



CAMP STEVENS STAFF PHOTOS

Summer sessions coming at Camp Stevens

Camp Stevens, the Diocese of Los Angeles' facility in Julian, California, offers summer camping sessions for children and teens, during which youngsters can take part in all the classic camp activities — hikes, swimming, archery, crafts and more — and also learn about growing food in the camp's organic gardens, make friends with the resident chickens, camp out under the stars, and take part in daily reflection and worship.

One-week sessions for campers ages 8 – 15 will begin July 3 and continue through Aug. 6; two-week sessions and off-campus backpacking and kayaking trips are also available for older teens. Brochures are available at all congregations in the diocese, or visit campstevens.org/summer-programs for complete information and registration instructions. Cost is on a sliding scale; camperships are available.



'Living Generously' stewardship conference coming to All Saints, Pasadena, June 2 – 4

Sister Simone Campbell, executive director of Network and author of *A Nun on the Bus*; Fr. Greg Boyle, founder and CEO of Homeboy Industries; and the Rev. Jim Clark, rector of St. Barnabas on the Desert in Scottsdale, Arizona, will be keynote speakers when TENS, The Episcopal Network for Stewardship, holds its annual conference, themed "Living Generously," June 2 – 4 at All Saints Church, Pasadena.

The schedule will also include the following workshops: The Changing Face of Stewardship and Giving; Preaching Generosity; Building and Celebrating Generosity Through Stewardship; Stewardship 101;

Leading Change in Year-Round Generosity; Generosity and Liturgy; Generosity and Technology; and Generosity and Children

Bishop Suffragan Diane Jardine Bruce will preach at the opening Eucharist. Friday night entertainment will be provided by recording artists Kate Wallace and Douglas Clegg of Trinity Episcopal Church, Santa Barbara. A one-day pre-conference for clergy and stewardship leaders will be held on Thursday, June 2, focusing on generosity in multicultural, multi-generation settings and across Episcopal/Anglican traditions. For more information, a complete conference schedule, and to register, visit www.tens.org/2016-conference. †

ECW awards 2015 medical grants

Following long-established tradition, the Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese of Los Angeles awarded its 2015 Medical Ministry Grants to Cleaver Family Wellness Clinic in El Monte, Foothill Family Shelter in Upland, and Beach Cities Interfaith Services in Huntington Beach. The funds are to be used for medical clinics or outreach sponsored by an Episcopal church within the diocese, and must directly benefit the clients of the clinic. (Grants may not be used for operating expenses.)

Martha Estes, diocesan ECW president, and Barbara Harris, diocesan ECW corresponding secretary, traveled on March 3 to El Monte to present the first grant to the Cleaver Family Wellness Clinic, founded in 1985 by Our Saviour Episcopal Church in San Gabriel. Funds received from the ECW Medical Ministry Grant will be used for lab supplies and medicines to assist those who cannot maintain their regular doses due to limited incomes.

Estes and Harris presented the second award on March 10 to the Foothill Family Shelter, which began in 1984 as St. Mark's Homeless Shelter, an outreach of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Upland. The shelter provides housing for homeless adults and children from the west end of San Bernardino County and the east end of Los Angeles County, free of rent and utility charges. It also provides 12 two-bedroom apartments for transitional housing and eight two-bedroom apartments for affordable permanent housing.

Estes and Harris presented the third grant to Huntington Beach's Beach Cities Interfaith Services, an outreach of St. Wilfrid of York Episcopal Church in Huntington Beach. The BCIS is a resource for the homeless and marginalized. It provides a food pantry, a clothing closet, pet food assistance, and many vital services such as mailboxes, lunches, budget counseling, assistance obtaining birth certificates, food stamps, California ID cards, and veterans' assistance.

To read more about the grants and the work of the three recipient agencies, visit bit.ly/1XgcAqM. †

— SUNDAY, APRIL 10 —

3 p.m. **Concert for All Saints' Emergency Shelter**
Cathedral Center of St. Paul
840 Echo Park Avenue, Los Angeles 90026
Information: 323.255.6806

4:30 p.m. **Solemn Evensong & Organ Recital**
St. James' Episcopal Church
3903 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles 90010
Information: 213.388.3015 or saintjamesla.org

— THURSDAY - SUNDAY, APRIL 14 - 17 —

9 a.m. - 3 p.m. **Estate Sale**
St. Luke's Episcopal Church
122 S. California Avenue, Monrovia 91016
Information: bit.ly/1RWXp4z

— SATURDAY, APRIL 16 —

9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. **The Poetry Dive: Immersion in the Language of the Soul, with Kim Rosen**
All Saints Episcopal Church
132 N. Euclid Avenue, Pasadena
Information: bit.ly/1MJLbtT

— SUNDAY, APRIL 17 —

4 p.m. **Organ Concert: Mark Thallander**
St. George's Episcopal Church
23802 Avenida de la Carlota, Laguna Hills
Information: 949.837.4530

4 p.m. **Concert: The Episcopal Chorale**
St. Gregory's Episcopal Church
6201 E. Willow Street, Long Beach 90815
Information: 562.420.1311

4 p.m. **Spring Organ Recital: Robert Hovencamp**
St. Edmund's Episcopal Church
1175 San Gabriel Blvd., San Marino 91108
Information: 626.793.9167

7:30 p.m. **A Service of Contemplation and Prayer in the Style of Taizé**
Episcopal Church of the Epiphany
5450 Churchwood Drive, Oak Park 91377
Information: 818.991.4797 or tcote.org

For more events, visit www.ladiocese.org and select "Calendar."

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Seeds of Hope yielding abundant harvest

By J. Jon Bruno

As spring moves into full swing, we can take pride together in the success of the Seeds of Hope program through which three-quarters of congregations in the Diocese of Los Angeles are now growing and/or distributing food. I am glad to share the following statistics recently provided to me by Seeds of Hope executive director Tim Alderson:

- ◆ We are growing food in 80 locations with more than 100 distribution points (food pantries and meals).
- ◆ We are growing approximately 50 tons of fruits and vegetables (800,000 servings) per year.
- ◆ We provide food to approximately 30,000 households per month through our food pantries.
- ◆ We serve over 30,000 meals per month to people in need at our various meal programs.
- ◆ During the past year we have provided nutrition education to over 5,000 people at more than 250 nutrition/cooking classes.
- ◆ Partnering with Food Forward, an organization that gleans produce from farmer's markets and backyard fruit trees, we have provided more than 6,000 pounds (three tons) of produce to our food pantries.
- ◆ Partnering with Big Cityzens HUB, we will have 600 youth from around the city of Los Angeles

working with us on Global Youth Service Day (April 16) to prepare gardens for spring planting at 14 sites.

- ◆ Our digital media communications have reached more than 15,000 people this past year (including 1,500 video views) and we have had traditional media exposure from outlets with over 7.5 million web views as well as over 2 million page visits.
- Thanks to Tim and his team — and the county and other grants that fund Seeds of Hope within the diocese — these accomplishments help us to widen our reach in extending Jesus' hands to sisters and brothers in need. Thank you for your participation and support. †



With help from Food Forward and Cal State Northridge, Seeds of Hope recently collected 1,600 pounds of oranges for distribution through Diocese of Los Angeles food pantries.

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