

❖ **EPISCOPAL YOUTH EVENT (E.Y.E.)**

“Listen! A sower sent out to sow... for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields” (Matthew 13:3,23)

These verses serve as the theme for the upcoming Episcopal Youth Event (E.Y.E.), to be held July 8-13, 2008 in San Antonio, Texas. It is hoped that this gathering will provide fertile ground for Episcopal youth to continue their spiritual growth and yield abundant fruit!

Currently, six youth are planning to attend from our diocese – four from South Central Deanery, two from the Interior Deanery and one from the Southeast Deanery. We look forward to their reports after the event.



**GOOD NEWS IN THE DIOCESE
MONTHLY REPORT
FROM THE OFFICE OF THE BISHOP
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❖ **FROM THE DESK OF REV. GINNY
DOCTOR**

Summer is just about here. The salmon are on their way and soon folks will be out on the river catching fish for winter (and now)! I enjoy going to fish camp but not to fish. I like sitting by the campfire, sipping coffee and visiting. The zephyr is just strong enough to cool our bodies and keep the bugs away. Once in a while I'll get up and chop a block of wood or help load the cans of fish, maybe carry fish from the smokehouse. But, for the most part I like the "other" part of fishing. I am always amazed at what God gives us to make it through the winter. During our economic crunch many of our folks depend even more on God's bounty found in the seas, rivers, woods and tundra. It's all good. Pray for a good harvest and give thanks for what God provides.

Good news from around the diocese...

- The Rev. Michael Burke is on sabbatical until August 10. Pray for his renewal, rest and relaxation!
- Point Hope landed two whales! The Whaling Festival is June 15-17.
- Holy Trinity and St. Brendan's, Juneau are receiving grants, \$10,000 for each, from Episcopal Relief and Development to assist their congregations with the energy crisis caused by the avalanche. Give thanks for the ministry of Dennis Hansen, ERD Coordinator for the diocese.
- A very successful Gospel/Bluegrass Music Camp was just completed at St. James', Tanana. The Rev. Belle Mickelson, Coordinator, and her team are now in Arctic Village. Another team led by Pete Peters will be going to Beaver from June 9 through the 15. Two of the villages raised over \$6,000 to make these camps happen. Good work. Pray that God will continue to provide for these camps.

Got News? Send it to Shirley Lee at slee99@gci.net.
Blessings to all,
Ginny

❖ ***NEWS FROM YOUR STANDING COMMITTEE***

During this time of transition in the Diocese of Alaska, your Standing Committee has experienced several changes. Our current members and officers are:

Dawn Allen-Herron, President (Southeast)
Mary Margaret Davis, Vice-President (Interior)
John Crittenden, Secretary (Southeast)
Martin Oktolik (Arctic Coast)
Jerry Norton (Arctic Coast)
John Holz (Interior)
Connie Jones (South Central)
Barbara Learmonth (Southeast)
Bob Stevens (At-Large)

We are eager to hear from you – your questions, joys, and concerns; we covet your prayers, even as we hold you in our prayers.