

The Pastor's Corner: Conference Report

By the Rev. Dr. Mark Quay

I recently had the privilege of leading the second annual Conference on Special Pastor Intervention, June 6th-8th, at Cathedral Church of the Holy Cross, Loganville, GA. As was last year's conference, the central focus was on Spiritual Warfare in Anglican Pastoral Ministry.

There were teaching and training sessions on:

- What Scripture, church history, theology, and pastoral experience teach about the nature of the demonic
- Distinguishing different types of demonic attack and understanding the relationship between mental and physical illness and demonization
- How to conduct deliverance ministry
- Pastoral care for victims and deliverance ministers
- Numerous case studies

The conference speakers included:

- The Rt. Rev. Don Harvey—formerly Bishop of the Anglican Network in Canada; currently Chief Chaplain of the House of Bishops, ACNA
- The Rt. Rev. Dr. Frank Lyons—former Missionary Bishop of Bolivia; currently an assisting bishop in the Anglican Diocese of the South (ADOTS); New Testament and Missions scholar
- The Rev. Dr. Erich Junger—exorcist for the Diocese of All Saints; forensic scientist with the State Department; former US Navy medical examiner
- The Rev. Dr. Mark Quay—Director of Deliverance Ministries for ADOTS; rector; adjunct faculty in Anglican Studies at Beeson Divinity; author of *A Minister's Manual for Spiritual Warfare*
- The Rev. Dr. Carey Vinzant—Associate Professor of Church History and Theology, Wesley Biblical Seminary; assisting parish priest

Participants in the conference included priests from throughout the ACNA, including Canada, the Jurisdiction of Chaplains, and our own diocese. Two Canadian priests were retiring from parish ministry and preparing to enter fulltime deliverance ministry.

Many people at St. Peter's prayed for the success of this conference. Your prayers were answered. Thank you so much!



The banner is split into two color sections: red on the left and blue on the right. On the red background, there is a large white question mark and the text 'The Alpha Course' in white, with 'Alpha' in a small white circle below it. Below this, it says 'Coming soon to St. Peter's!'. On the blue background, there is a white question mark, a house icon, a graduation cap, a briefcase, a dollar sign, a shopping cart, and a family icon. The text reads 'Is there more to life than this?' in white and red.

The September-October issue of the St. Peter's Newsletter will be published on Sunday, August 27th. If you would like to contribute an article, please submit your work along with any accompanying images to the editor, Mrs. Grace Wiley, via email to gewiley38@gmail.com by Friday, August 18th. Articles may be edited for length and content. If you have any questions, contact the church office at (205) 879-7173.

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Seminary Appreciation Dinner

By Ken Mahler

On Saturday, May 13th, the Leadership Development Team honored our Beeson Divinity School seminarians and their families with a dinner featuring the recognition of our two newest deacons, John Bacon and Josh Steele. The highlight of the event was a presentation by Gil Kracke, who spoke on self-care for ordained and lay ministers. Gil is the director of Covenant Counseling and Education Center and is widely known and respected in the local Christian community. He's also the son-in-law of Buck and Kirke Cater.

Following the presentation, Pastor Peter recognized John Bacon, who was ordained to the priesthood at the end of May, and Josh Steele for his service as our youth minister. The Bacons recently left St. Peter's to accept a call to Apostles-By-the-Sea Anglican Church in Rosemary Beach, FL. The Steeles also recently moved to the Chicago area for Josh to begin his doctoral studies at Wheaton College.

The goal of Leadership Development is to "raise up and develop young Christian Anglican leaders for the 21st century," and we do that in several ways:

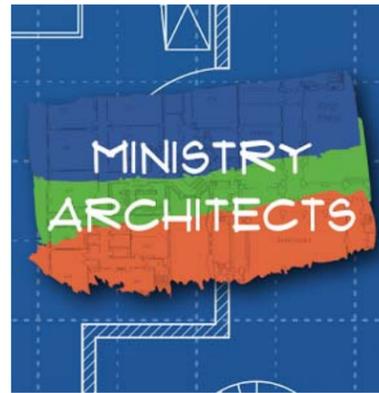
- Offering internship programs
- Offering mentoring opportunities
- The Anglican Studies program taught by Pastor Mark at Beeson
- Helping our seminarians with their ordination expenses.

In addition to their Beeson studies, seminarian interns work at the church office during the day, attend staff and other meetings, preach, teach, and learn practical aspects of worship and ministry. While Leadership Development was formally organized by Father Mark shortly after he came to St. Peter's, the program began informally in 2004. Since then, twenty Beeson Divinity School seminarians have been in residence here; eight have been ordained as priests and three as deacons. We at St. Peter's are blessed to have them and their families with us, and these dinners are just one way to show our appreciation.

