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

EES Board Announces Semi-Annual Grants Cycle

Meeting on the campus of Virginia Theological Seminary, Alexandria, VA, in April, 2009 the Board of Directors of EES voted to establish a semi-annual grants cycle. Beginning in September, 2010, applications will be accepted in early September for mid-November notification and December disbursement. The Spring grants cycle will be unchanged, with applications due in February for mid-April notification and May disbursement.

EES Executive Director Day Dodson recommended adopting the semi-annual cycle in response to concerns voiced by seminarians on her campus visits. The Spring Grants Cycle, with mid-April notification, does not allow much planning time for projects that will take place that summer; applicants whose work would take them abroad often wish to depart in May, as soon as academic commitments are met. These applicants, along with those who seek funding for January term projects, may apply during the Fall Grants Cycle beginning in September, 2010.

While Ms. Dodson will continue to visit each seminary at least every two years, some campus visits will now occur during the spring semester. It is hoped that Spring semester campus visits will be more effective in reaching first-year students, who will have had more time to adjust to seminary life and think about the innovative ministry projects that EES supports.

Justin Lanier, MDiv. '10, Church Divinity School of the Pacific, is building on his prior Japanese monastic training to explore and develop "Contemplative Evangelism." He envisions a connection to postmodern seekers by identifying the spiritual quest as a journey to reconciliation with God through Christ, and offering the contemplative lifestyle and methods as a path for the journey. He travelled to Kyoto, Japan in January, for additional training and to explore his thesis with a variety of Zen and Christian leaders, and will further develop his skills this summer through time spent at St. Benedict's Monastery and the Contemporary Outreach Center in Denver, CO. He is implementing his program through his field work assignment in area ministry in San Francisco.



From the Executive Director

Ubuntu – I in you, and you in me. When I first began hearing about this South African concept several years ago, I was immediately engaged with its aptness in describing the human condition. Is it not the essence of love, and isn't the pain of brokenness essentially rooted in severed connections with each other and with God? Then, when visiting a seminary community last fall, I met a current grantee for the first time. She joyfully exclaimed, "You're EES!" I laughingly responded, "No, you're EES." Inspired again by the interconnectedness expressed in *ubuntu*, I realize that EES is all of us – founders, forbearers, donors, board



members, executive directors and grantees – with a healthy dose of inspiration and sustenance from the Spirit.

There are so many in the EES family whom I have not yet had the privilege of meeting, and I hope to do so at General Convention.

Please, if you are a former grantee, board member, or rector, bishop or professor of a grantee, or if the work of EES has in any way influenced your ministry, please stop by our booth at Convention and introduce yourself. I look forward to discovering new degrees of connectedness.



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Convention!**

Evangelism for the 21st Century Grants Awarded, 2009-2010

The Board of Directors awarded 31 grants to representatives of twelve seminaries, including students, faculty/staff and family members. Many applications reflected a call to study, participate in and strengthen companion relationships; grantees will support companion relationships in Honduras, El Salvador, Tanzania, Malawi and the new Anglican diocese of Cameroon. Interest in serving at African seminaries continues to be strong, with grants awarded to study, teach and work at St. Nicholas in Ghana, Msalato Theological College in Tanzania, the College of the Transfiguration in South Africa and the Renk Bible College in Sudan. There is strong interest in exploring and developing tools for Latino/a Ministry, with grantees using immersion experiences to inspire the development of programs for use in domestic parishes. And other proposals for domestic projects are as varied, fresh and innovative as the applicants themselves. Grants were awarded to:

The Rev. Zacharia Diing Akol, MDiv. 2010, *Berkeley Divinity School at Yale*. A two-month immersion in South Sudan, exploring the relationship between church and culture and South Sudanese spirituality.

Andrea Baker and son, MDiv. 2010, *Church Divinity School of the Pacific*. Planning and implementation of a summer church camp in Honduras, with a trip in summer '09 for language and culture training plus initial planning, and a trip in summer '10 for the camp.

Andrea Bardelmeier, MDiv. 2010, *Princeton Theological Seminary*. Development and implementation of a pilot Episcopal premarital counseling program, to strengthen marriage and bring young adults to church.

The Rev. Dr. Paula Barker, Faculty, *Seabury-Western Theological Seminary*. A 4.5 month tour in Ghana, to lead a spirituality workshop, consult on religion curriculum development at a new university, and teach at St. Nicholas seminary.

Andy Barnett and Sarah Politz, MDiv. 2012 and partner, *Berkeley Divinity School at Yale*. Development and implementation of faith-based environmental stewardship at Yale Divinity School by studying sustainable agriculture at the Asian Rural Institute in Japan.

Hilary Boller, MAR, MBA 2012, *Berkeley Divinity School at Yale*. A three-week immersion and mission trip to the Diocese of Mt. Kilimanjaro in Tanzania, to contribute to a communications project and develop a case study on companion relationships.

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The Very Rev. Joseph Britton, Faculty, Berkeley Divinity School at Yale. A three-week immersion into the life of St. Nicholas Seminary in Ghana, to formalize an exchange relationship between the Berkeley Divinity School at Yale and St. Nicholas.

The Rev. Emmanuel Bwatta, MA 2010, Sewanee. An eleven-week preaching and teaching tour to promote lay ministry in the Diocese of Western Tanzania.

Mary Crist, Ph. D., MDiv. 2012, Bloy House. Development and implementation of a training workshop for lay leaders of three Alaskan villages, and implementation of a weekly distance-learning Bible study.

Suzanne Ehly, Staff, Episcopal Divinity School. To develop and lead a series of workshops exploring voice, breath and body, and developing practices of radical self-care, for young adult participants in the Diocese of Massachusetts vocational internship programs.

