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Rector

# The Vision

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## From the Rector:



I know that many of us, actually all of us, have been anxious to see St. Peter's in a building of its own. Well, it looks like sometime next spring or early summer we will actually break ground ... and after that you can begin to count the days. Alleluia! Praise the Lord!

I understand that some of you have never our property, and I know that very few have ever set foot it. We hope to remedy that this Sunday. This Sunday, September 7, 2008, we will leave LCCC shortly after our morning worship, travel to the new church site, and bless the land. The thought of it is exciting to me, and I pray that you will plan to join us for this memorable day.

On another note, this Saturday St. Peter's is having a Fall Fun Day at the Westgate Clubhouse from 4:00 to 8:00 P.M. This is the second in a series of quarterly events we have scheduled for no other reason than to come together for fun and fellowship. Again, plan to join us.

On the national scene it continues to look like several Episcopal dioceses will soon break away and a new Anglican province formed in North America. At least three dioceses have approved the first reading of legislation to this end that must be finalized at their next diocesan convention. Meanwhile the Episcopal Church is moving to depose these bishops, and the high stakes chess match is on. Please continue to pray for the success of our movement and a change of heart in the Episcopal Church.

**God Bless you.**

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## CANA COUNCIL AUG 08:

For interesting details on the CANA Council in Akron, OH last month, check out the CANA website at: <http://www.canaconvocation.org/>. To amplify that information, this month I will write about one topic covered at the Council – Discipleship. Archbishop Nicholas Okoh, our keynote speaker on the first day made this his topic and he covered it thoroughly with a strong emphasis on what is happening to the Anglican Church in Nigeria – rapid, vibrant growth. He said, "Making disciples is our charge." He backed this up with scripture, Mathew 28:18-20

**18**And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and on earth. **19**Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: **20**Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

From there, he delved into the real meat of discipleship. First he said that Jesus' disciples were both learners and companions and that both of these aspects were and still are important. Some discipleship learning takes place in teaching moments, but much of it takes place in observing behavior. So truly becoming a disciple requires spending time with the teacher. It is important for a disciple to "do as I do" as opposed to just "do as I say." This of course also puts a burden on the teacher to "do" the right thing. The companion piece is also important for the teacher as we are all need to be fed by each other in our Christian lives.

He then moved to what it means to go out to do the Lord's work – what disciples are really

called to do. That is simply to share the Good News with those we meet in our everyday lives. Bishop Okoh stressed the importance of not being ashamed of the Gospel, but to proclaim it with enthusiasm in both word and deed – again the emphasis on not just the word, but the behavior piece. He also again stressed the importance of one-on-one time between the teacher and the disciple. Councils and conferences can be inspiring and lead to life changing decisions, but making disciples who make disciples is a long term thing and requires personal contact over the long haul. He then reminded us that we are “Comanded” to do this. The great commission is not just for the clergy, it is for all Christians.

The Bishop then moved to the practical level. He said, “Good discipleship starts with personal commitment and a willingness to be held accountable.” He also reminded us that we need to be aware of the impacts or consequences of following this path. In many parts of the world, the consequences can be literally life threatening. He also stressed that in exercising our ministry, we must include everybody that God puts in our path. He calls this radical inclusion and emphasized that Christ’s message is indeed for everyone and often “the least of these” ends up being the one with not only the most need, but also the most to give.

The Bishop continued by telling us that discipleship works best if we start out small – linking up with just a few people who God puts in our path, spending time with them to share the Good News and nurturing them as they grow in the spirit. Then in time God will move them from being disciples to being teachers themselves and the cycle will then repeat itself. This he says is the key to church growth, both in spirit and in number. Make disciples who make disciples, spend time with each other for mutual benefit, carry each other’s burdens and grow together in Christian love.

In closing, he hearkened us back to the story of Peter walking on the water and likened us today to being Peter in the boat wondering if we should walk over to be with Jesus. The challenge of making disciples is much like that. If we are to make disciples, we need to have faith that God will bless our ministry. We need

to get out of the boat. Like Peter, should we momentarily lose our confidence, Jesus will reach out to help us. If we are truly called to do the Lord’s work (and I believe we are), its time that we all step out of the safety of the boat and make disciples for Him.

**AUGUST VESTRY NOTES:** Augusts’ Vestry Meeting was held at the home of Marilyn Terwilleger. Following a short bible study, informal sharing included discussion of the ongoing needs of our parishioners.

## REPORTS

**Treasurer’s Report.** Jim Mitchell reported our finances are sound and that we are in a strong financial position. Our balance at the bank is growing which will help us when we build the building.

**Fellowship Report.** Becky Burney stated that the flyer for the Sept. 6, 2008, *Fall Fun Day* has been distributed. There will be no sign up sheet, but everyone is asked to bring a side dish in addition to their beverage of choice (alcohol is allowed) and their meat if they want to grill. The Vestry will provide water, coffee, and iced tea in addition to paper products and charcoal for the grill.

