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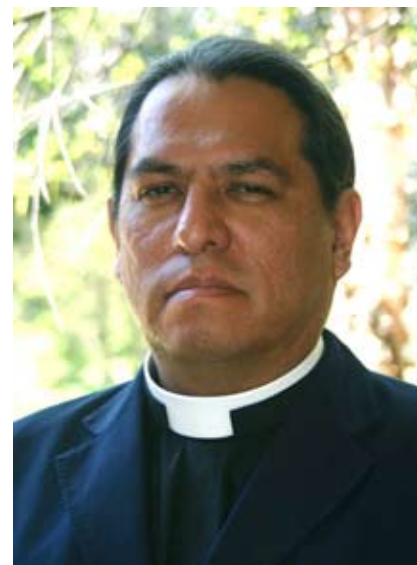
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Indigenous Vigil and Burial Liturgy Unites Traditions, Proclaims the Gospel

The Department of Indian Work in the Diocese of Minnesota is developing an Indigenous Vigil and Burial Liturgy to meld significant Native traditions with the Christian theological understanding and liturgical expression of the experience of human death. Because of the high mortality rate among First Nations people, combined with the effects of post-colonialism on First People communities, structures, institutions and families, there is both a need for ministry and an opportunity for evangelism at the time of death. On the recommendation of the Rev. Robert Two Bulls, Director of the Department of Indian Work (DIW) and EES Board member, EES will support the development of the Indigenous Vigil and Burial Liturgy (IVBL) in the coming year.

*The Rev. Robert Two Bulls*

The program is being developed in three phases. In Phase 1, which is nearly complete, a liturgical response was developed for use beginning at the transition phase of death and continuing through the time of death. Phase 2 will include developing liturgical resources for the period of waiting on the Spirit and the Celebration of the Life and Ministry of the Deceased. In Phase III, the IVBL will be field tested and produced for use in the Diocese and the Church. EES will support training and delivery of Phase II with funds designated for the support of Native American ministries.

The IVBL initiative involves widespread training and participation of the laity, as lay readers and pastoral ministers. As the cultural expectation is for a vigil lasting from one to three days, the inclusion of lay ministers will allow a depth of response by the Church that is currently not feasible. By gathering practitioners and worship leaders for thorough development and training, the result will be a burial liturgy that is inculcated, indigenized and contextual.

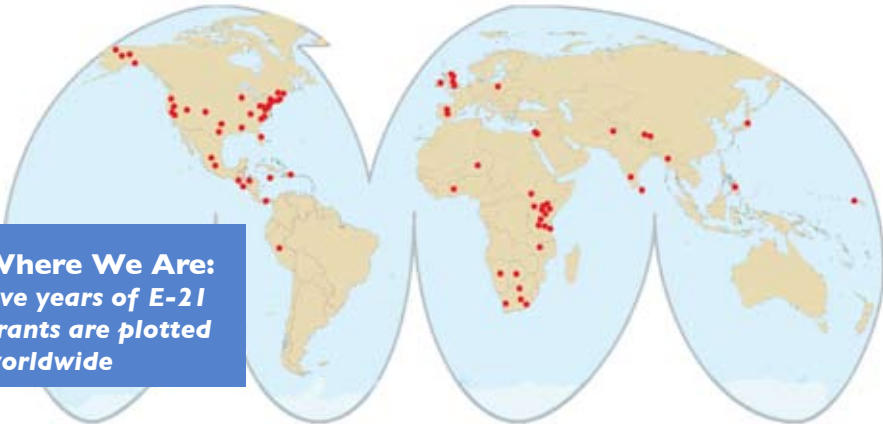
From the Executive Director

Summer is an exciting time in the life of EES. Many grantees are beginning their projects, and my inbox is overflowing with notes, photos and even mid-grant reports. At the same time, grantees from prior years are completing their projects and submitting final reports. I continue to be amazed at the creativity and inspiration of those in seminary communities, and thankful that EES may respond by supporting their work of Gospel proclamation. The EES Mission Statement was affirmed by the Board of Directors at the Spring Meeting, held April 15-16, 2008 at VTS: *In a changing church and world, EES serves as a catalyst and a resource for innovative witness to Jesus Christ.*



At the same meeting, *Evangelism for the 21st Century Grants* were awarded for thirty-three projects. Although the majority of the E-21 Grants were awarded, as usual, to students, important work will be done by faculty grantees in the areas of homiletics, liturgy, vocational discernment and evangelism. Students will work domestically on projects rural and urban, with foci in parishes and in communities, and a broad range of topics. Seminary staff members, and families of seminarians, will also receive EES support for their ministry in the church and the world. Overseas travel will be included with twenty-three of the projects, including Central America, Europe, Asia and Africa. I encourage you to read about the various projects elsewhere in this issue, and to support our grantees in prayer.

