would be proud of the youth of Laguna who reached out to the community with relief supplies and distributed a small amount of relief equipment (water & tin roofing) from ERD as well as food from Amiguitos USA (we spent 3 months operating funds in 3 days; stretching our organization to the breaking point). The teens work to put on public health clinics each June and December, have opened a teen bakery, and staff another Amiguitos center in nearby Tarimoya neighborhood to help children more vulnerable than themselves. We are stretched thin, but delighted by the leadership and accomplishments of the teens and families in Veracruz.

Amiguitos has no formal funding source. Only recently has the Diocese of SouthEast Mexico received a small grant (\$2500 USD) to help pay Goldi's salary for a portion of the upcoming year. Individuals from the USA (of all faith backgrounds) sponsor children in the daily feeding and homework support programs (\$40/month collected each January, May and September \$160 to follow the school terms). As you saw, Goldi is transforming the Laguna community through the education of children. Amiguitos has promised to find sponsors for every child to continue their education. Now, instead of dropping out after 8th grade, they continue their studies. The first person from Laguna to attend university came from the Amiguitos center. We have our first student in culinary school. Many students are now in High School. Please consider sponsoring a child (simply send a donation check written to "Amiguitos" to Amiguitos, 228 S Jefferson Ave, Louisville CO 80027 for \$160 and a child will be assigned to you or donate by credit card at www.AMIGUITOS.net and click the big yellow DONATE button).

Thank you again for your kindness to take the time to bring hope to Laguna. Please pray for our children and staff as we continue to recover from the recent hurricane. I lead work-teams from across the USA each June and December to work in medical clinics and to help construct permanent community centers. Please invite your youth groups, interested families and interested individual to join us in Veracruz on a future work trip. All are welcome. You and your friends may see more about the Laguna Amiguitos Jubilee Center and our June and December work trips by visiting us online at www.AMIGUITOS.net

Please feel free to forward this information to anyone interested (your bishop colleagues, staff or any interested individual). Also free feel to contact me to learn more about the work in Veracruz, Mexico and clarify what you have seen or the invitation to you and others to come to Veracruz, Mexico again soon. I will add your email to a monthly update about Amiguitos. Please let me know if you would like these emails to discontinue.

I would be happy to come to Chicago and visit with you or any of your staff, youth, ECW gatherings, or congregations that would like to know more about Amiguitos and to thank you and the ECW for your amazing support of the children of Veracruz.



Personal Reflections Immigration & Finding the Episcopal Church

Diocese of Chicago
Episcopal Church Women
127th Annual Meeting & Convention

Honoring our Hispanic Women and 'our own' Marcia Scantlebury

Saturday April 30, 2011

Iglesia Episcopal El Redentor/Episcopal Church of the Redeemer 40 Center St, Elgin, IL 60120

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CONVENTION & MEALS

Convention registration, lunch, speaker \$25

To Request a discounted price of \$10 please call Susan Lenz at 312 397 9108

Clergy \$10

Bus is an additional \$15 & you must reserve with Dianne Bouyer for a seat:

To Request space on the bus from 87th & Dan Ryan parking lot OR St James Cathedral

Please call Dianne Bouyer at 708 499 3393

Convention registrations must be received by April 20, 2011.

Please return your registration form & your check payable to

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