Anne Emry, MDiv. 2010, Church Divinity School of the Pacific. An internship with a renowned liturgical artist, development of a portfolio, and the development and execution of a large-scale project for Pentecost in the applicant's field parish.

Deirdre Good, Ph.D., Faculty, General Theological Seminary. Development and offering of an interfaith (Jewish/Christian) workshop in NYC of musical performance and explanation of Psalms and Canticles.

Hilary Greer, MDiv. 2011, Episcopal Divinity School. A six-week internship with REACH Rwanda, including development and delivery of trauma-counseling training to REACH staff and development of educational materials for ER-D about relief and development work in Rwanda. Spiritual habits training to be delivered to EDS community.

Karen Haig, MDiv. 2010, Church Divinity School of the Pacific. A five-week language and mission program in Panama, including the development of an adult curriculum on Baptismal Ecclesiology for use in Latino ministry contexts.

Debbie Hawkins, MDiv. 2009, Church Divinity School of the Pacific. To lead a mission trip of youth and young adults from two parishes in California to El Salvador, continuing prior mission work and strengthening the companion relationship.

Meredith Holt, MDiv. 2010, Virginia Theological Seminary. A two-three week teaching internship at Msalato Theological College, Dodoma, Tanzania.

Deborah Hughes-Habel, MDiv. 2010, Seminary of the Southwest. Immersion in the Moab Valley Multicultural Center in Utah to study the cultural practices of the Spanish-speaking Episcopal Church, and development of a set of best practices for Hispanic ministry.

Eric Hungerford and **Stephen Kidd**, MDiv. 2010, Seminary of the Southwest. Immersion in Southern Malawi; documentation and filming of domestic and Malawian participants in the partnership; production of a documentary promoting global partnerships as a means to fight global poverty.

Kirk LaFon, MDiv. 2010, Sewanee. To attend the Contextual Theology Programme at COTT and to contribute teaching and service-learning skills in a focused internship.

Vivian Lam, MDiv. 2009, Church Divinity School of the Pacific. To attend Sabeel's young adult conference, and to create a discernment resource encouraging people to explore connections between the Palestinian situation in the Holy Land and their individual and communal faith lives.

Andy Lobban, MDiv. 2011, Seminary of the Southwest. To plan and facilitate a Cursillo-style retreat for men at a San Antonio homeless shelter, providing extensive and specialized spiritual support both during and after the retreat.

The Rev. Nazir Masih, Diploma in Anglican Studies 2009, Seminary of the Southwest. An evangelical tour of the UK to gain insight and skill to develop programs to increase the independence and voice of women in the Church in Pakistan.

Peter Morris, M.D., Adjunct Faculty, Duke Divinity School. To travel to Renk Theological College in southern Sudan, to teach community health to seminarians.

The Rev. Daudi Ndhana, MTS 2009, Nashotah House. To inspire and organize the church in Tanzania to take an active role in the care of impoverished children, and children orphaned by AIDS.



The Rev. Judith McDaniel, Ph.D., Faculty, Virginia Theological Seminary, traveled to Jordan and Israel/Palestine in January to investigate contextual formation and homiletic education in the larger Anglican Communion. She describes her conversations with church leaders about the social, economic, political and ecclesial climate as intensely moving. Dr. McDaniel is pictured singing with Rev'd Canon Hosam Naoum, acting Dean of the Cathedral of St. George the Martyr, Jerusalem and the Rev. Samuel Fanous, a 1986 graduate of VTS, in Ramla. Ramla is a city where Christians and Muslims live together amicably, and Samuel is involved with the local ecumenical organization.

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Olivia Ndhana, Spouse, *Nashotah House*. To introduce a theological basis for family planning to faith communities in Tanzania.

Clemence Ngijoe Yanke, MTS 2010, *Church Divinity School of the Pacific*. To lead two mission groups from CDSP to Cameroon: 1) to pilot Christian Education methods and train teachers for formation programs for children and adults, and 2) conduct a needs assessment and organize community members for empowering women. A plan will be developed for the Diocese of Cameroon and a companion relationship established with the Diocese of Colorado.

Deborah Noonan, MDiv. 2010, *Berkeley Divinity School at Yale*. A six-week immersion in border ministry with the Diocese of Arizona, living in Mexico and planning and leading US church delegations to border ministry.

Kirsten Spalding, Certificate of Theological Studies 2011, *Church Divinity School of the Pacific*. A study trip to S. Africa for participatory research into the understanding of the Eucharist, and the development of an adult formation curriculum for St. Mark's, Berkeley, CA.

The Rev. Andrew Sumani, MTS 2010, *Nashotah House*. To hold a workshop in Malawi, training parish representatives in HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention, to enhance the church's ability to accommodate those infected and ultimately halt the spread of the disease.

The Rev. Jo Bailey Wells, Faculty, *Duke Divinity School*. To travel to Renk Theological College in southern Sudan, to teach Anglicanism to seminarians.

Beth Wyndham, MDiv. 2010, *Seminary of the Southwest*. To research, in the parish setting, and write a retreat curriculum for parents and godparents to live into the baptismal promises made on behalf of their children.



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Emily Bloemker, MDiv. '09, Berkeley Divinity School at Yale, travelled to Sudan for reconciliation work with poor women in December/January, and has prepared a multi-media presentation to help Americans understand the lives of Sudanese Christians in the spring. "I asked many questions about how women experienced the war; how women continued sustaining their communities during the war; how women understood the suffering they had experienced because of the war; how women were taking part in reconciliation work after the war; and how theology had changed because of the war. I have heard many powerful stories of forgiveness and reconciliation, and of the strength and courage of women in the face of suffering." She is pictured with members of the Mother's Union in the Diocese of Lui in southern Sudan.