Of course, as you read this, all eyes will be on Lambeth. The gifts and call of our grantees are living testament to the depth and power of the Church Christ has given us, and called us to serve.



Where We Are:
five years of E-21
grants are plotted
worldwide

Evangelism for the 21st Century grants for 2008-2009

Michael Barham, D. Min. '10, *Church Divinity School of the Pacific*, to establish a pilgrimage center in Santiago for "Holy Lingerings."

Debra Bennett and **Vincent Black**, MDiv. '09, *Bexley Hall*, to plan and convene a healing retreat for female and gay male victims of violence and abuse.

Wren Blessing, MDiv. '09, *Duke Divinity School*, to convene meetings of Spanish and English speakers for prayer, study, and reflection on the Psalms and rural life, and to create a curriculum for rural churches.

Emily Bloemker, MDiv. '09, *Berkeley Divinity School at Yale*, for reconciliation work with poor women in Sudan, and to help Americans understand the lives of Sudanese Christians.

Theresa Brion, MDiv. '09, *Episcopal Divinity School*, to develop and implement a curriculum using the MDG's as the linkage to Appalachian issues of hunger, health care and illiteracy.

Peter Crumlish and **Stephanie Johnson**, MDiv. '10, *Berkeley Divinity School at Yale*, to build relationships between Berkeley Divinity School and St. Nicholas Seminary in Ghana, with the goal of creating a future exchange program

Shelley Denney, MDiv. '08, *Church Divinity School of the Pacific*, to establish a women's sewing co-op in El Salvador, which will provide income and bring people to church.

The Rev. Ann Franklin, Staff, *Episcopal Divinity School*, to lead Bible study and religious education programs in villages in Israel and Palestine and to offer small group leadership training for village lay leaders.

The Rev. Jim Friedrich, Spouse, *Church Divinity School of the Pacific*, to hold events at Ridley Hall and at Guilford Cathedral (UK) on the use of film/video in mission and worship.

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Debbie Hawkins, MDiv. '09, *Church Divinity School of the Pacific*, for language immersion and delivery of Christian education materials and teacher training in El Salvador.

Joanna Hollis, MDiv. '09, *Church Divinity School of the Pacific*, to intern with the chaplains at Rikkyo University in Japan and to assist the chaplains in identifying and negotiating their role at the university.

Jane Jeuland, MDiv. '09, *Berkeley Divinity School at Yale*, to do the planning, the grant writing, and the community organizing to start-up an after-school program pilot and to increase two youth outreach programs at inner-city St. Andrew's, New Haven.

The Rev. Arnold Klukas, Ph.D., Faculty, *Nashotah House*, to research and write a book and multimedia kit for historical and contemporary liturgy.

Justin Lanier, MDiv. '10, *Church Divinity School of the Pacific*, to study Zen Buddhism and contemplative Christian practice in Japan to create a program to engage the post-modern interest in personal spirituality.

Everett Lees, MDiv. '09, *Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest*, to attend small group leader training and to implement small group ministry in a parish setting.

Dorothy Linthicum, Staff, *Virginia Theological Seminary*, to return to the College of the Transfiguration in Grahamstown, South Africa to create curricula for teaching youth ministry, adult education and the catechumenal process.

The Rev. Canon John Macdonald, Faculty, *Trinity Episcopal School for Ministry*, to study youth culture in Madrid in order to provide the foundation for an evangelism strategy for that population.

The Rev. Elizabeth Magill, Staff, *Episcopal Divinity School*, to affirm and empower the faith of homeless adults by adding a musician to the outdoor worship of Worcester Fellowship, beginning weekly bible-study, and holding a monthly community meeting.