The Vestry decided that there will be a *Blessing of the Property* to admire the gift from God, on Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, following the Sunday Service. This will give people an opportunity to see the property. We can caravan from LCCC.

There will be a *Halloween Costume (if you wish) Party* on October 30<sup>th</sup> at Westgate Clubhouse. Details will be forthcoming.

It was decided to again have a *St. Peter’s Caroling Party* on December 14<sup>th</sup>. Becky Burney offered to host a chili supper afterwards at her home. Fr. Skip will appoint Dan Clark to spearhead this project in determining where we will go to carol.

## OLD BUSINESS

**Goals. Growth by expanding our presence in the community.** Members of St. Peter’s have been signing up regularly for serving meals once a month at the COMEA Shelter.

The playground project at the Coalition for the Homeless has turned into a bigger project than initially thought. However, the work is getting done.

Stephanie Reeves stated that the Fall Fun Day will kick off our next children/teen book drive for the children who go to the Health Department. This drive will continue through the month of September. A 'book box' will be available for people to bring books either to the Fall Fun Day or to church on September Sundays.

**Building.** Jim Mitchell, Stephanie Reeves and Fr. Skip are to look at plans for the new building and to talk again to the architect. Jim Mitchell stated that he has sent ARK recent financial information and they have stated that we are still fine.

**CANA Council.** St. Peter's delegates are Deacons Dan Clark and Marge Marcewicz, Lynnann Mitchell, Becky Burney, and Susan Oyler. The CANA Council will be held in Akron, Ohio. It was noted that there were no women or anyone west (except for Texas) who was

nominated by the nominating committee to serve on the Executive Council. It was not clear if there were to be nominations from the floor. Our delegates were to put Stephanie Reeves name into nomination from the floor. She does not expect to be elected, but it would make a statement regarding the churches in the west.

Fr. Skip asked that the delegates prepare short statements to be given at announcement time during the next Sunday's service.

**Altar Guild.** The Vestry would like to have one person in charge of flowers for the Altar Guild. That person can have helpers. This would make it easier for members of the congregation to give flowers for the altar.

**NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Vestry will be on September 8, 2008, 7pm at the home of Becky Burney.

**ROTA SCHEDULE WITH PRAYER TEAM  
September 2008**

To preview the lessons, you may go to <http://divinity.library.vanderbilt.edu/lectionary/> for the Old and New Testament Readings and to [www.bcponline.org](http://www.bcponline.org) for the Psalms.

	OT LESSON	PSALM	NT LESSON	PRAYERS	CHALICE	PRAYER TEAM
Sept. 7	Dan Clark <i>Exodus 12:1-14</i>	Lu Hart <i>Psalms 149</i>	Jim Jensen <i>Romans 13: 8-14</i>	Shari Henney	Dan Clark Stephanie Reeves Susan Oyler	Lu Hart Matty Ludwig LEM: Matty Ludwig
Sept. 14	Matty Ludwig <i>Exodus 14:19-31</i>	Nick Dawson <i>Psalms 114</i>	Roger Ludwig <i>Romans 14:1-12</i>	Roger Ludwig	Lu Hart Stephanie Reeves Jim Jensen	Caryl Marion Susan Oyler
Sept. 21	Stephanie Reeves <i>Exodus 16:2-15</i>	Shari Henney <i>Psa 105:1-6, 37-45</i>	Susan Oyler <i>Philippians 1:21-30</i>	Stephanie Reeves	Dan Clark Roger Ludwig Susan Oyler	Stephanie Reeves Jim Jensen LEM: Dan Clark
Sept. 28	Lu Hart <i>Exodus 17:1-7</i>	Jim Jensen <i>Psa 78:1-4, 12-16</i>	Matty Ludwig <i>Philippians 2:1-13</i>	Susan Oyler	Marge Marcewicz Roger Ludwig Jim Jensen	Lu Hart Matty Ludwig LEM: Marge M.

If you need to make a change, please try to find a substitute. If you are unable to find a substitute, please let the Rota Coordinator, Matty Ludwig, know.



## **SEPTEMBER BOOK DRIVE**

We will have the September Book Drive Kick-off on September 6, 2008, at St. Peter's Fall Fun Day.

Again, the generosity of the members of our congregation is being called upon to bring children/teen books to be distributed to the children/teens that go to the Laramie County Health Department. These books are read while they are in the waiting room, or are sent home with them. Every child should have at least one book in their home that they can call their own.

There will be a Book Collection Box at the Fall Fun Day as well as each Sunday in September.

Let's fill the box with books and make 'Bookworms' of all the children who receive one of the books from St. Peter's.