Ministry Architects Renovation Complete!

By the Rev. Peter Smith

In November 2015, the Family Life Team began working on an eighteen-month renovation of our children’s and youth ministries. In October of that year, we invited an organization called Ministry Architects to come and spend three days with us in order to assess our children’s and youth ministries. They provided us with an in-depth evaluation and detailed recommendations for the future. The Family Life Team—which includes Peter Smith, Amy Stoltzfus, Josh Steele/Anna Russell, Bridget Drennen, Ashley Ferguson, Ken Stoltzfus, and Rebekah DeBoer—has been working month-in and month-out for the last eighteen months to finish this renovation. We are finally done! Last month we gathered at Cocina Superior for drinks and appetizers in order to celebrate, talk about our successes, and plan for the future.



But, the renovation wasn’t just something that the Family Life Team did. It was something that the whole church did together. So, we’d like you to celebrate with us and to thank God for the good work that he has allowed and enabled us to do!

Here are some of our favorite accomplishments:

- 100% of our regular children’s and youth volunteers have had full background checks and have completed child safety training
- Our overall volunteer recruitment is up. Thank you to all of our amazing volunteers!
- Improved communication with parents and volunteers
- Average attendance has been more consistent during the school-year
- We developed a Milestones Plan which celebrates 7 stages in a child’s life (Birth, Baptism, Mustard Seeds, Kid’s Worship, Youth Ministry, Confirmation, and Graduation)
- Because of our foundational work, we’ve been able to navigate a significant staffing transition with ease (the youth minister transition from Josh Steele to Anna Russell)

Finally, here is a list of all the items we produced or updated during the renovation:

Family Life Ministries	Specific to SPCM	Specific to SPYM
-Mission, Vision, and Values -Organizational Structure -Annual Participation Goals -Welcome and Assimilation Plan -Communication Plan -Communication Calendar -Attendance Records Plan -Expectation of Parents	-SPCM Volunteer Training Handbook -SPCM Volunteer Job Descriptions -Weekly Event and Volunteer Needs -SPCM Fall-Winter Calendars -SPCM Winter-Spring Calendars -SPCM Summer Calendars -Special Event Planning Summaries (Fall Kickoff, Christmas Eve, Easter Egg Hunt, Vacation Bible School)	-Confirmation Plan -SPYM Discipleship Policy -SPYM Volunteer Training Handbook -SPYM Volunteer Job Descriptions -Weekly Event and Volunteer Needs -SPYM Fall-Winter Calendars

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-Core Competencies -Milestones Plan -Marketing Plan -Marketing Calendar -Outreach Plan -Outreach Calendar -Professional Development Plan -Care Group Plan -Incident Report Form -Volunteer Recruitment Plan -Volunteer Development Plan -Volunteer Thank-You Plan -Volunteer Application	-Annual Parent Surveys	-SPYM Winter-Spring Calendars -SPYM Summer Calendars -Special Event Planning Summaries (Outreach Projects, Retreats) -Annual Parent and Student Surveys

If you have any questions about the renovation or about the specific accomplishments listed above, please feel free to contact me.

Praise Notes

A Testimony by Ann Key

I am probably one of the most blessed people, and I am so happy to be a member of St. Peter’s.

In September 2010, Gilly and I were on the Bitterroot River in Montana on a glorious float/fishing trip when I received a dreadful phonecall. To be honest, I did not think for one minute that I had breast cancer. I had been called several times in the past and nothing was found. However, the call I received in Montana did sound urgent. The biopsy revealed a cancerous lump on my right breast. After two lumpectomies and God’s healing, I am glad to say I am a cancer survivor! But, my journey into a dark place did not end there.

On December 8th of the same year, I had a terrific headache and blacked out. Gilly threw me in his car and took me to Trinity Hospital. Once at Trinity, Gilly lifted me from the car and dropped me on my head! No one was waiting when we arrived, so a doctor quickly came and loaded me into a wheelchair. The doctors started working on me immediately. I had suffered a stroke from a bleed in my head. Of course, St. Peter’s was notified, and we received mail, calls, support and continual prayer.

All this to say, God wasn’t through with me! I survived again by God’s power, first in September 2010 with the cancer diagnosis, and then in December and the following months during the recovery process. With prayer and thanksgiving, everything is possible if we only trust in Him. I know without a doubt that God saved me! Now my life has changed. I am a new person in Christ. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!