The Rev. Michael Barham, a newly ordained deacon from the Diocese of California, washes the feet of a pilgrim in Santiago, Spain

Lisa Mason and Gayle McCarty, MDiv. '09, *Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest*, for immersion and evangelism in Belarus, with those previously oppressed by Soviet power.

The Rev. Judith McDaniel, Ph.D., Faculty, *Virginia Theological Seminary*, to investigate contextual formation and homiletic education in the larger Anglican Communion by spending one month in Israel.

The Rev. Daudi Ndahana, Student, *Nashotah House*, to travel to Tanzania to teach, preach, and hold seminars on his experience of the American Church, especially the theology and worship of the catholic tradition.

Julia Perez-Kennedy, Staff, *Episcopal Divinity School*, to develop a pilot support group for homeless women and women from EDS.

Eric and Therese Ryniker, MDiv. '09 and Spouse, *Sewanee*, for immersion and evangelism in South Africa. Eric will do field education at the Cathedral in Grahamstown and participate in the Contextual Theology Programme at the College of the Transfiguration; Therese will work with medical relief to explore diseases and public medical issues in South Africa.

Sandra Seaborn, MDiv. '09, *Virginia Theological Seminary*, to participate in a month-long cross-cultural immersion in order to gain greater awareness of the role of women in the Ugandan Anglican church.

Sara Shisler, MDiv. '08, *Berkeley Divinity School at Yale*, to participate in the Contextual Theology Programme at the College of the Transfiguration in Grahamstown, South Africa.

The Rev. Steve Smith, Th.D. '12, *General Theological Seminary*, to teach, study and network at Leonard Kamungu Theological College in Malawi.

Dr. Kathleen Henderson Staudt, Adjunct Faculty, *Virginia Theological Seminary*, to work with several Episcopal college chaplains and young adult groups to develop a workshop and web resources on vocation in the world for young adults.

Sarah Turnblom, MAR '10, *Trinity Episcopal School for Ministry*, to produce a series of guidebooks to major metropolitan art museums which examine the presentation of the Gospel among selected works in the permanent collections.

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Joy Willard-Williford, MDiv. '09 (third from left) rafts on the French Broad River near Asheville, NC with girls from the Booker T. Washington neighborhood of Melbourne, FL.

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Andrew Van Kirk, MDiv. '08, Princeton Theological Seminary, to develop and test a curriculum exploring God's work among God's people through the lens of Biblical typology.

Joy Willard-Williford, MDiv. '09, Sewanee, to develop, lead and serve as chaplain for a "You Must Be Born Again"-themed trip for middle-school aged children from an impoverished neighborhood in Melbourne, Florida.

Suzanne Wille, MDiv. '09, Berkeley Divinity School at Yale, to participate in the Contextual Theology Programme at the College of the Transfiguration in Grahamstown, South Africa.

Connie Wilson, Staff, Seabury, to travel to Renk Diocese in Sudan, filming the work of the Episcopal Church and documenting the impact of the church on the lives of the Southern displaced and persecuted peoples.

Kim Woodbury, MDiv. '10, Berkeley Divinity School at Yale, for training in total common ministry and to implement this model for evangelism in parishes in the Dioceses of Connecticut and the Virgin Islands.



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Youth sing at Winter Solstice, a camp of the Diocese of Mississippi. Annie Cumberland (VTS '08) developed a curriculum for the camp based on The Silver Chair, by C. S. Lewis. Cumberland writes that the experience of incorporating non-scriptural texts into education programs was invaluable.



Sven VanBaars and Jennifer Kimball are thanked for their work and friendship.

Sven VanBaars, VTS '08, traveled to the Diocese of Mpwapwa in Tanzania last summer with his wife, the Rev. Jennifer Kimball. They delivered computers to link the nine geographic deaneries within the diocese, and supported the work of the Information Technology Director in installing and linking the network.

◀ *A group from Sewanee explored poverty, racial reconciliation, disease, and environmental issues in South Africa during summer 2007. Shown with Archbishop Desmond Tutu are (far left) the Rev. Walter Brownridge, group leader, and (front) Judith Comer, Sean Maloney and (rear) Teresa Eberhardt, Therese Ryniker and the Rev. Fletcher Comer.*